

Journey back to Middle East strengthens woman's roots

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — This summer, Aziza Hasan embarked on a 29-day journey that took her back home to the Middle East.

She needed peace. She needed to reconnect with family. Most of all, she needed answers.

"When I went to the Middle East, I was angry at all the religions because of how we use things to hate each other," Hasan said. "I was fed up with everything."

The journey took Hasan through her Jordanian homeland. She explored and experienced Jerusalem and Damascus, Syria — lands where her family's roots are planted. She addressed her anger and fears. She learned to find her own reality instead of readily accepting how the media or others portray people.

In the end, she found peace. "I feel like I've strengthened the family connection, our bond," she said. "I've rekindled that relationship."

Hasan was born in Amman, Jordan, in 1980 to a Palestinian father and an American mother.

Hasan said she didn't learn much about the United States in Jordan — not even in school.

But summertime vacations to her maternal relatives exposed Hasan and her three siblings to the country they called "the land of play."

Summertime meant swimming, wearing shorts, running around, playing Frisbee, riding bikes and romping about huge parks.

Since the family relocated to Halstead in 1997, Hasan now finds herself looking for summertime escapes in Jordan.

This summer, she reconnected with her homeland overseas in addition to taking a journey to Jerusalem — a place she grew up fearing.

"We were always terrified because people told us it was scary, you would get shot," she said about Jerusalem. "The land was so un-touchable that you couldn't go there."

But after her sister spent one month there on a study-abroad program and called their fears "silly," Hasan said she had to go and experience Jerusalem for herself.

"I learned how incredibly similar all the faiths are at their core, and yet, how their differences should be celebrated instead of dwelled upon and used as a fuel for anger," she said.

In Jerusalem, she said she saw how touched people were to visit their holy places of worship.

Hasan said she felt a deeper connection to her father, who died in 1996, by visiting the land he was from.

She called the trip an "eye-opening" experience that made her more selective in what she chooses to believe about events happening in that area.

Hasan said she was pleased that women weren't worshipping in tiny rooms while men worshipped in larger areas, as she has witnessed before.

Although men and women didn't worship side by side, they did worship in the same area, she said.

Seeing things for herself allowed her to accept a new personal rule regarding inaccurate media portrayals: "just because it's written doesn't make it real."

On a lighter note, seeing family, shopping for fashionable attire and being in the midst of her homeland brought the peace she needed.

"I know a lot more about how the people are reflecting on what's going on in the current situations in the Middle East," she said.

Union leaders says Boeing plans to cut 130-135 hourly jobs

WICHITA (AP) — Between 130 and 135 hourly workers will be laid off at the Boeing Co.'s military aircraft plant in Wichita, a union official said.

Steve Rooney, District 70 president for the Machinists Union, said Tuesday that Boeing told the union that workers would be notified Friday of plans to lay them off in 60 days.

Boeing has not told the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, which represents technical and professional workers and engineers, how many of its jobs may be cut.

Forrest Gossett, a Boeing spokesman, said only that "no decisions have been made."

"It's just premature to go beyond that," Gossett said.

Boeing employs nearly 4,000 at its Integrated Defense Systems plant in Wichita.

In a memo sent to employees last Friday, Derek McLuckey, general

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manager of the Wichita operation, announced a "war on costs" that would involve more than \$100 million in cuts.

"Over the next few days and weeks we will announce aggressive cost-cutting measures," McLuckey said in the memo.

"Some will be tough, but they are all necessary to ensure that IDS-Wichita has a significant role in The Boeing Co. for years to come."

McLuckey said the future of the Wichita facility "is tied to our ability to once again become cost effective."

McLuckey said customers, Boeing leaders and a team at the Wichita plant all agreed that it has become too expensive, and that in addition to cutting costs, it must also aggressively seek new business opportunities.

Last summer, Boeing sold its commercial airplane manufacturing operations in Kansas and Oklahoma to a subsidiary of Toronto-based Onex Corp.

The new Spirit Aerosystems employs about 8,600 at the Kansas and Oklahoma plants, including about 7,500 in Wichita.

One dead after blast rocks plant

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — On the day this community's biggest new development in decades was to celebrate its opening, investigators were being called in Thursday to find out what caused an explosion that killed a local man and injured 14 others a day earlier.

A heavy-equipment operator was killed and three other workers were critically injured Wednesday after the explosion at the \$130 million Triumph Foods pork processing plant, which was expected to go into production on Nov. 1.

Andrew Bauer, 24, of St. Joseph, was killed in the blast, which occurred around 2:45 p.m. in an industrial area on the south side of town. Another worker who was clinically dead after the explosion was revived by emergency medical personnel, officials said.

