

# Picture perfect

**PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT**  
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**I**n the last year, the world has seen a resurgence of compact digital cameras, especially among young photographers, and Bahraini shutterbugs have hopped onto the global trend, signalling a possible return of the yesteryear gadget.

Several photography enthusiasts have been finding ways to get their hands on these mostly discontinued cameras, preferring them to smartphones and professional equipment, mainly because they're easy to use and also out of sheer nostalgia.

One such creative talent is Bahraini photographer Enas Sistani, who stumbled on a thrift store in Budapest during her recent travels, where she spotted a second-hand Rollei Compactline 55, and immediately bought it.

"It was a bargain for just BD13, and the photos it produces have this beautiful film-like quality, which I love," the 37-year-old told *GulfWeekly*. She has since added to her collection of compact digicams.

"I have observed a significant revival in interest for old technology and physical media. I think people miss the palpable nature and emotional connection that comes with it. For me, it evokes a sense of simplicity in a world where everything feels fast-paced and overly complicated, bringing back that comforting feeling of slowing down and appreciating the moment," she added.

Compact digicams don't have interchangeable lenses, making them handy and portable. Fujifilm and Toshiba came up with the first known fully digital camera in the late 80s, which paved the way for others by brands like Dycam that were marketable hits.

"I often compare photography to poetry. An image can be interpreted in so many ways depending on who sees it and how it



**PERSPECTIVE:** *Halfway there, maybe* by Yousif, captured using a Kodak Ektar 100 in Karzakan

resonates with them. I enjoy photographing street scenes, but I also love conceptual shoots, which allow me to shed light on important social topics like mental health and women empowerment," Enas, who lives in Hamad Town, explained.

The Business Management major from Bahrain

Polytechnic dabbled into photography at the age of 17 but believes she started taking it seriously only eight years ago during a solo trip in Europe that inspired her to notice everyday scenes and capture them.

Her work has been featured across international platforms, including New

York's Museum of Modern Art, *BBC Arabic*, *CNN Arabic* and *National Geographic*. She has also received numerous awards, most recently an

honourable mention at the International Photography Awards in 2022.

Bahraini photographer Yousif AlSahhaf from Muharraq was also hit by a wave of nostalgia and felt 'compelled' to return to the compact camera when he saw a Sony Cyber-shot that was similar to his first camera, for sale online. He purchased it and has since added other yesteryear gadgets to his collection.

"I wanted something I could carry around in my pocket that wasn't screaming data at me," the University College



**TALENT:** Enas

of Bahrain public relations, advertising and applied communication graduate said.

"A camera has one job, it takes photos. Your phone takes photos too, but you get bombarded with messages, you also get calls. Sometimes, I leave my phone in the car, and I just walk out with my tiny digital (camera) and take pictures and come back," the 29-year-old added, highlighting how the process has helped him 'disconnect'.

Yousif has been making moments immortal since 2009. The film director and producer's notable works include *Leap of Faith: Bahrain Welcomes the Pope*, a 2023 documentary film about Pope Francis' visit to the kingdom in November 2022.

"We see many young photographers using compact cameras as it's convenient especially in situations that require fast action or split second photography," Bahraini photographer Herz Al Banki said.

"While I own professional cameras, I also have Sony and Fujifilm compact models. In fact Sony is making lighter and smarter lenses for professional cameras these days. The future of cameras is compact and light," the Bahrain Arts Society member, who won the photography world cup at the 32nd FIAP Black and White Biennial 2014 in Turkey with nine members of the Bahrain Photography Club, added.

For more details, follow @solovagabond and @framesbyyousif on Instagram.



