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Email: letters@readme.ae

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

✉ Hi *Read.*, I recently came to Dubai for the first time. The purpose of my visit was to hunt for job opportunities, but alas I'm going back empty handed. However, I go back full of amazing experiences which I encountered during my stay in Dubai.

Not only the travel on the Metro, which was fun filled, but the fact that it has been made to high international standards. I should commend the RTA on the standard with which it has been maintained. Also, with the Metro I could see without any hassle.

I hope when I come back again the Metro will go deeper into parts of Dubai which are still inaccessible by Metro and I think particularly it should go as far as Sharjah, since this will not only decrease the commuting time for majority of the work force that stays out there, but also reduce carbon emission.

Subhro Dasgupta

Sorry to hear that your job hunt was not a fruitful one, Subhro, but keep looking and you could soon be back in Dubai enjoying the Metro.

✉ Dear *Read.*, I would like to thank the RTA for serving us in a tremendous way. Only because of the Metro do I now feel comfortable moving around in Dubai. Thank you.

Aparna

Long may you keep enjoying the comfort and convenience of Dubai Metro.

✉ Dear *Read.*, I was at the beach at the weekend and got stung in the water. I couldn't see anything but it felt like an electric shock to my wrist—I am pretty sure it was a jellyfish. There were no warning signs to say there was a risk of being stung and it really caught me off guard.

Lilly Reeves

Depending on the beach, you may see warning signs for jellyfish. Luckily, as you've probably discovered, the sting clears up quite fast, although it's worth being vigilant.

Read. Poll

What modes of public transport do you use on a daily basis?

- Metro
- Bus
- Watertaxi
- Abra

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No	19%
I don't know	15%

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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...

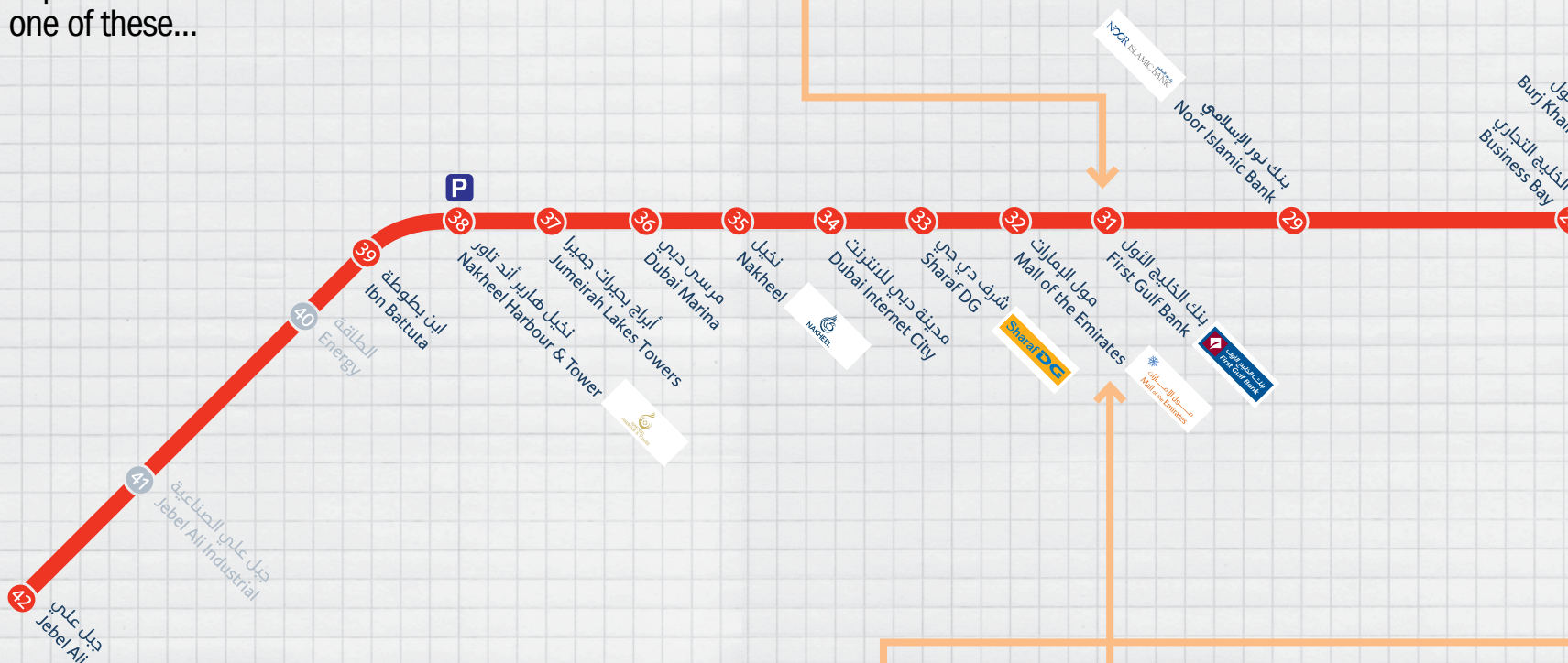


'Women's Day Out'

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Oasis Centre has launched a new season of its hugely successful 'Women's Day Out', an exclusive initiative offering discounts of up to 25 per cent to women shoppers.

Brands spanning a variety of categories, including fashion, footwear, beauty, wellness, fitness, kids' entertainment, food and beverages are now rolling out fabulous deals during the duration of the shopping fiesta. Of the deals on offer, the Cooking School at Balance Café allows women shoppers to share their work station with a friend for free. On its part, Babyshop is offering Dh50 off on every Dh250 spent at the store.



Powerpuff Girls Fashion Show

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Heriot-Watt University in association with Cartoon Network Arabia, Splash, Swarovski Elements and Hamleys presents an exclusive Powerpuff

Girls fashion show put up by the fashion and marketing students at Heriot-Watt University who will get to showcase their Powerpuff Girls inspired creations, some embellished with Swarovski crystals. Free entry.

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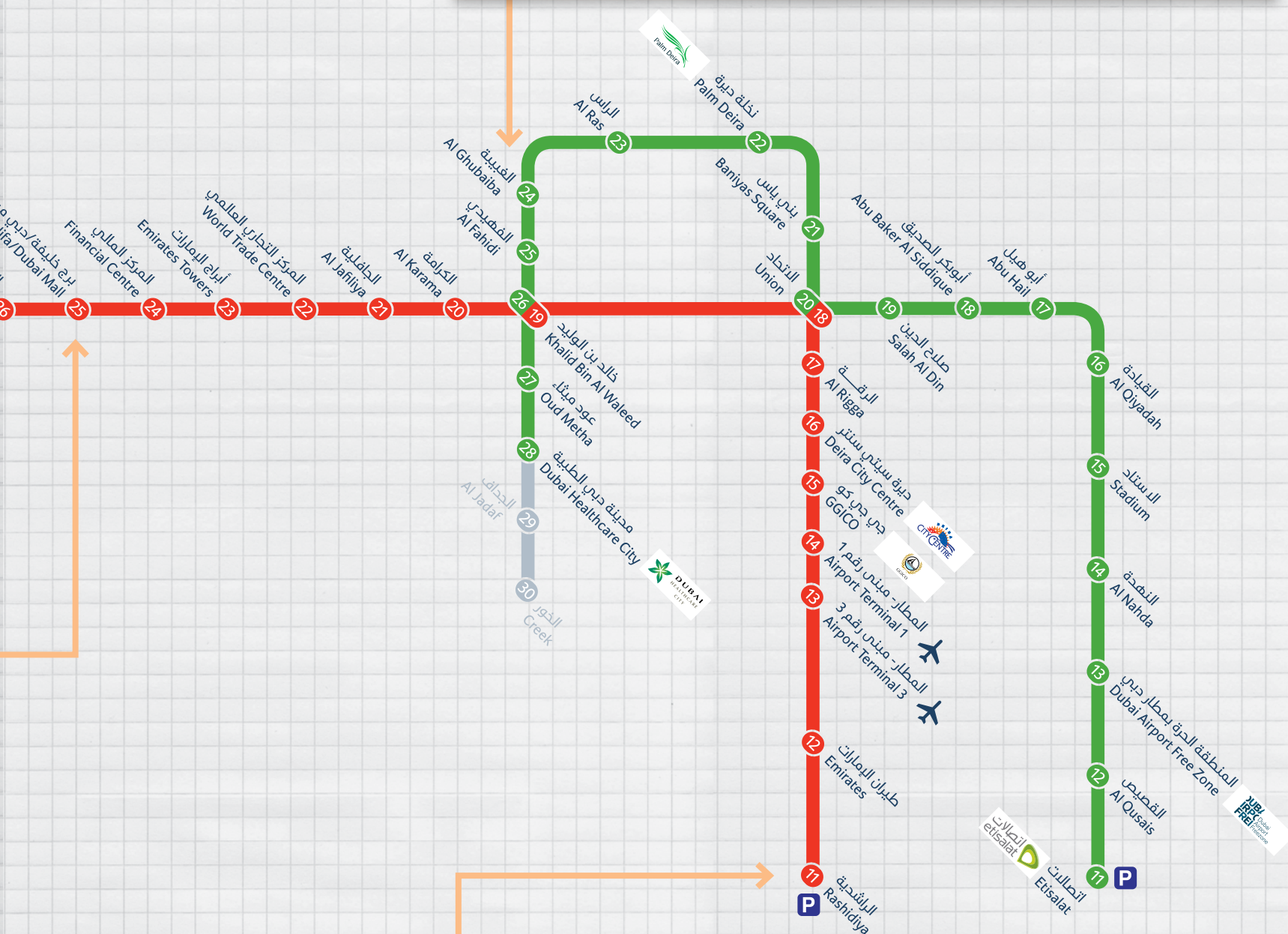
Wheels of Steel @ Metal Asylum

JUNE 1

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ASTORIA HOTEL

Get ready to rock out at an epic night from Metal Asylum, where all bikers and rockers can come together to enjoy a night of metal-tastic music from bands across the emirate. Expect set lists consisting of metal classics and originals to get your engines revving, competitions galore, plus giant video screens that will be playing non-stop motor-themed music videos to accompany the theme. Entry is Dh50 or Dh200.



Sony Xperia S – Twist and Shoot

MAY 31 – JUNE 2

11AM - 11PM

DUBAI FESTIVAL CITY

Sony Mobile invites the public to join the launch celebration of its exciting new Xperia S smartphone. The fun-filled event is open to the public and will feature the new smartphone with its superfast camera that shoots pictures in just above a second. See if you have what it takes to walk away with a Xperia S.



Tango Seduction

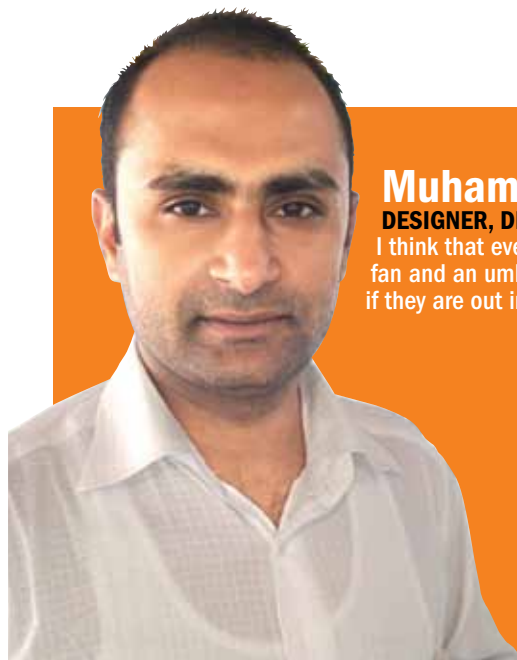
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DUCTAC. MOE

BNF, the Dubai-based dance company and school, is getting ready to perform their newest production *Tango Seduction*, which will include special guests from South America, David Ospina and Diana Díaz—the world champions of tango in 2011—and will showcase different tango styles by walking the audience through the various genres and developments in tango's history. Tickets are available from the box office at DUCTAC.

The Burning Question

Q Aside from staying indoors with the air conditioning switched on, what are your top tips for staying cool in the heat?



Muhammad Rizwan

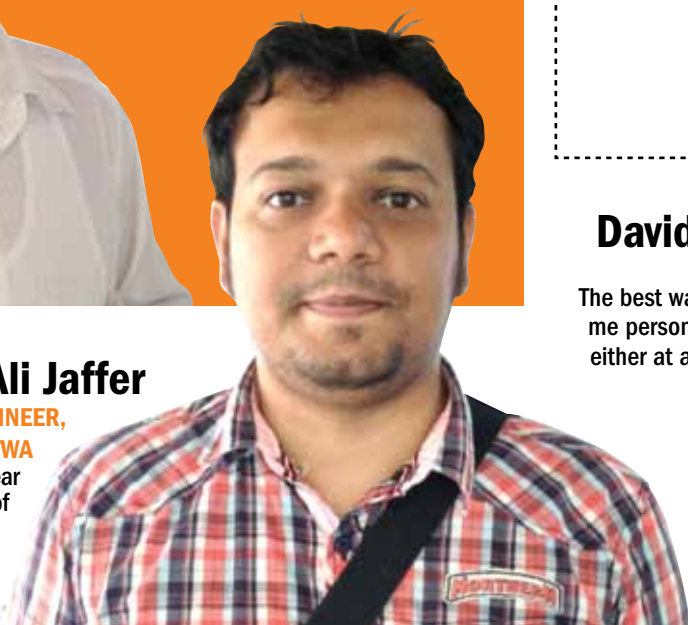
DESIGNER, DEIRA

I think that everyone should try to carry a fan and an umbrella with them at all times if they are out in the heat.

