



ELLEN PAGE SLAMS MIKE PENCE'S VIEWS ON LGBTQ RIGHTS: 'VEEP OF US WISHES I DIDN'T HAVE LOVE WITH MY WIFE'

GISELE SAYS SHE BROKE UP WITH LEO DICAPRIO AS SHE WANTED TO STOP 'NUMBING' SELF 'WITH SMOKING, DRINKING & WORK'



Another blow for May as car co scraps UK-made-SUV plan over Brexit turmoil

Nissan's Move Comes As UK Runs Out Of Warehouse Space With Businesses Rushing To Stockpile Goods

Naomi Cantor

London: British PM Theresa May's Brexit strategy took another blow on Sunday when Nissan cancelled plans to make its new SUV in northern England amid continued uncertainty over the country's future relations with the European Union.



The panic has set in after British PM Theresa May failed to get support for her negotiated divorce deal and the EU refuses to budge on the Irish backstop issue

Nissan said it decided not to build the X-Trail model at its existing UK plant, cancelling plans announced two years ago after May's government made undisclosed concessions designed to ensure the carmaker's ability to compete after Brexit.

doesn't have an approved agreement on the rules, conditions and terms that will replace the 45 years of frictionless trade that came with being an EU member. Business leaders have expressed huge concerns about foreign investment, jobs and economic growth taking a hit if the country crashes out of the bloc on March 29 without a divorce deal.

About 61% of people in Sunderland had voted to leave the EU, despite the Japanese carmaker warning against Brexit and being the largest employer in the northern city.

Warehouses in Britain are running out of space as UK businesses rush to stockpile critical goods in panic. The UK Warehousing Association (UKWA) said three quarters of warehouse owners say they have no space and costs for space have soared by

While we have taken this decision for business reasons, the continued uncertainty around the UK's future relationship with the EU is not helping companies like ours to plan for the future," Nissan Europe Chairman Gianluca de Fiechy said in a statement.

Less than two months before Britain's scheduled withdrawal date, the government

up to 25%. In the last quarter, its space matching portal, UKWA MarketSpace, saw a spike in new visitors to the site, with 90% visiting for the first time, and most going straight to the "Search for Space" facility.

UK's frozen food storage facilities are already at 100% capacity and there is a shortage of heavy goods vehicle drivers and warehouse staff because many Eastern European workers left Britain after the EU referendum. However, in these hard times Britons will at least be able to enjoy an ice cream as Unilever announced last week that it was stockpiling Magnum chocolate ice-cream bars and Ben and Jerry's ice cream to ensure stocks do not run low in the UK in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

Siemens UK is stockpiling critical components for machines used on the railways and in food processing. Pharmaceutical giants such as Johnson & Johnson are stockpiling medicines, medical devices, as well as emergency trauma packs that are used in the event of terror attacks. Coventry-headquartered Jaguar Land Rover, a subsidiary of Tata Motors, which recently announced 4,500 job cuts, is stockpiling car parts.

Britain prepares secret plans to evacuate royals in case of unrest: Report



A UK paper on Sunday reported that plans were being made to move the royal family, including Queen Elizabeth, to safe locations away from London

London: British officials have revived Cold War emergency plans to relocate the royal family should there be riots in London if UK suffers a disruptive departure from the European Union next month, two Sunday newspapers reported.

"These emergency evacuation plans have been in existence since the Cold War, but have now been repurposed in the event of civil disorder following a no-deal Brexit," the Sunday Times said, quoting an unnamed source from the government's cabinet office, which handles sensitive administrative issues.

Britain's government is struggling to get parliamentary support for a Brexit transition agreement with the EU before the departure

date of March 29, and the government and businesses are preparing contingency plans for a "no-deal" Brexit.

Business groups have warned of widespread disruption if there are lengthy delays to EU imports due to new customs checks, and even possible shortages of food and medicine. Last month in a speech by the 92-year-old queen to a local women's group was widely interpreted in Britain as a call for politicians to reach a deal.

Jacob Rees-Mogg, a Conservative lawmaker, told the Mail on Sunday he believed the plans showed unnecessary panic by officials. But the Sunday Times said an ex-police officer formerly in charge of royal protection, Dal Davies, expected Queen Elizabeth would be moved out of London if there was unrest. "If there were problems in London, clearly you would keep the royal family away," he said.

Trump says military intervention in Venezuela an option, Russia objects

Caracas: US President Trump said military intervention in Venezuela was "an option" as Western nations boost pressure on socialist leader Nicolas Maduro to step down, while the troubled Opec nation's ally Russia warned against "destructive meddling".

The US, Canada and several Latin American countries have disavowed Maduro over his disputed re-election last year and recognized self-proclaimed President Juan Guaido as the country's rightful leader.

Maduro, who has overseen an economic collapse and the exodus of millions of Venezuelans, still maintains the powerful backing of Russia, China and Turkey, and the critical support of the military.

