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It may have a cast of teenage actors and a title that suggests a lighthearted subject, but *Ender's Game* is much more than child's play

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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.

✉ **ADVERTISING ANNOYANCE**
 Advertisement phone calls are so annoying. I'm the type of person who doesn't want to be disturbed by some unknown number calling at a busy time, only to discover that the caller on the other end of the line is an automated voice message selling something that I won't buy at all. What's more annoying is that I receive these calls almost on a weekly basis. It doesn't just come through calls either; half of my email inbox is filled with nonsense ads that will take me time to delete.

E. Surrey

✉ **SIGNING OFF SICK**
 Thanks for sharing that wonderful piece about 'presenteeism'. I can relate to it as I have

been forcing myself to work in spite of being sick for a couple of weeks. It's not because my boss forces me to, I just feel this unnerving need to carry out my part or else my team will fall behind. It's hard to feel like a liability—especially when your work involves serving people first hand—and it's hard to rest when you know you have got a lot of work that needs to be done soon.

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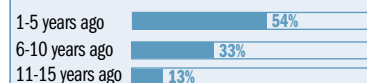
How many nationalities do you count among your close friends?

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Coming up this week



TODAY

It is the online pinboard that has risen rapidly in popularity. But, still, there are many who are unaware of what Pinterest actually is and how it can be used to share, inspire, and be inspired. If you're still getting to grips with the technicalities of Tweeting or struggling to think of your daily life in Facebook statuses, perhaps you might be better off 'pinning it'?



MONDAY

From cuts and grazes to spots and sores, the practical applications of tea tree oil have been extolled by many for generations. Take a look at where the sharp-scented oil comes from and how it could help you.



TUESDAY

Each year on this day, people across the United Kingdom celebrate Guy Fawkes Day with bonfires, fireworks and effigies of the man himself. How did this infamous character try—and fail—to start a revolution?



WEDNESDAY

As the gooey stuff inside our ears, wax helps to protect our aural health. Take a look at why the sticky substance exists and how removing it incorrectly could cause more harm than good.



THURSDAY

They are one of the UAE's areas of outstanding natural beauty, but the Hatta Pools risk becoming a dumping ground for visitors. How can you help keep the natural wonders wonderful?



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)

If you could create a machine that could perform one task for you, what would you choose to build?

3D printing device that creates sturdy huts. For the homeless anywhere in the world.

— **Florence Rodrigues**

I would create a machine to perform the task of generating lots of books including novels, fiction, biographies, academic course books etc. Using all those books, I would create an open library from where people could gain knowledge and learn values which, I strongly believe, paves the way to make better society. I

think if we maximize the numbers of open libraries accessible to every single person, we wouldn't need any more police stations/jails.

— **Chiran Sangraula**

A time machine to go back in time and make all wrongs right. To meet those who passed away and to feel how it is to be back in the past with a mature brain.

— **Waqas Amir**

TRAVELLING THROUGH TIME



Do you like to read the latest gossip about your favourite celebrities or do you think they should be given more privacy?

No because one minute it's news and the other minute the celebrities deny such rumors or headlines.

— **Ahmed Anjum**

No one's right to privacy should be forfeited. No matter what career they have.

— **Arman Hossen**

It's more like an addiction that is so hard to fight or a habit that's so difficult to break. Everyone's guilty pleasure.

— **Clen Nicolas**

I like to read about the latest celebrity gossip and feel that most of the things they do in life are done merely for publicity so that it can



COULD YOU TAKE THE INTRUSION?

become headlines tomorrow. So, if the stars seek publicity and media attention, then as a reader, it would be fair on my part to keep myself updated and entertained.

— **Fatima Suhail**



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Ready for action

UAE residents race once again to create their own movie marvels in just one weekend.

Filmmakers across Dubai are gearing up for another exciting edition of The 48 Hour Film Project, the competition that gives every budding Spielberg the chance to put together their own cinematic masterpiece, with the challenge of doing so in only 48 hours.

In 2001, The 48 Hour Film Project started as a local film challenge among friends. Since then, it has since evolved into a global phenomenon and the world's largest film-making competition, visiting over 100 cities every year.

Previously, *Read.* spoke to the man behind the project, Mo Rida, who explained why Dubai is a prime example of a city where such a challenge appeals to its residents. He said: "Dubai is one of the most liberal Middle Eastern cities and it's also possibly the most modern of modern cities. There is a huge media industry here, but most of it is based on marketing and corporate advertising. This project is a bit of a release from the trend. It is an independent filmmaker's dream come true in Dubai, to spend one weekend making a film simply for the sake of making a film."

The event itself has quickly grown in popularity within Dubai since its inaugural edition in 2011. Speaking

about the project's debut in Dubai, Rida revealed just why he believes it has such a big appeal to the residents of Dubai.

He said: "It is an independent filmmaker's dream come true in Dubai, to spend one weekend making a film simply for the sake of making a film. As I was preparing for this project, I noticed there was a lot of excitement from everyone I talked to. It felt like

Get involved

On Thursday, November 7, participating teams will gather at AMT in Al Quoz, where they will be given a genre, a character, a prop, and a line of dialogue that they must work into their film. Films submitted even one minute late at 7pm on November 9 will be disqualified from the competition.

the community was really ready for it here. I think as cameras and editing systems become more accessible to the general public, it seems like young filmmakers in the Arab world are in need for such platforms to create and showcase their work."

This year, Dubai will be one of a record 125 cities worldwide to host the 48 Hour Film Project, and the opportunity is one that cannot be missed by anyone who harbours dreams of seeing their own cinematic creations up on the big screen. Films submitted for this year's edition will be screened for the public and judged by a panel of experts. The best film from Dubai will then be in the running for top honours in New Orleans at Filmapalooza 2014, the 48 Hour Film Project's annual international film festival. The top 15 films from this worldwide event will then screen at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival Short Film Corner.

So, if you think that you could possibly be the next James Cameron or Alfred Hitchcock, it's time to dust off those camera lenses and adjust the focus onto the challenge ahead. You never know, it could be your mini movie that scoops top place. ●

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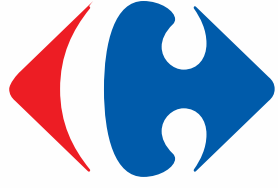


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Laughter is the best medicine

How a hearty guffaw could make you happier, healthier and niggle-free.

We're not advising you to scrimp on health insurance, but there is one free, perfectly natural way to ease many of the ailments many of us suffer each day. It's to have a good laugh.

Laughter triggers a number of physical changes in the body, and they all have a positive effect. From strengthening the immune system to boosting your energy levels, reducing stress and even diminishing pain, laughter does it all.

By relaxing the whole body, it can relieve stress and tension and relax muscles for up to 45 minutes after a hearty belly laugh. This is done by the release of endorphins—the body's "happy" chemicals—that promote a feeling of well-being.

At the same time, by decreasing the stress hormones in the system, laughing kicks the immune system into life, sending infection-fighting antibodies into action and increasing a body's resistance to disease.

It's no wonder that they say laughter is the best medicine, and it's hard to doubt that positive people are often the most healthy.

One increasingly popular method of staying fit and healthy is known as laughter yoga. A combination of laughter exercises with yogic breathing, the practice aims to increase the amount of oxygen in your body while helping practitioners feel healthier, and more energised and alive.

Children know the secret of laughter, even though we forget this as we get older. One study found that children can laugh up to 300-400 times a day, but by the time they're adults this number reduces to less than 15 times a day—if even at all.

To counter this, many psychologists endorse regular bouts of forced laughter to bring about the benefits.

"Forced laughter is a powerful, readily available and cost-free way for many adults to regularly boost their mood and psychological well-being," said Charles Schaefer, a psychology professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey, after conducting two studies on the subject.

To test this, Schaefer asked students a series of questions that measured their moods. Then he asked them to laugh heartily for a minute before testing their moods again.

On average, test subjects reported feeling significantly better after 60 seconds of false laughter.

