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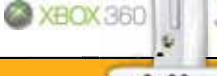


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Letters

Email: letters@readme.ae

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

✉ Dear *Read.*, I found the recent article on heavy metal music in the UAE interesting, but somewhat misleading. It makes out that Phride.com is and/or was the only forum for metal lovers in the UAE, but this is not the case. In fact, Metality UAE has a forums section that is not being used by metal fans. It is totally open for anyone. Also, there are Arabic forums on Metal-J.com and English forums at memetalheads.com, although that site is not very active—probably due to people going on about the old days and not grasping opportunities on the new sites!

I think whoever started the Phride.com twitter hashtag is unaware of the various metal sites trying to support fans. I know a lot of people put effort into making Phride-like forums, but fans don't use them, which means that all of us who put time into creating these forums can't be bothered

any more. Perhaps these 'metal-heads' should pull their heads out of the sand and start using all of the resources available to them?

Georgina Enzer
 Metality UAE writer/creator

It's always good to hear from the people behind the scenes. We hope metal fans appreciate your comments and act on them to keep this genre alive and kicking in the UAE.

✉ Dear *Read.*, a lady recently let her dog loose as I approached my villa. The dog ran towards me and I started screaming as I have a phobia of dogs. However, the lady started yelling at me not to scream and go somewhere else. This was no way to respond—I hope I don't witness such behaviour again in the future.

Resident of Springs 3

We are sorry to hear about your encounter, however, not all pet owners would have reacted in this way. Perhaps it will serve as a gentle reminder for dog walkers to keep their pets under control.

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Will tablets completely replace laptops and PCs in a few years from now?

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Coming up this week



TODAY

Many events that have been passed down as true have eventually been proven false. Some were based on fact, but became twisted and embellished as they were retold. Uncover the truth today.

MONDAY

You've travelled for adventure and culture, so why not to make new friends? Check out the countries, according to the world's top guide books, that are considered the friendliest on the planet.



TUESDAY

A heavy rain in which frogs come plummeting down isn't a pretty sight, but it happens more often than you'd think. Why do animals sometimes fall from the sky and how do they get up there?



WEDNESDAY

Gentlemen, start your chequebooks! These classic cars each have a price tag to blow your mind. Prices start at \$6.9 million (Dh25.5m) if you want one of these beauties parked in your garage.



THURSDAY

Faced with becoming little more than a dusty museum piece, perhaps it was inevitable that watches—like phones, coffee makers and cars—would become "smart". Can the smartwatch compete?



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.

Station by station guide

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



Summer art camp for kids

JUNE 24 – JULY 19

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Children aged between six and 12 can unleash their creativity this summer while learning about famous artists, art techniques and art history from all over the world at this fun and educational camp. They'll get messy, have fun and make new friends while exploring drawing, painting, ceramics and much more. The camp takes place daily from 10am to 1.30pm Sunday to Thursday, and prices include all supplies and materials plus an 'Art Camp' t-shirt. For more information visit www.ductac.org.



Under African Skies

JUNE 27 – 30

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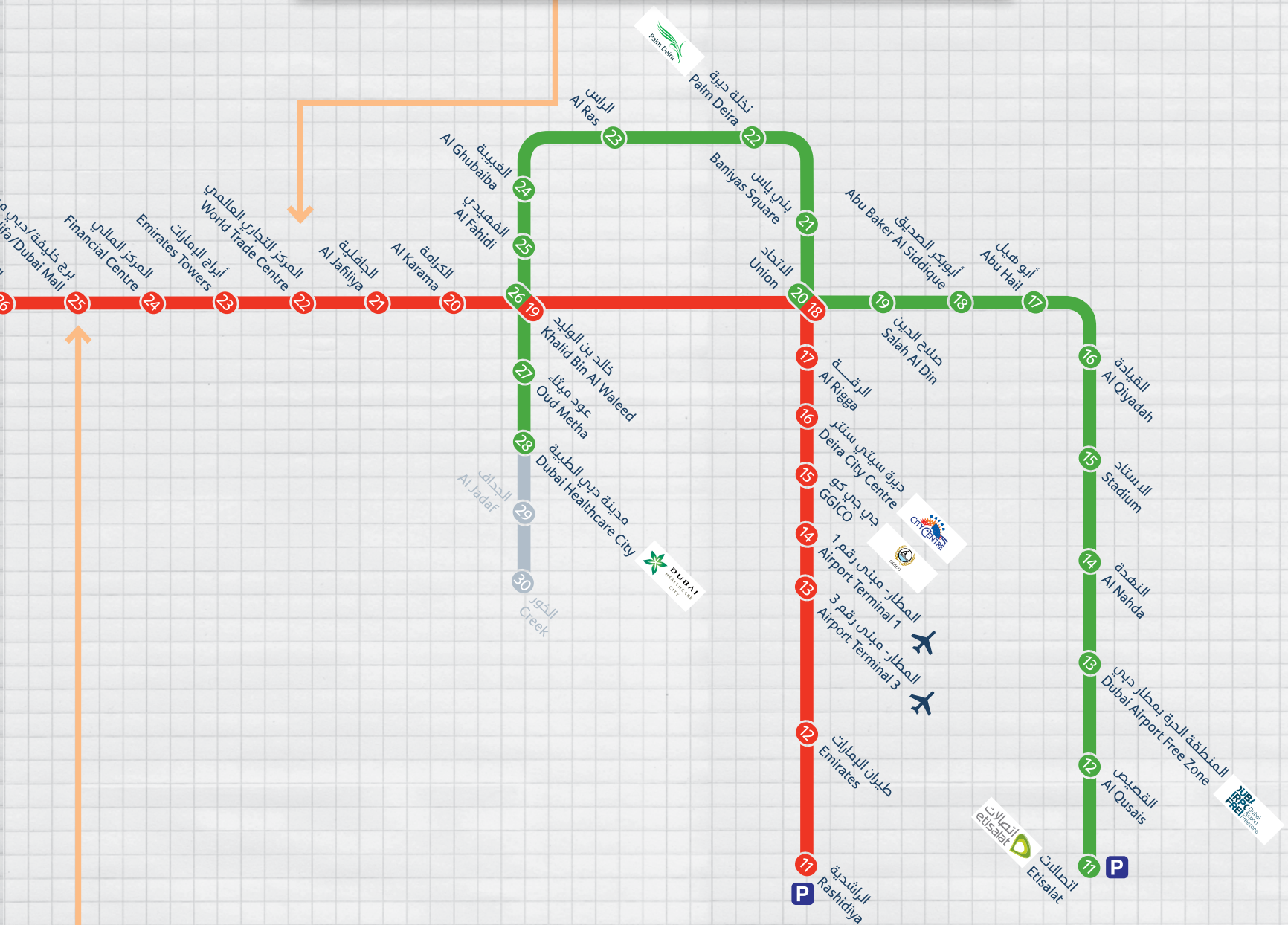


Modhesh World

JUNE 14 - AUGUST 25

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"Considered one of the largest indoor edutainment theme parks in the Middle East, Modhesh World is a highly anticipated family destination during the summer and this year is open to visitors from June 14 to August 25, 2012 during DSS, the holy month of Ramadan and Eid Al Fitr. Modhesh World offers its visitors more than 40 entertainment zones, in addition to international character shows for all nationalities. It receives around 500,000 visitors every year from across the region."



Treat yourself

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Summer is here and not only does that mean the city will start to become quieter as people head off for cooler climes, but residents can take advantage of massive summer discounts at malls across Dubai. So with the crowds a bit thinner, why not head down to Dubai Mall to take advantage off the great DSS offers and summer sales currently on?

The Burning Question

Q The artist behind this year's biggest hit so far, Gotye, has announced he will be performing in Dubai on his world tour. If you could bring any music star to Dubai for a concert, who would it be?



Hafiz Hussain

**CUSTOMER SERVICE EXECUTIVE,
JEBEL ALI**

I'm from Sri Lanka, so I would probably bring over some musicians from my country who could perform music that Indians and Sri Lankans would know.

Essie Griffett

**OPERATIONS OFFICER,
DUBAI MARINA**

It would have to be Westlife for me. I just really like their music—ballads always appeal to me more than other styles.



Carol Rodriguez

**ASSISTANT CREW COORDINATOR,
AL QUSAIS**

It would definitely be Michael Jackson. Every time I hear his music, I just want to dance. If he could be brought back as a hologram—like they did recently with Tupac—I think that even this would be popular. It's MJ, after all!



Alex Nodelmian

**MANAGER,
DUBAI INVESTMENT PARK**

I would like to see the late Joe Dassin in concert. He lives on through his songs and is one of my favourite artists.



Arya Aloysius

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, AL QUSAIS

I would like A.R. Rahman to do a concert in Dubai. I like his music and think it would be a really popular event here.



Dunya Muftah

ENGINEER, JLT

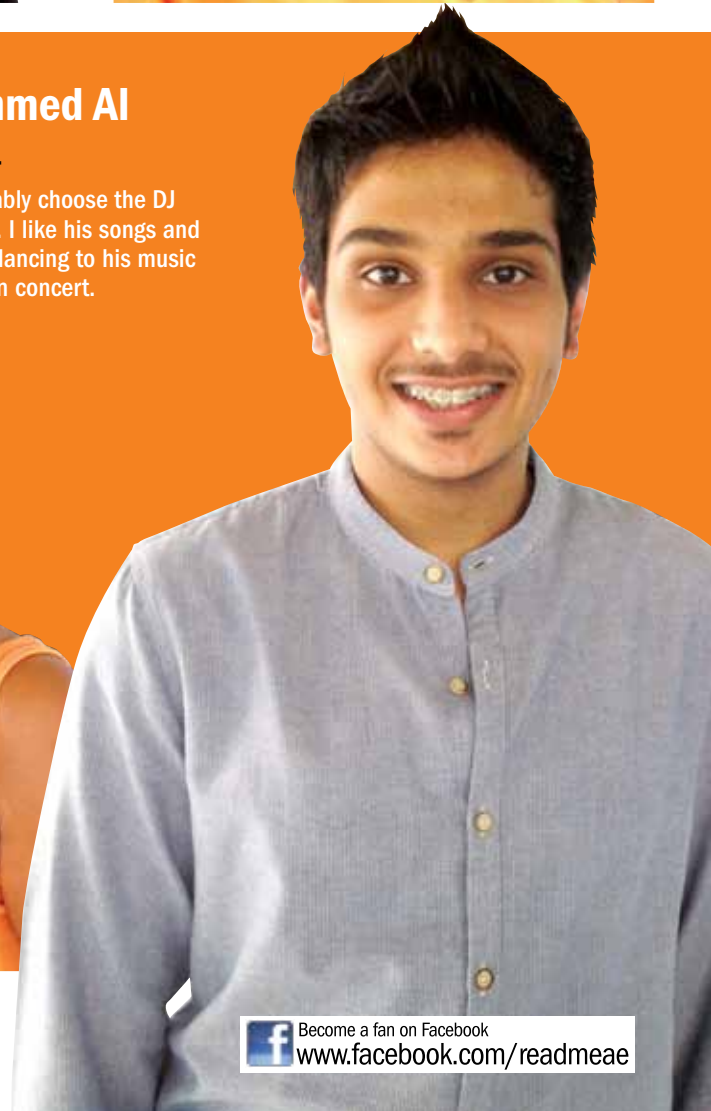
I like many artists, so I couldn't choose just one. I do love Michael Jackson, but unfortunately, he won't be doing a concert any time soon.



