

# Craft a message



COMMUNITY REPORT  
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**ONE** of the kingdom's oldest clubs is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and, to mark the occasion, is inviting handcrafted textile postcards from all over the world.

Bahrain Garden Club (BGC) has reached out to patchwork and quilting artists from Bahrain and beyond to participate by sending one or more creations, 15cm x 10cm in size, and plans to display the collection in an exhibition next year.

The event is being staged under the theme 'Find solace in the beauty of the garden'.

A postcard has a photograph or illustration on one side with space for a message on the other and can be sent through post without an envelope. Fabric postcards are sewn to resemble the paper cards and can feature vibrant designs, from embroidery to patchwork, beads and more.

"It's the club's 60th anniversary and it would feel like people are congratulating us and gifting us cards," club executive board member and gardening enthusiast Irina Averinos told the *GulfWeekly*.

The Russian expatriate and artist, who has called Bahrain her home for 24 years, is the mind behind the initiative and practices the style as well.

"Textile postcards are trending globally and people like to make them for birthdays, Christmas and different festivals and gift them, or frame them. Not everyone prefers to do big patchworks so, this is an ideal size and takes less time," Ms Averinos, who has volunteered at the club for over a decade, added.

"Some even stitch fabric stamps and sew the lines you see on postcards where you write the message, making them look realistic. It's a nice way to recycle old material too as you can use leftover fabrics for this style like pieces of ribbon."

The club has contacted



PRETTY: A creation by Ekaterina Ananenko from Moscow, Russia crafted to congratulate the club on its 60th anniversary



COLOURFUL: A festive fabric postcard by Irina

several artists worldwide and is expecting submissions from countries, including the UK, the US, Canada, Australia, Russia, Poland, and Germany.

"We have even approached the Japanese Embassy in Bahrain to help as Japanese style of fabrics and

embroidery is different," the Jurdaab resident revealed.

Established in 1965, BGC works to raise awareness and interest in gardening. It also aims to improve existing gardening methods, and provide a platform for exchanging information and experiences, through



Zahra



Irina



REALISTIC: Textile cards

Zahra Malik, who has volunteered for the last 40 years, said.

"Reflecting on my personal journey with the club over the last four decades, I marvel at the evolution from a college graduate and new mother to my current role as the chairperson for the last 16 years," the Gulf region's first woman horticulturist added.

BGC will host its annual luncheon on Tuesday (November 5) at Wyndham Grand Manama and tickets are now on sale. There will be programmes in collaboration with the Japanese Embassy and an exciting raffle.

Those who would like to send in postcards can follow @bahrain.garden.club on Instagram for more details.



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# Rosy riders



**PINK POWER:** Priya, second from left, with fellow riders at last year's event



**TIE-UP:** A past collaborative ride with the Cycling Bees

**H**UNDREDS of bikers in Bahrain will rally for breast cancer awareness on November 8 as they mount their machines and ride across the kingdom, writes Melissa Nazareth.

The annual Ride for a Cause event is organised by Sri Lankan expatriate and IT professional Roy Ribiera. The 48-year-old is a part of Falcon Riders, one of Bahrain Bikers' groups.

Women riders will also join the event, showcasing their bikes 'in pink' and lead the ride from the front.

Participants will gather at Gate 1 of Seef Mall in Seef District at 6am and the ride will commence at 7.15am to The Avenues Bahrain, Bahrain Bay and then all the way to Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhr where the motorcyclists will take to the track.

The ride will end at Dana Mall in Sanabis with breakfast. A display of new bikes by participating agents will dazzle both at Seef and Dana Mall. While the event will be staged in Bahrain, in collaboration with different biker groups, it will also see motorcycle groups from neighbouring Saudi Arabia join.

"The Think Pink Ride for motorcycles is an exciting event that combines the love of riding with a powerful message



**GIRL GANG:** Participants from the all-women parade this month

of breast cancer awareness," Indian expatriate and Bahrain Bikers member Priya Shankar told *GulfWeekly*.

"The event continues to grow with increasing participation each year. Women riders take an active role. Last year, around 15 women riders and up to 40 women pillion riders joined. A breast cancer fighter also participated alongside her daughter," the marketing professional added.

"We even printed special T-shirts, sponsored by InterContinental," Priya added.

All merchandise sales from this year will go towards supporting Think Pink: Bahrain Breast Cancer Society. The

charity is a home-grown, non-profit organisation registered with the Social Development Ministry. Founded by Dr Julie Sprakel in 2004, it celebrates 20 years this year and continues to raise funds for breast cancer treatment, education, equipment and research.

An all-women ride was held on October 25, where lady bikers in Bahrain came together against breast cancer and in solidarity for those suffering from the illness.

Breast cancer begins as a growth of cells in the breast tissue.

For more details, follow @falconriders.bh and @thinkpinkbahrain on Instagram.

