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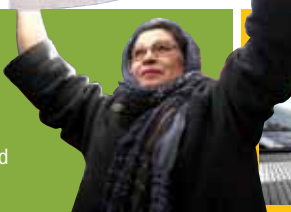


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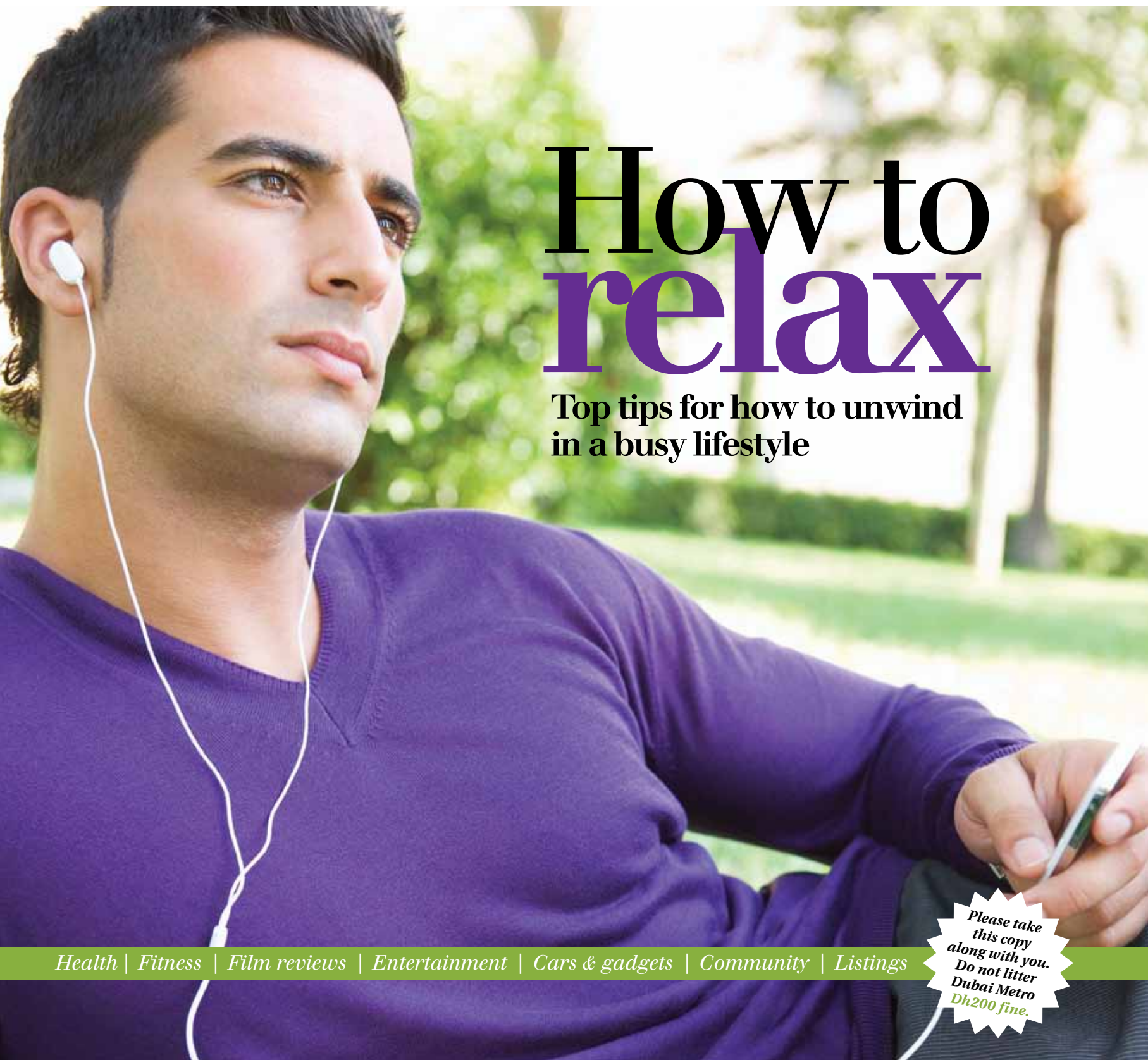
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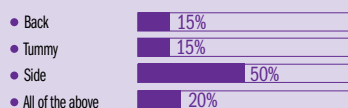
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Letters

Email: letters@readme.ae

A selection of the letters we've received this week. Write in to have your say.

Dear Read., I've often visited Dubai in the hope of landing a job here, and finally I did. So now my visitor visa is a residency visa, I can go about getting all the things that will make me a real expatriate. First up, a bank account. Rather than go in a number of times missing forms or paperwork, can you tell me what an expatriate needs to get the ball rolling?

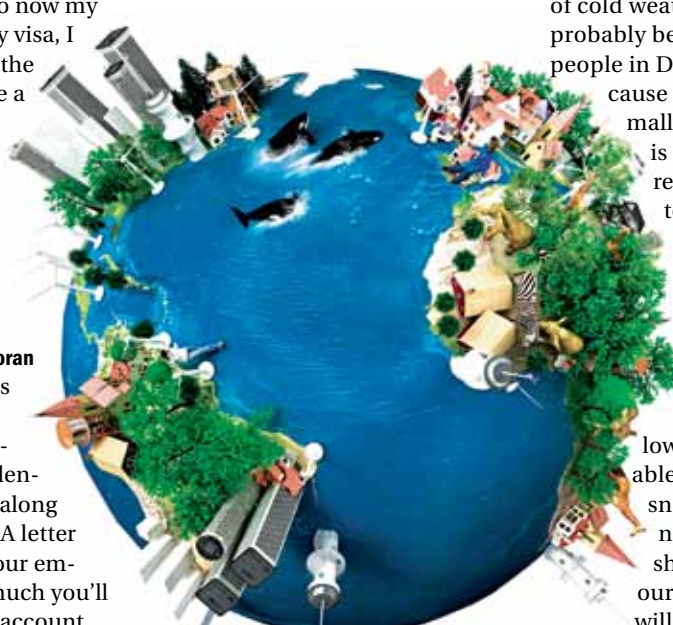
Pat Moran

Well, your passport is always a good place to start. Photocopy the picture page and your residency visa, and bring them along with the passport itself. A letter of 'no objection' from your employer that states how much you'll be getting paid into the account, and of course, proof of address.

Hi Read., Last time I was going toward Dubai Marina Metro Station, and when looking outside, I noticed a huge line of traffic along Sheikh Zayed Road caused by an accident. Here and now, I would like to say thank you to all the RTA team, working day and night to provide an excellent Metro service. If not for them, we could be all stuck in the same traffic for hours after an exhausting work day, if we were not using the Metro!

Jad Aydi

We all feel very lucky to have the beautifully maintained and run Dubai Metro. It also feels great to be a part of "greener Dubai", cutting down on carbon emissions by not taking your car to the roads when it's more convenient not to.



Hello Read., I've been staying in Dubai for a couple of years now. I'm thinking of getting a salary loan. I'm planning to use the money to set up a business in my home country and to pay all debts that I have. But, I'm not sure whether this is a wise move. What do you think? Thank you.

John Greg

Setting up a new business is always going to be risky. Unless you are the only person offering a particular product in high demand, there are no guarantees.

You also have to consider the international money transfers to repay loans. But, if your product is strong enough, there's no reason why it wouldn't work out for you.

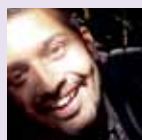
Hi Read., After the recent bout of cold weather we've had, I would probably be one of the happier people in Dubai to feel it. Not because I feel it's too hot normally, but I thought this is something that could really influence people to consider what we are doing to our environment each and every day, not caring for future generations. The threat of global warming is no joke, and hopefully my fellow Dubaians will now be able to see that. This cold snap we experienced was no flash in the pan, and, should we not change our ways, we must be willing to accept uncharacteristic cold spells in the future.

Sanjay Kapoor

Thank you for your letter Sanjay. We agree and think that a lot of people were caught off guard this past week by the cooler climate, but Dubai is taking huge leaps and bounds forward to make the emirate greener. The implementation of the Dubai Metro alone has cut down on carbon emissions substantially, while the solar park currently under construction highlights the importance placed on renewable energy.

My Metro life

Pradeep Rajan
 Assistant manager, Mirdif



I would like to share an incident that happened to me a few weeks back at GGICO station, as I was on my way to work. I had stepped into the washroom for a moment, but in my haste to get the train on time I ended up accidentally leaving behind my cellphone. It never struck me that I had lost it until I approached Khalid Bin Al Waleed station and it dawned on me that I had left my phone behind. I immediately rushed to the ticket counter and reported the matter. The staff member on duty was kind

enough to assist me by contacting the GGICO station staff and reporting the lost phone to them. Eventually, I rushed back to GGICO station and picked up my phone. The staff at the station informed me that it was handed over by a person named Francis, who had found my phone in the washroom. I would

like to say thank you to this kind person who handed in my phone; it has made me realise that we still have good hearted souls around.

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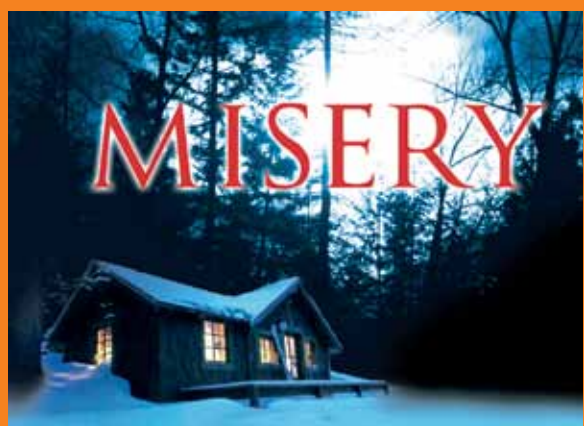
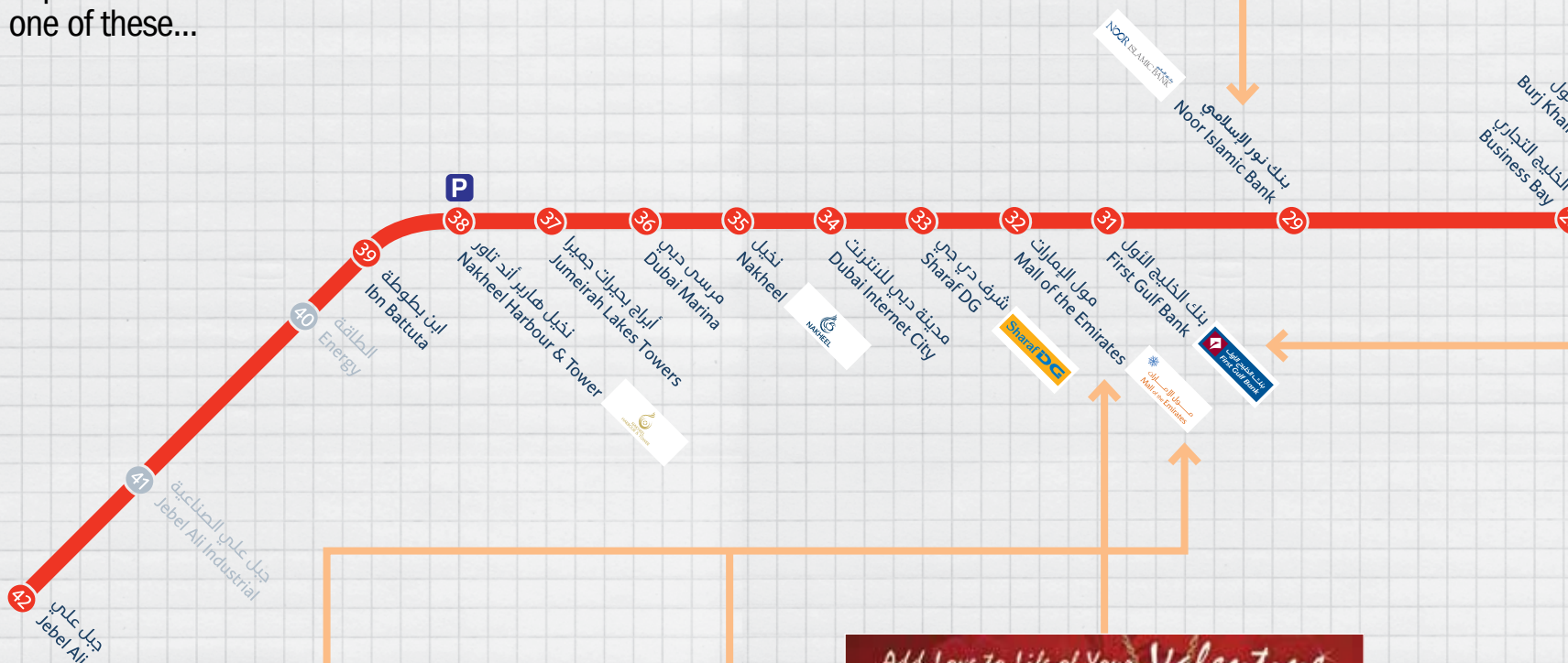
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Stephen King's *Misery*

