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Wednesday, July 3, 2019

PRAYER TIME

Fajr 3:17am
Shoroq (sunrise) 4:49am
Zuhr (noon) 11:30am
Asr (afternoon) 3:03pm
Maghreb (sunset) 6:30pm
Isha (night) 8pm

SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME

DIRECTION: Jon Watts
CAST: Tom Holland, Samuel L. Jackson, Jake Gyllenhaal
SYNOPSIS: Following the events of Avengers: Endgame,
Spider-Man must step up to take on new threats in a world that has changed forever.

THEATRES: The Mall, Landmark, Royal Plaza

UNDAY

DIRECTION: Khalid Rahman
CAST: Mammootty, Shine Tom Chacko, Arjun Asokan
SYNOPSIS: The film open the eyes to the gap between the administration, the bureaucracy, and the working force.

THEATRES: Landmark, Royal Plaza

THE MALL CINEMA (1): Article 15 (Hindi) 2pm; Toy Story 4 (2D) 4:15pm; Kabir Singh (Hindi) 6pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 9pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 11:30pm.
The Mall Cinema (2): Aladdin (2D) 2:15pm; Annabelle Comes Home (2D) 4:30pm; Annabelle Comes Home (2D) 6:30pm; El Mamar (Arabic) 8:30pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 11pm.
The Mall Cinema (3): Toy Story 4 (2D) 2pm; Aladdin (2D) 3:45pm; Anna (2D) 6pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 8pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 10:30pm.

LANDMARK CINEMA (1): Kabir Singh (Hindi) 2pm; Men In Black International (2D) 3pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 5pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 7pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 9:15pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 11:30pm.

ROYAL PLAZA CINEMA PALACE (1): Toy Story 4 (2D) 3pm; Kabir Singh (Hindi) 5pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 8pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 10:30pm.

ROYAL PLAZA CINEMA PALACE (2): Article 15 (Hindi) 2:30pm; Toy Story 4 (2D) 5pm; Annabelle Comes Home (2D) 7pm; Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 9pm.

ROYAL PLAZA CINEMA PALACE (3): Spider-Man: Far From Home (2D) 6:45pm; El Mamar (Arabic) 8:30pm; El Mamar (Arabic) 11:15pm.

QUOTE UNQUOTE

“...control is myself and just keep having a positive attitude...”
— Rose Namajunas
**EVENTS**

**Film Club**  
WHERE: Qatar National Library  
WHEN: Tomorrow  
TIME: 5:30pm onwards  
Ever wondered how movies look from the other side of the camera? Join our Film Club and learn how to watch films with a filmmaker’s perspective.

**Learn how to make frames**  
WHERE: Qatar National Library  
TIME: 4:30pm onwards  
Get creative and design your own frame for your special photograph or artwork. This workshop is for girls only.

**MF Hussain: The Horses Of The Sun Exhibition**  
WHERE: Matat: Arab Museum of Modern Art  
WHEN: Ongoing till July 31

**TIME: 9am – 7pm**  
The exhibition presents Husain’s pluralist approach to the divine and cosmic aspects of being, articulated through the myths, symbols and narratives of the world’s religions and philosophies. M. F. Husain: Horses of the Sun bears witness to a recurrent motif in his art, a personal symbol of self-renewal and vitality.

**Summer Entertainment City**  
WHERE: DECC  
WHEN: Ongoing till July 13  
TIME: 5pm – 11pm  
The biggest indoor VR and Gaming zone, over 50 new activities and 45 food options along with 114 retail shops, for the whole family under one roof. Entry fee QR15 per head.

**India to Qatar – Symbiosis of Cultures**  
WHERE: FBQ Museum  
WHEN: Ongoing till July 31  
Under the context of cultural exchange, FBQ Museum brings together the treasures of the museum owned collection in order to promote mutual understanding, recognition and appreciation between Qatar and India. Composed of five main topics, including community, trade, arts, food and incense, the exhibition takes one on a journey to explore the rich and diverse Indian cultures, the long historic links between Qatar and India, and cultural similarities between Qatar and India.

**Ballet Lessons**  
WHERE: Music and Arts Atelier  
WHEN: Ongoing  
TIME: 6pm – 8pm  
For more info e-mail at registration@ateliernaqatar.com or call on 3300839.

**Summer Camp for Special Needs**  
WHERE: Step by Step Centre for Special Needs  
WHEN: Ongoing till August 1  
TIME: 8:00am – 12:30pm  
During this time, all therapists and teachers will be working together, running individual, peer and group sessions within classes. The children will continue learning age-appropriate concepts, work on social skills, life skills training, arts and crafts, music, and fun activities such as water play.

**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, call 55448835.

**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.

**After School Activities**  
WHERE: Studio  
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.

**Hobby Classes**  
WHERE: Mamangam Performing Art Centre  
WHEN: Wednesday – Monday  
Mamangam Performing Art Centre, is a holistic performing arts institution and a one stop solution for adults as well as children looking to explore their talents in various art forms. We offer classes in contemporary, Bollywood, hip hop, indian classical dance, music (Hindustani and Carnatic), arts and craft, karate, yoga, percussion (Chenda, Thimila, Elathalam and Madhalam), violin, harmonium, public speaking.

