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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.

✉ AVOID ROAD ACCIDENTS

The first thing that I read in the newspapers each day is the headlines and mishaps, if any. Over the past few days, it is rather alarming to read the reports on several road accidents, though it is the same truth as in any city. Despite several rules and regulations, the number of accidents is seemingly increasing everyday. This is very disappointing. People need to learn how to drive properly. Careless driving should be subject to strict punishment, and reckless drivers should be banned from driving. My prayers go out to all those families who have been struggling to recover following an accident.

Nisrin Arsiwala

✉ ALIGHTING ISSUES

Dubai Metro makes residents

comfortable while travelling. However, one thing that I would like to share at this time, is that passengers travelling near the exit door of the train do not give way to a co-passenger who is trying to alight from the train. I would request the passengers standing by the door to give way to those disembarking the train.

Amir

✉ KEEP RIGHT

I have noticed that Metro commuters often can't seem to get through the crowds in the station because people seem to be occupying every single inch of the walkway. I suggest the "keep right" policy on walkways and escalators. This will avoid over-crowding and saves time. If you're not running late, stay on the right so that those who are in a rush to get to the train can just walk straight past you with no hassle. I hope the commuters of Dubai can practise this.

Chloe

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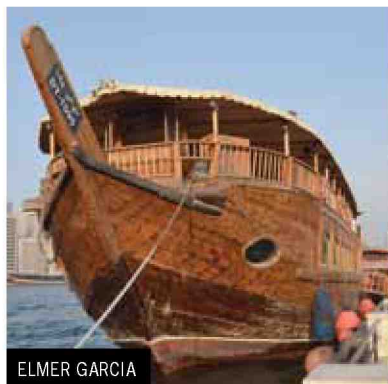


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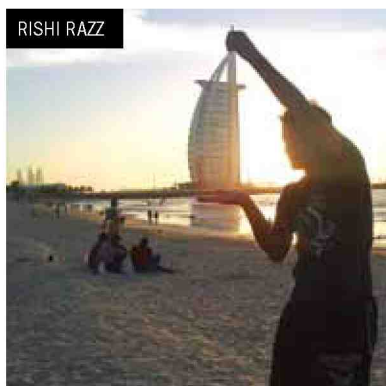
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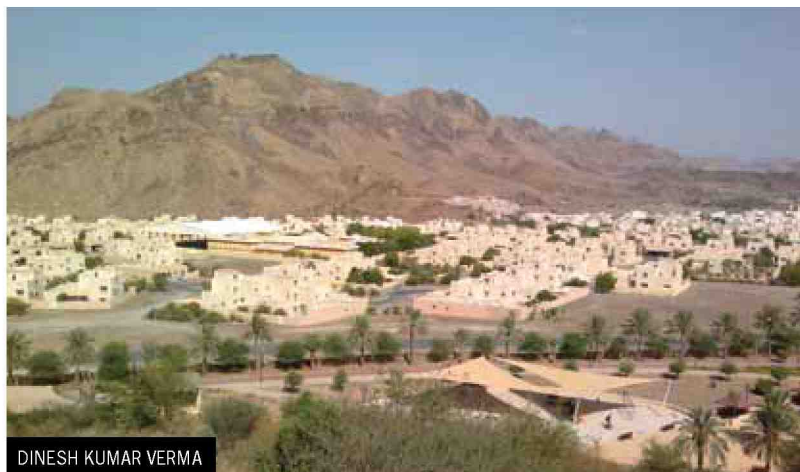
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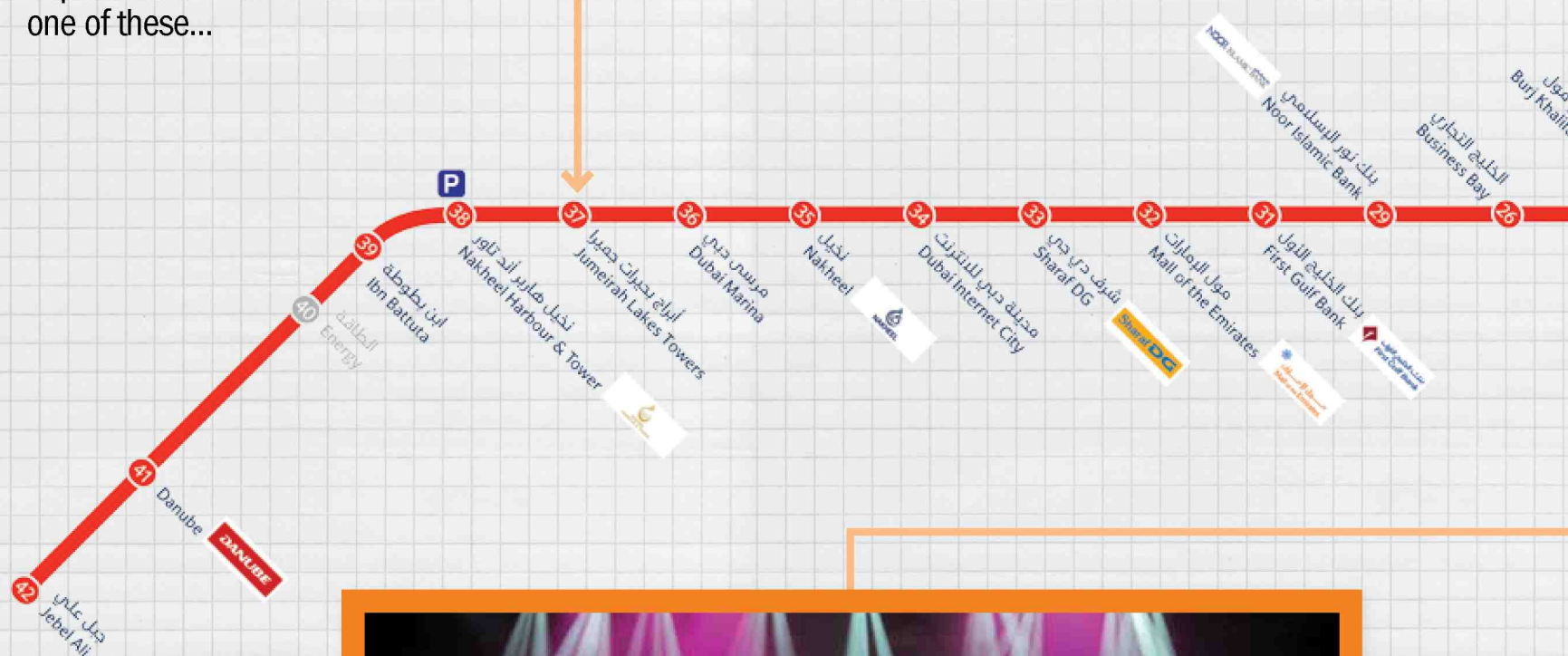
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Exhibition by Rola Hamza and Yasser Khattar

JANUARY 15 - 19

ARSH ART GALLERY, INDIGO ICON TOWER, JLT

This new exhibition presents a selection of works from two Saudi artists, Rola Hamza and Yasser Khattar, whose creations provide a thought-provoking and unique glimpse into their own personal experiences through life and through their art. The exhibition is open to the public from 10am until 6pm, Saturday to Thursday.



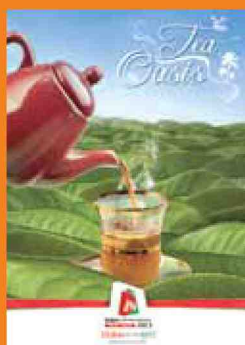
Al Rahbani play

JANUARY 10 - 12

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Fans of art and theatre will be enchanted by the highly acclaimed musical *A Ard El Ghajar*, produced by the legends of Arabic musical theatre, the Rahbani family. This musical offers visitors a show full of rich dialogues, vibrant costumes, songs and beautiful choreography. The act will be supported by more than 70 actors, singers and dancers on stage. The play depicts the fate of an Arab emigrant, Salvado Kozhaya Hussein, who returns to his homeland to find himself trapped in incidents he has nothing to do with, which leads to an unexpected ending. The show starts at 8.30pm.