Mohammed Al Suroor

STUDENT, JLT

I would probably choose the DJ David Guetta. I like his songs and would enjoy dancing to his music live in concert.



Facebook chatter

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

(Responses only edited for length)

How likely do you think online learning is to take off, and do we still need face-to-face time with teachers and lecturers?

Now, it the time to learn some thing immediately and we can get education online instead of face to face lectures. But importance of teachers can not be omitted.

—Ahmad Iftikhar

Generally face to face lectures are interesting depending on the lecturers presentation skills. And they can get a feed back on how far students grasped the topic and etc.

—Fathimah Azkiya

Well, elearning is a new concept and is picking up pace in today's busy life as it has no time constrain. It really dosent matter to have a face-

to-face interactions. Knowledge can be aquired in any form-source-medium. The most difficult person to convince for this is yourself for taking such education.

—Romil Vaya

How well do you think Microsoft's Surface will stack up against the best-selling iPad?

It might again an EPIC FAIL!!! I have



CAN E-LEARNING REPLACE LECTURES?

nothing against MS, but emulating with APPLE's tablet? it'll never succeed, better stick on non-tablet engines, and in many ways they'll be appreciated.

—Randy Obillo-Balbuena

Microsoft has had its share of success. But when it comes to tablet PC, apple is way ahead. Its established itself very well in the market. Not that its hard to beat competitors (eg. Nokia was once the king of mobile phones, however, blackberry has left it far behind thanks to its amazing technology). In my opinion, microsoft stands a slim chance to win its competition against apple.

—Sneha Gangwani

What are you favourite Beatles tracks, and do you think they can compared to popular music today?

I'm a fan of THE BEATLES 'coz my dad listens to them back in the good old days, "TICKET TO RIDE" was the song that I liked the most!



SURFACE HAS TO TAKE ON THE IPAD

it was catchy and it was fun to sing along with especially the chorus part..there are renditions on youtube but nothing beats the original!

—Bonsai Blando-Remigoso

Nothing can compare them. They are being unique of their own. That's why I love them and teamwork. Great job!

—Joy Guantungco

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Mega raffle

Mohammad Hanifa, the first winner of the DSS 2012 mega raffle, had plenty to celebrate as he walked off with a brand new Nissan Patrol 4x4, as well as Dh150,000 in cash on June 14.

The Dubai Events and Promotions Establishment (DEPE), an establishment under the Department of Economic Development (DED) and organiser of Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS) is organising the raffle in collaboration with ENOC and AW Rostamani Group. The highly popular mega raffle awards every winner a Nissan Patrol and Dh150,000 in cash, making it one of the main attractions of this year's DSS.

The first winner was picked at the draw held at Modhesh World on June 14. Raffle tickets can be purchased for Dh200 per ticket at 42 EP-PCO and ENOC stations across the city. In addition, raffle tickets are also being sold at all Zoom Market outlets, street-side kiosks and key malls such as Deira City Centre, Al Ghurair Centre, The Dubai Mall and Mall of the Emirates. Each weekly draw is limited to only 5,000 tickets.

The surprises keep on coming

Dubai Summer Surprises 2012 (DSS) is proving to be one of the best editions to date. Here is a brief look at some of the highlights so far.

Kids are crazy about Modhesh

Modhesh World, one of the region's biggest indoor entertainment venues, is welcoming kids and families with open arms at its new and convenient location at Dubai World Trade Centre. The biggest and most popular summer fun destination in the region features over 40 zones with many exciting attractions catering to every age group and nationality.

Modhesh World is open to visitors until August 25, 2012 and operates throughout the week from 10am until 10pm on weekdays, 10am until 12 midnight on Thursday, and 2pm until 12 midnight on Friday. Entry to Modhesh World costs Dh10 for each visitor aged three and above.





Let's Smurf together

Thousands of kids and families have been filling the Main Galleria at Mirdif City Centre, part of MAF Properties, a strategic partner for DEPE's 2012 Events and Festivals, to watch one of the most awaited shows this DSS.

A *Very Smurfy Festival* made its Middle East debut in Dubai on June 14 coinciding with DSS 2012. The first few days of the live show attracted huge crowds, with children clearly excited and thrilled to see their favourite characters come to life on stage just a few steps away from them. The Smurfs' fun, family performance will have its last show at Mirdif City Centre on June 24.

Virgin Megastore has mega gifts

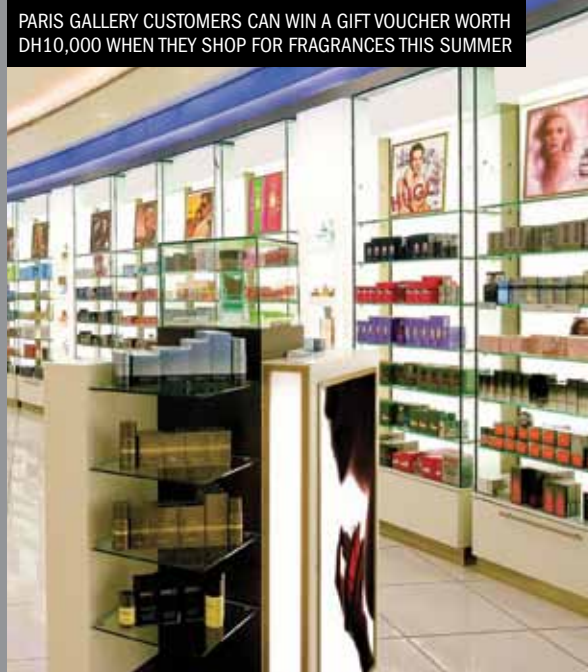
Virgin Megastore is participating in Dubai Summer Surprises 2012 by rewarding their customers who spend Dh150 or more until July 14. With strategic key partners, including du and Mini, Virgin Megastore is offering surprise gifts with every customer transaction of Dh150 or more through scratch and win cards. Prizes for the giveaway include laptops, cameras, mobile phones, books, CDs and DVDs, gadgets and toys, multimedia accessories, special prizes from Mini and much more.

"Dubai Summer Surprises is a fun-packed time for the residents of Dubai, as well as the many visitors that the city-wide festival attracts every summer. Virgin Megastore is an entertainment destination and lifestyle retailer, and we are excited to celebrate DSS by beating the heat and making sure everyone's a winner this DSS," said Tarek Moussawer,

Regional Marketing Manager of Virgin Megastore MENA.

Customers also get to enjoy up to 75 per cent discounts on selected items in the store, as well as 'Buy Two Get One Free' promotions on books, CDs and DVDs. Shoppers can also enjoy a digitally revolutionised photo booth from iBoothME at Virgin Megastore in Mall of the Emirates for the entire month of DSS.

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Anyone who makes a purchase from the selected range of perfumes will win an instant gift from the same brand, plus, once a purchase is made, customers are entitled to a sealed envelope, which contains either a voucher for a 20 per cent discount on fragrances, or a gift voucher worth Dh100, Dh200, Dh500, Dh1,000, Dh5,000 or a staggering Dh10,000. A selected range of perfumes were carefully chosen to feature in this promotion to ensure that only the best offering is made to Paris Gallery customers.





Generation U

With Sony and Microsoft both holding off, it was up to Nintendo's new console, the Wii U, to steal the E3 show.

Earlier this month, the annual Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3, as it's more commonly known) took place in Los Angeles.

It may not be the biggest technology show on the social calendar, but it's the one that video game developers pay the most attention to, and it's where many of the latest consoles, games and concepts are launched.

This year, however, it seemed as if Microsoft and Sony, the makers of the Xbox 360 and the PlayStation 3, respectively, had little to shout about, simply previewing new, first-party titles, a few third-party ones and add-ons to their existing consoles.

Sony offered updates on its PlayStation Suite mobile framework, changing the name to PlayStation Mobile and announc-

ing smartphone-maker HTC as a partner. And Microsoft expanded its multimedia and entertainment features for the Xbox 360, along with Internet Explorer 10 for the console and a technology that can make it work with smartphones running either Windows 8 or Windows Phone.

Nintendo, meanwhile, had much more to shout about, with big announcements about its new home console, the Wii U, taking place, along with new

“It is a work of borderline genius which adds a new spin to gameplay.”

content and games for the 3DS. It should have been the presentation of the year—the Wii U is one of the most anticipated consoles of the current decade, being the successor to the Wii, and it's been described by journalists as “the Wii on steroids”. However, with shoddy presentations, anticlimactic speeches and what felt like not enough material to fill two full days of talks, the Nintendo releases fell a little flat.

No matter, because what fans really cared about were the details behind the new Wii U, which was first announced at last year's E3. What was already known is that it will feature a new controller called the GamePad, which sort of resembles what a modern version of the Sega Game Gear could look like, thanks to its embedded touch screen in the middle.

And this year, Nintendo announced the Pro Controller, which is a much more traditional gamepad with two analogue sticks.

This year's E3 was also the first time journalists and experts could get their hands on the Wii U, even though it's been shown a number of times at various expos over the past year. And early reviews are very good, indeed. Technology correspondent Steve Boxer wrote, “It is a work of borderline genius which adds a new spin to gameplay. It might just be Nintendo's best console since the Super NES.”

The fans will have to wait until the end of the year before deciding on that for themselves, but if Nintendo's fortunes go nearly as well as they did when the Wii was released, it should be a massive hit. And with games such as *Pikmin 3*, *New Super Mario Bros. U* and *ZombiU* ready to hit shelves when the console launches, there should be quite a lot of fanfare surrounding Nintendo. What's more, the new *Nintendo Land*, essentially a newer, better version of *Wii Sports*, should attract thousands of casual gamers.

Both Sony and Microsoft are still sticking with the current generation of consoles for the time being. This left the goal wide open for Nintendo, who had the E3 show free to itself. If only the company had made as much of a song and dance about its new console as the rest of the world will when it eventually comes out. ●



MICROSOFT MADE VERY FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS AT E3, INSTEAD IMPROVING ON OLD FEATURES

Tech beat

LUMIA 808 TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON US



In spite of plenty of internal turmoil, Nokia has announced that its Lumia 808, the Symbian-powered, 41-megapixel cameraphone, will be available on Amazon US sometime this year at a price of \$700 (Dh2,576). Though no regional announcements have been made, there is no doubting that this handset will turn up on the UAE's grey market shortly after.



