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It's back to school again and as an absentee father, it is quite amazing to imagine how, back at home, Filipino children struggle to cross flooded streets with rising typhoon signals, heavy traffic, lack of financial assistance—no shoes, no uniforms or even breakfast for many of those kids.

But surprisingly, the usual big smiles are still on their faces. Even without us on their side during those crucial times in their lives, they are striving to get that most coveted education that promises a bright future.

There is the danger that school kids now, with the exception of the bright and responsible ones, are all preoccupied with the Internet, social networking and high-tech gadgets, veering away from the real world of a conservative and quality education.

The big question is: are there any parents nowadays not worried or concerned about their children spending an immense amount of time on the Internet or busy playing with high-end gadgets on school days?

Romeo T. Caparos

Ed: Studies have shown both the pros and the cons of reliance on the Internet. At the end of the day, parents will decide what is best for their own child's education and instill the qualities they believe to be in their children's best interest.



Hi, Here's my quick sketch of a student engrossed with her school book (above) that I sketched on my way to Dubai Marina station from Karama in the Gold section of the Metro. Cheers,

Edan Aggarao

Ed: Thank you Edan, it is our pleasure to post your sketch.

Are there any organisations that need volunteers during this Ramadan? I work during the day finishing at 4pm and I would really like to help. Thank you.

Jackie Cobico

Ed: There are so many great organisations that need volunteers during Ramadan. Flea 4 Charity is currently seeking volunteers for their upcoming event, "Labour Camp Iftars". You

can contact them by emailing flea4charity@gmail.com

Hi, I've noticed that you have never mentioned video game events in the magazine even though they have many fans in Dubai. I wanted to tell you that there will be a "The King of Fighters: Road to Revenge" tournament in Al Mizher Mall, Billiard Planet, Dubai next Saturday at 10pm.

Yamazaky

Ed: Thank you Yamazaky. If readers let us know of events like this, we'll be more than happy to print the information. Good luck to everyone competing.

One of the biggest disturbances on the Metro is the music people play on headphones; it is loud and irritating. It should be mandatory that the sound level be low. I would also like to see the addition of stickers that insist senior citizens be given seating priority, and instructions for passengers to stand to one side of the escalator to allow for the fast-trackers to pass.

Kersi Patel

Ed: One would hope that on seeing a senior citizen standing, any good commuter would offer their seat. We are optimistic for Metro passengers to adopt the same level of consideration for others that you have, Kersi.

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The Winners

(Contests in August 7-13, 2011 issue)

Which animal's milk is used to make authentic Italian mozzarella cheese?

Answer: **Water buffalo**

Winner of a Wafi Restaurants voucher worth Dhs200 is:

Sherraine Nazareth

What ethnic group was largely responsible for building most of the early railways in western USA?

Answer: **Chinese**

Winners of Awazen Spa vouchers each worth Dh250 are:

Hasnah Dasmarinas, Irene Lucas

STATION-BY-STATION *guide*

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with traditional Ramadan beverages. All this can be enjoyed with classic oud melodies being played live in the background. Call 04 362 7900 or visit www.dubaimarinayachtclub.com for more details and to book.

METROpics

From a gorgeous sunset behind the Burj Al Arab to the bustle of SZR on a Friday night, there's plenty to see from a Metro carriage. If you catch sight of something special while you're on the Metro, snap it and email it to us at pics@readme.ae. We will publish a selection of the best each week. A selection is also at facebook.com/readmeae



OMAR IDRIS



SANJEewa BANDARA



AYMAN SHADEED



JAD AYDI

My Metro life

Adam Jabbar

University student, Muhaisnah



I was going for a job interview, and I decided it would be quicker to take the metro. I was very sleepy and stressed out as I had been preparing for the interview late the previous night. A person sitting next to me saw my file and documents and asked me where was I going. I told him about the interview at Media City, and we had a quick chat. I then leant my head against the window and closed my eyes. I woke up with a start when I heard, "the next station is..." Being half asleep I immediately went to get off. Luckily, the stranger I had been chatting to shouted that it was the wrong station just as I stepped off. I jumped back on quickly and made it to my interview on time.

Tell us about your experiences on Dubai Metro. Send your story to mymetrolife@readme.ae for a chance to appear in next week's *Read*.



MARCUS MANINANTAN



ROLDAN NARANG



FERDZ INES

The burning question

Q Do you support any worthy causes or charities in Dubai and do you believe people are currently doing enough to help support charities?

Facebook answers

We put Burning Questions to Facebook this week, and here are some of the replies. Don't forget to check our page at www.facebook.com/readmeae.
(Responses only edited for length)

Which superstar would you like to see perform in Dubai?

Madonna, because no one can top her ultimate power at stage, dancing and singing, plus the magical costumes.

—Enolagay Mendoza

Which school subjects have you found most useful in adult life?

in Phiippines, part of our curriculum frm gradeschool to college level is "Good Manners & Right conduct/ Ethics. ds s the fundamental subject which not only learned frm school but also @ home. proper ethics and respect to one another are the fundamental values we need to uphold as an individual.

—Jenny Hajji

All subjects are equally important & each levels of schooling have great role in the development of knowledge & personality.

—Kshema Ajai

Linga Kanthi

Supervisor

Lives in Bur Dubai

I believe that if possible, people should be sending regular donations to poorer countries through the charities that are available for doing so. I also think it's good to help out with worthy causes in person if you can.



April Cortezano

Accountant

Lives in JLT

I am actually involved with Volunteer in Dubai, who are not a charity but an organisation of like-minded volunteers. I have previously been very active in helping them with voluntary projects although now I have less time, unfortunately. I think it's really good for people to help the community in whatever ways.



Lucia Eclipse

Production executive

Lives in Al Rigga

I don't actually support any worthy causes at the moment, but it's definitely something I think people should try to do. If they can't donate money then people can always give some of their time to help out.

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Amr Hami

Interior designer

Lives in Palm Jumeirah

I think I do enough to support worthy causes, but I'm not really the type of person to talk about it. I'm not aware of how much people do in Dubai to support worthy causes as I've only been here for one month, but back home in Egypt people do quite a lot to help.



Daniella Emma

Personal assistant

Lives in JLT

At the moment there is a drought in Kenya, which is where I'm from, so I have tried to help out by donating to a charity that aims to help the situation over there. Lots of people don't really do enough for charity but I think everyone should try and help if they can.



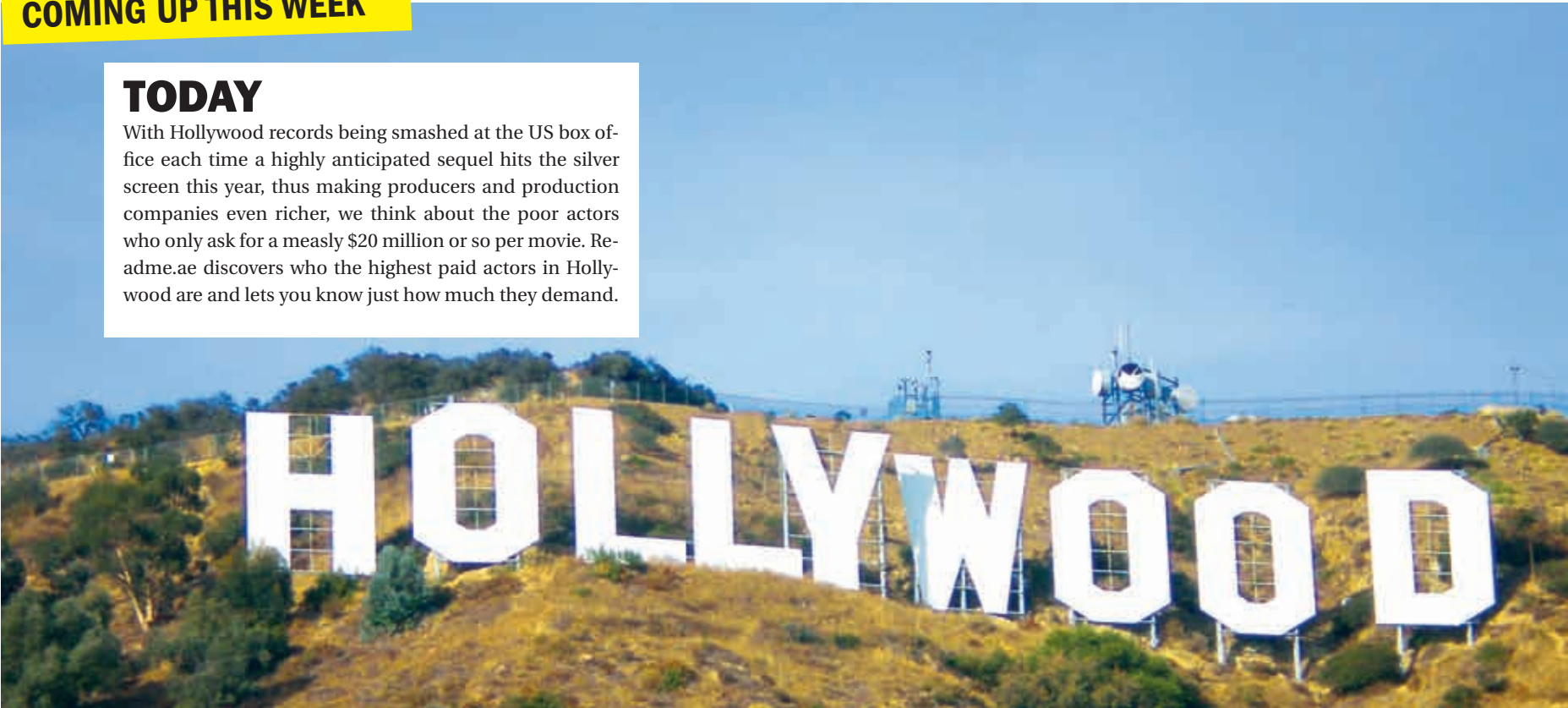
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COMING UP THIS WEEK

TODAY

With Hollywood records being smashed at the US box office each time a highly anticipated sequel hits the silver screen this year, thus making producers and production companies even richer, we think about the poor actors who only ask for a measly \$20 million or so per movie. Readme.ae discovers who the highest paid actors in Hollywood are and lets you know just how much they demand.



MONDAY

In an homage to rolling art, we profile the world’s most expensive cars and find out exactly what it is under the hood that makes them demand such a high asking price, when an expensive car is no more than fast or luxurious road transportation.



TUESDAY

This week, our local travel section took a look at the Sharjah Old Car Club and Museum. Readme.ae made the trip to our neighbouring emirate to check out the beautiful machines and brought along the video camera to give you a look at the collection. See the video online today.



WEDNESDAY

From theta healing to acupuncture, the world is full of interesting alternative treatments for a wide range of ailments, but which treatments are the most effective and when should you consider testing them out? We let you know what you should expect.



THURSDAY

On August 6, tech-heads around the world celebrated the 20th birthday of the World Wide Web. The web made its debut as a publicly available service on August 6, 1991, and is largely credited to computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee. We look back at the web’s early years and how it has evolved in its first two decades.



FRIDAY

Once again our Facebook page has been full of your opinions on our daily Burning Question. We find the best responses from our Facebook fans and bring you the answers that matter most to the people of Dubai. To have your opinion heard, “Like” us on Facebook and keep an eye out for our regular Burning Questions.

Back to basics

Blogger and lomo exponent **Hind Mezaina** talks about her lo-fi art form.

I heard a lot of people saying 'There's nothing interesting happening in Dubai' – but there is," says Hind Mezaina, an Emirati native to the city. And to prove her point, she set up *The Culturist*, an eclectic and varied blog which is slowly but surely gaining a loyal following.

"I launched it in December 2009, and now it gets a few hundred hits a day. It focuses on cultural interests, but doesn't list everything, just the things I'm interested in: random small plays, poetry nights, exhibitions, smaller things which don't get regular publicity in the bigger publications."

The loose nature of the blog leaves it open to pretty much anything that's a little bit quirky. Particularly popular is the category

'Cool Stuff', showcasing anything from photographic street illusions in Sweden, to robots in Japan, to a beautifully shot short film called *Breakfast, Interrupted* from Chicago.

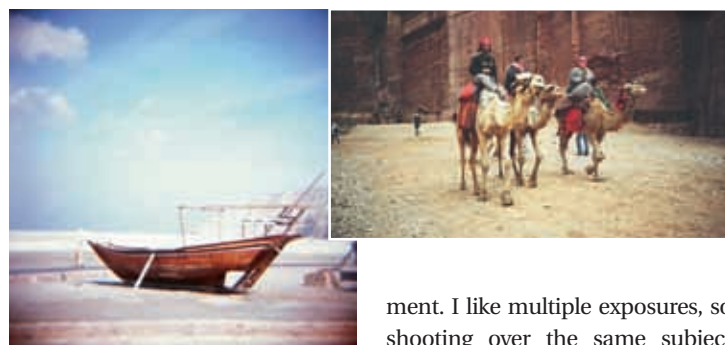
"I like researching on the internet and finding interesting stories which I can then share," explains Mezaina. "I get the personal satisfaction that it's read, and if one person can learn one new fact then I'm happy."

There's a variety of everything: Emirati, Arab, but also from anywhere in the world. It's been positive for bumping into people who, when they find out who I am, say, 'Oh, by the way, I like your blog.'"

Mezaina is herself a photographer, and an advocate of lomography in particular. "Lomography started in the 'Nineties with the revival of an older Russian camera from the previous decade called

"Lomo moves away from the coldness of digital photography."

See Hind's blog, theculturist.com, or her website, hindmezaina.com, for more details.



the Lomo Kompakt Automat, which is where the movement gets its name from," she explains. "I got into it about six years ago when I found out about the International Lomographic Society in Vienna. It's all about analogue photography, so using film and not digital cameras to document the world around you. I like that philosophy. You use lo-fi cameras, so it's not about the newest high-tech ones, and it's more casual, just taking lots of snaps. One of the rules is that there are no rules. There are lots of interesting techniques, and you should experi-

ment. I like multiple exposures, so shooting over the same subject twice to get two layers. It's fun; you get interesting effects."

There is something captivating about the richness of these photos, whether from the colours or the depth of the image, that give a tangible quality to the prints and leave digital photos looking flat and artificial. As Mezaina puts it, "It moves away from the coldness of digital photography."

Her portfolio shows shots of Dubai that are very different to those usually associated with the city. They are soft, whimsical and offer an intimate view, detailing captured moments of beauty and



surrealism, such as the mysterious *Balloons*, or the humorously titled *Hanging Around*. It is the unexpected nature of Lomography which makes it so beguiling. “You don’t have to take photography so seriously, like a lot of photographers do these days,” says Mezaina.

In this sense, the technique looks back to the early days of the art form, when the novelty and sheer joy at capturing an image meant everything could be the subject if it happened to take the photographer’s interest. Now the

“You don’t have to take photography so seriously.”

use of photography is so widespread, and such an integral part of our lives, that it is difficult to do anything original, especially with those famous monuments or locations which have earned an iconic status. There are only so many different angles of the Statue of Liberty, Rio’s Christ the Redeemer, or the Burj Khalifa that you can take.

Yet looking at Mezaina’s portfolios from her travels to other countries, you realise that there is still room for yet more interpretations. You just need to free your mind in order to see things from your own perspective, and not that of what has become the accepted status quo. Thus her images of Petra are refreshingly atmospheric, despite the ancient site having being photographed to death.

Mezaina is also the Lomography ambassador for Dubai,



promoting and spreading the rebellious art movement through exhibitions and hosting workshops, such as those held at the Jamjar. “My photography has been neglected recently because of the blog,” she admits, “but I’m hoping to do some group shows soon, and I’ve got a few projects in the pipeline that I’m working on now”. So watch this space!



Who’s hot ...

PRIYANKA CHOPRA

The Bollywood diva has signed a deal to record her debut music album, which is planned for international release. A trained singer, Chopra is currently writing the English pop album, which she says is a “long cherished dream, which is finally coming true”.

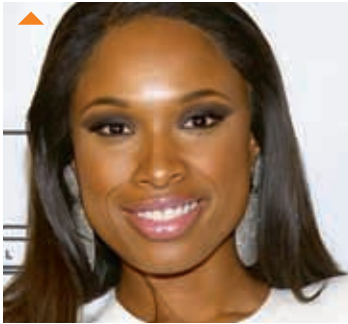


HENRY CAVILL

Pictures of the young British actor in costume as the new Superman have had comic book fans across Dubai brimming with excitement and could signal big things for this relative unknown. However, film lovers will have to wait before they can see the new Man of steel in action—the film won’t hit the big screen until 2013.