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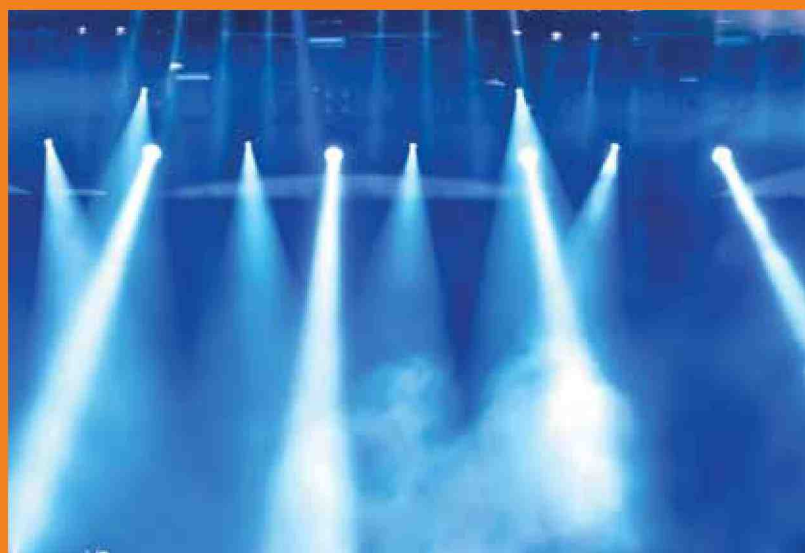


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Aficionados of the brew will get a chance to tickle their taste buds with the best teas from the world over and enrich their knowledge about their favourite beverage. The event will feature a tea market where visitors can buy the best from an eclectic collection of teas from all the major tea growing and consuming countries of the world. Each kiosk in the tea market will have a wide sample of tea for tasting and purchase, as well as famous food items related to the particular country that the kiosk represents. Expert tea tasters will be available to show people how to brew the best tea and educate them about its varieties and finer points, as well as its history.



Dubai Festival City Mall light and water show

UNTIL FEBRUARY 28

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Experience Dubai Festival City Mall's spectacular light and water show at Festival Marina. Timings are from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and on weekends until 11.30pm. The diversified mix of light, fire and laser effects will keep everyone entertained with five shows daily. The show will exhibit an iconic 130 metre-wide water feature complemented by two 40 metre-wide giant water screens that project striking laser shows and image presentations.

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Coming up this week



TODAY

What is real? It's a question that has puzzled countless people. As human beings, we're capable of perceiving only a fraction of what surrounds us. Many philosophers have put forth the notion of reality being an illusion. One recent version of this theory made the news in 2003. What if our reality is actually a computer world that exists in some other reality?



MONDAY

Smartphones have thousands of apps designed to enhance productivity, simplify social networking or provide useful benefits. If it's entertainment with no redeeming social value you seek, you will find it in these apps.



TUESDAY

Comic book character Popeye is synonymous with being strong thanks to all the iron in the spinach he eats. But lately, there's been some talk that spinach is not all that good a source of iron.



WEDNESDAY

New nations seem to pop up with alarming regularity. But a nation disappearing is quite uncommon. What countries have disappeared in the twentieth century?



THURSDAY

Scarlett and Rhett's relationship in *Gone With The Wind* may seem fit only for fiction, but we bring you historical duos that fit the bill, with love stories that span the romantic spectrum.



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)

What technology or science research should we be focusing our energy on, or what are you most looking forward to seeing in 2013, and why?

With the world in depletion of the climatic changes; I want to see a 2013 of green energy with all automobiles using cleaner energy to protect the globe. So go Green 2013.
— Eric Onyait

I would love to see a technology that won't make people unproductive and something that is eco-friendly. I'm not against innovations and the like, but we need to balance the

purpose of it. We make technologies to make things easier, not to depend on it. I guess the world is so crazy right now with new things that we tend to be lazy and unproductive. I think high improvement on solar technologies will be awesome.

— Herdy Villabroza Hervera

Do you think men, or women, make better leaders? Why?

Men have domination on almost all leadership areas of how the world works but women, on the other



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hand, have made many great strides as well. It knows no gender really when it comes to who makes it better, it's what contributions they have to make to be followed by their constituents that is significant.

— Clen David

Gender is not an issue, we should select a leader not just basing it on what our eyes can only see. Most of the time politicians try their best to maintain their reputation but does anyone try to bother checking the character of a leader? I believe that if the character is good and the intention is pure, corruption will not prevail. An aspiring leader should serve and think for the benefits of others; not for his or her ownself.

— Francess Pamela Gamboa Sevilla

Gender has nothing to do with being a good leader. A strong heart



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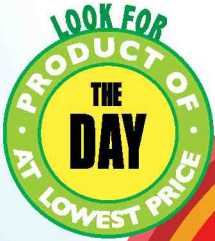
and mind, a great sense of responsibility, knowing what is ethically moral for everyone, and will uphold equal justice without prejudice, are good characteristic of a leader. Any gender who have those will be a good leader.

— Juice Blank

It is still the men's world. But women have great eyes for details and they can definitely do much better as world leaders.

— Alex Uzo Offonabo

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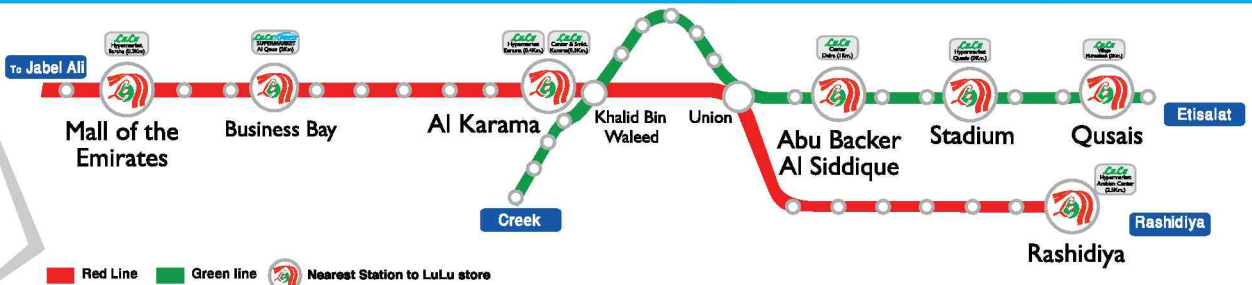
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Malted marvel

How the bottle of vinegar in your kitchen cabinet can come in useful for much more than flavouring food.



Get rid of glue

If you're struggling to get the sticky remnants of a price label off, most people will head straight for a bottle of nail polish remover. However, for a less potent and completely chemical-free option, neat vinegar can be used to dissolve many common adhesives.

Sparkling windows



Instead of spending money on bottles of window cleaning solution, vinegar will do just as good a job—if not even better—plus it comes free of potentially harmful chemicals found in many artificial cleaning products. To make your own window cleaner, simply mix two tablespoons of white vinegar with two litres of water and dispense into an empty spray bottle, which you can pick up for a couple of dirhams in most supermarkets. Squirt the mixture onto the glass, work it around in circular motions with newspaper and hey presto, wonderfully clean and streak-free windows.

Furniture saver

Your beautiful wooden table may take pride of place in the living room, but what should you do when you get a pesky water ring on it? Before you call a furniture repair specialist or fork out for branded potions, try mixing equal parts of vinegar and olive oil and rubbing the mark gently with a small amount of the mixture on a soft cloth. Neat white vinegar can also be used to remove water marks from leather furniture, but go easy when trying this method—as in some cases—the leather could react to the vinegar if you use too much of it.



Wonderful whites

While the thought of washing your clothes in vinegar might not conjure up thoughts of sweet-smelling, line-fresh laundry, vinegar is actually just as good for keeping your whites bright and your colours clean as the most expensive laundry products on the supermarket shelves. Simply add half a cup of white vinegar to your machine's wash cycle to brighten up the colours in each load.



Caution for cats



While we all love animals dearly, unfortunately, in Dubai, cats can become a nuisance—particularly if they develop a soft spot for fouling around the outside of your home. To deter free-roaming felines from attending to their business on your doorstep, simply pour vinegar around the area every couple of months. While the odour quickly wears off to the human nose, cats hate the smell and will quickly find another place to go.

Muscle relief

If you often suffer from muscle cramps—particularly during the night for no apparent reason—the solution is often to boost potassium levels in your body. While bananas may be the first choice for most people, some believers in the wonders of vinegar suggest mixing one tablespoon of apple vinegar with one teaspoon of honey and hot water to create a cramp-relieving drink with mega potassium power. There are also those who believe that a tablespoon of vinegar gets rid of hiccups, but we'll leave it up to you to try this theory.

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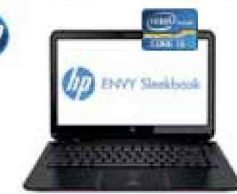
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Tiger Translate heads to Dubai

Artists from across the Middle East get ready to bring their own unique regional flavour to the international event.

Tiger Translate looks set to rock the city once again, as Pat Mahoney, of dfa/LCD Soundsystem fame, was recently revealed as the headline act at the 2013 edition of the event. The popular urban festival is scheduled to take place at the Media One Hotel on January 24.

Having formed his first band at the age of 13, Mahoney's affinity for music has come in many guises over the years, having been part of a number of bands and groups, covering punk rock to disco. Mahoney will now be bringing his diverse DJ set to Dubai for the first time. His act will be preceded by former Bugz in the Attic founding member Paul 'Seiji' Dolby, who has recently remixed artists, such as Erykah Badu, Crookers, Florence and The Machine and Gorillaz, among others.

