WOMEN ARE BETTER DOCTORS

A study says hospitalised patients treated by female doctors are slightly less likely to die.

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The 3rd Alumni Meet was held on December 22 in DPS-Modern Indian School, providing an opportunity for old students and teachers to reunite. The event, which took place in the school premises, was attended by around 150 alumni who had flown down from India, UAE, Bahrain, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Malaysia.

The evening officially began with a welcome note from the anchors Vinatha Ramodorai and Nikita Navneeth and was followed by a dance that had the crowd cheering. The Head Girl, Nayana Singh, graciously welcomed the alumni. A video montage with video clips and pictures from the past was then displayed evoking feelings of nostalgia in the audience. The students from grades 9, 10 and 11 entertained the alumni with their dances and songs.

The Vice-President, Yasir Naiknar, implored the alumni to contribute to their alma mater by becoming teachers in their school. He reckoned teaching as a noble profession, highlighting the dire need of good teachers in school, in order to mould the young learners into intellectually aware and responsible citizens.

The Director, Sonny Varghese, encouraged students to form an ardent bond with their alma mater as it has played a prominent role in shaping their character and lives.

The members of the Alumni Committee also addressed the audience and they were happy to see the growing number of alumni every year. They disclosed their future course of action which was hailed by everyone present. Many alumni also shared their experiences and fond memories, acknowledging the role of teachers in their lives and reminiscing about the fun times they had at school. They also shared their experiences at their respective universities.

The Head Boy, A Ganeshkumar, proposed the vote of thanks and the Principal, Asna Nafees, thanked the alumni for attending the event and encouraged them to form a stronger bond with the DPS family. The school had witnessed 10 outgoing batches so far, the first one being in 2007.

The school authorities were happy to note that DPS alumni are studying in excellent universities all over the world. The notable few being the universities of Harvard, Princeton, Rice, Weill Cornell, NUS, U.C. Berkeley, Pennsylvania, Perdue and not to forget the IITs and NITs in India. They are also associated with some of the best companies worldwide.

The evening ended with a delicious dinner arranged by the school management in honour of the alumni. This event helped the alumni to reconnect and strengthen their bonds with their alma mater.
If male doctors were able to do as well as their female counterparts when treating elderly patients in the hospital, they could save 32,000 lives a year, according to a study of 1.5 million hospital visits.

A month after patients were hospitalised, there was a small but significant difference in the likelihood that they were still alive or had to be readmitted to the hospital depending on the gender of the doctor who cared for them, according to the study published in JAMA Internal Medicine. Although the analysis can’t prove the gender of the physician was the determining factor, the researchers made multiple efforts to rule out other explanations.

“If we had a treatment that lowered mortality by 0.4 percentage points or half a percentage point, that is a treatment we would use widely. We would think of that as a clinically important treatment we want to use for our patients,” said Ashish Jha, professor of health policy at the Harvard School of Public Health. The estimate that 32,000 patients’ lives could be saved in the Medicare population alone is on par with the number of deaths from vehicle crashes each year.

For years, studies have suggested that men and women practice medicine differently. Women are more likely to adhere to clinical guidelines and counsel patients on preventive care. They are more communicative than men. But whether those differences have a meaningful impact on patients’ well-being has been unclear.

The new study, based on an analysis of four years of Medicare data, found that patients treated by a female doctor had a little less than half of a percentage point difference in the likelihood they would die within a month of their hospitalization. There was a similar drop in patients having to go back to the hospital over that month. Those are not large differences, but Jha pointed out that major health policies aimed at improving mortality in hospitals and increasing patient safety had resulted in a similar drop in mortality over a decade.

To try to rule out other possible explanations for the difference — such as healthier patients’ preference for female doctors — the researchers did an analysis where they looked solely at hospitalists, doctors who see patients who are admitted to hospitals and who are typically not chosen by patients. They also made sure patients had similar characteristics in the two groups. They compared doctors within hospitals, to avoid measuring a difference that could be accounted for by comparing a woman who worked at a rural community hospital with a man who worked at an urban trauma center.