## FOSTERING INNOVATION

**T**HE design community will benefit from knowledge sharing and cutting-edge showcases as the seventh edition of Tanween, Saudi Arabia's leading design conference, kicks off today.

The King Abdulaziz Centre for World Culture (Ithra) in Dhahran will host international designers, thought leaders and innovators, who will offer insights into their creative journeys.

This year's theme, Fail Forward, invites designers to embrace an innovative mindset when faced with creative challenges.

The event will feature a series of panel discussions, workshops and exhibitions, fostering cross-cultural exchanges and creative opportunities. The roster



**ICONIC:** The winning project of the Tanween 2023 Pavilion Challenge - Iwan Pavilion

of experts includes *Forbes*-awarded creative entrepreneur and designer Farah AlHumaidhi, and Bahrain-based architect Sara Kanoo, who is listed as one of the leading Middle Eastern Women Designers by international design authority AD Middle East, among others.

This year's edition will also feature the unveiling of the second collaborative

exhibition between Ithra and Italian design platform Isola.

Building on the global success of its previous editions, Tanween will continue to showcase a number of its initiatives at key international design events, including at Dubai Design Week, from November 5 to 10. Tanween will continue until November 6.

## BRAIN-BUSTERS

**Q**uizmaster and *Radio Bahrain* host Shannon Crockett, who has been entertaining people across the island with his brain-teasing quiz night sessions, has offered to put *GulfWeekly* readers' general knowledge to the test. Join in the fun every Thursday with Shannon's seven brain-busters.

1. Who directed the film *Halloween* from 1978?
2. Who is considered as 'The Friendly Ghost'?
3. What is the name of the van in *Scoobie Doo*?
4. Which famous magician and stuntman died on the Halloween of 1926?
5. The term 'zombie' comes from the folklore of which country?
6. What is the name of the annual Halloween Special on *The*



7. Passing away on Halloween 2020, what was Sean Connery's last film as an actor?

- ANSWERS**
1. John Carpenter
  2. Casper
  3. The Mystery Machine
  4. Harry Houdini!
  5. Haiti
  6. Treehouse of Horrors
  7. The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen

## Speak your mind!



**THE 'Movember' campaign to raise awareness about prostate and testicular cancer and men's mental health kick-starts tomorrow.** Joining the global initiative, *GulfWeekly* is continuing its 'Speak Your Mind' feature series where we invite you, our family of readers, to share your mental health concerns and challenges on a chosen subject. This month's topic is, 'Stress and anxiety among men and the need for individuals, families and the community to create safe spaces to share their concerns'.

Men are conditioned against expressing emotion from a tender age. Phrases like 'boys don't cry' sow the seeds of reluctance to exhibit 'weaknesses' or ask for help, leading to men bottling

up emotions, and eventually 'exploding' or 'imploding'. Depression in men is known to be caused by a combination of factors, including genetic, financial, work-related, relationship, and more. Seeking professional help is imperative as denial or negligence could only worsen the situation.

This month, we will shine a spotlight on men's mental health. Together, let's get the conversation started! Share your thoughts in no more than 100 words by emailing [gdnnews@gdnmedia.bh](mailto:gdnnews@gdnmedia.bh) or @gdnonline on Instagram by November 27. We will publish a selection of the comments received in *GulfWeekly* and the top submission will win a box of Raw Candy vegan chocolates as a token of our appreciation.



# Best of vibrant Mexico



SUCCULENT: Mar y Tierra

**GOURMET REPORT**  
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**L**AST week, our party of four embarked on a captivating culinary journey to Cantina Kahlo, a vibrant Mexican restaurant within The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain.

Celebrating its eighth anniversary this month, Cantina Kahlo has become a cherished favourite, adored for its authentic flavours and commitment to tradition.

From the moment we stepped inside, we were mesmerised by its art deco charm, showcasing colourful murals, intricate designs, and tributes to the legendary Frida Kahlo; a fitting homage to Mexican heritage.

Our evening began with a signature mocktail, the Anamara, which translates to ‘falling in love’, (which we did at first sight!), served in a charming clay vessel and garnished with glacé cherries. Fresh, vibrant, and delightfully presented, it set the mood for the exciting dishes that lay ahead. A variety of muddled drinks and fiery elixirs crafted by the talented mixologists awaited, hinting at the flavours to come.

To begin, we shared a selection of ‘para compartir’ dishes, meaning ‘to share,’ ideal for an appetiser platter.

First up was the Guacamole Kahlo, a rich and creamy mixture of avocado, tomato, coriander, serrano chilli, sea salt, lime juice, and a sprinkle of cheese. Paired with crispy tortilla chips, it was the perfect kickoff—simple yet layered with fresh, authentic flavours that teased our taste buds.

Then came the Tostada de

VIBE: Resident mariachi band



Atún Morita; one of the new items which will be added to the menu in the near future. A fiery yet refreshing fusion of fresh tuna tartare and ceviche, served atop spicy guacamole, coriander, radishes and tortilla chips.



