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"True ease in writing comes from art, not chance, as those move easiest who have learn'd to dance.”

— Alexander Pope

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**Gemini Man**

**DIRECTION:** Ang Lee  
**CAST:** Will Smith, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Clive Owen  
**SYNOPSIS:** An over-the-hill hitman faces off against a younger clone of himself. Henry Brogan is an elite assassin who becomes the target of a mysterious operative who can seemingly predict his every move. To his horror, he soon learns that the man who’s trying to kill him is a younger, faster, cloned version of himself.  
**THEATRES:** The Mall, Landmark, Royal Plaza

**Petromax**

**DIRECTION:** Rohin Venkatesan  
**CAST:** Tamannah Bhatia, Yogi Babu, Munishkanth  
**SYNOPSIS:** When an ancestral house comes up for sale, rumour crops up that it’s haunted. Unwilling to settle for a distressed sale, an arrangement is made for four members to stay at the house and prove that there are no ghosts inside.  
**THEATRES:** Landmark, Royal Plaza

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For movie timings and further details please scan the QR code above with your mobile phone camera or visit qatarcinemas.com
Photo Exhibition: ‘Experience Tanzania’
WHERE: Multaqa (Student Center) Art Gallery at Education City
WHEN: Ongoing until December 1
TIME: 4pm
‘Experience Tanzania’ is a yearly project supported by Student Affairs Division of Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar that allows students and faculty to explore and immerse themselves in Tanzanian urban and rural cultures. During their trip, WCM-Q’s aspiring physicians offer basic healthcare services to the locals as a way of giving back to the community and learn about the lifestyles, traditions, socioeconomic hierarchies and health systems of the local Tanzanian communities.
A collection of photographs of the wildlife, landscapes and people of Tanzania taken by WCM-Q professor Dr Dietrich Büsselberg will be exhibited.

Career Guidance
WHERE: Right Track Consultants, Al Sadd
WHEN: Sunday – Thursday
TIME: 6pm – 8pm
Career guidance for course, country, college and entrance for students of Grade IX-XII, of all curriculum. Career assessments administered for stream preference, career test, branch preference, personality, multiple intelligence and learning styles and productivity. For more information, 55448835.

After School Activities
WHERE: Atelier
WHEN: Ongoing
Music and arts activities for students taking place after they finish their day in school includes Group Music lessons, Hip-hop, Ballet, Drawing and Painting, Drama Theatre & Taekwondo. Ages between 5 and 10 years old after school hours.

Artistic Gymnastic Classes
WHERE: Qatar Academy Msheireb
WHEN: Ongoing
TIME: 3:15pm – 4:15pm
The olympic sport using horizontal bar, rings and floor exercises on mats for the children from age 4 till 16.

Ballet Lessons
WHERE: Music and Arts Atelier
WHEN: Ongoing
TIME: 4pm – 8pm
For more info e-mail at registration@atelierqatar.com or call on 33003839.

Hobby Classes
WHERE: Mamangam Performing Art Centre
WHEN: Saturday – Friday
Mamangam is an art and performance centre started with a vision of spreading our knowledge, interests and experience in various disciplines in arts across different countries for children and adults.
Mamangam has become the favourite centre for learning. We offer regular classes in the following disciplines like traditional classical and folk dance forms, art and craft, drawing and painting, personality development and public speaking, Hollywood dance, contemporary, hip hop styles, music both vocals and instrumentals. To develop health consciousness, we train them karate, yoga with special sessions for kids and adults.
Mamangam has also come up with chess and robotics in regular batches in an attempt to give a better learning experience, as they sharpen their minds and brains too.
For those who wish to register for more details, visit www.mamangamqatar.in.

Qatar International Art Festival 2019
WHERE: Katara Cultural Village
WHEN: 30 October - 5 November
TIME: 10am - 12pm
The festival offers other benefits to participants, including the promotion of their work, interaction with print, electronic, digital, and social media, interaction with selected art collectors, art investors, and potential buyers. QIAF, one of the largest art festivals in Qatar, is organised every year.

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Basics of TV Presentation
WHERE: Qatar National Library
WHEN: Oct 18
TIME: 5pm to 8pm
Through this workshop, young adults will familiarise themselves with the basics of television presentation. The workshop is led by Library specialist Ahmed al-Malki.

Compiled by Nausheen Shaikh. E-mail: gtlisting@gmail.com. Events and timings subject to change.
Two weeks ago, the head of Nasa seemed sick of waiting for SpaceX and Boeing Co to finish developing the capsules that are supposed to carry US astronauts to and from the International Space Station. As SpaceX Chief Executive Elon Musk unleashed fanfare about his passion project — preparing to unveil SpaceX’s Starship Mars spaceship prototype — Nasa Administrator Jim Bridenstine took a rare public jab at him, tweeting that the Commercial Crew programme “is years behind schedule” and that his agency “expects to see the same level of enthusiasm focused on the investments of the American taxpayer.”

Last Thursday, he put a happier face on the situation, standing next to Musk at SpaceX’s Hawthorne headquarters and saying he was pleased with what he saw.

