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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.

✉ CROSSED LINES

Pardon me for my yammering, but customer service over the phone here does not provide the 'service' part that people like myself expect to have. I conducted a test on one public hotline, which took me ages to reach the appropriate (term loosely used here) representative to address my concern. There have been some instances when I have waited for a long time before my call gets answered and then transferred to other lines, multiple times. I can bear with the novice command of English, but some of the representatives are just so bad that I just have to put the phone down in the end. Companies should invest in retraining their customer service staff in order to serve their customers well, because

what's the point of hiring them if we can't understand what they're saying, anyway?

Danny Ethridge

✉ SAY NO TO CRUELTY

There is something seriously wrong with people these days, and among the many proofs are the animal cruelty videos that are being circulated on the internet. People enjoying such things have got serious issues if you ask me. Making harmless creatures take the heat of some nutjob's unfounded aggression is injustice at its best.

Stacey Caulkin



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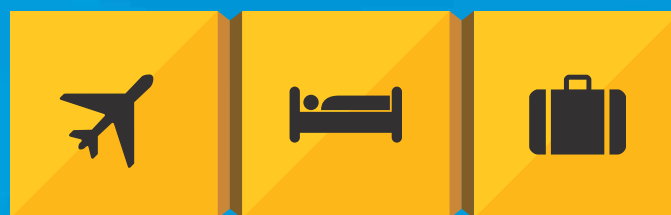
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Coming up this week



TODAY

Accidents can happen at any time. While basic first aid is a skill that many people could do with brushing up on, the way you treat injuries as soon as they happen could be important in preventing infection and minimising further risk. From cuts to breaks or burns, knowing the first line of defence to take against a wound could be beneficial in the long run.



MONDAY

After storming the skies across Dubai last week with their aerial acrobatics during the Dubai Airshow, why not get to know a little bit more about those magnificent men in their flying machines, also known as Al Fursan?



TUESDAY

Ahead of another season of festivities, many are watching their waistlines in order to enjoy the feasting ahead. But the measurement of your waist could reveal a lot more than how many mince pies you've eaten.



WEDNESDAY

Taking over the Dubai stage next month, *Chicago* the musical has been entertaining audiences for many years. Step back into the history of the show and find out how it became such a hit.



THURSDAY

While there may now be a chill in the air once the sun sets, Dubai is still gloriously hot compared to some places. Try not to shiver as we look at some of the coldest places on earth.



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)

Do you have a 'bucket list' of things you want to do before you die?

I wanna have my own family, own restaurant, own big and happy house, have a foundation/charity that will help those people who are peasant. I wanna reach the peak of Maslow's hierarchy of needs which is the "SELF ACTUALIZATION".

— Ahmed Anjum

I want to own a business!

— Wyeth P. Cabornay

I would like to visit all those places where I lived in my childhood. All those spots where I played with my

friends. Also I would like to meet the people I knew once. I wish to know how they have grown old and how time has made changes in their lives.

— Geeta Ladi

I want to send my parents to Saudi Arabia for Hajj or Umrah and I also want to go myself there if I got the chance.

— Prince Zari



Do you think it's fair for airlines to advertise a flight at one cost then add on extra taxes and charges before the checkout?

This is just one plain advertising strategy. It works, most of the time!

— Clen Nicolas

There's an airline in the Philippines that advertise low rates, but when you're about to pay, the price is way above, but I think they changed!

— Joie Talana Eva

Yes happened recently to travel from here to Hong Kong, just when u think u r finished booking, u get the wow extra taxes and surcharges higher than the ticket fare.

— Sam Bay

Are you a sweet or savoury person?

Sweet, sweets is my weak point.

— Basma Sabry



I am a sweet & savoury person. I cannot choose between the two. If presented with a plate of sweet and savoury stuff to choose from, I would take the sweet with one hand and savoury with the other.

— Arman Hossen

Skywheel act stuns visitors

Daredevil entertainers head over from the UK to amaze spectators at Global Village with their exhilarating act.

ENTERTAINMENT

Global Village has brought to the UAE the highly energetic and thrilling Vander Skywheel performance from the UK, performing with four men on the outside of a rotating frame for the first time ever in the world.

This exciting and thrilling act has had over 5,000 audience members at Global Village mesmerised by the ever-heightening daredevil factor to their act. Visitors watch open mouthed as the performers each move on to the outside of spinning wheels and juggle, skip rope, and walk a full rotation blindfolded.

This exclusive Global Village act is the only Skywheel team in the world currently performing a quadruple-wheel stunt where all four members of the troupe simultaneously stand on the outside of the wheel. The show also features two of the performers on the outside of their



RIDING HIGH

wheels completing a rotation totally blindfolded to add further suspense and drama to the performance.

Vander Skywheel's debut performance was held last year as part of

the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the UK. Since then they have been performing at festivals, regattas, and retreats all around the UK and mainland Europe.

The team leader Wayne Vander Westhuizen, is a flying trapeze performer who started on the Skywheel in 1985.

He says: "Global Village is a great place for us to come and it really suits what we do. We are a small but international team with myself being from South Africa and the rest of the team from the UK, and we perform all around the world. It has been a great honour to perform at such a

“It has been a great honour to perform at such a culturally interesting event, and in front of massive crowds.”

culturally interesting event, and in front of such massive crowds”.

Along with Wayne, the other members of the troupe are Jamie Lee Coldham, Daniel Tate-Potts, and Billy Robinson, who all took classes at the Blackpool Circus School and, for all, this is their first time visiting the Middle East.

The Vander Skywheel is just one of a host of events that Global Village is providing during the current season, in a programme that looks set to keep visitors to the entertainment venue enthralled with a line-up of exhilarating thrill shows.

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United as one

Following the recent tragic events in the Philippines, Dubai residents have pulled together to help.

As the second-largest expat community in the UAE, people from the Philippines contribute an invaluable amount to our community. It is with this in mind that the tragic impact of Typhoon Haiyan (or Yolanda as it is also known) earlier this month not only caused a great deal of concern for Filipinos in Dubai, but for their friends of all nationalities.

While the devastation and heartache is still very much at the forefront of many people's minds, Dubai residents of all backgrounds and beliefs are coming together as a community in more ways than one to try and help those affected by Haiyan.

Governments across the globe have so far pledged an astonishing amount of money to help the country rebuild, including a generous donation from the UAE. But the desire to do something doesn't stop with those in power. Initiatives have been springing up across Dubai since Haiyan tore through the Philippines, showing yet again how the power of humanity crosses all borders of race and social situation.

Not necessarily all of the drives to help the victims of Haiyan are about raising money, however, with many focusing on donating much-needed items to our fellow humans who have suffered in the tragedy.

If you would like to help, here is a selection of just some of the ways you can get involved. In addition, a simple search online will reveal a further plethora of fundraising activities, collection drives and campaigns, all with one goal in mind; to reach out a helping hand across the waters to our friends in the Philippines. ●

LBC

Courier company LBC Express is accepting donations in kind at their Karama office until November 30. Donated blankets, shoes, slippers, canned goods and toiletries will be sent for free and distributed to the victims in the Philippines.

Chorus DXB

Chorus DXB is a group of Dubai-based musicians all working together to use their music to raise funds for the typhoon victims. Organiser Michael Fillon says: "Our main vehicle for raising funds is a compilation CD, which we will sell to our collective fans and friends, the proceeds of which will be donated to the charity programme at the Philippine Consulate. Musicians are welcome to donate a song. We plan to release a series of these CDs, so we can always use new material. Fans and friends of the musicians can support by purchasing the CDs when they are launched at various events scheduled to take place around the city. The CDs will also be available at select retail outlets." To find out more about Chorus DXB, visit facebook.com/chorusdxb.



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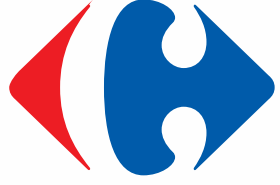


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Often, surviving a heart attack comes down to spotting the signs in time.

We've seen it often on the silver screen. The older, grizzled man—often a detective—red of nose and cheek, in a heartbeat turns ashen. He grasps to undo his collar, gasping for breath, his whole body shaking with pain and understanding of what is happening. It is a heart attack, Hollywood-style, complete with menacing soundtrack.

If we were to believe everything that we see, such scenes would provide a daunting lesson that a heart attack will come out of the blue and do for us. But the reality is that many signs are often there to warn us, if only we knew what they were.

