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A rainbow of colours unfurled on the stage as Class Preparatory of DPS-Modern Indian School celebrated its Annual-cum-Graduation Day on March 7.

The budding artistes took the audience on a spectacular journey rediscovering the magnificence, culture and uniqueness of the exotic land, India, through their thematic presentation ‘Incredible Journey- Wander, Explore, Cherish’.

The function was graced by, Chief Guest Dr R Seetharaman, Group CEO of Doha Bank, Qatar; Guest of Honour, Rajesh Kamble, Counsellor at the Embassy of India; President of DPS-MIS, Hassan Chougule, Vice-President and Director IT, Yasir Nainar and members of DPS-MIS Executive Committee.

DPS-MIS management presented a felicitation memento to Seetharaman in honour of his recent Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award from the President of India.

‘Grandeur’, DPS-MIS yearly magazine, a mirror of its achievements and activities, was also released by the distinguished guests.

Extending a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests, Principal of the school, Asna Nafees, highlighted the importance of human connection and strong family bonds in the present technologically advanced era and also urged parents to inculcate a sense of adaptability among the children and empower them to be emotionally strong, socially responsible and mentally agile human beings.

Seetharaman mentioned that life has a definite purpose and pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality or science without humanity is meaningless.

He reminded the audience of their mission on the planet which is to promote gender equality, ensure universal education, eradicate poverty and conserve the environment for the future generations.
Local and international designers, artists, academics and industry professionals gathered at Tasmeem Doha 2017 to explore and discuss about a contemporary topic on art and design.

Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar), in collaboration with its home campus, VCU School of the Arts (VCUarts) hosted their biennial international art and design conference Tasmeem Doha 2017, under the theme ‘Analogue Living in a Digital World.’ It featured a slew of workshops, exhibitions, demonstrations, artists, and cultural leaders exploring the collision, intersection and interplay between the traditional and digital worlds.

“Tasmeem Doha 2017 is successful and the wide spectrum of speakers and presenters were a clear indication of it. The kind of discussions took place were very relevant and was beneficial to all of us,” Dr Akel I Kahera, Dean, VCUQatar told The Peninsula.
Since its launch in 2004, Tasmeem Doha conference has been developed to provide Qatar and the region an informed platform for exploring relevance and potential of creative practices of art and design, as well as to provide cultural, social, and economic benefit.

Tasmeem is the Arabic word for ‘Design.’ Tasmeem addresses contemporary topics on art and design and brings together international designers, artists, academics, students and industry professionals. Over the years Tasmeem have gained widespread attention and praise, while fostering partnerships that enhance the educational, creative and cultural vitality of Qatar and beyond.

During Tasmeem, students take part in workshops to analyse the firsthand value of intensive collaboration and creative output. Over the years, the ambitious themes of Tasmeem have gained the university widespread attention, while fostering sustainable university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of Qatar.

Tasmeem Doha 2017: Analogue Living in a Digital World aimed to dialogue with art and leading thinkers, educators and practitioners whose ideas transcend media and speak to human existence in a technological society.

The intent of this conference was to explore the intersection between the analogue and digital within the context of our lived experience, and to examine where the two modes differ, intertwine, and coexist. By looking at past and present art and design methodologies and practices, Tasmeem Doha 2017, attempt to create a context for examining the relevance of our current attitudes to discover new ways to grow and evolve.

It attracted prominent speakers and artists from all over the world.

“The impact of Tasmeem in the region has become prominent. It has become an event that is attracting not only to students but also professionals coming to learn something new. They know the conference is trying to teach and expose a relevant topic. We are contributing to this design community beyond Doha. The great thing about Tasmeem is that its always different, two years ago it was workshop based and aimed at students, but we had less people from outside, this year it’s different with diverse activities and has attracted many form the industry and outside Qatar,” said Tasmeem 2017 Chairs and Assistant Professors Michael Perrone and Marco Bruno of VCUQatar and Assistant Professor John D Freyer from VCUarts.

“This year we saw many during the conference whom we haven’t seen before, that shows that our message is getting out and reaching people beyond the domain. There were students, and faculty and industry experts from Qatar as well as from the region,” they said.

