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FESTIVAL SPIRIT

As the latest edition of the Dubai International Film Festival draws to a close, the city is left to reflect on another dose of glitz and glamour

INTO THE BLUE

One of the hottest colours for this season, cobalt blue is an easy and stylish addition to any fashionista's wardrobe

INTO ISTANBUL

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Pushing any preconceptions to one side, Hyundai introduce the sleek, stylish and sporty Genesis Coupe

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How to be a welcoming host during the festive season

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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.

✉ TAKING A TRIP

The other day, there was a man walking through a Metro station. He was talking on his mobile while walking and carrying his laptop bag in the other hand. He headed towards the escalator—still talking on his mobile—then suddenly there was an unusual sound. In his haste he had tried to walk onto the escalator going down. He stumbled but fortunately he didn't fall. After looking around with a smile he did get on the correct escalator.

A.P. Saleem

✉ A COUPLE OF THINGS

Dubai Metro is just fantastic, mind blowing and very comfortable. But I have thought of two points to mention. First, the ladies compartment is only one carriage at the moment. If possible, it would be good to make it two carriages. Also, the aircon is very cold on the Metro during the winter months.

Vanishree Mohanv

✉ PLEASE BE HUMAN

There are so many ways that we can reach out to people, in one way or the other. All too often, we are so busy caught up in the grind of daily life that we are unable or even unwilling to greet office colleagues, friends, family, and of course, total strangers! Where has the humanity in us gone to? That we are unable to share of ourselves? Every day I and my office colleagues take the Metro ride to office and back home again, which is why I notice our fellow commuters, each of them in their own little world, not bothering to make eye contact, share a seat or otherwise make others around them feel comfortable. I can understand that people need to do things that are important to them but it will make someone's day if only they receive a brief smile or a small gesture. I and my office colleagues are an anonymous lot of people on the Metro but we hope that everybody makes an effort to reach out, yes, please reach out to the people around you, whatever the day, time, season or occasion.

Erica Dantas

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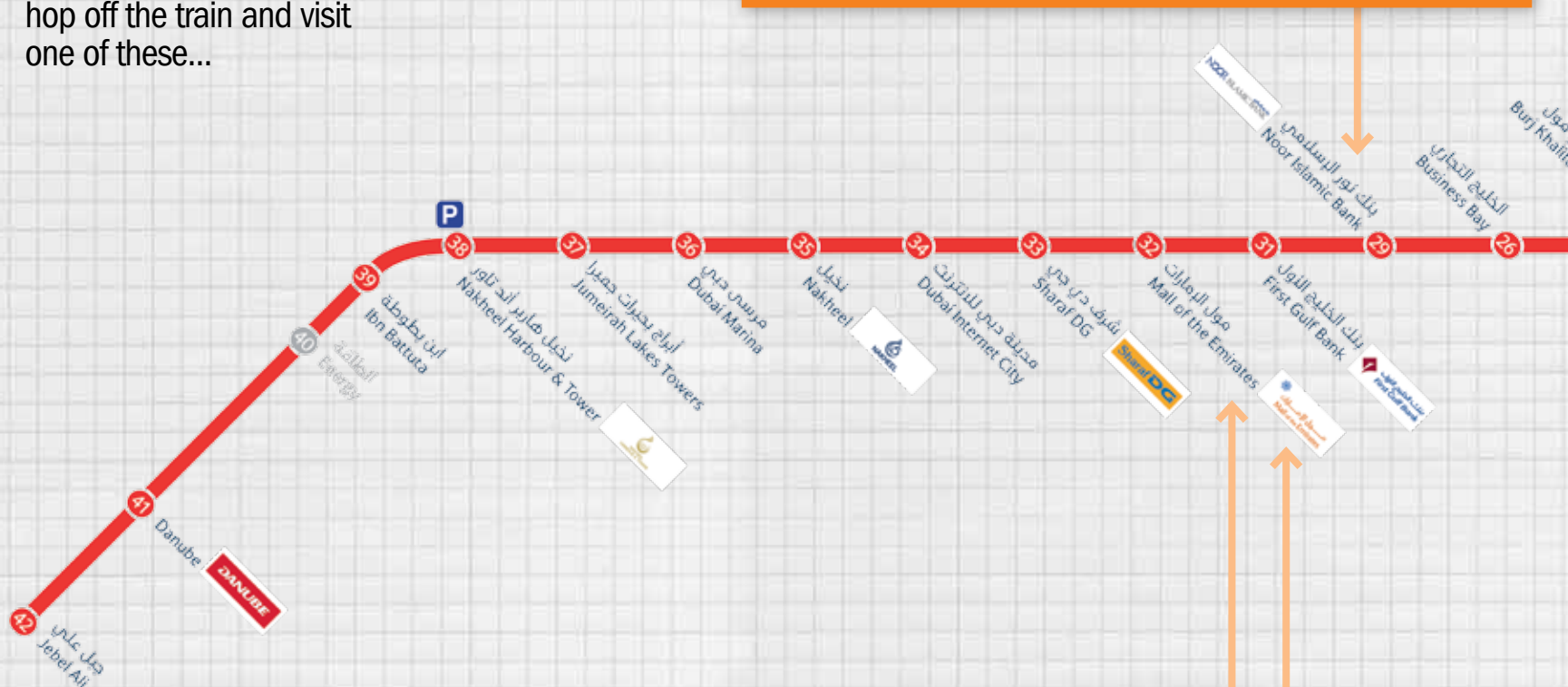
Looking for something to do? You could always hop off the train and visit one of these...

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UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2013
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The first solo exhibition by UAE-based Egyptian artist Hazem Mahdy features an array of unique and personal art, focusing on the abstract idea of an entity being a fluid idea that needs constant translation and synchronisation. In Mahdy's artistic vision, body and mind are used as symbols that go beyond any holistic or dualistic approach, and instead embrace a multitude of inspirations that make his work truly unique.



Photography competition

ENTRY CLOSES JANUARY 14, 2013

GALLERY OF LIGHT, DUCTAC,
MALL OF THE EMIRATES

Instead of holding your perfect pictures captive on your camera, why not enter your favourite into the latest More Café photography competition, of which the theme is "festive moments". Simply upload your photos to www.ductac.org before 5pm on January 14, 2013. The best entries will be exhibited in the Gallery of Light, with the top photos then displayed in More Café, where diners will have the chance to vote for their favourite photo. The competition is open to all UAE residents aged eight and above, and is split into three age categories, with prizes including digital cameras, courses at Ductac and vouchers for More Café.



Festive fun

UNTIL DECEMBER 25

SKI DUBAI, MALL OF THE EMIRATES



Dubai's year-round winter wonderland, Ski Dubai, is celebrating the 12 days leading up to Christmas with special games and activities each day, including snowman building competitions, present hunts, carolling and the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto. Activities will be happening

throughout each day so why not forget the fact it's still in the mid-twenties outside and get into the winter spirit? Entry is the same as general admission to the Snow Park—Dh130 for adults, Dh120 for children under 12.

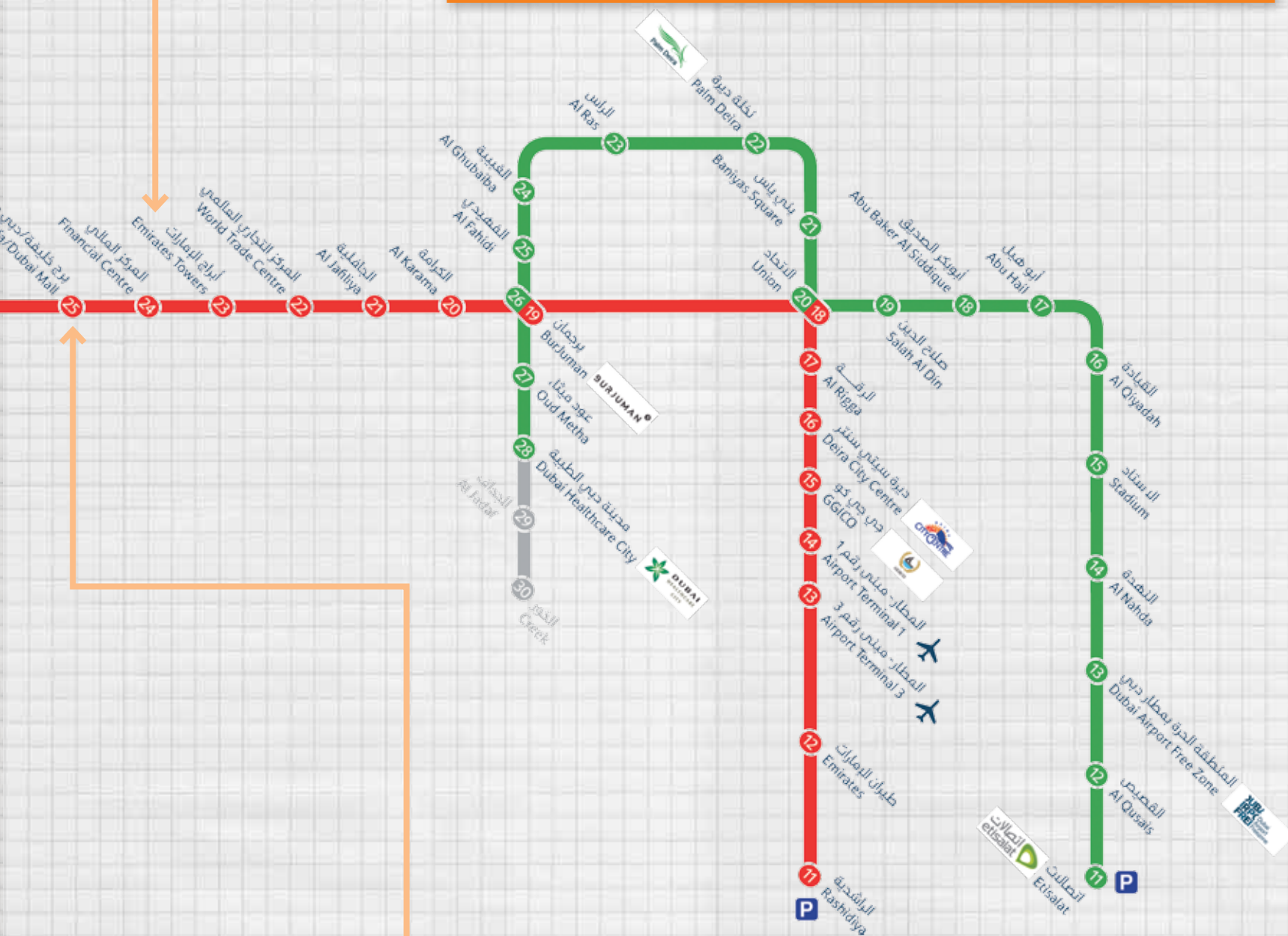


Traces of Man

UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2013

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Rameshwar Broota is well known for his artistic works, including paintings, video and photography. In *Traces of Man*, the best of Broota's photographic archive is exhibited alongside a rare oil on canvas work from 1999, entitled *Traces of Man—The Unknown Soldier—I*. Broota is recognised for his unique techniques and for his focus on humanism within his works, which can be found in important collections around the globe, both private and public.



