



MUSIC REPORT
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BARBIE dolls and action figures, Hot Wheels cars, marbles, stamps, comic books, Tazos disks.... we have all grown up collecting something or the other that, even today, evokes nostalgia – a deep sense of belonging to a time that no longer exists.

What began as an innocent hobby has today grown into an industry that is worth billions of dollars, global studies have revealed. One latest research highlighted that the global collectibles market size is projected to reach \$422.56bn by 2030.

Bahrain is home to a few antique collectors. One such enthusiast, Hasan Usman, fell in love with music as a teenager. Over the last two decades, he has amassed a treasure trove worth thousands of Bahraini dinars, featuring audio cassettes, CDs, DVDs, video tapes, LPs and more. Western artists like Metallica, AC/DC, Michael Jackson through to the Arab world's nightingale Umm Kulthum and Bollywood's Shahrukh Khan – it is a diverse selection.

When the creative entrepreneur observed an interest for memorabilia among his friends and colleagues, he decided to take his passion to the next level and is now the owner of more than 5,000 retro collectibles, which also include old-style stereos, televisions and radios, wood-panelled vintage speakers, film cameras, a turntable, guitars, and music posters featuring yesteryear bands.

The term 'retro' is used to describe items from the recent past.

"My father used to bring home VHS movie cassettes all the time, which kindled in me a love for the movies," the 35-year-old told *GulfWeekly*.

"While I started collecting the movies during that time, I eventually expanded to include other items. However, this was just a hobby. Around six years ago, during the Covid-19 pandemic, I started an online page for my collectibles and

RETRO REPRISE: Hasan in his studio



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met like-minded individuals who were interested in the items, which spurred me on to take my hobby to the next level," he added.

Hasan now has a studio, which he established a year ago. It's a quaint space with a big personality, with endless shelves of musical memorabilia, guitars as decorative wall-hangings and posters adorning the doors, including one of iconic rock

band KISS, whose original lead guitarist Ace Frehley died on October 16.

Most of the items showcased are purchases from people or online. On some days, Hasan finds items left outside his studio.

"It is a good feeling, like a surprise or a Christmas gift," remarked the model-turned-fulltime-collector.

Among all of his prized possessions, the ones closest

to Hasan's heart are the turntable that he bought from a Bahraini gentleman about four months ago and an old-style stereo that he purchased from an Indian shop owner.

"There was this Indian man from Kerala who had more than 500 stereos at his shop in Manama and sold me this piece when he left the kingdom," Hasan reminisced, adding that he had to wait for almost two

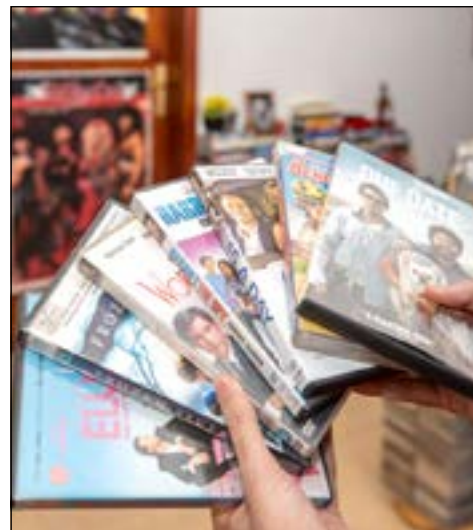
months to finally get it.

He explained how sometimes, some owners do not want to part with their antique possessions but might need the money or might be leaving the country. However, he is happy to safeguard these pre-loved treasures until they find new homes.

For more information, follow @retro.bahrain.90s on Instagram.



TREASURE: The prized turntable



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A poetic perspective

A YOUNG Bahrain-based wordsmith has released a collection of 30 poems this month, creatively documenting her 'unsaid emotions', writes **Melissa Nazareth**.

Former New Indian School Bahrain student Manaal Mansoor got down to penning her debut book *Perspective: Seeing the Unseen* when her grandfather, who she shared a deep bond with, passed away six years ago, while also juggling grief and school work.

It was officially unveiled at an event at Swiss-Belresidences in Juffair last month.

"It was a way for me to process my feelings. The book is a labour of love of the last six years," the 18-year-old told *GulfWeekly*.

In the 104-page tome, the Indian expatriate has touched upon diverse themes, including love, loss and acceptance.

An excerpt from one of her poems *All that remains is red* reads,

'Let the skin be coloured or pale, what spills through is red.'



LOVE: The book cover

No name or nation alters what's bled.

We fight, we fall, and forge division unashamed, Yet red remembers—we are the same.

And in our blindness, we forget what could save us all,



PROUD: Manaal with her parents at the book launch this month

lost in the frame.

This is the timeless truth to be claimed:

Red is what we all bleed—can we deny it still?'

"I wrote this one recently and believe it has an important message to convey:

to accept, that no matter how different we all are, we live in one reality.

"I hope to inspire others through my verses, to pause, reflect, and discover meaning in everyday life, proving that even in loss, beauty and

perspective can be found.

"I had a supportive, loving family to see me through my loss but there are many who might need encouragement in a moment of isolation, perhaps, and that's what the book is for," added the young philanthropist, who has dedicated more than 100 hours teaching English to underprivileged Arab students.

The aspiring doctor, who is set to pursue a degree in medicine at Georgia University, in the capital Tbilisi, this year, has previously contributed to an

anthology entitled *The Mega Manuscript*, and has plans to write a novel in the near future.

Presently, she lives in Juffair with her father Mansoor Ali, a sales manager, mother Hafsa Mansoor, an administrative professional, and 13-year old brother Mahfouz, who attends the Asian School.

Her elder brother Mubaris just completed his Master's in data analysis from Birmingham University.

The book is available on Amazon.