"Once the brain signals the body to laugh, the body doesn't care why. It's going to release endorphins, it's going to relieve stress as a natural physiological response to the physical act of laughing," he concluded.

Even though more studies are required to prove the benefits of false laughter, try giving it a go. But be sure it's in the right setting—your boss might not appreciate you howling like a wolf at your desk—even if it would mean less sick days off work. ●

Tell a rib tickler

The following is the world's funniest joke according to 2002 research by the University of Hertfordshire:

"Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says: "Calm down. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a gun shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says: "OK, now what?"

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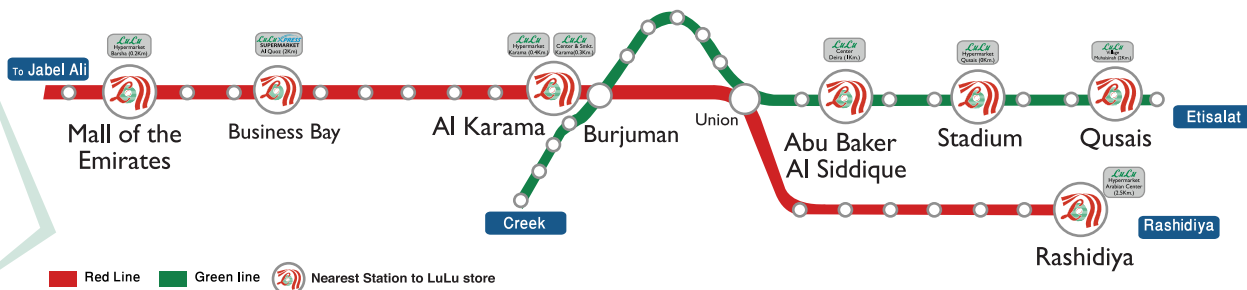


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TRAVEL NEWS

United's Dubai service flies into its fifth year

United Airlines celebrated the fifth anniversary of its non-stop service between Dubai and its Washington/Dulles hub with several commemorative activities in the UAE. Dave Hilfman, United Airlines Senior Vice President for Sales, and Jim Mueller, Vice President for Atlantic and Pacific Sales, hosted the events in Dubai, including an anniversary reception, a golf tournament and a culinary demonstration by United Congress of Chefs member James Canora.



Hilfman said: "United is committed to serving the Middle East, and we are proud to have completed five years of operations between Dubai and Washington/Dulles."

United Airlines' Dubai-Washington/Dulles service is operated by a Boeing 777 aircraft configured with specific seat numbers in the following categories: eight seats in the Global First; 40 in the BusinessFirst; 110 in the Economy Plus; and 108 in the Economy Class.

The Global First category offers a flat-bed seat and priority airport services. The seats recline 180 degrees into a 1.98-metre long, 60-centimetre wide flat-bed seat, with a personal on-demand entertainment system on a 39-centimetre monitor.

The BusinessFirst category offers seats that recline 180 degrees into a 1.93-metre flat bed. The seats also offer a personal on-demand entertainment system on a touch-screen monitor.

The Economy Plus category offers seats that provide 12.7 centimetres of extra legroom. The Economy Class category features seats with an adjustable headrest and a 12.7-centimetre backseat monitor.



Contrasting **Corfu** shows how modern tourism and ancient history can co-exist in comfort

The contrasts to be found on Corfu, one of Greece's Ionian islands, means it is not an easy task to sum it up, but also suggests an intriguing destination.

For instance, while thoroughly Greek, there is still a hint of Britishness about Corfu that has developed over two waves—the first, between 1814 and 1864, when it was a British possession, and the second, which began during the 1990s, when waves of revellers started viewing the southern beaches as their own hedonistic playground.

Also, the coasts could be a world away from the green interior—perhaps the most verdant of any of Greece's islands, with endless olive groves and plant life brought about by the occasional but torrential rains that hit from September to May.

The tourist honeypots that dot the coast are generally found in self-contained patches and make way for idyllic swathes of sleepy and traditional regions that have changed

little over the last century. Tourist development in these parts—sometimes just a couple of kilometres from a resort town—is unheard of and life there continues today as it would have had Corfu never received its first inflow of package flights.

The old quarters of the island's capital, Corfu Town, were recently awarded with UNESCO heritage status, and not without merit. Having grown within the city's walls, this area is a labyrinth of colourful cobbled

Historical holiday

Corfu appears often in Greek mythology, with Hercules resting there before embarking on his 10 labours and the island marking the Argonauts' refuge from the Colchic fleet after seizing the Golden Fleece. The island also featured in Homer's *Odyssey* as the island of the Phaeacians.



lanes, while a promenade rises by the seashore towards the bay of Garitsa, together with an esplanade between the city and the citadel known as Spianada, to the west of which some of the island's finest and freshest fish restaurants congregate.

Old Perithia, which is found on the northeast coast, is Corfu's oldest village and yet another heritage site that offers an excellent example of the beautiful Venetian influence, which is prevalent across the often-occupied island.

Beautifully preserved, Old Perithia is a must-see for anyone who enjoys soaking up the atmosphere of cultures gone by, while staying in well-preserved B&Bs and eating at traditional tavernas.

Similarly, Benitses, a short distance south from Corfu Town, is one of the island's most traditional fishing villages.

Sheltered by mountains to the west and crystal clear sea on the other side, it is a big draw for mature tourists who stay at the many hotels between the village and the capital.

For beach lovers, the resorts to the west of this long, narrow island are sandy and benefit from some excellent hotels and eating destinations. Walkers, meanwhile, do not have to venture far inland from their coastal bases.

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Al Habtoor Motors, the official dealer of Chery vehicles in the UAE, has launched the Chinese manufacturer's E5 and E8 sedans along with the Tiggo SUV and the P5 van in the local market. Chery is China's largest passenger vehicle exporter and has an established presence in over 80 countries.



Karl Hamer, Managing Director of Al Habtoor Motors, said: "This is a very special launch for Al Habtoor Motors. Chery is all set to carve a niche for itself in the local automotive market."

The E5 (seen at top) is a family sedan that offers a spacious passenger compartment. The sedan is powered by a 1.8-litre camshaft engine, and comes with advanced features such as front and rear reversing sensors and an anti-theft system.

The E8 is a luxury sedan that integrates a wide body and European-style spacious interiors. The E8 is powered by a two-litre engine and comes with an automatic transmission, anti-lock braking system and front air bags.

The Tiggo (seen below) is an SUV that integrates the elements of a sedan and a minivan, featuring an advanced chassis that matches perfectly with the SUV's two-litre engine.

The P5 is a 14-seater van that features a luxury travelling compartment with a large space, set on a long wheelbase with wide sliding doors for easy entry and exit. The van's two-litre turbocharged petrol engine is made from lightweight aluminium-alloy cylinder block.



Return of the Stingray

The iconic Chevrolet Corvette takes a quantum leap forward for its much-anticipated return.

There are fewer more famous names in the American psyche than the iconic Chevrolet Corvette. It's always stood for strong, reliable sports motoring, but in an attempt to keep it affordable, it's also had compromises.

But now Chevy have released the seventh incarnation of the famous Corvette plus they've slapped the revered 'Stingray' badge back on it for the first time since 1976.

The new design is a radical departure from the C6, but retains the essence of the Corvette. It's bang up to date, with a stunning back end. From a visual point of view the other sports car manufacturers will be a little worried. It really does look as good as some of the million-dirham cars on the market.

But by far the greatest part of the redesign is the interior. The trim on the Corvette has always been its Achilles' heel, but now Chevy have hit the sweet spot. Clearly it's not the final word in automotive luxury, but then nor is the price tag.

Gone are the cheap bits of plastic trim, as well as the shiny (and slippery) leather, which is replaced with decent quality material.

Even the switchgear, which previously felt a little flimsy, feels strong and properly engineered. It's well laid out and ergonomically

sorted, plus you get the excellent Chevy 'heads up' display system.