MICROSOFT UNVEILS SURFACE

Microsoft last week unveiled its own line of tablet PCs, known as the Surface family, which will be powered by the upcoming Windows 8 operating system and a choice of either Intel or ARM-based processors. The Surface will be a direct competitor to Apple's best-selling iPad, running applications such as Photoshop or Microsoft Word with ease.

USA RECAPTURES WORLD SUPERCOMPUTER CROWN

The Sequoia, from United States technology firm IBM, is now officially the fastest supercomputer in the world, having beaten Fujitsu's K Computer, made in Japan, to the top spot. The computer will be used to carry out simulations that will help extend the life of ageing nuclear weapons, negating the need for physical tests.

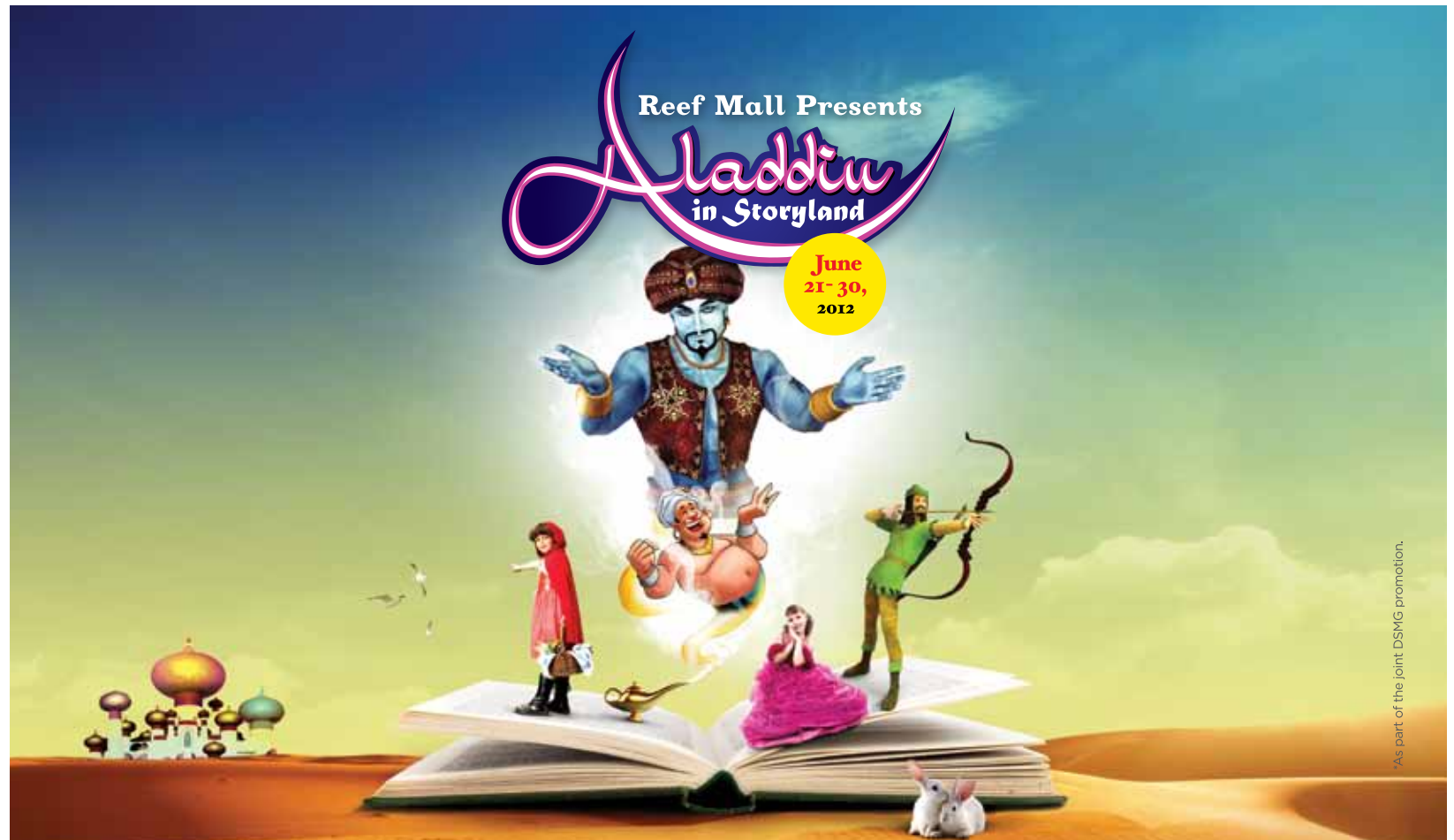


FACEBOOK BUYS FACE

Facebook last week acquired Face.com, the world's largest face recognition programme, confirming that the two companies have been in talks about potential tie-ups. In its blog announcement about the acquisition, Face.com said that work with Facebook could afford "new opportunities" for products, presumably when it comes to tagging photos on the social network. However, many users dislike face recognition, citing it as "creepy".

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water makes it more difficult. The high levels of minerals in hard water can—in some cases—lead to hair loss and skin allergies, as well as a build up of dandruff which in turn can cause hair fall.

The best trick to avoid this is to wash your hair separately in bottled mineral water—which is cheap to buy but does add an extra few minutes to your shower—or to invest in a filtering shower head which removes a large amount of the minerals and chemicals in the water.

The weather is also considered to be an aggravating factor by many. The hot and sweaty conditions in Dubai mean most people end up needing to wash their hair every day. As well as the water issue, using shampoos and chemical products on our hair can strip the natural oils from the scalp, which, in turn, causes brittle, weaker hair that is more prone to fall.

The sun is very drying on the hair, while the heat and humidity of a climate like ours can cause hair to become frizzy. To combat this, many people will resort to heat styling, such as blow-drying or straightening, which essentially frazzles the hair and weakens each strand. Try to avoid using heated styling appliances when possible and allow your hair to dry naturally. A dry shampoo every other day can also reduce the need to wash your hair—simply spray on, leave to dry, then brush through.

For days when you do need to wash your hair though, switch shampoo to one that is specially formulated for hair fall. These will usually be much milder and contain ingredients that supposedly restore hair and prevent further hair loss. However, hair can only be restored through its natural growth cycle, which can be supported by avoiding the things which could damage your locks and eating a healthy, balanced diet involving plenty of oily fish, nuts, fruit and vegetables. ●

Hair food

The food you eat affects your locks greatly, but this little treat will help control and nourish hair from the outside as a quick fix.

- 1) Mix one mashed avocado with one teaspoon of olive oil and one teaspoon of honey.
- 2) Apply to your hair from root to tip, distributing evenly.
- 3) Leave the mask on the hair for around 20 minutes.
- 4) Rinse with warm water and a mild shampoo.

Ask many people what has changed about their body since living in Dubai and you are almost guaranteed to get one of two answers; a little weight gain here and there—no doubt thanks to the variety of delicious cuisine so readily available—and thinning hair.

While some of the lucky ones will not be able to lay claim to either of these, the fact is that for many residents, hair loss—or hair fall as it is also commonly known—tends

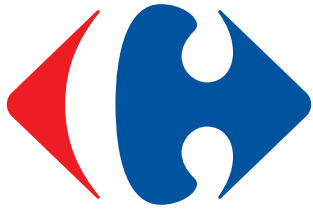
to become more apparent when residing in our city.

The most commonly blamed factor is the desalinated water which pumps through our showers. Although most desalinated water is soft—meaning it contains a very small amount of minerals—the water in Dubai tends to be hard, containing minerals such as calcium and magnesium as well as a noticeable amount of chemicals, such as chlorine. The most obvious way to tell if water is hard is by how easily soap lathers in it, as hard

Happy hair

A common complaint for many Dubai residents, Read. attempts to get to the root of hair loss.

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As the old adage goes, home is where the heart is. But what if your home is lacking heart? Perhaps you have grown tired of drab decor and uninspiring accessories, but find that a complete overhaul is beyond your means financially.

If your budget won't allow for a total home makeover, there are still a few simple things you can do to add new life to your surroundings—especially if you're willing to get a little creative. Here are a few easy, original additions guaranteed to brighten up any room.

A NEW ACCENT

If you can't afford to paint a whole room, why not try painting just one wall?

Known as an accent wall, a bright colour on just one wall will breathe new life into your home. So long as it is OK with your landlord (if you are renting), an accent wall can give an instant focal point to a plain, standard-Dubai magnolia room.

THE HOME MADE HOUSE

Revamping your home doesn't always have to be a costly experience if you choose to get creative.

IN THE FRAME

Picture frames are an ideal way to decorate the walls without forking out for new wallpaper or a complete re-paint. If you can't find any in the shops that suit your taste, many home stores will sell cheap, wooden frames that can be easily jazzed up with paint, sequins, beads, seashells, anything that takes your fancy. Try buying a selection of frames (of the same or different sizes), designing each one differently then arranging them in an interesting pattern on the wall. Pictures of family and friends inside the frames will instantly lift your mood, or, for an arty twist, why not try cutting out some funky pictures from magazines or brochures to create your own bespoke look?

SOFT AND STYLISH

Soft furnishing can transform a room with any budget. Dubai is a haven for great material shops—the textile souq and Dragon Mart instantly spring to mind—and for a few dirhams you can purchase all kinds of materials. From stripes to spots, silk to suede; if you can picture it, chances are you'll be able to find it. Cushion covers are one of the easiest ways to use your new material. As long as you have a sewing machine—or a steady hand—you can knock up a few new cases in no time. Try mixing different materials and different sized cushions for a 'shabby chic' look that would fit in the window display of any homeware store.

BY THE SEASIDE

Try bringing elements of the outdoors into your home with this simple idea. Clear glass or plastic pots can be picked up at any homeware store or supermarket. Usually used for storing spices or condiments, why not fill each one with an element of the great outdoors? Sand, seashells, pebbles, pieces of washed up coral—whatever you choose will look great when they are displayed as a whole. Four or five different pots arranged in a row will look sleek and original, without causing too much clutter. Bathrooms are always great for a seaside theme, so extend the idea by placing a basket of shells on the bathroom shelf or by the sink to create your own little beach right there in your home.