Vineet Arora, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Chicago, praised the research but was cautious to read too much into the main result, pointing out that it was important to remember the effect might stem from multiple factors.
“It could be something the doctor is doing. It could be something about how the patient is reacting to the doctor,” Arora said. “It’s really hard to say. It’s probably multi-factorial.”

What the study drove home for Arora, who works as a hospitalist, is that women are certainly not worse doctors than men – and they should be compensated equitably.

A study published earlier this year found a $20,000 pay gap between male and female doctors after controlling for other factors, such as age, specialty and faculty rank, that might influence compensation.

She noted that female doctors, who are often being hired in their childbearing years, may face a subtle form of discrimination, in the worry that they will be less committed or that they will not work as hard when they have children.

“Having a female physician is an asset,” Arora said.

William Weeks, a professor of psychiatry at Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine, said that the researchers had done a good job of trying to control for other factors that might influence the outcome.

He noted that one caveat is that hospital care is usually done by a team. That fact was underscored by the method the researchers used to identify the doctor who led the care for patients in the study. To identify the gender of the physician, they looked for the doctor responsible for the biggest chunk of billing for hospital services — which was, on average, about half. That means that almost half of the care was provided by others.

He said the finding deserves further investigation, but in the short term, the study underscores the idea that female doctors should be paid equally — particularly as there is a push toward payment systems that reward the value of the care and not the number of tests and procedures that patients receive.

To Judith Hall, a professor of psychology at Northeastern University, who has long studied the communication skills and attitudes of doctors of both genders, the research adds a crucial piece of evidence. Female doctors, she said, tend to be more patient-centered, talk about and factor in psychological and emotional factors, and are better judges of nonverbal cues. She does not think communication style alone is likely to account for differences in clinical outcomes, but she does not think it should be discounted.

Two decades ago, Hall gave a talk to a group that turned out to be predominantly male doctors and said all of the evidence suggested that women are better doctors. It did not go over well, she said.

“It takes a huge study like this to convince anybody, because it’s a very highly charged topic,” Hall said. “Women are the newcomers to this field.”
Green's Welfare Society holds blood donation campaign

Green’s Welfare Society, Qatar, a volunteering organisation, organised a blood donation campaign on December 23 at the Hamad Medical Corporation Blood Bank unit. This camp was an initiative in inviting many of the friends, colleagues, and company workers to join this drive and witnessed a huge turnout of 95 donors from 7am to 12:30pm. During the camp, the management committee members of Indian Community Benevolent Forum (ICBF) Mahesh Gowda, General Secretary ICBF, Sanjeev Sharma, Membership co-ordinator ICBF, Gurdeep Singh from GWS attended the drive in support of this noble initiative as Guest of Honor. HMC distributed certificates of appreciations. Hardeep Singh and Gurmail Singh thanked all members for their support in this drive.

ICBF to organise free medical camp for workers

Indian Community Benevolent Forum (ICBF), an unique charitable organisation under the aegis of the Embassy of India, in association with the Ministry of Public Health, Qatar will organise their 28th free medical camp for workers on Friday at the Atlas Polyclinic, Grand Mall, Industrial Area from 7am to 1pm. The camp will be supported by the Indian Womens’ Association (IWA) and Tiruvananthapuram District Residents Association of Qatar (TRAQ) which are socio-cultural organisations affiliated to ICC and Dandy.

The camp is aimed at providing free medical assistance to workers and labourers from various labour camps and companies in Doha and Industrial Area. Registrations are in progress. Spot registrations are also allowed for those directly visiting the camp on the day.

Team of dedicated doctors will consist of general physicians and dentists. Paramedical services will also be available. Wellcare group will be providing free medicines in addition to the free medicines supplied by Atlas Polyclinic. The ‘Yoga in Doha’ group will be conducting Yoga sessions for all the workers throughout the camp.

The camp will be inaugurated by Ambassador of India, P Kumaran and Guest of Honour, will be Sheikh Dr Mohammed Bin Hamad bin Al Thani, Director, Ministry of Public Health. Indian Embassy Help Desk employees and volunteers from community organisations will be present at the location to attend to the workers’ concerns and queries.
Sponsor’s Team, Metabo became the new champions of the 22nd Gulf Incon-Metabo cricket tournament 2016 after defeating the Force India team by 7 wickets at West Bay grounds.