Besides the workshops and lectures, there were also interactive sessions which attracted the visitors. One such prominent activity was aimed at composing the largest ever pixel art by hand.

“We are trying to make the largest image ever produced. It will be two meter by 2.6 meter and it will add 307000 nails, every small portion made will be placed on to a big aboard so when you put all together, you will get the final image,” said Bruno.

Basically they have break a very big image into minimum units, so every single nail becomes a pixel. There are only six basic colours of these nails. There were 256 boards to be filled with nails and every small board will be fixed on a big board to get the hidden image.

Bruno says that making the pixel art by hand is relevant to the Tasmeem Doha 2017 theme, ‘Analog living in a digital world,’ as although the 19th century painters used such techniques, now days only a computer can fix, such broken parts of colours into an image.
Five Indian poets to perform at NIA event

North Indians’ Association (NIA), an affiliated association to Indian Cultural Centre, under the aegis of Embassy of India in Qatar, is all set to organise an evening of full of laughter in a grand show “Hasya Kavi Sammelan” on April 7 at DPS Auditorium in Al Wakra.

‘Hasya Kavi Sammelan’ will create happiness among audience. The event will be managed by event management company Trans Media International WLL. Five well known poets from across India will perform in the four-hour programme. Star attraction of the event is Padma Shree Ashok Chakradhar who will anchor the programme. Other four poets are Aashkaran Atal, Arun Gemini, Mamta Sharma and Sudeep Bholo.

Entry to the event is with prior registration and interested person may contact 33830289 or by email at niadoha@gmail.com

Gulf Star Group encouraging sporting talent in Qatar

With the chill almost over and the weather in Doha still fair, it’s ‘willow time’ for sports lovers. Gulf Star Group, owner of Doha Rocks Café, is throwing in their lot to boost these ‘willow warriors’, in keeping with its policy of encouraging young sporting talent from within the local community.

“Gulf Star Group has been giving utmost importance for encouraging sports activities across all its retail brands and divisions, as part of our CSR program.” said Naveed Abdulla, Business Director of Gulf Star Group.

As part of its CSR program, Gulf Star Group is partnering with one of Qatar’s leading cricket teams, Tusker, to launch the inaugural Doha Rocks Tusker in their show of might during the CCC Mercantile Cup and Qatar Riders Cup matches.

Gulf Star Group has partnered with Tusker for a full season which ends next year. On March 15 2017, Doha Rocks Café and Tusker officially launched the new “Doha Rocks Tusker” Jersey, which the team will be wearing for the entire season.

Sponsors, Doha Rocks Café, have been actively participating in sporting events in Qatar for the last several years including the recently held ExpatsSportEv’s Qatar National Sports Day 2017 competitions, Football Tournament by Real Sports. The fact, that it is partnering with one of Qatar’s leading cricket teams, Tusker, is a clear demonstration of its commitment of the Group’s keenness to enhance sports and healthy living as part of Qatar’s vision. In addition, Doha Rocks Café will be partnering in a few sports activities to be held this summer especially during Ramadan.

Founded in 2006, Tusker’s rise up the cricketing ranks has been dramatic. By 2012, the team was ranked among the top five in Qatar. In the last few years, Tusker has metamorphosed into a full-fledged professional team, having won numerous trophies during the last five seasons.

Founded in 1974, Doha Rocks Café is a coffee lounge with three branches in Qatar: D Ring Road, Old Airport; Barwa Village and Beverly Hills Al Rayyan Clubhouse. With a flagship café in the Old Airport area, the café has a fun, casual and modern vibe with trendy, comfortable interiors and original murals on the wall depicting the past and the present day.

Doha Rocks Café offers an array of juices and beverages, served by its skilled baristas. Its live Grill and Tandoor station, breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, in addition to the regular signature sandwiches, promise to win over even the most discerning palates.

Doha Rocks Café is Wi-Fi enabled and also the first café lounge to offer an online delivery service in Qatar. Its meeting rooms help you to relish a quick meal as you seal the deal.