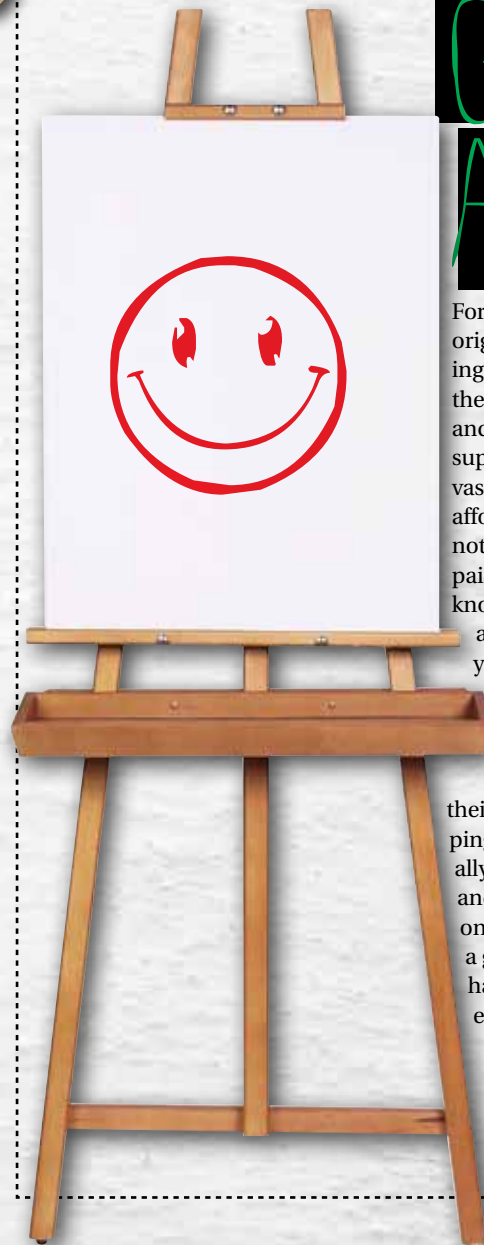
FREECYCLE



Dubai is a transient place by its very nature, so take advantage of this when looking for new items of furniture. Dubai-based web sites are a great place to find free—or so cheap they may as well be free—items that could be exactly what you're looking for. Regular flea markets also provide a great place to hunt for bargains. Second hand furniture may not always be in the best condition of its life, so be prepared to add your own stamp. A few small pots of paint can transform a tired looking wardrobe into a multi-coloured kids closet, or a faded bookcase into a bold and bright shelving unit—perfect for displaying interesting ornaments or crockery.

GET ARTY

For the ultimate stamp of originality, have a go at creating your own artworks to adorn the walls of your home. Arts and craft shops—even many supermarkets—will sell canvases, brushes and paints for an affordable price, so even if you're not the most gifted person with a paintbrush, have a go; you never know what you may create. For a simple starting idea, ask your kids, family and friends to brush paint over their hand and stamp it onto the canvas. If everyone uses a different colour and stamps their hand close to (even overlapping) another hand print, eventually you will end up with a bright and funky collage, which will not only look great, but will serve as a great conversation starter and have personal meaning to you each time you admire it.



Abe's odyssey

The ridiculous premise of *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* means that its earnest tone is hard to take seriously.

NEW RELEASE

With a movie based on the fictional exploits of the sixteenth President of the United States as a secret vampire hunter, you'd be forgiven for assuming that it could be taken with a pinch of salt. After all, a film with such a silly premise surely can't take itself too seriously, can it? Unfortunately, the newly released *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* does just that, and this is the first in a 105-minute long string of problems.

The way this film takes itself so seriously—on the one hand as a biopic of the famous President and on the other as a vampire horror movie—is actually pretty surprising, given the fact that Tim Burton was signed on as a co-producer. The director, while a little washed up now, some might say, has never found much difficulty in finding comedy in the darkest of places. Take films such as *Sleepy Hollow* or *Batman*, for example, which, while altogether serious in tone, always manage to lighten the mood at just the right points to bring balance to the equation.

But the earnestness of *Abraham Lincoln* can be more easily explained when taking a look at the director and other main producer, Timur Bekmambetov, whose best-known works include the 2008 star-studded action romp, *Wanted*, and the bleak fantasy action film, *Day Watch*, sequel to 2004's *Night Watch*. Make no mistake; Bekmambetov doesn't do comedy, and it's made quite obvious in his latest film.

Based on the 2010 novel of the same name by Seth Grahame-Smith, *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* chronicles the loss of the President's



Did you know?

- The real-life Abraham Lincoln was assassinated just six days after the surrender of the Confederate commanding general, Robert E. Lee, at the end of the American Civil War. His death was the first assassination of a US President.
- Seth Grahame-Smith, the author of the book, also wrote the film's screenplay.
- Tom Hardy was initially approached to take on the role of Lincoln, but he had to turn it down due to conflicts with *The Dark Knight Rises*.
- Joaquin Phoenix was the first choice to play Sturgess, but he turned down the role.

mother at the hands of a vampire when he is very young. Understandably very upset and incensed, he embarks on a secret campaign against the whole of vampire-kind, all the while becoming a highly achieved lawyer, politician and eventual President. Think of him as a sort of Bruce Wayne for the 19th century, fighting vampires instead of regular crime.

The film is held together by the character of Lincoln, and a great performance by Benjamin Walker, who looks like a young Liam Neeson and is just as imposing. He's in

almost every scene, and he manages to find a fiery chemistry with almost every member of the cast, providing the film with its much-needed sincerity. Meanwhile, Mary Elizabeth Winstead plays Mary Todd Lincoln, Lincoln's wife, helping to bring a little believability to this frankly absurd iteration of the first couple. And Dominic Cooper plays Lincoln's mentor, a "good" vampire named Henry Sturgess, who helps provide some of the best scenes in the film, thanks to the natural rapport between the two actors.

Of course, being about vampires, this film is shot through with impressive action sequences, the best of which is a chase between Lincoln and a vampire in the middle of a horse stampede. This scene actually makes the last action sequence, involving a railroad and a burning bridge, a little anti-climactic, though it's still a feast for the eyes. In between, there are plenty more vampire murders, many of them very gruesome, and it's all done with extremely impressive craftsmanship. If it were a straight-up action movie, it could probably have done very well.

But the film's main problem is that it isn't scary or exciting enough to be an outright horror, it isn't funny enough to have a laugh, and it's in no way serious or factual enough to be a viable biopic. It's like taking Winston Churchill and turning him into a zombie hunter in the midst of World War Two; you can't get away from the ridiculous premise, so why would you make a film that takes itself so seriously? Unfortunately, by the end of *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, that question is far from having been answered. ●



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A-Z OF MOVIES

"N" is for Nonsensical



It's generally an unwritten rule that films should make sense. Call us traditionalists but we like to leave the cinema without feeling angry, bitter or cheated.

But try telling that to those sneaky screenwriters. In 1991's *Shattered*, Tom Berenger has a disfiguring car crash and loses his memory. After reconstructive plastic surgery, he learns that his "caring" wife was cheating on him. But Tom Berenger isn't Tom Berenger at all. He discovers his own dead body and finds out he's actually the guy his wife was having an affair with.

The problem? The plastic surgery can apparently change his hair, voice, height, and body. Movies like this make you swear to never waste another dirham at the cinema again.

However, David Lynch, director of titles like *Eraserhead*, *Twin Peaks* and *Mulholland Dr.*, turns the nonsensical into Oscar-worthy experiments.

"However, David Lynch turns the nonsensical into Oscar-worthy experiments."

Lynch uses the cinema to express non-rational energy in tangible form (visually and aurally). This energy is familiar to us all, but has been repressed in us by language, rationality, and education. Lynch makes puzzle pictures that no one is expected to solve, and jigsaw films whose pieces never quite fit together. So even if you don't quite understand a movie once the credits roll, don't worry; maybe you're not supposed to.

Bollywood news

Aamir heads to parliament

With his show *Satyamev Jayate* making waves, Aamir Khan has become the first non-MP Bollywood actor to be invited to the Indian Parliament. The head of the parliamentary committee, Shanta Kumar, has invited Khan to share his views on the subject of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the pharmaceutical sector.



Meet the stars

Bollywood fans could be in for a treat with the chance to meet Priyanka Chopra and Shahid Kapoor in Dubai, plus win premiere tickets for their upcoming movie, *Teri Meri Kahaani*. Etisalat subscribers can dial 144 or SMS "723628" to 1100 and set a Greetune from the movie for a chance to win.

Sonakshi sings

With the super success of recent flick *Rowdy Rathore*, it seems that Akshay Kumar has found himself a new lucky charm in the shape of Sonakshi Sinha. Rumours are rife in Bollywood that Sinha has been signed up for a fast-paced song and dance number in Kumar's next movie, entitled *Oh My God*.



Bold blazers

There aren't many trends that transcend between men and women, but the blazer is one such item that defies fashion rules—looking chic and elegant on both the ladies and the gents.

The classic black blazer is the most practical style a woman can own. A simple black blazer can be used in many ways to create new outfits and looks from the items in your current wardrobe. If you don't own this fashion staple, it may be time to purchase one. Black blazers are not only stylish but they can be worn dressed up, for business and for casual wear.

Floral, striped and patterned blazers also look great for summer and longer boyfriend styles are perfect for layering over skinny jeans or a dress. Boyfriend blazers look great with jeans, trousers and pencil skirts.

For a casual trendy look, pair a simple white vest or shirt with a boyfriend jacket and black jeans, or leather trousers for a more edgy look. For a dressier style, opt for a clean, crisp white blazer with tailored shorts. Add high heels, a chunky bracelet, earrings and an envelope clutch for a touch of glamour.

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Let your fashion statements roar



I am hugely excited for the new *Great Gatsby* movie to be released. Other than seeing one of my favourite books interpreted by Baz Luhrmann on the big screen, I am really looking forward to seeing the beautiful 1920s outfits and costumes. The 1920s was a fantastic time in fashion for both men and women. The First World War was over and for the first time people were properly experimenting with fashion and pushing the conservative boundaries that lay in place, giving birth to the “Roaring Twenties”. If you want to stay ahead of the trends 1920s is the way forward (or backward). Fashion royalty Coco Chanel was a major pioneer for women at the time, one of the first to wear trousers and to reject the corset. Her legacy to the emancipation of women via fashion and rejecting traditional fashion values stand as a testament to her character. So get involved. Think flapper dresses, plenty of beads, plum lips, coiffured hair and tasseled skirts. Embrace your inner ‘20s girl with pleated dresses, cloche hats, and low-waist dresses. So, ladies and gentlemen, the ‘20s are officially back—you heard it here first!

“Coco Chanel was one of the first women to wear trousers and reject the corset”

The blazer is one of the most essential pieces of the male wardrobe—women aren’t the only ones rocking the trend. Stylish men like Kanye West and Bruno Mars have been spied in trendy blazers worn with casual jeans and trousers.

The classic navy or tan blazer is largely associated with elegant country clubs, however a blazer doesn’t have to land you in a polo club. Pair your blazer with contrasting coloured chinos or jeans for a modern, dapper look. In the warm weather, a blazer looks great as a preppy piece with tailored shorts, boat shoes and an open-buttoned shirt.

Fashion with a cause

Bollywood fans enjoy a treat as Salman Khan launches his ethical 'Being Human' clothes brand in Dubai.

CHARITY

Charity and fashion came together recently in Dubai as Bollywood superstar Salman Khan launched 'Being Human'—a fashion brand with a difference. The brand is now available exclusively at Splash and ICONIC stores in the region.