In an interview with CBS on Sunday, Trump said US military intervention was under consideration. "Certainly, it's something that's on the table — it's an option," Trump said, adding that Maduro requested a meeting months ago. "I've turned it down because we're very far along in the process," he said in a CBS "Face the Nation" interview. "So, I think the process is playing out."

Tens of thousands of people thronged the streets of various Venezuelan cities on Saturday to protest Maduro's government. France and Austria said on Sunday they would recognize Guaido if Maduro did not respond to

'NO, I WOULDN'T STEER SON TOWARDS FOOTBALL'

In an interview to a channel, US President Donald Trump speaks about football, his foreign policy and special counsel Robert Mueller's probe



ON SON BARRON PLAYING GRIDIRON (AMERICAN) FOOTBALL | It's a tough question. If he wanted to? Yes. Would I steer him that way? No, I wouldn't... He's liking soccer... but it's a dangerous sport

ON US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN VENEZUELA | It's something that's on the (table) — it's an option

ON US WITHDRAWAL FROM SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN | We've got to get out of these endless wars and bring our folks back home. Now, that doesn't mean we're not going to be watching with intelligence... We'll come back if we have to

ON US MILITARY IN IRAQ | One of the reasons I want to keep it is because I want to be looking a little bit at Iran because Iran is a real problem

ON POMPED LEAVING CABINET FOR SENATE RACE | He says he's absolutely not leaving. I don't think he'd do that. And he doesn't want to be a lame duck

ON RELEASE OF MUELLER REPORT | I don't know. It depends. I have no idea what

it's going to say

ON NANCY PELOSI OPPOSING BORDER WALL FUNDS | I think she's very bad for our country. Basically she wants open borders. She doesn't mind human trafficking or she wouldn't do this

President sees good chance of deals with North Korea, China

President Trump said in remarks aired on Sunday he saw a "good chance" of reaching deals on two key US foreign policy challenges: North Korean nuclear disarmament and trade relations with China.

Trump said the date and venue of his upcoming second summit with North Korea's Kim Jong-un had been agreed — and would likely be announced before or during his State of the Union address on Tuesday. "The meeting is set," said the president. "He's looking forward to it. I'm looking forward to it."

an ideological ally to Maduro, quickly urged restraint.

The international community's goal should be to help (Venezuela), without destructive meddling from beyond its borders," Alexander Shchekin, head of the Latin America department at Russia's foreign ministry, told Interfax.

Telephone calls to the jail went unanswered on Saturday, but it said in a statement that power had been affected in one building and that repair work should be completed on Monday.

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Woman books hotel rooms for homeless during cold snap

Sandra E Garcia

As temperatures plunged to life-threatening lows this week, more than 100 homeless people in Chicago unexpectedly found themselves with food, fresh clothes and a place to stay after a local real estate broker intervened.



In Chicago, mercury dipped to as low as -30° Celsius this week

Candice Payne, 34, said it was a "spur-of-the-moment" decision to help. "It was 50 below, and I knew they were going to be sleeping on ice and I had to do something," she said on Saturday. Payne contacted hotels and found 30 rooms available at the Amber Inn for Wednesday night at \$70 per room.

Temperatures in Chicago reached lows of minus 25 and minus 26 on Wednesday and Thursday according to the National Weather Service.

No power, no heat: NY inmates shiver at -18°C

Inmates at a federal jail in Brooklyn have suffered for days without heat or power during a wintry cold snap, according to lawyers and US lawmakers who rallied outside the jail on Saturday demanding the problems be fixed and ill inmates moved.

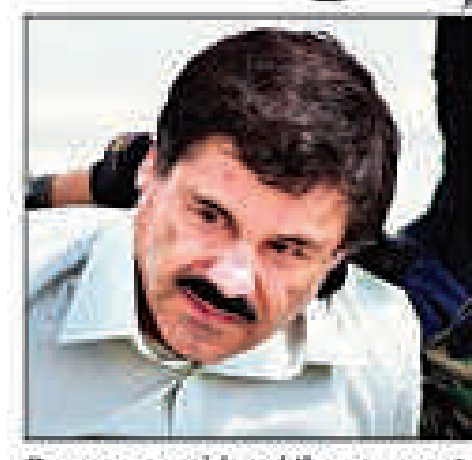
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everyone. It was overwhelming," Payne said. Restaurants also donated food. She said she has spent about \$4,700 so far on the rooms and other materials. "Other people started anonymously paying for rooms," said Robyn Smith, the manager of the Amber Inn.

"I am a regular person," Payne said. "I thought it was unattainable, this tells me that it's not that unattainable. We can all do this together."

'El Chapo drugged & raped minors, said it gave him life'

Alan Feuer



Guzman considered the youngest of the girls to be 'his vitamins' because raping them gave him 'life,' according to court documents

Prosecutors at the trial of the drug lord Joaquin Guzman Loera spent more than 10 weeks painting the kingpin as the most despicable sort of criminal. Guzman, known as El Chapo, trafficked tons of drugs, bribed nearly everyone of authority in Mexico and once ordered his henchmen to incinerate the bodies of two of his enemies in a bonfire, they said.

