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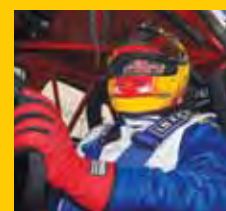
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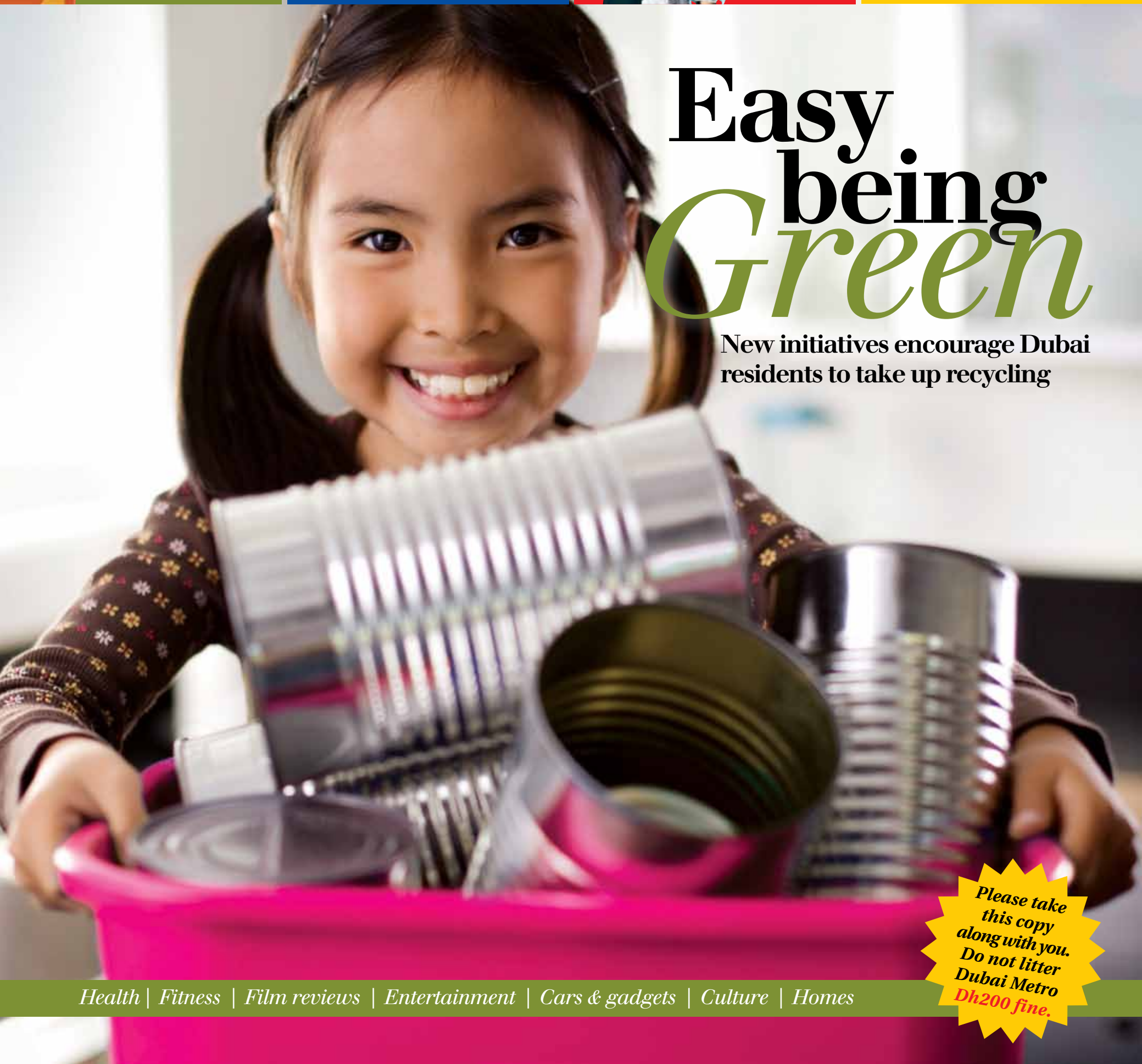
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Janet Jackson invites fans to get *Up Close and Personal* as she heads to the UAE



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COMING UP THIS WEEK



SUNDAY

Have you ever wanted to just pack it all in and set off on an adventure? Taking a year's sabbatical from work and exploring new places can broaden the mind and offer a wealth of experiences. So pack your bags and come on an adventure today, as we tell you about the best backpacker-friendly countries, routes and things to see.



MONDAY

Harley-Davidson Middle East and North Africa have recently moved their regional offices in Dubai, in a move that will excite bikers throughout the UAE. Readme.ae looks back at the origins of the iconic roaring machine, from a backyard shed in 1903, to the current crop of custom designs.



TUESDAY

For those who can picture themselves cruising down an open road in a convertible, chomping on a cigar at the same time can complete the picture. From humble Cuban origins, to a worldwide status symbol, cigars exude a level of class and sophistication. Find out today how it all began and why some cigars can set you back as much as \$1,150 (Dh4,225).



WEDNESDAY

Our world is so vast that you can go a lifetime without ever encountering some of the species that wander the Earth. Take Tarsiers; cute little primates who are completely carnivorous. What other animals are you in danger of never getting to see, due to fears of extinction? Check out some of the rarest animals in the world online today.



THURSDAY

With Disney back on top of the box office thanks to *The Lion King 3D*, Readme.ae takes a look at some of the stars that Disney has made. The successful—Justin Timberlake, the questionable—Lindsay Lohan, and the up-and-coming—Selena Gomez. What allows these stars to make it and what pushes them over the edge? Find out today.



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 daily Burning Question.

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Letters

Email: letters@readme.ae

Dear Read., I recently saw *Bodyguard*. It revealed a number of themes, such as you should never trust anyone, and no-one in this world is an angel. There are good and bad people; it's down to your own judgement to decide on if their good qualities outweigh their bad. I enjoyed the movie a lot, even though there was a far from convincing fight. Hats off to Shoaib Mansoor. It was a story completely related to India. But it did get a little offensive in the end.

Sana Ali

Ed: Thanks for your review, Sana. If anyone likes the sound of the movie, get yourself along to the cinema and see if you agree with Sana. Don't forget to send your reviews to letters@readme.ae to have them printed in our next issue.

Hi team, I really enjoy your magazine. It's a great product, and if possible, I'd love to be a part of it. How would I go about getting involved? Maybe writing some articles, doing some research, or even joining the team in the office. Have you got room for an eager, quick-learning aspiring journalist?

Anna Lidasan

Ed: Hi, Anna. Unfortunately we don't have the room just yet, but we are always looking for people to get involved through articles, columns, reviews, and ideas. You can submit your work to editorial@readme.ae, where we'll try find a place for it in *Read*.

This month, worldwide, it is Breast Cancer Awareness month and, as a survivor, I'd like to highlight the importance of recognising the charities that do such great work. The rose is a symbol of grace, elegance and admiration. Pink is the colour of Breast Cancer Awareness worldwide. You can share your messages of support towards Breast Cancer



Awareness in the UAE by visiting a great web site, www.thepinkrose.org

Alexandra Pralow

Ed: Worldwide, breast cancer comprises 22.9 per cent of all cancers in women. We all know someone who has been affected by the disease. Creating awareness will hopefully lower that number as early detection can be life-saving. This month we will be sending pink roses through The Pink Rose project.

Every country is a little different, especially when it comes to drinking water. In some countries that I've visited, drinking tap water can play havoc on your insides, and in other countries, tap water is much better for you, apparently. I'm hearing mixed reviews about the water in Dubai. Should I just stick to my local bottled water, or can I save a few dirhams each week by just drinking from the tap?

Saneesh Nambiar

Ed: According to the Emirates Environmental Group, tap water in the UAE is completely safe to drink and residents shouldn't rely so heavily on bottled products. Demand for

bottled water in the UAE remains high despite the fact that tap water is desalinated, a process that consumes large amounts of energy, into a highly pure product.

Hi Read., I recently moved apartments, and when I did, I needed to buy a whole new set of appliances—fridge, cooker, washing machine. It has been a nightmare since day one. Some appliances were delivered when they were supposed to, but then were found to be faulty, and the others went from being delivered a week late, to only being able to be delivered during office hours, which meant I needed to take time off from work. It's so frustrating. Is there somewhere to lodge a complaint so I might not have to go through this the next time I move?

Frustrated expat

Ed: Funny you should say that—well, not a funny situation for you—but the Department of Economic Development will be touring Dubai shopping malls to directly hear and resolve consumer complaints. Check out www.dubaied.gov.ae for more details.

The Winners

(Contests in October 2-8, 2011 issue)

By what name is the Central Asian snow leopard also known?

Answer: Ounce

The winners of a Wafi Restaurants voucher each worth Dh200 are:

Jasmine D'Mello, Shabbir Hassan

Through which Asian country does the equator pass through?

Answer: Indonesia

The winner of an Al Boom Diving voucher worth Dh150 is:

Royce Almeida

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My Metro life

Ramandeep Singh
Accounts officer, Bur Dubai

I would like to share my experience of my first ride on the Green Line with all the readers of *Read*.

I remember the day precisely; it was Saturday, September 10, the day after it opened to the public.

It was at that very moment when I entered Al Fahidi Station and found a neat, eye-catching, pretty station, which added to my feeling of pride that I would be using

the Green Line within just a couple of minutes.

I work in Al Qusais so I had a slight doubt that I might not reach work on time, but I arrived ten minutes early without any hassle.

Also, the Green Line has allowed one of my friends to visit me regularly from Deira, which makes me so happy.

All credit goes to the RTA and the station staff who all are so helpful.

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*.



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STATION-BY-STATION *guide*

Looking for something to do? You could always hop off the train and visit one of these...



SARAH GERONIMO
October 14 at 4pm
Zabeel Park, Gates 1 and 2
Filipino pop princess Sarah Geronimo will be wowing thousands of her fans in Dubai once again with a spectacular performance to be held live in Zabeel Park. Support for this afternoon concert will be provided by talented singer Mark Bautista. Tickets cost Dh100 and are available from Starlight Group, Golden Fork, Chicka and Tagpuan.



SHELTER



Open Sat-Thu 9am-10pm; Fri 4pm-10pm
Warehouse 30, Al Serkal Avenue, Al Quoz
Shelter is a new creative community hub in Al Serkal Avenue. A great place to meet new people, it aims to provide a dynamic environment for social interaction

and networking, and includes plenty of hang-outs, such as a garden, cinema, library, café and store. See www.shelter.ae for more information.

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(GITEX duration)

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12/10/2011	Wednesday	5:50am-01:00am
13/10/2011	Thursday	
14/10/2011	Friday	
15/10/2011	Saturday	5:50am-01:00am

- Metro users can also avail of the following free services:**
- Free shuttle buses from Rashidiya, Etisalat and Emirates Metro Stations to GITEX Shopper (Airport Expo)
 - Free car park at Rashidiya, Etisalat and Nakheel Harbour & Tower Metro Stations

DUBAI BUS TOUR



Operates daily, times and tickets vary Deira City Centre
Now the weather is making its way back to bearable levels, The Big Bus Company open-top tour is the perfect opportunity to take in the sights, whether you've been here ten days or ten years. The Day Tour offers a hop-on, hop-off facility so you can take in all the places that interest you; riders can also choose a 24 or 48 hour ticket and enjoy free inclusions such as the Dhow River Cruise and Dubai Museum.

ATIF ASLAM AND SUNIDHI CHAUHAN LIVE



October 13, 9pm
Dubai Tennis Stadium, Garhoud
Pakistani rocker Atif Aslam and Bollywood singer Sunidhi Chauhan will be uniting for the first time ever for this unique debut show—their first in the Middle East. Popular DJ Shadow will be on the decks beforehand for an enthralling warm-up set. Dh125 (General), Dh250 (VIP), Dh500 (VIP).

SANA FASHIONS

**Open daily 9am-1pm;
4pm-10pm**

Abu Hail Road, Hor Al Anz

Two minutes' walk from the station, close to Abu Hail Centre and Safiya Colony, shoppers can find Sana Fashions. This fashion store stocks many clothes from the Zeus brand, plus a few well-known names such as Guess and Bershka, as well as independent labels.

ERI RESTAURANT

**Open daily 10am-midnight
Abu Hail Road**

Seven minutes' walk from the station, close to the Ramada Continental, hungry Metro travellers can enjoy platters of meat and vegetables at one of the best Ethiopian restaurants in the city, Eri restaurant. Prices won't break the bank either, with the average price of a meal for two coming in at around Dh100-200 (unlicensed).

STAND UP FOR ARTHRITIS

**October 12.
8pm
Park Regis
Hotel, KRIS
Restaurant**

The Arthritis Foundation and Dubomed present Stand Up for Arthritis, an evening of

great local stand up comedy aimed at raising money for a great cause. This is an evening of comedy, food and music starring comedians Ali Al Sayed, Mina Liccione and many more. Tickets are Dh295 and all proceeds go to the Arthritis Foundation. For more information contact abeer@arthritis.ae.



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Siddique Road, Deira**

The 15 minutes walk to get to this place is worth it if you are after a unique shopping experience. A world away from the carbon copy stores you can find in most malls, this mammoth store is great for unique gifts, perfumes or souvenirs.

•Monkey Business

In an already niche art scene, the Filipino **Brown Monkeys** art collective consider themselves the “alternative” crowd.

“Some artists believe that art has to be confined to a gallery; we believe it should be somewhere else,” says Rollan Rodriguez, founder of the Brown Monkeys group.

This mantra of the Brown Monkeys has gained the Dubai-based Filipino art collective a reputation for creating innovative, “low-brow” projects, from street art through music to videography. Made up of seven artists, each with their own skills and passions, the group has its own ideas about what art should be, and looks to create what would otherwise not be found in Dubai’s mainstream art circles.

“We join different collaborations and people commission us for different projects,” says Rodriguez, or Dog Boy. “We’re also made up of designers, painters, musicians and videographers, so we do much more than just one type of art or one type of genre.”

The Brown Monkeys were founded in 2007, when a group of creative friends decided to put on an exhibition at a since-closed Dubai art gallery. They all had their own individual works, and decided that an exhibition featuring the very best pieces would go down well. Since then, the group has not organised another exhibit, because, according to Rodriguez, Dubai is lacking in a vibrant underground art scene, despite being home to plenty of designers and creative types. “We’re not really involved



RODRIGUEZ (SECOND FROM RIGHT) AND THE BROWN MONKEYS

with the art galleries right now,” he says. “Since our first exhibition, we’ve all been pretty busy with our own projects, and with our day jobs. Anyway, we’ve been known for doing things differently.”

Instead of simply hosting exhibitions, then, the Brown Monkeys look to collaborate with other artists, help each other with their own projects, or else take on corporate projects that require a little out-of-the-box thinking. But despite working with so many different people, the Brown Monkeys remain a core unit, and are cautious about letting outside influences in.

“They say we’re a closed



“We’d like to stick close to each other and protect the ideas behind the work.”

group,” says Rodriguez. “But we’re happy to work with other people. It’s just that we’d like to stick close to each other and protect the ideas behind the work. We’re mostly Filipino, but we’re open to other nationalities—we’ve just known each other for a while, so we know how to work well together.”