TALENTED: Chef de cuisine César De Jesús Gil

Each bite was a perfect blend of heat and cool creaminess, with just enough kick to keep things interesting.

As ceviche enthusiasts, we eagerly anticipated the Aguachile Lazaro, a visually stunning dish served in a coconut shell. This exquisite preparation featured tender sea bass marinated in soy sauce and lemon juice, with hints of coriander, avocado, cucumber, onion, and a spicy habanero pepper kick. Aguachile translates to

‘chilli water,’ a name that aptly describes the zesty and refreshing flavours that characterise this seafood favourite. Every mouthful was as bright as it was flavourful, a perfect balance of zest and spice that we couldn’t resist scooping up with tortilla chips until the last bite.

Our vegetarian friend was delighted with the Hongos Tacos, which translates to ‘mushroom tacos’. This trio was filled with fresh field mushrooms, serrano chilli sauce and melted cheese. These were devoured almost instantly, their earthy taste complemented by the spice, making them a hit regardless of your dietary preference.

For the main event, we selected the Mar y Tierra, an unforgettable surf-and-turf masterpiece showcasing Cantina Kahlo’s skill with grilled flavours. Translating to ‘sea and land,’ this dish featured succulent black tiger prawns, perfectly cooked ribeye (chargrilled

to medium perfection), and juicy and tender marinated chicken. Each element brought together a symphony of flavours, complemented by a mini jacket potato with sour cream on the side.

The Pollo con Mole, which translates to ‘chicken with mole,’ was a rich and aromatic nod to Mexico’s national dish, featuring grilled chicken coated in a luxurious mole sauce. Prepared with more than 30 ingredients, including chocolate, this complex, velvety sauce is the result of two days’ work—a testament to chef de cuisine César De Jesús Gil’s dedication and commitment to retaining authenticity.

We were also treated to a sneak peek of an additional upcoming menu item, set to debut later in the year; the dessert.

This was a highlight as we were introduced to a delectable poached pear creation. This showstopper featured an almond crust

DECADENT: Poached pear perfection



REFRESHING: Anamara signature mocktail



pastry with a poached pear cooked in hibiscus syrup, filled with vanilla custard and pastry cream. Paired with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and crumble, the combination of warm and cool, buttery and fruity, was an indulgent experience that left us enchanted... and we are all still salivating over it.

The evening’s ambience was elevated by a lively trio mariachi band that brings the spirit of Mexico right to your table. Dressed in traditional

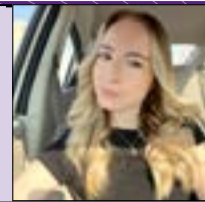
charro outfits, they serenaded guests with beloved classics like *La Cucaracha*, their vibrant melodies and harmonies infusing the room with energy and joy. Their repertoire isn’t limited to Mexican folk songs, though... they’re equally ready to delight with popular hits, even treating us to a mariachi-style rendition of *Hotel California* by the Eagles on request!

For more details and reservations, call 1758 6401.



# Leisure Scene

What's on guide by  
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## SAVOUR THE WORLD'S BEST AT RITZ

**F**OR a weekend filled with magical dining experiences, look no further than the Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain.

● Experience the essence of Italy at Primavera with an exquisite three-course menu.

Perfect for lunch and dinner, each dish bursts with authentic flavours and artisanal ingredients, transporting you to the heart of Italian cuisine. Available from Wednesday to Monday, 12.30pm to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm, it costs BD25.

● Guests can also have their taste buds transported to London with La Med's Big Ben Brunch.

A feast of British favourites and international flavours, while dining



DELICIOUS:  
Authentic Italian  
dishes at  
Primavera

amidst enchanting décor and iconic landmarks such as Big Ben and the London Bridge, will make for an unforgettable afternoon.

The brunch, available on Friday from 1pm to 4pm, costs BD33 with soft

beverages, BD44 inclusive of selected beverages and BD60 inclusive of a bubbly brunch. Children aged four to 12 dine for BD16.500.

● Celebrate Diwali in style at Nirvana's Under the Stars event. Indulge



LUXURY: Big Ben  
Brunch

in a live-station buffet, featuring authentic Indian delicacies, specially crafted by executive chef Mahipal Singh.

Available tomorrow, from 7pm to 11pm, the lavish spread costs BD28 inclusive of soft beverages and BD38, with selected beverages.

For more information, please call 1758 6499 or email [rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com](mailto:rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com)

## UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCES

**J**OIN the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay for a week of pure delight.

● For a spooky Halloween, book Bahrain Bay Kitchen's Halloween Brunch, and indulge in a selection of themed delights such as devilled eggs, mummy-wrapped sausages and bloody orange salad, tomorrow, 1pm to 4pm. It costs BD35, inclusive of soft beverages and BD48, including a selected beverage package. Special discounts are applied for children.

