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Musk sees people-moving Las Vegas tunnel opening in 2020

A mile-long tunnel seen as a traffic-busting alternative

SAN FRANCISCO: A nearly mile-long tunnel in Las Vegas meant to showcase a "traffic busting" alternative for overcrowded cities should be completed next year, innovative entrepreneur Elon Musk said on Twitter. The people-moving tunnel is being built by The Boring Company, one of several future-oriented enterprises founded by Musk, along with the Tesla electric-car company and SpaceX, which develops launch vehicles.

The 48-year-old billionaire tweeted late Friday that "Boring Co is completing its first commercial tunnel in Vegas, going from Convention Center to Strip." In a second tweet he said it would be "hopefully fully operational in 2020." The Las Vegas convention center is a sprawling complex being further enlarged—the 0.8-mile (1.3 kilometer) tunnel would facilitate travel within the center and to the city's famous Strip, where many of its major hotels and casinos are located.

Las Vegas officials selected The Boring Company in March to design, build and manage twin tunnels capable of transporting passengers in small, autonomous vehicles, each holding eight to 16 passengers.

City-to-city travel

The South Africa-born Musk, who is known for original and sometimes fanciful thinking, has long advocated a futuristic underground train system, called the Hyperloop, that would allow passenger capsules on Tesla-built chassis to move through low-

pressure tubes at high speeds.

He aspires eventually to build such a system linking Washington and New York along the busy US Northeast corridor; he has also proposed projects for Chicago and Los Angeles. Musk's company last year showed reporters a new test tunnel in California, but Las Vegas is Boring's first paying customer.

The cost of the tunnel, originally estimated to be as low as \$35 million, has since risen to \$52.5 million, according to the Las Vegas Review-Journal. Musk hopes Boring's people-moving technology will help revolutionize urban transit in an ever more crowded world. He says the idea came to him as he sat in growing frustration in his car, stuck in a traffic jam between his pricey villa in Bel Air, California and the SpaceX offices in Hawthorne, south of Los Angeles.

He envisions thousands of autonomous electric vehicles eventually moving millions of people underground at speeds up to 155 miles per hour (250 kph) — far higher than the moderate 35 mph speeds planned for the short Las Vegas link. —AFP



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AUB reveals winner of KD 250,000 prize in Al-Hassad Islamic program draw

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank announced on the 25th of December 2019 the KD 250,000 winner of its grand quarterly draw of Al-Hassad Islamic account as Bader Habeb Alawad. The draw was live on FM 88.8 Kuwait Pulse. Al Hassad Islamic account which has over 850 prizes, over a 12 month period and is the very first draw account in Islamic banking in Kuwait that has reshaped the lives of thousands lucky winners.

On the occasion Ahli United Bank congratulates its winning customer, and commented that there are many chances to win waiting for our customers. The draws are held every Wednesday at AUB Kuwait or AUB Bahrain depending on the draw plan. On public holidays, the draw is postponed to the next business day.

Al-Hassad Islamic Account presents 4 quarterly mega prizes of KD 250,000 that will help the lucky winners achieve their dreams and aspirations. In addition, Al-Hassad Islamic Account presents a monthly draw to win a prize of KD 100,000.

One powerful new aspect of the Al-Hassad Islamic Account is the prize draws on the holy occasion of both Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha, when the winning customers will receive the eid prizes of KD 100,000 each. May the Eid always bring prosperity and blessings to the Islamic nation.

Al-Hassad Islamic Account presents also 21 weekly prizes comprised of a grand prize of KD 10,000, 20 prizes of KD 1,000 each. In addition to the highly attractive package of the prizes, there will be the annual expected profits on, which makes the Al Hassad account a useful tool for family and other savings, both for the short term and for the longer term – a fact which well appreciated by a large multitude of new and old customers.

It is worth mentioning that there is possibility to open the account online for non-customers. In addition Al-Hassad customers can issue an ATM immediately and have the freedom to deposit and withdraw any time. To be eligible to participate in the draw, the customer should have a minimum balance of KD 100, whereby the customer has two chances to participate, with a maximum of 30,000 chances per draw, in addition to annual profits for all participants. Every KD 50 invested for at least 15 days entitles the customer to one chance in the each draw. The longer the customer keeps his balance the bigger the changes of participation in the draw.

ABK wishes everyone a happy New Year

KUWAIT: ABK announced that during the New Year holiday, its branches and the head office will be closed during the evening shift on Tuesday 31st December 2019. The bank will resume its regular working hours on Sunday 5th January 2020.

ABK's online services and Call Center will be available 24 hours a day during the holiday and can be reached by contacting a customer service agent via 'Ahlan Ahli' at 1899899.

On the occasion of the New Year, ABK's board members, management and staff, would like to extend its warmest wishes to the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and to the Kuwaiti government and its people.

Gulf Bank holds mobile photography training workshop

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank organized a mobile photography training workshop in collaboration with mobile accessories store, Cavaraty. The workshop, titled "Mobile Photography," took place on Saturday at the Symphony Style Hotel in Salmiya, and was led by photography experts Abdullah Al-Shaije and Abdulrahman Al-Ebdah.

Gulf Bank offered interested clients an exclusive discount to register for the workshop. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' photography skills, which are now more important than ever for owners of small businesses and the young entrepreneurs. By improving these skills, entrepreneurs can go on to create successful marketing content,



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especially for various social media channels. Commenting on the workshop, Lujain Al-Qenaei, Assistant Manager for External Communications at Gulf Bank, said: "At Gulf Bank, we are constantly working to encourage young Kuwaiti talent. Providing our youth with the tools to further their self-development goes hand in hand with promoting the growth of their commercial projects and, in turn, the growth of the Kuwaiti economy. The workshop was held in collaboration with Cavaraty and photography experts Abdullah Al-Shaije and Abdulrahman Al-



Ebdah, and provided a theoretical and practical training for participants, who also received gifts and certificates of participation. We look forward to providing more of these training workshops that aim to benefit the youth and local

entrepreneurs in the coming period."