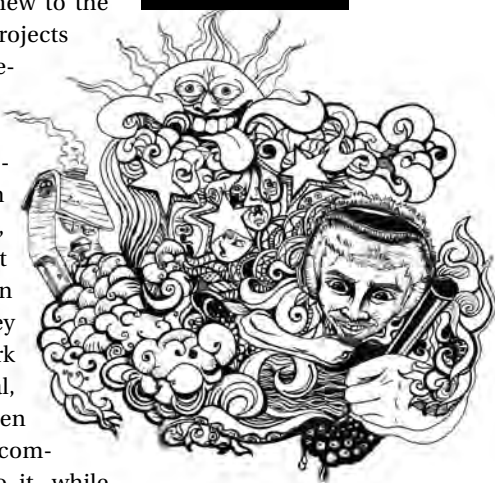
The fact that the Brown Monkeys work well together would generally be expected, given that most of them have a background in illustration or design. However, some have branched out into painting, music and videography, adding more feathers to the group’s cap. Rodriguez is a graphic designer, but has since pursued projects involving illustration and videos, meaning that he has plenty of art mediums to play with when it comes to starting something new.

“We teach each other and learn

from one another, and each of us brings something new to the table, meaning our projects have always got something different to them," he says.

In terms of the projects that the Brown Monkeys undertake, Rodriguez asserts that there is a clear division between the work they do. One type of work is purely commercial, meaning they have been commissioned by a company or agency to do it, while the other work is what Rodriguez calls "subliminal", the type of

"CHOLO" BY DEPICTONE



"We're not really out there, but we're there. We still want to keep a low profile about it."



"CARGO" BY PINKBLOT

which is born out of a personal desire. "What this means is that we're not really out there, but we're there," Rodriguez explains.

"So that's more personal projects that might not be in the public eye, but which you could stumble upon. We still want to keep a relatively low profile about it." Despite keeping a low profile, though, the Brown Monkeys have plenty planned for the future. Rodriguez says that they are planning to host another exhibition in 2012, and that he has a couple of his own projects in the pipeline, involving design and typography.

Aside from this, he says to "watch out" for projects put out by other members of the group, and promises some exciting material. To keep up to date with the Brown Monkeys' art projects, visit the web at www.brownmonkeys.com or follow Rodriguez on Twitter via @evildogboy.



"HEADPHONE" GIRL BY DIGITAL ADDICT

Who's hot ...

EVA LONGORIA

The *Desperate Housewives* star recently came to Dubai as part of a promotional campaign by Bloomingdale's at the Dubai Mall. Shoppers could catch a glimpse of the pint-sized star during her flying visit, of which she said Dubai is, "Amazing; though I haven't actually seen much of it"



MORGAN FREEMAN

The veteran actor has proved he still has pulling power where cinema audiences are concerned. His latest flick, *Dolphin Tale*, has surprised many people in the USA by netting \$37 million (Dh135 million) in just 10 days. The film will hit Dubai screens soon.

JACK OSBOURNE

Jack Osbourne, son of Sharon and Ozzy, has successfully popped the question to his girlfriend Lisa Stelly, an aspiring actress. Osbourne, who filmed a series of extreme adventures in Dubai for his TV show *No Limits*, proposed just four months after meeting his new fiancée.



ANNA DELLO RUSSO

Fashion store Symphony will be celebrating its first birthday this month, so Dubai's fashionistas are brimming with excitement over the announcement that Vogue fashion director Anna Dello Russo will be jetting in at the end of October to help them celebrate in style.

POOJA BATRA

Former Miss India Asia-Pacific Pooja Batra, who currently lives in LA and was last seen in a Hindi film in 2005, has announced that, following her divorce, she is looking forward to returning to Bollywood full-time after a cameo in *Hum Tum Shabana*. Batra played herself in the movie.



Time to go green



New initiatives across Dubai are setting out to help individuals and businesses play their environmental part.

W

hile recycling initiatives are rife across a number of cities in Europe and America, the Middle East has been slow to adopt any concrete plans for widespread recycling.

In Europe, for example, many councils and local authorities have made recycling compulsory, providing residents with separate bins for recyclable materials. In this part of the world, though, it can be difficult to even know how to go about the process.

But this has not stopped a number of Dubai-based com-

panies from reaching out to the population with their novel ideas in an attempt to capture the public's imagination. One such attempt has been made by environmental solutions company Averda, which last week demonstrated the region's first "Reverse Vending Machine" (RVM).

The idea behind the RVM is simple; anyone can deposit their recyclable plastic bottles or aluminium cans into the machine, which will then deposit points vouchers that can be redeemed

at a number of shops across the region. Averda says that several countries have adopted the machine, with "astounding" results.

The RVM might sound like a gimmick, but perhaps a gimmick with a reward behind it is exactly what Dubai needs to make recycling mainstream.

There is certainly a lot of potential in this scheme, as long as the rewards are sufficient to keep people coming back to the machines, and there are plenty of RVMs around for people to get to. And according to Habib Wahbe, CEO of Hypermedia, the company charged with



ENVIRO-FACTS

- It is possible to recycle a used aluminium drinks can and have it back on store shelves in as little as 60 days.
- Recycling one aluminium drinks can saves enough energy to run a computer for three hours or even power a TV for two hours.
- It takes around 1 million years for a glass bottle to break down in a landfill. And because glass never wears down, it can be recycled for over centuries.
- Recycling one ton of paper can save 17 trees and enough energy to power an average home for several months.
- Every year, enough plastic is produced worldwide to shrink-wrap the entire state of Texas.
- Producing new plastic from recycled materials is more than 60 per cent more energy-efficient than producing it from scratch.

handling the machine's advertising rights across the region, this potential will certainly be reached.

"The RVMs will be located in high-traffic pedestrian areas across the region such as shopping malls, schools and universities, sports venues, supermarkets and private communities," he said at the demonstration of the UAE's first RVM.

RVMs are due to roll out across Saudi Arabia later this year, with Qatar and Oman following in 2012. From this respect, Dubai can view itself as a role model for the scheme, and perhaps Dubai's residents will do well to think about subscribing to the idea, given that its success will mean more much-needed recycling across the region.

But there are also other initiatives that, in Dubai at least, have begun to take hold. Union Paper Mills (UPM), for example, has been a pioneer of recycling paper in the UAE since it was formed in 1987. According to the company, it was the first to bring paper recycling technologies to the GCC, and it has since grown to be one of the biggest paper companies in the region.

One of its more recent initia-

tives is to provide offices in the UAE with waste paper bins, given that any company is likely to produce a sizeable amount of waste paper, no matter what industry it is involved in. All the employees have to do is deposit their waste paper into the bins and UPM will collect and empty them at regular intervals. Targeting businesses and encouraging them to adopt a culture of recycling is surely a good thing, and, in this case, can do wonders in reducing the country's paper consumption.

The UAE government is also pushing strongly for the country to adopt more environmentally-friendly measures. It was reported last week that the Ministry of Environment and Water has set a deadline for plastic bag manufacturers to meet, explaining that they must now produce biodegradable-only bags. These manufacturers now have until the end of the year to register as a company that produces biodegradable bags. According to reports, this campaign has been going for two years, and the ministry has approved an

"Helping businesses to adopt a culture of recycling is surely a good thing."

ingredient which can be used on plastic bag production lines to make them biodegradable. This should mean that the deadline will be easy enough to meet.

Despite the lack of a concrete infrastructure, then, it would appear that Dubai is making serious headway in the battle to raise awareness of the importance of recycling.

Perhaps in the not-too-distant future, the emirate, and the country, will be able to run with the best recycling systems in the world, and show the rest of the region how it is done.



THE NEW REVERSE VENDING MACHINES



Shopping bonanza at Gitex Shopper

GITEX

With the Gitex Technology Week now open, exhibitors at Gitex Shopper, the consumer-focused side of the show, are bustling at the biggest event in the show's history. Taking place from October 8 to 15 at Airport Expo, the show brings together over 100 retailers and leading technology brands to offer savings on over 25,000 of the latest gadgets. On top of this, a wide array of competitions will run throughout the week.

The combination of access to top technology brands and sale prices is expected to entice more than 160,000 visitors to the event. A DWTC organiser, says, "Gitex Shopper has enjoyed phenomenal success from the show's very first edition. Anticipation for this



GITEX SHOPPER 2011 WILL BE THE BIGGEST EVENT IN THE SHOW'S HISTORY

year's show is at an all-time high with exhibitors planning exceptional deals, and ticket sales already reaching record levels."

With some of Dubai's biggest electronics industry names involved, including Sharaf DG, CompuMe, Dell, du, Etisalat, Jacky's Electronics, Jumbo Lenovo, Panasonic and Samsung, the show looks set to be a must-visit for technology lovers across the region. And this year, access to the exhibition will be particularly easy thanks to the free shuttle buses from the Rashidiya Metro station and the newly-opened Al Qusais Metro stop on the Green Line.

Shoppers can register online at www.gitexshopperdubai.com, where they can also enter a draw to win tickets to the event and a JVC camcorder.

GADGET
CORNERSpotlight
on Sony

Electronics giant Sony has created a buzz of excitement among photography fans in Dubai, with the unveiling of a comprehensive new line-up of digital cameras. The range looks likely to reinforce Sony's enviable position in the digital camera market, as the cameras take digital imaging to the next level with revolutionary technologies designed to deliver exquisite photography, ease of use and portability.

Osamu Miura, Managing Director at Sony Gulf, said, "There is a clear market need for cameras that can offer superb responsiveness, image quality and creativity. It gives me great pleasure to introduce our concept of 'Camera Reborn' with our new line-up of Alpha cameras that incorporate revolutionary technologies to deliver high clarity imaging and ease-of-use."

Ranging from professional-grade DSLR models to compact and lightweight point-and-shoot options, the new line of cameras have all been built on the success of the first translucent mirror cameras Sony created, the Alpha SLT-A55 and SLT-A33. The Translucent Mirror Technology makes this new Alpha range the quickest, most responsive interchangeable lens camera in its class, while the new NEX range features quick, responsive auto-focus and the world's fastest release time lag. Considering Dubai is filled with people who love nothing more than capturing a good snapshot, the range is expected to be well received in the region. For more information visit www.sony-mea.com.

History IN THE MAKING

We look at how far the **Apple** has fallen from the tree.

Last week, the rumours surrounding the release of the iPhone 5 were put to rest, after Apple unveiled the iPhone 4S, along with its new mobile operating system, iOS5. Apple's dominance over today's technology world is clear for anyone to see, and the company is now the most valuable consumer brand in the world. In light of this, we look back down the Apple family tree, to see just how the Californian brand got to where it is today.



200

Total number of Apple
Is that were sold by
Jobs and Wozniak.

1971

The late Steve Jobs meets Steve Wozniak. Though they spend several years as mere acquaintances, they would eventually create and market the first Apple computer, and then go on to help write the rule book on personal computing, consumer electronics and web-based services.



1976

The Apple I is released, earning Wozniak a reputation as a master designer. The computer uses a TV as a display system, when most machines have no display at all, and also features software that makes it easy to boot up. It is extremely simple, but nevertheless uses fewer parts than competing machines, and can load and save programmes at extremely high speeds. All in all, 200 Apple Is are built.

1976

Having seen one of his first computer designs, the late Jobs convinces Wozniak to assemble a new machine and sell it. Jobs approaches a Californian computer store, The Byte Shop, and interests the owner, Paul Terrell, in the new machine, on the condition that it is delivered fully-assembled.



1984

The first Apple Macintosh 128k is released after a particularly aggressive marketing campaign. It comes preloaded with MacWrite and MacPaint, and garners a hugely enthusiastic following. The Macintosh introduces desktop publishing, and then computer animation, making it the industry-standard machine for anyone involved in publishing, the arts, cinema, music and advertising.



1977

The Apple II is released, built with funds from a \$250,000 bank loan secured by Jobs. Thanks to the extra capital, Wozniak is able to design a much more advanced computer than the Apple I, with a redesigned display capable of displaying graphics, colour and, eventually, animation. Millions of Apple IIs are sold worldwide, and Apple is credited with practically inventing the home computer market.

An internal power struggle goes wrong for Jobs, and he is asked to resign as CEO.

1985

"I'll always stay connected with Apple. There may be a few years when I'm not there, but I'll always come back. And that's what I may try to do."

- Steve Jobs on leaving Apple, 1985.

Despite putting out good Macintosh products, Apple suffers due to intense competition from computers running Microsoft's Windows software and poor management. There are too many different models, confusing both buyers and retailers, and Apple consistently overestimates the demand for some models, while underestimating the demand for others. In 1997, Apple ends the financial year having lost more than \$1 billion.

1991-1997

"Apple is arguably one of the worst-managed companies in the industry."

- Stewart Aslop, *Time* magazine, 1996.

1997

Steve Jobs returns to Apple after the company buys his software firm, NeXT. He steps in as CEO after current CEO Gil Amelio is ousted, and implements plenty of changes. Jobs announces a new partnership with Microsoft, which involves \$150 million in investment and a deal to create Microsoft Office and Internet Explorer for Macintosh.



1998

The first iMac is released, becoming an instant sales smash. Aside from its innovative, translucent design, which incorporates both the CPU and the display, the iMac is extremely easy to set up, and performs better than most rivals. It sells about 1 million units every year until it is discontinued in 2003.

"The back of our computer looks better than the front of anyone else's."

- Apple on the release of the original iMac, 1998.

2011



Apple releases the iPhone 4S, an upgraded version of the iPhone 4 with an 8-megapixel camera and the Siri voice control system.

2010

Jobs announces the iPad to a confused audience. While enthusiasm for the product was rife, many failed to see its practical applications. However, within 80 days, Apple shifts 3 million devices, and, by the end of the year, sells 14.8 million.



"We did not enter the search business. They entered the phone business. Make no mistake they want to kill the iPhone. We won't let them."

- Steve Jobs on the rise of the Android operating system, 2010.



2001

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The first iPhone is released by a company that has never before entered the mobile phone market. However, the phone becomes an overnight success, with hundreds of customers queuing outside Apple Stores upon its release. With its sleek design, Safari internet browser and captivating interface, it becomes one of the most sought-after gadgets of the decade.



Drawing on tables



Alexa Soar examines the importance of choosing the right coffee table for your living room.

If you think about it, a coffee table is a rather odd piece of furniture. Its name would suggest that it is entirely devoted to just one hot drink. And let's not get started on its awkward, shin bashing height. But somehow, I don't think "foot table", a name I would deem more appropriate for a table that has more than likely seen more grubby toes than warm beverages in its lifetime, would quite catch on.

But regardless of its name, the coffee table isn't leaving our living rooms anytime soon. And it really does serve a far greater purpose than foot or beverage support. At the heart of the living room, floating somewhere between the sofa, television and arm chair is the coffee table, an anchor to the rest of the room, that has the ability to make or break the feel of the space. It's important alright, and certainly deserves some consideration.

So what kind to go for? Well, that obviously depends on the rest

of the living room and what kind of look you are going for. Perhaps you'd like something that ties in with existing pieces of furniture, which can add a sense of continuity and harmony to the room and the rest of your house. Just be sure that the type of woods or colours really do match up.

Or perhaps you would just like something that blends into the background, preferring the focal point in the room to be elsewhere, such as the beautiful Iranian carpet underneath the table or a favourite painting. If so, something neutral and non-fuss is ideal. Choose a prevalent colour in the room, or just a simple square or rectangular shape. Glass tables have been hugely popular, and are perfect in this circumstance, quite literally blending into the background. They are also great in a smaller space as they don't dominate the space too much.