JENNIFER HUDSON

The Dreamgirls actress has stunned fans with her new, slimline look. After shedding 36kg, Hudson is rumoured to be close to the infamous “size zero”, however she claims she’s never felt better. After a family tragedy last year followed by dramatic weight loss, perhaps Hudson could do with a relaxing holiday in Dubai.

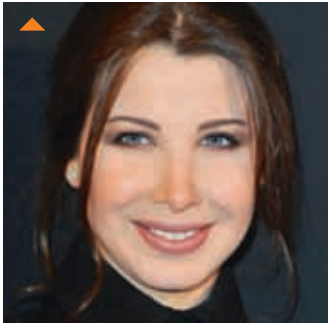


SHAH RUKH KHAN

The rumour mill has been suggesting that, due to conflicting schedules, Khan will cancel his debut performance in Dubai due to take place this Eid. Bollywood fans across the city are hoping this is not true, and that they will still get the chance to see their idol in the flesh.

NANCY AJRAM

The Lebanese singer has been plagued with rumours that she will split from long-term manager Gigi Lamara, as he focuses on new projects. However the rumours have been denied by both parties, and thankfully Ajram still looks due to head over to Dubai in September for a special Eid concert.



Viva Americana

No matter the current trend, style can always work with the American dream.



EMMA ROBERTS SPORTS
A CLASSIC DENIM JACKET



Her

AMERICAN BEAUTY

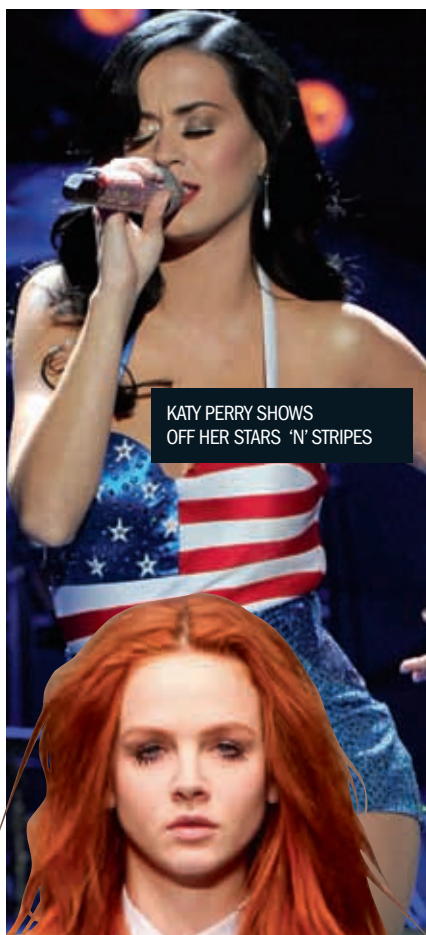
From cowboys and Indians to cheerleaders and jocks, Americana fashion brings to mind a host of images, fabrics and looks, and has always found its way onto the catwalk. All-over denim was a huge trend last year, but with a recent move to mix things up, from teaming fluorescents and tribal prints to sinful colour clash combinations, this summer is no time to play by the book. Rather than focusing on one iconic look, incorporate many and mix up accessories to limit the risk of ending up like a Glee character.

Bags, jackets, accessories and jewellery are a great way to incorporate varying trends without going overboard. Alexander Wang's leather barrel bags with studding add just the right amount of biker chic while

fringed bags offer a more subtle alternative to leather-fringed pants.

Jackets, whether denim, leather or varsity can be thrown over almost any outfit and are a great fashion staple. Varsity jackets have made a huge comeback and are not just for the cool kids now that toned down versions are available for grown-ups.

Why not take the theme literally and wear red, white and blue? Not just for 4th of July or patriots, the flag has become an iconic popular culture reference and is great for festival vibes. Best kept casual, the flag looks great in t-shirt or short form and dependant on whether paired with denim or leather, can look 'Seventies hippy or rock and roll!



KATY PERRY SHOWS
OFF HER STARS 'N' STRIPES



Him

Full to the brim with masculine iconography, this is not an intimidating trend and is one that the least fashion-savvy bloke can get onboard with. Incorporating fashion staples such as denim, leather and plaid, the look is easy to achieve with just a few additions to your existing wardrobe.

Jackets are perfect for injecting just the right amount of Americana sentiment into any outfit, whether echoing the T-birds with leather, High School Musical with a varsity jacket or Gossip Girl with a preppy blazer. While plaid has been on trend in recent years, it has lost much of its old west charm, be-

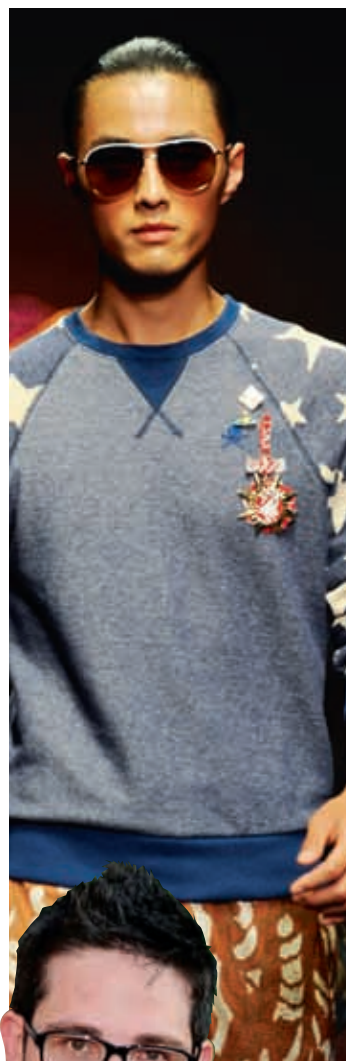
coming the uniform for the urban youth in the UK. The addition of a denim jacket brings the look back over the pond, while still remaining modern and on trend. Accessories such as a statement buckled belt can subtly allude to the old west.

For a more contemporary take on the look, the American flag has been fashioned into shorts and t-shirts by high street brands such as Topman and have a hipster feel about them. Perhaps for the slightly more adventurous, the statement shorts are a great alternative to traditional khaki cargo shorts and perfect for the summer months.



THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF
CAMBRIDGE SAMPLE THE COWBOY LOOK

Americana
The key staples to this style include denim jeans, big belts, cowboy hats and varsity jackets



DESIGNER CHRISTOPHER STRAUB
COMBINING PREPPY AND SPORTY

FASHION OPINION



LAMYA ABEDIN
DESIGNER,
QUEEN OF SPADES

Traditional and modern dress

I have been very busy recently creating my new collection for Ramadan, and I am so excited to finally see it available instore. My Ramadan collection last year was called Al Sultan and was influenced by the Ottoman empire, but this year's collection—called The Oasis—takes influence from the Bedouin look and is a way of going back in time with the Abaya design. Even the window display at Galeries La Fayette is themed, with camels, tents and other props that represent Bedouin times.

By using the Bedouin lifestyle as an influence, I have been able to incorporate traditional materials like our grandmothers would have worn, such as silk, crinkled linen, Ikat—which is a hand-woven antique material—and even Kilim, which is a hand-made weave that can only be sourced from places like Turkey or Morocco. To achieve the idea of going back in time, I have created a mixture of traditional designs teamed with modern elements, to form a collection that remains in touch with our cultural heritage here in Dubai, yet is still very wearable for the modern woman. One of my favourite collections to do is always the one I prepare for Ramadan. Because it's a very traditional period and people are all excitedly getting ready for Eid, it's the perfect time to gather inspiration and create a range for the women of Dubai that captures both of those elements.

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BYTES & PIECES

WARRICK GODFREY
COBONE.COM

How to stay ahead online

The social coupon space in the MENA region is definitely one to watch. With every deal, the industry is becoming progressively more interesting. In September 2010, Cobone.com were second to launch in the region. Eleven months later we have maintained a substantial lead in the group buying market.

When it comes to surviving the ecommerce battlefield there are a few key areas that start-ups should concentrate on. The first is the business plan. Like any business, e-commerce companies need to have a solid vision and plan. Keep in mind that this business plan WILL change in line with the growth of the company.

Next it's the team. I would rather hire one person that I can trust than a team of talented but dubious individuals. I run Cobone's entire marketing function with just two members in the mar-com department. Our social media manager manages over 300,000 fans and followers in both English and Arabic, while our digital brand and marketing manager handles every element of our branding and digital marketing strategy.

The final key area is the customer. Although your customers won't love you if you give bad service, your competitors will. We believe the success of a web site is based on its offering to the customer and the engagement that follows. It is important that you match your customer's expectations at every level whether it's in ease of use of the web site, customer support or payment options.



With neither side backing down, Apple and Samsung look set for an all-out legal war.

Just because two companies have a good business relationship, it does not mean that things cannot go sour very quickly. The extremely high-profile legal battles of the past four months between technology giants Apple and Samsung are evidence of this.

Samsung supplies Apple with the processing chips that power Apple's iPads and iPhones. Indeed, the business deal is worth billions, making Apple one of Samsung's best customers. However, according to recent reports, Samsung is the world's second most successful smartphone supplier behind Apple, and the Korean company's new smartphone, the Galaxy S2, has Apple extremely worried. This means

that the Californian company is keen to do all it can to keep its competition at bay.

The saga began in April this year, with a highly-publicised announcement from Apple about suing its Korean rival in the United States for patent infringement over the aesthetics of the Samsung Galaxy smartphones and tabs, which, Apple says, "slavishly" copy the looks of the iPhone.

"This kind of blatant copying is wrong," said Apple spokeswoman Kristin Huguet at the time. Samsung responded with counter-suits across four different countries, including the US. And, instead of reaching an agreement, the debate has only intensified over time,



with the latest twist in the plot being a court-imposed ban on selling the Korean devices in Australia and Europe. Fortunately for Samsung, the ban only applies to the American model of the phone, which was never going to be sold in Australia anyway. But it still shows that Apple is set on making life difficult for Samsung by flexing its muscles.

Dr Mark Summerfield, Australian author of the *Patentology* blog, said that the Australian case is merely "a storm in a teacup", and explained that Apple is simply playing its next move in "international wrangling" against its rival.

"It is not credible that Apple could establish a strong enough case to justify an injunction based upon alleged

APPLE VS. SAMSUNG TIMELINE

APRIL 15, 2011 – Apple files a patent suit in the US with 16 claims that Samsung had copied the “look and feel” of the iPhone.

APRIL 21 – Samsung files patent infringement lawsuits against Apple in South Korea, Japan and Germany.

APRIL 28 – Samsung countersues Apple in the United States.

JUNE 22 – Samsung loses its bid to force Apple to turn over its future iPads and iPhones before releasing them in the US.

JUNE 24 – Apple issues Samsung with another patent infringement suit in South Korea.

JULY 2 – Apple issues a trade complaint and seeks to block the import of Samsung Galaxy smartphones and tablets to be sold in the US.

JULY 5 – Apple seeks a quick decision from the US International Trade Commission, asking it to block the import of Samsung smartphones and tablets.

JULY 9 – Arguments ensue over the date of the first hearing. Apple suggests September 8, while Samsung insists on October 14 at the earliest.

JULY 12 – Samsung asks the US District Court to disqualify Apple’s lawyers from the dispute,

due to a conflict of interests caused by the fact that the lawyers have had access to legal documents relating to the Galaxy range of smartphones and tablets.

AUGUST 1 – An Australian court rules that Samsung cannot sell the American versions of its Galaxy smartphones and tablets in Australia until the dispute is settled.

August 2 – A US trade panel agrees to investigate Apple’s claims over patent infringement by Samsung.



ing to Apple. What is more, mobile technology analyst IDC recently predicted that global smartphone sales will go up by 55 per cent this year.

In previous years, Apple would have taken a serious chunk of the market share, but with the advent of good smartphones from brands

such as Samsung, cash cows like the iPhone are no longer guaranteed to have such a large impact.

This does not mean, however, that Apple’s copyright infringement claims are justified, or indeed that Samsung’s counter-suits are anything more than blind retaliations. Samsung clearly feels that it is in the right, as it has agreed to provide Apple with three examples of the Galaxy S2 handset that will go on sale in Australia. Whether Apple approves it, though, will be another matter.

patent infringement by a product that has not even hit the market yet,” he said. “Even if it’s still infringing, it’s only a small part of the overall product, and the courts generally aren’t going to be that keen to slap injunctions on parties on a product of that kind.”

But why is the dispute growing increasingly bitter? According to technology publication *APC Magazine*, Apple is pursuing these legal cases because “the Samsung Galaxy S2 is Apple’s worst nightmare”. And reviewers and analysts say that the Samsung smartphone’s capabilities and looks could even overshadow the highly-anticipated iPhone 5, which would be extremely damag-

“The Samsung Galaxy S2 is Apple’s worst nightmare.”



Tech beat

FAKEBERRY
Fake versions of the new Blackberry Bold 9900 have already been spotted in Dubai, reports say, despite the fact that the smartphone was only released last week. According to Blackberry fan-site Crackberry.com, the fakes are being sold at Dubai’s DragonMart for around Dh360.



MANY HAPPY RETURNS
On August 6, tech-heads around the world celebrated the 20th birthday of the World Wide Web by posting millions of online tributes to it for revolutionising the digital world. The web made its debut as a publicly available service on August 6, 1991, and is largely credited to British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee (above).

HARD TO SWALLOW
French electronics giant Archos has announced that its upcoming Android-powered tablet PC will sport a 250GB hard drive, as opposed to the smaller-capacity flash drives which are currently used in competitors’ tablets. The device will not be as compact as Apple’s iPad, but at 7 millimetres thick, it will be no elephant, either.



NEW TRENDS
Star of the *Lord of the Rings* films and TV show *Lost* Dominic Monaghan has predicted that, one day, nearly every film and TV programme will be viewed online, and is putting his money where his mouth is. His latest film, *The Millionaire Tour*, will be mainly released over video-streaming sites.

In the market for charity

Over the past few months, the **Flea 4 Charity** initiative has raised thousands of dirhams for charitable causes.

CHARITY

Since March this year, a small team of dedicated individuals have been working hard to raise funds for various charitable causes, and have come on leaps and bounds thanks to their community-based approach to giving.

And the Flea 4 Charity initiative has gained serious attention over recent weeks for its efforts in providing aid for labourers during Ramadan and, more recently, for raising funds for the food crisis in Somalia and its neighbouring African countries.

"Every two months, we decide on a cause to support, and sell donated, unwanted items at flea markets to raise funds," said Luz Villamil, co-founder of Flea 4 Charity. "Our first cause was over March and April, when we supported people affected by the Libyan revolution. Over those two months, we were able to raise over Dh10,000.

"For the second two months, we wanted to do something locally, so we decided to form a Ramadan initiative where we'd raise money for labour camp iftars. For that we were able to raise Dh15,000."

The Flea 4 Charity team organise collection drives every month,

For more information or to get involved, visit the Facebook page on www.facebook.com/Flea4Charity or email flea4charity@gmail.com.

THE MONTHLY FLEA MARKET AT SAFA PARK



allowing anyone to donate any unwanted items, from clothes to electronics. These are then sold at the Dubai Flea Market days, which are held once a month at Safa Park, with all of the proceeds going towards charity. At the last market day, Flea 4 Charity managed to raise over Dh18,000, which will be donated to the Red Crescent charity to help with aid for East Africa.

"We did not expect so many to donate," said



LUZ VILLAMIL, A YOUNG FLEA 4 CHARITY CO-FOUNDER

Villamil. "It was amazing. I think Dubai is a very, very charitable place. We've been so blessed with the help that we've received over here. People are always willing to give and, in a place like Dubai, quite a few people have a lot to give."

Villamil and her team are currently accepting any unwanted items, and will be holding collection drives until the nineteenth of August. These items will then be sold at the next flea market day on the 20th. Again, the money raised from this market day will go towards the Red Crescent to help those suffering from famine in Somalia.

"With the East Africa crisis, we all felt compelled to do something. So we're holding bi-weekly charity sales for this cause, because the aid is so urgently needed," said Villamil.



Stay fit while supporting a good cause

RAMADAN INITIATIVES

Building on the success of the Yalla Walk initiative of March this year, Dubai Municipality has launched a follow-up, Ramadan-based programme to raise funds for charity while keeping healthy, called *Every Step is a Reward*.

Having begun on July 30, the new Yalla Walk drive will last all through Ramadan, and encourages Dubai residents to walk around one of five walking tracks in the emirate. Every metre walked is recorded by a pedometer, and then directly converted into a donation to the Al Maktoum Foundation, which recently announced plans to distribute

Dh2 million worth of supplies to refugee camps in Jerash.