● Celebrate Thanksgiving at home with a festive feast full of American favourites. Enjoy a scrumptious serving of lavender-roasted turkey with Cumberland sausage, creamy mashed potatoes, ginger bread pudding and more.

Available from November 27 to 30, it costs BD105net, which serves up to six people with a roast turkey and trimmings, or BD190net for a full festive feast for six people.

A 10 per cent early bird discount will be applied



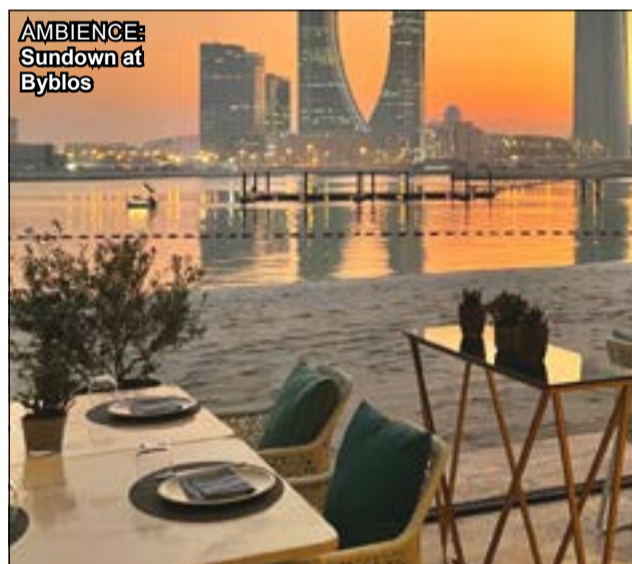
TRICK OR TREAT:  
Spooky season

for orders placed before November 16.

● Byblos, a stunning beachfront restaurant serving exquisite Lebanese cuisine, invites guests to try its new Sundown concept. Available every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm, a signature drink is paired with a savoury Lebanese delicacy served in tapas style.

It costs BD5.500 for one mocktail and one Lebanese tapas, and BD7.500 for a selected beverage and one Lebanese tapas. Live entertainment is available on Friday and Saturday.

● Join the hotel for an exclusive event series that features three unique dining experiences, specially crafted by three top chefs. It's available on November



AMBIENCE:  
Sundown at  
Byblos

7, from 7pm, at re/Asian Cuisine at BD59, and November 8 at CUT by Wolfgang Puck, BD70 (inclusive of beverages), from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

An a la carte package is also available on November 9, 12.30pm to 11.30pm, at CUT by Wolfgang Puck and CUT Lounge at BD14.500.

To book your spot, contact 17115044 (CUT) or 17115046 (re/Asian Cuisine).

● Meanwhile, guests can relax at The Spa's New Moon Yoga tomorrow. It costs BD6 for hotel guests and members and BD12 for visitors.

For more information, contact 17115500.

## SET FOR A SPOOKY PARTY?

**T**HE ultimate spooky Halloween Fancy Dress party is set to be staged at the British Club Bahrain.

It happens tonight at 5.30pm, and guests can expect all kinds of scary and festive games and activities and face painting sessions.

Plus, a 'Best Fancy Dress' prize will be awarded to the person with the best costume.

The event is open to all, and it costs BD4 for members and BD5 for non-members.

For more information or to book, contact [reception@britishclubbahrain.com](mailto:reception@britishclubbahrain.com) or call 17728245.

## GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS AT RGC

**S**TART your week with great food, good company and vibrant flavours at the Royal Golf Club (RGC).

● Embark on a journey through the Levant every Monday, from 7pm to 11pm, at Links and enjoy a selection of authentic dishes, from delicious mezze and fresh salads to perfectly grilled meats and mouthwatering desserts, complemented by scenic views and exceptional hospitality.

● An Iconic Weekend Roast, featuring a delicious selection of beef, lamb, and chicken, and all the trimmings is available at Slice and Repartee, every Friday and Saturday, priced at BD9.500 per person, including a selected roast plate and one soda or chilled juice and BD13.500 per person, including a roast plate and one glass of grape or selected beverage. Offer starts tomorrow, from 12pm to 5pm.

● Indulge in a selection of premium steaks at Links, every Wednesday from 6pm. Steak Fiesta also features live entertainment.

Enjoy a luxurious Royal Tea for Two at Links, from 11am



FIERY: Steak Fiesta

to 7pm. Savour an array of delightful treats in a relaxed setting with beautiful views.

The Platinum Package costs BD19, including tea or coffee and two glasses of bubbly, and the Gold Package, BD15, including tea or coffee

For reservations, call 39007546.



# Leisure Scene

Weekly Entertainment

GRILLED TO PERFECTION: Turkey To-Go



## HALLOWEEN TREAT AT HILTON BAHRAIN

**G**ET ready to enjoy a range of festivities at Hilton Bahrain this week.

Origin Kitchen and Culture invites guests to its Halloween Brunch 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' on November 1, 12.30pm to 4pm.

