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RECORD BREAKER!

BAHRAIN has celebrated the opening of a state-of-the-art food production and distribution plant at Salman Industrial City in Hidd with a record-breaking pop culture cookie.

The world's largest cream-filled biscuit was proudly made by the team at the new multi-million dinar premises and certified by Guinness World Records officials as a surprise to Daniel Myers, executive vice president of global integrated supply chain at Mondelez International, visiting for the official inauguration.

The giant cookie weighed in at 73.4kg with a diameter of 74cms and thickness of 20cms. It was made with the real dough used in Oreo cookies and filled with cream.

Safa Hassan, a quality assurance specialist at the Bahrain biscuits plant, came up with the suggestion and it was fully supported by plant director Mohamed Shalaby. "There was a discussion for the grand opening, then I dropped in the idea to make the biggest," she told



AWESOME OREO: The giant biscuit made in Bahrain and, inset, the Guinness World Records certificate

EXCLUSIVE

By **STAN SZECOWKA**
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Gulf Weekly: "It was a great feeling to see it materialise."

The process was not short of challenges, one being to make a giant mould and it took several attempts to get the size and shape correct and a well-baked and

unbroken giant Oreo was created after only a few tries.

Food and beverage giant Mondelez's \$90 million biscuit factory was inaugurated last week by Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, son of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy

Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

The factory currently makes Oreo cookies and Barni biscuits and Mondelez aims to export \$500 million worth of products from Bahrain when both of its plants are operating at optimum capacity.

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The new plant is located 3km from Mondelez's first manufacturing site, which has been producing Kraft cheese and Tang powdered beverages since 2008.

The Mondelez Bahrain Biscuits factory marked the nation's and company's realisation of its vision described as from 'Ocean to Oreo' as Bahrain won the project despite not having the land for it during the bidding process and against stiff opposition.

The 250,000sqm 'Factory of the Future' is about the size of 30 soccer fields with production capacity of nearly 45,000 tonnes per year – equal to the weight of 65,000 Formula 1 racing cars.

The new plant has already made a valuable contribution to the local economy, created about 150 direct jobs, and through the two plants together will help sustain more than 12,000 indirect jobs with 350 suppliers.

The state-of-the-art manufacturing facility will serve as a hub for exports to the Gulf region, the Levant and Africa to help meet the growing demand for its biscuit products, in particular the famous 'chocolate sandwich cookies'.



ROYAL INAUGURATION: His Highness Prince Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa inaugurated Mondelez's state-of-the-art biscuit production and distribution plant at Salman Industrial City. The Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, senior government officials and senior Mondelez executives also attended the event.

Plant makes its mark

Oreo, some now coming in 'Made in Bahrain' packaging, has become the best-selling cookie in the US since its introduction in 1912. The treat is now available in more than 100 different countries worldwide.

The simple chocolate and cream filled cookie continues

to grow in popularity, despite having not changed much in its 106 years of existence, managing to weather more than a century of constant changes in attitudes and preferences about food.

The super black outer shell with the snow white goo inside makes it look different

than most alternatives. Oreo cookies do not contain any colourants, so the only probably origin of that black colour actually is the cocoa powder.

As anyone who has ever eaten an Oreo knows that despite its simplicity, there are a few different ways to actually eat one. There is the dunk, the split, the split and lick, and more, all the while taking a stance and defending your preferred method of consumption with your fellow Oreo connoisseurs.

In fact, a 1981 article titled *Creative Eating: The Oreo Syndrome*, by folk historian Elizabeth Mosby Adler suggested that part of the Oreo's appeal is that it allows people to bring their own

personal style to experience.

Delighted Daniel, who spoke to *GulfWeekly* after the launch, couldn't agree more. He said: "My favourite time to eat an Oreo is to put a pack in a cooler and settle down on the beach. You eat a cold Oreo and it is fantastic! The combination of chocolate and vanilla is great and it's real chocolate we use, real ingredients, it's not this fake chocolate, it's that promise of great quality that's made people all around the world love Oreo."

The giant Oreo impressed the Guinness World Record adjudicators too. It was probably bigger than the giant model of one featured in the grounds of the plant which became a major feature for

'selfies' at the launch.

The team tucked into the treat afterwards and any crumbs left over went to animal feed.

And the next big challenge may be to produce the world's largest Barni biscuit. Sweet!

● Check out Stan's full interview with Daniel by placing your smart phone over the QR Code.



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It all adds up — like magic!

RETIRED teacher Pamela Raylene Henderson-Monsef aims to help motivate and inspire the young and old to enjoy and master mathematics.

And, for those who don't know their algebra from their elbow, or platonic solids from true romance may find *Magical Mathematics* offers a helpful solution.

Pamela's book promises to unveil amazing mathematical patterns, shortcuts, discoveries and spectacular ideas.

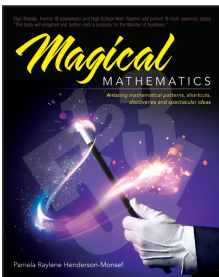
"Getting it all accurate and colourful and flawless was painstaking work," Pamela, 69, admitted. "My intention is to generate a sense of curiosity, of mastery, and hopefully help create a renewed interest in the wonderful world of numbers."

"Mathematics can be intriguing, fun and confidence building. Unfortunately, so much of our traditional learning is strict and misunderstood. Hopefully, this eye-opening book will allow readers to absorb, enjoy and learn to respect those staggering things called numbers."

"It shows unusual processes, different ways of looking at numbers, multiplying and dividing them. There are lots of things that we can do in our heads and the book is full of examples and diagrams. It's not like a text book, it's an information book on processes that will hopefully encourage many readers to be curious about numbers."

The former Ibn Khuldoon teacher, who lives in Hamala Beach Resort with her husband Stanley, the director of operations at CPS Arabia,

EDUCATION
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created the book to help put the joy back into studying mathematics, a subject she taught for decades and still loves to this day.

Pamela said: "Maths is addictive, logical and immensely satisfying. I still love studying it. It is everywhere and can take you anywhere. It is ingrained in everything in life."

"As well as in careers in which a good understanding is crucial, there are many personal reasons why maths can be magical - from confidence building to brain development. Problem-solving steps used in mathematics can be transferred to so many other areas."

Pamela first co-authored a mathematics book in Australia for distance learning back in the 1990s and this 'whetted' her appetite to produce another.

It took her a year to pen this latest work, with helpful diagrams designed by Alpha Graphics in Bahrain and she says it will be particularly helpful for all ages from Grade 5 students to adults.

She said she always found her pupils would sit up

and take notice when she introduced amazing patterns and processes into the equation and she's hopeful many schools will use the book as part of a study unit or as a maths club resource.

"I think it sparks a renewed interest and curiosity in mathematics. Mathematics is fun, joyful and this book shows so many unusual and wonderful ways to master it," she added.

Pamela, who originally is from New Zealand's South Island, where she obtained her Trained Teaching Certificate in 1967, later achieved a Bachelor of Education from Queensland University of Technology.

She started work as a mathematics teacher in Bahrain in 2001, becoming the sole curriculum writer for a Grade 6 maths programme.

Not quite retired, she stays busy as a volunteer consultant to the Bahrain Trust which is working to set up micro-schools, primarily in Syrian refugee camps, and some private tutoring.

Magical Mathematics was published through Amazon's CreateSpace and can be bought from the Words Bookstore Café at Palm Square, off Budaiya Highway, for BD12. For more details, Pamela can be contacted on 39862437.



CLEVER SOLUTIONS: Pamela passing on her knowledge and, below, the new book



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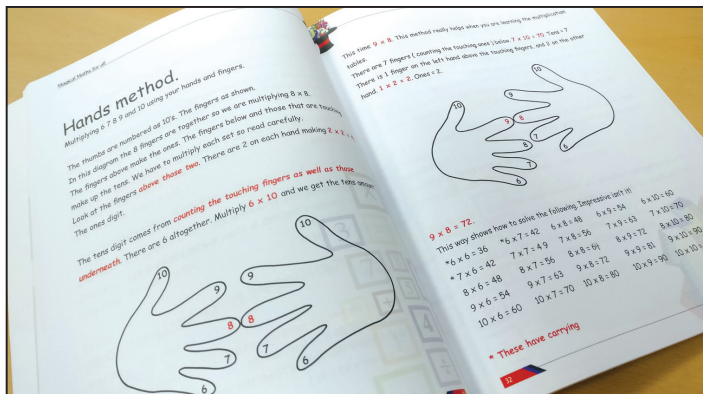
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Last Week's Leisure Solutions

CROSSWORD BREAK:

Across: 6 Benefit; 7 Buxom; 9 Cloak; 10 Fluency; 12 Pessimistic; 14 Picturesque; 18 Disrobe; 19 Crypt; 21 Poise; 22 Sublime.

Down: 1 Reply; 2 Regale; 3 Fix; 4 Duress; 5 Conceit; 8 Glimpse; 11 Ascribe; 13 Liaison; 15 Thrash; 16 Unruly; 17 Spume; 20 Hug.

JUST SO:

The thin end of the wedge, Odds and ends, An inside job, Fail to see the point.
WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN:

Woody Guthrie; Houghton; Salzburg; 1995; John Banville; Razzle; Austria; 1906.

I HAD been hoping to see the solution to the crossword in the April 18-24 edition of *GulfWeekly*. Instead, we have a repeat of the previous week's solution. Could you please furnish me with the answers that should have been printed?

Charles Price

● **Editor's note:** Apologies Charles (and all the other disappointed readers who have been in touch). We suffered a design gremlin on last week's Cerebrally Crust & Crema puzzle page. Please find the missing solution left. Normal service continues on Page 17.

I AM writing to you on behalf of The French School of Bahrain. The secondary school students are staging their annual musical *La Belle Dame de Paris* on Thursday, May 10 at the Cultural Hall at 6.30pm.

The musical has been written and directed by their teacher Sadaf Karim. The students have worked very hard and will be performing to raise money for charity. In previous years, they have donated to Al Sanabel Charity and the Smile Association.

The students also take pride in performing parts in the English language which in some cases, is their second or even third language. The musical features super hit songs in both languages. This year, the show is called 'Franglais' and readers who attend will be in for a treat.

Sadaf Karim.

● **More events in Leisure Guide: Pages 8, 9 & 10**

CONGRATULATIONS to the organisers of The Art for Autism Awareness initiative, it was an absolute joy to see so many people coming together. I have a cousin

ONE of the joys of attending launch events is that very often the guests are treated to a little gift for attending. The opening of the new Mondelez International production plant was no exception.

Most of the pack of hacks drove away (one, just about, after sinking in sand in the car park and needing to be towed out) with boxes containing a few packets of Oreo and Barni biscuits, cheddar cheese spread and packets of concentrated Mango juice, plus a cute little Oreo shaped memory stick that didn't work. But, as the luck of the Irish would have it, radio personality David Bloomer's package contained something extra

with autism at hoke in Canada and I appreciate the struggles he and the family go through each day.

THE WHISPERER

You don't know me; I know you, I know what's being said about you. I'm the 'whisperer'. I am socially mobile: Arab, Brit, Indian, Pakistani, American and the rest, they all invite me and share their world with me. Not much gets past me but if you think it may have done, email me on ...

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... a mysterious electronic gadget. "I've no idea what it is or how it works," he told a friend of the



Whisperer. Perhaps my techie readers can help? Please drop the editor an email.

UNTIL very recently, I was always treated as a child, and the same may go for many others my age. I consulted my parents before all decisions, big or small (why can we not continue to do that forever?), asked them for help, made them review all my projects ... the list goes on.

However, now, as I'm preparing myself to take off to university for higher studies outside Bahrain, it dawns upon me that time have flown by too fast.

I have suddenly realised that the ever-increasing supply of entertainment

Youth Talk

By
Saamia Zia



sources - free games on the mobile, PS4, Nintendos, and the good old PC and any such other distractions - have eaten away at precious time.

I remember when I was



younger, weekends were about meeting extended family members, having play-dates with friends, going out for ice creams, visiting parks and other such things. Now, weekends have become the two days to catch up on your work so that you then start hoping that following weekend they'll be time to sleep and enjoy family and a social life.

Maybe it has to do with the fact that I have grown up and have more responsibilities, or it is so that things around us have indeed changed significantly?

MY CANINE companion, eight-year-old Giggles, the Poodle, constantly follows anyone who has food.

Children she is particularly fond of as they have a tendency to leave crumbs and leftover food scattered around the house.

She will be lurking around the table when you're eating and gazing at you with soulful eyes as you dunk a digestive into a cup of tea, look longingly at your spaghetti bolognese (her personal favourite) and, if all else fails, she will finish off any leftover cat food.

But when faced with dog food, canned, dried or freshly-frozen, from the cheapest to the ludicrously expensive, she looks at me despairingly.

She refuses to eat dog food.

I know the reason why she is refusing to eat, if I offered my children the option of spinach or a Smartie, they would choose the Smartie, so unless there is 100 per cent compliance from the entire family, no bits of bacon for breakfast, steak or chicken for dinner, biscuit crumbs, half-eaten sandwiches, we haven't a chance at getting Giggles weaned onto proper dog food.

But then there is the dog that actually is perpetually hungry, and will wolf down

Elissa's island life

An expat wife,
mother, artist
and runner



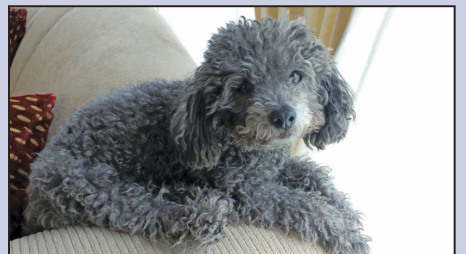
anything including the cheapest dog food on the planet willingly. Labradors, from the day they're born to the day they die want to eat something, apparently they've got three genes that don't switch off when they've had a meal, so they're constantly hungry and will eat anything given the chance.

Out dog walking recently, I watched a friend's Labrador escaping to sporadically pick up a stone and chomp happily down on it. Apparently, this is a condition known as pica - habitually eating non-edible items. Some dogs have ingested tennis balls or underwear, and the cause

can be a serious health condition.

Last year a German Shepherd had an operation to remove six golf balls in his stomach and a few days ago, the owners of Maisy, an eight-year-old St Bernard, were faced with the prospect of losing their pet when a scan showed a mass on her spleen, which led the vet to believe it was cancer. The dog was rushed in for surgery and when the vets operated they found that Maisy had managed to swallow four stuffed teddy bears. Not an easy feat.

So, although we will be making an effort to improve Giggles' diet, maybe it's not that bad after all.



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A worker at the Central Market, Manama.

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Life's a beach and we love it!

WORK is nearing conclusion to create a beach at one of the kingdom's top hotels to satisfy the craving for sun, sea and soft sand expressed by thousands of guests and visitors to the five-star property.

The Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay's management believe its addition will transform it from an urban resort to a 'complete island resort'.

Richard Raab, general manager of Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, said: "During our first three years, guests have been generous in their praise of Four Seasons, revelling in the many diversions we offer right here on our own private island in the city."