Striking a pose

YOUNG, record-breaking yogini Thanushri Pithody is set to achieve her next milestone in Bahrain, as she competes for a spot in the latest *Golden Book of World Records*, tomorrow, October 24.

The 16-year-old Indian national from Udupi, Karnataka, will attempt to break her 2023 record, when she demonstrated 245 yoga asanas or postures in 45 minutes, at the auditorium in Kannada Sangha Bahrain, Manama. She is aiming for 300 asanas within one hour.

The session, which begins at 10am, will be officiated and judged by *Golden Book of World Records* Asia head Dr Manish Vaishnoi.

Thanushri's yoga journey began at the young age of three and she has since come a long way, with two Guinness World Records (2018 and 2020) and seven *Golden Book of World Records*, among other accolades.

"Bahrain marks my first international visit to spread awareness about yoga and



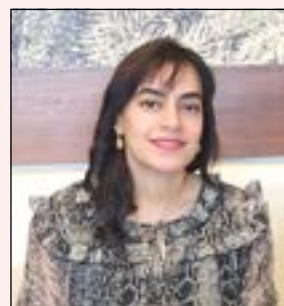
COMMUNITY REPORT
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its transformative power," Thanushri told *GulfWeekly*.

"I see the kingdom as a nation that values culture, wellness, and diversity, which makes it the perfect platform to connect with people from different parts of the world," she added.

The event, staged by Kannada Sangha Bahrain, in collaboration with the Bahrain Yoga Community, will feature a number of notable attendees including Bahrain Yoga Committee president Fatima Al Mansoori as the chief guest.

The organisers highlighted that the event is open to the public and aims to promote yoga, wellness, and cultural unity. It also underpins Bahrain's continued support for global achievements and the Indian community's contributions to health and holistic living.



EXPERT: Fatima

FLEXIBLE:
Thanushri

BRAIN-BUSTERS

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

- 1) If a cricket umpire raises his arms above his head, how many runs is he signalling?
- 2) Before being named after a Swedish astronomer, the Celsius temperature scale was known as what?
- 3) Which band released the album *Automatic for The People*?
- 4) If a ship is about to set sail, what flag would it be flying?
- 5) What was the TV prequel series to *Breaking Bad*?
- 6) Red Bull was created



in which country?
7) In computing, what does URL stand for?

ANSWERS
1) Six runs
2) Centigrade
3) REM
4) Blue Peter
5) Better Call Saul
6) Thailand
7) Uniform Resource Locator

Here Comes Santa Claus



ART REPORT

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A **BAHRAINI** artist has ushered in the Yuletide spirit early with her collection of Christmas-inspired cards but with a local touch, and is set to display them at a local bazaar on Saturday.

The artworks reflect the kingdom's rich culture, from traditional crafts like pottery and pearl diving to iconic structures like the Bu Maher Fort.

Jenan Hashim's latest creation features Santa Claus shopping for spices at the suq and puts a fun spin on Bahrain's vibrant market scene while spreading festive cheer.

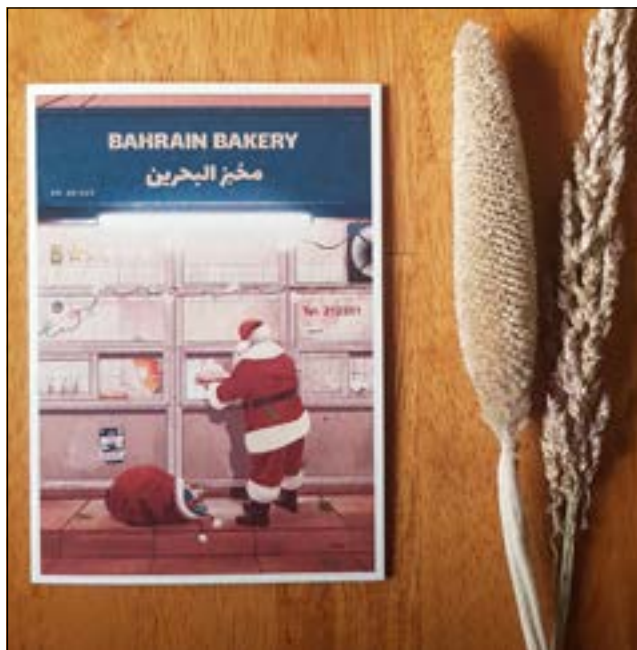
"I'm usually inspired by local scenes and love the little pockets of interesting colours and shapes everywhere you look," the 43-year-old told *GulfWeekly*.

"When I started using watercolours 10 years ago, I painted six cards of scenes in Bahrain, which were a big hit at a local fair. It spurred me on to design my first set of Christmas-inspired cards, which were well received by my colleagues. Since then, every year, I make it a point to paint new ones.

"In my latest card, Santa is shopping for cinnamon, cardamom, cloves and star anise to make his spiced chai (tea)," she explained, nodding to the kingdom's 'karak culture'.

Karak tea is a mildly spiced, creamy concoction popular among Bahrainis and expats alike and is sold at tea shops across the island.

"One of my close friends suggested the idea when I first started the collection and it has been on my mind since. I have so much to say about this piece but for now, enjoy spotting what you can and I'll share close-ups with more details soon," Jenan's



PITSTOP: Grabbing a pie



ARTIST: Jenan with her cards

recent social media post on *Instagram* read, pointing to her artistic eye for detail.

The primarily self-taught artist from Manama has been painting since her school days and has taken up short courses with some of the best in the industry.

"I took a course with renowned American artist Seana Mercedes Mallen, who used to conduct classes at her home in Awali. My main medium up to that point was acrylics, which I loved.