It costs BD39net with unlimited beverages and BD28net with unlimited soft beverages.

● Enjoy a scrumptious Thanksgiving To-Go, which has all the American favourites. The promotion, which serves six to eight people, includes a whole turkey, Brussel sprouts, maple-glazed carrots, chestnuts, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce, and turkey gravy.

A 15 per cent discount is applied when you order before November 15. Advance payment is required.

● Festive early bird offers are also available until December 1 on The Nutcracker Christmas Brunch (December 25) and the Nutcracker Christmas Eve Dinner Special (December 24, 7pm to 11pm).

The Christmas Brunch costs BD30net with unlimited selected beverages and the Christmas Eve Special costs BD18net per person with unlimited soft beverages and BD25net per person with unlimited selected beverages.

● Guests can also book the hotel's Midnight Masquerade – A Fairy Tale New Year's Eve Ball – on December 31. It costs BD50net with unlimited regular beverages and BD50, inclusive



SUMPTUOUS: A breakfast spread

of unlimited premium beverages.

● Meanwhile, hotel visitors can get their chopsticks ready for Origin Kitchen and Culture's Pan Asian Night, on Wednesday, from 7pm to 10pm. It costs BD22net with unlimited soft beverages and BD28net with unlimited selected beverages.

● Tonight, the restaurant also invites guests for another seafood adventure featuring the freshest catch and live cooking stations. Enjoy the feast for BD32net with unlimited selected beverages and BD28 with unlimited soft beverages, from 7pm to 10pm.

● Origin Kitchen and Culture also offers guests a fantastic breakfast buffet, from Sunday to Friday, 6.30am to 10.30am, at BD13net per person.

Late risers can enjoy a Lazy Breakfast on Saturdays, from 6.30am to 11.30am, at BD13net per person.

For more information, contact 3369 2013.

## MOVIE TIME



THE APPRENTICE: The Trump Story poster

**H**EAD down to CINECO Seef to watch some of the English language films being shown this weekend.

**VENOM: THE LAST DANCE (3D) (PG-15)** Tom Hardy returns as Venom, one of Marvel's greatest and most complex characters, for the final film trilogy, Eddie and Venom are on the run. Both of them must make a devastating decision as they're pursued by a mysterious military man and alien monsters from Venom's home world. **Actors:** Tom Hardy, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Juno Temple **Timings:** 10.30am, 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm, 11pm

**THE APPRENTICE: THE TRUMP STORY (18+)**

The film follows the early years of Donald Trump as he establishes his real-estate business in the 1970s and 80s in New York with the help of his infamous lawyer Roy Cohn. **Actors:** Sebastian Stan, Jeremy Strong, Maria Bakalova **Timings:** 11.45am, 4.30pm, 9.15pm

**THE ADVENTURES OF MANNU (PG)**

The adventurous story of the pet Koala Mannu and her owner who go on a voyage from Australia to Europe by ship to deliver a golden medallion and are encountered by several villains through the journey who want to steal the precious item. **Actors:** Charles Packard, Coleen Dorff, Henry Walker **Timings:** 10.30am, 2pm, 5.30pm

**MOVIE REPORT**  
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**K**OREAN culture enthusiasts are in for a treat as Korea Movie Nights 2024 is set to be staged from November 13 to 15.

The event, organised by the Korean Embassy and Korean Film Council, is open to all and will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Four films will be screened at EPIX Cinemas in Dana Mall.

*Concrete Utopia* brings alive the plight of earthquake survivors in Seoul, South Korea. The 2023 post-apocalypse drama is rated PG15 and will be aired on November 13 at 7pm in Cinema 5.

*Little Forest*, a story of going back to your roots, follows Hye-won, portrayed by Kim Tae-ri, who abandons her part-time job in Seoul to return to the small village where she was raised. The 2018 South Korean drama film is based on the namesake manga (Japanese comic) series, which was first published in 2002. It is rated PG13 and will be shown on November 14 at 7pm in Cinema 1.

*The Book Of Fish* (2021) is inspired by the exile of Jeong Yak-jeon, brother of renowned Joseon era scholar Jeong Yak-yong. In 1801, the former was exiled to Heuksando Islands. The movie captures this time, dramatising his meeting with an energetic young fisherman and their exchange of knowledge. The film is rated PG15 and will be screened on November 15 at 4pm in Cinema 1.

*Run-Off* is the tale of women from all over Korea coming together to form the South Korean women's national ice hockey team. They overcome challenges in order to emerge victorious at major competitions. The 2016 drama is rated PG13 and will be screened on November 15 at 7pm in Cinema 1.

Korean films and TV shows are said to be growing in popularity among culture junkies in the community, with enthusiasts taking a keen interest in various aspects of the country, from food to the language.

"Korean culture and art have been flourishing in Bahrain's local scene and resonate with people of all ages," Bahraini software engineer Jasim Khalaf, 22, told *GulfWeekly*.