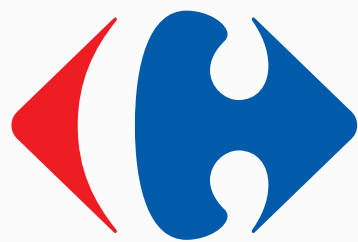
Because of the high turnout at the initial launch event at Zabeel Park, Yalla Walk's organisers expect this Ramadan initiative to raise over Dh500,000 over the course of the month. Participants can turn up at walking tracks in Al Safa, Al Mamzar, Al Barsha, Zabeel or Al Khawaneej in between 8:30pm and 12am to take part, and will be given a pedometer to record their walking distances.

For more information on the *Every Step is a Reward* programme, or to upload your pedometer distances, visit www.yallawalk.com or call 800900.



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Written

in the hand

What's in your future?
Perhaps a palm-
reader could find out.

A person's life is in the palm of their hands, or so chirologists believe. From the lines that criss-cross the palms, practitioners of the art variously known as palm reading, chiromancy and chirology, can determine a person's character, explain their life and foretell their future.

The typical image of a darkened room with a cloaked reader who tells of future calamities bears little relation to the reality of modern palmistry. Hareendraj, 32, is a Dubai-based chirologist who meets many of his clients in coffee shops like Starbucks to interpret their past, present and future.

"A lot of people are more interested in the present than the future," he says, explaining that there is a lot more to palmistry than predicting what's to come. "They want to know about their career or their relationships and how the activities of their mind are affecting these areas of their lives."

A person's life, he says, is not necessarily written in stone, but you can tell a lot about what will happen to them from the lines in their palms and the shape of the hands. "If any of the lines are the same in both hands then that person's future is clearly marked but if one line differs between the right and left hands then it is subject to change."

Hareendraj practises a classical form of Indian palmistry that has been part of his family tradition for generations. Many people believe that the practice originated in India, while others trace the roots of palmistry back to ancient Greece, where the philosopher Aristotle discovered a treatise on

the subject on an alter to the god Hermes.

According to Aristotle, "Lines are not written into the human hand without reason. They emanate from heavenly influences and a man's own individuality." This is the belief of

many modern chirologists, who examine the character as much as

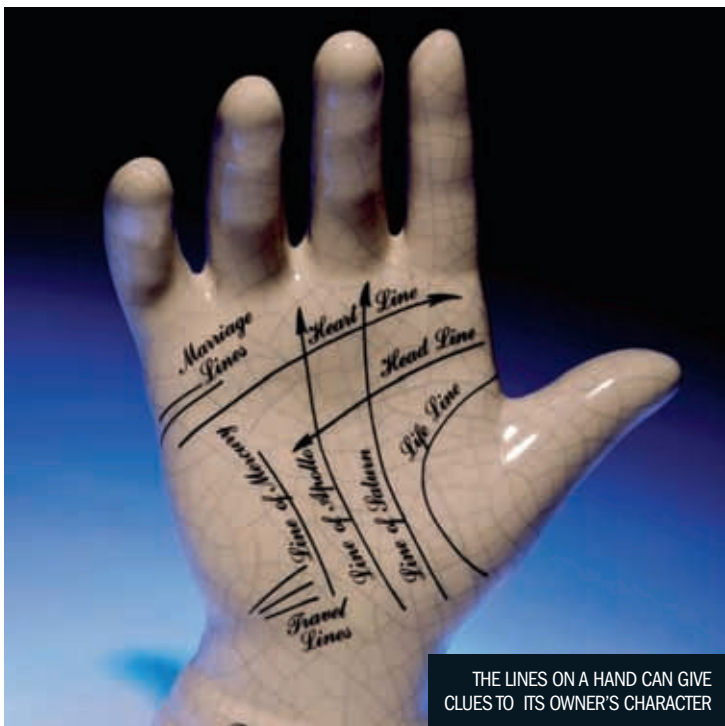
the fate written in a person's palm.

"The hand is just a guide. A lot of what I read comes from intuition," says Hareendraj, who spends the bulk of an 80-minute palmistry session talking to his client before examining their palm for about 10 minutes.

A lifeline reading, however, involves six hours of intensive palm examination and, for that, he

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READ YOUR HAND

- Right-handed people tend to be more logical because that hand is connected to the left, analytical side of the brain.
- Left-handed people are often more creative because that hand is connected to the right, intuitive side of the brain.
- Long fingers show that a person is analytical and academic.
- Short fingers reveal a practical and intuitive character.

often asks the client to give him a print of the hand, because, he says, they get bored.

The lifeline reading requires close examination of every line in the hand to provide a complete picture of a person's past life, present character and their future. “Every detail of a person's hand is unique to them and has something to say about their existence, but there are certain common

characteristics between, for example, nationalities or character types,” he says.

This is why chirologists are often called upon by forensic scientists to aid in criminal investigations. Hareendraj has helped in numerous such investigations in India, because the shape, size and strength of the lines on a person's hand can provide a key insight into a suspect's thought patterns.

Are you too old for a career change?

In a place like Dubai, switching careers can be a difficult road to walk, but can also yield benefits.

CAREER ADVICE

People are fond of saying that you are only as old as you feel, but does this apply when it comes to a career change later in life? While Dubai is a great place for recent graduates to find a job, the market is not so amenable to over-forties looking to try something new, says Gary Kitanoski, director at HR Source Consulting.

“People are ageist here. A lot of companies that come to us when recruiting are looking for people to nurture and train from scratch, especially the larger companies, which often prefer a fresh graduate who they can mould to their own style. Then there's the fact that many employers would prefer a young, dynamic person without family and other commitments to an older employee,” says Kitanoski.

That is why, he says, Dubai is a great place for young people to fast-track their careers. “We know former flight attendants who are now HR managers. In Europe they would get eaten alive because you need to be in the HR industry for at least 10 years to achieve a managerial position.

“But here there are plenty of examples of people who have gained high level positions with very little experience. As you get older, however, the chances of making career leaps like this diminish.”

There are, however, some ad-



vantages to age that can boost your chances for a career change later in life.

“The job market here is very sector driven and it all depends on the industry you are in and how you can use your experience within a different field or role,” Kitanoski says.

According to *Read*, life coach Susan Castle, you can never be too old for a career change. “It's all about mindset. The only thing that stops people changing careers is themselves. Some people are forced into finding a new field

after being made redundant and more often than not, five years down the line they'll say it was the best thing that ever happened to them, because it provided them with the opportunity to do something new.”

Happiness in your career has a lot to do with finding what you are really passionate about, says Dubai-based life and executive coach, Hanan Nagi.

“It's the passion for your job that sees you through and, whatever your age, it's worth pursuing that, even if it means taking the plunge and exploring a totally different career.”

A lot of people seeking a career move take the consultancy, teaching and training angle, says Kitanoski. “If, for example, you're an IT manager and want to switch careers, then taking a teaching role at a school or university is a way to use age and experience to your advantage.”

He points out that Dubai offers plenty of sector training courses for those seeking to start afresh, and suggests attending expos and conferences to take advantage of the opportunities they offer.

“Dubai is the only place I know where a person can go and introduce his or herself to a potential employer at an event and land themselves an interview straight away. Companies here hire for skills or for regional knowledge; if you can give them both, you're golden.”

GARY'S INTERVIEW TIPS

1. First and foremost, always do your research on the company. Read their web site and latest press releases before going in.
2. Find out about the person you are going to meet. You can do this via networking sites like LinkedIn.
3. Always take something in there with you, like a folder containing your CV, the job spec and, depending on the type of role you are going for, certificates, profiles, and examples of your work.
4. Never discuss salary in a first interview, unless they bring it up.
5. Always have some questions for them, for example, what are the plans for this position in the next one to three years?
6. Try and mirror the person's body language, unless they have their feet up on the desk.

Cellulite

solutions

Though it affects billions of women worldwide, cellulite can still be beaten.

Cellulite has become a loathsome word which women react to with fear and dread; the curse of summer holidays when going to the beach means baring all—including that unsightly orange-peel skin. It is a very common problem, affecting between 80 and 90 per cent of women at some point in their lives.

Katie Moore is a working mother of two living in Dubai. "I've never minded about how much I weigh, and I actually like my shape," she says. "My husband loves my curves and my kids like having something soft to cuddle. So I never worried too much about going to the gym, and, although I tried to eat healthily, I have a sweet tooth which I do like to indulge. But what I don't like is cellulite. I never had it when I was younger, but at some point it must have just crept in, and I've not been able to get rid of it since."

Luckily there are ways to help combat it, according to Laura Matthews, a personal trainer working in Dubai. Unfortunately, one of the first things she explains is that there is never going to be a complete cure. "It's all to do with genetics and your body type," she says. "Apple and pear shapes will suffer more as they store more fat in those areas where cellulite is most prevalent. Those lucky ones with an athletic build simply don't suffer from it as much."

But there are definitely things

Laura Matthews works at Optimal Fitness. Call 04 457 2048 or visit www.optimalfitness.ae for more information.



CARDIO EXERCISE CAN HELP COMBAT CELLULITE

you can do to improve cellulite, exercise being the primary tool to fight it. “You need to get the blood pumping so that it flushes through all of the muscles and tissues,” says Matthews. “Cellulite collects in the body’s adipose tissue, which is a bit like bubble wrap; it has lots of little pockets where fat gets stored, and the bigger the pockets, the more of a cottage cheese, dimpled effect you will have.”

You may think that it is best when exercising to focus only on the problem areas, which with cellulite are most commonly the thighs, bottom and stomach. But this is not actually the case, as Matthews explains. “The body is one system, so you shouldn’t focus on one part, but do a bit of everything instead to balance it out as a whole,” she says.

“Try working out the big muscle groups as they burn more calories. For this you can do what’s known as compound exercises. For example, using a medicine ball you can use lots of muscles all at once, by first squatting and pressing down on it, then pushing it up and lifting it to the sky.”

You should combine this with cardio exercise: “Jogging, rowing and cycling are good, plus a little weight training if you do it within circuit training, so that your heart rate stays up. Combination is the key, to keep your muscles ‘thinking’ what to contract next.”

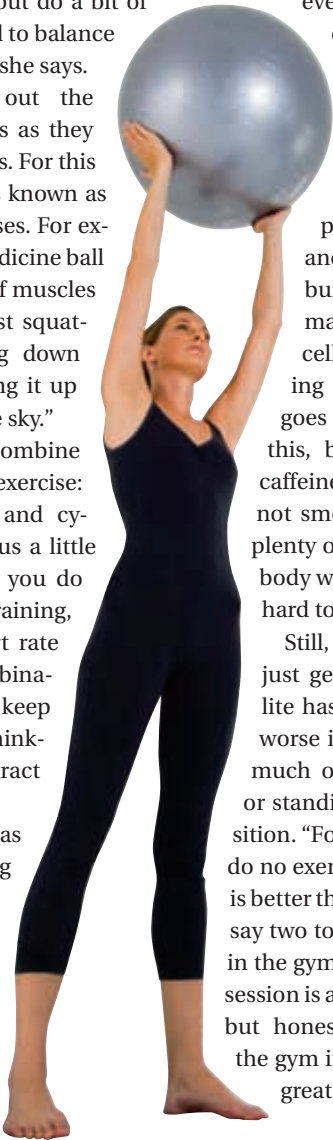
Katie Moore has been following such advice for the past couple of months. “I’ve slowly started to see an improvement,” she says. “It took a few

“You need to get the blood pumping so that it flushes through all of the muscles and tissues.”

weeks for me to notice, but there’s definitely a positive change. I’m even starting to quite enjoy my gym sessions, something I never thought I’d say.”

Matthews also stresses the importance of a balanced lifestyle. “Any build up of toxins makes the effect of cellulite worse. Sweating during exercise goes some way to help this, but leaving off the caffeine and fizzy drinks, not smoking and drinking plenty of water means your body won’t have to work as hard to correct itself.”

Still, the best bet is to just get moving, as cellulite has been shown to be worse in those who spend much of their time sitting or standing in the same position. “For many people who do no exercise at all, anything is better than nothing. I would say two to three times a week in the gym for a 30-45 minute session is a good place to start, but honestly just getting to the gym in the first place is a great step forward.”



HOW TO BEAT CELLULITE AT HOME

These can go some way to help the problem areas of cellulite, by improving circulation and toning and tightening. However, for best results they should be done as part of an overall fitness regime that includes cardio exercise too.

Exercise 1: The back-of-thigh area

Kneel down on the floor, then tilt your body forward so that your elbows also touch the floor, and you form a kind of arch. Next straighten your back and lift one of your legs up behind you, so that it is in a straight line with your back. Then slowly lift it higher so that it forms an angle with the floor. By doing this, you’re using the hamstrings which run from the bottom of your pelvis to just below your knee.

Exercise 2: Inner thighs

Sit on a sturdy chair (without wheels!). Bend your knees at a 90 degree angle, resting your feet on the floor. Place

a pillow between your thighs and squeeze it, exhaling as you do so, as if you were trying to squeeze the stuffing out of the pillow. Breathe normally and hold for one minute. Release.

Exercise 3: Outer thighs and hips

Sit on a sturdy chair. Place your palms on the outside of your knees. Push your knees outward against your palms while keeping your arms and palms stationary. At the same time press inward with your hands against your knees which shouldn’t move outwards. Hold this position for one minute while breathing normally.

Exercise 4: Front of thighs

Again sit on a sturdy chair. Rest your hands on the chair at your sides. Lift and extend your right leg while exhaling. Breathe normally and hold for 30 seconds. Inhale and lower your right leg. Repeat with your left leg. Breathe normally and hold for 30 seconds.

FITNESS FOR REAL



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Running in the sand

With the vast number of beaches accessible to us in Dubai, beach running as a way to keep fit is a common choice for many. Although this is an effective way of keeping fit, it has led to two of the most common injuries that we treat regularly at the clinic—calf and lateral ankle ligament strains. Because of the fact that the sand is softer than concrete, and absorbs more impact, it is seen as a safer way to perform exercises such as running and jogging.

However it makes for a more unstable surface under foot. If the individual hasn’t built up their training towards running on a softer surface, they may not have the strength or ability straight away to deal with the different forces being exerted. Therefore calf and lateral ankle ligament strains are more likely to occur and these injuries could lead to more chronic conditions such as inflammation in the joints of the lower limb.

As well as working your way up to running on sand, there are other general fitness tips that can aid your ability to exercise in this way. It is always important to drink plenty of water. An easy way to work out how much is to multiply your body weight by 0.03, which equals how many litres you should drink. Always perform isolated stretches after working out, maintain a balanced nutrition intake, and remember that using the correct footwear and equipment is an absolute must.

Vox pop

How have you tried to give up smoking?

Earl Macasaquid
Facial therapist, Deira



I tried to give up smoking once by using the chewing gum, but it didn't

work. I think the most difficult thing for a smoker to give up is the cigarette they have after eating, as many people think this helps them to digest. If I tried again, I might see about visiting a hypnotist, but I think it's maybe more to do with self-discipline.

Vishnu Vardhan
Sales, Deira



I've never really thought about giving up smoking, and, at the mo-

ment, I don't think I really want to. I suppose if I tried to give up, though, I would probably use a substitute for cigarettes, such as a nicotine replacement chewing gum or something else like that.

Mostafa Ader
Graphic designer, JLT



I've tried to quit smoking once before but it only lasted about six months

before I started up again. When I tried to give up smoking before I just stopped completely, I didn't use any nicotine gum or patches. I'm going to try and quit again over Ramadan; this time I will just try to trick my brain into not wanting to smoke.



Fasting for Ramadan does not mean that you should forego a healthy diet.

With this year's Ramadan now entering its second half, Muslims across the world will be once again getting used to the daily routine of fasting, having adjusted their bodies to the practice over the past two weeks.

However, many do not know the secrets behind properly healthy fasting, and some even take up practices that are detrimental to health. Of course, some elements to fasting, such as not smoking, are good for the health, but when it comes to food, how should you make and break your fast?

"Fasting is way more than just going without food and drink—that's called a crash diet," said Dr Hesham Hassabella. "If you want to embark on a spiritual fast, you need mental readiness to forgoe the normal things that define

your life. Begin by thinking about the fast before it actually happens, why you are doing it, and what you want to achieve."

According to Hassabella, it is wise to consider and contemplate fasting a week or two before Ramadan begins, in order to work out what exactly you will miss during your fast. Once you realise what you are most dependant on, you can start cutting back on it in the lead-up to the holy month, meaning that fasting will not be such a shock to the body.

"Start drinking decaf coffee, cut back on sweets, and cut down on cigarettes," said Hassabella.

Another important part of healthy fasting is to always try to eat the pre-dawn meal, the *suhoor*. Without this meal, it is extremely difficult to carry on as normal throughout the day, as you will not have the energy required to complete even seemingly easy tasks, such as driving.

