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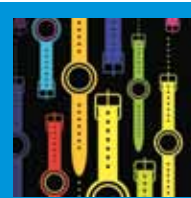
When the future of the planet is at risk, Tom Cruise steps up to save the day in the latest Hollywood sci-fi adventure *Oblivion*

FAIRYTALE FEATURES



COACHELLA CHIC

Celebrities and socialites have been donning their best boho threads to enjoy the sunshine and sounds of the Coachella Valley Music Festival



WATCHING THE TREND

Owning a wristwatch that carries out the same functions as a smartphone is no longer just a thing of the future

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Letters

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

✉ UNDERGROUND ART

Dubai Metro is a form of modern transportation. But, to make it even more fun and thrilling, it would be nice to see some art at the underground sections of the tracks. Then, when people are travelling in the underground sections of the route they can enjoy the view of the artworks.

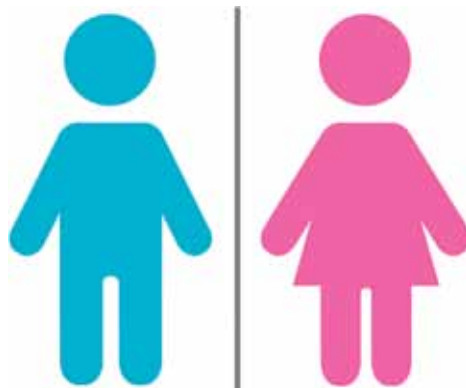
Jameel Mohamed

✉ SEEING THE SIGNS

I always observe that in the women's cabin of the Metro, most men don't read the signage of "Women and children only" when they are rushing to catch the train. Sometimes, tourists also don't realise

as well, maybe this is because of the small signs indicating this. In my opinion, perhaps a colour change of the "women and children only" sign to a more noticeable colour rather than blue might help. Also, perhaps a wider sign or a floor sticker will help people to see that the cabin is for women and children only.

Leila Faja



RESPECT THE RULES

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Yes, as it would provide genuine benefit 75%
No, this would be a marketing gimmick 25%

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Coming up this week



TODAY

Debit or prepaid cards allow you to enjoy the convenience of plastic money without the fear of getting into huge amounts of debt. The only major difference with debit cards is that you are spending your own money, not the bank's. For those who might think that carrying cash is a hindrance or dangerous, it may be worth considering getting one of these cards.



MONDAY

With the Indian Premier League (IPL) now in full swing, we take a look at how the draw of this cricket series compares to other tournaments and what makes it so appealing to international cricket fans.



TUESDAY

The Gulf Education and Training Exhibition took place last week, offering many different options and courses to prospective students. We take a look at important factors to keep in mind when selecting a specific course.



WEDNESDAY

We take a look at Google's recently launched Inactive Account Manager that lets people control what happens to their digital life (emails and photos) once they have passed away.



THURSDAY

Detox diet plans have gradually become a trend thanks to celebrities and health conscious people. This diet basically cleanses the system of toxins, but needs to be practised cautiously.



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)

Is it worth investing in gold or would you rather put your money into something else?

Buying gold jewelry is only a good investment if you buy the piece by weight. Jewelry usually does not make a good gold investment because you pay for the manufacturing as well as the gold, plus mark up. This means that the price of gold would have to rise significantly higher than an equal weight of gold bullion. Buying gold as in investment should be done carefully and pricing should be researched based on the spot price of gold.

— Archana Churi

Investment in gold is never a bad idea. Although the gold has entered in to a bearish phase as of now, but the price will rebound.

— Kaunain Abbas

Yes! I think it's right time to invest on gold especially for our little ones, it will be their future security. Now the gold rate is high, when they grow up gold rate will be more high so better it should be invested in gold. Who never knows what will be the time when my kids will grow up.

— Parvati Biharilal



WORTH ITS WEIGHT?

What would your message of support be to those affected by the explosions at the Boston marathon?

My thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Boston. My msg for them stay strong, be safe.

— Vishal Wadhvani

My prayers to the victims and the people in boston.

— Ma Cecilia

Honestly, what words can describe these crazy things. Wonder what pleasure that person got by doing this inhumane act. Horrendous.

— Neha Dadlani

Do you think offices including adult-sized games and entertainment encourage happy workers?

It's good to add a little fun to the workplace, this makes the workers love what they do and makes it



OFFICE FUN

more interesting. Even though there is fun in the workplace, they still get work done because they are motivated. There should be a balance of fun and seriousness.

— Arman Hossen

It varies. Web related companies can have things like that if it will give them inspiration to be more creative and make the "www" more useful to us. But the same thing would not apply let's say to a construction company or an accounting firm.

— Jhun Cruz

All eyes on tallest Thai tower

Iconic construction project valued at Dh2.25 billionn has got investors throughout the UAE showing interest.

INVESTMENT

The **MahaNakhon** project, Thailand's tallest tower, has generated investor interest after a UAE-based businessman invested Dh100 million in the project. Asgar Patel, Chairman of the House of Patels Group, expects the project to be valued at Dh2.25 billion on completion in 2015.

"Thailand's economy expanded rapidly in the fourth quarter of the last financial year, with the government reporting GDP growth of 18.9 per cent compared to the previous year," said Patel, whose firm has interests in real estate, financial services, transport and logistics.

The House of Patels Group has acquired the project's marketing and sales rights for India and the GCC.

WSP Reality, a House of Patels

company, recently organised a two-day roadshow to promote the project, which is dubbed the 'first opportunity to invest in a Thai landmark residential property direct from the developer'.

The development will be the tallest building in Thailand at 314 metres (1,030 feet).



ASGAR PATEL



Beautiful Ruins

By Jess Walter

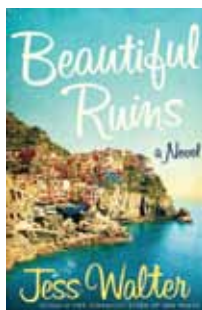
BOOKS

The story opens on the Italian coastline in 1962, when a young innkeeper looks out over the water and spies a woman approaching on a boat. He not only finds out that she is an actress, but learns that she is also, sadly, dying. What unfolds is a dazzling novel, spanning fifty years.

It is the story of an almost-love affair that begins in the beautiful city

and is rekindled in Hollywood 50 years later. It opens like a movie and promises good, old-fashioned, escapism with a satirical edge.

Beautiful Ruins is a moving story of love, friendship, duty and trust between two people who survive the greed for fame, fortune and reputation just to be together.



To Be Loved

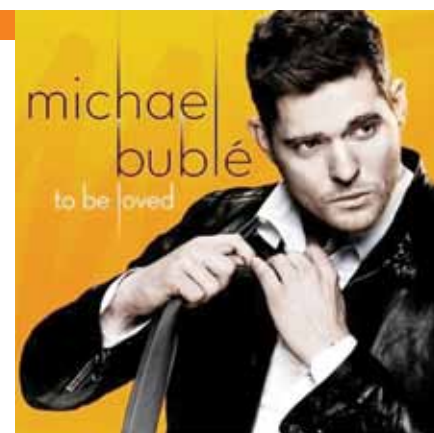
Artist Michael Bublé Label Reprise ★★☆☆☆

ALBUM

Unless you've been living under a rock, Michael Bublé's latest single *It's a Beautiful Day* has been pretty hard to avoid. With its overproduced, heavily-autotuned sound, the song harks back to one of the Canadian crooner's biggest hits, *Haven't Met You Yet*. It may be instantly recognisable as Bublé but, unfortunately, not at his best.

Luckily, the rest of his latest album, *To Be Loved*, pulls it back with a few soulful numbers and some unexpected surprises.

Smokey Robinson's *Who's Loving You* shows off Bublé's (less autotuned) voice perfectly, while his version of *You've Got a Friend in Me* is a stand out moment. Actress Reese Witherspoon even pops up for a duet.



While he may be fond of the knobs and buttons in the recording studio, the simple fact is that, underneath the production, Michael Bublé has a great voice. It's just a shame that this latest album doesn't quite show it off.

If you like this, you could try...

Where'd You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple

Bernadette Fox is a successful architect who, to her fellow private-school mothers in Seattle, is a disgrace. But, to her 15-year-old Bee, she is a best friend. When Bernadette disappears without any trace, Bee compiles a touching novel about mother and daughter's role in an absurd world.

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A fine affair

The Dubai Marina Fine Art Show arrives to an appreciative audience.

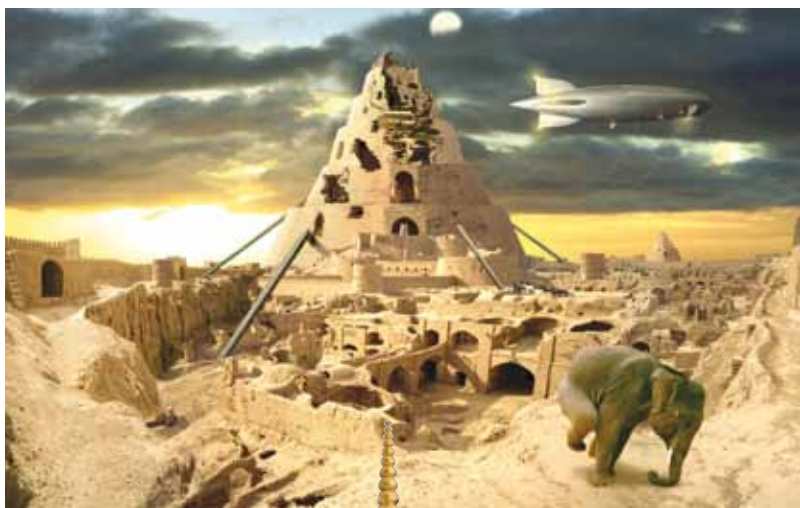
Art lovers and connoisseurs are enjoying a new insight into the minds and works of some of the greatest modern artists, with a pop-up gallery that opened its doors to eager fans last week.