The launch event was attended by Khan, along with the Being Human team and Raza Beig, CEO of Splash of ICONIC. Being Human was launched in 2007, when Khan envisioned a concept that would support the underprivileged. The Salman Khan Foundation, owner of Being Human, is a lifestyle brand and a registered charitable trust. All royalties from the lifestyle brand go to support the twin causes of education and healthcare for the needy.

Khan's passion, love and dedication for the brand ensures that he not only wears the product, but also signs off every style. Khan said, "We have had

an overwhelming number of requests from the UAE asking us to launch Being Human clothing here. I am delighted that Splash and ICONIC now make Being Human clothing available across the region. All fashion labels are about looking good, Being Human is also about doing good."

Beig said, "Salman is a cinematic and cultural icon who is loved for his movies and philanthropy. Being Human is an integral part of Salman's life as he is personally involved in building the brand and extending it to a collection that is hip, cool and funky—and one where the message stands out loud and clear. In Salman's own words, wearing Being Human means you 'look good, do good' because you help people by the simple act of slipping on your clothes every day."

As part of the launch, Khan visited the Splash store in Mall of the Emirates and ICONIC in Deira City Centre where he interacted with his fans.



SALMAN KHAN IN ONE OF HIS DESIGNS

Gone Girl: A Novel

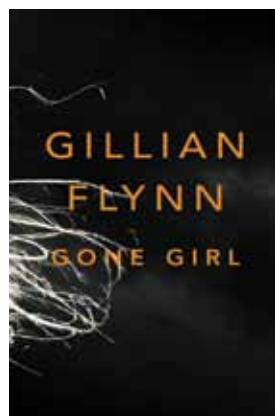
By Gillian Flynn

BOOKS

From New York Times best-selling author Gillian Flynn, one of the most critically acclaimed suspense writers of the 21st century, comes the simple but brilliantly put-together story of a marriage gone horribly wrong, with a healthy dose of "whodunnit?" murder mystery thrown in for good measure.

It starts just before the fifth anniversary of Nick and Amy Dunne, the latter of whom is clever and beautiful. However, as the presents are being wrapped, Amy suddenly disappears, and Nick quickly becomes the prime suspect for her murder. He does little to help himself, endlessly parading a series of lies and being overly evasive.

There's definitely a hint of bitterness to Nick's words and actions, but



still he protests his innocence. As the novel unfolds, we wonder if Nick could really be the killer, and if he isn't, then where is his wife? The clues come at the beginning, though the ingenious plot saves the answers for the end, climaxing with a literary moment that will remain etched on the minds of readers for weeks.

If you like this then you could try...

Broken Harbor by Tara French

This is the fourth novel about the Dublin murder squad by Tara French, and it follows Mick Kennedy, a brash cop who plays by the book but plays hard. He's handed the case of the year; Patrick Spain and his two children have been killed and his wife is in intensive care. But there's much more to it than that.

Clockwork Angels

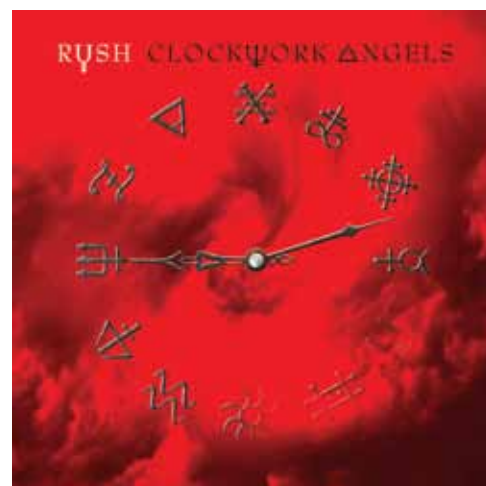
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ALBUM

Given that cult Canadian rock band Rush have been going since 1968, anyone would be forgiven for thinking that they're a little past it. After all, the likes of Eric Clapton and Paul McCartney haven't put out anything good for years, and there are plenty more acts from that era who have faded into obscurity. And yet, here Rush are with their 20th studio album, and what an album it is.

The band are very well-known for their cerebral lyrics and psychedelic tunes, and they're also praised for adapting their music to the times without actually losing the bare bones of what makes them Rush. *Clockwork Angels* comes after a five-year wait for the fans, who last heard the pitch-perfect *Snakes and Arrows*, quite possibly the most complete Rush album since the 1980s, so it has plenty to live up to.

It doesn't disappoint. Reportedly a concept album about a repressive force known as the Watchmaker,



the album adopts an intriguing and cryptic narrative that's characteristic of lead vocalist Geddy Lee. This means that tracks such as *Caravan* and *Headlong Flight*, which would sound fine on their own, actually feed off of each other, with the album reaching an early climax with the title track, before climaxing again and again throughout. The album shows that Rush can still walk the line between edgy, cerebral and accessible with all the finesse of an Olympic gymnast.



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The Gibraltar of today no longer feels like England transposed to a sunny, Mediterranean setting. True, helmeted bobbies still patrol the streets, and the traditional red phone boxes stand before pubs bearing names like Admiral Nelson. However, despite these notable British influences, there is much more to Gibraltar than its colonial heritage. The tiny colony is actually a cultural cocktail of Genoese, Spanish, North African and other elements that have lent it a richly cosmopolitan air, belying its old reputation as Aldershot del Mar.

Gibraltar crams an impressive amount of history, culture, colour and life into an area less than three miles long and two miles wide. There are prehistoric caves, eleventh-century baths, cathedrals, castles, mosques, temples and military fortifications alongside more recent

additions, such as shops, restaurants, marinas and luxury hotels.

All this can easily be covered on foot, although it takes a hardy walker to climb to the summit of the rock. This vast, limestone ridge is the focal point, rising to 426 metres with sheer cliffs on its northern and eastern sides. The ancient Greeks and Romans considered this imposing monolith to be one of the two pillars of Hercules, alongside Jebel Musa in Morocco.

Up close, the rock is riddled with holes, caves and tunnels. Once, these served as hiding places for the military gunmen waging territorial battles over the strategically located Gibraltar, but today, they are filled with curious tourists exploring the rock's maze-like interior. Diving into these tunnels is one reason for walking to the top of the rock, rather than taking the cable car. Another is the luxuriant mass of flora and fauna that lines the footpaths.



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To learn more about the mythical and genuine history behind this fascinating formation, spend an afternoon at the Gibraltar Museum, which provides a detailed account of the Great Siege in the eighteenth century, when the Spanish tried unsuccessfully to recapture the rock. It also contains a replica of the 60,000-year-old Neanderthal skull found in one of the caves and excavated fourteenth-century Moorish baths in the basement.

After a long day on your feet, dive into the bustling atmosphere of Casemates Square and reward yourself with some traditional British fare. Fish and chips, kebabs and pub grub are readily available or, for something a little more upmarket, head to Queensway Quay Marina, where fresh seafood and grilled meats can be found at smart, new restaurants.

The addition of venues like these has significantly boosted Gibraltar's culinary reputation, formerly not one of its prouder assets. These days, Gibraltar is developing an identity of its own, both in culinary terms and in a wider cultural sense, with elements of the African, Mediterranean and English rolled into one colourful whole. ●

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The quick-fix myth

When it comes to crash dieting, scientific evidence advises strongly against it, but there are still those who see the short-term benefits.

When it comes to crash diets, there really does seem to be a polarity of opinions. On the one hand, expert advice and scientific research generally agrees that crash dieting is not only unhealthy, but often leads to gaining weight in the long term. On the other hand, however, are a raft of hyped-up articles by so-called dieticians and lifestyle writers, who claim that, while they may not be the healthiest way to go about things, crash diets can really work.

Looking at the evidence, however, it would be hard to disagree with the experts. The name "crash diet" implies a lack of concern for proper nutrition, and the aim is to severely restrict calorie intake to achieve rapid weight loss. It's extreme, to say the least, and it almost never works in the long term. This is because crash dieting causes the body's basal metabolic weight to slow down, as it

attempts to get the most out of every calorie it can get due to the sudden absence of energy. This means that when the person eventually goes back onto a normal diet, they are likely to put on more weight than they have initially lost.

"If a diet really worked, we'd all be on it, and we'd stay on it. The reality is that fad diets don't work to help you lose weight and keep it off," advises online health service WebMD, which starkly opposes crash diets. "No matter what you've read in magazine articles, if you really want to trim down, the most effective way is to eat a variety of healthful foods, exercise regularly, and stop super-sizing your meals."

This is, in a nutshell, the only sure-fire way of living a healthy lifestyle and maintaining a healthy, balanced weight. However, there are still those who think that, if it does not become a regular occurrence, a crash diet is fine every now and then, particularly if the person sim-

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ply needs to lose a couple of kilograms for that upcoming office party.

In this case, there are a few crash diets out there that are seen as not so bad, though it should be stressed that they are still not long-term solutions to be replaced with having a healthy lifestyle.

One of the most well-known and celebrated crash diets is the cabbage soup diet, which, just as it sounds, involves eating only cabbage soup for a week. The soup should contain green onions, green peppers, canned tomatoes, celery, cabbage and any seasonings for flavour. It promises to rid the dieter of almost five kilograms within a week. That said, it should not be taken on for much longer, lest the body starts to be deprived of what it needs.

Unfortunately, there aren't many other safe crash diets out there, and some people have gone to extreme lengths, bordering on self-starvation, in order to lose weight quickly. The best thing to do, it would seem, when it comes to weight loss, is to enjoy a balanced diet coupled with exercise. And that's the plain and simple truth. ●

CRASH DIETING, AT BEST, WORKS IN THE SHORT-TERM

Three popular crash diets

- **The juice diet** – Involves consuming various juices as the primary sources of food. It often works well as a detox diet, and can provide vitamins, but should not be endured for too long.
- **The liquid diet** – The liquid diet is much like the juice diet, though the liquids consumed do not have to just be fruits, and can

include diet shakes and vitamin supplements. Again, it should not be endured for more than a week.

- **The grapefruit diet** – This diet requires you to cut out carbohydrates—bread, pasta and rice—though it does allow dieters to eat other kinds of foods, so long as half a piece of grapefruit is eaten with every meal.





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New life

★★★★☆ The Jeep Wrangler is older than the UAE, but it can still easily impress.

The venerable Jeep Wrangler seems to have been around forever. For anyone heading to the UAE from European shores, the thought of battling around in a rugged Jeep seems too much to resist and the Wrangler has become a staple for families, airhostesses, off-road warriors and city slickers alike.

In fact, the Wrangler has been around far longer than modern Dubai. The first Jeeps, on which the Wrangler is loosely based, were built way back in 1941 for the US military. The model proved so popular that, after the war had ended, the CJ was released for the general public to buy, with production continuing well into the 1980s.