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— Jim Bridenstine, Nasa Administrator

Trial-and-error governs new space programme

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agreement ... that the one thing we have under development that is of the highest priority is launching American astronauts on American rockets from American soil,” Bridenstine said at a news conference that also included the two astronauts who will be the first to ride in the SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule.

But the fact remains that if neither SpaceX nor Boeing has its capsule ready to By astronauts on a regular basis by July of this year, NASA will be in a tight spot: It probably would have to buy last-minute seats on a Russian spacecraft, a potentially expensive and politically fraught move. NASA and SpaceX have had a push-and-pull dynamic over the years.

Musk has said his company would not be where it is today without NASA contracts and support — so much so, he said, that his password used to be “I love NASA.” SpaceX has also driven down launch costs across the industry, creating cost savings for the space agency even when it uses other contractors.

At the same time, SpaceX doesn’t behave like a standard aerospace contractor, which is discounting to some at NASA, said Lori Garver, who served as the agency’s deputy administrator from 2009 to 2013. SpaceX will “sue you, for instance, when they lose,” she said. The company sued the US government in 2014 when the Air Force awarded a lucrative contract, which SpaceX had wanted, to a joint venture of Boeing and Lockheed Martin Corp. SpaceX later agreed to drop the lawsuit after the Air Force said it would open more launches to competition, and SpaceX has now launched several spy satellites for the government.

Last Thursday, Bridenstine pointed to SpaceX’s method of operation, particularly its iterative development process — or, as he described it, “fly, test, fix” — in which the company tests a component and then fixes any problems afterwards. Other NASA contractors more deeply scrutinize every component before a test fire. SpaceX’s way is “different than a lot of our other contractors, but I don’t think it’s worse, I don’t think it’s better. It’s different,” Bridenstine said. “SpaceX is very good at moving quickly. And that’s good for NASA. It pushes us.”

Bidenstine does want to cut down on some uncertainties, saying that he wants all NASA contractors to build “more realism” into development timelines and cost estimates.

This type of relationship with contractors is fairly new for NASA: The agency is used to commissioning specific craft that it then runs, such as the space shuttle, rather than hiring companies to provide services, such as the contracts held by SpaceX and Northrop Grumman Corp to ferry supplies to the space station.

Five years ago, NASA awarded SpaceX and Boeing a combined $6.8 billion to build their capsules, with a goal that the companies would ferry astronauts to the space station no later than 2017. But since then, federal budgets were cut — slowing the flow of that money — and both SpaceX and Boeing have encountered delays in developing and testing their capsules.

Boeing said last year that a piece of its astronaut capsule system suffered a propellant leak during a test fire of its launch abort engines, which are intended to blast astronauts to safety if something goes awry during launch. The company said it had determined a leaky valve was the likely culprit and replaced that component in its other capsules.

Last Tuesday, Musk tweeted that SpaceX’s current schedule indicates all testing of the Crew Dragon, its safety systems and its Falcon 9 rocket would be done in about 10 weeks.

But since July, NASA’s Commercial Crew programme website no longer lists expected flight test dates for SpaceX or Boeing.

Bidenstine said that if everything goes right, SpaceX could fly astronauts by the first quarter of next year, though he and Musk emphasised that tests could reveal additional problems, which would take time to fix.

“We need to triple-check everything and make sure, ‘Is there anything we’ve overlooked?’” Musk said. “And if there is, we will delay the launch without hesitation and make those changes.”

If both SpaceX and Boeing miss the September deadline, the United States probably will have to buy additional seats on Russia’s Soyuz spacecraft to ensure US astronauts can get to and from the space station.

Buying seats from Russia typically requires a lead time of three years, according to a US Government Accountability Office report released in June.

And Russia could charge a premium for late purchases, Garver said. Add to that the fraught political situation between the two countries, and it would be best if the US had its own ride to space, analysts have said.

“Somehow we have been able to keep space exploration separate from the geopolitics,” Bridenstine said. “If everything goes according to plan, we may not need additional Soyuzes. But here’s something else we know: Usually things don’t go according to plan.”

— Los Angeles Times/TNS

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World-class rugby player visits Doha College

Kyle Brown, three-time World Series winner and South Africa’s one of most capped rugby player, recently visited Doha College Primary Campus to interact with the students during the announcement of new leadership team 2019-20 of Doha College. Speaking on the occasion, Kyle said, “Leadership is a very interesting space. If we grow and empower those eager around us and develop them as leaders, we will be able to lift others up to a place where they can achieve things never first thought imaginable.”

The newly instated Head Girl of Doha College, Aatika Khalid, said, “I would like to cement Doha College’s position as the topmost eco-friendly school in Qatar by organising inter-school competitions. Also, I think it’s important that school is fun, and I’d like to introduce LEGO education. I would also like to see our school even more involved with charitable causes.”

TPS marks Bathukamma and Dasara festival

Telangana Praja Samithi Qatar, an affiliated organisation to Indian Cultural Centre, recently organised an event to mark Bathukamma and Dasara festival celebrations at Ashoka Hall ICC. The event was attended by a large number of women. Mittepally Surendar and Yolela Vani, notable Telangana folk singers, performed at the event. The chief guests at the event, included Manikanthan, President of ICC; Vinod Nair, Vice President of ICC; Nayana Wagh, Rajani Murthy, and Bhumeshwar. Speaking on the occasion, Gadde Srinivas, Vice-President of TPS, thanked all the dignitaries, sponsors and audience for their support.