The Dubai Marina Fine Art Show offers an exclusive opportunity to admire paintings and sculptures by 23 acclaimed artists including Salvador Dali, Patrick Hughes, Richard Orlinski, Julien Marinetti and Chayan Khoi. It is the vision of Francois Chabanian, Bel-Air Fine Art Galleries' CEO.

The impressive collection of artwork on display at the exhibition has all been curated from the renowned Bel-Air Fine Art Gallery in Geneva. And the fact that Dubai has been chosen as the base for such an



PARADE OF CHANGE



exhibition speaks volumes about the region's growing reputation within the art world.

Chabanian says, "The calibre of artists which will be represented at The Dubai Marina Fine Art Show highlights Dubai's growing status as a global art hub. With an increasing interest in art in the Middle East, the show serves as a preview into Bel-Air Fine Art's plans to partner and host an array of art exhibitions in this region."

Naturally, among the biggest draws to the new collection

“Among the biggest draws to the new collection are the works of Salvador Dali, the celebrated Spanish surrealist painter.”

are the works of Salvador Dali, the celebrated Spanish surrealist painter best known for his striking and bizarre images. While his artworks may appear unusual to those not accustomed with the surrealist move-



ALICE IN WONDERLAND

ment, those in Dubai who wish to know more about the genre will find this latest exhibition an ideal introduction.

Technically speaking, surrealism is the art of portraying unreal or unpredictable works through imagery or words, often representing an imaginary world where anything is possible. Dali is considered by many to be the father of surrealism, with his pieces relying on juxtaposition, disposition and the morphing of objects. In other

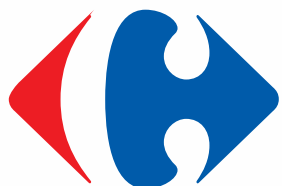
words, a surrealist painting can portray just about anything the artist imagines, such as Dali's famous 1931 piece *The Persistence of Memory*, which features melted watches over a barren landscape, or portraits of women with heads made of flowers. But, this is not solely a Dali exhibition. Alongside his creations, viewers will be treated to an exciting array of pieces by European contemporary masters. Orlinski, the acclaimed French sculptor will present his work *Born Wild*, which is a creation of works that reflect on impulses, fellow French artist Marinetti, whose shining dog sculptures are made of alloying bronze, and Iranian born artist Khoi, who immortalises moments in memory through visual imagery.

It is hoped that the Fine Art Show will become a credible fixture in Dubai's ever-increasing art scene, and—with such world-renowned artists on its opening roster—that doesn't look like being too surreal a prediction. ●



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All in the head

Most people suffer from headaches now and then. However, some can be more severe than others. So how can you tell if it's a headache or a migraine?

A migraine is usually a severe headache felt as a throbbing pain at the front or on one side of the head. The severity of the pain is different from person to person and some people even experience nausea and sensitivity to light.

There are several types of migraines and they are more common in women than in men. A system is in place to give different names to the migraine attacks that involve different symptoms. This helps doctors to diagnose and treat migraine. The two common forms of migraine are called migraine without aura, and migraine with aura. Some people with a migraine experience aura before it even begins. Warning signs may include visual problems such as flickering lights, spots or lines or even a stiff neck. Everyone will experience a migraine differently but there are signs which let you know if you are going to have one rather than a normal headache.

Aura symptoms typically start between 15 minutes and one hour before the headache begins. Some people may experience aura with only a mild headache or no head-



MIGRAINES ARE MORE COMMON IN WOMEN

ache at all. Some people will have migraines on a regular basis while others may only have one every few years. Certain foods as well as stress can trigger a migraine attack in a person. Migraine sufferers often

complain of a lack of sleep or waking up feeling tired, which can further affect the frequency of the migraine attacks.

Migraines are thought to be caused by changes in the chemicals of the brain where levels of serotonin decrease. When serotonin levels are lower, it can

“Some people will have migraines on a regular basis while others may only have one every few years. Certain foods as well as stress can trigger migraine attacks.”

cause the blood vessels in your brain to contract causing them to become narrower which produces symptoms of aura. When the vessels widen, it then causes the massive headache.

Migraine pain is usually felt behind the eye, so people will often struggle to work on computers and find that they need to lie down in a dark room to recover. The symptoms accompanying a migraine can last from a few hours up to a few days. Most attacks

slowly fade away, but some stop suddenly after the sufferer is sick. There is currently no cure for migraines. However, sleep seems to be the best ‘cure’ for many people who find that even an hour or two can be enough to end an attack. Many children find that sleeping for just a few minutes can stop their attack.

Some people who have migraines find that over-the-counter painkillers, such as paracetamol, can help to reduce their symptoms. However, if you are a regular sufferer you should consult your doctor for prescribed medicine. Painkillers are usually the first treatment for migraine. They tend to be more effective if taken at the first signs of a migraine attack. You may need to try different types or combinations of medicines before you find the most effective ones. ●



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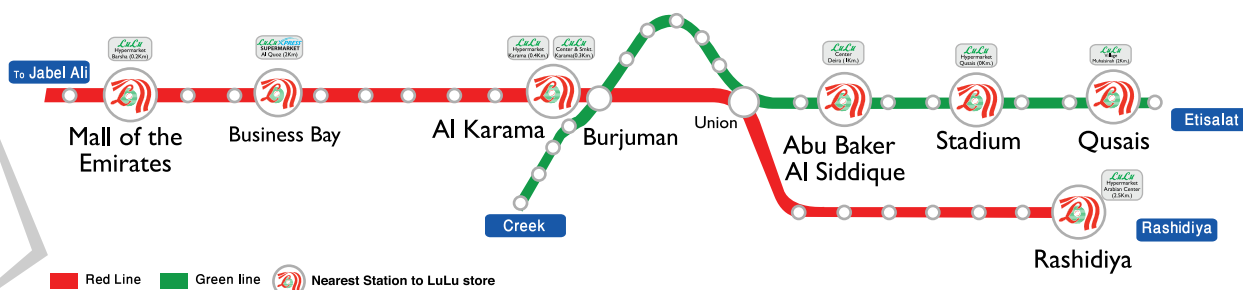
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TRAVEL NEWS

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flydubai's outbound visa facilitation service, operated in association with Marutzzi Travel & Tourism, is open from 10am to 5pm, Saturday to Thursday, exclusively at the flydubai Travel Shop. Application forms are available either at the counter or online at flydubai.com.

"We try to make travel a little less stressful at every step of journey and through working with the respective embassies we are helping to meet this goal," said Ghaith Al Ghaith, flydubai CEO.

"Last month we announced more flights to Russia and Ukraine. Together with Azerbaijan, we will soon offer 46 flights a week to these destinations and thanks to the new visa facilitation service it will be even easier for people to visit these countries for leisure or business," Ghaith added.



Cool capital

Copenhagen has a sharp eye for design and is steeped in history and natural beauty.



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CULTURE IN COPENHAGEN

Did you know?

- Copenhagen is the largest city in all of Scandinavia.
- The city became the capital of Denmark in 1443.
- Copenhagen is separated by the Oresund Strait from the southern tip of Sweden.
- A statue of the Little Mermaid, from the tale by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen, sits in the city's harbour.

Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, overflows with cafés, culture and history. It is surrounded in picturesque beauty with the scenic little harbour that is surrounded by quaint townhouses. But beyond these postcard-perfect moments, Copenhagen is a city with much to explore.

The city is steeped in traditions that go back to the time of the Vikings. Today, it is on the cutting edge of 21st century technology, transportation and education.

One of the first impressions that will strike you about this dynamic capital is the cleanliness and orderliness that prevails in its narrow medieval streets. Nyhavn, central Copenhagen, has plenty of historic buildings and pedestrian shopping zones. Vesterbro is among the hippest residential areas in town and is the centre of a lively nightlife.

The district of Christiania is in the heart of the city where residents have decorated buildings with amazing graffiti. Shopaholics should stop by Stroget, Europe's longest pedestrian street, which is lined with great bou-

tiques featuring Danish designers as well as famous department stores.

For family fun, drop by the nearly 170-year-old Tivoli Gardens, an amusement park that offers beautiful gardens, a pantomime theatre and fearsome-looking rides. Built in 1843, it's home to green gardens, lakes, rollercoasters and the Star Flyer, one of the world's tallest carousels.

Danish design is world-famous and Copenhagen boasts some spectacular buildings. The Old Stock Exchange is a prominent 17th century blend of red bricks, while the Royal Hotel, designed in the late 1950s, has a lobby full of iconic mid-century modern swan and egg chairs.