Having an eclectic, mis-match selection of furniture has been one of the biggest interior design trends in recent years. It's the kind of selection that can't be achieved with just

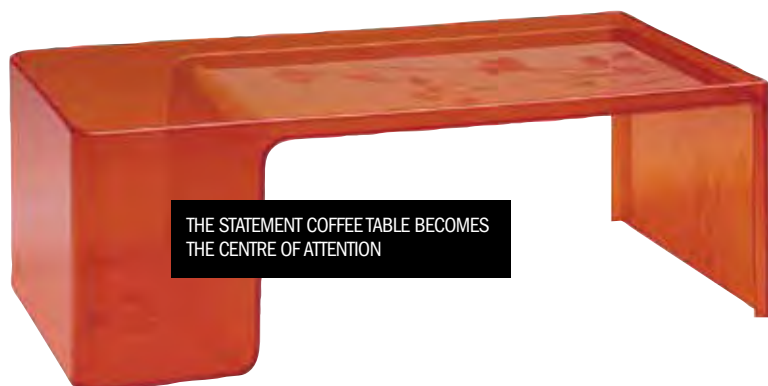
one trip to Ikea, and works best developed over a period of time. But it does mean that you can throw certain rules out of the window and have a little clash here and there—just do so in moderation. One of my favourite examples is the combination of new and old. For example, pairing an old, traditional button-backed leather sofa with a very modern coffee table, such as the Usame by Kartell.



GLASS TABLES BLEND INTO THE BACKGROUND



COLOUR MATCH FOR A CLEAN AND TIDY EFFECT



THE STATEMENT COFFEE TABLE BECOMES THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION

TOP TIPS ON TABLES

- If you are short on storage, opt for a coffee table with drawers, which are great for storing away CDs, TV remotes or books.
- Make sure you measure the space before you go out and buy a coffee table.
- Round and glass coffee tables are best for a smaller room. The lack of sharp corners makes moving around them far easier and the see-through glass doesn't dominate the room.
- If you are bored of your coffee

table, why not just throw a table cloth over it for an instant face-lift. This can also be changed regularly to suit mood or occasion.

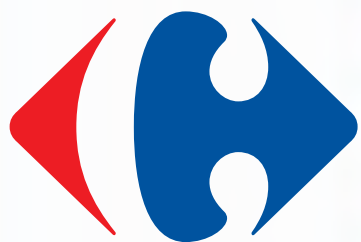
- A home-made coffee table can be relatively easy to achieve; with a slab of concrete topped off with a piece of wood.
- Resist the urge to over accessorise your coffee table. And make sure items such as candles or potted plants don't obstruct the view of the TV too much.

And then there is the statement coffee table. Either brightly coloured, or architecturally striking, this is the kind that always has to be the centre of attention. Keep the rest of the room reasonably neutral to draw maximum attention to this piece.

A chalkboard coffee table, available at The Hidden Art Shop, makes an interesting choice and is great for writing up reminders.

At the end of the day, there are no fixed rules for coffee tables. Just make sure it's positioned at the perfect distance to prop your feet on after a hard day's work, and you're golden.

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Kicking off with a bang

The Nasimi Beach party season is back in full force, as the **DXB Festival** convincingly proved last week.

EVENTS

The tagline for this year's DXB Festival at Nasimi Beach, "3 unique stages + 12 unforgettable hours = 1 amazing party", perhaps held more truth than the organisers had intended. The headlining acts, such as LMFAO and Pete Wentz (from Fall Out Boy) with Black Cards, were certainly big enough to draw in the huge crowds, even at Dh350 per ticket. But with so many relatively unknown acts also performing—27 in total—this festival seemed to focus on the party side of things rather than the music.

This is no bad thing, though. With three stages around the Nasimi beach area—one on the beach, one inside and one by the pool—there was certainly no chance of getting bored. Arriving an hour after the doors opened at 2pm, there was a feeling that, by 10pm, after eight hours of partying, it would certainly be time to go home. But this was hardly the case; we stayed, pretty much, right until the end.

What's more, if a rubbish song came on in, say, the beach area, all that was required was to skip on over to the pool or into the air-



“The displays resembled some sort of futuristic art form.”



conditioned dance tent, where there was more than likely going to be a more listenable track. And as has become tradition for these Nasimi Beach parties, the lighting of the stages was something else. Put together by V Squared Labs, the displays resembled some sort of futuristic art form, dazzling the crowds with all manner of lasers

and lighting trickery. A shout out must surely go to the crew behind the scenes.

Due to there being three stages, the music was unrelenting. Black Cards performed an interesting, if slightly poppy, set, that showed former pop-punker Wentz has more strings to his bow than his guitar. And, of course, LMFAO's set

was nothing short of spectacular, pumping the swelling crowds with the sort of music that conservatives would describe as "not decent".

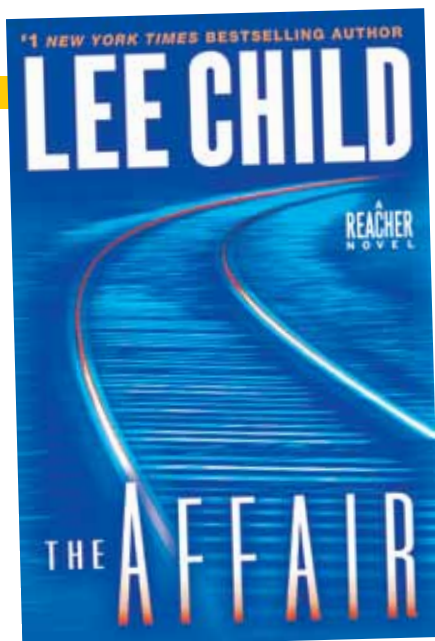
But the music wasn't the point. The point was that this was the first party at Nasimi Beach for the autumn season. And the DXB Festival proved that this season has certainly begun with a bang.

The Affair: A Reacher novel

by **Lee Child**

BOOKS

Lee Child's latest novel in the Jack Reacher series is *The Affair*, which looks back to the early days of Reacher's career. Fans of the previous books will be well-versed with the character, who, over 15 books, has earned his credentials as a cool, smart-talking American hero. *The Affair* almost serves as a prequel, beginning at the most crucial point of Reacher's life, the day he left the army and fell into a nomadic existence, traveling around the USA leaving no trail, getting rid of the bad guys one-by-one. As a mere youngster of 36 years, the Reacher we meet in *The Affair* hasn't yet developed his extreme, minimal style or his clean, mean look; a young, novice Reacher is an intriguing new figure to imagine.



When a local woman is found murdered, Reacher becomes embroiled in the case, but the deeper he digs, the more he uncovers. There has been more than one death and everyone from the army to the local sheriff, Elizabeth Deveraux, has their own idea about who to blame.

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Blink 182 – Neighborhoods

Geffen

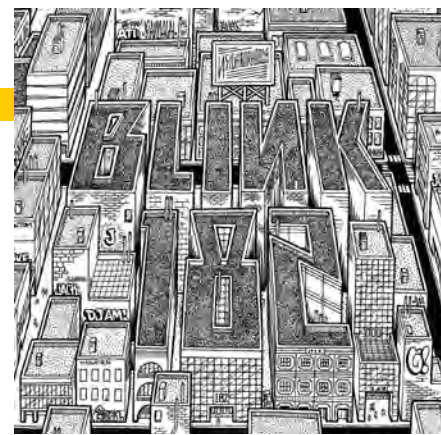
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ALBUMS

Not bad, not great, but pretty good—that's the verdict on Blink 182's first album of new material since 2003. Which is unfortunate. After an indefinite hiatus, drummer Travis Barker surviving a plane crash and long-time producer Jerry Finn passing away, there was plenty of talk about coming back fighting.

Many felt the genuine excitement surrounding the release of *Neighborhoods*. And the excitement was rewarded with some great tracks such as *Natives* and *After Midnight*. There are also a couple of throw-back songs, like *Heart's All Gone*, for the skater punk generation that the band once inspired.

However, about eight tracks in, a sense that the album isn't as good as it should be begins to creep up.



Tom Delonge's guitar tones display none of the punk-rock crunch that gained him so much fervour amongst fans. This is most obvious on *Kaleidoscope*, which attempts to produce an old-school rock feel but is let down by shoddy tones. And there are gratuitous synths that, despite working well on *Snake Charmer*, completely ruin songs like *This is Home*.

It would be ridiculous to call this a bad album, but *Neighborhoods* lacks a sense of fun, making it, for a long-time fan, only average.



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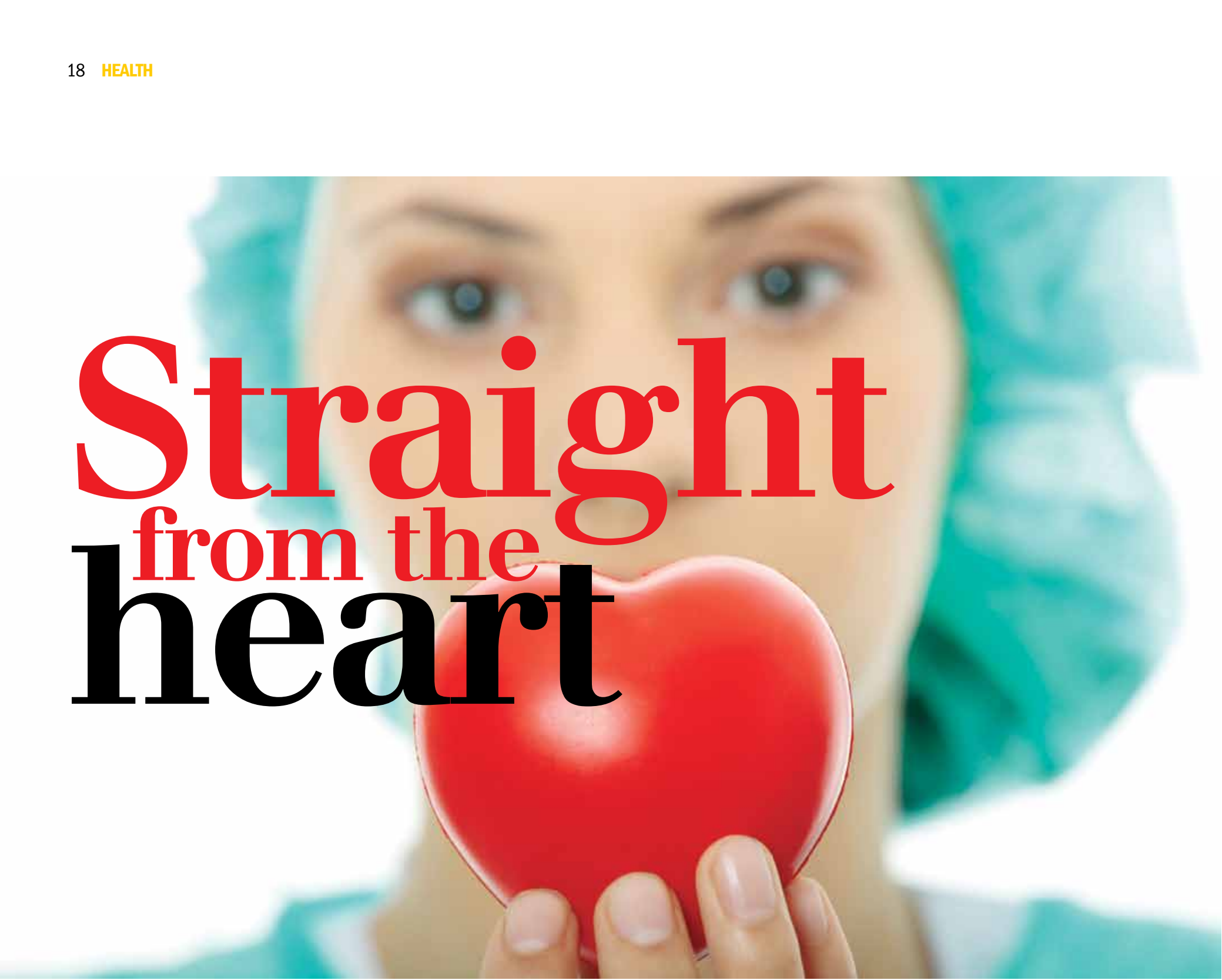


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Straight from the heart

Some say that a happy heart is key to a happy life, so we investigate how to go about keeping hearts healthy.

We never really think about our hearts. They do so much for us on a daily basis, but how often do we consider their well-being? Considering it is the body organ that has become a symbol of love all over the world, our hearts are crying out for a little bit of TLC themselves. Heart disease, although often hereditary, has become one of the biggest killers, a fact that many people attribute to a sedentary lifestyle, fast food, smoking and stress.

Cardiologist Dr Guy Mansfield says, "Children of parents with heart disease are more likely to suffer from the disease in later life themselves. While heart disease may be inherited, these

days it's also linked to lifestyle. Changing certain habits can play a big role in prevention, especially in countries where many people are guilty of leading a fairly indulgent lifestyle. The important thing to remember is that it is never too late to make changes. A few simple tweaks can often help to ensure your heart stays strong and healthy for years to come."

The first thing he recommends is ditching the evil tobacco weed. "Smoking is one of the main causes of coronary heart disease and giving up could be the best thing you do for your heart" says Dr Mansfield. "The chemicals in cigarettes damage the cardiovascular system and smokers are twice as likely to suffer a heart attack

as non-smokers. The good news is that just one year after stopping smoking, your risk of a heart attack falls to about half that of a smoker."

"We also need to remember

that the heart is a muscle. Aerobic exercise increases the strength of this muscle by improving your body's ability to extract oxygen from the blood and transport it around the body. Dr Mansfield



SMOKING IS PARTICULARLY
BAD FOR HEART HEALTH



THE HEART IS A MUSCLE, SO WORK IT



Heart Disease (Coronary Artery Disease)

The heart muscle requires oxygen and nutrient-rich blood to function. The coronary arteries that supply blood to the heart are at risk of narrowing as cholesterol deposits, called plaques, build up inside the artery. If the arteries get too narrow, the blood supply to the heart may be restricted causing pain. A heart attack occurs when one of these plaques ruptures, causing a blood clot to form. This completely blocks the artery, which in turn stops blood flow to a part of the heart.

“People should aim to stick to a well-balanced diet that is low in fat.”

advises 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity three times every week, saying “This can be any type of activity as long as it gets your heart beating and works up a slight sweat. This also ties in with maintaining a healthy weight. Carrying

excess weight puts strain on the heart, affects blood pressure and cholesterol, as well as increasing the risk of diabetes. Ideally, people should aim to stick to a well-balanced diet that is low in fat, combined with plenty of physical activity.”

Dr Mansfield also recommends that revising a couple of simple dietary habits could provide an easy way to improve heart health. He says, “Reduce the amount of salt you use at the table and while cooking, or cut it out completely. Watch out for high salt levels in processed foods and make a point of

checking the labels in the supermarket; a food is high in salt if it has more than 1.5g of salt per 100g. You should also aim to include oily fish in your diet twice a week. Fish such as mackerel, sardines, salmon and fresh tuna are a great source of omega-3, which can help to protect against heart disease. You should also try to choose semi-skimmed over full-fat milk and leaner cuts of meat. Steaming or grilling foods rather than frying reduces the level of saturated fat you will consume.

“It’s not just physical things to consider when keeping your heart healthy, however,” Dr Mansfield adds. “Some links have been made between stress and heart problems. This could be because it encourages people to eat and smoke more, although other people believe severe stress can put the heart under pressure.

If you’re feeling stressed and under pressure, try clearing your mind with a nice, long walk. If you can make it a brisk walk, it will also count towards your daily activity, so even better!”

It would seem, then, that by making a few simple switches we can have many more happy hearts in Dubai, so why not start showing yours some love?



ASK THE EXPERT



On men, women and friendships

Research has often sought to explore whether there are differences between men and women when it comes to friendships. Generally speaking, the male experience of “spending time together” is characterised by an activity. This could mean watching a movie, bowling, or going to the hardware store, and this is what gives many men a sense of connectedness or “bonding”.

