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The annual alternative art platform MinD returns to the city for another edition, showcasing some of the best local artists

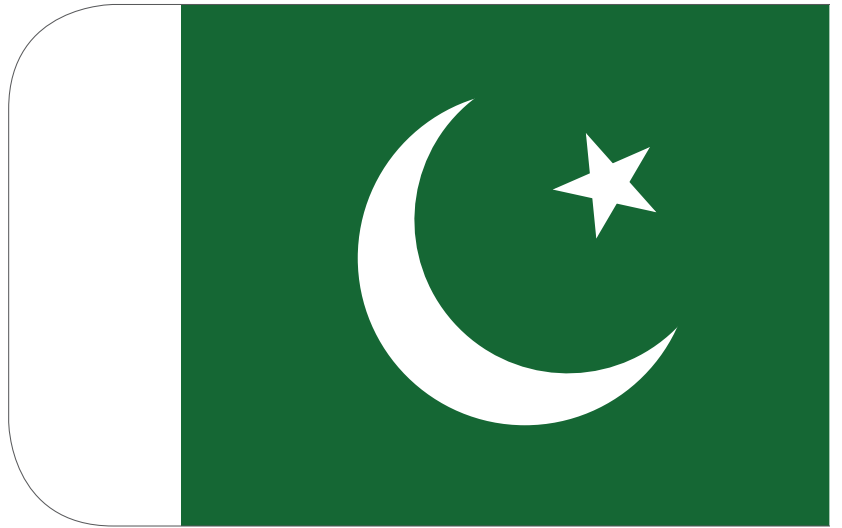
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Letters

Email: letters@readme.ae

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

✉ MORE FREQUENCY

As a frequent user of the Dubai Metro, I would like to suggest an increase in the frequency of trains during rush hours. People often push their way in so badly on the trains that the doors end up closing on people, which could result in injuries. If the frequency of trains is increased, the ride would also be more comfortable for everyone. I would also like to suggest stickers instructing people to stand to one side of the train doors. The stickers should be written in various languages, since some people who use the Metro cannot understand English or Arabic. They leave no space for passengers to get off the train and people end up trying to rush in, pushing and hurting one another.

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MULTILINGUAL METRO

✉ PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

On numerous occasions, I have come across many commuters trying to enter the Metro carriages just a few seconds before the doors close. If a train is missed, the next train takes just five minutes to arrive at the platform. People should really understand that there is no need for them to push or rush, endangering the lives of everyone present at the stations. After all, it is better to wait for just a few minutes than to never reach your destination.

Fatima Suhail

Read. Poll

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Coming up this week



TODAY

Samsung has announced the launch of a new Galaxy smartphone—expected to be called 'Galaxy S IV'—this month in New York. The next generation of Samsung's bestselling smartphone is rumoured to feature a 4.9in screen and a camera with 13 megapixels that, some are saying, will outdo the iPhone 5. Join us as we take a look at all the buzz surrounding the release.



MONDAY

Recent reports suggest that getting too little sleep for several nights in a row disrupts hundreds of genes that are essential for good health, including those linked to stress and the body's ability to fight off disease.



TUESDAY

Dubai's newest attraction, The Miracle Garden, features heart-shaped arches and is home to 45 million flowers. It's also a candidate for a Guinness World Record for the world's longest flower wall, with a 1km circumference.



WEDNESDAY

Sony recently revealed the PlayStation 4. The console still remains a mystery, but it will be a powerful machine capable of some life-like graphics and with 8GB of unified system memory.



THURSDAY

Organic food in Dubai is still a niche segment compared to other cities, but with more people opting for healthier lifestyles and specialised food outlets setting up shop, it's poised for growth.



FRIDAY

The Read. 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)

Russia will ban smoking in certain public places from June 1. Do you think this is a fair way to prevent people from smoking, or is there a better way to discourage the habit? Philippines implemented this too, that no smoking in public places. But people sometimes, are hard-headed. Old habit, hard to break.
— MJ Jacinto Domingo

Thanks to Russia government for passing this law, which will make most of the public places clean of air. Due to smoke lot of people suffers. This new regulation would certainly help and this should be

implemented all over the world to make a healthy environment.

— Azmat Lodhi

Cigarette smoking is dangerous to anybody's health. A certain case though people are not using cigarette, if they inhale the smoke from irresponsible smokers (2nd hand smoking) they still get the same bad effect. So smoking ban is a good



start towards having a healthy and safe environment.

— Ray Gargoles Maraan

Efforts are on to bring the World Expo 2020 to Dubai. What are your thoughts on this prestigious international event coming to Dubai?

It is a great effort of the UAE to host the World Expo 2020 that will attract and draw 25 million or above visitors to the UAE. I read in the newspaper that the country has contributed around 145 billion Dh, so I think that this contribution justifies the country's huge investment in terminals and airline networks. Also it may have impact on tourism, finance, etc.

— Murtaza Ametwala

What was your movie of the year?

Les Misérables, because the musical adaptation of the famous Victor



WAS IT YOUR FAVOURITE?

Hugo novel came up with an amazing and fantastic performance... just like in the play it deserves a standing ovation.

— Francis Raul Fuentes Barcelo

The Life of Pi. It's plain and simple story but you really think hard why the ending was like that. If you are not into literature then you will never know what 'allegory' means. The life of Pi is my best picture.

— Angel Lidasan

Debonairs in Dubai Marina

South African brand offers new healthy pizzas with wholewheat bases that are low on fat but still high on taste.

LAUNCH

Debonairs Pizza, the pizza chain from South Africa, has opened its new restaurant at Dubai Marina with brand new, healthy, wholewheat crust pizzas. The multi award winning pizza brand offers high quality food with plenty of innovation. Debonairs Pizza does not use any oil when baking its pizza bases and the bases are freshly baked every day inside the restaurant.

Voted as 'South Africa's Favourite Pizza', Debonairs Pizza takes pride in continuously developing innovative products, such as the latest wholewheat crust and the new Triple Decker pizza with three layers of pizza and three cheeses, filled with fresh toppings. One of the best sellers is the Pizza Filla, which has Debonairs Pizza's secret cream cheese base and a choice of fillings between two large



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bases, dressed with tomatoes, cheddar cheese, crumbled feta, spring onion and a hint of garlic and herbs.

The secret ingredient sauces are all made in South Africa so that the quality maintains the highest stand-



ards. The delicious pizza bases are thin with different toppings, including original Thin Crust, Crammed Crust, Pizza Filla, Triple Decker, Double Stack, Extra Thin and Crispy and the new wholewheat base.

A hot favourite is the Vegetarian Paneer Tikka Pizza which comes with special tikka sauce topped with paneer, green chilies, onion, mushroom and tomato, lending it a nice spicy flavour.

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In the mind

The MinD alternative art platform returns to Dubai for its fourth edition.



THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE WORKS BY MANAL AL DOWAYAN

Contemporary art is getting a new lease of life in Dubai with the MinD (Made in Dubai) exhibition. The exhibition will explore the role of the body and self-censorship in contemporary art from the Gulf, to investigate the creative and exhibitiv freedom of the artist.

Now in its fourth year, MinD is Ductac's annual alternative art platform, which features the work of local artists using contemporary media and conceptual approaches. Dubai-based Italian artist, writer and curator of the exhibition, Cristiana de Marchi explains, "The exhibition aims to advance the cultural dialogue in Dubai by offering the public an opportunity to enter into an active dialogue with the artworks—and one another—and by providing access to the artists who make the work. The aim is to engage the UAE public with contemporary art and the artists who make it."