Sayed Ali Jaffer

SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER,
SATWA

In the summer, I usually wear loose shirts and have lots of cool drinks. But when it's just too hot then you need to stay inside in the air conditioning.



Didier Sauer

SALESMAN, VISITING

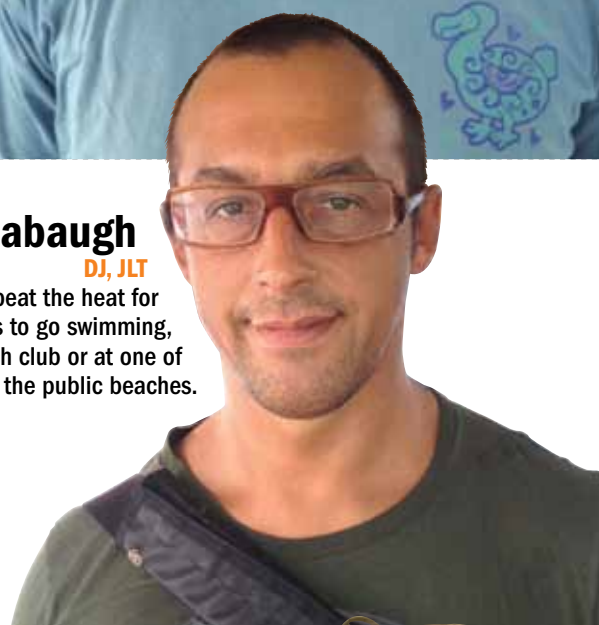
It is important to drink plenty of water, and I also find that sunglasses are helpful, as they shield your eyes from the harsh light of the sun.



David Clabaugh

DJ, JLT

The best way to beat the heat for me personally is to go swimming, either at a beach club or at one of the public beaches.



Maha Abdul Hye

STUDENT, JLT

I try to wear loose clothes and drink something cold for refreshment, although staying inside with air conditioning is usually the best option. I also chew gum to keep my mouth moist.



Saroja Malar

SERVICE, SATWA

When I am out and about in the summer, I will walk through the Metro station bridges when possible to stay out of the heat.



Annie Sauer

ENGINEER, VISITING

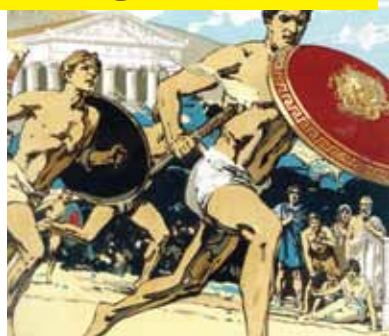
I think you should drink water when you are out and about, although the air conditioning in public places—like the Metro stations—is very good and comes in useful.



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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

After 1,500 years with no Olympics, the modern Olympic Games were established in 1896. According to historical records, the first ancient Olympic Games can be traced back to 776 BC. They were dedicated to the Olympian gods and staged on the plains of Olympia. They continued until Emperor Theodosius decreed in 393 AD that all such "pagan cults" be banned. Find out more today.



MONDAY

As Benjamin Franklin once quipped, "There never was a good war or a bad peace." That's why five countries have gotten out of the military business entirely. We look at how the idea works.



TUESDAY

In an era of constant innovation, we may not realise that most inventions take years to develop. But people have crafted new inventions and stumbled upon discoveries by accident, too.



WEDNESDAY

The recently reported \$2 billion loss at JPMorgan was a result of risky investing in credit default swaps. While some investments consistently make money, others stand a greater chance of losing it.



THURSDAY

Torture was a popular form of punishment in the Middle Ages, but it also served as a deterrent and as entertainment. Find out the devices that were used in an effort to wow the crowds.



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)

Do you understand how the stock market works, and which companies would you invest in?

I have no interest to get into such speculations as I do not really fully understand the working of the stock market.

—Laurene Pacheco

Although I dont know exactly how the stock market works, But It has become a very popular in our country through Asia !! Yes definitely i would buy shares if Is it safe & easy?

—Arman Hossen

I dont have interest in making money threw Facebook...why

people thinking of money all time... Its a Social Website especially made for Friends and Family..BUT ALL WORLD BEHIND MONEY.

—Ashker Ch

What do you think about the effect of celestial occurrences, such as the annular solar eclipse, on our planet?

This occurrences already happened even before humans stand on earth



for thousand times maybe..It is us who now make our planet change. It is us who are destroying it and not this kind of solar activities. What ever happen, our planet will remain the same and will stand still. It is the human race who will become extinct in the later part not the earth if we don't make any moves to save it.

—Robert Bong Barrameda

Perhaps or perhaps it has none. The thing is, our planet is dying day by day. Already we are experiencing some of it's effect and it won't be long before it take it's toll on all of us. But it's not too late to turn this thing around.

—Ferdie Salas Santiago Jr.

With online grocery shopping now available in Dubai, how likely are you to use the service?

LAST WEEK'S ANNULAR ECLIPSE



It will help to save time but increase the cost and weight gain as people will be just waiting in their homes doing nothing

—Ndugga Gilbert

I would surely try the online grocery shopping coz its more convenient..Nothin frustrates me more than long queues and having to walk carrying grocery bags home....!!!!:)

—Tasneem Anwar

Spreading New Hope for the children of Palestine

A Dubai-based musician strives to use the power of music to bring relief to Palestinian children in need.

Many of us witness the plight of children across the world in the news and think to ourselves, "If only there was something I could do". However, more often than not, we switch the channel over and push what our eyes have just seen to one side.

For South African pianist Malika Omar, however, this was not the case. The 26-year-old musician was so moved by the work of one charity, The Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF), that she decided to put pen to paper and music to tape in order to release a charity single in aid of the organisation, which helps needy children in Palestine and all across the Middle East by providing free medical care and specialised treatment in their homeland.

Omar explains, "I'd heard about the Palestine Children's Relief Fund and its inspiring CEO and President, Steve Sosebee, through friends of mine. Upon research I was very impressed with the non-political, non-religious organisation's work to assist and aid children who are struggling amidst the humanitarian and medical crises in the region by providing and organising medical treatment and healthcare that would be otherwise unavailable to them."

Being a musician, the most obvious way for Omar to help was by doing what she does best. So, following the release of her album *Sand Star* earlier this year, she began work on the single for the PCRF, entitled *New Hope*. Omar says, "I personally felt I wanted to do something to support and raise awareness for the PCRF and challenged myself to write lyrics and sing for the first time. Thus *New*

"My dream is that everyone who hears the song is uplifted by its message, and, whenever they hear it, they're also reminded of their contribution."

Hope was born. I personally find music a very honest way of getting feelings across; not only a wonderful way to shine a spotlight on an amazing cause. I wrote the lyrics from the perspective of someone showing support for someone else—whether it's us in support of these children in need, or even to show support to a friend or loved one."

With 60 per cent of all download proceeds going to the PCRF and their efforts at helping children in need, Omar is hopeful that the song she has penned will inspire people to help out however they can, even just by downloading the single. She explains, "*New Hope* is available on international download site CD Baby, as well as iTunes stores across the world, Amazon mp3, and other popular digital download stores. My dream is that everyone who hears the song is uplifted by its message and, whenever they hear it, they're also reminded of their contribution to such a worthy cause and playing a part in helping these little angels. By spreading *New Hope*—literally—we can together help fund PCRF projects that will aid even more kids in the Palestine region." ●

MALIKA OMAR



How to help

To download the single, visit www.cdbaby.com/malikao
To find out more about the PCRF, visit www.pcrf.net

I will not get in until she buckles up.



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If someone you know is refusing to wear a seat belt, don't get into the car. Or if a colleague is texting while driving, keep annoying him or her until they stop texting. Or if a friend is speeding, sing off key until he or she slows down. Don't let an accident happen. A safer road is everyone's responsibility.

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Haircare

The summer is rough on hair, so it's a perfect chance to give your locks a rest from aggressive treatments and damaging driers. Give your hair-dryer a break and make sure to use conditioners and moisturising products to nourish your hair. Towel dry and leave it loose to dry naturally.

Be sure to deep-condition your hair at least once a week, especially if you swim a lot. Hair tends to become dry, dull and brittle if it is soaked and dried too often. If you like to swim lengths, try spritzing on some leave-in conditioner under your swim cap to help ward off damage from chlorine and salt water.

If you spend lots of time outdoors and want to spice up your look naturally, try combing a little lemon juice through your hair. The sun will lighten those strands more quickly, giving you an attractive, sun-streaked look. It's also easier on your budget than salon highlights.



Get set for summer

If your skin is feeling sluggish and your body is in need of a boost then now is the time to step up your grooming regime. Summer is a great time for relaxation, recreation and renewal. If, like most of us, you take advantage of the longer days and warm weather to enjoy extra time with family and friends, and revel in enjoying the hot, lazy days of summer, keep in mind that different rules apply.





Treat your feet

Pointy toes and tight shoes are one of the main causes of hard skin areas on toes and feet. Use a foot scrub to smooth away rough skin and then follow up with a moisturising cream designed specifically for feet. If you're holidaying at the beach, make sure you walk barefoot on the sand. Not only does walking in the sand help exercise the muscles of your feet and calves, but it is also a great natural exfoliation for the soles of the feet.



Skincare

With short sleeves, swimwear and shorts, much more of our body is on display in the summer. Be sure to take proper care of your skin with exfoliating products, moisturisers and general pampering. If you build a routine prior to the summer months, it will be easier to continue all year-round. For a quick skin boost in the sun, fill a misting bottle with a little bit of toner and water, and spritz your face and body for a quick cool off. Just remember to close your eyes, so as to not risk burning them.

In the extreme heat, it is important to make sure that you are adequately hydrated and so you should consume at least eight glasses of water per day, and even more when you are outside. If you do burn, apply aloe vera or lotions containing it. This will cool and soothe your skin and help you to heal more quickly.



Sunbow takes on the sun

Sunbow, the Nickelodeon themed children's sunscreen is on a mission – to put the fun back in sun care – taking the difficult task of applying sunscreen to children and turning it into a fun, welcome, learning experience.

Available in three ranges (SPF 30) each with their own Nickelodeon mascots – SpongeBob Square Pants, Dora the Explorer and Best Friend Diego – each colourful product captures the attention of children. Children can experience a whole host of sensory fun with the sunscreen – which smell like candy.

Sunbow sunscreen can be found in all Boots and IT's Sugar outlets in the UAE. (Sun Sticks) Dh45, (Sun Sprays) Dh70, (Creams) Dh75. Sunbow Sunscreen is distributed exclusively by Cosmetology Middle East.

Get fit

Summer provides many great opportunities to be active and enjoy time together as a family. Do you feel body-confident? If not then take control and start to tone up today. Higher intensity exercise equals more calories burnt, which means more weight lost. Running is the best aerobic exercise you can get, and although both walking and running can burn up to about 100 calories per mile, at any given time, you can run further than you can walk. Always warm up your muscles, and follow every run with a cooling-off period of stretches.



A fresh start

When the weather is hot, salads and fruit become more appealing. If you are travelling, why not try the local seasonal fruit and veg? Watermelon is rich in water and low in calories, making it a delicious snack that satisfies and quenches thirst while providing a huge supply of vitamins. Fill up on non-starchy, seasonal vegetables such as broccoli, asparagus, and green vegetables.

To help curb hunger, have some protein at every meal, such as fish, chicken, and lean meats. Include some low or non-fat dairy products, such as fat-free milk or low-fat yogurt two or three times a day. If you plan your meals around these healthy foods and leave out choices with empty calories, such as fizzy drinks and chips, you'll be better able to maintain a healthy weight.



ies, was featured in exhibitions by New York galleries that specialised in graffiti, including the FUN Gallery and 51X.

Before long, the graffiti subculture began to make its presence felt in London, as crews left their marks on housing estates and public transport networks all over the city. By 1987, the British Transport Police were forced to establish a special graf squad to keep pace with the rampant crews, whose works were getting bigger and more numerous by the day.

For a while, the graf squad retained public sympathy in their efforts to wipe out the burgeoning graffiti scene. Most still saw it as vandalism, evidence of growing crime levels and the deterioration of their neighbourhoods. But then, a man, going by the tag, Banksy, came along.

Banksy began as a freehand graffiti artist in his hometown of Bristol in the early 1990s, when he was part of a larger underground scene along with Nick Walker, Inkie, 3D and other local graffiti artists. In 2000, he switched

to stencilling after hiding from the police under a rubbish lorry, where he claims to have noticed the stencilled serial number on the side of the vehicle.