FEBRUARY 1-11, THE FIRST GROUP THEATRE

A short bus or taxi ride from the station takes you to the Madinat Jumeirah, where you can catch the latest show from Popular Productions, the Stephen King classic, *Misery*. With well-known British actor Darren Day taking the lead role in the chilling thriller, this is one show that is not to be missed. Times and ticket prices vary.

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This extravagant show from Duo Fullhouse combines Swiss comedy and New York wit to provide an extravagant and entertaining performance.

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Gulf Photo Plus movie night



FEBRUARY 1, 7PM
THE PAVILION, DOWNTOWN DUBAI
 This event features the screening of a documentary entitled *War Photographer*, which features the story of what a Swiss filmmaker found when he shadowed American war photographer James Nachtwey over two years, visiting war-torn countries such as Indonesia, Kosovo and Palestine. Harrowing yet eye-opening.

Dubai Dolphinarium



OPEN DAILY, CREEK PARK

Dubai Dolphinarium is the first and largest, fully air conditioned indoor dolphinarium in the Middle East. The dolphinarium houses trained bottlenose dolphins and seals and is one of the most loved attractions in Dubai. Besides a spectacular live dolphin and seal show, Dubai Dolphinarium also offers activities such as swimming with dolphins and educational lectures and events. For more information, call 04 336 9773 or visit www.dubaidolphinarium.ae



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FEBRUARY 4, 6.30PM, EMIRATES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
 This special event at Emirates International School provides a tribute to Bollywood legends Shammi Kapoor, who sadly passed away last year, and Dev Anand. Tickets are Dh50 for balcony, Dh75 for silver, Dh100 for gold, Dh125 for VIP and Dh150 for WIP.

The Burning Question

Q Financial experts advise that, due to the state of the global economy, this is the year to be thrifty. Will you be spending or saving in 2012?



Rhyn McCutcheon

GROUP SALES MANAGER, JLT

This year I will be saving my money for the future. I would like to have a holiday but other than that I will be looking to put some money away.

Mohammed El Gamal

BANKER, ABU DHABI

I think that people need to try and save some money, but it is also necessary to spend to keep the economy running. I will definitely be saving my money though.



Salome Peretz

BUSINESSPERSON, JUMEIRAH

I will definitely try to save during 2012 as the economy is not yet stable. I think it's always better to have some money put away in the bank than to spend it all.



Shaan Shon

VISITING, DEIRA

This year I will try to save money and think most people should. If somebody gave me a big lump sum though, I would probably use it to buy myself a holiday.



Nastasser Snopko

INTERPRETER, VISITING

I think that this year I will most probably save what I can, just to be a bit careful for what might come tomorrow.



Hossein Maleki

ENGINEER, JLT

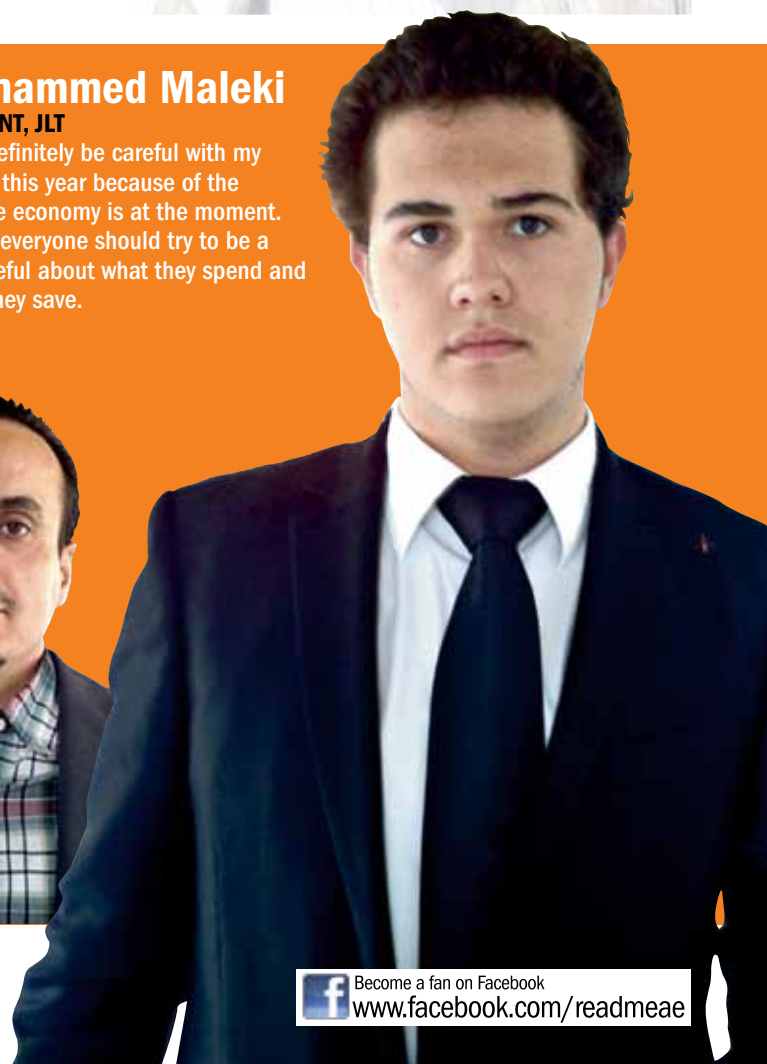
I will definitely save my money this year for my own personal financial safety. 2012 is not going to be an easy year so I think that everyone should try and save.



Mohammed Maleki

STUDENT, JLT

I will definitely be careful with my money this year because of the way the economy is at the moment. I think everyone should try to be a bit careful about what they spend and what they save.



What's happening this week on **readme.ae?**

Make sure you check out our web site for these daily specials, which appear online every afternoon. 'Like' us on Facebook so that we can keep you up to date with our latest online features and fun.

Coming up this week



TODAY

Just this past week, the Chinese New Year festivities kicked off the Year of the Dragon. The Chinese calendar has been in use for centuries and predates the International Calendar used at present, which goes back only 430 years. Do you know what animal represents the year you were born and what it says about you? Learn more about the Chinese calendar and New Year at readme.ae



MONDAY

Thirty years after Britain's PM Margaret Thatcher entered into a 74-day war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands, the prospect of an oil boom is reviving tensions. Get your history lesson online.



TUESDAY

The Razzies, a much-loved part of awards season has changed the announcement of the "winners" to coincide with April Fool's Day. Who were the big winners in past years, and who could win this time?



WEDNESDAY

Former world number one Tiger Woods was back in the UAE over the weekend, trying to claw his way back into the elite of the golfing world. We profile the enigmatic and troubled star today.



THURSDAY

Pits of boiling mud may not be pretty to look at, but it reminds you there are some unique parts of our planet that can still amaze. We take a look at some of the most amazing places on Earth.



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.

Facebook chatter

Here's what you have been saying on the *Read*. Facebook page.

(Responses only edited for length)

How prepared for the colder weather were you, and did it make you think of global warming to the extent that you would be "greener" in the future?

well as for me.. I'm having my own herbs garden in the balcony. I know its contribute little but if everybody will do the same thing if possible, this would be great!

—Nerissa Reyes

I have been witnessing such cold weather in GCC since childhood, its nothing new. However I don't say that I m ignoring global warming. I use all possible ways to save any form of energy or resource by keep-

ing 3 rules : Use-reuse-recycle.

—Romil Vaya

I was not as prepared but thanks to DSF cold weather outfits are more affordable. This sudden drop of temperature is indeed an effect of global warming. We can contribute in our



WERE YOU PREPARED FOR THE COLD?

own little ways such as segregating our trash, unplugging electronics and taking the metro when possible.

—Charissa Maniti

What is the most celebrated day in your home country?

During Christmas .Exchanging of gifts to our beloved ones.This is the time of family get together.It brings a closer bonding to our family, friends and relatives.

—Josephine Cake Dela Cruz

In my country uganda the pearl of africa people walk eat,drink and dance from the night of 31st to the morning of 1st january that's what we call the new years ev and it's the celebrated day in ug.

—Kagz Rashid

What was your favourite toy when you were a child?



SNAKES AND LADDERS

I would love to play snakes and ladders again!:) i used to have one when I was a child and enjoyed having my sister and brothers play with me.

—Bejealaine T. de Leon

A blue soft-toy kangaroo. It can pass safety standards anytime, only if it would have been still in single piece. RIP my favy kangaroo.

—Romil Vaya

Shopping showdown

The Dubai Shopping Festival has plenty to offer anyone looking to grab a good deal, as well as all manner of eye-catching culture, entertainment and festivities.

Deira City Centre

Deira City Centre is proving to be a favourite destination for shoppers this DSF. The series of exciting shows and the wide selection of shops offering huge discounts have been big attractions for the mall. "When we came here a few days back, a lot of people had enlightened me on DSF. But I did not realise that it's this huge," said Australia-based Pakistani national Ghazal Khokhar, who was visiting Dubai with her children. "My kids and I had fun shopping today at Deira City Centre. It is a pretty organised shopping centre which has so many selections of shopping and dining options. We found a lot of our favourite shops here and they're all offering discounts between 50 and 70 per cent. It's really great to be here in Dubai at this time."



Al Seef Street

Folkloric troupes from around the world have taken DSF's cultural destination, Al Seef Street, by storm. This usually quiet stretch of roadway flanking a part of the Dubai Creek has come alive to the beats of drummers and dancers representing countless global cultures. Between 4pm to midnight every day,



Al Seef Street is celebrating the cultures of the world with performances from groups and entertainers dressed in colourful, traditional costumes, showcasing the dance forms of different countries of the world including Albania, Argentina, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Romania, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Yugoslavia.