The MinD initiative serves to encourage fresh thinking and to open up new ways of viewing and appreciating contemporary art in the UAE.

De Marchi continues, "Body art without body might be a pure

paradox, but it is worth a thought in a region where the depiction of the body is culturally banished. The artists explore the role of the body in a range of different ways, some of them use their own, or someone else's body as the subject of their work, while others use it as a medium in the form of performance art. In most cases, the works relate directly to an understanding of the body—for example in relation to space or gender issues and they can be divided into a few main categories: body and space, body and

political or social issues and body and gender."

The exhibition will see experimental artworks produced in a range of media—including video, installation, painting, photography and performance art—showcased throughout the Ductac complex.

"UAE artists are gaining recognition on the global art scene and rightly so. Although artists from the Gulf have been recognised for their contribution to the international art scene since the 1990s, a group of art-

ists from the UAE have actually been very active in the contemporary art scene since the early 1980s, including Hassan Sharif, Mohammed Kazem, Abdullah Al Saadi and Ebtisam Abdulaziz—all of whom are exhibiting in this show. The show aims to highlight their pioneering contribution and also to inspire and nurture emerging artists," said de Marchi.

The show will feature work by 16 artists in total, including the aforementioned Hassan Sharif, winner of the John Jones Art on Paper Award at Art Dubai in 2012, Mohammed Kazem, who will be a featured artist at the UAE Pavilion for the 55th Venice Biennale in 2013, Palestinian-Kuwaiti artist Tarek Al Ghusein, Abdullah Al Saadi and acclaimed Emirati artist Ebtisam Abdulaziz.

The exhibition will take place at Ductac, Mall of the Emirates from March 6 - April 10. ●

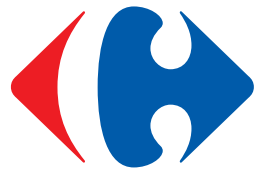


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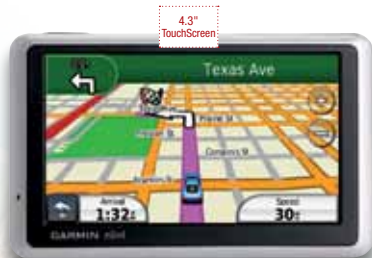
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Time to blitz those zits

These skin care tips will help you to conquer clogged pores and leave you with a clean, clear complexion.



Skin rules

- 1. Simple:** Too many products can irritate your skin so try to avoid it.
- 2. Regular:** If you want great skin, look after it each day.
- 3. Gentle:** Hard scrubbing leaves skin rough, so take extra care while cleansing.

PICKING CAUSES MORE PROBLEMS

Remember waking up in the morning all happy, looking in the mirror only to find a dreaded pimple staring back at you, dampening all spirits? Not only for teens, blemishes and pimples often appear when skin is exposed to a life lived in the sun or due to a bad diet.

The good news is that a breakout is by no means cause for a breakdown. You can easily recover and get the skin of your dreams just by following a few simple steps.

First, start a daily face-wash routine and drink water throughout the day to keep your skin hydrated. Keep a healthy diet of fresh fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin A and vitamin E, as these benefit your skin. Munch on mixed nuts and fruits such as watermelon, walnuts and macadamias as they also aid in skin repair.

Try to avoid oil-based cosmetics, such as creamy foundations, that can clog pores and opt for ones

that are light and powdery. And always slather on sunscreen—this is extremely important because of the weather conditions in Dubai. Wear it even during winter months as the sun's rays are just as strong.

Clean your make-up brushes once every two weeks, as these are a breeding ground for dirt and bacteria which can cause breakouts. Another important fact to keep in mind is the sequence in which you apply products. Anything water based should go first, followed by creamier products. Furthermore, remove your make-up before you go to bed as leaving it on clogs pores and causes dryness.



SLEEP WELL FOR GOOD SKIN

Skin types

Oily skin

Tends to look shiny soon after cleansing. The best product for this skin type would be an oil-free moisturiser. Also, using clay masks once a week should dry up oil and remove dead surface cells.

Dry skin

Feels tight after cleansing and can be flaky. Opt for a creamy moisturising cleanser to leave the skin feeling clean and fresh.

Normal skin

Stays non-oily for hours after cleansing, has small pores and very few breakouts. Use a non-drying cleansing lotion and choose an oil-free moisturiser.

Serums give good skin results as they are much more concentrated than creams, so you only need a small amount. Look for one with antioxidants and pentapeptides as they can help to give the skin a firm and glowing appearance.

Remember to sanitise that phone that you can't keep your hands off as well, as it can have many germs floating around. All those germs land on your cheek every time you chat away, causing pimples. Also, keep your hands away and resist popping your zits as it will only result in scarring and acne, causing more skin drama. Make sure that you choose hairstyles that keep your hair out of your face, as hair can spread oils that can transfer to your face.

Sleep deprivation can further cause your skin to look pale and washed out, as well as leading to blemishes. Maybe sleeping beauty isn't such a fairytale after all.

Dr Mahaveer Mehta, a dermatologist from Skin Laser Clinic Dubai says, "Beauty sleep is a true fact and, in my opinion, getting regular eight hours sleep at night really does make your skin appear healthier and more attractive than those who do not sleep well."

Exercise is another great way to avoid blemishes as it increases your body's blood flow, which nourishes skin cells and is a great way of fighting stress, which is a cause of acne.

Dr Mehta adds, "Report early for any skin condition, as very simple and common skin conditions—like acne—can often cause permanent scars and blemishes, whereas very serious disease like skin cancer can be "spotted and stopped" if they are reported in time."

Hopefully, by using these tips and tricks, you can leave the past behind and be pimple free. ●

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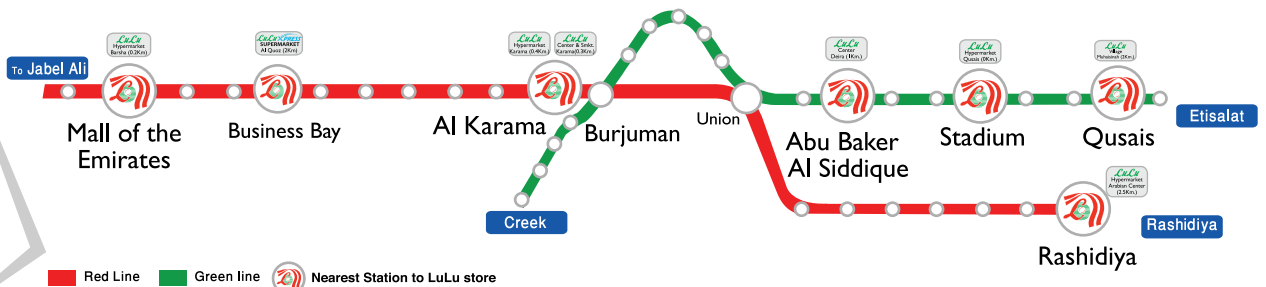
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TRAVEL NEWS

Pullman Dubai Deira City Centre opens

Pullman, Accor's upscale brand for international travellers, has opened Pullman Dubai Deira City Centre. The new hotel's 317 rooms provide first-class comfort and state-of-the-art technology. All rooms have a new bedding concept, which offers memory foam pillows to relieve neck pain and provide a better sleep. The hotel is designed to be a perfect balance between business and leisure.