The female perspective is a little different. Bonding or quality time is characterised by talking and sharing. These are behavioural differences. Recent research suggests these differences manifest from hormonal differences between males and females. When women talk and feel connected, the pleasure centres of the brain are activated. The chemical release here is substantial. Dopamine and oxytocin—the brain’s “happy” chemicals—are released, making the experience rewarding. It’s no wonder, then, that women use 20,000 words per day while men use 7000.

Female friendships were found to play an important role when it comes to health. A study by Harvard Medical School showed that women who have close friendships are more resilient, less likely to suffer physical impairments, and may cut the risk of death by 60 per cent. While men were more likely to turn to solitary activities as an automatic response to deal with stress, those who verbalised their problems reported feeling better as long as they had some “tangible” actions to focus on.

So, when you are feeling down, don’t think twice before reaching out. It’s the best medication you could ask for.

HEALTH NEWS

Affordable health insurance

HEALTHCARE

With the constant stress on how important our health is, looking after ourselves should be a number one priority. However, the sad fact is that many of Dubai’s residents will avoid seeking medical assistance unless it is absolutely required. In certain social and national groups, this has become so prolific that measures have been taken to encourage people to visit the doctor, as shown by last month’s free medical check-up for Filipinos at the Prime Medical Center in Bur Dubai.

Elise Guardo, a telephonist, said, “I am pretty bad with going for check-ups. I have been in Dubai for three years and have only been to the doctor’s once when I slipped at the pool and needed stitches in my foot. If I get ill, I just see it out



with medicine from the pharmacy.”

However, ignoring a health niggle is hoped to become a thing of the past, as recent plans have been announced by the Dubai Health Authority for a complete overhaul

of the medical sector in the emirate. The initiative will see affordable health insurance available to everyone, both Emirati and expatriate, in the hope that quick and efficient healthcare services for all residents can be ensured. Known

as the Dubai Health Strategy, the reform has been meticulously planned to create changes in the medical sector which will be of benefit to Dubai’s residents within the next two years.

While the plan will mainly see a reform in health insurance, the aim is to also provide information and support regarding the control of diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity, which are currently putting a considerable strain on both the government and the families of those who suffer from these conditions. The strategy will ensure that detection measures are put into place to give people an early warning to make a change, including a scheme whereby household surveys will be conducted periodically to gather detailed information which can aid treatment and follow-up care.

Get Out and paddle

Paddle surfing and kayaking are two sports that provide a more vigorous work-out than anyone might think.

Fitness experts the world over are gradually coming on to the idea that Stand Up Paddle Surfing (SUPS) and kayaking are both excellent ways of building core strength and overall fitness. Indeed, there are now hundreds of fitness schools around the world incorporating both these “extreme” sports, while those who pursue the activities for pure pleasure are almost invariably fit and healthy.

“SUPS is a superior core workout on both flat water and amongst the waves,” says Nate Burgoyne, editor of Stand Up Paddle Surfing Magazine. “It is an ideal sport for cross-training as it brings together legs, back, feet, arms, neck and stomach muscles in a graceful display of

core strength and balance.” Kayaking provides similar benefits, according to kayaking enthusiast Sam Walker, who says, “Paddling will help you to lose weight, get a great work-out, relax, tone your muscles and have a lot of fun while doing it.”

So what is it about these two fringe sports that provide such a fitness boost? According to the experts, the advantages come from having to paddle to get anywhere, working the upper body muscles while also providing a good cardiovascular work-out. Perhaps more important than this, though, is that most who give it a go end up having an enormous amount of fun, meaning they will keep coming back, turning their fun into an exercise routine.

“People who know nothing about surfing are booking in for a river workout and are enjoy-



SUPS IS A GREAT EXERCISE FOR ALL AGES



EVEN SURFERS ENJOY A SPOT OF PADDLE SURFING



“It brings together legs, back, feet, arms neck and stomach muscles.”

while paddling along. The arguments say that, simply by standing up, you work more muscles, and, therefore improve fitness more quickly. On the other hand, those who practice extreme kayaking in earnest would beg to differ. The best kayakers, who visit river rapids around the world, have to be extremely fit if they are to pursue the thrill of the ride, as any lapse in body strength could be, potentially, fatal.

However, as it would be difficult to find any white water rapids in

Dubai, kayakers here tend to practice the sport more casually, simply improving their overall fitness by paddling out on the water a few times a week. Over here, SUPS seems to be the best paddling sport to improve fitness, and according to the Dubai Surf Ski and Kayak Club's estimates, there are more than 200 dedicated surf skiers in the emirate, plus a large number of more casual surf-skiers.

Those at the club describe SUPS as a great all-round work-out, not only exercising the arms and shoulders, but also the legs and stomach, due to having to consistently correct your stance and balance. The sport also makes for a great exercise for kids, as it is fun and gets them out in the sun.

The Dubai Surf Ski and Kayak Club welcomes all ages groups, and even works with Dubai Paddling School, which offers classes and fitness coaching for beginners and veterans.

ing themselves so much they stay on and learn to ride a wave,” says SUPS instructor Chris de Aboitiz. “On the other hand, I’ve got surfers working with me who see the benefits of the paddling and use the flat water routines as a work-out when there’s no surf.”

Medical experts have also signed themselves up to the benefits of SUPS and other paddle sports. Osteopath Skye McLeish says, “The stand up paddling encompasses both core and proprioceptive muscle action. It utilises a whole body functional approach to building core muscle balance and support. Taken at the individual’s level and pace, I recommend stand up surfing for many age groups and body shapes.”

Some experts believe that kayaking provides less of a work-out than SUPS. This is because, in a kayak, you are sitting down, but on a surf ski, you are essentially balancing on top of a surfboard

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FOOTWEAR

It's a man's world when it comes to shoes this autumn and winter. Men's tailoring, from shirts to red carpet-worthy tuxedos, has dominated this season and it's inevitable that foot-ware should follow suit. But the trend for boyish flats or modest heels could also be seen as a rebellion against years of torturous stilettos being on trend.

Unfeminine footwear has been found in the form of brogues, Chelsea boots, loafers, and slippers, as well as slightly more effeminate chunky-heeled versions. The Chelsea boot, which was originally created for riding by the Victorians, made a resurgence in the 1950s, and has resurfaced again, first on the catwalks of Jil Sander and Junya Watanabe, and more recently on the highstreet. Practical for the winter months, the boot looks great paired with skinny jeans and keeps a clean silhouette.

Alexa Chung has been kicking about in brogues for years, and the trend-setter who is largely responsible for turning Barbour jackets, Mulberry bags and Hunter boots from countryside classics into global sellouts, has finally had her favourite shoe turn into the latest must-have. She made girls in heels look too try-hard. Dolce & Gabbana paired glossy brogues with masculine pin-striped suits, while Sonia Rykiel paired her flatform brogues, taking note from Prada's Summer

Creepers, with pretty dresses. The difficulty with these shoes, unless you are very thin, is ending up looking a little man-ish. The best way to avoid this is to team the shoes with bare legs, or to keep your silhouette simple and sleek. Loafers are a little more versatile, and Stella McCartney's white pair looked effortlessly effeminate complete with a crisp white dress.

So, why let the boys have all the fun this Autumn? Wear some trendy and comfortable shoes with your favourite party dress and if the weather isn't too great, those handy holes on your brogues are great for water drainage, apparently..

MEN'S SHOES CAN BE BOLDER

NAOMI WATTS WEARING STELLA MCCARTNEY

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MEN'S TROUSERS GO WELL WITH MEN'S SHOES





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Brogues, identified by their patterned holes (allowing for water drainage) and multi-piece construction, were traditionally considered outdoor shoes, perfect for a quick jaunt across the countryside or to tackle an unexpected bog, but completely unsuitable for business or formal wear.

But today, when the trainer has largely replaced the brogue as casual, outdoor footwear, the shoe has become the perfect middle-ground of “smart, but not too smart”, and can easily take you from work to an evening out on the town. And you could even comfortably walk between the two—how convenient! Country classics have made a huge resurgence in recent years, with an entire generation, including girls, stealing their Dad’s shoes or jackets. While there are many modern adaptations, from Prada’s Creepers to Dr Martens, we’d argue that the best are the cherished inheritances. Keep things simple with the brogue and if you cannot steal some, invest in a classic pair that you can wear time and time again, to any occasion, in any weather.

BROGUES WORK WITH ALMOST ANYTHING



EFFEMINATE DESPITE THE MASCULINE SHOES



BRIGHT COLOURS WORK WELL



PERFECT FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS



The Journey: cellular healing

An alternative therapy that believes in the power of awakening memories.

The Journey method, states that all our emotions are stored in our cells. "If emotional issues remain unaddressed over long periods of time, sometimes they can manifest as physical blocks or disease.

"What The Journey really does is strip away the limitations and reveal the natural, shining potential, the boundless joy, all-embracing love that is at our core," says Brandon Bays, author of *The Journey*. She wrote the book after recovering from a melon-sized tumor and healing her own cancer in six and a half weeks to the astonishment of doctors. Initially, her process was inspired by the studies of the notable en-

The idea that mental well-being can have an impact on our physical state has been around a while but a new system claims that even childhood memories can cause physical problems in adulthood. "Our physical body is a manifestation and a representation of the life experiences and emotions we carry and we have to realise which of these is at the root of a problem," says Emma Thomson, who practises cellular healing in Dubai according to The Journey method.

The system is the alternative

therapy of the moment and has attracted a growing army of followers that swear by its healing philosophy. "It's very cutting edge and people are completely wowed by it. There are countless success stories. A lady I worked with had suffered from a limp for years and cured herself in one session when she realised that the problem was caused by a deep-rooted issue with her daughter," Thomson says.

While you work with a practitioner during the therapy, the healing must come from within. Patients must surrender to the process and trust in it if they are to liberate their bodies from the negative emotions stored inside. Cellular healing, according to

"Our physical body is the manifestation of the emotions we carry."





ocrinologist, Deepak Chopra. He was curious as to why people continue to suffer from, for example, liver cancer, when the organ's cells are completely renewed every six weeks. He found that we store memories in our dying cells, which are passed on to the new ones that take their place. Many other studies have since backed up his findings. Basing her system on these findings and incorporating her knowledge of holistic therapies and natural medicines, Bays healed herself and wrote *The Journey*.

In this system, which is the

Some of the problems that cellular healing help cure

- Serious illnesses like cancer
- Low self-esteem
- Lack of purpose
- Physical and mental pain
- Phobias
- Addictions
- Anger, jealousy, forgiveness and other, similar issues

predominant method of cellular healing, it all boils down to one thing. "The whole journey process is mainly about forgiveness. As journey practitioners, we serve as the opening for a person to heal and help them identify the emotion that is causing their problems," Thomson explains.

A typical session begins with an elicitation, which is a straightforward question designed to help the patient reveal this emotion. Typically, practitioners will start with what's known as the classic elicitation: "What's coming up for you in life; what brought you here today? There is no right or

“The whole journey process is all about forgiveness.”

wrong answer and everyone responds in a different way. What we're looking for here is a strong emotion," Thomson says.

Once this has been identified the client is asked to close their eyes and the journey process begins. Practitioners may use the same script, but for each person the road travelled is different. According to Thomson, "It's like peeling the layers off an onion and once you've got to something really strong and found the source, you can then drop through into a peaceful state, where everything is calm and blissful."

Practice makes perfect with a capital T

Olivia Cuthbert's ongoing Arabic language course raises the tricky subject of similarly sounding letters.

LANGUAGE

Just as we'd mastered numbers one to 10 in Arabic, 11-19 appeared before us. Luckily, there are some similarities: two, which is *ithneyn* in Arabic, is similar to twelve, *ithnaash* (in spoken Arabic at least), and three, *thalaatha*, is just like 13, *thalathash*. It's still hard to get them all correct, but a bit of practice and lots of repetition should see us counting fluently to twenty (*aishriyn*) in no time at all.

So much for counting, now for the alphabet. We've learnt several new letters over the past week, some easier to remember than others. While the similarities in sounds are useful when it comes

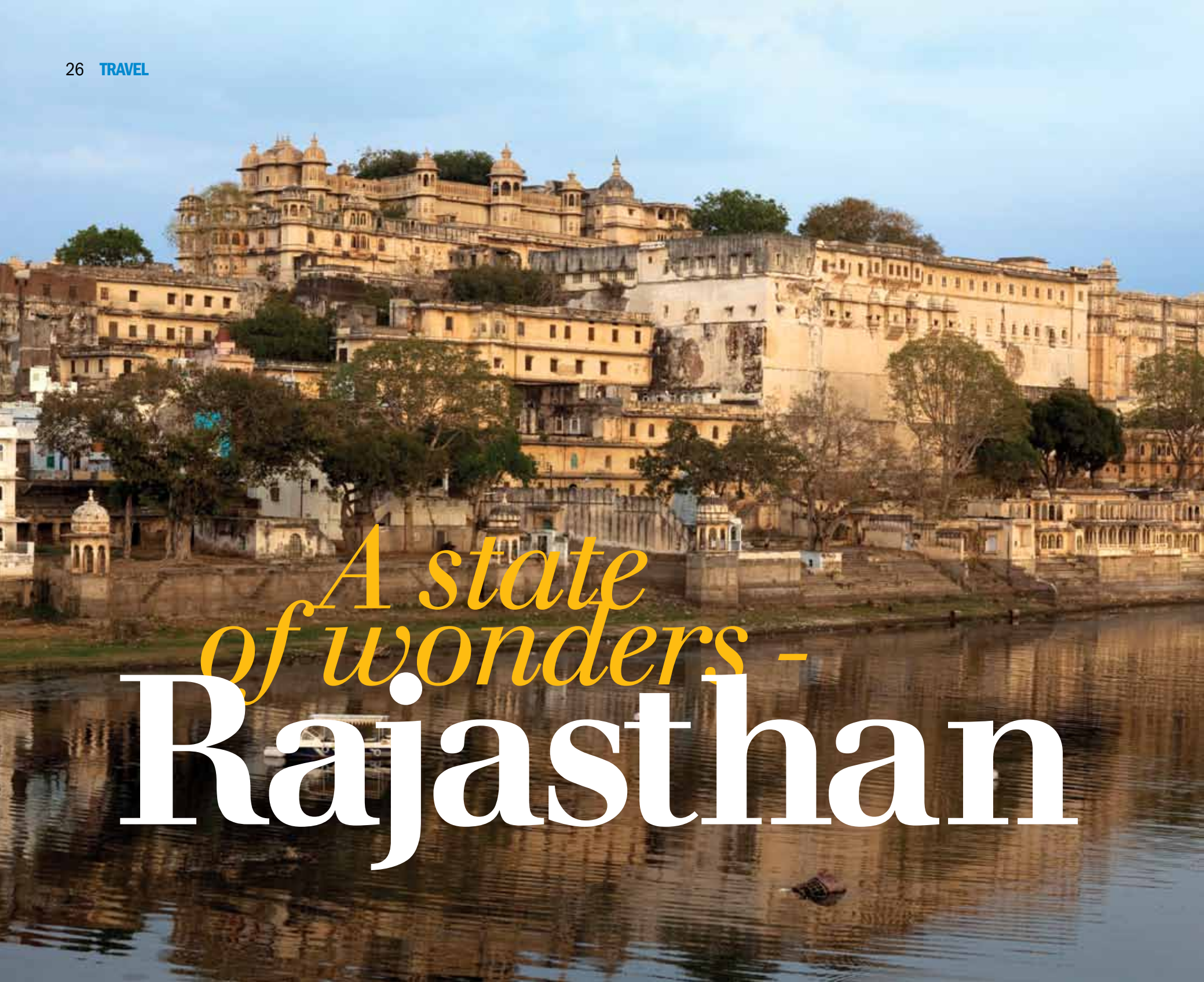
to numbers, they aren't too helpful when it comes to the various different ways of pronouncing t and th. There's the basic t, as in "to", a strong t, as in "time", then th, as in "the", th as in "three" and the letter *Thoh*, as in "thus". I'll definitely have to go over those if I'm to remember the differences.