Commercial Bank’s Manchester United Soccer School returns to Doha

Commercial Bank, the exclusive financial services partner of Manchester United in Qatar, has announced the Manchester United Soccer School has returned to Qatar for the fourth consecutive year. 160 girls and boys, aged 7 to 16, will take part in the soccer school from today to March 23 at Al Arabi Stadium, with two Manchester United Soccer School coaches being specially flown in from UK to provide training.

Commercial Bank customers were awarded places for their children or younger siblings at the exclusive five-day soccer school by spending on their Commercial Bank Manchester United Credit Cards.

Under the guidance of Manchester United Soccer School coaches, the kids will receive an all-round training experience involving on-pitch techniques related to Manchester United first team training, advice on how to behave off the pitch, understanding tactics and what it takes to develop winning mentality. Roya Khajeh, Commercial Bank AGM, Head of Cards and Payments said: “Through our exclusive partnership with Manchester United, Commercial Bank is delighted to bring the popular Manchester United Soccer School back to Qatar for the fourth year.”

Doha Rocks Tusker in their show of might during the CCC Mercantile Cup and Qatar Riders Cup matches.
SIS Toastmasters Club launched

SIS Toastmasters Club was launched at Shantiniketan Indian School in association with Toastmasters International. The inaugural meeting was addressed by Virendra Nath, District Director and H P Singh Bhullar. Senior Vice-Principal Shihabudeen Pulath inspired the members with his presence. The club elected Shakir Hussain (President), Abdul Salam (Vice-President of Education), Sameena Hussain (VP-Membership), Sindhu Rajeev (VP-PR), Adam Shaikh (Treasurer), Sylvia Godwin (Secretary) and Biju Krishnan (Sargeant at Arms).

PSI School celebrates International Day

Pearling Season International (PSI) School in central Doha hosted an ‘International Day’ celebration. PSI School is a well-equipped British school with a range of facilities from state-of-the-art smart board technology, a multilingual resourceful library, and age-appropriate play areas to enhance outdoor play and other modern facilities.

The PSI International Day is the grand finale of Week Without Walls (WWW) – a week of school that is specifically designated to education outside the classroom.

According to PSI Head Teacher, Delores Thompson, this celebration helps students to understand the world we live in and their role in it. It will also reinforce many of the personal goals taught throughout the IPC Curriculum, such as cooperation, resilience, communication and internationalism.

The festival was comprised of 14 national and regional booths with a variety of cuisines and cultural displays. The booths represented various countries and regions, showcasing national customs, traditions, history, iconic facts, clothing, food and arts.

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Global warming could make us shorter

The warming climate could make us shorter over time, suggests new research that found that mammals in the past had responded to extreme global warming events by shrinking in size.

While this mammalian dwarfism has previously been linked to the largest of the warming events, the new research has found that this evolutionary process can happen in smaller such events as well.

The findings could help shape an understanding of underlying effects of current human-caused climate change.

“We know that during the largest of these hyperthermals, known as the Paleocene–Eocene Thermal Maximum, or PETM, temperatures rose an estimated nine to 14 degrees Fahrenheit and some mammals shrank by 30 percent over time, so we wanted to see if this pattern repeated during other warming events,” said lead author of the study Abigail D’Ambrosia, a doctoral student at University of New Hampshire.

“The hope is that it would help us learn more about the possible effects of today’s global warming,” D’Ambrosia said.

In the study, published in the journal Science Advances, researchers collected teeth and jaw fragments in the fossil-rich Bighorn Basin region of Wyoming in the US.

Their focus was on several early mammals including Arenahippus, an early horse the size of a small dog, and Diacodexis, a rabbit-sized predecessor to hoofed mammals.

Using the size of the molar teeth as a proxy for body size, the researchers found a statistically significant decrease in the body size of these mammals during a second, smaller, hyperthermal, called the ETM2. Arenahippus decreased by about 14 per cent in size, and the Diacodexis by about 15 per cent.

“We found evidence of mammalian dwarfism during this second hyperthermal. However, it was less extreme than during the PETM,” D’Ambrosia said.

The researchers believe that the body change could have been an evolutionary response to create a more efficient way to reduce body heat. A smaller body size would allow the animals to cool down faster. Nutrient availability and quality in plants may have also played a role.