The property, with four restaurants and bars, provides international and local cuisine tailored to cosmopolitan travellers and local customers alike: Le Cafe, a 24-hour lobby lounge; all-day dining restaurant Medley; La Fabrique, a New York-style venue for after-work beverages or to watch the latest sport broadcast; and the outdoor rooftop pool lounge, Azure, an ideal place to unwind amidst views of the Dubai skyline.



In October 2013, the hotel will have an entire floor dedicated to meetings and events with nine totally renovated meeting rooms. It will feature the Pullman Co-Meeting concept, which offers comfort and connectivity.

Christophe Landais, Managing Director, Accor Middle East, said, "We are committed to further strengthen our position in the region and the Pullman Dubai Deira City Centre will undoubtedly be the choice hotel for business and leisure travellers. We currently operate four Pullman hotels in the Middle East, and will add two more - the 354-room Pullman Dubai Jumeirah Lakes Towers which will open this year and the 468-room Pullman Doha West Bay which will open in 2015."

Old world charm

Palma de Mallorca offers a modern view of its historic origins, making it a great destination for all holiday budgets.

With its palaces and promenades, Palma de Mallorca has a few surprises up its sleeve—it is chic, classy, intimate, yet full of life. Located on the south of Mallorca, the Spanish island's capital city looks out over the sparkling blue seas of the Mediterranean.

Many of the popular sightseeing spots are bounded by the ancient walls within the city itself, making it easy to explore on foot. You can lose yourself in the city's traditional charm as you take a stroll along the mazes of alleys and cobblestone streets. You can also see the influence of Arab architecture as you walk past iron gates and wooden doors, with passing glimpses of elegant patios, stone staircases, galleries and arcades. Also, being the largest port of the Balearic Islands, its bay is almost always full of dazzling yachts.

Among the historic sites, The Palau de L'Almudaina used to be home to the royal family and is a must-visit.

You can admire elaborate tapestries which decorate the walls and soak in the exotic views of Palma bay from a height. Relax in the leafy gardens adorned with elaborate fountains or roam through the many courtyards and citadels in the area.

Palma's most famous sight is the Bellver Castle, which offers a beautiful view. It dates from the 14th century and is popular—and different—because of its circular design. Built as a royal fortress above the city, it still attracts visitors thanks to its magnificent design and views across

the bay. Arrival by sea to Palma is impressive, as its skyline is dramatically characterised by this castle.

The island, with its many attractions, also has many wonderful beaches along the coastline. And with sunshine most of the year you can't go wrong in visiting Palma. The popular beaches here include Magaluf and Palma Nova in the west and Puerto Pollenca and Alcudia in the north, although some of these are renowned for being party spots.

Party paradise or not, Palma is also known for its wonderful caves, which have become popular attractions over the years. Famous ones—such as the caves of Drach at Portocristo—feature underground lakes, stalactites, stalagmites and beautiful spaces. Very few of the island's caves are open to the public, though, and are accessible in guided tours.

Other popular attractions include the La Llotja—a gothic building decorated with a number of sculptures—and the Banyas Arabs, which is a hamam (bathhouse) and dates back to the 10th century. Mercat Oliivar, Placa del Oliivar is also popular, as a marketplace where vendors sell a wide variety of fresh produce.

Palma de Mallorca is a classic all-year-round destination, though summer starts at the beginning of June. The island is a must-visit for those looking for something more than just a beach vacation. It's an excellent city break as it has something for everyone—stunning architecture, an eccentric city centre, sandy beaches, a flourishing cafe culture, great shopping and dining options and a vibrant nightlife. Balearic bliss. ●

Did you know?

- The islanders refer to Palma as "ciutat", meaning "city".
- Palma is built in the style of a Casbah or walled city.
- The island is inhabited by a population of 325,000.
- Puig Mayor is the highest point on the island, standing 1445 metres above sea level.

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TECH NEWS

CompuMe eyes new customers



CompuMe, one of the leading IT solution enablers in the Middle East, plans to further reach out to its customers in the UAE through increasing its presence in Virgin Megastores and Carrefour outlets. CompuMe will now operate and brand itself as 'CompuMe @ Virgin'. The company's relationship with Virgin continues to grow, and has increased business more than 40 per cent year over year, resulting in more areas being allocated to CompuMe in Virgin Megastores in the UAE and the region.

CompuMe will also expand its business with Carrefour in the UAE with a positive outlook of increasing its presence within the coming three years.

Dikran Tchablakian, CEO of CompuMe (pictured) commented on the transition: "As we are constantly seeking the best ways to reach out to all our customers and partners wherever they are, we are very happy and proud with our growing partnership and presence in Virgin Megastores and Carrefour. We will also be announcing new ventures that aim to increase CompuMe's market share not only in the UAE, but also across the entire region."

"Since the management buyout in 2010, CompuMe has fulfilled all its obligations and has grown its business on solid financial grounds. Today CompuMe is the largest management company for store-in-store concept and has grown smarter, more productive and more approachable by both customers and partners together," he added.

CompuMe has meanwhile ceased its operation in the Mall of the Emirates store due to the re-merchandising of the store area by the mall management.

Breaking free

Technological advances not only benefit science and society, but can provide a new lease of life for some.



News channels across the globe recently reported the story of Kevin Beverley, a British man who, after being violently attacked 27 years ago, was left partially paralysed, brain-damaged and unable to speak after an urgent tracheotomy.

After living in silence for almost three decades, a new app has allowed Kevin to communicate with the world once again. The Grid Player application allows users to string sentences together by pressing symbols and pictures on his iPad which, when selected, can "speak" for the user. On first using the app, Kevin's first words were, "At last, someone can hear me".

It would seem that, as technology continues to progress at a rapid rate, developers are discovering new ways in which modern devices can help those in need. And some more recent inventions, such as mobile apps and touch-sensitive devices, are still only just scratching the surface of how they can be used.

But technology being used as an aid is not as new a discovery as it may first appear. From the creation of braille to the motorised wheelchair, scientists have

long been focused on ways to help those with disabilities through adaptive technology, as it is known.

For example, autistic children may often struggle to recognise emotions. To help with this, computer programmes have been created that show simple portrayals of human emotions, allowing children to develop a sense of empathy or simply to express their own feelings.

It's not just computing where assistive technology is now common-

place, however. With the progression of GPS technology, a small device has been created for the visually impaired, which, worn on the body, helps to guide them through the streets, giving them a vital sense of independence and security.

While there are those that specifically set out to use new technology to help people 'break free', there are also some more unusual cases. An American man, Bruce Bridgeman, spent his life suffering from a visual condition called stereoblindness, where the brain cannot translate depth based on the combined images received by both eyes (stereo), resulting in a flat, 2D perception of the world. However, a simple trip to the cinema to watch *Hugo* in 3D changed his life. After watching the movie, his brain

appeared to simply reprogramme, and Bruce was able to experience the real world in all its 3D glory for the first time.

So, whether intentional or not, the rapidly-changing technological world is helping more people to cope on a daily basis. From driverless cars to voice-controlled homes and stair-climbing wheelchairs, as science and technology forge forward at great speed, the future looks bright for those who could do with a little help. ●

"From braille to the motorised wheelchair, scientists have long been focused on ways to help those with disabilities."