Most heart attacks begin slowly with mild pain or discomfort, and often those going through these symptoms aren't sure what's wrong with them, leading them to wait too long before seeking help.

But as with many critical medical events, the speed we act on the indications will play a vital part in the severity of the condition.

Most heart attacks initially deliver punching discomfort in the centre of the chest that will last more than just a few minutes. Sometimes it goes away but it will likely come back, making it critical to seek medical assistance in the time in between.

This discomfort will feel like uncomfortable pressure or squeezing on the chest—or just outright pain.

Age-related attacks

The age profile of UAE heart patients is getting increasingly younger, with the average age being around 45—a good 15 years behind the global average age of 60. At least one-third of women in the country have at least one risk factor for heart disease, although many are unaware of this. Just one reason why it is important to have regular medical check-ups.

Don't die of a broken heart

Elsewhere, symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, and possibly also in the back, neck, jaw or stomach. There will be shortness of breath and other signs might include nausea, lightheadedness and a cold sweat.

Heart attacks are life-and-death emergencies so every second counts. If you have any of the listed symptoms—or are with someone who is experiencing them—you should call an ambulance straight away.

Not all these signs occur in every heart attack and sometimes they go away and return.

But if some symptoms occur, you should get help fast.

Today heart attack victims can benefit from new medica-

tions and treatments that were not available in the past to patients.

For example, clot-busting drugs can stop some heart attacks even while they are in progress. Not only can they reduce disability, but they also save lives. However, for them to be most effective, such drugs need to be given soon after heart attack symptoms first appear.

If you have learnt the signs, and are feeling some of the symptoms, don't risk it. It is better to be wrong and be given the all-clear by doctors than to take your chances. These symptoms are not natural and will that mean something is wrong, so you'd better get checked out anyway.

After all, you can't rely on Hollywood for all your information. ●



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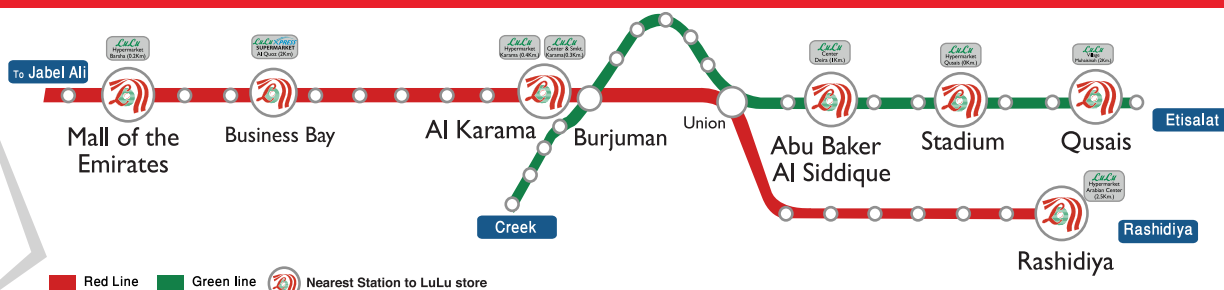


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TRAVEL NEWS

Hyatt Regency Dubai launches new facilities

Hyatt Regency Dubai, the luxury five-star hotel, has unveiled its newly remodeled luxurious Crystal Ballroom and introduced 'Al Markaz', a unique, high-end business enclave with a "residential feel". Dubai's crème-de-le-crème were present at the launch event, where they experienced the sophisticated new facilities and a gourmet culinary feast along with foot tapping live jazz music.



The reinvented, magnificent Crystal Ballroom and 12 meetings and events suites in the hotel now offer innovative facilities accompanied by a high level of personalised service. The Crystal Ballroom is now fully equipped with high resolution AV apparatus, four big screens, Bose sound system (concert style) and ability to program lights to different colours.

The Crystal Ballroom can now host up to 1,000 guests. A spacious pre-function area offers sea view, a perfect place for coffee breaks. A lavish 'Crystal Lounge' next to the ballroom features dedicated food and beverage consoles. The meetings and events suites now offer an elegant and adaptable modern space and can accommodate from 10 to 500 people.

The hotel's new Al Markaz concept is a unique and contemporary high-end flexible business enclave with a "residential feel" for meetings, events as well as social gatherings. Al Markaz is a place enhanced with the latest technology, smart layouts and offers six meeting suites complete with Wi-Fi and iPod docking stations.



Historic Hanoi

Vietnam's evergreen capital still remains an antidote to modern life.

Although it is not Vietnam's biggest city, Hanoi is certainly its most powerful and regal—a title it has held over centuries. During this time, the capital has been the ruling centre for occupations by a range of overseas powers, and as a result, has assimilated a wide range of characters, making it a true East-meets-West city.

Most remember Hanoi as being the capital of all of French Indochina—a fact that is hard to forget as you stroll down the wide boulevards flanked by colonial villas. But this city's history is much longer than that.

As far back as 1408, the Chinese had conquered what was then known as Thang-Long, and over several dynasties that lasted until the French arrived in 1887, a Sino influence pervaded many aspects of culture.

It went on to become the capital of North Vietnam in 1954 after a decade of fighting and then retained its status as leading city upon reunification in 1976. Largely untouched

by the battles that have beset the country surrounding it, Hanoi is like a living, beating history book with a half-millennium of stories to tell.

With little in the way of twenty-first century buildings to lessen its charm,

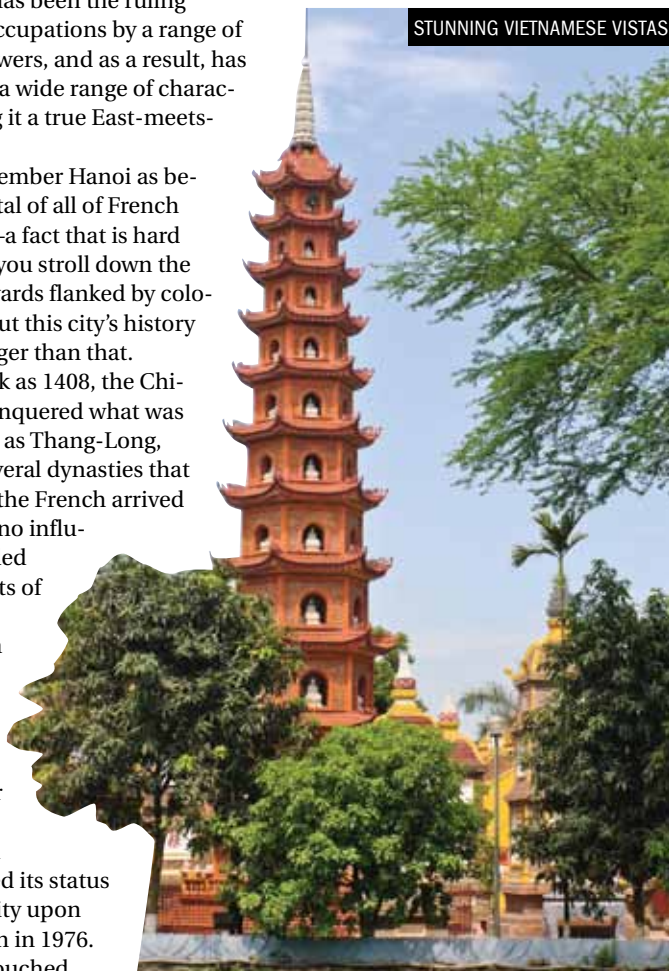
this history is accessible through its many preserved neighbourhoods, with the Old Quarter on par with the magnificent Hoi An for breathtaking stretches of pre-colonial and colonial architecture and dense labyrinths of understated charm and atmosphere.

Elsewhere, Hanoi lacks the boom-time bustle of the larger Ho Chi Minh City in the south, and the city centre is pretty laid back by Southeast Asian standards. While Hanoi could never be called a pedestrian's city, given the number of death-race motorcyclists zooming intently in every direction, the older and more central parts of the city are definitely pleasant for a leisurely wander.

There is no doubt that Hanoi is a foodie's paradise, with an incredible variety of local and regional food available for next to no money from hawkers, through to world-class international restaurants that charge accordingly. One whole area—Le Mat, meaning Snake Village—is given over to cuisine involving cobras, and some of the dishes available are certainly not for the faint hearted. On the whole, though, there is something for every taste in Hanoi.