"I'm not advising that you should wake up and gorge your-

"Start drinking decaf coffee, cut back on sweets and cut down on cigarettes."

self before you begin fasting. But eat something," Hassabella said. "And if you choose to begin your fast at sunrise, it's also a wonderful, calm, quiet time of day to reflect on what you're about to do."

As well as eating before your fast, it is also extremely important to drink plenty of fluids before sunrise. "Muslims will be fasting for long, hot days now that





“You shouldn’t fast if it comes to the point where it will harm your health.”

sistent amounts over the course of an evening, rather than glug a large amount in one go.

What Hassabella says is most important, though, is knowing when not to fast. “Some of us are not meant to fast at certain times,” she said. “If a person is ill, he or she does not have to fast but must make up the day later. And you shouldn’t fast if it comes to the point where it will harm your health.”

If someone is ill, Hassabella says, there are other ways in which to embrace the holy month. “There are other things we can do, such as feed the poor,” she said. “Meditation, reading scripture, reciting prayers, doing acts of charity—all these acts help turn up our spiritual dial.”

Ramadan is moving into the summer months. So it is of the utmost importance that one stays fully hydrated,” said Hassabella.

Doctors advise that plenty of water should be consumed before sunrise, though water intake should be spread over a couple of hours. Some people chug pints of water before beginning their fasts, but this is unhealthy as it does not encourage water reten-

tion and can make you feel nauseous.

These eating and drinking practices should also be observed when you break your fast. It is unhealthy to stuff yourself full of food at the end of the day, and can, in the worst cases, lead to stomach ulcers or illnesses. It is also extremely important to rehydrate after a day of fasting, though it is better to drink con-

ASK THE EXPERT



DR SANJAY PARASHAR
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Skincare in the sun

Sun exposure can be a cause of freckles, sunspots and pigmentation, which is obviously an issue here in Dubai and is something we see often in the Cocoon clinic. It is important, therefore, to understand how to look after your skin in a climate like ours. Sun protection is one of the most important things, so always make sure you are wearing a lotion with a good SPF when heading out.

The Dubai weather can also contribute towards acne. The skin produces excessive oil in this kind of heat and humidity, which can make skin more prone to spots and pimples. Good skin hygiene can help prevent acne, but for more serious cases, laser treatment can provide an effective solution. Dehydration is also another contributing factor trigger for acne, as well as being a contributing factor toward the development of wrinkles.

Wrinkles are an unavoidable part of ageing, but they can be delayed by looking after the skin in

younger years. If a person already has wrinkles or sagging skin on the face, skin maintenance is important. Make sure you stay hydrated, exercise regularly, and have regular facials to stimulate blood circulation. Surgery is also an option in severe cases, with the main surgeries being face-lift, neck-lift, and eyelid surgery.

Surgery for loose skin and eye bags is only available to patients who are medically fit, have a controlled weight, and who have a particularly aged and tired look to the face. But there are also non-surgical options available.

ON THE COUCH



The lowdown on Theta Healing

The Third Eye is a mind, body and energy centre which aims to re-invent our understanding of life through experience and self-discovery. As human beings, we are a trinity combination of a mind that thinks, a physical body that creates action and an energy system that fuels our existence. It is only by approaching the individual as a whole and addressing the three components that we can really understand ourselves and discover our true purpose. For a harmonious and joyful life, all three aspects of ourselves—mind, body and soul—must be in balance, freed from any limitations and barriers.

Theta Healing is a meditative process which helps you to create and manifest instant physical, psychological and spiritual healing. Upon learning the technique, you will see that everyone has intuitive abilities that can be used to bring about spontaneous physical and emotional healing. Using this personal process, you will help yourself, as well as your friends and family. The most profound discovery about Theta Healing was that this technique could be taught to others or used as a tool for many physical and emotional things like relationships, stopping smoking and weight loss.

As a Theta healer, I am proud to say that it has had a miraculous change and impact on my life, and being able to bring the change to other lives and share that divine knowledge with them is such a blessing that I will cherish all my life.

Theta Healing was founded by Vianna Stibal

Learning how to care

Through its Ramadan charity campaign, **Dubai Cares** is targeting better education for girls in the Third World.

EDUCATION CAN BUILD COMMUNITIES



CHARITY

This Ramadan, Dubai Cares has launched its “Girls’ Education Campaign 2011” to raise funds to help empower girls in developing countries by addressing gender imbalances in primary education.

Running throughout the holy month, the campaign underlines the importance of providing girls

with access to quality schooling. Globally, an estimated 42 million girls do not go to school, however the daughters of women who have completed primary school are 40 per cent less likely to die before the age of five.

Tariq Al Gurg, the CEO of Dubai Cares, said, “With the launch of Dubai Cares in 2007, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed empha-

sised the importance of providing children in developing countries with access to quality primary education. This campaign aims to address some of the gaps that prevent girls from going to school, which we have identified through our monitoring, evaluation and learning process.

“Almost 42 million girls globally do not go to school and are missing out on an opportunity to improve their lives. Studies have shown that girls who receive an education are able to pass this on to their own children and eventually the community at large. They have a better chance of obtaining an income, can better access and understand the required daily nutrition needs and sanitation, and are better equipped to prevent illnesses and fight abuse, allowing them to truly play a transformational role in society. Our Ramadan campaign aims to raise awareness of the plight of girls in developing countries and to mobilise the UAE community to help change their lives by donating towards Dubai Cares programmes that focus on girls’ education.”



HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN

- Add Dh5 or more to your purchase at participating retailers across the UAE.
- Visit Dubai Cares’ interactive stand at Dubai Mall and buy bricks to build a mock classroom (the goal is to complete the classroom by the end of the campaign).
- Donate through SMS by sending the word “Donation” to the following numbers: 9030, 9090, 9300, 9600, 9900.
- Make an online donation at www.dubaicare.ae.
- Make a direct financial donation with a cheque addressed to Dubai Cares.
- Drop off your contribution at donation boxes placed in different locations throughout Dubai.
- Community members who are customers of Emirates NBD can make donations through any of the bank’s ATMs in the UAE.

Water for Elephants

By Sara Gruen

BOOKS

Water for Elephants was this year made into a film with a star-studded cast, and it’s easy to see why. It follows Jacob Jankowski, a young veterinary student in Depression-era America, who joins a circus when his parents are killed in an accident.

Behind the fantastical illusion created by the circus is a seedy, violent and immoral world, and Jacob takes it upon himself to be the protector of the downtrodden, be they the ill-treated animals or the beautiful Marlena, the wife of the schizophrenic and brutal animal trainer, August.

Much of the narrative focuses on the relationship between Jacob and Rosie, an elephant bought to replace Marlena’s lead horse. Rosie’s inability to learn leads to her being horribly abused by Uncle Al, the autocratic ringleader. Jacob’s gradual coaxing of her to perform is one of

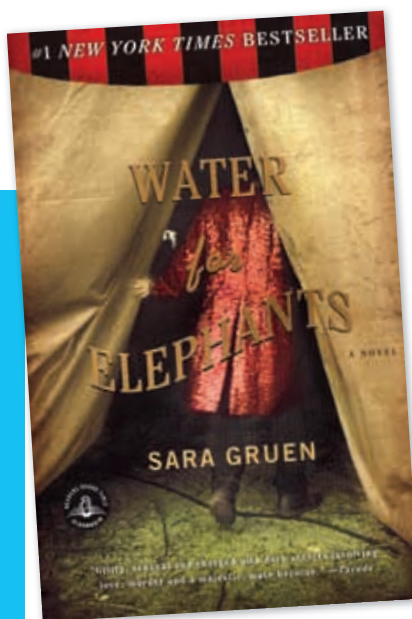
IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY...

Circus Parade by Jim Tully

A true account of the author’s time spent as a circus labourer in the early 1900s. The life he depicts is one lived at the edges of society: earthy, wolfish and brutal. His characters are vivid—from shifty circus owner Cameron to lonely Lila, the four-hundred-pound strong woman—and unforgettable.

Big Fish by Daniel Wallace

Edward Bloom was an elusive father. As he lies on his deathbed, his son William reconstructs his father’s life as mythical legend, in a last attempt to get a firm hold of him before he dies. Bittersweet, funny and fantastical, it is a touching tale.



the heart-warming threads within the novel that hold it together with a romanticism which can spill over into sentimentality, but is at best tenderly poignant.

The descriptive detail is a mark of Gruen’s in-depth research she undertook to write the book. It is by turns whimsical, thrilling, and melodramatic, and as an escapist fairytale is quite lovely.

Kelly Rowland – Here I Am

Motown ★★★★★

ALBUMS

The title behind Kelly Rowland’s latest album is a proclamation of her confidence as a solo artist, rather than a third of the now defunct pop group Destiny’s Child. And, having seen a couple of her singles hit the charts over the past year, it would appear that she has found her feet. However, despite being high on self-affirmation, Rowland’s third studio effort is far from a sensation.

Songs with the power of Rowland’s Grammy Award-winning *When Love Takes Over* are few and far between on *Here I Am*. The current singles, *Motivation* and *Commander*, are certainly among the best tracks on the album, and are complemented by similarly infectious songs such as *All of the Night* and *Turn It Up*. These are energising and uplifting, and pack plenty of punch.

However, the album fails in be-



tween these tracks. An attempt at an epic love ballad in *Heaven and Earth* makes little to no impact simply because of the sketchy lyrics, while other dance-driven songs do little to differentiate Rowland from any other pop artist around.

Here I Am is probably the best album that Rowland has produced as a solo artist, though it lacks the consistency to make it a smash hit. Saying that, it still provides good grounds for the singer to build on with future efforts.



Ramadan Kareem

EMSAKIAH - HIJRI 1432

Dubai Prayer Timings

Hijri	Day	Date	Emsaak (Suhoor end)	Fajr	Shurook	Duhr	Asr	Maghrib (Iftar)	Isha
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3	Wednesday	3 August	4:16	4:26	5:46	12:30	3:56	7:05	8:35
4	Thursday	4 August	4:17	4:27	5:47	12:30	3:57	7:05	8:35
5	Friday	5 August	4:17	4:27	5:47	12:29	3:57	7:04	8:34
6	Saturday	6 August	4:18	4:28	5:48	12:29	3:57	7:03	8:33
7	Sunday	7 August	4:18	4:28	5:48	12:29	3:58	7:03	8:33
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10	Wednesday	10 August	4:20	4:30	5:50	12:29	3:58	7:01	8:31
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14	Sunday	14 August	4:22	4:32	5:52	12:28	3:58	6:56	8:26
15	Monday	15 August	4:23	4:33	5:53	12:28	3:58	6:56	8:26
16	Tuesday	16 August	4:23	4:33	5:53	12:27	3:58	6:55	8:25
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26	Friday	26 August	4:28	4:38	5:58	12:25	3:55	6:45	8:15
27	Saturday	27 August	4:28	4:38	5:58	12:24	3:54	6:44	8:14
28	Sunday	28 August	4:29	4:39	5:59	12:24	3:54	6:43	8:13
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*Based on the assumption that the moon is not sighted on the 29th day of Ramadan
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FIRST
PERSON

RODI HENNAWI
FOUNDER/EVENT ORGANISER
METAL ASYLUM

Who says rock 'n' roll is dead?

We recently hosted the RAM Battle Middle East, which all who were involved will agree was a great event. All the bands put in 110 per cent on the stage, some were there to win and others were there just to rock out and have a good time. It was not easy to pick only one winner, but in the end the judges decided that rock band 'Freefall' from Kuwait were the winners and—even though they played without their lead guitarist due to visa issues—the guys played a fantastic show.

The organisation of the event took six months; from the time we first decided to do it up to the very last minute. We spent a lot of time choosing the bands that came to play, listening to demos and researching each one. We originally had 14 bands from across the Middle East, but unfortunately some of them were unable to take part in the end. This left us with six bands from across a range of genres, who played their hearts out to a panel made up of two judges who favour the rock genre and two who prefer metal.

We had such great feedback from the event that we are definitely going to do it next year, and would also like to take this opportunity to reveal that we are working now on the RAM Battle UAE for rock and metal bands whose members are all under the age of 21. We believe this is going to be very successful as there are so many great, young bands here that deserve a chance. The date has not been set, but we will be ready to receive band demos after Ramadan and bands can apply via the Metality UAE web site.

Talent central



TripleW.me is a creative community which aims to give local artists a shot at the big time.

Artists, musicians and filmmakers around the Middle East are seizing the opportunity to make the best of their talents thanks to the efforts of online media platform TripleW.me. The web site allows users to upload their songs, short films or photo albums so that they can be seen or heard by fans anywhere. What is more, the people behind the web site are dedicated to providing its users with genuine industry experience through competitions involving well-known and established media companies.

"Essentially we're a platform for creativity," says Paul Kelly, managing editor and co-founder of the site. "It's all user-generated content, which people can consume as they like. It's a great way for people to find new, local acts, artists or films."

"We also offer tips on how to get into the industry, and give artists advice on what the industries are looking for. We try to encourage people to be professional in what they do."

Anyone involved in the Middle East's creative scenes will know that there is an abundance of talent, though it can be difficult to

know how to manage it. For musicians, record or distribution deals are hard to come by, while for filmmakers, there are even bigger challenges, given it is so time-consuming—and expensive—to come out with high-quality productions.

For this reason, TripleW.me is keen to showcase the region's local talent in an international setting,

"We try to encourage artists to be professional in what they do."



LOCAL FILM DIRECTOR FAISAL HASHIMI



THE CAPITOL RECORDS TOWER IN LOS ANGELES

and aims to show that, given the right channels, real stars have the potential to emerge.

"We have a focus on English and Arabic productions," says Kelly. "We try to cover things from a

regional perspective, and we're trying to get real results for the artists that work with us. People need to be able to market themselves, and we're here to help with that."

Currently, the web site is hosting a competition called *Homegrown to Hollywood*, which offers musicians the chance to visit one of the world's most famous recording studios, the EMI-owned Capitol Records Tower in Los Angeles. Musicians simply need to create a profile on the site, upload their best tracks and then promote their music. The top 10 artists on the site's music section, Makshoof Music, will be considered by the judges, but, as it is not just a popularity contest, challenges will also be set over the course of August and September, to give the lesser-

known artists a chance to shine.

"We began discussing this with EMI more than a year ago, and the deal's come about after a huge amount of effort," Kelly says. "The record company is looking for more regional artists, so it's a win-win for everyone, really. The trip will give the winners massive insight into the industry, and in that situation, there are loads of things you can learn around the world and then bring back to Dubai."

Last year, the site hosted a similar competition, which resulted in Egyptian singer Shady Ahmed being flown out to Dubai to record at local studio In The Mix and play

some gigs around the emirate.

Filmmakers have also reaped benefits from being part of the TripleW community. The last film-making competition saw Faisal Hashmi's one-minute film, *Perfect Living*, feature at the Cannes Film Festival after being chosen by the Abu Dhabi Film Commission. And at the moment, there are two film competitions being run on the web site, both involving a tie-in with Nokia.

One invites budding filmmakers to create a 15-second television commercial for the Nokia E6 mobile phone, without showing the phone. The other competition in-

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volves shooting a two-minute film about life before mobile phones really took the world by storm.

"We try to promote our users through different channels, so the Nokia competition seemed like a good way to get directors thinking about using their skills in the advertising market," says Kelly.

TripleW.me seems, then, to be making meaningful pushes towards empowering local talent,

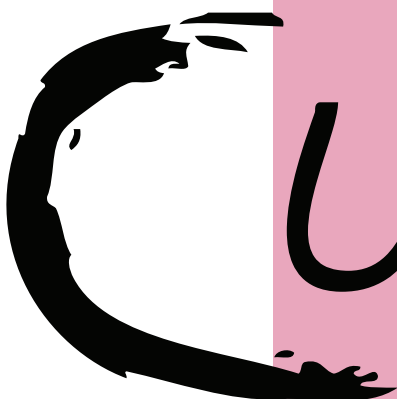
and the site's user-base of artists is consistently growing. Kelly puts the popularity of the site down to giving artists real opportunities.

"We're making sure that we can deliver," he says.

"So, for example, with the EMI deal, we pushed really hard for that because it's one of the biggest record labels in the world, and it shows people that we can really help them."



If you are an artist or director, or simply want some locally-produced content, visit www.triplew.me and sign up.



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The tree *of life*

Brad Pitt's latest feature is more complex and arthouse than it is a blockbuster.