Trupati, President of TPS, said that this folk festival symbolises the Telangana states rich cultural identity and marks the beginning of the nine day festival. The members of Telangana Praja Samithi also performed at the event. The organisers presented awards for best Bathukamma arrangements, which was followed by the immersion of flower arrangements in inflatable water tanks as per the tradition, praying Bathukamma to return next year.

OIS felicitates Indian athletes

Olive International School (OIS) recently organised an event to felicitate K T Irfan and Mohammed Anas Yahiya, Indian National Athletes. The athletes were in Doha representing India in the IAAF Athletic Meet.

National record holder, K T Irfan is the first Indian athlete to qualify for the 2020 Olympics while finishing fourth in the 20km event of the Asian Race Walking Championships in Nomi, Japan and Mohammed Anas Yahiya is an Indian sprinter who specialises in the 400 metres race.

Jacob K M, Principal of OIS, felicitated the athletes.
Texas A&M at Qatar students complete project management course

Seventeen engineering students from Texas A&M University at Qatar have recently completed the Contributing to Projects course given by TAFAWOQ-Qatar Shell. TAFAWOQ, the elite project management centre of excellence, facilitated the course, which engaged soon-to-graduate students with insights into the project management industry.

The students who have completed the course, include Ahmed El-Agnaf, Ameen Siddiqui, Bandar Nasser, Elizabeth Abraham, Ghida Dandan, Hamna Saeed, Husnain Manzoor, Malek Helali, Marwan El Wahsh, Mohamed Soltan, Nur-Hamza Petjo, Omrya Abdalla, Raghad al-Sulati, Reem Faraj, Samoza Farheen Mansoor, Shaik Afzal and Skander Helali.

The course offered the students in Qatar a glimpse into the real-life dynamics of project management. Sally Jabaley, Senior Facilitator at TAFAWOQ, guided the students, which featured three weeks of virtual work and four days of classroom training, discussions and case study analysis.

The course concluded with a panel discussion featuring graduates of the branch campus who are now working in industry, including Qatar Shell and Qatar Petroleum, among other companies.

Bader al-Jaidah, Director of TAFAWOQ, said, “The course is normally reserved for industry professionals, but TAFAWOQ opened it to university students as part of its commitment to promoting human development during the early stages of education and professional development.”

Dr Bilal Mansoor, Director of student enrichment programmes at Texas A&M at Qatar, said, “The Contributing to Projects course taught our students both basic terminology, and current practices for conceiving and delivering major capital investment projects on time. The course was the first of a kind offering for our student to help equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to enter Qatar’s workforce.”

The Westin launches October campaign to support Qatar Cancer Society

On the occasion of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, The Westin Doha Hotel and Spa in collaboration with Qatar Cancer Society, is all set to support their 'Blossom' campaign with different activities and events taking place at the hotel throughout the month of October, stated a press release.

The aim of the initiative is to create awareness about Breast Cancer among the associates of the hotel and the local community in Doha, additionally to raise donation and support the treatment of patients fighting the malady.

This year, an internal awareness session will be led by Qatar Cancer Society along with the social media influencer and cancer survivor Polly Byles today. The goal is to provide accurate information about the disease, explain methods of prevention and importance of early detection and screening. Also, Polly will share her personal experience with the battle of fighting against cancer and its positive effects throughout her whole journey.

Additionally, The Westin Doha has also organised a healthy dessert making session with the hotel’s pastry chefs on October 21 where ladies will learn how to make pink vegan desserts and smoothie bowls. The aim of this session is to promote healthy lifestyle habits and how diet can affect in preventing cancer and to highlight the importance of reducing sugar. Polly Byles will also attend the event and will share what she has encountered during her battle against cancer, recovery and the positive change on her lifestyle overall.

Commenting on the initiative, Ammar Samad, General Manager of The Westin Doha Hotel & Spa said, “It is an honour for us to collaborate with Qatar Cancer Society for the second consecutive year. As a wellness brand, it is one of our core duties to encourage positive and healthy changes within our community.”

Additionally, as part of the initiative, Heavenly Spa by Westin will be offering a complimentary WestinWORKOUT Fitness class for ladies who wish to apply pink nail polish at Suite Nails throughout the month of October.

Mona Ashknani, Director of Support Services Department at QCS, thanked The Westin Doha Hotel and Spa for the gesture, and stressed on the importance of social partnerships in fighting cancer, calling all parties to join hands in order to raise awareness of the disease. “Blossom campaign continues throughout the month and aims to emphasise the importance of periodic examination for the early detection and spreading the culture of healthy lifestyle to prevent it, as well as highlight the health services available in the State of Qatar, activating the society’s role in providing social and financial support to cancer patients,” she said.

FESTIVAL: Kozhikode Jilla Pravasi Association recently organised a cultural event to mark Onam festival celebrations at Shalimar Palace Hotel.
How cruise ship passengers should prepare for sickness or injury at sea

Before making deposit for any cruise, take time to read beyond the company’s marketing material to study the quality of medical accommodations, writes Bruce Horovitz.