"When we asked what would make their experience more memorable, the answer was almost always the same: a beach. So we are delighted to now open the beach, which completes the hotel's transition to a fully-fledged island resort."

Shoppers and restaurant diners sitting on the terraces at The Avenues – Bahrain shopping, entertainment and dining destination opposite the hotel have been able to watch the construction work take shape and near its conclusion in recent weeks. The cost of the beach creation has not been revealed.

Curving along the private island's sun-drenched southern shore, The Four Seasons Beach, a 160-metre (525-foot) expanse of pristine white sand, will be an 'ideal retreat for all the family', he added. In addition to a dedicated play area where children can enjoy building sandcastles, parents and couples can look forward to a quieter zone, providing a 'tranquil haven' to lounge in the sun, sip a cool drink or take in the city's spectacular sunsets.

Set to open by this summer,

HOSPITALITY REPORT

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The Four Seasons Beach will welcome hotel guests and spa members throughout the day at no additional charge.

Having previously worked at Four Seasons resorts from Hawaii to the Caribbean, Richard understands the attraction of gentle waves lapping against a beautiful stretch of white sand.

"For many, a dream getaway begins and ends at the beach, and even business travellers often pack a swimsuit just in case they can steal away for a few hours in the sun. I'm very excited to bring this idyllic vision to life – in luxurious Four Seasons style – at our new beach this summer," he added.

Beach lovers can look forward to the attentive service of Four Seasons staff on hand to offer everything from fresh fruit skewers and refreshing beverages, to an array of high-end sun care products and a chair-side sunglasses cleaning and repair service.

Guests can also choose from a lunch and snack menu, with food served directly on the beach. After dark, the new outdoor space will transform into a vibrant venue hosting torch-lit events, and it will also be available for group bookings.

Since launching in March 2015, Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay has become a popular getaway for both business and leisure guests, owing to its striking design and extensive range of amenities, including restaurants by celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck, a tranquil spa, and an expansive outdoor pool set amid lush landscaping and the glittering backdrop of the Manama skyline.

Visitors can also enjoy easy access to The Avenues – Bahrain. A regular water taxi service carries guests from the hotel to the mall in just three minutes.



ARTIST'S IMPRESSION: How The Four Seasons Beach will look and, below, GM Richard and the work in progress

● *Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay is giving guests an extra reason to celebrate the summer, with a special Family Package. Guests who book a suite for three or more nights will receive 50 per cent savings on the rates for a connecting room, offering additional space and comfort for the whole family to enjoy. Premium high-speed internet access and a round-trip transfer by water taxi for two adults and two children per night are included as part of the package. For bookings, call 17115000.*



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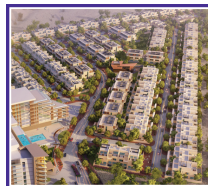
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Note: This offer is available in Carrefour Hyper Market until Monday. (There is a promotional selling price and a special price for My CLUB members)

Fashion favourite opens with show at mall

POPULAR German fashion brand Orsay launched its first store in the kingdom at City Centre Bahrain with a glitzy musical event attended by company executives, guests and members of the media.

A fashion show was also staged to highlight its Spring Summer 2018 collections featuring an affordable selection of chic, feminine and trendy outfits for every occasion and a well-coordinated product mix from Europe and Asia.

"We are delighted to announce the launch of Orsay," said brand manager Romana Pristavu. "Our collections suit a broad range of women who look for a wide and constantly up-to-date selection of feminine outfits at an excellent ratio of style, quality and price."

"We offer our customers highly-fashionable clothes and accessories which can be perfectly combined in themes, ensuring that they can always dress femininely



RIBBON-CUTTING: The Orsay store opens and models step out in style

no matter what the mood and occasion."

She added that Orsay will be looking to expand the number of outlets in the kingdom in the future. The successful fashion brand for young women already boasts outlets in 35 countries across the world.

For more details, visit www.orsay.com



Techtronic Specials



Your guide to the best in-store deals of the week

	Item	Make and Description	Store	Price
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3	Smartphone	Huawei Y7 Prime 2018 Smartphone, 5.99-inch IPS LCD Display, 3GB Ram, 32GB Built-in Memory, OCTA Core CPU, Dual 13MP+2MP Rear / 8Mp Front Camera, Finger Print Sensor, Bluetooth / Wi-Fi / LTE, Android OS.	Home Electronics	BD67.990
4	Television	Samsung UHD TV 43-inch (UA43MU700KXZN).	Carrefour Hyper Market	BD139.990 Note: This offer is available until Monday.
5	Smartphone	Nokia 7 Plus (TA1046) 4G LTE DUAL SIM smartphone 64GB, 6.0-inch IPS LCD screen, Android OS, OCTA-Core 2.2 GHz processor, 4 GB RAM, 12 MP + 13 MP rear and 16MP front camera, Wi-Fi 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac, dual-band, Wi-Fi direct, fast charging 2A, fingerprint, 3800mAh non-removable Li-Ion battery.	Sharaf DG	BD145
6	Juicer	Black & Decker Continuous Citrus Juicer (CJ800).	Kewalram & Sons	BD12.500
7	Speaker	JBL Bluetooth Speaker JBLBOOMBOX, Wireless Bluetooth Streaming, IPX7 Waterproof, JBL Connect+24 Hours of Playtime, High-Capacity 20,000mAh Rechargeable Battery.	Lulu Hypermarket	BD189.990 Note: This offer is available until May 6, 2018

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What is it called? Fujifilm Instant Camera
What does it do? This is like an Instagram you can hold, and it'll take you right back to the early years of photography and instant Polaroid development. If you want to give your photos that unique vintage look, then you need this camera. Comes with a case and twin pack of film to help you capture the perfect shot every time.
Cost: BD21

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What is it called? Silicone Strainer
What does it do? This practical clip-on strainer is easy to use and store as it's a quarter of the size of a traditional strainer. It's great when working with limited counter space, it's easy to clean and dishwasher safe, and it attaches to any bowl easily thanks to two small clips.
Cost: BD4

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FinTechFocus

Editor Stan Szczowka takes a look at the world of financial technology and beyond...



THE battle over using cash, cards or digital wallets is intensifying as major cinema complexes compete to woo film-lovers to their venues with special offers if they use the modern way to play and pay.

Cinema bosses believe that jumping on the smart-phone payment method is simply meeting a growing demand and the companies behind the apps are convinced extra incentives will help drive the digital economy.

To quote one of the movie world's most infamous characters, Godfather Vito Corleone, played by Marlon Brando: "I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse."

Last week bWallet customers were celebrating what was described as the 'ultimate value for money' offer of a '50 per cent cashback' on movie tickets at Cineco until September.

Currently the deal is available at two Cineco screens at Seef Mall and it will soon be available across other venues in Bahrain.

COO of Cineco, Bayalan Sunil Balan said: "Digital banking and customer centricity must add value and satisfaction to the end customers by offering a seamless banking experience

which goes far in product and service offerings.

"Cineco is proud to be part of the digital transformation and shift in consumer purchasing behaviours and we look forward to our continued business relationship with bWallet."

The move follows a promotional 'Buy 1 and get 1 free' deal on Gold Class movie tickets at rival Mukta A2 Cinemas in Juffair Mall, for bWallet-users, also running until September, and a recent 'free movie tickets for students' offer.

Akshay Bajaj, COO - Mukta A2 Multiplex, told *GulfWeekly*: "With continuing efforts to enhance the customer experience and with the recent launch of various digital payment solutions in the kingdom, Mukta A2 Cinemas looks to provide its guests with the most updated digital solutions.

"Digital wallets provide a convenient transaction processing method which is quick and easy. Considering guest convenience to be our core objective, Mukta A2 Cinemas is looking to partner

Wallet v Cash film epic



SPECIAL DEALS: Customers are bit-coining it in by paying digitally

with all available solution providers and provide its guests the luxury to choose their preferred mode of payment. It is clearly the way forward.

"Currently, Mukta A2 Cinemas has entered into a partnership with bWallet wherein guests can avail 'buy 1 get 1 free' on movie tickets when they pay with

bWallet. This gives our guests great value and an enhanced experience when using it. The promotion has had a very successful start and we are working with the team at bWallet for many such activations in the near future."

bWallet, the first of its kind in Bahrain to provide peer-to-peer money transfers, was

launched earlier this year by FinTech enabler AFS, in partnership with telecom and Internet service provider, Batelco. Customers can scan a QR code for merchant transactions and 'enjoy secure cashless payments with exclusive benefits' through their mobile phones.

B Chandrasekhar, CEO of

AFS, owned by 39 banks and financial institutions and regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain, said in a recent press statement: "This innovative payment service coupled with exclusive offers has placed bWallet as the leader in the digital payments sector across Bahrain."

Other digital wallet providers have also got the big screen in their sights, such as CrediMax with its digital wallet MaxWallet.

"We provide incentives and rewards to make our customers get used to and opt for making secured card payments over cash payments wherever they are and whenever they want," explained chief executive Yousif Ali Mirza, "as we have done very recently, we provided instant rewards for using MaxWallet at cinemas, fast food and coffee shops."

"Our 2018 campaign is driven from our goal and mission to reward our loyal customers and we plan many more to come in the year that will provide instant rewards for using our products and services."

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A FINTECH & Regtech Conference was recently staged at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Bahrain to highlight how the 'bankers of the future will be very different from the bankers of today' as a result of the rapid transformation of the financial world being 'significantly impacted' by the digital revolution.

More than 200 people attended the event staged by the CFA Society Bahrain, a non-profit membership organisation with a mission to advance the interest of the local investment community.

Members and candidates heard some tough-talking from prominent industry

Stark choices for the investment community to consider

professionals on the impact of block-chain technology on financial institutions and the need for regulatory technology and cyber security initiatives to keep pace with technological advances.

Mohammed Hassan Saduddeen, senior manager - acquiring business strategy, at Arab Financial Services, said: "As in any field, those who do not adapt to change or do not innovate, will fade away and be relegated to the band of losers in the history of FinTech."

Ashar Nazim, FinTech



TOP SPEAKERS: Mohammed, Ashar, Khalid and Lan
investor, advisor and managing director of Finocracy, urged all those involved in the sector to work closer together. "As a starting point we need to understand the implications of FinTech solutions - including commoditisation of cost base, location of profit pools,



platform ecosystem, changing customer experience and financial regionalisation to name a few," he said. "This has implications for incumbents, FinTech start-ups and regulators."

"Collaboration is the only way forward. As professionals, each one of us



needs to reinvent our skills base if we are to stay relevant in five years' time."

Khalid Saad, CEO at Bahrain FinTech Bay, believes that although still in the early days of understanding how best to implement blockchain, the backbone technology



underpinning digital currencies, in financial services, it will nonetheless 'completely transform the industry as we know it with time'. "We are starting to explore the use of Blockchain here in Bahrain already," he added.

Lan Filipic, COO/CFO of Sofit which aims to bring the benefits of the blockchain technology to an average user, said: "Most FinTech companies focus on front-end development and customer engagement. Blockchain projects focus on building new infrastructure, which has been underserved for the past couple of decades."



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Today (April 25)

Hilal Conferences & Exhibitions' three major events at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre opened yesterday and continue today and tomorrow from 10am to 9pm.

The Interiors Expo will showcase artists from Bahrain and their various styles, including an Interiors Shopper section featuring furniture and accessories for bargain hunters.

The Gulf Construction Expo shows a range of products from specialist building materials to architectural ironmongery and will include 18 exhibiting companies from Saudi Arabia.

The Gulf Property Show will surpass its record-breaking size of 2017 and feature real estate development companies from the kingdom, as well as Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia, the UK, and Pakistan.

Entry is free. For more details, visit www.bahrainexhibitions.com

The Gulf Hotel, Bahrain's Royal Thai Restaurant is hosting a Sawasdee Thailand Festival Buffet until Saturday. For details, call 17713000.

Words Bookstore and Café is hosting an Anime and Gaming Art Show tonight from 5pm to 7pm, and then from tomorrow until Saturday from 10am to 6pm. All are welcome. For details, call 17690790.

The Art on the Harbour series continues with a new exhibition by students from Al Raja School, titled 'Silhouettes of Colours' at the Southern Entrance to Harbour Gate in Bahrain Financial Harbour. The exhibition celebrates work by students and aims to encourage creativity in the young generation. For details, visit www.bfharbour.com

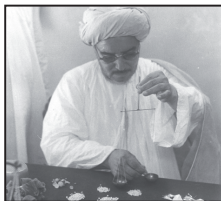
Falak Consulting announces its second 'out-of-the-box-thinking, creativity and innovation session', entitled the Falak Unreasonable Thinking Summit, taking place on today and tomorrow at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel Bahrain. The event is targeting start-up entrepreneurs, corporate executives, university

students, and allowing them to interact with some of the world's leading innovators. The summit is free although participants must register in advance to attend.

To register, visit www.unreasonablethinking.com or follow @unreasonable_thinking on Instagram.

Gallery One invites guests to an exhibition titled 'Souq Collection' by Palestinian architect and designer, Rashid Abdelhamid, showcasing handmade pieces of furniture, running until May 3. For details, visit www.galleryone.ps or email info@galleryone.ps

The Bahrain Vintage Photo Exhibition, a curated showcase of the kingdom's rich history and culture at its fashion court, is being staged at MODA Mall until Monday. For details, visit www.modabahrain.com



Welsh artist Peter W Rushton's latest exhibition titled 'Rhythm of Life' at the In Touch Clinic Gallery in Saar runs until Monday.



Juffair's Elite Crystal Hotel has launched a Flaming Seafood Platter promotion at Waikiki Kitchen every Wednesday night. Priced BD6++, For reservations, call 17360390.

The Swiss-Belhotel Seef Bahrain is hosting a Business Lunch Buffet every day except Friday and Saturday, from 12.30pm to 3pm at Swiss-Café. Priced BD5.5net for a two-course buffet, or BD8net per person for full buffet. For details, call 66310000.

Children aged four to 15

are welcome to join Bahrain Hockey Association training sessions at St Christopher's Senior School in Isa Town. For details, contact hockeybahrain@gmail.com or call 39658618.

The Crowne Plaza Bahrain introduces its new band, the Eye Candies, every evening from 9pm onwards, except Saturdays, at The Harvesters Pub & Terrace. For more information, call 17531122.



Crowne Plaza Bahrain is holding a steak night every Wednesday from 7pm at La Mosaïque Restaurant, priced BD18net.

The Harvesters Restaurant Pub & Terrace is offering a new Camel Burger with French fries and coleslaw. Ask to be part of the Beast Burger Challenge, and if finished in the stipulated time your meal is free, you receive a free T-shirt and your name is entered on the wall of fame. Runs daily from 11am to 9pm. Priced BD8.410 per person. The hotel is also holding a South Indian Curry Promotion daily from noon to 11pm at Spices Indian Restaurant, available as vegetarian or non-vegetarian package. Priced BD4.840net per person. For more details call 17531122.

Elite Seef Residence & Hotel is holding weekly ladies nights with live grills and the sounds of a saxophonist every Wednesday from 8pm to midnight at the Oasis pool area. For details, call 17583388.