After winning the toss Metabo asked Force India to bat first. Force India lost their top three batsmen Masi, Iftikhar and Dhansuska within first four overs. Iqbal removed Masi for 3, Ashif got out Dhansuska for 3 runs and Suhail sent off Iftiqar for 6 runs. After these initial blows, Force India were never in control and could not put up good score on the board. Charlie 14, Bari 15, Akalanka 10, and Yasir 36 are the only batsmen achieved the double figure scores. Force India were all out at 111 in 18.1 overs.

For Metabo, Shariq took 3 wickets for 10 runs. Monty, Hanif, Baba took one wicket each.

In reply, Even Metabo had a shaky start by loosing their top three batsmen for 10 runs. Yasir removed Asif for 2, Siyab removed Baba for 5 and Ranga for Iqbal for 1. But Metabo, known for their strong batting line up, completed the chase of 111 runs with in 13.4 overs. Shariq 19 runs, Rafaqat 15 runs, Hanif 21 runs, Monty 14 and Zulfiqar 20 contributed in this comfortable chase.

Shariq of Metabo was adjusted as Man of the Final.

Breif scores: Force India 111 all out in 18.1 overs (Yasir 36, Charles 14, Bari 15, Akalanka 10, Shariq 3 for 10, Monty 1 for 17, Hanif 1 for 9, Baba 1 for 17); Lost to Metabo 114 for 4 in 13.4 overs (Zulfiqar 20, Shariq 19, Hanif 21, Yasir 1 for 13).

The following are the Best of the Tournament winners
Best Batsman: Zahir of QVC,
Best Bowler: Mohsin of Metabo,
Best All Rounder: Charles of Force India,
Best Wicket keeper: Sanjay of QVC.

At the prize distributing ceremony, Sajjad Ahmed Khan, Senior Sales and Marketing manager, Metabo / Gulf Incon was present along with Ravi Chandran, Senior Stores Supervisor, Guest of Honour Adil from Houston USA and Qatar Veterans cricket officials have handed over the Winners and Runners trophies. Lots of gifts were distributed to the Lucky Dip winners as well.

Organisers have arranged free snacks and FILLI CAFÉ has served tasty Saffron Tea to all spectators at the ground.
There are plenty of vegetarian items to which you can apply such a glaze just as festively, and it has to be tofu. Specifically, extra-firm tofu, which turns extra-extra-firm when you bake it in a marinade that becomes a glaze.

That’s what Isa Chandra Moskowitz calls for in her wonderful new book, ”The Superfun Times Vegan Holiday Cookbook” (Little Brown, 2016). Moskowitz is the OG vegan author behind the Post Punk Kitchen blog and such books as “Isa Does It,” “Veganomicon,” “Vegan With a Vengeance” and more (some of them with co-author Terry Hope Romero). She takes to the holidays with gusto, organising her book from New Year’s through Valentine’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, Rosh Hashanah, Thanksgiving and Christmas, with many more in between.

She presents Blood Orange Glazed Tofu in the Christmas chapter, promising “Technicolor” drama and sweet, ”zingy” flavour. Sold. The marinade/glaze is a cinch to make — the most time-consuming part is peeling and mincing 3 tablespoons’ worth of ginger — and then into the oven the planks of tofu go. I don’t know if it was because the blood oranges I used weren’t as ruby-red inside as they often are, but the colour of my finished dish was significantly more muted than Technicolor. The flavour, on the other hand, was as bright — and holiday-appropriate — as could be.

Blood Orange Glazed Tofu
8 servings

This is sweet and bright, and perfect for the holidays. Serve with mashed sweet potatoes, roasted squash, risotto or the like.

The tofu needs to marinate for at least 1 hour at room temperature; or cover and refrigerate it up to overnight.