It was this technique that made him famous. Using them to convey his anti-war, anti-establishment and anti-capitalist sentiments, Banksy's signature stencils began to appear all

“Before long, the graffiti subculture began to make its presence felt in London, as crews left their marks on housing estates and public transport networks.”

Graffiti is illegal in the UAE and perpetrators of the crime can face jail time if caught in the act. Unless it's street art, that is. Then, like in many other countries around

the world, the works are prized for their artistic merit and hung from gallery walls for all to admire.

In Abu Dhabi, just such an exhibition has recently opened at the Light Box Gallery, featuring works by street art masters including Banksy, Shepard Fairey, Mr Brainwash, Richard Mirando, Gwenael Salaun, Saif B. Chilmiran, the British Design Collective and Evil Dr Revolt.

Crossroads VI: Legends of Street Art is the first time that street art has been showcased in the UAE capital, and the exhibition is part of a wider cultural movement to embrace, as an art form, a practice officially labelled a crime. It's a debate that has been raging for a while now, ever since New York galleries brought graffiti artists out of the criminal underground and into the legitimate mainstream during the 1980s.

One of the first graffiti artists to make this transition was Andrew Zephyr Witten, who began scrawling his tag, Zephyr, on walls, trains and other public surfaces in the 1970s. Now dubbed the graffiti elder, Witten, along with some of his contemporar-

Art or crime?

While graffiti is still a punishable crime, it hasn't stopped some artists from receiving high praise.



STREET ART HAS VARIED WIDELY OVER THE YEARS

over Bristol and then London, and it wasn't long before the art galleries began to take notice.

This time it wasn't just a few, free-thinking galleries specialising in graffiti that opened their doors to what was rapidly becoming known as street art. Esteemed international galleries, from the Louvre to Tate Britain, clamoured to display his works and buyers spent hundreds of thousands of pounds to own them.

In 2006, Christina Aguilera spent £25,000 (Dh 145,153) on a satirical

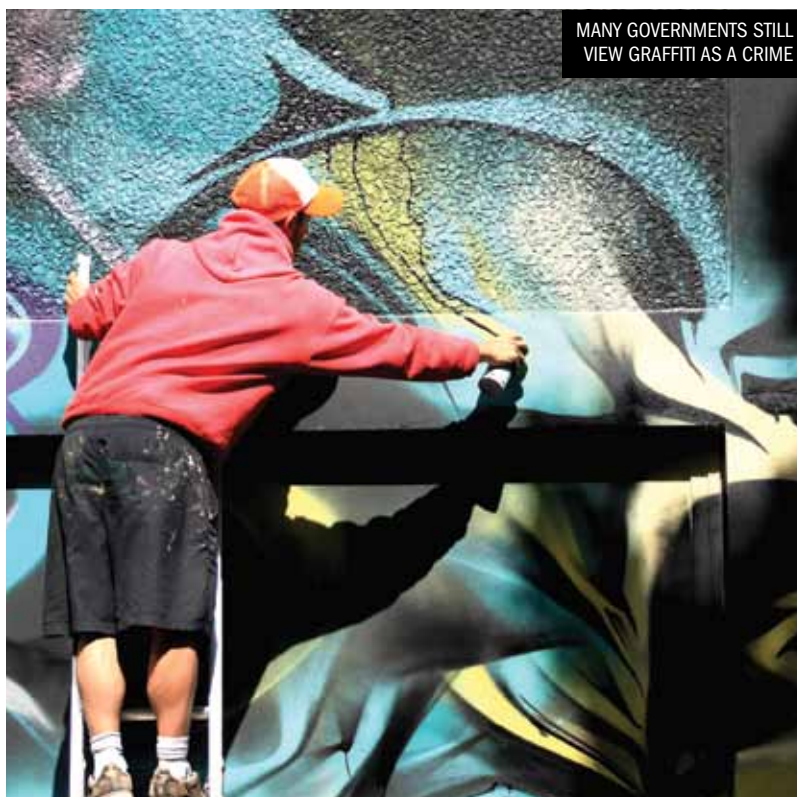
“In 2006, Christina Aguilera spent £25,000 on a satirical Banksy original of Queen Victoria.”

Banksy original of Queen Victoria, and later that year, a set of Kate Moss paintings by the artist fetched £50,400 (Dh292, 411) at a Sotheby's auction. After that, the value of his works only increased, and in 2007, the owners of a house with a mural on the side listed the property as a Banksy mural with a house attached to attract buyers.

More than anyone, Banksy spurred the trend for admiring the artistry of graffiti rather than condemning it as vandalism. He has inspired a generation of young imitators with his stencils and has recently finished his first book, entitled *You Are an Acceptable Level of Threat*, due to be released in July this year.

He hasn't completely won the war for street art, however. Art galleries may have given their blessing, but governments and laws look less favourably on what they still insist is vandalism and therefore a crime. The polarity of opinion was illustrated in 2008, when five members of the DPM graffiti crew were jailed in the UK. As the trial was going on in Southwark Crown Court, just down the road, six of the world's most admired street artists were (legitimately) covering the walls of the Tate Modern museum with murals.

The courtroom condemning graffiti and the national museum celebrating street art were so close that supporters of the condemned crew popped out during the lunch-time adjournment to re-touch their work. As one of the artists said, “there is a huge irony in the juxtaposition of these two events”. ●



MANY GOVERNMENTS STILL VIEW GRAFFITI AS A CRIME

Chili's adds new flavours

15 new and exciting dishes are introduced at **Chili's**, the family's favourite restaurant for casual dining.

LAUNCH

As part of its 15th anniversary in the UAE casual dining sector, Chili's has introduced 15 new menu items embodying the true American flavour. The Triple Dipper allows you to combine three new appetisers; Spinach Queso, Texas Cheese Poppers and Loaded Potato Skins, while there are also new, lighter options to fit in with a healthy lifestyle, such as the BBQ Chicken Salad or the Avocado Burger.

Originally created as a hamburger restaurant/chili house themed with traditional Southwestern flair, Chili's was able to create a niche product by serving quality home cooked food in a casual, friendly environment. The décor, complete with decorated tiles, colourful posters and unique collectibles was complemented by enthusiastic staff who helped create a festive atmosphere like no other.



MOUTH-WATERING MEALS, SUCH AS THIS NEW AVOCADO BURGER, ARE THE NORM AT CHILI'S

Now, Chili's is recognised as the largest Southwestern chain with 19 restaurants in the UAE and two restaurants in Oman.

With over 1,500 restaurants worldwide in 32 countries including 50 restaurants within the GCC, Chili's stands as an international stalwart of casual dining. Its food, beverages and service are constantly diversifying to continually evolve with consumer trends and demands. Its commitment to customer satisfaction and market awareness makes Chili's a benchmark of casual dining.

To continue to keep the brand fresh and interesting, the culinary team work tirelessly to create a pipeline of new and innovative dishes. These are researched and tested with the most popular items rolled into the restaurants. The "Fire Grilled" specialties provide a fine example of Chili's devotion to product development and customer satisfaction.

This is How: Help for the Self

By Augusten Burroughs

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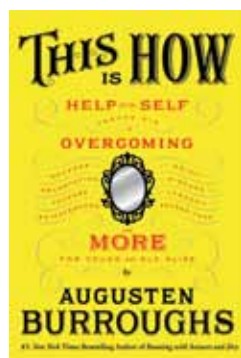
With most self-help books, it's difficult to write opinions on them unless part of the intended audience, as it's impossible to really gauge the effect that they have on trying to improve. But with Augusten Burroughs' "proven aid" things are a little different, as it's aimed at everybody, no matter what they need help with.

Burroughs draws on his unusual life for inspiration. He had no formal education past the third grade, and was raised by his mother's psychiatrist in the 1970s. In the 1980s, he enjoyed one of the most successful advertising careers anyone could hope for, before

a hideous downfall and spending time at rehab. Since then he's written best-sellers

such as *Running With Scissors* and *Dry*, and still has advice to give.

This is How offers advice on how to deal with life's most overwhelming moments—sometimes brutally honest and sometimes warm and funny. And his approach to overcoming despair is unique in its lack of condescension. Even for those with no problems, it's an interesting and enlightening read.



If you like this then you could try...

Let's Pretend This Never Happened by Jenny Lawson

The literary debut from internet sensation Lawson (known as The Bloggess) explores the notion that the moments we'd rather forget are in fact the ones that define us. Lawson recalls her bizarre upbringing with candid humour, hilariously deconstructing the thinking behind embarrassment and what it means to us.

Rize of the Fenix

Artist Tenacious D Label Columbia ★★☆☆☆

ALBUM

After an absence of almost six years, Tenacious D are back with their third studio album, and the title, *Rize of the Fenix*, is reasonably fitting, despite the dodgy spelling. After a hugely successful self-titled first album, bolstered by the enormous popularity of the single, *Tribute*, the over-sized American duo found themselves on the wrong side of critical attention with the release of their feature film and accompanying album, *The Pick of Destiny*. It was too silly, even for Tenacious D, the critics said, and it lacked the musical flair of the first album.

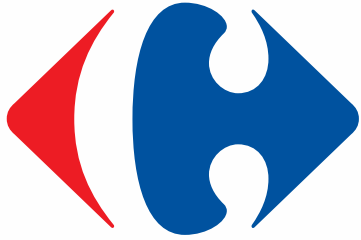
The new album is certainly a big improvement over the last, which only really shone with *Beelzebass (The Final Show-down)*, though it'd be a stretch to say that it's as funny, rocking or cool as the first album. It opens up well, with a title track that really suggest the boys are back in business, and then songs such as *Deth Starr*, *The Ballad of Hollywood Jack* and *To Be the*

Best prove that there's still magic in the musical relationship between Jack Black and Kyle Gass.

But in between these tracks, things just aren't what they used to be. The skits aren't nearly as entertaining as they were on the first album, and the sillier songs fail to carry much comedic value. Sure, the explicit lyrics and horrific imagery should cater to traditional fans, but given that most of them have now grown up, perhaps Tenacious D should think about doing the same.



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Dress for

Office chic

Deciding what to wear to work can be tricky. If you work in a busy office environment and are attending meetings all day then you will want to look professional. Forget the trouser suit and bare those pins. If you work in a creative environment, why not show it through your personal style? Go for a tailored dress in bright hues, such as yellow or citrus shades. Remember not to go overboard on the colours, so balance with neutral shoes and accessories.

If you are working nine-to-five and want to look chic and elegant then look no further, as we round up some of the hottest work wear styles for summer.

The cool factor

If you work in a relaxed environment or a trendy hotspot, you have full creative licence to wear what you like. Just remember that you are still at work, so you will want to keep your look sophisticated. Opt for a matching tailored short suit for a modern style. Choose fun, floral prints for a summer look and accessorise with gold, chunky jewellery for added glamour. Pair the look with flat brogues to avoid looking too dressy.

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Breaking boundaries

Your clothes can say a lot about your personality and how other people view you. First impressions count, so make sure you look neat and polished. If you want to look fashionable but still be taken seriously at work, opt for a trouser and jacket combo. Try wide, flared trousers in summer's pastels, such as mint. Pair with a neutral blouse and cover up with a navy, fitted jacket. Don't be afraid to slick your hair back into a high ponytail for a fiercer style.

Classic choice

If you want to go down the traditional office route, opt for a fitted, black shift dress that sits below the knee. Add a chunky, patent belt to cinch in your waist and pair the look with stiletto heels and a large, patent bag for a sharp, business look.

Success



The high flyer

In general, office wear usually falls on the formal end of the spectrum, if not completely dressy then at least polished and crisp. It goes without saying that suits are a must in a professional environment. Look for styles with two buttons, and opt for colours that are classic. Black is inherently timeless, while grey and navy also complete work wardrobes nicely.

The laid-back look

Given that professional wardrobes vary from office to office, there are still a few key pieces that tend to define the traditional work wardrobe, such as blazers, tailored trousers, shirts and sweaters. At least one blazer is good to own, and they look great paired with khaki trousers or a coloured shirt. If you don't feel like donning a suit, opt for tailored trousers. Use these to mix and match with various blazers and dress shirts. Opt for a khaki pair for summer wear and in more casual environments, long-sleeve pullover sweaters are a great addition to the look.

Him



The office junior

When you're starting out and don't have a lot to spend, invest in a few fantastic high-quality pieces that you can mix and match. Try pairing a chic blazer with harem-styled trousers or skinny, coloured jeans for more mileage. You can still afford to go a little crazy with patterned shirts and colourful accessories. Keep make-up and jewellery simple, and wear your hair down to balance the masculinity of the look.



FASHION OPINION

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Full-length and fabulous

Red carpet events are the perfect opportunity to have dress-envy. The opportunity to get dressed up in an elegant evening dress are few and far between for most people, so most of us use the inside pages of glossy magazines, movie premieres and events to fulfill the void of getting dressed up.

With the MET Gala recently on in New York, more and more styles are being embraced for full-length, red carpet glamour. And at invitation of Anna Wintour, you need to impress.