We also covered a letter called *taa'marbuwta*, which appears at the end of most feminine words, but only gets pronounced when followed by another letter or when the word is possessive. Our grasp of this was tested by a role play, where we had to translate an English conversation into Arabic. It was harder than I'd expected and I managed to confuse a few endings and pronuncia-



tions. After a few tries, though, I had it. Practice definitely makes perfect when it comes to learning Arabic.

The role play helped to clear up a few loose ends and combine the vocab with the grammar we have learnt so far. There was also a listening exercise in Arabic, which was a bit easier, as all we had to do was identify the answers to a series of questions. It helped that we got to listen to it several times though. Just as I felt that I had got my head around what we have learnt so far, Amira gave us a quick run-through of the new grammar coming up next lesson. Put it this way, I am really going to have to concentrate for this one!



A state of wonders - Rajasthan

So easy to discover and with so much to find, India's princely state offers a world of contrasts to tourists.

Rajasthan is the India of romance and fairytales. Home to some of the continent's most magical cities, this vast state holds more than enough to keep travellers spell-bound for months on end with an endless array of majestic forts, abundant wildlife and sumptuous cuisine among its many attractions.

Many people begin their journey in Delhi. Although not actually in Rajasthan, the colourful Indian capital is generally the starting point for a Golden Triangle tour, which takes in the state's major attractions in addition to the Taj Mahal in Agra.

Most people would recognise the

famous monument from images but nothing can compare to seeing it in the flesh. Built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal, it is widely known as the jewel of India and is undoubtedly one of the country's most memorable sights.

Once you've seen the Taj Mahal

up close and wandered around its manicured gardens you can retire to one of Agra's rooftop restaurants to admire it from afar. The food in this part of India is exquisite and tastes even more sublime when eaten before a panorama of the sun setting over the country's most famous building.

After a day in Agra it's onto Rajasthan, where a host of other historic wonders await. On the way down to Udaipur it is well worth spending a few nights at

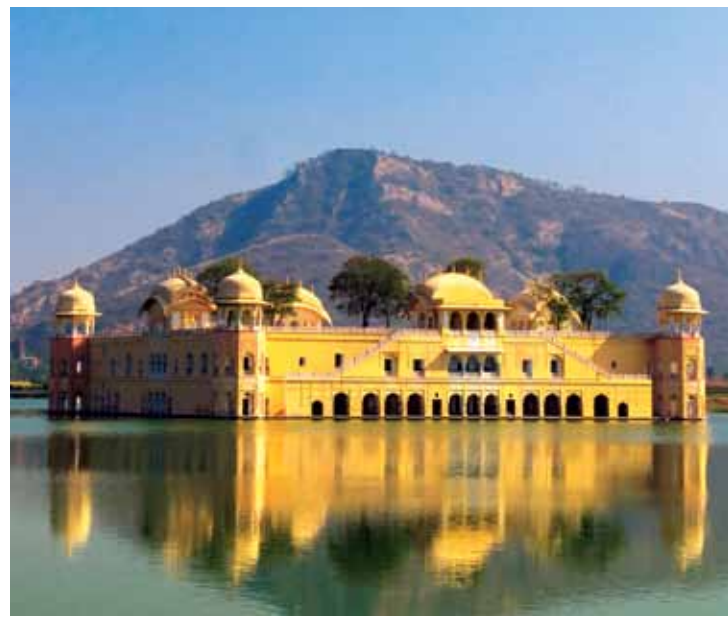
one of Rajasthan's national parks.

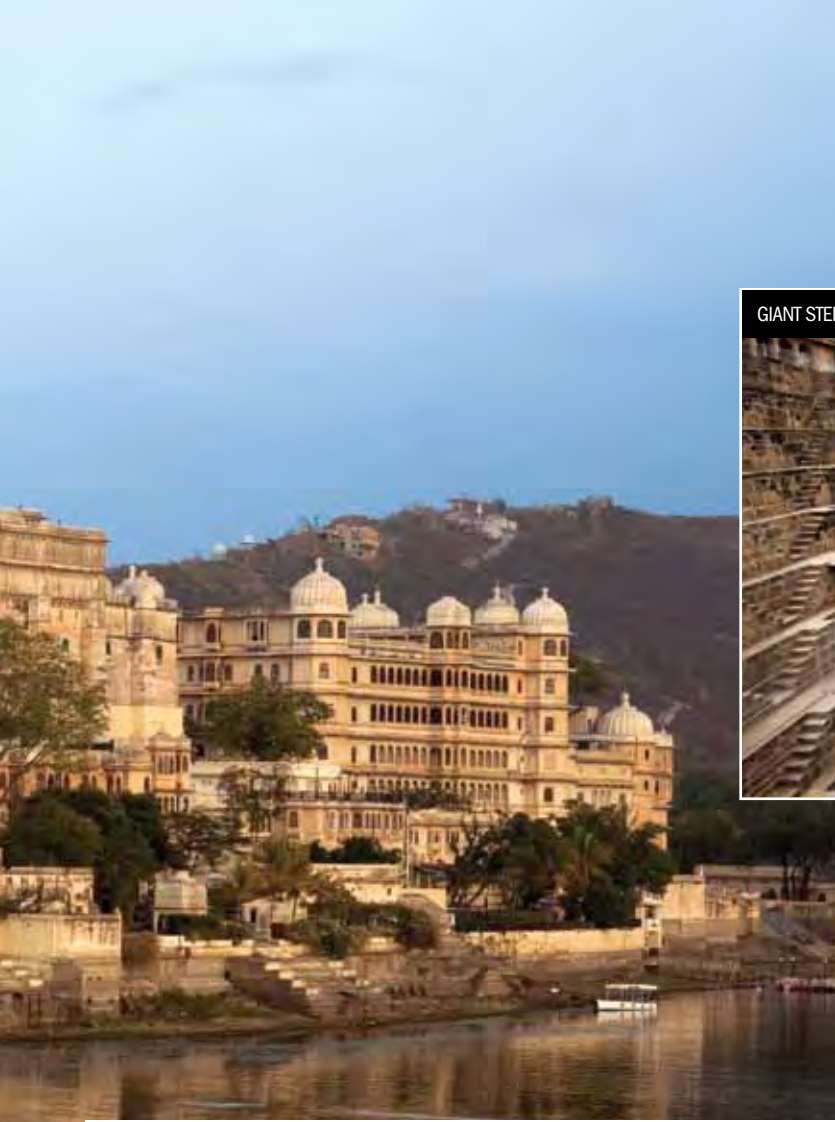
Among the best of these is Ranthambore, where celebrity couple Katy Perry and Russell Brand tied the knot last year.

It's definitely a romantic location for a secluded wedding. A few guesthouses

and luxury hotels line the winding road that leads to the park, where the surrounding Aravalli and Vindhya hill ranges provide a dramatic backdrop. Tourists enter the park by jeeps, which take you along tiny trails past trees laden

with monkeys alongside crocodile-filled lakes. It's Rajasthan's only tiger reserve, so most come here in the hopes of seeing the giant, striped cats in their natural environment, although doing so is largely a matter of luck.





GIANT STEP WELL OF ABHANERI



seemingly floating on top of the lake, is the fairytalesque Taj Lake Palace hotel, once the summer pleasure palace of Rajasthan's ruling family.

The sense of regal wealth and pomp is everywhere in Udaipur, where palaces, havelis and temples are found at every turn, but it's not the only city in Rajasthan to boast such architectural treasures. Jaipur, the state's capital and also known as the Pink City, is home to another famous, Indian landmark.

The stunning Amber Fort towers over the city on top of a high hill, silhouetted against the sky. You can spend a whole day exploring the winding staircases, cavernous rooms and tiny turrets of this vast building, where tourists are left to their own devices and few barriers are in place to prevent you from getting a real sense of the history contained within.

In Rajasthan's Blue City, Jodhpur,

“The sense of regal wealth and pomp is everywhere in Udaipur.”

stands the equally impressive Mehrangarh while Jaisalmer is famed for its huge sandstone castle.

Each of these cities is packed with restaurants and hotels to cater to the huge number of tourists that visit Rajasthan each year to take in the wonders and experience the magic, history and beauty of the state where awe is inspired at every turn.

TAJ MAHAL



At the heart of the park is the crumbling tenth century Ranthambore Fort and scattered among the trees nearby are a number of ancient temples and mosques.

More history awaits when you continue the journey on to Udaipur in southern Rajasthan. Known as the Venice of the East, this beautiful city reaches out over the banks of Lake Pichola, with the towering Aravalli hills in the background providing a natural buffer against the outside world.

It's vital to stay in a lakeside hotel as the view across the water is breathtaking. In the middle,

TRADITIONAL RAJASTHANI FOOD

DAAL-BAATI: Highly nutritional unleavened bread, which can be eaten plain or with a variety of fillings.

LAAPSI: A tasty, sweet dish made of broken wheat pieces, ghee, nuts, raisings and dried fruits.

KHAD KHARGOSH: Wild hare cooked and roasted underground.

In the animal kingdom at Al Ain Zoo

DAY TRIP

A trip to Al Ain Zoo is not something to do once and tick off the list. Life changes and evolves daily here and each visit brings fresh rewards: the sight of a baby giraffe struggling to its feet for the first time, trying desperately to master its gangly legs; crocodiles crawling out of the lake to sun themselves on the banks; or the Arabian leopard emerging from the trees to parade in the open.

Set in a 400 hectare park in the foothills of the Jebel Hafeet Mountain range, the zoo gives its inhabitants the space they need to act as they would in their natural environment. Baby monkeys frolic in the trees and swing exuberantly from branch to branch one minute then fall asleep in their mother's arms the next.



Enormous lions doze lethargically in the sun while the wolves stalk their enclosure with a predatory look. Over in the penguin pen, the charismatic creatures jostle for the limelight, performing their ungainly waddle-dance for the amused crowd.

There are over 4,000 creatures here and each offers an insight into the weird and wonderful ways of the animal world. One of the best times to visit is during the evening, when many of them get fed. Growls, grunts and sqawks fill the air as keepers take dinner to hungry giraffes, rhinos, wildebeest, crocodiles and penguins.

The Bird of Prey Show takes place at 7.30pm when vultures, eagles, owls and falcons show off their speed, soaring gracefully through the air and swooping to



the ground to claim their rewards. Equally awe-inspiring are the white lions. These beautiful and majestic creatures are a recent addition to the zoo's family and have proved a hit with guests. There are less than 200 of this endangered species left in the world.

The protection of endangered animals is a high priority at Al Ain Zoo and the experience here is as much educational as it is enjoyable and unforgettable.

The Lion King

3D (2011)

Alexa Soar revisits a childhood favourite with this re-released, 3D version.

NEW RELEASE

Seventeen years on from the original, Disney's *The Lion King* has been re-released in 3D, resurrecting the much loved classic and allowing for an entirely new generation to sing along to *Hakuna Matata*. I'll admit my bias now. As a 'Nineties child, I grew up enchanted by the original; I had the lunchbox and pretended my poor cat Cleo was a lion cub for a good few dangles over the banister. But the re-release has provided the opportunity to re-consider one of my favourite childhood movies. Putting nostalgia aside, is *The Lion King* really as beautifully animated and delightful as I remember? And does it deserve 'classic' status?

Take it home
The *Lion King* is the best selling home video of all time, and has sold more than 55 million copies around the world to date.

For those of you who don't know, the popular musical follows the story of a mischievous and royal lion cub's journey to adulthood. Simba (first voiced by Jonathan Taylor Thomas, and then Matthew Broderick) leads a charmed childhood, enjoying the perks that only the son of King Mufasa (voiced by James Earl Jones) would be granted, having "wherever the light touches" as his own personal playground. The kid is pretty spoilt, but always closely watched over by Zazu (Rowan Atkinson), a worrywort hornbill who is forever chasing the tyke. But the cub's happy childhood turns tragic when his wicked uncle Scar (Jeremy Irons) arranges the murder of Mufasa and allows Simba to believe it was his fault.

Actively encouraged by Scar, the heartbroken cub flees the kingdom, only to return many years later to take his rightful place as King.

In true Disney fashion, the story is familiar, clever and predictable; drawing on centuries of mythol-

ogy from Shakespeare to the ancient Greeks. And while it's possible to talk at length about the appropriateness of a children's film that occasionally comes across as power-mad, encourages monarchy and includes a chilling murder scene, that's just not the point. Ultimately, the references make for an epic and captivating story, and serious ideologies fly over kids' heads, colourfully disguised by enchanting visuals, irresistible cuteness and an award-winning, uplifting soundtrack by Elton John, Tim Rice and Hans Zimmer. The more serious moments are juxtaposed with brilliant comic relief delivered by the bumbling duo of Pumbaa the warthog and Timon the meerkat, who befriend and accompany a lost Simba, teaching him life lessons, such as how to survive on a diet

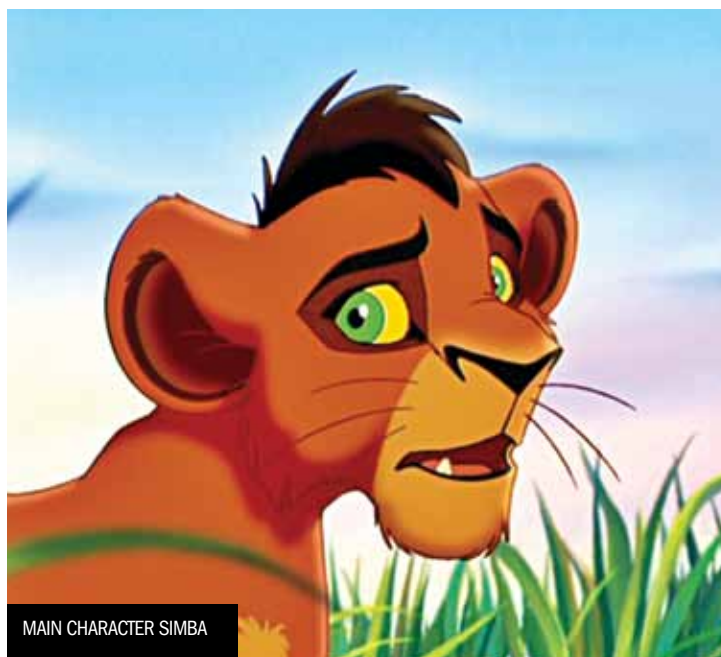
of squirming bugs. Jeremy Irons' wickedly sarcastic Scar steals the show and provides most of the laughs for the adults, playing the ultimate, bored, evil and clever baddie.

But what's most compelling about revisiting the classic with fresh (if slightly older) eyes, is noticing the attention to detail I missed as a child. Disney spent a good



THE ENCHANTING VISUALS RUN WITH THE BEST OF MODERN FILM





MAIN CHARACTER SIMBA

DID YOU KNOW?

- One of the bugs that Timon pulls out of a knothole during *Hakuna Matata* is wearing Mickey Mouse ears.
- Several Disney animators went to Africa to study animal behaviour and interaction in the wild. A grown lion and a cub were also brought into the animation studio as models for anatomy and musculature.
- The plot-line is loosely based on William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*; a story of a young prince whose uncle takes over the kingdom and marries the queen after killing the King.

six years lovingly nurturing the film; Simba and his friends were painstakingly drawn by hand and brought to life by animation that, 17 years on, doesn't come across as tired. And the 3D effect, often deemed unnecessary, does a stand-up job of bringing it all to life again.