Ingredients
Two 14-ounce packages extra-firm tofu, drained
2 teaspoons olive oil, plus more for greasing the dish
3 tablespoons grated, peeled fresh ginger root (from a 4-inch piece)
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 heaping tablespoon grated blood orange zest and 1/2 cup blood orange juice, plus blood orange slices, for garnish (from 2 to 3 oranges)
2 tablespoons maple syrup
4 teaspoons low-sodium tamari (may substitute low-sodium soy sauce)

Steps
Wrap each block of tofu in paper towels and place on a plate. Place a second plate on top and put a large unopened can of tomatoes, beans or another heavy object on top; let the tofu exude liquid for about 30 minutes. Unwrap, and pat the tofu dry with paper towels.

(Alternatively, you can set the drained and wrapped tofu blocks on a microwave-safe plate and microwave on HIGH for 30 seconds. Remove the paper towels, rewrap the tofu with fresh ones, and microwave on HIGH for another 30 seconds. Repeat one or two more times, until the tofu is noticeably firmer.)

Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with oil.

Whisk together the ginger, garlic, blood orange zest and juice, the maple syrup, tamari and the 2 teaspoons of oil in a medium bowl until well combined. Pour into the baking dish; this is your marinade.

Cut each block of tofu crosswise into eight equal slices. Place them in the marinade, turning them to coat. Let them sit at room temperature for 1 hour, turning the slices again halfway through. (Or cover them with plastic wrap and marinade in the refrigerator up to overnight.)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil. Bake for 20 minutes, then remove the foil and turn the tofu pieces over. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes, until most of the liquid has been absorbed and has thickened into a glaze.

To give the tofu more chewiness, broil the slices for 2 minutes on each side.

Serve hot, garnished with the blood orange slices.

Nutrition | Per serving: 170 calories, 13 g protein, 10 g carbohydrates, 8 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 125 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber, 5 g sugar.
Dental implants that kill bacteria & anchor to bone

**London IANS**

Scientists have developed coatings for dental implants that can prevent bacterial infection, kill it if it arises, as well as facilitate anchoring to the bone.

Coatings that are capable of preventing bacterial colonisation — main reason why dental implants fail — and adhesion around the implant, was long awaited.

The fact is that “about 10 per cent of dental implants have to be removed due to osseointegration problems or to the onset of infections”, said Beatriz Palla, researcher at UPV/EHU-University of the Basque Country in Spain.

For the study, the team used sol-gel synthesis, with silica as the precursor — known to be osteoinductive — and added various anti-bacterial agents.

Palla developed three types of coatings or various anti-bacterial agents. Each one tackled bacterial infections, either by preventing the bacteria from becoming adhered initially and the subsequent infection, or else by eliminating it once it has developed.

In the case of preventive coatings, the researchers created a material with a very long degradation time so that it would remain adhered to the screw and work for as long as possible, preventing bacteria from becoming adhered.

However, in the coatings designed to eradicate an infection that has already taken hold, they created a rapidly degrading material so that it can release the antibacterial agent as quickly as possible to attack the infection, the researchers explained.

The results showed that “it is possible to confirm that coatings with an anti-bacterial capability and which do not affect the proper integration of the implant into the jawbone have been developed,” Palla noted.

However, there is still a long way to go until they can be applied and used at dentists’ surgeries, the researchers said, in the paper published in the Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids.

**New York IANS**

Reducing the duration of antibiotics can do more harm than good when treating children with ear infections, warns a study. When treating children between 9 and 23 months of age with antibiotics for ear infections, a shortened course has worse clinical outcomes without reducing the risk of antibiotic resistance or adverse events, showed results of the trial involving over 500 kids.

“Given significant concerns regarding over-use of antibiotics and increased antibiotic resistance, we conducted this trial to see if reducing the duration of antibiotic treatment would be equally effective along with decreased antibiotic resistance and fewer adverse reactions.” said Alejandro Hoberman, Professor at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in the US.

“The results of this study clearly show that for treating ear infections in children between 9 and 23 months of age, a five-day course of antibiotic offers no benefit in terms of adverse events or antibiotic resistance,” Hoberman noted.

“Though we should be rightly concerned about the emergence of resistance overall for this condition, the benefits of the 10-day regimen greatly outweigh the risks.” Hoberman added. In the current trial, 520 children with acute otitis media were randomly assigned to either a standard 10-day regimen of the antibiotic amoxicillin-clavulanate or a shortened five-day treatment followed by five days of placebo.