High street favourite Mango has featured a fantastic line of full-length and fabulous evening gowns for a few seasons. Creating timeless, red carpet, show-stopping pieces, the range it designs is ideal for the diverse range of fashionistas in Dubai.

Another winner is Coast, which creates beautiful occasion wear. Designed with beautiful fabrics and exquisite detail, the clothes won't stretch your budget.

If you want something show-stopping with a quirky edge, look no further than S*uce. The Dubai favourite notorious for quirky creations from over 250 international brands, it is the perfect destination to find something to turn heads.

Accessorising for a red carpet or evening event can be done simply with a neutral or complementing clutch and some statement jewels. For strapless dresses, chandelier earrings are ideal, or else a large-cuff bracelet.

Regardless of where you buy your dress, the most important thing is to feel full-length and fabulous, whether you're on the red carpet or not.

"More and more styles are being embraced for full-length, red carpet glamour."

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to afford all of that fancy equipment used in the gyms? Well, as nice as it sounds, it just isn't an option for most people. And since exercise is so important, you need to find exercises that are effective and don't require any equipment at all.

P90x is a home fitness routine that is designed to get your body in the best shape it has ever been in 90 days. Based on the concept of "muscle confusion", the idea is to always keep your body and muscles guessing each time you work out. This is done by constantly changing up your work-out routine, not allowing your muscles to adapt, which tends to cause you to plateau. The result is your muscles making constant gains throughout the P90x programme.

This is not a new concept. Cross-training and interval training are both based on the same idea, but P90x brings the routine into your home. The man behind the DVDs, Tony Horton, is a fitness guru who has been in the fitness game since the early 'Eighties, and has helped many Hollywood stars get in shape. All you need to join the revolution are a few pieces of equipment at home and about an hour a day.

But maybe even getting the equipment feels like too much hard work. In that case, you can always opt for the Insanity work-out, which might just be the hardest fitness



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SIMPLE STOMACH CRUNCHES AND SIT-UPS CAN HELP TONE THE ABS

Dispelling the myth

Working out in the morning is better: It really doesn't matter when you work out. The logic is, if you work out in the morning, you are less likely to miss a work-out due to everyday stress.

Unused muscle turns into fat: That is not even scientifically possible—completely untrue.

Working only your abs will burn belly fat: Unfortunately, we can't dictate where we will lose fat from on our body. Training one muscle group will not burn fat in that one area. You have to lose overall body fat percentage to see your abs.

programme ever put on DVD. Your personal, on-screen trainer, Shaun T, will push you past your limits with 10 Insanity work-out discs packed with plyometric drills on top of non-stop intervals of strength, power, resistance, and ab and core training moves.

The secret to these mind-blowing intense workouts is that Shaun T took traditional interval training and flipped it on its head. You perform long bursts of maximum-intensity exercises with short periods of rest. Each work-out keeps you constantly challenged as you alternate between aerobic and anaerobic intervals performed to your highest ability. The bonus is that you don't need any equipment or weights; just the will to burn 1,000 calories in one hour and to get the hardest body you've ever had in 60 days.

But who's to say that you can't just get your fitness fix at home completely free? If the weather is nice, it's wonderful to get outside and enjoy the scenery around you while you exercise. However, if the weather has other ideas, you can just as easily get an effective walking work-out at home. If you have a flight of stairs, go up and down them a few times. This will help to tone up your legs, while getting some low impact aerobic exercise as well. If you don't have any stairs available, just walk around the house a few times—it may not be very exciting, but it will do the job.

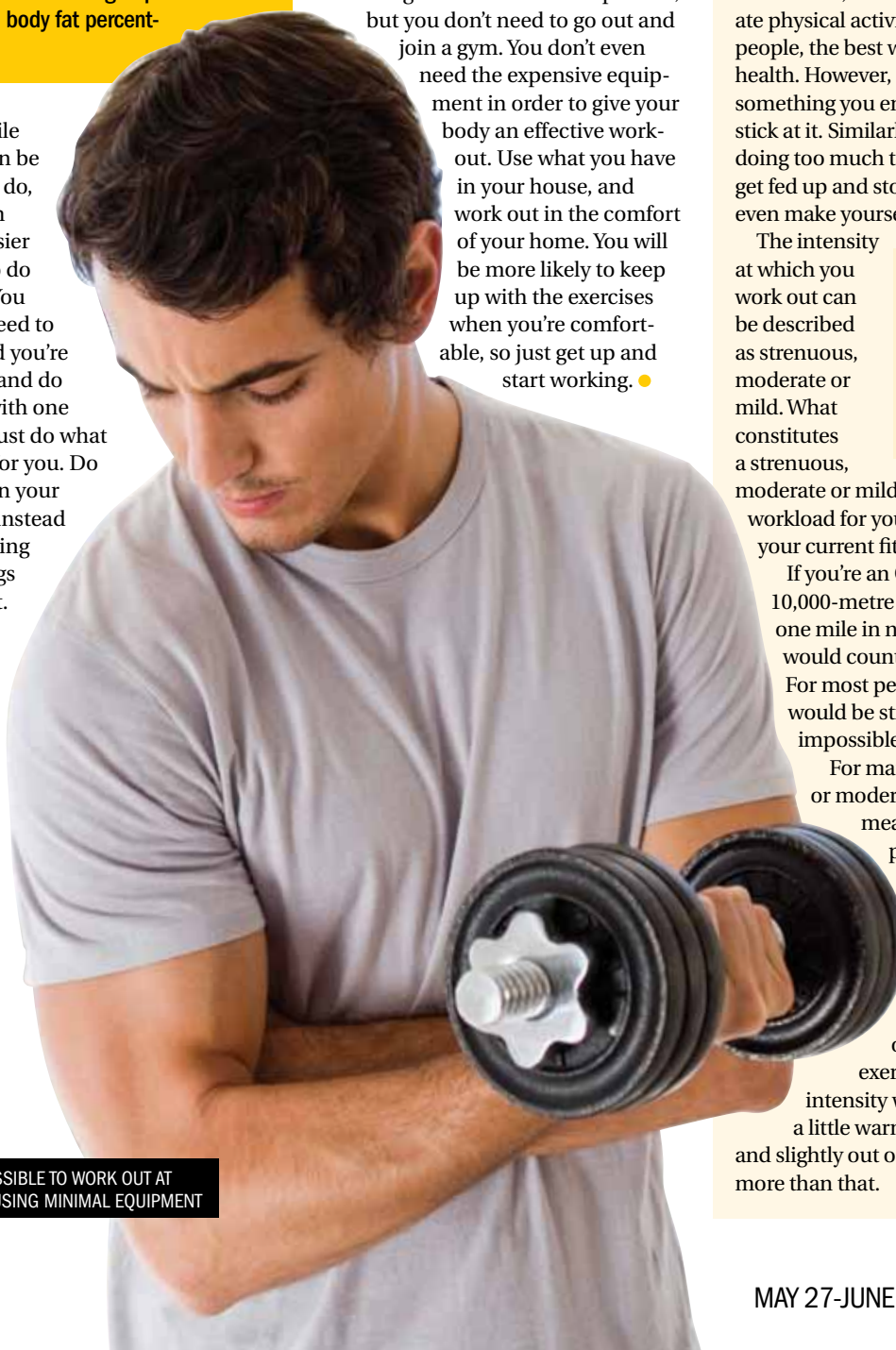
Push-ups are probably the least favourite exercises for many people,

but while they can be hard to do, you can find easier ways to do them. You don't need to pretend you're Rocky, and do them with one hand; just do what works for you. Do them on your knees, instead of keeping your legs straight. Or do them

standing up against a wall. You will be building up arm strength and working out muscles in your chest area.

Jogging is a great exercise for your heart. You can jog in place at home while watching TV or listening to music. The only equipment you will require is a good pair of shoes, to eliminate any stress to your legs.

Getting some exercise is important, but you don't need to go out and join a gym. You don't even need the expensive equipment in order to give your body an effective work-out. Use what you have in your house, and work out in the comfort of your home. You will be more likely to keep up with the exercises when you're comfortable, so just get up and start working. ●



IT'S POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT AT HOME USING MINIMAL EQUIPMENT

FITNESS FIXES

Strenuous, moderate or mild?



There's a well-established theory, backed by increasing amounts of evidence, that mild to moderate physical activity is, for most people, the best way to better health. However, unless you do something you enjoy, you won't stick at it. Similarly, if you start off doing too much too soon, you'll get fed up and stop, get injured or even make yourself ill.

The intensity at which you work out can be described as strenuous, moderate or mild. What constitutes a strenuous, moderate or mild exercise workload for you will depend on your current fitness.

If you're an Olympic 10,000-metre runner, jogging one mile in nine minutes would count as mild activity. For most people, though, it would be strenuous, if not impossible.

For many of us, a mild or moderate work-out means brisk or purposeful walking, or the equivalent level of effort in another activity.

As a rule of thumb, exercise of moderate intensity will make you a little warm or sweaty, and slightly out of breath, but no more than that.

"A mild or moderate work-out means brisk or purposeful walking."

To sink or to swim

Can Facebook justify its enormous initial value after a tough week's trading on the stock market?

Little over a week ago, social network Facebook floated on the stock market, initially valuing its shares at \$38 (Dh139) each.

At the close of the first day, after an erratic 12 hours, the shares had barely climbed above the initial price, reaching just \$38.23, which is hardly what was expected of the third largest initial public offering (IPO) in United States history. What's more, at the time of writing, the shares were way down, and worth just \$31 each.

The company is apparently worth \$104 billion. But with only a modest first day, and a choppy first week, investors are starting to question whether an eight-year-old company

can really be worth so much, and whether it will deliver on the returns it has promised.

"Ordinarily, an investor would hope to earn at least five per cent on an investment—ideally more, since historically, you can earn that just buying Government bonds. So for a company to be worth \$104 billion, you would hope for at least \$5 billion a year of profit. Really, to justify the risk of owning shares, you'd want more—\$10 billion perhaps. Every year. Forever," commented UK economic journalist Daniel Knowles.

"In the last quarter, the company made \$200 million (down 12 per cent since last year). Its annual profits for 2011 were somewhere under \$1 billion. The firm is still producing less



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So you want to be a blogger?

Most bloggers can tell you that they get the occasional, "How did you get into blogging?" sent their way. You see, there's a very simple formula to getting your blog up and running, and then the rest is up to you. The first step is to pick a platform you are

comfortable with. Blogger, WordPress and Blogspot each have their own pros and cons, so make sure you use something you enjoy.

Once that's done, choose a name you like that your readers will connect with and remember. Ultimately, your blog is a brand and you need it to have a distinct identity. The third step is to decide what you will be writing about. You can't be everywhere at once and you can't be an expert on every single topic within a field. Focus on what you excel at and establish yourself as a voice of expertise in the field by building on your strengths.

Establish frequency for your readers to expect your writing and

"Choose a name you like that your readers will connect with."



wait for your next piece. This will also help set your discipline in place to make sure that you don't leave your readers hanging. Images are always a bonus as they make for more interactive entries that allow users to

feast their eyes in addition to their minds. Finally, be responsible and don't go out of your way to offend or harm others, and remember to always enjoy it. Good luck, budding bloggers.

“It’s estimated that Facebook only generates about \$5 per user.”

than one per cent on its supposed worth.”

The problem, Knowles argues, is that the users most expected to generate profit for Facebook are simply not doing so. He points to the fact that many people have lost interest in the social network, and those who haven’t are increasingly using mobile phone apps—which are advertisement-free—to access it. Less adverts means less revenue. It’s estimated that Facebook only generates about \$5 per user.

And the shareholders who bought into Facebook last week certainly weren’t paying to have a say in how the company is run. The shares on offer were A shares, which come with one vote each, but the owners’



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MARK ZUCKERBERG

shares, such as those held by Zuckerberg, are B shares, which come with 10 votes each. Thus, the owners still remain in control of around 96 per cent of the company.

But for all of the reasons why investing in Facebook shares doesn’t seem to stack up, there are, of course, some good ones, too. For one thing, the company currently has over 900 million subscribers, or, to put it another way, around 13 per cent of the

world’s population is on Facebook. Even when it’s earning just \$5 per user, it’s still making plenty of cash, then.

But more important than the sheer scale of the operation is the advertising possibilities that it offers. Facebook has access to a raft of personal data about its users, and it also has plans to capitalise on the popularity of its mobile and tablet apps. This could mean the end of advert-free Facebook apps on mobile phones, but it would certainly bring more money into investors’ pockets.

In the meantime, though, analysts are weary. Gary Goldberg Financial Services, for example, has told its investors to hold off until a clearer picture is painted about where the company plans to go for growth. If Facebook can get a handle on its revenues and really capitalise on its users’ interests in order to bring in big profits, the recent IPO could mark a place in business history, but for the moment, for all the fanfare surrounding the flotation, good and bad, not much substance can be seen. ●

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PlayStation3 3D Display



Sony has launched the new PlayStation3 3D Display, offering 3D and multiplayer gaming

experiences as never before, all on a stunning 24” 1080p HD screen. The display is available as part of a bundle that contains everything needed to revolutionise one’s PlayStation life including the 24” 3D Display and stand, two pairs of 3D glasses, HDMI cable and two award-winning blockbuster PS3 games – Killzone 3 Platinum and Gran Turismo 5 Platinum.