Dubai Festival City

In a new entertainment programme called *Catch A Star*, DSF is hosting the look-alikes and sound-alikes of Hollywood stars, famous sports personalities and even the Queen at Dubai Festival City. Already at the mall, Justin Timberlake has been 'spotted', before the sound-alike of Hollywood hero Will Smith was heard. On other occasions, the look-alike of Britney Spears has also been luring followers to her acts. There have also been other celebrity characters who have worked the audience off-stage, including *Pirates of the Caribbean* favourite Captain Jack Sparrow, portrayed by Johnny Depp, David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo of football fame, Harry Potter with his bag of tricks and Her Majesty the Queen of England.



Nokia

Nokia has joined forces with a number of leading shops across Dubai to guarantee shoppers at this year's DSF prizes for every purchase of a Nokia smartphone. Over 10 partners, including Axiom Telecom, Jumbo Electronics, Sharaf DG and Jacky's, are offering a range of rewards for all Nokia shoppers until February 5. The offers include a variety of prizes, ranging from gift vouchers and premium accessory packs to a 32-inch LCD screen and safaris. The DSF offer is also available at all major Nokia stores in shopping centres such as Dubai Mall and Mall of the Emirates.

Mercato

Themed shopping mall Mercato has been enthralling families with plenty of activities in line with the DSF celebrations. Over the period, the mall is offering live entertainment including the Silk Dancers, a musical dance show featuring elegant ladies performing beautiful routines, the enchanting Tales of Wonder, a variety of ballet performances inspired from the stories of *Romeo and Juliet*, *Swan Lake* and other famous stories, Asian Fusion, a fusion of classical and contemporary entertainment from Asia, and the Acro Balance, a stunning show performed by highly skilled artists showcasing the art of balance and poise.





ENTERTAINMENT AT ITS BEST

Dubai Shopping Festival is as much about entertainment as it is about shopping. Experience 32 days of endless festivities with something for everyone in the family.

DSF DAILY FIREWORKS BY AL ZAROONI GROUP	6 Jan- 5 Feb	Al Seef Street	8:30 pm
FESTIVAL PROMENADE	Jan 5 – Feb 5	Catch A Star (Look-alike) • Solo Musicians • Fun Fair 5 pm - 10 pm (Sat - Wed), 5 pm - 12 am (Thu - Fri)	
HERITAGE & DIVING VILLAGE	Jan 5 – Feb 5	Traditional bands • Local handicrafts • Falconry show • Pearl search 4 pm - 10 pm (Sat - Wed), 4 pm - Midnight (Thu - Fri)	
AL RIQQA STREET BY AL GHURAIR CENTRE	Jan 5 – Feb 5	Night Souk - 6 pm - 2 am (Sat - Wed), 6 pm - 3 am (Thu - Fri) Monte Carlo Circus - 6 pm - 8:30 pm and 9 pm - 11:30 pm Ticket prices: AED 50, AED 75 and AED 100 Funfair • Skilled games • Roaming circus performers Timings: 6 pm - 2 am	
AL SEEF STREET	Jan 5 – Feb 5	Funfair • DSF bazaars • Handicraft and cultural activities • Floating restaurants 4 pm - midnight	
DSF DESERT CAMP	Jan 5 – Feb 5	Al Warqa 4	24 hours
GLOBAL VILLAGE	Jan 5 - Mar 3	Dubai Land	4 pm – Midnight (Sat – Wed), 4 pm - 1 am (Thu - Fri)



Aiming high for a crack shot

The Shooting Club at Jebel Ali Resort provides excitement and entertainment for both novices and experts.

SHOOTING

Not much more than a strong stone's throw from the centre of Dubai, nestled in just the right area of Jebel Ali to ensure that shots don't ring out for those living or working in the area, you will find the Jebel Ali International Shooting Club.

More mature and advanced than a primal urge, latching on to a 9mm calibre and firing off a few shots leaves you with the impression you could survive a zombie apocalypse or alien invasion. Located a short drive away from the Jebel Ali Golf Resort and Spa, and offering both indoor and outdoor shooting facilities, catering for both recreational and competitive guests, there's rarely a better time than now to go and blow off a little steam.

The Shooting Club offers a range of shooting disciplines over five floodlit clay shooting ranges. Pistol



shooting and archery are also offered at the facility if you fancy a dabble

at something a little different. The aptly named Shooters restaurant

overlooks the shooting ranges and serves up delicious Tex-Mex cuisine, for when you've completed your session. Even if you haven't held a weapon for a number of years, or, in fact, ever before, 25 rounds is just the right amount to capture that gentle squeeze and sure shot you may, or may not, have been accustomed to in the past. Perhaps the biggest problem you face, is not wanting to leave—asking for reload after reload—which can equate to an expensive afternoon.

The impressive fortress style architecture as you first enter makes the Jebel Ali International Shooting Club an imposing sight from the very start, where the indoor and outdoor shooting academy, built to exacting international safety standards, makes the exciting sport of recreational and competitive shooting easily accessible. So strap on that holster and feel the thrill of the recoil when you've got time to kill and steam to blow off.

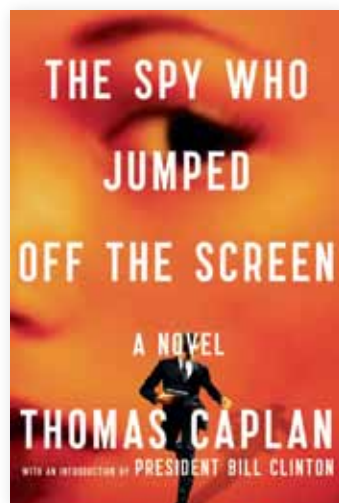
The Spy Who Jumped Off the Screen

by Thomas Caplan

BOOKS

For anyone interested in spy novels, the latest book by Thomas Caplan should intrigue based solely on its main character, Ty Hunter. A former covert operative, Hunter is now a big movie star. But he is drawn back into the world of espionage to stop a number of nuclear warheads falling into the wrong hands.

The idea of a well-known spy seems almost oxymoronic, suggesting that, in all but the most ridiculous of worlds, the mission will fail. But Hunter is a master of using his fame as a disguise, allowing him to travel



the world in pursuit of shady billionaire Ian Santal and his accomplices.

Like other popular espionage characters such as Bond or Bourne, Hunter represents the man who does the right thing, while his adversaries are towers of evil. A thrilling read that moves at breakneck pace, this book could well earn Ty Hunter a place among the genre's icons.

Making Mirrors

Artist Gotye Label Samples & Seconds ★★★★★

ALBUM

Australian musician Walter De Backer's big single of 2011, *Somebody That I Used to Know*, had audiences divided, which, some say, is evidence that it is in fact "good music". Bad music, they say, leaves no impression whatsoever, and certainly makes for poor debating material. Either way, there's no denying the catchiness of Gotye's big hit, whether you ever wanted it to be in your head or not.

The 2012 album on which the song belongs is similar in that it won't appeal to everyone. This is De Backer's third solo effort after he became more than simply the drummer from The Basics, and it's clear that, over the years, he's perfected his own style of pop music. Some are even calling it "art-pop", and it's certainly got plenty of hipster credentials. It's quite clearly constructed to be an album, rather than a collection of singles, with each song mark-

ing a specific point on a journey. The lyrics deal with change, growth and life-altering events, and are accessible enough to appeal to the lay-listener.

Some have said that De Backer is the Sting of the 21st century, but others suggest he's much more interesting than that. Like Sting, he might be putting out easy soft-rock and pop songs, but, somehow, his productions just seem to have more substance. And, if you can stand his unique voice, he makes for one heck of an artist.



If you like this then you could try...

Agent 6 by Tom Rob Smith

Former Russian secret police operative Leo Demidov is suspicious when his wife and daughters are invited on a peace tour, while he is forbidden to go. When his family are murdered, Demidov must work against the Soviet system that betrayed him in order to track down those responsible.

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Old hands complain that Marrakech is becoming touristy as more modern hotels, smart restaurants and official tour guides emerge alongside the city's more traditional offerings. This may be so, but Marrakech, also known as the Ochre City, is still firmly in possession of its Moroccan identity with much to offer any visitors looking to immerse themselves in the rich culture of the Maghreb.

This is immediately apparent from the Djemaa el Fna—the main square in the old city, or Medina. The smell

of burning frankincense, snail soup and boiled sheep heads fill your nostrils, while snake-charmers vie with Berber storytellers, apothecaries and musicians for your attention. Meanwhile, water sellers in colourful attire push through the crowds bearing leather water bags and brass cups, acting as a reminder of why the city was founded.

Over 900 years ago, the Almoravid dynasty discovered a way to run water underground from the Atlas Mountains down to the fertile but arid plains below, and Marrakesh was born. Today, it is the fourth-largest city in Morocco and the Djemaa el

Fna is one of the busiest squares in Africa, if not the world. By day, the crowds gather around acrobats, dancers and other entertainers while, at night, the vast square transforms into a kind of open-air restaurant lined with stalls offering delicious local fare from goat tagine to rich harira soup.

As you wander into the labyrinthine side streets that lead off from the northern end of the heaving square, the city takes on a more relaxed ambience. The dark, narrow lanes offer a moment's respite from the crowds before you are plunged into another bewilderingly hectic

scene: the souqs. These shopping havens, which sell everything from carpets and ornaments to slippers, leatherbags and foodstuffs are a must-visit for any first-timer in Marrakech and the perfect place to source souvenirs.

It's hard work; thousands of densely-packed stalls compete for your attention and, when you do stop, the vendors appear to have limitless energy for enthusiastic bartering. The effort is worth it, however, and so long as you pay around half the asking price, the chances are you will walk away with some great bargains. If you prefer a set price and a less bewildering shopping experience, head to Ets. Bouchaib Complexe d'Artisanat off Rue de la Kasbah, which also offers a shipping service to free you from the burden of lugging your purchases around for the rest of your trip.

The next day, head back to the square but this time take the alleys leading off from the South, which will bring you to some of Marrakech's most interesting sites. Top of the list for many tourists are the Saadian Tombs, which date back from the time of Sultan Ahmad al Mansur (1578-1603). Here, two impressive

The laws of identity

While **Marrakech** is evolving rapidly, it still manages to maintain its classic charms.

mausoleums house a large number of historic tombs, many of them bearing beautiful and intricate decorations in tile and stone.