The Elite Grande Hotel is hosting a seafood night every Wednesday at H2O Lounge with live grills by the pool and beautiful city line views. Priced BD12++ per person. For details, call 17565888.

Le Meridien Bahrain City Centre offers a daily business lunch at Baharat Restaurant with a selection of Middle Eastern and Indian fusion cuisine from 12.30pm to 4pm.

Priced BD12++ for full buffet, or BD5.5++ for soup and salad buffet. Children aged six to 12 dine at half price.

Baharat is also hosting a weekly BBQ night every Wednesday from 7pm to 11pm on the Baharat terrace with live music from South African duo, The Deux Song. Priced BD18net inclusive of soft beverages, or BD24net inclusive of a free flow of beverages.

Mezzanine Lounge is hosting an English afternoon tea daily from 3pm to 6pm, priced BD12++.

For details, call 17171144.

The Sheraton Bahrain Hotel is presenting a special lunch menu at Espresso Illy Café daily from 7am to 11pm priced BD2.9++ inclusive of soft beverages.

For details call 17533533.

Thursday (April 26)

The Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa is hosting a BBQ Beach experience every Thursday and Friday from 7pm to 10pm at the Lagoon, with grilled treats and live tunes from guest DJs. The hotel also invites you to experience dining at La Mer Restaurant, with a Surf & Turf special every Thursday from 7pm to 11pm.

For details, call 17636363.

Bushido by Buddha Bar will be celebrating its ninth anniversary tonight with Faydee, famed for the hit song 'Habibi I Need Your Love'. Tickets are priced BD10 for gentlemen in advance, BD15 on the door, and for ladies free entrance from 9.30pm and BD5 after 10.30pm. For details, call 17583555 or email reservation@bushido.com

The Swiss-Belhotel Seef Bahrain is staging a Pan Asian Dinner Buffet specialising in Vietnamese cuisine every Thursday at Swiss-Café from 7pm to 11pm. Priced BD12net inclusive of soft beverages, BD16net inclusive of two selected beverages, and BD22net inclusive of free flow selected beverages. For details, call 66310000.

The Sheraton Bahrain Hotel is hosting Indian Nights at Al Safir restaurant, with traditional Indian delicacies every Thursday from 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Priced BD10++ per person. For more information and to book online, visit www.sheratonbahrain.com or call 17533533.

The Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention and Spa is hosting a Seafood Night at Al Waha restaurant tonight from 7pm-10.30pm. For details, call 17713000.

Crowne Plaza Bahrain invites guests to its seafood night from 7pm at La Mosaïque Restaurant.

The Harvesters & Terrace is hosting a weekly Chill and Grill night every Thursday with fun music, BBQ and selected beverages from 6pm onwards. Priced BD7net for entrance, inclusive of one round of selected beverages. Entry is exclusive to those aged 21 and over.

For more details call 17531122.

Elite Seef Residence & Hotel is hosting weekly Layali Al Bazerkan Nights with live entertainment and grills every Thursday from 8pm to midnight at the Oasis pool area. Priced BD14net per person.

For details, call 17583388.

Elite Grande Hotel is hosting a Red Velvet Night every Thursday at H2O Lounge with choice of grills and selected beverages. Priced BD10++ per person. The hotel is also hosting 'Hi Tea and Coffee' every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Ahlan Café with a special coffee price with free cookies for BD3++ per person.

For details, call 17565888.

Elite Resort & Spa is staging weekly Layali Al Naseem Live Grill Nights by the pool every Thursday. Priced BD10++ per person.

For details, call 17313333.

Le Meridien Hotel Bahrain's Seafood Night at Baharat Restaurant takes place every Thursday from 7pm to 11pm. Priced BD24net inclusive of soft beverages, or BD29net inclusive of beverages. The hotel is also hosting a Retro Night every Thursday at its Mezzanine Lounge from 8pm onwards with retro-themed drinks and bites, and live entertainment from South African duo, The Deux Song. For details, call 17171144.



The Mövenpick Hotel Bahrain is staging a fun Thursday Night Out for guests at its Silk's Restaurant inclusive of live cooking stations, a buffet and music from 7pm to 11pm. It is priced BD32net per person, including selected beverages. For details, call 17460017.

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, is hosting a weekly BBQ dining experience every Thursday at La Med from 7pm to 10.30pm. Priced BD20++ with soft beverages and BD25++ with

selected beverages.

The hotel is also staging a new weekly BBQ on the Bay at La Plage every Thursday from 7pm to 11pm with live music and an assortment of tender meats, sauces, side dishes and desserts on the beachfront restaurant. Priced BD25++ with soft beverages, and BD30++ with selected beverages.

Start the summer with a Mexican Summer Fiesta at Cantina Kahlo and Kahlo Club tonight from 8pm to 1am, featuring a delicious assortment of Mexican classics, selected beverages and heavenly desserts, as well as a live Latino band. Priced BD35net per person. For details, call 17586499 or email rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com

**Friday (April 27)**

The Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa invites guests to its Grand Friday Brunch at Saraya Restaurant, from 12.30pm to 4pm, complete with live cooking stations and entertainment from Cuban band, Timeless. Priced BD36net inclusive of soft beverages, BD40net inclusive of selected beverages, BD60net inclusive of special beverage package. It's free for children under six with a 50 per cent discount for older children aged up to 12. For reservations, call 17636363.

The Trib Fest family music festival returns today, from 10am to 10pm, at the Bahrain Rugby Football Club. The event will feature UK tribute artists representing the sounds of Freddie Mercury, David Bowie and Bon Jovi and others. Tickets are priced BD16 for adults and BD8 for children, with a discount for BRFC members. They are available online, at the Bahrain Rugby Club reception, or on the door. For details, email contact@tribfestbh.com

The Dilmun Club presents an evening with The Manama Singers, with complimentary selected beverages followed by a four-course set menu and live entertainment tonight at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced BD10 and are available at the Saar club's reception. For details visit www.dilmun-club.com

The Movenpick Hotel Bahrain is hosting its weekly Friday Brunch, featuring an international buffet, from 12.30pm to 4pm at Silk's

SHERATON Bahrain Hotel launched its Thai Street Food Festival with a media dinner la at its Soie Restaurant prepared by visiting chefs Anan Sinsanwit and Chef Supparat.

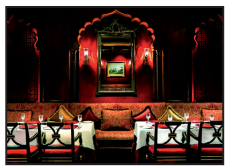
They flew into Bahrain from JW Marriott Bangkok in Thailand and will continue creating special Thai delights throughout the 10-day festival which runs until Monday from 7.30pm to 11.30pm daily, except on Saturday.

"We wanted the festival to be really authentic so we brought two Thai chefs to Bahrain especially for this event," explained hotel GM Thomas Flindt.



restaurant and Flamingo lounge. Priced BD36net per person with 50 per cent discount for children aged four to 12.
For more information, call 17460000.

The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain is staging a new weekend Indian brunch at Nirvana, available every Friday and Saturday from 12pm to 4pm, with an extensive range of plated brunch specialties cooked by Chef Mahipal Singh. Priced BD16++ for adults and BD7++ for kids aged four to 12.
For reservations, call 17586499 or email rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com



The Swiss-Belhotel Seef Bahrain is presenting a Seafood Lunch every Friday from 12.30pm to 3pm at Swiss-Café.

The hotel is also hosting an Arabic Dinner every Friday from 7pm to 11pm at Swiss-Café from 7pm to 11pm. Both offers are priced BD12net inclusive of soft beverages, BD16net inclusive of two selected beverages, and BD22net inclusive of selected beverages.
For details, call 66310000.

The Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay is hosting Friday Brunch at CUT by Wolfgang Puck Steakhouse from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Priced BD24++ with soft beverages, BD24++ with extensive beverage package for ladies, or BD34++ with extensive beverage package.
For details, call 17115044.

The Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay is hosting a Friday Spring Fair Brunch every Friday until May 11 from 1pm to 4pm, featuring seasonal dishes, fair-style games, and other activities for children. Priced BD25++ inclusive of soft beverages, or BD35++ inclusive of selected beverages.
For reservations, call 17115500.



The Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa is hosting its celebrated Gulf Grand Brunch at Al Waha Restaurant every Friday from 12.30pm-4pm featuring fabulous fare from its award-winning restaurants. It boasts a fun-filled children's corner, a buffet selection offering 10 different cuisines alongside live counters, pool usage, live entertainment and an after-party at Typhoon Lounge. Its priced BD32net, inclusive of selected

beverages, with special rates for Gulf Hotel partners and Prestige Club members.
For details, call 17713000.

The Sheraton Bahrain Hotel is hosting a Chocoholic Friday Brunch at Al Safir Restaurant every Friday from 1pm to 4pm with live cooking stations, plus an extravagant selection of desserts and crepe station with lots of chocolates. It is priced BD34net inclusive of selected beverages, BD28net inclusive of soft beverages, and BD10net for children. *Guests can book by calling 17533533 or visiting www.sheratonbahrain.com*



Don't miss the Elite Resort & Spa Muharraq's Carnival Friday Brunch with music, merriment, sea views and pool fun all part of the package. BD14++ for adults and free for children under six and BD22++ with selected beverages.
Call 17313333 for more details.

Le Meridien Bahrain City Centre's Baharat Restaurant is hosting a Friday brunch, featuring special dishes with music from the Deux Sons. Priced BD26net inclusive of soft beverages, or BD38net inclusive of selected beverages.
For more details call 17171144.

The Crowne Plaza Bahrain's Absolutely Fabulous Friday Brunch takes place at La Mosaïque Restaurant and The Harvesters from 12.30pm-4pm. This week the brunch is Hawaiian themed, so come dressed in your best Hawaiian shirts and hula skirts. It's priced BD31net and BD8.750net for children aged seven to 12. The hotel is also hosting a weekly international themed night buffet every Friday from 7pm onwards, featuring a wide selection of dishes. Priced BD13net for food only. The hotel is also hosting a weekly international-themed night buffet every Friday from 7pm onwards, featuring a wide selection of dishes. Priced BD13net for food only.



Get your singing voices in tune for next month's new Bollywood Karaoke Night at the Crowne Plaza Bahrain's Spices Indian Restaurant. Opening night is tonight from 4pm until 11pm. Dining costs BD8 net with selected soft beverages
For more details call 1753112.

Elite Seef Residence & Hotel holds a weekly 'Grill and Taarab Night' every Friday from 7pm to 11pm with live Arabic entertainment and live grills. Priced at BD14net per person.
For details, call 17583388.

The Elite Grande Hotel is staging a 'Grill to Chill Night' every Friday and Saturday at its H2O Lounge with unlimited grills by the pool and beautiful city line views. Priced BD12++ per person.
For details, call 17565888.

The Elite Resort & Spa is staging its popular weekly Friday Family Lunch with pool access, kid's activities and a wide variety of international food. Priced BD10++ inclusive of soft beverages.
For details, call 17313333.

The Elite Crystal Hotel is hosting a pool party at Waikiki today from 1pm to 8pm, entertained by DJ Santi, DJ Smiley, and DJ Arson, with free entrance and welcome beverage for ladies, and priced BD10net for gentlemen with one complimentary beverage. BD25net for special package inclusive of unlimited selected beverages and live grills.
For details, call 66666360.

The Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities is hosting Al Fann: Art from the Islamic Civilisation from The al-Sabah Collection Exhibition until June 30 at the Bahrain National Museum. Admission is free.
For details, visit www.culture.gov.bh

Saturday (April 28)

End your weekend surrounded by nature's greenery at the Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa's Pique-Nique In The Park, every Saturday from 12.30pm to 4pm. Priced BD20 per person, it includes a picnic experience with beverages from the a la carte menu. Prior reservations are mandatory. Enjoy Angham Brunch every Saturday from 12.30pm to 5pm with authentic Arabian flavours and live entertainment. Priced BD25net inclusive of soft beverages and BD29net inclusive of selected beverages. Tapas Restaurant is offering a new selection of unique burgers every Saturday from 12.30pm to 5pm, with specialties such as the Moroccan Burger, Portobello Burger, or Deconstructive Burger.
For reservations, call 17636363.

The Swiss-Belhotel Seef Bahrain invites guests to its Saturday Family Lunch every Saturday from 12.30pm to 3pm at Swiss-Café. Priced BD8net per person, children below 12 years old eat for free. The hotel invites guests to walk in the shoes of the Duchess of Bedford, who introduced the tradition of High Tea, with a daily High Tea at Caffecino from 3pm to 6pm. Priced BD7net inclusive of British, Parisian, or Arabic

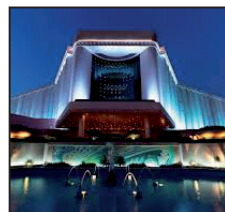
high tea with coffee or juice.
For details, call 66310000.

The Sheraton Hotel Bahrain is hosting Flashback Saturdays at An Nada Lounge for hospitality industry staff members working in hotels, hospitals, or airlines, every Saturday, with 90s hits from DJ John Bituin and discounted food and beverages. Bring work ID cards for entry.
For more information, call 17533533 or visit www.sheratonbahrain.com

Soak up the stunning views from the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay's 50th floor and feast on Asian delights like Korean Fried Chicken Bao Buns, Wok Fried Shrimp Dumplings and Brisket Wontons at the re Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck's Saturday Brunch. The price is BD19++ and BD37++ with selected beverages.
For reservations, call 17115046.

The Bahrain Bay Kitchen at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay is staging a Saturday Brunch from 12.30pm-3.30pm offering a wide selection of Arabic favourites such as Lamb Ouzi and cold mezzeh, priced BD16++ including soft beverages.
For more details, call 17115000.

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain's Cantina Kahlo's Mexican Brunch is priced BD35net per person, including food and beverages, and BD20net per person for food only. It takes place from 11am-3pm.
For more details call 17580000, or rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com



Crowne Plaza Bahrain is hosting an International Theme Night at La Mosaïque Restaurant. The price is BD14.550net. The hotel is also hosting a weekly Asian Night Buffet every Saturday from 7pm onwards at La Mosaïque restaurant, featuring South East Asian specialties. Priced BD13net for food only. Selected beverage package is available.
Call 17531122 for more information.

IHG invites guests to experience its Signature Food Festival at participating InterContinental, Crowne Plaza, and Holiday Inn hotels until Saturday. They'll be creating three-course menus available daily from 4pm to 11pm at Waves Seafood Restaurant, amongst others, to explore the offerings of 50 of its finest restaurants in the region. Visit roundmenu.com/ihgfoodfestival or

call 17531122 for more information.

The Gulf Hotel Bahrain, Convention & Spa is holding salsa classes every Saturday from 7pm to 9pm at Typhoon Lounge. Classes are priced BD10 inclusive of two rounds of selected beverages. Every Saturday, the hotel's The Art of Cooking classes take place from 10.30am to noon, designed for home cooks with busy lifestyles and a passion for food. It includes hands-on demonstration classes led by professional chefs. Priced BD18net, including lunch.
For details, call 17713000.



The Elite Crystal Hotel is holding a weekly Sushi Night every Saturday at Waikiki from 6pm to 10.30pm featuring unlimited Japanese sushi. Priced BD10++ for food package, or BD15++ inclusive of selected beverages.
For reservations, call 17360360.