The waterside of the city has an old-world fairytale charm. The waterways are an integral part of the city's character and yachts and houseboats jostle for space along the granite quays, while cruise-boats chug along, laden with sightseers.

You might not think of Copenhagen as a beach destination, but three miles south of the city centre is one of Denmark's finest—Amager Strandpark. It is a vast white beach extending along a sheltered lagoon.

For the science lovers, Copenhagen's Experimentarium is a delight, featuring 300 interactive exhibits. If you like history then you should visit Kronborg, which Shakespearean scholars have suggested was the inspiration for Elsinore in *Hamlet*.

Most of the attractions here are situated around the city centre, making it easy to explore on foot. Copenhagen is an environmentally-friendly capital and, here, bicycle is king.

The city retains a provincial charm and sense of history along with cutting-edge efficiency. There is plenty of charm in its cobbled lanes packed with quirky stores and cafés, and the waterfront offers ample opportunities to watch the world go by. ●

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NEWS ON WHEELS

Al Nabooda signs deal with Thrifty UAE

Al Nabooda Automobiles, the sole distributor of Volkswagen vehicles in Dubai and the Northern Emirates, has signed an agreement with Thrifty UAE, the UAE's largest car rental company, to supply a range of quality German engineered vehicles for the company's expanding car rental fleet.

The deal sees an initial 300 Volkswagen cars joining the Thrifty UAE fleet, which will be available for both short-term rentals and long-term leasing in the UAE. More vehicles are due to be added during the second half of this year.



"Having introduced the full range of Volkswagen sedan models to the UAE over the last two years, we now have the opportunity to enter the fleet market which requires cars of excellent quality, reliability, and style, suitable for a wide range of drivers," said Thierry Seys, Volkswagen General Manager at Al Nabooda Automobiles.

"Tourists and residents alike look for vehicles which are affordable yet they demand high safety and engineering standards. This partnership agreement is significant for Al Nabooda Automobiles as it will bring the best sedan vehicles to drivers in the UAE," he added.

Rahul Singh, General Manager of Thrifty, said, "Until now, our fleet did not feature a large global brand such as Volkswagen. Our customer research indicated a specific interest in leasing and short term rentals of quality engineered cars from Europe and Volkswagen fits that bill perfectly. We believe this is the beginning of a long, fruitful partnership with Al Nabooda Automobiles, one of the most respected car distributors in the region."

Smooth Operator

Part SUV, part luxury saloon, the Infiniti FX37 is more than the sum of its parts.



their 370Z two-seater sports coupe. In the FX37, this engine produces 329hp at 7,000 rpm and 360 Nm of torque, enough to deliver spritely performance somewhat at odds with the car's apparent size and bulk. That's the coupe bit showing through. Performance is good—under six seconds to 100kph, and a top speed of around 250kph.

Power goes to all four wheels through an electronically controlled seven-speed automatic box, and you can select a 'sport' mode which makes things even more fun.

Indeed, the FX37 behaves much like a proper sports car, cornering fast and flat, the large tyres providing ample grip and the suspension keeping body roll mostly in check.

Inside, all is leather and luxurious, with real wood trim, brushed aluminium highlights and a com-

Luxury SUV. That's such a Dubai contradiction—why on earth would you want a utility vehicle to be luxurious? Come to that, what sort of utility would you expect to get from a sports car? In the final analysis, perhaps the simplest answer is that, yes, the Infiniti FX37 is indeed a vehicle.

But what kind of a vehicle is it? The silhouette is coupe-like, curvaceous and swooping down at the rear, yet it is also a full-sized four-door, with seating inside for five adults. The wheels are sports car—massive 20-inch alloys with low profile rubber bands stretched round them, great for precision on-road handling but a liability in soft sand. An off-roader it is not, yet it has permanent four-wheel drive. Confused?

Don't be. The Infiniti FX37 fulfils the niche originally filled by the likes of Mercedes and BMW, with their fast and luxurious large estate cars. Once a firm favourite with the labrador set, the traditional estate car has been supplanted in the modern mix by precisely

the kind of vehicle you see here, a mix of luxury and practicality propelled along the road by an engine that belongs under the bonnet of a sports car.

In the case of the Infiniti, that's almost literally the case. For 2013, the FX35 has been upgraded to the FX37.

The older car's 3.5 litre V6 supplanted by an improved unit with 3.7 litres, and, more importantly, new induction and valve technology. Not only is the new engine significantly more powerful than its predecessor, it is also more frugal. Hardly surprising then that the same basic unit is found under the bonnet of other Nissan group cars, including



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The Infiniti FX37 is a big car, tall and heavy and imposing on the move. Yet the coupe-like shape hides its bulk well, and the willing new engine adds more to the sports car impression. The interior is cossetting, and the view out is superb. The FX37 may take inspiration from many different types of car, but the result is a car that is in a class of one. ●



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TECH NEWS

BenQ launches eye-friendly LED monitor

BenQ has unveiled the GW2760HS, the first 27-inch flicker-free monitor designed to ease the straining effects of prolonged eye focus. The GW2760HS highlights the Senseye Reading Mode that recreates the comfortable experience of reading actual books by adjusting the monitor's colour temperature and brightness levels. It also stabilises contrast ratio and sharpness to simulate the look of paperback paper.



Other features include a minimised light leakage that bring out flawlessly layered and precisely contrasted details in even the darkest images. It is complemented by colour shift-free technology that perfects skin tone by reducing the visibility of colour washout or shift between normal and oblique viewing angles.

True 8-bit panel renders a total of 16.7 million colour shades compared to a 6-bit panel, which is only able to achieve merely 2 per cent of a similar range of colours. The eye-friendly monitor is able to deliver a smoother and more stable transition from one colour to the next with the said feature.

"BenQ is proud to have our R&D producing digital lifestyle solutions promoting better health while bringing better visual enjoyment to our customers," said Manish Bakshi, Managing Director of BenQ Middle East.

"BenQ effectively eliminated flickering at all brightness levels by replacing the conventional Pulse Width Modulation LED backlight that makes the GW2760HS easier on the eyes when a computer is used for extended periods," said Bakshi.

Smart watch wars

Wearable computing and gadgets are hotly tipped to be the next big thing.

The hype surrounding smart watches is increasing day by day with big brands like Apple, Google, and Samsung all jostling to claim their share of the market. And it would seem that this year is officially the year of smart watches, with a new rumour or update being circulated everyday.

Up until now, these watches have been launched by lifestyle brands such as Nike's Fuel-band, which looks at helping users stay in shape. Using these new generation of smart watches, you will be able to view messages and be reminded of upcoming appointments or make calls, without even having to reach into your pocket and pull out your smartphone.

Recent research has suggested that the market for wearable smart electronics and gadgets could be a \$10 billion industry by 2016. The wait is now looking likely to last just a couple of months more. Soon enough we will see what the future will bring—not just in the smart watch space, but in wearable technology. May the best watch win.

Apple

Rumours about Apple's iWatch have been circulating since December last year and, according to reports, the company has 100 developers and designers working on it. Reports suggest that the iWatch would be made of flexible glass and could be attached to your wrist like a bracelet. It's also been said that the device would have a 1.5-inch screen and run on iOS, which would open the door to all sorts of mini apps. It might be launched in June.



Samsung

Executive vice-president of Samsung, Young Hee, recently announced that the company has been working on a smart watch for a long time, but did not share details about the possible features of the watch. The company has been in the smart watch product category for many years and had introduced the world's first watchphone in 1999. In 2009, Samsung launched the S9110, a watchphone with touchscreen. It was not successful, however, as it had a low battery life and a high price tag. This time around, it's expected that Samsung will be able to create a successful smart watch, expected to launch sometime this year.



Google

According to reports, Google filed a patent application for a smart watch with a flip-up display and tactile user interface in 2011. Also recently, Google and Motorola created an Android-powered smart watch called MotoACTV. Google's smart watch is currently in the works and, while there is no specific release date, it's suspected to release at the end of 2013.



Microsoft

Microsoft is the latest company to jump on the smart watch bandwagon. The company has previously released a watch called Smart Personal Object Technology (SPOT), a multipurpose smart watch that was in production from 2004 to 2008. It never quite took off but, with the recent surge of interest for smart watches, the time might be right for them to return to the market. Microsoft is working on designs for a touch-enabled watch and asked suppliers in Asia to ship components for a potential device earlier this year. There are doubts over whether the Microsoft watch would work independently, or would be synced to a Windows phone to give you notifications.



Sony

Sony's smart watch is already available on the gadget market and is so light that you may be forgiven for forgetting that you are even wearing it. It has a clean and minimalist design with a 1.3-inch touchscreen display. The device only syncs with Android devices and, when paired with a phone over a Bluetooth connection, it can receive updates for e-mails, texts, calendars and social media.

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As the summer holiday season approaches, many families are preparing to jet off to distant climes. However, the hassle of travelling with young children can be overwhelming for some families. We round up our travel tips to help you have a smooth and stress-free trip.

While many parents are excited at the prospect of going on vacation, for others it can be a stressful time. Travelling with young children isn't easy, although it may seem difficult having to feed, change and entertain kids at home, it can often be more testing on a long haul flight. Add turbulence, sore ears and baggage to the scenario and travelling can become extremely unpleasant and stressful for parents. Preparation is key to ensure a smooth journey for everyone involved.