Additional services include dance education, choreograph music videos and dance cover albums, choreograph dance musical projects, corporate workshops and events, choreograph events for schools, colleges, alumni meets and corporate and choreography events. For details, contact 31897609.

**Arabic Calligraphy Workshop**  
WHERE: Saturday – Wednesday  
TIME: 8pm  
Arabic Calligraphy workshop is back. Come and learn the artistic practice of Arabic handwriting and calligraphy at Music and Arts Atelier. The lessons will take place every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at 8pm. For more information, contact registration@ateliernaqatar.com

**Dance and Instrument Classes**  
WHERE: TCA Campus, Behind Gulf Times Building  
WHEN: Wednesday – Monday  
Learn the movements of dance styles in Bollywood, Hip Hop and also the musical instruments such as Piano, Guitar, Keyboard for adults as well kids and move in the world of music. For details, contact 66523871/31326749.
We were told it was over for us at 40, says Naomi

I’ve seen a really powerful change happening in front of the camera, and behind the camera in the last couple of years. And that’s the heartening side of this story (#MeToo)

— Naomi Watts, Hollywood actress

By Sugandha Rawal

There was a time when actresses were told their career would be over at 40 in Hollywood, but not anymore. The Loudest Voice star Naomi Watts feels a lot has changed for women in the industry.

Actors are often under pressure to look a certain way which is deemed important to sell their image. But has the pressure changed for women over all these years?

“I think that has always been there, definitely. And you know, there was a time when we were told that come the age of 40, it was all over...and that has changed,” Watts said during The Loudest Voice press conference call.

“In terms of being told that we have to look good, I think we want to look good, but we want to be taken seriously and there’s no reason that the two things can’t co-exist.

“For the red carpet, yes, I want to look my absolute best and I use professional help to create something that looks good, but it has not been so because I’ve been instructed to. I make that choice myself. I’m in charge of the decision making as to how I present myself,” added the 50-year-old.

Her resume is a testament to her versatility, her chameleon-like quality to get into the skin of any character and how to avoid being typecast.

With two Oscar nominations, her work profile shines with box-office hits like King Kong, The Ring, The Divergent series, and roles in critically acclaimed films like Birdman, Mulholland Drive and 21 Grams.

Now, she will be seen living the life of journalist Gretchen Carlson in Showtime limited series The Loudest Voice, which dramatises the rise and fall of Carlson’s former boss, Fox News creator Roger Ailes (essayed by Russell Crowe).

The show spotlights Ailes’ history of sexual abuse, and Carlson’s landmark sexual harassment lawsuit against Ailes that led to his ouster.

Watts says the #MeToo movement has ushered in a “really powerful change”.

“I would say there has been a significant change and not necessarily one that I thought I would witness in such a dramatic way... I hoped...
Hemsworth just want to stay at home with kids

Chris Hemsworth feels he has spent his whole career chasing one thing after another, and now wants to live in the moment. The actor has decided not to shoot anything more this year, to stay at home now with his three children in Australia.

After steering projects like Home and Away and J.J. Abrams’ Star Trek, Hemsworth scored his big break in 2011 with film Thor, embarking on the journey of becoming one of the biggest and bankable movie stars in the world. I have spent so many years... I think my whole career, kind of looking so far ahead and chasing that world. (Thinking I should go for) this thing and that thing and (thinking) if I get this job, and maybe this is it,” Hemsworth told IANS while looking back at the time when he started his journey in showbiz.

The constant rush, he says, can be; for one, exhausting and two, “you are never in the moment enjoying the process”. “I am trying to just be more present. And that gives me greater sense of comfort and not out of ‘Oh, I have made it. I can sit back and rest’! It is just more of appreciating and enjoying it now,” Hemsworth added.

The tall and handsome actor wants to take a moment to appreciate things in his life, but doesn’t want to take things for granted.

“You don’t want to get comfortable in the sense that you are sitting back and taking it for granted and thinking ‘That’s it, I have made it... Unless, you are quite okay with not working in and just be where you are,” Hemsworth said when asked whether he is getting comfortable with his position in Hollywood. “I do feel more comfortable now and not out of thinking because ‘I have made it’... If you would have asked me 10 years ago about what my dream scenario with career in life would be, this will be it. “I am really sort of trying to appreciate this experience in this moment now,” added the actor, who will soon be seen in Sony Pictures’ Men In Black: International.

“I was just on the Avengers: Endgame press tour, and I was reading scripts for another job and talking about the next thing. And I was like ‘This is crazy. One of the biggest film of all time is releasing and I am already thinking about something else!’ I had to say, I don’t want to talk about it for few weeks?” He has made up his mind now — well, almost.

“This year, I will probably won’t shoot anything. I have shot Dhaka at the start of the year. I just want to be at home now with my kids. They are at a very important age. They are still young at the moment. And they are aware when I leave more than before.

“If I am like, if there is ever a chance where I could stop and just be at home, this is it. So I am just going to enjoy that for the moment, and see what happens,” he said with a chuckle and a gleam in his eyes as he spoke about his family.