Singer-songwriter night at the Pavilion

DECEMBER 16

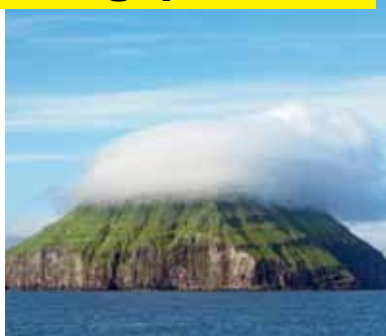
THE PAVILION, DOWNTOWN DUBAI

Dubai is a hotbed for up-and-coming talent, whether it's artists, comedians, designers or musicians. Luckily, the future stars of the music world are being given an opportunity to show off their skills live to an audience at this grass-roots evening of entertainment. The local aspiring songwriters taking the stage this month include Joshua Job, Victoria Canal, Bari Versa and Caitlin Murphy, so why not head down to show your support and catch the chart-toppers of tomorrow, today?

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Coming up this week



TODAY

We live in an interconnected world. Places that were once impossible to reach are now accessible by road, waterways and aeroplanes. Despite the ease with which we can contact people on the other side of the globe, around 10 per cent of the Earth is more than 48 hours away, by way of land travel, from the nearest city. Where is the most remote place on Earth?



MONDAY

We all know that we can't believe everything we see or hear. But, between the misinformation on the internet and our natural propensity to believe what we're told, it can sometimes be hard to tell fact from fiction.



TUESDAY

At the highest and lowest latitudes on the planet, the sun, atmosphere and magnetism collide to paint the sky in colourful curtains of light. Learn where and how to spot the aurora borealis and aurora australis.



WEDNESDAY

Sheep wear the stuff all the time, and they seem to keep pretty cosy and dry. What is it about wool that keeps you dry in the rain, cool in the heat and warm in the cold?



THURSDAY

Much like the cheetah, the alligator is an incredibly fast runner. Luckily, if one was to attack you, you can escape by running in a zigzag. Is there any truth to this old adage?



FRIDAY

Once again our Facebook page has been full of your opinions on our daily question. We find the best responses from our Facebook fans and bring you the answers that matter most to the people of Dubai.

Facebook chatter

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

(Responses only edited for length)

How do you think you would benefit from three months without internet or a mobile phone?

If you ask me personally, especially in this modernized era, living without the Internet for one day would be completely impossible. If it happens like that, I would die because communicating with the outside world, your life would be nothing. Back in those days, we used to stay without it, but it's just when the internet landed in the earth and started ruling over the earth. Life would be completely unbearable without the net.

— Mohammed Muzammil

Wow! 3 months without internet and mobile phone means no unwanted urgent or follow up calls and emails after office hours, that's the best benefit i could think of.

— Francess Pamela Gamboa Sevilla

I would take full advantage of that three months to enjoy once again the things I was doing way back 15 years ago when the advancement of technology were just available to offices and banks. Be it reading, sketching or going out



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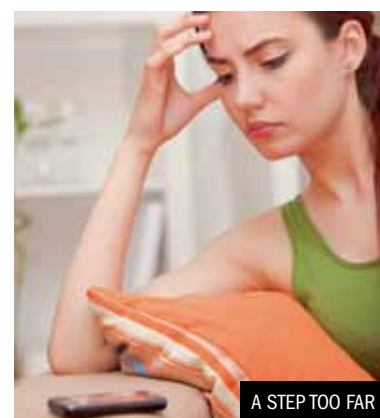
to friend's place and spending the whole time chatting and laughing. Technology has given us so much, it's just sad that we had given up so much in favor of technology. Things like playing outside and enjoying simple pleasures in life.

— Ferdie Salas Santiago Jr

How do you feel about an Australian radio show using prank phone calls for entertainment?

This is really really a very bad idea, both legally and socially, because some time it hurts you badly. 5 years back same thing happened to me and my family some one called at our home and told that, my Father had got a heart attack, while he was already sick and heart patient, and because of this my mother was supposed to get a heart attack, and later we sued against him.

— Tanweer Haider



A STEP TOO FAR

I think pranks are a form of abuse - on the same level with harassment...

— Claudia Curici

I just feel sad that they have to resort to lying. There are other ways to entertain your listeners without bending the truth.

— James Ivan Datan



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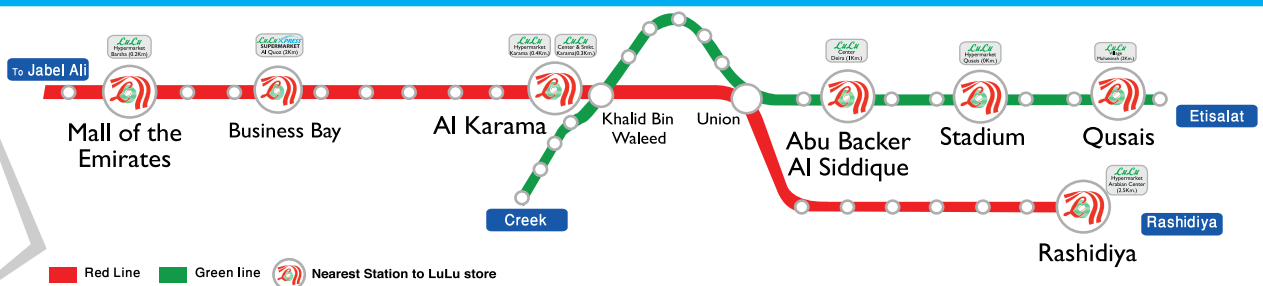
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FINISHING TOUCHES

Be prepared

Preparation is key when it comes to making sure your guests feel at home. Start by clearing any clutter in the room your guests will be staying in. Storage boxes are great for stashing away your own bits and bobs to make room for the guest's things. Clean sheets on the bed are a must, but, for a thoughtful extra touch, set out some freshly laundered towels, extra blankets and pillows before the guest arrives. Finally, finish the room off nicely with the universal welcome sign; a vase of fresh flowers.

Fighting talk

If family members are staying for a while, they may start to share their opinions on every aspect of your home life. They are most likely trying to feel involved and help out, but be firm and fair that this is your home. If you have house rules, don't be afraid to share them. Perhaps even write them on a whiteboard. If they are already there for everyone to see, it will seem as though this is something you always have on display for all household members to abide by.

Invite only

Particularly during festive times of the year, you may find unexpected guests dropping in unannounced. The best way to make sure you're not caught out is to set aside a shelf in the cupboard for the classic things you will need to make your unexpected visitors feel welcome. Tea, dates and biscuits are a start, but for extra bonus points on the hosting scale, why not keep a couple of small gifts prepared just in case? It doesn't have to be expensive, but a token of goodwill will make your guests feel truly looked after.



COME ONE, COME ALL



Gear up for guests

The recent—and upcoming—festivities can see your house become more of a hotel as guests arrive to share in the holiday spirit. Luckily, hosting friends and family need not be a pain with these simple tips.

SET SPACE LIMITS



Outer space

If guests are staying for a period of time, it can start to feel as though your time is not your own. Try to keep one area of your home as the place where you can all congregate, with bedrooms being the place you can all retreat to. By adding a few entertainment options in the guest bedroom, such as books, magazines or a TV, your guest will not be bored in their room. In turn, they will most probably enjoy spending some alone time in there if they have something to do rather than sit looking at the walls.

Clean sweep

Any good houseguest will always try to keep things neat and tidy as they go along. While it's fine to let them help out with chores if they ask, unless they are a close friend or family member then requesting that they clean up with you might be a little awkward. While it's nice to keep things clean and tidy while you have guests, the chances are that things will become cluttered and messy with more people in the house. The best tip is to keep on top of the essentials, but don't worry about keeping an immaculate home while guests are staying. It will always be easier to do a big clean once your guests—and all their belongings—have gone.



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FESTIVAL-GOERS ENJOY THE SHOW

Silver screen city

Movie aficionados enjoy another exciting edition of the Dubai International Film Festival.

Last week saw an array of big names roll into town. Whether it was A-list stars or respected directors, our city was once again flooded with movie-making talent as the Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF) opened its doors for another edition.

One of the main highlights of this year's DIFF was the premiere of hotly-anticipated new movie *Life Of Pi*—which we review on page 24—which kicked off proceedings with a bang thanks to the audience's

glowing reception of the movie and the presence of Hollywood beauties Cate Blanchett and Freida Pinto on the red carpet—although the biggest cheer came for 19-year-old Suraj Sharma, the Indian actor plucked from obscurity to take the lead role.

But, as is the case with every edition of DIFF, it's not just the big blockbusters that get their chance to bask in the spotlight. Local film-making talent plays a big part in the festivities, with this year being no exception. The Muhr Awards, now in their seventh year, play an

important role by encouraging Arab filmmaking, rewarding the best films and promoting them on DIFF's world stage. Since its inception, The Muhr Awards have honoured over 170 Emirati, Arab, Asian and African filmmakers and talents, providing an ideal opportunity to raise their profile and achieve future success.

DIFF's artistic director Masoud Amralla Al Ali said, "The Muhr Arab programme has been in existence long enough for us to see contestants returning with their second and third films, which is incredibly rewarding. The astounding diversity of stories, genres and techniques we have seen year on year strengthens our resolve to nurture Arab cinema and continue to provide a platform for audiences who are hungry for real cinema and eager to see their

realities and personal reflections on the big screen." The glitz and glamour was not just for celebrities and industry insiders however. One of the key factors that makes DIFF such an anticipated event for people from all backgrounds is the opportunity to attend screenings, meet filmmakers and cast members, and experience a world of cinematic delights they may not have access to elsewhere. Taking this ethos one step further this year, for the first time, DIFF fans were able to engage in real time with various film talent via Google+ Hangouts.