Imagining dialogue may boost reasoning skills

People who examine an issue virtually as a debate or dialogue between two sides are more likely to have deeper, more sophisticated reasoning skills, according to new research.

The research findings showed that envisioning opposing views leads to a more comprehensive examination of the issue.

Moreover, constructing opposing views leads people to regard knowledge less as fact and more as information that can be scrutinised in a framework of alternatives and evidence.

“Constructing a dialogue would lead to deeper, more comprehensive processing of the two positions and hence a richer representation of each and the differences between them... thus helping to expand and sharpen students’ thinking,” said Deanna Kuhn of Columbia University in New York.

“For the study, the team asked 60 undergraduates to participate in a one-hour writing activity. Some participants were randomly assigned to construct a dialogue between TV commentators discussing two mayoral candidates.

They received a list of notable problems that the city was facing and a list of actions proposed by each candidate to solve these problems. Other participants received the same information about the city and the candidates but were asked to write a persuasive essay highlighting the merits of each candidate instead. Then, participants in both groups were asked to write a script for a two-minute TV spot, promoting their preferred candidate.
Salade Nicoise is the kind of French bistro concoction that looks casually composed but follows a specific regimen: olives, green beans, oil-packed tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, hard-cooked eggs and potatoes, served with a spiky vinaigrette.

This recipe, from Nadia Damaso, a 20-year-old Swiss food blogger (EatBetterNotLess.com), omits the olives and anchovies and then perks things up with a blender mango dressing that I'd put on just about anything. Minimal stove-top time for the beans, carrot and very small potatoes makes this a colourful and healthful dish that's fit for young cooks and busy folks to try on a weeknight.

Compose the components to suit your inner artiste, or serve it in a glorious, messy, sunny heap.

Salade Nicoise With Mango Dressing

2 to 3 servings, Healthy, Serve with warm naan.

Adapted from “Eat Better, Not Less: 100 Healthy and Satisfying Recipes,” by Nadia Damaso (Hardie Grant, 2017).

**Ingredients**

For the salad
- One 5-ounce can good-quality canned or jarred tuna, preferably packed in oil
- 2 handfuls fresh green beans (4 to 6 ounces)
- 8 small potatoes
- 1 medium carrot
- Kosher salt
- 2 or 3 large eggs
- 8 cherry tomatoes
- Parsley, chives or other fresh leafy herbs, for serving

Balsamic glaze, for serving (optional)

For the dressing
- 1/2 ripe mango (from one 12-ounce mango)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

**Steps**

For the salad:
1. Fill a small saucepan with a few inches of water and place over medium heat. Bring a separate medium saucepan with water to a boil over high heat. Drain the tuna.
2. Meanwhile, trim the green bean ends, then cut some of the beans lengthwise in half. Rinse the potatoes and cut into halves. Trim and peel the carrot; cut into batons (thick matchsticks). Fill a mixing bowl with ice cubes and water.
3. Add a generous pinch of salt to the pot of boiling water, then add the beans and carrot. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes until crisp-tender, then use a slotted spoon to transfer them to the ice-water bath; drain and pat-dry as soon as they have cooled. Return the water to a boil, then add the potatoes; cook for about 8 minutes, or just until tender. Drain and place in a mixing bowl.
4. Place the eggs (1 per serving) in a small steamer basket and seat it over the small saucepan (so the eggs are not touching the water). Cover and steam for 12 minutes, then transfer the eggs to the same ice-water bath to cool. Meanwhile, make the dressing. Peel the mango and coarsely chop the flesh, placing the latter in a blender along with vinegar, oil, paprika and onion powder. Puree until smooth. Taste and add salt and pepper, as needed. The yield is about 1/2 cup.
5. Pour all but 1/4 cup of it over the potatoes, then add the drained green beans, carrot batons and tuna. Cut the tomatoes into halves and add to the bowl. Toss gently to coat, then taste and season lightly with salt and/or pepper, as needed.