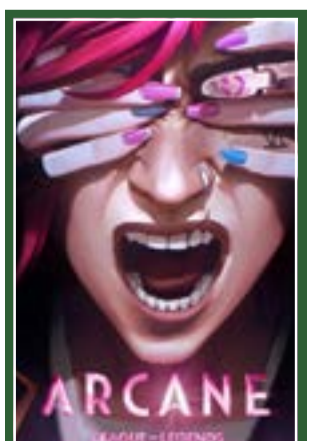
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**BREATHTAKING:** Enas's view of Budapest captured on the Rollei

# Bahrain Barbie finds 'Ken' and bids farewell



TALENTED: Tamar's self-portrait



COMMUNITY REPORT  
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**C**REATIVE entrepreneur Tamar Leek, popularly known as Bahrain Barbie, has left her fans in the kingdom heartbroken as she moved to Abu Dhabi this month to embrace new opportunities.

The songstress and fashionista, who has more than 35,000 followers on Instagram and videos with over 165,000 views, has been inundated with heartfelt messages, including the million-dollar question: 'Will you still call yourself Bahrain Barbie?'

"I'm not sure yet, it's an affectionate nickname the lovely people in Bahrain gave

me and I wear it with pride," Tamar told *GulfWeekly*.

"I remember walking in the streets and people would say 'you look like Barbie' or 'hey, Barbie!' and I came up with the name Bahrain Barbie," she added.

Over the last seven years, Tamar has strategically built the iconic brand, setting milestones in her illustrious career, spanning entertainment, fashion, beauty and content creation.

She staged her first major event – The Bahrain Barbie Show – last year, which she single-handedly designed and organised.

"One of my biggest achievements was designing this show, featuring pop and rock music," she said.

"The theme was 'a day in the life of a fashionista Barbie doll that can do it all'. The idea was that, women can do whatever they set their mind to and look great while doing it. There was an Arab-inspired look as well. It was a beautiful blend of Middle Eastern and Western cultures, with modest fashion," the style icon, known for her distinct wardrobe featuring self-designed pieces, reminisced, highlighting that she has always integrated western and Middle Eastern cultures in a 'sensitive and innovative' way.

Tamar has staged numerous other productions, from fantasy-, family-, and French-inspired shows to a glitzy Gatsby-themed event earlier this year.

The English expatriate also performed at the 2024 Bahrain Grand Prix and in the paddock at the Saudi Arabian race, and was a contestant on the famed Middle Beast's XP X Perform Competition in Riyadh where she sang in English and Arabic – a testament to her versatility and love for Arab culture and the kingdom.

Tamar's other recent achievements include being a support act for American rock band Greta Van Fleet at Al Dana Amphitheatre last year, winning Best Innovative Ideas Influencer at the Social Media Awards, becoming a Sephora



Middle East finalist for her makeup and artistry, and releasing her debut alternative rock album with her old band from Los Angeles – Reveries, all in 2022.

A nostalgic Tamar fondly remembered the time she spent with women with Down Syndrome and special needs

She secured a Performing Arts diploma at Stratford-upon-Avon College and Contemporary Dance Degree at De Montfort University in Leicester against the odds.

"My father wanted me to become an artist but I really wanted to become a singer," she added, highlighting that she pursues art as a hobby now.

Life will come full circle for Tamar as she is set to return to the kingdom over New Year's to stage a 90's-themed show at the InterContinental Bahrain. The artist landed here seven years ago on a singing contract with the hotel. Currently, Tamar

is looking forward to her new journey with her 'Ken' Charles Benoit Dubois, an investment banker with BNP Paribas, who she met in the kingdom.

"I've met my match, he is perfect. He supports my creativity and is my biggest fan. He even matches my style! We look forward to our fun new Abu Dhabi adventure. I am waiting to explore new career opportunities in Abu Dhabi and challenge myself in a new country, but my heart remains in Bahrain," she said.

"I remember walking in the streets and people would say 'you look like Barbie' or 'hey, Barbie!', and I came up with the name 'Bahrain Barbie.'"

at RIA centre, teaching them a trick or two about makeup.

"My friend invited me to visit and teach the ladies and we learned how to do a winged liner and more. One girl couldn't help looking at herself in the mirror, which was such a beautiful moment for me," she noted.