But now, as the festival draws to a close after another successful run, the red carpets are being rolled up, the stars are heading home, and film fans are ready to return to their usual cinema routine. So, until next year at least, that's a wrap. ●



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THE LAUNCH

Logitech unveils mouse for serious MMO gamers

Logitech has launched the latest addition to its popular G-Series gaming line-up: the Logitech G600 MMO Gaming Mouse, a highly customisable and easy-to-use mouse specifically designed for massively multiplayer online (MMO) gamers.

The mouse features 20 buttons – including 12 thumb buttons, set in two groups of six on a meticulously designed thumb panel – all in easy reach for quick and easy no-look navigation and faster game play.

With three default profiles – two for MMOs and one for general gaming – the mouse is set up for optimal use right out of the box, no drivers required. In addition, it has a G-Shift function that easily doubles the number of actions one can perform with any button, giving one complete control in one's favourite MMOs.



As with all of G-Series products, the keys are programmable so that the user can create his or her own commands, store them in the mouse's onboard memory, and access them all with one touch. In addition, the sculpted shape comfortably supports the hand through long gaming sessions.

For additional personalisation, the thumb panel's RGB illumination is fully customisable with more than 16 million colour combinations that the user can use to easily identify the active on-board profile.

The lighting can be set to glow continuously, pulse on and off, continuously cycle, or dim after a user-determined period of inactivity. The Logitech G600 MMO Gaming Mouse is available for Dh499 at leading electronics retailers.

The top technology of 2012

As the year draws to a close, the leading tech gadgets of the past twelve months will be in hot demand.



Amazon Kindle Paperwhite

The time of books on paper is over, and the Amazon Kindle Paperwhite is a great way to jump into the future of reading. This new version of the popular Kindle e-reader features a high-resolution e-ink display that looks just like paper. The screen is easily visible in bright sunlight, and it's perfect for reading in the dark, thanks to a set of lights built into the front of the screen. The Paperwhite has better contrast than previous editions, an eight-week battery life, and a massive selection of books.

iPhone 5

The iPhone 5 has been on the grey market since September, but seeing as it was only made available to buy officially in shops in the UAE last week, it's still the most desired phone on the market. Everything Apple is still hot right now, so technology lovers will be more than a little keen to get their hands on this awesome device. This latest incarnation of the popular mobile phone features a 4-inch Retina display, 1.3 GHz dual core processor, an 1080p rear camera, a 720p front camera, LTE 4G, and iOS 6. According to reports, Apple won't be releasing another updated version of the iPhone until late next year, so that still leaves plenty of time to enjoy this tech toy before it becomes old-fashioned.



Apple iPad with Retina display



Tablets are still hot this year, and the Apple iPad with Retina display is the latest and greatest of the bunch. This fourth generation of the iPad is an amazing device that blows away the previous model, even though it's just six months newer. This awesome 10" tablet features the crisp Retina display, a 1.4 GHz dual core processor, and iOS 6. Other tablet devices, like the Microsoft Surface, are slowly gaining ground on the iPad, but it still remains the cream of the crop.



Google Nexus 7

While a lot of people are hoping to get an iPad Mini as a gift this year, the Google Nexus 7 is actually the best mid-size tablet. This 7" tablet is powered by Android 4.2.1 (Jelly Bean) and a ridiculous 1.2 GHz quad-core processor. The Nexus 7 is also noteworthy for its extremely crisp and vibrant display. Many tech reviewers have named this tablet as their gadget of the year, so it's sure to be a big hit as a gift.



Nintendo Wii U

Nintendo recently released the Wii U, which represents the merger of tablet and console gaming. While this new game console does feature improved graphics, the main attraction for most tech lovers is the new GamePad controller. This awesome device can act as a second screen for the player or can even be used instead of the TV completely. This video game console looks set to be an extremely popular choice of gift during the holiday season, and it's already sold out in many locations.

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NEWS ON WHEELS

Dubai quad champ eyes podium finish

Dubai-born Sebastian Husseini, the 2007 quad cross-country world champion, is set to participate in the Dakar Rally, from January 5 to 20, 2013. The dunes of Peru, the deserts of Chile and after crossing the Andes, the gruelling topography of Argentina will test the contenders' stamina to the very limits of endurance.

Husseini said, "I've been practising hard – 400km a day – and picking up as much knowledge and experience as I can. The good thing is that I got used to the heat while training during the UAE summer. My main concern is the overall length, the mental torture."



A three-time winner of the UAE Desert Challenge and having bagged victories in motocross events in the UAE, Husseini knows that regular training in the deserts of the UAE along with physical and mental preparedness alone is not adequate to help him achieve his podium finish dream at the Dakar Rally.

That is why he will be participating with a top team from the Netherlands – the Maxxis Super-B GoKobra/SebSports Dakar team. Husseini will compete on a Honda TRX 700 quad that has been upgraded with a larger, custom-built fuel tank to cover 300km without refuelling, specially made Maxxis tyres reinforced with Kevlar, navigation equipment and engine modifications to increase performance, reliability, speed and overall chances of a top spot finish.



Sport mode

There's a reason you're seeing more Hyundais on Dubai's roads, and that's down to their affordable precision and style. The Genesis Coupe continues in that vein.

It's not every day you pull up alongside a Ferrari and think, "A race wouldn't be out of the question". But when you're sat in a sports car with the engine humming and the revs itching to explode, the thought does cross your mind.

Now, to say that the new Hyundai Genesis Coupe can take on a Ferrari could get anyone locked up, but that's not to say it can't compete with other not-quite-super sports cars on the market.

The growl of the engine alone is enough to get your heart racing and your foot twitching to put the pedal to the metal. But the comfort of the cockpit is also a pleasure. Adorned with finely stitched leather on everything from the dashboard to the side panels and steering wheel, and heated seats just in case the "cold" Dubai winter is too much to

handle, Hyundai have managed to marry speed with interior style.

There is a slight lag on acceleration before booming through the eight automatic gears which, if you're adept at paddle-shifting is lessened, and heading over those speed-bumps at high speeds isn't advised. Although the steering will appear heavy at first, the handling and responsiveness make the weight an appreciated bonus.

With ample room in the boot, the Genesis Coupe isn't an impractical car, unless you were hoping to use it as a family car. But who in their right mind picks out a sports car to ferry the kids to and from school?

This aggressive looking machine is also jam-packed with various gadgets and gizmos, like mp3 connections, parking sensors, cruise

control, enough airbags to create your own bouncy castle, along with front and rear crumple zones, body-side reinforcements and eight-kp/h energy-absorbing bumpers. The hood also includes buckling creases and safety stops.

The traditional rear-drive sport coupe proportions remain, with a long wheelbase and short front and rear overhangs producing a classic wedge-like profile. With looks that can rival a Mustang, the Genesis stands sleek and proud, and, inside the cabin, this is every inch a sports car. From its low-set racing seats to the compact and heavy steering wheel, this 3.8-litre gives you a whole lot of dash for your dirham.

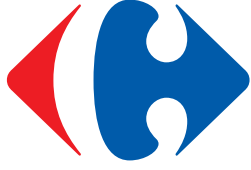
And, what's more, it's incredibly fun to drive. The central console may seem a little button-heavy at first, but it won't take long to get used to it. Some of the more fascinating additions to the console are the dials that give you torque (in Nm) and acceleration percentage readings for the petrolhead in you.

Okay, so perhaps you may not outrun that Ferrari you stopped alongside at the lights in the Hyundai Genesis Coupe, but you're certainly going to have a world of fun while you try. ●

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What not to tell the boss

Blurting out exactly what's on your mind is probably not the smartest move when dealing with a difficult boss.



WORK RELATIONSHIPS

Difficult bosses vary in personality from being controlling and aggressive to being straight up abusive. The way employees handle their difficult bosses may determine their position in the company as well as their career success. Understanding your boss can be the difference between keeping your job and finding yourself out in the cold. We often say things to our boss that we know we will have second thoughts about on that long way back to our cubicle. That shouldn't always be the case. Akhtaboot presents a number of things you should never say to your boss to help you stay on his or her good side.

I WANT A RAISE

This statement might sound like a threat, and, of course, you should never threaten your boss. The best time to ask for a raise is during your annual review. And when the time comes, be ready to tell your boss how valuable you are to the company or organisation. In fact, give them a list of all the reasons why you deserve a raise; use solid proof and numbers.

“Professionals with an eye for where they want to end up don't count hours.”

IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM

When a problem in the business or within the team is identified, even if it doesn't fall within your direct area, using the statement “It's not my problem” is unacceptable. Instead, bring about ideas and suggestions to fix the issue and put a hundred per cent into it. Saying nothing at all isn't helpful. Bosses expect input, information and ideas.

I DON'T DO OVERTIME

Professionals with an eye for where they want to end up don't count hours. Instead, they invest in themselves whenever they can. It's often in the unofficial hours that conversations and informa-

tion essential to work relationships and planning occur. Therefore, it's unprofessional to say, “I don't do overtime,” whether it's to your boss or coworkers.

I DON'T KNOW

When your boss asks you a question

you don't know the answer to, saying “I don't know” shouldn't be your only answer. What you should say is, “I don't know, but I'll find out now”. Always be prepared for all kinds of questions that you think you might encounter with your boss or, better yet, try to be one step ahead.

I CAN'T WORK WITH...

You have to be willing to work with everyone on your team, otherwise, your boss may see you have a bad attitude or you're not a team player. When a coworker acts in a way that bothers you or makes it hard to work together, speak to the person directly. Don't involve your boss as a first resort. You may even go to the HR department for advice.

When in doubt about what to say to your boss, don't say anything. Just try to listen more than you speak. Even if you are the best of friends, your relationship should always be based on trust, two-way communication, respect and a sense of partnership towards a common goal. ● By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com)



Global Village draws big crowds

Dubai's cultural, outdoor shopping and family entertainment destination plans new shows for the New Year.

