

Lazy blockbuster comedy that's lacking in humour

It's not often you enter a Hollywood film nowadays with a truly intriguing premise, but *Delivery Man* has one. David Wozniak (played by Vince Vaughn) is a middle-aged meat delivery man with a penchant for making mistakes. Almost two decades previously, he was a regular sperm donor in order to make money. In the present day, a lawyer representing the sperm bank informs him that he is the father of 533 children. A large group of these have now banded

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together in order to petition him to reveal his identity. The film is a remake of writer-director Ken Scott's 2011 film *Starbuck*. It's puzzling to think, then, why the faults and cracks in the script and execution haven't been smoothed over. David's struggles with loan sharks add no drama, darkness or urgency to the script; neither does his

family dynamics with his father and brothers, which are only on display for one or two scenes. Considering they are never utilised, their presence in the film is superfluous and confuses the plot. Once he's told about his children and given a folder of their profiles, David decides to go on a somewhat manic spree to meet his various offspring without identifying himself. He decides to act a 'guardian angel' in order to help them in small ways in their



■ Vaughn plays the role of David Wozniak, a father of 533, in the film lives.

The different characters of his numerous children are interesting – among them are professional basketball player, a physically disabled man and a young drug addict – but the film doesn't pause long enough

for it to be truly satisfying or thoughtful. There are moments of comic gold that could have been infused into the movie, but it's lost by Scott's wavering attempt to toe the line between funny and poignant.

It's not to say that there aren't one or two touching moments throughout the movie, but they feel contrived and the general tone of the movie doesn't invite the audience to sympathise much with David.

The film also features supporting roles by Cobie Smulders as his girlfriend, Chris Pratt as his best friend and lawyer, and Andrzej Blumenfeld as his father.

In the end, it feels like a lazy, standard blockbuster comedy – lacking in laughs and heart.

Delivery Man is showing at Bahrain City Centre, Seef and Saar cinemas and has a running time of 104 minutes.



■ At the event are, Archbishop Rajic, third from left, with Bishop Hinder, Bishop Ballin and Sacred Heart Church Parish Priest Reverend Uldarico Camus.

Anniversary celebrations lined up

A DINNER was held as part of a year-long celebration to mark the 75th anniversary of the first Catholic church in the Gulf.

Archbishop Petar Antun Rajic, Apostolic Nuncio for the Gulf countries, Bishop Paul Hinder, Apostolic Vicar for Southern Arabia, and Bishop Camillo Ballin were key guests at the event, organised by the Sacred Heart Church.

Priests, nuns and long-running parishioners attended the event at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, Residence and Spa.

A year-long line-up of activities has been planned in the lead up to next year's November 22 anniversary, including a carol singing contest, football tournaments in January and a family day and a healing mission and treasure hunt in February.



■ The American Women's Association (AWA) has donated BD1,000 to Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS). The money was raised during last year's Cherry Tree Trot, its main fundraising event held every two years. AWA president Lisa Wahba presented a cheque to MWPS chairwoman Marietta Dias in the presence of AWA vice-president Becky Wendahl, treasurer Sheryl Mays, community services chairwoman Laila Hussain and MWPS action committee head Evone Bhaskaran. Above, Ms Wahba, third from left, presents the cheque to Ms Dias.



■ Global money transfer service UAE Exchange celebrated its sixth anniversary with a party at Bahrain Mobility International Centre (BMIC). More than 100 disabled people from the centre joined the festivities, which included a cake-cutting ceremony, quiz contest, singing, dancing and prize giving. Above, BMIC board chairman Adel Sultan, third from left, and UAE Exchange Bahrain country head Deepak Nair, fourth from left, with company officials and centre members.





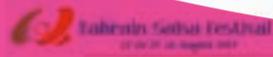

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