Egypt Presents A New Face

Cabinet Has Women, Christians; No Islamists

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CAIRO — Egypt's interim leader swore in a Cabinet on Tuesday that included women and Christians but no Islamists as the military-backed administration moved swiftly to formalize the new political order and present a more liberal face that is markedly at odds with the deposed president and his supporters.

The changes came at a time of deep polarization and violence in Egypt, including new clashes that killed seven people as part of the continuing bloodshed that has marked the days following the armed forces coup that swept President Mohammed Morsi from office and cracked down on the Muslim Brotherhood.

Egypt's military already wields great influence behind the scenes, and the army chief, Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who ousted Morsi on July 3, was given a promotion in the Cabinet. He became a first deputy prime minister in addition to keeping his post as defense minister.

For most of the two years since the overthrow of autocrat Hosni Mubarak, the country has been split into two camps — one led by Morsi, his Muslim Brotherhood and its Islamist allies, and another led by secular Egyptians, liberals, Christians and moderate Muslims.

The fault lines remain, except that the Islamist camp is no longer in power. It does not include members of any Islamist parties — a sign of the enduring division that follows the removal of Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president.

The interim president's spokesman had earlier said posts would be offered to the Muslim Brotherhood, but the group promptly refused, saying it would not take part in the military-backed political process and would continue protests until the legitimately elected Morsi is reinstated.

"We refuse to even discuss it," a senior official of the Muslim Brotherhood's political arm, the Freedom and Justice party, told The Associated Press. "What is built on illegitimacy is illegal," he said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media before the party issued a formal statement on the formation of the Cabinet.

The only Islamist party that supported Morsi's ouster — the ultraconservative Salafi el-Nour party — was not represented and criticized the leadership as "biased," lacking inclusion and repeating "the same mistake the last government was blamed for."

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said he had talked with el-Sissi about 10 times in the past week.

"We have encouraged publicly and privately the leaders of Egypt, including the interim president, the interim vice president, and the prime minister in particular, to be inclusive, to bring all political parties in, to allow them to participate in the writing of the constitution and the elections," Hagel told reporters in Florida. "That's the only way it will work. We've been very clear on that."

Spacesuit Leak Ends Spacewalk

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — In one of the most harrowing spacewalks in decades, an astronaut had to rush back into the International Space Station on Tuesday after a mysterious water leak inside his helmet robbed him of the ability to speak or hear and could have caused him to choke or even drown.

Italian Luca Parmitano was reported to be fine after the dangerous episode, which might have been caused by an unprecedented leak in the cooling system of his suit. His spacewalking partner, American Christopher Cassidy, had to help him inside after NASA quickly aborted the spacewalk.

No one — neither the astronauts in orbit nor flight controllers in Houston — breathed easier until Parmitano was back inside and his helmet was yanked off.

"He looks miserable. But OK," Cassidy assured everyone.

It was the first time in years that a spacewalk came to such an abrupt halt and the first time since NASA's Gemini program in the mid-1960s that a spacewalker became so incapacitated. Spacewalking always carries high risk; a puncture by a micrometeorite or sharp edge, if big enough, could result in instant death.

In a late afternoon news conference, NASA acknowledged the perilous situation that Parmitano had found himself in, and space station operations manager Kenneth Todd promised to "turn over every rock" to make sure it never happens again.

Spacewalking is dangerous already, noted flight director David Korth. Then on top of that, "go stick your head in a fishbowl and try to walk around. That's not anything that you take lightly," he said. "He did a great job of just keeping calm and cool" as the amount of water ominously increased.

"Grace under pressure," Korth said.

The two astronauts were outside barely an hour, performing routine cable work on their second spacewalk in eight days, when Parmitano reported the leak. It progressively worsened as the minutes ticked by, drenching the back of his head, then his eyes, nose and, finally, mouth. He could have choked or drowned on the floating globs of water, NASA officials said.

U.S. Consumer Prices Up 0.5 Pct. In June On Gas Hike

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WASHINGTON — Higher gasoline costs pushed a measure of U.S. consumer prices up in June. But the overall trend in inflation stayed tame.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that the consumer price index increased 0.5 percent in June from May. Two-thirds of the increase came from a 6.3 percent jump in gas prices, the largest since February.