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NEWS ON WHEELS

Al Habtoor Motors hosts Golf Classic 2013

Al Habtoor Motors Golf Classic 2013 recently made big waves at the Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club by playing host to over 100 keen golfers. Al Habtoor Motors launched the Golf Classic event with the aim of making it a major annual event and fixture in the UAE golfing calendar. In celebration of the event, a serious air of competition was delivered as the golfers were given a chance to win at two hole-in-one prizes for a new Bentley GT and a Mitsubishi Pajero.

Karl Hamer, Managing Director, Al Habtoor Motors, said: "Al Habtoor Motors Golf Classic 2013 is a new beginning for us in this sport. Bringing together our valued customers and members of the golf community to engage in a competitive day of golf with fantastic prizes, supported by the Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club golf professional team and with Golf Clinics to encourage non-golfers, gives us the opportunity to say thank you for your business and loyal support."



During the tournament, exciting prizes were handed out to the top nine and other winners. Several Mitsubishi, Bentley and McLaren cars were also on display at the tournament venue

The UAE has recently witnessed an increasing interest in golf and has been awarded, for the third time in a decade, the 'Golf Destination of the Year Award' for Africa, the Gulf States and the Indian Ocean by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators.

In the past year alone, 12 prestigious golfing events, including the recent Omega Dubai Desert Classics, have taken place in the UAE, attracting world-wide attention and highlighting the successful golf industry throughout the country.

Master of understatement

The Mercedes SL500 honours its history with a touch of class and a superb drive.



The 'SL' moniker is the longest lived in Mercedes' catalogue, having first appeared in 1954, when it followed the number 300, and stood for Super Light, a special racing version of their—then road-going—coupe. But the name stuck, and now adorns the sixth generation of the large two-seater.

What is most impressive about this latest incarnation is how much trouble they have taken to honour the original meaning of those two simple letters. Though loaded with so much technology it tips the scales at a fairly hefty 1,785kg, this is in fact some 123kg lighter than the previous generation, thanks in part to the extensive use of aluminium in the bodyshell, a first for Mercedes in a modern production car.

The engine, too, is both lighter and smaller, now a mere 4,663cc V8, albeit with two turbochargers fitted to boost output and efficiency. Despite churning out a hefty 435bhp, it still manages to return remarkably frugal fuel figures of just 9.2/100km.

So far, so good. The new body gets a

thorough reworking as well, being longer and wider than its predecessor, affording rather more interior room for both driver and passenger. The folding glass roof slides away into the boot and still somehow manages to leave room for weekend bags, and the body is stiff enough to cope with an AMG sports suspension package without creak or rattle.

In fact, on the move, the SL500 feels more nimble thanks to its reduced weight, and, though the new engine's character is muted, its performance is anything but. This is a seriously fast car by anyone's standards, demolishing the 0 to 100kph sprint in just 4.6 seconds. Top speed is limited electronically to 250kph.

But, with such great power comes great responsibility. And the car is certainly responsible to for its driver. The seats are deep and grip you well, but, combined with the long and rather rear-set doors, can be a bit of a struggle to get in and out of. Once in, however,

SPECS
(as tested)
Engine: 4,663cc V8, twin turbo
Power: 435bhp
Gearbox: 7 speed,
7G-Tronic Plus, RWD
Price: (as tested) Dh520,000



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there's no escape, as a special 'active multicontour seat package' actually means that the bolsters on the sides move to hold you even tighter during turns. This is fine when you're pressing on down a mountain road, but a bit disconcerting when reversing in a mall car park. We turned them off.

The other bit of technology that you'll either love or loathe is the lane departure warning system. This buzzes the steering wheel in a reproachful way if you even so happen to cross a dotted line without indicating that you are about to do so. Again, this is fine in busy traffic, when any sensible driver should be indicating clearly anyway, but a bit less welcome on those sweeping turns through the mountains.

What you will definitely want to turn on, however, is the superb Harmon Kardon Logic7 surround sound system. Cleverly, this does away with big bass speakers in the doors, and instead uses the front structure of the car as a resonating chamber to produce a deep, distortion-free performance, worthy of an expensive home hi-fi system. Deeply impressive.

There are neat details everywhere, and the fit and finish of the interior is superlative. The switch to aluminium has made no discernible difference to the indestructible feel of a true

Mercedes, but it has, however, made the whole driving experience more engaging. This really is a super, light sports car. ●



Metro Classifieds

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Breaking the mould

Men and women are very different when it comes to communication. Best-selling author Dr John Gray highlights how issues can be effectively tackled.

When it comes to communicating, men and women are very different. Whether it is in the workplace, at home or in a social setting, many people find it difficult to interact with the opposite gender.

Understanding the communication differences between men and women, however, will help improve your relationships with your colleagues, partner and friends.

COMMUNICATING IN THE WORKPLACE

There is no doubt that good communication is important in

the work environment. The aim of communicating is to send a clear message to someone and make sure that they understand it and react positively. Sometimes the message isn't always received well by the receiver, which can be due to many factors: how the speaker delivered the message, the tone and attitude they used, their choice of vocabulary and the body language used in their address of the message.

The most important thing to remember is to be sure of the message you want to deliver, make it clear and concise, and use language that is specific to avoid confusion. Make sure that the receiver understands the message that you have relayed to them and the way you intended it.

When it comes to talking about a problem or issue in a work environment, or at home, men often believe that communication should have a clear purpose.

Relationships expert and author of *The New York Times* best-selling book, *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*, Dr John Gray, explains, "Women in the workplace need more messages that they are valued and appreciated—by co-workers, by management and by employees. A man just needs to hear, 'good work', but a woman wants her boss to know what she had to go through in order to get the job done. Women may feel that men aren't interested in the process, but men can become interested if they realise that it's important to the woman."

Gray stresses the importance of recognising the differences between men and women and believes that it allows you to take pride in who you are and to respect others.

"Teaching men gender intelligence is key and how to be gender smart, that means understanding how they are dealing with a problem and what makes a woman feel appreciated. Not by just



ACTIVE LISTENING IS ESSENTIAL

“By becoming an active listener, you are truly listening to what the other person is saying.”

acknowledging results but acknowledging the process of how she achieved them,” he explains.

Better communication skills begin with better listening. By becoming an active listener, you are truly listening to what the other person is saying.

It’s often said that the best communicators are also the best listeners, so hold off trying to think of what to say in response until you’ve understood what the other person is telling you. Remember, we’re all people and we all have the basic need to be heard and understood. These rules apply in a professional environment as well as at home or socially.



BODY LANGUAGE IS IMPORTANT IN COMMUNICATING MESSAGES

Gray says, “Often, what women want is just to have a man listen to her and to say, “tell me more” and men are always thinking that if a woman is slightly upset about something then it’s their job to put out that fire. So what men are doing all

the time is trying to tell her, “don’t be upset” or “don’t worry about it”. Men shouldn’t solve the problem, instead my advice to them is to ask more questions and say things like “tell me more, help me understand why you feel that way.” If you are listening, you are doing something.”

Studies have shown that men and women think, speak and solve problems differently. Women prefer to talk about things and tell a story, while men tend to get to the point and stick to the facts. Be tolerant of other people’s opinions and communication methods—not everyone expresses themselves in the same manner.

“Instead of trying to get men to think the way women think, get men to understand the way women think. And instead of women trying to change men, women can change their approach to men and start communicating in a way that a man will start listening to and responding to. This will bring about a whole variety of new insights that are the opposite of what many professionals are taught and it has tremendous benefits for people,” explains Gray. ●



DR JOHN GRAY

Top tips

For men speaking to women:

- Remember to say, “I appreciate you”, “May I...” and “I am here, listening and understanding”. Form bridges to cross into their world.
- Try to understand that when a woman is telling you a story about something, she is trying to build common ground with you.