PLAN AHEAD

When booking your flights try and book a direct route to your destination to avoid any unnecessary hassle if possible. Young children find it difficult being confined to a seat for hours and they will constantly need to be entertained as their attention span is considerably shorter than adults. Therefore on a plane, children will most likely get agitated and want to move around, especially if they are young toddlers. It can take time trying to settle them for the plane journey. If you stick to travelling on a direct flight, the task of keeping them interested and on their best behaviour will be easier than having to convince them to behave for a second flight. Also, with nonstop flights you avoid the hassle of carrying everything and everyone to the connecting flight. However, there are exceptions, depending on your children and the length of the flight; you may want to arrange for a

Up in the air

Travelling with children can be quite a task. But with proper planning and entertainment, you can ensure a smooth flight for all.



FLY AT TIMES WHEN KIDS WOULD USUALLY BE ASLEEP

COLOURING BOOKS CAN KEEP KIDS OCCUPIED



at the back of the plane. This way you will bother the other passengers less and be closer to the toilets and flight attendants for any assistance.

THE JOURNEY

Arrive early at the airport so that you and your family can feel more relaxed. Running through the airport with luggage and young children in tow will be stressful and it isn't a good way to start your trip. Let them run around and play before boarding as it makes it more fun for them and will help burn up some energy.

Always bring some sweets or snacks for your children to enjoy when they are taking off and landing as it can hurt their ears. If you have a baby, feed them their milk at this point. If possible change your baby's nappy and take young kids to the toilet before embarking as the toilets on-board planes are small and difficult to manoeuvre in. Being prepared is key to having a smooth journey, so bring plenty of snacks for the kids, as this is a good way of keeping them in their seats and will help pass the time. Offer foods that take longer to eat which will occupy your child for longer. A box of raisins is great as it has natural sugars rather than sweets as it can be challenging trying to contain a child in their seat once they have eaten an excessive amount of sugar. The same goes for activities, so make sure you have books, toys and colouring books to keep your little ones entertained.

Sitting for hours can be very frustrating for young children. If the plane is big enough then allow your children to walk around the plane to stretch their legs. Just make sure you supervise them so that they don't run into flight attendants during service. During take-off and landing explain to the children what is happening so that they stay calm. Once you land, let the other passengers off first. Make sure you have everything ready and the baby is in his or her carrier before you exit so your hands are free to take care of the other kids. ●

stopover so that the kids can easily move about.

You will know what way your child behaves at different points of the day. Take this into consideration when choosing the flight time, so that they are comfortable when travelling. If you know that they will be tired and can sleep through a flight at night, then try and fly at times they would usually be asleep.

Depending on the age of your children, you can have them carry a small backpack of their own filled with their toys, snacks and things

TAKE TOYS TO KEEP THEM ENTERTAINED



“You will know what way your child behaves at different points of the day. Take this into consideration when choosing the flight time.”

that you may need during the journey such as wipes, nappies and spare clothes. This saves the space in your bag and they will feel like a 'big boy or girl' by helping. Always try and bring an extra change of clothes for your kids in case they get sick or spill something on them.

When booking your flight or during check-in, make sure the bassinet is reserved if you have a baby. If it is not available, then it is best to try and sit

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Assessing your career

What are the right questions to ask yourself in order to make smart choices when evaluating your career plan?



CHOOSE A CAREER PATH THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

PLANNING

The right questions to ask when evaluating your career plan can be quite difficult. It is usually the case that we are often so immersed in the daily routine of going to work without assessing our progress on the job or carefully managing our careers. Remember the times when it was a good thing to hold on to your job or company for the rest of your working life even if you were unsatisfied? Well, those days are long gone. Re-evaluating your career path every now and then and taking a new career direction has become an option that a lot of people are exploring as we speak. While making a major career change is not as easy as it sounds, assessing your career path is a smart thing to do in order to make sure that you are happy with what you do.

“If you feel that your work-life balance is not in sync with your needs, goals or values, start looking for ways to achieve it.”

Akhtaboot highlights the right questions to ask yourself in order to make sure that your career is going in the right direction.

AM I REGULARLY LEARNING?

One of the biggest mistakes people can

make is to seek promotions without any actual improvements in their existing skills. Reading is one of the most vital

elements to career progress. Your job description should always keep on getting larger with more to do each and every day. Your learning curve should

never cease and, if it does, this means that you should either ask for more responsibilities or that you need to start looking for another

one that will provide you with many more learning opportunities.

DID I GET ANY PROMOTION RECENTLY?

When was the last time you received a raise or a promotion? Have you recently been praised or publicly recognised for a job well done? When was the last time you felt that you had an impact on the organisation and you were appreciated? If you are getting overlooked for promotions, this might mean you're not in the right industry, company or division. Some soul search may be needed in order to determine if you are an underachiever or if the company is ignoring your accomplishments.

DO YOU SEE CAREER GROWTH IN YOUR COMPANY?

Reflect on your company, ask yourself what is the outlook for your career in the coming few years. Do you see yourself happily moving forward with better skills, compensation and reputation? Do you see further growth ahead? If you have no visibility for the road ahead and you're not confident that you're going to grow down the road, then it might be the right time to change direction.

AM I ACHIEVING WORK-LIFE BALANCE?

Work-life balance is essential to attain at any stage of your life. Basically, it is the ability to prioritise properly between your work, career and ambitions on one hand and your health, pleasure, leisure and family on the other hand. Work-life balance is what keeps you sane, energised and in control of your life. If you feel that your work-life balance is not in sync with your needs, goals or values, start looking for ways to achieve the balance you crave.

DO I LOVE WHAT I DO?

No one said work would be an eternal bed of roses with no thorns. However, many people, believe it or not, genuinely love what they do and feel the positive impact of their accomplishments on other people's lives. If you feel you have no personal attachment to your job, this might mean that your values are not in line with what you do. Think deeply about what you would rather be doing in order to feel fulfilled and inspired at work. ●

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THE WEEKLY

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Festival fever

It's that time of year again, when music fills the air and concerts and festivals fill up the calendar. Hollywood's cool crew have been rocking out at Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, so get your style tips from the stars for the latest outdoor happenings in Dubai.



DANNY DEVITO AND MELANIE GRIFFITH



AUDRINA PATRIDGE

Whether it's wellingtons and knee socks at Glastonbury or neon tops and vests

at Creamfields, every festival has a signature look and trend that sets it apart from the rest. Set in sunny California, Coachella is without a doubt one of the coolest music festivals there is. As for the trends to note, denim cut-offs and ankle boots remained the style staples, while little printed dresses and tees were another favourite. While many attend the festival to check out the latest bands, others are simply there to make a fashion statement.

With all the festival action happening on the polo fields of Indio, California in the sweltering desert heat, it was no surprise to see music and fashion revellers wearing bandeau tops, denim shorts and ankle boots. To be comfortable and fashionable in the desert it seems that crochet tops, crisp white dresses, sunglasses and denims were definitely the way to go.

Coachella is all about boho fashion rather than hardcore rock-and-roll style. Paisley and floral dresses looked effortlessly chic worn with biker, cowboy or ankle boots. Denim shorts remained at the forefront of the festival fashion, worn with chic

white camisole tops, layered with jewellery and floral headbands, making the bohemian trend look super cool. Festival-goers mixed gladiator sandals with flowing gypsy skirts, wide-brimmed straw hats and suede shoulder bags. This year's festival saw cute bandeau

“Coachella is all about boho fashion rather than hardcore rock-and-roll style.”



NICK JONAS, ANNASOPHIA ROBB, ALESSANDRA AMBROSIO AND JOE JONAS



KELLAN LUTZ

floral headpiece. Style icon Whitney Port embraced spring's pastel trend and opted for a figure-hugging powder blue dress. The fashion designer accessorised with a red satchel handbag and metallic sandals.

Showing the younger crowd how it's done, actress Melanie Griffith rocked skinny jeans and cowboy boots with a cream lace top, while her friend Danny DeVito chose comfort over style in a blue shirt, baggy trousers and a baseball cap.

The boys didn't let the side down, though. Jonas brothers Nick and Joe opted for statement T-shirts and hats, perfect for staying cool in the festival heat. Staple items like sleeveless T-shirts, rolled up jeans and flip flops were all the rage on the male festival followers. ●



WHITNEY PORT

Work it

With so many concerts coming up in Dubai over the next few months, it's time to embrace festival fashion. Have fun in the sun in a floral frock, ankle-boots and a straw hat. Or take your queue from the stars and go for pretty pastel colours. A statement T-shirt paired with a girly, pleated skirt is just the right mix of masculine and feminine style. This year's standard Coachella fashion consisted of Daisy Duke shorts, crop tops and dainty sandals for the ladies, while men rocked simple vests, retro sunglasses and funky shorts.

tops worn under denim dungarees, floral print shorts mixed with scalloped white tops and breezy, patterned tea dresses.

Setting this year's festival trends were the young celebrities of Hollywood. Audrina Patridge rocked the vintage vibe with a cute dress worn with Dr Martens and a wide-brimmed sun hat. Victoria's Secret model Alessandra Ambrosio opted for candy pink denim shorts with a cropped white vest and purple shades while hanging out with actress AnnaSophia Robb, who chose a multicolour striped maxi dress and



FRANCIS PIERREL, CHRIS PINE AND COCO PIERREL

FASHION OPINION

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Embracing global chic

Country-themed fashion nights have been the norm for me this past month. For some strange reason, my friends and I have hosted Scottish, Moroccan and Mexican nights, complete with outfits, new culturally relevant identities

and country-specific food.