Enjoy live cooking counters including burgers, shawarma and oriental pizza at the Elite Resort & Spa every Saturday night, with live oud performances. Priced starting BD3++.
For details, call 17313333.

The Westin Bahrain City Centre is holding complimentary junior baking classes at Furn Bakery for children every Saturday from 9am to 10am, featuring hands-on experience and supervision from its master bakers. There is an optional kid's breakfast menu priced BD2++ for bakery items, plus water and juice for children aged three to 12.
For details, call 17171441.

Sunday (April 29)

Enjoy Bahrain's first Sweet hour at the Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa's Macaron & Lobby, with authentic French pastries, from Sunday to Wednesday between 6pm and 7pm with a 25 per cent.
For details, call 17636363.

The Movenpick Hotel Bahrain is hosting an extravagant Mussels experience until May 6, with the Belgian classic dish of Moules-frites, Belgian waffles, and exclusive Belgian beverages. Served daily at the Flamingo lounge and on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday at Silk's restaurant. Priced BD10 per pot of mussels.
For details call 17460017 or email hotel.bahrain.fb@movenpick.com

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain is hosting a two-course Business Set Lunch Sundays

to Thursdays from 12pm to 3pm at its Italian-signature restaurant Primavera. Priced BD9.5++ per person including soft beverages.
For more details call 17586499.

Crowne Plaza Bahrain is staging an FBI Night every Sunday Night at The Harvesters & Terrace and Tracks Sports Bar from 9pm-1am. Drinks are 50 per cent off for employees of the food and beverage industry. The Harvesters is also hosting a new Think & Drink Night every Sunday night. A fun night of trivia, join for a night of brain draining fun at the new trivia evening starting from 9pm onwards. Entry exclusive to those aged 21 and over.

The hotel is offering a Business Lunch at Waves Seafood Restaurant every Saturday to Thursday from 12pm-4pm. The price is BD8net per person for three courses.

A Business Lunch is also available at La Mosaïque Restaurant every Saturday to Thursday from 12.30pm-3pm. The price is BD8net for three courses or BD6net for two courses. The hotel is also staging a weekly Italian Night Buffet every Sunday from 7pm onwards at La Mosaïque restaurant. Priced BD13net for food only. Selected beverage package available.
For more details call 17531122.

The Elite Grande Hotel is hosting a Taste of Italy offer at Zodiac and H2O Lounge with a choice of Italian pasta or pizza and one soft beverage. Priced BD5++ per person. The hotel is also hosting a 'Wings on Time' promotion at H2O Lounge and Zodiac featuring unlimited selected beverages and unlimited chicken wings from 8pm to 9pm for BD15++ per person.
For details, call 17565888.

The Sheraton Bahrain Hotel invites guests to enjoy performances by its new Filipino band Ekzklusiv, daily except Saturdays, at its An Nada Lounge from 9.15pm to 12.45am during weekdays and from 9.15pm to 1.30am at the weekend.
For details, call 17533533.

Monday (April 30)

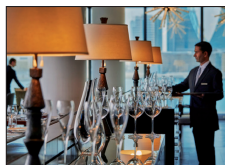
Words Bookstore and Café is hosting an ELI (Energy Leadership Index) Assessment Talk today at 10am, led by Core Energy coach and Master Practitioner Sofia Jafar. Words also invites readers to its Monday Night BookClub tonight at 6.30pm, reading 'We Were the Lucky Ones' by Georgia Hunter.
For details, call 17690790, or email info@wordsbookstorecafe.com

Enjoy smooth Midweek Monday Music at Coda Jazz Lounge in Adliya with the sounds of Dihann Moore & The SheGroovee Band while tasting bistro-style food.
For details, contact 34342828.

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CUT by Wolfgang Puck at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain offers business lunch every day from noon to 3pm. Enjoy a two-course meal in 60-minutes, with your choice of tea or coffee, priced BD14++ per person. CUT Bar & Lounge is also hosting 'CUT The Lounge to the Chase' featuring Celebrity



Chef Wolfgang Puck's signature bites and drinks with chic music every Monday to Thursday from 5pm-7pm, and Friday and Saturday from 4pm-7pm. Priced BD3 for entrance. There is also an Afternoon Tea at Bay View Lounge every day from 3pm-9pm priced at BD15++ per person, or BD28++ for two guests. For details, call 17115044.

The Elite Grande Hotel is hosting a Dish of the Day every Monday night at H2O Lounge with a selection of special dishes prepared by the chef. Priced BD10++ per person.

For details, call 17565888.

The Crowne Plaza Bahrain Hotel is hosting a weekly French Night every Monday from 7pm onwards at La Mosaique restaurant. Priced BD13net for food only and a beverage package is also available. For details, call 17531122.

The Movenpick Hotel Bahrain is staging a Seafood Night every Monday from 7pm to 11pm at Silk's restaurant priced BD24net per person and BD29net per person with a selected beverages package. For details, call 17460017

or email hotel.bahrain.fb@movenpick.com

Tuesday (May 1)

The legendary Gulf Night Out returns at The Gulf Hotel Bahrain. Featuring the Al Rayash Band, belly dancer and house band QBA, this popular poolside event is priced at BD19++ for an unlimited food and selected beverages package, starting at 8pm.

For more information visit www.gulfotherelbahrain.com/gulf-night-out-1st-season

The Crowne Plaza Bahrain Hotel is hosting a weekly Catch of the Day Seafood

Night every Tuesday from 7pm onwards at La Mosaique restaurant. Priced BD18net for food only. There is also a selected beverage package available too.

For details, call 17531122.

The Movenpick Hotel Bahrain is hosting a Kababna Night every Tuesday from 7pm to 11pm at Silk's restaurant, featuring mixed grills and freshly-squeezed refreshments. Priced BD18net per person or BD30net inclusive of selected beverages.

For details, call 17460017 or email hotel.bahrain.fb@movenpick.com

The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain invites guests to its Afternoon Tea Experience at the Lobby Lounge, daily from 3pm to 5pm, with new menu items such as foie gras terrine, organic chicken with espelette chilli, and pistachio and spiced pineapple cake. Priced BD21++ per set. Enjoy a Bahraini-inspired combination of prime steak and seafood with side dishes at Plums from today until May 16, 7pm to 11pm. Prices are a la carte.

For information, call 17586499 or email rc.bahrain.restaurantreservations@ritzcarlton.com

Celebrity chef returns

CELEBRATED Michelin-starred celebrity Chef Vineet Bhatia will be back in the kitchens of his award-winning restaurant at the Gulf Hotel Bahrain doing what he does best ... dazzling diners with his unique take on Indian cuisine.

Rasoi by Vineet will be hosting a special 'dinner of the year' with a five-course menu specially crafted by Chef Vineet and paired carefully with a perfect grape. And food lovers will get the chance to sharpen their culinary skills when he hosts his Master Cooking Class and afterwards they can enjoy a memorable

opportunity by sharing the lunch table with him.

Rasoi by Vineet, Bahrain has picked up numerous accolades, not only best Indian restaurant but also 'Best Restaurant' in the kingdom. Rasoi in Hindi means 'kitchen' and the glowing reputation of Vineet's kitchen in Bahrain continues to grow.

The senator of spices will be visiting Bahrain from May 3-7. The main dinner takes place on the opening night priced BD35++ and the Master Class with Lunch will be staged on May 5, priced BD39-net.

There are limited seats



for both events and prior reservation is a must to avoid disappointment. Call

17713000 or email info@gulfotherelbahrain.com for more details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

THE BSPCA Thrift Shop announces its summer Designer Sale, on new and pre-loved clothing from designers such as Cavalli, Karen Millen, Ted baker, and more. Brands will go on sale on May 12 from 1pm to 5pm, and all earnings go towards the care and feeding of animals at the Animal Welfare Centre and the BSPCA's free CNR scheme for dogs and cats. For details, call 17593479.

THE students of the Lycee Francaise de Bahrain invite guests to its annual musical, Fanfare, to be staged at the Cultural Hall in Manama on May 10 at

6.30pm. Tickets are BD3, with all proceeds going to charitable causes. You can purchase them at the school and from the cast or crew of the musical.

THE Radisson Diplomat Hotel is hosting 'A World Cup Special' dinner with former British football stars John Barnes, Steve Staunton, Colin Hendry, and John Hartson on May 11 from 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced BD30 per person and can be bought online at <http://ssmena.com/bahrain-an-evening-with-john-barnes-steve-staunton-colin-hendry-john-hartson-the-radisson-diplomat-hotel/> For details, call 33886952.

RAMADAN EVENTS

THE Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay invites guests during the holy month to break their fast at the Al Bahrain Ballroom, featuring a buffet with a wide selection of traditional Bahraini fare prepared by Executive Chef Hyung Gyu Kim and Executive Pastry Chef Imad Boukli. Iftar will be every day from sunset until 8pm, and Ghabga daily from 9pm until 2am. A professional live band will be playing traditional music in the Ramadan tent.

Priced BD26++ for Iftar inclusive of soft beverages and Arabic coffee, and BD13++ for kids between five and 12 years old. Ghabga is BD28++ inclusive of buffet beverages, and BD14++ for kids between five and 12 years old. Kids below five years old enter free, and 13 years above are full price. Groups of minimum 30 people pay BD23++ per person for Iftar inclusive of beverages and BD25++ per person for Ghabga exclusive of beverages.

A large section within the Al Bahrain Ballroom will feature a kid's club hosting fun activities as part of the hotel's Kids For All Seasons Club.

On the 15th day of Ramadan, children can join in spreading candies, singing traditional songs and storytelling, from sunset until 8.30pm.

For reservations, call 17115500.

The Bahrain Bay Kitchen will be hosting a three day brunch buffet during Eid Al-Fitr with brunch buffet, live cooking stations, and a vibrant family atmosphere. Priced BD28++ including soft beverages or



BD38++ including selected beverages.

For reservations call 17115500.

EXPERIENCE tradition this Ramadan at The Sheraton Bahrain Hotel with Iftar at the Awal Ballroom, boasting a traditional Arabic décor, dishes, juices, and a dates corner and crepe station for all guests to enjoy. Iftar buffet is served from sunset to 8.30pm. Priced BD16++ from Sunday to Wednesday, and BD17++ from Thursday to Saturday. Children from four to 12 years old charged BD8.5++, and below four years old dine for free.

The hotel will be serving a daily Ghabga at Al Safir Restaurant from 9pm to 2am, priced BD12.9++ for adults.

For reservations, call 17533533 or book online at www.sheratonbahrain.com

THE Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, Residence and Spa, is hosting a curated Iftar at Bahrain's first rooftop venue, Al Fanar, during the holy month of Ramadan, featuring delicious Arabian dishes and an overlooking view of the skyline of Manama. Priced BD14net per person.

The hotel also invites guests to enjoy a unique dining experience with Ghabga at Blu, to enjoy a warm Bahraini hospitality ambiance. Priced BD14net per person, with an early bird discount of 20 per cent for bookings made before May 1. Special group packages are available for ten guests and above.

For details, call 17531666 or email sales.diplomat@radissonblu.com

THIS year, celebrate the holy month of Ramadan at Al Murjan Ballroom in The Movenpick Hotel Bahrain, with a sumptuous Iftar buffet and live cooking stations, from sunset to 10pm.

A designated beverage station will also be serving a range of classic Ramadan juices such as tamarind, Virmito and jallab.

Priced BD19net per person inclusive of Ramadan beverages. In the spirit of the holy month of giving, BD1 will be donated from bills to a Muharraq charity fund.

Also, during this month, two lucky winners will win a round-trip ticket to any destination, sponsored by KLM.

For more information, call

17460017 or email hotel.bahrain.fb@movenpick.com

Enjoy Iftar and Ghabga at Elite Resort & Spa's Noor Tent, featuring Ramadan buffet and family entertainment. Priced BD9.9++ per person for Iftar and Ghabga, and BD5.5++ per person for Suhoor.

For details, call 17131333.

● **See Eating Out: Page 11** The Elite Seef Residence & Hotel is celebrating the holy month of Ramadan with Iftar every evening at Oasis and Il Giardino with an unlimited international and oriental buffet with soft beverages. Priced BD7.990++ per person and BD3++ for children.

The hotel will also host a daily Ghabga with a Ghabga platter available for two or per family, and live entertainment. Priced BD14++ per person or BD16++ for two adults and two kids.

For details, call 17583388.

The Elite Crystal hotel is hosting Iftar buffet during the holy month of Ramadan at The Lotus. Priced BD7.9++ for Iftar and BD14.9++ for a Ghabga platter for two.

For reservations, call 17360360.

The Elite Grande Hotel invites guests to its Iftar at Julio's, featuring international and oriental buffet with soft beverages. Priced BD7.990++ per person and BD3++ for children. Suhoor is priced BD5++ per person.

There is also a Ghabga by the pool at H2O rooftop lounge, with live oud performances on the weekend and free henna designer for ladies and children. Priced BD14++ per

person or BD16++ for two adults and two kids.

For details, call 17565888.

GUESTS at Al Areen Palace & Spa Bahrain during the holy month of Ramadan can enjoy the lavish Iftar buffet, available on weekdays for BD14++ and BD16++ on weekend on the Early Bird package. The Ghabga buffet is priced BD13.5++ on weekdays and BD15++ on weekends on the Early Bird package. The regular package deal offers an Iftar buffet on weekdays for BD16++ and on weekends for BD18++, followed by the Ghabga buffet, which is BD15++ on weekdays and BD17++ on weekends. All buffets include lavish offerings, sweets, Ramadan juice, live cooking stations, and a raffle draw on weekends.

The hotel is also offering three discounted meal and spa options on its desert pool villas. The first package is for only BD140++, including desert pool villa and Iftar or Ghabga or breakfast. The second package is for BD160++, including desert pool villa, Iftar or Ghabga or breakfast, and a 30 minute massage treatment. The third package is for BD190++, including desert pool villa, Iftar or breakfast, in-villa BBQ, and a 30 minute massage treatment.

THE Wyndham Grand Manama invites guests to experience the holy month of Ramadan with friends and family at Atmosphere restaurant, with a lavish menu of amazing selections

of Middle Eastern dishes and live cooking stations. Iftar is priced BD12.5++ and Ghabga is priced BD12.5++ per person.

For reservations, call 17116116 or visit www.wyndhamgrandmanama.com

THE Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa is welcoming the holy month with an evening of delightful fare in its award-winning Ramadan tent, Layali Al Zallaq. There will be a selection of traditional dishes and live Arabic entertainment.

Iftar will take place daily from sunset until 8.30pm, and is priced BD19.5++ inclusive of Ramadan juices and beverages. Ghabga will take place weekdays from 10pm to 1.30am, and weekends from 10pm to 2am, and is priced BD19.5++ for food only.

For reservations, call 17636363.

A corporate early bird offer is available for those who book for Ghabga in Al Nakheel Ballroom before May 5, with a special price of BD14++.