But in the past, owning a Jeep came at a price. The old YJ Wrangler had terrible air conditioning, bouncy leaf springs and access for rear passengers was woeful. Things improved massively in 1997, when the new TJ model was released, incorporating a range of creature comforts. But then, for the next 10 years, things stood fairly still.

But in 2007, Jeep released the new JK model, which finally brought the Wrangler up to spec with all the things people now expect from a modern car. But perhaps the most important thing that occurred with the new model launch

was that, for the first time, Jeep released a four-door model, finally bringing the Wrangler to large families and people not prepared to compromise on passenger space.

The new JK model is certainly all-Wrangler, with its big, round headlights and visible roll cage. The doors still have the hinges on the outside and there are bolts and brackets everywhere, allowing an almost incalculable number of body alterations.

On the outside, the biggest changes are the huge rubber bumpers that have been added to the car. They're not pretty, but certainly look very effective. On the Unlimited four-door version, the second set of doors work into the design nicely. They could easily have upset the whole stocky design of the Wrangler, but the designers

have managed to squeeze in the extra set of doors without it looking awkward.

But by far the biggest change is inside. Although it's still very much a Wrangler, you now get everything you'd expect, including a great stereo, Bluetooth for your phone or iPod and

comfy, spacious seats. Everything is far more upmarket than with previous models and ergonomically well laid out.

Perhaps the only thing missing is the strange absence of any parking assistance. Considering the corners of the car are hard to see, there's no rear camera or any parking sensors. Perhaps that's why it has such big bumpers?

Under the curved bonnet it a 3.6-litre, 285 horsepower, V6 engine, mated to a 4-speed auto gearbox. Apart from the odd notable Italian, V6 engines just don't sound very nice, especially with the manufacturers' stifled exhaust systems. Owners would do well to fit an aftermarket pipe.

One of the only complaints about the Wrangler is that it needs two steps on the gearbox kick down. It doesn't drop a gear without you planting your foot to the floor. However, when you do, the revs hit the ceiling and it takes off like a scalded cat. That's great in the desert or for a fast overtake, but sometimes you just want to go a bit faster without the drama.

That said, there's very little to not like about the JK Wrangler. The four-door adds practicality without losing that uniquely Jeep feel. Yes, it's bouncy over speed ramps and not particularly fast on the highway. Okay, there's wind noise and a few quirky design features, but most importantly, it's a whole lot of fun. ●

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The horsepower provided by the Wrangler's 3.6-litre V6.



SPECS (as tested)

Engine: 3.6-litre V6
Power: 285hp@6,400 rpm
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Playing fair in office politics



The politics of our workplace can affect us all in many ways.

GETTING AHEAD

Believe it or not, almost every workplace is a political environment. While many say that they don't engage in such games, there's actually little truth to that. Even though we probably might not realise it, we are all engaged in office politics to a certain extent. While the word politics implies doing absolutely anything to get ahead, office politics is really all about building relationships to get things moving at work. While managing office politics can be a difficult thing to do in diverse companies, trying to maintain a healthy, productive political environment is crucial for success in today's complex workplace. Akhtaboot unveils five smart tactics to help you win the political game, the ethical way.

MASTER THE FINE ART OF TACTFUL BRAGGING

Most employees think they have only two choices when it comes to self-promotion; remaining under the table or sounding arrogant, but neither works. Good self-promoters know this: They're always planting

seeds for the future. They understand that doing a good job doesn't mean that others will actually realise it. In order to become a top office politician, develop a personal track record as someone who gets results and don't dwell on your mistakes or others will notice your shortcomings too.

DON'T STICK WITH ONE GROUP

Mingling with your coworkers during lunchtime or coffee break is the best way to keep up-to-date with all that is happening in the different departments. Office politicians don't cling too tightly to one crowd; they master the art of making good conversations with both peers and bosses. With that being said, make sure that you don't become the office "social butterfly" to the extent that you aren't getting your work done.

PROFILE POWER FIGURES

Understanding the informal and formal network is key to becoming a successful office politician. Find out who's who in the organisation and identify where the power and influence lay. Once you profile

power figures at your company, build relationships that are based on trust and respect with those who have the informal and formal power while avoiding empty flattery. Pay attention to the way they speak, network and work, and develop your strengths in a way that emulates their behaviour.

BE REAL TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Standing up for the right things, being known as a person who is honest, dependable and fair are indispensable qualities of a true office politician. Practice what you preach. Whenever you hear something, take some time to evaluate how much credibility it has. Rise above personal conflicts and never rely on confidentiality. Always assume that things will be disclosed and decide what you should reveal or not accordingly. Doing so, you might not be liked by everyone but you will be respected by most for sure.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You know that weekly 30-minute meeting that you all hate because it seems to drag on forever? These meetings might seem irrelevant and very common but they are one of the most important aspects to give attention to when it comes to office politics.

Not only this is your chance to be with the people who have the most influence over your promotion, but you are being evaluated by both your peers and boss. Office politics demand that you come prepared for these meetings.

Office politics just happen, whether we admit it or not. Some people try to be noble and refuse to play the political game; they try to focus their efforts on their tasks and hard work, hoping that they will be noticed and rewarded. But in fact, there is no such thing as not being part of it. Business is all about competition; from time with important colleagues, prestige, recognition, bigger salaries, to—of course—power. Don't hate the game of politics; step out of your comfort zone and play it to win. ●

MASTERING OFFICE POLITICS COULD LEAD TO POWERFUL FUTURE ROLES



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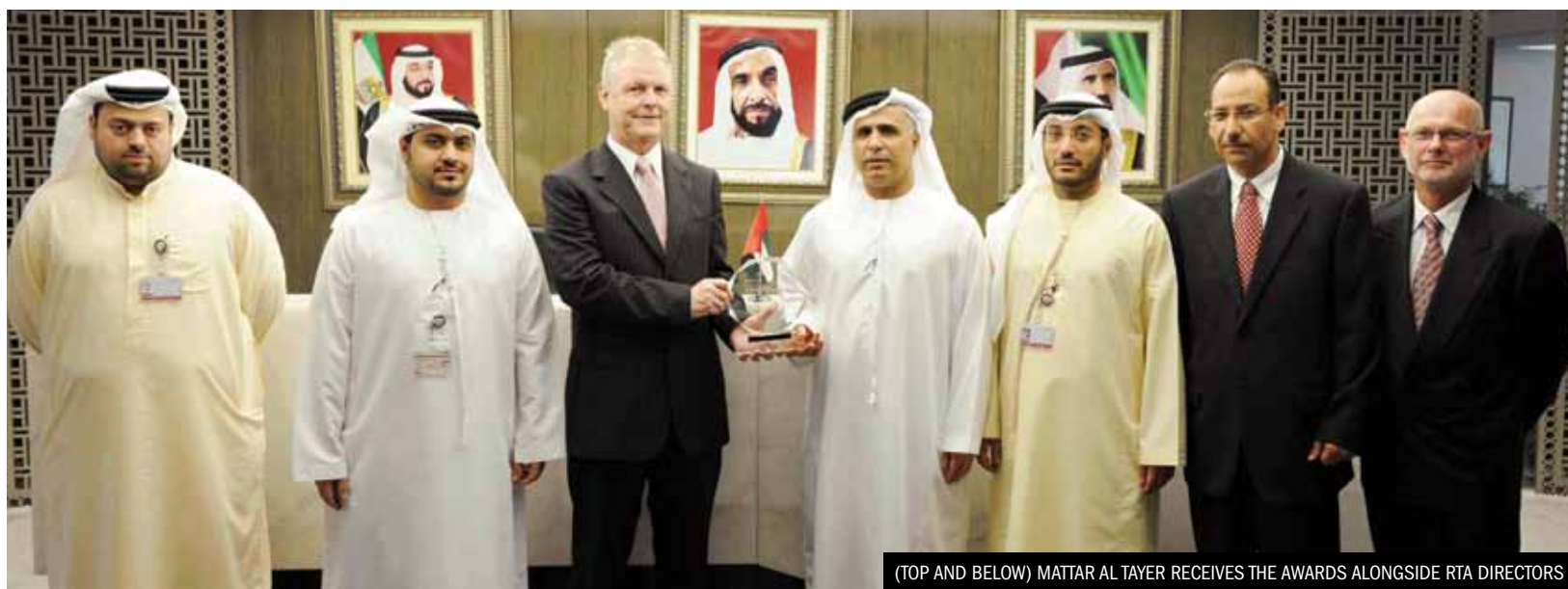
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RTA call centres awarded

Two RTA call centres given Best Call Centre in the Region awards by Insights, a leading industry institution.



(TOP AND BELOW) MATTAR AL TAYER RECEIVES THE AWARDS ALONGSIDE RTA DIRECTORS

CALL CENTRES

The RTA has clinched two Best Call Centre regional awards, presented by Insights Middle East, a leading institution offering specialist call centre services for the Middle East. The main RTA call centre (800 90 90) won the Best Government Call Centre Award in the Middle East, and the call centre dedicated to the toll gate system, Salik (800-SALIK) won the Best Medium Call Centre Award in the Middle East.

The two awards were accepted by Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the RTA, from Dominick Keenaghan, President of Insights, in the presence of Mohammed Obaid Al Mulla, RTA Board Member and Chairperson of the Customers Council; Yousef Al Rida, CEO of the Corporate Administrative Support Services Sector; Nabeel Mohammed Salih, Acting CEO of the Traffic and Roads Agency and several directors of the RTA.

Al Tayer expressed his pleasure with this achievement, which echoed the steps taken by the RTA to translate the directives of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, relayed to the heads and directors of local authorities and departments last May, to improve the calibre of customer service offerings without resting on laurels. He also mentioned that the RTA winning these awards reflected its commitment to sort out suitable customer service solutions aligned



with the highest international practices of the call centre industry.

"The RTA is keen on diversifying the channels of delivering customer services highlighted by modern communication technologies and online services. For this purpose, the RTA has chalked out an integrated strategy for converting service delivery format to the electronic mode in keeping with the vision and drive of the Dubai e-Government. The RTA assigns paramount importance to customers, and works tirelessly to simplify procedures and improve the level of services rendered to customers," said Al Tayer.

"The RTA recently introduced several changes in the scope of services delivered to clients, where the main call centre has been transformed from a channel for merely responding to enquiries of callers and furnishing them with information, to an advanced operations and customer service delivery point. This is epitomised in the launch of services pertinent to the renewal of vehicle registrations, driver licences and

the payment of traffic fines through a telephone contact with the call centre, which is the first service of its type in the Middle East. Now, customers can process their transactions related to the renewal of vehicle registration or driver licences, as well as payment of fines through four channels, namely the RTA web site, customer service centres spread all over Dubai, approved insurers and recently through a telephone contact to the call centre.