Aside from the marvellous company and fantastic decorations (including two rainbow-coloured sombrero piñatas), I really enjoyed the dressing-up element. For

Scotland, it was a black tie and kilt affair, which saw me get out my coral waterfall hem dress which I accessorised with a tartan sash.

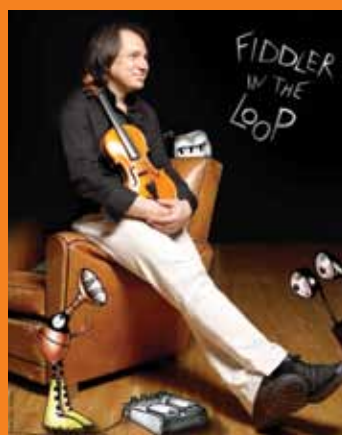
Morocco was an embellished silver and navy waistcoat and Mexico a neon yellow top partnered with an edgy Aztec print top.

With a Hawaiian party in the pipeline, I am very excited for my Hawaiian outfit and I seem to have found myself longing for a country-specific dress code every weekend. Fortunately, as per my usual style tips about embracing individuality, I've decided to bring country-specific dress to my everyday wear. I have also somewhat rashly committed to an undercut on the side of my head—that's for my next column, though. So, as one of my April resolutions I've decided to mix it up country-style. Bracelets from Nepal with a top from a market in Pakistan and a bag from a Vietnamese hill community—it seems to be working for now. After all, with Dubai being one of the most cosmopolitan places in the world, it's only fitting, right?

"I seem to have found myself longing for a country-specific dress code every weekend."

Station by station guide

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



Jazz night

APRIL 21, 8PM

BLUE BAR, NOVOTEL DUBAI WORLD TRADE CENTRE

Italian jazz fiddler Luca Ciarla and local jazz legend Elie Afif take to the stage for this special performance, which looks set to delight jazz lovers from across the city. As part of his successful *Fiddler in the Loop* tour, Ciarla will be performing his own unique brand of eclectic gypsy jazz, with the special appearance by Afif perfectly complementing the sheer talent and musical skill on display. Tickets are priced at Dh50, available at the door.



Brendan Grace

APRIL 25 - 26, 7PM

ALMAS TOWER, JLT

Most well-known for his hilarious portrayal of the straight-talking Father Stack in the classic Irish sitcom *Father Ted*, comedian Brendan Grace will be bringing his own unique brand of charm and righteous anger to comedy fans in Dubai. Making his stand-up debut in our city with this two-night show, the fast-thinking funnyman guarantees the laughs as he lets loose live on stage.

Time of Transformation

APRIL 24 - JUNE 12

THE THIRD LINE, AL QUOZ 3



Internationally acclaimed artist Youssef Nabil's fourth solo show in Dubai premieres the NYC-based Egyptian artist's latest body of work. Working with his characteristic technique of hand-painted

silver gelatin photographs, Nabil will be presenting three new series that reflect upon the clash of archetypes that define the state of his present day home country.

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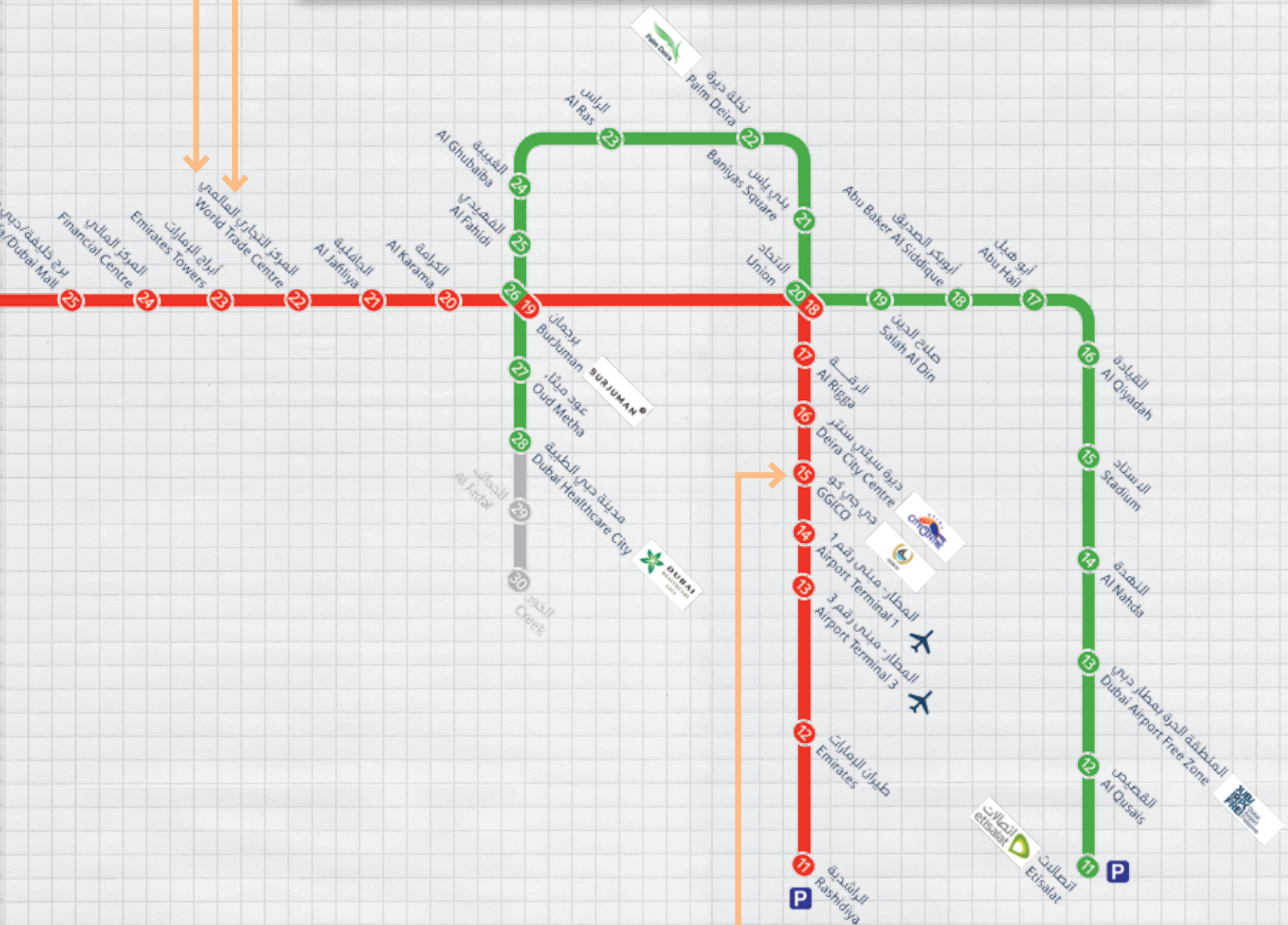


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Arriving on our shores fresh from Las Vegas, The Ultimate Variety Show is a troupe that perform a variety of entertainment to amuse and astound the whole family. From jugglers to gymnasts, dancers to daredevil skaters, illusionists to acapella vocal groups (such as Mo5aic, pictured), this one-of-a-kind event features nine fantastic acts who will prove that variety really is the spice of life.



The Happy Mondays

APRIL 26, 9PM

DUBAI TENNIS STADIUM, THE AVIATION CLUB

Get ready to shake your maracas as Manchester ravers The Happy Mondays arrive in Dubai for their first ever gig in the Middle East. The multi-award winning chart act burst onto the pop scene in the '80s, delighting crowds of festival-goers for the next three decades with hits such as *Step On*, *Kinky Afro* and *24 Hour Party People*. Doors open at 7pm, show begins at 9pm.

Bleak future

The latest sci-fi thriller **Oblivion** has striking sets and cool-looking gadgets, but follows a familiar route.



NEW RELEASE

The film is set in 2077 on a devastated future Earth, where aliens known as Scavengers have destroyed most of the planet. They were routed out of Earth but left the planet in a post-apocalyptic mess and humans were forced to move to one of Saturn's moons, Titan. This and more information forms the first five to seven minutes of the film with Tom Cruise (*Mission Impossible*) giving one of the longest preludes in any movie, ever.

Cruise plays Jack Harper, one of the few people remaining on Earth. His job is to repair heavily armed metal spheres that zoom around Earth, picking off any lurking Scavengers. He also has to mend drones that protect water hovers that convert all of Earth's precious resources into hydro-electricity.

Every evening Harper has to report back to Sky Tower, the headquarters he shares with Victoria (Andrea Riseborough), who gets her orders from Sally (Melissa Leo). Sally oversees their operation from an orbiting pyramidal mothership. Victoria cannot

wait for the next two weeks to be over as they will be off the planet and will be transported to Titan.

As the film progresses, a spacecraft crashes near to them and one of its surviving passengers is a woman, Julia Rusakova (Olga Kurylenko), who Harper rescues and recognises from his dreams, indicating some mystery about his past.