For details, call 17636340 or email h6722-sl8@sofitel.com

THE Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa is celebrating the holy month of Ramadan with its famous Khaimat Al Khaleej at the Awal Ballroom. Iftar and Ghabga will take place daily, and will feature live Teppanyaki grills, chocolate fountains, a date tower, and live traditional entertainment.

To find out more about the offer and special packages, call 17713000.

Eating Out

The places to dine in Bahrain plus culinary tips for the food connoisseur

WOK Station quiz winner: MUSTAFA BAWAADAM won a 'Dim Sum Platter' for two at WOK Station by correctly answering that Dim Sum originates from China. Watch this space for more.



ELITE Resort & Spa Muharraq was once again quick off the blocks in the race to entice family and friends to join together to break their fasts during the coming holy month.

In a dress rehearsal for the huge hospitality operation, the resort was buzzing last Wednesday evening with lights leading the way along a decorative path by the pool to the entrance of its acclaimed Al Noor Tent.

Food-lovers annually flock to this destination to enjoy Arabian Nights-themed iftars and ghabgas and Hani Sadek, the property's food & beverages manager, said the team's challenge has been to work even harder and improve the offerings each year.

It's that gritty professionalism that shines through the moment you walk through the entrance into the seaside hotel's majestic marquee where guests are greeted by the smiling face of a traditionally-attired gentleman pouring a welcoming cup of Arabic coffee.

The structure is perfectly designed with a comfortable dining area and friendly, fast and impressively efficient staff at the ready to fill up glasses and take away empty plates as foot-tapping and classical Arabic music played live on stage serenades the crowd.

The airy ambience is spot on too, with space to walk around and converse because it's the season to meet and greet as well as to tuck into the night-time fare.

Although, all that chatting can build up the appetite even on a non-fasting day as was clear from the appreciative gathering who lined up for the

Carving up a niche



MAGNIFICENT MARQUEE: Preparations for the preview of Ramadan festivities at the Al Noor Tent and, right, the Ouzi

GOURMET REPORT
By STAN SZECOWKA
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enormous buffet.

The spread of food is spectacular with freshly-prepared flavoursome dishes, a stunning array of salads as well as marvellous main courses all prepared 'in house' ... and we'll talk about the desserts later.

The classic Lentil Soup was almost in the ladle until I spotted the sign for a Cream of Salmon alternative which was rich and full of flavour.

The salads, so familiar at these functions such as Tabouleh and Mutabal Turki did not disappoint but the Beirut Salad was superb.

I've become a big of a fan of this vegetable and urge you to try a clever Beetroot Arancini, these deep-fried beetroot risotto balls are finger-lickin' delicious.

Again, congratulations to the chefs because alongside the Arabic dishes are some European and Asian favourites too alongside little surprises such as this small round masterpiece. One of my Italian friends says that in Sicily, Arancini are served as a traditional street food and at home, he says they are a great way to use leftover risotto and beetroot is a triumph when mixed with goat's cheese.

The sizable sushi was impressive and there was a

stunningly colourful plate of healthy cuisine featuring green beans, potatoes, tomatoes, black olives alongside sliced boiled eggs and shavings of beetroot for an added twist.

Let's not forget the meat, as some marvellous dishes on display included Tikka Bahraini (love it!), Shawarma slices and Chicken Biryani. And, of course, everyone's favourite Ouzi.

It features, of course, very slow cooked lamb, the type that melts in the mouth the moment you place a piece on your tongue, together with roasted nuts, raisins and served over rice.

The chef plating the dish

gave me a great tip, which I can't believe I've never registered before. If you want really moist, steaming hot rice alongside the lamb, ask for a spoonful directly under the meat. Of course, it makes absolute sense!

Save some room for the sweets though as you can't have iftars and ghabgas without something specially goo-liscious to look forward to.

I bumped into Executive Pastry Chef Nady Awadalla who always thrives on the challenge of creating desserts that look as good as they taste. The chocolate creations in particular was major masterpieces, particularly the



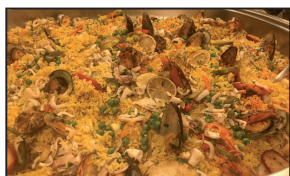
ones adorned with red berries on top.

Talk about a sweet sensation of choices with marvellous macaroon, kunafa, baqlawa and other assorted delicious desserts. Please don't miss out on the mango panna cotta, saffron mousse dome or the good lady wife Kathryn's favourite, crème brûlée.

One of the dessert tables featured a cutely-designed Elite cake aircraft ... these guys are really ready to fly high this Ramadan.

The Al Noor Tent will feature iftar and ghabga, both priced at BD9.9++, with suhoor (early morning meal to prepare for the fast) priced at BD5.5++. Call 17313333 or 38884415 for more details.

● Check out Stan's interview with Hani and Chef Nady by placing your smart phone over the QR code.





FRIENDS of Tony The Dogfather Waters who died last weekend after a long and courageous battle against liver and colon cancer, hope to ensure his animal sanctuary continues and a legacy of his devotion to the animal welfare cause will live on for many years to come.

The former hairdresser passed away late on Friday, at Bahrain Specialist Hospital just days after stepping out on a fundraising 'Dogfather's Limp Along' with friends to help raise funds for his Saar shelter, home to scores of abandoned and unwanted cats and dogs.

Looking frail and leading the way, he joined friends who brought along their own dogs or walked one from the Dogfather's Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre.

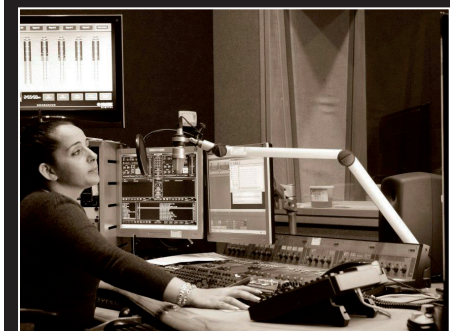
After the event, everyone was treated to refreshments and live music where guests donated bags of dog food and funds to the cause.

Music played a big part in his life too and amongst his many supporters were celebrities, including international singing star Joss Stone, who called in to lend him a helping hand before performing on stage in 2015 as part of the Spring of Culture concert series.

In recent times, chart-topping Sandi Thom, who recently moved to the kingdom, has performed shows to raise awareness about his work and support his efforts.

She described herself as a 'huge supporter' and called him a 'dear friend'. "Tony has been a pillar of the community now for so many years," she added. Believed to be in his early 70s, Tony did not like to talk about his age and always joked with friends that he was '29'.

Tony moved to Bahrain from England in 1985 and came to prominence following a cover story and full page news article about his astonishing animal sanctuary endeavours that appeared in *GulfWeekly* in February, 2007.



RIP Tony The



RIP TONY WATERS: The Dogfather at home with his rescued mutts, from left to right, Sandi Thom performing on stage in 2015, and singer Joss Stone visiting Tony before taking to the stage in Bahrain

Marie-Claire Honeywill, former *GulfWeekly* assistant editor and now the afternoon host at Studio 1 FM Radio Saudi Aramco, originated his nickname when she wrote the first ever article about his work with animals back in 2007.

From when he first took in a dog called Fatso nine years earlier, the 'family' had grown to 65 rescued animals. He had

also found homes for 160 other pets.

She wrote: 'The one thing that's impossible to miss is the joy every single animal feels as soon as they see Tony, and why not?'

Each of these dogs has his own rescue story and Tony is the conquering hero in their eyes.

Some have been rescued from cages, others have been bought

from unkind previous owners or found frail and terrified, abandoned on the side of the road.

'Tony has created a haven for the underdog and as such has well and truly earned the nickname of 'The Dogfather'.

Those words were plucked from her final sentence and used by editor Stan Szczowka as the headline on the page ...



TRIBUTES have been pouring in for Avicii, real name Tim Bergling, after the superstar DJ was found dead in Muscat, Oman last Friday afternoon.

The Swede, only 28, headlined the 2016 Formula 1 Grand Prix at the Bahrain International Circuit and played in front of thousands of adoring fans, many of whom took to social media to express their sadness at his passing.

It turned out to be one of his last ever live performances, having announced his impending retirement just days before the show.

Avicii had a history of excessive partying, which

RIP Tim Avicii Bergling, the



caused a severe case of pancreatitis and he had both his appendix and gallbladder removed. The cause of death has yet to be revealed, but

Omani police have ruled out foul play.

His performance at the BIC drew significant praise, and is often cited as one of

Dogfather Waters



Arriving at a fundraising concert for his animal shelter, Marie-Claire, on the last dog walk, the original for a Spring of Culture show



tremendous thanks to all the generous donors, volunteers and all those who have personally helped him with his brave battle over the many years since he was first diagnosed.

"As per Tony's wishes the centre will continue to carry out his legacy and dreams under careful guidance. Therefore, it is more important than ever that our donors and volunteers remain steadfast and strong in the wake of Tony's death and continue to support the centre."

Funeral arrangements have been made by the family and they will be joined by friends this evening at 6pm at the Bahrain Rugby Football Club to celebrate his life and pay their respects.



and the name stuck.

Marie-Claire said after hearing the news about Tony: "It's a sad day for Bahrain as a whole and animals especially. He was a hero to all our furry friends and I'm proud to have given him his nickname."

Without question his memory will live on. Sandi said: "The shelter is being managed by a committee of people chosen

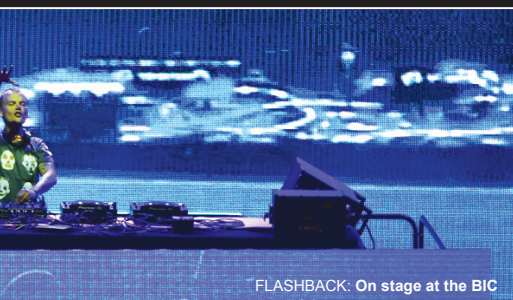
by Tony to carry on the good work and will remain open and operational. Plans are also being put in place to build a park for the strays to reside in, which was also one of Tony's dreams for the strays of Bahrain."

From that day on everyone referred to him as Tony the Dogfather. He leaves behind a son Ben, 48, and daughter

Sarah, 42, and Yaqoob Yousef, 53, who says he was adopted by Tony. They issued a joint statement saying: "The creation, development and success of the centre stands as testament to his selfless love and devotion to the animal community of Bahrain and was his greatest motivation to fight until the bitter end.

"We would like to give

The man who made us dance



FLASHBACK: On stage at the BIC

the best Formula 1 concerts in the 14-year history of the race.

GulfWeekly reporter reviewed the concert and

reported afterwards: 'Avicii played a mixture of his smash hits such as *Levels* and *Wake Me Up* and a few deeper cuts from his catalogue, but all

were greeted with reckless abandon by the crowd who continued to dance and jump around regardless of familiarity.

"The disappointed groans which greeted the finale were telling; Avicii was a very popular choice and truly brought the house down".

Many attendees have taken to social media to share their memories of the show, along with expressing their sadness and condolences. One said: "I can't believe this is true. He's so young and had so much more music to make. I'll never forget watching him and having the time of my life a couple of years ago, it's one of my favourite memories. RIP."



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In focus



THE 242nd anniversary of the independence of the United States of America was staged at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay's Bahrain Ballroom and Terrace earlier than its regular July 4 date to take advantage of the kingdom's delightful weather.

US ambassador Justin Sibeirell and his wife Arnavaz welcomed guests at the reception before they tucked into traditional BBQ fare which included hot dogs and chicken pieces.



THE Bangladesh Embassy Chancery Bahrain hosted a New Year celebration (Pohela Boishakh) in its grounds at Salhiya. Guests included dignitaries, friends of Bangladesh and members of the media. The event also featured traditional Bangladesh cuisine food stalls and entertainment.



THE Diplomat Radisson BLU Hotel, Residence & Spa's senior team joined together for a photograph with the prize plaque picked up at the recent Bahrain Food & Travel Awards 2018.

The property took the Best Residence accolade, as reported in *GulfWeekly*. "This achievement is definitely a strong recognition of our continuous pursuit in offering the highest level of quality service," said GM Kosta Kourtsidis.

BRITISH ambassador Simon Martin and his mum, Pat, visited The Budaiya Pre School in order to congratulate them on being awarded accreditation to the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) from the UK, a leading British standard in early years education.

They were greeted by the school principal and owner Janeann Mohseni and toured the school facility in Saar. The children enjoyed a special tea party with the VIP guests and performed a special song for the occasion in the school's outdoor discovery garden.



Social Scene

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Jobs Fair



THE second edition of the Lulu Job Fair, was inaugurated and held under the patronage of Minister of Labour & Social Development, Jameel bin Humaidan, at Ramli Mall. This year, 23 companies took part in the event, with a special booth hosted by the ministry serving as a human resource marketplace and recruitment centre of talented Bahrainis.

Birthday greetings

BAHRAIN'S historic relations with Great Britain was highlighted at a special reception staged to celebrate the 92nd birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-reigning monarch in British history.

On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad, Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended the event in the gardens of the official Manama residence of British ambassador Simon Martin.

The event was also attended by more than 500 guests,



including members of the Bahraini Royal Family, senior

government officials and other dignitaries, business leaders

and members of the British expat community.

The national anthems of both countries were sung by students of the British School of Bahrain and the Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa's chefs produced an array of food for the occasion including a display featuring a huge wedding cake to mark Her Majesty The Queen's 70th wedding anniversary with Prince Philip, plus a display of cakes made into the shape of hats she has worn for special occasions.

Staff party

BAHRAIN International Circuit recently hosted its annual staff party at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Bahrain Bay. Chairman of the board Arif Rahimi and chief executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa attended the event and expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the staff members for their hard work and commitment to the development of the circuit through the years.

They also thanked them for their exceptional efforts in delivering a 'hugely successful' Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, which was the 14th edition of the region's biggest sporting and entertainment event.

The party included an honouring ceremony for staff members who have served 10 years or more at the circuit and a prize raffle was held.



Reading campaign



THE Ministry of Education in collaboration with Isa Cultural Centre has been staging a week-long campaign titled READ, which ends tomorrow, aimed at inspiring children and families to pick up a book.

The campaign, which coincided with UNESCO's World Book Day, has included visits to both public and private schools across Bahrain in a portable library bus where local thinkers, authors and social media influencers have acted as 'reading ambassadors' and read to students.

Check out @readbahrain for more details.

New committee



THE American Women's Association recently held its general meeting at the Movenpick Hotel Bahrain where the new board members were elected for the year, 2018 -2019.

They are Angela de Greef, president, Flora Tallman, vice president, Mechele Kay Sargent, treasurer, Manal Bleibel, corresponding secretary, Lubna Al Alami, parliamentarian, Laila Hussain, community service, Evangeline Sojourner, recording secretary and membership secretary, Janice Peters.

The committee members are pictured above with Arnavaz Sibeirell, the wife of the American ambassador, Justin.

Education Matters



An educational insight and comment by head teacher Chris Fenton

MANAGING children's behaviour can be split into two clear strands:

- Classroom Management
- Behaviour Management

The two may look and sound the same and indeed they do complement each other beautifully, but intrinsically they are two different sides of the same objective; supporting children's personal, social and academic life in school.

Classroom management is the organisational element of a child's life in the classroom, for example, classroom displays, exercise books, resources and the use of ICT.