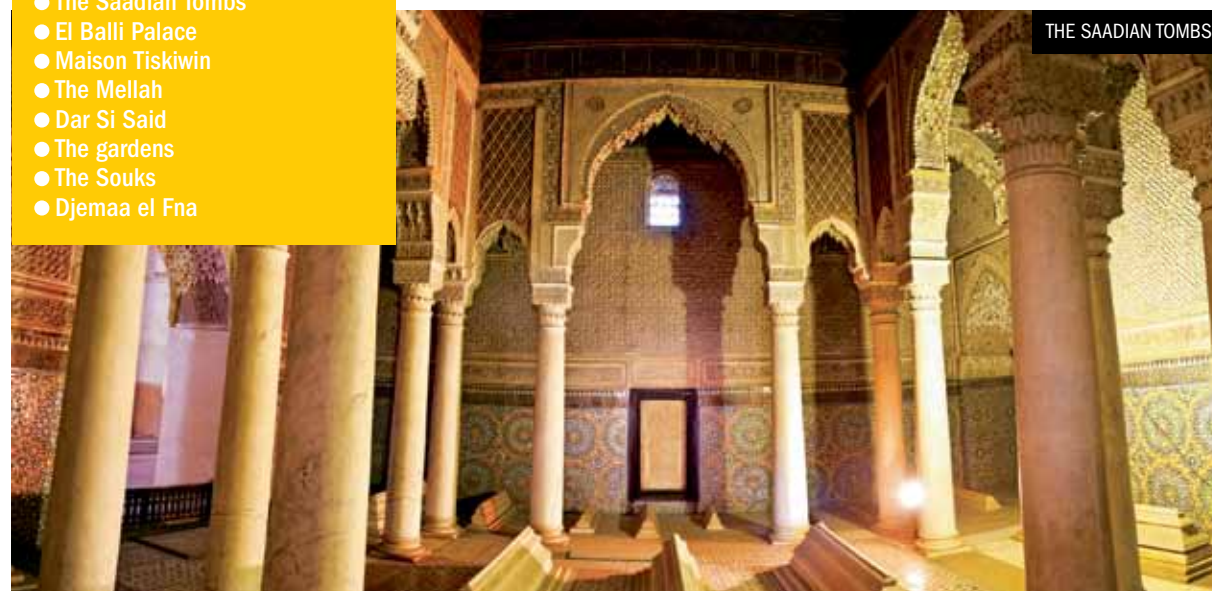
Also near here is the Maison Tiskiwin, an early 20th-century townhouse that has been turned into a museum dedicated to the African roots of Morocco. The collection houses a number of Moroccan and Saharan artefacts based on the journey from Marrakech to Timbuktu and back, with an array of carpets, fabrics, jewellery and clothes ar-

Top sites

- The Koutoubia
- The Amoravid Koubba
- The Marrakech Museum
- The tanneries
- The Saadian Tombs
- El Balli Palace
- Maison Tiskiwin
- The Mellah
- Dar Si Said
- The gardens
- The Souks
- Djemaa el Fna



THE SOUQS OFFER ALMOST EVERYTHING



THE SAADIAN TOMBS

ranged according to area or Saharan tribe.

After the hustle and bustle of the squares, souqs and tourist sites, nothing could be more therapeutic than a day spent in the gardens of Marrakech. Tour guides offer trips that take in the Jardin Agdal, the Jardin Menara, the Jardin Majorelle and numerous others. But for a truly peaceful day, pick one and enjoy several hours boating on the lake at Agdal or wandering through the olive groves of Menara before retiring to a Hammam. Settle back at one of these traditional bath houses to enjoy a Moroccan steam bath that will cleanse body and mind from the clamour and excitement of this colourful city. ●

Action and adventure in Al Awir

For a good break from the rough and tumble of city life, a short drive to this desert region solves everything.

LOCAL TRAVEL

When the Emirates Road was built, the small town of Al Awir, on the outskirts of Dubai, expanded rapidly to become a place of modernity. The Emirates Road had brought increased trade to the area, but it also brought with it hundreds of locals, tourists and expatriates, all looking to take on the dunes of the surrounding desert.

Given it is so easy to get to Al Awir from Dubai, this is hardly surprising. The town sits a mere 35 kilometres from the main city, and a short drive down the Outer Bypass Road will have you in the desert within the hour. Head through the town and then out of the east side for the best route to the dunes.



THE AL AWIR DESERT IS BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED

From here, there are plenty of tyre tracks to follow for anyone new to desert driving. And it's likely there'll be plenty of cars around to help, should anything go wrong. And for desert veterans, it's possible to drive way out into the vast expanse of the Arabian desert, tackling sheer drops, pillow-soft sand and large hills. Bear in mind that the terrain becomes increasingly lonely, so it's unwise to head out without at least one companion car.

After an afternoon of dune-bashing, find a secluded enclave within the dunes and set up camp. Assuming good weather, tents aren't even required. Simply build a fire, share a makeshift barbecue with some friends and fall asleep under the beautiful, star-speckled sky.

Battle of the century

The US government backs down over SOPA and PIPA, but what do the two anti-piracy bills actually mean?



Over the past couple of weeks, massive online protests against two of the United States of America's proposed anti-piracy bills, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect IP Act (PIPA), went into effect. The protests culminated in web sites such as Wikipedia, Craigslist and Wordpress, among 10,000 others, calling a 24-hour blackout, and US legislators agreed to shelve the proposed bills.

The internet was awash with pictures, memes and messages of disdain for SOPA and PIPA, but few went into any real detail about what was so bad about the acts. Indeed, even Google's protest, which saw the logo on the Google homepage blacked out, failed to properly explain the bills. What's more, it was difficult to understand why there were global protests against a US bill. So what effect would the two shelved-for-now laws have had if they passed?

According to advocates of SOPA, the idea was to protect intellectual property, particularly when it comes to music, TV shows or films, which are heavily pirated around the world.

Proponents say that existing copyright laws are flawed, in that they do not cover foreign websites, which US users can access even by searching on US-based search engines, and that greater measures must be taken to curb "rogue websites".

When worded like this, the bill sounds reasonable, as it is hardly debatable that online piracy has lost the music, TV and film industries millions, if not billions, of dollars over the past decade or so. Sure, the swollen profits of executives might not pull at the heart chords of the masses, but the fact is that this loss of capital also curbs investment into new and exciting projects; instead, the studios stick to tired, safe formulas that will almost guarantee good return.

But opponents of SOPA say that the measures go too far, and, ultimately, threaten free speech and innovation. This is why thousands of websites blacked out in protest. SOPA gives authorities the power to shut down

entire web sites if just one blog post or web page links to infringing material. Libraries also raised concerns that the bill would expose them to prosecution for copyright infringement, and what's more, search engines would have to delete any domain names that were blacklisted.

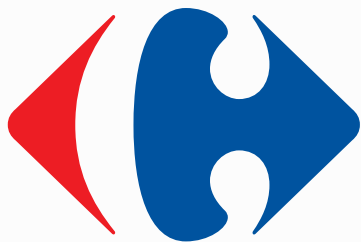
But the main problem with the bill, opponents say, is that the definitions it contains are far too broad, meaning the authorities could shut down just about any web site for any reason. And any company can raise a complaint against any web site, and the government will be able to shut down that site immediately, without providing any scope for legal defence.

PIPA comes with similar problems. It is also simply a re-write of the Combating Online Infringement and Counterfeits Act (COICA), which was defeated in 2010 due to its unpopularity. But despite the fact that these bills have been shelved for now, many still feel uneasy about web freedom, particularly with proponents of the bills, including the likes of Rupert Murdoch and the Motion Picture Association of America, speaking in harsh terms about the online protests.

It would seem, then, that this battle is far from over. The authorities are now charged with coming up with legislation that will please both sides of the argument, simultaneously tackling online piracy and preserving web freedom. ●



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Take it easy

Learn how to take the stress out of daily life with a few simple and beneficial relaxation tips.

Life is tough. It doesn't matter who you are or what you do, we all have to face difficult and stressful situations, says meditation therapist, Matt Clarkson. "We all know what it's like to feel stressed and frustrated. The important thing is to have the tools to recover quickly and naturally, find yourself again and get back on track," he explains. With this in mind, *Read.* has gathered together a selection of the best relaxation techniques to help you confront and recover from the daily stresses of life.



Feng Shui

The ancient Chinese practice of Feng Shui is a great way to bring relaxation and tranquillity to your home or office. The principles are based on allowing the free flow of chi, positive energy, around the home and removing items that block it. Among the improvements advised is incorporating the element of water into the home, which is said to have a calming and relaxing effect.

Meditation

Meditation focuses the mind through breathing and muscle relaxation and, when done correctly, brings about a feeling of absolute serenity and calmness. Join a weekly meditation class to learn a technique that many people around the world swear by as a means of coping with the pressures of life.

Deep breathing

It may sound simple but one of the best ways to bring about an immediate sense of relaxation is to take long, deep breaths. Focus on filling the lungs with as much air as possible through the nose then releasing it slowly through the mouth.



Stretching

Relaxing the body helps to relax the mind. Lack of movement at work can contribute to feelings of stress and frustration so try a short stretching sequence to ease the tension. Begin at the neck and move slowly down to the feet until you have stretched all the muscles in the body.

Write a worry list

Sometimes life's pressures mount up until you feel as though everything in your world is causing you stress. When this happens it can help to write down a list of all your niggling worries. Once they are down on paper you can set about dealing with each one individually and realise that you do have control over them after all.

Soothing music

Music can have a powerful effect on your state of mind. In the same way that a hectic beat can stimulate the mind, a slow, gentle rhythm can soothe and calm it. Create a playlist of your favourite relaxing tunes and put it on whenever you begin to feel fraught.



Massage

Massage soothes the body and mind at once. Hunching over a desk all day, lifting heavy objects or simply flopping on the sofa every evening; anything that doesn't involve a good, straight posture can cause tension to build up in and around the muscles. A good masseuse will release the tension in the body, leaving you feeling light, supple and ready for anything.



Take a hot bath

It's hard to feel stressed while soaking in a warm bubble bath. Light some candles (aromatherapy are best), turn off the lights and sink into the hot water, allowing the tension to flow out of your body and down the plug hole.

Refocus your energies

It's easy to get caught up in the pressures of our own lives but sometimes escaping them for a short while can help to put them in perspective. Changing your focus and trying something new takes the emphasis off your usual concerns and reminds you that there is more to life than worrying about the same old things.

Go for a walk

Sometimes it helps to leave a stressful situation and clear the mind. When tensions reach boiling point at work, offer to run an errand to get away for a few minutes. The exercise will help to relax the body while the mind recovers its equilibrium away from the stressful situation.



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Understanding your child's world PART I

For any parent, it can be immensely unsettling to see their child break the rules, or act in a socially inappropriate manner. When a family come to see me I try to focus on their story and definition of the problem which often means defining 'bad behaviour'. This definition will differ from one parent to the next because it is largely defined by their experiences growing up, by the child's temperament and other environmental factors that may influence a parent's individual and familial functioning.

Children do not always do what parents want. Sometimes this is a deliberate choice, other times it is part of the learning process children go through. Parents must decide how to respond to

"Children exhibit unwanted behaviour for a variety of reasons."

unwanted behaviour and often ask why their children misbehave. We have to remember that children exhibit

unwanted behaviour for a variety of reasons ranging from oppositional traits and attitudes, clinical and medical conditions, changes in environment or transitory events such as moving house or school, the birth of a new sibling, difficulty at school, and parental conflict to name a few of the more common ones.

The good news is that positive, rewarding behavior is also driven by psychological processes so as long as we can understand the child's world we are likely to find the best interventions to yield and sustain positive behaviour. In part II, I will share some tools for dealing with difficult behaviour.

Under pressure

High blood pressure is often referred to by many as a 'silent killer', but what exactly is it?

High blood pressure, medically known as hypertension, is the most common cardiovascular disease among adults the world over.

Most of those who have the condition will not be aware until it is detected in a routine medical check up. But the numbers on the screen of the little machine the doctor has strapped to your arm mean nothing unless you understand what high blood pressure is and what it entails.