Gulf Bank is proud of its continuous support to the local community, and participates in many social responsibility initiatives throughout the year aimed at empowering various members of society.

How to make your social media stand out with Huawei nova 5T's 5 AI cameras

KUWAIT: In today's era of smartphones and digital lives, social media has grown to become an important factor in our day to day lives. While the core purpose of these platforms is to share our prized memories with friends and family, today you are able to share professional-grade images and videos across social media platforms. Thanks to modern smartphones and a wide variety of apps, people today have access to completely original ways to showcase their memories.

While social media platforms are filled with a wide variety of photos and videos, what if there was a way to make your social media stand out from the rest? With the Huawei nova 5T and its 5 AI powered cameras, it is easier than you think. Here is how!

Use the 5 AI powered cameras to take stunning pictures

While it is a given when it comes to photo and video based social media platforms, the quality of your photos and videos matter. Be it a simple group photo or even an artsy scenic shot, your photos and videos need to be of the best quality to make your social media platform shine.

With the Huawei nova 5T, this is not really a hard challenge. Thanks to its quad camera setup with the power of AI, the photos and videos you take are automatically tuned to have perfect results. All you have to do is point and click and the phone will do the rest of the work with the help of the powerful AI system.

For example, if you want to take a photo of a few plants or even your beloved pet, then all you have to do is get them in the frame and the on-board AI will recognize it,

Al-Tijari announces winners of Al-Najma draws

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank conducted the weekly draws on Al-Najma Account and the draw on the "Salary and Cash on Top" campaign. The draws were conducted in the presence of Ministry of Commerce and Industry representative Ana'am Al-Fadhli.

The results of the draw were as follows:

- 1- Al-Najma weekly account - the prize of KD 5,000 and was for the share of Rosa Castel General Trading Co.
- 2- The "Salary & Cash on Top" campaign prize of KD 1,000 and was for the share of Abdulaziz Abdullah Al-Azmi.

adjusting all the settings needed to make it a perfect shot. You can also make sure that every moment is captured during a night out because the Huawei nova 5T shines in low-light photography, so every moment is captured with bright and vivid colors.

Meanwhile profile shots do play a big role, which is where the Huawei nova 5T's 2MP depth bokeh lens shines. Using complex AI algorithms, now all you need to do is have your model pose and click, for a stunning shot complete with a blurred background for that professional photoshoot feel.

Your options for creative shots don't end there! With the Huawei nova 5T's 2MP macro camera, you can get up close for artistic images of nature, jewelry and more, adding a whole new dimension to your social media profile.

Create movie-quality videos

Video content is all the rage today. Not only does it test the creativity of the creator, but it also provides the opportunity to grab the attention of those scrolling past their feed. Keeping the importance of video content in mind, it simply cannot be grainy, bland or downright low in quality.

With the Huawei nova 5T you can let your inner director run free, by using the powerful camera hardware to shoot some of the highest quality videos. Step it up a notch with beautiful effects where only your subject will have color in a grayscale background or even dramatic slow-motion shots.

If that's not enough, you can take it into the AI Movie Editor, where complex editing is done with just a few taps. However, for your social media, you can take advantage of the Spotlight Reel feature, which figures out key moments in your video and compiles it together, complete in a fancy montage with music playing in the background, ready to share on social media platforms.

Don't forget about the selfies!

Social media is filled with selfies, which is all the more reason why your selfies need to be of the best quality to stand out from the rest. With the Huawei nova 5T's 32MP



Selfie Superstar camera upfront, all you have to do is fit yourself in the frame, smile and click away. You can rest easy knowing that your selfies will be of the best quality, especially since the on-board AI will adjust all the settings for you, even in poorly lit situations.

If you want to ace your social media presence then the Huawei nova 5T is sure to help. Apart from its premium camera hardware, you can also take advantage of its flagship-grade performance to ensure that both your social media browsing and content creation are super smooth. Thanks to the Kirin 980, one of Huawei's fastest chipsets, paired with 8GB of RAM you are assured performance levels on par with most premium flagships. You can also go ahead and take as many pictures and videos as you want, thanks to the 128GB of storage that is readily available.

Additionally, The Huawei Nova 5T is powered by Android and allows users full and ongoing access to their favorite applications. To top it off, extended periods of use are taken care of as well with the 3750mAh battery which can be rapidly charged back up thanks to the 22.5W Huawei SuperCharge feature, making it the perfect phone for a budding social media influencer.

The bank explained that Kuwaiti employees with a salary of KD 500 and above whether newly recruited or in service can transfer their salary to the Bank and avail the benefits of this campaign by getting instant cash gift of KD 250 or an interest free loan 5 times the salary up to KD 10,000, add to this they will automatically enter the weekly draw on KD 1,000. As for the expatriate customers categorized under Premier Banking Account with a salary KD of 1,700 and above, they will get instant cash gift.

The retirees with pension KD 1,000 and above will also get an instant cash gift of KD 150 when transferring their pension to the Bank and automatically enter the weekly draw on a prize of KD 1,000 and avail the benefits of this campaign designated for Kuwaiti and expatriate employees working in private and public sector as well as the retirees. Further, the campaign provides customers with the opportunity to get additional benefits and take advantage of the advanced and unrivalled services and products the bank provides to its customers to meet their needs and expectations.

As regarding "Salary & Cash on Top" campaign designated for Kuwaiti and expatriate employees as well as the retirees and which is valid until 31 December 2019 and the mechanism of joining this campaign for availing its benefits,