It encourages students to be organised and ready to learn each day with homework done and the correct equipment. It celebrates student achievements through interactive displays and challenges them through clear targets and effective marking.



Teacher and student are both responsible for effective classroom management as it is concerned with creating an environment which is conducive to learning in which students feel confident to investigate, explore and develop, teaching students independence, tenacity and cooperation skills.

Behaviour management is concerned with teaching the life skills and values that will enable students to develop and grow, both socially and personally.

It is concerned with the principles of right and wrong, making personal decisions, morality as well as actions and their consequences.

Schools will invariably have a behaviour management policy that will highlight amongst many things the rules of the school. School rules aren't some Draconian list of dos and do not's, they are written with a child's health, safety and personal development in mind and are usually underpinned with a

system of positive behaviour management that encourages students to make the right choices and be rewarded, rather than make the wrong choices and face a sanction.

The key word in both types of a school's student management systems is choice. Students always have choices and, as the well-known author John Covey tells us in his book the *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, we have the same choices in adulthood too.

Covey says that in the brief instance between our experience and our response to that experience there is a split second in which our subconscious mind can make a choice. Because it is a split second, we don't have a lot of time to make it, but the choices we do make are normally biased by our upbringing, our experiences of life so far, our key behaviour influencers such as parents and our habits.

A good behaviour management policy teaches children the value of their choices so should they find themselves in a situation where they have to make a good choice or a bad choice, they will be more likely to opt for the former.

Similarly, a good classroom management policy teaches children to trust themselves and be confident to try new things, so when faced with new social or academic choices, they will be less likely to be shy or to presume that they will get things wrong and more likely to embrace new challenges in learning or life that come their way since self confidence has been developed.

If schools get their policies right, that split second of cognition before experience leads to action will be used well and the decisions made that lead to actions will be positive, as they are built on the solid foundations.

SocialScene

Thai Fest 2018



LULU Hypermarket, Juffair hosted the inauguration of the Sawasdee Thailand Fest 2018, a festival of culture and commerce showcasing the best of Thailand.

Khalifa Al Rumaihi, director of protocol, His Royal Highness the Prime Minister's Court, Hathaichanok Frumau, charge de affairs, Royal Thai Embassy, representatives of the ASEAN

Nations and Mohammed Kaleem, regional director of Lulu Hypermarket- Bahrain, attended Saturday's ceremony. Stalls containing a range of Thai beauty and crafts were on display and all Lulu branches filled their shelves during the promotional period, as highlighted in last week's *GulfWeekly*, with products at special prices.

Helping hand

BAHRAIN Rugby Football Club has donated BD1,500 to the Migrant Workers Protection Society to help migrant labourers who recently lost all their possessions in a fire at their labour accommodation in Barbar. The funds were raised following a successful End of Season Ball raffle.

The collection appeal for this specific incident has ended, however the society will be continuing to collect donations for its Fire Response Fund.

Pictured here are Mark Burnell, events secretary, BRFC executive committee, Mike Cunningham, chairman, BRFC executive committee, Katharine Ball, general secretary, MWPS, Sanne Smith, assistant general secretary, MWPS, Katib Zuhair Ahmed, head of labour safety, Carine Cagnoli, marketing and sponsorship manager, BRFC.



In focus



INJAZ Bahrain and HSBC have launched the latest edition of their More than Money programme, marking 11 years of partnership between the two entities.

The initiative provides engaging and academically-enriching learning sessions in economic education. Over the past 10 years, more than 18,700 Bahraini intermediate students have benefited from the programme with around 1,800 students participating during the 2017-2018 academic year alone.

Professional volunteers teach students the fundamentals about financial planning such as earning, spending, sharing and saving money, and also introduce essential information on basic entrepreneurship.



KUWAIT Finance House - Bahrain hosted its annual staff meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay. The event marked a successful year and paid tribute to the contributions and achievements of employees for the year 2017.

Abdulhakeem AlKhayyat, MD and CEO, kicked off the event with a keynote speech in which he expressed appreciation to the board of directors, management team and staff members in achieving the bank's targets.

Training programme

THE Gulf Hotels Group has doubled the size of its Management Training Programme from five to 10 trainees annually, as it prepares for its expansion plans. The aim is to help develop young Bahraini talent into the future hospitality sector leaders of tomorrow.

The trainees will embark on a programme that includes a hotel diploma course in Switzerland along with extensive work experience in the various group properties, including the Gulf Hotel, Bahrain, the K



Hotel, the Asdal Gulf Inn and the group's overseas properties in Dubai and Zanzibar. The latest recruits were wel-

comed by Gulf Hotels Group's CEO Garfield Jones, along with the director of human resources and development,

Mahmoud Abd El Monem, and met existing management trainees who were able to share their experiences.

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Cover up in cool collections

ONE of the world's top fashion brands has made the transition from revealing to concealing stylishly easy with a collection specially prepared for Ramadan.

Mango and Marks & Spencer have joined a growing trend for fast-fashion retailers to create lines targeting Muslim customers.

The collection includes casual clothes such as jackets, kaftans, leggings, tunics and oversized shirts, in addition to festive outfits including long dresses, midi skirts in fantasy fabrics and double-layer body wraps.

It will go on sale ahead of the start of Ramadan when Muslims fast during daylight hours. They traditionally join together with family and friends to break their fasts. Hotels and restaurants are already well-prepared for Iftar and Ghabga gatherings across the island.

"The globalisation of collections is part of the business development the brand has been applying to different markets for more than 10 years now," the Barcelona-based company said.



FASHION
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"Arabic fashion is witnessing a revolution without precedent. In a booming market, Mango has been accompanying a generation of women with a special interest in fashion for more than 10 years now. The brand's offerings are essentially designed for everyday wear, but without overlooking important celebrations such as Ramadan.

"Understanding the characteristics of markets such as those in Arab countries is part of our DNA."

This year's collection is both feminine and elegant with pretty colour palettes, accessories and silhouettes.

Evening wear takes centre stage with modest lengths and warm earthy, nude and copper tones, highlighted by opulent satin and intricate lace work. The brand is showcasing a range of oversized and flowy trousers in unique prints and colours too.

Marks & Spencer says its statement occasion wear offers 'confidence and chic silhouettes' across a new

collection designed for customers in Bahrain, and will be 'perfect' for evening iftars, pre-dawn suhoors and Eid celebrations.

The collection includes an on-trend colour palette of buttery pastel tones, muted bloom prints, lace detailing and embellishments.

The Ramadan collection has a contemporary take on a timeless aesthetic for the modern woman, with a versatile range of dresses, tailored tops and layered chiffon pieces.

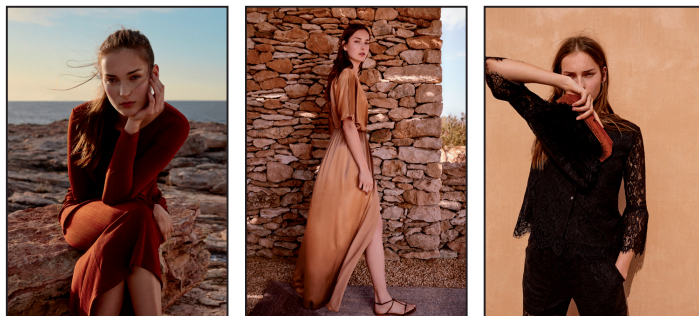
These silhouettes are brought to life across a colour palette of burgundy, oyster, magenta, and colour of the season lilac. Floral prints are given a new take with dipped hemlines, embellished high necklines and bell sleeve detailing with the maxi dress style key for a luxurious touch.

Everyday essentials are elevated with high neck tops given subtle details from lace finishings to embellished necklines and cuffs.

With the addition of shimmering metallics and intricate lace detailing, the collection is finished with eye-catching embellishments and jewels across necklines and ruched waistlines.



NEW STYLES: The collection for M&S and, below and right, some of Mango's collection



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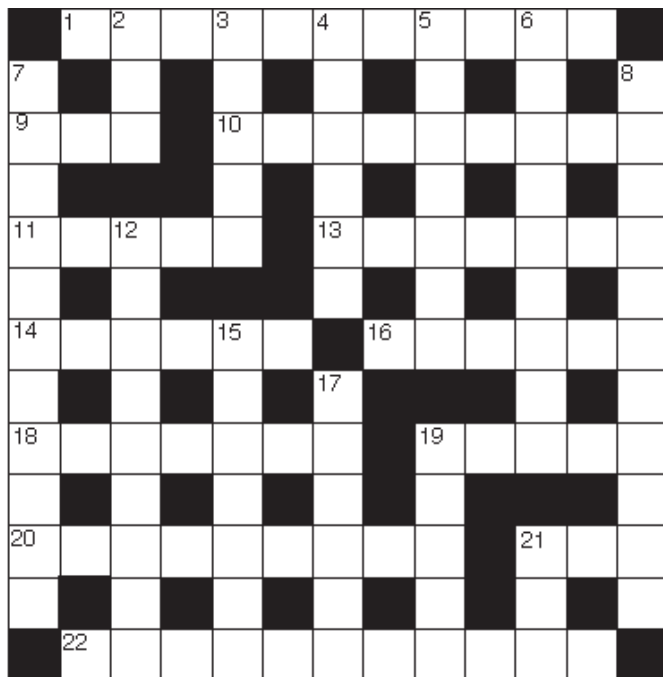
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WIN COFFEE AND CAKE at crust & crema by answering this quiz question and emailing your answer to editor@gulfweekly.com
In 1822, the first espresso machine was made in _____. a) France b) Indonesia c) Colombia d) Italy
Entries must be received by noon on Sunday. The first correct one opened will be emailed a coupon. Normal GulfWeekly contest rules apply. The Editor's decision is final.

Quiz winner: Siva Kumar won coffee-for-two by correctly answering that coffee is the second largest traded commodity after b) oil.

crossword break



Solutions in next week's issue.

ACROSS

1. Inexactness (11)
9. Conclusion (3)
10. Warranty (9)
11. Incident (5)
13. Intensify (7)
14. Happens (6)
16. Self-assurance (6)
18. Stimulus (7)
19. Coach (5)
20. All-embracing (9)
21. Wager (3)
22. Irrational (11)

DOWN

2. Frenzied (3)
3. Correct (5)
4. Cowardly (6)
5. Crash (5-2)
6. Utter (3-3-3)
7. Formal (11)
8. Echo (11)
12. Objection (9)
15. Ease (7)
17. Against (6)
19. Claw (5)
21. Small cake (3)

who, what, where, when

WHO ... wrote the stage play *The Lady's Not for Burning*?
WHAT ... rock star married Melia McEnery in 2002?
WHERE ... was the artist Frank Auerbach born?
WHEN ... were the first British Empire Games held?
WHO ... was known by the nicknames the Thin White Duke and Ziggy Stardust?
WHAT ... play by George Bernard Shaw is the basis for the musical *My Fair Lady*?
WHERE ... in Europe was Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej the President until his death in 1965?
WHEN ... was the cyclist Lance Armstrong born?

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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

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darn tough sudoku

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Last Week's Leisure Solutions

CROSSWORD BREAK:

Across: 1 Side; 3 Splinter; 9 Revenue; 10 Panic; 11 Conventional; 13 Employ; 15 Hinder; 17 Nevertheless; 20 Reach; 21 Exclaim; 22 Greeting; 23 Held.

Down: 1 Stricken; 2 Divan; 4 Pretty; 5 Improvidence; 6 Tankard; 7 Rich; 8 Under one's hat; 12 Presumed; 14 Prelate; 16 Strewed; 18 Evade; 19 Drag.

JUST SO:

All in all, Good for nothing, Rock bottom, Friends in high places
WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN:
Rolf Harris; The Bends by Radiohead; York; 1963; Archie Rice; The Squirrels; Dublin, Ireland; 1969.

Darn Tough Sudoku

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Film Weekly



Movie-loving Anna Romanska checks out the big screen releases on show in a cinema near you

One flick to forget



TRY to imagine one of the most intriguing concepts to come out of a premise in recent months, produced by an avant-garde media company such as Netflix, and then screened worldwide for everyone to enjoy.

Now imagine the execution of said concept to be a mostly boring and redundant experience with very little redeeming value. That's a fairly accurate way of describing *The Titan*.

In the near future, in 2048, humankind is facing a difficult reality after centuries of environmental damage and overpopulation render the planet nearly uninhabitable. A military family is chosen to participate in a groundbreaking experiment to accelerate man's genetic evolution in order to relocate humanity to another planet.

Playing Rick Janssen, the hero ready to risk his life for the future of mankind, is Sam Worthington, everyone's favourite classic macho soldier, often thrown into a world of technology and advanced civilizations that he doesn't understand.

Science-fiction and action-adventure continues to give Sam Worthington more than his fair share of opportunities to prove he is not, in fact, the blandest actor alive.

It's not as though he's unlikeable. He has an effortless levity that if channeled wisely, could actually have the power to bring one of his characters to life with more than just throwaway curses and schoolboy gruffness.

His portrayal of Rick Janssen is at best a C+ performance. Though the chemistry is there between him and his family, including his wife Dr. Abi Janssen, played by Taylor Schilling, and

THE TITAN

STARRING: Sam Worthington, Taylor Schilling, Tom Wilkinson

DIRECTOR: Lennart Ruff

GENRE: Sci-Fi, Thriller

RATING: PG-15

RUNTIME: 97 Mins

his son, Lucas, played by Noah Jupe, one can't help but think it's more their success than his.

Schilling only just escapes the same average grade, with a more varied and complex performance as a supportive partner growing unsure of how to be with someone not conventionally human anymore.

More often than not, she steals the scene from Worthington with her despairing search for the truth. Schilling's holding up the morality mirror here, showing us that sometimes what is necessary, is not what is right.

The true delight here is Tom Wilkinson, who plays Professor Martin Collingwood, the mastermind behind

the Titan relocation and genetics programme. Poised, intelligent, and secure, he is the man standing tall as everything collapses around him.

This is a film that could have gone one of two ways, and yet sits uncomfortably straddling both. Either it tosses aside tired sci-fi clichés like human experimentation gone awry, or the fate of the world resting on one man's poor heroic shoulders; or it embraces the B-movie values that it on occasion hints at with full gusto.

It would have been so refreshing to see a film that actually looks at the intricacies of living on a different planet, or brutally exposes the sanitised version of events under such duress.

Instead, we have bland, bleak, and boring. *The Titan* seems unintentionally determined to put you to sleep, even if it does on occasion throw a bout of random violence or human-amphibian gill-rippling at you to keep you just slightly enticed.

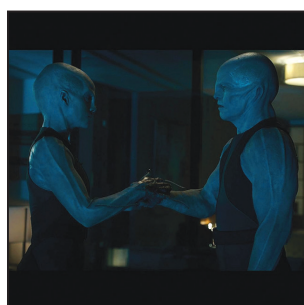
Netflix has created some remarkable television and cinema over the last few years, yet this film misses the mark on many levels. The few moments of genuine tension presume a certain apathy on behalf of the audience, especially since there's little to no development of the majority of the characters introduced.