Excluding volatile food and energy costs, so-called core prices rose just 0.2 percent.

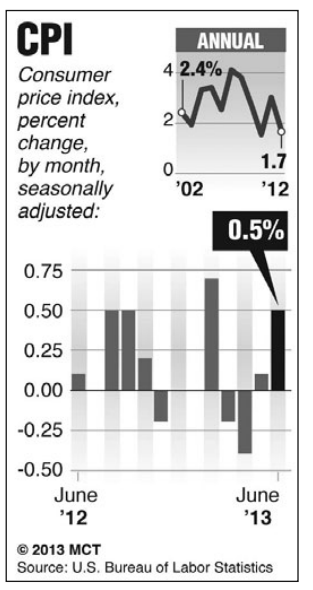
Consumer prices have been stable this year, allowing the Federal Reserve room to continue efforts to stimulate the economy.

Overall prices have risen just 1.8 percent over the past 12 months. And core prices are up just 1.6 percent in that period — the smallest 12-month change in two years. Both measures are below the Fed's 2 percent inflation target.

Slow economic growth and high unemployment have kept wages from rising quickly. That has made it harder for retailers and other firms to raise prices.

Tame inflation has helped consumer increase spending this year despite slow income growth and higher Social Security taxes.

In June, prices for all energy products rose 3.4 percent mostly because of the surge in gasoline costs. Beyond that, other prices were little changed.



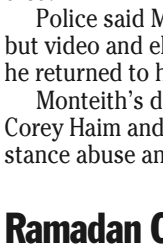
Food prices ticked up 0.2 percent. New cars prices increased 0.3 percent but are up just 1.3 percent over the past year. Clothing prices rose 0.9 percent in June but are up just 0.8 percent over the past 12 months. Prices for used cars fell 0.4 percent and are down 2.3 percent over the past year.

At its meeting in June, the Fed said it plans to keep the short-term interest rate it controls at a record low near zero until the unemployment rate falls below 6.5 percent, provided inflation remains under control. Unemployment is 7.6 percent.

Obama Seeks To Calm In Martin Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama first addressed the death of Trayvon Martin last year, he did so passionately, declaring that if he had a son, he would look like the slain 17-year-old. His powerful and personal commentary marked a rare public reflection on race from the nation's first black president.

But now, with the man who fatally shot Martin acquitted and the burden of any future charges squarely on his own administration, Obama is seeking to inject calm into a case that has inflamed passions, including his own. In a brief statement, the president called Martin's killing a "tragedy" but implored the public to respect a Florida jury's decision to clear George Zimmerman, the man charged in the teen's death.


Obama

"I know this case has elicited strong passions. And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions may be running even higher," Obama said Sunday. "But we are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken."

The president's restrained response underscores the complicated calculus for the White House as it grapples with the fallout from the racially charged case. Obama faces inevitable questions about the verdict, given his previous statements on the matter and his own race. But as the head of a government considering levying federal charges against Zimmerman, he must also avoid the appearance of influencing an ongoing Justice Department investigation.

"Barack Obama is a lawyer and I think his legal sense is that he should do nothing that would interrupt or disrupt any future matters involving George Zimmerman," said Charles Ogletree, a law professor at Harvard University and longtime friend of the president.

Coroner: 'Glee' Actor Died Of Overdose

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — "Glee" actor Cory Monteith died of an overdose of heroin and alcohol, the British Columbia coroner's office said Tuesday.

"There is no evidence to suggest Mr. Monteith's death was anything other than a most tragic accident," the office said in a statement.

The 31-year-old was found dead in his Vancouver, British Columbia, hotel room on Saturday, after he didn't check out on time. He was believed to be alone when he died.

Police said Monteith had been out with people earlier, but video and electronic records from the hotel indicated he returned to his room by himself early Saturday.

Monteith's death recalled the lives of Heath Ledger, Corey Haim and River Phoenix — actors who battled substance abuse and died in their 20s and 30s.