While Ho Chi Minh City is often more convenient, boasting regular direct Emirates flights, Hanoi is a two-hour transfer hop away, and offers much more in the way of history, culture and calm. If you are thinking about a trip to Vietnam, it is well worth weighing up carefully what you need from a holiday and, more often than not, Hanoi will win the battle hands down. ●

STUNNING VIETNAMESE VISTAS



Hanoi hello

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NEWS ON WHEELS

Dubai Rally set for a classic battle in the desert sand

The 2013 edition of the Dubai International Rally promises a fascinating battle for contestants vying for top honours. Taking place from November 28 to 30, the 35th Dubai International Rally will be held under the patronage of Sheikh Majid Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Culture and Arts Authority.



While Qatar's Nasser Al Attiyah has already clinched the Middle East title, several of the Arab world's other top rally drivers will be going all out to prevent the Qatari from rounding off the season with victory in the sixth and final round. Al Attiyah tops the entry list of 22 drivers according to the Automobile and Touring Club of the UAE, the national motor sport authority and rally organisers. Among the other leading challengers will be the UAE's Sheikh Khalid Al Qassimi, twice a winner in Dubai and this time spearheading a five-car entry by Abu Dhabi Racing.

The rally officially gets underway with a ceremonial start at Dubai World Trade Centre at 7:30pm on November 28 before the main rally action unfolds along desert trails over the next two days.

The first leg on November 29 takes the competitors through Al Dhaid to the first loop of three special stages at Zubeidah, Al Falaj near Khadra village, and Showka, prior to a service regrouping.

The following day's second leg features two loops of three stages at Al Dhaid (Police College), Khadra and Mileiha are all in the Al Dhaid/Mileiha area and are easily located from the Sharjah-Kalba Road or the Al Dhaid Road. The survivors will reach the finish at Dubai World Trade Centre at 4:30pm the same day.

Taking on the big boys

Cadillac aims at the Germans with its angular ATS saloon.



You may think that any car manufacturer who dares to go head-to-head with the likes of the BMW 3 Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes C-Class is going to find themselves way out of their depth. The luxury sport sedan market is just one of the classes that the German marques have dominated for years. But in the case of the 2014 Cadillac ATS, it's proving to be a strong finisher, not so far behind the Teutonic thoroughbred runners.

There are many elements that make the ATS a very appealing and unique car in its class, not least the dynamic angles of the body which have become a 'love it or hate it' design signature for the brand. For those who love it, the ATS has an aggressive poise on its low profile 18-inch rims, but it's less thuggish than its CTS-V sibling.

It has a long wheelbase, 50/50 weight distribution and wide front and rear track, which gives it a very confident feel on the road, especially when cornering at speed.

The interior too echoes the angularity of

the bodywork but at no point feels excessive or the victim of design over functionality. The quality of the interior finish is excellent with seats and door panels swathed in soft French leather with just a hint of veneer and subtle chrome highlights to suggest classic luxury. Meanwhile the dashboard, fascia and centre console present a dynamic but reassuring cabin feel around the driver and front passenger. Everything, including steering wheel switches, paddleshift gear changers, entertainment and sat nav panels are ergonomically located for ease of use and have a high quality finish.

If there is any shortfall in the Cadillac's interior it would be rear passenger space. While legroom

is sufficient, the slope of the roof results in a lack of 'airiness' that the German cars in this class don't seem to suffer from—and boot space has also been compromised.

Where the ATS picks up brownie points again though, is under the skin. The 3.6-litre V6—which will undoubtedly be the engine of choice in this region—kicks out 320 horsepower and 373Nm of torque. This is ample enough to pull it hastily off the line with a mild squeal from the rear tyres and an earthy grumble from the twin tailpipes, and to keep you trundling happily along at highway speeds all day in a very serene cabin environment.

The paddleshift 6-speed automatic transmission is very receptive and quick while the driver-adjustable sport suspension with Magnetic Ride Control really does offer you either the ultimate in comfort or a stiffer set-up for more sporty performance.



INTERIOR QUALITY

Safety hasn't been neglected with the introduction of IntelliBeam and Adaptive Forward Lighting which automatically switches to high beam to give you greater visibility at night when it's safe, and depending on traffic conditions. The ATS also features a Heads-Up Display so you can see speed, gear, and satnav directions without having to look away from the road.

The final gold star for the ATS is cost: with an upper price tag around the Dh180,000 mark, it significantly undercuts its German rivals, and while it may not have the performance pedigree to match, it certainly has enough character, comfort and driving dynamism to keep you smiling whatever your mood may be. ●

SPECS
(as tested)
Engine: 3.6 litre V6
Power: 321hp @ 6,800rpm
Torque: 373Nm @ 4,800rpm
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Top speed: n/a
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TECH NEWS

Fujifilm X-E2 camera enters UAE market

Fujifilm has launched the X-E2, its fifth premium interchangeable-lens camera from the acclaimed X-Series. The X-E2 takes image quality to a dynamic new level that is comparable with full-frame cameras. It delivers even more beautiful colour reproduction, higher definition image capture, and the world's fastest autofocus speed of 0.08 seconds.



The camera's 16.3 million pixels APS-C sized X-Trans CMOS II Sensor incorporate an original colour filter array. This eliminates the need for an optical low pass filter that typically minimises moiré but does so at the expense of resolution.

In addition to achieving the world's fastest AF, the X-E2 has a rapid start-up time (0.5 seconds), virtually no shutter lag (0.05 seconds), and high-speed continuous shooting of 7.0 fps (up to approx. 28 frames).

The X-E2 continues to use the combination of a manually adjusted aperture ring and a shutter speed dial on the top plate that was well received by X-E1 owners. It allows the user to shoot and operate the camera without needing to look away from the viewfinder.

Manual focus has been made easier by the inclusion of Digital Split Image technology.

The X-E2 shoots Full HD video (1920x1080) up to 60fps and the AF tracking performance in movie mode has been improved with good focusing speed, accuracy and smoothness.

Quick focusing on the subject is possible in a variety of situations, such as when panning and zooming, or when the subject moves closer to or further from the camera.

Drones flying high

Unmanned aerial vehicles can be a force of good for humanity, with new, positive uses being found by the day.



journalism schools, has even begun offering a course to students in how to use drones for gathering information, video or photographs. Sports photographers and cameramen have also adopted the technology to capture amazing pictures of everything from baseball games to skiing.

Farmers of widespread properties have started to use drones with heat-seeking technology to detect animal pests that destroy their fields. In the past, it might be a year-long effort to do this with teams of farmhands, but with UAVs, pest clearance can now be done in a matter of days.

In the future, highway authorities are expected to use drones to monitor millions of kilometres of highways across the world. In America, a project to study their use for surveying roads and bridges was recently given a federal grant and the technology is developing quickly.

And to better understand our environment, Nasa is sending a drone into the stratosphere to see how changes in water vapour have been affecting the world's climate.

So while politicians drone on about the political uses of UAVs, perhaps it's worth thinking about the many ways they could benefit humanity. ●

With the news that Iran has developed the prototype for a new sea

rescue drone, an everyday way that drone technology can be used—other than as a machine of war—has finally made the headlines.

Iranian engineers are currently testing a drone designed to rescue people in coastal waters at risk of drowning. Using three propellers and able to carry up to three life rings, the Pars drone is able to get within just one metre of potential victims.

In tests carried out 75 metres off shore, the Pars was found to be able to reach volunteers within just 22 seconds of launch—over a minute faster than the lifeguards who also took part in the simulation.

The technology is still in early testing, but even now it is still able to hover for up to 10 minutes and use GPS technology to track potential

UNMANNED INTELLIGENCE FOR THE GREATER GOOD

victims and return to base. In the future, it will include image processing to identify bodies and an infrared sensor to do so in the dark.

For years now, the word "drone" has conjured up images of dawn raids against hostile targets in conflict zones for many. It is fair to say that the so-called unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) have been subject to uniformly bad press.

But roboticists insist they have a wide variety of more positive uses. For starters, unmanned aircraft can be used for agricultural spraying or finding hot spots in a wild fire.

The University of Missouri in Colombia, one of America's finest

Surveying the scene

Drones have forged a place in disaster relief efforts by being able to reach areas where humans simply cannot. From the Fukushima nuclear reactor in Japan to the recent Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda in the Philippines, UAVs have been deployed in many recent disaster situations to search for survivors across debris-filled landscape that rescuers cannot get to.

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The property ladder

Moving house? Then follow our top tips to make relocating a smooth and easy process.

Searching for a new apartment can be an exciting process but it can also be very stressful. You may already know what you want in an apartment, and you probably have your heart set on a specific area. There are many things to consider before making a move so make sure you are prepared before you sign a contract.