"I was introduced to watercolours by Bahraini artist Naji Swar. Watercolour is my happy place but during the Covid-19 pandemic, I bought myself an iPad Pro and got into digital artwork too. It is still as much work as watercolours if not



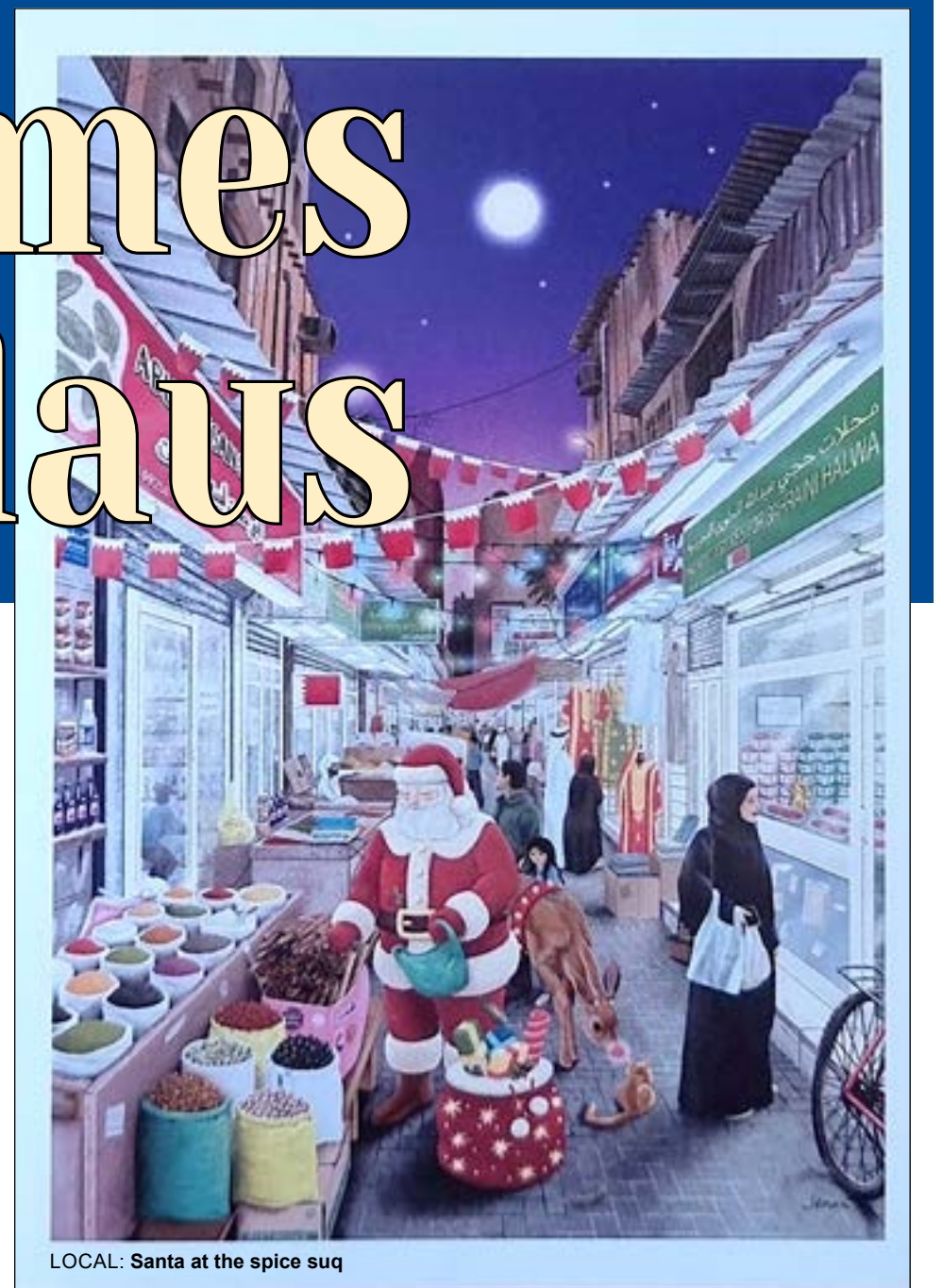
TREASURE: Harvesting pearls against the Bu Maher fort. Bahraini natural pearls are said to be the best in the world

more so, at the moment, I am in between the two (mediums)."

The creative's artworks are available at various cultural hubs, including Manama Suq, Suq Al Qaisariya in Muharraq, and the Bahrain National Museum and Bahrain Fort gift shops, as well as at reputed art galleries.

She was featured in *100 Bahrain Stories* conceptualised, written and compiled by Bahrain-based Australian expatriate and writer Tanzeel Jabbar-Khadir. The first edition was printed in 2018.

"I have been working with Market Street (in Um Al



LOCAL: Santa at the spice suq



TOUR: Santa's traditional ride



Hassam) for a long time and am excited to present my work on Saturday (October 25)," Jenan added.

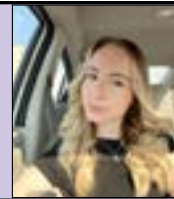
"I plan to continue the Christmas card series as I enjoy coming up with fun things for Santa to do as he tours the island.

"I also hope to showcase my artwork in an exhibition. Until that happens, I will work on my craft and, perhaps, paint a few larger pieces. I think the next medium I'd like to master is gouache, but that's a learning curve all on its own," she said.

For more information, follow @jenan.art on *Instagram*.

Leisure Scene

What's on guide by
Julia Cassano



THE Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain has lined up stunning dining events, sure to make this week a special one.

Join Cantina Kahlo for a feast of bold flavours and festive vibes as the spirit of Mexico is brought straight to your table. Savour an array of mouthwatering dishes, bursting with vibrant flavours. It costs BD35 per person, inclusive of soft beverages and BD45 per person inclusive of selected beverages tomorrow, October 24, from 1pm to 4pm.