Royal Caribbean’s gargantuan Oasis of the Seas boasts four outdoor pools and an 82-foot zip line and made quite a splash shortly after its 2014 refurbishment when it added the first Tiffany & Co. boutique at sea.

But in January 2019, the cruise ship, which bills itself one of the world’s largest, produced less cheerful news: Hundreds of passengers fell ill from the highly contagious norovirus stomach flu.

The Federal Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reported 561 passengers and 31 crew members were treated for the ultra-contagious gastrointestinal illness on a cruise out of Port Canaveral, Fla. That’s more than the total number of passengers who fell ill from the norovirus on every cruise that set sail in 2018, the CDC said.

It could have been worse. As miserable as norovirus is, passengers sometimes face more serious crises at sea. In fact, most cruise ships have morgues on board as well as medical centres.

Last year, 189 deaths were reported on cruises, according to CDC data provided to Kaiser Health News.

With a record 30 million people taking cruises this year, the safety and comfort of guests is of the utmost importance to the cruise industry. The cruise line industry officials strongly disagree.

“The safety and comfort of our guests and our crew is of the utmost importance to the cruise industry - that includes medical facilities and personnel,” said Megan King, a spokeswoman for the Cruise Lines International Association.

There are clear rules and regulations for medical care on cruises. At least one qualified medical professional must be available at all hours on every cruise.

What’s more, all ships that carry at least 250 passengers, have overnight accommodations and embark or disembark in the United States must have an examination room, an intensive care room and equipment for processing lab work, monitoring vital signs and administering medications.

But medical care for passengers who suffer severe injuries or illnesses can be compromised by the limitations of being at sea without the benefit of costly medical equipment and specialised doctors.

“Many doctors on cruise ships are not even emergency room qualified,” said Philip Gerson, a lawyer who for 49 years has been suing cruise ship lines for everything from personal injury to wrongful death. Most of the cases are slip-and-fall incidents that result in orthopedic injuries, he said.

Medical centre hours are limited. Some on-board doctors are not fluent in English. Foreign doctors can be excellent and cruise lines require them to be certified under American standards.

But few passengers realise that some on-board doctors may not speak English well, which can be important in critical situations, Gerson said.

Few passengers know how their health insurance works at sea. Before buying a cruise line ticket, it’s critical to check with your health insurer to see whether and how you’re covered for offshore medical issues, said Brett Rivkind, a Miami-based maritime lawyer who has handled thousands of cruise ship lawsuits over 35 years.

The question to ask: If I get sick or injured on the cruise, how am I covered?

Most passengers don’t buy travel insurance. Travel insurance might sound like a waste of money, which may explain why most passengers don’t buy it, but insurance can save very sick passengers hundreds of thousands of dollars, Rivkind said.

Injured passengers must act as their own investigators. If you slip, fall and break an arm or leg on a cruise ship, it’s critical to quickly act in your own best interests, Gerson said. Take pictures of where you fell (or have someone else do so if you can’t). Get video of the scene, if possible. And, if you get medical care on-board, make certain to request a copy of your medical records. All of this should be emailed to your lawyer, he said.

Some cruise lines try to gather information from passengers for legal reasons. If a cruise line has a passenger injury form that specifically asks what the passenger could have done to prevent the accident, “leave that part of the form blank,” Gerson said. This is the cruise line’s way of trying to shift the blame for the accident or injury.

Being sent off the ship for medical care isn’t always a good thing. When a passenger has a serious medical problem, the ship often will drop the passenger off at the next port for aid, Gerson said.

If the next port is New Jersey, that might be fine, but if the next port is someplace foreign, maybe not, he said. You might consider refusing to get off the ship if you are wary of the medical care at a port, he said.

— Kaiser Health News
Basil has stolen my heart as of late but it is probably not for what you think. It’s not because the foliage such as that of Purple Ruffles as Mississippi Medallion Award Winners is as pretty as a coleus. Nor is it for the culinary delicacy provided by Siam Queen an All-America Selections Award Winner. It is for pollinators.

The fact I am promoting it for pollinators tells all herb lovers and culinary artists I am going polar opposite on recommendations and letting it go to flower as quickly as possible. As you may be aware you are supposed to keep flower buds pinched off and harvest fresh leaves for that mouth-watering pesto sauce and oriental cuisine.

They say you can’t have your cake and eat it too but I suppose you could harvest your leaves for a while, even dry and store, and then let it go flower. Holy pollinator this could be a good idea for gardeners everywhere!

Now let me present what I have been witnessing. Every 10 days or so, I have been going out to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain Ga. This has been one of my favourite places in the country for the last 25 years. Now that I live close by, it makes multiple trips easy and, besides, it’s kind of like the ‘The Garden Guy’s’ day out.

The Cecil B Day Butterfly Center is one of the most famous butterfly conservatories in the country. While I enjoy that aspect, I spend hours outside of the centre browsing the plants to attract butterflies for adult food as well as those plants that sustain their caterpillars, too.

At various intervals in the garden, they have drifts, or sweeps, of blooming basil. It is Thai basil and the blooming stalks are as pretty as salvia. All summer they have been loaded with bees and various butterflies. You’ll find the pollinators as well as those that eat them.