It came, it saw, it tried to conquer, but they're not reaching for the stars with this one.

● Now showing in: Cineco, Seef II, Dana Cinemas, Wadi Al Sail, Mukta A2, Al Jazeera

ANNA'S VERDICT

1 popcorn - stay home
5 popcorns - start queuing



Bite-sized trailer

Chappaquiddick

DIRECTOR: John Curran

CAST: Jason Clarke, Ed Helms, Jim Gaffigan

PLOT: The scandal and mysterious events surrounding the tragic drowning of a young woman, as Ted Kennedy drove his car off the infamous bridge, are revealed in the new movie starring Jason Clarke as Ted Kennedy and Kate Mara as Mary Jo Kopechne. Not only did this event take the life of an aspiring political strategist and Kennedy insider, but it ultimately changed the course of presidential history forever. Through true accounts, documented in the inquest from the investigation in 1969, director John Curran and writers Andrew Logan and Taylor Allen, intimately expose the broad reach of political power, the influence of America's most celebrated family; and the vulnerability of Ted Kennedy, the youngest son, in the shadow of his family legacy.

SHOWING IN: City Centre, Juffair, Seef II, Saar, Dana, Seef Muharraq



Backstabbing for Beginners

DIRECTOR: Per Fly

CAST: Theo James, Ben Kingsley, Jacqueline Bisset

PLOT: Based on a true story, an idealistic young employee working at the UN investigates the grisly murder of his predecessor and uncovers a vast global conspiracy, that may even involve his own boss, in this gripping and timely thriller.

SHOWING IN: City Centre, Seef II, Dana, Wadi Al Sail, Seef Muharraq



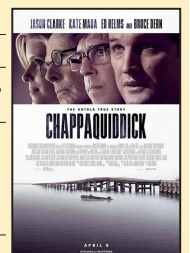
Unsane

DIRECTOR: Steven Soderbergh

CAST: Claire Foy, Joshua Leonard, Jay Pharoah

PLOT: A young woman is involuntarily committed to a mental institution, where she is confronted by her greatest fear - but is it real or a product of her delusion?

SHOWING IN: City Centre, Juffair, The Avenues, Seef II, Saar, Dana, Wadi Al Sail, Seef Muharraq



imdb movie charts

Current Position	Title	Weekend Takings	Gross to date
1	A Quiet Place	\$22M	\$132M
2	Rampage	\$21M	\$67M
3	I Feel Pretty	\$16M	\$16M
4	Super Troopers 2	\$15M	\$15M
5	Truth or Dare	\$8M	\$30M
6	Ready Player One	\$8M	\$126M
7	Blockers	\$7M	\$48M
8	Black Panther	\$5M	\$681M
9	Traffik	\$4M	\$4M
10	Isle of Dogs	\$3M	\$24M

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Make it big, make it electric

THE biggest global auto show of the year is this week showcasing the ambitions of major companies aiming to produce environmentally-friendly models that appeal to price-conscious but demanding drivers who like their cars large.

Auto China 2018, which opened yesterday and runs until Saturday, follows Beijing's decision to allow full foreign ownership of Chinese automakers in a move to make the industry more flexible.

That is reflected in the auto show line-up with global marques displaying dozens of electrics and hybrids, from luxurious SUVs to compacts priced as low as BD9,000.

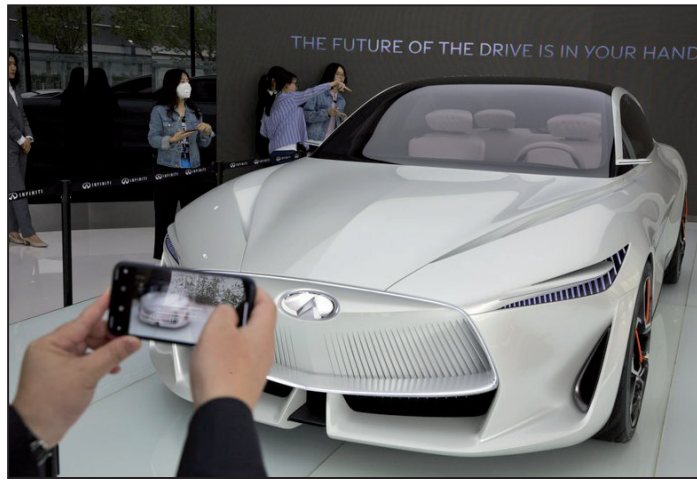
Still, while electrics may be the future, most brands lose money making them. Just like Bahrain and the

neighbouring Gulf states, profits come from sales of SUVs that are wildly popular with drivers who see them as the safest option on the roads.

First-quarter SUVs sales rose 11.3 per cent over a year earlier to 2.6 million, or almost 45 per cent of all auto sales, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. Electrics accounted for just over two per cent.

Keeping its feet firmly in both camps, China's BYD Auto, the biggest global maker of electrics by volume with 2017 sales of 113,669, is unveiling two new hybrid SUVs as well as an electric concept car. The company is also displaying nine other hybrid and plug-in electric models.

"Just in the last two or three years, China rose from being a very small player in the global electronic vehicle



NEW DESIGNS: Visitors look at the Infiniti electric concept sedan ahead of the Auto China 2018

market to be nearly 50 per cent of sales in 2017," said Christopher Robinson, who follows the industry for Lux Research. "It attracted nearly every automaker in the

world," said Robinson.

Starting in 2019, automakers will be required to earn credits by selling electrics or else buy them from competitors. More

stringent fuel efficiency standards will require a big share of each brand's sales to be non-gasoline models. Global automakers say electrics should account for

35 to over 50 per cent of their sales by 2025.

"There is huge potential for vehicle electrification," said Roland Krueger, chairman of Infiniti, Nissan's luxury brand. It is displaying a concept sedan, the Q Inspiration, that will be the basis for future electric models. It has no air-drawing engine, and thus no front grill. The car has the roomier back seat that has become standard among luxury brands that want to appeal to customers who have a driver and sit in the back.

GM is displaying five all-electric vehicles, including a concept Buick SUV it says can travel 600km on one charge, plus a hybrid Cadillac XT5 28E. Meanwhile, VW is due to launch 15 electrics and hybrids in the next two to three years as part of a multi-million dinar development plan.

LocalNews

WHEN I think of rafts, my brain conjures images of straggly-bearded castaways floating listlessly on an open sea with nothing but the odd bird flying overhead and the occasional salmon leaping out of the water.

What I don't associate with these aquatic crafts are teams of muscle-bound athletes powering their way to victory in a series of races that stretch the limits of possibility on such flimsy constructions.

The raft race is one of the biggest charity events in Bahrain, with all proceeds going towards various charities and diverse community projects across the kingdom. This year, the motto "Stop Plastic Pollution" focused on raising awareness of pollution and its negative impact on oceanic ecosystems.

This commitment to the environment could be seen on the day, with numerous volunteers sweeping up and down the beach to pick up any plastic bottles, wrappers and other paraphernalia from the event, leaving the sand and sea both squeaky clean after the event had concluded.

The rafts themselves were quirky, painted in a variety

Diving in and digging deep for a worthy cause

Reporter Kristian Harrison paddled out to Al Bander Hotel & Resort last Friday to find out why everyone was rolling out the barrel at the 42nd Annual Charity Raft Race, organised by the Rotary Club of Salmaniya.



PADDLE POWER: The BMMI team race towards the finishing line, Ford return to dry land, the winners and the supporters chill

of colours such as red, green, pink and orange. Far from a few planks of wood tied together with bamboo, these rafts are designed to be as aerodynamic as possible and

essentially looked like two oil drums tethered together with a thin metal bar.

Quite how eight people managed to perch themselves on these is incredible, never

mind paddle as fast as possible with oar in hand!

Overall, 24 teams competed in the races, of which there were two – the open sea race for all-male teams and a



lagoon race for mixed teams.

The open sea category was won by APM Terminals, who narrowly beat out Yateem A, with Bahrain Airport Services in third.

The lagoon race winners were Marshals 2, followed by Alba 1 and Marshals 1.

The event raised around BD30,000 for charity, a sum which pleased the Rotary Club's incoming president, Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al Khalifa. He explained: "We're delighted to see such a great turnout, not just with so many teams but with their friends and families who have come down to offer their support as well."

"The environment and how we treat it is a highly contentious issue globally, so I hope with raising some awareness and money that we can combat it and work together for a healthier planet."



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Property Weekly

A guide to the best properties home and abroad – edited by Mai Al Khatib email: mai.alkhatib@gulfweekly.com

High-rise apartment bliss

STAR Real Estate has an airy fully-furnished two-bedroom apartment available for rent in Zawia 3 in Amwaj Islands.

The 21-storey high-rise features state-of-the-art amenities as well as spacious surroundings and follows in the footsteps of the popular Zawia 1 & 2 projects.

It is located close to The Lagoon Bahrain outdoor shopping mall and hotels.

The apartment, which has a total built-up area of 130sqm, includes a customised kitchen with a breakfast bar, a large living and dining area along with a balcony offering picturesque views.

There is a family bathroom

with tub and shower and a master bedroom with a dressing area and an ensuite.

The freehold tower includes a communal pool, a children's pool, a gym, steam and sauna rooms, a BBQ area and a ground-floor commercial centre with a laundry shop and convenience store.

There are 24-hour security services and ample parking spaces in the covered car park. Each apartment is designated one space. Visitors parking can be found around the building.

The freehold tower features 239 apartments including a mixture of one bedroom, two bedrooms and three bedrooms. There is also a range of penthouses, each with a private swimming pool.



FACTS AT A GLANCE

Location: Zawia 3 in Amwaj Islands

Rental price: BD650

Bedrooms: 2

Living rooms: 1

Bathrooms: 2

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Golf Weekly

Teeing off to a great read



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THE final medal competition of Awali Golf Club's season was held last Friday with the simultaneous running of two competitions: the Consolation Cup and the Cup Winners Cup.

The main event was restricted to those who had not been the winner in a competition this season, or who had not previously won the trophy, and the Cup Winners Cup was played for those who did not need consoling due to success earlier in the season, or in a previous competition.

More than 80 players were in the field, including ex-Captain Dave Frosdick playing as a guest in what was a 'last hoorah' before his retirement to the UK.

Adnan Rashid, having rejoined the club this season following his return from several years employment overseas, displayed that finally he was back on form, winning the Consolation Cup with a net 64 (gross 74). He was just ahead of Abdulla Al Kaabi who was runner-up after countback (64/72).

Meanwhile, great play by Susan Scott saw her on pole in the Cup Winners Cup with a net-62 (gross 84). At the trophy and prize presentation, Scott was a little perplexed when she was presented with the club's smallest trophy - intentionally sized so as to remind players to

Rashid and Scott shine



TROPHY TIME: Al Qutami, Bailey, Consolation Cup winner Rashid and Anderson and, right, Cup Winners Cup victor Scott

check their ego - but was less quizzical when reminded of her previous Consolation Cup win in the 2014/15 season.

At the post-play formalities, Captain Paul Anderson commenced with the welcome task of presenting a handicap certificate to Heath Moxham, recently arrived in Bahrain.

On a less welcome task, he then advised of the forthcoming departure from Bahrain of two of the club's long-standing members, Dave and Nicky Bailey.

In a sign of appreciation for

their commitment to the Club, Anderson presented a plaque highlighting Dave's service as both captain and vice-captain and Nicky's contribution as special member on the committee for four years.

Dave spoke of his enjoyment that the club had provided over the years since his arrival in the 2001/02 season. He reminisced on the words of others who similarly had stood as he now was - words expressing an opinion that Awali was a unique club with its social make-up.

Having had experience of several other clubs, Dave confirmed that in his opinion these previous speakers had been absolutely right. He also encouraged all to volunteer, mentioning that any help is welcome, even by those who are not great golfers.

The captain continued with the announcement of all the prize winners, with Nicky presenting the prizes on behalf of the club, assisted by tournament director Rashid Al Qutami.

The ever-popular raffle

followed, met with the usual cheer of approval. Formalities concluded with Dave and Nicky providing one last act of generosity - a bell ring.

But that was hardly the end of the day. In an example of the social character of the club, the band struck-up, comprising three members - guitarists John Parker, Andy Doherty and Leo Innecco - assisted by Nigel Griffiths on ukelele and mouth organ. In the wings, Gerry McDermott spooned around and Petri Kettunen bongoded boisterously.

As the tempo speeded up, a dance-floor materialised. Looks of amazement were witnessed at the sight of the Club's oldest member, 80-year-old Peter Rogers strutting his stuff and not complaining about the music for a change.

So as to provide even more entertainment, a strange looking person appeared and proceeded to take charge of the stage with a 'human fruit machine' performance. Later he was discovered to be 'The Great Sphinxter' and when three-in-a-row were pulled from the hats, yet more prizes were won.

And that was just about the end of the day.

Full results:

Consolation Cup: 1st Adnan Rashid (net 64, gross 74), 2nd Abdulla Al Kaabi (64/72), 3rd Hamad Salem (66/71 - this the lowest gross score), 4th Abdul Elah Fakhr (67/80), 5th Colin Drysdale (94/68). Cup-winners Cup: Susan Scott (84/62). Side prizes: Ladies nearest the pin Hole-4: Roberta Trzebinkski, Gents nearest the pin Hole-6: Essa Al Qutami, Longest putt Hole-18: Richard Pawson.



ON COURSE: Afnan tees off

Al Kowari shines in bid for Austria

BAHRAIN national team member Ali Al Kowari shot an impressive 40 points, his first under par round ever in a competition, in round 5 of the Audi Quattro Cup Series held recently at Royal Golf Club. Steve Hill came in second place with an equally impressive 37 points.

With just one round left, on Friday, May 11, Hamad Afnan managed to keep his place at the top of the overall standings on 139 points.

Mohamed Al Sayed is currently second with 136 points with Jason Smith and Rehman Tipu in a tie for third on 135 points.

These four players will play together in the final round, battling it out for first or second place in the series which will see them go on to represent Audi Centre Bahrain in the Audi Quattro Cup Final which will be held at the Golf Club Schwarze in Kitzbühel, Austria, in September.

With more than 100,000 players competing in 750 tournaments in 54 countries annually, the event has developed into the biggest worldwide amateur golf series.

Results:

1st Ali Al Kowari (40 points), 2nd Steven Hill (37 points)

Glory at last for determined organiser Orrell

THE biggest-ever Annual Dilly Open took place on Friday at the Royal Golf Club with more prizes, sponsorship and people participating.

The day started with good banter at the Dilmun Club and moved on to the RGC's challenging Colin Montgomerie-designed course in Riffa Views and a staggered start for the 43 players.

The event, as always, was highly competitive with moments of brilliance, and the occasional disastrous slice of luck.

This year the organiser of the Dilly Open, Dave Orrell, was no

longer the bridesmaid. Having come second in the previous three tournaments, he finally enjoyed his well-deserved moment of glory in the sun to become the popular expat members club's Open Champion scoring 41 points in a Stableford competition. The team competition was won by 'Stevie's Ham Shanksers featuring (Steve Mclean, Ian Robson, Alan Gallagher and Dave Allison.)