"The RTA's main call centre responds to customer enquiries as regards to the services offered by the RTA, which exceed 150 services. The centre is manned by about 94 employees, who speak multiple languages and are being trained and qualified on how to offer the best customer service experience.

"The RTA call centre designated for the toll gates system branded as Salik is one of 36 centres managed by TransCore Co. worldwide. The centre offers a host of services, including the selling of Salik tags, activating Salik cards, sending SMS notifications, and

"The Salik call centre is operated by more than 60 employees from 20 nationalities."

recharging Salik accounts through the call centre, banks or Salik portal (www.salik.ae).

"The Salik call centre is operated by 60 employees hailing from more than 20 nationalities who speak more than 10 languages, and are supervised by six team heads," elaborated Al Tayer.

Keenaghan said, "Companies operating in the region place much emphasis on adopting technological and customer-centric service options, given the rapidly growing customer expectations."

Meanwhile, Al Rida said, "The RTA is making expeditious efforts to strike a strategic harmony that goes side by side with the operational aspects."

Reading tops RTA agenda

RTA visits Al Ebdaa Model School as part of its Read More initiative, stressing the importance of reading.



YUSEF AL ALI SPEAKS TO THE SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT READING

CAMPAIGNS

A delegation from the RTA recently visited Al Ebdaa Model School, in Dubai, to showcase the importance of reading to students in a move aimed at fostering the reading habits of these young students and encouraging them to acquire various books that help advance their intellectual abilities. The move comes in line with the RTA's Read More initiative, targeting students of public and private schools aged seven to 14 years.

Yousef Al Ali, Acting CEO of Dubai Taxi Corporation (DTC), stressed the importance of reading to individuals, as the diversification of knowledge and culture contributes considerably to communicating with others and attaining the highest practical positions in future. He emphasised the importance of reading at an early age as it "empowers individuals to jumpstart their careers, hones their innovative skills and helps them pursue new developments in order to make a real addition to the country's development".

During the gathering, a brief summary was given about RTA mass transit systems, highlighting their immense role in streamlining the mobility of people across Dubai. Al Ali presented a quiz to the girls asking them several questions revolving around the public transit systems,

and a variety of prizes were distributed to the winners.

Dr Aysha Al Busmait, Director of Marketing and Corporate Communication, reiterated the RTA's care for students, them being the backbone of the community. "The Read More initiative is one of the community-oriented initiatives through which we are keen on educating and promoting the skills of students, particularly as it echoes the directives of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to care for building human capacities, the start of which goes back to the genuine desire to read every positive and

"We are targeting a specific segment of students in a bid to lure them to read more."

useful material," she said.

"Through this valuable initiative, we are targeting a specific segment of students in a bid to lure them to read more, fill their pastime with useful and safe reading material, and enable them to acquire the skills and arts of reading. The stories distributed are

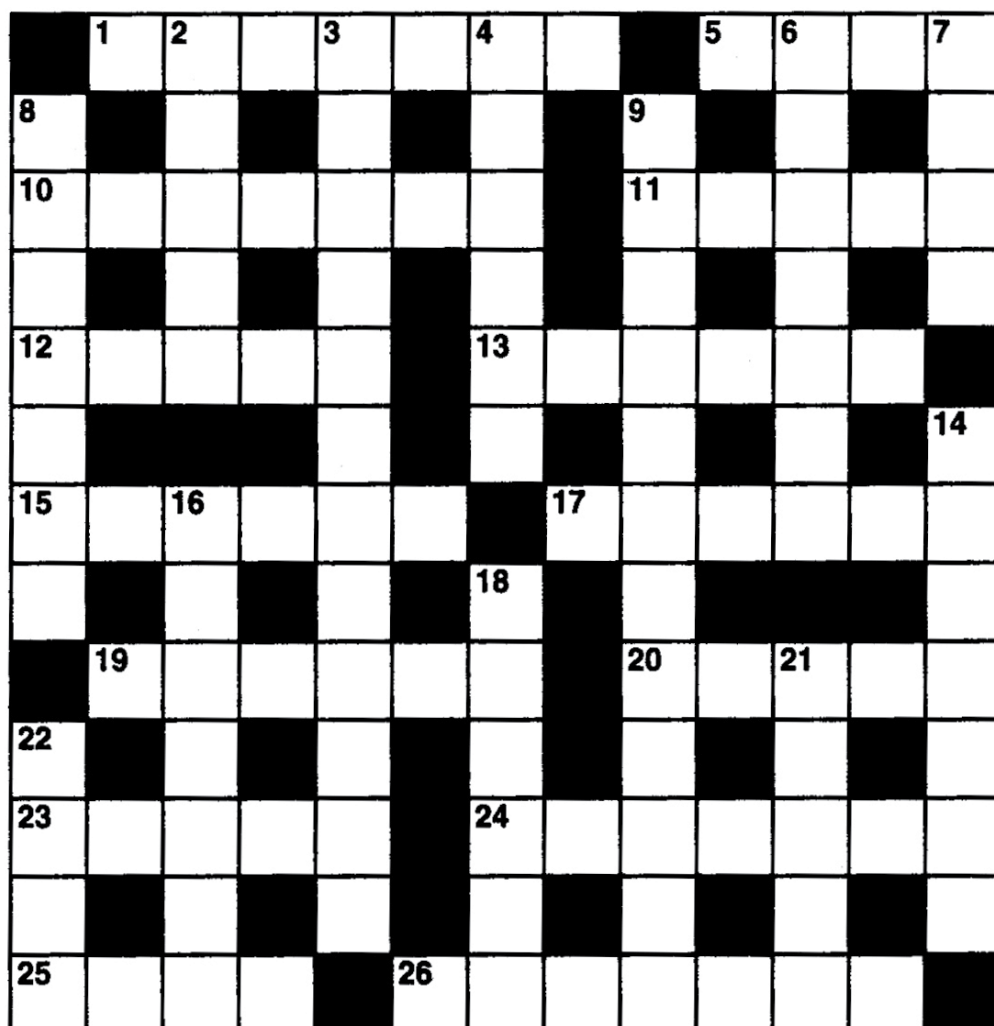
aimed to support this initiative as they are specific and concise in delivering information in an effective and objective manner, and commensurate to the age bracket of the targeted category," elaborated Dr Al Busmait.

Aysha Lootah, Director of Al Ebdaa Model School, paid tribute to the active role of the RTA in opening up communication channels with Dubai schools with the aim of raising students' awareness, which is in line with school aspirations to showcase the importance of reading among students, particularly youngsters, which, in a sense, reflects the interactive spirit between various public organisations of the country.



Taking your time

Test your skills with our puzzles or try something new with a recipe.



Crossword

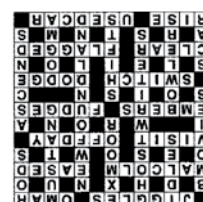
Across

1 Twitches (7) 5 Actor Mr Sharif (4) 10 Macbeth character (7) 11 Soothed (5) 12 Pay a social call (5) 13 Short period in which everything seems to go wrong (3,3) 15 Glowing coals (6) 17 Covers up, misrepresents (6) 19 Lights on/off control (6) 20 Sidestep (5) 23 Obvious, plain (5) 24 Drooped (7) 25 Salary increase (4) 26 Vehicle that's not brand new (4,3)

Down

2 Wastes time (5) 3 People who pen books for others (12) 4 Hilly region of Devon and Somerset (6) 6 Ford sports car (7) 7 Metal bars (4) 8 Supporting cinema features (1-6) 9 Part of North America settled by the Vikings (12) 14 Climbs (7) 16 City gents' hats (7) 18 Moves from one place to another (6) 21 Settled opinions (5) 22 Sign of an old wound (4)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Tuna sweetcorn pasta bake

This easy, low-cost recipe makes a filling and delicious family meal.

Ingredients

600g pasta shapes
50g butter
50g plain flour
600ml milk
½ tsp mustard powder
200g grated mature cheddar
100g can sweetcorn, drained
100g peas
3 sliced spring onions
2 x 185g cans tuna, drained
Handful of fresh, chopped parsley

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/ Gas 4.
2. Cook the pasta in a saucepan of gently boiling water for around

eight minutes (or according to packet instructions) then drain. While the pasta is boiling, melt the butter in a saucepan over a low heat and slowly stir in the flour with a wooden spoon. Cook for one minute, or until the mixture darkens slightly, being careful not to burn.

3. Gently stir the milk into the butter mixture, stirring constantly. Add the mustard powder and continue to cook until the mixture thickens enough to coat the back of the spoon.

4. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in most of the cheese, all of the sweetcorn, peas and spring onion.

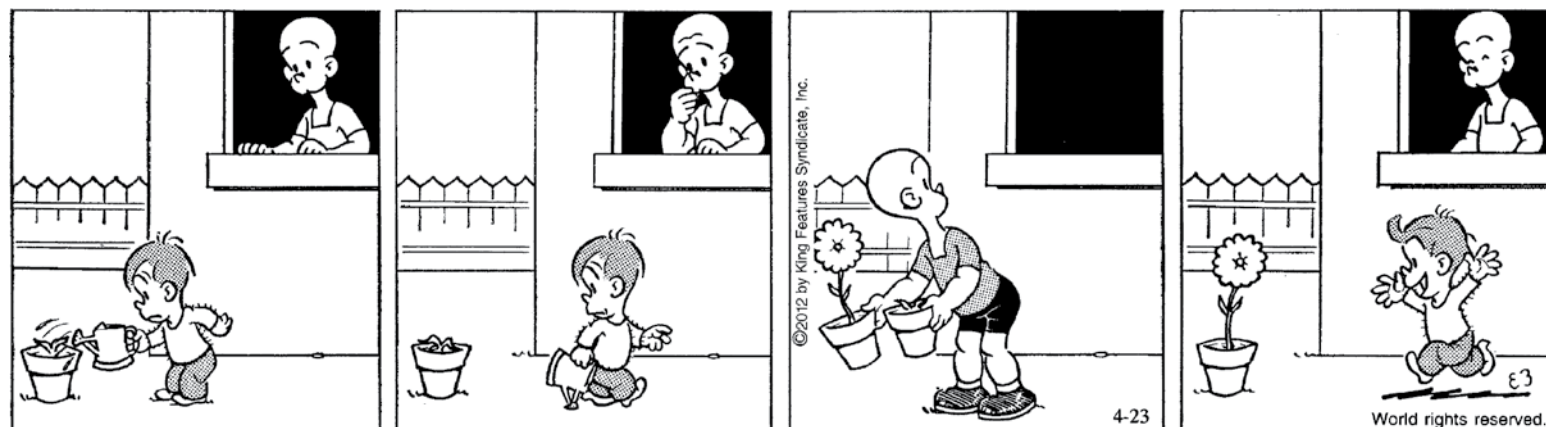
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Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper then stir the cooked pasta into the sauce.