“It’s always good to ask the current tenants for their honest evaluation if they don’t mind you asking.”

Rent within your means

Consider your monthly income when looking for apartments and try to stick to a budget. Experts recommend not exceeding 30 per cent of your monthly income. You also need to take into account that you will be responsible for utility costs such as AC, DEWA and your television package.



Using an agent

Check out *Read’s* classified section to look for suitable apartments to rent, or try popular local websites such as Dubizzle. This will give you a better understanding of the rental market and you will most likely get a better deal. However, working with a leasing agent also has its benefits. They have access to a whole host of property listings not published on certain websites. This is because some landlords and property owners don’t have time to deal with phone calls and emails and showings, so they hire a realtor to find renters. Some leasing agents have a fee so be sure to ask the agent their rates before proceeding.



Choose a suitable location

It’s important to have an idea of the size and location of the apartment you want but can also afford. So while a one bedroom apartment may seem like a great idea, a studio may be more practical if you are a single occupant. When choosing a location, consider things like the distance from your workplace and accessibility to public transport if you don’t drive. Are you looking for an apartment with amenities such as a gym, pool or play park for children? Or do you need an apartment that is already furnished and comes with home appliances?



Visit the rental before signing

When checking out an apartment, be sure to keep your comments neutral to the landlord, you don’t want to put them off having you as a tenant or, if you fall in love with a place, you may shoot yourself in the foot and end up paying more. It’s also important to check for problems when viewing. Look for signs of mould or insect infestation. Check that all windows and doors open correctly and check that the locks work. Be sure to run the taps and flush the toilet to check water pressure. Look out for any possible damage such as broken tiles, fixtures and holes in the walls. More importantly, ask questions regarding the renting process such as repainting the walls, allocated parking, whether any utilities will be included in the rent and whether maintenance is covered by the landlord. If you get the chance, it’s always good to ask the current tenants for their honest evaluation if they don’t mind you asking.

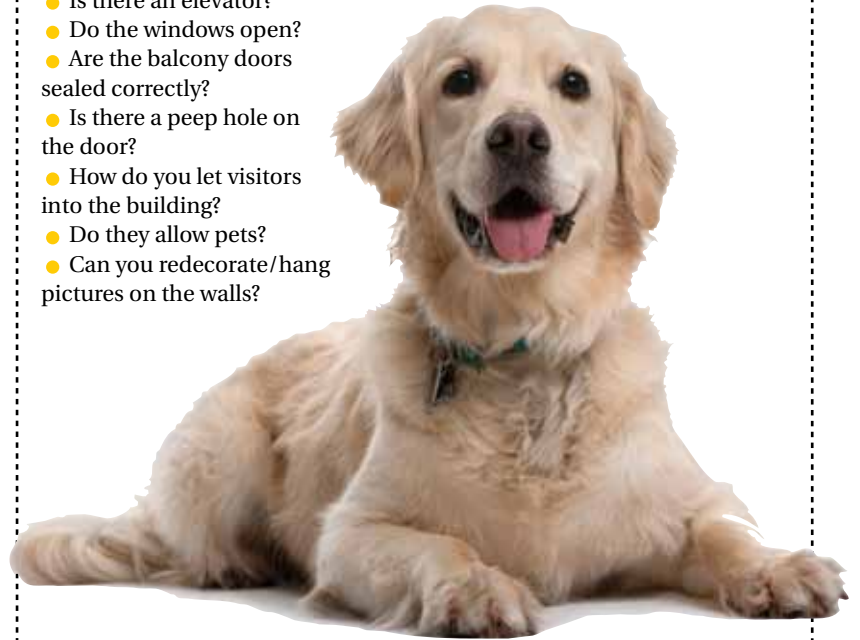
Read the contract

A common mistake that people often make is not reading the rental contract in detail before they sign. Make note of anything you find disagreeable and ask questions about what you don't understand. Look out for the start and end date, the rental price and information about your security deposit. If you did notice any damage, point it out to the landlord and photograph it. This will protect you from forfeiting your security deposit for damage that already existed before you took possession. Know that you are always able to negotiate aspects of the lease. Do not be afraid to request changes prior to signing, and make sure anything promised to you by the landlord is in writing.



Consider before renting

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Troubles of your twenties

While many people may coast through their twenties, it can be a vital time to make important career choices.

ADVICE

Your twenties might just be the most influential time with regards to planning your career. It's that time in your life when you need to start making adjustments and recognising what works for you and what does not. Many young job seekers make similar mistakes while trying to manage their careers as they don't seem to know what they really want.

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO GET STARTED

“The sooner you start out in an industry and role that you like, the sooner you can start growing into a long-term, satisfying career.”

If you learn how to properly manage your career early on in your life, the results may astonish you. Akhtaboot highlights the common mistakes employees make in their twenties and how to overcome them.

STARTING YOUR JOB SEARCH TOO LATE

Fresh graduates who assume that they will get a job without too much effort often wait too long to begin the process. Ideally, university students should start looking for meaningful internships for the summer before they graduate. The best internships to get early on are with companies that have wide brand recognition; having big company names on your CV will open doors for you.

CHOOSING TO WORK AT A COMPANY FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS

Many employees in their early twenties prefer to choose to work at companies that offer the most flexibility in terms of time, free food, entertainment rooms and team outings. Those are all nice benefits, but not as much as the character of your direct manager. Great leaders will invest in you. Keep in mind that working for someone that demands excellence and pushes your limits every day will build the most solid foundation for your ongoing career advancement. If you're getting something from the job that will help you succeed later, stay until you have enough of that, and then leave. Use it to get the next job with the better boss.

STAYING TOO LONG IN A FIELD THAT IS NOT RIGHT FOR YOU

Candidates in their early twenties tend to think that once they land their first job, they are stuck there for at least a year for fear of employment gaps showing in their CV.



SEEK OUT A SOLID CAREER

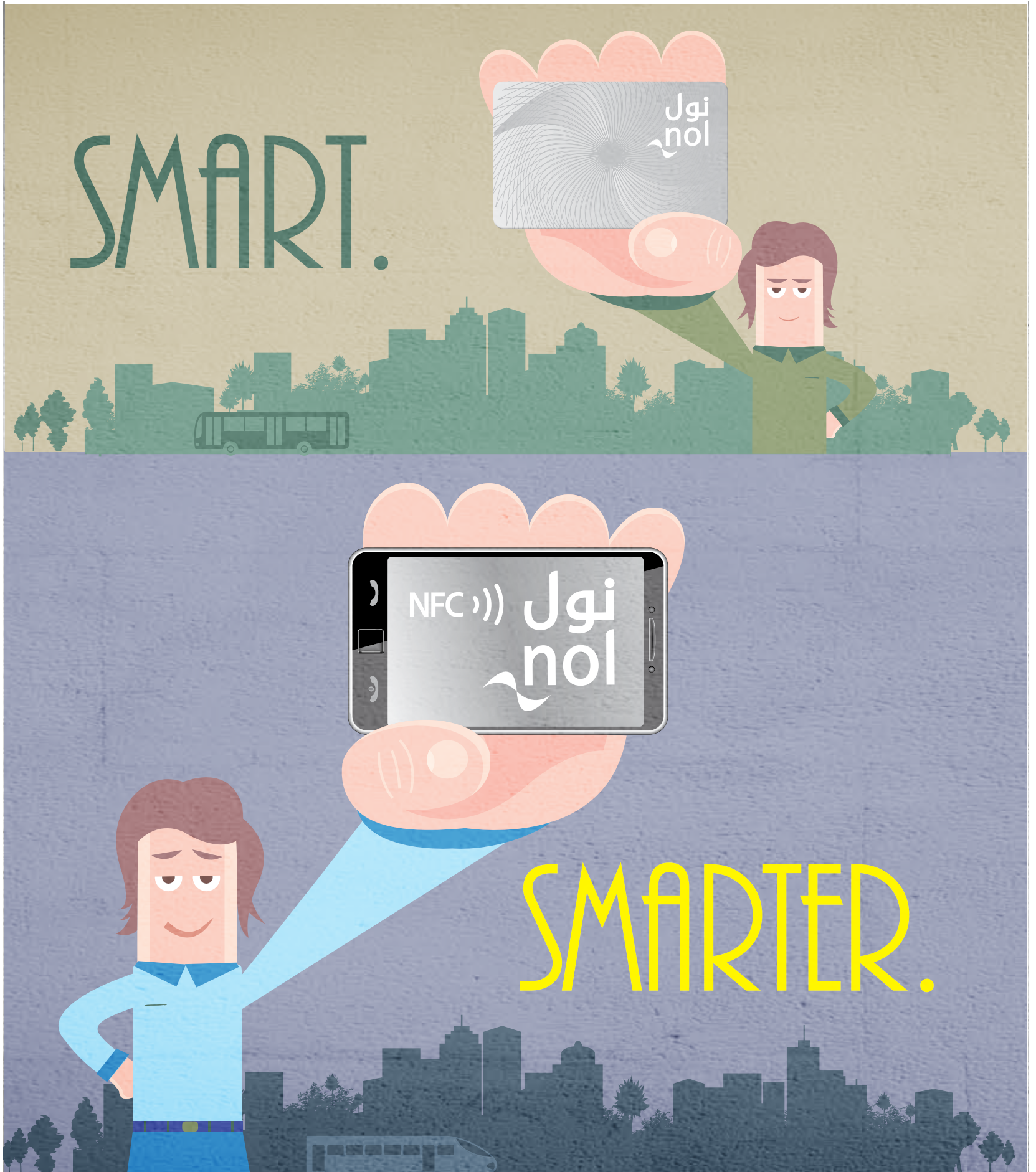
When starting a job early on in your career, you should be building it around a field that you really want to pursue. But once you realise you are not in the right place, figure out how to get out of it as soon as possible. Don't worry so much about lost time, because employers are willing to take risks on you while you're still young and fresh. But by the time you reach your thirties, employers start to look sideways at employees who are still searching for what they want to do.