Growing up in Solihull town in the West Midlands in England, Tamar struck her peers as 'odd' and 'quirky' due to her unique style sense, which led her to face bullying. However, she was determined to pursue a singing career.

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# An al fresco adventure



SCRUMPTIOUS: The sweet finale



GOURMET REPORT

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**L**AST Friday, I had the pleasure of indulging in the Under the Stars evening brunch at The Merchant House, Manama, an experience that exceeded all expectations.

Served à la carte every Friday, the timing from 7.30pm to 11pm allowed us to pace ourselves, whilst breathing in the beauty of the rooftop terrace.

This new evening concept can be enjoyed indoors or outdoors; we opted for the outdoor garden terrace setting, adorned with twinkling lights and lush greenery, creating a romantic and intimate ambience. With its colourful floral British-garden inspired

FLAVOURFUL:  
Saffron risotto



AMBIENCE: Under the Stars

decor, The Merchant House is undoubtedly Manama's most stylish downtown entertainment spot. The gentle breeze and the soothing melodies of

the live singer added to the charm.

Fusing Mediterranean and Asian authentic delicacies with exceptional blends and flavours, the brunch menu offers a diverse selection of dishes to suit every palate. Starting with the Chilled Beginnings, the Wild Mushroom Bruschetta was a symphony of earthy notes, while the Burrata d'Andria was a creamy delight. The Confit Corn Fed Chicken and Foie Gras Terrine was a rich and indulgent treat.

The Warm Temptations continued to impress. The Stuffed Calamari was a

seafood lover's dream, filled with a flavourful mixture and served with a delicious chilli garlic brown butter sauce.

The Crab and Corn Fritter was a crispy delight, complemented by avocado and spicy mayo.

The Beef Ribs Ssamjang was incredibly tender, served with little gem lettuce and a Korean barbecue marinade.

The Ocean's Finest course showcased the freshest seafood. The Jumbo Shrimp and Lobster Tail were cooked to perfection, accompanied

by a citrus beurre blanc, vegetable cannelloni, balsamic pearls, and a drizzle of herb oil.

The Saffron Risotto was creamy and rich, with the earthy black truffle and tender asparagus adding a delightful depth.

For the Butcher's Selection, we delighted in the Seared Lamb Chops and Ribeye. The lamb chops were perfectly cooked, and the meat tender and juicy. The ribeye was also excellent, with a rich and flavourful taste. The accompanying crispy pave potato, carrot purée, baby carrots, confit shallots, lamb jus, baked

was a sweet indulgence, the Pistachio Choux was light and airy, and the Baked Cheesecake was balanced yet decadent.

The Under the Stars brunch at The Merchant House Bahrain is a culinary masterpiece. The exquisite myriad of flavours, enchanting ambience, and impeccable service make it an ideal choice for a special occasion or a luxurious evening out.

With prices starting at BD28net for soft drinks and BD36net for house beverages, the experience is well worth the investment.

The Merchant House Bahrain is a luxurious boutique hotel located in the heart of Manama. Features include a unique collection of contemporary art and bursts with exciting work by well-established Bahraini and international artists alongside talent from around the Gulf. It offers a combination of modern elegance

and traditional charm, with stunning design and a prime location near the vibrant Bab Al Bahrain suq.

For reservations, call 1667 1000 and follow @themerchanthousebahrain on Instagram for the latest updates.

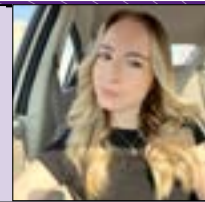
“With its colourful floral British-garden inspired decor, The Merchant House is undoubtedly Manama's most stylish downtown entertainment spot.”

baby potato, and grilled asparagus were all delicious and complemented the meats beautifully.