Nostalgia is actually pretty difficult to wipe to the side and I could not help but be taken back in time. While I am now aware of the deeper ideologies that make up the rather contrived film, it just doesn't matter. *The Lion King* is the kind of film that can put a smile on the most cynical face, and marketing technique or otherwise, I am glad that it's being introduced to a new generation of children. I just feel sorry for the unsuspecting cats; watch out, Mittens!

SILVER SCREEN



CHRIS KINSVILLE-HEYNE
BROADCASTER

Have we been here before?

If you're watching a film and you get the funny feeling that the story line seems very familiar, well, there's a reason for that.

William Shakespeare is responsible for the bulk of ideas. Heard of *West Side Story*? That will be *Romeo & Juliet* but with leather jackets and flick knives. How about the sci-fi classic *Forbidden Planet*? Well, that's *The Tempest* in what 1950s America thought space was going to be; who knew they were spot-on with all that spandex?

Possibly the most famous steal of all comes from the world of 1950s Japanese cinema. *Seven Samurai* was directed by the legendary Akira Kurosawa. It tells the story of a group of farmers who hire warriors to protect their village from bandits. Sounds familiar? Not surprising, as John Sturges then took the idea a few years later, replaced the Samurai with wild west gunslingers and called his film *The Magnificent Seven*.

In its day, *Seven Samurai* took the highly unusual step of bringing heroes together to work as a team for a common goal. Practically unheard of in 1954 Japan, but it spawned films such as *The Dirty Dozen*, *Where Eagles Dare*, *The Italian Job* and, more recently, *Ocean's Eleven*.

In our modern-day films we still continue to find influences from centuries ago. *Ten things I hate about you* is *The Taming of the Shrew*. So, if you find yourself feeling déjà vu with your popcorn, don't panic. You really have seen or read it before.

The famous saying, "writers are thieves", particularly applies to film.

Bollywood news

SATISH KAUSHIK TO REMAKE THE TAMIL HIT PITHAMAGAN

For those who do not know, *Pithamagan* is the 2003 Tamil mega-hit starring Vikram and Suriya. But now, Satish Kaushik has acquired the rights to remake it for the Bollywood audience. If all goes to plan, Satish hopes to rope in Hrithik and Saif for the leading roles. Kaushik has experience with remakes, having already achieved success with Salman Khan's *Tere Naam*.



SALMAN'S PAIN RETURNS

Salman Khan recently underwent surgery for a facial nerve condition, and seemed to be on the mend until he was struck with pain while shooting *Ek Tha Tiger* in Dublin. The actor stated that although the surgery reduced his pain by 60 to 70 per cent, he still experiences pain while talking, which must be difficult while shooting a movie.



RAJINI SHOOTS FOR HIS 'CAMEO'

There have been rumours circulating for some time that Rajinikanth would shoot a cameo for Shahrukh Khan's upcoming Sci-Fi flick, *Ra.One*. But last week, Khan took to Twitter to confirm the news, stating that Rajinikanth has indeed shot his cameo, before showering the actor with praise for extending his help in completing *Ra.One*. The film is set to be released at the end of the month.

Reviews *in brief*

A quick look at the week's biggest films.



Real Steel, 2011

★★★★★ Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo

Set in the not too distant future, where boxing has become so high-tech that only robots can compete, a struggling promoter (Jackman) stumbles upon a potential champion in a discarded robot. On top of all the metal-on-metal action is a more heartening story of Jackman's character working with his estranged son to build up the hopeful robot. It's *Rocky* meets *Transformers*, with a few plot twists thrown in for good measure.



Heliopolis, 2009 (Arabic)

★★★★★ Khaled Abol Naga, Hanan Motwea, Hany Adel

Heliopolis is an Egyptian independent musical documentary that tells the story of a young group of people during a winter day in Heliopolis, a suburb of Cairo. It is a portrayal of their mutually unfulfilled dreams, frustrations and struggles in the overpopulated metropolis, that used to be one of Cairo's most glamorous neighbourhoods. The film was praised for its thoughtful insight and for adding a new dimension to Egyptian cinema.



Rascals, 2011 (Hindi)

Sanjay Dutt, Sanjay Ahluwalia, Vinay Choksey

Released this weekend is *Rascals*, the latest David Dhawan and Sanjay Dutt adventure starring Ahluwalia and Choksey as two competing conmen. The action comedy promises some amusing and surprising set-ups as the two conmen try and out-scheme each other. And with a soundtrack by Vishal-Shekhar

it's not one to miss. If you get the chance to visit the cinema this week, let us know what you think. letters@readme.com

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REEL CINEMAS - DUBAI MALL

Abduction - 15:10, 15:30, 19:50, 22:10, 11:10, 12:30
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REEL CINEMAS - MARINA MALL

The Change-Up - 12:30, 14:50, 17:10, 19:30, 21:50, 00:10
Cowboys and Aliens - 11:40, 14:10, 19:30, 21:50, 00:10
The Debt - 12:40, 15:00, 17:20, 19:40, 22:00, 00:30
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Smurfs - 11:30, 14:20, 17:00

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YOU REVIEW

We asked a cinemagoer what he thought, fresh from seeing a film.

Andy Goodall
Shop assistant, Al Barsha



I have just been to watch **8/10** *Cowboys and Aliens*, the new film with Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford. I was after something with a bit of action and an interesting story, which I definitely got from this film. I thought it was an interesting take on the classic western movie, but they managed to make the futuristic elements tie in really well, without seeming too out of place in the wild west. The visual effects and computer graphics in particular were absolutely brilliant. I thought Daniel Craig did a really good job in the lead role. He's not usually my most favourite actor but he was pretty convincing and played the character well. I also liked the way all the twists and turns of the story were unravelled gradually, piece by piece, as this kept my attention right up to the end credits.

Want to be in Read.?
If you've been to see a recent movie, we want to hear your views. Email us your 100-word film review, along with your job title, location and a high-resolution photograph and you could be featured in our *You Review* section.

As legendary pop icon Janet Jackson prepares to kick-off another season of *Yas Island Show Weekends*, on October 13, we take a look back at the career of one of the world's best-selling female artist, who paved the way for a new generation of superstars such as Beyoncé, Rihanna and Britney Spears.

Born into one of America's royal families, the youngest sister of the late King of Pop was thrust into the world of entertainment, later becoming one of the most influential singer/songwriters of all time, selling over 100 million albums worldwide.

For the most part of her early years, Janet lived in the shadow of her famous Jackson 5 brothers. In 1986, she made the bold move to separate her musical career from her family life

and subsequently began taking *Control*, the title of her groundbreaking third studio album.

It was at this point that industry insiders realised Janet Jackson had truly emerged as a pop princess. Janet made a stance—she had decided to sever ties with her father professionally, a moment Janet describes as the “most difficult decision”. But it paid dividends.

Following its release, *Rolling Stone* reviewer Rob Hoerburger called *Control* “a better album than Diana Ross has made in five years.” And *Ms.* magazine named the album one of the musical landmarks of the past 20 years.

A defining moment in her life came during the recording of the album—she was threatened by a group of men outside of her hotel in Minneapolis. Instead of running to her producers Jimmy and Terry for protection, Janet said she took control.

“The danger hit home when a couple of guys started stalking me on the street,” she recalls. “I backed them down. That’s how songs like *Nasty* and *What Have You Done for Me Lately* were born, out of a sense of self-defence.”

This was just the beginning of her 25 year music career. Following on from the success of *Control*, Jackson sent a political message with her fourth studio album, *Rhythm Nation 1814*.

She said at the time, “*Control* was about my life; *Rhythm Nation* is about what’s going on in the world around us.”

But Jackson was not naive—she knew she could not change the world with just the album or a song.

She said, “I just want my music

Keeping control

Read. profiles one of the most iconic and influential solo artists of the last two decades, **Janet Jackson**.



JACKSON IMPRESSES IN CONCERT

THE CURRENT WORLD TOUR HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS JACKSON'S BIGGEST YET

and my dance to catch the audience's attention, and to hold it long enough for them to listen to the lyrics and what we're saying."

Jackson's first world tour in support of *Rhythm Nation 1814*

"I just want my music and my dance to catch the audience's attention."

became the most successful debut tour by any recording artist—Janet was acknowledged for the cultural impact of her music. But despite the worldwide success, many critics still felt Janet was just riding on her last name.

She sent a clear message in reply; in May, 1993 she released her fifth studio album, *Janet*, which debuted at number one on the Billboard 200. In response to her critics Janet said, "That's why I just put my first name on *Janet* and why I never asked my brothers to write or produce music for me."

Rolling Stone wrote: "As princess of America's black royal family, everything Janet Jack-



son does is important. Whether proclaiming herself in charge of her life, as she did on *Control*, or commander-in-chief of a rhythm army dancing to fight society's problems, she's influential."

Earlier this year, Janet Jackson embarked on her sixth world tour, *Janet Jackson Number Ones: Up Close and Personal*, which has been described as her largest world tour, playing in 35 cities around the world.

"This tour will be different from the tours I've done in the past...in the way that I perform music exclusively from my 35 number one hits [in] 35 cities," she said.

"These concerts will be different from anything I have ever done. I will be as up close and personal as possible. These concerts are not about special effects.

"This is a love affair between me and those of you who have supported me and my work for all these years. I'll be singing and dancing from my heart. The music will all be songs that you've made number ones for me. Let's go!"

Jackson comes to the Yas Arena, Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, on October 13, and she will be the first act to open a new season of the popular *Yas Island Show Weekends*.

Kicking up dust at The Pavilion

A new piece at Downtown Dubai invites art-lovers to help create something special.

CONTEMPORARY ART

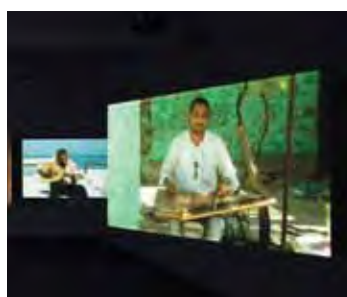
Art lovers in Dubai are being invited to interact with a new work by walking across its entire surface and becoming a part of the piece.

Turkish artist Ergin Çavusoglu's latest show at The Pavilion, Downtown Dubai consists of a large-scale interactive vinyl perspective floor drawing, intended to function as a manipulation of perception and space and to also provide a commentary on issues of real estate and labour.

The floor drawing is taken from a three-dimensional architectural model based on a cement factory in Turkey and forms the basis of the installation. The interaction of the audience walking across the work disturbs the debris and the rising dust, which is then recorded via a security camera installed at a particular angle. This captures the natural movements of the dust and



THE PIECE IS PARTICULARLY INTERACTIVE



relays the recordings on to a monitor, which in turn displays surreal images of the audience housed within the three-dimensional sculptural building.

Born in Bulgaria as part of a Turkish minority and now based in London, Çavusoglu is renowned for his aesthetically beautiful yet complex film and video installations and sculptural works that explore issues such as post-migration, and informal architectures.

His latest exhibition is expected to be a popular choice among Dubai's art community, due to its interactive element and unique perspective on the issues explored by the artist. It is also being touted as the perfect introduction to contemporary art for those that have never visited an exhibition. So for those of you looking to experience something a little different, why not get yourself down to The Pavilion for a spot of dust breeding?

FIRST PERSON



CHRIS ATKINS
COMPOSER & SOUND ENGINEER
BKP MUSIC

If you really want something in life, it will come to you.

This is a philosophy that I have kept with me since my early teenage years. When I think about it, I guess all my ambitions have materialised in some shape or form so far. I used to dream about meeting and befriending my musical idols, living abroad, earning a living from making music, even owning a red convertible sports car.

Before arriving in the Middle East, I chose to work 12 hours a day for free in a London studio. The manager at the time said she couldn't pay me and that I would probably be cleaning out cat litter most of the time, but I would have gladly cleaned the toilets for the opportunity. But eventually I put down my mop and bucket, got on the payroll and assisted many well-known artists such as Kylie Minogue, Snow Patrol and Ian Brown, amongst others. I hadn't liked school very much, but I loved music college and I was lucky to find a wonderful teacher in John Verity, who changed everything for me when he recommended a job in Dubai with top audio studio BKP Music.

Since moving to Dubai and starting work as a composer and sound engineer, I have worked on a host of exciting projects. I often get emails from people wanting to get into the music industry, so I just tell them to follow their heart and their passion. If there is a dream inside you that you live and breathe, it's only a matter of time until it becomes a reality.

For more information about Chris visit chrisatkinsonline.com

Perfect 5



★★★★★ **Noel Ebdon** finds that a car he previously loved to hate has over the last year turned into one that he really rather likes.

ROAD TEST

The sixth generation of the BMW 5 Series had a lot to live up to upon its launch last year. Its predecessors have been celebrated far and wide, a point proven by the fact that, since the first one was released in 1972, BMW has sold more than five-and-a-half million of them. The 5 Series also makes up around half of BMW's worldwide sales, which is why there are so many on the roads of Dubai.

As one would expect, BMW didn't disappoint with the new one; the range-topper, the M5, has been heralded as a triumph of automotive genius, and the everyday versions, for me and you, are just as impressive. I was given the

model that sits just below the M5, the 2011 550i, and I found that there was plenty to like about it, despite not being the world's biggest Beemer fan.

The exterior is an area in which the new 5 Series scores highly. The last iteration of this car looked bold, at best, and downright ugly at worst, depending on your taste. Either way, it was hardly pretty, with its upturned pig-like face and bulky rear end. The new one is something of a supermodel among contemporary saloon cars, thanks to its wide stance, new front and rear lights, and sleek lines. Sure, it looks a little reserved, but isn't that how a BMW should be?

Inside, things aren't quite as good-looking as they are on the

outside, meaning those who call the new shape boring will certainly find it dull in here. But there's still no doubt about the new BMW's quality. There's plenty of brushed aluminium, contrasted by polished wood and dark plastics. And the seats are certainly supple enough to provide any

Specs
 Engine: 4.4-litre twin-turbo V8
 Power: 402bhp @ 5,500rpm
 Torque: 440lb-ft @ 1,750rpm
 Top speed: 250km/h
 0-100km/h: 4.8secs



THERE IS NO DOUBTING THE QUALITY OF THE INTERIOR

driver from this city with a comfortable journey.

But what I was really interested in was the new iDrive system, which was generally considered to be horrendous on every last-generation BMW. Thankfully, the Munich-based carmaker has given iDrive a thorough going over. Menus and sub-menus are laid out much more clearly, making all of the car's settings easier to navigate. It's still slightly complicated, offering needless options such as how long the headlights stay turned on after you get out of the car, meaning that it still feels like a geek's car. But, saying that, the Head-up Display above the dash is extremely good fun.

Anyone could tell you this after sitting in it for five minutes, though. And it detracts from the area in which the 550i scores properly big points; the driving experience. Despite being the M5's smaller brother, the 550i's 4.4-litre V8 engine packs plenty of punch—402 bhp and 440 lb-ft of punch, in fact. This makes it a



speedy so-and-so, making tickets something of an occupational hazard when driving it.

The steering is direct and precise, and the car will easily eat up any bends that the UAE has to throw it, at considerable speed, if you're so inclined. The back will step out a little if you push too hard, making the car feel squeamish, but on the whole, you won't find many surprises when the going gets tough.

The only major issue I have with the 550i is the ride. With so much power under the bonnet, it's inevitable that you'll stick in Sport Mode, which, as far as I can tell, simply makes for a stiffer ride, and offers no real dynamic advantages. Even in Comfort Mode, you get the feeling that the ride is more akin to a racing car than an executive saloon, despite the comfortable seats. And the sporty suspension struggles with speed bumps or rough roads.