Hemsworth is married to Elsa Pataky, and has a daughter named India Rose and twin sons Sasha and Tristan. For now, Hemsworth, who has featured in projects like Ghostbusters and Snow White and the Huntsman, is happy to be associated with the legacy of Men In Black.

Men in Black: International will take place in the same universe as the previous trilogy with Emma Thompson back as Agent O. Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson portray the new agents dealing with aliens. The plot centres on a mole in the Men in Black organisation.

Sony Pictures Entertainment India will release Men In Black: International in India on June 14 in Hindi, English, Tamil and Telugu.

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IBPC organises special speaker series

The Indian Businessmen and Professionals Council (IBPC), working under the patronage of the Embassy of India, recently organised a special speaker series ‘Leadership and Meditation’ for the members of IBPC Women’s Wing. Topics, including Self Leadership and Meditation and its benefits were discussed on the occasion. Ritu Kumaran, wife of the Ambassador of India, was the chief guest on the occasion. Azim Abbas, President of IBPC, welcomed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted how the IBPC platform will help foster the growth and empowerment of women. He also emphasised on how IBPC would help achieve a long term goal of benefiting both the Indian and Qatari business community with wider participation of women from the Indian community.

On the occasion, Ritu Kumaran spoke on importance of interpreting and using accuracy in the right way. Marie Quigley, Founder of Empower World and professional learning and development coach, delivered a motivational speech on Selfleadership, and how it is not restricted to any position and age. She said, “Everyone has this selfleadership quality, which is within each personality and there is no specific time to develop that. It is important that women should come out from their comfort zone and to develop by their own actions, strengthen abilities, resilience, appreciating other and self.” Padmini Sundar delivered a presentation on Meditation and its benefits, and then later conducted a session on meditation. She talked about the importance and requirement of meditation and heartfulness practice in our day-to-day life. She also highlighted how the same can aid multitasking and help balance the different roles held by women in their life. The event was sponsored by QIECO Medical. Sameer al-Saeed gave a presentation of latest technology of beauty care and wellness. The event was compered by Ushas Andrews, Head Co-ordinator of Women’s Wing at IBPC. Sumit Malhotra, Vice President of IBPC, proposed a vote of thanks.

IIQS-Qatar conducts its sixth CPD event of 2019

Indian Institute of Quantity Surveyors – Qatar Chapter (IIQS-Qatar) associated to Indian Business and Professionals Council (IBPC) under the aegis of Embassy of India, recently organised its sixth Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of 2019 event at Concorde Hotel. This event was attended by over 40 members and guests. Subroto Mukherji, Executive Manager at Qatar Design Consortium (QDC), delivered a lecture on Air-conditioning of 2022 FIFA World Cup stadiums covering the planning, design and engineering aspects maintaining ambient temperature for spectators and players in stadiums, which was followed by an informative lecture relating to the introduction of Fire Alarm Systems by Nithin Sathyasheelan, Sr. ELV Engineer at QDC. Venkata Narasimha Reddy, Treasurer at IIQS-Qatar, welcomed the gathering and compered the event. The speakers were felicitated by Sunil Kamalaksha, IIQS-Qatar Sports / Recreation Committee; Kiran, IIQS-Qatar General Secretary; and Anshul Gupta, IIQS-Qatar President. Anshul Gupta proposed a vote of thanks. IIQS-Qatar is planning to conduct APC Workshops for MRICS aspirants to help them achieve chartered membership of RICS-UK.
The students of Istituto Di Moda Burgo – Qatar showcase in Milan

The students of Istituto Di Moda Burgo – Qatar (IMB QATAR) recently showcased their collection at Milan Spring Summer Fashion Show 2019 hosted by Istituto Di Moda Burgo Milan, Italy. With three mood-boards chosen for the students, the collection featured silhouettes ranging from casual clothing, evening wear and modest beach wear, for both men and women.

One of the collections, Woodstock Revival, featured bright hues with hippie tint of glamour as an ode to one of the most important and avant-garde musical events in history. Woodstock, Woodstock is all set to mark its 50th anniversary this August 2019. Shining glamour with sequins and feathers – bohemian vibe that caterwauled glamour made it to the runway. Although Woodstock has been one of the most important festivals in history of music, but recently apart from music and singers that perform, it has been making waves for the outfits and styles that are spotted there.

El Faro at Marsa Malaz Kempinski welcomes star chef

Javier Aranda, two-time Michelin star guest chef, has recently launched the newly revamped El Faro restaurant as an ode to his background and love for Spanish cuisine, stated a press release. Celebrating the restaurant’s grand opening, Doha’s socialites, VIPs, and media representatives attended the event where they sampled some of the new items on the menu, including Spanish favourites; tapas and paella. With an entrance similar to that of a Spanish Mercado, marketplace, everyone felt like they have been transferred to Spain as they entered the newly revamped restaurant.

The restaurant’s menu has now been revamped by Chef Javier Aranda, offering exclusive tapas, the high energy nucleus of the new restaurant’s concept. The main seating area provides a full dinner menu featuring highlights from across the Spanish regions influenced by Spanish, Portuguese, and British cuisines, or what is known as the Iberian Peninsula. Special weekly promotions such as Vive La Noche (Long live the night), Chica’s night, Paella Night and Tapa Locas all of which to be launched in July, aim to create a gastronomic experience that captures the essence of what makes Spanish cuisine unique.