Hotel guests can also enjoy a gorgeous dining experience under the stars at La Terrace, offering a carefully curated menu inspired by Mediterranean and French flavours, all while enjoying the relaxed charm of a coastal ambience.

Priced a la carte, it is open from Monday to Saturday, from 4pm to 11pm.

Get ready to celebrate the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) with traditional hand-wrapped tamales, honouring Mexican heritage and the memory of loved ones. The Mexican holiday, on November 1 and 2, is a celebration of life and death, where families gather to remember the lives of their ancestors through traditions such as sharing stories and food.

MEXICAN MAGIC AT RITZ



VIBE: Le Jardin by Cantina Kahlo

The special event, priced at BD10, will be held at Cantina Kahlo from October 27 to November 8, during the restaurant's operating hours (Monday to Thursday, 1pm to 3pm and 6.30pm to midnight and Friday to Saturday, 1pm to 4pm and 6.30pm to midnight). Sundays are closed.

Meanwhile, guests can experience Le Jardin by Cantina Kahlo, where you can dine while enjoying the ocean breeze and tranquil ambience. Priced a la carte, the pop-up restaurant is

available from Wednesday to Sunday, 1pm to 8pm. This Halloween, discover a variety of spooktacular offerings. On October 31, 7pm to 11.30pm, Primavera After Dark invites guests for an evening of hauntingly flavourful creations. Enjoy dishes and beverages such as spooky pumpkin soup (BD10), witch's brew (BD9) and phantom punch (BD4.500).

To reserve, call 17586499 or email rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com.



DELICIOUS: Tacos at Cantina Kahlo's brunch

PARTY ALL WEEK AT DILMUN CLUB

HEAD down to the Dilmun Club Bahrain for a week full of exciting events and great food.

Kick off the week with Curry Night every Monday, from noon to 10.30pm, featuring a mouthwatering selection of curries, samosas and other favourites at unbeatable prices.

Some of the deals include any curry, samosas and bhajis for BD4 and any two curries, samosas, bhajis and selected beverages for BD13.

On Tuesdays, treat yourself to a hearty pie and a selected beverage for just BD5.500, all while enjoying live music from 7pm to 9pm.

Midweek calls for Steak Night on Wednesday, from 6pm to 10pm, offering two perfectly cooked steaks and selected beverages for BD20.

On November 1, the club is hosting a children's Halloween party, from noon to 5pm. It features a disco, lunch, magic show, best costume contest, games and surprises and more. It costs BD6 for members and BD7 for guests.

For more information, contact 17690926.



ENTERTAINERS: 2 RUDE during one of their performances

FUN, FOOD, FIESTA

CELEBRATE the spooky season with the British Club Bahrain's Juniors Halloween Party at 6pm on October 30.

Young ones can come dressed in their best spooky costumes for an evening of games and Halloween magic.

The event is open to all and costs BD4 for members and BD5 for non-members. Spaces are limited.

The celebrations continue with the BC Carnival on October 31, bringing the vibrant energy of the Notting Hill Carnival to Bahrain. Headlining will be 2 RUDE, the UK's premier ska tribute band, who will perform electrifying classic ska, rocksteady and reggae hits. The seven-member band have shared the stage

with ensembles like The Specials, Bad Manners, The Selecter, The Jam, R&B group Aswad, producer Soul II Soul and singer-songwriter and producer Midgre Ure.

Touring the UK playing a string of sell out shows, headlining festivals and entertaining thousands, 2 RUDE have rightly claimed their title as one of the hottest live acts in the country.

They will be supported by guest DJs, including Ali Dawood, Refugee Soundsystem and Andrew Bentley at the BC Carnival.

Tickets are available on *Platinumlist* and at the club's reception, priced at BD5 for members and BD10 for non-members.

For more information, contact 17738245.

UNIQUE FLAVOURS TO SAVOUR

THIS season, Circa invites guests on a vibrant culinary journey inspired by the rhythm and soul of South America.

Under the creative direction of Chef Leonardo López, the restaurant unveils a refreshed menu that celebrates authentic flavours — reimagined with modern flair and artistic finesse.

Drawing from Chef Leonardo's childhood memories, each dish is a heartfelt message to his roots. Highlights include Circa ceviche with passion fruit tiger milk (mushroom) and coconut sorbet, Jospier-grilled sea bass with criolla salsa, lamb cutlets marinated in Peruvian spices and chimichurri, and braised beef cheek with tamarind sauce and sweet potato purée — each plate telling a story of tradition, passion and home.

To mark Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), Circa will come alive from October 30 to November 1, with an immersive series of themed dining experiences. Guests can enjoy specially curated dinners starting from BD30 per person, complemented by a nightly live fire performance.

The celebrations continue with a special Friday brunch, brimming with festive flair and South American-inspired indulgence. It is priced at BD32, inclusive of a soft beverage



FLAVOURFUL: Colourful ceviche

package and BD39 for a selected beverage package.

Rounding off the fantastic weekend, Circa invites guests to unwind with a Lazy Lunch on November 1 — a relaxed afternoon of delicious flavours and warm hospitality — the perfect finale to a lively celebration. It costs BD32, inclusive of a soft beverage package and BD39 for a selected beverage package, from 1pm to 4pm.

Both the brunch and the lazy lunch will continue throughout November every Friday and Saturday.

For reservations, call 39927872 or book online via the Instagram 'Reserve' button @circabahrain.

Leisure Scene

Weekly Entertainment

GASTRONOMICAL WONDERS AT FOUR SEASONS

FOUR Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay invites guests to the second chapter of Arabian Horizons, a culinary series celebrating the region's most creative talents.