Under the massive carbon fibre hood is a 6.2-litre V8, pushing out 450hp and more than 610Nm of torque. It's more than enough for anyone, even in a track day scenario.

Power can be switched between modes, with a full-on Track setting if you really want to get sideways.

Handling is vastly improved over the last model. The key figures are that it's 45kgs lighter and

57 per cent stiffer than the previous model. Chevy have really done a great job with moving the car away from the tail happy, wallowing suspension of the previous Corvettes.

It's also a lot smaller, again improving its overall dynamics. Although up close it seems quite a large car, the Corvette is actually slightly smaller than a Porsche 911 (and amazingly more fuel efficient, at least according to Chevrolet).

Importantly though, despite all the technological leaps forward, the fun has remained. Perhaps some of the other automotive companies should take a close look at the Corvette, as they continue to dial out the 'grin' element in the ever-maddening march of technology.

But the even better news is that it hasn't greatly affected the price. The retail figure hasn't been released yet, but all the signs point towards the Corvette remaining by far the best value supercar out there on the market. Clearly, you can have your cake and eat it. ●

SPECS
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TECH NEWS

Sony launches the Xperia C dual SIM smartphone

Sony Mobile has launched the Xperia C, a dual SIM Android smartphone that offers a five-inch HD display and a 540x960 screen resolution for sharp, crisp and bright images. The quad-core processor built into the Xperia C provides maximum performance and speed, allowing users to run multiple apps simultaneously and surf the internet with shorter loading time.

The Xperia C features an 8MP camera with an Exmor R image sensor that captures high-quality images even in challenging light conditions. The smartphone also has a dedicated camera key that can shoot from a locked screen, and a fast-capture function. High Dynamic Range (HDR) for photos captures natural colours in any light or even against strong backlight.



The self-portrait engine takes pictures using the Xperia C's main camera. The self-portrait and intelligent voice-guide functions instruct users where to stand so that their images are perfectly focused.

The dual SIM card feature lets users of the smartphone switch between SIM cards anytime with a simple touch.

Other features include an intuitive scaling mechanism that makes it easy to find a specific picture in an album. Users may also create music playlists in the smartphone and listen to crisp and clear sound quality using the Clear Audio+ mode that offers Sony's audio enhancement technology.

The Xperia C is available for Dh1,199 at select electronics stores in the UAE.

Web addresses: leaders in their domain

Much has changed since the early days of domain prospectors to even include new Arabic addresses.

Believe it or not, <http://74.125.224.72> is the world's most popular web page. Try it and you will see what we mean.

Of course, we can't memorise all the number codes—known as IP addresses—for all the websites we visit, so the early pioneers of the world wide web made it simple for us by linking them to a second-level domain name that we can easily remember. In the case of the example above, it is much easier for us to key in www.google.com.

Domain names can be a maximum of 63 characters with only letters, numbers and hyphens allowed.

Meanwhile, top-level domain names are the part of a web address that comes after the final dot, such as .com, .org and .gov, or regional suffixes like .ae for UAE-registered websites.

By 2010, there were over 120 million domains in existence, with over three times that number in deleted names. This means that the majority of people who search for a specific address for their site will be unlucky with their first option, forcing them to be creative with their naming.

Back in the late 1990s, web entrepreneurs hit on the knowledge that good web addresses were a finite resource, and spent countless hours and sizeable budgets buying up domain names in bulk.

At the time, it was not unheard of for



private individuals to own thousands of domain names in the hope that some of these would be valuable to corporations who were late for the internet boat, or start-up business with a very specific identity in mind.

For example, the owner of business.com struck gold in 1999 when it was sold for \$7.5 million to an equity company who clearly believed it was worth the money for an easy address.

But this craze has since been and gone, with many speculators taking a serious hit on their bank balances as it turned out to be just another craze.

The Arab world can now celebrate its own top-level domains.

Last month the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and

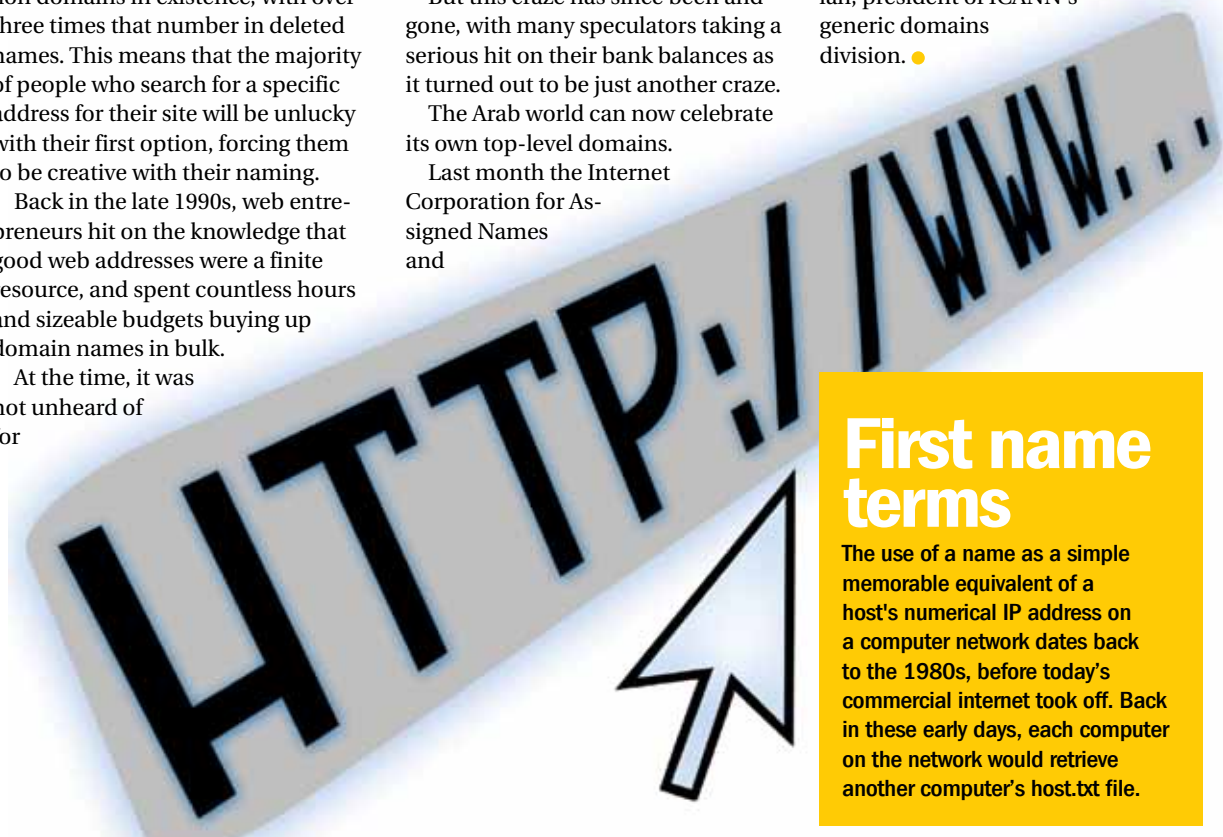
Numbers (ICANN) approved strings of letters written in Arabic—along with Russian and Chinese text.

Hailed as a “red letter day” by internet administrators, this move means that the Arabic word for

web—“shabaka”—can now be used as a domain in its own script.

At the same time, another large series of generic domains are expected for release, from sports like .tennis and .basketball to products and services like .pizza and .architect.

“This new programme puts in place a regime of protections for [trademark holders] that has not existed in the past,” said Akram Atallah, president of ICANN's generic domains division. ●



First name terms

The use of a name as a simple memorable equivalent of a host's numerical IP address on a computer network dates back to the 1980s, before today's commercial internet took off. Back in these early days, each computer on the network would retrieve another computer's host.txt file.

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A good skincare regime is an important step to keep your skin healthy and glowing.