NEW RELEASE

Winning the prestigious Palme D'or award at the Cannes Film Festival may pack a punch within the film industry, however it does not always guarantee commercial success. With two release dates—one for 2009 and one for 2010—missed already, and years spent in development, Terrence Malick's latest offering, *The Tree of Life*, finally premiered at Cannes this year and became the recipient of the coveted accolade. However audiences were split into those who cheered and those who booed



JACK, PLAYED BY SEAN PENN

“The Tree of Life is an arthouse film with a capital ‘A’.”

with events over the years, interspersed with adult Jack's quest to find the meaning of life. It's definitely an interesting concept, however while Jack is busy pondering the types of question that leave adults lost for words when asked by children, the film takes some very surreal plot twists that could confuse the audience.

There is no doubt that the film's imagery is a treat for the eyes. The visual representations throughout Jack's journey are visually stunning, yet the storyline is by no means easy to digest. With Brad Pitt on the bill, you would be forgiven for expecting a Hollywood blockbuster, however *The Tree of Life* is an arthouse film with a capital “A”. Essentially just a story of one family's personal journey, the film does at times start to feel repetitive and perhaps a little simplistic. It does however maintain a feeling of honesty, and when it does manage to communicate its message without appearing trite, it actually does so very well.

ing scenes provide a glimpse into Jack's childhood years, with some touching yet powerful scenes between the children and their parents, with the mother being a loving and angelic character, and the father dominant and cold in comparison. After the death of their son, the parents' grief casts a shadow over all future events to come.

Generally, the story focuses on the story of the family from this point, and how they cope



YOUNG JACK WITH HIS FATHER, PLAYED BY BRAD PITT

DID YOU KNOW?

- The late actor Heath Ledger was originally earmarked for the lead role of Jack O'Brien.
- An Italian cinema showed the film for a week with the first two reels switched. Nobody actually noticed, assuming it was all part of Terrence Malick's “crazy editing style”.
- The ‘Tree of Life’ that appears in the film is a living, 30,000kg oak tree situated in Smithville, Texas.

during the film's closing credits. Critics, however, have mainly been full of praise, paying particular attention to the film's technical and artistic merits, with less attention paid to what could be considered a fragmented and hard-to-grasp storyline.

The Tree of Life tells the story of a Midwestern family in the 1950s, focusing on the life journey of the eldest son, Jack, from the innocence of his childhood through to his disillusioned adult years, when he attempts to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father—played by Brad Pitt.

The film begins with an introduction to the adult version of Jack [Sean Penn], who feels as though he has lost his way in the modern world, and in an attempt to make sense of his life he begins a personal quest to find answers to the meaning of life while questioning the existence of faith. One thing is for sure, this film is definitely not a light-hearted ro-

mantic comedy. Having left his country roots behind long ago, Jack finds himself as a middle-aged architect living in a city filled with gleaming skyscrapers and clinically modern streets. Life has worked out quite nicely for him, however he is constantly haunted by the death, many years earlier, of his brother. The open-

SILVER SCREEN

REEM HAMEED
NEW MEDIA SPECIALIST
BOOMTOWN PRODUCTIONS

Treat yourself to some escapism

As one of many expats living in Dubai, I am very aware of the transient and temporary nature of my life.

I know that soon, my bags will be packed and I'll be shaking awake the slumbering nomad within me. For me (and many people that I know), home is not a bricks-and-mortar space. Rather, my home is found within the comfort of rituals that remind me of the things and people that I love.

Regardless of where or which country I am in, I can purchase a ticket, some popcorn and lose myself for a few hours in a movie theatre.

Enveloped by the cushy comfort of cinema seats, I willingly surrender myself to the film's journey. My moviegoing ritual has been my reliable remedy for homesickness, broken hearts and creative blocks. It is where I have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries and the arrival of the weekend.

While working at Boomtown Productions—a film production company in Dubai—I have gained an awareness of the mastery and skill involved in creating a film.

Each second on screen is crafted to bring the viewers through an emotional journey. They want us to lose ourselves in their films; to join the stars in falling in love, fighting for justice and going on hilarious adventures.

This week, I encourage you to give yourself the gift of a movie ticket and to suspend your disbelief for just a couple of hours.

Allow yourself to find your “home” in cinema seats and break away from the mundane. It is simple joys like these that make life beautiful.

Bollywood news

DABANGG 2 DELAYED AGAIN

The much-anticipated sequel *Dabangg 2* has been pushed back again, with its release now scheduled for 2013. Filming was originally supposed to begin at the end of this year but will now start in early 2012, partly due to Salman Khan's hectic schedule. Since his three blockbusters in a row, he has found himself more in demand than ever before.



SALMAN KHAN

KAPOOR DETAINED BY AIRPORT

Film and TV producer Ekta Kapoor was recently detained at Mumbai airport, for carrying goods worth Rs10 lakhs, but declaring less. After paying the duty, she was free to go, but is now the latest in a long line of celebrities to be detained, with Anushka Sharma, Bipasha Basu, Minisha Lamba and Shahrukh Khan all previously being held by customs.



SHILPA SHETTY

SHILPA'S SHAVEN LOCKS

Shilpa Shetty will unveil a surprising new look in her upcoming film, *The Desire*, in which she appears completely bald. Appearances can be deceptive however, as Shetty's image is

created by prosthetics—not by shaving her head. The actress revealed her commitment to the role's image requirements, saying “I opted for prosthetic make up for the film, so getting the bald look was a three hour job.”

Reviews *in brief*

A quick look at the week’s biggest films.



The New Daughter (2009)

★★★★★ Kevin Costner, Ivana Baquero, Samantha Mathis

Costner stars as a father who moves his two daughters to an isolated farm only to find his offspring’s changed behaviour might have something to do with a burial ground near to the property. The reviews have not been particularly strong with many blaming the predictable and clichéd story line, but Kevin Costner stands out as the lead and the cinematography has been described as gorgeous.



Aarakshan (Hindi, 2011)

★★★★★ Amitabh Bachchan, Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone

Bachchan plays Prabhakar Anand, the idealistic principal of a college that he has single-handedly turned into the state’s best, while Khan plays his loyal friend, Deepak Kumar. While being a story of their love and friendship, the film also has socio-political undertones and, like director Prakash Jha’s other films, it takes on issues about the political affairs of India. With a strong cast, the film was released on August 12 and looks to show a balanced argument on the education system in India.



Rowthiram (Tamil, 2011)

★★★★★ Jeeva, Shriya Saran, Satya Bhabha

Rowthiram is the directorial debut of Gokul, a former assistant to Telugu director Surya Kiran and was released on August 12, a week ahead of schedule. Starring Jeeva and Shriya Saran in the lead roles, the story apparently echoes the life of Gokul as a lawyer, with an honest perspective and real life incidents pulled from his experiences. Let us know what you think of this movie by email at letters@readme.ae

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Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara - 10:45, 14:00, 17:15, 20:30, 23:45
Zookeeper - 10:00, 12:15, 14:30, 16:45, 19:00, 21:15

VOX CINEMAS - MOE

Aarakshan - 10:45, 14:00, 17:15, 20:30, 23:45
And Soon The Darkness - 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00, 21:00, 23:00, 01:00
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Giselle - Ballet (3D) - 11:00, 19:00

Harry Potter 7 (3D) - 15:45, 16:15, 18:30, 21:15, 00:00
Hoodwinked Too (3D) - 10:30, 14:30
Horrible Bosses - 10:30, 12:00, 12:45, 15:00, 16:45, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45, 00:00
Kung Fu Panda 2 (3D) - 12:30, 16:30
The New Daughter - 09:45, 12:00, 14:15, 16:45, 19:15, 21:45, 00:15
Pirates 4: On Stranger Tides - 13:15, 17:45, 20:45, 21:15, 23:45
Mr Popper's Penguins - 09:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30, 17:30, 19:30, 21:30, 11:30
Rio (3D) - 09:45, 11:45, 13:45, 15:45
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The Wiggles - 09:30, 11:30, 13:30
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The New Daughter - 09:45, 12:00, 14:15, 16:45, 19:15, 21:45, 00:15
Rio (3D) - 10:00, 12:00, 14:00
Rowthiram - 11:00, 14:15, 17:30, 20:45, 00:00
Transformers 3 (3D) - 21:30, 00:30
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REEL CINEMAS - DUBAI MALL

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Burke and Hare - 14:10, 16:10, 18:10, 20:10, 22:10, 00:10
Disappearance of Alice Creed - 14:40, 17:00, 19:20, 21:40, 00:05
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Ghost Machine - 17:40, 19:40, 21:40, 23:40
Hanna - 17:00, 19:30, 22:00, 00:30
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Hoodwinked Too (3D) - 16:00, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30
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Larry Crowne - 17:20
Transformers 3 (3D) - 18:20, 21:20, 00:20
Transformers 3 (2D) - 19:50, 23:10
Zookeeper - 15:20, 17:40

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YOU REVIEW

We asked cinemagoers what they thought fresh from seeing the film.

Ilona Stephens
Designer, JLT



“I have just been to watch *Surveillance*. I didn’t really know much about the film before I went in but it was pretty enjoyable, and I was quite impressed.”

Sachin Kumar
IT consultant, Deira



“I just watched *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara* for the second time. I absolutely love the film; it has a good story and is a nice, fun movie. I must say I am particularly a fan of Katrina Kaif.”

Anabel Vronski
Student, The Greens



“My friends and I have just seen the new Disney movie, *Prom*. It was a really feel-good film and had some fairly funny lines, but the actual story was completely predictable. I think I’m probably getting too old for these kind of movies now, but I found it entertaining.”

Clear clutter *for good*

Ramadan is a time for reflection and charity. So what better time to simplify your life?



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It was William Morris, who said in 1880 during the flowering of the Arts and Crafts movement, "Have nothing in your houses which you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful".

This is a quote with a great deal of relevance today—one only has to look at the burgeoning popularity of TV shows such as *Clean House*, and home makeover programmes of all kinds, to understand how important a need this is.

So what better time than right now to take a good look at our own homes, to consider the needs of others before ourselves, and to give generously to those less fortunate than we are. Now is the perfect time for a clutter clear.

But how do we get so cluttered in the first place? Most of us resident here arrived with a suitcase and not much more. Maybe there was a container full of furniture following on behind, or maybe not, but the truth is, within a year, most of us are surrounded by all the paraphernalia of modern life: TVs, computers, furniture, books

and ornaments, plants and pots—the list is endless.

So, make yourself a promise, this month, you are going to set aside the time to clear out at least one layer of clutter, to find space in your heart to give away items you don't use to people who will use them all the time, and make space in your life and home for peace and contemplation to come in. They say charity begins at home, and this is a great way to start.

HOW TO CLEAR CLUTTER

Are you scared stiff by the very prospect of having to get rid of

stuff? You are not alone. Clutter is something we cling to for comfort, because it reminds us of people, or home, or it helps define our self-image by having lots of material things. The problem, of course, is that more does not equal better. We can only watch one TV at a time, wear one shirt, drive one car. So having 17 different kitchen gadgets in a drawer beside the sink doesn't make us a better cook; it just makes us a cook with 17 unused gadgets.

If you are intimidated by the idea of clutter clearing, relax, there is an easy way. Don't do it all at once! Instead, make it easy on yourself and do one layer at a time. It does not matter which room you choose, just do one room at a time. Set aside a couple of hours, get a big charity box and a bin bag, and if you want, ask a friend to help. Friends are particularly good at helping clear out wardrobes because they can give you an honest opinion of what looks good on you, and what doesn't.

So, start with your wardrobe, and this is really simple. Have you worn that item in the past 12 months? If not, you know what to do. Do you have duplicates of anything without good reason? Maybe that can go too. Clothes with the sales sticker still on from last year? Don't beat yourself up—it may have seemed like a bargain then, but if you still can't get into it, it is just taking up space where you could store something more useful and wearable.

Go through chests of drawers in the same way, one drawer at



BOOKS WORTH READING

No More Clutter by Sue Kay
www.nomoreclutter.co.uk
Sacred Space by Denise Linn
The Healthy Home by Gina Lazenby

a time. The aim is not to empty them, but simply to take out what's superfluous so you can see, appreciate and use what is genuinely useful to you. Keep what's precious, but equally, be honest with yourself about what has genuine sentimental value, and what's just taking up space. Only you know the difference, but you owe it to yourself to be truthful about it.

KITCHENS

Take a look around you, and ask yourself, is this the way I want my kitchen to be?

Look for the things that you use

every single day, and make sure they are within easy reach. But, do you have multiple examples of each of them? If so, choose the best, and consider donating or storing the rest.

What about special china and glassware, the things you bring out for big family dinners and special occasions? Well, if you only use them once a year, consider storing them somewhere out of the way, under the stairs or in the bottom of a cupboard, instead of taking up precious working space in your kitchen. Multiple pots and pans? Same answer—if you only make jam or stock once a year, maybe the space those pans take up could be better used.

The purpose behind this is to clear your counters and worktops so you have lots of space to work with. Get rid of unused bottles and jars, put things you use occasionally away in cupboards underneath, and generally give yourself room to breathe. Your kitchen will thank you for it. Periodically clear out your cupboards as well, throw away old and unused spices, and treat yourself to some fresh supplies. If you haven't got room inside your cupboards to store everything, ask yourself why not, and get rid of the stuff that is stopping you.

BATHROOMS

When was the last time you actually looked in the cabinet under the sink? There are probably things in there you have

“Clear your counters and worktops so you have lots of space to work with.”

not touched in years. Throw out expired medicines and get rid of bottles of perfume, make-up and nail polish that are almost empty. Keep the products that you like and use, but get rid of all the products that you didn't like no matter how expensive they were at the time. All they are doing now is costing you space. Again, the objective is clear: a clean sink surround with only a toothbrush and a sparkling clean glass to greet you in the morning.

STORAGE SOLUTIONS

ACE Hardware, IKEA and Storage Ideas (branch in Times Square Centre) have many useful and creative storage solutions for your home. Worth also checking out DAISO stores for inexpensive alternatives.



DONATE TO A GOOD CAUSE

Faisal Khan has been called the Robin Hood of the UAE for his vision of helping redistribute unwanted items of furniture and household goods from wealthy expats to those unable to afford the basic necessities for a decent life. The only difference is that there's no robbery involved—everything is donated voluntarily!

Go to www.takemyjunkuae.com and make a real difference today.

BEDROOMS

Your bedroom should be a place of peace and rest, not a place for work or other stressful activities, so don't let things unrelated to sleep accumulate in it. Your bedroom is for sleeping, so all it needs is a comfortable bed with clean fresh sheets, heavy curtains to keep out the light, a couple of bedside tables with a lamp, a book, a clock and a glass, and not much else. Keep it cool, clean and uncluttered, and your sleep will be all the better for it.

THE “ONE-IN, ONE-OUT” RULE

The easiest way to beat clutter is not to let it grow, so follow a very simple rule—if you want to bring something new into your home, make space for it by giving something away. Not only do you benefit, but someone else gets the use of whatever you're replacing, so they benefit too.

This month, make a point of putting a large “charity box” in each room. Every time you pick something up, a piece of clothing, a book, a kitchen utensil, ask yourself William Morris's original question—do you believe it to be beautiful, or know that it is useful? If you hesitate with the answer, put it in the box and let someone else enjoy the benefit. Ramadan kareem!

Pile on the muscle

★★★★★ Full of power, performance and features, the **Ford Mustang V6** is worthy of the nameplate.

ROAD TEST

It was the first of its kind and it's still going strong: the Ford Mustang is a pretty amazing car. It dates back to 1964, created the "pony car" genre, and remains the only such car to have been in uninterrupted production since its launch.

With its long bonnet and short tail, powerful stance and sporting appearance, the current 2+2 Mustang clearly shares the same DNA as the original.

And this isn't just the case for looks; the pony was initially developed as a sportster that would appeal to a mass market, which meant it needed a strong engine and affordable price tag—two qualities it maintains today.

The V6 first arrived in the UAE last year and occupies a very different place to its bigger, V8 stablemate. With the base

model weighing in at just under Dh100,000, it offers obscenely good value for money for someone who wants a performing muscle car with excellent fuel economy.

Fuel economy in a Mustang? Yes, that's right. Ford's new generation muscle engine is designed to give the economy of a much less purposeful model but with some serious grunt to boot. With a miniscule economy rate of under 10 l/100km, you get 305bhp—that's just 10bhp less than the last-generation Mustang V8 would achieve—which is verging on the ridiculous, if you really think about it, and it is a set of stats that Ford is rightfully proud of.

We never saw the previous V6 on these shores, which was pretty lucky for us: it lacked punch, was too heavy and its mechanicals were archaic.