The Sweet Finale was the perfect ending to the brunch. The Lemon Tartlet was tangy and refreshing, the home-made traditional baklava

# Leisure Scene

What's on guide by  
Julia Cassano



## THE WORLD ON YOUR TABLE!



COLOURFUL: Irresistible spread at Cantina Kahlo

**F**OR a magical weekend filled with scrumptious food and live entertainment, opt for the Ritz-Carlton Bahrain.

Experience the essence of Italian cuisine at Primavera that has lined up a three-course menu.

Perfect for lunch and dinner, each dish is characterised by authentic flavours and ingredients that will transport you to the heart of Italy. Available from Wednesday to Monday, 12.30pm to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm, the feast costs BD25.

Elevate your Tuesday night at Plums with an Angus tomahawk steak and a fine bottle of grape for BD65. Step into the restaurant and explore the menu from 7pm to 11pm.

Enjoy vibrant Mexican flavours at Cantina

Kahlo Brunch Fiesta on Saturdays, from 1pm to 4pm. It's priced at BD25 per person inclusive of soft beverages and BD35 including selected beverages.

Start your mornings right at Café Gourmandise, with an exquisite breakfast experience from 8am to 11pm. From freshly brewed artisanal handcrafted pastries, every item on the a la carte menu is curated to perfection.

Explore contemporary Indian cuisine at Nirvana. Personalised dishes crafted with passion will ensure a memorable experience, from Tuesday to Sunday, noon to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm.

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

## BRUNCH WITH A GOLDEN TOUCH

**J**OIN the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay for a fantastic weekend filled with exquisite dining experiences and fun activities.

Celebrate 50 years of Bahraini artist Abbas Almosawi's remarkable career at Bahrain Bay Kitchen's Art Brunch, being held in partnership with ANNADA, tomorrow, from 1pm to 4pm.

The occasion will feature an array of stunning artworks as well as live stations for sushi, kebabs, wok and a variety of Indian flavours. It costs BD35 including soft beverages and BD48 inclusive of a selected

beverage package. Children under five dine with the hotel's compliments and those aged six to 12 enjoy a 50 per cent discount.

Also, in honour of Mr Almosawi, a Bahraini Art Tea will be available, until November 30, from noon to 11.30pm, at Bay View Lounge. Chef Imad Boukli has specially crafted sweet

and savoury delights, pistachio karak tea and saffron lavender mocktails to celebrate further. It costs BD22 per person for the regular package and BD26 for a royal tea experience with a gift.

Weekends are best spent at Byblos with the new sundown concept and exquisite Lebanese cuisine.

Available every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 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 tapas or BD7.500 for one selected beverage and tapas.

Meanwhile, Bay View Lounge invites guests to indulge in authentic Ravioli and Italian flavours during this month, from 11am to 11.30pm. It costs BD10 for vegetarian, BD12 for chicken or seafood and BD15 for beef.

Get in the festive season and book your Thanksgiving dinner at home. Enjoy lavender roasted turkey with chicken sausage, creamy mashed potatoes, ginger bread pudding, glazed sweet potatoes, Brussel sprouts and more.

It costs BD105net for six people with a turkey and trimmings, or BD190net for six and a full festive feast.

A 10 per cent discount will be applied for orders placed before November 16.

Relax at The Spa this weekend, with exquisite treatments designed to harmonise your body and mind, from 10am to 10pm. Prices range from BD75 to BD195.

For more information, contact 17115500 or 17115045.



VARIETY: Thanksgiving dinner at home



ART PIONEER: Abbas

## A-MEZZE-ING TREAT!



DIVERSE: Middle Eastern dishes and assorted mezze

**H**HEAD down to the Royal Golf Club (RGC) for a week of great food and good vibes.

Enjoy a selection of authentic dishes, from mezze and fresh salads to perfectly grilled meats and mouthwatering desserts at Links, every Monday, from 7pm to 11pm.

Start your weekend off right with the Slice and Repartee's iconic roast. Join the restaurant tomorrow and Saturday, noon to 5pm, for a delicious spread of beef, lamb and chicken, with all the trimmings in a relaxing and welcoming setting.