For women speaking to men:

- Try to hear only what was said without attaching extra thoughts triggered by emotions. Ask if his statement had a deeper meaning before making assumptions. Most likely, he meant exactly what he said.
- Don’t try to get men to talk if they aren’t ready—listen and take note.

The art of giving feedback

Whether positive or negative, feedback is a vital task.

COMMUNICATION

Whether you're a junior employee or business owner, the people you work with will at some point make mistakes and you will have to give feedback. While positive feedback is always well-received, many people find it difficult to tell somebody that something isn't working. The ability to give constructive feedback in a way that impacts employees positively is the only way to ensure behaviour changes. Akhtaboot provides some tips to help you give effective feedback that inspires others.

START WITH THE POSITIVE

All of us like to know when we are doing well, but it's more common for people to focus on mistakes rather than what's been done right. When giving feedback, start with what has been done well. This will make sure that the positive is registered first, and any negatives are more likely to be acknowledged and acted upon.

TRY NOT TO JUDGE

Feedback is to provide employees with constructive, objective and non-judgmental appraisals that will be helpful towards their improvement. In order to ensure that your feedback is received positively, a climate of trust and respect must be established among team members. Constructive feedback is personalised, relevant, goal-oriented, timely, positive, encouraging, documented and factual.

FREQUENCY OF FEEDBACK

Feedback isn't about surprising someone, it's about helping your employees know where they stand. That's why it's important that feedback is given in a timely manner. This is not a once-a-year or a quarterly event, it should be given on an ongoing basis. While formal evaluations may happen annually, task-based feedback should be more frequent. With ongoing informal feedback, nothing said during formal feedback sessions should come as a surprise.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

BE SPECIFIC

Make sure that you prepare your notes before you approach the concerned person. This will help you stay on track and focuses the conversation. Always stick to facts and only give feedback on stuff that matters. All feedback should focus on work and behaviour that makes a difference to the business or an individual's ability to conduct business.

DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES

Avoid general comments that may be of limited use to the receiver. Try

to include examples to illustrate suggested approaches while offering alternatives rather than imposing solutions. Doing so will allow your employees to decide what to do with your feedback and gives the impression that they have a choice. After offering feedback, make a conscious effort to follow up. Let your employees know that you are available if they have any questions and ask for another opportunity to discuss the changes that have been made.

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LEARNING ANEW

At a time when students are grappling with a restrictive educational system, flexible and student centric learning courses are always welcome. Phoenix Educational Institute, an IAO (International Accredited Organisation) with a curriculum designed and certified by AIBM (American Institute of Business and Management) and approved by KHDA (Knowledge and Human Development Authority), is one such example that has pioneered a unique service model geared towards giving students an upper hand.

Phoenix Educational Institute was established in 2005 with a view of catering to working adults seeking vocational education, offering

various courses in competitive fields with convenient timings.

The existing life-work balance is a hindrance to professionals who want to further educate themselves. However, G.D. Karthik, CEO of Phoenix Educational Institute, states that at Phoenix the "tailor made programmes" are unique and available to suit people seeking to enhance their careers, driven by innovation and common sense, and this fresh approach to learning is proving its might where the traditional approach has failed.

The institute, named after the Greek mythological bird, represents the nature of change, shedding the old and giving birth to the new self.



NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Keeping in mind a learner's needs, Phoenix Educational Institute boasts a student-centered environment, evening classes, flexible scheduling, weekend classes, a well equipped library and audio visual aids.

Every student's success is of prime importance at Phoenix Educational

Institute, with customised courses along with industry expert faculties. This enhances the students' experience by improving their grasp of the subject and how they envision their future.

From when a student registers to the day he or she is awarded certification, career advisors and professors give continuous guidance and support to get the best out of the system.

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Malabar Gold & Diamonds presents Studs & Drops event

Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the prominent retail jeweller, has launched its 'Studs & Drops Festival' campaign showcasing an extensive collection of studs and drops from over 20 countries in gold, diamond and platinum. The festival runs until March 31, 2013.



According to a Malabar Gold & Diamonds spokesman, a woman's jewellery collection is incomplete without the right pair of earrings, to express her personality and a big challenge that women face during jewellery purchase is the

choice of studs and drops to suit them.

This is why the Studs & Drops campaign will give Malabar Gold & Diamonds customers a unique chance to choose from a stunning collection of earrings designed and handcrafted by skilled artisans from around the world, ranging from lightweight daily wear to heavy party wear, in traditional as well as office wear designs.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds' branded jewellery collections; uncut diamond jewellery (Era), hand crafted designer jewellery (Ethnix), diamonds unlimited (Mine), Heritage jewellery (Divine), precious gem jewellery (Precia), kids' jewellery (Starlet), and teenage jewellery (D'VA), are all on display and sale during the festival period.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds' immaculate collection of studs and drops are available at the jewellery retailer's outlets in the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman, with unique exchange offers and buyback policies. The jewellery chain offers lifetime free repair and maintenance service for all its jewellery.



Sports fan

Who says sportswear is just for the gym? Urban leisurewear has come over all chic and quirky for spring/summer 2013. From tracksuit-style trousers, mesh tops and clean lines, luxe sportswear is all the rage.

Get the look

Grab a pair of trousers with an elasticated waist or ankle cuffs to channel that sporty, tracksuit vibe. Pair the trousers with an oversized T-shirt with a fun slogan or reference to sport on it. Wear the tee tucked in to highlight the illusion of a tracksuit. Throw on a pair of lace-up boots or sandals to complete the look.



Go retro

For the ultimate retro sports look, opt for a pair of high-waisted running shorts in shiny metallic hues. Go for a simple, black crop T-shirt for a modern update on the trend. Add a little attitude with black leather hi-top sneakers with spike detailing. Finally, a quilted backpack adds to the sporty edge of the look.

Her

Let loose
Oversized shirt dresses are classic sportswear-inspired pieces. Opt for a baggy, T-shirt dress in a silk fabric as this is synonymous with classic sports jackets. Go for bright colours such as cobalt blue for a fresh, spring look. Keep the ensemble casual with a pair of wedged, hi-top sneakers. Alternatively, opt for a cool, racer skirt in a bright hue and throw on a casual, anorak-type jacket for classic, sporty street style. Pair the look with floral sneakers for a feminine twist.





Gear for guys

All guys should feel comfortable rocking this laid-back trend. While varsity jackets look cool, they can be quite heavy in the type of fabric they're made from. Opt for a lightweight, zip-up hoodie for the warmer Dubai climate and wear it alongside smart, denim shorts with an elasticated waist to keep the sporty vibe. Throw on a pair of classic hi-tops for a traditional, cool and athletic look.



MARKS & SPENCER

Him

For the win

Luckily for men, the sports look is a lot easier to pull off than other trends. Classic athletic wear gets a modern revival this season. Opt for pieces that are reminiscent to the world of sport, but make sure they are versatile to wear in your daily wardrobe. Choose pieces that can be dressed down as well as worn on smarter occasions.

Sports star

The relaxed approach to this trend means that laid-back guys can throw on a hoodie and still look cool. Choose a simple pair of sports or beach shorts in a bright springtime shade and pair with a traditional top or vest. Go for funky patterns and bright colours for a more youthful look.