This edition showcases Chef Slim Douiri from the acclaimed restaurant Cult Bistro, who is also renowned for reaching the *Top Chef* finals on *MBC*. He brings a multi-course dining journey shaped by Tunisian roots and Michelin-starred expertise. Dishes include reimaged briq, wagyu with smoked pumpkin, praline and miso, and hammour with cauliflower and vanilla. Explore the chef's dishes from tomorrow, October 24 to Sunday, October 26, 6pm to midnight, at Byblos.

Don't miss out on Bahrain Bay Kitchen's final Pink October Brunch, where every bite supports a meaningful cause. Guests can enjoy a generous spread featuring pasta, freshly baked pizza, peppercorn glazed chicken, and slow-roasted wagyu beef. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Think Pink: Bahrain Breast Cancer Society, supporting breast cancer awareness and research. The feast is available tomorrow, October



RUSTIC: Italian oven-baked favourites

24, from 1pm to 4pm and costs BD35 inclusive of soft beverages and BD48 with selected beverages.

For a night filled with delicious flavours and good vibes, head to Bay View Lounge's Mamma Mia: Pasta al Forno, a celebration of Italian oven-baked favourites. Enjoy dishes such as beef lasagne, golden parmigiana, cannelloni and tender chicken in pink sauce. It is available everyday until November 30, from 11.30am to midnight.

Step into the spirit of Halloween at Bahrain Bay Kitchen's Halloween Brunch. Brimming with seasonal flavours and playful creations, a range of spooky dishes will make for an unforgettable festive occasion. It will take place on October 31, from 1pm to 4pm and costs BD35, inclusive of soft beverages and BD48 with a selected beverage package. Children under six dine with the hotel's compliments, while children aged six to 12 enjoy



EXPERT: Chef Slim

a 50 per cent discount.

Relax and unwind at The Spa with special facials to rejuvenate your skin. Begin with a skin analysis using five probes to measure hydration, sebum, water loss, elasticity and pigmentation. Then, choose from three facials to enhance tone, deeply hydrate or restore balance. It is available everyday from 10am to 10pm. Prices range from BD70 to BD95.

For more information, contact 17115000.



SIZZLE: Perfectly cooked meat at Brasero Atlántico

GREAT EXPERIENCES AT SHERATON

CELEBRATE the festive season in style at Sheraton Bahrain Hotel with WILD's Halloween Brunch.

The spooktacular night filled with flavours and fun will be available on October 31, from 7.30pm to midnight. The event promises premium cuisine, as well as punchy beverages and live entertainment.

Come dressed in your best costume and make it a night to remember. It costs BD36 per person with soft beverages and BD46 per person with a selected beverage package. Ladies can enjoy the brunch for a special rate of BD23.

Now open for lunch, Brasero Atlántico invites guests to indulge in a unique fusion of Argentine culinary traditions. Chefs have expertly created authentic dishes using traditional wood fire techniques, inspired by the rich heritage of the region.

Enhance your dining experience with a carefully curated beverage menu, featuring organic drinks, where each sip celebrates the vibrant culture of the country.

It is open for lunch from noon to 3pm, the lounge from 4pm to 2am and dinner from 7pm to 11pm. Start your weekend



COLOURFUL: Breakfast at Golestan Persian Grill

off right with an authentic Persian breakfast, featuring unlimited traditional Iranian tea brewed atop a samovar (metal urn), all while taking in the beautiful terrace at Golestan Persian Grill.

Starting from October 31, it is available every Friday until the end of the year, from 8am to 11am.

For more information, call 17533533 or 38885409 or email Dining.bahsi@sheraton.com.

INDULGE YOURSELF AT INTERCONTINENTAL

THE InterContinental Bahrain has organised an array of festive events this month.

In honour of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Noor Lounge will host a delightful Pink Afternoon Tea, where a selection of delicate savouries, pastries, pink-inspired sweets, and teas and coffees will make for a lovely experience.

Twenty per cent of the proceeds will go towards Think Pink: Bahrain Breast Cancer Society. Support and celebrate the spirit of hope, strength and unity, where every cup tells a story. It costs BD8.500net per guest, from Thursday to Saturday, 2pm to 7pm.

Begin your day in the right way with a stunning floating breakfast for two at the hotel's pool. It is available



SPOOKY: Halloween fun

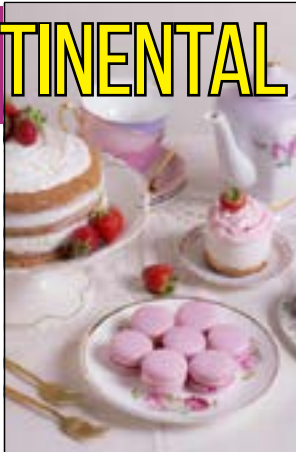
everyday, from 9am to noon, at BD22net for two guests.

This Halloween, step into a world of frightful flavours, where every dish comes with a wickedly playful twist at Legendz SteakHouse's Halloween Brunch.

Indulge in lamb brain with velvety pumpkin sauce, bat wings glazed in Korean spice and pulled beef lasagne. More than a brunch, it is

a spine-tingling feast of flavour, promising chills, thrills and unforgettable moments. It costs BD28 with soft beverages and BD38net inclusive of unlimited selected spirits. Children under six dine for free, while children aged six to 12 enjoy a 50 per cent discount, on October 31, from noon to 4pm.

In the evening, Downtown



SCRUMPTIOUS: Pink treats and sweets

will host a night of spooky glitz, glamour and endless fun. Guests can enjoy four hours of unlimited beverages and food, live music, fire dancers and more. Make sure to come dressed in your best Halloween costume for a chance to win vouchers.

The event costs BD34net on October 31, from 8pm to midnight.

For bookings and more information, contact 36967701.

VARIETY AT THE K HOTEL

INDULGE in a selection of delicious dishes at the K Hotel Bahrain's revamped Friday Brunch.