Acute otitis media is a common bacterial infection of the middle ear behind the ear drum in kids which causes it to become painfully inflamed. The risk of treatment failure in the five-day group (34 percent) was more than twice as much the risk in the 10-day group (16 percent), according to the results published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

When they tested the presence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria through back of the nose swabs, there was no decrease in the 5-day group as might have been expected with a shorter duration of antibiotics.
The “Passerelle du Palais de Justice” and the Lyon courthouse at night, in Lyon. A man walks along the Saone river. The city of Lyon exports its particular lighting all over the world through its famous Festival of Lights (Fete des Lumieres) as well as its urban lighting.

People walk on the “Passerelle du Palais de Justice” in front of the Lyon courthouse.
Actress Tamannaah Bhatia has slammed comments made by director Suraaj about objectifying heroines in Tamil filmindustry, and has asked him to apologise to all women in the industry.

In a promotional interview during the release of his latest Tamil directorial “Kaththi Sandai”, director Suraaj was asked how he managed to make Tamannaah look glamorous in the film. Suraaj’s reply has created an uproar in social media. He said: “Audiences pay money to watch the hero fight and heroines in full glamour. As a director, I don’t like to see my heroines fully clad in a sari. If we’re paying money to watch a film, we should expect Tamannaah to look glamorous. Any commercial film should have glamour,” Suraaj said.

He went on to add that all those heroines who made it big, chose the glamorous path to stardom. “Whenever my costume designer presents my heroine in knee-length outfit, I’d ask him to cut it short. If my heroine gets angry, I’d tell her audience haven’t paid so much for nothing,” he added. When the clip went viral, Tamannaah took to Twitter to share her views, and said she was “hurt and angered by the comments made by director Suraaj”.

She said: “I would definitely want him to apologise not only to me but to the entire women in the industry. We are actors and we are here to act and entertain audiences and should not at any point be objectified as commodities. Having worked in southern filmindustry for over a decade, she added: “I have worn costumes which I’m comfortable with. It is sad that women in our country are spoken about so frivolously and I would like to tell my audiences that our industry should not be generalised due to comments made by one individual.” Suraaj was unavailable for comment.

Actress-producer Neha Dhupia, who hosts her audio talk show “NoFilterNeha” on a music streaming service, says she would love to work with superstar Aamir Khan.

During a conversation with her followers on Twitter, a user asked Neha if she would like to “work with Aamir Khan?” To that, Neha replied: “Any day! Aamir Khan’s movies are consistently mind-blowing. I’d love to be part of them.”

As the actress is known for being blunt and candid about her opinions and beliefs on different matters, another follower on the micro-blogging website asked the “Singh is Kinng” actress “how do you handle or take criticism?”

Neha said: “I learn from it when it’s constructive and shrug it off when it’s just malicious.” When another user asked her what he would have to do to take Neha out for a date, she quipped that her “manager leaves no time” for her “personal life”. On the movie front, Neha was last seen in the film “Moh Maya Money”, directed by Munish Bhhardwaj.
Katie Price to sue Glasgow hotel

English TV personality-model Katie Price is reportedly going to sue a Glasgow hotel that kicked her out following her “loss of 100,000 pounds worth of diamonds” earlier this month.

Mirror.co.uk has reported about her plans to take legal action against the hotel.

The management at the four-star Lorne Hotel is said to have looked in her room for the jewellery but “there was nothing there”. They have also been trying to get in touch with the star but without luck.

The hotel manager told The Sun newspaper: “The day after she was asked to leave, she called the hotel to claim that she had left 100,000 pounds worth of jewellery in the hotel. “Our housekeeper and manager immediately checked the room, which hadn’t been cleaned yet, and there was nothing there. We checked straight away but couldn’t get her back on the phone. So we replied to the email address she had given us to let her know that nothing had been found.”

The hotel also told the newspaper that police were called the night she was kicked out. “The guest became extremely abusive towards the staff member and so the duty manager agreed to escort them to the room,” a spokesperson said in a statement. The spokesperson added: “Once the guest was granted access to the room, they continued to shout abuse and to make matters worse, threw plates at the duty manager, breaking these against the wall. “The police were called. After the police spoke with the guest for almost an hour, the guest was invited to leave the premises.”