Attributing his success to his grandfather’s influence on him, Chef Javier Aranda, is considered a key figure in the industry. The two-time Michelin-starred Chef has two venues in Madrid, including La Cabra and Gaytán and is one of the youngest rising stars in the Spanish culinary scene. He is adamant to bring Doha some of his country’s flavours, intertwined with his signature flare.

Chef Javier Aranda said, “I am delighted to be here to participate in the re-launch of El Faro, a first for me in Doha. My vision is to have everyone here experience an authentic cuisine from Spain, one that I am personally passionate about.”

The restaurant’s unique décor featuring a Picasso-inspired brick wall, Spanish inspired ‘Mercado’ (marketplace) displaying various Spanish-sourced products, and a chalkboard wall serves as conduit for the Spanish sensation.

Raghu Menon, General Manager of the Kempinski Marsa Malaz, added, “We are ecstatic to have Javier steer El Faro with his team in the reopening of this iconic Spanish restaurant in Doha. We are confident the restaurant will be the place to be for traditional Spanish food and ambience.”
Nando’s Qatar winner to compete in Master Griller’s Challenge 2019

Every year Nando’s from all over the world organises inter-casa competition in their respective region to choose the finalists for the Master Griller Challenge. The best of the best then go on to compete against each other to win the title for the Master Griller and represents their country at the finals.

After month-long rounds of competition, Nando’s Qatar has recently announced Joey Saturnino Manzano as its winner from Salwa Road branch, who will represent Qatar in Dublin, Ireland for the Nando’s Master Griller’s 2019, stated a press release.

At the finals, the famous social media influencers, including Q from I Love Qatar, Food Sheikh and Food Sheikha along with Nando’s Superfan Layth Elnegres were asked to rate a perfectly Flamed-Grilled chicken based on the presentation, texture, juiciness, perfect flame-grill marks, hygiene and flavour. During the winner announcement ceremony, Magnus Potgieter, Learning and Development Manager of Nando’s Qatar, said, “In Nando’s, we believe it is not about the chicken but people who make the chicken. Master Griller challenge is Nando’s way of giving it back to the Nandocas (people who work at Nando’s) with passion and dedication every single day. All of our finalists performed spectacularly well and put their heart and soul to win the title. Also, throughout the competition, we have had great support from the local food experts, social media influencers and the judges at the finals to help us get our winner this year. The grand finale is going to be fierce. We are excited and proud that we have our best griller to represent us in Dublin.”

BPS observes Book Week

The Kindergarten Section of Birla Public School (BPS) recently observed a week-long Book Week. The parents of the students were felicitated during the week with the theme of ‘Mom and Dad – You are a part of our story land’. Various stories were put on display and parents were invited to narrate them to the students. A special assembly was also organised to felicitate the parents along with performance and music. The students also reviewed their favourite story book. Speaking on the occasion, A P Sharma, Principal of BPS, said, “Give the children roots to stay grounded and wings to soar high.”

MES marks Doctors’ Day

The students of Kindergarten Section of MES Indian School (MES) recently marked Doctors’ Day. A special assembly was organised to honour the selfless and dedicated services rendered by the doctors in ensuring the well-being of the individuals and communities. Students were dressed up as doctors, nurses and paramedics. Students also spoke about the role of the doctors besides providing tips to lead a safe and sound life on the occasion. The children also spoke about the Dos and the Don’ts required for a healthy lifestyle, which was followed by a theme performance.
A mammoth question: Should we revive extinct species?

Every year, hundreds of species become extinct – and humans are usually to blame. Some researchers think they could reverse the losses with the help of modern technology. But not everyone is on board with the idea, write Gioia Forster, Christian Thiele and Christina Horsten

The death last year of Sudan the rhinoceros in Kenya made news around the world. He was a celebrity in the animal world, the last male northern white rhino on Earth.

With his death, the subspecies almost went extinct. But science could help save it; there are still two females alive and frozen sperm available. Using modern technology, scientists in Berlin are working to create a baby northern white rhino.

To enhance the world’s biodiversity, some researchers are going one step further: they would like to revive animals that in some cases died out thousands of years ago. The woolly mammoth is one of them.

The procedures are still being tested, says Steven Seet from the IZW. Eggs have been taken from northern white rhinos in zoos and inseminated with sperm from the dead male in a laboratory.

A female from the closely related southern white rhino subspecies could carry the baby. The procedures are still being done by Church and others leads to a true-to-life model of a woolly mammoth is lifted onto a plinth at a recreational park in Meierburg, Germany.

The animal is not being cloned since the genetic material of the mammoth that has been found is not sufficient. Instead, Church and his team are extracting certain DNA sections from the mammoth genome and inserting them into elephant cells. They are using new technologies such as the CRISPR-Cas9 molecular scissors, which can be used to precisely cut DNA.

Strictly speaking, it is not a mammoth that is being created, but a completely new animal.

“We’re trying to make an elephant that is resistant to the cold and to poaching,” Church says. You could for instance decrease the size of the animal’s tusks to lower the poaching risk. But first results that will resemble elephants are not expected for at least another four years.