This act is in violation of orders from Sally and brings Harper into contact with the resistance leader, Malcolm Beech (Morgan Freeman), and his right-hand man

CRUISE IS IN COMMAND

Did you know?

- The film is based on the director's unpublished graphic novel of the same name.
- The movie release date was pushed back to avoid a clash with the worldwide release of *Jurassic Park* in 3D.
- Jessica Chastain was supposed to play the role that eventually went to Kurylenko.

(Nikolaj Coster-Waldau). Also, Rusakova causes Harper to question the validity of his mission and everything he has been led to believe in.

The film has some exceptional CGI and it all looks really cool with the aliens, spaceships and the black-sanded canyons of Iceland captured beautifully.

The film is directed by Joseph Kosinski (*TRON: Legacy*) who makes everything look stunning. He orchestrates the action sequences with aplomb, including an exciting aerial chase in a spacecraft that moves at an amazing speed.

While the film comes across as a high-concept drama, it lacks the subtlety to pull it off. It follows the tried



and tested method that there is more to the end of the world than what Harper says and, when the questions are answered, there is no 'wow factor' and no moment of shock.

Playing Harper's cold communications officer and partner, Riseborough (*W.E.*) enacts her character as someone genuinely complex as well as sympathetic well enough. Kurylenko (*Quantum of Solace*) struggles to emote anything more than confusion, while movie legend Freeman (*Olympus Has Fallen*) is underutilised and has a limited screen time.

Cruise is the star of the show and in command here, appearing onscreen for most of the movie. And he is more than up to the task.

Unfortunately, the story tries to emulate previous films such as *The Matrix*, *Solaris*, and *Planet of the Apes*. With the story resembling so many classics, it struggles to find an identity of its own.

The futuristic vehicles are impressive—the Bubbleship that Harper uses to travel to Earth from his home above the clouds looks super cool.

There is no lack of action in *Oblivion* but the sequences do look more like video game scenes than anything more believable. The film lacks moments that truly transcend the genre, making for a visually entertaining—but ultimately rather frustrating—movie-going experience. ●

Hollywood news

Cannes comes to a close with *Zulu*

This year's Cannes film festival will close with French director Jérôme Salle's first English film, *Zulu*. It is a crime thriller starring Forest Whitaker and Orlando Bloom and is set in South Africa during the apartheid era. The film has the same title as the 1963 war film that starred Michael Caine and Stanley Baker. Whitaker and Bloom are seen playing two policemen investigating a crime in the movie, which has been described as part noir, part social study. The story has been adapted from Caryl Férey's novel of the same name and was shot entirely on location in South Africa. The Cannes film festival will run from May 15 to 26. Baz Luhrmann's *The Great Gatsby*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire and Carey Mulligan, will open the film festival. It was also recently announced that *Amélie* star Audrey Tautou would host the festival opening and closing ceremonies.



Cruise to star in *Yukikaze*



Tom Cruise will star in the adaptation of *Yukikaze* for Warner Bros. The studio recently picked up movie rights for the book by Japanese author Chohel Kamayashi. This will signal another sci-fi project for Cruise whose latest flick *Oblivion* is currently in the theatres. The popular novels have previously been adapted into five direct-to-video anime movies, two of which won awards for their animation. The plot of the popular literary series follows a planetary defense force that beat back an invasion of aliens using a wormhole over Antarctica and by setting up bases on the aliens' planet. *Yukikaze* is the name of one of the advanced reconnaissance fighter planes the hero of the story uses on his missions. Erwin Stoff and Tom Lassally will produce the film. Next year, in a bid to continue his reign over the silver screen, Tom Cruise will also be seen in *All You Need Is Kill*, an alien war movie that is set for release on March 4, 2014.

Pitt's next titled *Fury*



David Ayer's war film *Fury* will star Brad Pitt in the leading role. The film is set at the end of World War II. As the Allies make their final push an army sergeant named Wardaddy (Pitt) commands a Sherman tank and a five-man crew to take on a deadly mission behind enemy lines.

Silver screen sirens

Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau will join Kate Upton in the upcoming comedy, *The Other Woman*. The movie tells the story of a lady (Diaz) who discovers that she is the other woman in a relationship. She teams up with the wife (Mann) to get revenge on the man in question, played by Coster-Waldau. Upton will play another scorned woman who joins forces with them to get revenge.



Bollywood news

Boxing time

Priyanka Chopra will learn to box for a film about the life of Indian boxer, Mary Kom. The filmmakers hope to create a realistic look by using international boxing coaches to train the actress. She is currently working with Sameer Johal, who trained Farhan Akhtar for *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*.



Sunny in Dubai

Sunny Leone recently released her first item number in Sanjay Gupta's *Shootout At Wadala*, and will be coming to Dubai to promote the film with co-stars John Abraham and Tusshar Kapoor. They are set to perform here on April 25. Her item number *Laila Teri Ley Legi* has become pretty popular, even before the film's release.



Going international

Salman Khan is set to co-produce his first international film project called *Dr Cabbie*, starring *The Big Bang Theory* actor Kunal Nayyar. According to reports, the story is about a doctor-turned-taxi driver who becomes a local hero after converting his taxi into a mobile clinic. The film is expected to release in 2014.

Kareena's scoop

Kareena Kapoor was recently named Entertainer of the Decade at the NDTV Indian of the Year Awards. The actress is currently shooting in Bhopal for Prakash Jha's upcoming film *Satyagraha*. She will be seen playing a journalist in the political thriller, which also stars Amitabh Bachchan and Ajay Devgn.



Listings

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CHEERFUL WEATHER FOR THE WEDDING

MOVIE GUIDE

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What's happening

this week in Dubai



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Date: April 25 – 27

Time: 9:30am – 6:30pm

Venue: Al Nasr Leisureland

Admission: Free

More info: 04 324 4446



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Date: April 26 – 29

Time: 11am – 10pm

Venue: Madinat Jumeirah

Admission: Free

More info: 04 432 7844

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Date: April 27

Time: 7am

Venue: Madinat Jumeirah

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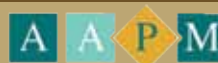


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Best practices forum opened

First RTA Forum for Best Practices features 13 international experts and over 400 UAE-based top executives.

EVENTS

The inaugural Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) Forum for Best Practices 2013 held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Dubai, aimed at showcasing excellent local and international administrative practices. It shed light on the corporate governance over three panels and featured participation by 13 experts from international institutions.

The opening ceremony was attended by Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the RTA; Abdulla Al Shaibani, Secretary General of the Dubai Executive Council; Dr Ahmed bin Hizayem, Director General of Dubai Courts; Major General Khamis Mattar Al Mazzeena, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Dubai Police; Dr Abdul Qudoos Abdul Raziq Al Obaidly, Director of the General Administration of TQM in Dubai Police; and Dr Ahmed Saad Al Sharif, Secretary General of the Dubai Sports Council. Over 400 top executives from the UAE public and private sectors also attended.

DUBAI METRO

Mattar Al Tayer revealed that the RTA had considered partnering with the private sector in the construction of the Dubai Metro. He said, "When we started negotiating with businesses we faced multiple challenges highlighted by the intervention of companies in fixing the transit rate, which clashes with the strategic objectives of the RTA in encouraging the population to migrate from using private vehicles to public transport means."

He continued, "The success of partnership with the private sector hinges on enacting a law governing the relationship between the two parties, defining various types of risks and achieving benefits for both parties. Countries in the region are in need of a defined law to protect companies and fulfill the objectives of government bodies. When this law is being formulated, the opinion of the private sector must be sought in its capacity as a strategic partner of the government."

INNOVATING PRACTICES

Laila Fariddon, Director of the Office of RTA Chairman of the Board and



MATTAR AL TAYER AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTEND THE FORUM'S OPENING



SPEAKERS IN THE INAUGURAL SESSION



LAILA TAHER DELIVERING AN OPENING ADDRESS

Khalaf, Deputy Director of RTA Development and Corporate Performance, highlighted the organisational chart of the RTA along with the corporate governance model adopted, based on a multi-agencies administrative structure while focusing on improving the governance model

Executive Director-cum-Chairperson of the Organising Committee of the Forum, said, "The ambitions of Dubai do not end at what others have developed and applied, but we seek to develop excellent and unique practices. Through this forum, the RTA is seeking to showcase the best practices initiated and implemented in Dubai in general, and the RTA in particular, with a view to widening and furthering communication channels between the RTA and other government and quasi-government entities from one side, and between the RTA and private entities on the other. The overall objective of the forum is to share views and information and disseminate the culture of excellence through adopting the best international practices."

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

The first panel was devoted to discussing the governance of the relationship between the public and pri-

mate sectors in partnership projects. The panel highlighted the challenges faced by the PPP and the success factors of such partnership projects in some countries, taking into account concepts set by the International Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, and PPP's role in capitalising on the points of strength of both parties. The panel also touched on funding the infrastructure projects through PPP, directing the public funding to economic and social development, and the role of the public sector entities in improving the general framework of the PPP projects governance.