I have concluded that whether you say ‘bay-zil’ or ‘baa-zil’, we’ll all agree on one thing, this is a perfect plant for the landscape, herb or vegetable garden, or backyard wildlife habitat. This plant earns a living from the time it is 12 inches tall until it freezes. If you dried leaves it keeps on giving.

**GROWTH:** Basil blooms to around 2 feet tall and wide.

**TIP:** Harvest just as the flower buds are forming for the most concentrated oils, flavour, and fragrance.

Basil asks for nothing more in the garden than full sun and well-drained soil. Prepare the soil by spreading 3- to 4-inches of organic matter and 1 pound per 100 square feet of a slow-release 5-10-5 fertiliser, and till to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. Set transplants 18- to 24-inches apart. They will grow to around 2 feet tall and wide. Water and apply a layer of mulch. Basil thrives in our warm summer weather and excels in fall plantings as well.

If you want to go dual-purpose eat and finish with the feast of the pollinators, keep it watered, harvested and flower buds pinched and you’ll have a long crop. Harvest just as the flower buds are forming for the most concentrated oils, flavour, and fragrance. Apply a light application of the above fertiliser every 4 to 6 weeks or after harvest.

If you are going for blooms, bees, and butterflies let it bloom as quickly as it wants, maintain moisture and fertiliser, and keep the camera handy. A little deadheading will keep the patch producing and looking good all summer. – TNS

**GARDENING**

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**Basil: culinary artist and pollinator’s delight**

Basil is a perfect plant for the landscape, herb or vegetable garden, or backyard wildlife habitat, writes **Norman Winter**.
The dark and tempting fantasy

A s Joker hits silver screens worldwide, some think it’s the movie of the decade while other think it’s insensitive and should be banned. Yet, some embraced the spirit of Joker’s character, grabbed a bag of popcorn, and enjoyed the ensuing chaos and fights over the movie. Why so serious? Absolutely!

The inspiration for The Joker’s character comes from a 1928 film The Man Who Laughs based on a novel of the same title by Victor Hugo. The main character, Gwynplaine, is sentenced by his king to have his face surgically disfigured into a permanent grin for crimes committed by his father. That sounds an awful lot like a certain psychotic clown killer we know. Joker is based on monochrome movie star Conrad Veidt, who played this character. Though Batman trio Bob Kane, Bill Finger and Jerry Robinson are all credited with creating The Joker, but it was Finger who brought a crucial element into play when he produced an image of V eidt for the movie. The Joker was truly born.

Everyone knows The Joker is Batman’s arch nemesis and the most dangerous and volatile enemy. Beyond that though, it’s difficult to get a sense for who The Joker really is behind that makeup. All of his personal records are nonexistent, making him even more dangerous. In an attempt to deconstruct some of the mystery surrounding this polarising character, and while not accepted as canon, Jack Napier is widely agreed upon as The Joker’s real name. The reason for the confusion lies in the fact that no one at DC Comics can agree on a true origin story for The Joker.

Way back in the 1940s when the first Batman comic was issued, the world’s most iconic clown villain was almost lost forever. The Joker was meant to be killed off at the end of his first run — in the Dark Knight. Luckily, the editor in charge saw potential in The Joker’s character and ordered that additional frames be added that depict the clown coming back to life. The Joker went on to appear in nine of the first 12 Batman comics. The casting of Nicholson as the Joker had a great impact on the role largely due to the fact that the Joker of the comics is much younger than Nicholson. The choice to cast Nicholson resulted in the Joker becoming a middle-aged man, which allowed the writers to script him as the killer of Batman’s parents.

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The Dark Knight bagged an Oscar nomination for Best Make-Up, and some of the credit needs to go to Heath Ledger, who came up with Joker’s distinctive look himself. Picking up white clown make-up and cosmetics from drugstores, Ledger went method and threw together the distinctive look himself. The make-up team then had to reproduce Ledger’s work for each day of filming.

Joker was supposed to cameo in The Dark Knight Rises. After the late Heath Ledger gave such an inspired performance as The Joker in The Dark Knight, it would be difficult for Christopher Nolan to not include Ledger in the sequel. The actor tragically passed away before such an appearance could take place.

In the latest edition, Joaquin Phoenix based his laugh on videos of the ongoing ANOC World Chart history, behind the Beatles and Elvis Presley. As Harry Webb became lead singer of a rock and roll group ‘Drifters’ and had to change his real name, he adopted a first name which suggested ‘Rock’ and took the surname as a tribute to his musical hero. How is he popularly known as? Cliff Richard.

Nostophobia is the abnormal fear or dislike of what?

Returning home.

Name the today’s birthday boy who was born as Harry Rodger Webb in Lucknow (India) and is the third-top-selling artist in UK Singles Chart history, behind the Beatles and Elivs Presley.

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Name the mayor of a city named Batman.

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Poor dietary habits and increased stress linked with acne: Study

Poor dietary habits, increased stress and harsh skincare routines were among the most significant factors associated with acne, according to a study. The research presented at the 28th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congress in Madrid evaluated the exposure to different worsening factors on acne on more than 6,700 participants across six countries.

“For the first time, this study allows us to identify the most important exposome factors relating to acne from patient questioning prior to any treatment prescription,” said the study’s lead researcher Brigitte Dreno from the University Hospital of Nantes in France.