When ready to serve, peel the eggs and cut into quarters. Divide the leafy green herbs among individual plates. Divide the dressed vegetable mixture between them, then finish with the egg quarters, a good sprinkling of salt, a drizzle of the balsamic glaze, if desired, and drizzles of the remaining dressing.

**Nutrition**

Per serving (based on 3): 360 calories, 23 g protein, 30 g carbohydrates, 18 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 200 mg cholesterol, 420 mg sodium, 5 g dietary fiber, 11 g sugar
**Novel nano-implant may help restore sight**

Scientists have developed a high-resolution retinal prosthesis using nanowires and wireless electronics that may aid neurons in the retina to respond to light.

The technology could help tens of millions of people worldwide suffering from neurodegenerative diseases that affect eyesight, including macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and loss of vision due to diabetes.

In the study, detailed in the Journal of Neural Engineering, the researchers demonstrated this response to light in a rat retina interfacing with a prototype of the device in vitro.

“We want to create a new class of devices with drastically improved capabilities to help people with impaired vision,” said Gabriel A. Silva, Professor at the University of California San Diego in the US.

The new prosthesis relies on two ground-breaking technologies. One consists of arrays of silicon nanowires that simultaneously sense light and electrically stimulate the retina accordingly.

The nanowires give the prosthesis higher resolution than anything achieved by other devices -- closer to the dense spacing of photoreceptors in the human retina.

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**Fruits and veggies may cut stress risk in women**

If you are a woman and want to cut out on stress, add 5-7 servings of fruit and vegetables daily to your plate, a new study has showed.

This habit may lead to a 23 percent reduction in the risk of developing psychological stress.

The findings showed that women who ate 3-4 daily serves of vegetables had an 18 per cent lower risk of stress, and those who ate two daily serves of fruit had a 16 percent lower risk of stress.

“We found that fruits and vegetables were more protective for women than men, suggesting that women may benefit more from fruit and vegetables,” said lead author Binh Nguyen, doctoral student at University of Sydney in Australia.

However, fruit consumption alone had no significant association with a lower incidence of stress and no significant association was found between higher levels of fruit and vegetable intake (greater than 7 daily serves) and a lower incidence of stress.

“This study reveals that moderate daily vegetable intake alone is linked to a lower incidence of psychological stress. Moderate fruit intake alone appears to confer no significant benefit on people’s psychological stress,” said Melody Ding from the University of Sydney. Further, the study appearing in the British Medical Journal Open, also noted that for both men and women who ate 3-4 daily serves of vegetables had a 12 percent lower risk of stress and those who ate 5-7 daily serves of fruit and vegetables had a 14 percent lower risk of stress.

For the study, the team included more than 60,000 Australians aged 45 years and above and measured participants fruit and vegetable consumption, lifestyle factors and psychological distress.

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**Gene causing brain ageing identified**

A common genetic variant that accelerates normal brain ageing in older people by up to 12 years has been identified by US researchers. The findings could point towards a novel biomarker for the evaluation of anti-ageing interventions and highlight potential new targets for the prevention or treatment of age-associated brain disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease, the researchers said.

“If you look at a group of elderly, some will look older than their peers and some will look younger. The same differences in ageing can be seen in the frontal cortex, the brain region responsible for higher mental processes,” said Asa Abeliovich, Professor at Columbia University Medical Centre (CUMC). The results showed that many of these differences are tied to variants of a gene called TMEM106B. About one-third of people have two copies of TMEM106B and another third have one copy. People who have two ‘bad’ copies of this gene have a frontal cortex that tends to appear 12 years older than those who have two normal copies. “TMEM106B begins to exert its effect once people reach age 65. Until then, everybody’s in the same boat, and then there’s some yet-to-be-defined stress that kicks in. If you have two good copies of the gene, you respond well to that stress. If you have two bad copies, your brain ages quickly. It’s in healthy tissue that you start to get disease. It appears that if you have these genetic variants, brain ageing accelerates and that increases vulnerability to brain disease.”
It took 25 versions to lock ‘Baahubali 2’ trailer

Vamsi Atluri says it took 25 versions to lock the trailer of SS Rajamouli’s magnum opus “Baahubali 2: The Conclusion”, which clocked a whopping 50 million views across languages in just 24 hours.