On the US West Coast, meanwhile, Ben Novak wants to use similar methods to resurrect the passenger pigeon. It used to fly in huge flocks over the United States, but became extinct at the end of the 19th century. It will probably be another five to 10 years before the first chicks hatch, according to the researcher at the University of California in Santa Cruz.

“Some time after 2025 is possible, but more likely closer to 2030,” Novak says.

The only animal subspecies that has so far actually been revived is the Pyrenean ibex. The last animal died in 2000, but before his death a cell sample was removed and frozen for cloning. The cloned fawn – carried by another kind of ibex – survived for only a few minutes after its caesarean birth.

Advocates for de-extinction – the revival of extinct animal species – insist that their work is not about cloning. The cloned fawn – carried by another kind of ibex – survived for only a few minutes after its caesarean birth.

“We want to bring biotech to conservation ... to create a more bio-diverse, bio-abundant world,” says Ryan Phelan, the head of the organisation Revive and Restore, which supports projects like those of the mammoth and passenger pigeon.

But many scientists disagree. "This is a waste of time," says evolutionary biologist Stuart Pimm from Duke University in the US city of Durham.

To save species from extinction, you have to solve the actual problem, he says: the conflict between human and animal. The research being done by Church and others leads to dangerous negligence, in Pimm’s view. He argues that if killing off and then reviving a species were an option, there would be no need to care about conservation any more.

Pimm also cannot help but wonder: “What would we do with a woolly mammoth?”

Church already has an answer to that question. He wants to settle the mammoth elephant in Siberia. This way, a giant, barely inhabited area would be used to create an ecosystem for a new species.

And “we could help slow down climate change,” he says. The mammoths would stomp down the snow and help prevent the ground from thawing. This would in turn lead to fewer greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane making their way into the atmosphere.

Nikita Zimov is eagerly awaiting the newcomers. The Russian scientist is in charge of a vast nature reserve in eastern Siberia, which is meant to one day again feature grassland – as was the case during the last ice age, when mammoths roamed the region.

If successful, Church has promised to send the first mammoth to Pleistocene Park, Zimov says.

But a single animal will not make much difference in the fight against climate change.

Zimov says many, many more are needed: “To have meaningful impact on the climate, I would say thousands – hundreds of thousands.” – DPA
The much awaited Doha Metro is now nearly two months old with almost all the city dwellers akin to the Red line that was put into operation on May 8.

The Launch of the Doha Metro literally not just brought places closer but even commuters and communities alike. It was heartening to see a Qatari family sit beside a Sri Lankan family in the gold class and a young Qatari kid clench the Doha metro information pamphlet as well as a young kid use the self-help service at the ticketing counter with the assistance of his father. There were over 40,000 people who took the metro in the first week of its operations. It takes approximately 30 minutes from the Wakrah Metro Depot to the last (presently operating) stop on the red line which is the Qassar Depot; the last stop is actually the Lusail Depot but was not in operation on May 8. When fully operational, it will also connect to the Hamad International Airport. The feeder buses were also put in to operation from day one whereby commuters could use this transport facility to get closer to their final destination – be it their home or the place they are visiting.

The red line of Doha Metro runs for approximately 40 kms in its entirety from Wakrah to Lusail and has 18 metro stops the major ones being Katara, West Bay and Qatar University. The Msheireb Metro Stop, which is also named as the Souq Waqif stop, will be the hub as it will connect with the other two lines, Green and Gold, in the near future. On my journey I was pleasantly surprised to meet the German Ambassador to Qatar Hans-Udo Muzel who proudly showed me his ticket that he purchased and was doing a recce to showcase how the football fans will use the metro during Qatar 2022.

— Text and photos by Bosco Menezes @bigbfotografi

Connecting people by proximity
5 ways that can help you take care of jewellery this monsoon

The pitter-patter of rain may bring immense joy, but it certainly is not a good sign for jewellery, say experts. Sumeet Dhanraj, Director and Creative Head of Dhanraj Jewelers, and Saumya Ghai, Designer and Merchandiser at Shaya by CaratLane, have suggested some self-care tips to help protect your ornaments in this damp weather:

1- Gold jewellery is prone to catching dust and dirt quickly when kept in a humid environment. Hence, during monsoon one must use warm soapy water to clean gold ornaments.

2- When it comes to jewellery such as pearls, coral or amber, it would be advisable to keep them in separate boxes. Do not mix them with other gemstones as scratches are inevitable.

Furthermore, gemstones need to be given proper care and attention. Pearls are delicate and direct contact with perfumes and sprays might damage them. If adequate precautions are not taken while storing them, it is likely to develop scratches.

3- Moisture can affect metal alloy used to make ornaments and cause it to lose its original lustre. To prevent this from happening, store your jewellery in a box with a sturdy exterior and a soft interior, which would do half the job for you by keeping the humidity and moisture out.

Meanwhile, the soft interior would save the articles from probable friction and help retain their natural sheen.

4- Over-exposure to air and humidity can damage your delicate silver. It’s advisable to store silver jewellery in individual, air-tight bags with an anti-tarnish properties paper. These types of bags minimise air exposure and keep the jewellery new for a longer period of time.