However, the roads of Dubai are all relatively smooth, meaning that this won't be too much of an issue for most owners. Fans of BMWs will almost certainly love it—I definitely prefer it over the last generation—and BMW can rest safe in the knowledge that it has created a worthy sequel to its best seller.

“The new 5 Series is something of a supermodel among contemporary saloon cars”



Car briefs

F1 simulation

GAME Codemasters last week released the latest game in its Formula 1 simulation series, F1 2011, which promises more realistic graphics, more tracks, more control over the car and highly intelligent virtual opponents. Developer Codemasters has also placed more focus on multiplayer functions for F1 2011, allowing players to race against each other online, or else cruise through championships cooperatively. And if F1 2010, which won several awards, is anything to go by, this latest Formula 1 racing game should be something very special.



Nissan, GE sign partnership



EV Nissan has signed an agreement with General Electric in order to speed up the production of electronic charging points for electric cars, as well as to research and develop new technologies for electric motoring. Nissan has already made headlines with its own electric car, the Leaf, and hopes the new agreement with GE will smooth the transition from petrol-powered transport to more sustainable modes of getting around.

Cubans allowed to buy/sell cars

REFORMS In another shake-up to communist life in Cuba, president Raul Castro recently passed a law allowing Cubans to buy and sell cars made after the communist revolution in 1959. Previously, nationals would have to seek specific permission from the government to buy or sell cars, making the process extremely difficult. This new law comes as part of a broader set of reforms, which are designed to kick-start Cuba's struggling economy.



New Fujifilm S3300 unveiled

CAMERA Fujifilm's new S3300 camera comes in handy when whizzing around town to take pictures of Dubai's amazing skyline or when out in the desert camping with a 4x4 on hand. The camera boasts a 14-megapixel CCD, 24mm wide-angle-super zoom lens, dual image stabilisation, 3.0" LCD screen, full HD stills and 720p HD movie capture (30 fps), HDMI port for easy image display on any HDTV, up to ISO6400 (at reduced resolution), easy web upload to Facebook and YouTube, face detection with blink detection and smile and shoot mode, full manual controls, tracking AF and intelligent flash.



Ready to race

New motorsport season given green light at the Autodrome.



Last week saw local motor racing return with a bang, after Mohammed ben Sulayem, president of the Automobile and Touring Club of the UAE (ATCUAE) and vice-president of the FIA, and Ali Fardan Al Fardan, the newly-appointed chairman of Dubai Autodrome, ushered in the 2011-12 UAE National Championships season.

The championships are comprised of a number of different racing series, including the UAE Touring Car Championship, the UAE Sportsbike Championship and the brand new Formula Gulf 1000 series. For young drivers, FG1000 aims to provide a step on the racing ladder up to Formula 1, and could eventually yield a Middle Eastern Formula 1 driver.



NEW RIDERS TAKE TO THE GRID



Since 2006, Dubai Autodrome has hosted a wide range of local competitive racing, providing UAE residents with the chance to take part in serious motorsport. And while domestic racing has faltered across the globe due to the economic recession, the UAE National Championships still look to be going strong.

"It is very important that we develop and promote motorsport from grassroots level upwards," said Ben Sulayem, who once enjoyed a stellar career as a rally driver. "We need a strong karting scene from where drivers can rise through the ranks. I am proud that Emirati drivers like Mohammed Al Mutawaa have emerged through this system."

There are plenty of other racing drivers looking to make their mark on the local racing community, some of them Emirati, some expatriate, but all with a love for motorsport. And given the lack of racing during the hot summer months, all of them will be keen to get back on the grid as the weather begins to cool down.

"It is very important that we develop motorsport from grassroots level upwards"

"After a long off-season, where we have been very busy behind the scenes, we are all looking forward to the sound of racing engines and for the chequered flag to start waving," said Al Fardan. "In recent years we have seen unprecedented growth in motorsport in the UAE despite the global economic climate. This indicates a strong foundation set by the ATCUAE under the astute leadership of Mohammed ben Sulayem and ultimately a plat-

form from which motor racing can grow and thrive."

There was a glimpse into what the new season will bring at Dubai Autodrome upon these announcements. A number of racing teams were in attendance, testing out their new cars and reacquainting themselves with the track. Among the new cars was the FG1000 single-seater car,

which will be a part of one of the most ambitious one-make series that the UAE has seen. The car has been built from the ground up as a stepping stone from karting to higher-level motorsports such as Formula 3 and Formula 2, and is only open to already accomplished drivers looking to ascend the racing ladder. There is plenty of excitement around this series, given both the car's capabilities and the talents of the drivers taking part, making it one to watch out for over the course of the season.

Another new addition to the local calendar will be the one-make Maserati Trofeo series, which will see factory-tuned Maserati Gran Turismo racing cars battle it out through the twists and turns of the UAE's race tracks. This is already a popular series in Europe, particularly among fans of Italian metal, and big things are expected of the inaugural season over here.

The 2011-12 season kicks off in earnest on Friday, October 7, featuring the first rounds of the UAE Touring Car Championship, the UAE Sportbike Championship, the Radical Cup and the FG1000 series. Every race at the Autodrome is free to attend, and visitors are welcome to get up close and personal with the drivers and teams.



Rugby carnival starting to heat up

Showpiece tournament reaches knock-out stages with the big names stuttering but more determined than ever.

RUGBY WORLD CUP

As expected, both England and France booked their quarter-final meeting with the closing of the pool matches. Frighteningly, however, both did so in remarkably unimpressive fashion. France went down 14-19 to a spirited Tonga side, while England scraped to victory over Scotland with a converted try two minutes from time.

Ireland will take on Wales in the other, all-Six Nations encounter. Both performed exceptionally well in their last pool matches, albeit Wales against much lesser opponents. Each squad will have entered this first quarter-final with

high expectations knowing a place in the final-four is at stake. On current form, this match should have gone down to the wire with Ireland carrying just enough momentum to take them over the line. But this is the World Cup, and things don't

always go to plan. If this year's Tri Nations tournament was going to be the benchmark for the southern hemisphere teams, Australia would be expected to beat South Africa in their quarter-final on Sunday. However, the Wallabies

have stuttered into the knockout stages and South Africa have also made it through lacklustre performances. Whichever side manages to come out on top won't instill much fear in their semi-final opponents—inevitably New Zealand.

The final match of the weekend sees hosts, and still tournament favourites, New Zealand try to prove that they are a team that can survive without key playmaker Dan Carter.

World-class kicker Carter has been ruled out of the remainder of the tournament which will mean Argentina will be targeting his less-than-amazing replacement Colin Slade, in the hope of disrupting quick ball to the All Black back-line that will run riot at every opportunity.

Although they finished third four years ago, Argentina just don't have enough left in the tank to stop New Zealand advancing.



SEMI-FINALS

Ireland or Wales vs England or France,
Auckland, Oct 15 - 13:00

South Africa or Australia vs New Zealand or Argentina,
Auckland Oct 16 - 13:00

Chairman honours stars

AWARDS

The chairman of the board and executive director of the RTA, Mattar Al Tayer, recently honoured a number of staff and corporate clients who had made distinctive contributions in improving the services delivered by the RTA. The ceremony, which was held in the RTA Auditorium, was attended by a host of CEOs, directors and officials of the RTA as well as representatives of the winning organisations.

"In 2010, the RTA introduced a new initiative to honour the best providers of driver training and licensing services, as well as vehicle testing and registration to add to an existing number of RTA initiatives. These included honouring the best caller under Madinati scheme, initiators of feasible suggestions and

the best customer service centre within the RTA," said Al Tayer. He added that such initiatives were aimed at engaging customers and employees by contributing their creative thoughts to improve the quality of business conduct and service delivery.

"In 2010 the Madinati scheme received some 20,200 calls - the number soaring from 550 calls in 2007. This figure clearly reflects the keenness of community members to interact with the RTA," Al Tayer added.

"The Customers Relations Management system received 6,335 suggestions last year, the number of which were deemed feasible reached 53 suggestions with 10 of these implemented and the remaining ones slated for the future. The RTA is looking forward to re-



AL TAYER HONOURS AL MANSOURI

ceiving more ideas that will benefit the customer service experience."

Al Tayer then honoured the agencies and individuals who won RTA initiatives. Al Ahli Driving Institute came top in the category of providers of drivers' training and licensing services and vehicle testing registration. He also decorated the best customer service agency with the Licensing Agency scooping top honours. In the best customer service centre category, Al Karama Centre finished first.

Al Tayer also honoured Mansour Al Mansouri as winner of the Madinati scheme for the fourth year running after he made more than 700 calls to report damages or violations relating to right of way. Al Tayer praised his efforts for cooperation and making suggestions relating to RTA business.

RTA group visits UK bodies



MATTAR AL TAYER

DELEGATION

Mattar Al Tayer recently led an RTA delegation on an official, four-day visit to the UK. During the trip, the delegation visited the Institute of Civil Engineers, during which the chairman delivered a lecture on the challenges faced by the RTA in its infrastructure projects.

The itinerary also included the signing of a cooperation agreement between the RTA and Transport for London to promote closer ties and knowledge sharing between the two bodies.

Al Tayer was accompanied by the CEO of the Rail Agency, Adnan Al Hammadi, director of develop-

ment and corporate performance, Khalid Al Zahid, as well as other notable RTA officials.

"This visit has come in the context of the RTA's efforts to boost cooperation with the Transport for London, the Institute of Civil Engineers and companies operating within the transport sector with the aim of reviewing expertise and best practices," said Al Tayer.

"The RTA has signed an agreement with the Institute of Civil Engineers for training a number of fresh graduate Emirati engineers to groom them for the full membership of the ICE. To kick-start the process, eight engineers have so far been enrolled."

"This visit has come in the context of the RTA's efforts to boost cooperation."

Green Line already delivering impressive passenger figures

NUMBERS

The number of commuters who have used Dubai Metro's Green Line over the first 20 days since it opened to the public on September 9 has reached over 1.2 million. Meanwhile, the corresponding number of passengers to have travelled on the Red Line over the entire month totals over 4.6 million. These figures bring the total number of commuters who used both lines over September to almost 6 million.

The chairman of the board and executive director of the RTA, Mattar Al Tayer, said he was delighted with these positive indicators of growth in the number of Metro users, which he explained was confirmation of the RTA's plan to increase the number of passengers in mass transit. He added that the figures also indicated that people had started to perceive the benefits of using public transport, such as the psychological and physical relief in smooth mobility, along with reduced costs of

fuel and maintenance of vehicles. "The number of passengers on the Red and Green Lines at Union Station is estimated at 30,000 per day," said Al Tayer. "We expect more passengers to use the Metro with the onset of winter and the inflow of passengers to tourist and heritage attractions, particularly at Al Shindagha," said Al Tayer.

"Al Fahidi Station attracted the biggest number of users on the Green Line in September with 156,000 passengers, followed by Bani Yas Station, which serves a densely populated district. Next came Oud Metha, Al Ghubaiba, Salah Al Din and Khalid Bin Al Waleed stations. Ridership over the rest of the stations ranged between 28,000 and 77,000 passengers," Al Tayer added.



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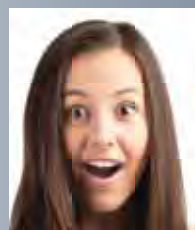
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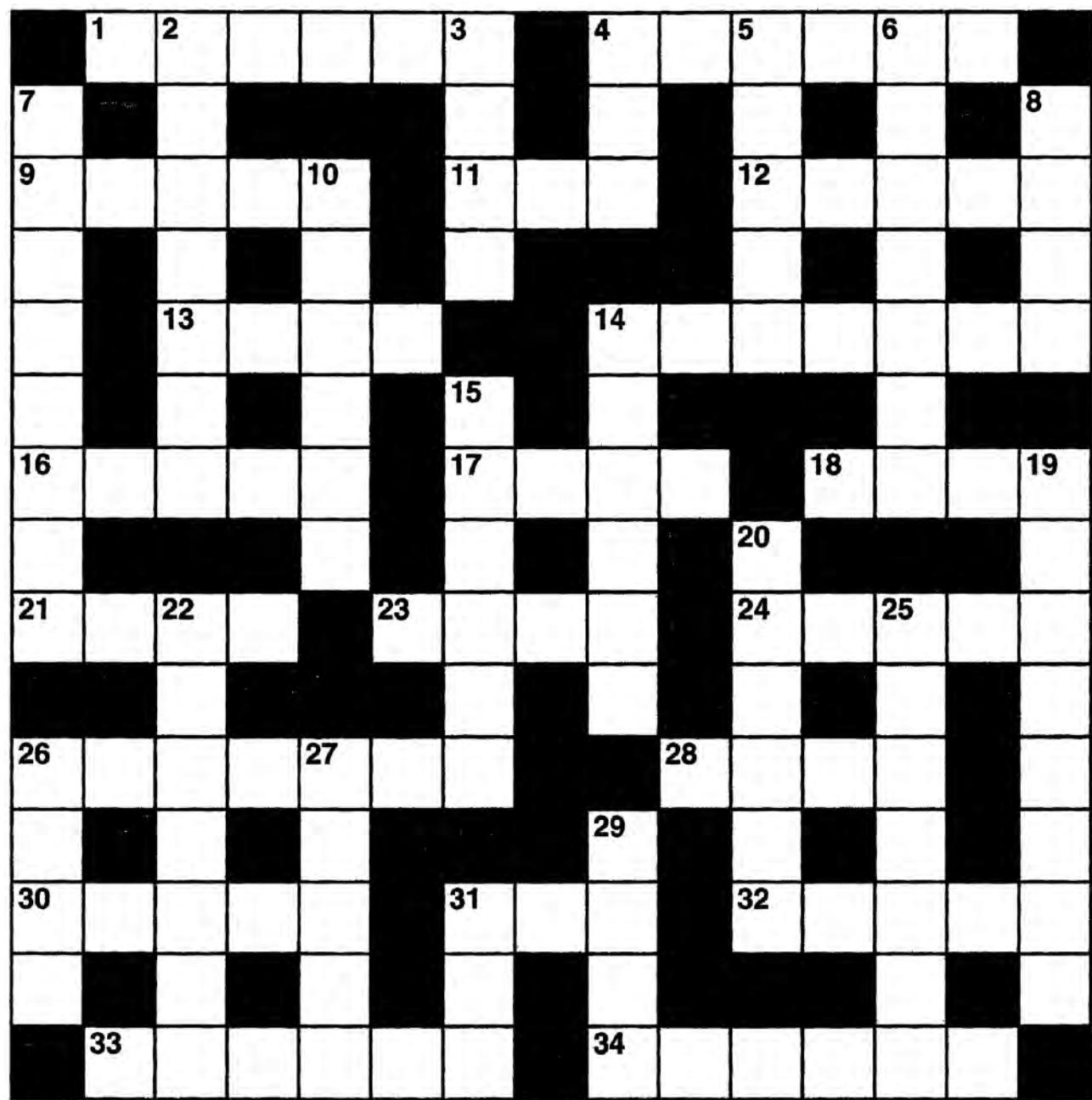
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- Across**
1 Idol, Sight, Smoke (6) 4. Fighting, Last, Off (6)
9 Case, Cut, Hand (5) 11 Inside, Pass, Work (3) 12
Hours, Scale, Time (5) 13 Angel, Bishop, Enemy
(4) 14 Baby, Pretty, Second (7) 16 Circle, Ear, Tube
(5) 17 Compost, Rubish, Scarp (4) 18 Cast, Face,
Writer (4) 21 Bird, Keeper, Plan (4) 23 Around,
Gift, Shrink (4) 24 Dutch, Great, Sam (5) 26
Case, Firework, On (7) 28 Clap, Door, Sun (4) 30
Bracelet, Lucky, Offensive (5) 31 Fair, For, Loving
(3) 32 Paper, Stitch, Wood (5) 33 Dead, Rash,
Stinging (6) 34 Heart, Patch, Pose (6)
- Down**
2 Cook, Group, Vice (7) 3 Day, High, Tide (3) 54
Burglar, Flap, Nap (3) 5 Fixed, Liquid, Stripper
(5) 6 Commission, Shop, Worker (8) 8 Bath,
Hole, Spark (4) 10 Breaking, Criminal, Player
(6) 14 Passport, Postage Rubber (6) 19 African,
Indian, Rogue (8) 20 Body, Life, Welsh (6) 22
Board, Box, Text (7) 25 City, Letter, Working (7)
26 Dry, Loading, Yard (4) 27 Age, Speed, Time
(5) 29 Brandy, Cold, Ginger (4) 31 Entrance,
Membership, Retaining (3)

Answers
ACROSS: 1 Screen 4 Chance 9 Tipper 11 Out
12 Small 13 Arch 14 String 16 Inner 17 Heap
18 Type 21 Game 23 Wrap 24 Uncle 26 Display
28 Trap 30 Charm 31 Fun 32 Saun 33 Nettle
34 Purple
DOWN: 2 Captain 3 Noon 4 Car 5 Asset
6 Chanty 7 Building 8 Plug 10 Record
14 Stamp 15 Cherry 19 Elephant 20 Guards
22 Message 25 Capital 26 Dock 27 Limit
29 Soap 31 Fee



Mixed Bean Salad

The perfect light, healthy salad recipe by Bimi Feroze.