Atluri edited the film’s trailer and he’s thrilled with the overwhelming response. “It’s so satisfying to see this kind of response which I never imagined. More than the pressure of working on the trailer of India’s biggest motion picture (yet), I was very anxious to know how audiences will receive it,” Atluri, heaving a sigh of relief, said. Atluri’s work is being much talked about. He doesn’t like to take full credit. He was working as a video editor with Arka Media Works, the producers of “Baahubali” franchise, when he got an opportunity to work on the trailer.

“I was editing their promotional and marketing content. It was through Karthikeya (Rajamouli’s son); I got an opportunity to work on the trailer. He even came up with a storyboard for the trailer. It was a collaborative effort,” he said.

Atluri admits he doubted his own capability in the beginning. “Initially, I wondered if I could deliver what they wanted. There was this doubt of whether I can match their expectations. But all that changed in three-four days. Once I started working on the trailer, our prime focus was on delivering a good trailer cut, he said. Two months were spent on working on the trailer.

“We had different versions of the trailer. Just like how it takes different drafts to lock the final script, we had about 25 versions of the trailer. The 25th version of the trailer is what the whole world got to see,” he added.

“Baahubali 2: The Conclusion” is slated for worldwide release on April 28 in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and Malayalam. While filmmaker Karan Johar is releasing the Hindi version via Dharma Productions, the Malayalam version will be released by Global United Media.

‘Solo’ not releasing on June 23: Bejoy

Filmmaker Bejoy Nambiar yesterday clarified that his upcoming Malayalam-Tamil bilingual film “Solo” is not releasing on June 23, contrary to reports. “Read about ‘Solo’ releasing on June 23. Well, we haven’t officially locked a date yet. When we do we will announce,” Nambiar tweeted. The film features Dulquer Salmaan and Arthi Venkatesh in the lead. Nambiar is producing the film under his home banner Get-away Films.

Tamil actor-filmmaker R. Parthiepan plays a pivotal role in the film, which also stars Sai Tamhankar, Sruthi Hariharan, Anson Paul and Ann Augustine.

Ram Charan’s next film in April

Actor Ram Charan made a successful debut as a producer with his father and megastar Chiranjeevi-starrer “Khaidi No 150”. His second production, which will also star his father, will be launched next month. According to a statement, the film will be directed by Surender Reddy and is based on the great freedom fighter Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy and the recce of the shoot locations is currently underway. The yet-untitled project will be a mega budget historic drama. Given the subject, the story demands a lot of research and preparation and the director, along with several renowned writers, including Paruchuri Brothers, are extensively working on the script and historic details.

Imtiaz Ali reminds SRK about his growing up days

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan says filmmaker Imtiaz Ali reminds him of his “growing up” days when the generation was inseparable from their leather jackets.

SRK, who will soon be seen in Ali’s forthcoming directorial tentatively titled “The Ring”, expressed his views on Twitter, and also posted an image of himself wearing a leather jacket.

“While growing up our mantra was “any night, just you me and my leather jacket” Imtiaz reminded us of the same on sets too,” Shah Rukh captioned the photograph.

The film will also feature Anushka Sharma, and Evelyn Sharma in lead roles.

This film will mark the third collaboration between Shah Rukh and Anushka after “Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi” (2008) and “Jab Tak Hai Jaan” (2012).
The ratings juggernaut "The Walking Dead" revealed yesterday fans can expect to see its increasingly rancid zombies shambling across their screens for years to come. The AMC show, the most successful basic cable TV series in history, tells the story of sheriff’s deputy Rick Grimes, who leads his son Carl and an ever-growing band of survivors in a zombie apocalypse.

Showrunner Scott Gimple reminded fans on the opening night of Hollywood’s annual PaleyFest television festival that October’s season eight opener would be the 100th episode. “The first episode, I think, is less about that we’ve reached 100 episodes; it’s more about setting up the next 100 episodes,” Gimple said. Viewers in 125 countries will be able to witness the milestone achievement for AMC, which has aired the series since its premiere on October 31, 2010.