LOCAL SCENE

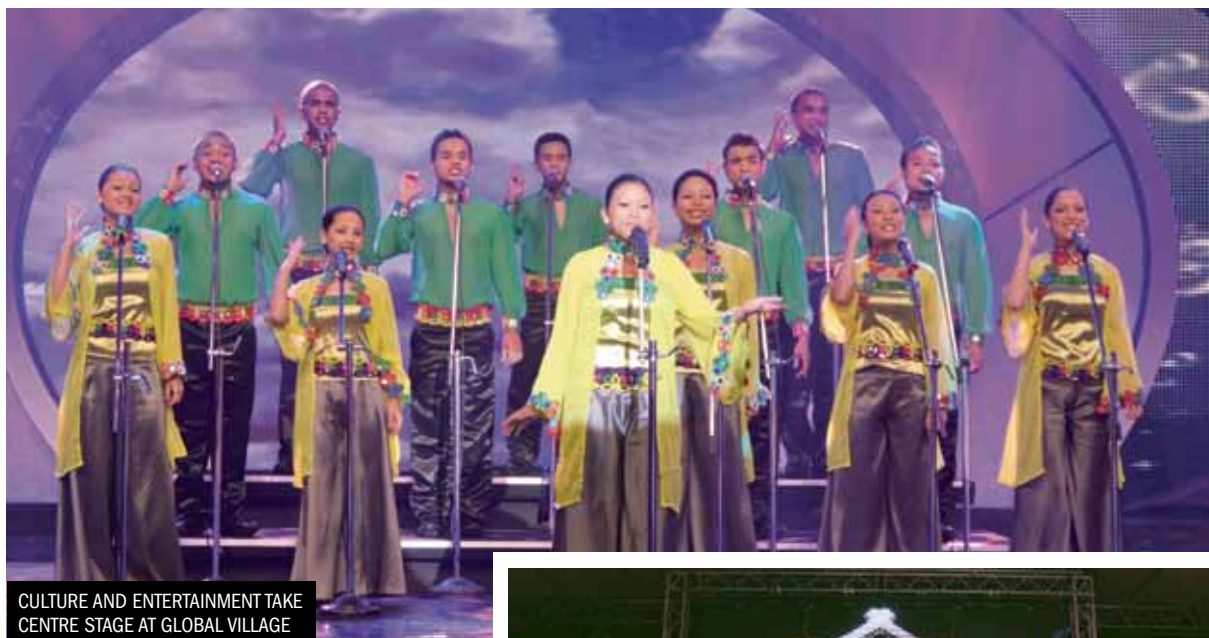
Global Village has registered a record breaking number of visitors since its opening on October 21, 2012, with over 1.8 million people visiting the cultural, shopping and entertainment family outdoor destination in the first 48 days of its operation.

The park's 2012-2013 operational season began on October 21, 2012, and will continue until March 30, 2013—a total of 161 days—the longest operational period in the park's history. This comes as a result of rising demand for a specially designed outdoor destination that offers unique entertainment, shopping experiences and dining options.

Global Village is always looking for new and innovative attractions and entertainment offers to make visits for families better than ever before. In this regard, Global Village has created a new and exciting schedule of entertainment for the weeks ahead.

The new schedule includes folk shows, concerts and various activities which will take place either at the park's main stages or within the 37 pavilions that represent more than 65 world countries.

Topping the list is the Algerian folk group Al Ahlam. The Serbian Swing Board Stunt Show is set to follow for the first time at Global Village. Their



CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT GLOBAL VILLAGE

stunt show, on a specially designed stage, features acrobatic moves, swinging boards and tactical jumps.

Cultural and street shows, dancing fountains, the fire show and Shaimak Davar will also continue to take place, in addition to a number of new shows over the next few months.

Global Village is also hosting the largest number of kiosks and restaurants ever, offering the best of world cuisines and drinks. Many of the ingredients have been shipped



TUNISIAN PAVILION

from across the world to reflect the cultural diversity of participant countries' culinary arts at the theme park.

More than 160 kiosks have been designed with the look and feel of their respective country, culture or the brand they represent, many of which are dedicated to serve visitors a taste of their country's culinary art.

Earlier last week, the Tunisian pavilion at the park was inaugurated by Elias Al-Fakhfakh, Tunisian Minister of Tourism; Tareq Baltayeb, Tunisian Ambassador to the UAE; Kamal Bin Hussein, Tunisian Consul General in Dubai; and Noora Al Mansouri, Director of Government Relations at Global Village.

The significance of Tunisia's aesthetic products, handicrafts and resources is reflected in the pavilion's signature look and feel. Art and craftsmanship are evident as soon as visitors enter, with the coppersmith engaged in making artifacts engraved on copper, silver or gold plated copper in Arabic calligraphy or drawings. Rare but real, the ceramic works of the popular Tunisian art take their pride of place in various stands

within the pavilion to reflect the country's colourful culture.

Another significant attraction at the Tunisian pavilion is the desert rose which captures both the eyes and the senses. Known as rosette formations of the minerals gypsum and barites, the desert rose is well known in Tunisia. It comes in variants of colours and shapes and retains the rose oil for a long time spreading the notes wherever they are placed indoors. The notes continue to the next stand of perfume oils – from natural amber, musk, jasmine, orange, citrus fruits to the oil bases derived from the jasmine, rose and diverse flower valleys of Tunisia. The perfume notes carry visitors until they stop at the next stand filled with the honey, jasmine and a long list of natural soap ingredients.

Tunisia is also famous for its dishdash styles, cotton and embroidery in addition to leather items and wooden items made out of olive trees. The pavilion is also filled with homegrown Tunisian products and handicrafts which highlight another dimension of the country's culture.



A tale of two cities

A city that truly offers it all, **Istanbul** is a firm tourist favourite thanks to its intriguing split personality.

While Istanbul's commercial and historical centre lies in Europe, two thirds of its population actually live in what is technically Asia. Sure, the country in which it lies, Turkey, may be as far west as Asia goes, but the country still feels worlds away from anything on the European side of the Bosphorus, one of the world's busiest waterways.

That same Asian trait is obvious in Istanbul, which straddles the waterway in between the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea. A highly cosmopolitan and crowded city, Istanbul thrives with the tenacity of Hong Kong or Tokyo, though instead of

skyscrapers there are souks. Instead of buildings with minimalist, modern interiors, there is Middle Eastern-inspired architecture, with the minarets of mosques dominating the skyline.

The thing is, though, that there is another side to Istanbul—a side that feels as deeply European as London, Paris or Vienna. In fact, the city was named one of three European Capitals of Culture in 2010.

It's easy to say that the city of Istanbul is actually two cities rolled into one. However, this oversimplifies things greatly; there are at least eight different districts that hold their own distinct identities. To see them all in one trip would be nigh on impossible—Istanbul is one of the largest cities in the world, after all—so it is best

to decide what you want out of the city before visiting. What's really good about Istanbul is that it will deliver, no matter what you want from it.

That said, the Old City is a must visit for everyone. This is essentially what used to be Constantinople from the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman periods—the rest of today's Istanbul was originally a collection of independent towns and cities, which have since been absorbed by the growing metropolis. Many of Istanbul's most famous historical sites reside in the Old City, meaning that it's worth taking a day or two out to see them.

Most of the gems here can be found around, or a short walk from, the Sultanahmet Square, and date back all the way to the days of the Roman Em-

Did you know?

- Istanbul's population hovers around the 13.5 million mark, making it one of the most populated cities in the world.
- Istanbul was originally founded around 660BC as Byzantium, before being re-established as Constantinople in 330AD.
- The city has served as the capital of four empires, including the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire, the Latin Empire and the Ottoman Empire.
- Istanbul is currently bidding to host the 2020 Summer Olympics.



pire. The Hagia Sophia, for example, was originally a basilica built for the Eastern Roman Emperor Justinian I. A worthy site for any architecture buff, the enormous dome, with its 30-metre diameter, covers what was the largest enclosed space in the world for 1,000 years. It is, undoubtedly, a masterpiece of Roman engineering.

For those more interested in Istanbul's Middle-Eastern history, the Sultanahmet Mosque—also known as the Blue Mosque—should certainly warrant a visit. Possibly one of the most impressive pieces of architecture anywhere in the world, the Blue Mosque features six grand minarets and stunning detailing on its outer architecture. Given that it is a functioning mosque, it is closed during times of prayer, but mosque volunteers will happily provide free presentations about the mosque during other hours.

For more lessons in Islamic history, head to the Eyüp Mosque Complex in the Golden Horn bay. This is the holiest Islamic shrine in the city, and the complex includes the tomb of Abu Ayyub al-Ansari, after whom the neighbourhood was named.



THE NEW CITY BUZZES

For a scenic Istanbul experience, head to the areas on the European bank of the Bosphorus, the strait that separates Europe from Asia. The area as a whole is comprised of a number of different districts that feel worlds apart, but this is because they were once independent fishing villages—some are still separated by lush woodlands, Ottoman palaces and grand parks. Whatever the feel of each area, though, there is no doubt that every single one is unbelievably pretty. What's more, the European bank is often overlooked by tourists, meaning it is quieter and more laid-back than the rest of Istanbul.

That said, the perfect getaway from the hustle and bustle can be found in the Princes' Islands, an archipelago of nine car-free islands. The bigger ones sport vast pine forests and stunning, wooden mansions, while the smaller ones cater to those who enjoy the great outdoors with some of the best camping sites in Europe.

End a visit to Istanbul by travelling to the New City, the main business district. As modern as New York, the skyline is dotted with architectural tributes to the possibilities of the 21st century. Meanwhile, the southern areas feature fine neo-classical and art-nouveau buildings, making them a popular hang-out for the young and trendy. This is where visitors go to sample the high life, dining at Michelin-starred restaurants and revelling at luxurious night clubs.

For a peek into the lifestyles of Istanbul's rich and famous, head down to the New City's Bosphorus banks to see the magnificent waterfront mansions that reside in pleasant neighbourhoods. For better comparison, this area could be described as the Beverly Hills of Europe.

Istanbul can pretty much be anything its visitors want it to be. It can both inspire and educate with its architecture, and it can provide a glance into the pages of both European and Asian history. Whatever you go there for, though, Istanbul will make for a wonderful holiday. ●

TRAVEL NEWS

flydubai widens travel agent booking network



flydubai has signed a Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) agreement with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Hahn Air, which enables more travel agents access to the low-cost carrier's flights.

The BSP system facilitates and simplifies the selling, reporting and remittance procedures of accredited sales agents, as well as improving the reach across the globe for flydubai. The contract follows agreements signed last year with global distribution systems (GDS) providers Sabre and Travelport and Amadeus.