The term 'blood pressure' refers to the force with which the blood pushes against the walls of the arteries as it courses through the body. Like air in a tyre, our blood fills the arteries to a certain capacity. Just as too much air pressure could damage the tyre, high blood pressure can threaten healthy arteries and possibly lead to potentially life-threatening conditions such as heart disease or stroke.

The machine used to measure your

blood pressure, therefore, can be thought of like a pressure gauge for your tyres. The tight, air-filled blood pressure cuff (sphygmomanometer) painlessly restricts the flow of blood for an accurate reading.

A blood pressure reading appears as two numbers. The first—and higher—of the two numbers is a measure of systolic pressure, which is the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats and fills them with blood. The second number measures diastolic

pressure, which refers to the pressure in the arteries when the heart rests between beats. In a healthy adult, a normal reading is around 120/80. It's natural for blood pressure to rise and fall with changes in activity, such as when running, or your emotional state, say, if you were very angry. However, if it remains consistently high, talk with your doctor about treatment.

In the meantime, you can try and prevent hypertension by maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle. The link between salt and high blood pressure is especially compelling. Research has shown that people living on the northern islands of Japan consume more salt than anyone else in the world; consequently they have one of the highest incidences of hypertension. Obesity, diabetes, stress, insufficient potassium, calcium, and magnesium intake, smoking and lack of physical activity are all also linked to high blood pressure.

Without treatment, hypertension can lead to bleeding from the aorta, kidney disease, heart attacks, poor blood supply, stroke, or problems with vision. So, if you think you may be feeling the pressure of hypertension, don't fall victim to the 'silent killer'; visit your doctor as soon as possible. ●

● Eat a heart-healthy diet, including plenty of potassium and fibre ● Try to get at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise a day ● Ditch the cigarettes—find a programme or method that suits you and stick to it ● Try to limit the amount of salt you eat each day to less than 1,500mg ● Try to avoid things that cause you stress and learn to relax through meditation or similar ● Stay at a healthy body weight. Your doctor can help you find a weight-loss programme if needed.

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True blue

The denim plus T-shirt combo is the unbeatable American classic and this spring it feels new again. Mixes of washes, from faded blues to inky greys and top-to-toe denim outfits are all over the catwalks. Keep it boyish and playful in jeans and converse or do your legs a favour by matching denim shorts with a pair of sky-high heels. For a night out, cocktail shorts work well teamed with a blazer and heels, and for the daytime, dress down with a T-shirt and pumps or boots.

KATY PERRY



American beauty

Designers are looking to the stars and stripes for inspiration this season. Western, Southern, small town, uptown or downtown, this good old American look has been seen on the runways from Balmain to Alexander Wang. With styles ranging from red, white and blue, two things are certain for spring; America is beautiful and the flag is most definitely in.

RIVER ISLAND



Her

NEW LOOK

Girl next door

The charming staples of small-town USA style is one of the trendiest fashion looks of 2012. Think girly and feminine fashion in a retro T-shirt and flowing skirt for that effortless, sweet style. For an all-American look, pair a red shirt, like those in Topshop, with cute denim shorts from River Island. Avoid the skin-tight look by choosing a baggy T-shirt. Footwear should be in the form of biker-style boots, moccasins or chunky wedges to keep it simple.



TOPSHOP

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RIVER ISLAND





TOPMAN

Stars and stripes

Embrace your inner American this spring with this relaxed trend. The king of casual cool, River Island, has been spot-on with the trend this season and Topshop's flag-print weekend bag is the perfect arm candy. Stars and stripes are best worn as part of a grungy, laid back look. T-shirts should be baggy, shorts should be frayed and prints should be distressed. This is a statement look, so keep it simple and make it your own by accessorising accordingly. To up your rock credentials, team your look with seventies-style red sunglasses.



RIVER ISLAND



BURTON

This sporty, all-American look is heating up the catwalk this season, so make like the high school jock in a basketball varsity jacket. Opt for bold colours and college classics like chinos and check shirts to achieve this fun, relaxed look. Try to contrast subtle hues (beige or light grey) with bright red for that all-American style.



BURTON

RIVER ISLAND

All-American boy

Get patriotic and opt for a pair of shorts in the style of the American flag for a day relaxing at the beach. What is great about the American look is that you may already have a lot of the key items you need in your wardrobe. Bold-coloured chinos, pastel shirts and Breton striped t-shirts can all be re-used for a 2012 look. Blue and deep red work well together; choose a pair of dark, denim jeans with a white t-shirt emblazoned with a fun, traditional logo like Coca Cola from Topman for a relaxed style.

Him



TOPMAN

METRO RETAIL THERAPY

Korloff fragrances launched

Beautybay, the beauty arm of the Landmark group, has launched Korloff Paris fragrances in the UAE. The classic range for men and women comes with unique packaging and includes 3 fragrances for men and 1 for women.



Korloff Noir 88ml EDT is a concentrate of passion, and refers to the famous Korloff black diamond. The composition is oriental, woody and spicy, intended for those who want an exceptional and intense fragrance. The fragrance is available for Dh360 in a black opaque bottle.

Korloff for Men 88ml EDT is a new elegant, sensual fragrance for the Korloff man. The fragrance, priced at Dh360, aims at active men who want to appear casual.

Korloff in White 88ml EDT is the favourite of the collection because it exudes a cold, refined and very elegant aura. Although intended for men, this cool aromatic woody composition, priced at Dh360, might also appeal to women. Its packaging is unique and has a black diamond-shaped stopper.

Lady Korloff 88ml EDP crowns the new Korloff fragrance collection and is the centre of attention this year. Priced at Dh370, it is ideal for ladies who love a fragrance filled with exotic, floral nuances, subtle fruity juice and mild spices. The fragrance is provocative, deeply sensual, glamorous and luxurious.

QUICK FIXES

Making choices



Eating out has become a major part of our culture here in Dubai. Frequently consuming high-calorie meals in large portions at restaurants is one of the main causes of blame for many who have fallen victim to the 'Dubai stone'.

However, a new study from the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* has demonstrated that people can still eat out and lose weight—good news for those of us who aren't exactly well-acquainted with the stove.

For the study, 35 healthy women, aged 40 to 59 years, who eat out frequently took part in a six-week programme that aims to develop the skills needed to reduce the amount of calories and fat consumed while eating out.

Even though the focus of the study was on weight maintenance, the researchers found that participants lost significantly more weight, lowered their average calorie and fat intake, increased diet related self-efficacy, and had fewer barriers to weight management when eating out.

The study would appear to show that individuals who eat out frequently can develop the skills needed to do so without gaining weight from the excess calories typically consumed at restaurants. So, next time you head out for dinner, pay attention to the dish in front of you. Did you make the right choice or could your option be laden with fat? While the restaurant can offer all sorts of rich, calorific dishes, it is ultimately up to us to choose what we order.

A step in the right direction

There is much to be said for step aerobics, which can burn big calories and increase fitness levels.

When most of us think of health and fitness, we think first of aerobic fitness, the type of fitness associated with walking or running, swimming, biking or aerobics classes. While it is true that aerobic fitness, or cardiovascular endurance, is essential for an active, healthy life, we must also remember that cardiovascular endurance is but one part of a balanced fitness regimen. Your fitness program should always include strength training, flexibility training and healthy nutrition to safely and effectively reach your goals.

However, we have to start somewhere, so why not start with the basics? First of all, we need to clearly define aerobic activities. Aerobic means "with oxygen" and aerobic exercise is defined as any long-duration exercise of low to moderate difficulty using the large muscle groups of the body such as the legs, back, gluteals, and arms.

Step aerobics provide an effective workout because they get right down to the reason why people gain weight and become heavier than they want to—body fat accumulated from taking in too many calories. What's great about step aerobics is that the stored body fat it burns is also that pesky and annoying ring of fat around

your stomach, long the subject of frustration for people of all ages.

"When we say 'long duration', we mean that in order to achieve the many benefits of aerobic exercise, we must usually sustain this activity for 20 minutes or longer," says fitness instructor Felix Jones. "Activities that are very difficult, or intense, and can only be sustained for brief periods of time—seconds to minutes—are usually anaerobic, or without oxygen, and do not necessarily produce the same benefits of aerobic exercise."

The benefits of aerobic exercise are huge. They include systemic changes such as reduced cholesterol and blood pressure, improved muscular endurance, reduced body fat, and increased metabolism, to name but a few. Aerobic activities strengthen the heart and lungs, making them more efficient and durable, improving the quality and quantity of life.

Step aerobics improve the strength of the bones, ligaments and tendons, allowing the body to use fats and sugars more efficiently. This exercise also burns many calories, and plays an important role in reducing the onset and symptoms of aging and illness, while also reducing your risk of heart disease, vascular disease and diabetes.

It may not be the hippest class to attend at the gym, but the once uber-popular work-out fad of the 'Eighties and 'Nineties is a step in the right direction. So, dust off your Wii Fit Balance Board, dig out that old aerobics step that's buried at the back of your closet, or just visit the gym to relive the workout fad of yesteryear and get to stepping. ●



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Back in the saddle

Steven Spielberg's rousing, heart-breaking adventure, *War Horse*, is a classic the director can be proud of.

NEW RELEASE

There are two kinds of Steven Spielberg movies—the ones in which the filmmaker is completely engaged and invested (*Schindler's List* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*) and the ones in which he lost interest in halfway through, just ploughing ahead until they were completed (*Hook* and *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*). Just because Spielberg puts his heart into a picture doesn't guarantee it will turn out well, but his enthusiasm and excitement glows in every single frame of *War Horse*. There isn't a moment in the movie where you don't feel the famed director's passion.

The book-to-stage-to-screen adaptation is the director's most emotionally satisfying work since *Saving Private Ryan*—and it contains some of cinema's most potent war scenes since that film, too. *War Horse* was published in 1982 by English children's author Michael Morpurgo, and brought back to public attention in recent years thanks to Nick Stafford's wildly successful theatrical version, featuring stunning life-sized

horse puppets by the Handspring Puppet Company. It is a ripping yarn set before and during World War I. The story is of a thoroughbred horse called Joey, bought on a whim by a poor tenant farmer (Peter Mullan), much to the annoyance of his level-

headed wife (Emily Watson).

In the first of many memorable sequences, their teenage son, Albert (Jeremy Irvine), trains him to pull a plough, a talent which one day will save Joey's life.

When World War I starts, the family is forced to sell Joey to a young Army captain (Tom Hiddleston), who takes him into battle. From there, Joey crosses enemy lines and embarks on a hazardous journey through the war, ending at

the Somme. When war comes, it is Joey who is the moral aristocrat, as the officers become self-sacrificial heroes and the Tommies are turned into cannon fodder.

The film depicts two brilliant cavalry charges, the first a rehearsal on Salisbury Plain and the second a scene of carnage on the Western Front. The latter concludes with Joey falling into the hands of German masters to pull ambulance carts, haul heavy artillery and be briefly protected by two young German soldiers and by an elderly Frenchman and his 13-year-old granddaughter. Each of these episodes has heart-rending moments, among them one not found in Morpurgo's book—the execution by firing squad of two deserters, observed from behind the slowly revolving sails of a windmill.