5- Keep the jewellery away from water as much as possible, since the contaminants in water can result in tarnished and dull looking silver. If your jewellery gets wet, take a soft cloth, dab the water out and blow dry the jewellery before storing it.

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Aries

March 21 – April 19

The next few weeks will be full of changes in your personal life. Aries. Your relationships will evolve. You have convivial relations with your friends, but you need to keep an eye on your strong personality and let others express themselves. Try to stay vigilant. You can’t impose your views on other people all the time.

Cancer

June 21 – July 22

You’re a real charmer. None of your friends can resist you. Cancer. Today you should try to put the finishing touches to your personality. Indeed, you will be able to benefit from the planetary alignment as you interact with others. You will look for a little more authenticity in your personal and professional relations.

Libra

September 23 – October 22

Today you may have a difference of opinion with a relative. You will try to resolve this problem. You will be irritated by this present situation, and almost feel that your relationship has been altered for good. There is probably just a lack of communication between you. You have to try to work things out together.

Capricorn

December 22 – January 19

Even though you should watch your finances, you have a tendency to spend a lot of money, Capricorn. Happily, you have the opportunity to make a lot of profit. Your investments are solid, and you will soon benefit from them. Don’t spend your newfound wealth on frivolous things. You will fulfil your objectives if you’re vigilant.

Scorpio

October 23 – November 21

You’re an emotional person, Scorpio. You can easily be destabilised by something you read in the news or see on television. Why are you saddened or hurt by the problems of the world? If you’ve felt some violence surrounding you lately, you will be happy to know that you can heal your wounds today.

Aquarius

January 20 – February 18

You often neglect your health and body. Your equilibrium suffers from this, Aquarius. The time has come to consider a medical checkup just to be on the safe side. You love to discover new things. Your thirst for knowledge incites you to expend a lot of energy. Try to find the time to rest and relax. Avoid all unnecessary effort.

Gemini

May 21 – June 20

You’re a real master of seduction, Gemini. For quite some time, you’ve been able to draw a number of people to you. It seems that no one can resist your charms. But today you will start thinking about this process of seduction. Even if you appreciate luxury, you should be careful and stay vigilant.

Virgo

August 23 – September 22

You’re very tolerant toward a particular person in your entourage, which is probably due to your generous nature, Virgo. You think everyone should have his or her own experiences and setbacks. After all, we learn from our mistakes. Sometimes you aren’t very humble, but your friends are lucky to have someone they can count on.

Sagittarius

November 22 – December 21

The time has come to focus on your personal life, Sagittarius. Your life has certainly had its moments. During the past few months, it has been especially full of new and deep emotions. If you’re persistent about keeping your determined frame of mind and course of action, you will attain the goals you’ve set for yourself.

Pisces

February 19 – March 20

Today you will tend to analyse your life. You will think about your lifestyle and the food you eat. Are you eating foods that are good for your body? Are you exercising enough? The stars will help you focus on your health. Health-promoting activities are recommended today, Pisces. Try to relax and find a sport you enjoy.
Wordsearch

K F G B Y K C A T T A B V W T
J C O I E E T I I H W D J Y Z H
N D E S O G K E N W Q M U K R
C P O H A T N M A Z C G C E E
B I L O C T A U R Z O L B A
H K E P H Q A G H W L T F V T
U K R C H U M D A C S D F Q D
N N U S A A K N S A X L L D R
F I T R T R G E C M A E F Z A
A G P E O E V R A N K N U Z O
K H A K F O R I O E Q W W K B
C C T C M W A K G V T U A Y I M
A Y H A B I A O G X E P A N N
L G R X O I M R Z E E I S G P
B D O Y D L T O P E N I N G W

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.

Puzzles courtesy: Puzzlechoice.com

Codeword

ADAM
POOH CAFE
GARFIELD
BOUND AND GAGGED

Sudoku

Sudoku is a number based puzzle game. The grid is usually a 9x9 square divided into nine 3x3 boxes. You are given a selection of numbers and must fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains each of the numbers exactly once.

Bound And Gagged

NO, WE'RE NOT STOPPING IN BARBADOS.
Super Cryptic Clues

Across
1 Direction for traffic remaining behind castle (4,4)
5 Facile and insincere and taking liberties? Not entirely (4)
8 No end for reluctant states (5)
9 Parish not at home with actors (7)
11 A symbol of authority must involve respect (7)
12 Lee is unusual name for girl (5)
13 What’s left of property? (6)
15 Commanding officer entertained by one clergyman or another (6)
18 Fire that’s hot inside cabin (5)
20 Record about American sailor providing ingredient for pie? (7)
23 We heard vowel sounds (3,3,1)
24 Stone outside good school (5)
25 Profound philosopher’s first seen by river (4)
26 Some politicians were definitely acknowledged (8)