It costs BD9.500, including a selected roast plate and one soda or chilled juice, or BD13.500 for a selected roast

plate and a selected beverage.

For an evening of perfectly cooked steaks and live entertainment, choose Links. Whether you're dining with family or friends, it's the perfect midweek escape for delicious food, good vibes and a memorable culinary experience.

Meanwhile, guests can enjoy a luxurious tea for two at Links everyday, from 11am to 7pm. Savour an array of delightful treats in a relaxed setting with beautiful views of the club.

Two packages are available including the platinum package of tea or coffee and two glasses of bubbly for BD19, or the gold package with tea and coffee for BD15.

For bookings, call 39007546.

# Leisure Scene

Weekly Entertainment

## MOVIE TIME

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

### THE SILENT HOUR (PG-15)

A detective with hearing loss and a deaf witness to a murder must lean on each other to outsmart killers they can't hear coming when cornered in an abandoned apartment block.

**Actors:** Joel Kinnaman, Mark Strong, Mekhi Phifer

**Timings:** 2.30pm, 7pm, 11.30pm

### TAKE COVER (15+)

A burned-out professional sniper finds himself trapped in an all-glass penthouse by a lethal competitor and must find a way to survive and escape with little to no cover between him and the killer.

**Actors:** Scott Adkins, Alice Eve

**Timings:** 2.30pm, 9.30pm, 11.30pm

### VENOM: THE LAST DANCE (PG-15)

Tom Hardy returns as Venom, one of Marvel's greatest and most complex characters, for the final film in the trilogy. Eddie and Venom are on the run, hunted by both of their worlds with the net closing in.

**Actors:** Tom Hardy, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Juno Temple

**Timings:** 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 11pm

### CELLAR DOOR (15+)

Looking for a fresh start after a miscarriage, a couple finds themselves being gifted the house of their dreams with one caveat – they can never open the cellar door.

**Actors:** Laurence Fishburne, Jordana Brewster, Scott Speedman

**Timings:** 12.15pm, 4.45pm, 9.15pm

### TERRIFIER 3 (18+)

Art the clown is set to unleash chaos on the unsuspecting residents of Miles County as they peacefully drift off to sleep on Christmas Eve.

**Actors:** David Thornton, Lauren LaVera, Samantha Scaffidi

**Timings:** 10.30am, 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm, 11pm

**G**ATHER your family and friends and enjoy a range of festivities at Hilton Bahrain this week.

Relish 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. 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

FLAVOURFUL: Thanksgiving To-Go



## SCRUMPTIOUS FEAST FOR THANKSGIVING

costs BD50net with unlimited regular beverages and BD50 inclusive 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. Its priced at 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 opt for the Lazy Breakfast on Saturdays, from 6.30am to 11.30am, at BD13net per person.

For more information, contact 3369 2013.



DELICIOUS: Breakfast spread

## AT THE CLUBS

### PIZZA PARTY SET

**T**HE British Club Bahrain has lined up a range of exciting events.

Join the club for its Pizza Night on Wednesday, from 6.30pm to 9pm. Guests can indulge in unlimited homemade pizzas and selected beverages for a fantastic all-inclusive price of BD15, and BD17.500 for non-members. Live music will also be available.

The club is also calling all sports fans for its fabulous and interactive Sports Day on November 15. It will feature sports and activities for all ages throughout the day, including football, volleyball, netball, circuits, salsa, yoga, and even a raft race in the pool. The event is open to all, from noon to 5pm.

For more information, contact reception@britishclubbahrain.com or call 17728245.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

**T**HE Bahrain Rocks Music Festival is back with a bang this weekend.

The festival, featuring several rock acts, live music and fun, will take place today and tomorrow, from 5.30pm, at the Dilmun Club, Janabiyah.

Some of the acts include Bloodshel, Rock United, Rod Blues, The 4 Tunes, Twisted Lemons, Kolahal, Sankapa, Fluorescent Ink, Past Masters and British Club Band.