"From K-pop to Korean



HOME: The film's poster

# Pop of culture



Jasim



Isha

cinema, and art forms like hanbok (traditional clothing) and hoi jeon moo sool (martial art), Korea's cultural essence brings a unique flavour. Personally, I became interested in the culture due to the incredibly delicious cuisine and the captivating, energetic music," the Seef-resident added.

Indian expatriate from Manama Isha Sengupta, 26, is studying the Korean

language where they also experience Korean cultural activities, festivals and gatherings.

"Even though I am living in Bahrain, I get to experience each event that makes me closer to South Korea, hoping to go there one day to experience the real culture," the fitness enthusiast said.

For details, follow @koreanembassy.bahrain on Instagram.



# Pulse of Pop

AROUND THE WORLD IN MUSIC, TV, BOOKS AND MORE - BY RIMA ALHADDAD

**E**NGLISH rock band The Cure is releasing their 14th album, *Songs of a Lost World*, tomorrow.

The project, that comes 16 years after their earlier studio album *4:13 Dream*, was initially intended for a 2019 release.

Frontman Robert Smith revealed that he blames himself for the delay.

"I keep going back over and redoing them, which is silly. At some point, I have to say that's it," he said in an interview, adding that, while he does not consider the album to be 'relentlessly doom and gloom', the recent loss of his parents and brother has had an effect on him in the process of creation.

Robert described the album's lead single *Alone*, released in September, as the 'track that unlocked the record'.

"As soon as we had that piece of music recorded, I knew it was the opening song, and I felt the whole album come into focus," he revealed.

"I had been struggling to find the right opening line for the right opening song for a while, working with the simple idea of 'being alone', always in the back of my mind this nagging feeling that I already knew what the opening line should be," he added.

The eight-track album was solely composed by the singer and guitarist, marking the second time he has done so since 1985's *The Head on the Door*. He also produced the project alongside Paul Corkett, who previously co-produced the album *Bloodflowers* (2000).

Ahead of its release, the body of work is already receiving critical acclaim, as it earned a 94/100 score on *Metacritic*.

The critically acclaimed band has been active since 1976, and was previously known as 'Malice and Easy Cure' before the members landed on their current band name. They have sold more than 30 million albums and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2019.

Reaching their commercial peak with the studio albums *Disintegration* (1989) and *Wish* (1992), The Cure is often regarded as one of the most influential acts of the 1980s, as they've been credited as a source of inspiration by a number of ensembles, including Blink-



ROCKERS: The Cure members

## NOSTALGIC MELODIES

182, Spoon, Korn and Foals.

Alongside Robert, the members' line-up currently consists of Simon Gallup on bass, Roger O'Donnell on keyboards, Perry Bamonte on guitar and keyboard, Jason Cooper on drums and percussion, and Reeves Gabrels on guitar.



DARK: The album cover



**T**HE English translation of Toshikazu Kawaguchi's fifth instalment in the *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* series hits the shelves on November 5.

The Japanese series, including the latest release *Before We Forget Kindness*, takes place in a café where customers receive a cup of coffee that takes them back in time to speak to a special person in their lives.

However, they cannot change the past or leave their seat, and must return to the present 'before the coffee gets cold'.

"You can't go back in time and save someone who you lost

## GENERATIONAL TALE

**A**MERICAN drama film *Here* is set to release in theatres on November 28.

Starring Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Paul Bettany, and Kelly Reilly, the story follows multiple generations of families and their events in a 'special' place they inhabit, spanning from the past to the future, providing a tale of love, loss, laughter and life.

The film marks Tom reuniting with Robin, his fellow actor in the comedy-drama *Forrest Gump* (1994).

In an interview, the legendary actor revealed that it was 'so easy' to rekindle his onscreen chemistry with Robin again.

"Everybody was saying,

'Oh, what was it like, the reunion?' You know what it was? It was like, 'Hey, how you doing?'," Tom said.

"We just picked up right where we left off. I'm going to say we love each other because we're so easy with each other," he added.

*Forrest Gump* composer Alan Silvestri is also credited for his work on the film score.

His previous contributions include composing for the *Back to the Future* film series (1985-1990), *Death Becomes Her* (1992), and *Contact* (1997).

*Here* is based on the 2014 graphic novel of the same name by Richard McGuire, which was first published as a black-and-white comic strip in 1989.



FAMILY: The movie poster

## CAFFEINE CHRONICLE

because they died, it's not going to happen," Toshikazu said in an interview.

"I lost my dad when I was 10, and there's no changing that. But I love to think if he could see me now, after all these years; I've become a novelist and I'm doing this, he would be so amazed and so happy. That would make me so happy. That's the sort of change that you can achieve," he added.