Everyone has a skin type and this can range from normal, oily, dry or sensitive. Some people also have a combination of skin types in different areas of their body. It can also change over time depending on your age, lifestyle and environmental factors. For example, your water intake can affect your skin's elasticity and comfort. The amount of oil on your skin will affect how soft it is and how sensitive you are to products and weather.

Normal

If you have few imperfections and have skin that is not too oily or dry, you have a normal skin type. Your pores will be barely visible and you won't have a severe sensitivity to anything.

Tips: A simple soap and moisturiser will keep your smooth, radiant complexion.



What
skin
type are
you?

Dry



If your skin is dry, your pores will almost be invisible and have a dull complexion. You may have red patches and less elasticity with more visible lines. If you are exposed to sun, your skin can crack and peel or become itchy. Heating, long hot baths and showers and weather factors can worsen dry skin.

Tips: To alleviate dry skin, apply moisturiser directly after bathing and avoid long showers and baths. Try to stay cool without overdrying by using a humidifier instead of the air conditioning. Use mild soaps with added moisturisers.

Sensitive

If you find you have sensitive skin and react to products or environmental conditions, try avoid whatever causes it. You are likely to have red patches, itching, burning and dryness.

Tips: Stay hydrated and use products that are gentle on sensitive skin and soap-free.



All about eczema

Aside from your skin type, some people may have a skin condition such as eczema (pronounced 'ex-ma'). The most common type of eczema is atopic dermatitis or atopic eczema. Eczema is a very common skin problem which may start in infancy, later in childhood, or in adulthood. Triggers can make atopic eczema worse, although they do not necessarily cause the condition in the first place.

Symptoms include itchy, dry, red skin that may be broken or cracked. In more severe cases, atopic eczema can cause widespread dry skin, itching and oozing fluid. Although there is no cure for atopic eczema, treatments used to ease the symptoms include emollients and topical corticosteroids.

Combination

If you have combination skin your face will be dry in some places, oily in others and perhaps normal in other areas. You may have blackheads and shiny skin in certain places.

Tips: Always wash your face with a gentle, water-soluble cleanser to prevent irritation and dryness. If you have oily and dry patches on your skin, a gel-based or mild foaming cleanser will be perfect as it will not be too drying or moisturising.



Oily

If you have oily skin it can produce enlarged pores and you will have a shiny complexion. You may have blackheads, pimples and other blemishes. Exposure to heat and humidity can make oily skin worse.

Tips: Use a gentle cleanser with natural toners such as tea tree oil. Don't pick spots or blemishes, and wash your skin with a soap-free cleanser. Harsh chemicals can promote more oil.



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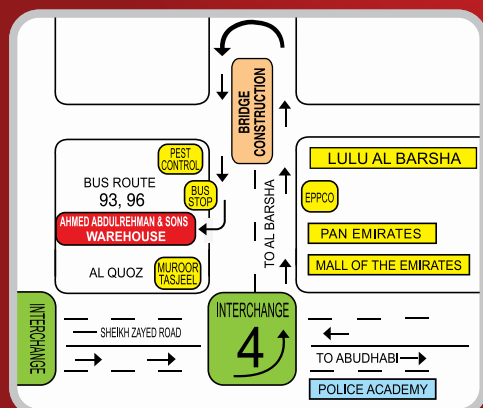
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EARNINGS

You don't necessarily have to start your own business to increase your earning potential. But before you start identifying the jobs with the highest pay, you need to narrow down the career areas that fit your qualifications and how those jobs will go in line with your lifestyle and future plans. Keep in mind that apart from the pay, your job takes up a big part of your life that it should be fairly fulfilling, in line with your values and personality and, of course, pays enough to give you a good quality of life. So how can you increase your worth in a way that allows you to move up the career ladder and increase your earning potential? Akhtaboot is here to help with some tips that could have you collect a bigger pay cheque.

EVALUATING YOUR POTENTIAL FOR PROMOTION

To prepare for a promotion, you have to really understand the drivers of your company's success. Top performers may know one critical thing about getting promoted that you don't. Promotion isn't just about doing what you were hired to do, it's about pushing the boundaries of your job description to show that

“Promotion isn't just about doing what you were hired to do, it's about pushing the boundaries of your job.”

you've outgrown your current tasks, and that you're ready to handle new ones. This doesn't only mean doing more things—it means doing more of the 'right' things. By becoming an expert in your field, you won't have to run after a raise anymore.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

When working towards increasing your earning potential, make sure that you set reasonable expectations. You can start by evaluating the average earning of similar positions in your industry. Keep in mind that it is possible that the numbers you will come across are outdated or relative to areas of higher or lower standards of living. To get a more realistic input on this you can talk to friends in the same industry about your expectations. Doing so will help you negotiate a practical pay increase when the time is right.

INVEST IN YOUR EDUCATION

Investing in an educational pro-

gramme could potentially help pay off your investment. While sta-

tistics show that a post graduate degree will undoubtedly open doors and increase your earning potential, you need to choose your degree carefully to ensure you're making a wise investment. When considering what field to study, the nature of the job itself should be considered instead of simply looking at monetary figures. If you're still not sure about your career path but would like to pursue a higher degree, choose a degree that can give you the freedom of a wide range of career choices.

SWITCHING FIELDS

The amount of money that you want to make, and do make during your working life, is dependent upon your beliefs, attitudes, values, and career choices. Even if you're doing a good job, or even a great job, most companies in this industry might still see you as replaceable. Look for openings that are already in line with your skill set but in a more lucrative industry. You can also switch jobs within the same industry or company or look for opportunities to be visible to upper management. ● By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com).

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It is alright to bury your head in the Ostrich Pillow

Architecture and design studio Kawamura-Ganjavian and STUDIO BANANA THINGS have unveiled the Ostrich Pillow which is poised to become the must-have item for the person who has everything – thanks to its unique design that offers a cosy micro environment where one can take a break from the everyday hustle and bustle without compromising privacy or comfort.



Designed by Kawamura-Ganjavian, the Ostrich Pillow is handcrafted in Spain with quality materials. and funded by Kickstarter, a crowd-funding website where artists, filmmakers, musicians and inventors can pitch their ideas to potential investors.

Initially available for purchase from the website www.studiobananathings.com only, the Ostrich Pillow (Dh399) has been featured in TV shows such as *The Jonathan Ross Show*, *The Alan Titchmarsh Show* and *Loose Women in the UK*, and *Good Morning America* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* in the US.

Kawamura-Ganjavian studio was established in 2000 by Ganjavian and Key Portilla-Kawamura in London. The studio is based in Madrid, Spain and Lausanne, working in product and furniture design, ephemeral architecture, interior design, building projects and territorial studies.



For further details of the Ostrich Pillow call 04 262 0505, 056 252 6767 or email ostrichpillow@mediabanq.com.

Cover up

Embrace the cooler evenings with a chic bolero or light jacket this fall.

TRENDS

While the shops start to fill up with winter boots, fur coats and capes, our attention turns to Fall/Winter cover-ups. Living in Dubai means the only time you really need a jacket to stay warm is when you're indoors in the AC or dining al fresco in the evening. For fashionistas and gents who like to stay on trend and follow the season's hottest looks, an embellished shrug or lightweight cardigan is the perfect investment.

Unless you are travelling to cooler climes this fall, then a simple cardigan is all you need to guard you against a slight chill.

Florals aren't just for summer; this season, stores are full of winter blooms in an array of rich hues. Opt for a light jacket with fringed detailing in emerald greens and purple shades for a retro, 1920s style.

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Fabrics such as velvet and suede are timeless and evoke elegance and glamour.

Similarly, a cute cropped blazer jacket in the style of a Chanel classic, with pearls and embellished detail, suggests opulence.