Flydubai CEO, Ghaith Al Ghaith, said: "flydubai is always looking for ways to make travel more cost-effective and convenient from booking through to the flight. Partnerships like this BSP agreement allow us to reach out to a wider audience while also simplifying the booking process for both travel agents and passengers."

IATA manages flydubai's accounts in the UAE. At the end of 2011, the organisation had 88 BSPs, covering 176 countries and territories serving some 400 airlines, with gross sales of Dh913.83 billion. Hahn Air, a leading provider of outsourced ticketing solutions, will handle flydubai's international markets, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and India.

Simplification, savings and advanced control of financial risk are the main benefits of BSP for flydubai as there is a central point for agents to report to, one total figure is remitted and one settlement is sent to the airline, covering all agents' sales.



THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE MOSQUE

Bolt from the blue

Cobalt blue is among the most sought after colours this season and adding it to your wardrobe is sure to add an injection of glamour.

Something blue

From leather handbags to necklaces or party dresses, this colour is cropping up everywhere. Introduce this shade of blue to your wardrobe with a skirt or trousers. Or first experiment with cobalt blue heels or a handbag to get a feel for the hue. Cobalt blue is a great colour for trousers as it is bright but not over the top. The trousers can be paired with a white t-shirt for the ultimate casual look. Make a style statement by pairing a simple cobalt blue dress with a black blazer for a chic look.

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Style statement

Anything in this bold colour, whether a pair of jeans, shorts, blazers, skirt, dress, handbag or shoes, will not only help in adding brightness to your ensemble but also makes a statement. It's flashy enough to enhance any outfit and it looks good paired with almost every colour. Dress up a simple outfit with cobalt blue accessories. The colour works well with prints and solids, so one way to pull off an impressive look is to go for jacket and pants of the same cobalt colour.

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Blue ensemble

A completely blue look is sure to make you stand out from the crowd and looks great when paired with a combination of different fabrics such as suede, silk and lace or leather. If you prefer your blues more minimal, opt for a bright blue eye shadow or cobalt suede heels. Also, add a touch of blue to any outfit by incorporating a hot blue belt. This bright accessory is the perfect and subtle way to add style to any outfit.

Neutral tones

Pair cobalt with a black and white combo for contrast, or over pastels for a striking look. A pair of cobalt blue pants can also be teamed with browns and blacks. The neutral accent of these colours will balance the bright effect of the blue.



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Styling up

If you're in for a casual look, head-to-toe denim in cobalt is your answer. The cobalt dark blue blazer can soon become an essential and looks great with any colour. For someone who wants to stand out from the crowd, a cobalt blue suit is definitely the way to go. From tailored and elegant to comfy and casual, there's a range of cobalt for all styles.



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FASHION OPINION

ZOYA PASHA
DESERTS AND
DIAMONDS



Getting ready to party

Last week I attended the Dubai International Film Festival's opening party, which is definitely one of my favourite nights of the year in Dubai's event scene. The party was a glamorous affair, with celebrities, VIPs and film industry people from across the

globe attending it. As always, this year I left it until the day before to find a suitable dress for the gala. I had set myself strict criteria to abide by—the dress had to be long, a bright colour, affordable, and suitably formal for the event. I spent the entire day traipsing around the Dubai Mall looking for the

perfect dress to wear and, of course, the very last shop I tried had the

perfect one. But, during my hunt, it occurred to me that there is a distinct lack of long dresses in the shops right now. Most of the dresses I saw were knee-length, above the knee, or even shorter. I'm not impressed by this lack of long dresses in Dubai, especially as the party season is so definitely upon us. Even in trusty shops like Zara, Mango, and Topshop there was only a very disappointing selection of floor length frocks and nothing stood out at all. Not only are most dresses around at the moment not long, but, also, they were mostly black. Black cocktail dresses. Really? Can we be a little bit more imaginative please?"

“Black cocktail dresses. Really? Can we be a little bit more imaginative please?”

Can we be a little bit more imaginative please? Come on and sort it out, shops. The dress that I eventually found had a beautiful waterfall hem, was a lovely shade of coral and made me feel like a princess, so in the end I was happy—in case you wanted to know. Rant over. Until next time, Metro-riders.

Men in blue

Blue has defined masculine style for many years and men can integrate cobalt blue into their wardrobes to add a splash of this colour to their attire. Cobalt blue works well with jeans or polo shirts. Men are usually seen sporting navy or darker shades of blue, but adding cobalt to their wardrobe with coats or belts would be a great way to add personality into formal clothing. From chinos to a cobalt suit, the colour adds character and a fashionable flair to your overall look.

Marvellous milk

A glass of the white stuff can have numerous health benefits for all ages.

All of us have had a love hate relationship with milk. Growing up, all we heard from parents was 'finish your milk'. But, eventually, we all did come around, see its benefits and make our peace with it.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away, but a glass of milk a day keeps all health problems at bay. Milk is an essential drink and can be consumed plain, over cereals, or in a number of recipes. It is readily available in a number of varieties, such as flavoured or organic, and you can choose from full fat to skimmed depending on your preference.

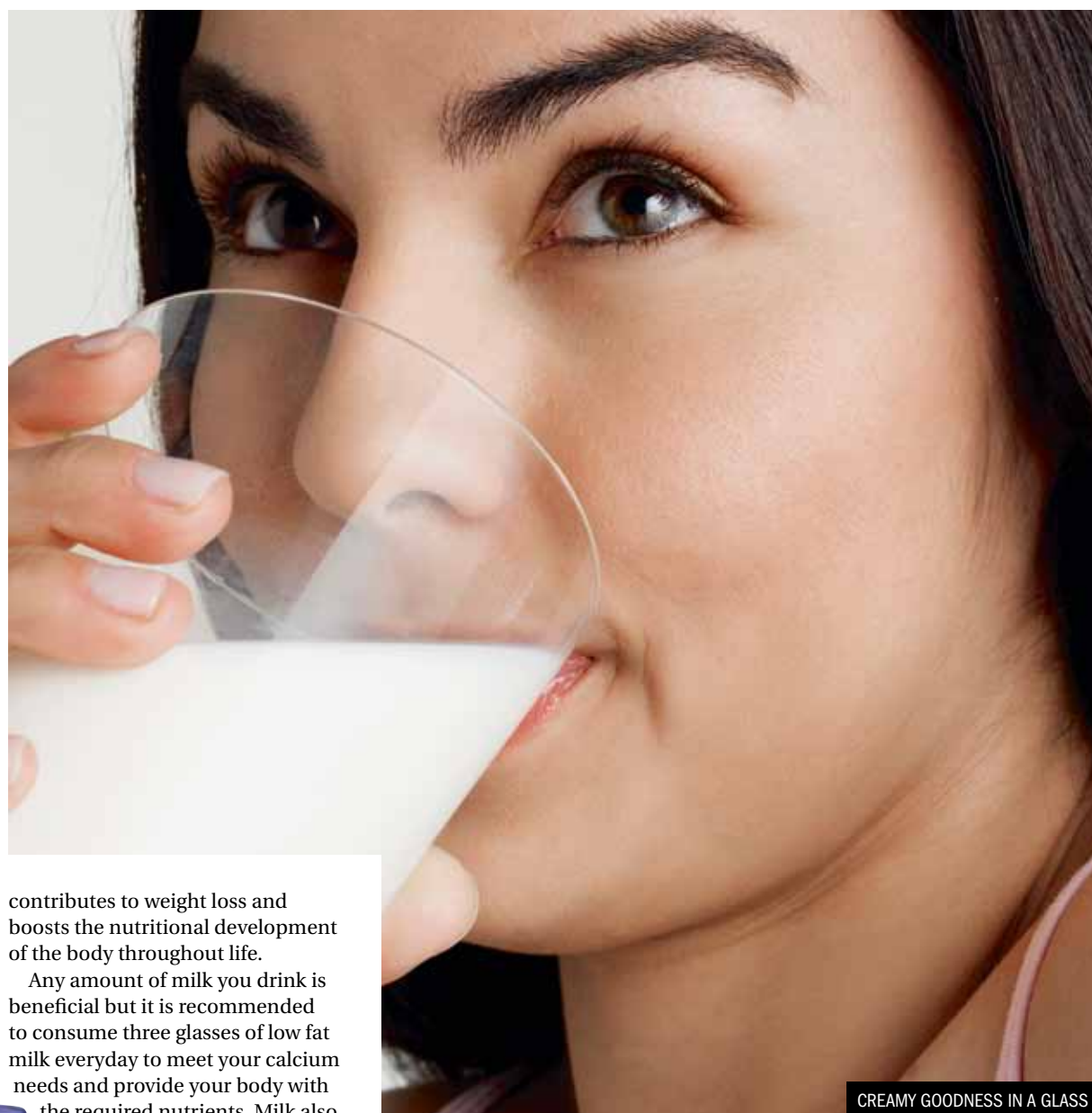
Low-fat or fat-free varieties provide a lot of nutrients and very few calories. Milk also has low sodium content and higher levels of potassium that play an important role in balancing blood pressure.

Milk is full of calcium, vitamins and has a proper mix of other nutrients that have been proven to strengthen bones and teeth, as well as promote the wholesome working of your muscles and blood vessels.

It is a well-known fact that milk contains calcium, which is great for building strong bones and teeth, and it can also protect from problems such as tooth decay and cavities.

Children can be encouraged to drink milk by giving them chocolate or strawberry flavoured milk, which contain all the necessary nutrients plus the tasty flavours. Research has also shown that calcium in milk helps improve bone density and reduces the likelihood of fractures and lowers the risk of osteoporosis. Milk is rich in vitamins A and B, supports good eyesight and has also been shown to help in lowering the risk of certain types of cancers.

The drinkers of this white beverage not only tend to have stronger bones, they have overall healthier diets and it further

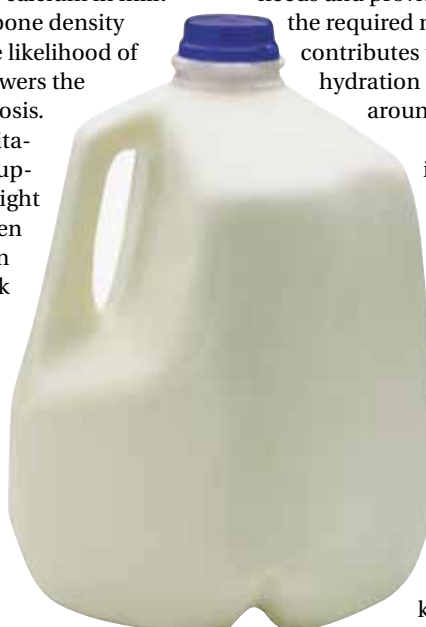


CREAMY GOODNESS IN A GLASS

contributes to weight loss and boosts the nutritional development of the body throughout life.