Longest Drive on the 8th hole and Closet to the Pin on the 12th were won by Chris 'the bandit' Thomas, with 'Closest to Steve'

(a photograph of the club's GM Stephen Chartres) on the 17th being won by Ian Robson.

"The Dilly Open wouldn't be possible without the help of the sponsors," said Chartres. "This year's sponsors were Shutdown Maintenance Services, Reza Hygiene, Delmon Readymix, Enerserv and, of course, the Dilmun Club."

After the on course action it was time to say 'Hello Again' to the club's premises in Saar for an awards presentation, BBQ and entertainment by a Neil Diamond tribute act.



FUN IN THE SUN: Competitors line-up before the annual Dilly Open

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MotorSport

Bahrain International Circuit – the home of motorsport in the Middle East

SHAIKH Salman bin Isa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and Ahmed Almuayni dominated the final round of National Race Day at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), held over the weekend in Sakhir.

Shaikh Salman clinched both races in the BIC 2,000cc Challenge while Almuayni swept through the sprints in the Bahrain Superbike Championship (BSBK) and the Bahrain Motorcycle Racing (BMR) 600.

Hussain Al Aswad also had reason to celebrate, winning the meeting's lone race in the Bahrain Super Sport Championship (BSSP).

All the action took place around BIC's 2.550km Inner Track.

Shaikh Salman enjoyed virtually a perfect weekend, topping the times in practice and securing pole position for race one during qualifying before securing his fantastic double. Driving a Honda Civic, he won the opening 12-lap challenge in a total race time of 15 minutes 43.511 seconds.

He finished 2.007 seconds ahead of Ahmed Bin Khanen and 14.857s in front of Tareq Al Tajer, who was driving a Ford Focus. Raed Himmo in another Civic, Tim Bikin and Nasser Al Alawi in a Honda S2000 rounded out the top six.

Shaikh Salman posted the sprint's fastest lap of 1:17.391 en route to victory.

In race two, after starting from seventh on the grid,

Perfect weekend



ON TRACK: Competitors race to the corner and, below, on the podium and the bikers impress the crowds



MOTORSPORT

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Shaikh Salman completed his double in 15:54.966. Bin Khanen was again the runner-up 1.359s back, while Al Alawi claimed the final podium place of the season, a distant 20.612s from first

place. Birken, Al Tajer and Mohamed Faqihi in another Civic completed the top six.

Shaikh Salman once again had the race's best lap, clocking an ultra-quick 1:16.325.

Meanwhile, Almuayni was in a class of his own as he took on the competition

in both the BSBK and the BMR 600. In the BSBK, he captured the race one chequered flag after 11 laps in 12:52.346 – a narrow 1.252s ahead of Salman Khalaf, who had recorded the fastest lap of 1:09.422 in the event. In third was Saska Totaro 6.592s behind.

Wesley Pearce, Kyle Martin and Masoud Behbehani completed the top six from nine competitors.

In the second race, Almuayni set the best lap for the sprint at 1:09.078 and led the same trio onto the podium. He won in 12:54.346, again with a

small gap of 1.354s between Khalaf. Totaro came third 3.594s behind, followed by Pearce, Martin and Behbehani.

In the BMR 600, Almuayni won the first 11-lap race in 12:56.087. He finished well clear of the field as Mohammad Al Zaidan took the runner-up spot 8.822s behind, with Nasser Al Khadra claiming third 23.286s back. All three top placers were competing in the Super Stock category.

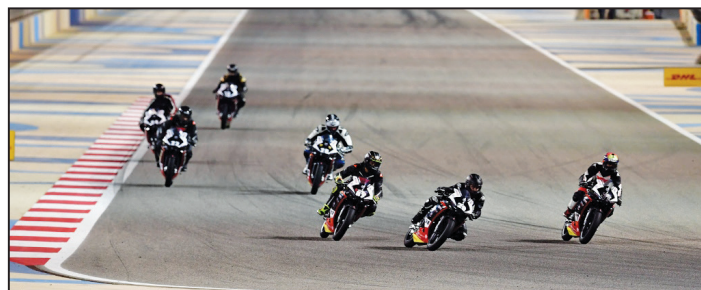
Amongst the Hornet class riders, Abdullah Al Banai led Ali Abdullhussain and Ahmad Abdulsalam onto the podium.

In race two, Almuayni won in 12:58.756 – 6.592s ahead of Al Zaidan. Ibrahim Alsharida was third 23.479s from first. The Hornet top three included Al Banai, Abdulsalam and Abdullhussain from first through third, respectively.

Almuayni had the fastest laps in both BMR 600 races. The first was at 1:09.164 while the second was 1:09.778.

In the BSSP, Alaswad led all the way from practice to qualifying and won the sole eight-lap race in 13:07.317. Georges Mokbel was second 3.512s back and Yusuf Qaed third 25.200s adrift.

Following all the action, the winners of each championship were presented their trophies in a podium ceremony attended by officials from BIC, the Bahrain Motor Federation, the Circuit Racing Club and the Bahrain Motorcycle Club.



Ready to race again

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"Ultimately, when you are doing your first marathon you are still stressed, although I had a fairly good idea what the course was like having watched numerous race videos and even read a book on the New York Marathon while training."

Hadya completed last year's race, which takes runners through the five boroughs of New York City in 4:29:38.

"It is not an amazing time by any measure but I was super happy because my plan was to finish my first marathon within five hours and it is also eight minutes faster than the average finish time for that marathon, so I was pleased," she explained.

"I trained for about three-and-a-half months. Seeing as the bulk of my training period was in the summer and the weather in Bahrain is not suitable for long distance running outdoors due to the heat and humidity, I ended up having to train on a gym treadmill.

"While solitary treadmill training was a nightmare at first, it ended up becoming a cherished and soothing personal ritual. I learned to zone out and concentrate on the running for hours.

"It is not necessarily an easy feat training for a marathon but anyone with two functional feet and some discipline to put in the hours can do it."

During her stay in The Big Apple a week before the race, she was delighted that the weather was pleasant and dry. However, on race day it rained for the whole duration of the event and was cold by Bahraini standards at about 13c.

Hadya said: "I crossed the finish line drenched and shivering but I felt amazing. The race ends in Central Parks to the awesome cheers and encouragement from the crowds of onlookers, it's a feeling I'm unlikely to forget.

"However, it was actually easier than I thought it would be. Like I said, I had trained and prepared alone for the race and in doing so I think I built mental resilience necessary to also travel and race on my own.

"People are on the sides of the road cheering, there are bands playing, choirs singing, music and kids high-fiving you. I wasn't bored for a single second. That made every minute of the race a fresh, new, and enjoyable experience. It really carried runners through to the finish line."



ALL SET: Fathallah in last year's New York Marathon flying the Bahraini flag and, below, Al Hajji

Hadya has upped her training regimen for the new challenge. The athlete is no stranger to training and hard work as she has always had a 'can-do-attitude' and an affinity to sport since ever since she was at school.

She played sports in all levels of primary, middle, and high school and also played co-ed soccer recreationally in University of North Texas where she did her undergraduate degree in Political Science and International relations. She also has a Masters in War Studies from Kings College in London and another Masters in Public Administration with a focus on international security from the Kennedy School at Harvard.

Upon returning to Bahrain after completing her studies, she joined the Women's National Basketball team and had the honour of representing the kingdom at numerous championships.

Hadya started running in 2014 after being encouraged by her younger sister, Fatima, who had, a couple of years earlier, joined the Bahrain

Road Runners.

Hadya said: "I was recovering in 2013 and the first half of 2014 from reconstructive foot surgery but was itching to get back to being active. In 2014, Bahrain was gearing up to host its first international 70.3 triathlon so I really started running to compete in my first triathlon. It wasn't a passion or something I really understood at the time but I have now grown to love it."

She actually competed in Challenge Bahrain in 2014 and Ironman Bahrain in 2015 before attempting a marathon.

"My aim from running is not just to continue living a healthy and active life, but also to continue challenging myself," she explained. "I truly believe that sports, competitive and endurance sports especially, are among the most extreme human exploits, you push yourself to limits you didn't previously conceive of.

"They also provide extraordinary sensory experiences and a great outlet to strengthen leadership, cooperation, teamwork skills

and in addition to resilience and perseverance. They are amazing for personal growth and betterment, in my opinion."

Hadya's dream is to one day run the Boston Marathon, a race that is close to her heart since she called Boston home for a few years and was also there when the terrorist attack occurred.

On April 15, 2013, two homemade bombs detonated 12 seconds and 210 yards apart at 2.49pm, near the finish line of the annual race, killing three people and injuring several hundred others, including 16 who lost limbs.

Hadya said: "I lived in Boston and it is a city that I love dearly. The attack happened only a couple of metres from my home. So the race and the city are sentimental to me.

"It happened while I was on the train getting home. If I had not been attending a late meeting I would have been walking out of the station to my apartment past where the bombs detonated."

While Hadya is concentrating on running in the Big Apple

YOUTH FOOTBALL

THE Youth Development League has moved into its 14th week. The results so far, with winning teams in **bold** (goals scored not used in placing, three points for a win, one for a draw).

U8 RESULTS

TFA v Juventus

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Tekkers	8	8	0	0	24
2	Juventus	8	6	0	2	18
3	TFA	8	3	1	4	10
4	Winners	8	1	1	6	4
5	Champions	8	0	2	6	2

U10 RESULTS

Al Najma v Champions

Juventus v Track

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Tekkers	12	11	1	0	34
2	Al Najma	12	10	0	2	30
3	Juventus	12	7	1	4	22
4	Winners	12	6	1	5	19
5	Champions	12	3	1	8	10
6	Track	12	3	0	9	9
7	TFA	12	0	0	12	0

U12 RESULTS

Bahrain Rugby Club v Tekkers (draw)

Champions v Juventus

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Tekkers	11	9	2	0	29
2	Juventus	11	8	1	2	25
3	Winners	12	6	1	5	19
4	Champions	9	4	1	4	13
5	Spire	11	4	1	6	13
6	Sparta	9	2	1	6	7
7	Bahrain Rugby Club	11	0	1	10	1

U14 RESULTS

Black Castle v FUTMission

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Juventus	12	10	2	0	32
2	Tekkers	12	10	2	0	32
3	FUTMission	10	4	1	5	13
4	Winners	10	4	0	6	12
5	Champions	10	2	2	6	8
6	Spire	10	2	0	8	3
7	Black Castle	8	0	1	7	1

on November 4 she'll be able to seek advice about any possible Boston challenge from fellow Bahraini runner May Al Haji who finished this year's marathon last Monday

in under four hours.

The 36-year-old from Isa Town timed a respectable 3:52:51 and runs for Zain Racing, the Bahrain telecom company's in-house team.



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ON STAGE: **Star Jones**

Rugby ace impresses

RUGBY legend Adam Jones thrilled his fans in Bahrain and left a lasting impression on the kingdom's young players after an action-packed weekend at the Bahrain Rugby Football Club.

Jones, 37, was the guest speaker at a dinner on Friday night, and the Welshman also spent his time coaching the youth rugby team and taking part in a tournament to raise funds for the Cancer Warriors.

Rugby club chairman Mike Cunningham was thrilled with the weekend's events. He said: "It was fantastic to have a player like Adam Jones come to Bahrain and take part in a question and answer session with the packed crowd who came. Not only that, he imparted his knowledge on our young players, who will have this invaluable experience to take forward with them."

During the day, Jones played for the Bahrain Cancer Warriors, alongside former Irish international Ronnie Carey, in a three-team round-robin tournament, also featuring a team from Kohbar and the Bahrain 'Not-So-Oldies', comprised of Bahrain first team players and members of the veteran Golden Oldies team.

The Not-So-Oldies emerged victorious, winning both of their 30-minute games narrowly.

Jones currently plays for Aviva Premiership side Harlequins and has made 100 international appearances, 95 for Wales and five for the British and Irish Lions. The after-dinner event included a speech from testicular cancer survivor Andrew Bardsley before Steve Harrison interviewed Jones about his career. Funds raised will help cancer sufferers who require treatment and support their families.

Proud Penny makes it across the finish line

AMAZING mum Penny White successfully completed the London Marathon on Sunday crossing the finishing line in seven hours and three minutes despite struggling with stomach cramps, sore hips and a massive blister on one of her little toes.

As many suffered in the heat, expat Brit Penny, 45, used to training in the Bahrain sunshine, found the warm weather perfect but came unstuck with

an adverse reaction to the energy gels she swallowed.

"I managed to carry on, I was determined to finish no matter what!" she told *GulfWeekly* as she recovered with family and friends, "although it didn't help when they ran out of water at six of the water stations.

"I found the whole experience very intense, a bit overwhelming at times as it was like running for seven hours through a rock concert, with people

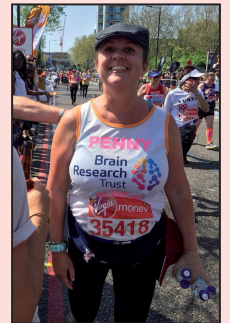
screaming your name and music and food along the route."

Penny is married to Chris, 56, a senior procurement consultant, and lives in Jasra. They have three children - Katherine 18, is currently on a gap year before starting an anthropology degree course at Sussex University, and St Christopher's School pupils Daisy, 15, and Ruby, four.

She was running to support Brain Research UK, a

charity which looks into ways to help people with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and brain tumours and originally hoped to raise a couple of thousand pounds, as reported in *GulfWeekly*, but incredibly secured £5,000 for the cause.

And when she and Chris caught a cab from Covent Garden after the marathon to her brother-in-law Dave's home where they were staying, even the driver chipped in, taking 50 notes



ALL SMILES: **Wonderful White**

for the fare and returning 15 as a donation to Penny's charity.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK!



READY FOR ACTION: **Fathallah**

RUNNER Hadya Fathallah, who last year proudly represented the kingdom in one of the world's top marathons, will be returning to New York City to put her running skills to the test with the hopes of improving on her time, as well as inspiring others to take up the sport.

The former Bahrain Bayan School student, who lives in A'ali, is thrilled to be running in the 26.2 miles (42.195km) marathon which featured 55,000 finishers last year and attracted almost double that number applying to participate.

The marathon is held on the first Sunday of November and attracts professional competitors and amateurs from all over the globe and due to its popularity; participation is chosen largely by a lottery system.

Hadya, who works in tech and international security, said: "New York is probably my favourite city in the world. I have such great memories there. I'd signed up for a few marathons to run with friends in the past but always ended up getting too busy to train and compete and I'm kind of happy that my first ended up being in a city I love.

MARATHON
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"For a couple of years now I'd been applying for the New York Marathon lottery seeing as I was not fast enough to qualify at that stage and when I got the wild card I made myself a promise to compete no matter what.

"Now I'm going back and again and I'm so excited to have luckily received another lottery ticket to participate.

"People are like: 'You are doing New York again?' It sounds silly but I'm a bit of a creature of habit and I also want to see how I will fair out this time around. My first one was all about, let me see if I can survive and simply complete a marathon.

"Now I know that I can and my thinking is more about, let me see if I can do it differently, maybe train a little better, maybe get a better time and, most importantly, enjoy it a little more."

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