Over 2,500 projects have been undertaken on PPP basis globally, costing about \$330 billion, including 800 projects in the transport sector with an estimated cost of \$133 billion.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

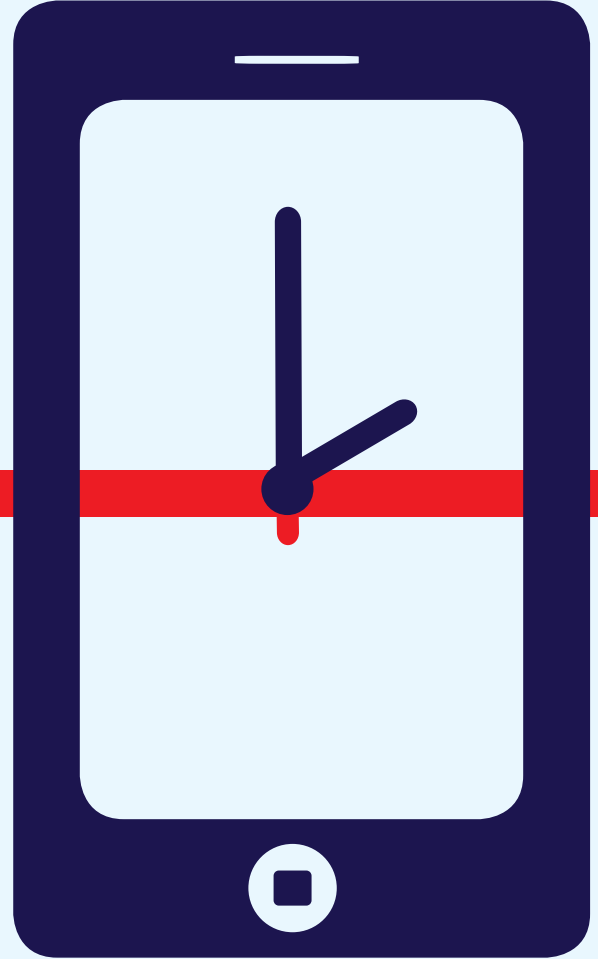
The second session was devoted to corporate governance. Khalaf bin

in place to bring it in line with the ongoing improvement in RTA projects, initiatives and level of services. This model is subjected to audit, upgrading and follow-up.

IT GOVERNANCE

The third panel was devoted to IT Governance. Abdullah Al Madani, CEO of RTA Corporate Technical Support Services Sector, gave a visual presentation about the IT Governance model implemented in the RTA through adopting a number of strategies and means to streamline and expedite the business process in carrying out the required tasks in a highly efficient manner, based on a sophisticated and safe IT environment that the RTA is keen on beefing up in keeping with the ongoing sophistications of its services, particularly e-services which have made giant strides rendering the RTA one of the best government entities in this regard.

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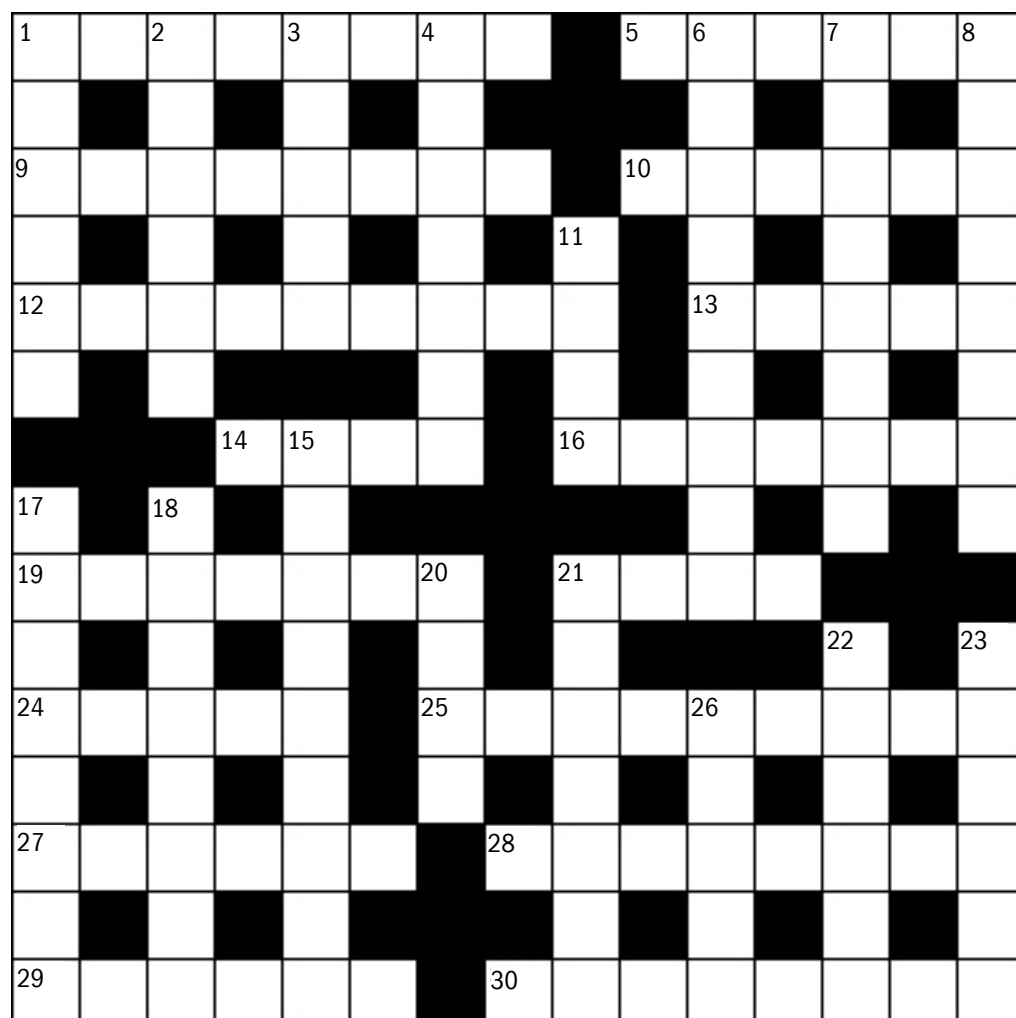
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Crossword

Across

1 Source of aid or support (8) 5 Discrimination against the elderly (6) 9 Threshold (8) 10 Daughterly (6) 12 Card game (9) 13 Blood vessels (5) 14 Past tense of "To be" (4) 16 Small dining room set (7) 19 Not himself (7) 21 Coral island (4) 24 Not daytime (5) 25 They import illegally (9) 27 Makes skin soft (6) 28 Language spoken in Tokyo (8) 29 Cease (6) 30 Compliant (8)

Down

1 A pungent edible root (6) 2 Bobbins (6) 3 Cause to overturn (5) 4 Cleft (7) 6 Complaint (9) 7 Start (8) 8 Syrup made from sugar cane (8) 11 Emasculate (4) 15 Instances of hard physical labour (9) 17 Roofed (8) 18 Warships (8) 20 Bother (4) 21 A plant sometimes used in pies (7) 22 Break away (6) 23 Express agreement (6) 26 Secretes a hormone (5)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Crème brûlée

These sweet, creamy delights are deliciously decadent.

Ingredients

2 1/2 cups cream, liquid
1 1/4 cups full cream milk
1 tin sweetened condensed milk
24 egg yolks
1 tbsp vanilla essence
1/2 cup sugar to caramelize the surface
For the mango frosting:
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
2 tsp lemon juice
300g fresh mango cut into cubes

Method

1. In a large saucepan, combine the cream, milk and sweetened condensed milk and bring to the boil.

2. Remove from the heat, then add the egg yolks and vanilla essence to the mixture and sift.

3. Divide the mixture equally over individual six ceramic ramekins by filling three quarters of each.

4. Then place the bowls in a deep pan filled with water.

5. Place this pan in a preheated oven at 100 degrees Celsius and bake for 20 minutes or until the texture is firm.

6. Remove from the oven and cool by refrigerating for 15 minutes.

7. Remove from the fridge and cover the whole surface of each bowl with a thin layer of sugar and use a torch to caramelize the sugar. Add another layer of sugar and repeat the same



Serves
6

process to get a thicker surface.

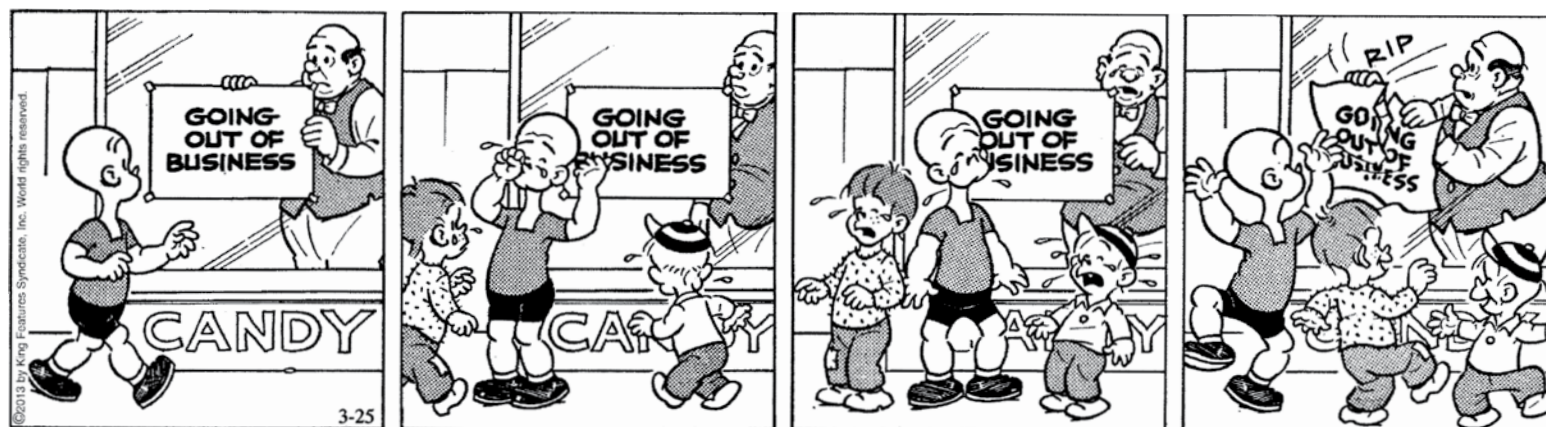
8. To prepare the mango frosting, combine all ingredients together in a saucepan, except the diced mango. Bring to the boil and then simmer

gently for five minutes.