"There was a lot of blood and gore," said Fire Department battalion chief Russell Moore. "We see that in the case of wrecks and stuff, and it's not something we can't deal with. But under circumstances like this, it was a little different."

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	La Gente	BusinessWeek	Good Morning America (CC)		Lilo & Stitch	Buzz on Maggie	Proud Family	That's Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	College Football: Regional Coverage		
KSNK/NBC (5, 8)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Tutenstein (E)	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29 Down	Endurance (E)	
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				LazyTown	Go Diego	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Little Bill (E) (CC)	Blue's Clues	College Football		
K15CG (2)	Business	MarketMarket	Thomas & Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Real Wheels	DragonflyTV	Kids A Cookin'	Scoreboard	Barbecue	Food	Victory Garden	
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter		College Gameday (Live) (CC)		College Football		
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWE A.M. Raw		Coach (CC)	Coach (CC)	Movie: School Ties *** (1992, Drama) Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon.				
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie: When Secrets Kill (1997, Drama) Gregory Harrison, Roxanne Hart.		Movie: Angel Eyes (2001) A sad-eyed figure shadows a Chicago policewoman.		Movie: Sweet November (2001)						
WGN (39)	Enterprise	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Winning Edge	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Health Corner	
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: Two if by Sea ½ (1996)		Movie: Sliding Doors ** (1998) A train's sliding doors trigger a woman's fantasy life.		Movie: Cocktail (1988) An arrogant young bartender uses his charm and good looks.		Movie: The Bachelor * (1999)						
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Ultimate Blast: Krakatau		Pompeii: The Last Day (CC)		Pompeii of the East (CC)				
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Biography Rod Stewart (CC)	Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Flip This House	Flip This House	Mediums: We See Dead People	Mediums: We See Dead People	Psychics (CC)				
HIST (48)	Automobiles Four-wheel drive vehicle.	20th Century With Mike Wallace (CC)	The Last Days of WWII April 8-April 14	Heavy Metal The Destroyer (CC)	Battlefield Detectives (CC)	Mail Call (CC)	Hands-Hist						
NICK (55)	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Grown Up	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Catscratch	Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Avatar: Last Air	Grown Up	Teenage Robot	ChalkZone	
DISN (56)	Koala Brothers	Higglytown	Little	JoJo's Circus	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	American Drgn	Buzz on Maggie	
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	Battle B-Daman	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Dragon Booster	Get Ed Z3R0	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	Tick (CC)	Full House	Full House	
HALL (60)	Little House	Little House on the Prairie	Dance With Me (CC)	Movie: Dodson's Journey (2001, Drama) David James Elliott, Alicia Morton. (CC)	Movie: The Cat From Outer Space ***½ (1978, Comedy) Ken Berry. (CC)								

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KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	(11:00) College Football: Regional Coverage -- Colorado at Texas or Michigan State at Ohio State.				College Football: Regional Coverage -- Colorado at Texas, Louisville at West Virginia, Oregon State at California or Penn State at Michigan. (Live)								
KSNK/NBC (5, 8)	LPGA Golf: World Champ.	Action Sports Orlando, Fla. (N) (CC)	College Football: USC at Notre Dame. (Live) (CC)										
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	(11:00) College Football: Teams to Be Announced.				College Football: Florida at LSU. (Live) (CC)								
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time (N)	Woodwright	For Your Home	Paint! Paint!	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Piano Guy	Cabin Country	Rare Visions	
ESPN (28)	(11:00) College Football: Wisconsin at Minnesota. (Live) (CC)				College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)		Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Horse Racing: Challenge Cup	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Movie: Cats & Dogs ** (2001, Comedy) Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins.		PGA Golf: Michelin Championship at Las Vegas -- Third Round.		Law & Order: SVU								
TBS (38)	(11:15) Movie: Sweet November *½ (1998, Romance) Keanu Reeves. (CC)		Movie: Major League II *½ (1994, Comedy) (PA) Charlie Sheen. (CC)		Movie: The Waterboy *½ (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates. (CC)								
WGN (39)	Soul Train Marquee Houston; Fatty Koo.	Movie: House Party IV *½ (2000, Comedy) Marques Houston, Dorien Wilson.	Farscape Exodius From Genesis (CC)	Farscape Vilas Mortis (CC)	Race Car Driver	Race Car Driver							
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: The Bachelor * (1999)		Movie: Simply Irresistible (1999) A chef spices her dishes with the magic of love.		Movie: Blast From the Past ** (1999, Comedy) Brendan Fraser. (CC) (DVS)		Movie: The Wedding Singer						
DSC (42)	Killer Asteroids (CC)	Fireballs From Space (CC)	Engineering the Impossible (CC)	Mega Machines Monster Beasts (CC)	Officer Down Bank robbers and police in gun battle. (CC)	American Justice: Pizza Conn.	Investigative Reports						
A&E (47)	Movie: Superman II ***½ (1980, Fantasy) Three criminals from Krypton take over the United States.		Cold Case	The BTK Killer Speaks II (CC)	Shot From the Sky (CC)								
HIST (48)	Wild West Tech The Unexplained	Wild West Tech Score Shows II (CC)	Wild West Tech Score-settling. (CC)	Wild West Tech Score-settling. (CC)									
NICK (55)	Rock Star	Catscratch	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	
DISN (56)	Movie: Hocus Pocus *½ (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler. (CC)		American Drgn	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	Buzz on Maggie	Buzz on Maggie	Naturally Sadie	Life With Derek			
FAM (58)	Full House	Movie: She Gets What She Wants ** (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo. (CC)	Movie: From Justin to Kelly *½ (2003, Musical) Kelly Clarkson. (CC)	Movie: Grease *** (1978, Musical) John Travolta. (CC)									
HALL (60)	Movie: Jason and the Argonauts *** (2000, Adventure) The mythic adventurers set out to find the Golden Fleece. Jason London, Dennis Hopper. (CC)				Movie: King Solomon's Mines ** (2004, Adventure) Patrick Swayze. (CC)								