The upcoming event is set to return to our city after a successful edition in 2012, where fans of music and art were treated to a visual and aural feast, as a variety of global cultures came together to form a melting pot for street-based art forms.

Bridging the gap between East and West this year, Kuwaiti DJ and music producer Zahed Sultan, along with Dubai-based singer/songwriter Hamdan Al Abri, will round out the live musical artists and will collaborate on a unique musical performance with Tim Tapsell, winner of November 2012 Tiger Translate Auckland's music component, who will also play his award-winning entry on the night. DUST's Megadon Betamax and James Locksmith will also support the music line-up on the evening.



SEIJI JOINS THE EXCITING LINE-UP

Hamdan Al Abri said, "The concept of Tiger Translate embraces collaboration, and the distinct styles of the musical acts lined up to take part will allow us to explore the boundaries of our musical capabilities; I can't



wait to hear some of the collective pieces that come out of this event. It should make for some groundbreaking sounds."

For the visual art lovers of Dubai, Enforce One (aka Gary Yong), will showcase his talents on the night, while Anunaran Jargalsaikhan and Batbayar Purew from Mongolia will also be on hand to demonstrate their artistic skills live.

The line-up for this year is a distinct fusion that symbolises the bridging of East with West, and provides something for everyone.

All the artists and musicians taking part will bring their own unique styles to the event, meaning the growing urban scene of our city can enjoy an opportunity to revel in the expressive forms they enjoy the most, at an event that merges diverse influences of street art and music from around the world right here in Dubai.

The creative platform at the event provides emerging artists with the unique opportunity to engage in creative exchanges and collaborations with international artists, and, furthermore, to showcase their work on the world stage. Each year, artworks by emerging artists are curated according to a specific theme, then showcased online and at events and exhibitions across the world.

So, if you like your music edgy and your art urban, head down to this unique event to help translate your passion to the rest of the city. ●

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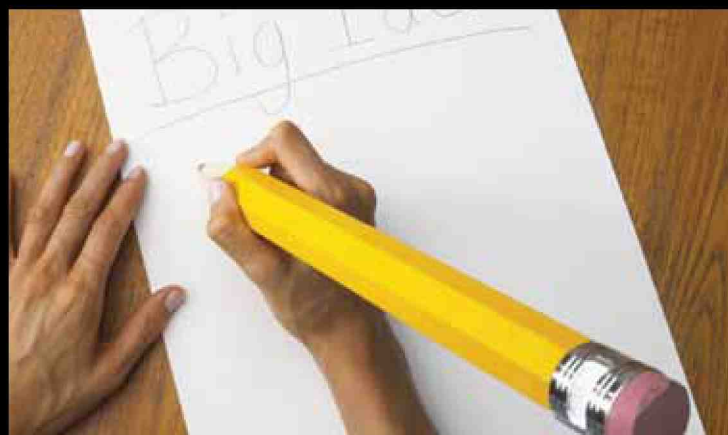
YouTube is the second biggest search engine around. It can drive a huge amount of traffic, build your brand, and work wonders for your search engine optimisation (SEO).



Find your angle

The first thing you need to do is think about your overall YouTube content strategy: what your videos are going to be about, how they are going to be presented, how they are going to hook viewers, and how often you are going to release new ones.

As always at the beginning of a new content-based campaign, the single most important thing to do is to get together with your colleagues and brainstorm some ideas. Nothing is too stupid or outrageous at this point. You can always filter the ideas later.



Make a plan

Neither YouTube nor Google care if you upload new videos with clock-work regularity, but that doesn't mean that you shouldn't care.

Working to a specific publication schedule is vital for getting things done when you have all sorts of potentially more urgent tasks to look after. That might be one new video per week, one new video per month, or whatever suits you. Just stick to whatever you decide.

Think about your channel

Your channel is your home on YouTube, just like your profile on Twitter or your page on Facebook. It's where your videos live, but it can be customised. Make sure you add all the information you can to it: your links (including social profiles), description, and location.

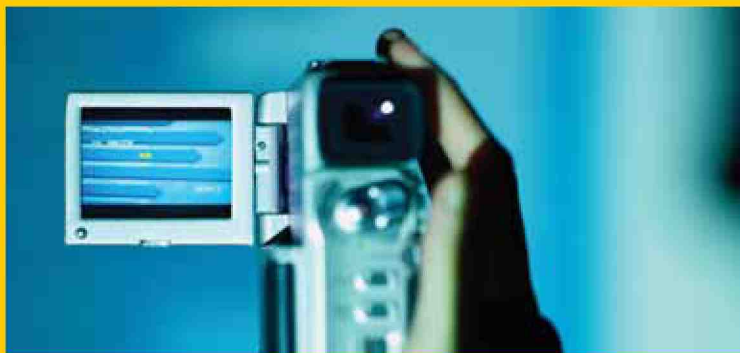
It's also worth adding some other channels to your own page, as you see fit, as part of the spirit of getting involved in the site as a whole. Add channels that you personally like or think are relevant to your customers, but not your competitors, of course.

Get involved

Remember that YouTube is essentially a social site. It's all about sharing and commenting. If you want other people to interact with your videos, do the same elsewhere. This will help build up your profile and pull people into your channel.

Comment on other people's videos (or even post video responses), share, subscribe to channels – do all the usual things you'd do on a social media site. Becoming a regular commenter on a channel you like or respect can work well.





Time for action

Shooting a new video isn't as hard or intimidating as it first might seem, and you don't have to hire an expensive video company to do a good job. In some cases it is, in fact, much better to look deliberately amateurish than to fail at professional production.



Upload and optimise

Once you've got your shiny new video, it's time to get it posted. The process of uploading a video is pretty simple and YouTube will guide you through that if you've never done it before. It's the process of optimising the video with which many people struggle.

Before you start, you'll want to do a bit of keyword research. Keywords you're already using from an existing SEO or AdWords campaign may be useful, but YouTube also provides its own keyword tool.

The title is massively important as well, of course, both for keywords and for encouraging people to click through. Experiment with some different formats here and see what works best for you, but always remember that you have to use the title to give people a reason to spend their time opening your video.

Promote prolifically

Simply uploading a video and hoping for the best is rarely enough. Start to promote it. Part of YouTube's ranking algorithm is based upon the number of views you've already had (yes, it's a bit of chicken and egg), so try to get a good number of views early on for each video.

You can do this by embedding the video in your own blog and Facebook page (always embed, don't link), tweeting about it and putting it on any other social profiles you have. If you have a good enough relationship with any other site owners, ask them to embed it too: remember, your content can't be shared and promoted enough.

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Pure horsepower

The new 458 Italia by Ferrari proves that the supercar manufacturer is still furlongs ahead of the competition.

There's no doubt that the Ferrari badge is one of the most recognisable car brands on the planet. Pictures of the company's famous cars have adorned young boys' bedroom walls for decades, with no signs of that stopping any time soon.

Although most people will never get behind the wheel of a Ferrari, those that do can rightly expect something rather special. With the latest 458 Italia, that's possibly the understatement of the decade.

The car's sleek two-seater body is wrapped dramatically around its incredible 4.5 litre V8 engine, giving the driver more than 500 horsepower under their right foot. But the main question on everyone's lips is what is it like to actually drive?

There are few superlatives that remain unused for the 458, but perhaps the most accurate is 'devastating'. The car will brutally accelerate from any speed in almost any gear and the

accompanying wail from the triple exhausts will make sure everyone hears you coming. Over the years the famous Ferrari sound has changed from a guttural howl to a more mechanical clash, but it's still something incredible to behold.

Accelerating to 100 km/h takes just 3.4 seconds, but it's the mid-range drive that takes your breath away. Relentless power makes a 325 km/h top speed more than believable.

It's also quite smooth on less than perfect roads as well. Gone are the days when supercars banged and clattered over rough surfaces. Ferrari's insanely clever suspension soaks it all up smoothly without a second thought.

Inside it's just as dramatic. From the figure hugging driver's seat, the controls are almost entirely mounted on the steering wheel, F1 style. Wipers, engine settings and the paddle shift all fight for space in front of you.

The designers really didn't hold back with the 458, giving it an achingly beautiful body, which stops traffic from almost any angle. The previous 430 was a stunning car, but the 458 certainly tops it for visual drama. It's also much neater at the back and sleeker in profile.

It's hard to find fault with the 458, as Ferrari seem to have improved



almost everything from the 430, which seems an impossibility. The only criticism would possibly go to the steering wheel mounted indicators, which make signalling to leave a roundabout almost impossible.

Driving the 458 Italia is close to automotive perfection, as long as you forget about practicality, running costs, etc. But then, when you're behind the wheel, all those things simply drift out of your mind.