Down
1 Poet providing king with grub (5)
2 Mountain enshrouded in severe storm (7)
3 We may hear lean composer (5)
4 Female cow? Buttercup, for example (6)
5 Plenty of boys retaining nothing (5)
6 Please German sailors with bird (7)
7 Some colleges say education is attempted (7)
8 Nominal figure about right (5)
10 Subject of article by yours truly (5)
13 Some colleges say education is attempted (7)
14 A clipped English accent (5)
16 One expecting payment for warhorse? (7)
17 Armed conflict I observed in part of London (6)
19 A clipped English accent (5)
20 Some politicians were definitely acknowledged (8)
21 Small team for prison guard (5)
22 Uninteresting commercial for nymph (5)

Answers

Wordsearch

Codeword

Yesterday’s Solution

YOU CAN CHANGE THE TEXT TO MAKE IT MORE LEGIBLE AND USER-FRIENDLY. ADD APPROPRIATE HEADINGS AND ENSURE THAT THE TEXT IS CLEAR AND EASY TO READ.
The most anticipated films on a roll

The year 2018 and early 2019 gave us a mixed bag of movies with many big budget A-list stars’ films being given the thumbs down at the box-office whereas low-budget movies with strong scripts worked well with both fans and critics alike.

What will next half of 2019 have store for us? We list some of the movies we are looking forward to now at the theatres including Mahira Khan’s Superstar and Hareem Farooq’s Heer Maan Jaa.

These are some of the other movies we are looking forward to this half of the year as well, like Mehwish Hayat’s film based on the life of politician and first female Prime Minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto. The release dates of few other movies are not yet out but we will keep you updated as and when they are announced. Stay tuned!

Paray Hut Love
The powerhouse talent of Sheheryar Munawar Siddiqui and Maya Ali are coming together for the first time in Asim Raza’s Paray Hut Love which is releasing on Eid Al Adha. Sheheryar has worked in Asim’s previous film Ho Mann Jahan. This will be Maya’s first film with both Sheheryar and Asim, after giving a ‘heroine’ performance last year in Teefa in Trouble. Maya has defined her acting prowess on television and on-screen for us, but how different is this role going to be – we can’t wait to catch this movie at the theatre!

The Legend of Maula Jutt
Can we just confess that this is perhaps our most awaited movie of the year? We totally believe that the immense talents of Mahira Khan, Fawad Khan, Hamza Ali Abbasi, Humaima Malick and more will only bring magic on screen. The most loved, on screen couple are finally reuniting. Yes, Mahira Khan and Fawad Khan are to be seen together after Humsafar. What other better reason to watch it? No doubt, after Waar, Bilal Lashari to go on this romantic yet crazy ride with these two insanely talented stars expecting tons of humour, goofiness, and most importantly, great on-screen chemistry! Well the rumour has it that the film also touches the bit of honour killing, however nothing has been confirmed yet. The movie is out on Eid Al Adha.

Superstar
Momina Duraid’s film house brings Mahira Khan and Bilal Ashraf together in a story of stardom and perhaps a fateful romance? Guess we’ll have to wait for the teasers to drop. Bilal Ashraf and Mahira Khan are the Superstar cast for the film. The movie is said to be about the world of Pakistani celebrities. That won’t be hard for Mahira Khan. Though it should be said that Bilal Ashraf’s Yalghaar and Jungreens tanked at the box office. The film boasts a stellar cast including the industry’s bigwigs Nadeem Baig, Jawad Sheikh, Marina Khan, Asma Abbas, Saife Hassan, Alizay Shah and Ali Kazmi. Reportedly, audiences will also see special appearances from the likes of Hania Amir, Saira Shehroz, Osman Khalid Butt and Mani as well. Superstar also features a dance number by Jawwani Phir Nahi Ani star Kubra Khan.

Heer Maan Jaa
After winning our hearts in Parchi, Hareem Farooq and Ali Rehman Khan are back with Heer Maan Jaa. They have already won us with the tagline. Both the actors are seen showing their wacky side in the poster of this rom-com. We are absolutely ready to go on this romantic yet crazy ride with these two insanely talented stars expecting tons of humour, goofiness, and most importantly, great on-screen chemistry! Well the rumour has it that the film also touches the bit of honour killing, however nothing has been confirmed yet. The movie is out on Eid Al Adha.

Zarrar
As you can see from the Zarrar’s movie trailer, this one promises to be an action thriller. This thriller will be about the life of a spy and feature Pakistani intelligence agencies. Veteran actor Shaam Shahid is the writer and director of the film, along with playing the protagonist alongside Kiran Malik, Adrian Butt and Nadeem Malik. British cinematographer, Timothy Hallam Wood is the Director of Photography (DoP). The film is scheduled to release on August 14.
By Joseph V. Amodio

Criss Angel has come a long way from those days in the 1980s when he sang with a rock band at Long Island clubs like Spilt and Sundance – and levitated the drum set.

Today, the master Illusionist (originally named Christopher Sarantakos) is known more for raising the bar on magic as an art form, seducing fans with his tattooed, rock-star persona on TV (including six seasons on A&E’s Criss Angel MindFreak) and stage (he currently has a long-term gig at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas).

But now he’s headed back to New York for Criss Angel Raw: The Mindfreak Unplugged, part of the In Residence on Broadway series, running July 2 (yesterday) through Sunday, July 7 at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre. The show promises to be an intimate evening of how’d-he-do-that feats, including a grand finale that’s been called “the greatest illusion of all time.”