As well as fantastic gaming in three dimensions, the PS3 3D Display also comes with SimulView technology that allows two players to play on the same display without needing to use splitscreen.

The PS3 3D Display bundle retails at Dh2,149 bundled with two pairs of 3D glasses, HDMI cable and two blockbuster PS3 games. A PS3 3D Display bundled with PS3 160GB with two pairs of 3D glasses, HDMI cable and two PS3 games retails at Dh3,250.

Fujifilm unveils X-S1 camera



Fujifilm has launched its new X-S1 model, the fourth premium camera from the brand’s X-series. This latest addition sets new standards in design and performance just like its predecessors and represents a new breed of bridge cameras. Built in Japan to exacting standards, the body has a high-quality look and feel with metal dials, a rubberised coating and superior handling characteristics that will appeal to

the discerning photo enthusiast. In addition, the X-S1 offers a premium picture-taking performance to match its looks. From the high-quality Fujinon 26x optical zoom lens through to the EXR sensor taken from the X10 and the wide range of functions, the X-S1 puts the photographer in complete control.

Fujifilm X-S1 key features: High quality Fujinon 26x optical zoom covering 24-624mm (35mm equivalent), superb build quality and finish with rubberised coating and metal dials, 12 megapixel EXR CMOS sensor, up to 10 frames-per-second shooting, large EVF with 1.44 million pixels and 26 degree viewing angle, tiltable three-inch rear LCD with Sunny Day mode, full HD video, raw file format, film simulation modes, macro focusing down to 1cm, lithium battery providing up to 500 shots per charge, optical image stabilisation.

The importance of H₂O

We all know water is essential, but do we really understand why?

Water is one of the most simple tools that we can use to look after our bodies, yet

so many of us are not consuming the recommended daily amount. Living in a hot region, this can not only be bad for general well-being, but can cause dehydration, heatstroke, headaches or fainting.

Made from up to 70 per cent water, our bodies need regular hydration. But are you aware of the ways in which our bodies utilise the water we consume? Read on to find out.

Weight loss

Drinking water can help you lose weight because it flushes out the by-products of fat breakdown. Drinking water also reduces hunger, in fact, many people can often feel hungry when in fact they are simply thirsty. A glass of water can act as an appetite suppressant if consumed before a meal, as it fills the stomach so you'll eat less. Plus, as all dieters will know, water contains zero calories.



How much?

The body gets its fluid from three main sources: drinks, solid foods—especially fruit and vegetables—and as a by-product of chemical reactions within the body. Most adults need to consume between one and a half to three litres of water a day, so you should be aiming to drink six to eight medium glasses of fluid daily, distributed gradually throughout the day.



While pure, natural water is the optimum way to consume your daily quota of fluid, beverages such as tea, coffee and fruit juices do also count towards your fluid intake, and may even bring with them other nutrients or health benefits.

A person will require more fluid if they are physically very active or if they live in a hot climate, such as the one we have here in Dubai. The best way to judge whether you are consuming enough is by the colour of your urine. If it's a pale, straw colour then your daily fluid intake is probably fine, but if it is dark yellow and strong-smelling, you will probably find you benefit from drinking more.

Brain power

Staying hydrated has a positive effect on the brain. It keeps your memory sharp, your mood stable and your motivation intact. When a person is well-hydrated, scientific research has shown that they are able to think through a problem more easily than a person who is dehydrated. Researchers have suggested that this could be due to the fact that not having enough water could reduce oxygen flow to the brain, hence temporarily shrinking neurons, or simply that being thirsty could be a distraction.



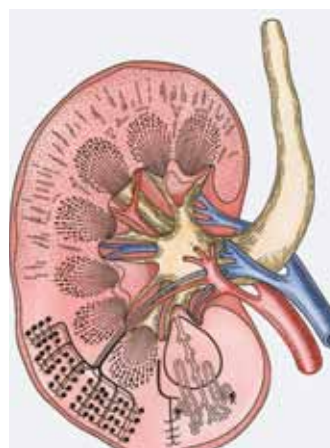


Skin soother

When a person is dehydrated, their skin can become less elastic. If this carries on for a long time, the skin could lose elasticity permanently and more quickly than a person who stays well-hydrated. Less elasticity in the skin is different than dry skin, which is usually the result of soap, hot water and exposure to dry air, although being dehydrated can influence the skin's dryness also. While drinking water won't prevent wrinkles so to speak, maintaining the elasticity of your skin will help it to age better.

Kidneys

While all organs in your body rely on water, your kidneys in particular need enough water to filter waste from the blood and excrete it via the urinary tract. Keeping well-hydrated may also help prevent urinary tract infections and kidney stones. If a person becomes severely dehydrated, the kidneys may stop working which in turn could cause toxins to build up in the body and possible long-term risks such as kidney disease.



Body temperature

As the summer heat begins to blaze in Dubai, a cold glass of water can make you feel instantly cooler. However, its effects on body temperature go deeper than the initial thirst quenching properties. The human body releases heat by expanding blood vessels close to the skin's surface—which is why you can go red when you are hot—resulting in more blood flow and a larger amount of body heat being dissipated into the air. When you're dehydrated, however, it takes a higher environmental temperature to trigger blood vessels to widen, so you will stay hotter for longer.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Halitosis



Halitosis is the medical term for bad breath. It can result from poor dental health habits but can also be a sign of underlying health problems.

The food you eat has a great influence on your breath. All food begins to be broken down in your mouth, however, as food is digested and absorbed into your bloodstream, the odours are eventually carried to your lungs and given off in your breath. If you eat strong-smelling foods, the odour will not completely disappear until the food has passed through your body.

Brushing, flossing and using mouthwash will merely cover up the odour temporarily.

But if you don't maintain good dental hygiene, food particles can remain in your mouth, which can cause bacterial growth between the teeth, around the gums, and on the tongue, which, in turn, causes bad breath.

Persistent halitosis can also be a warning sign of gum disease. Gum disease is caused by the build-up of plaque bacteria on the teeth, which can cause toxins to form in the mouth and irritate the gums.

Many other underlying diseases and illnesses may cause bad breath, such as bronchitis, diabetes, chronic acid reflux, and liver or kidney problems. So if your breath is beyond a little whiffy, perhaps a quick visit to the doctor would be advisable.

“Persistent halitosis can also be a warning sign of gum disease.”



Walk with Wordsworth

For a real breath of fresh air and inspiring views, England's **Lake District** has it all.

The rugged, green hills, still, clear lakes and moody atmosphere of the Lake District has provided a source of inspiration to generations of artists and poets. Few places in England can rival the dramatic scenery of this beautiful spot in Cumbria, which is more in keeping with the Swiss mountains or the French Alps than the gentle, rolling hills of typical English countryside.

This is where many famous English bards have come to find their muse, most famously, William Wordsworth, who wrote some of his finest works amid the vales and hills of the Lake District. His presence is felt everywhere up here and each beautiful vista recalls one of his poems, which capture the wonder he felt beholding this scenery.

It was here that Wordsworth and

Colderidge worked together on their landmark collection of poems, the *Lyrical Ballads*, which is generally considered to have marked the beginning of the English Romantic movement in literature. A copy of this work is as valuable as any guide book when it comes to appreciating the allure of the Lake District.

Those who want to dive headfirst into the literary history of this region will find local tour operators more than equipped to guide them through the Lake District in Wordsworth's footsteps. There's Dove Cottage, where he lived from 1799 to 1808, during his great creative period and the adjacent Wordsworth Museum, packed with the books, manuscripts, paintings, watercolours and portraits of Romantic era poets.

After Dove Cottage, Wordsworth moved to the larger and more stately, Rydal Mount, where much of his



POETIC INSPIRATION IS EVERYWHERE

Top walking spots in the Lake District

- **The Southern Fells:** Home to the highest mountain in England, Scafell Pike, and many other impressive and amusingly-named peaks and fells, including Old Man of Conistone and the Crinkle Crag.
- **The Central Fells:** One of the most dramatic areas in the lakes, with the magnificent Langdale Pikes and stunning views over the valleys.
- **The Far Eastern Fells:** Unpredictable and wild, the views here change constantly from rugged crags and the high fells of the Pennines to grassy valleys that plunge down to hidden lakes.

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furniture, books and other personal possessions remain. The house, which now belongs to his descendants, retains a lived-in, family feel and visitors can explore the bedrooms, the study where he worked during his years as Poet laureate and the exquisite gardens, which the poet designed.

Wordsworth's name tends to dominate up here but the Lake District played host to many other literary luminaries over the years, among them Beatrix Potter, one of England's most enduring children's authors. Her beautiful seventeenth century

home, Hilltop, has been kept just as she left it and looks as though she just stepped out for a walk to ponder on her next adventure for Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle Duck.

These widely loved characters can be seen in the flesh at the World of Beatrix Potter, where the Lakeland countryside has been recreated in an indoor setting and populated by the likes of Mrs Tiggy-winkle, Tom Kitten and others from Potter's books. There's also the Miss Potter Room, which offers an insight into her life, fascinating exhibits, a gift shop packed with books and drawings, a tearoom stocked with scones and cakes and a stunning garden.

Beautiful gardens are abound in the homes of the Lake District. The magnificent Holker Hall, home of Lord and Lady Cavendish, features some of the most magnificent, open to the public from April to November, while the topiary gardens at Levens Hall are world-famous. However, impressive as these cultivated displays are, they are easily upstaged by the garden that nature herself has created outside their walls in the crags, fells and valleys of the Lake District. ●




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NEW RELEASE

It is understandable that expectations were set extremely high for Korean science fiction thriller *Sector 7*. The first Asian film to be presented in IMAX and 3D boasts an A-list cast of internationally recognisable stars and the director of special effects bonanza

Haeundae on board as writer and producer. The plot is pure B-movie gold, centering on a genetically mutated sea creature that goes on a killer-crazy rampage aboard a remote oil drilling platform, and seemingly all the pieces were in place for a sure-fire hit. So what went wrong?

Korea's premiere tough gal, Ha Ji

“Ha Ji Won is perfectly cast in the Ripley role, but is never given the opportunity to flesh it out beyond dealing with the immediate situation.”

Won, plays roughneck Hae-jun, who has followed in her father's footsteps by working the oil rigs, specifically Eclipse, in the notoriously tricky Sector 7. After months of unsuccessful drilling, the bosses back home are about to pull the plug, and Jeong Man (Ahn Sung Ki) arrives to oversee the closing down of Eclipse. Jeong Man used to drill this very spot with Hae-jun's father, and was with him on the ocean floor when he suffered a fatal accident. Hae-jun now looks to Jeong Man as a father figure, but their relationship is about to be tested to its limit.

Oil continues to elude the group, but they discover a school of strange sea creatures, like glowing tadpoles, and a few samples are brought back to the rig for testing. When crew members suddenly start dying particularly violent deaths, and a storm cuts the rig off from the rest of the world, Hae-jun and the rest of the crew find

Monstrous disaster

Korea's first foray into 3D filmmaking is a deeply disappointing effort.



themselves battling for their lives against a large and incredibly dangerous creature.

While the set-up is basically *Alien* on an oil rig, it is James Cameron's sequel that screenwriter Yun Je Gyun borrows from most liberally, with a number of action beats mirroring that film to an almost uncanny degree. There is also a typically amoral parent company, only too happy to put the potential for exploiting a new species above the wellbeing of its own employees. In this case, it has discovered that the creatures are flammable—presumably from evolving in such a fuel-rich environment—and each one can burn for more than 24 hours, making them a potentially lucrative fuel source.

Ha Ji Won is perfectly cast in the Ripley role, but is never given the opportunity to flesh it out beyond dealing with the immediate situation. She can stand up for herself among her feral male co-workers, has a tender relationship going with the crew's token



hot guy (Oh Ji Ho), and finds time for girl talk with the only other female on board, scientist Kim (Cha Ae Ryeon). But there are too many factors working against her.

Ahn Sung Ki is his reliable self as the emotionally bankrupt father figure who sullies the memory of his best friend by putting the life of his daughter at great risk. The rest of the cast fulfill their duties as stock stereotypes on hand to be monster food in a variety of unimaginative and not particularly thrilling kill scenes.

A notable failure back home, both critically and financially, it appears overseas distributors aren't even bothering to offer cinemagoers the option of seeing *Sector 7* in IMAX. While the film screened in Korea in both 2D and 3D, it only arrived in Hong Kong in the latter format, which really doesn't work well at all. Rather than creating an immersive and frightening experience, it only serves to accentuate green-screened sequences, while giving the image a flat, layered aesthetic, instead of adding depth.

Admittedly, the creature effects themselves are perfectly serviceable, but on their own can do nothing to stop the film from sinking to the bottom of the ocean. ●

A-Z OF MOVIES

“J” is for Jabberwocky



J.R.R. Tolkien flipped readers' wigs with his penchant for inventing new languages, but since then it has become almost *de rigueur* for fiction writers and moviemakers to include a constructed language when crafting a new universe.