Any amount of milk you drink is beneficial but it is recommended to consume three glasses of low fat milk everyday to meet your calcium needs and provide your body with the required nutrients. Milk also contributes towards your daily hydration needs as it contains around 90 per cent water.

It is, therefore, important to get enough calcium from milk starting at an early age and keep the habit going throughout your life. Among the different varieties of milk available in the market, find something that fits your dietary needs and requirements, then keep on drinking. ●



Milking the benefits

1. Glowing skin

Cleopatra took milk baths to help her skin glow. Just by drinking a few glasses of milk you can do the same. Milk has lactic acid, which can act as an exfoliant to help smooth skin. Amino acids in milk keep the skin moisturised. It is also good for strong nails and healthy hair.

2. Muscle might

Milk contains proteins, which helps to build muscles. Drink a glass of milk after exercise to restock fluids that your body loses during a workout.

3. Less stress

A glass of warm milk can help to relax tense muscles, calm nerves and give you a peaceful sleep. Drinking milk during the day also boosts energy.

4. Wellness drink

Milk is an excellent antacid. Drinking a glass of milk when you experience heartburn can relax your system, while drinking it regularly helps to prevent heartburn as well as gastric issues.

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Tiger tale

The book had been described as “unfilmable”, but 10 years on, director Ang Lee has been hailed by critics for his adaptation of **Life of Pi**.

NEW RELEASE

It is **spoiling** nothing to disclose that Pi Patel, the younger son of an Indian zoo owner, survives a terrible shipwreck during a storm in the Pacific Ocean. That much you know from the very first scenes of *Life of Pi*, Ang Lee's 3D film adaptation of the wildly popular, arguably readable novel by Yann Martel. A middle-aged Pi (the engaging Irrfan Khan) tells the tale of his earlier life to a wide-eyed Canadian novelist (Rafe Spall), so we know that he made it through whatever ordeal we are about to witness.

Whether a viewer's goodwill can survive until the shipwreck is another matter. The older Pi introduces us to his younger self (played as a boy by Ayush Tandon and as a teenager by Suraj Sharma), whose life is

so besotted by wonder that those in the audience who don't share his slack-jawed piety might think that something is wrong with him, or themselves.

Young Pi's existence—and also that of the gentle, professorial man he will grow into—is dominated by religion. Pi's story, the Canadian writer is told, “will make you believe”, and Pi himself is infused with a goodness that knows no doctrinal limits. Thousands of years of sectarian conflict, it seems, can be resolved with a smile and a hushed, reverent tone of voice.

“If you believe in everything, you will end up not believing in anything at all,” warns Pi's dad, who is committed to the supremacy of reason.

But this piece of sceptical paternal wisdom identifies a serious flaw in



SURAJ SHARMA

Did you know?

- Though he filmed scenes, actor Tobey Maguire was later replaced by Rafe Spall because the director thought that Maguire was too famous for such a small role and it would have been distracting.
- Tabu and Irrfan Khan, starring as mother and son in this film, previously starred as husband and wife in *The Namesake*.
- Indian newcomer Suraj Sharma, who plays the main character Pi, never intended to audition but was cast while accompanying his brother to the casting call. He was ultimately chosen by Ang Lee's team among more than 3,000 hopefuls for the lead role.

Life of Pi, which embraces beliefs without quite taking them seriously, and is simultaneously about everything and very little indeed.

Until the Bengal tiger shows up. Thank Lee and the experts of digital imagery who conjure up a beast—named Richard Parker, for mildly amusing reasons—of almost miraculous vividness. His eyes, his fur, the rippling of his muscles and the skeleton beneath his skin, all of it is so perfectly rendered that you will believe that Richard Parker is real.

Sharma is a gangly, likable presence, with an emotional expressive-



CAPTIVATING CGI MAKES FOR A VISUALLY STUNNING MOVIE

ness that makes him good company, and sufficient humility to not mind being upstaged by a computer-generated kitty. Tales of lonely survival have a durable, almost primal appeal, and the middle section of *Life of Pi* confidently clears a space for itself alongside *Robinson Crusoe* and Robert Zemeckis's *Cast Away*.

Part of the appeal of these stories is their preoccupation with practical matters, and the problems Pi must solve form the dramatic heart of the film. How will he secure food and clean water? How will he avoid turning into Richard Parker's dinner?

The relationship between Richard Parker and Pi is complicated, involving fear and competition as well as

compassion and love.

The problem is that the narrative frame that surrounds these lovely pictures complicates them. The novelist and the older Pi are eager to impose interpretations on the tale of the boy and the beast, but also committed to keeping those interpretations as vague as possible. And also, more disturbingly, to repress the darker implications of the story, as if the presence of cruelty and senseless death might be too much for anyone to handle.

The movie invites you to believe in marvellous things, but it may cause you to doubt what you see with your own eyes, or even to wonder if, in the end, you have seen anything at all. ●

Bollywood news

SRK world tour to premiere at DSF 2013

Shah Rukh Khan will kick off the world premiere of his tour *Access All Areas* with a performance at the 18th Dubai Shopping Festival 2013, starting next month. The show is expected to be held at the Dubai Sports City and is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2013, midway during the festival which commences January 3 and ends February 3.



Inspired by Butler

John Abraham's production house is gearing up to adapt the 2009 Gerard Butler hit, *Law Abiding Citizen*, with Abraham stepping into the lead role played by Butler. The company is in talks with the producers of the film and, if all goes well, work on the film will start by mid 2013. The movie is about a man who takes revenge for his family's murder, and how that drives him to kill multiple people involved in the crime.



Music nomination for Priyanka

After winning accolades for her performance in *Barfi* this year, Priyanka Chopra is on a roll with her music, having received her first music nominations for the single, *In My City*, at the World Music Awards. The actress has been nominated for Best Debut, Best Song and Best Video. The single sees her collaborating with artist Will.i.am of Black Eyed Peas fame.

Prep time for Kareena

In order to get into the character of a journalist for her upcoming film *Satya-grah*, Kareena Kapoor will be following an elaborate preparation plan, during which she be familiarising herself with India's contemporary politics for her role in this Prakash Jha film. Kapoor's preparation for the part is said to include going through rigorous research material the director has accumulated for her character.



Listings

THE READ. WEEKLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON AT THE MOVIES.



THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

MOVIE GUIDE

Grand Cineplex - Wafi

Argo - 19:00, 21:20, 23:40
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Grand Megaplex - Ibn Battuta

101 Weddings - 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 20:00, 23:00
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Searching for Sugar Man - 21:00, 23:00, 00:55
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What's happening this week in Dubai



Dubai International Film Festival 2012

Dubai International Film Festival 2012 comes to an end with exciting fare.

Date: December 16

Audience: Public

Category: Entertainment

Venue: Madinat Jumeirah

Admission: Ticketed

Rivers of the World Exhibition

The exhibition displays artworks created by students from government schools in Dubai who have studied the history and environment of the Dubai Creek.

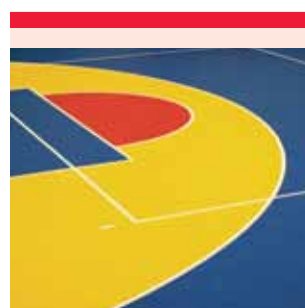
Date: Until January 31, 2013

Audience: Public

Category: Culture

Venue: Al Fahidi historic area (Bastakiya), Bur Dubai

Admission: Free



Sheikha Hind Women's Sports Tournament

This inaugural six-sport event targets women employed with Dubai Government corporations and departments.

Date: December 17 - 27

Audience: Public

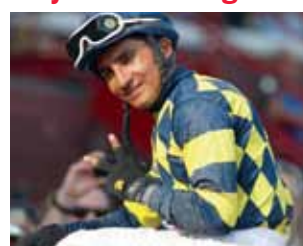
Category: Sports

Venue: Dubai World Trade Centre

Admission: Free

Telephone: 04 324 444

Meydan Race Nights



Watch world-class jockeys race to the finish line as part of the 2012-2013 racing season at Meydan.

Date: December 20

Timings: 6:30pm

Audience: Public

Category: Sports

Venue: Meydan Grandstand and Racecourse, Nad Al Sheba

Admission: General admission is free of charge, packages are priced from Dh25 onwards

Telephone: 04 327 2110



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Join Dorothy and her friends as they bring the all-time classic to life.

Date: December 20 - 31

Audience: Public

Category: Entertainment

Venue: Madinat Theatre, Souk Madinat Jumeirah

Admission: Dh165

Telephone: 04 366 6546

Gulzar e Rahat Live in Concert

Share magical moments with Sufi king Ustad Rahat Faleh Ali Khan live in Dubai.

Date: December 21

Audience: Public

Category: Entertainment

Venue: Sheikh Rashid Hall, Dubai World Trade Centre

Admission: Balcony (Dh150), gold (Dh250), diamond (Dh800), platinum (Dh1,000)

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Al Tayer visits testing centres

RTA Chairman Mattar Al Tayer inspects Wasel and Cars Testing Centres to evaluate improvements to services.

SERVICES

Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the RTA, has expressed his satisfaction with the progress made in the improvement of services at Vehicles Testing and Licensing Centres, resulting in simplified services, shorter processing times, and enhanced customer service.

Al Tayer made his comments during an inspection tour that took him to Wasel and Cars Centres for Testing Light and Heavy Vehicles and Bikes, during which he was accompanied by Ahmed Hashim Bahrozian, CEO of the Licensing Agency, and several directors of the agency.

Al Tayer set off his tour by inspecting the Wasel Testing Centre, which provides around 34 services, including testing light and heavy vehicles and motorbikes, registering new vehicles, renewing vehicles' registrations, renewing vehicle ownership, changing numbers, transferring vehicle ownership, and allowing the payment of traffic fines in addition to the issuance of vehicles transfer, export,



AL TAYER ON HIS INSPECTION TOUR

and tourism ownership certificates. During the tour, Al Tayer also visited the nursery provided by the centre for the children of visiting customers and met with several visitors to probe their views and comments about the services provided by the centre and the extent of their satisfaction.