Spielberg's passion for storytelling and ardour for this film seeps into every frame of this epic World War I-based love story about a boy's



BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH (LEFT) AND TOM HIDDLESTON (RIGHT)



"The film depicts two brilliant cavalry charges, the first a rehearsal on Salisbury Plain."

tender relationship with a horse, and it's stamped all over with trademark Spielberg touches, drawing from the master movie craftsman's vast back catalogue for inspiration. You'll see *Saving Private Ryan*, *ET* and *Empire of the Sun* here, whether in the film's stunning visuals, naturalistic humour or stirring emotion.

War Horse is a fable with a high moral purpose, not a documentary, and audiences will either be overwhelmed by the impact or find themselves fighting to resist it. It's a rare film that turns children's literature into a film with such astounding emotional depth. ●

Did you know?



- At age 12, Spielberg started making movies and by the time he left college, he had at least eight amateur works to his credit.
- His short film, *Amblin* (1968), came to the attention of Universal Pictures and signed him to a seven-year contract.
- The director's science-fiction fantasy, *E.T.—The Extra-Terrestrial*, is one of the highest-grossing films ever made.
- *Schindler's List* won him an Academy Award for best director and best picture. It was Spielberg's first Academy Award for best director.
- Spielberg's personal net worth is estimated to be \$3 billion.

SILVER SCREEN

The year of the hero



In cinema, there comes a time when—planned or not—a trend emerges among the genre of films which are released. With a series of high-octane, Hollywood adventures set for release in 2012, this year looks set to be the year of the superhero. *The Dark Knight Rises*, *The Avengers*, *The Amazing Spiderman*—all big-name blockbusters which reinforce the idea that comic books really do provide a great starting point for movies.

But what is it that makes these movies so popular? Is it the fact that, deep down, we would all like a few special powers? Or could it be that there are more cynical reasons laying underneath the surface. There is no denying the amount of merchandise that comes with superhero films; costumes, pencil cases, toys and lunchboxes—to name a few—make sure the young ones are reeled in, but for grown-ups, perhaps it is the sheer escapism that these films offer.

After all, it is only thanks to the magic of cinema that our childhood heroes can truly come to life, swinging, flying and swooping through the cities they love and want to protect. Maybe a good, old-fashioned superhero movie is what we all need right now; fun, action and adventure, to take us out of our daily life and allow us to imagine we are all capable of great things. Either way, get ready for the year of the hero; it looks set to be a big one.

Bollywood news



Actors support education

Bollywood actors Abhay Deol and Neha Dhupia have pledged their support to P&G's signature campaign, Shiksha, which aims at spreading education in India. Abhay and Neha have urged consumers to join the movement by buying P&G products and enabling the company to channel part of its sales proceeds towards education for underprivileged children.

India welcomes Oprah

She is known for hosting the who's who of the world on her talk show, and on her maiden visit to India, Oprah Winfrey was greeted by top-notch Indian socialites and Bollywood glitterati including megastar Amitabh Bachchan, superstar Shah Rukh Khan and her ever favourite Aishwarya Rai at a private party. Winfrey is in India primarily to shoot for her new show, *Next Chapter*.



Ireland backs Bollywood

As it seeks to lure more tourists from India, Ireland is betting big on the \$15 billion Indian media and entertainment industry to shoot more films, documentaries and TV shows on its pristine locations. The top executive of the country's main film industry agency said they were particularly keen on the success of *Ek Tha Tiger*.

Challenging conventions

The debate still rages, but most experts believe that video games make for an enthralling form of the arts.



VIDEO GAMES

When we think of the arts, what usually comes to mind are classical conceptions of the visual, literary and performing arts. But one art that is frequently overlooked is the video game, which, despite countless debates on the subject, enjoys official status as an art form, if a United States Supreme Court ruling from last year is anything to go by.

Last June, after the state of California tried to implement strict measures against the sale of violent video games, the US Supreme Court ruled that video games deserve the same protection as literature, plays and films under the First Amendment.

"Like the protected books, plays, and movies that preceded them, video games communicate ideas—and even social messages—through many familiar literary devices (such as characters, dialogue, plot, and music) and through features distinctive to the medium (such as the player's interaction with the virtual world). That suffices to confer First Amendment protection," wrote Justice Antonia Scalia in the majority opinion document.

The debate still rages, but with a Supreme Court ruling behind it, the argument that video games are art certainly packs more punch. But

clearly, some video games should be given artistic status more than others. It'd be a stretch to say that *Grand Theft Auto*, for example, is a good example of video games as art in the same way that Shakespeare is a good example of theatre as art.

Some games do merit artistic recognition, though. Take *Rez HD*, which is available on the Xbox 360. The player finds him or herself inside a giant computer network, in which an artificially intelligent character named Eden questions her existence and proceeds to shut everything down. But the story is almost inconsequential to the game, which is

made up of beautiful visuals in crisp, high definition.

The player must shoot various objects as they appear on-screen, though instead of conventional sound effects, each object emits a musical note or a sound effect whenever it is hit. This means that, throughout the game, the player is actually creating his or her own original music that will sync in time with the beats of the background music.

But even without HD visuals, games have been labelled as art. *Final Fantasy VII* is a prime example. This came out on the original PlayStation, at a time when Sony was intent on securing its dominance over the rest of the market. The film-quality CGI cut scenes and the

aesthetic beauty of the backgrounds in this game certainly did well for Sony. The soundtrack was masterful, the story was compelling, and the game entered the hall of fame as one of the best ever produced.

There are other games worthy of note, such as the PlayStation 3's *Flower*, which sees the player control the wind in order to collect flower petals. It might be simple, but it's stunning. There's also *Okami* for the Wii, an adventure game which sees the protagonist paint realistic brush strokes over the already stunning level designs. Sure, some games fail to make the artistic cut, but the games mentioned here, and more, prove that, as an artistic medium, video games are not to be dismissed. ●



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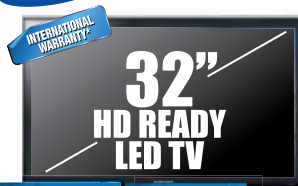


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Date: February 3

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 3pm

Audience: Family, general public

Category: Sports

Venue: Meydan Racecourse

Admission: General admission is free

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Watch Harris Jayaraj perform his unique mix of music.

Date: February 3

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 8pm

Audience: Family, general public

Category: Entertainment, music

Venue: Festival Centre, Dubai Festival City

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Date: February 2

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 10pm

Audience: General public

Category: Music

Venue: Burj Steps, Downtown Dubai, near the Burj Khalifa

Admission: Regular (standing) Dh150, VIP (seated) Dh250, VVIP (seated) Dh350

Super Action Painter at BurJuman



Witness Colombian artist, Jose Luis Quiceno, create amazing

art in only ten minutes.

Date: January 26-February 1

Duration: 7 days

Audience: General public

Category: Entertainment

Lazy Town



Bring your children along to see the Lazy Town show at Mirdif City Centre.

Date: January 26-February 4

Duration: 10 days

Audience: General public

Category: Entertainment

Venue: Mirdif City Centre

Admission: Free

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Date: January 31-February 2

Duration: 3 days

Audience: Trade professionals

Category: Exhibitions

Venue: The Airport Expo, Dubai

Admission: Register online

Sadabahar Geet

Enjoy this tribute concert to Shammi Kapoor and Dev Anand.

Date: February 4

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 6:30pm

Audience: General public

Category: Music

Venue: Emirates International School, Jumeirah, Al Thanya Road, Jumeirah

Admission: Balcony Dh50, silver Dh75,

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Timings: 11am-7pm

Audience: Trade professionals

Category: Conference

Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre, Sheikh Zayed Road

Admission: Register online for free

DREAM CAR

As sports cars go, the sleek and stylish Maserati GranCabrio Sport is most definitely a head turner.

★★★★☆

If you go back and catch up with your old school friends, there's one thing that always seems to remain true. The people that were bottom of the class still are and those that topped the grades either went on to be very successful or ended up in rehab.

What is always surprising is the people who were neither top nor bottom of the class. If you check there's a surprising number of these dark horses that have gone on to become something special.

Had the Maserati GranCabrio Sport gone to school it would have sneaked through the years with good grades and gone on to run a fortune 500 company. Although it could hardly claim to be understated, it is 100-per cent an automotive dark horse.

If you look at the formbook it isn't the fastest sports convertible available. It also isn't the best looking (although it comes pretty close). It isn't even the cleverest. It's just damn good at everything, which in the world of car making is exactly what you need. It's also very nice to drive, proving effortless on highways, city streets and in heavy traffic. With a good auto setting and a great ride height you also don't have to worry about the ever-growing number of speed humps and cameras. The Cabrio really is a very

Dark horse



relaxing way to get across town.

What is not so clear is why there is a 'sport' button on the dash. With it selected the car makes one of the best sounds you will ever hear from a performance car. It positively howls and can see no good reason why you would ever want to drive it in any mode other than 'sport'.

Even at low revs it sounds menacing. At full chat it turns heads from half a kilometre away. You do tend to find yourself actively going in the wrong direction, just to drive through a tunnel with the roof down.

Once you get on the move it's certainly quick. There's not the full on punch in the back you get from the more torque-laden supercars, so the speed tends to creep up on you. It's very easy to glance down whilst

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The number of seconds this sporty number takes to reach 100 km/h

bumbling along and discover you are actually well over the posted legal limit. The brakes are excellent and the suspension is soft enough to swallow speed bumps and potholes, but hard enough to avoid body roll in the bends. It's a well engineered set up that gives you the best of both worlds.

The gearbox, the Achilles heel of



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Torque: 510Nm @ 4,750 rpm

0-100km/h: 5.2 seconds

Top speed: 285 km/h

Price: Dh535,500

older Maserati models, is great. It's smooth in full auto and precise in the paddle shifted manual mode. The hardest thing is catching the paddle before the needle hits the rev limiter when you're hard on the gas. With a quick-revving V8, it's easy to be tardy with your shifts, which never looks good to the traffic light audience.

The only slight flaws are a slow roof mechanism and a laughable boot, which is completely occupied by the spare wheel. It may carry four people in comfort, but you'll have to send the luggage on ahead.

But these few blemishes hardly detract from what is a very nice piece of machinery. Unlike a lot of supercars, that are very desirable, but completely impractical to own in the real world, this is a car you'd actually buy and put in your garage for sunny day cruising. It may not be top of the class, but this car has grown up to be something rather special indeed. ●

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AMATEUR FOOTBALL

The Dubai Amateur Football League has grown in popularity so substantially over the past twelve years, that organisers have seen a constant need to expand, now incorporating four divisions within their league set up.

A couple of nights each week The Sevens grounds are descended upon by hoards of Dubai residents who fancy themselves as the next Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo. That is, of course, until they get called back for an infringement on their way to the goal mouth by the strict referees waiting to assert their on-pitch authority.

Even though the league does cater for all skill levels, from reigning champions Irish A's serious dedication to capturing the title for the third year running, to the lower leagues where the wonder goals may not be as nu-



THE REFEREE IS ALWAYS RIGHT

merous, you don't actually even have to kick a ball to become involved.

If you don't think you have the dazzling skills that could see you earning a golden boot nomination and a call up to your national team, you can always don the referee's jersey and line your pocket with the power cards of a yellow and a red hue.

Due to the success of the Dubai Amateur Football League, finding the same level of numbers committing to the refereeing side is plateauing.

Committed to the development of grassroots football, the League is keen to help those that are interested in developing their coaching skills or refereeing ability, and are developing a framework for people that wish to participate and gain internationally recognised qualifications. For more information on how to get involved, email dean@dalfotball.com.