Few cars can take you away from the everyday, leaving just the sheer pleasure of driving, but the 458 is one such car. Show it a deserted road, ditch the passengers and switch off the stereo, and it'll take you anywhere. ●

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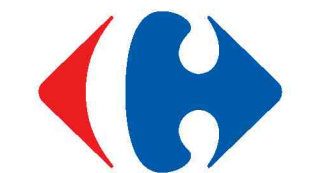
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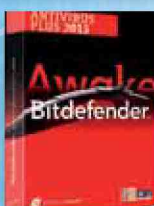
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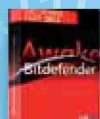


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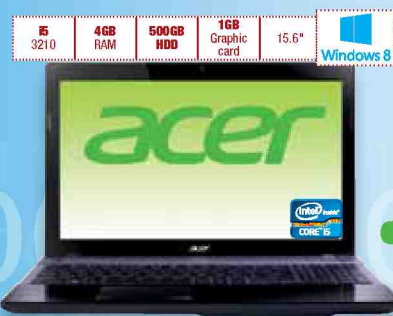
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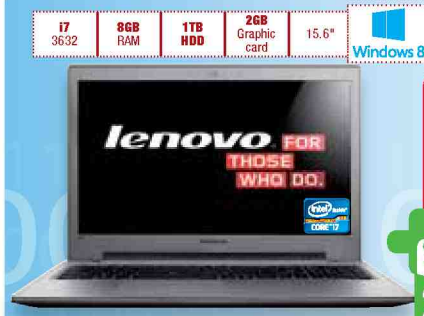
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RECRUITMENT

There's a lot of hype out there about the best places to work for. Thousands of people just like you dream of working for one of the world's top companies such as Google, LinkedIn and Facebook. There's far more to landing such jobs than luck; you should be prepared to jump through peculiar hoops and set yourself apart from the crowd. It's not only that, but you should also take into consideration that the majority of top companies prefer internal promotions as opposed to hiring someone from the outside. So do you have what it takes to get hired by a top company? Akhtaboot reveals five tips to follow that can help you get your foot in the door of these companies.

CHANCES OF SUCCESS WITHOUT HIGHER EDUCATION ARE VERY SMALL

Top companies are looking for the best people to fill their vacancies, regardless of the source of their education. While having a degree from an Ivy League university will definitely give you an advantage in the marketplace, many top companies argue against this notion. If you are smart and self-driven, it doesn't matter which university you went to. What really matters is that you have a degree that is either regionally or nationally recognised. The real edge lies in the GPA and how involved you were in university and community organisations. Having extra-curricular activities on your CV will provide employers with a good insight into

“You should be prepared to jump through peculiar hoops and set yourself apart from the crowd.”

your ability to take responsibility and communicate effectively.

KNOWING SOMEONE HELPS

The remarkable growth of social networks makes it even easier for you to stay in touch and connect with your network of professionals. Many top companies depend on internal referrals to find potential candidates from their existing employees' social networks. If you happen to know someone who works at a top com-

pany, make sure that you build on your relationship wisely so that when a vacancy in the field of your interest occurs, you'll be the first candidate that comes to mind.

PREFER TO WORK SOLO? DON'T APPLY

Almost all top companies look for team players as they were built on a collaboration environment. The stereotypical engineer who works best alone and hates human interactions is probably not a good fit. When asked “Are you a team player?”, you should be able to answer with a resounding “Yes” and provide detailed evidence of your ability to work with your coworkers. If you really are a team player, you will know exactly what to say.

DO CREATIVE RESEARCH

A proven way to stand out from the thousands of other applicants is to know more about the company and the industry. A simple Google research is never enough. Conducting detailed research on the company you're interested in including reading their blog, press releases, financial statements and other information that other candidates might not come across is key to landing such jobs. Since it's rare to find candidates who take the extra step when it comes to research, it will almost guarantee you get hired.

GET READY FOR MULTIPLE INTERVIEW ROUNDS

The interview process varies wildly from one company to another, but you could be facing a series of five to 10 one-on-one chats or one long interview with a panel of up to 50 current employees. If you've been called in by potential employers to interview several times, then you must be doing something right. That's a good sign. Most first interview rounds are conducted on the phone. Pick a quiet spot for the call, have your CV at hand, and whatever else you may need already by the phone prior to the start of the interview. You really don't want noise as you fumble around for things. The interviews are designed to cover what the first interview does not. You'll need depth to your answers and additional intelligent questions about the company. ●
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Hot hues for the New Year

Homes r Us has launched a palette of exciting colours and themes that will add an exciting touch to interiors.

INTERIORS

Homes r Us has launched its new colour trends for 2013 that soothe, renew and even surprise. The new décor colours open the door to an exciting world of possibilities, while focusing on value and warmth, with the fresh hues presenting bright colours that promote fun, excitement and energy.

Drawing inspiration from the glamour palette, deep red and navy blue are used for most décor trends harmonising well to create a stylish décor. Shoe black becomes more nuanced with an underlying personality adding interest to one's space, while leathery brown serves as an instant inspiration for furniture and basics, even as freshened oranges and sunny yellows appear as a perfect combination to give a home a refreshed look.



However, it is not just the bright hues, but also the classic tones that can easily slip into anyone's design plans this season.

Homes r Us has calm blues that are an enduring favourite, if you like your décor to breathe sophistication.

Make-up inspired pinks and eye-

catching fuchsia are also lasting favourites to spruce up a child's room, while earthy textures exhale new life into an existing piece of furniture, giving it a trendy look. Cloudy tones, like tornado grey and evergreen white, serve as a classic trend for living décor, while purple remains

an all-time favourite for bedroom decorations.

Making a strong statement for 2013 is emerald green, which is an inspiring shade of the rainbow family. Being a balanced colour, it signifies growth, renewal, unity and rejuvenation—perfect to turn one's home into an inviting haven for all.

So, if you're seeking a new look for your home this New Year, then draw inspiration from the new Homes r Us colour themes and give your home an exciting and refreshed look. To know more about the new 2013 décor styles and trends, visit Homes r Us in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Al Ain, Fujairah, and Ras Al Khaimah.



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PEACE AND BEAUTY AWAY FROM
THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

At first glance, the southernmost region in Spain, Andalucía, is a one-dimensional destination packed with mediocre hotels, half-decent beaches and weary European tourists looking to escape the cold of their home countries. Given that it is home to the likes of the Costa del Sol and Costa de la Luz, a newcomer could be forgiven for thinking that Andalucía is nothing more than an all-you-can-eat, package-holiday tourist trap.

How is it, then, that many cultural practices that are seen as distinctively Spanish—such as flamenco, bullfighting and Moorish architecture—originated in this bargain-basement Spanish paradise? The answer is simple: there is a whole lot more to Andalucía than meets the eye.

Sure, the region plays host to thousands upon thousands of European holidaymakers during the summer months—many of them English louts looking for a jolly-up with friends—but to step outside of the tourism hotspots dotted along the Costa del Sol is to see another Andalucía entirely. In this Andalucía, the ruins of ancient cities can be found, as can bafflingly beautiful deserts and eerily quiet stretches of coastline. Here is where culture and community thrives, and where the

real spirit of southern Spain lies. Assuming that you fly into the province of Málaga's international airport—almost every visitor to this region does—it is certainly worth sampling the decadent delights of the Costa del Sol. Marbella's Puerto Banus, in particular, is as much an homage to luxury living as Dubai Marina is, though its chic European style gives it infinitely more character. There are countless world-class golf courses here, plus some of the best restaurants in the entire country, meaning a few days spent in Marbella will never go amiss.

Following the indulgence, though, take the time to head up to Ronda, a historical city about an hour's drive from Puerto Banus. For keen drivers, the road up to Ronda will be a reward in itself—with its smooth, twisty roads overlooking gloriously mountainous vistas, this is a natural home to any good sports car. The city, meanwhile, is a European historian's dream. Home to the oldest bullfighting ring in Spain, the Corrida Goyesca, Ronda also provides a glimpse into the many civilisations that have conquered these awe-inspiring lands over the centuries.

More history can be found west of Málaga, in the glorious city of Granada, which has been described by some as the single most worthwhile city in Spain for a tourist. Here,

there are richly preserved architectural monuments, a buzzing nightlife and scores of plazas brimming with exceptional restaurants.

One of the biggest tourist draws in Granada is the Alhambra, a medieval complex that is part fortress, part

Did you know?

- Andalucía's national holiday, Día de Andalucía, takes place on February 28, and celebrates the 1980 autonomy referendum.
- Andalucía's territory covers 17.3 per cent of Spain, making it comparable to any number of small, European countries in terms of its size.
- Andalucía attracts nearly 30 million tourists every year.
- The world-famous painter Pablo Picasso was born in the Andalusian city of Málaga.