Joyalukkas opens International Jewellery Celebration



Joyalukkas has launched its International Jewellery Celebration promotion across all its showrooms. The festival will last until March 23, 2013, and celebrates exquisite and exotic gold jewellery designs and collections from across the world and allows shoppers the opportunity to see and buy intricately embellished Turkish jewellery, classic Italian designs, handcrafted Indian jewellery, stylish and modern Singaporean jewellery and unique jewellery designs from Malaysia.

"We are celebrating the traditions and beautiful jewellery designs created by craftsmen across the world. Jewellery designs of Turkey, Italy, India, Singapore and Malaysia each have their distinct look and style and we are sure jewellery lovers will enjoy viewing the pieces and be thrilled with the opportunity to own them," said Joy Alukkas, Chairman & MD, Joyalukkas Group.

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



The Desert Monologues

BEGINNING MARCH 9 AND 14
DUCTAC, MALL OF THE EMIRATES

Registration is open now for this popular acting course, which will take participants through a variety of drama-based activities, culminating in monologue performances at Ductac. Whether you're a seasoned professional or an absolute beginner, if you want to act in a professional theatre and work with like-minded, talented individuals then this is the course for you. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 7.30pm until 9.30pm, and on Saturdays from 3pm until 5pm.

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Mirchi Bollywood Rocks

MARCH 8, 7PM

ZABEEL HALL - DUBAI WORLD TRADE CENTRE

The Mirchi Bollywood Rocks event is one for all the Bollywood fans out there, with performances from Sunidhi Chauhan and the Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy trio, made up of musicians Shankar Mahadevan, Ehsaan Noorani and Loy Mendonsa. Touching down on the Dubai stage, this four-hour musical extravaganza looks set to give fans a lively evening of music, dance and festivities they won't forget in a hurry.



Stress-free shopping

OPEN DAILY

THE DUBAI MALL

We all know how much of a battle it can be to find a parking space on a busy weekend at the mall. Luckily, for those wanting a leisurely browse around the world's biggest shopping mall, the recently-opened Metro link at The Dubai Mall provides an air-conditioned walkway from the station straight into the shopping haven. The 820-metre walkway aims to reduce vehicle traffic and enable up to 30,000 users per day to make their way from the station to the mall in a comfortable and safe environment.



Concert for a Cause

MARCH 4, 8PM

THE MADINAT THEATRE, SOUK
MADINAT JUMEIRAH

Under the patronage of the Consulate General of France, The Rotary Club of Jumeirah presents this Concert for a Cause starring acclaimed French pianist Alexandre Lacombe, who regularly performs at venues worldwide to delighted audiences. All proceeds from the event will go to the Senses Residential and Day Care Centre for special needs, so why not head to show your support and enjoy a riveting repertoire of piano classics at the same time? Tickets start from Dh150.

Taking a backseat

Parker is among the list of run-of-the mill action films, with plenty of bangs but not many thrills.

NEW RELEASE

You come to expect certain flair from a Jason Statham (*Expendables*) film—a good storyline and, of course, great action. But *Parker*, an adaptation of a Donald E. Westlake novel, directed by Tom Hackford (*Ray*) lets him down. Although it has a strong premise it won't be breaking any box-office records.

Statham's films are known to be fast-paced with him always in the driver's seat of an action thriller. Here, the two-hour-long film has an uneven pace and lacks the adrenaline-pumping action associated with him.

After being left for dead by his partners following a successful heist, Parker pulls off a terrific tough-guy resurrection, after making sure his girlfriend and her father are out of harm's way. He survives, follows his ex-partners to Florida in disguise, where they aim to pull off a jewel heist. He snoops around with the help of a desperate real estate agent played by Jennifer Lopez, who is looking to make some bucks for a way out of her deadbeat life. Instead of just taking his revenge right away, Parker decides to let them

accomplish the theft first, then take the lot for himself.

The film is based on the popular *Parker* series by crime writer Westlake. The book chronicles the life of a particularly efficient master criminal and the nasty twists faced by this anti-hero.

The picture stays faithful to the novel's plot and makes sure that Parker's revenge is depicted in all its essence.

Like any classic Statham film there are the usual—but not exceptional—fight

scenes, featuring fists and guns and the classic chase after someone he wants to kill. You can also expect the standard, slightly grunted dialogue he usually delivers, although the scenes where he tries a Texan accent to fit into his forged identity are hilarious.

Much of the success of the movie is because of Statham's tough-guy act, as he displays great resourcefulness and endures plenty of beatings and stabbings but never surrenders. He stomps and chomps through all his action scenes with vigour but never losing cool, while Lopez credibly enacts her part as a smitten accomplice. Although, it doesn't take too long to realise that the only purpose her character really serves is as a hostage that the bad guys can threaten Parker with. It's also rather surprising to see Hackford, a two-time Oscar nominee, tackle something as basic as a Statham-type action film.

Even though *Parker* steals for a living and leaves a trail of dead behind him, he still inspires you to take his side through his sheer dedication for revenge. The stand-out scene of the movie is the opening sequence, which is very well done and gets you excited—but everything just goes downhill after that.

It's safe to say that *Parker* joins the list of forgettable crime films—it's not offensively bad or completely useless, but it just doesn't make a point. ●

J-LO'S BACK ON THE SILVER SCREEN

Did you know?

- The film is adapted from the nineteenth *Parker* novel, *Flashfire*, written by Westlake under the name Richard Stark.
- *Parker* is the first time in Hackford's career where he has attempted to make a film noir.
- Lopez and Nick Nolte, who acts as Parker's mentor in the movie, have previously worked together on the film *U Turn*.
- Statham is a former diver for the British Olympic team and performed all of his own stunts in the movie.

Hollywood news

Spice Girl Mel B joins America's Got Talent

Hot from Hollywood, news is that Spice Girl Mel B (Melanie Brown) will join *America's Got Talent* for its upcoming eighth season alongside returning judges Howard Stern and Howie Mandel. The news comes just a few weeks before the show's audition rounds begin. This will not be Brown's first TV gig, however, as she was a judge on the Australian version of *The X Factor* in 2011 and was a guest judge on the UK version, and on Britain and Ireland's *Next Top Model*. The former Spice Girl is known for her frank nature and you should be prepared to watch the contestants get some constructive and honest feedback from her. Sharon Osbourne, the previous judge, announced her departure from the talent show last August, but Mel B may not be the only addition to the show this season. According to reports, NBC might also be considering adding a fourth

judge to the panel. However, an official statement has not been made on this yet. The season premieres on May 28.



Angelina teams with the Coen brothers



THE COEN BROTHERS

Film legends Ethan and Joel Coen are teaming up with Angelina Jolie to tell the story of World War II hero Lou Zamperini. The Coen brothers have been roped in to rewrite *Unbroken*, the adaptation of Laura Hillenbrand's 2010 book. Jolie will be directing the film and has spent weeks searching for top writers to tackle the project. And the Coens were the perfect answer as they have been nominated five times for Academy Awards in the writing category, winning for *No Country for Old Men* and *Fargo*. Zamperini, an Olympic star, made headlines after surviving for 47 days without food or water when his US airforce plane crashed in 1943. Having endured shark attacks and extreme hunger, he was eventually picked up by the Japanese, who then imprisoned him for two years, during which time he was tortured. Jolie came on board the project in December. *Unbroken* will be her second directorial venture after the 2011 Balkan conflict drama, *In the Land of Blood and Honey*.

Friends reunited?