Ramadan Could Be Deadliest Since 2007

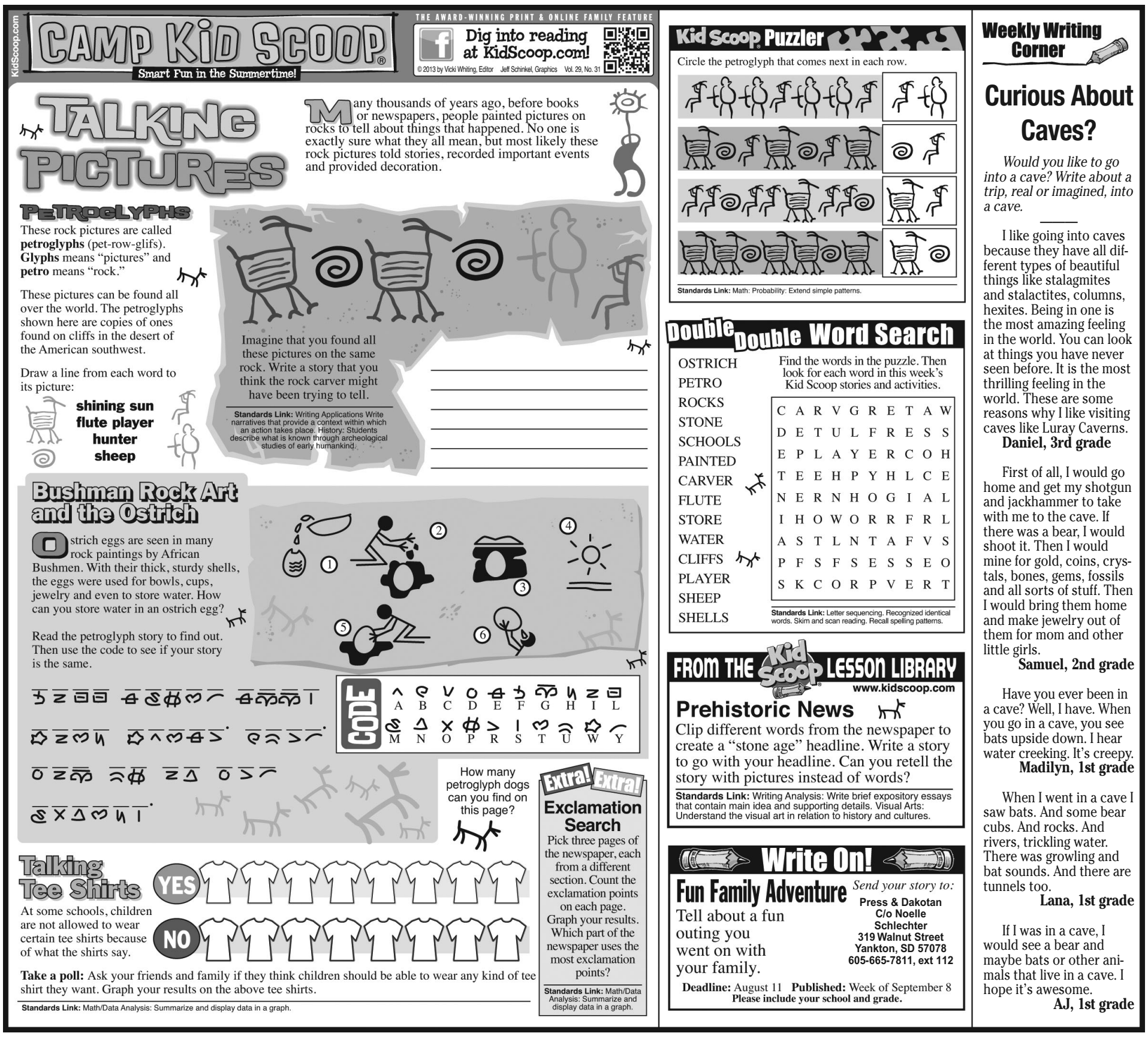
BAGHDAD (AP) — Ramadan this year is shaping up to be the deadliest in Iraq since a bloody insurgency and rampant sectarian killings pushed the country to the edge of civil war in the wake of the U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein.

Suicide attacks, car bombings and other violence have killed at least 169 Iraqis just seven days into the Islamic holy month. The death toll in the first week of Ramadan hasn't been that high since 2007, intensifying fears that Iraq is slipping back into widespread chaos.

There seems to be little pattern in the range of targets, adding to the sense of unease in what is meant to be a month of spiritual growth and generosity.