The books follow different visitors who seek to find closure and comfort by going back to the

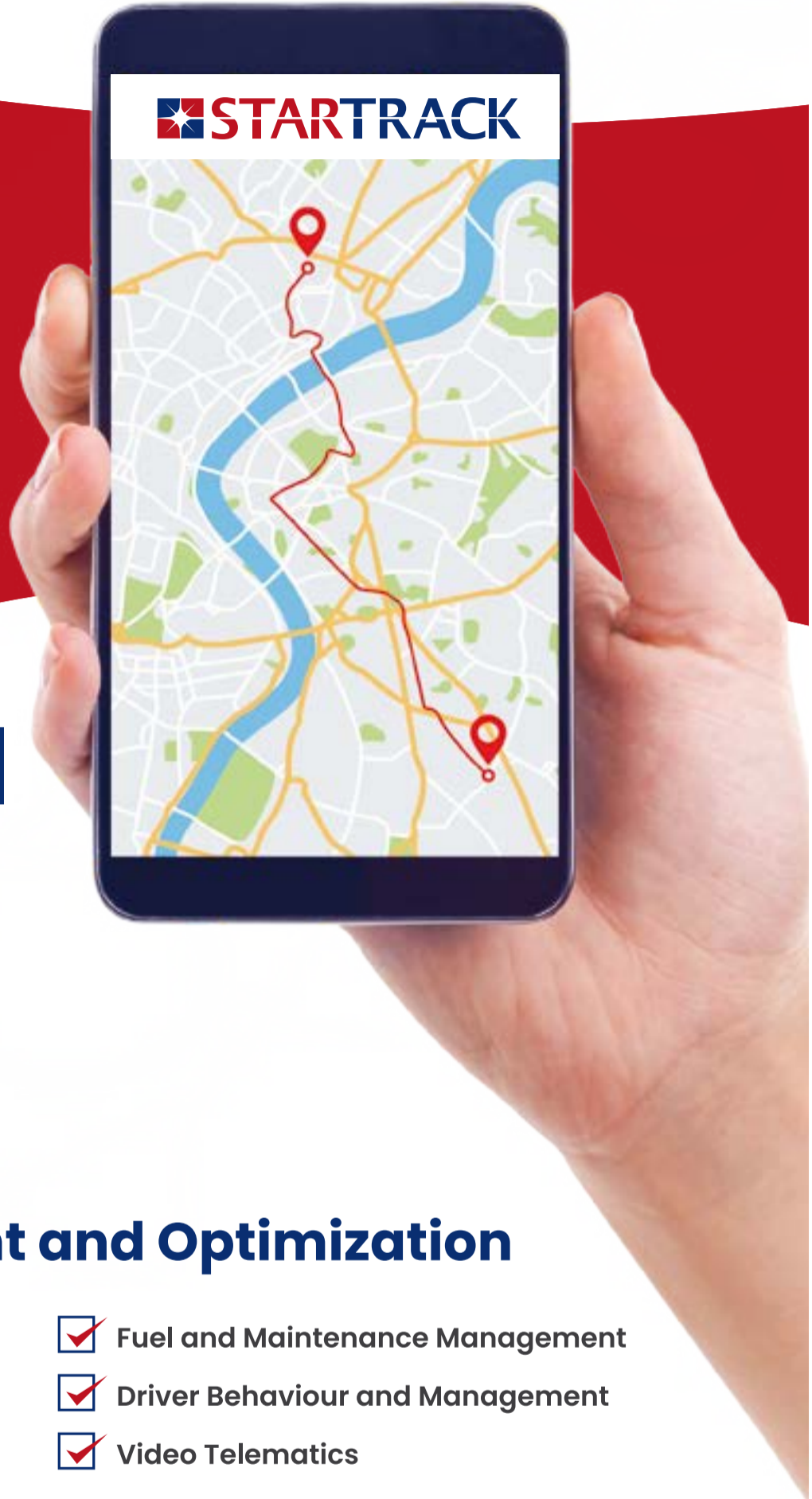
past.

The new addition is set to include a father who could not allow his daughter to get married, a woman who couldn't give Valentine's Day chocolates to her loved one, and a boy who wants to show his smile to his divorced parents.

The books is translated by Geoffrey Trousselot. Other titles in the series include *Tales from the Cafe*, *Before Your Memory Fades*, and *Before We Say Goodbye*.