Tickets for adults cost BD5 on Thursday or Friday, and a weekend ticket costs BD8. Tickets for children under 15 cost BD2, and children under six years can attend for free.

Bahrain Rugby Football Club and British Club members can pay BD2 for entry and Dilmun Club members can attend the event for free.

For more information, contact 17690926.

## 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. Which country has the highest life expectancy?
2. Aureolin is a shade of what colour?
3. What art form is described as 'decorative handwriting or handwritten lettering'?
4. How many dots appear on a pair of dice?
5. What is the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world?
6. Which is the only



body part that is fully grown from birth?  
7. What was the name of the first computer virus?

- ANSWERS**
1. Hong Kong
  2. Yellow
  3. Calligraphy
  4. Forty-two
  5. Mexico City
  6. Eyes
  7. Creeper

## 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 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.

# Pulse of Pop

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

## SISTER ACT

**T**HE first act of the final season of animated series *Arcane* releases on Netflix on Saturday, followed by acts two and three on November 16 and 23 respectively.

Based on the successful 2009 video game *League of Legends*, the series follows the two iconic champion sisters Powder/Jinx (Ella Purnell) and Violet/Vi (Hailee Steinfeld), who find themselves in a rivalry due to a war between utopian city Piltover and the oppressed underbelly of Zaun.

Picking up from season one, the latest drop will showcase the aftermath of Jinx launching a stolen Hextech gemstone at the Piltover council, which adds fuel to the fire between the two sisters, as they are far from reconciling due to Jinx's reckless decision.

"One of the biggest themes of *Arcane* is, you are the choices that you make, and you can never predict the consequences of those choices," voice actor Ella said in an interview,

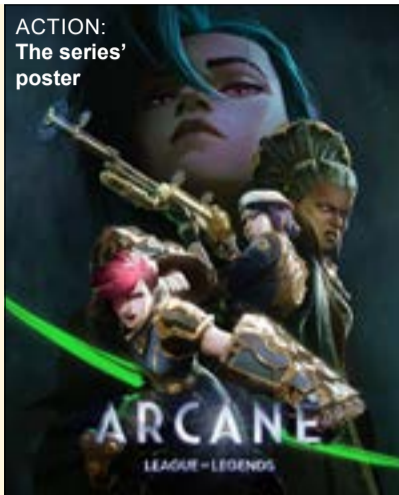
commenting on the two sisters' relationship, adding that fans can expect her character to experience a self-search journey.

Hailee, who brings alive Violet, highlighted her character's growth throughout the series. "We've seen her deal with so much trauma, and we see her continue to do so, not always in a graceful way, but she comes out the other side having learned a lot and having grown a lot," she said.

The beloved series is set to wrap up this month, however, fans are assured that there is more to come from the *Arcane* universe in the future.

"*Arcane* is just the beginning of our larger storytelling journey and partnership with the wonderful animation studio that is Fortiche Production," co-creator Christian Linke said, hinting at possible spin-offs.

"From the very beginning, since we started working on this project, we had a very specific ending in mind, which means the story of *Arcane* wraps up with



this second season. But *Arcane* is just the first of many stories that we want to tell in Runeterra," he added, referring to the game's 'magic earth' universe.

Since its premiere in 2021, the series has received several accolades, including nine Annie Awards (2022) in several categories like Outstanding Achievement for Voice Acting and Character Design and Writing in an Animated Television/Broadcast Production.

The show also won Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Animation and Outstanding Animated Programme in the same year.

## DIABOLICAL DRAMA

**P**SYCHOLOGICAL horror film *Heretic* is out now in theatres.

The movie follows two young missionaries (Sophie Thatcher and Chloe East) who find themselves in a deadly cat-and-mouse game after they knock on the door of the diabolical Mr Reed (Hugh Grant), who traps them in his house. In order to make it out alive, the two sisters turn to their faith as they realise the dangerous situation.