The results showed that significantly more individuals with acne (48.2 per cent) consumed dairy products daily compared to individuals who did not (38.8 per cent).

The difference was also statistically significant for soda juices or syrups (35.6 per cent vs 31 per cent), pastries and chocolate (37 per cent vs 27.8 per cent) and sweets (29.7 per cent vs 19.1 per cent).

Surprisingly 11 per cent of acne sufferers consume whey proteins versus 7 per cent without acne and 11.9 per cent of acne sufferers consume anabolic steroids versus 3.2 per cent without acne.

Exposure to pollution or stress was also more frequently observed in participants with acne compared to control participants.

The research also found that harsh skincare practices were more common in acne sufferers.

Tobacco, which has previously been shown as a potential acne trigger, was not shown to have an influence, the study said. - IANS
**Wordsearch**

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Squares with the same number in have the same letter in. Work out which number represents which letter.

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Sudoku is a puzzle based on a 9x9 grid. The grid is also divided into nine (3x3) boxes. You are given a selection of clues, and to complete the puzzle, you must fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains each of the digits 1 to 9 exactly once.

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**Super Cryptic Clues**

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1 Moving carefully to avoid detection of theft (8)
6 A health resort some patients attend initially (3)
9 Order for fries, perhaps - in place of regular, generally (5)
10 A gift coppers are not happy about (7)
11 Endless large ice formation? (7)
13 A small child the editor carried (5)
14 Maoist converted to his country’s religion (6)
15 17 changes in wine store (6)
19 Navigational aid the same both ways (5)
21 Poison can rise when dissolved? (7)
22 Greek character opposed to Italian wine (7)
23 A short period of enchantment (5)
24 Take legal proceedings against little Susan (3)
25 Writer says site needs development (8)

**Down**
2 Road not repaired in storm (7)
3 Dread having to take part in law exams (3)
4 Print a translation? Not entirely (2, 4)
5 Celebrity in sergeants’ mess (9)
6 Fish seemed to be off (5)
7 Played the part of a cadet at sea (5)
8 Stairs offering escape? (6)
9 A nun cries out for cover (9)
10 A gift coppers are not happy about (7)
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16 Birds left in traps (7)
17 Remember to pay another visit (6)
18 Victory sign changes (6)
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**Answers**
I was in a bad place personally last year: Armaan Malik

Singer Armaan Malik says there was a time when he battled image issues and got over it by learning not to “over-think” about it.

“Mental health is a very important issue amongst teenagers and young adults. Today, social media is a very big influence in youngster’s life as it makes other people’s lives look better than they actually are. The glass is always seen greener on the other side and sometimes gives birth to some complexity amongst individuals and impressionable youngsters,” Armaan said.

“It is important for you all to focus on yourself, take care of yourself and not let social media impact you to such a degree,” he added.

The playback singer gained popularity with many super hit songs like Tu Hi Raun, Neinun Mein Hoon Hero Tera, Hua Hain Aaj Pehli Baar, Sau Aasmaan, Dil Mein Tu Mein among many others.

Opening up a little about himself, he said: “A year back I was in a bad place professionally and personally and I decided to take some down time which really helped me. I started working at a very young age, and I didn’t have enough time to socialise and hang out with my friends, but soon I realised that one needs to make these sacrifices to be successful and this is what makes me who I am today.”

“I encourage everyone of you to find your calling and work really hard towards it. As a youngster I too, like any teenager suffered from acne, and it resulted in a very low self-image, but as I grew up I realised that’s it’s a very normal thing and that we should not overthink it or get depressed because of this as this is just a phase,” he added.

The singer opened up about the importance of mental health at ‘The Happy Place’ event, co-hosted by Mpower and Aditya Birla World Academy.

“I’m so happy to see Mpower leading this beautiful initiative and championing a very important cause. I would like to end by saying that you all should just focus on yourself and your mental well-being,” the singer said.

On the joint initiative, Neerja Birla, Founder and Chairperson, Aditya Birla Education Trust, said: “It is critical that we start young and sensitise children at a younger age about various aspects associated with mental health. To address this critical need, we began The Happy Place, three years ago and since then we have seen a positive change in the perception of children about mental well-being.” – IANS

Rajkumar took cue from real life for Made In China

Actor Rajkummar Rao feels travelling abroad comes with its own set of challenges, and he has included his experiences to bring alive his character in Made In China.

Rajkummar will be seen as Gujarati entrepreneur Raghu Mehta in the Mikhil Musale film, which will narrate his ‘jugaadu’ business journey. Many scenes have been shot in China, and the actor took inspiration from his own experiences to add to his character.

“Travelling abroad comes with its own set of challenges. I faced a major language problem. Even hailing a taxi and explaining to them where I wanted to go was extremely difficult,” Rajkummar said.

“Similarly, ordering food at a restaurant, (since I’m vegetarian), buying something from a local shop etc was all a task. I had to do a lot of juggled to communicate with them properly,” he added.

Divulging more about his process, the actor said: “When Mikhil was narrating this sequence to me, I told him about my experiences. He felt that including it in the film for my character Raghu Mehta will make the scenario more relatable to me while performing as well as to the audience who would be watching it.”