The current edition, however, is

light years ahead, and provides an excellent foil to the V8 edition that pony nuts dream of. The new all-aluminum DOHC engine might not be as strong at low revs as the V8—and doesn't have its characteristic rasp—but it quickly hits the 7,000-rpm red line with an authentic howl emanating from dual three-inch exhaust outlets. In short, it looks and sounds the



Specs
 Engine: 3.7-litre V6
 Power: 305bhp at 6,500rpm
 Torque: 280lb-ft at 4,250rpm
 Top speed: 180km/h
 0-100km/h: 6 seconds
 Economy: 9.8 l/100km



part. Added to the 305 horses, there's 280lb-ft of torque that combine to take it to 100km/h in an excellent 6 seconds—around the best in its class.

And while the V6 has traditionally fallen down when veering off the straight, new suspension architecture means the V6 has excellent balance around bends and fills you with confidence the way you could only imagine in a Mustang a couple of years ago.

With a long, long bonnet, the driving position gives you the impression that the cabin is wedged in the far rear of the car, adding to the muscle car aura. In effect, front-seat passengers get masses of legroom, while the wide centre console provides one of the many retro features of Mustang heritage.

Boxy gauges and a slab of plastic fascia are everpresent hallmarks of the Mustang, but the quality of the materials has shot up for this generation. This is a very solid and well-put-together car. Unfortunately, ordinary rear visibility and just a modicum of legroom for rear-seat passengers are two other mainstays of the



“The quality of the materials has shot up for this generation.”



HER VIEW

A woman's take on our car of the week

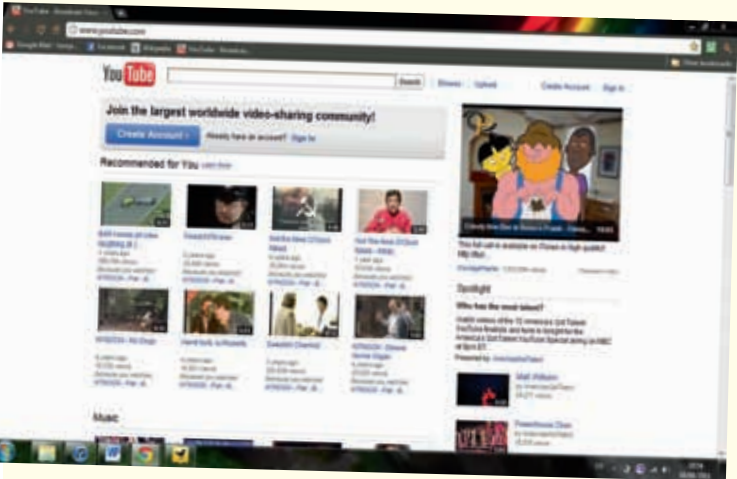
Call me traditional, but I've always seen the Mustang as a man's car. This is backed up by the movies and real life, and I don't think I've ever seen a girlie in the driver's seat. While the V6 is an easy drive, and gives a great deal when you put your foot down, it's certainly no mid-size saloon. You have to be a confident driver and acknowledge that you don't get a clear view all round. You also need to have a certain attitude to get the most out of it. I've never been accused of being a girlie-girl, and that's probably why I like it so much. This is one that will suit a certain type of female, while for others, they are better off in the passenger seat.

Mustang over the last four decades.

So who would choose the V6? Anyone, really, especially at the price. Even though the rear badge shows a horse as opposed to the V8's GT logo, everything else about it screams classic Mustang. It might be entry level, and offer tremendous economy, but it still has that growl beloved of pony cars and an appearance designed to scare old ladies.

Of course, anyone with the money would go straight for the V8, but this smaller edition goes to prove that you don't need the extra two pots to have a whole lot of fun in a classic American car.

Top video streaming sites



YouTube.com

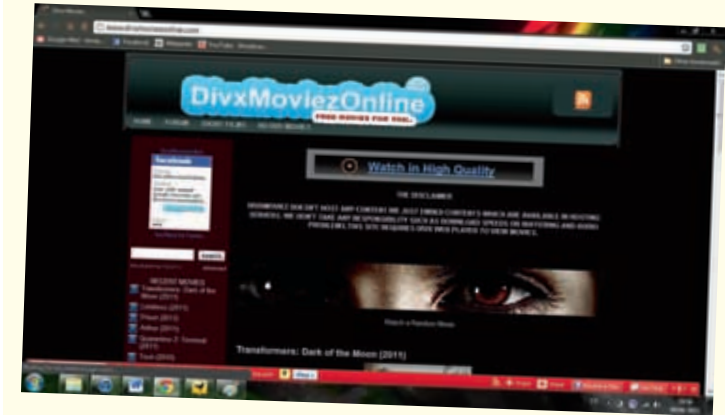
Even with other video streaming sites around, YouTube is still the daddy, and with good reason. The site sports millions of videos, which cover almost any topic imaginable. What is more, TV studios often upload great clips from their shows, while some offer whole episodes. The web site has also made a name as a wonderful tool for streaming music for free, making it one of the most complete media libraries ever devised.

Vimeo.com

Representing the artistic, alternative community on the internet, Vimeo.com is the place to go for short movies, comedy skits and artistic portfolios. It might be limited by the fact that it hosts little by way of popular television, but it is extremely easy to navigate and can stream videos in full HD. Premium, paid-for accounts also offer an excellent uploading service, and the site is complemented by all manner of community forums.



DivXMoviezOnline.com



One for movie lovers, this site is the go-to place for anyone wanting to stream the latest films for free. The site has been live for more than six months and has so far managed to survive litigation largely because it simply embeds its video content from other sources. One massive advantage to using DivXMoviez is that all of the videos can be viewed using the DivX player, which is capable of playing videos of an extremely high quality.

Joost.com

Joost.com is one of the best sites out there for catching up with addictive American TV shows, simply because it has ties with a number of major studios such as Viacom. This makes the videos high-quality, as well as legal. The content might be relatively limited at the moment, but its database is constantly growing, and it can be accessed via computer, PlayStation 3 or iPhone.



Picture perfect *Uganda*



Uganda has shed off its ugly history to become one of the most open, welcoming and rewarding tourist destinations in Africa.

The view from the Mountains of the Moon is breathtaking. From these lofty peaks, the highest in Africa, Uganda spreads before you in a scene of such beauty it has to be seen to be believed. Up here, in these silent, mystical mountains, also known as the Ruwenzori range, it's hard to imagine that this exquisite East African country has ever been anything other than tranquil.

Happily, the political problems that have overshadowed Uganda in the past are gone and the country is now welcoming tourists back with open arms, wonderful scenery and unrivalled adventure opportunities. Now one of the continent's most popular travel destinations, Uganda is proving itself well worthy of the title given it by Winston Churchill as the pearl of Africa.

A lot of visitors head straight for Lake Victoria. The largest of all Africa's lakes, this stunning stretch of water is the source of the Nile

and surely one of the most captivating scenes encountered by that river on its journey through Africa. Other, smaller rivers snake off from the lake into tropical rainforests or burst over the rocks into magnificent waterfalls.

This is the home of the famous Victoria and Murchison falls. All are well worth a visit but as the world's most powerful waterfall, Murchison falls, near Lake Albert, is certainly one of the most startling and impressive sights to be seen in Uganda. A quiet forest walk takes you along a winding path that suddenly opens before the dizzying cascade, where the Nile explodes through a crack in

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PLACES TO STAY

JINJA

Hairy Lemon: Relaxing retreat in the middle of nowhere
Nile River Explorers Backpackers: Lively, buzzing and ever popular with budget travellers.

KAMPALA

Cassia Lodge: Set high on a hill with views of Lake Victoria
Bwindi Inn: Budget accommodation at its best

the cliff and tumbles down into a deep gorge.

There are plenty of safari lodges and eco resorts around Murchison to offer tourists a base from which to explore this fascinating region. One of the best is the Nile Safari Lodge, which runs largely on solar power and is a favourite with eco-conscious travellers. In the morning, you wake to the sounds of monkeys playing on the roof and then you wander onto the balcony to the sight of hippos and water-buck bathing in the lake.

A guided tour of the surrounding national park lasts around 4 hours and not for one minute is there a shortage of animals to

see. Herds of elephants lumber through the savannah, past sleepy giraffes and grazing buffalo. Among the trees, lions and leopards lurk in the shadows, eyeing up the waterbuck. More sought after than all of these, however, is a glimpse of the scarce and majestic mountain gorillas that Uganda is famous for. Chances are, you won't be disappointed, particularly if you make the long and arduous but rewarding trek through the impenetrable forest to Bwindi national park in the southwest.

The whole country seems to be covered by these vast, exotically populated parks but Bwindi is



different. In many ways it is not really a park at all as there are no Jeeps bearing hoards of tourists through the trees, or bars to separate them from dangerous beasts. Up here, the territory belongs to the silver-backed gorillas and as a visitor, you are their guest in a world owned and run by them.

Other parks are more developed and equally well worth

visiting. All of them offer unparalleled opportunities to sit and revel in the glories of nature, who has used Uganda to display some of her finest and most awe-striking work. This is also a great place to take nature on. Uganda is home to some of the best white-water rafting spots in the world and will put even the most experienced rafter to the test. Jinja, on the

shores of Lake Victoria, is where the best, grade-5 rafting action is to be found.

There's also plenty to entertain that doesn't involve risking your life on the rapids. Tour operators like Nile River Explorers offer a range of activities, including kayaking, gentle Nile cruises and high speed gorilla jet rides. The latter is designed to give adrenalin-junkies their fix and involves a 30-minute ride around the river with 360-degree spins and tight turns around islands and rocky outcrops. Back on land, you can jump on a horse, mountain bike or quad bike and explore the Nile from the banks or ride through local villages to get a close insight

into the traditional Ugandan way of life.

Two major films have played a significant role in the way many people perceive Uganda. The more recent of the two, *The Last King Of Scotland*, painted a vivid and traumatising picture of the terror and turmoil that rocked the nation under former ruler, Idi Amin. It's not a film many will forget. Those who have been in the last decade, however, will find the Uganda of today more similar to the country portrayed in *Gorillas In The Mist*. The landscape of this beautiful country and the wild creatures that inhabit it is what once again makes Uganda impossible to forget.



SEE UGANDA'S FAMED SILVER-BACKED GORILLAS

The cars are the stars in Sharjah



While many car collections remain hidden behind closed doors, Sharjah has opened up to the eager public wanting to get a glance at a 1966 VW type 151 convertible or a pristine, iconic Rolls-Royce. Take a tour of the facilities, wander through the workshop and enjoy fascinating presentations on restoration projects.

A visit to the Sharjah Old Car Club and Museum is a must for car enthusiasts and those just looking to satisfy their curiosity for an extensive vintage car collection, and with it being such a short trip from Dubai, you have no excuse not to spend an afternoon in awe of the exquisite machines.

MUSEUM

Recently invited to join the International Federation of Vintage Vehicles, the Sharjah Old Car Club and Museum is home to an impressive and beautiful collection of more than 100 cars. Located next to Sharjah International Airport, just 15km from central

Dubai, the museum houses vintage vehicles that date back to the early 20th century.

Opened in 2008 to share the extensive collection of classic models in his ownership, His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, also established a successful sup-

port network for collectors of old cars.

The Sharjah Old Car Club aims to help owners attain a valid region-wide registration of their classic cars up to the year 1979, and offers full automobile restorations from Dh15,000 while you kill some time playing billiards in the clubhouse.

Vox pop

Which celebrity would you most like to take on holiday with you?

Maria Pascual
Marketing assistant, Satwa



I would rather take my mum on holiday than a celebrity. If I went away with mum, it would be nice and comfortable, and we would get to spend time together which is always special.

Paul Xiang
Business analyst, Dubai Marina



If I could go on holiday with any celebrity—living or dead—I would go to Las Vegas with Elvis Presley. I imagine it would be an amazing trip and I think he would definitely show me a good time. Maybe he might even do an exclusive concert for me of all my favourite songs.

Divya Nair
Key accounts officer, Al Nahda



A holiday with Tom Cruise would be very nice as I have had a crush on him since fifth grade. I would be happy to just spend time on the beach then go out for a lovely dinner together.

Suresh Peringathara
Department manager, Tecom



I would rather take my family on holiday than any celebrities. If I could, though, I would go on holiday with a famous boxer, like "The Greatest" himself, Mohammed Ali.

Support from *afar*

Football fans in the UAE are well organised—just look to our supporters clubs for the evidence.



With the English Premier League's 2011/12 season having now begun in earnest, football fans are gearing up for what promises to be another action-packed year. The excitement surrounding the league extends well beyond the borders of the British Isles, with football fanatics across the globe following the weekly proceedings in minute detail, and every year, it is clear to see that Dubai plays host to some of the biggest fans to be seen anywhere.

The number of football supporters clubs in the emirate will pay tribute to this. Think of any established team in the Premier League,

and there is almost certainly a supporters club to go with it. Some are official, some are not, but all share the same passion for the team that they support.

"When you go out to watch a match with a supporters club, it's more enjoyable because you're around likeminded people," said Dariush Kamyab, a member of an unofficial Tottenham Hotspurs supporters club in Dubai. "You go to be with people who love football and who know about football."

"I was invited by a few friends, so I went along to check it out. And afterwards I thought it was really good, so I joined. With this club, there aren't any registration fees or anything, you can just turn up and watch the match, but you can also buy a supporters club t-shirt.





JOHN TERRY HANDING A SIGNED PAIR OF BOOTS TO A FAN

Dubai-based football supporters clubs' web sites

- The Dubai Reds, official Liverpool supporters club www.dubaireds.com
- The official UAE Chelsea Supporters Club www.uaecsc.com
- Dubai Gooners, unofficial Arsenal Supporters Club www.dubai-gooners.i8.com
- The unofficial Manchester City Supporters Club mcfcdubai.blogspot.com
- The unofficial Manchester United Supporters Club muscuae.wordpress.com

For more supporters clubs, type the name of your team followed by "Dubai" into the Facebook search bar.

paying for the membership fee. "We've just upgraded to a platinum membership," said Lee Sporle, secretary for the Chelsea Supporters Club. "Now we get signed shirts and balls, as well as tickets to away games for the UAFA Championship, which we never got before. So if there's an away game happening in, say, Southern Europe, we'll be able to organise a trip for the fans over here."

According to Sporle, it was difficult to attract new members before the supporters club gained its platinum status, as fans struggled to see what they were paying for. Now there are 53 fully-paid members at the club, and that number only looks set to grow. The club is also tied in with the Jumeirah Mexican restaurant Loca, at which they get discounts on match days.

However, the growing number of members mean that heading up a supporters club can be an extremely demanding job. "Any free time that I get outside of work is

"Living in Dubai as a football fan, the big thing you miss is going to the match on the day."

dedicated to the Chelsea Supporters Club," said Sporle. "Our members need updates on games, when they're on, and where we'll meet to watch them. It's hard to get fixtures from the local papers, so it's up to us to keep everyone updated."

This kind of dedication is seen across the entire spectrum of official and non-official supporters clubs in the emirate, though it could be said that heads of the official ones have to work harder. Sporle, for example, has to attend meetings in London with the Chelsea board of directors. However, the effort ends up being worth it.

"Living in Dubai as a football fan, the big thing you miss is going to the match on the day," said Peter Redding, a member of the unoffi-

cial Newcastle United supporters club. "So with these clubs, we try to recreate some sort of that atmosphere when we meet up to watch the games. It's also great that you get see every match live over here, so you know that your mates back home are doing the same thing as you."

The Newcastle fan club has no set venue at which to view games, though Redding explained that they enjoy going to Barasti because "it's a lucky venue for us".

As is also the case in England, rivalries between the large clubs spill over from the pitch and take hold between the supporters. However, in Dubai, these rivalries are embraced and taken in good humour.

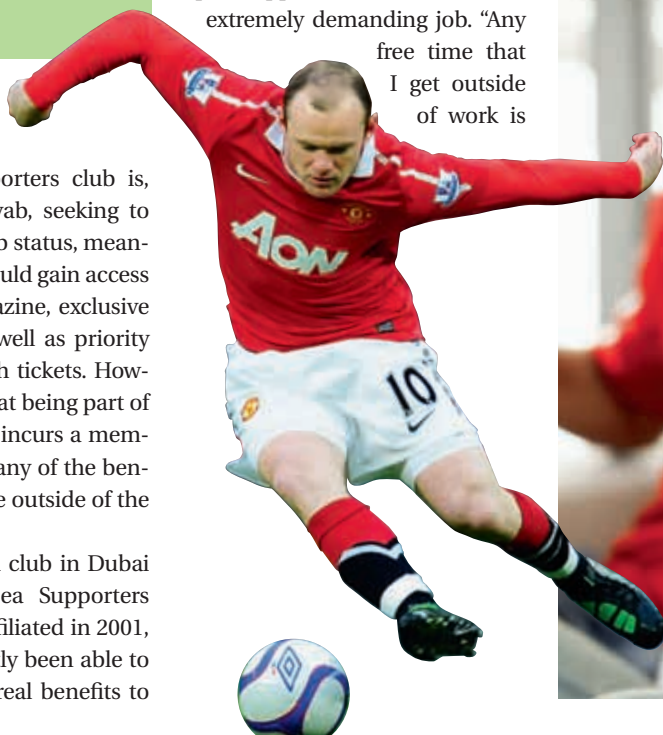
"Our biggest rival is Sunderland," said Redding. "So we try to meet up with them when there's a match between the two of us, just to add a little extra spice to the equation."