But on Friday, two days before jurors were set to begin deliberations, the prosecutors unsealed secret documents revealing a series of even more shocking claims against Guzman. The most disturbing were accusations that the crime lord once raped one of his mistresses and routinely raped girls as young as 13 years old, sometimes drugging them by placing "a powdery substance" into their drinks.

Guzman's lawyer, A Eduardo Balarezo, immediately discounted the accusations, issuing a statement on Saturday that said: "Joaquin denies the allegations."

The unsealed documents said the claims that Guzman raped underage girls came from one of his former personal secretaries, Alex Cifuentes Villa, who testified at the

trial that he lived with the crime lord in rural camps in the Sierra Madre mountains while hiding from the Mexican authorities. According to Cifuentes, a woman known only as "Comadre Maria" regularly sent Guzman photographs of girls as young as 13 for him to choose from. For a \$5,000 fee, Cifuentes said, the kingpin and members of his entourage — including Cifuentes — often had the girls brought into the mountains to rape them.

Guzman considered the youngest of the girls to be "his vitamins" because raping them gave him "life," according to the documents. The documents also contained a cryptic reference to Guzman committing another rape. Prosecutors said that the crime lord had sexually assaulted a cooperating witness in the case before "beginning a romantic relationship with her and drawing her into his criminal enterprise."

Pope in UAE for first papal visit to Arabian peninsula

Abu Dhabi: Pope Francis arrived in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Sunday for the first visit by a pontiff to the Arabian Peninsula, where he will meet with Muslim and political leaders and celebrate an outdoor mass in the capital Abu Dhabi.



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He will stay in the UAE until Tuesday. Pope Francis will participate in a conference on interreligious dialogue sponsored by the Emirates-based Muslim Council of Elders, an initiative that seeks to counter religious fanaticism by promoting a moderate brand of Islam. It's the brainchild of Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the grand imam of Egypt's Al-Azhar, the revered 1,000-year-old seat of Sunni Islam that trains clerics and scholars from around the world.

He will also lead an open-air mass for around 1.35,000 Catholics — set to be the largest gathering ever in the UAE, according to local media. His visit comes with the UAE engaged in a long-running military campaign in Yemen and embroiled in a diplomatic spat with Qatar.

Before heading to the Gulf, the pontiff urged warring parties in Yemen, where

the UAE backs the government against Houthis rebels, to respect a truce agreement.

"I appeal to all parties concerned and to the international community to allow the urgent respect of established accords to ensure the distribution of food," he said. "The population is exhausted by the lengthy conflict and a great many children are suffering from hunger, but cannot access food depots." "The cry of these children and their parents rises up to God."

UAE minister of state for foreign affairs Anwar Gargash extended an official welcome to Pope Francis on Sunday. The pope has said that the trip is an opportunity to write "a new page in the history of relations between religions".

AROUND THE WORLD



AFTER KIM, DUTERTE GETS HIS OWN DOPPELGÄNGER: A Rodrigo Duterte impersonator (centre) sparked frenzy and confusion during Sunday mass when he walked into a Hong Kong church. Accompanied by Howard X — the Hong Kong-based impersonator of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, the actor arrived at St. Joseph's Church dressed in the Philippine president's signature white shirt. Hundreds of worshippers cheered and took photos of the impersonator, who goes by the stage name Crescencio Extreme

WW1 grenade found in French potato shipment

A German World War I hand grenade was found among a shipment of French potatoes imported for a Hong Kong chips factory, police said. The device was safely detonated after it was discovered at the Calbee snacks factory on Saturday. "The grenade was in an unstable condition because it has been previously discharged but failed to detonate," superintendent Wilfred Wong Ho-hon said. The grenade was eight centimetres wide and weighed about 1kg. The grenade is believed to

have been left in a trench during WW I and accidentally gathered up with potatoes planted in the former battlefield.

Flight returns to LA airport thrice to resolve glitches Hawaiian Airlines says a flight bound for Maui returned to the gate at Los Angeles International Airport three times before finally being cancelled. Spokesman Alex Da Silva says Flight 33 took off and landed again twice on Saturday. Da Silva says each return was "due to separate and unrelated faults with different systems". The more than 200 passengers were given hotel rooms and will be placed on other flights.

Lunar lovers fear forget pigs in Lunar New Year

With the Lunar Year of the Pig starting on Tuesday, pig lovers in Taiwan fear that a rush of people wanting to usher good fortune into their homes by getting a piglet as a pet may lead to a wave of abandoned pigs later on. Anita Chen, who runs a social media forum for pet pig owners and has two pig pets, said the first thing owners have to consider when raising pigs was freedom and flexibility. Chen said that many overwhelmed owners abandon their pet piglets in just a few months. Veterinarian Chang Chien-ming advised anyone thinking of getting a pig to do their research to avoid nasty surprises.