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KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	News (CC)	The Insider	Lost Everybody Hates Hugo (CC)	Invasion Alpha Male (CC)	Commander in Chief First Strike	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Enter-prise				
KSNK/NBC (5, 8)	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup Series -- UAW-GM Quality 500. From Concord, N.C.				News	Saturday Night Live: The Best of David Spade (N) (CC)							
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Cold Case Yo, Adrian (CC)	CSI: Miami Identity (iTV) (CC)	48 Hours Mystery Defending Your Life	News (CC)	Drew Carey	Alias A Broken Heart (CC)					
K15CG (2)	Antiques Roadshow Reno	Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show	Red Green	Austin City Limits (N) (CC)	Soundstage Heart (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	Tavis Smiley					
ESPN (28)	College Gmday	College Football: Florida State at Virginia. (Live) (CC)	College Gmday	Boxing: Peter Manfrado Jr. vs. Sergio Mora. From Los Angeles. (Live)									
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Action Sports Orlando, Fla.	College Football						
TBS (38)	College Football: Kansas vs. Oklahoma. From Kansas City, Mo. (Live)				Movie: Blue Streak (1999) A thief poses as a cop to retrieve a hidden diamond.	College Football							
WGN (39)	Stories of Hope: The Fa	Movie: Trading Places ** (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. (CC)	WGN News at Nine (CC)	Sex and the City	Becker Afterglow	Home Improve.	Movie: Last War						
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: The Wedding Singer		Movie: Runaway Bride ** (1999) A columnist tries to get the scoop on a commitment-shy gal. Julia Roberts.	Movie: Steel Magnolias *** (1989) Six iron-willed women gather at a Louisiana beauty parlor.									
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Vermont cheese.	Mega Machines Task Masters (CC)	How the Levees Failed	SOS: Coast Guard Rescue	Supermax Internal Affairs (CC)	To Be Announced							
A&E (47)	City Confidential (CC)	City Confidential (N) (CC)	Cold Case Files (CC)	Cold Case Files (CC)	American Justice Cruel and Unjust	City Confidential (CC)							
HIST (48)	Hitler's Managers (N) (Part 1 of 5) (CC)	Hitler's Managers Munitions Minister.	Hitler's Managers German capitulation.	Hitler's Managers (N) (Part 4 of 5) (CC)	Hitler's Managers (N) (Part 5 of 5) (CC)	Hitler's Managers Munitions Minister.							
NICK (55)	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Ned's School	Drake & Josh (N)	All That (N) (CC)	Amanda	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Roseanne	Roseanne	
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	That's Raven	Movie: Twitches (2005, Fantasy) Reunited twins use magic against evil. Tia Mowry.	Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's Raven	Life With Derek	Buzz on Maggie				
FAM (58)	(4:30) Movie: Grease *** (1978) Maxwell Caulfield, Michelle Pfeiffer. (CC)		Movie: Alchemy ** (2005) A professor invents a computer that has emotions. (CC)	Movie: Campus Confidential (2005)									
HALL (60)	(4:00) Movie: King Solomon's Mines ** (2004, Adventure) Patrick Swayze. (CC)				Movie: Coronado (2003) A woman looks for her missing fiancé in Central America.	Movie: Coronado (2003) A woman looks for her missing fiancé in Central America.							

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