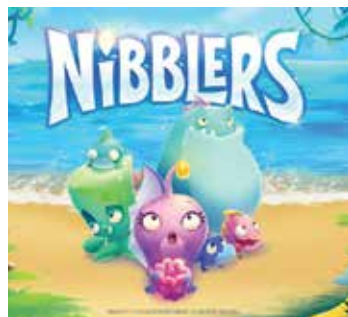


App of the week



NIBBLERS

With no birds in sight, angry or otherwise, Rovio dives back into match-3 gameplay featuring a new cast of cute aquatic characters.

Unlike Angry Birds Fight!, Rovio's more complicated RPG match-3 battler from earlier this summer, Nibblers will likely satisfy the purists hungry for a new match-3 experience.

The gameplay mechanics will be familiar and intuitive for any fans of this crowded genre, so jumping right into the action is extremely easy.

Gizmo of the week



DJI OSMO HANDS-ON

From amateur to professional, insane amounts of time and effort are spent trying to achieve smooth and steady video footage. DJI's new Osmo handheld gimbal and 4K camera is meant to be the easiest and quickest path to gorgeous, silky-smooth shots.

With a 90 degree field of view and f/2.8 aperture, it shoots pretty nice 4K video as well as 12 MP photos. It really does create a floaty steadycam quality without bulky equipment. The gimbal also has modes for shooting timelapses and panoramas.



Scan the QR Code to take a peek at the new trailer for: Halo 5: Guardians. The game is scheduled to be released on October 27, 2015

Phone OR Friend?



Millions of people have smartphones, but not many of them look like robots - until now, that is. A new device that looks just like a small android action figure can recognise your face and be your friend.

The concept is called RoBoHoN and it's hailed by creator Sharp as a "phone in human shape. A phone that you feel like talking to. A phone that also wants to know you."

The robo-phone is a joint project with robot designer Tomotaka

The new robot-shaped smartphone that wants to know you and learn

Takahashi. The two have produced a 19.5cm-tall robot figure, the selling point being that it looks awfully friendly and human-like.

All the usual smartphone features are on offer. However, the device is also a small movie and image projector, as well as personal assistant and taxi hailer - not to mention the ability to recognise people's faces, as a lot of technology seems to be aiming at lately.

In compliance with today's consumer whims, the phone-slash-android also talks - it can prance around your desk, or even dance on request.

From the front, RoBoHoN looks like a robot. On the back, the device sports a two-inch touchscreen. Under the bonnet, it features a 1.2Ghz quad-core processor.

Also, in keeping with the now popular tradition of cloud-based intelligent systems, the robot will learn



from its interaction with humans and update its behaviour as it accumulates data. The only other details being given out so far are the release date, which is sometime in 2016.

For the video on RoBoHoN specs, visit News Of Bahrain Facebook page.

Microsoft Surface Book vs Apple MacBook Pro

Microsoft's Surface Book is turning heads and gaining much attention because of its sophisticated design and stylish hinges. It's Microsoft's answer to Apple's 13-inch giant tablet, the MacBook Pro.

Display

The MacBook Pro has a 13.3-inch display with a 2560 x 1600 resolution. On the other hand, the Surface Book has 13.5-inch display with a 3000x2000 resolution.

The Surface Book with its keyboard



Microsoft Surface Book

weighs 3.34 lbs whereas the MacBook Pro is 3.48 lbs. The slightly bigger Surface Book has more pixel density (267ppi) with a commendable aspect ratio of 3:2. Microsoft also introduces its new PixelSense technology with super responsive touch and stylus controls.

Processor and storage

It seems the Surface Book will also steal the show in this regard. Both the Surface Book and the MacBook Pro with Retina display offer sixth-gen Intel Core i5 and i7 chips. But according to a report on Gizmodo, the latest Intel Core processor of Surface Book is more powerful than the MacBook Pro's 2.7 GHz dual-core i5 chip.

According to Pocket Lint, the MacBook Pro battery with Retina display drains out at 10 hours. On the other hand, the Surface Book touts a battery life of 12 hours. Both laptops feature 16 GB of RAM and up to 1 TB of expandable storage.

The Surface Book offers two USB



MacBook Pro

3.0 ports, a Mini Display Port and full microSD. On the other hand, the MacBook Pro features two USB 3.0 ports, an SDXC card reader and an HDMI port.

Camera

The MacBook Pro only comes with a front camera but the Surface Book

houses an 8 MP rear shooter and a 5 MP front snapper capable of recording 1080p videos.

The Microsoft Surface Book is a clear winner in this range of laptops with its faster processor; better battery life; additional features like Continuum and the stylish hinge. It's worth a buy if you don't mind shelling out a bit extra.