The Chelsea Supporters Club, on the other hand, are rivals with a Liverpool Supporters Club, the Dubai Reds. Again, though, Sporle describes the relationship between the two clubs as good-natured. And the Chelsea fan club even shares its venue with the Wolves Supporters Club, meaning plenty of humorous banter.

Whatever football team a Dubai resident supports, then, it seems clear that a match can be enjoyed in the kind of high-octane yet friendly atmosphere that characterises the best parts of the game. And the emirate's supporters clubs are doing plenty to ensure that fans can still feel like part of the team, despite being thousands of kilometres away from the action.

It's all pretty laid back." This particular Spurs supporters club is, according to Kamyab, seeking to gain official fan club status, meaning its members would gain access to the official magazine, exclusive online content as well as priority when buying match tickets. However, the catch is that being part of an official fan club incurs a membership fee, and many of the benefits are unavailable outside of the United Kingdom.

One such official club in Dubai is the UAE Chelsea Supporters Club, which was affiliated in 2001, but has only recently been able to offer its members real benefits to



RTA launches new subscription Nol card, zone system increased to seven

The RTA has announced the launch of a monthly subscription service for the Nol Blue Card, coupled with the re-partitioning of the Metro system into seven zones—instead of the current five. This is in view of the forthcoming operation of the Green Line and the opening of new routes for public buses.

Mattar Al Tayer, chairman of the board and executive director of the RTA, said: “The monthly subscription service for the Nol Blue Card was launched last Friday, and the monthly subscrip-

tion has been divided into three tiers tailored to cater to the needs of various public transport commuters.

“Subscription to the first tier, which costs Dh100, enables the subscriber mobility using the Metro and buses within one zone; subscription to the second tier, which costs Dh180, enables the subscriber mobility within two zones; and subscription to the third tier, which costs Dh270, enables the subscriber free mobility in all zones served by public transport means. The



MATTAR AL TAYER

subscriber has to specify the area within which he or she intends to commute at the time of subscription in the first and second tiers only. However, it is possible for the subscriber to change the subscribed zone upon the expiry of the monthly subscription.”

The decision to partition Dubai into seven zones instead of the existing five has been triggered by the expansion of areas covered by public transport means, particularly with the opening of the Green Line in September fast approaching. Coupled with an

increase in public bus routes, the new Nol card scheme will hopefully encourage more commuters to use public transport where possible.

Al Tayer added, “The monthly subscription to the Nol Blue Card is the ideal option for commuters using public transport modes on regular basis. The RTA has launched this service to encourage various community segments to uptake mass transit means through providing different types of Nol cards to serve the needs of various community spectrums.”

Green Line safety secure ahead of opening



OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTRE

With the RTA's Operations Control Centre (OCC) keeping a watchful eye over Dubai Metro's Red Line, 24 hours a day, in order to ensure the safety of commuters, some have questioned whether the opening of the Green Line will increase the burden on the centre.

However the director of rail operations, Ramadan Abdullah, has assured the community that everything has been planned to go smoothly once the line launches.

“The OCC comprises two parts: one dedicated to the Red Line and the other to the Green Line,” said Abdullah. “Around 20 fresh employees have been recruited to work over three shifts to track and monitor the Green Line. There are also two giant screens

for both lines and overall there are 37 standalone screens for the Red Line and 28 screens for the Green Line.”

The RTA is confident that the new system will run smoothly and efficiently right from the start, guaranteeing the continual safety of Metro passengers.

Abdullah said, “The facility contains crucial systems that have to be monitored and closely watched by OCC staff, including the Automatic Trains Movement Control System, which is responsible for operating and moving the rolling stock and ensuring a safe braking distance between trains.

“The facility also includes systems to monitor the stations' fire systems, cameras, lighting

systems, lifts and others as well as environment monitoring systems; which are sensors fitted at stations to check the stations' temperature level.”

Abdullah also emphasised the experience and knowledge of the new staff.

He said, “Following the selection process, inductees are subjected to intensive courses about the principles of safety, verbal communication and communication, in addition to specialist technical courses that cover the core business and trains operation. Inductees will then have training exposure for a period ranging from three to six months in the OCC, during which they will be acquainted with all systems in use in Dubai Metro.”



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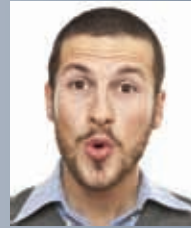


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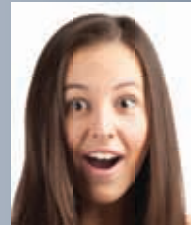
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RTA briefs Ajman delegation

The Contracts and Procurement Department at the Corporate Technical Support Services Sector of the RTA recently briefed a delegation from the Financial and Administrative Affairs Department in Ajman on the best practices adopted in registration and pre-qualification of suppliers. The briefing highlighted how the RTA developed a Suppliers' Electronic Pre-qualification System to increase efficiency, speed and transparency in processing applications at world-class standards.

Saeed Mohammed Al Marri, Director of RTA Contracts and Procurement, said that the visit reflected the keen interest of government entities across the UAE in establishing co-operation to improve



SAEED MOHAMMED AL MARRI

business conduct and exchange expertise with the goal of achieving excellent performance levels.

"The RTA has devoted considerable attention to the Suppliers' Electronic Pre-qualification System, which was launched last April. This system has resulted in greater achievement compared to the previous manual method, and contributed positively and effectively to saving time and effort for our team and for companies seeking qualification. The system also provides accurate and easy access to company details instantly and at any time," added Al Marri.

For his part, Mohammad Tayseer Kifayah, the department's pre-qualification engineer, briefed delegates of the section's organi-

sational structure and its vision of achieving excellence in delivering contractual and purchasing services. He highlighted the department's mission of planning, developing and applying processes to bring them on par with the best international practices.

Kifayah also pointed to the most important tasks assigned to the Suppliers Affairs Section in terms of managing and following-up the pre-qualification, assessment and classification of suppliers and service providers, be it contractors, consultants or service providers. The section also attends to compiling and maintaining an integrated database and forging strategic relations in a way that serves the RTA's strategic objectives.



Employees in Ramadan tournament

The sports team of the RTA has been holding a soccer tournament in the Dubai World Trade Centre's Sport World event. With around 130 employees of various RTA agencies and sectors participating, the event highlighted the efforts of the RTA sports team's members to instill a competitive spirit among employees and encouraged them to practise sports during Ramadan in order to maintain better health and wellbeing.

The captain of the RTA sports team, Sultan Al Marzooki, stressed the importance of staging these

tournaments in boosting employees' interaction, instilling in them the commitment to practise professional football, and encouraging them to engage in constructive competitions. "The RTA is keen on holding these sports and recreational activities, which in turn contribute to breaking the daily routines of employees and unleashing their latent skills and hobbies in a proper format, ensuring participation of their colleagues," said Al Marzooki.

"The tournament draw was made by the organising committee

of the RTA Ramadan Tournament in the presence of several officials representing teams across RTA agencies and sectors. Teams were divided into two groups and tournament rules and regulations were distributed to participants.

The tournament is supported by a number of external organisations spearheaded by Abu Dhabi National Islamic Finance as a title sponsor, Emirates Sports Investment, and Serco, the Dubai Metro operator, which is seeking to promote mass transportation among community members".

Authority raises awareness of community blood donation

The Department of Legal Affairs, Strategy and Corporate Governance Sector of the RTA has held an awareness health lecture on the topic of blood donation. This was held in collaboration with the Dubai Health Authority as part of ongoing community-orientated initiatives aimed at strengthening cooperation and exchanging expertise with various government bodies, and transferring knowledge to employees.

Commenting on the lecture, Abdul Rahman Al Sha'er, the sector's director of legal affairs, said that this lecture was part of a series that the Department was planning to conduct under the umbrella of community-based

initiatives. "The importance of this vital issue cannot be overstressed as blood donation involves multiple benefits to the donor and provides crucial assistance to those who desperately need it, particularly individuals sustaining serious accidents, experiencing malignant and incurable diseases, or those who lost large amounts of blood due to surgery. Besides that, we are seeking to instill the culture of donation and giving in individuals," he said.

Persons can donate blood once every three months and should eat a balanced meal two hours beforehand and take in more fluids than usual.



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Getting around on the *Metro*

Dubai Metro (Working hours during Ramadan 2011)	Stations	Working hours	Days
	All Metro Stations	5:50am–12.00am	Saturday-Wednesday
		5:50am–1.00am	Thursday
		1.00pm–1.00am	Friday

Stations (Red Line)

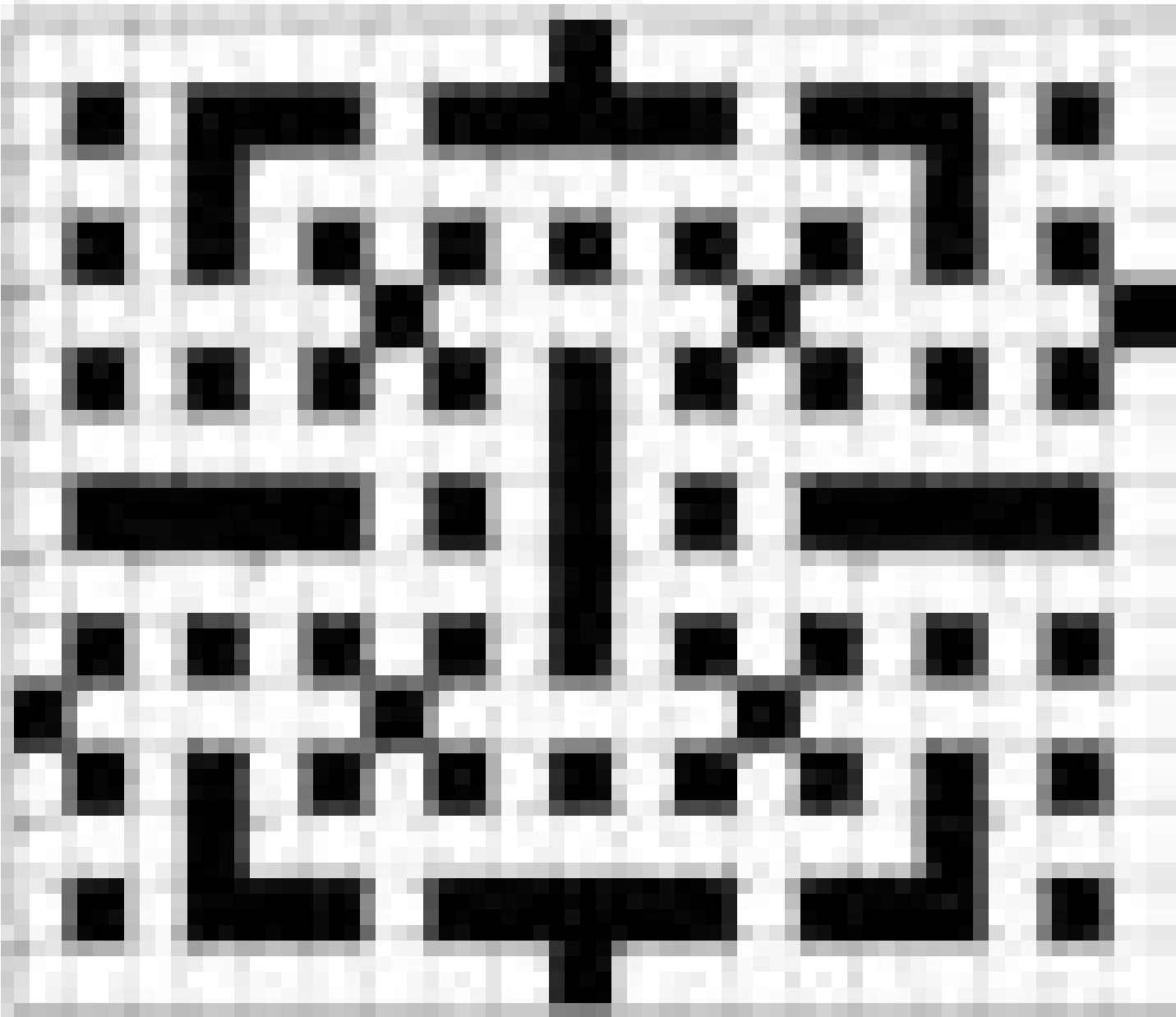


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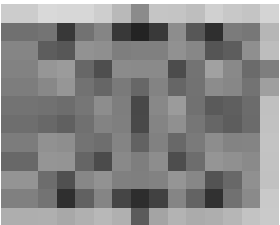
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- Across**
- 1. Divide into parts (9)
 - 4. Bring shame to oneself (9)
 - 8. Type of car (1,1,1)
 - 9. Set free (11)
 - 13. Sound of disapproval (3)
 - 14. Molecular (6)
 - 15. Sticky (5)
 - 16. Punishable offence (5)
 - 20. Janitor (9)
 - 21. Nocturnal, burrowing mammal with horny plates (9)
 - 22. Financial considerations (9)
 - 25. Convert into another language (9)
 - 28. Barren, open country (5)
 - 29. Purchaser (5)
 - 30. Animal-watching expedition (6)
 - 34. 'Little ...', 1960's songstress (3)
 - 35. Focus one's attention (11)
 - 36. Wooden peg (3)
 - 37. Nature's soil-worker (9)
 - 38. Lawyer, attorney (9)
- Down**
- 1. Sent off (eg. a parcel) (10)
 - 2. Rescuer (7)
 - 3. Ardent fab (4)
 - 5. Move in water (4)
 - 6. Very best (7)
 - 7. Ritual (4)
 - 9. Eject (5)
 - 10. Ancient healing art using the fingers (11)
 - 11. Subsection of a larger space (11)
 - 12. Dog. ...; shabby or worn (5)
 - 17. Flock of wild geese (5)
 - 18. Capital of Jordan (5)
 - 19. Part of the hand (10)
 - 23. Outdoors (4,3)
 - 24. Pertaining to the eye (5)
 - 26. Declare (5)
 - 27. In contrast with (7)
 - 31. Richard ..., film star (4)
 - 32. '... Us A Child Is Born', carol (4)
 - 33. Indian lentil stew (4)

Answers



Speedy sticky toffee *puddings*

One for those with a sweet tooth, this easy-to-prepare dessert will melt in the mouth like nothing else



RECIPE

- Ingredients**
- 4 large chocolate muffins, crumbled
 - 50g large sultanas
 - Small knob of butter, for greasing

- For the sauce:**
- 50g light muscovado sugar
 - 50g butter
 - 75ml double cream
 - Vanilla ice cream, to serve

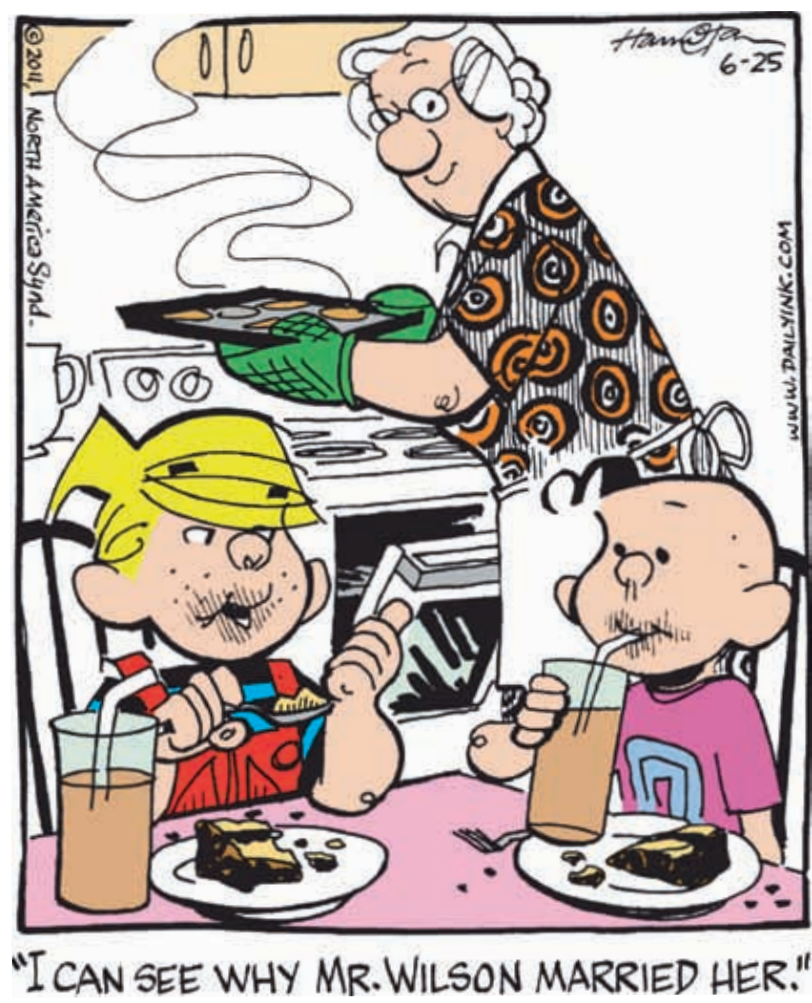
1. Heat the oven to 200C/180 fan/gas 6. Crumble the muffins then mix them with the sultanas.