Joining Gimple and his team of executive producers were 11 of the show’s stars, including Andrew Lincoln -- who plays Rick -- fan favorites Melissa McBride and Lauren Cohan and newcomer Tom Payne. The focus of season six was the debut of arch-nemesis Negan, who shocked fans as he beat one of the best-loved characters to death.

Kate & Mila teaming up for movie

Kate McKinnon and Mila Kunis will star in upcoming action-comedy "The Spy Who Dumped Me". According to sources, Lionsgate recently acquired the package and will distribute the film, reports variety.com. Susanna Fogel, best known for her work on "Chasing Life", will direct the original project and co-write the script. "The Spy Who Dumped Me" follows two best friends who take on a spy mission after one’s ex turns out to be a spy. The idea is that the film would shoot during McKinnon’s "Saturday Night Live" hiatus. The one thing holding up the deal was making sure both McKinnon and Kunis’ schedules lined up.

Mel Gibson helps Holocaust survivors

Actor Mel Gibson has been quietly working with a charity that helps Holocaust survivors. The "Hacksaw Ridge" director, who made headlines back in 2006 for going on a drunken anti-Semitic rant, is helping Holocaust survivors in eight countries, reports people.com. Zane Buzby helps the forgotten victims of World War II with her charity Survivor Mitzvah Project. She told Extra that her charity helps "bring emergency aid to Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe who are in desperate need of food, medicine, heat and shelter and we always bring them friendship and hope". She added: “The goal of the Survivor Mitzvah Project is to make sure that no Holocaust survivor who has endured the darkest days of human history will ever be hungry again or suffer or be forgotten or neglected.”

She said: “Mel Gibson is helping Holocaust survivors in eight countries, it’s remarkable. I have a great respect for people who turn their lives around, and I think that everyone makes mistakes in life, and I think the real proof of what kind of human being you are is what you do with that mistake. He’s educated himself. He’s done philanthropic work now, and I think that actions speak very loudly... and his actions have helped a lot of people.”

Robbie to release songs on YouTube

Singer-songwriter Robbie Williams is planning to release a second version of his latest album on YouTube to keep fans interested. According to The Sun, the singer, 43, is planning on unveiling the tracks that did not make his most recent album ‘The Heavy Entertainment Show’ one-by-one on YouTube, in order to draw more fans to his music, reports dailymail.co.uk. “Robbie has the songs recorded and is ready to go. The tracklisting for The Heavy Entertainment Show was meticulously picked by him as he wanted it to have a certain sound, but he has loads of great music still in the vault,” said a source.

The source then went on to explain that he hopes using YouTube will keep fans intrigued day after day. “After previously keeping his fans waiting for new music, he wants to keep them interested,” the source added.
The YouTube videos you watch can be tracked

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If you thought what you watch on YouTube is no one’s business, you could not be further detached from reality. Researchers have found that your online video viewing habits can be tracked.

Gaps in YouTube’s encryption enable both government intelligence agencies, hackers and internet marketers to determine which videos a user is watching, said the researchers.

“We built a simple yet robust machine-learning algorithm that can identify which video you watched — within a predetermined set of videos — with a high degree of accuracy,” said one of the researchers Ran Dubin from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) in Israel. “The algorithm is based on an in-depth study of how video services work, how video content is encoded and how a video player requests information to play it,” Dubin said.

Dubin was able to use this algorithm to determine if someone had watched a specific video from a set of suspicious, terror-related videos. Intelligence agencies could access this technology for tracking terrorists or other suspicious individuals. Internet marketing companies could track the number and makeup of viewers watching an ad, according to the research presented at the Black Hat Europe meeting in London. “It’s important to know that video encryption is not as secure as we once thought,” Dubin said. “Google, YouTube’s parent company, is not likely to patch the gaps, since it would be prohibitively expensive to create a traffic obfuscation mechanism for every user’s every video request.” he added.

Google’s Android app for kids

If you have a kid under-13 and wish to introduce him or her to Google, the company has just built an Android-based app for you.

With the ‘Family Link’ app, parents in the US can create a Google account for their kids — which is like their own account — where parents can manage the apps their kids can use, keep an eye on screen time and set a bedtime on the kids’ devices, the company announced on Thursday.