THINKING YOU ARE ENTITLED

Another major misconception that is popular among younger employees is the attitude of entitlement. You have to earn what you get. This obvious fact is often overlooked by many young job seekers. They think employers should hire them because of their award-winning personality. You have got to have a little something to show for yourself in order to stand out from the crowd so that your potential employer will actually listen to what you have to say. A great CV is the best place to start.

YOUR TWENTIES ARE NOT PRACTICE TIME

Take your life seriously enough to do things in your twenties that will last into your thirties. Focus on using a systematic way to try new jobs and new relationships to figure where you fit. Don't put off starting to build a career; the sooner you start out in an industry and role that you like, the sooner you can start growing into a long-term, satisfying career. ●
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Style file

Star of *The Hunger Games*, **Jennifer Lawrence**, has evolved from a cute teenager to a red carpet style queen over the years.

2008

Before Jennifer shot to fame in *The Hunger Games*, the star was a fresh-faced newbie on the Hollywood scene. Dressed in a pink, one-shoulder babydoll style dress, the young actress looked elegant and demure. The grey, open-toe heels complemented the look—a perfect for prom ensemble.

2010

By 2010, Jennifer had established what silhouettes work best on her body. The actress rocked a vibrant shift dress, which showed off her perfect pins. The high neckline keeps the look modest and balances the length.

2012

By 2012, Jennifer had become a red carpet regular and was known as an edgy fashionista. Gone was the blonde, boho look and instead the star opted for sleek, long dark locks. Proving that a full skirt isn't just for a formal dance, Jennifer wowed in a tie-dye ensemble. Her dark hair, red lips and contrasting dark hues made her look like a runway model.

2011

In 2011, Jennifer stood out from the crowd at the Screen Actors Guild Awards in a bold, pink gown. The mix of black accessories and the vibrancy of the pink hue worked perfectly together. The star was worthy of the red carpet and she showed she meant business.

2009

In 2009, Jennifer appeared more grown up and glamorous in a metallic dress. The one-shoulder detail showed off her toned arms and fabulous shape. A swish of red lipstick added just the right amount of edge to this smoking hot evening look.

2013

In 2013, Jennifer showed the world that she is now a fashion heavy-weight as she dazzles both on the red carpet and off. The star recently debuted a cute, blonde pixie crop hairstyle at the new *Hunger Games* premiere. The actress looks confident, chic and super fashionable in a vampy, black, silk, pleated Christian Dior dress with mesh inserts at the bodice. The actress completed her gothic, grown-up look with smoky eyes and a dark lipstick.



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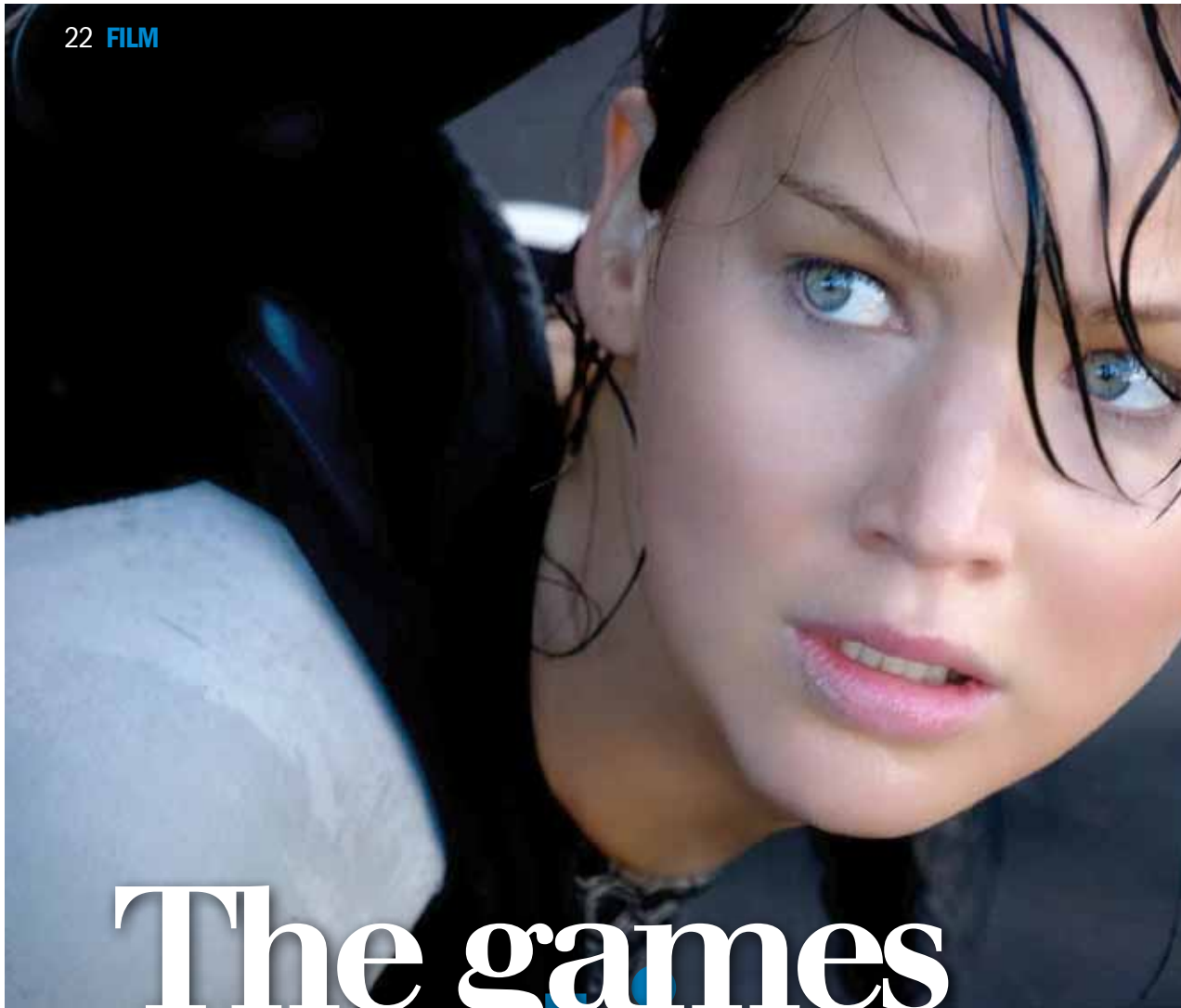
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The games continue

Dystopian future meets *Twilight* in ***Catching Fire***, the enchanting *Hunger Games* follow-up.

NEW RELEASE

Fans of *Twilight* who are still mourning the end of their young-adult saga are in for a treat with this second instalment of Suzanne Collins' hugely popular *Hunger Games* trilogy.

Once again featuring the incredible, Oscar-winning Jennifer Lawrence (*Silver Linings Playbook*) in the lead role as enchantress Katniss Everdeen, *Catching Fire* picks up where the first edition left off in this dystopian vision of the future.