While Tolkien created several languages for his various *Lord of the Rings* books, Sindarin, the language of the elves, is not only his most beautiful but also his most fully realised invented language.

Typically, Tolkien and his language-nerd adherents have developed the tongue's grammar and orthography to almost headache-inducing levels.

Next to Tolkien, it's hard to beat Frank Herbert when it comes to the amount of background info he generates when writing a story. As with Tolkien, Herbert drew liberally from real-world cultures for his universe. *Dune's* Fremen is no exception, serving as a descendant of earthly Arabic, lending the Fremen people a dervish-like feel.

Perhaps the most fully realised science fiction language, Klingon has a complete vocabulary, permitting countless nerds to learn it like it was high-school Spanish. Fans have translated Shakespeare, Sun Tzu and the Bible into the language. There's a Klingon Language Institute, the purpose of which is to promote the language and culture of this nonexistent people. You can even select Klingon as your language of choice on Google.

“Herbert drew from real-world cultures for his universe.”

Did you know?

- Three-dimensional films have become a dime a dozen in Hollywood, but they are still untapped territory in Korea, which makes the release of *Sector 7* significant in Korean film history.
- The film depicts the crew of an oil drillship that battles a sea monster that has been transformed by a virus.
- To better express her character, Hae-jun, who spends most of her time at sea, Ji-won Ha learned how to scuba dive and got a motorcycle licence.
- A majority of the scenes were shot in a studio in Paju, Gyeonggi, and they were later completed with heavy computer graphics. It took five years, including pre-production, to complete *Sector 7*.

Bollywood news

SRK in five-year ban

Mumbai Cricket Association President Vilasrao Deshmukh announced last week that Shahrukh Khan cannot enter the Wankhede Stadium for five years. Khan had a heated argument with the MCA's officials that all started when Khan shouted at officials when he noticed his children being “manhandled” by them.



Kapoor plays host

Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor has agreed to host the 13th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards. “It took a lot of people to convince me that I could do this. I love performing in front of a live audience. So I am very excited that now I am being able to do something,” he said.



Baby boy for Shilpa Shetty

Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty has given birth to a baby boy. Shetty shot to fame outside of her home country after appearing on *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2007. Her husband, Raj Kundra, announced the new arrival on Twitter and later thanked fans for their wishes, but refused to reveal the baby's name.

Listings

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MEN IN BLACK 3

MOVIE GUIDE

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What's happening this week in Dubai



Jumeirah Restaurant Week

This seven-day festival is tastefully dedicated to the love of food across 38 Dubai restaurants.

Date: May 23 - 29

Duration: 7 days

Audience: Public

Category: Festival

Admission: Price per person: Dh120 (casual dining), Dh180 (signature dining)

Telephone: 04 366 6730



'Simply Madonna' Exhibition at BurJuman

Don't miss an exclusive exhibition showcasing a collection of Madonna's items, giving fans a fabulous peek into the Queen of Pop's personal world.

Date: May 24 - June 6

Duration: 14 days

Timings: 10am - 10pm

Audience: Public

Category: Exhibition, fashion

Venue: BurJuman Mall

Admission: Free entrance

Telephone: 04 367 2530

AFC Futsal Championships



Hosts UAE are ready to compete with 15 other teams for the podium finish in the AFC Futsal Championship 2012.

Date: May 25 - June 1

Duration: 8 days

Audience: Public

Category: Sports



Art II Gether Art Exhibition and Speed Painting Display

A group of international artists present a one-night art exhibition to benefit the Dubai Autism Centre.

Date: May 29

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 7pm

Audience: Public

Category: Arts and culture

Venue: Crowne Plaza Dubai

Admission: Free entry



Tango Seduction

BNF Dance Company proudly presents their latest production *Tango Seduction*.

Date: May 29

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 8:30pm

Audience: Public

Category: Entertainment

Venue: Centrepoint Theatre, DUCTAC, Mall of the Emirates

Admission: Dh150

Telephone: 04 341 4777



Italian Opera Recital

Listen to some of the most beautiful opera arias and duets in celebration of the National Day of Italy 2012.

Date: June 1

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 8:30pm

Audience: Public

Category: Entertainment

Venue: The First Group Theatre, Madinat Jumeirah

Admission: Dh150 (balcony), Dh160 (regular stalls), Dh250 (VIP)

Telephone: 04 366 6546

Peppermint 8th Anniversary with Paul van Dyk

Peppermint Experience celebrates its eighth anniversary with Paul Van Dyk.

Date: June 1

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 9pm - 3am

Audience: Adults

Category: Music

Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre, Sheikh Zayed Road

Admission: Dh150

Telephone: 050 357 1113

Ron Kenoly and Steve Kuban Live in Concert



Start off June with a live performance by Ron Kenoly and Steve Kuban.

Date: June 1

Duration: 1 day

Timings: 8pm

Audience: Public

Category: Music

Venue: The Indian High School

Admission: (Gold) Dh60, (Platinum) Dh100, (VIP) Dh250

Telephone: 050 218 3536



Mad wild fun

★★★★★ An SUV as fast as the Range Rover Sport Supercharged will have owners deciding between licence points and driving pleasure.



As far as SUVs go, the Range Rover Sport Supercharged is the one that seems to have captured the imagination of the motoring public more than any other. It's become the must-have car across a huge range of society, including European footballers, young Jumeirah mums, the Beckhams and slick traders from DIFC. It seems almost genderless, and yet still incredibly masculine at the same time.

All this for a car originally based on the far less sporty LR3 and the supposed little sister of the big classic Range Rover.

The original version, which was launched in 2005, was happily very close to the 2004 Range Stormer concept car, but without the crazy gull wing doors. Such was the response from the public, there was never really any doubt that Land Rover wouldn't cash in on what appeared to be an automotive sweet spot.

Now, the company has a facelifted

version, with some subtle tweaks and a not unsubstantial hike in power from 390 hp to 503 hp via the new 5.0-litre engine. If you want a fast SUV, this is seriously quick.

On paper, the 6.2 seconds to 100 km/h is pretty good for a big 4x4, but sitting behind the wheel, it feels a whole lot faster. The Range Rover Sport pulls away like a firework and

SPECS (as tested)

Engine: 5.0-litre V8 supercharged
Power: 503hp@6,000-6,500 rpm
Torque: 625Nm@2,500-5,500 rpm
0-100km/h: 6.2 seconds
Top speed: 225 km/h
Price: From Dh399,000

seems keen to carry on accelerating until the driver gives up. With 625 Nm of torque under the bonnet, it's little wonder you feel your arms coming out of their sockets. Luckily, it also stops quickly with Brembo brakes standard on all the petrol models.

The gearbox helps, especially in 'command shift' mode, where you manually shift up and down the gears using the sports car-like paddles mounted behind the steering wheel.

It even handles, albeit at the expense of some off-road capability. To get a Range Rover Sport into the desert, you'll need to avoid the 20-inch rims, ditch the side steps and remove the detachable front valance.

But the Range Rover Sport Supercharged is built for the roads, and it devours them with ease. You can barrel far too fast into corners, downshift and power out the other side without too much fuss from the suspension, tyres or chassis.

In fact, the main downside to this car is that it is almost impossible to drive slowly. It tires you out on a short



INSIDE, IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY CELEBS ENDORSE THE SPORT

commute home and long journeys are spent trying to keep it from running up black points on your licence.

Exterior changes are minimal and mainly concentrate on the front and rear bumpers and lights. The signature lines in the lights now work across the whole Land Rover model range. There are greater changes inside, with a completely updated interior trim. The switchgear is all-new, along with an improved version of the terrain response system already used in other models.

The quality of everything you

503

The horsepower produced by this car's supercharged V8 engine.

touch is excellent, and the car feels even more luxurious than the previous model. The leatherwork is first-class and the build quality is exceptional. Sitting in the ultra-comfortable seats, you do start to see what all the fuss is about.

Yes, the Range Rover Sport Supercharged does live up to its glamorous reputation, but perhaps the standard HSE model is a better bet for keeping your licence safe. Does anybody really need an SUV that can perform like this? Probably not, but it's fun finding out. ●



THE EXTERIOR UPDATES ON THE NEW CAR ARE MINIMAL

Japan triumph while UAE hang on

UAE hold on to Asian Five Nations place for 2013, while Japan beat Hong Kong to claim 2012 title.

RUGBY

Japan claimed their fifth straight Asian Five Nations title last week after they smashed Hong Kong 67-0 in Tokyo to remain unbeaten in the five-year history of the competition.

The competition represents the highest tier of international rugby in Asia, and is the apex of a multi-divisional Asian international calendar.

The crucial home win for UAE against Kazakhstan a few weeks back may have done enough to retain their spot in the HSBC A5N Top Five in 2013. UAE captured five points for the win on the series table and a sixth (bonus) point for scoring four tries or more on a final scoreline of 46-31, played out at the Sevens ground in Dubai.



WHEN WINNING COUNTS

In only its second year, UAE rugby has defied all odds by remaining in the top tier following the break-up of the Arabian Gulf rugby union and the advent of UAE Rugby to world rugby.

The tournament is considered vital for the development and expansion of rugby throughout Asia and gives Asian elite players the chance to perform in front of a significantly expanded TV audience, whilst providing a platform for development at all other levels.

The last-placed team in the Asian Five Nations is relegated to the Division I and with UAE sitting in fourth place, all they need is a losing point against Korea, or for Kazakhstan to lose in Hong Kong, to guarantee top-flight Asian rugby next year.

Facing the fearsome five



Simply knowing how to answer the five most feared interview questions could be the key to landing your new career.

INTERVIEWS

Going into an interview is often described as one of the most nerve wrecking situations people have to face; from the second you enter the building, you are being observed. That's why preparation can definitely help you turn your interview into a great opportunity to convince prospective employers of the value you will add to their organisation.

When it comes to preparation, not only should you research the vacancy, the company and the industry, but you should also try to anticipate questions that tend to come up at almost every interview. Akhtaboot helps you tip the scales in your favour, with hints on how to answer the top five trickiest interview questions.

Q1: TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE?

As general as this question might be, people often find it hard to summarise their entire working life in just a couple of minutes. Make sure that you start with the present and explain why you are qualified for the position.

For those with many years of experience, highlight projects and skills that are in line with the position you are applying for. Keep in mind that the way you answer this question, says a lot about your communication skills.

Q2: WHY DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE YOUR PRESENT COMPANY?

The most frequent answers to this question include "better opportunity" and "career development". Both answers are totally acceptable, but somehow, too common. Giving your answers some identity will make you stand out from other applicants and will help you shine. Regardless of whether you resigned willingly or you got fired, you should never badmouth a former employer. It will always come across as a red flag in an interview. Remember that all employers are looking for loyal employees, so make sure you sound like one.

Q3: WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?

While job seekers often think there's

“The smartest way to deal with this question is to try and turn your weaknesses into strengths”

a correct answer to this question, in fact it is usually asked in order to get a sense of your overall career goals and aspirations and to see if you may fit well with their organisational culture. Try to think about the big picture; what are your goals? What do you want out of your career? Even if you still have no clue what it is you want to do, you will probably have an idea of the type of working environment you prefer.

Q4: WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES?

While most of us would happily talk for about an hour answering the

"what are your strengths?" question, many find it hard to answer the opposite question and may struggle when an interviewer asks "what are your weaknesses?".

The smartest way to deal with this question is to try and turn your weaknesses into strengths. For example, you can say that you tend to be very hard on yourself when you make a mistake. This seems to be an honest confession of a true weakness, but it will actually be taken as a good thing to your interviewer. The last thing you want is to appear boastful by admitting that you have no flaws whatsoever.

Q5: WHAT ARE YOUR SALARY EXPECTATIONS?

When it comes to salary expectations, stay away from discussing salary details before receiving a job offer, especially if you are new to the job market. Let the interviewer know that you will be open to discussing a fair compensation when the time comes. If you are cornered to provide a more specific answer, give a range instead of one fixed number. ●

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Male, MBA, seeks job in accountancy or finance. Very ambitious and skilled in office affairs. Call 0507274310.

Indian female, bachelor in commerce seeks job as account assistant/receptionist. Good computer skills. 2 yrs experience as accounting assistant. Proficient in Tally 9, Peachtree, and payroll. On visit visa. Call 0566420822/email najumashafi@yahoo.com.

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IT technician/staff seeks full-time job. 10+ yrs IT experience. Can join immediately. Call 0552065773.

Bachelors in BA (Honours) seeks job. 5+ yrs experience in marketing, admin officer & sales. Call 0503990269/email mubasharstd@hotmail.com.

Filipina, 25, seeks job as an admin/HR/retail personnel/secretary/cashier. 3+ yrs experience. Knowledgeable and proficient in Microsoft office. Fluent in English. On visit visa. Call 0529530518/email Qu3tzzy@gmail.com.

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Indian male, BCom, seeks job as an accountant. 6 yrs experience. Familiar with Tally, Peachtree. Good communication skills. On visit visa. Call 0552718556/email raj.venkata@hotmail.com.