Customers expressed satisfaction with the waiting hall, which is fitted with an ATM, touch screens enabling the processing of multiple services online, and an electronic display monitor. They also hailed the service of offering vehicle plates outside auctions in a highly transparent manner

based on queuing numbers obtained from the machine, and the short waiting time.

Al Tayer also inspected the Cars Vehicles Testing Centre, which was opened last September. While touring the centre, Al Tayer was briefed by officials from the centre about the eight services currently provided, namely the testing of light and heavy vehicles and motorbikes, the testing of transferred and exported vehicles, the registration of new vehicles, the renewal

of old vehicles' registrations, and the payment of traffic and Salik fines. Officials stated that, despite being new, the centre could process more than 3,000 transactions per month on average and expected the number to grow considerably in the not too distant future.

Dubai hosts maintenance meet

RTA participates in global Excellence in Maintenance Management Conference.

EVENTS

The RTA recently took part in the eighteenth Excellence in Maintenance Management Conference, which was held in Dubai in the presence of a panel of maintenance experts from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Azerbaijan, Canada and Britain.

Udai Al Deesi, Director of RTA Assets, praised the RTA's participation in the global conference which attracted maintenance specialists and offered a platform for exchanging views and expertise with the aim of upgrading the business process and introducing better systems and modern techniques in the field.

The RTA presented a working paper highlighting its model in implementing modern risk-based maintenance



UDAI AL DEESI

concepts instead of traditional maintenance methods applying routine or scheduled procedures. Recent

scientific studies proved that risk-based maintenance, through which a balance is made between cost, performance and risks, is considered far superior when planning for maintenance operations of any device is made on priority bases while maintaining high performance quality.

The presentation explained assets life cycles, which starts with the scrapping of assets as per the international specifications and standards of assets and properties management (PASS 55). It also shed light on how to improve assets value through mapping out clear objectives geared to strategic goals.

The RTA was awarded with a PASS 55 Certificate last year in recognition of adopting a unique and pioneering model in the Middle East.

RTA's latest online number plates auction proves a hit

AUCTIONS

The sixteenth online number plates auction recently launched by the RTA proved popular among various community members of all ages. Around 201 number plates were listed in the auction, comprising J, K, L and M-coded plates that were offered for bidding over three days, resulting in total proceeds of Dh922,600.

Mohammed Abdul Karim Nimaat, Director of Vehicles Licensing at the Licensing Agency, said, "Online auctions capture the attention of a wide spectrum of community members who find it highly transparent and credible. This sort of auction offers them added comfort and fun in obtaining their fancied numbers in a speedy and hassle-free environment."

RTA opens new Danube station

Plaque unveiled at BurJuman Metro Station which serves an average of 400,000 passengers per month.



DIGNITARIES INAUGURATE THE NEW DANUBE METRO STATION

CELEBRATIONS

The Roads & Transport Authority (RTA) recently opened Danube Metro Station (formerly known as Jebel Ali Industrial Metro Station) on the Red Line of the Dubai Metro, thus raising the number of stations opened for passengers to 28 out of 29 stations on the Red Line. The RTA also recently unveiled the plaque of BurJuman Metro Station (formerly known as Khalid Bin Al Waleed Metro Station).

Sultan Saeed Al Mansouri, Minister of Economy, accompanied by Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the RTA, officially opened the Danube Metro Station for Dubai Metro users.

“Through Serco, the Dubai Metro operator, the RTA finalised all technical trial runs of the Metro, including communication systems, automatic operation system, power feed, air-conditioning, electronic systems on board, lighting systems and the integration of various subsidiary systems along with their components. It also finalised the training of front-end and customer service employees at the station [Danube] on various systems who have already been deployed after being subjected to intensive training courses in customer service, implementation of regulations and



THE PLAQUE UNVEILING AT BURJUMAN METRO STATION

procedures chalked out by the RTA for maintaining the facilities of the project, and law enforcement,” said Al Tayer.

Rizwan Sajjan, Founder & Chairman of Danube Group, said: “The group takes pride in the solid partnership forged with the RTA in the implementation of the Naming Rights of the Dubai Metro Project. This partnership is part of the group’s commitment to support the infrastructure of Dubai emirate, besides associating the name of the group with such a

vital and giant project such as the Dubai Metro with the aim of cementing the brand, and boosting the partnership with the public sector.”

BurJuman Metro Station

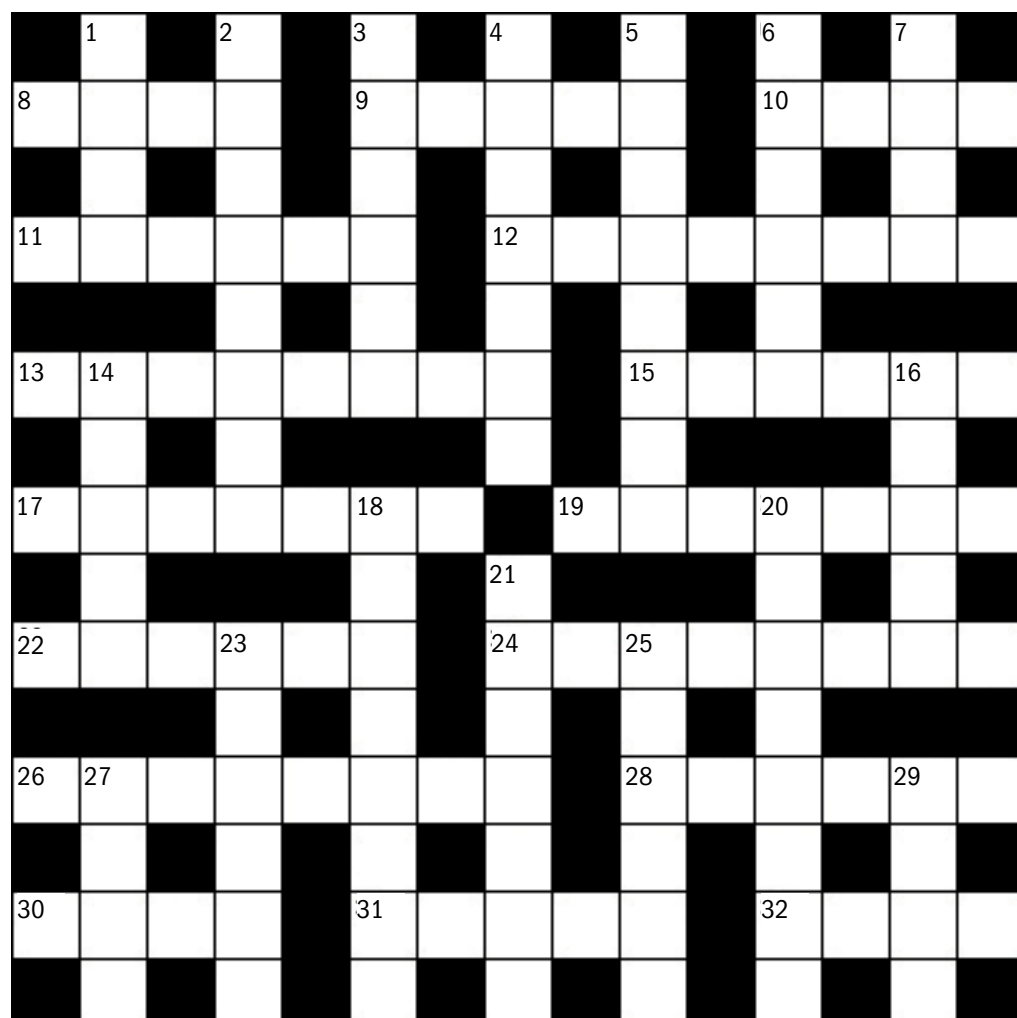
Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the RTA, accompanied by Essa Ibrahim, General Manager of BurJuman Center, unveiled the plaque of BurJuman Metro Station (formerly known as Khalid Bin Al Waleed Station). This comes after BurJuman joined the

Naming Rights of the Dubai Metro project.

“BurJuman Metro Station is considered the second interchange station where the Red and Green Lines intersect and features high-class internal decorations ranking it among the world’s most gorgeous stations. The station is also very busy having being used by 15.6 million persons since the Metro operation started in September 2009, with an average monthly ridership of about 400,000 passengers,” said Al Tayer.

Taking your time

Ponder over our puzzles, relish a new recipe and catch up with our cartoons.



Crossword

Across

8 Note (4) **9** A literary genre (5) **10** Tools for punching small holes (4) **11** Finger or toe (6) **12** Labelled with digits (8) **13** Often (8) **15** Having rounded protuberances (6) **17** Acknowledgement of payment (7) **19** Not a departure (7) **22** A scornful smile (6) **24** Blast offs (8) **26** Perfect or complete (8) **28** Burns (6) **30** Fruit of the blackthorn bush (4) **31** Exercise (5) **32** Taro (4)

Down

1 Prefix indicating change (4) **2** Dress shop (8) **3** Breed of penguin (6) **4** Type of nut (7) **5** Legislator (8) **6** Shaman (6) **7** Skid (4) **14** Genus of rhubarb (5) **16** Courageous (5) **18** Grazing lands (8) **20** In a rage (8) **21** Haemophiliac (slang) (7) **23** Boarded (6) **25** Makes angry (6) **27** Light or tulip (4) **29** Current (4)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Tasty tiramisu

Translating as 'pick me up', this Italian dessert makes a perfect sweet treat that will brighten up everyone's day.

Ingredients

2 eggs
70g caster sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla essence
70g plain flour
165ml liquid cream
1 tin condensed milk
500g mascarpone cheese
2 tbsp vegetarian gelatine powder dissolved in hot water
3 tbsp dissolved coffee
1 1/2 tbsp cocoa powder

Method

1. Beat the eggs and caster sugar in a bowl for six-eight minutes then add

the vanilla essence.