Beloved characters Monica and Chandler are reuniting. Well, sort of. Matthew Perry and Courtney Cox will be seen together in Perry's latest show *Go On*. Cox plays a character who meets Anne (Julie White), who then tries to set her up with Perry's character. The appearance marks the duo's first small-screen reunion since *Friends* ended its run in 2004.



After conquering the music scene, it looks like singer Nicki Minaj wants to take over Hollywood and is looking for the right film project. According to sources, she would love to act, but not in stereotypical role about a singer. She has so far lent her voice to the 2012 animated flick, *'Ice Age 4: Continental Drift.'*

Bollywood news

Tech savvy Madhuri

Madhuri Dixit has opened an online dance academy called *Dance with Madhuri* and also launched an app to connect with her fans earlier this month. According to sources, her passion for dance made her launch the online venture to make her style of dancing accessible to more people.



Salman in Dubai

Reportedly titled *Mental*, Salman Khan's next film—along with the southern star Daisy—is set to take off in Dubai and will be helmed by his brother Sohail Khan. The film also marks the debut of Sabarresh, who will be playing the villain. Buzz surrounding the project is that the film will be shot in Dubai for one week.

Legendary comeback

Subhash Ghai has begun the shoot for his next film *Kaanchi*, a musical thriller. He will be returning to directing after a gap of four years. Five songs have already been recorded for the film, which will star Rishi Kapoor, Mithun Chakravarty and newcomers Kartik Tiwari and Mishti. The movie is set to release on August 15.



Retro avatar

Sonakshi Sinha will be seen dancing to a retro-peppy number in *Himmatwala*. She sports two different looks in the song, which have both been inspired from heroines in the 1980s. The film, which is directed by Sajid Khan and also stars Ajay Devgn and Tamannaah, is set for release on March 29.



Listings

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MOVIE GUIDE

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Emirates Airline Festival of Literature 2013

Emirates Airline Festival of Literature is the Middle East's largest celebration of the written and spoken word.

Date: March 5 - 9

Timings: 10am onwards

Audience: Public

Category: Festival

Venue: InterContinental hotel, Dubai Festival City

Admission: Dh40 onwards

Telephone: 04 353 4002

Dubai International Boat Show 2013

This event provides a classic showcase of yachts, supercars, equipment and supplies from local and international builders, together with the latest innovations in the marine industry.

Date: March 5 - 9

Timings: 3 - 9:30pm onwards

Audience: Public, trade

Category: Exhibition

Venue: Dubai International Marine Club, Mina Seyahi

Admission: Dh60



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A free information evening offering details about joining one of Gulf for Good's upcoming challenges.

Date: March 6

Timings: 7pm

Audience: Public

Category: Charity

Venue: Adventure HQ, Times Square Centre, Sheikh Zayed Road

Admission: Free

Telephone: 04 368 0222



5th Emirates Classic Car Festival

This festival is regarded as the Middle East's premier showcase of classic cars.

Date: March 7 - 9

Timings: 10am - 10pm

Audience: Public

Category: Entertainment

Venue: Emaar Boulevard, Downtown Dubai

Admission: Free

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The famous Filipino rock band will be in Dubai as part of their Middle East tour.

Date: March 7

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Audience: Adults

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New water bus service open

The new route between Festival City and Ras Al Khor wildlife sanctuary offers passengers stunning vistas.

MARINE TRANSPORT

The Public Transport Agency, Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), has launched a new water bus line between Festival City station and Ras Al Khor wildlife sanctuary, treating passengers to picturesque views dotted with flying birds against the backdrop of the modern Dubai skyline.

Baha Uddin Al Qudra, Director of Marine Transport at the Public Transport Agency, said, "The RTA is always keen on supporting the tourist marine transit sector in Dubai through working hand-in-hand with official and semi-official entities, hotels, businesses and tourist bodies in a team spirit with the aim of making unprecedented achievements in the mass transit and tourist sectors.

"In a short cruise, passengers can experience a safe and smooth transit, punctuated by stunning sea views. The water bus even slows down at certain locations to enable passengers to take photos," said Al Qudra.

The water bus service starts at 10am and 11am, continues at 2pm



TAKE TO THE WATER

and 3pm then again at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm from Saturday to Thursday. On Fridays and official holidays, the service runs at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. The fare is Dh25 per person per round trip, and tickets for the water bus are issued onboard.

The water bus is a convenient, safe and air-conditioned water transit

means that was launched in 2007 to ferry passengers between Dubai Creek stations. The vessel features deluxe and roomy seats, and is fitted with LCD monitors and other impressive features.

The water bus has a dual base design, offering high levels of stability and rendering it the best and easiest

means of crossing the Dubai Creek. Ferrying over five lines, the water bus provides passengers with new and exciting prospects for exploring the Dubai Creek. As the RTA is keen on providing the maximum amount of comfort to passengers, each marine transit station is fitted with purpose-built kiosks.

Focus on Dubai's fishermen

Mattar Al Tayer receives Chairman of Dubai Fishermen Cooperative Association.

MEETINGS

Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), recently received Major General Mohammed Saeed Al Murri, Chairman of the Dubai Fishermen Cooperative Association, who praised the RTA's efforts in providing roads and parking at the association premises.

Al Tayer renewed the RTA's support to the efforts of the Dubai Fishermen Cooperative Association in realising its objectives of serving Emirati fishermen, uplifting the fish trade and rendering superior services.

Al Tayer was briefed by Al Murri about the association, which is the first cooperative society to serve fishermen nationwide and manifests the leading role of the emirate in supporting cooperative efforts and



AL TAYER RECEIVING AL MURRI

serving all community segments, particularly those in the fishing business.

"The association seeks to improve the fishing profession and promote cooperative spirit between fishermen, besides providing them with basic services such as fishing ports, maritime workshops, and boat maintenance," said Al Murri.

Al Murri reiterated the keenness of members and staff of the association to be in constant touch with the practitioners of the fishing profession.

He stated, "Upgrading the profession is the byword in the next stage of the association's business and all efforts will be mustered to uplift the calibre of services offered."

Systems briefing for Sharjah Transport

TRAINING



AHLAM AL-FEEL

A delegation from Sharjah Transport recently visited the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) to review

practices in the RTA's Administrative Services Department, along with work mechanisms—particularly the e-archiving system—with the aim of exchanging expertise, improving services, speeding up processing and improving the quality of deliverables.

Ahlam Al-Feel, Director of RTA Administrative Services, praised the ongoing interaction with various community organisations to improve the business environment, share experience, enhance business processes and realise best results.

The Sharjah Transport delegation praised the visit and the communication with the RTA in sharing expertise, systems used and best practices.