# Optimizing Connected Operations

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## Connected Logistics

- Intelligent route optimization
- Order automation
- Field task management
- Dispatch and proof of delivery

## IoT Fleet Management and Optimization

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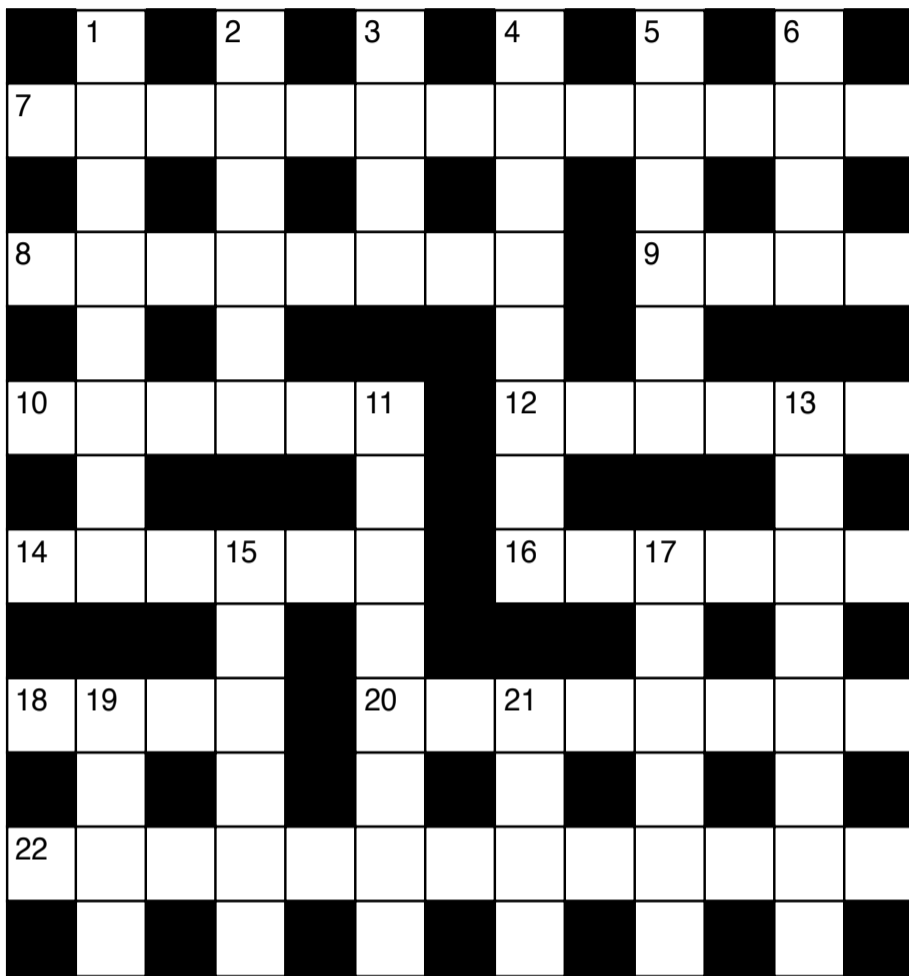


# Time Out



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## crossword break



Solutions in next week's issue.

### ACROSS

- 7. Outmoded (13)
- 8. Direct (8)
- 9. Opinion (4)
- 10. Haunt (6)
- 12. Anew (6)
- 14. Deadly (6)
- 16. Outburst (6)
- 18. Operatic tune (4)
- 20. Uninhabited (8)
- 22. Vindication (13)

### DOWN

- 1. Volatile (8)
- 2. Flaunt (6)
- 3. Violent man (4)
- 4. Compare (8)
- 5. Tray (6)
- 6. Merriment (4)
- 11. Harden (8)
- 13. Incitement to rebellion (8)
- 15. Fireplace (6)
- 17. Narrate (6)
- 19. Defeat (4)
- 21. Ill (4)

### who, what, where, when

- WHO ... wrote the novel *The Radiant Way*?
- WHAT ... does the French word *écurie* mean?
- WHERE ... in Europe is the region of Transnistria?
- WHEN ... is Independence Day in Iceland?
- WHO ... succeeded Cadmus as king of Thebes?
- WHAT ... is a dragée?
- WHERE ... in Europe is the winter sports resort of Aviemore?
- WHEN ... was 20th anniversary of the Lockerbie disaster?

### just so

SA — ND

RED CASPIAN BLACK

nag e e e e e e e e

CAST

CAST

## darn tough sudoku

So you think you're good enough at Sudoku to crack this baby? Remember, we were the first in the Gulf to bring you this bit of Japanese mayhem...so we don't kid around

#### Last week's sudoku

8	1	4	9	6	3	2	5	7
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#### darn tough sudoku

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Sudoku

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Sudoku

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### Last Week's Leisure Solutions

#### CROSSWORD BREAK:

**Across:** 1 Avid; 8 Aberration; 9 Strength; 10 Mode; 12 Morose; 14 Dreamy; 15 Finger; 17 Duenna; 18 Hymn; 19 Generate; 21 Consummate; 22 Keep.

**Down:** 2 Virtuosity; 3 Dale; 4 Meagre; 5 Arched; 6 Stampede; 7 Ante; 11 Diminutive; 13 Organise; 16 Regime; 17 Denial; 18 Hack; 20 Reek

**JUST SO:** Face the music, A drop in the ocean, Down and out, Pretty maids all in a row

#### WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN:

B. Traven; A fish; Brazil; 1990; Aston Webb; Howrah; Mexico; 1985.

#### Darn Tough Sudoku

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9		2		1				

Your work pad space ...