Dinesh Vijan presents Made In China in association with Jio Studios. A Maddock Films production, the film also stars Mouni Roy, Paresh Rawal and Gajraj Rao. It is written and directed by Musale, who is making his Hindi directorial debut with the film. It is slated to release around the upcoming Diwali. – IANS

Kriti calls Varun Dhawan a ‘liar’

It seems actors Kriti Sanon and Varun Dhawan share a crazy bond of friendship with each other.

Kriti recently appeared on Sophie Choudry’s fitness show Work It Up where she practiced her favourite exercises and conversed about her Dilwale co-star Varun.

In a tête-à-tête with Kriti, Sophie told her that she called Varun to get some gup about her and he had said that Kriti did not do any work out while shooting Dilwale (Main kya gup doon. Usne Dilwale mein workout hi nahi kiya.”

Reacting to it, Kriti called him a “liar”.

“Kitna bada jhoota hai. I used to work out, I remember. Sometimes we used to even co-ordinate,” she added.

Kriti also shared that Varun “is a freak to work out with”. The episode was streamed on VOOT yesterday. – IANS

Alia ‘terribly’ misses her mother Soni

Actress Alia Bhatt, who was “terribly” missing her mother Soni Randan, shared a heartfelt note, which was written to her by the latter.

Alia on Saturday took to Instagram and wrote: “One of those days where I miss my mother terribly and find this by my bedside to read every now and then and get reminded of how much I love you.”

The note read: “Darling Alia, This is for you to keep by your bedside to read every now and then and get reminded of how much I love you.”

The mother-daughter duo have worked together in Dhadak and Kalank. They both have often expressed their love for each other on social media.

Alia ‘terribly’ misses her mother Soni

- IANS
Kevin Hart crash report reveals reckless driving and no seat belts

By Christi Carras

Last month’s car crash in Calabasas that left comedian Kevin Hart with major back injuries involved reckless driving and no seat belt use, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The CHP accident report, released Thursday and obtained by the Associated Press, also contained additional information regarding the state of Hart’s souped-up 1970 Plymouth Barracuda and more specifics about the nature of the accident.

The driver, Jared Black, was turning on to Mulholland Highway near Malibu before accelerating and losing control of the vehicle, which then veered down an embankment and collided with a tree, the report says.

The car reportedly crashed the oncoming lane of traffic and descended down the embankment, hitting a vinyl fence and also the tree with enough force to uproot it, sending it rolling down the hill. The back of the vehicle catapulted skyward while its roof also hit the tree, resulting in a smashed top and sides and rendering some of the doors unable to open.

The jumanji star has also spoken out about the incident, finally, offering words of support for Black, 28, and Black’s fiancée, Rebecca Broxterman, 31, who was seated in the rear of the car during the crash but sustained less serious injuries than the other two.

“ar have nothing but love for Jared and wish him and Rebecca a speedy recovery,” Hart said in a statement provided to The Times on Friday via his attorney.

Hart’s attorney, Andrew Brettler, also gave an update on the 40-year-old comic’s condition, revealing that he is scaling down his professional commitments while he recovers from his injuries and does physical therapy. The actor has recently been working at a limited capacity while promoting his upcoming film, Jumanji: The Next Level, though he’s not expected to return at 100% until next year.

The Night School producer and star left the scene of the crash after he exited the car, which had recently undergone some snazzy alterations, including the addition of a 6.4 Liter Hemi V-8 supercharged engine. First responders had to remove Black and Broxterman, who were trapped inside. According to the CHP’s investigators, further evidence collected from the Plymouth indicated no one had been wearing a seat belt.

The report also concluded that Black had violated the law, though he was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs while operating the vehicle. It’s unclear whether charges will be brought.

Soon after news broke that Hart had been rushed to Northridge Hospital Medical Center with major injuries, Hollywood sent its love and well wishes to him via social media. Some of the funnymen’s current and former co-stars, including Nicole Kidman, Dwayne Johnson and Bryan Cranston, posted photos with their friend, accompanied by emotional captions.

“Stop messing with my emotions brother @ kevinhart4real,” Johnson wrote on Instagram. “We have a lot more laughing to do together. Love you man. Stay strong.”

The CHP did not immediately respond to The Times’ request for records. – Los Angeles Times/TNS

Menzel the evil stepmother of Cinderella?

Grammy Award-winning actress Idina Menzel is in negotiations to join Camila Cabello in Cinderella as the evil stepmother.

The modern musical version of the classic fairytale is directed and written by Kay Cannon.

Menzel is poised to play Evelyn, the evil stepmother. The report comes after news that Pose star Billy Porter is in negotiations for the role of the fairy godmother, reports Variety.com.

The stepmother’s role, also known as Lady Tremaine, is based on the original character from the fairy tale created by Charles Perrault in the 17th century.

Cinderella is set to shoot in London in February next year. The Sony musical will open on February 5, 2021.

Cabello came on to the project in April. She will be involved in the music for the project, which grew out of an original idea from James Corden. The film will be produced by Corden and Leo Pearlman through their Fulwell73 banner.