Several of those killed over the past week died at a busy northern teashop while playing mehebis, a game where players hope to win sweets by guessing who among their opposing team is hiding a ring in their hands. Others were slain as they swam with friends, or as they shopped for festive evening dinners, or made their way home from mosques after late-night prayers.

Even for Iraqis who have grown used to hearing about random violence, day after day of double-digit death tolls makes for a worrying trend.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TALKING PICTURES

Many thousands of years ago, before books or newspapers, people painted pictures on rocks to tell about things that happened. No one is exactly sure what they all mean, but most likely these rock pictures told stories, recorded important events and provided decoration.

PETROGLYPHS

These rock pictures are called **petroglyphs** (pet-row-glifs). **Glyphs** means "pictures" and **petro** means "rock."

These pictures can be found all over the world. The petroglyphs shown here are copies of ones found on cliffs in the desert of the American southwest.

Draw a line from each word to its picture:

shining sun
flute player
hunter
sheep

Imagine that you found all these pictures on the same rock. Write a story that you think the rock carver might have been trying to tell.

Standards Link: Writing Applications Write narratives that provide a context within which an action takes place. History: Students describe what is known through archeological studies of early humankind.

Bushman Rock Art and the Ostrich

Ostrich eggs are seen in many rock paintings by African Bushmen. With their thick, sturdy shells, the eggs were used for bowls, cups, jewelry and even to store water. How can you store water in an ostrich egg?

Read the petroglyph story to find out. Then use the code to see if your story is the same.

CODE
A B C D E F G H I L
M N O P R S T U W Y

How many petroglyph dogs can you find on this page?

Talking Tee Shirts

At some schools, children are not allowed to wear certain tee shirts because of what the shirts say.

YES
NO

Take a poll: Ask your friends and family if they think children should be able to wear any kind of tee shirt they want. Graph your results on the above tee shirts.

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Summarize and display data in a graph.

Extra! Extra!
Exclamation Search

Pick three pages of the newspaper, each from a different section. Count the exclamation points on each page. Graph your results. Which part of the newspaper uses the most exclamation points?

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Summarize and display data in a graph.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Circle the petroglyph that comes next in each row.

Standards Link: Math: Probability: Extend simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

OSTRICH
PETRO
ROCKS
STONE
SCHOOLS
PAINTED
CARVER
FLUTE
STORE
WATER
CLIFFS
PLAYER
SHEEP
SHELLS

C A R V G R E T A W
D E T U L F R E S S
E P L A Y E R C O H
T E E H P Y H L C E
N E R N H O G I A L
I H O W O R R F R L
A S T L N T A F V S
P F S F S E S S E O
S K C O R P V E R T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Prehistoric News

Clip different words from the newspaper to create a "stone age" headline. Write a story to go with your headline. Can you retell the story with pictures instead of words?

Standards Link: Writing Analysis: Write brief expository essays that contain main idea and supporting details. Visual Arts: Understand the visual art in relation to history and cultures.

Write On!

Fun Family Adventure

Tell about a fun outing you went on with your family.

Send your story to:
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Please include your school and grade.

Weekly Writing Corner

Curious About Caves?

Would you like to go into a cave? Write about a trip, real or imagined, into a cave.

I like going into caves because they have all different types of beautiful things like stalagmites and stalactites, columns, hexites. Being in one is the most amazing feeling in the world. You can look at things you have never seen before. It is the most thrilling feeling in the world. These are some reasons why I like visiting caves like Luray Caverns.
Daniel, 3rd grade

First of all, I would go home and get my shotgun and jackhammer to take with me to the cave. If there was a bear, I would shoot it. Then I would mine for gold, coins, crystals, bones, gems, fossils and all sorts of stuff. Then I would bring them home and make jewelry out of them for mom and other little girls.
Samuel, 2nd grade

Have you ever been in a cave? Well, I have. When you go in a cave, you see bats upside down. I hear water creeking. It's creepy.
Madilyn, 1st grade

When I went in a cave I saw bats. And some bear cubs. And rocks. And rivers, trickling water. There was growling and bat sounds. And there are tunnels too.
Lana, 1st grade

If I was in a cave, I would see a bear and maybe bats or other animals that live in a cave. I hope it's awesome.
AJ, 1st grade