Set in the fictional country of Panem, where one per cent live in luxury in the Capitol and the remainder are forced to forage out a meagre existence, each year two young people from each of Panem's 12 districts are picked to take part in the annual televised gladiatorial

IS KATNISS STILL PEETA'S PRIORITY?

Did you know?

The two-part finale beloved of recent young-adult literature will be in full force in this "trilogy". Like *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*—parts one and two, and *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn*—parts one and two, Suzanne Collins's final *Hunger Games*: *Mockingjay* will also be made into two films.

battle royale—The Hunger Games—with the prize being enough money and food to lift the winner's family out of poverty. However, for the 11 pairs of losers, the booby prize is death in competition.

In the first movie, Katniss had engineered the games so that she shared joint-victory with her neighbour Peeta (Josh Hutcherson, *Cirque du Freak*), who in turn is not-so-secretly in love with the skilled lady archer.

However, Gale (Liam Hemsworth, *The Last Song*), Katniss's childhood friend,

shows his affection for her at the start of *Catching Fire*, which immediately sets the cat among the pigeons as a romantic sub-plot set in the face of simple survival.

Serial baddy Donald Sutherland comes into play here, as one of the evil elders of Panem as he realises that Katniss's determination and celebrity status threaten the might of the one per cent. As a result, they compel her to compete once again in an "all-star" edition of the Hunger Games that features even more vile challenges to keep the contestants on their toes.

To add spice to the tasks, Plutarch Heavensbee (Oscar-winner Philip Seymour Hoffman, *Capote*) is recruited as the sinister mastermind who devises such nasties as poisoned fog, blood rain and killer baboons with terrifying painted faces. All compelling and tense stuff.

But, as so often happens with the second episode of a trilogy, there are many endings to tie up from the first instalment and plenty of finale to set up for the denouement, so *Catching Fire* is a little more rangy and over-reaching than would be ideal.

But it does manage to capture and run with the current-day themes of celebrity culture, reality television and the rule of fear in a thought provoking way, even though these subjects are hardly strangers to twenty-first century filmmakers.

Fans will enjoy this profoundly, while others shouldn't discount it—if only for the brilliance of Lawrence and the intensity of the bad guys. ●



GALE FALLS FOUL OF THE CAPITOL

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Singh Saab The Great - 12:00, 14:50, 17:40, 20:30, 23:20
Stuck In Love - 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00, 22:00, 00:00
Thor 2 - 10:50, 13:00, 15:10, 17:20, 19:30, 21:40, 23:50

Grand Cinemas - Festival City

Bad Grandpa - 10:00, 14:00, 18:00, 22:00
Captain Phillips - 19:00, 21:25, 23:55
Elysium - 11:00, 13:10, 15:20, 17:30, 19:40, 21:50, 00:00
Free Birds - 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00, 17:00, 18:00, 20:00, 22:00, 00:00
Gori Tere Pyar - 10:00, 12:50, 15:40, 18:30, 21:20, 00:10
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Grand Cinecity - Al Ghurair

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The Hunger Games: Catching Fire - 09:00, 10:00, 12:00, 13:00, 15:00, 16:00, 18:00, 19:00, 21:00, 22:00, 00:00, 01:00

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Thor 2 - 19:30, 21:40, 23:50

Reel Cinemas - Dubai Mall

All Is Lost - 12:10, 14:20, 16:30, 18:40, 20:50, 23:00, 01:10
Bad Grandpa - 11:30, 13:15, 15:05, 16:55, 18:45, 20:35, 22:25, 00:15, 02:05
The Best Offer - 11:40, 14:15, 16:50, 19:25, 22:00, 00:35
Captain Phillips - 11:15, 13:55, 16:40, 19:25, 22:10, 00:55
Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 - 12:05, 14:05, 16:05, 18:05, 20:05
Elysium - 11:20, 13:40, 16:00, 18:20, 20:40, 23:00, 01:20
Escape Plan - 15:00, 19:50, 22:05, 00:30
Free Birds (3D) - 11:05, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00
Gori Tere Pyar Mein - 13:00, 15:55, 18:55, 21:55, 00:55
Gravity (3D) - 11:25, 13:20, 15:20, 17:20, 19:20, 21:20, 23:20, 1:15
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The Pact - 12:05, 14:00, 15:55, 17:50, 19:45, 21:40, 23:35, 01:30
Prisoners - 21:00, 00:05
Romeo & Juliet - 12:35, 17:25, 22:15, 00:40
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Reel Cinemas - Marina Mall

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Vox Cinemas - Deira City Centre

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Vox Cinemas - Mall of the Emirates

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The Superstars of contemporary art with Alain Quemin



Alain Quemin will present his new book *The Superstars of Contemporary Art. Fame and Artistic Consecration in the Visual Arts*. Presentation followed by a Q/A session in English.
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Hollywood news

Baby boom



After marrying Brandon Blackstock in an intimate ceremony last month, former *American Idol* winner Kelly Clarkson announced last week that the couple are expecting their first child. Clarkson, 31, revealed the happy news herself on Twitter, saying: "I'm pregnant!!! Brandon and I are so excited! Best early Christmas present ever."

Power of words

After Justin Bieber's latest song *All Bad* took a swipe at Taylor Swift, with regards to her apparent interference in his relationship with Selena Gomez, the country star is apparently penning a cutting response to tell her side of the story. It seems nobody is safe from the aim of Taylor's pen.



A fitting finale



THE END IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

For those of us that are old enough to remember VHS, renting a video on a Friday night was—at one point—a treat to savour. However, with the advent of the internet, we began to rely more on streaming and downloading as a way to get our movie fix. The introduction of DVDs boosted the rental industry for a while but, over the last few years, online movie viewing has become de rigeur.

Sadly, this shift in the trend has had an impact on various levels of the movie industry. And one casualty has been the video rental chain Blockbuster, which sadly announced last year that all 300 remaining stores would be closing the doors. And now, the brand really has said a final goodbye after announcing that it has rented out its last title.

Rather fittingly, the movie title that will go down in history as Blockbuster's swansong is the recent Seth Rogen flick *This Is the End*. Has there ever been a more fitting match in the history of—perhaps rather suspiciously well chosen—coincidences?

The apocalyptic movie was rented from a store in Hawaii, according to a tweet sent out by the company, to which Rogen himself retweeted: "The last movie ever rented from a blockbuster was this is the end. In high school I would go hang out at blockbuster every day."

Queen B's duet

Beyoncé has proved herself to be one of the biggest-hearted pop stars yet again, after footage of her recent gesture at a concert in Perth, Australia, made the rounds online. During the performance of her Mrs Carter Show tour, the superstar leans over to a 13-year old blind girl in the front row named Sophie, who then joins her in singing the opening lines of Beyoncé's hit *Irreplaceable*. As the pair sing "To the left, to the left" together, the joy on the little girl's face is clear for anyone to see. After the event, it was revealed that Sophie's elder sister, Ellie, had requested the treat beforehand to make the night even more special for Sophie. While the gesture is one of the sweetest things to happen during the tour, it's certainly not the first time Beyoncé has got involved with her fans in the audience. She famously 'photobombed' one fan taking a selfie in front of the stage, and joined in a video call with the friend of another fan. She may be a diva on stage, but Bey's attention to her devotees proves she's a diamond at heart.



Bollywood news

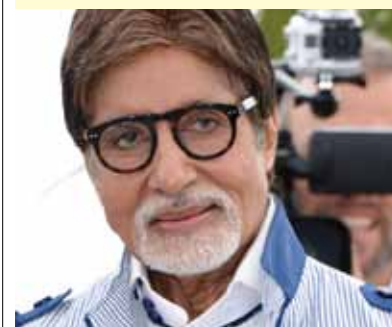
Over and out

The rumours have been buzzing around for a while, but director Imtiaz Ali's marriage to wife Preety is, sadly, over. While both parties have remained tight-lipped about the split, sources in the Bollywood world claim that the pair have been living separately for over a year and have now divorced.



Helping hand

As one of Bollywood's biggest stars, Amitabh Bachchan has been credited with helping many young actors step into the limelight. Now it's the turn of Tamil star Dhanush, who will be joining Big B on screen for an upcoming flick, the details of which are still being kept a closely guarded secret.