A police spokesman confirmed that at around 1.50 a.m. on December 11 police went to the hotel and while “advice was given”, no complaint was made and they took no further action.

Ellen Pompeo sad after backlash over black emojis

Grey’s Anatomy” star Ellen Pompeo responded to backlash over using black emojis, saying she is sad that people attacked her for standing up for equality.

The actress was criticised online on Friday for her response to a user who condemned her use of black emojis in a tweet.

Pompeo reacted to the issue in a Twitter post, which read: “I’m so sad that people attacked me over standing up for equality I’m sad that people chose anger and I’m sorry if I offended anyone.”

When one of her haters responded by saying: “Shut up, white lady, the actress further posted: “That’s white lady with a black husband and black children to you babe.”

She then vented her frustration saying, “What’s crazy is how angry everyone is... This is all about emojis people.”
What you should know before you buy AirPods

Hayley Tsukayama
The Washington Post

Those expecting some extra cash this holiday season may be eyeing Apple’s $160 AirPods as a present for themselves. Apple recently sent along a pair for me to test, replacing some pre-release AirPods I’d played with before and found a little too ahead of their time for most people.

Many of my initial thoughts stand. I didn’t notice a dip in audio quality. The AirPods never dropped a connection, and they pair easily with the iPhone. I still had no problem with the 5 hour battery life, though those on long flights may disagree. But I’m a little less worried about losing them now. Ear shape may vary results, but I had no problems. Running with them at a nearby lake wasn’t a problem at all. (And I’m not a particularly smooth or elegant runner, believe me.) Ditto while jump-roping.

They actually held up better during exercise than when I had tried sleeping with them in my ears. With my prime worry gone, I revelled in the freedom of not having a cord. I don’t often get tangled in my headphones, but it was nice not worrying about it while pulling on a sweatshirt or doing a jumping jack—a glimpse into a future world without wires.

I still have my gripes. AirPods lack many functions I expect from headphones, such as being able to control the volume from the cord. Siri picks up the slack—and you can ask her quietly to change the volume or skip a track—but it takes longer than a button-press and requires me to talk to myself in public. (Not my favourite activity.)

And while AirPods switch smoothly between Apple Watch and iPhone, they won’t pair simultaneously with your phone and your Mac or other Bluetooth-enabled device. For me, that’s a slight step down from headphones that let you connect to several devices at once.

Plus, I still missed the cord as a safety blanket. Take an AirPod out of your ear, and you have to hold it—tightly, in my case, for fear I’d drop one and lose $80 down a swan’s gullet. Ideally, AirPods would always be in your ears or in their charging case, but we do not always live in an ideal world. They could easily slip into the wash in a pocket with my loose change. They do come with a one-year warranty, plus out-of-warranty service in case you lose or damage them—but replacing a lost one would cost you $69 each.

Overall, I’d say AirPods aren’t a must-have product because you lose some function by going wireless. Still, I’d only really advise against them if you’re prone to losing things. Losing AirPods would be much more frustrating than mislaying a $15 pair of headphones from the airport. But if you think you can keep track of them and are intrigued by their compact convenience, AirPods are an interesting step into the wireless future.
Babys Blues

Biographical sports drama on former wrestler Mahavir Singh Phogat and his two wrestler daughters’ struggle towards glory at the Commonwealth Games in the face of societal oppression.

Note: Programme is subject to change without prior notice.

Hagar the Horrible

I have cravings for Black Forest Cake or Banana Cream Pie!

You can have a combination!

Sure! Have a Black Banana!!