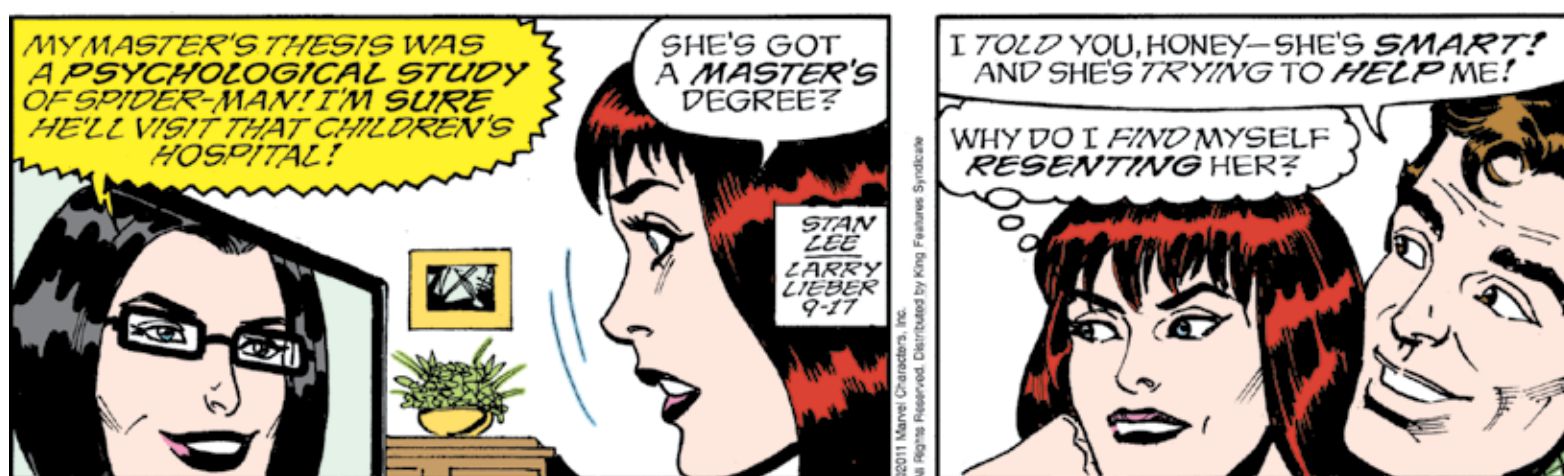
5. Spoon the tuna into the bottom of an ovenproof dish. Pour over the pasta and sauce mixture evenly, then sprinkle over the remaining grated cheese.
6. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the sauce is bubbling and the top is golden-brown. Sprinkle over a little parsley then serve hot.



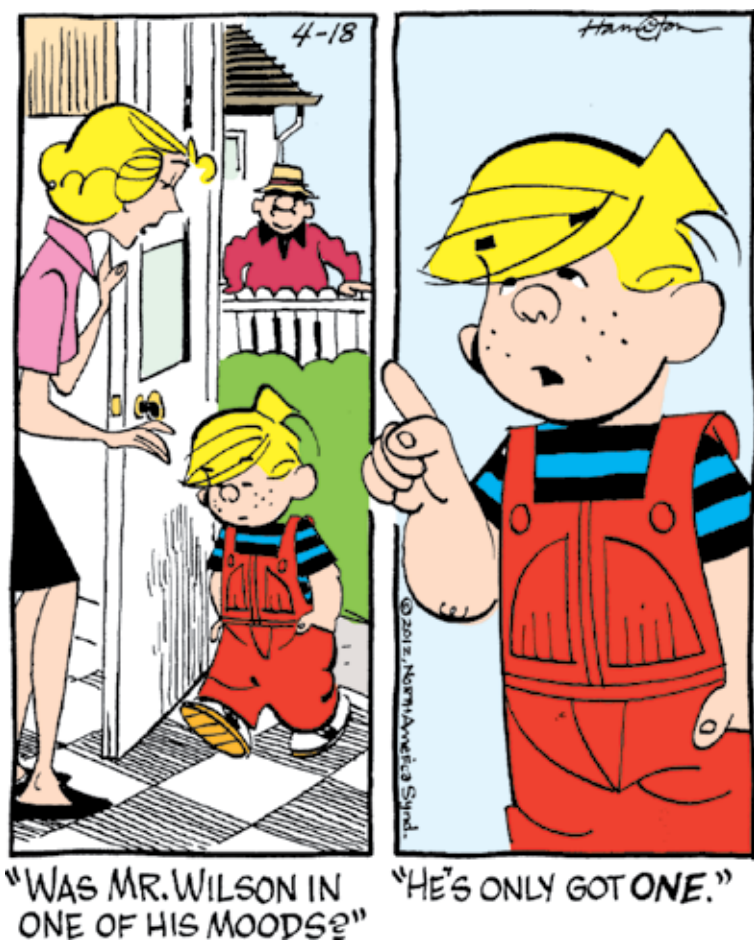
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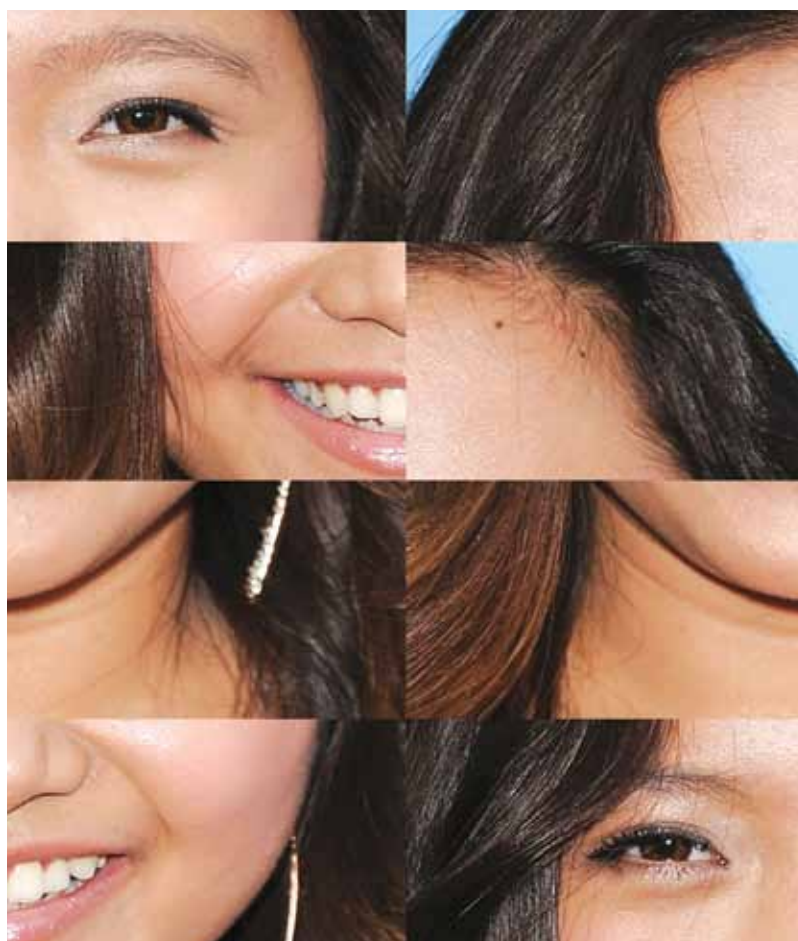


Dennis the menace



Who's this?

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Puzzles

Arrowword

Obsessive thought		Preliminary test (5,3)		Queen's theatre enclosure (5,3)		Dull pain		___ for, decide on		Lost animal		Work schedule
Rulers' residences		Be prostrate		Poultry pen		Look happy		Originated		Whinny		Indicate similarities
Inflatable mattress					Flock member		Seed-bud of a potato				Have regret for	
Treating (worn cylinders)									Annoy			
Marble-like agate		Milky gemstone					Contend with reasoning					
				Tight-fisted					Domestic fowl			

Sudoku 1

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Sudoku 2

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7			6				1	3
	5	3						

ANSWERS

ARROWWORD

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SUDOKU 2

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What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

It may be that you feel you're coming up against a deadline as the week begins. Certainly, it appears your thoughts will be focused and that a partnership and contractual issue will dominate. It's also possible that you'll experience a little emotional blackmail from a family member.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

With health and repair issues moving up your agenda, you could feel stretched in many ways. On the considerable upside however, it may be that a project with overseas connection reaches a turning point on Friday—though you may feel you're taking a gamble.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

It wouldn't be surprising if money matters require attention. To what extent you're prepared to take risks requires careful thought. There's also the chance of someone you had past dealings with returning to the scene. You may know you have changed, but they don't.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Given that discussions could take a very interesting turn for you by this coming Thursday—a job offer perhaps?—knowing exactly where you stand and what you don't want to see compromised in any future arrangements would surely be wise.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

It's over the next few weeks that you might give more thought than usual to what truly matters. Filling up your spiritual engine could take priority. This coincides with Jupiter having moved into your networking area. It's likely that you'll be drawn to those who share a passion.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

What's suggested as a timeline or budget mid-week could be music to your ears. You might then move quickly into the fast lane and show a certain person how quality can be maintained without compromise. Friday should find you at your negotiating best.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

Perhaps you've been feeling bored recently? Midweek could provide the perfect time for you to move forward—it certainly appears you'll be propelled into the spotlight. True, it may be that developments in the life of a very close companion shift your axis.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

Despite the diligence shown by yourself, it may be that certain individuals are not yet comfortable with a proposal. Your task could be to convince them that they are not taking a risk too far and that what's proposed will be in their long-term interest.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

This week could prove to be a financial turning point. You may have reason to visit the past, possibly involving either a sibling or neighbour. In tying up loose ends you might also learn a great deal about yourself and your attitude to administration.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

There's an "enough is enough" feel to this week for you—which might well manifest as drama before the end of the month. You might appreciate knowing whose support you can count on, and Aries, Libra and Cancer friends could feature particularly high.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

It might well seem that everyone else has a point to make or that you can't afford to do what you want to do. There may be health or work conditions that also block your path, but this week a bolt from the blue could come from an ex-colleague that lifts your spirits back up.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Your head could be turned by someone who's been travelling and has ideas as to how you could expand your career. They recognise you have marketable expertise that you've never acknowledged, and might just give you the push you need to do something different.



This week's local weather

SUN



24th

HOT
HIGH 40C
LOW 32C
HUMIDITY 48%

MON



25th

HOT
HIGH 39C
LOW 31C
HUMIDITY 44%

TUE



26th

HOT
HIGH 40C
LOW 30C
HUMIDITY 46%

WED



27th

HOT
HIGH 41C
LOW 32C
HUMIDITY 46%

THU



28th

HOT
HIGH 40C
LOW 31C
HUMIDITY 48%

FRI



29th

HOT
HIGH 40C
LOW 30C
HUMIDITY 48%

SAT



30th

HOT
HIGH 40C
LOW 30C
HUMIDITY 47%

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