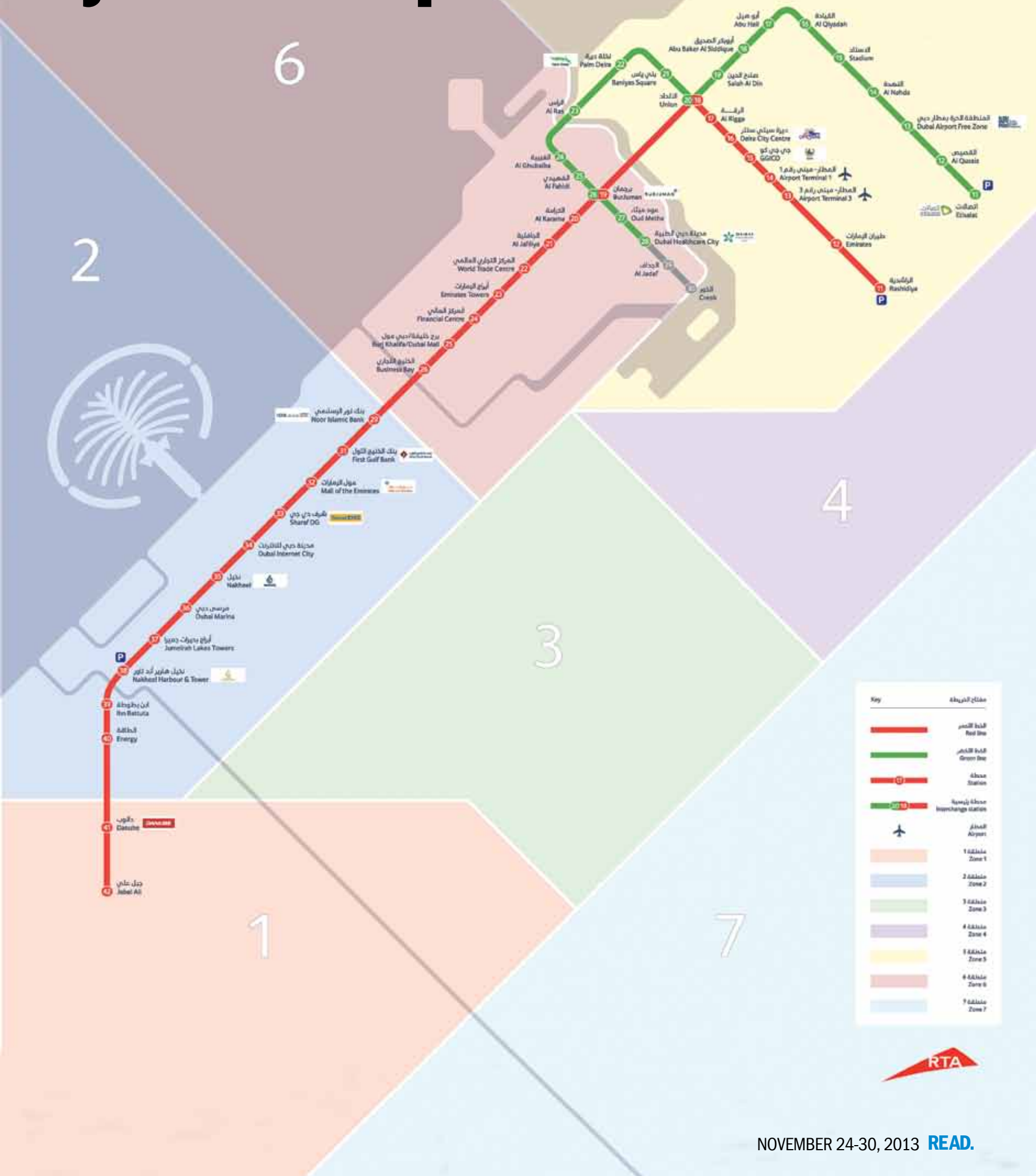
Bollywood baby

While she's been a little quiet on the movie scene recently, Ayesha Takia has been keeping busy—with a secret pregnancy. Together with her husband, Farhan Azmi, Takia has kept the news firmly under wraps until now. Apparently, the baby will arrive in December. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Opening act

Priyanka Chopra has apparently been approached to perform at the inauguration of the fourth World Kabaddi Cup, coming up on November 30. Sources claim that the Bollywood beauty has been tasked with spicing up the opening ceremony but, for now, we can only wait and see what she might have in store.

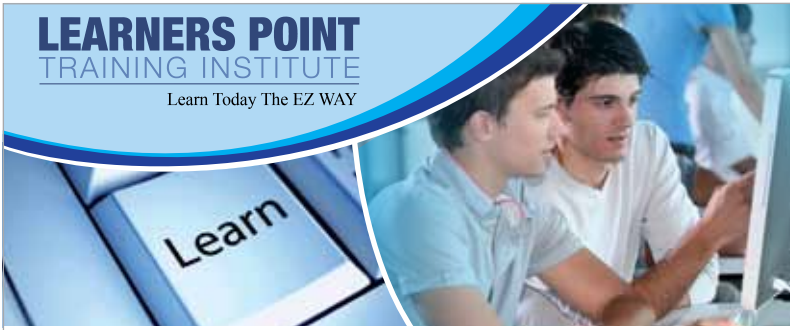
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RTA launches accident study

New mechanism has reduced the rate of bus accidents to 0.44 per 100,000km in the first half of 2013.

BUSES

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has upgraded business processes in key areas relating to public transport in the context of efforts to realise its vision of Safe and Smooth Transport for All. In this regard, it recently developed a new mechanism for investigating traffic accidents involving public buses.

Mohammed Al Ali, Director of Buses, RTA Public Transport Agency, said: "The idea stems from our keenness to enhance the security and safety in this vital transit mode, which is closely related to the life of users, and focuses much attention to all factors triggering bus accidents as well as other related parties. It also addresses the individual differences between bus drivers, and analysed all data obtained about accidents in order to identify the actual factors and causes of the crashes. This creative mechanism has helped us realise these objectives, and re-train and rehabilitate our bus drivers to the highest standards of efficiency and world-class performance levels."

"The mechanism for investigating bus traffic accidents has resulted in a drop in red-type accidents during the first half of this year to 0.44 accidents



RTA BUSES ARE A SAFE MODE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

"The mechanism for investigating bus traffic accidents has resulted in a drop in red-type accidents."

per 100,000km, which compares well with the targeted rate of 0.65 accidents per 100,000km, and marks a 70 per cent drop when compared with the rate at the start of implementing the Accidents Investigation Decision-

making AID-50 Project, known as AIDA 50 Project, back in 2010 where the bus accidents rate was around 1.47 accidents per 100,000km. By the end of 2012 this rate plummeted to as low as 0.48 accidents per 100,000km. This has greatly diminished the cost of repairing impacted buses and their insurance premiums by 47.7 per cent from about Dh31 million in 2010 to Dh18 million in 2013," said Al Ali.

He added: "Moreover, it has also resulted in boosting the confidence level among public transport users in



MOHAMMED AL ALI

using public buses without concerns about traffic accidents, which has accordingly raised the ridership as well as users satisfaction rating from 77.7 per cent in 2010 to as much as 84.5 per cent in 2012, besides slashing traffic congestion and curbing pollution from private vehicles."

"The revamping of this process echoes the RTA's attention to realise its ultimate vision of providing safe and smooth transport for all, which can only be achieved through developing new procedures to promote using public transport, which has become a vital daily requirement for our local community," Al Ali added.

New pact with Dubai Judicial Institute

RTA highlights mission of forming partnerships with external bodies in keeping with its strategic goals.

AGREEMENTS

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has signed a partnership agreement with the Dubai Judicial Institute providing for the two parties to share scientific expertise and cooperate in gaining more legal knowledge to enhance overall performance.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the RTA by Abdul Mohsin Ibrahim Younes, CEO of Strategy and Corporate Governance; and for the Dubai Judicial Institute by Judge Dr Jamal Al Simaiti, Director of the Institute, in the presence of Shehab Bu Shehab, Director of RTA Legal Affairs, and officials from both entities.



THE OFFICIALS SIGN THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT

Ibrahim Younes reiterated the RTA's keenness on forming partnerships with external bodies in keeping with its strategic goals, which are considered to be the key pillars of improving

its business conduct and leveraging the quality of services rendered to all community segments.

Ibrahim Younes said: "The signing of the agreement is an important step towards establishing bilateral relations between the RTA and the Dubai Judicial

Institute, through concerted efforts to up performance, exchange expertise and enrich the legal practice."