DOHA TODAY

CINEMA PLUS

ROYAL PLAZA

Dangal (Hindi) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00pm
Moana (2D/Animation) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00pm

ROXY

Sing (2D/Animation) 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00pm
Star Wars: Rogue One (Action) 2:00, 7:00, 9:30pm & 12:00midnight
Dangal (Hindi) 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00pm

LANDMARK

Sing (2D/Animation) 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00pm
Blackburn (2D/Horror) 2:00pm
Sapthagiri Express (Telugu) 5:00pm

BABY BLUES

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

DANGAL

NOVO

Office Christmas Party (2D/Comedy) 10:30am, 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20 & 11:30pm
Passengers (Drama) 2D 10:00am, 1:00, 3:30, 2:40, 6:00, 7:20, 8:30, 9:40, 11:00pm & 12:00midnight
Sing (Animation) 2D 10:00, 11:00am, 12:00noon, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00pm
3D 12:00noon, 4:00 & 8:00pm
Saber Google (2D/Arabic) 12:00noon
The Last King (2D/Action) 10:00am, 12:00noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00pm & 12:00midnight
Moana (2D/Animation) 10:15am, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00 & 7:15pm
Blackburn (2D/Horror) 9:30 & 11:15pm
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (2D/Action) 9:00 & 11:45pm
The Last King (2D/Action) 9:00am, 11:30am
Saber Google (2D/Arabic) 12:30, 3:00 & 5:30pm
Collateral Beauty (2D/Drama) 10:00, 11:00am, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 11:00pm & 12:00midnight

MALL

10 Kalpanakal (2D/Malayalam) 1:15pm
Dangal (Hindi) 2:00, 8:00 & 11:00pm
Sing (2D/Animation) 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00pm
Moana (2D/Animation) 3:30 & 7:30pm
Sapthagiri Express (Telugu) 5:00pm
Office Christmas Party (2D/Comedy) 5:30 & 9:30pm
Passengers (2D/Adventure) 7:30 & 11:30pm
The Last King (2D/Action) 9:30pm Saber Google (2D/Arabic) 11:30pm

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**ACROSS**
1. Grand tale
2. “For shame!”
3. Dance move
4. Florida city
5. Roof overhang
6. Old joke
7. Blue dye source
8. Glutton
9. Dicker over a price
10. Hypnotized
11. Advertising award
12. Hideaway
13. Sharp cheese
14. Minivan
15. Shoe part
16. Greyhound vehicle
17. V-shaped badge
18. Pizzazz

**DOWN**
2. Computer
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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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- Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: W equals I

### CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

By Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku: Conceptis Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9×9 grid. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3×3 box contains the same number only once.

Diagnosis Level: 3

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8 1 3 9 5 7 2
3     1
9 2 8 6 5
1 5
7 2 8 5 4 6 3
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### ALL IN THE MIND

- CALM DOWN, CATNAP, CHILL OUT, COMFORT, COOL OFF, DAYDREAM, DOZE, EASE, FREEDOM, HOLIDAY, LEAVE, LEISURE, LOOSEN UP, LUXURATE, PEACE, PICNIC, QUIETEN, RECESS, RELAX, RELIEF, REPOSE, REPRIEVE, RESPIRE, REST, SABBATICAL, SERENITY, SETTLE DOWN, SISTA, SIMMER DOWN, SIT BACK, SLACKEN, SLIP, SLUMBER, TAKE A BREAK, TAKE IT EASY, TIME OFF, TIME OUT, UNCOIL, UNWIND, VACATION.

### BRAIN TEASERS

- **Yesterday’s answer:**

### DOHA TODAY

- **08:00** News
- **08:30** I Knew...
- **09:00** Al Jazeera Correspondent
- **10:30** Inside Story
- **11:00** News
- **11:30** The Stream
- **12:00** News
- **12:30** Fault Lines
- **13:00** NEWSHOUR
- **13:30** How Do They Do It?
- **14:00** Storage Hunters UK
- **14:30** Inside Story
- **15:00** Crusades: An Arab Perspective
- **16:00** NEWSHOUR
- **16:30** Sofia
- **17:00** News
- **17:30** The Stream
- **18:00** newgrid
- **18:30** Ozzy & Jack’s World Detour
- **19:00** News
- **19:30** Witness
- **20:00** Storage Hunters UK
- **20:30** Inside Story
- **21:00** NEWSHOUR
- **21:30** Chicago
- **22:00** News
- **22:30** The Stream
- **23:00** Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet
- **23:30** Gator Boys
- **01:20** Crisis Angel: Mindbreak
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