For an evening on the town, a fur trimmed shawl draped casually over a maxi dress works well with a floral headband and exudes a bohemian, shabby-chic look. When it comes to light jackets for men, there are endless options. A brown or black leather jacket is ideal for an evening in the mall with friends. Just throw it on with a pair of jeans, a plain tee and biker boots for a relaxed yet totally on trend style. Varsity-style cardigans in rich colours such as blue and burgundy work well during the day and, at night, a simple, tailored blazer can bring any outfit to life. Opt for a double-button blazer in teal and pair with grey trousers, and a burgundy polo shirt and Converse for a smart yet casual look. ●

Shrug it off for style

Shrugs provide fashionable females with a little warmth while still being versatile. Since shrugs are small and compact, they provide an excellent item when out for the entire day and in need of a transition piece for evening. By simply carting a shrug along and mixing it with a pair of earrings, you can transform a basic tank-and-jeans look into an appropriate evening ensemble.

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FAR FROM THE END FOR THESE YOUNG ACTORS

Not just child's play

This stylish space feature by an Oscar-winning director looks set for box office glory.

NEW RELEASE

In the near future, Earth is under attack by a hostile alien race called the Formics. Under fire, legendary space commander Mazer Rackham (Ben Kingsley) leads the International Fleet to victory, but nobody knows how long the ceasefire will last.

As Earth prepares for the expected next foray by the Formics, the International Fleet, led by Colonel Hyrum Graff (Harrison Ford) picks out the

most promising children, who they train for combat. Of the new recruits Andrew "Ender" Wiggin (Asa Butterfield) is quickly seen to excel in strategic vision, even though he is shy and awkward, and is picked out as the military's next great hope.

The next step for Ender is to join Command School, where he is trained to lead the next generation of Earth's fighters into a battle that will determine the future of the planet and the survival of the human race.

Ender's Game is the latest science fiction book to be turned into a Hollywood film, with its American author, Orson Scott Card, having written the screenplay. Although it is yet to see its release in America, critics who have seen the

“The maturity of its protagonists blends well with deft direction and a thoroughly gripping plotline.”

preview have praised it as an interstellar epic that promotes the idea of youngsters taking responsibility for their actions. For some, the idea of kids being thrust into life-or-death situations is distasteful, but given the context of the film, it works and is done in a very thought-provoking way.

There is none of the pro-military propaganda that sometimes infiltrates this kind of picture. Instead Academy Award-winning director Gavin Hood (*Tsotsi*, *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*) focuses on interpersonal dynamics among teenagers as they are put through their various, computer game-derived battle drills. Sixteen-year-old Butterfield, with his scrawny and geeky appearance, provides an intense portrayal of Ender and consolidates the promise that surrounded him when

he appeared in *Hugo*.

Those looking for another *Hannah Montana*-style pic will leave frustrated in spite of *Ender's Game's* large cast of teens. Among them are two Oscar nominees in Abigail Breslin, as Ender's sister Valentine, and Hailee Steinfeld as his squad-mate Petra.

It's a treat to see Harrison Ford back in the space genre that first made him famous as the Millennium Falcon's captain, Han Solo, in the original *Star Wars* trilogy.

The slick production and costumes suggest a future as stylish as the previews for this film, while the score—sounding something like Daft Punk with strings—adds to the young-generation feel.

But this isn't a picture just for the Disney generation, and the maturity of its protagonists blends well with deft direction and a thoroughly gripping plot line. *Ender's Game* is bound to be a hit for all ages. ●

A FUTURISTIC FLICK



Did you know?

In 1999, when the book was first mooted to become a film, writer Orson Scott Card suggested that Jake Lloyd – then famous as Anakin Skywalker in the *Star Wars* reboot, *The Phantom Menace* – was in the reckoning for the role of Ender. Today, however, he is too old to play the part.

Listings

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

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Reel Cinemas - Dubai Mall

Captain Phillips - 11:05, 13:45, 16:30, 19:15, 22:00, 00:45
Cloudy With A Chance 2 - 11:30, 13:30, 15:30, 17:30
Ender's Game - 12:05, 14:30, 16:55, 19:20, 21:45, 00:10
Escape From Planet Earth (3D) - 11:00, 12:55, 14:55, 16:55, 18:55, 20:55
Escape Plan - 11:45, 16:35, 21:25
Gravity - 11:35, 13:35, 15:35, 17:35, 19:35, 21:35, 23:35
Gravity (3D) - 22:55, 00:50
The Fifth Estate - 19:30, 22:05, 00:40
Upside Down - 14:15, 19:05, 23:55

Reel Cinemas - Marina Mall

Captain Phillips - 11:10, 01:25
Cloudy With A Chance 2 - 11:30, 13:35, 15:40, 17:45, 19:50

Djinn - 11:20, 13:15, 15:15, 17:15, 19:15, 21:15, 23:15, 01:15
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Krish - 12:05, 15:05, 18:10, 21:15, 00:20
Maximum Conviction - 11:40, 13:45, 15:55, 18:05, 20:15, 22:25, 00:35
The Fifth Estate - 13:50, 16:30, 19:10, 21:50, 00:30
Upside Down - 11:35, 13:50, 16:05, 18:20, 20:35, 22:50, 01:05

Vox Cinemas - Deira City Centre

Aarrambam - 10:45, 14:00, 17:15, 20:30, 23:45
All In All Azhagu Raja - 10:00, 13:30, 17:00, 20:30, 21:30, 00:00, 00:30, 01:00
Captain Phillips - 10:15, 12:00, 13:00, 14:45, 15:45, 17:30, 18:30, 20:15, 21:30, 23:00, 00:15
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Sringaaravelan - 09:30, 13:00, 16:30, 20:00, 23:30

Vox Cinemas - Mall of the Emirates

Captain Phillips - 09:30, 10:15, 10:30,

12:15, 13:00, 13:15, 15:00, 15:45, 16:00, 17:30, 18:00, 18:30, 19:00, 20:45, 21:00, 21:15, 22:00, 23:00, 00:00, 00:15, 00:30
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The Butler - 10:15, 15:30, 20:45

Vox Cinemas - Mirdif City Centre

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Witness the creativity of children behind the camera in the 77 film entries that will be showcased at this festival.

Date: November 3 - 4

Time: 9am onwards
Venue: Al Dhaid Cultural and Sports Club, Sharjah
Admission: Dh15, Dh20
More info: 06 594 1111

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Cleese is on a mission to make his audience burst into roaring laughter.
Date: November 5 - 9
Time: 8pm
Venue: Madinat Theatre, Souk Madinat Jumeirah
Admission: Dh350, Dh380, Dh450
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Venue: Expo Centre Sharjah
Admission: Free
More info: 06 577 0000



Meydan Race Nights 2013



Watch world-class jockeys race to the finish line in this horseracing spectacle.

Date: November 7
Time: 6:30pm
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Date: November 8
Time: 3pm
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Admission: Free
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Women young and old are invited to push their limits and achieve their best time in this running event.

Date: November 8
Time: 7am - 1pm
Venue: The Meydan Hotel
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More info: 050 551 2991



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Rico Blanco will rock the night away together with other pinoy performers in this concert.
Date: November 8
Time: 7pm
Venue: Creekside Park, Oud Metha, Dubai
Admission: Dh175, Dh250
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Enjoy a fun day with your family by taking on several fitness challenges.