Here’s how it works

“First, your kid will need a new device that runs Android Nougat (7.0) or higher. Then, download Family Link onto your device and create a Google Account for them through the app. Finally, sign them into their new device,” posted Pavni Diwanji, Vice-President, Engineering, at Google.

You can then use ‘Family Link’ to manage the apps your kid can use, approve or block the apps your kid wants to download from the Google Play Store and see how much time your kid spends on their favourite apps with weekly or monthly activity reports.

Parents can remotely lock kids’ devices when it’s time to play, study or sleep.

“Parents across the US can request an invite to the Family Link early access programme. After receiving an invite, parents with kids under 13 years old can download and try the Family Link app,” Diwanji added.

“We’re just getting started, and we’ll be asking parents using Family Link for feedback about how to improve the experience before we make the app broadly available,” Diwanji said.

Final version of Windows 10 ‘Creators Update’ arriving this month

Microsoft will distribute the final version of the Windows 10 “Creators Update” to testers by the end of this month. Windows 10 Creators Update will enable anyone to create, share and experience in 3-D and mixed reality, connect people faster to those they care about most, and empower every gamer to be a broadcaster.

“The company is in last stages of development, but has not publicly revealed as to when the Creators Update will be made available broadly,” tech website The Verge reported on Thursday.

The Creators Update will also include a new Game Mode, 3D Paint, mixed reality headsets support, a picture-in-picture mode, and improvements to Microsoft Edge’s tab mode. The Game Mode will enhance the PC gaming experience of users making it run faster and the company will also release “Arena” on Xbox Live, where you can play in organised tournaments or create your own, making eSports available for everyone.

The software giant will start shipping the “Mixed Reality” headset later this month in a bid to make Windows 10 the most complete platform across the broadest range of devices.
The story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program.
CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

By Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku: Conceptis Sudoku is a number-placement 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.

Yesterday’s answer:

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

Solution time: 22 mins.

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

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Yesterday’s answer 3-21

ACROSS
1 Iowa crop
5 Utter
8 Tibetan monk
12 Actress
13 Spy org.
14 In — (lined up)
15 Seine side
17 Gusto
18 Make lace
19 Last (Abbrev.)
21 Prune
22 Society newbie
23 Fake Drake
26 Frolics
30 Sharif of “Funny Girl”
31 Tofu source
32 Protuberance
33 Dome-shapped candy
35 Gaggle members
36 Crib
37 Cooking fuel
38 Tripoli’s land
41 Energy
42 LPs’
45 Addict
46 Rescue vessel
48 Peacekeeping
49 Hill
50 “Daughter” (David Lean film)
51 Actor
52 Mac
53 Unsigned (Abbrev.)
54 Solution time: 22 mins.
55 Cate
56 Side
57 Chair
58 Waterfall
59 Vase
60 Dog
61 Name
62 Dance
63 Way
64 Time
65 Table
66 Place
67 Sleep
68 Mark
69 20 Gun the engine
21 “She Walks in Beauty” poet
23 Back bird
26 Part of Officer
27 Fish eggs
28 NFL six-pointers
29 Observe
30 Clue “do —”
31 Presents
32 “Clair de —”
33 Caesars’s “vild”
34 Alpha follower
35 Galvanizing matter
36 Mint product
37 Pedestal part
38 Ollie’s pal
39 Napkin’s place
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1 Ancient Brit
2 Classic theater
3 Falling-out
4 Overcharge for tickets
5 Overcharge for tickets
6 — Misbehavior
7 Tibetan beast
8 Couch
9 Location
10 Complain alternatives
11 Piercing tools
12 Country
13 Reading
14 Clock
15 Author
16 Channel (Abbrev.)
17 Number
18 Number
19 Number
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Today’s Cryptic Clue: U equals K

DOHA TODAY

BRAIN TEASERS

CRYPTOQUIP


Yesterday’s Cryptic Clue: QUITE FANCY APPAREL DECORATIONS USED FOR VERY SOCIAL OCCASIONS: SEQUINS OF EVENTS.

Today’s Cryptic Clue: U equals K

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