Sip on the finest beverages, expertly crafted to elevate the experience, while a live band sets the perfect mood for an unforgettable day.

Explore the interactive live cooking stations, where culinary magic unfolds, all within a vibrant setting.

The experience costs BD18net per person, inclusive of unlimited soft beverages, and BD25 with unlimited selected beverages, every Friday, from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

For bookings, contact 36600433.



EXPERIENCE: A guest enjoying the fondue station



FRESH: Sushi at the brunch

Pulse of Pop

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

ICON: Miguel



MUSICAL MAYHEM

A MERICAN R&B singer Miguel is set to drop his fifth album *Caos* tomorrow, October 24.

Spanish for 'chaos', the long-awaited follow-up since his 2017 project *War & Leisure* explores existential themes of disorder, rebirth and emotional turbulence. The sound is 'darker, more aggressive and boundary-pushing'.

In an interview, Miguel explained that *Always Time* off the new release tackles the concept of loyalty, inspired by the end of his longtime marriage in 2022.

"That song was written because I was uncovering a lot of my values in real time," Miguel said.

"The word 'loyal' is crazy, I saw my grandparents stay together for my entire life, they were loyal to the family, but were they happy? I don't know."



ALBUM: Cover

He also spoke about *Angel's Song* and *New Martyrs*, which bring alive yearning for a better world.

"It's really hard when we're looking at real news, when we can see every day that humanity is being ignored. To be so desensitised to things, it's hard to know whether or not expressing

that humanity matters, but when I come into the studio, I have to remind myself that if it's felt, then it matters.

"Whether or not everyone needs to hear it, that's a whole other thing, but to express it, I think, is the whole purpose. That is the beauty of what I get to do, and the blessing that I have of being an artist and having an audience," he expressed.

Born on October 23, 1985, Miguel Jontel Pimentel began his musical career at 13. His debut full-length record *All I Want Is You* (2010) was under-promoted upon its release, however, it eventually became a sleeper hit, as the song *Sure Thing* off the album garnered success in 2023 after becoming viral on TikTok. It reached number 11 on the Billboard Hot 100 over a decade after its release, becoming his most commercially successful single to date.

CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS

A POSTHUMOUS collection of newly discovered writings by Harper Lee, has hit the shelves.

The Land of Sweet Forever features never-before-seen short stories alongside published nonfiction by the late writer, who passed away in 2016, offering a look at the development of her unique literary voice.

The writer's career took a defining turn with the publication of her debut novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, in 1960.

The new release tackles many subjects, including conversations about travel, love, fiction and art and what it means to lead a creative life.

It is claimed to have been written after Harper dropped out of law school, a semester away from completing her degree, in order to chase her dreams of becoming a writer.

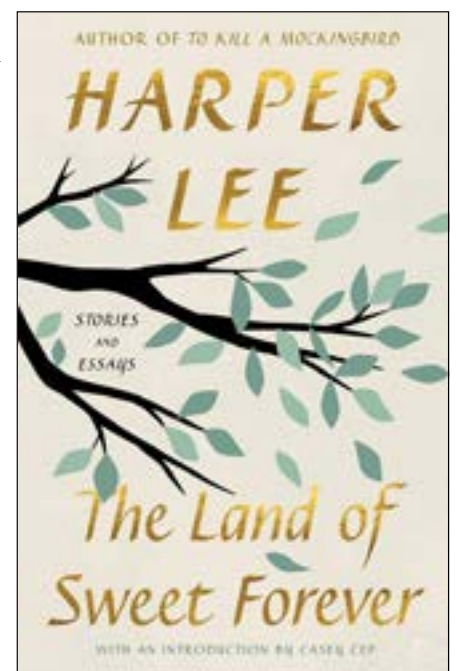
In a recent interview with Harper's nephew Edwin Lee and niece Molly Lee, they praised

their aunt and expressed excitement towards the new stories seeing the light of day.

"I knew there were unpublished stories, I had no idea where the manuscripts of those stories were," Edwin said.

The works were discovered in one of the writer's New York City apartments after she passed.

"I think it's interesting to see how her writing evolved and how she worked on her craft, even I can tell how she improved," Molly said, adding that she is 'very pleased' they have been found.



ARTSY: A poster of the series

DIVE INTO THE LORE OF 'IT'

SUPERNATURAL horror series *It: Welcome to Derry* premieres its first episode on October 26 on HBO Max, with a schedule release running until December 14.

Director Andy Muschietti, who worked on the novel's most recent film adaptations *It* (2017) and *It: Chapter Two* (2019), returns as show developer alongside Barbara Muschietti, who produced the two films, and Jason Fuchs who also serves as a co-showrunner.

Based on the 1986 Stephen King novel *It*, the show is set to dive into the lore of the main antagonist

Pennywise (Bill Skarsgård), an ancient malevolent entity who appears as a clown every 27 years to prey upon the children of Derry, Maine, using supernatural powers.

In an interview, Andy explained that the film is set in 1962, 27 years before the events of the first movie.

The executive producer also revealed that the eight episodes will match the film's atmosphere but with added elements, making the upcoming series even more intense.

"I wanted to maintain the same tone of the movie because I wanted the movies themselves to maintain the tone of the book, which is



MISCHIEF: Bill Skarsgård as Pennywise

terribly scary and graphically violent. There are heightened emotions, but there's also a lot of humour," he said.

"We had the opportunity to make it creepier because it's a bigger canvas with

more characters and more of their fears to explore. The intention is to take things to the edge and give audiences more than what they've experienced in the movies before," he added.

AFTER an intense weekend in Austin, Formula 1 heads south to Mexico City for another thrilling round, writes Naman Arora.

With just 40 points separating the top three in the championship and a host of young drivers set to take to the track, fans can expect three days of non-stop action at the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez as the Mexican Grand Prix gets underway tomorrow, October 24. Here are five storylines to watch this weekend.