Indian, BCom graduate seeks job in customer servicing. Have specialised in personnel management and banking. 7 yrs experience in customer care and IT industry. Email paulfernandez44@hotmail.com/call 0558322015.

Kenyan female seeks job in sales/marketing/customer care and front office, 4 yrs experience. Email alegraan@yahoo.com.

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Indian, 24, graduate in airline, tourism & hospitality management. Proficient in Galileo, Amadeus & Tally software. Call 0529134535/kvkjayesh@gmail.com.

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Professional fashion designer/broadcaster seeks full-time job in the UAE. Call 0529317716.

Male seeks part-time job. Proficient in all kinds of graphic design & 3D visual work. Call 0555731512.

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Indian male, BCom seeks job as an accountant. 4 yrs experience. Familiar with SAP FI-CO. Call 0501674869/email sarfaraz_khan23@hotmail.com.

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Indian male (MCA) seeks job in Oracle development/support. 4 yrs experience. On residence visa. Call 0557565930/email only_ashish99@yahoo.co.in.

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Dental clinic required. The clinic should be within a medical centre in Dubai. Either a rental or sharing clinic. For a female doctor of Egyptian nationality. Call 0505652388/email atco.dubai@hotmail.com.

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AUTO

Mitsubishi Lancer, 2008 model for sale. Full options. In very good condition. Price for 19,000AED. Call 0558563786/0502093299.

Nissan Sunny, 2003 model for sale. 4 doors. Silver colour. In good condition. For 13,000AED. Price negotiable. Email mohsinbutt_33@live.com.

Honda Odyssey, 2008 model for sale. Silver colour/beige interior. Full options. Single owner. For 72,000AED. Call 0504789567.

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Brand new Pakistani suits available for sale. New retail and wholesale store. In Al Nahda 2, near Sahara Center. Call 0507192822.

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Two brand new wooden baby beds available for sale. Come with mattresses. Size 48"x24" and 36"x16". Call 0509915178.

Used Acer laptop available for sale. Good condition. Near Talal Supermarket, Hor Al Anz, Dubai. Call 0556796008.

Brand new rug available for sale. Modern style, brown colour. Measurements: 170x240cm. Price for 1,300AED. In Deira. Call 0508817400.

Dell Optiplex 745 available for sale. Dual core, 2GB RAM, 80GB HD. Price for 399AED. Good condition. Call 0552683258.

SERVICES

Car lift services wanted. Beginning from Al Khail, Al Quoz to Fish roundabout, Deira. Pick up every morning at 7:30am and back again at 5:10pm. Lady driver preferred. Call 0505016303.

Freelance photographer available any time. Call 0551922502. Email mr.photographer123@gmail.com.

Tutoring lessons available at Sheikh Rashid Colony, Qusais for CBSE students. Up to grade 8. Experienced teacher. Call 0503027090.

Home tutoring lessons available in graphic design. Including animation, 3D visualization and much more. Call 0555731512.

Baby sitting services available in Al Nahda 2, near Sahara Center. Call 0507192822.

Tutoring lessons available for students of grade 1 to 12. In Al Nahda 2, near Sahara Center. Call 0508456883.

Home tutoring lessons available in Bur Dubai. For Primary/Secondary classes (math and science). Will follow CBSE, ICSE syllabi. Call 0552047190.

French translation available. Translation services also available in English, Hindi and Malayalam on Fridays only. Call 0508419369/0551063232/email zakimon1@yahoo.com.

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ACCOMMODATION

Sharing accommodation available for decent Keralite executive bachelor, 2 people, near fish roundabout, behind Al Maktoum Hospital, with kitchen facilities. Contact 0504542026/0559704790.

Furnished accommodation available for rent. To be shared with an Indian couple. In Bur Dubai, behind Palm Beach Hotel. Call 0504501149.

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Semi furnished room available for rent. For non-smoking North Indian bachelors only. Wi-Fi facility. On Rolla road, facing Mohebi Bakery, Bur Dubai. Call 0551566070/043252291.

Room available for rent. Executive Gujrati/Indian bachelors only. Near Al Ras metro station, Gold Souk. Call 0508565932.

Shared accommodation available for rent. Keralites preferred. In Deira, Naif, near Al Futtaim mosque. Call 0557455521.

Bed space available for rent. Spacious room with attached bathroom. Working ladies only. At Al Khail Gate, Al Quoz. Starting from 1st of June. Call 0509188308.

Shared executive accommodation available for rent. Spacious room comes with balcony. Keralite bachelors only. In Deira, behind Al Futtaim mosque. Kitchen facility also available. Call 0504959581.

Bed space available for rent. Clean

room. Keralite bachelors only. Near fish roundabout. Comes with hallway, kitchen, etc. Call 0567782324.

Wanted: Two bedrooms with a range of 45,000AED-48,000AED annual rent. Needed before July 1st. Has to be located in Furj Murar area, near Naif police station. Call 0552328124.

Shared accommodation available for rent. Indian executive bachelors only. Near Rashidiya metro station. Call 0502564123/0502825156.

Fully furnished bed space available for rent. To be shared with another roommate. In Jumeirah Lake Towers (Gold Crest Views 2). Du triple plan. Gym/swimming pool parking all accessible. Rent for 2,000AED all inclusive. Email shainurbk@yahoo.com/call 0508509861.

Bed space available for rent. Executive Keralite bachelors only. Clean flat. Near Fish roundabout, walking distance to metro stations (Union, Baniyas, Salah Al Din). Rent for 400AED +DEWA. Kitchen, washing machine accessible. Starting from June 1st. Call 0567821330.

Bed space available for rent. Bangladeshi preferred. Clean room, separate bathrooms, kitchen, and refrigerator. Near Talal Supermarket, Hor Al Anz, Dubai. Rent for 200AED. Free W/E, rooftop. Call 0556796008.

Semi-furnished studio available for sale. 1 B/H. Swimming pool and gym accessible. Free DEWA. Call 0502071537.

Furnished room available for sale. Comes with separate bathroom. Keralite Christian couples only. Near Al Khail Gate. Call 0505254313.

Semi furnished shared accommodation available for rent. Comes with fridge and washing machine. Executive Indian bachelors only. In Bur Dubai, Mina Bazaar. For 1,100AED including internet, DEWA. Call 0504248152/0507495154.

Shared room available for rent. Comes with balcony. Small families, couples or executive ladies only. In Bur Dubai, near Palm Beach Hotel. Rent for 1,800AED plus DEWA. Call 0502881601/0553472710.

Studio flat available for rent. Keralite families only. In Ajman, Al Bustan area. Rent for 1,000AED. Call 0558360645.

Bed space available for rent. Arab nationals only. In Baniyas Square, near Day to Day market. Call 0509954979.

Bed space available for rent. Ladies only. Rent for 600AED. Call 0501787225.

Accommodation available for rent. New building behind Ansar Mall. Executive Keralites only. Call 0559975593.

Bed space available for rent. Keralite couples only. Near fish roundabout, Deira. Rent for 400AED + DEWA. Beginning of June. Call 0507752605.

Bed space available for rent. Bachelors only. Near Satwa bus stop. W/E included. Rent for 600AED. Call 0556932581.

RTA plays key role at congress

As first PAS 55-certified Middle Eastern entity, RTA heads up Government Asset Management Congress 2012.

EVENTS

The RTA will play a key role in staging the Government Asset Management Congress 2012, the first of its kind in the Middle East, from May 28 to 29, 2012, at the Address Dubai Marina, featuring the presence of worldwide experts and asset management professionals.

Abdullah Al Madani, CEO of the RTA Corporate Technical Support Services Sector, said, "This international congress will feature the participation of an elite bunch of world-class experts specialised in asset management hailing from several countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Bahrain and Oman, among others. The congress aims to transfer knowledge to all concerned parties in the public and private sector, who are keen on adopting best-in-class asset management techniques and raising their awareness in this field."

"The RTA is the first Middle Eastern entity to receive the international PAS 55 certification in asset management, as it incorporated asset sustainability in its strategic objectives right from



ABDULLAH AL MADANI

inception. This prompted more than 16 entities from various departments and agencies across the UAE to visit the RTA to familiarise with the integrated asset management system, and learn from the experiences and techniques we apply," he added.

In a related context, Al Madani underlined the importance of attracting such global experts to deliver working papers and hold specialised workshops in order to address the requirements of the audience, in general, and the RTA, in particular. "The event will offer access to modern and sophisticated asset management methods, which we can adopt to improve the business conduct. The pre-congress kick-start day will feature a masterclass workshop for asset management professionals, combining five specialists from the RTA, and other guests, to thrash out joint initiatives on this score," said Al Madani.

Highlighting the key topics to be discussed during the two-day congress, Al Madani explained, "The core topics will shed light on methods of asset management of transportation infrastructure, strategic asset management, frameworks of asset management, expanding the lifespan of infrastructure

"The core topics will shed light on methods of asset management."

asset, future planning for managing infrastructure asset, sustainability, monetary value of infrastructure assets and strategic maintenance, along with the related technological systems."

The working papers of the congress will discuss a variety of topics, where the Institute of Asset Management will deliver a working paper on *The Quality System in Asset Management*, and *ISO 55000*. Working papers from the Netherlands and Scotland will also cast light on *Asset Management Systems* and *Asset Management Strategies*. Local working papers will also be delivered touching on power transmission systems, corporate governance, investment in infrastructure, and training and consultancy in asset management.

Taxi bookings record 20.9% rise in 2011

DUBAI TAXIS

The RTA is attaching considerable importance to the taxi sector, considering its vital role in supporting the transport sector in general, and the tourist sector in particular, by delivering services that have a crucial role in raising the high profile of Dubai and its billing as a tourism, service and financial hub at regional and international levels.

In 2011, the number of calls made by taxi users and received by the Booking and Dispatch Centre at the RTA's Public Transport Agency soared to as many as 7,256,236 calls, recording a 20.9-per cent increase over the level recorded in 2010. The centre is currently deploying 95 employees to run taxicab booking services to customers, 24 hours a day.

"The total number of taxis in the Dubai fleet is currently 7,907 taxicabs."

The Booking and Dispatch Centre executed 5,080,903 taxicab bookings in 2011, up by 16 per cent from the executed bookings number recorded in 2010, which topped 4,393,826 bookings.

Adel Shakiri, Director of Transportation Systems at the Public Transport Agency, attributed the increase in the number of incoming calls and bookings executed by the Booking and Dispatch Centre to the growing



ADEL SHAKIRI

demand for taxi services in Dubai and the sustained improvement in customer service offering, thanks to the development strategies adopted by the RTA in this field.

"The daily average of executed

taxi booking in 2011 clocked 14,000. Meanwhile, the average time taken to respond to customer calls was as low as 11 seconds, and the average duration of the call between the customer and employee was 39 seconds. Responses made by the automated IVR system in handling recorded bookings accounted for 66 per cent, and the daily average time taken for the vehicle to arrive at the customer was 12.19 minutes.

"The total number of taxis in the Dubai fleet is currently 7,907 taxicabs, managed through the tracking system operated by the Booking and Dispatch Centre. The number of trips made by all taxicabs, including franchise companies, in 2011 amounted to 89,977,134 trips, which is 11 per cent higher than the number of trips made in 2010, which clocked 84,047,737 trips," noted Shakiri.