9. Remove from the heat, add the mango and keep aside to cool down.

10. Serve the crème brûlée with the mango frosting on top or on the side.

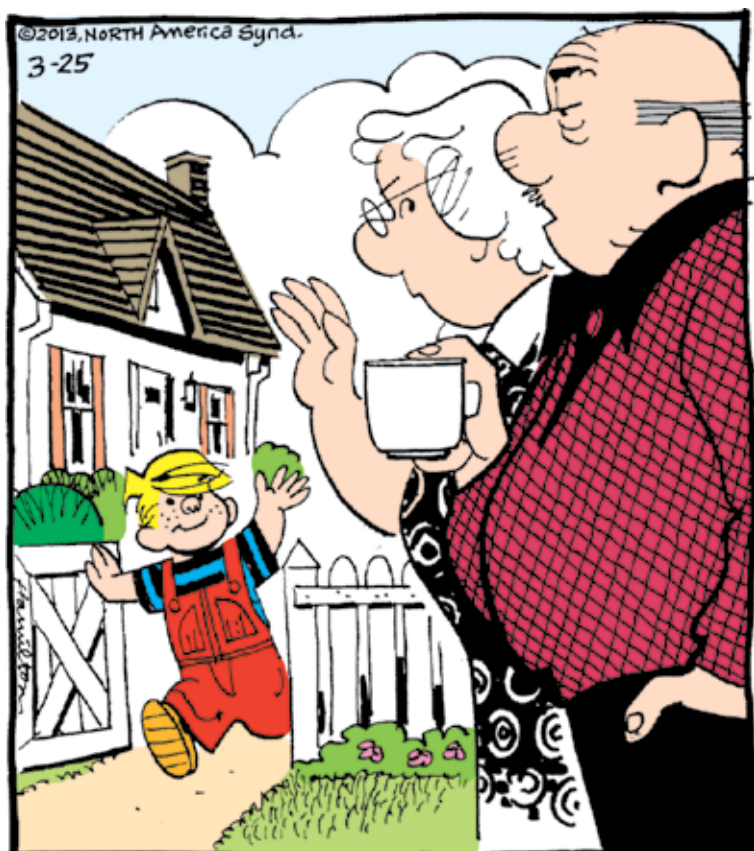
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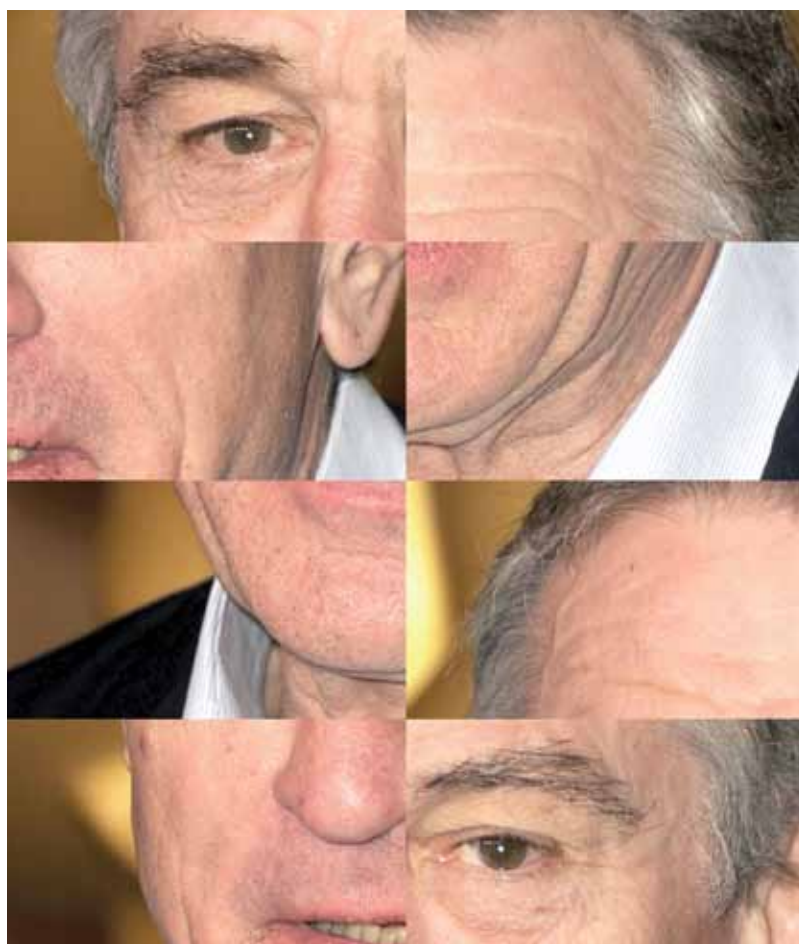
Dennis the menace



"I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT MOVING, MARTHA, BUT I'M AFRAID HE WOULD FOLLOW US."

Who's this?

ANSWER ON PAGE 34



Puzzles

Arrowword

Positive feelings Sacred		Egyptian monuments		Organised a secret vote from		Golf-ball stand		Secret service agent		Clock's information		Warmth (from a fire)	
				For a lot of money (2,1,5)									
Notion, thought		Irritate						Spike on a plant		Serious danger		Woody —, actor/director	
				Rent out (accommodation)					Turf used for fuel				
Stereo equipment (2-2)		Sound of a cow				Garden implement					Small number		Unpaired (socks)
				As well, besides				Chewy toffee brand					
Swiss mountain range		Cease to live				Poured, teemed							
				Loud annoying noise				Give temporarily					

Sudoku 1

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Sudoku 2

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		3			9			5
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ANSWERS
ARROWWORD

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V	E	L	E	T	L	E	I	D	E			
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SUDOKU 1

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

SUDOKU 2

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ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

If you have been battling to be heard for some time, you may be surprised to find out that people have actually been listening all this time. Make sure you get the acknowledgment for your ideas. Someone may be out to claim the glory for themselves.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

An issue at home is on its way to being resolved, thankfully. Your stubborn side has seen you hold back from apologising, which has given the other party time to realise their mistakes. Just be aware that you may have things to apologise for, too.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Stop being wishy-washy and make a decision, Gemini. If your job is making you so unhappy that you dread going to work each day, only you can change this. It doesn't hurt to at least have a look at what else is out there and start making new contacts.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Somebody may be begging for your time but you are so caught up in another issue that you just don't realise. Sometimes you need to prioritise your personal relationships. Don't rush into an important decision regarding your career—think carefully.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

How many times do you tell yourself that you'll get in touch with your oldest friends? Stop thinking about it and just do it. Friendships take work and sometimes you may have to go a little out of your way in order to show people how much you still care.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Sometimes you can be guilty of shutting yourself off from the outside world and wallowing in your own thoughts and worries. This is not healthy. Share your feelings with a loved one and you may be surprised at the advice they are able to give you.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

Your suspicions can usually prove to be eerily correct, however—this time, at least you are wrong about someone. While first impressions count, sometimes people just don't make the right one. Use your sense of fair play to give them a second chance.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

You can often be quite a curious creature, Scorpio. Privacy and a stiff upper lip protect you from predators but, every now and then, it's vital to let your guard down. When meeting new people, you don't want to come across as being cold.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

The focus is on making money right now, although you may need to spend pretty big in order to make the gains you know you're capable of. Don't be afraid to invest. So long as you have everything planned to the smallest detail, your ambitions will bear fruit.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

You may be in the mood to try and fix things. Perhaps there's a home maintenance issue that has been bugging you for a while. Get out the toolkit, do your research and have a go at sorting it, you will be pleased with how much money a DIY job saves.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

Pay attention to your health this week. A bug going around the office is hot on your heels, but prevention is better than cure. An item that you misplaced a long time ago may also show up out of the blue, which brings happiness and relief.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Variety is the spice of life, so try a new restaurant, activity or adventure to get your spirit flying high again. You tend to take other people's issues on board more than you should. While you would like to help everyone, you need to put your own needs first.



This week's local weather

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21st

SUNNY
HIGH 33C
LOW 25C
HUMIDITY 30%

MON

22nd

SUNNY
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HIGH 32C
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WED

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LOW 27C
HUMIDITY 59%

THU

25th

SUNNY
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LOW 26C
HUMIDITY 42%

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