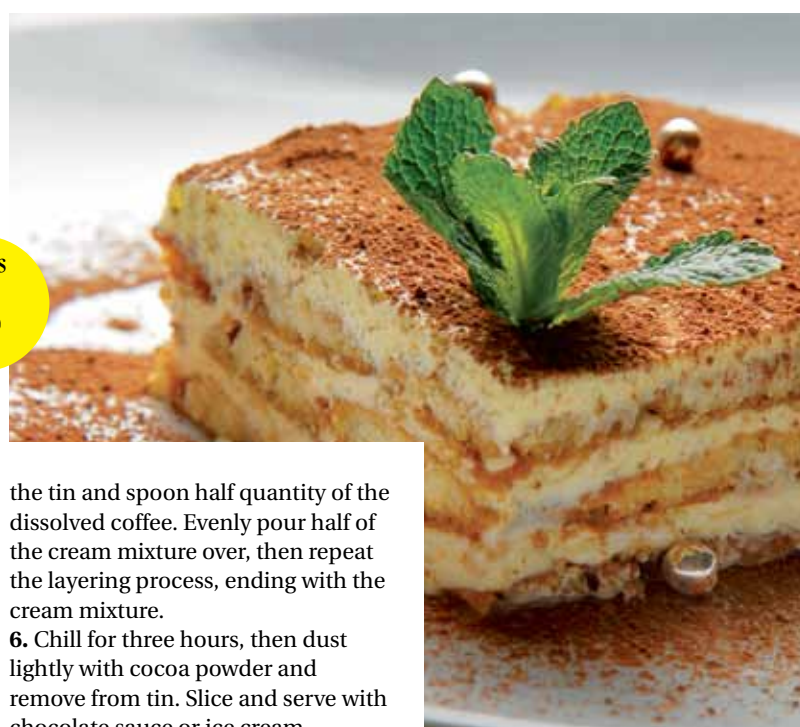
2. Sift the flour over the egg mixture and use a spoon to fold the mixture together.

3. Pour the mixture into a greased and floured round tin. Bake in a 190 degrees C preheated oven for 20 minutes. Then move out to cool.

4. In a bowl, combine fresh liquid cream, condensed milk and mascarpone cheese. Mix until the mixture is smooth and firm then pour over the gelatine mixture and stir constantly until well combined.

5. Slice the cake into two layers. Place one layer of cake over the bottom of

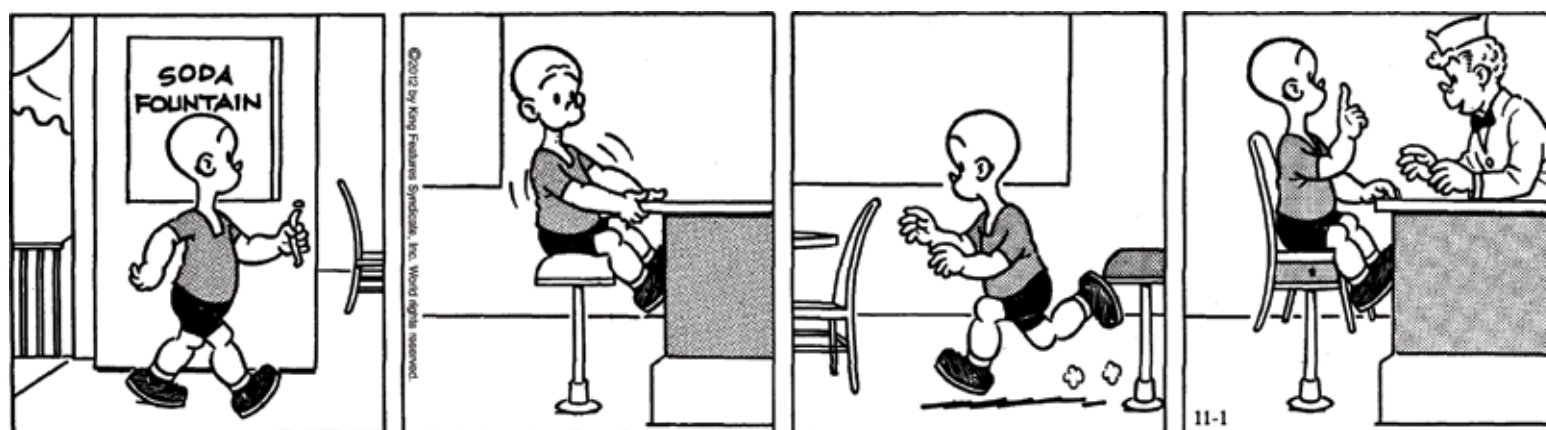
Serves
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the tin and spoon half quantity of the dissolved coffee. Evenly pour half of the cream mixture over, then repeat the layering process, ending with the cream mixture.

6. Chill for three hours, then dust lightly with cocoa powder and remove from tin. Slice and serve with chocolate sauce or ice cream.

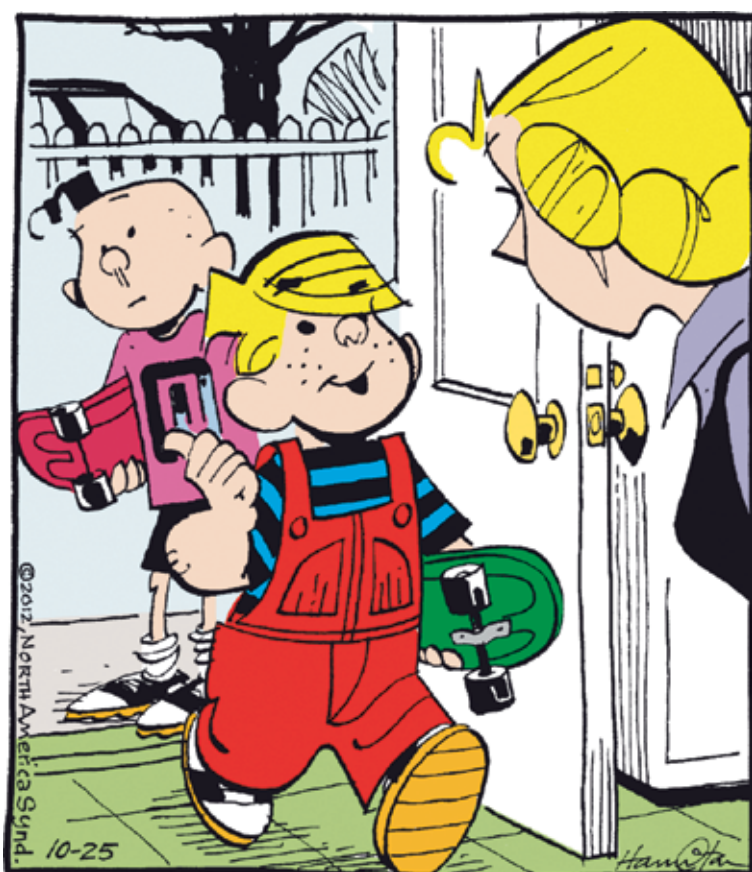
Henry



Spiderman



Dennis the menace



"JOEY'S MOM SAID HE HAD RUN OUT OF EXCUSES, SO I MADE UP ONE FOR HIM."

Who's this?

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Puzzles

Arrowword

Smells, odours	___ Hynde, rock singer	No longer operative	Purpose	Scottish river	Leonard ___, Spock in <i>Star Trek</i>	Pleased, happy
			Abilities			
In other words (abbr)	Menagerie	Floating vessel		___ Polo, Vene- tian explorer	'Hunter' constellation	Herd animals
		Inactive, out of use	Places down	Over	Tempers	
Made dirty				Town on the Firth of Clyde		Molecule of genetics (inits)
Carbonated water			Rowing blade		Carp-like fish	
Gives up (power)	King's ___, Norfolk town			Duplicate		
			Self-esteem		Downy surface of cloth	

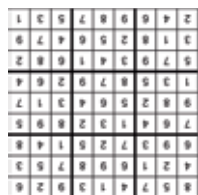
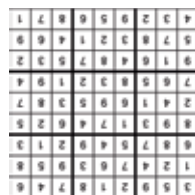
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6			7	2		1		
7			1		2		9	
9						3	1	
	3							4
					6		2	
		8						9
		6	9					

Sudoku 2

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

ANSWERS
ARROWWORD

SUDOKU 1

SUDOKU 2

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What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Things may not go according to plan at the start of the week, but don't panic. Try to slow down and postpone making any important life decisions. A positive attitude will brighten up future prospects, while a change of scenery could also renew your spirits.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

There will be a bounce in your step as the week begins and you may look at the world more optimistically, with a more philosophical approach. You feel ready to handle work issues and are comfortable enough to take a look at other people's perspectives.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Someone or something deserves your undivided attention this week. You are mentally energised; teeming with ideas and with big plans up your sleeve. The urge to splurge will also be strong, but perhaps take a step back and think before spending big.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Work before play needs to be your motto this week. A long list of tasks will require your attention, so keep your plans low-key and bear in mind that change is good. You might think actions speak louder than words, but everything is open to analysis.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

You may be tempted to invest in a risky venture although others around you might advise against it. Make sure you do the maths before taking the plunge. Maintain your cool in all circumstances, although you might have to make an effort not to stir up drama.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Try taking a new approach to an old problem this week, as your previous tactics are just not working. You are in need of a challenge or a healthy shake-up to your routine. You will need to go above and beyond the norm to do so, but it will be worth it.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

Someone who understands your hopes can help you bring some of this energy into reality. This week, think 'out with the old, in with the new' and recognise that an old issue may be wearing a new guise. You will definitely miss the boat if you hesitate to act.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

Persistence is the key to your success so keep trying until you achieve a cherished goal this week. Your determination and belief make up what others call luck. Others love your ideas and will have fun fulfilling them, whether it's a group trip or one-to-one time.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

A supporting role earns you gratitude and loyalty and brings you flexibility instead scrutiny. You will instinctively know the right path on which to walk. Life may become very fast-paced so be prepared to start running. It's also a great time for you to mix and mingle.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Those who have looked doubtfully at your slow and steady pace are suddenly wondering how you got so far. Don't give your secrets away, even when you're talking to close friends. Frustration could be the name of the game, so be patient with life's little annoyances.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

You are not feeling muck like an optimist right now. Talk to someone you trust and be active. A flash of insight will help you resolve a dilemma, so rely on your instincts in all circumstances. You may need some alone time so find a space where you can unwind.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Stand up for yourself and know when to walk away. The choices you are making look good, and a mutually beneficial compromise earns you admiration all round. A certain situation won't work out how you had hoped, but this could be a blessing in disguise.



This week's local weather

SUN

16th

PARTLY CLOUDY
HIGH 25C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 54%

MON

17th

PARTLY CLOUDY
HIGH 24C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 52%

TUE

18th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 49%

WED

19th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 49%

THU

20th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 45%

FRI

21st

WARM
HIGH 24C
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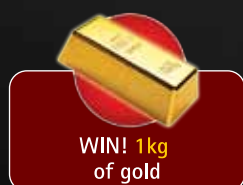
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