2. Divide the mixture between 4 buttered ramekins or one baking dish. Cover with foil and bake for 8 minutes until just warmed through.
3. Meanwhile, place

- the sugar, butter and cream in a small pan and gently heat together, stirring until the sugar dissolves.
4. Pour the sauce over the muffin mixture and serve warm with ice cream.



Dennis the Menace



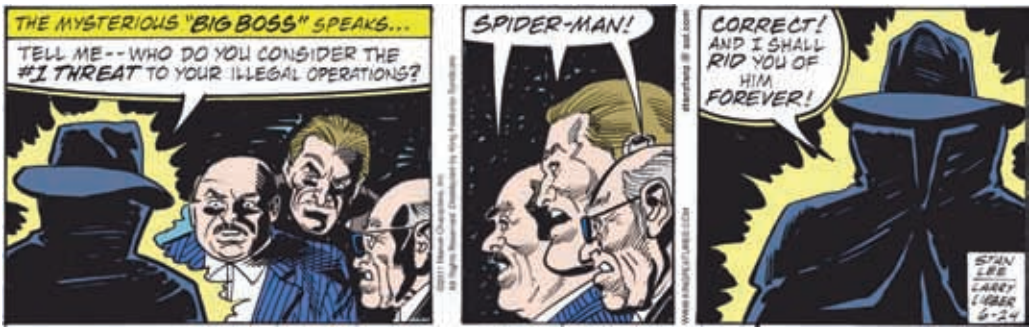
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I have recently started a new job and have to spend more time in front of the computer than previously. As a result, I have begun to get headaches and, by the end of the day, the area behind my eyes really hurts. What can I do to solve this and stay at my job?

Staring at a computer for hours on end is a common cause of headaches. Try shifting your gaze away from the screen every so often. Give your eyes a break every half hour and let your eyes wander around the office for a couple of minutes. You could try to sit a little further back from the screen and reduce your visual focus on the computer by narrowing your eyes. It may also be that you have the screen setting on too bright or too dark. Experiment with the brightness.



I have been trying to keep up my exercise regime over the summer but at the moment it is just too hot to run outside. I can't afford to join a gym and don't want to wait until the weather cools down and lose my fitness in the meantime. Any advice?

Why not swap running for swimming? It is a great exercise and works out every part of the body. If you do not have access to a pool then use the sea until it is cool enough for you to run again. Alternatively, try getting up early in the mornings. Around 5 and 6 am the

temperature is a lot cooler and you might find that you can exercise outside. If any friends or relatives have a gym in their building, then ask if you can join them for workouts.

I am an artist and recently moved to Dubai with my husband, who was posted here by his work. I want to continue my work here but I can't seem to find a decent outlet for art materials. Where can I get hold of them?

There are a number of art supplies shops dotted around Dubai. Try Kazim on the Jumeirah Beach Road, near Magrudy's book shop, which sells a range of materials, including canvases, oil paint, acrylic paint, paper and brushes. You can also check out Emirates Trading, near Maktoum Bridge.

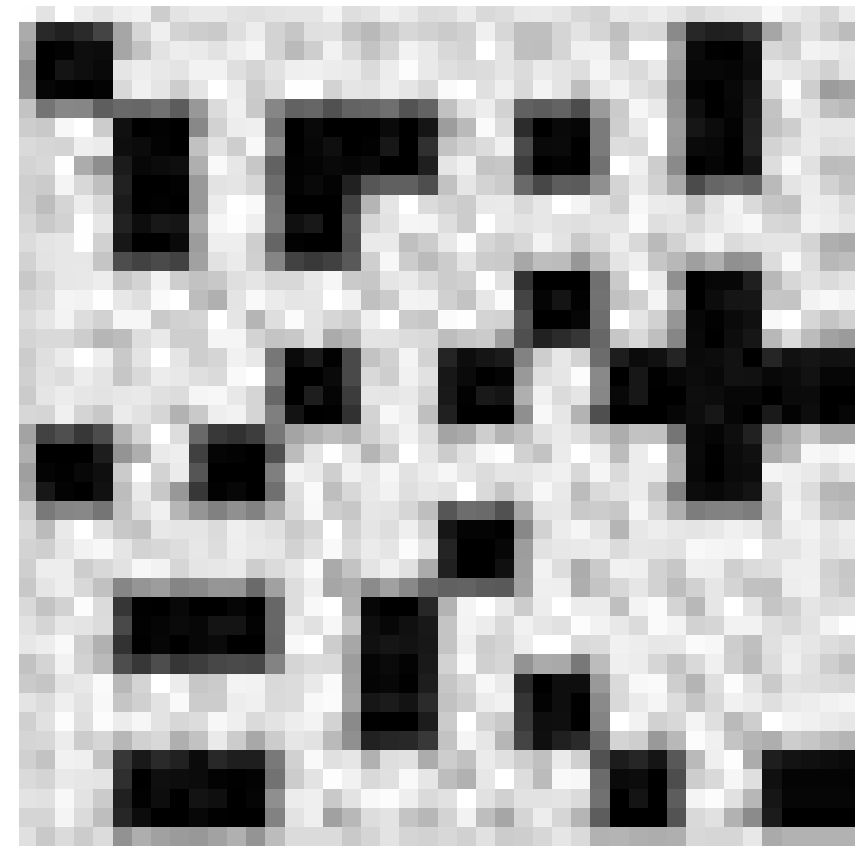
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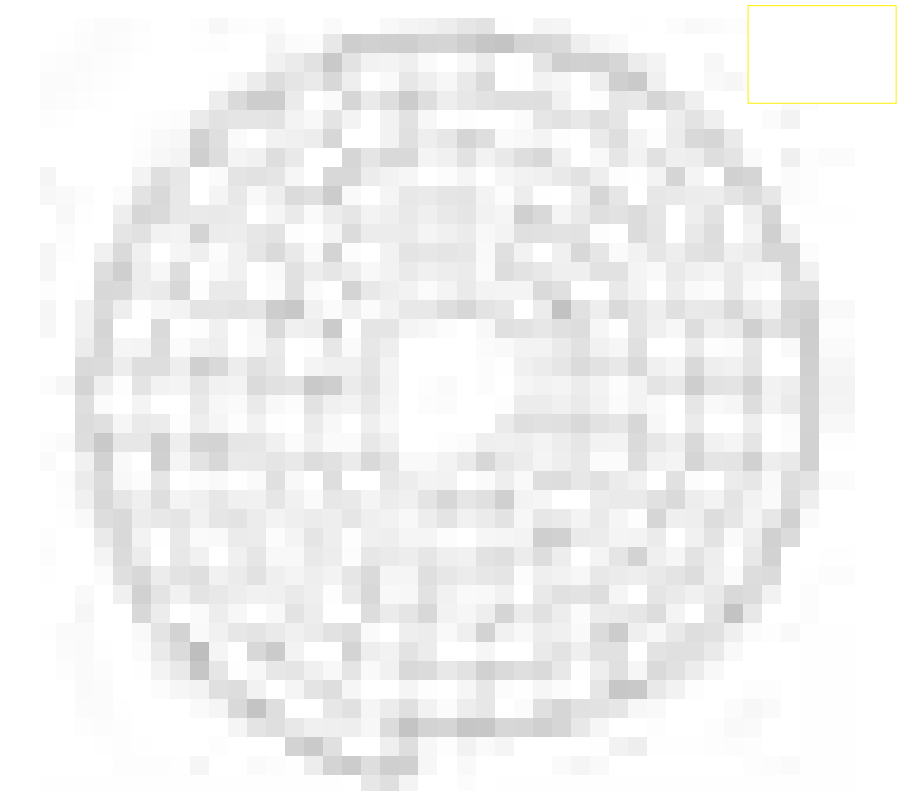


Cross Choice

Block out one of the letters from each square, the remaining letters make a word



Spirograph



- Every answer uses the last letter of the previous answer as its initial
1. October's birth stone

2. Portable light

3. Extol

4. Sight

5. Rare metallic element

6. Sword-like knife

7. Strain

8. Faithful

9. Geometrical shape

10. Forgave

11. Become larger

12. Make longer

13. Eagle's nest

14. S African antelope

15. Of impaired hearing

16. Second month of the year

17. Country bumpkin

18. Scottish landowner

19. Cause of great pleasure

20. Fine, thin fabric

21. Riddle

22. Privately

Sudoku 1

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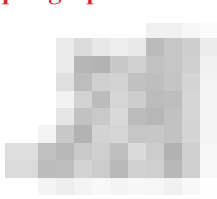
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Cross Choice answers



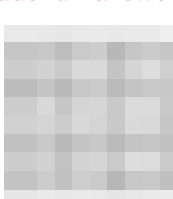
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Sudoku 1 answers



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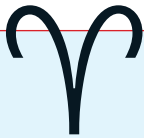
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(MAR 21 - APR 19)

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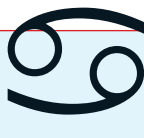
TAURUS
(APR 20 - MAY 20)

If you are planning to host an event or have house guests over to stay this week, be careful that they do not take advantage of your generosity. There is no malicious intent, but people could simply get used to having you run around after them.



GEMINI
(MAY 21 - JUN 20)

You could be set to make an agreement that can stand the test of time. However, it could be a struggle to reach this point due to someone being anything but direct. You need to keep your wits about you if this is the case, especially concerning contracts or legalities.



CANCER
(JUN 21 - JUL 20)

You may need to get a bit more organised when it comes to financial matters, as well as being a bit more forward thinking in all aspects of life. Your new approach to preparation will help when a dilemma arises, as it enables you to have an exit strategy in place.



LEO
(JUL 23 - AUG 22)

Your generosity is shining through, but make sure you don't become too giving in order to impress. You may find yourself drawn to someone new with a slightly unusual personality or image, but this is part of the reason you will get on so well.



VIRGO
(AUG 23 - SEP 22)

You may feel as though it's all getting a bit too much at the moment, so perhaps it's time to delegate a few things to others. Some time to yourself is much needed, as without taking a break from it all soon, you could find yourself lost at sea without a paddle.



LIBRA
(SEP 23 - OCT 22)

Your love of trying new activities is no bad thing, but if you can learn to do it without breaking the bank you'll gain more satisfaction. A relatively new friendship looks set to go from strength to strength, and will develop a bond to last a lifetime.



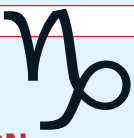
SCORPIO
(OCT 23 - NOV 21)

If you feel as though you've been working your knuckles to the bone without getting anywhere, you may find that things are finally about to pick up. Someone who seems to have ignored all your efforts has actually been paying very close attention.



SAGITTARIUS
(NOV 22 - DEC 21)

You may have made a promise or commitment that you are starting to wish you hadn't, but by letting the other party down, you could risk losing a valuable friendship. Travel plans with a large group need to be confirmed or there could be some misunderstandings.



CAPRICORN
(DEC 22 - JAN 19)

You may be feeling flush with cash at the moment and want to lavish friends and loved ones with all sorts of gifts. However, try to resist the urge to do so, as the financial implications on your long-term future could well be affected by any excessive spending now.



AQUARIUS
(JAN 20 - FEB 18)

One important friendship may have been through a rocky patch recently, but the good news is it could start to shape up really well. A work dilemma on the other person's side gives you the chance to show just how caring and supportive you can be.



PISCES
(FEB 19 - MAR 20)

Little niggling anxieties could be creeping into your mind. It's not always easy to stop worrying and some issues need your contemplation in order to resolve them. The key in this case, though, is to resist the urge for you to dwell on the worst-case scenario.

This week's local weather

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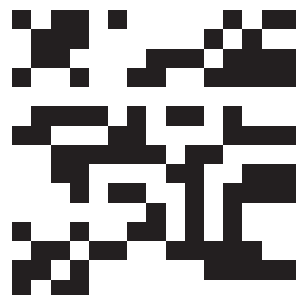
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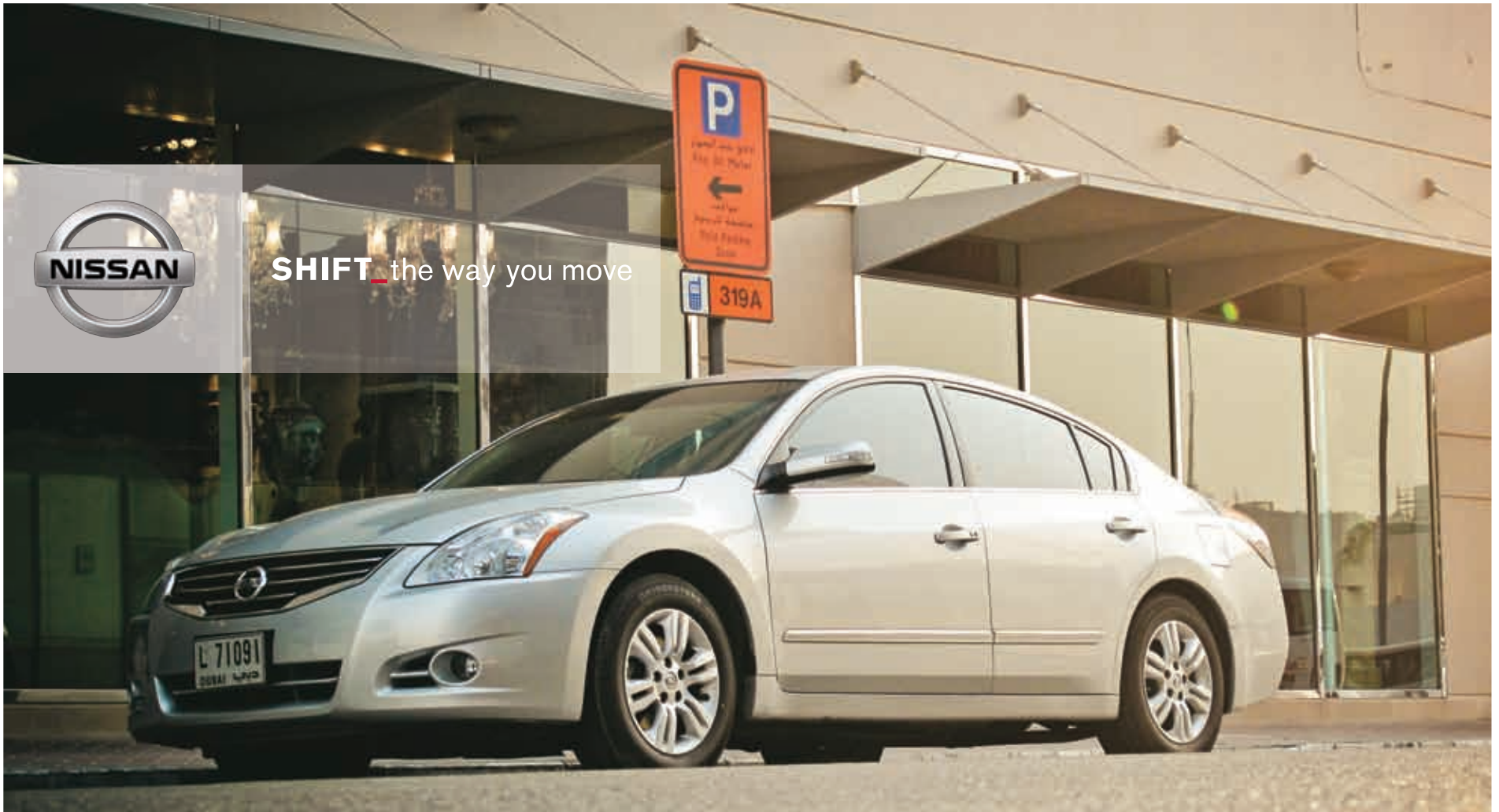
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