More than meets the eye

Avoiding the usual tourist traps in **Andalucía** leads you to a whole new world of Spanish wonder.

palace, part garden and part government city. It was the last Moorish stronghold in Europe before the empire fell, and this complex beautifully reflects the stunning culture that endured so long after the Moorish civilisation collapsed. Similarly impressive structures from the pages of history include the Cathedral of Granada, the Plaza Isabel la Catolica and the Plaza Nueva, Granada's oldest square.

It's possible to spend weeks perusing the historical monuments of this mid-sized city, but a proper holiday means letting your hair down a little, too. Happily, the Sierra Nevada mountain range is just a stone's throw away from Granada. Home to the highest mountains in the Iberian Peninsula, it's an outdoor adventurer's playground, perfect for skiing and hiking. Indeed, Sierra Nevada is Europe's southernmost ski resort—snow can be seen on the peaks all year round, but is only good for skiing from November to April.

Before heading back to the airport, however, it's worth taking the reasonably long trip over to Cadiz, which was founded by Phoenician

“Here is where culture and community thrives, and where the real spirit of southern Spain lies.”

sailors around 3,000 years ago and is the oldest continuously inhabited city in all of south-western Europe. Worth a visit are the Archaeological Museum, the remains of the Roman Theatre and the Old Cathedral. Take the effort to climb the north tower of this cathedral for a stunning view of the city. Meanwhile, the Oratorio de San Felipe Neri, where the first Spanish Constitution was signed, should pique the interest of any history buff.

A trip to Cadiz also warrants a trip out of Spain, so to speak, for just across the water lies the British overseas territory of Gibraltar, from which, on a clear day, it is possible to see the coasts of North Africa. An island rock, the city itself is not that interesting, though the caves and caverns on the island provide much more of a thrill. Ancient markings can be found here, and on the journey up to the peak, monkeys attempt to steal food from unwary hikers.

Sure, Gibraltar might not actually be part of Andalucia, or even Spain, for that matter. However, the stunning parts of the region, with their rich architecture, culture and scenery, seem like they're not part of Andalucia either. That's what the package holiday providers would have you believe, anyway. ●



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Go green

Green may be the colour of envy, but adding one of this season's hottest colours, emerald green, to your wardrobe ensures that it will be you who is the centre of everyone else's attention.

Beauty balance

One of the easiest ways to wear the colour is with a handbag. An emerald green bag easily matches up with an existing outfit while adding some punch. Accessorise with metallics or add colour to an all-black outfit with emerald earrings. The colour can also be teamed with other jewel tones, such as amethyst.

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Trend alert

Lively, radiant and lush, emerald green has been declared the colour of 2013, so why not dress up in this bright jewel hue? Whether you want to test the emerald waters with earrings or embrace the trend fully in an emerald dress or blouse, there is something for everyone. From clothes to accessories and make-up, infuse some form of green into your wardrobe. Emerald green has the vibrancy and boldness needed to make you stand out. It looks great with just about any colour, but can also hold strongly on its own.

Green addiction

Don it as a statement piece in your outfit. Be it a skirt, trousers, or even shoes, you'll make a stylish splash in emerald green. Coloured jeans will remain trendy this season, so what better way to pump up an outfit than with an emerald pair? Be a showstopper with an emerald green jacket or coat this winter, as green looks eye-catching in materials like leather and lace.



Elegant emerald

With colour-blocking being as hot as it is right now, emerald is a great shade to wear in a colour-blocked combination. Whether it's a striking piece of jewellery, a bold clutch, an elegant cuff or a gorgeous silk blouse, get ready to rock the colour of the year. However you choose to wear emerald this season, the good news is that not only will the stores be stocked with it, but you can wear the colour in a number of different ways, in as much or as little as you want.

Green-tee

Emerald is perfect for men's accessories and sportswear. A bright green sweater, plain or with stripes, will add vibrancy to your closet. The colour features in edgy prints, saturated hues and silky fabrics. A great way to add something different to your smart-casual look is to wear a green toned shirt, paired alongside a neutral blazer and dark jeans.

FASHION OPINION

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Ensemble experiment

This winter, I have spotted one trend in particular that has, rather surprisingly, taken my liking. Models have strutted down the runways sporting an ensemble, which, if I'm not mistaken, is some sort of reincarnation from the long gone days of skirts, albeit with a longer leg. From Chanel to Prada, Marc Jacobs to Christian Dior, this trend has set the standard for all other upcoming designers and high street stores. It's also rumoured that Marc Jacobs is pushing the boundaries even further by bringing the tunic and trouser combination into the Spring/Summer collection for 2013. The best way you could rock this look is by wearing an A-lined skirt with a pair of straight-legged trousers or skinny jeans underneath to give you a very streamlined silhouette.

The famous trend-setter (and never-ending rule breaker of fashion), Kanye West was, in fact, recently spotted performing in a gorgeous ensemble of a Givenchy black leather skirt, worn over the top of black leather trousers. You can almost guarantee that it won't be long at all before other celebrities catch the bug.

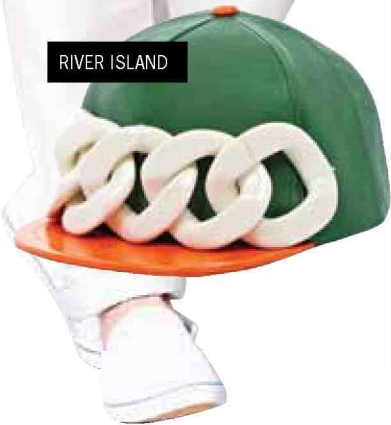
My personal favourite form of this trend so far has to be Prada's gorgeous patterned prints, in particular the way in which the trousers work synonymously with the skirts as they blend in their perfect combination.

So, this season, don't be afraid to experiment with mixing and matching your skirts with trousers. You'll be right on trend.

"Kanye West was spotted performing in a gorgeous Givenchy skirt, worn over black leather trousers"



Him



Key colour

Green is a surprisingly easy colour to incorporate into your everyday ensemble. It can be found in jackets, shirts and pants, works well in retro styles, and also looks good in a fitted drawstring hooded jacket. This bright green hue has a broad age appeal. It can be worn with a plain white T-shirt, a black knit or a chambray shirt. Go for an emerald green blazer for the ultimate classic look. Also, green ties can be an easy and effective way to add a dash of green to your outfit.

Physical fitness fads

Every year the fitness industry changes. New products and ideas lead to new ways for people to get fit. Often the new ways are no better than the old ways, but people do like change.

Educated, certified, and experienced fitness professionals continue to be the most popular way to get fit, which has been the case for the past six years. Including personal trainers, fitness instructors, martial arts teachers and sports coaches, not only is the trend going to continue to be at the forefront of fitness fads in 2013, but there would be no surprise in seeing the number of jobs in the industry begin to rise.

Strength and weight training has been the second most popular method of exercise for two years and includes those who only use strength training, such as bodybuilders, as well as people who incorporate strength training into a wider fitness regime like CrossFit. This type of training has been suggested as a good way to manage—and even ward off—Type 2 Diabetes.

Although bodyweight training has been a standard way to exercise for years, since exercise began, in fact, it was not until recently that it was promoted in gyms. Bodyweight training is not limited to pull-ups, push ups and crunches, but can also include new technologies such as the TRX system which uses suspension ropes to add resistance.

Obesity is a huge problem that goes beyond just a reduction in activity levels, so both commercial and community based programmes to tackle obesity are playing a more important role for school-age children. It may seem obvious, but the trend of combining exercise with diet to help people lose weight is still relatively very new.

For many years weight loss was dominated by businesses selling replacement food supplements and diet plans. Atkins and Zone (diet systems) were more popular than systems such as the 31-Day Fat Loss Cure, a plan that combines healthy eating with regular, intensive



STRENGTH TRAINING CAN
WARD OFF DIABETES

exercise. The combination of exercise and diet is very essential for weight loss maintenance and can improve compliance to caloric restrictive diets, and in particular for weight loss programmes.

Core training is specific exercise that strengthens the core muscles—

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those of the waist, hips and lower back. Stability balls are often used in core training and it is an area of fitness that has received a lot of commercial attention. It may, however, be losing its popularity in favour of functional fitness, as people realise that a total body approach is better for health, fitness and strength.

Group personal training is carried out by personal trainers, but to small private groups, usually of a few friends or colleagues with the same interests and goals. It means that they can pay around one-quarter of the cost of a personal trainer in a one-to-one class and still get very good tuition. Changes in the global economic environment and changing attitudes to fitness is driving this up the leader board of top trends for 2013. Isn't it time you started your regime? You're already a week behind schedule, so get moving. ●



DIET AND EXERCISE ARE VERY
IMPORTANT FOR WELL-BEING

Metro Classifieds

JOBS AVAILABLE

Leading company in Business Bay urgently requires an experienced candidate in 3D studio max V-Ray, after effects and PhotoShop. Gender/nationality/visa not specific. Should be fluent in English. Part/full-time position. Salary depends on experience. Fax CV to 0400000000/call 0400000000.