Angel, 51, lives in Vegas with his partner, Shaunyl Benson, and their two sons, Johnny Christopher, 5 (who last year concluded an extensive series of chemotherapy treatments to fight a rare form of leukemial), and little brother Xristos, born last January. He spoke by phone with Newsday contributor Joseph V. Amodio.

Just how freaky will this show get?

This will be an evening of mind-blowing demonstrations, many of which people have said are impossible to do live. Now they'll see them inches away from their face.

I’m betting “impossible” isn’t really in your vocabulary. I try to blur the line between reality and illusion and let the audience decide what’s what. Some of what I do is real, some is pure illusion. What I want to show people is that, in life anything is possible. I’m just a guy from Long Island who had a big, big dream.

I had passion, perseverance – it took me 18 years to become an overnight success. I’m not special. I’m like everybody. And everybody can pursue dreams, even if they seem impossible.

Were you always confident? That’s always been my fuel. It was instilled in me by my father. (I’ve used) that energy to embrace change and transformation. Ohhhh, I’m not fond of change, I must say.

Well, every day is a change in our bodies, our surroundings – you have to accept change, embrace it and allow it to fuel you. I used to come to Manhattan on the Long Island Rail Road and pound the streets, knocking on doors – producers, managers, agents – no one would give me the time of day. But I never gave up. I thought of myself as a ninja – I had to get inside, had to figure this out. And I was always optimistic, even in trying times. So now to come back to those streets I once pounded and perform at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, where my hero, (magician) Doug Henning, once performed, it’s just beyond my wildest dreams.

So about this “revolutionary” finale – it’s been 18 years in the making. Was figuring it out a particularly tough puzzle to crack?

Yes, it’s one of the most difficult things I’ve ever worked on. I had to get (someone) from Nasa involved. I performed it in Vegas first. I levitate, and fly. Magicians have done levitation with props, in the dark… but I do it in full, bright light. I’m flying spinning, flipping. People in the business have no concept how I do it. NONE.

Do you have dreams where you fly?

I think we all do, right? We all yearn to fly. It’s primal. We see birds, planes, and we want to have that ability to escape sometimes.

Congrats, by the way, on the birth of your second son. Did becoming a dad change your approach to performing?

Well… I know… I’m still crazy (He chuckles.). But you can’t help when you have two boys… it kind of grounds you. It reshapes responsibility and priority. I want to provide an amazing life for them…. I want to be around to see my kids grow up, get married. So… I’m a little more safety-conscious than maybe I was. But I still take risks.

I’m also glad to hear you’re doing with chemo for the moment.

He’s in remission now for five months – and that’s amazing. We just hope and pray he’ll stay on that path for the rest of his life. I’d give up everything I have if he could live a long, healthy, fruitful life. That’s all I want. I know this sounds like a stock answer but it’s the real truth – when I look at my kids, that is the most incredible magic I’ve ever experienced in life. To think that somehow there’s another human being that I’m father to…. I mean, when I hear my kid saying, “Daddy, Daddy…” that’s mind-blowing.

FREAKY: Criss Angel arrives for the Criss Angel MindFreak Gala Opening in Las Vegas, Nevada
Cultural and literature festival to bring together known faces of India in Qatar

By Mudassir Raja

Every year Qatar runs a cultural exchange programme. Via a variety of exhibitions, festivals, competitions and events, different programmes promote mutual understanding, recognition and appreciation between the countries. A variety of people are invited to explore their cultural similarities, as well as their differences.

The year 2019 is being celebrated as Qatar-India Year of Culture. The carefully curated programmes are especially designed to promote mutual understanding, recognition and appreciation between both sovereign nations. Under different programmes, audiences are invited in Qatar and India to explore their cultural similarities, as well as celebrate their differences.

In this connection, the two-day-long ‘Qatar Cultural & Literature Festival’ (QCLF) is being organised at Katara on July 11-12. The festival is one of its kind events which is being organised at Katara on July 11-12.

The second day will kick off at 11:30am and will feature panel discussions, poetry performances, musical theatre performance and the closing ceremony. In the closing ceremony, renowned guests from both, India and Qatar will speak on the occasion.

Anamika Mishra, festival director and award-winning author and motivational speaker, said, “With this festival, we aim to celebrate and showcase varied culture and literature of these two nations. We are bringing the best of both the nations to Doha. With power packed author sessions, panel discussions, book launches, musical performances, poetry and book reading sessions, dance performances, theatre acts and more, QCLF will surely be able to touch the hearts of people leaving them inspired to do something for their cultures.”

She added, “With the festival, we also aim to provide a platform to young and talented artists, writers, musicians, and performers to showcase their talent that will motivate them to work harder for their future endeavours.”

Anamika further added, “There are many literary festivals taking place in India. We just had an idea on why not bringing both the cultures and literature to Qatar together in connection with ongoing Qatar-India Year of Culture.”

About her company, Question Associates, she said, “It is India’s leading communication and entertainment company, integrating strategy, creativity and technology to provide unique experiences. We have our offices in India, Dubai, Mauritius and US. With our events and festivals, we aim to provide platform to the hidden gems of the society, who don’t get the platform to showcase their talents.”

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