RECIPE

- Ingredients**
- 1 cup mixed beans, soaked overnight (Sprouted mung beans, kidney beans and white beans)
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - ½ cup chopped red onions
 - 2 tbsp fresh lime juice
 - ½ cup chopped fresh parsley or coriander leaves
 - Freshly ground pepper
 - Salt to taste

Method

Soak all the beans overnight, then boil the kidney beans and white beans until they are just tender in salted water. Drain



well, then set to one side.

Combine them with the mung beans in a separate bowl, then add chopped red onion and fresh parsley or coriander leaves.

Drizzle a little olive oil over the bean salad. Sprinkle on the lime juice and top up with ground pepper. Add salt to taste and mix well.

Store in an airtight container in the fridge for few hours before serving.

Serve chilled for a fresh, colourful and tasty meal.

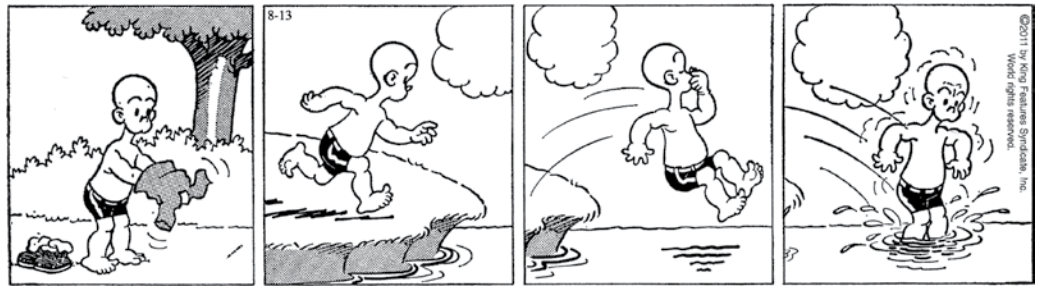
Serves
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Dennis the Menace



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Answer

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Code-word

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Code-words are like crosswords but without clues. Each letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number. This number represents the same letter throughout the puzzle.

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Sudoku 1

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Sudoku 2

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Code-word answers

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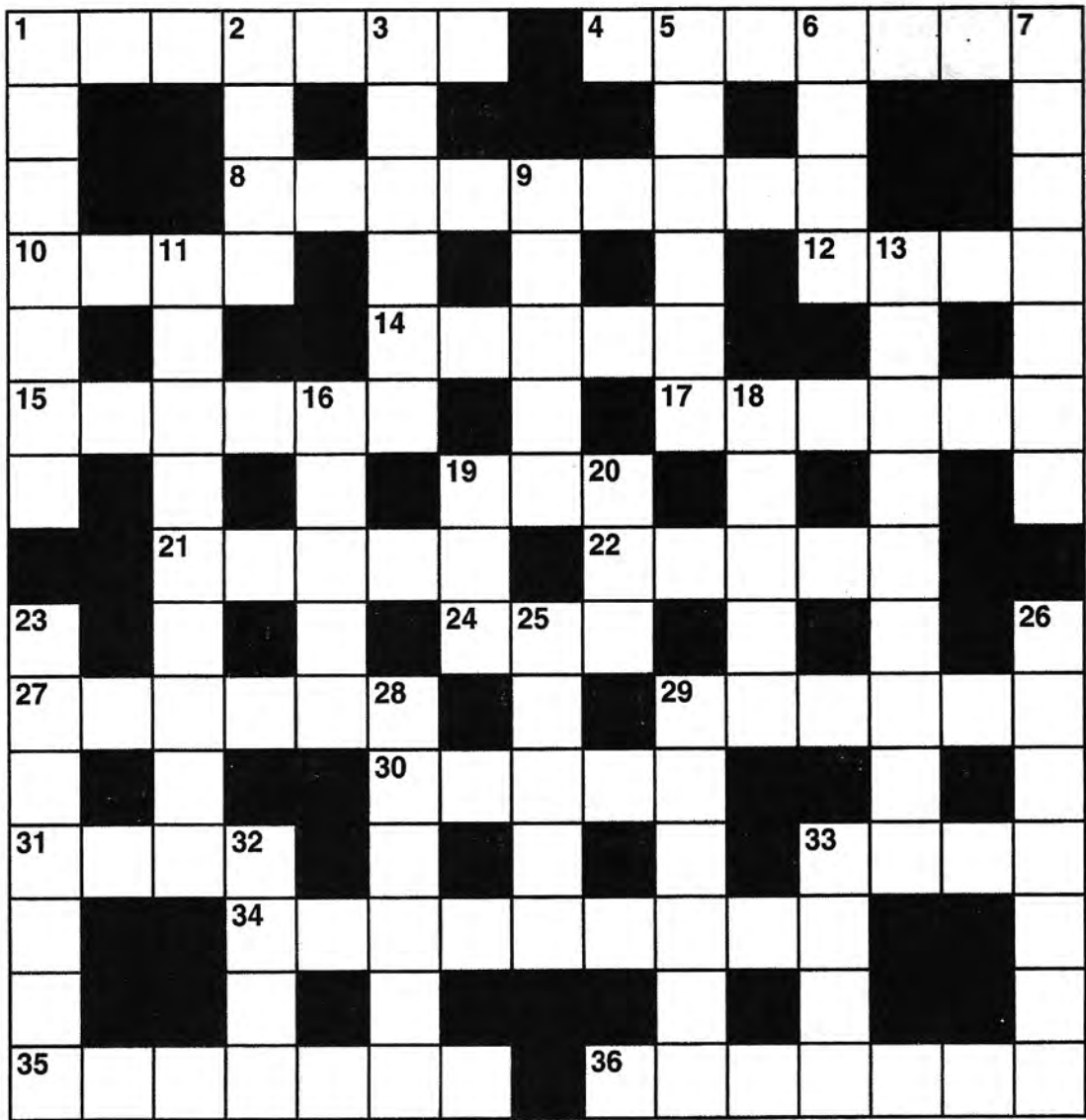
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Sudoku 2 answers

3	4	8	5	2	7	9	6	1
5	9	7	8	1	6	4	3	2
6	2	1	3	9	4	8	7	5
4	3	9	1	7	8	5	2	6
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9	8	3	6	4	1	2	5	7
1	6	2	5	9	3	4	8	7
7	5	4	2	8	3	9	6	1

Crossword



Across
1 Leafy green vegetable 4 Spectacles 8 Morning meal 10 Flat low-rimmed salver 12 Outer rim 14 Nutmeg or cinnamon, eg 15 Formal announcement 17 Solitary or unmarried 19 Infusion for drinking 21 Person of exalted rank 22 Gymnastics apparatus 24 Deciduous tree 27 Bulb-like vegetables 29 Pleasurable sea voyage 30 Equine animal 31 Small fasteners 33 Toothed cog 34 Voyager 35 Holidaymaker 36 Buying and selling

Down
1 Newspaper clipping 2 Newly born child 3 Lubrication 5 Foliage 6 Position of a building 7 Book jackets 9 Weapon with a blade 11 Vigilance 13 Semi-sweet biscuit 16 Cottage, often made of logs 18 Located closer to the centre 19 Stand for a golf ball 20 Provide weapons to 23 Organic matter used as a fertiliser 25 Great in size 26 Fish cured to make a kipper 28 Gardener's clippers 29 Underground room 32 Film's main actor 33 Criss-cross of lines

Sudoku 3

		9	1		6	2		
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	3		8		9		5	
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Sudoku 4

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8		6	4		5	9	3
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9				6			7
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	5					4	

Crossword answers

15 STRAIGHT-ONE
ACROSS: 1 Cabbage 4 Glasses 8 Breakfast 10 Tray 12 Edge 14 Spice 15 Notice 17 Single 19 Tea 21 Noble 22 Rings 24 Elm 27 Onions 29 Cruise 30 Horse 31 Pins 33 Goat 34 Traveller 35 Tourist 36 Trading
DOWN: 1 Cutting 2 Baby 3 Cruise 5 Leaves 6 Sate 7 Sleeves 9 Knife 11 Attention 13 Digestive 16 Cabin 18 Inner 19 Tee 20 Arm 23 Composite 25 Large 26 Hermit 28 Shears 29 Collar 32 Star 33 Grid

Sudoku 3 answers

7	9	8	5	6	1	4	2	3
2	5	3	4	9	8	7	6	1
4	1	6	2	7	3	5	8	9
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9	4	2	6	1	5	8	3	7
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5	8	4	3	2	7	9	1	6
6	2	1	9	5	4	3	7	8
3	7	9	1	8	6	2	4	5

Sudoku 4 answers

1	5	9	3	7	6	8	4	2
6	3	7	2	4	8	1	9	5
2	8	4	9	5	1	3	7	6
4	6	5	7	3	8	2	6	1
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Who's this? answer - Amitabh Bachchan

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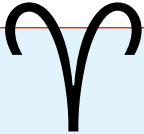
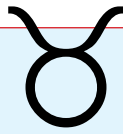
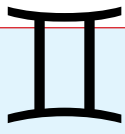
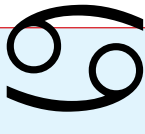
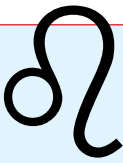
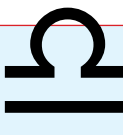
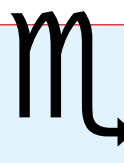
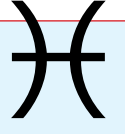
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 ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20) It seems that a person you thought was faultless does have some flaws underneath. It would appear they are only human after all, so don't let this affect your opinion of them; not many people can claim to be perfect. Perhaps your expectations were unrealistic.	 TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 21) You want to help out a family member in need, but be aware that, even though your intentions are good, the balance of power between the both of you could be disturbed. Perhaps there is a way you can help them to lift themselves out of a situation?	 GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUN 21) A personal relationship could come under the spotlight. If you both feel the same, things could advance rapidly, but if one of you is less sure then this could be make or break time. A creative project will also require a lot of self-belief to keep it moving forwards.	 CANCER (JUN 22 - JUL 23) A plan to make some changes around the home may suffer a glitch, as tastes clash and tempers flare. An important appointment or delivery may also be delayed which leaves you on the edge, but a loved one will come through with the support you need.
 LEO (JUL 24 - AUG 23) You may find yourself seeking an audience, whether this is people to listen to your ideas or to simply give you the attention you desire at the moment. Keep a close eye on your choice of words however, make sure you say what you mean and mean what you say.	 VIRGO (AUG 24 - SEP 23) Somebody may try to influence travel plans that you thought had already been set in stone. This could be an underhanded way of making things work out better for them, but at a cost to your pocket. Just keep your common sense around you and stand firm.	 LIBRA (SEP 24 - OCT 23) The atmosphere may be starting to feel tense between you and a friend or colleague. This makes you both more aware of everything you say to each other, which could actually work out for the best as some underlying problems could be eased between you.	 SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 22) Unfortunately, it would appear that not everyone you have previously relied on is as solid as you originally thought. There may be some gossip going around but think carefully before taking it all as gospel. What motives lie behind the person telling tales?
 SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23 - DEC 21) You can sometimes be very optimistic and always see the best in situations, which is admirable but not always realistic. With bills to pay and important things to be organised, it is perhaps better to follow your head not your heart this time.	 CAPRICORN (DEC 22 - JAN 20) Various responsibilities seem to have been upon you by others and this may start to feel like a burden. Time spent working overtime, planning and organising could take its toll on your health and harmony at home. Don't be afraid to say no every now and then.	 AQUARIUS (JAN 21 - FEB 19) A relationship that was once close but has since fizzled out may be revived with an unexpected move or change of career on the other person's part. This breathes a whole new energy into your social life and could signal an exciting period ahead.	 PISCES (FEB 20 - MAR 20) You may find yourself offering to help people out more than is good for you. Be careful that you are not being taken advantage of. You could also find this is an ideal time to make some long-overdue changes for the better with regards to your health.

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The Burning Question

Q The UK government has banned cigarette machines in restaurants and bars. What would you like to see banned?



Fatima Raheel

Student
Al Jafiliya

I would most like to see the use of mobile phones when driving banned in Dubai. You see so many people doing this and it is really dangerous. Using a mobile while driving causes accidents and deaths, so I think it should definitely be banned.



Mark Santos

Bar supervisor
JLT

Chewing gum would be the one thing I would like to see banned in Dubai. I don't mind people using it—that is their choice. It is just that when they choose to spit it onto the pavement it makes a real mess.



V. Sarada

Babysitter
Palm Jumeirah

The main thing that annoys me is the sheer amount of people and traffic in Dubai. I don't think there is any way you could stop this though—you definitely couldn't ban people from using cars—so I guess for now it's something I will just have to accept!



Mazen Hossni

Shop manager
JLT

A lot of people where I live have dogs, which they take on walks outside to do their business. Some of these dog owners have respect and clean up after their dog, but there are those that don't and I think that should definitely be banned.

Raj U.C

Financier
Umm Hurair

I think I would probably like to ban companies from making unsolicited marketing calls. It is an annoyance for many people when they are bothered time and time again by people on the phone trying to sell services or products.



Mohammed Noushad

Salesman
Bur Dubai

I would like to ban the sale of cigarettes in all bars and restaurants. I think that banning the sale of cigarettes in these places would be a good idea as it would prevent smoking as a habit in general.

Mary Grace

Operations assistant
JLT

I would definitely ban people from spitting in public. It is really not a very nice thing to do and also spitting is really unhygienic, especially in public places where you could easily spread germs.



Ashraf Ali

Salesman
Bur Dubai

I would like to ban people from smoking in public places. It affects those who don't smoke by making them smell and cough, so I think smokers should be made to go outside.



Iman Beheshti

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My choice would most probably be to ban people from using their mobile phones on the Metro. It is a nuisance for other passengers when somebody is having a really long, loud conversation for the whole journey.



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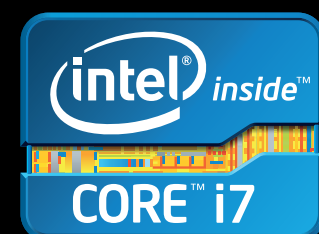
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