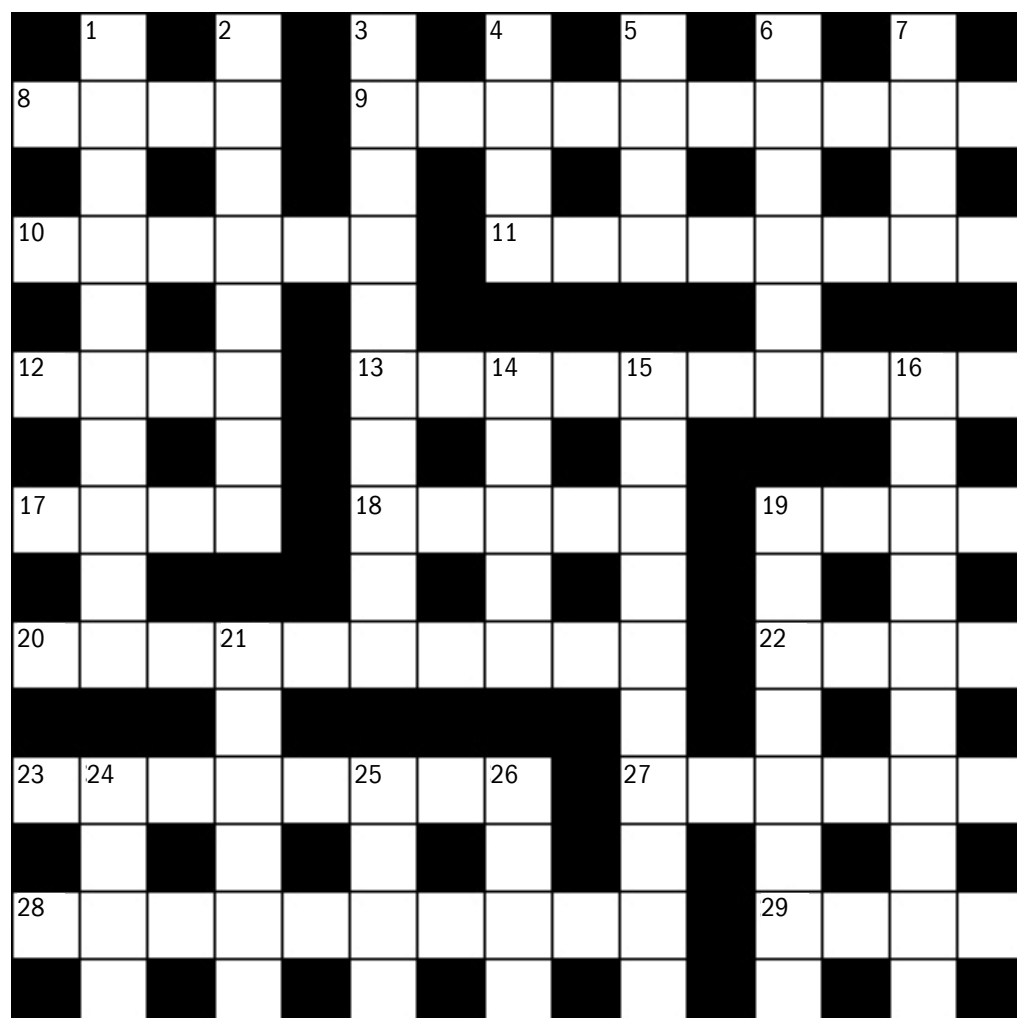
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Crossword

Across

8 Nimble (4) **9** Visible aspect of a person (10) **10** A written version of a play (6) **11** Meetings (8) **12** Tribe (4) **13** Alienating (10) **17** Relating to the ear (4) **18** A vast multitude (5) **19** Devotees (4) **20** Victorious (10) **22** Hawaiian island (4) **23** First letters of a person's name (8) **27** Without difficulty (6) **28** A form of Hindi (10) **29** Anagram of "neat" (4)

Down

1 One who takes investment risks (10) **2** Sanitary (8) **3** Warship (10) **4** Chooses (4) **5** Gentle blows (4) **6** Establishing (6) **7** Glance over (4) **14** Latin for "Earth" (5) **15** Knock out gas (10) **16** Without a care (10) **19** Pace (8) **21** Messy (6) **24** French for "black" (4) **25** A vaulted recess on a building (4) **26** A style of jazz singing (4)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Spicy beef fajitas

Bring a taste of Tex Mex to your kitchen with these simple fajitas.

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil
500g lean beef fillet, cut into thin strips
1 sliced medium onion
1 sliced red capsicum
1 sliced green capsicum
2 cubes chicken bouillon, dissolved in 60ml hot water
1/2 tsp ground cumin
1/2 tsp garlic
1/2 tsp ground black pepper
1/2 tsp dried oregano
1/2 tsp mild paprika
1/2 tsp chili powder
1/2 tsp ground coriander
1 cup sour cream

1 cup guacamole
150g grated cheddar cheese
12 flour tortillas
100g lettuce separated and shredded
Salt to taste

Method

1. In a large, non-stick pan, heat the olive oil then add and cook beef strips until they are brown and tender.
2. Add onion and green and red capsicum. Stir-fry for three minutes and add the dissolved chicken bouillon cubes and spices.
3. Simmer for another three

minutes or until the mixture is almost dry, but still a little moist.

4. Combine the guacamole, garlic and cumin in small bowl and add salt to taste.

5. Spread the mixture over the warm tortilla bread, then add some lettuce and a portion of the beef fajita mixture. Roll the tortillas tightly to enclose.

6. Serve the fajitas with tasty side dishes of salsa, sour cream and grated cheese with coriander.

Serves
6



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ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

As the week begins, life might feel difficult. But if you can cope with the flood of details you should be fine. There may also be opportunities to let go of projects that have not been beneficial. It might be best to go with the flow and do what your heart tells you.

**TAURUS**

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

You may want to volunteer your time this week, but don't be self-sacrificing as you could be caught out by someone who thinks of you as a soft target. Also, try to complete a project that shouldn't be put off any further. It might clear up a misunderstanding.

**GEMINI**

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Pay attention to important chores this week. At work, your ideas could be inspirational and you might even earn yourself some fans for solving a difficult problem. Focus on the details. Be careful while signing any contracts and stay ahead of the game.

**CANCER**

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

You may feel a strong desire to explore new subjects and this could bring travel onto the agenda. Get serious this week, stick to the plan and all should go well. Your home life demands extra attention so make sure you've got time for loved ones.

**LEO**

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

You're feeling a bit withdrawn this week and would like to spend some time on your own. You could also be tempted to pick up a new gadget or indulge in some much-needed retail therapy. Just keep track of everything financially so you know where you are.

**VIRGO**

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

You have great energy this week and will go all out to help close friends. But try not to make promises you can't keep as you could easily let someone down without realising it. Listen to their needs and be ready to compromise if it's the necessary solution.

**LIBRA**

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

You will be consumed with the need to shop this week, but try to control the urge. You might also need to watch your health and avoid anything potentially harmful. Dig out your running shoes and get into the habit of working out to keep yourself feeling fit.

**SCORPIO**

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

You will be compelled to review your progress and consider new goals for the future. It's a good time to get creative and learn a new craft, or take time out to try and sort problems that have been plaguing you. Your positive energy kicks in at the weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS**

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

You may need to hide out for a while as you are more irritable than usual. To mix things up, you may want to start a home business or take up a DIY project. Family relationships look upbeat and, once you get involved, you'll have a fabulous time.

**CAPRICORN**

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

You may be in the mood to review your current commitments—some of which might be fading away and some are becoming stronger. It's also a great time for you to reconnect with old contacts, evaluate the present and accept what you've got.

**AQUARIUS**

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

You have great energy this week and should be able to turn your hand to something new. It's a good opportunity to reflect on whether you're happy with your current environment. You need to keep control of your finances and don't let spending get out of hand.

**PISCES**

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Go ahead and do whatever you think is right—you may be surprised at just how right you are. Notice an improvement in people's attitudes and capitalise on this. You're in a creative mood and this is a good time to set your goals for the year ahead.



This week's local weather

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HIGH 26C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 46%

MON

SUNNY
HIGH 27C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 43%

TUE

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LOW 23C
HUMIDITY 38%

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LOW 23C
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