Get yourself promoted now!



Akhtaboot offers advice on how to secure that promotion, plus some of the steps that can be taken to get noticed.

PROMOTIONS

Have you ever felt that you have been stuck in the same position with the same company for a while now? Do you feel like you are ready to move up? Does it seem like all the employees who get ahead in your company don't work nearly as hard as you do, but somehow they are the ones who get rewarded?

Whatever industry you are in, your success depends on how well you promote yourself. Fortunately, there are ways to do so without giving the impression that you are self-absorbed or greedy. Akhtaboot comes to the rescue with simple techniques to help you get the promotion you deserve.

Take on extra responsibilities

Extraordinary employees are not stuck within the job description box; they take the initiative to make their jobs better. To qualify for a promotion, you need to do more than what you are already being paid to do. This will not only give the impression that you are interested in your current job, but it will also help you earn the respect of your supervisors and coworkers.

Be a team player

Know your part within the team you

are working in and provide your co-workers with positive drive and inspiration. Offer to help your co-workers even if the problem doesn't concern you. If you believe you have the ability to solve it, lend a hand. Supporting your colleagues in achieving their goals will create a loyal group of people who will support you on your way up.

Arrive early

Being on time might sound like a cliché bit of advice, but it is a cliché bit of advice that works. Someone who respects the value of time will always be chosen over someone who doesn't when it comes to promotions. Always



“Offer to help your co-workers even if the problem doesn't concern you.”

arrive at work a few minutes before others; this will give the impression that you are committed to your job.

Dress the part every day

Extraordinary employees dress for success every day. If you are capable of doing the work and taking on extra responsibility and you dress like you already have the job, there will be a better chance of being chosen for the promotion. Investing in a good suit right now will surely pay off later on.

Make yourself replaceable

This may sound like an odd piece of advice, yet it is critical to getting a promotion. In many cases, employees who

deserve a promotion don't get it simply because there is nobody who is qualified enough to take on their existing responsibilities. To qualify for a promotion, you should take on a mentee and teach that person how to take over your responsibilities so that you can go on to bigger and better things one day.

Act professionally

Extraordinary employees don't whine and complain when things go wrong. Instead, they ask intelligent questions when they aren't sure of how to do something and always keep a positive attitude towards everything that surrounds them. Saying please and thank you, greeting customers and co-workers, speaking nicely, and being patient are essential elements of success in the workplace.

Getting a promotion is about working hard and making sure that the right people notice it. If you have already applied the above techniques, yet you still feel like you are getting nowhere in your company, then maybe it would be best to look for work elsewhere. If your boss does not promote you, then we will. Promote yourself today to hundreds of employers by uploading your CV on www.akhtaboot.com.

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Serving more than ever before

New statistics released by the RTA show that the use of public transport is well on the rise.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the RTA, has revealed that the public transport means of the RTA, which span the Dubai Metro, public buses, marine transit modes and Dubai Taxi, lifted more than 346.5 million passengers in 2011 compared with 332 million passengers in 2010, according to recent figures released by the RTA's Statistics Section.

The average number of daily riders on public transport means reached 963,000 passengers, whereas the figure was in the range of 922,000 passengers in 2010.

"In keeping with the drive to enhance the integration of public transport modes as outlined in the RTA's Strategic Plan, which is aligned with the Dubai Strategic Plan, aimed at providing an integrated roads and transport system that ensures smooth traffic flow and high safety levels to all users, the RTA has been endeavouring to upgrade the mass transit systems to make them the ideal choice for people in the emirate. These efforts come in the implementation of the RTA strategic objective of minimising the use of private vehicles and maximising the use of public transit means (including taxis) from 13 per cent in 2006 to 30 per cent in 2030. In 2010, this rate reached 15 per cent and in the middle of last year, it jumped to 19 per cent," said Al Tayer.

"The Dubai Metro, comprising the Red and Green Lines, lifted more than 69 million passengers in 2011. The number of commuters who used the Red Line reached 60.024 million passengers, and



THE DUBAI METRO SERVED MORE THAN 69 MILLION PASSENGERS IN 2011

the number of commuters who used the Green Line, which was launched on September 9, 2011, reached 8.982 million passengers, thus the daily ridership of the Metro currently exceeds 191,000 passengers. The total ridership of public buses in 2011 reached 107.407 million passengers, making an average of about 298,000 passengers per day. The total ridership of marine transit modes, which include abras, water buses and water taxis, reached about 14.221 million passengers, where abras ferried 13.8 million passengers, water buses lifted 371,000 passengers and the water taxis lifted about 13,000 passengers, thus the average daily ridership of marine transit modes is

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about 39,500 passengers per day.

"Taxis (Dubai Taxi only) made 62.36 million trips, lifting about 155.9 million passengers in 2011. Dubai Taxi cabs in the emirate make about 173,223 trips per day and lift about 433,000 passengers per day," added Al Tayer.

"The huge investments injected by the Dubai Government for the development of the infrastructure of the transport sector have proved both successful and effective. The healthy growth in public transport users reflects the undergoing evolution in the culture of using public transport means by the public spanning all spectrums of the community, particularly with the availability of the Metro service. The use of mass transit means has a host of benefits as it enhances the psychological and physical relief of

passengers, reduces crashes, cuts outlays on the fuel and maintenance of private vehicles, and rids the public of the hassle of finding parking slots, which has emerged as a key challenge facing modern cities across the globe. Public transport means also effectively contribute to reducing environmental pollution resulting from the massive number of private cars, which gives rise to several ailments, such as respiratory diseases.

"The RTA is always seeking to improve its business practices through offering myriad innovative solutions and strategic initiatives stemming from its vision of providing safe and smooth transport for all. On November 1, 2010, the RTA inaugurated the Public Transport Day initiative, enabling Nol card holders to use the Metro, buses and water bus free of charge for one day. The total number of riders using the Metro, buses and water taxi on the second edition of the event clocked 693,221 passengers, recording a 34-per cent rise on the average numbers of commuters at that time. The RTA is proceeding ahead with improvements of the quality of services rendered to the public in keeping with the regional and global profile of Dubai in the business, economic, service, financial, real estate, and tourism sectors, among others," said Al Tayer in a concluding remark.



MORE THAN 107 MILLION PASSENGERS USED PUBLIC BUSES THROUGHOUT 2011

Bike stands built at stations

RTA completes construction of a number of bike stands for Metro users while planning many more.

BICYCLES

The RTA has completed the construction of a large number of bicycle stands as part of the initial phase of allocating bike stands at Dubai Metro stations on both the Red and Green Lines, with a view to enhancing integrated public transport systems in Dubai and accordingly encourage the public to use bikes, particularly on short trips. The rest of the bike stands planned, the total number of which sits at 3,000 stands, are set to be completed in the first quarter of this year.

Engineer Maitha bin Udai, CEO of the Traffic and Roads Agency, said, "The RTA is always seeking to boost various public transit modes and bring them in line with the best practices worldwide. The use of bikes is a positive practice that contributes to easing the intensive use of vehicles and accordingly alleviates the ensu-



MAITHA BIN UDAI

ing environmental pollution. We are therefore focusing on this project and seeking to turn it into a reality in co-operation with the RTA Rail Agency.

"The project comprises the construction of about 3,000 bike stands near the Metro stations on the Red and Green Lines. Phase one of the project, which was completed earlier, comprised the construction of 212 bike stands at eight stations on the Red Line out of a total of 1,974 stands. These include 96 stands at Al Rashidiya Station, 16 stands at Khalid bin Al Waleed Station, 32 stands at Jafliyah Station, 16 stands at Financial Center Station, 32 stands at Mall of the Emirates Station, 16 stands at Ibn Battuta Station, and about four stands at Nakheel Station. The RTA has completed the construction of bases for about 1,200 new stands at the Red Line stations and it is planned to have them completed by the first quarter of this year.

"Phase two of the project, which will be started in the future, comprises the construction of bases for about 1,100 stands at the Green Line

"The project comprises the construction of about 3,000 bike stands near the Metro stations on the Red and Green Lines."

stations. These stands are subject to increase following the completion of comprehensive surveys that will be continuously undertaken by the concerned departments at the Traffic and Roads Agency. Accordingly, it will be possible to identify the number of users and the most popular stations in order to fit them with more stands in future. Should the project prove successful, we have plans in place to allocate stands at the business and vital locations in Dubai that have dedicated lanes for bikes.

"It is imperative to accomplish this

project in order for bikers to avoid the disorderly parking of bikes at non-designated places through parking them beside lighting poles, traffic signals or tying them to trees. Such practices inflict damage to public properties, block the visibility of motorists and road users, and distort the general appearance of the neighbourhood, particularly the tourist areas. Bike stands have been designed in a way that makes them accessible, easy to use and satisfactory to all parties," concluded bin Udai.



DAST 2011 boasts record entries

AWARDS

More participation has been made for the fourth edition of the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport (DAST) 2011 showing a marked increase over the previous three editions of the award, which kicked off in 2008. The growing number of participants definitely indicates the diffusion of sustainable transport cultures and concepts among government, semi-government and private entities as well as individuals spanning all segments of the community, thanks to the continuous efforts made by the RTA in this regard.

The number of submissions made for the fourth DAST totalled 93, recording in the process a sharp increase of 43 submissions over and above those made in the third DAST in 2010 (50 submissions), whereas the

first two rounds of the award in 2008 and 2009 registered only 28 and 67 submissions respectively.

Dr Khalid Al Zahid, Chairperson of the Higher Organising Committee of DAST, was delighted to see the growing number of participants for the award, particularly as the fourth edition is covering the entire UAE rather than being restricted to Dubai, which promises diverse as well as rich submissions which would definitely contribute to transforming the sustainable transport concept with a view to sorting out the best solutions and strategies to be implemented in this vital field.