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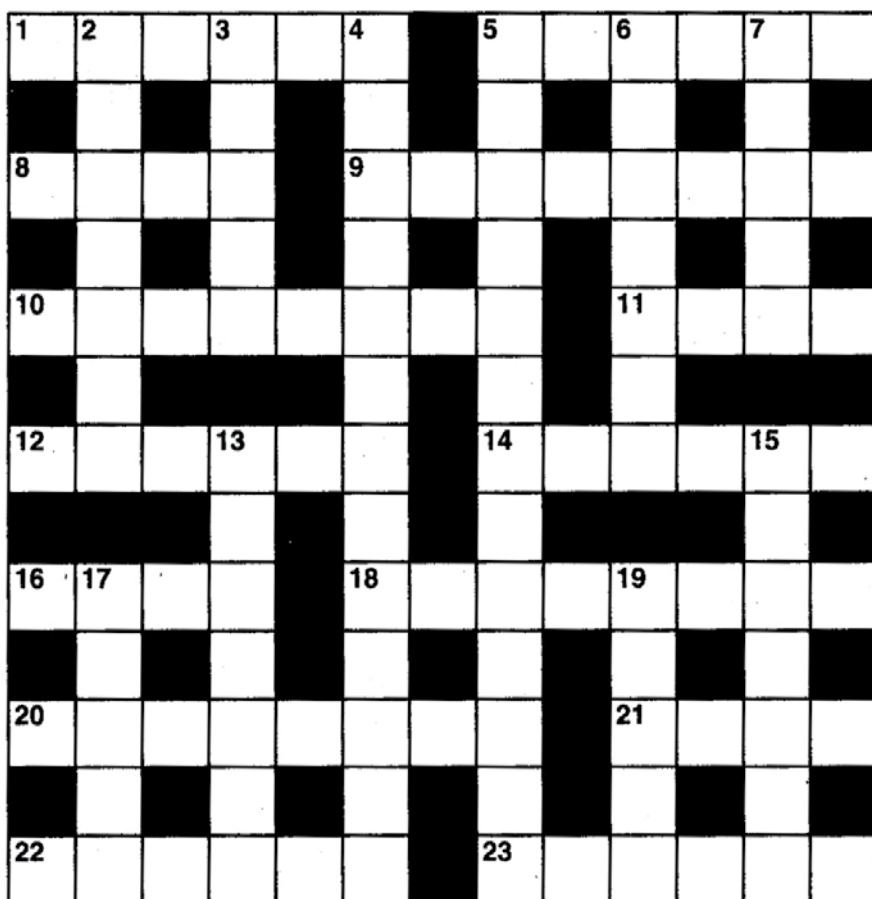
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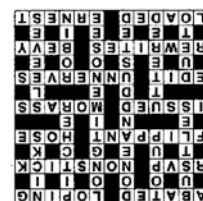
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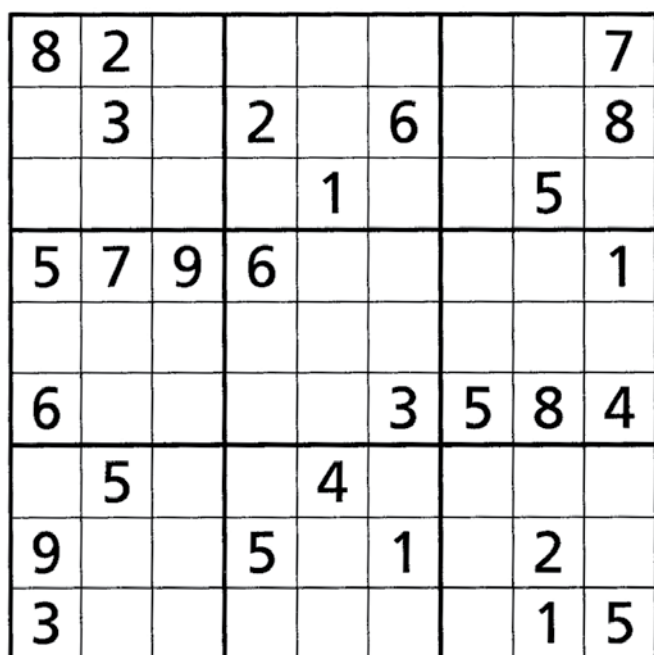
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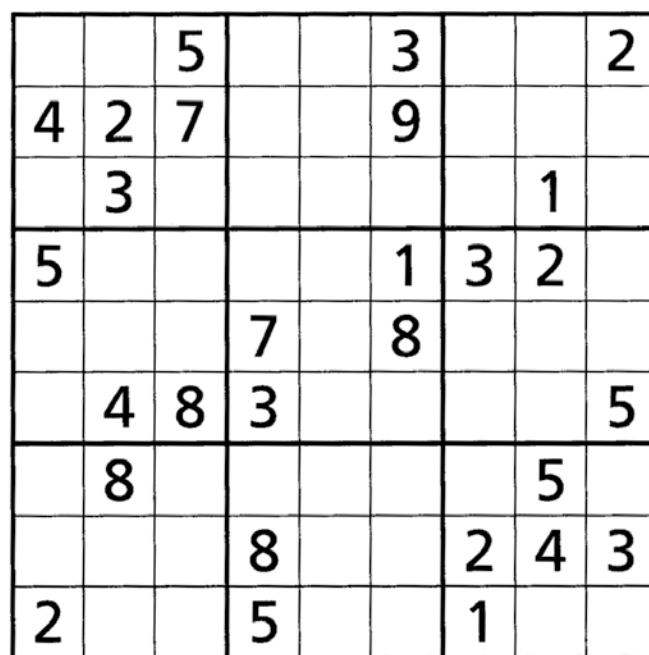
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Sudoku 2



ANSWERS

SUDOKU 1

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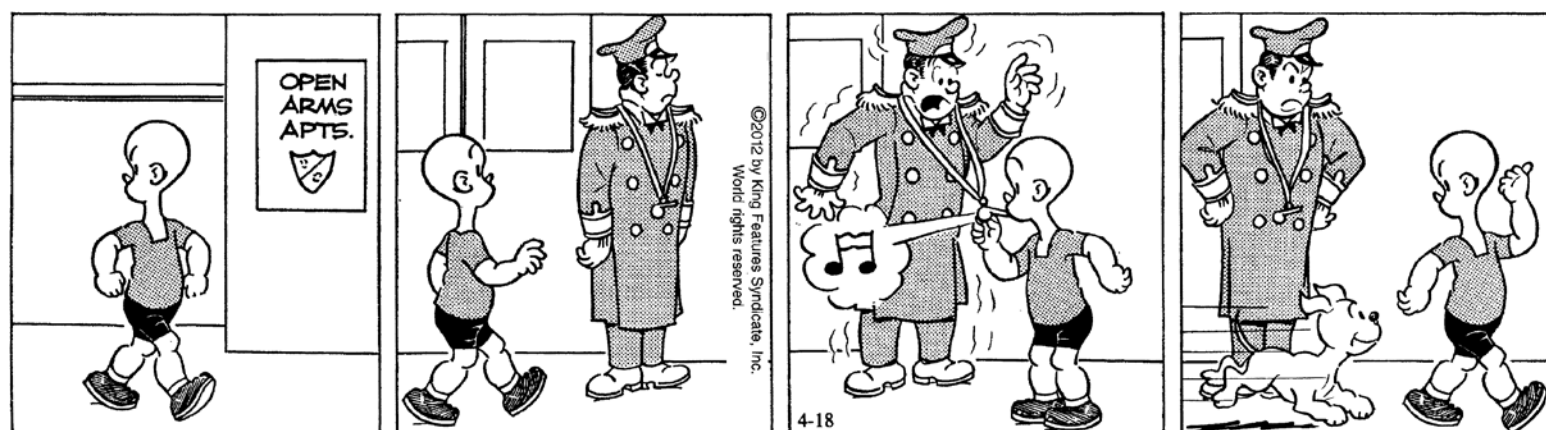
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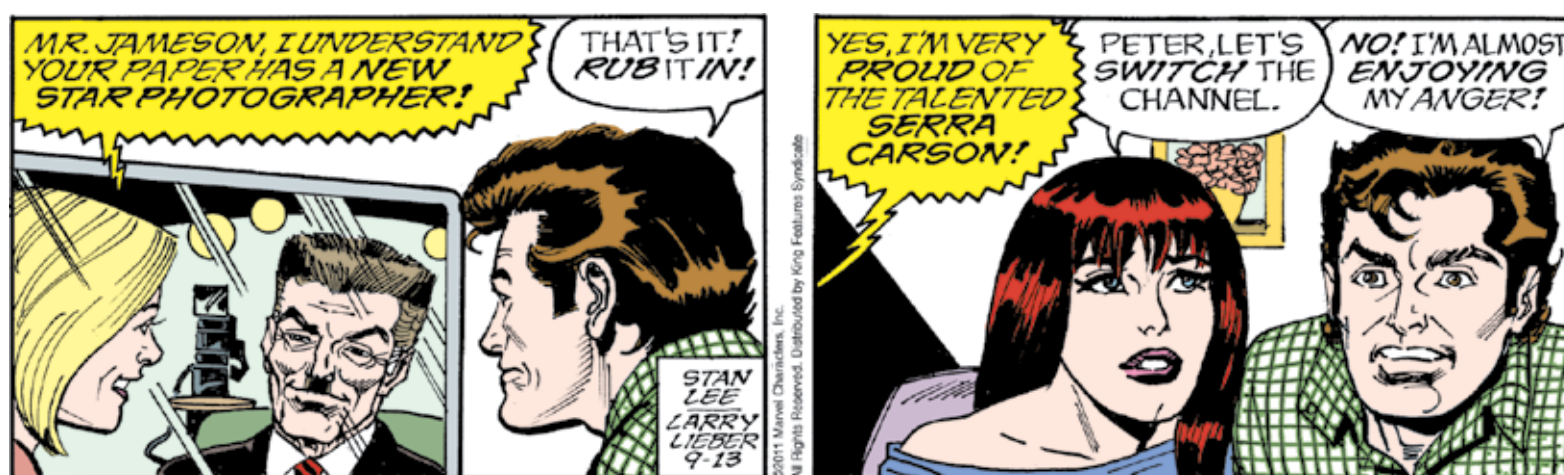
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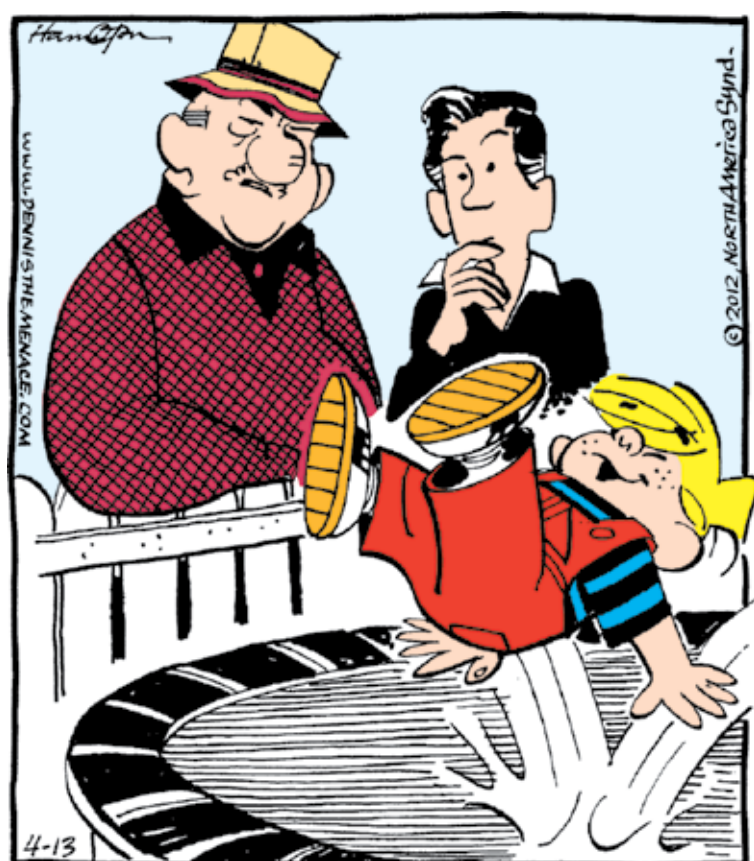
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"I'LL BET HIS 'FAMILY TREE' HAS A LOT OF BROKEN LIMBS."

Who's this?

ANSWER ON PAGE 36



What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Given that a strong property theme has been at work for some time now, your ideas as to the environment you'd find 'perfect' could change. It's possible that you'll journey somewhere different and see something near water that feels as though it might just be 'right'.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

Invitations from those who live far away are likely and might result in a day of internet surfing for best travel prices. Take care that you're not careless with real costs and build in a financial cushion to cover any unexpected price rises.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Insights gained in the next fortnight could be considered a masterclass that leaves you empowered. Remind yourself that those who are running around like headless chickens are doing so because they've yet to understand the value of quiet observation and patience.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

The gossip grapevine is set to start buzzing and you may have your work cut out filtering what is useful from what is downright scandalous. There may be moments when you feel your career has been put in the spotlight, though not necessarily in a good way.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

You may find friends and colleagues making decisions and taking steps which may be far-sighted but for now seem weird and wonderful. You too may act out of the ordinary and in the process attract attention from more than one person who'd like to do business with you.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Developments on the career and home front are more likely than not. You may feel an impetus to get things moving, even if that means unsettling a relationship in the process. It may be that you are saying goodbye to one chapter of your life but opening the door on another.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

You may find that those who want you on their team have specific reasons for doing so. Take care what you agree to, as it could take more time than you have available. That said, some extraordinary partnerships could develop, especially where the internet or marketing is involved.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

You may get the sense that others are moving on and considering ideas that a few months ago they would not have entertained. You are not immune to this sensation, and developments may begin to occur that require you to think outside of the box.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

Health matters may have your attention this week. Even if you're not usually prone to anxiety, nerves could get the better of you. It could be what's happening to those closest to you that gives you cause to be fretful, or you could be feeling out of your depth with a plan.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Your own horizons could be expanded by contact with the world of education, law or travel. In each of these areas your expertise may be appreciated, yet those offering any kind of deal may not be in a position to reward you quite as you would like.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

As has been the case now for some time, there is still emphasis on property matters, with negotiations likely to be a priority this week. It may not be the case that house repairs require immediate attention, but that your own physical resources are coming under stress.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Overseas connections could play an unusual role. Careful thought about the way in which you present yourself might be wise, whether this is through updating your wardrobe or reviewing your CV. It's possible that a new role could open up for you.



This week's local weather

SUN

27th

SUNNY
HIGH 40C
LOW 31C
HUMIDITY 49%

MON

28th

SUNNY
HIGH 41C
LOW 31C
HUMIDITY 49%

TUE

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HIGH 40C
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