Media direct sales executive wanted urgently for door to door sales in Dubai. Must have print media experience of at least 2 years. Must have own car. Indian preferred. Salary Dh 5-7k. Email CV to dxbhunt@gmail.com.

Bus driver required for a full-time job at a company in Dubai. Should have minimum 1 yr experience. Fax CV to 0400000000.

Insurance sales executives required for a company in Dubai. Salary + attractive commissions + employment visa will be provided. Send CV to 123@gmail.com.

Secretary cum accountant urgently required for a reputed software marketing company. Females only. Should be experienced with good communication skills. English/Hindi/Arabic fluency is a must. Email CV to 123@gmail.com.

JOBS WANTED

Indian male, BCom graduate seeks as a storekeeper. 9 yrs experience in similar and other fields. Email dxbhunt@gmail.com./Call 0500000000.

Keralite male, 32, currently working as office administrator seeks part-time job. 5 yrs UAE experience as project administrator. Holds UAE D/L. Proficient in preparing letters, memos, etc. Call 0500000000.

Professional driver seeks full-time job. 12 yrs Gulf experience. Call 0550000000.

Pakistani male, web designer, seeks full-time job. Key skills are PHP, HTML, CMS, JQuery. Email 123@gmail.com./Call 0560000000.

Indian male seeks full-time job as an elderly caretaker. Experienced. Fluent in Arabic, English, Hindi. Call 0500000000.

Pakistani male, MCS, seeks full-time job. 8 yrs Gulf experience in IT sales & marketing. Call 0520000000/email 123@gmail.com.

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Mercedes S320, 1997 model for sale. Driven for 170,000km. In excellent condition. No flaws at all. Very reliable. Call 0500000000.

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door locks, power windows, power mirrors, in very good condition. Dh35,000. Call 0500000000.

2006 model for sale. XLI, Call 0500000000.

Automatic transmission. Power locks, windows, mirrors. Premium rims/wheels. Premium Bluetooth sound/DVD system. No history of mechanical failure. Price for sale. Call 0500000000.

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Tutoring lessons available in the B Dubai area. Courses include math & science covering various curriculum (CBSE, ICSE, IGCSE, O LEVEL, EC and others). Call 0520000000.

Home and mortgage loan service available. For Keralites. We offer attractive interest rates. Call 0550000000.

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Tutoring lessons available. Offered in math, science, IT, business finance and English for all grade colleges/universities students. Call 0520000000.

Daycare/babysitting services Location near LuLu supermarket Karama. Call 0550000000.

CV building courses available. Course material consists of video and PDF files. Serious people to make a difference in their lives. Call 0550000000. 1 free module.

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THE WEEKLY

EXCLUSIVELY ON THE DUBAI METRO

Misery loves company

Emotional manipulation will see Anne Hathaway break your heart in the novel, turned Broadway sensation, turned movie blockbuster, **Les Misérables**.

NEW RELEASE

In the first act of *Les Misérables*, Anne Hathaway opens her mouth, and the agony, passion and violence that have decorously idled in the background of this all-singing, all-suffering pop opera pour out. She's playing Fantine—first a factory worker, then questionable lady, and finally the martyr—singing the showstopping *I Dreamed a Dream*, her gaunt face splashed red and brown. The artful grunge layered onto the cast can be a distraction, as you imagine assistant dirt wranglers anxiously hovering off camera. Hathaway, though, holds you with raw, trembling emotion. She devours the song, the scene, the movie, and turns her astonishing, cavernous mouth into a vision of the void.

The director, Tom Hooper, can be a maddening busybody behind the camera, but this is one number in which he doesn't try to upstage his performers. Moving the camera slightly with her—she lurches somewhat out of frame at one point, suggesting a violent, existential wrenching—he shoots the song in a head-and-shoulder close-up, with the background blurred. By that point, with her dignity and most of her pretty hair gone, Fantine has fallen as

far as she can. She has become one of the abject castaways of the musical's title, a wretched of the earth.

Somewhere amid the grime, power ballads and surging strings there is also Victor Hugo, whose monumental 1862 humanistic novel, *Les Misérables*, was, along with the musical *Oliver!*, the musical's writer Alain Boublil's original inspiration. Like the stage show, Hooper's movie opens in 1815 and closes shortly after the quashed June Rebellion of 1832, boiling the story down to a pair of intertwined relationships.

The first pivots on the antagonism of a onetime prison guard, now inspector, Javert (Russell Crowe) toward a former convict, Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman); the second involves the love-at-first-sight swooning between Cosette (Amanda Seyfried) and Marius (Eddie Redmayne), a revolutionary firebrand. As a child, Cosette was rescued by Valjean from her caretakers, the Thénardières (the energetic Sacha Baron Cohen and Helena Bonham Carter, who nicely stir, and stink up, the air).

Part of the tug of *Les Misérables* is that it recounts a familiar, reassuring story of oppression, liberation and redemption, complete with period costumes and tear-yanking songs.

Did you know?

- Hugh Jackman personally lobbied for Anne Hathaway to get the role of Fantine after the two performed together at the Academy Awards.
- Hathaway refuses to discuss how she lost 25 pounds to play the dying Fantine, as she admits her methods were life threatening, and doesn't want to glamourise her methods to young women.
- Eddie Redmayne's audition was on his iPhone. He recorded himself singing in a trailer during a movie break in North Carolina.



In the first number (*Look Down*), set against a digitally enhanced, visibly artificial port, Valjean helps to haul an enormous ship into a dock. Dressed mainly in cardinal red, the prisoners pull on ropes, while singing rousing during a lashing rain, with Javert glaring down at them.

Hooper's decision to shoot the singing live, as opposed to having the singers lip-sync recorded songs, as has been customary in movie musicals since the 'Thirties, yields benefits. That's especially the case with Hathaway, Redmayne and Daniel Huttlestone, a scene-stealer who plays the Thénardiens' young son. This isn't the first contemporary musical to resurrect the practice of live singing, however, which was used for both *At Long Last Love*, directed by Peter Bogdanovich, and *The Commitments*, directed by Alan Parker. It's touching, watching performers like Hathaway and Redmayne giving it their all, complete with quavering chins and straining tendons. Redmayne, an appealing actor with a freckled face built for wonder, at times seems to be stretching his long body to hit his higher notes.

Redmayne's sincerity complements Seyfried's old-fashioned trilling and her wide-eyed appearance, even if their screen romance lacks spark. Then again, so does the movie. Song after song, as relationships and rebellion bloom, you wait in vain for the movie to bloom as well, and for the filmmaking to rise to the occasion of both its source material and its hard-working performers.

As he showed in *The King's Speech* and in the television series *John Adams*, Hooper can be very good

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with actors. But his apparent inability to leave any lily ungilded—to direct a scene without tilting or hurtling or throwing the camera around—is bludgeoning and deadly. By the time the movie reaches its grand finale, when tout le monde is waving the French tricolour in victory, you may instead be raising the white flag in exhausted defeat. ●



THE FRAGILE AND FLAWED FANTINE



MUSICAL MASTERPIECE OR CINEMATIC SUICIDE?

THE ONE TO 100 OF MOVIES

Thirteen



Hollywood keeps trying to convince us that we should be horrified of synthetic boogymen like Freddie Krueger and Jason Voorhees. But, ask any parent, and they'll tell you the scariest thing in the world is a girl coming of age.

Thirteen is an unflinching exploration of this time of life. Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) is a young, gawky, studious, sort of girl. An outcast in her new junior high school, she is nonetheless thoughtful, smart, responsible and loving to her family. But she secretly craves attention and popularity.

“Beyond her cool, controlled exterior, Evie is something else altogether”

Tracy finds her entry to the popular crowd through Evie (Nikki Reed). Evie was an early bloomer. She's cool, she's gorgeous, she's fearless, and all the boys want to get to know her. Evie is everything Tracy wishes she could be. But, beyond her cool, controlled exterior, Evie is something else altogether. She may look 18, but she still has the mentality of a child.

Reed—who, at the age of 16, co-wrote this film based on her own experiences when she was only 13—is wonderful as Evie, despite the repulsive things she can do. Unlike other recent youth-gone-wild movies like Larry Clark's *Kids*, this movie does not just revel in the misbehaviour of children. It makes you like them even when you don't particularly like what they do. You hope they can pull themselves out of the spiral they have placed themselves in. *Thirteen* leads you to hope that with work, healing is possible.