Date: November 8
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Admission: Dh100 per family
More info: 02 403 4233



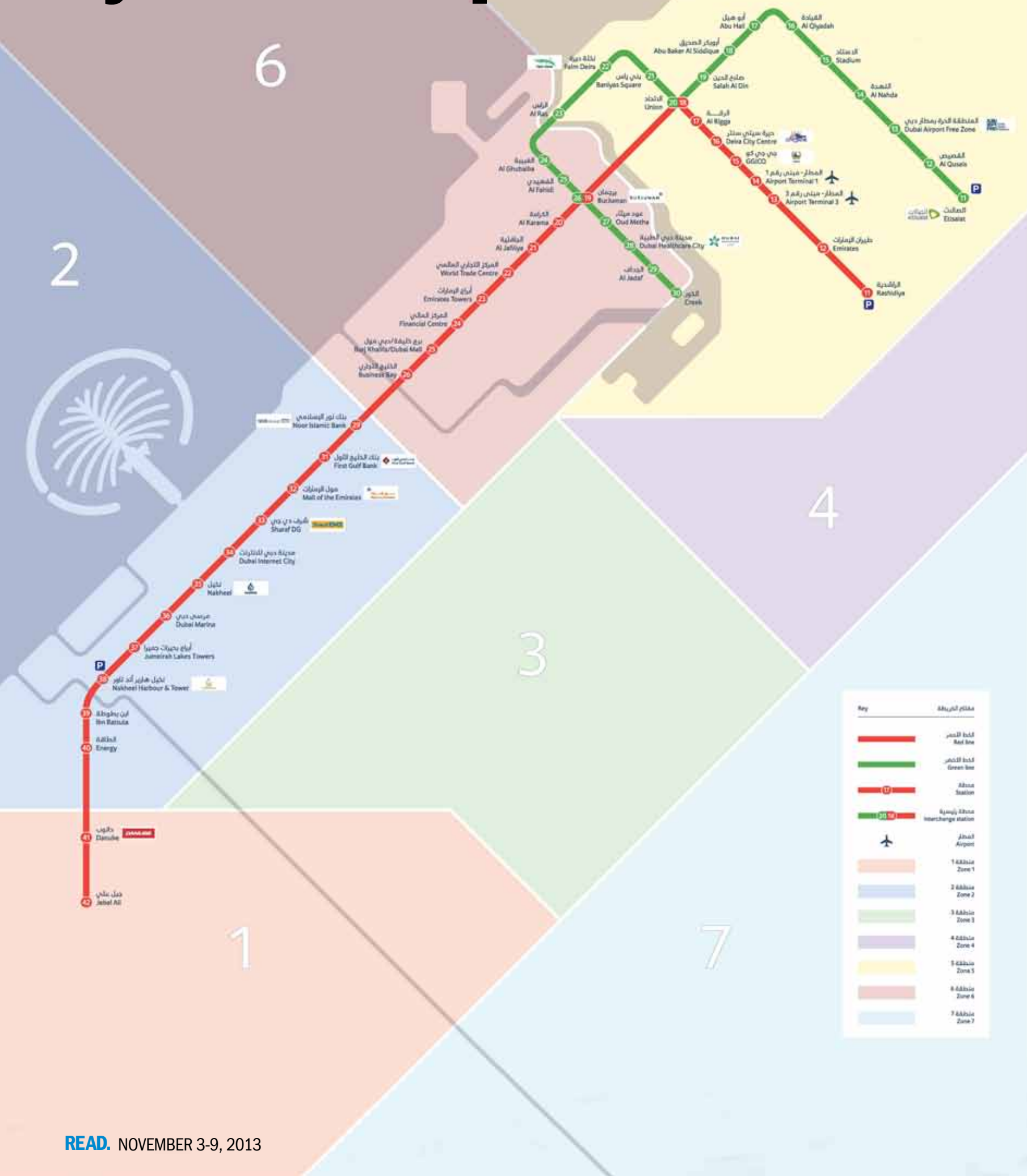
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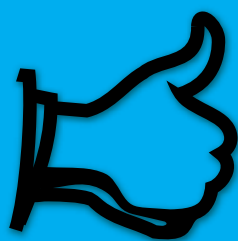
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RTA goes green in exhibition

New exhibition showcases green technologies and initiatives that aim to reduce Dubai's carbon footprint.



AL TAYER TOURS THE EXHIBITION

INITIATIVES

Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), recently inaugurated the Green Technology Towards Achieving Sustainable Development exhibition held at the RTA headquarters in celebration of Arab Environment Day.

Al Tayer and other RTA officials toured the exhibition, which featured solar-powered and hybrid vehicles,

as well as those that are powered by compressed natural gas. The exhibition displayed the latest developments and research about clean energy through visual presentations, brochures, leaflets and magazines provided by various entities.

Lectures about sustainable development were also delivered during the exhibition. These included the Ministry of Environment's lecture tackling the UAE's green economy strategy, the Dubai Carbon Centre for

“The RTA has been committed to include green initiatives in as many projects and public services as possible.”

Excellence's lecture about gas emissions related to transportation and the procedures to be taken to minimise such emissions, and the Dubai

Electricity and Water Authority's lecture that discussed the optimisation of energy and water consumption.

Al Tayer said: “The exhibition reflects the RTA's keenness on taking part in the Arab Environment Day in support of the long-term initiative launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, in January last year under the theme ‘A Green Economy for a Sustainable Environment’, that was aimed at fostering a green economy in the UAE.

“The RTA has undertaken a number of projects and initiatives that serve one of its core objectives with regards to controlling the carbon footprint. The RTA took early action towards revamping its plan for 2013 to 2014, where it has set specific objectives, besides following up on its implementation and measuring its impact in the short run. The RTA aims to save on the energy consumption of its facilities, modes of transport and channels of services to the public,” he continued.

Since its inception in 2005, the RTA has been committed to include green initiatives in as many projects and public services as possible, such as using electricity to power the Dubai Metro and deploying diesel buses with low sulphur rates.

Book a taxicab with the HALA service

Taxicabs in the new service guarantee safety and luxury features, with some vehicles designated for ladies.

INNOVATIVE SERVICE

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has unveiled the HALA Taxi, a taxicab booking request service via the booking and dispatch centre of the RTA's Public Transport Agency. Coinciding with Public Transport Day, 155 taxicabs in the initial phase were deployed on November 1.

Dr Yousef Al Ali, Public Transport Agency CEO, said: “The underlying objective of HALA Taxi is to cater to the public needs and meet the growing number of requests received by the dispatch centre at the Public Transport Agency under the objec-



HALA TAXIS HAVE A DISTINCTIVE COLOUR SCHEME

tive of raising customer satisfaction. The service is also meant to provide an effective mechanism for handling public complaints forwarded

to the dispatch centre, accelerate the dispatch of taxicabs to customers, provide better coverage to areas with high demands through the centre, improve the rate of response to bookings, and augment the revenues of the dispatch centre by expanding the delivery of the service in a more distinctive and professional manner.”