TITLE CHALLENGE

All eyes are going to be on the Drivers' Championship this weekend, as the question of who will take this year's title looms heavy on the grid.

If you had asked anyone just a month ago who was most likely to bring home the title, the McLaren duo of Oscar Piastri and Lando Norris would have been the most-heard answers.

But now that defending World Champion Max Verstappen has cut Piastri's lead from over 100 points to just 40 in the past month, the title remains definitively undecided.

With the Red Bull driver reinvigorated, both Norris and Piastri will be on their toes to avoid another mishap like the one they had in Texas last weekend.

The good news for McLaren is that they need one strong weekend to alleviate the pressure building on the drivers, but Verstappen says he has to be 'perfect' every time to stay in the frame.

PUSHING FOR PODIUM

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton is no stranger to records, but he now has one of the most unwanted ones on the grid, in his very first season with Ferrari.

The Brit has now broken the record for the longest podium drought in Ferrari history.

Having done 19 races without a podium - the longest any Ferrari driver has gone in Formula 1 history - he has surpassed Didier Pironi, who raced for the team for 18 races before finally getting his first podium for Ferrari in 1982.

Hoping to break the streak, Hamilton will be trying to live up to the lofty expectations with which he was brought to the team, as he tries to step out of the shadow of team mate Charles



Testing their mettle in Mexico

FORO SOL: Bringing the energy to the Mexican Grand Prix



STREAK: Hamilton looking to break his podium drought at Ferrari



TROUBLES: Tsunoda's fate could be decided after this weekend

Leclerc - who picked up his sixth podium of the season in Austin last weekend.

It has been a tough 2025 for Ferrari so far, with no race victory to their name after such a strong end to 2024 that saw them fighting for the Teams' Championship with McLaren.

TSUNODA 'TSINK' OR 'TSWIM'

It's only easy to be at Red Bull if you are Max Verstappen, and Yuki Tsunoda has gotten the 'black swan' treatment this season at the team.

And with his future with the team to be decided after this weekend's Grand Prix, the pressure is on for the Japanese driver to show his mettle in Mexico.

Having that sword hanging over his head could work both ways - either pushing him to put everything into his race or pressuring him too much to focus on his track performance.

Following an impressive rookie season, Racing Bulls driver Isack Hadjar has been tipped to replace Tsunoda, with the French driver

achieving a podium finish at Zandvoort.

However, Tsunoda has been showing great form in the last several races, but unfortunately for him, so has Verstappen, the belle of the Red Bulls.

ROOKIE RUSH

Eyes will also be gleaning the track for hints of future stars, as almost half the full-time F1 grid will miss Friday's opening practice at the Mexico City Grand Prix, with eight teams fielding rookies to meet the sport's mandatory young driver rule. Each full-time driver must give up their car for at least two FP1 sessions per season to allow newcomers, those with no more than two race starts, to gain experience.

Ferrari, Red Bull, Mercedes, McLaren, Williams, Haas, Alpine and Aston Martin will all make changes.

At Ferrari, Antonio Fuoco replaces Lewis Hamilton, fresh from his Le Mans victory with the Scuderia.

Red Bull's F2 racer Arvid Lindblad will sub in for Max Verstappen, while McLaren's

Pato O'Ward gets a home run-in place of Lando Norris.

Mercedes will hand George Russell's car to Frederik Vesti, and Williams will give Luke Browning a turn in Carlos Sainz's machine.

Aston Martin will debut F2 race-winner Jak Crawford, while Haas continues with Ryo Hirakawa, and Alpine slots in Paul Aron for Pierre Gasly.

The influx of rookies represents one of the biggest FP1 reshuffles in recent memory, as teams race to meet their young driver obligations before the season's end.

ALTITUDE WITH AN ATTITUDE

One of the great things about a 24-race Formula 1 season is the sheer variety of venues it brings, each with its own quirks, challenges, and climates spread across 21 countries.

Some circuits, however, stand out, and Mexico City is one of the most distinctive. Sitting more than 2,200 metres above sea level - around 1,400 metres higher than the next highest track - the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez presents a truly unique challenge.

At such an altitude, the thinner air has a major effect on both aerodynamics and engine performance.

With less air flowing over the car, even a high-downforce configuration similar to Monaco can feel more like a low-downforce setup at

Monza, leaving drivers wrestling with less grip and more sliding. Engines also struggle to draw in enough air, which can affect reliability, while cooling becomes more difficult.

Drivers often have to back off from traffic to let their cars cool down before

attacking again, making race management more complex. All of this unfolds in front of one of the most passionate and energetic crowds on the calendar, with the packed Foro Sol stadium section providing an unforgettable backdrop as drivers roar through to complete each lap.

GET together with your family and friends to enjoy some of the English language films being shown at Cineco Seef this weekend.

BLACK PHONE 2 (18+)
As Finn, now 17, struggles with life after his captivity, his sister begins receiving calls in her dreams from the black phone and seeing disturbing visions of three boys being stalked at a winter camp known as Alpine Lake.

Actors: Ethan Hawke, Mason Thames, Madeline McGraw

Timings: 11pm, 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm, 11.30pm

GREAT WHITE WATERS (15+)

When millions in cartel contraband go missing off Florida's coast, the search turns savage as hungry sharks close in on anyone daring to claim the stash.

Actors: Angela Cole, Ashton Leigh, Johnny Ramey

Timings: 2pm, 6.30pm, 11pm

ROOFMAN (PG-15)

A charismatic criminal, while on the run from the



police, hides on the roof of a toy store. There, he adopts a new identity and becomes involved with an employee beginning a relationship as unlikely as it is risky.