The new Cinderella will be a music-oriented version of the traditional tale of the orphaned girl with an evil stepmother. Disney’s 1950 animated drama has received two live-action remakes: 1997’s version starring Brandy and Whitney Houston and Kenneth Orourke as Cinderella, and 2015 version starring Lily James. The latter grossed $543 million worldwide.

Theron’s kids feel their unusual family is ‘awesome’

Actress Charlize Theron says her children are aware that they’re an unusual family, and they think it is awesome.

“My kids are very aware that we’re an unusual family and they don’t even question it because I just always made sure that they knew exactly who we were as a family, and what we stood for, and what our values were, and that kindness and treating others the way you want to be treated is the way you go through life,” variety.com quoted Theron as saying when asked how she explains diversity to her children.

“They just think they’re awesome. They think our family is awesome, and I think they’re right. Our family is pretty awesome,” added the actress, who is a mother to two adopted black daughters.

Theron also opened up about her upcoming animated film The Addams Family. In the new film, the Addams are single out in their New Jersey neighbourhood for their “abnormal behaviour”.

“I think we are so scared of morbid things that we freak out kids out,” said Theron, adding: “Like anything in life, the more you talk about stuff, the more you turn the light on in the room and it’s not so dark and it’s not so scary.”

Talking about the legacy of the Addams clan, the actress said: “When you think of (the Addamses) being around since the sixties, that’s pretty powerful – that they’ve always had their same values. But, this moment and time, there needs to be so much more encouragement.”

DIVERSE: Charlize Theron says: ‘The kids know exactly who we were as a family and what we stood for.’

“We need to question the norm a little bit more and we need to find kindness and understanding for others that might not look like us or might not talk like us or might not sound like us.

So, to be a part of something like that, and I know children and their families are going to go see that, if that grabs them somewhere in their heart to think about things a little differently. We would that be great,” she added. – IANS
Dandiya dance and colourful costumes shine at Navratri festival

By Mudassir Raja

The event dubbed ‘D3 Festival – Dance Disco Dandiya’ was recently held by The Wirohub Events and Media at the Al Dana Club. It featured a brilliant line-up of DJs to spin top garba and dandiya beats in Doha.

Live dhol (drum) music and food stalls with Indian cuisine were available. There were trophies for guests such as best dancer, best dressed and best couple. Local DJs Willy and Arun entertained the crowd and made them dance the whole night. Celebrity DJ Roopali, who came all the way from Ahmedabad in India, played the traditional garba and Gujrati song. People of all ages came with families and enjoyed the festival. Traditional handicraft stalls were also available at the venue.

Speaking to Community, Mohamed Omer Khan, one of the organisers, said: “It was jam-packed Navratri, a traditional Indian festival event where a crowd of more than 3,200 people witnessed the colourful art and cultural activities and the live food stalls serving tasty Indian dishes, a humungous stage, amusing sound, and lights display, live dhol and LED walls for a dash of effervescence. The chief guest on the occasion was Mohammad Sohail Bukhari, a renowned businessman in Doha, who gave away awards to the winners in different contests.

“The special prizes were awarded for the best dressed male and female attendees, along with the awards for the best dancers – including best child dancers. The oldest – ‘young at heart’ – couple was awarded for their enthusiasm and several other gifts were freely distributed to other deserving members of the audience.”

Omer further said: “Dj Roopali entertained the crowd with her melodious beats while Dj Willy had them swinging to the rhythm of popular Bollywood remixes. One of the highlights of the entertaining evening was the large ‘Garba’ circle that had all those in attendance forming a huge oval shaped formation.

“Garba is a traditional folk dance celebrated during the Navratri festival. The dance styles vary from place to place in India and the traditional costume of the dancers is in red, pink, yellow, orange, and brightly coloured chanya, choli dupatta, big mirror motifs adorned with heavy jewellery such as necklaces, sparkling bangles, waist belts, and long oxidised earrings.”

The organiser added: “Traditionally men wear an ethnic costume and a pajama or a dhoti with an oxidised bracelet and necklace rounded off with a colourful turban. “The dandiya dance has both men and women generally operating in two circular formations with partners facing each other and touching their dandiyas – wooden sticks – to rhythmic beats before moving on to the next person in the opposite circle.”

Explaining the Navrati festival, Omer said: “It is a typical Indian festival that spans over nine nights and 10 days and it is celebrated every year in different parts of the country, especially in the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan. The festival generally falls in the months of September and October. “The main sponsors of the ‘D3 Festival – Dance Disco Dandiya’ were Tea Time, 7 Spices Mumbai and Royal Regis. Asian Medical Centre was the health partner. Radio One Fm 89.6 was the radio partner and Qatar Living was the official media partner for the event.”

Subramanya Hebbagalis, a prominent member of the Indian community, said: “It was an exciting experience to celebrate the festival with a big gathering in an electrifying atmosphere. The Navrati festival is celebrated earnestly by the Indian community in Qatar. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate the occasion with large numbers of people at one place. “People wearing colourful traditional dresses were entertained with popular Bollywood songs. The most exciting were the kids who enjoyed the festival with their parents. It is like learning their traditions from their parents.

“Further, such kinds of events help in developing a real sense of community among the Indian expatriates. As they live and working away from home in a friendly country, the get an opportunity to enjoy the occasion together and socialise with each other.”