Bollywood news

Political biopic

Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui will start work in March on his second biopic, *End of Bandit Queen*, based on the life of Sher Singh Rana, who is accused of the murder of Phoolan Devi. Sher Singh Rana is currently in Delhi's Tihar Jail, and the actor says he will meet him in person to get a clear picture about the character.



Rekha's comeback

Legendary actress Rekha will be making her comeback on the big screen in Indra Kumar's next film *Super Nani*, alongside Sharman Joshi, Shweta Kumar and Randhir Kapoor. Reportedly, after reading the script for the family-friendly film, Rekha was sure that it would be a perfect comeback platform for her.

No make-up for Sonam

For an actress as fashion-conscious as Sonam Kapoor, no make-up and no designer outfits would be unimaginable. But that's what director Aanand Rai demanded—and got—out of her for the upcoming film *Raanjhanaa*. Kapoor will be seen on screen without any make-up which, according to sources, was a tough decision for the actress.



Listings

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LIFE OF PI

MOVIE GUIDE

Grand Cineplex - Wafi

Beat The World - 12:30, 17:00, 21:30
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Dabangg 2 - 10:00, 12:45, 15:30, 18:15, 21:00, 23:45
Deadfall - 11:00, 13:10, 15:20, 17:30, 19:40, 21:50, 00:10
Gido Habiby - 10:30, 15:00, 19:30, 00:00
The Hobbit - 11:00, 14:20, 17:30, 20:40, 23:50
The Impossible - 10:30, 12:45, 15:00, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45, 00:00
Jack Reacher - 11:30, 14:00, 16:30, 19:00, 21:25, 23:55
Les Miserables - 11:00, 12:00, 14:00, 15:00, 17:00, 18:00, 20:00, 21:00, 23:00, 00:00
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Grand Megaplex - Ibn Battuta

Argo - 21:00, 23:20
Bavutti - 10:00, 11:00, 12:20, 13:30, 14:40, 16:00, 17:00, 18:30, 19:20, 21:00, 21:40, 23:30, 00:00
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Twilight: Breaking Dawn - 11:40, 14:00, 16:20, 18:40, 21:00, 23:30

Grand Cinemas - Festival City

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Reel Cinemas - Dubai Mall

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Jack Reacher - 11:15, 14:05, 16:55, 19:45, 22:35, 01:10
Killing Them Softly - 14:00, 18:40, 23:20
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Playing For Keeps - 11:40, 13:50, 16:10, 18:30, 20:50, 23:10, 01:30
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Reel Cinemas - Marina Mall

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Vox Cinemas - Deira City Centre

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Rise of the Guardians - 09:00, 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00

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What's happening this week in Dubai



Magical Narratives: A celebration of Islamic art and miniature painting

Magical Narratives is a group show that brings together new works by 15 acclaimed miniature painting painters from Pakistan.

Date: January 6 - 7

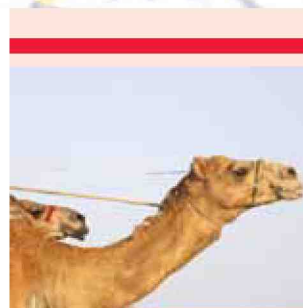
Audience: Public

Category: Exhibition

Venue: Gate Village, DIFC

Admission: Free

Telephone: 050 626 5270



Al Marmoum Camel Racing Season

Catch the fast-paced action as camels race to cross the finish line.

Date: January 8 - 10

Timings: 7am

Audience: Public

Category: Sports

Venue: Al Marmoum Camel Racetrack, Dubai-Al Ain road, exit 37

Admission: Free

Telephone: 055 676 0006

Dubai Shopping Festival 2013

Dubai Shopping Festival 2013 features 'Dubai at its Best'.

Date: Until February 3

Audience: Public

Category: Festival



Meydan Race Nights

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

Date: January 10

Timings: 6:30pm

Audience: Public

Category: Sports

Venue: Meydan Grandstand and Racecourse, Nad Al Sheba

Admission: General admission is free of charge, packages available from Dh25 onwards.

Telephone: 04 327 2110



24th Dubai International Basketball Championship

Show some support for your favourite team at the 24th Dubai International Basketball Championship.

Date: January 10 - 19

Timings: 5 - 11pm

Audience: Public

Category: Sports

Venue: Al Ahli Club, Al Qusais

Admission: Dh20, Dh30, Dh50, Dh70

Telephone: 050 778 6447

Dunlop 24H Dubai - 8th edition

With teams and drivers from over 30 countries, this fast-paced event is one of the most anticipated international endurance races of the year.

Date: January 11 - 12

Timings: 2pm

Audience: Public

Category: Sports

Venue: Dubai Autodrome, Motorcity

Admission: Free entry to grandstand and paddock

Telephone: 04 367 8700



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RTA budget touches Dh6.2b

Revenues projected to hit Dh4b as Dubai Government continues development of infrastructure facilities.



PROJECTS

Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), has announced that the total expenditure budget for the RTA in 2013 amounts to Dh6.242 billion, comprising an operational budget of Dh3.022 billion and capital and projects budget of Dh3.22 billion.

Al Tayer said, "Total revenues expected for this year amount to Dh4.079 billion, marking an 11 per cent increase compared with 2012. The projects budget is estimated

at Dh3.15 billion, allocated for the construction of about 100 projects, comprising 45 new projects spanning roads, marine transport, public transport and operational buildings in addition to completing works on 55 projects currently underway."

He stated, "37 per cent of the RTA budget is allocated to the Rail Agency, 34 per cent to the Traffic and Roads Agency, 15 per cent to the Public Transport Agency, and the remaining 14 per cent is allocated to the Licensing Agency, Corporate Administrative and Technical Support Services."

He added, "The Dubai Government is continuing with the development of infrastructure, including road and transport projects, as it recognises that investment in infrastructure is the core driver of the economy. In 2013, the RTA will complete several projects currently underway, and undertake a number of new ones. Among the key projects this year is the Safouh Tramway—which runs 14km along Safouh Road—where the initial phase of the project is slated for completion in November 2014."

"The RTA will complete the construction of internal roads in resi-

dential areas, where projects under construction include Khawaneej 1, Barsha 1, 2 and 3, Warqaa 1, 2, 3 and 4, Al Quoz 2 and 3, Al Qusais 3, and Hatta, at a total cost of about Dh176 million. The RTA will also complete the project of the parallel roads supporting Sheikh Zayed Road and Al Khail Road. New projects this year include internal roads at Muhaisnah 2 and Barsha South 1 and 2 as per the five year plan (2012 – 2016) for paving internal roads in a number of residential areas in Dubai at an aggregate cost of about Dh1 billion," concluded Al Tayer.

RTA honours bus and taxi drivers

Public transport workers are celebrated in an RTA initiative to show recognition for dedicated employees.

AWARDS

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), recently honoured 50 taxi drivers of the Dubai Taxi Corporation, and 20 bus drivers of the Public Transport Agency, as per the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to dedicate the Accession Day celebrations this year to general labour and staff.

Ahmed Mohammed Al Hammadi, Acting CEO of the Public Transport Agency, honoured 20 bus drivers, who were selected according to a set criteria such as possessing a traffic accident-free record, compliance with driving and traffic rules, avoiding quality and traffic offences for



PUBLIC BUS AND TAXI DRIVER HONOUREES WHO WERE RECENTLY REWARDED

one year (2012), and honesty and handing over valuable belongings of passengers, provided that, the honouree driver should have not been honoured in 2012. The drivers were given a financial reward along with certificates of appreciation.



Yousef Al Ali, CEO of the Dubai Taxi Corporation, also honoured 50 cab drivers based upon distinguished performance, delivery of best service, and compliance with traffic rules. Drivers were rewarded with cash grants, mementos and certificates.

I will not get in until she buckles up.



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Crossword

- Across**
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10 Delineated (5) 11 A public speech (7) 12 Of little importance (7) 13 Stardom (9) 15 Gapes (5) 17 Amounts of medicine (5) 19 A style of physical comedy (9) 22 Complain (7) 25 Every evening (7) 26 Permeate (5) 27 Craft (9) 28 Misbeliever (7) 29 Able to see (7)
- Down**
- 1 Varnish (7) 2 Dummies (9) 3 Annoy (7) 4 Widespread outbreaks of disease (9) 5 Not daytime (5) 6 A deliberate thinning of a herd (7) 7 Boredom (5) 8 Brain-teasers (7) 14 Prolonged unfulfilled desires (9) 16 Vest (9) 17 Like a canine (7) 18 In school, math or English (7) 20 Autographing (7) 21 Paddled in a type of boat (7) 23 Medium to dark brown (5) 24 Moral principle (5)

ANSWERS

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Recipe

Tomato and basil bruschetta

This simple and delicious Italian appetiser can be prepared within minutes.