"DAST, which is viewed as one of the key strategic initiatives launched by the RTA, has proved successful from inception four years ago in capturing the attention of several government and quasi-government depart-



DR KHALID AL ZAHID

ments as well as private businesses in Dubai and prompting them to submit concepts, initiatives, programmes and suggestions enriching the sustainable transport practice spanning all

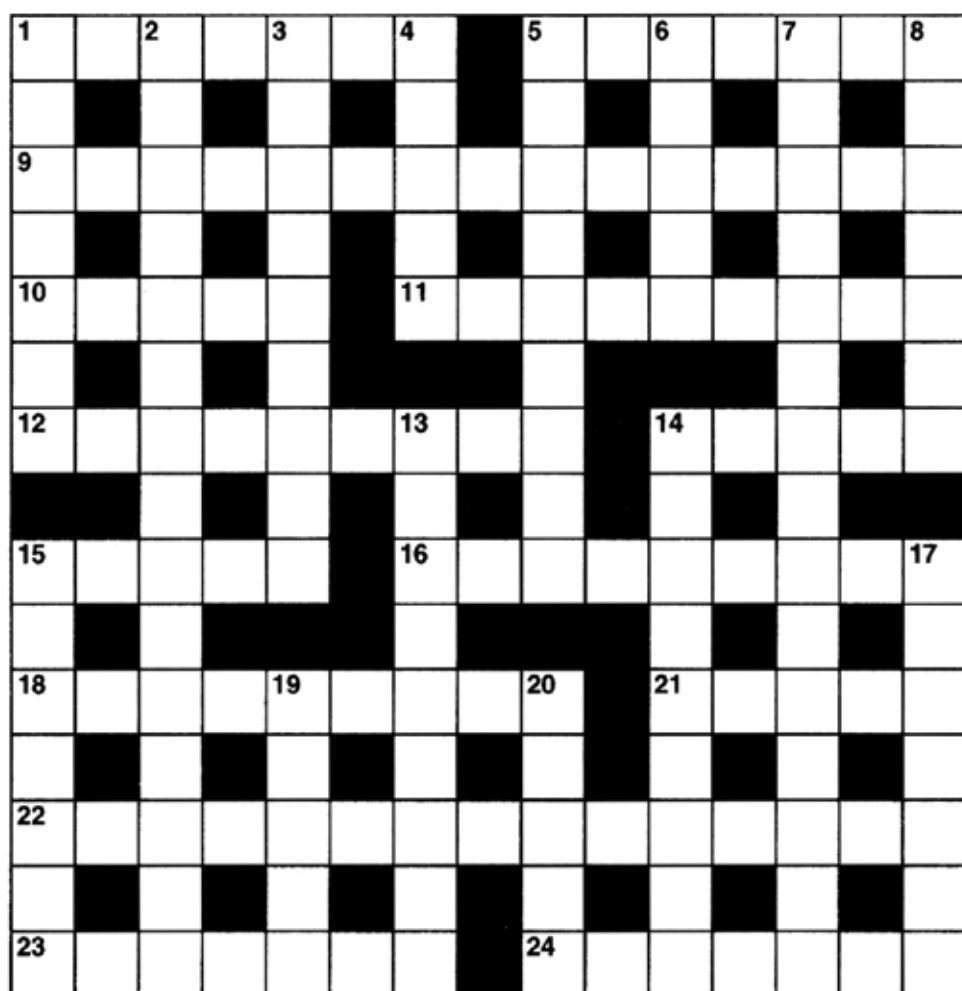
environmental, social service fields among other aspects relating to this vital initiative," said Al Zahid.

"Among the key features of the latest edition of DAST is that it spans the whole UAE, a step which is poised to elevate the profile of the award, and at the same time step up the level of competition between government and semi-government entities and private agencies operating in the UAE, which in turn will broaden the scope of this initiative and bring about dividends to be shared by all emirates, and not only Dubai," he continued.

"The RTA is seeking to upgrade the mechanism of DAST to keep pace with the massive development in RTA projects and initiatives. The award has been revamped and expanded across the board such that excellence has become the headline of each of the three past editions," Al Zahid concluded.

Taking your time

Test your skills with our puzzles, try something new with a recipe and turn to us for advice. It's free!



Crossword

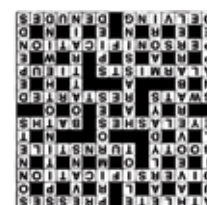
Across

1 Track or field sportsman (7) 5 Pushes (7) 9 Expansion of scope (15) 10 Stolen goods (5) 11 Entry gate at a football ground (9) 12 Mascaraed hairs (9) 14 Tubs for all-over washing (5) 15 (Fly) killers (5) 16 Set in motion again (9) 18 Agitators (9) 21 Tether (3,2) 22 Embodiment (15) 23 Digging about (7) 24 Lays bare, uncovers (7)

Down

1 Within earshot (7) 2 Put in a no-win situation (4,4,1,6) 3 Initial period (5,4) 4 George ___, author of *Silas Marner* (5) 5 Yellow flowers (9) 6 Chris ___, Terry Wogan's replacement on Radio 2 (5) 7 Do something futile (4,4,3,4) 8 Poems of fourteen lines (7) 13 Annoying (9) 14 Rail transport to a port (4,5) 15 Finally lost one's rag (7) 17 Hangs (upon) (7) 19 NZ native (5) 20 Glimpsed (5)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Tasty Teriyaki salmon

This easy and delicious salmon dish is ready in five simple steps. Perfect for a quick, healthy dinner.

Ingredients

2 salmon fillets
4-5 tbsp dark soy sauce
1 lime (zest and juice)
1 small chilli
2 tbsp maple syrup
1 large, finely chopped garlic clove
1 piece finely chopped ginger
1 sheet egg noodles
1 tbsp sesame oil

Serves
2

Method

1. Heat a small glug of olive oil in a pan and fry the ginger, garlic and chopped chilli for two minutes.
2. Add the zest and juice of the lime

and pour in the measured soy sauce. Add the maple syrup and cook for one minute or until the mixture has reduced and is sticky.

3. Meanwhile, pan-fry the two pieces of salmon on a high heat for two minutes each side in a griddle pan.

4. When the salmon is cooked on both sides, add each fillet to the frying pan containing the teriyaki sauce, fry for one minute then set to one side.

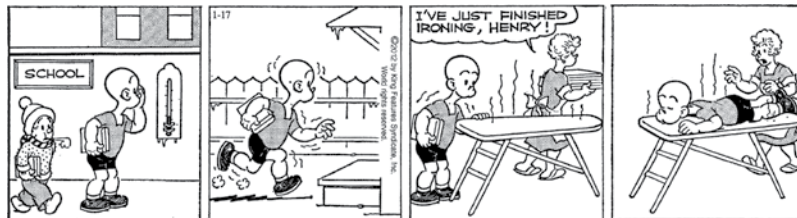
5. Teriyaki salmon goes perfectly with noodles, so to accompany this dish, cook and drain one sheet of egg noodles, add one tablespoon of sesame oil, then lay the salmon fillet on top and serve.



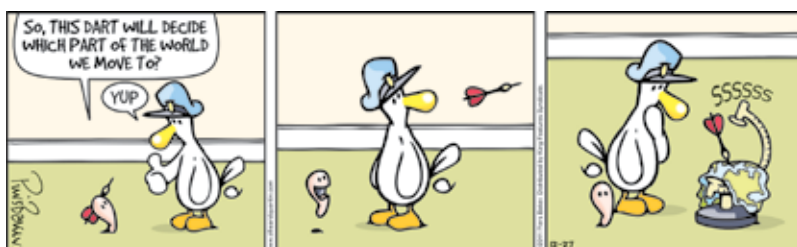
Dennis the menace



Henry



Ollie and Quentin



Spiderman



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Q I have a common question which frustrates me. Is what I want to be or am I doing what makes me happy? What would make me satisfied? Please help me to figure this out, thank you.

Read: Unfortunately, only you can answer this. If you have ended up in a job you don't enjoy, perhaps you could look at re-training for a different career. Do you have a good network of friends around you? Loneliness can often cause questions like this to arise, so perhaps seeking out new friends could help. Whatever you choose to do, live life to the fullest.

Q Oh Read., my friends, if only you could understand how annoying my boss is! He asks me impossible questions all day to try and catch me out and gives me tasks which are so pointless and time-wasting

that I want to throw my computer out of the window. Help!

Read: Sorry to hear you are struggling with your boss. Is there anyone who can intervene? Perhaps the HR team or a line manager? It sounds as though he is unaware of how much stress this is causing you, or, if he is, then he is not being professional. You can always speak to him face-to-face, but make sure you have a calm, solid case to put across instead of getting emotional and angry. Good luck.

Q I will be moving back home to Germany soon but I am really sad to say goodbye to my Dubai friends. Sometimes I think I should just leave quietly without making a big deal about it. What do you think?

Read: Honestly, you may regret not having the chance to say goodbye properly. Organise a dinner or get together a couple of weeks before you leave. That way, the goodbyes won't feel too imminent and you will have a chance to enjoy one last reunion.

Who's this?

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Puzzles

Arrowword

Desperate request		Shade of brown		Food store		Jacob's OT brother		Work, occupation		Language spoken in Karachi		Spouse's family (2-4)
				Rubbing with an abrasive								
Conductor's stage		Gentleman's title		Metal bar		Adult males		Spot on a playing-card		— Brooks, actor/director		View, look at
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Robert De ____, film star						British record label (inits)				Female farm animal		
John ____, first Poet Laureate								Beating of the heart				

Sudoku 1

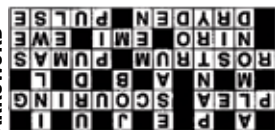
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ANSWERS

ARROWWORD



SUDOKU 1

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What's in your stars?

The Read. astrologer tells you exactly what to expect over the next seven days.

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

A long-held ambition still sits at the back of your mind; perhaps it's time to bring it to the front? A little planning and research could see ideas finally start to lift off the ground. Someone may have their doubts about you, so why not prove them wrong?



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

You have been getting better with your money recently, but don't forget about it and have a big spending blowout in a moment of madness. A few treats are acceptable, but watch that you don't go back to being the old, spending-crazy person you were last year.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

A new friendship provides ideal opportunities for exciting adventures, so let your mind roam free. Is there something you have always wanted to do but never had the right person to do it with? Well, now is the time to go for it and live your life to the max.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

A nagging health problem needs to be investigated. It's nothing serious, but a quick trip to the doctor could ease your mind a huge amount. At work, you feel as though nobody notices your efforts. In fact, those in authority positions are noticing more than you may realise.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

You may have been planning a trip but plans have fallen flat thanks to one person's negativity. However, now he or she is out of the equation, the rest of you can pick up where you left off. Don't forget; fun can be had wherever you go, it doesn't have to break the bank.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Have you been considering taking up an evening course or learning a new skill? If so, your new sense of confidence and drive could make this the ideal time to do so. It could also provide the perfect opportunity to finally meet that special someone you've been looking for.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

A relative could do with your help or advice right now. They seem to have let things build to a point of no return; perhaps they are crying out for someone to step in and offer a hand. Tread carefully, but be honest and to the point or they will never face reality.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

Your stress levels are rising and if you don't get a handle on it now, things could all become too much. If there is a big project at work, don't be afraid to delegate a few tasks out to your coworkers. They will be more than happy to help if you ask nicely enough.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

Watch the words you use when confronting a friend over an issue. If you say what's really on your mind it could cause tension. Perhaps you can still approach the issue, but with a few more carefully chosen phrases instead of just blurting it out.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

This could be a very lucky week for you, so if you have been holding onto a competition entry now is the time to submit it. Your good luck will have a positive influence on those around you, so use your optimism to encourage others.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

You have been doing a lot of soul searching recently, which could have caused you to question where your life is heading. Perhaps a change of career is on the cards, just make sure you don't make any hasty decisions with regards to your current job.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Your mood has been as up and down as the Dubai weather at the moment. One minute you're happy and sunny, the next it's like a grey cloud hangs over you. Perhaps it would help to unload some of your problems to a friend? Don't worry; they can keep a secret.



This week's local weather

SUN

29th

SUNNY
HIGH 22C
LOW 18C
HUMIDITY 38%

MON

30th

SUNNY
HIGH 21C
LOW 16C
HUMIDITY 44%

TUE

31st

MOSTLY SUNNY
HIGH 22C
LOW 18C
HUMIDITY 46%

WED

1st

MOSTLY SUNNY
HIGH 23C
LOW 19C
HUMIDITY 44%

THU

2nd

SUNNY
HIGH 25C
LOW 19C
HUMIDITY 49%

FRI

3rd

SUNNY
HIGH 25C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 47%

SAT

4th

SUNNY
HIGH 26C
LOW 19C
HUMIDITY 45%

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