Actors: Channing Tatum, Kirsten Dunst, Peter Dinklage

Timings: 10.45am, 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm, 11.15pm

RICH FLU (15+)

Explores how far people would go to save themselves when the wealth that made the world go round then becomes its most dangerous commodity after a strange disease threatens to kill anyone with any sort of fortune.

Actors: Mary Winstead, Lorraine Bracco, Jonah Hauer-King

Timings: 11.30am, 4pm, 8.30pm

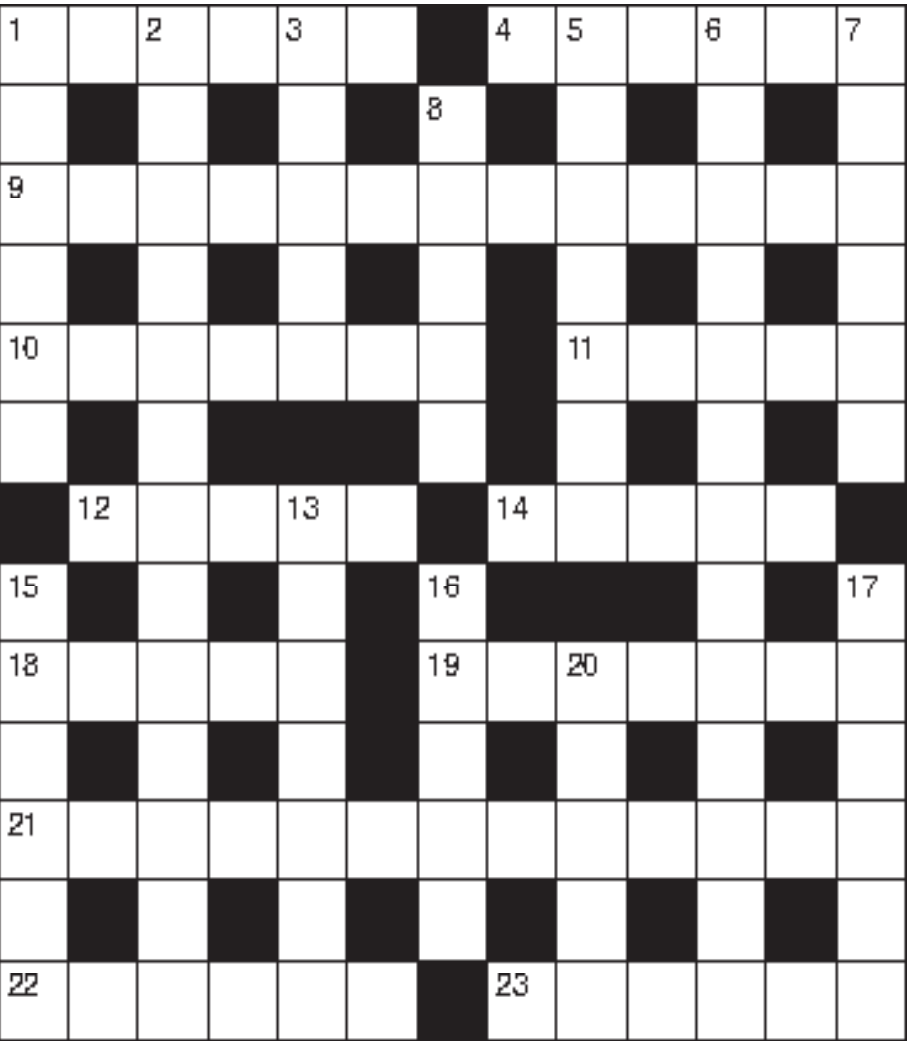
(Check out GDNOnline's list of the best movies to watch this weekend on Instagram)

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crossword break



Solutions in next week's issue.

ACROSS

- 1. Wrinkle (6)
- 4. Cruel (6)
- 9. Highbrows (13)
- 10. Cautious (7)
- 11. Follow (5)
- 12. Bisect (5)
- 14. Begin (5)
- 18. Precise (5)
- 19. Denial (7)
- 21. Questioning (13)
- 22. Irksome (6)
- 23. Glimpse (6)

DOWN

- 1. Cower (6)
- 2. Excessively (13)
- 3. Substantial (5)
- 5. Go back (7)
- 6. Sin (13)
- 7. Hearken (6)
- 8. Poor (5)
- 13. Old (7)
- 15. Portray (6)
- 16. Earlier (5)
- 17. Dive (6)
- 20. Weak (5)

who, what, where, when

- WHO...won Olympic gold in 1972 for the Pentathlon?
- WHAT...is bacillophobia the fear of?
- WHERE...was *It's a Wonderful Life* set?
- WHEN...was Eddie Cochran's only UK number one single?
- WHO...recorded *Alphabet Street*, *Gold* and *Cream*?
- WHAT...parts of the body are affected by nephritis?
- WHERE...were the 1988 Olympic games held?
- WHEN...was *Four Weddings and a Funeral* released?

just so

no no veil

DANCER

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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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Sudoku

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Last Week's Leisure Solutions

CROSSWORD BREAK:

- Across:** 1 Misrepresent; 7 Realm; 8 Bliss; 9 Ill; 10 Intercede; 11 Incite; 12 Resist; 15 Embarrass; 17 Get; 18 Cause; 19 Least; 21 Adventitious
- Down:** 1 Magnificence; 2 Era; 3 Remote; 4 Soberness; 5 Noise; 6 Ostentatious; 7 Relic; 10 Interfere; 13 Ingot; 14 Mallet; 16 Bound; 20 Art.
- Who, What, Where, When:** Michael Caine, Lung capacity, Hyde Park, 1869, Neville Chamberlain, Vitamin C, Utah, 1962.
- Just So:** Even Stephens; Few and far between; Hand to mouth; Nobel prize.

Darn Tough Sudoku

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