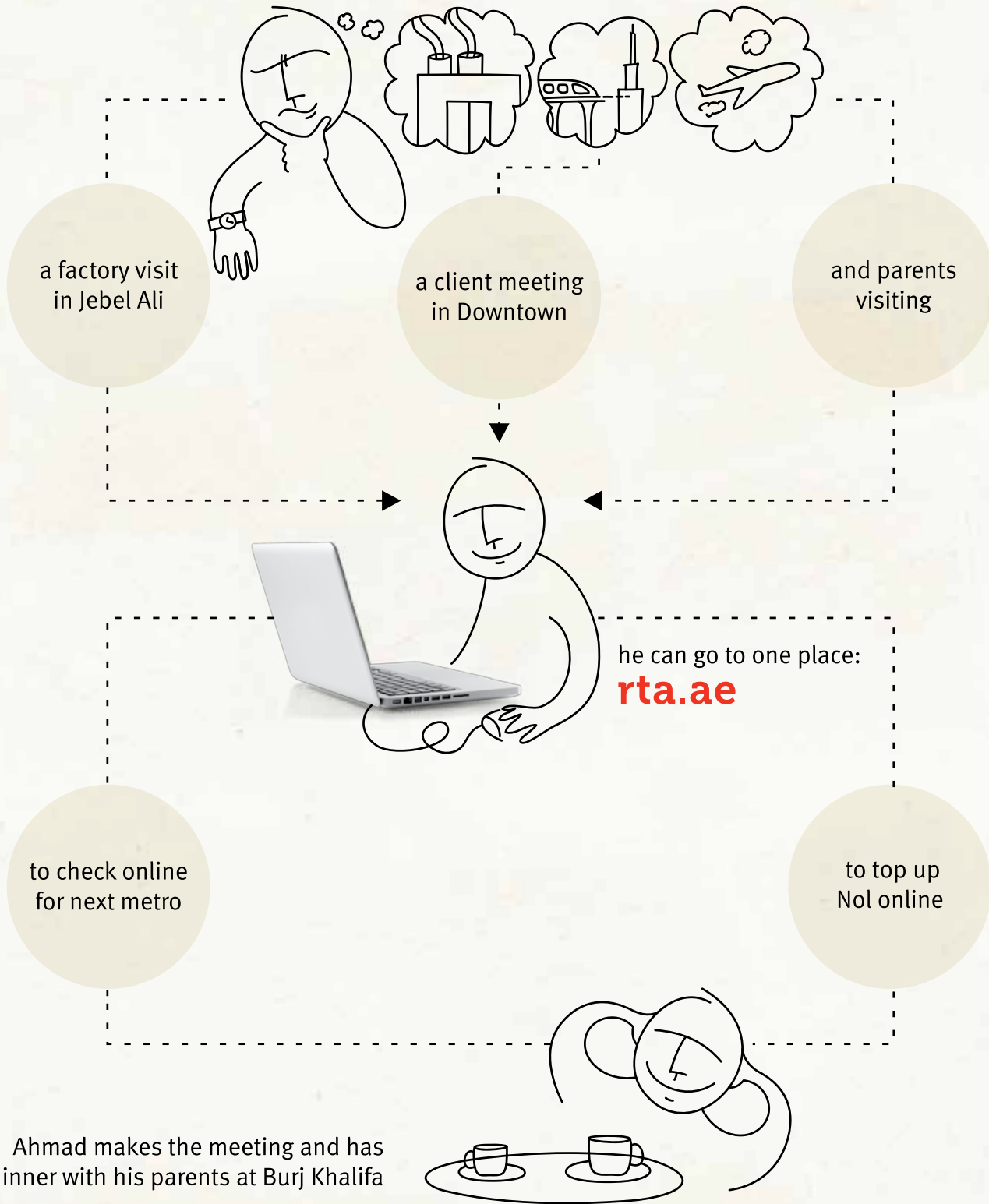
He added: “Cars Taxi, one of taxi

franchise companies operating under the RTA, has been assigned to launch the service. The taxicabs of the HALA service are painted black and grey, fitted with safety and luxury features and deployed around the clock. The taxicabs can be booked through existing contact channels of the dispatch centre, including the phone number 04 208 0808,” Al Ali added.

The taxicabs serve all districts of Dubai, however, drivers are not allowed to pick up passengers hailing taxis on the street.

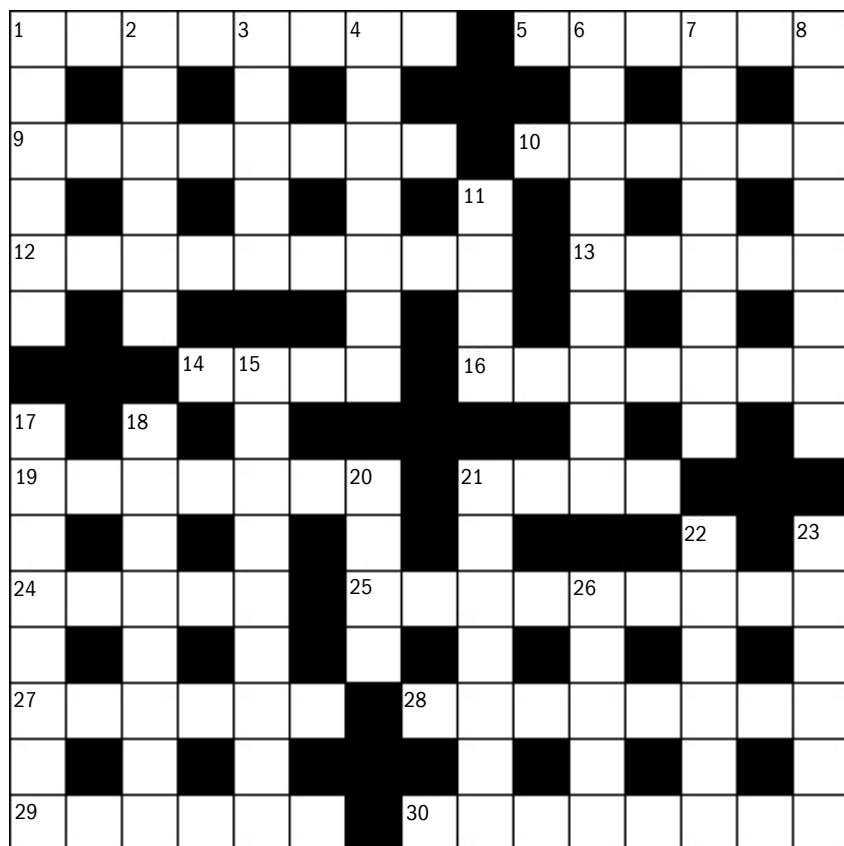
The taxicabs that are painted pink and black are designated for ladies' use.

Ahmad has to be in 3 places at once...



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Crossword

Across

1 Water closet (8) **5** Set up (6) **9** Pull out (8) **10** A metamorphic rock (6) **12** Enumerating (9) **13** Fence openings (5) **14** Sinewy (4) **16** Support or vote for (7) **19** Caustic (7) **21** A vaulted recess on a building (4) **24** A language of India (5) **25** Indescribably (9) **27** A style of sleeve (6) **28** Turnip cabbage (8) **29** Acquired deservedly (6) **30** Head restraint (8)

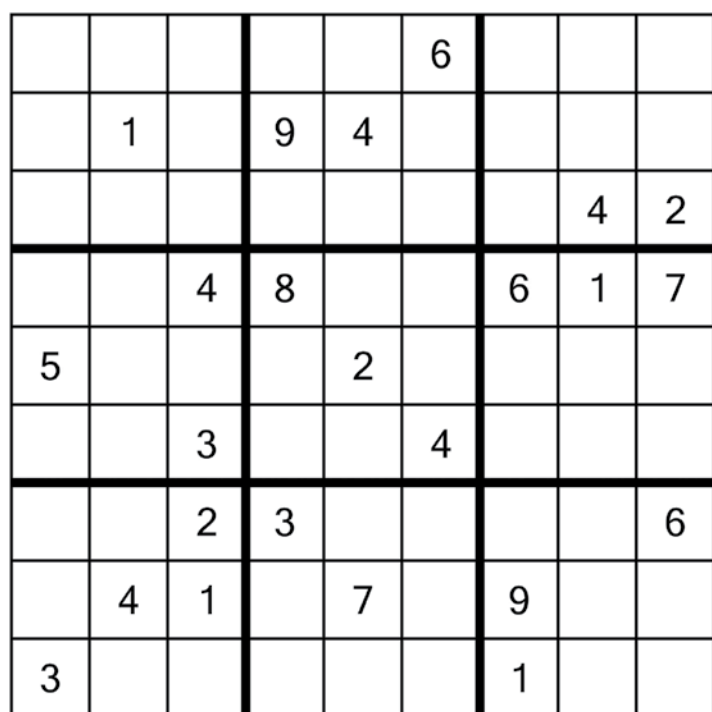
Down

1 Lament (6) **2** Rag (6) **3** Diameters (5) **4** Not transparency (7) **6** Rebels (9) **7** Dampness (8) **8** Calamity (8) **11** Look amorously (4) **15** Overlap (9) **17** A stand to hold wood that is being sawn (8) **18** Adolescent (8) **20** Potato crisp (4) **21** Windflower (7) **22** Afire (6) **23** One who uses a computer keyboard (6) **26** Placed in folders (5)

ANSWERS



Sudoku



Recipe

Prawn coconut curry

A light yet spicy dish to tickle your taste buds.

Ingredients

½ tsp ground turmeric
1 tsp salt
400g peeled freshwater prawns
90ml vegetable oil
2 bay leaves
3 medium red onions, blended to a fine paste
1 tbsp ground cumin
1 tsp ground turmeric
2 tbsp ginger and garlic paste
1 tsp salt
2 chopped green chillies
75ml coconut milk
½ tsp sugar (optional)
½ tsp ground green cardamom
1 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
½ lime, juice only

Serves
4



add the bay leaves and onion paste. Fry for five minutes until light brown.