Ingredients

- 7 ripe plum tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp balsamic vinegar
- 6-8 fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 baguette
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Method

1. Parboil the tomatoes for one minute in boiling water. Using a small knife, remove the skins of the tomatoes.
2. Once the tomatoes are peeled,

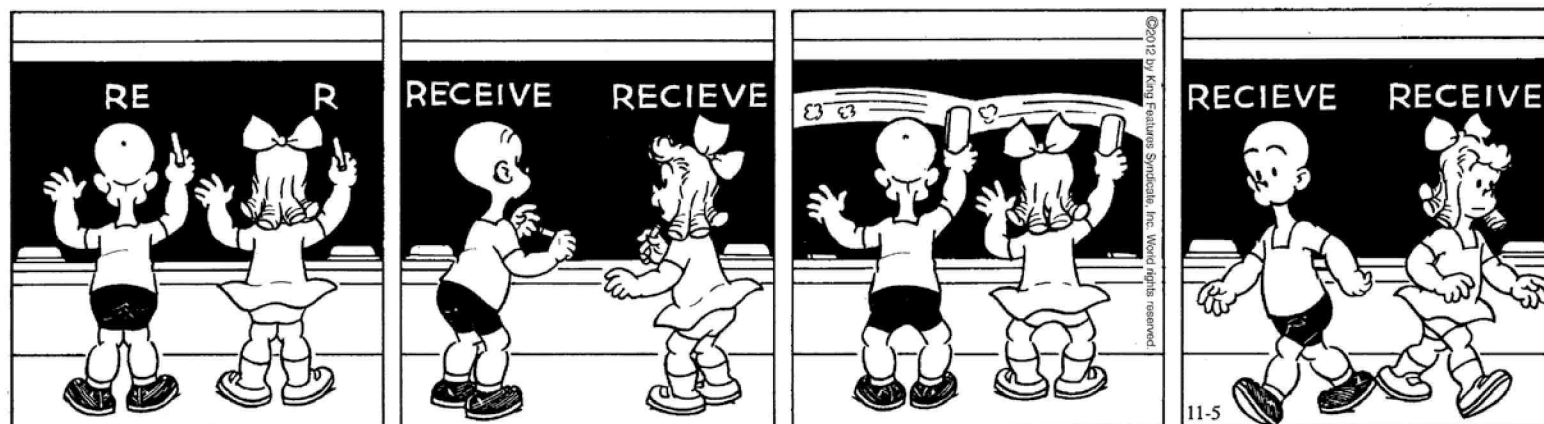
- cut them in halves and remove the seeds and tomato juice.
3. Preheat the oven to 150 degrees Celsius.
 4. Chop the tomatoes finely. Put the tomatoes, garlic, 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil and vinegar in a bowl and mix well.
 5. Add the chopped basil, then salt and pepper to taste.
 6. Slice the baguette at a diagonal angle into thick slices. Coat one side of each slice with olive oil and rub some garlic onto each slice.
 7. Place on a cooking sheet,

Serves 8

- olive oil side down. Place the tray of bread slices in the oven on the top rack. Toast for five to six minutes, until the bread begins to turn golden brown.
8. Align the bread on a serving platter, olive oil side up. Place the tomato topping in a bowl separately or place some topping on each slice of bread and serve.
 9. The bruschetta can also be served with sizzling mozzarella or feta cheese on the side.
 10. Enjoy on its own as a snack, or as an accompaniment to a main meal.



Henry



Spiderman



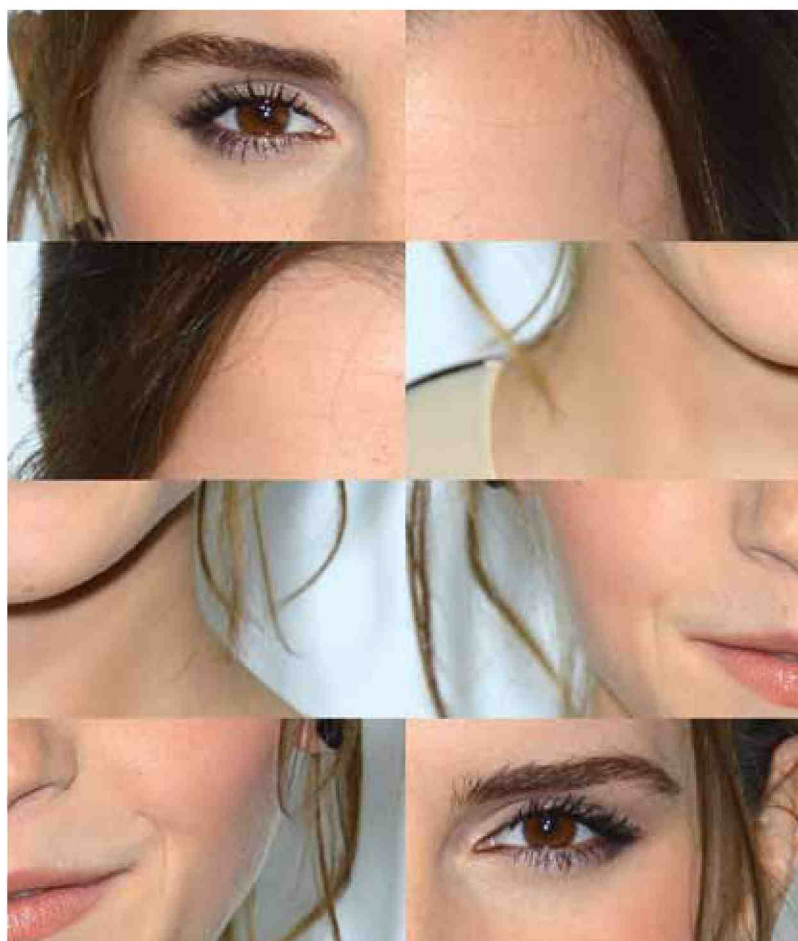
Dennis the menace



"I TURNED OFF THE ALARM CLOCK, BUT I FORGOT ABOUT DENNIS."

Who's this?

ANSWER ON PAGE 34





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)

It may not feel like your lucky day as the week begins, but with care you can keep moving ahead. You possess a new sense of determination and no obstacle can stand in your way. Put your worries on hold and take part in a fun activity.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

A cherished wish may finally come true and you will be in the mood to celebrate. Your lazy side likely wants to come out to lounge at the weekend. Down-time is great, so don't feel bad. And if you need a jump-start, a little work out complements perfectly.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Those around will hear what's on your mind as the week begins. And considering the feedback you are giving, they are very lucky. It's important to clear out the old headspace now, so don't neglect healthy habits. Concentration will be difficult but try to focus.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Don't ignore that inner voice that is trying to tell you something. Guidance on an important issue may be forthcoming. If you feel conflicted about something over the weekend, don't despair. Be proactive and find out more; the right insight will clear things up.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

Good fortune seems possible if you are at your confident best. Concerns at work might be on your mind. But you have control over this situation. Friends and fun are favoured at the weekend. Make plans with the people who make you happy.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Being rigid won't work as the week begins, so be ready to compromise instead of giving up. Your enthusiasm to discover options lets you get what's most important to you. Follow your dreams if you feel suitably inspired. Enjoy this fresh start and be creative.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

You'll have the most luck now if you are decisive and take an active role. It's a good time to enjoy all kinds of company. You will be busy on the home front and will enjoy the chance to spend holiday time with your family and loved ones.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

You have got a sensible approach to a problem and the arrangements you make are likely to go well. Even though you're in a generous mood you may want to spend time alone. Try to lighten up this week, as you may be getting too intense regarding certain issues.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

Grab those opportunities while you can. You have a better chance of being lucky if you can get your ideas across to the right people. Your "why not?" outlook can also have a very nice ripple effect on those around you. Be considerate about asking for space.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

You seem eager to make new connections, so you might decide to mix and mingle. You're doing the right thing, as these may turn out to be supportive in the future. Your sense of independence is strong, but combining your strengths makes it even more powerful.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

Your positivity means you're going where you've never gone before. People respond to your curiosity and your world only gets better. You have plenty of personality this week with which to charm and dazzle. Splurging could be your idea of paradise.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

One thing about the week ahead is that it won't be boring. Socially, you seem to be at an advantage, with invitations from the right people. Good karma may also be responsible for a surprise associated with family. Watch out for unwanted obligation.



This week's local weather

SUN



6th

PARTLY CLOUDY
HIGH 23C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 42%

MON



7th

WARM
HIGH 24C
LOW 19C
HUMIDITY 41%

TUE



8th

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 42%

WED



9th

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 46%

THU



10th

WARM
HIGH 22C
LOW 18C
HUMIDITY 43%

FRI



11th

PARTLY CLOUDY
HIGH 20C
LOW 17C
HUMIDITY 44%

SAT



12th

WARM
HIGH 21C
LOW 18C
HUMIDITY 43%

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