Hugh, who portrays an evil character, said he felt 'perverse pleasure from being diabolical'.

"Perhaps it's kind of vicarious, I would like to be that evil and I think we all would in a way," he said in an interview.

The A24 productions movie directed by Scott Beck and Bryan Woods - which aims to spark a thought-provoking discussion about faith and



VILLAINOUS: Hugh on the poster of the film humanity - praises itself for not using generative artificial intelligence (AI) in the process of making - a photo of the end credits stating that has gone viral on social media.

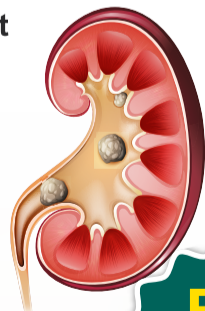
"No generative AI was used in the making of this film," the visual read, referring to the technology that builds images, video, text and other elements when given prompts, which has previously been used in blockbusters, including *Alien: Romulus*, released earlier this year.

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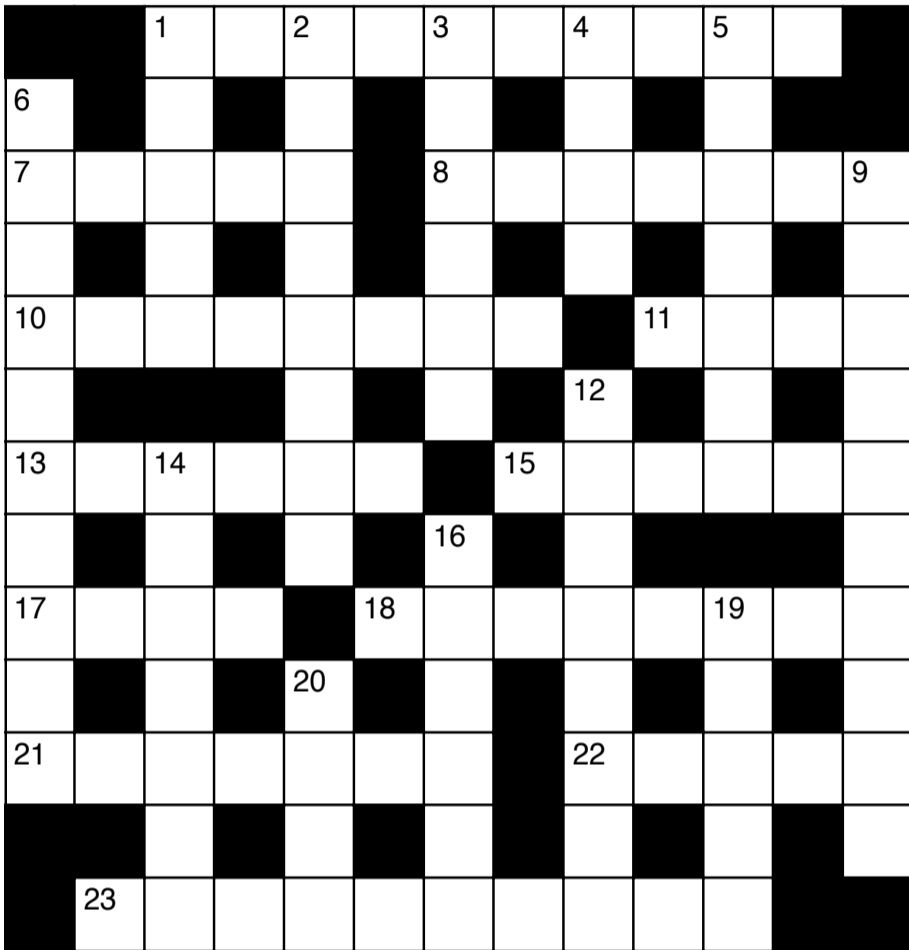
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# Time Out



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## crossword break



Solutions in next week's issue.