3. Heat the remaining oil in a non-stick frying pan and fry the prawns briefly for a minute or two on each side. Set the prawns aside.

4. Mix the ground cumin, turmeric and ginger-garlic paste in 75ml of water and add to the onions. Reduce the heat and cook for a further three to four minutes, stirring regularly.

5. Add the salt, green chillies and prawns. Mix in the coconut milk and simmer for another two minutes.

6. Season to taste with sugar if you desire, then sprinkle over some cardamom powder, chopped coriander and a squeeze of lime.

7. Prepare a portion of plain basmati rice to serve.

Method

1. Place the prawns with the turmeric and salt in a shallow dish. Cover and leave to marinate in a cool place for 30 minutes to an hour.
2. Heat 60ml of the oil in a pan and

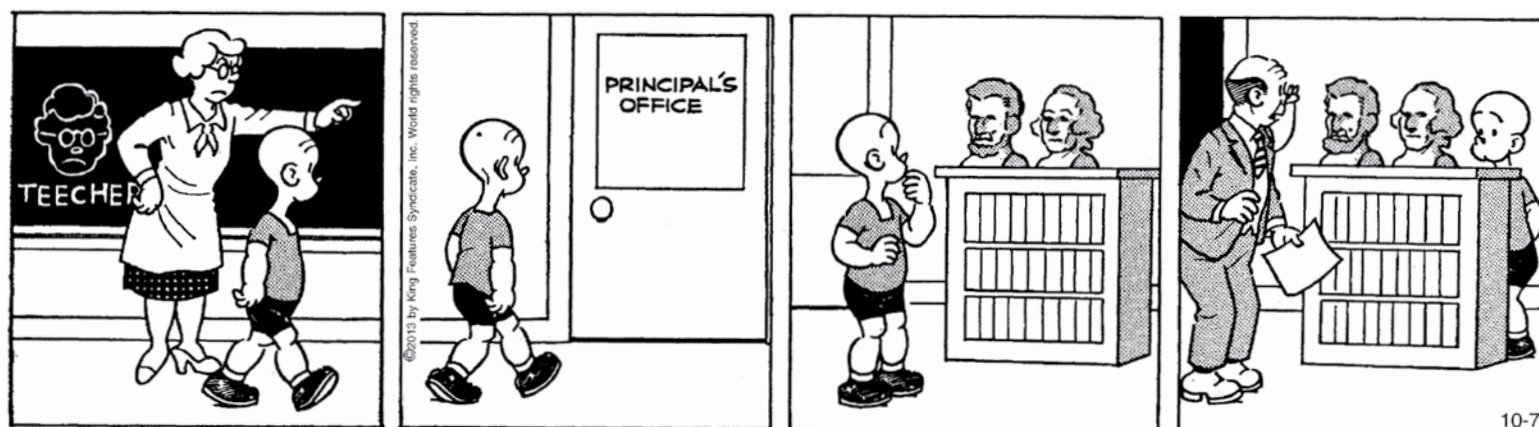
ANSWERS

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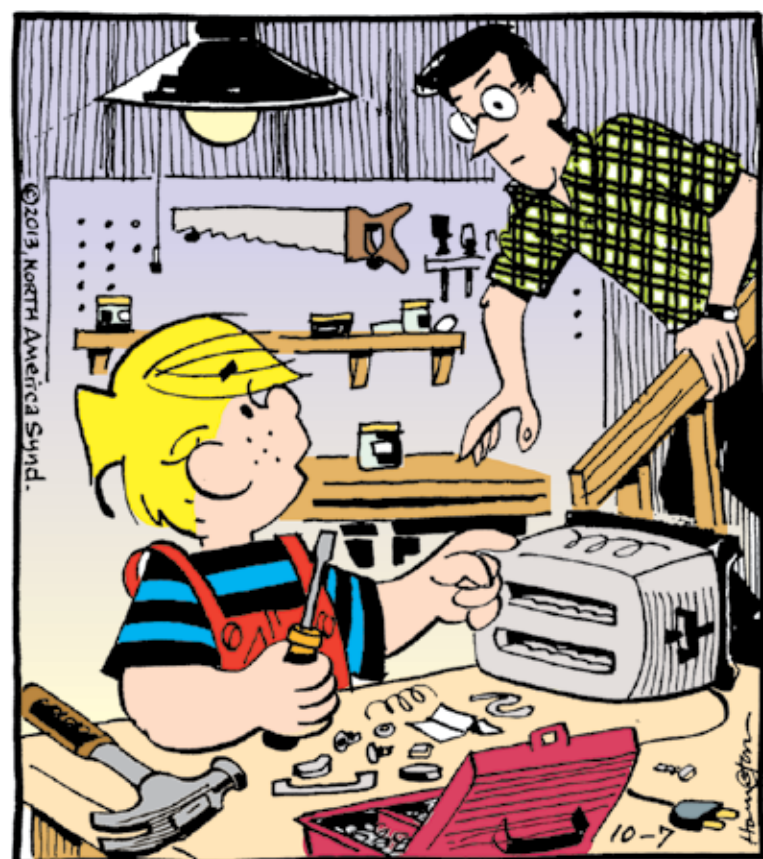
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Spiderman



Dennis the menace



"I GAVE THE TOASTER A TUNE-UP, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH THE LEFT-OVERS."

Spot the 10 differences



What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Your energy levels may have skyrocketed recently, which leaves you full of optimism about a new opportunity or relationship. Keep your attitude positive and things will begin to fall into place naturally. This is a time to just go with the flow.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

A person may make a demand that would simply be impossible for you to fulfill. Make sure you tell them this from the outset. Agreeing to help out—when you know that you will be unable to—will only cause friction to grow between you.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

You may have recently experienced the end of a close friendship or relationship. While you may feel alone, bear in mind that your family and friends are concerned for your peace of mind, and will be only too happy to help guide you and give advice.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Don't panic if you suddenly feel as though you've reached a turning point in life. Some decisions may be hard to make but, with a little careful thought, you could find yourself heading down a new road that will be filled with exciting opportunities.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

Looking after your bank account may take a little more thought this week, so try to store a little away in case it's needed. It may be tempting to blow everything straight after payday, but deep down you know that this is not the best choice.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

There may be someone at work who is beginning to really grind on your nerves. Try not to lose your cool. Instead, approach the situation with tact and give them a few helpful hints. It may be that they just aren't aware of how their attitude is affecting others.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

A wedding or big event within the family causes much excitement and provides an opportunity to catch up with relatives you haven't seen for a long time. This will boost your energy levels and leave you feeling content, so make the most of a happy occasion.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

While you can be withdrawn at times, you are one of the most sociable signs in the zodiac. This is reflected in your social calendar over the rest of the month, but try to space out the bigger events to avoid completely burning out and feeling exhausted.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

Over-analysing a situation will do you no good right now. While you may think a certain way about someone's comments and behaviour, you may have it all wrong. Try not to dwell on the issue; it will resolve itself sooner than you may think.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

You may have the urge to stay home and enjoy your own company at the moment. There is nothing wrong with this and, in fact, it will do your health and well-being the world of good. It's fine to treat yourself to a little bit of 'me' time when you feel it's needed.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

An awkward situation could have created tension but, thanks to your quick thinking, it may have ended up bringing you closer to someone. The experience you shared was one so unique or ridiculous that you will be able to reminisce over it for years to come.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Stop taking on other people's worries as if they were your own. This will do your psychological well-being no good at all and could leave you experiencing sleepless nights. Listen to people's problems and offer advice, but don't take on their guilt.



This week's local weather

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HIGH 29C
LOW 27C
HUMIDITY 33%

MON



SUNNY
HIGH 30C
LOW 27C
HUMIDITY 35%

TUE



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