### ACROSS

- 1. Tendency (10)
- 7. Correct (5)
- 8. Coagulated (7)
- 10. Explosive (8)
- 11. Prejudice (4)
- 13. Gaudy (6)
- 15. Treat (6)
- 17. Kiln (4)
- 18. Radio (8)
- 21. Menial (7)
- 22. Teacher (5)
- 23. Magazine (10)

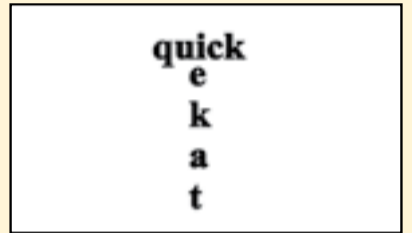
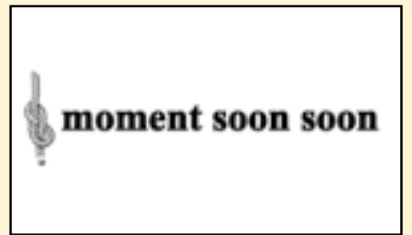
### DOWN

- 1. Heathen (5)
- 2. Hopefulness (8)
- 3. Site (6)
- 4. Differ (4)
- 5. Corresponded (7)
- 6. Marvellous (10)
- 9. Apothecary (10)
- 12. Regal (8)
- 14. Hold back (7)
- 16. Shaded (6)
- 19. Laud (5)
- 20. Cab (4)

### who, what, where, when

- WHO ... wrote the novels *Living, Loving and Back*?
- WHAT ... in Scotland is a tocher?
- WHERE ... did Haile Selassie live in exile during the Italian occupation of Ethiopia?
- WHEN ... was the G77 group of developing countries founded?
- WHO ... released the album *H to He, Who am the Only One*?
- WHAT ... is the melting point, in degrees celsius, of nickel?
- WHERE ... in Europe is the litas the standard unit of currency?
- WHEN ... was the Prussian and German decoration for bravery the Iron Cross instituted?

### just so



## 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

4	7	6	9	1	3	5	2	8
2	5	8	4	6	7	9	1	3
9	3	1	8	2	5	6	7	4
1	2	7	5	8	4	3	6	9
5	6	4	1	3	9	2	8	7
3	8	9	2	7	6	1	4	5
6	1	5	3	4	8	7	9	2
7	4	3	6	9	2	8	5	1
8	9	2	7	5	1	4	3	6

4	9	5	6	2	3	7	8	1
2	1	6	9	8	7	4	5	3
7	8	3	5	4	1	2	6	9
1	2	9	3	7	8	5	4	6
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6	3	7	4	1	2	8	9	5
8	5	2	7	9	6	1	3	4
9	4	1	8	3	5	6	2	7

### darn tough sudoku

8	7	9	5	2	1	6	3	4
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6	2	1	4	8	3	7	5	9
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5	8	4	6	9	7	2	1	3
1	3	7	8	4	2	5	9	6
9	6	2	3	1	5	8	4	7

Sudoku

2	1			4		3		5
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Sudoku

	8		1		3			
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		9						2
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	2		5	7			8	
		3		8		1		6
	9	1	6		4			

### Last Week's Leisure Solutions

#### CROSSWORD BREAK:

**Across:** 7 Unfashionable; 8 Straight; 9 View; 10 Obsess; 12 Afresh; 14 Lethal; 16 Tirade; 18 Aria; 20 Desolate; 22 Justification.

**Down:** 1 Unstable; 2 Parade; 3 Thug; 4 Contrast; 5 Salver; 6 Glee; 11 Solidify; 13 Sedition; 15 Hearth; 17 Relate; 19 Rout; 21 Sick.

**JUST SO:** A line in the sand, The high seas, Horse sense, Cast a gaint shadow

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

Margaret Drabble; Stable; Moldova; June 17th; Pentheus; A sugar-coated pill or confection; Scotland; 2008.

### Darn Tough Sudoku

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		3							6

Your work pad space ...