Al Simaiti expressed his delight with the signing of the agreement,

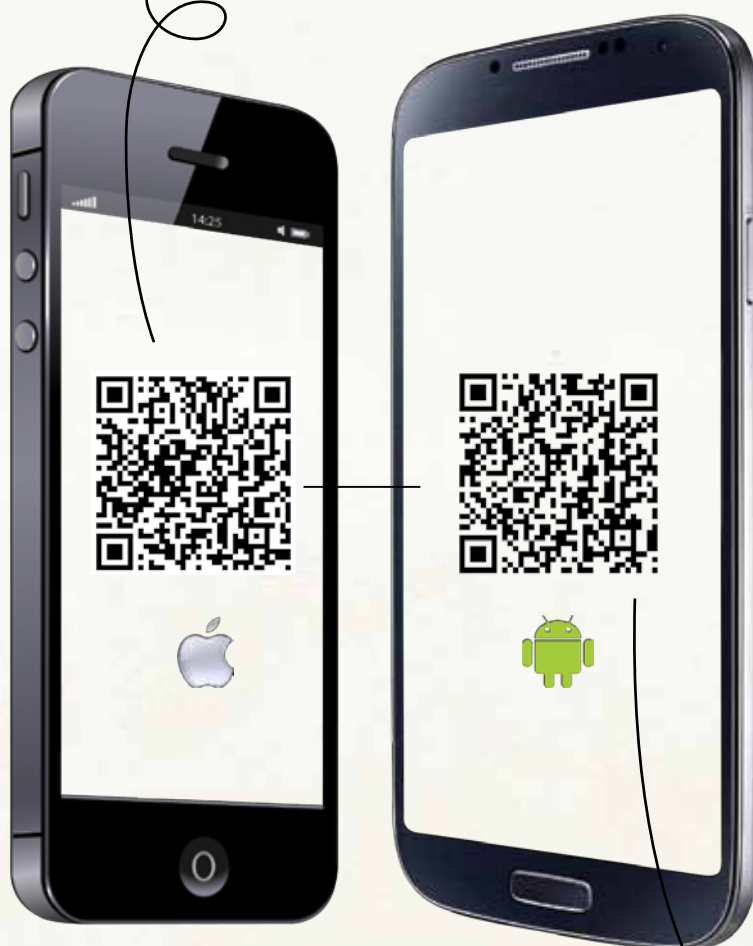
considering it an important step towards opening new horizons for the institute. Under the agreement, events and training workshops will be held in the public interest.

Bu Shehab described the agreement as: "A pioneering step for broadening and boosting the cooperative links between community organisations, particularly as the agreement calls for enriching knowledge through holding various events capable of boosting the performance of employees engaged in RTA legal affairs."

These joint events include training workshops and scientific conferences in addition to legal consultation and a diverse cast of legal publications.

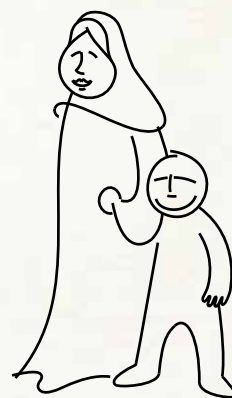


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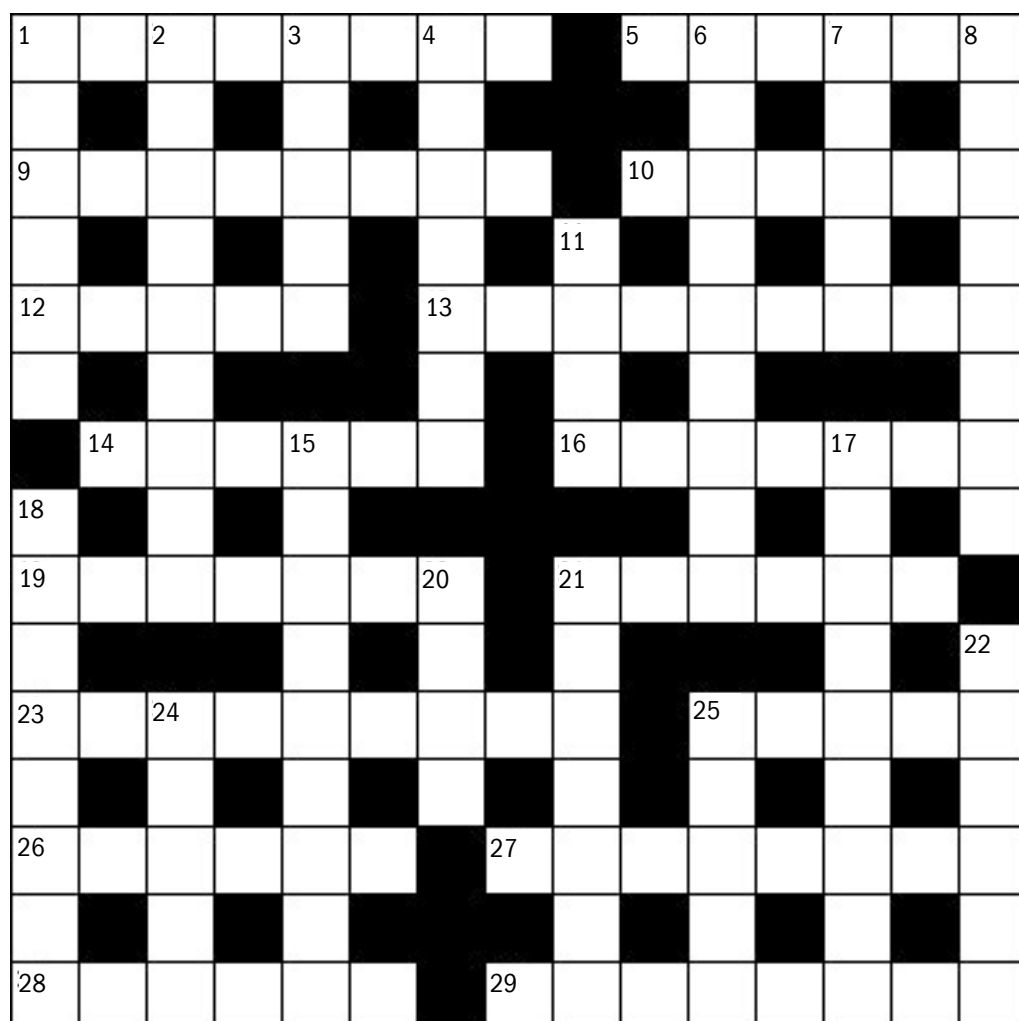


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Crossword

Across

1 Authorisation (8) **5** Fading (6) **9** Plunged (8) **10** Motto (6) **12** Acquires deservedly (5) **13** A white gypsum used for carving (9) **14** A rolled up document (6) **16** Diary (7) **19** Badmouths (7) **21** A parakeet or cockatoo (6) **23** Extremity (9) **25** Different (5) **26** Short sleep (6) **27** Read aloud for recording (8) **28** Wife or husband (6) **29** Used (8)

Down

1 Anagram of "Milers" (6) **2** Dealing with numbers (9) **3** ____ and Caicos Islands (5) **4** Including everything (7) **6** Besiege (9) **7** Metal bar (5) **8** Army officers (8) **11** A pilgrimage to Mecca (4) **15** Coordinates (9) **17** Beginners (9) **18** Stalemates (8) **20** Smack (4) **21** Forecast (7) **22** Marked (6) **24** Prefix indicating the first or original (5) **25** Base 8 number system (5)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Light lemon cheesecake

This zesty and light lemon cheesecake is a no-bake, easy-to-make treat that all the family can enjoy.

Ingredients

For the base:

10 digestive biscuits
75g melted butter
1 tbsp clear honey

For the filling:

700g mascarpone cheese
Juice and zest of 2 lemons
200g caster sugar
4 tbsp icing sugar
Mint, to garnish

For the sauce:

450g frozen summer fruits, defrosted
Icing sugar, to taste

Method

1. Brush the bottom of a 23cm cake tin with a little of the melted butter

and place a layer of greaseproof paper in the base.

Serves
8

2. Crush the digestive biscuits in a sandwich bag then tip them into a mixing bowl. Add the melted butter and honey and stir until well combined.

3. Evenly spread the biscuit mixture into the bottom of the cake tin, smoothing down with the back of a spoon until the base is level. Place into the fridge to chill while you prepare the filling.

4. To make the filling, mix the mascarpone cheese, lemon juice and zest together in a bowl. Add the caster sugar and stir until well combined, but don't mix it too much



as this will cause the mixture to split. Add more sugar, if required, to taste.

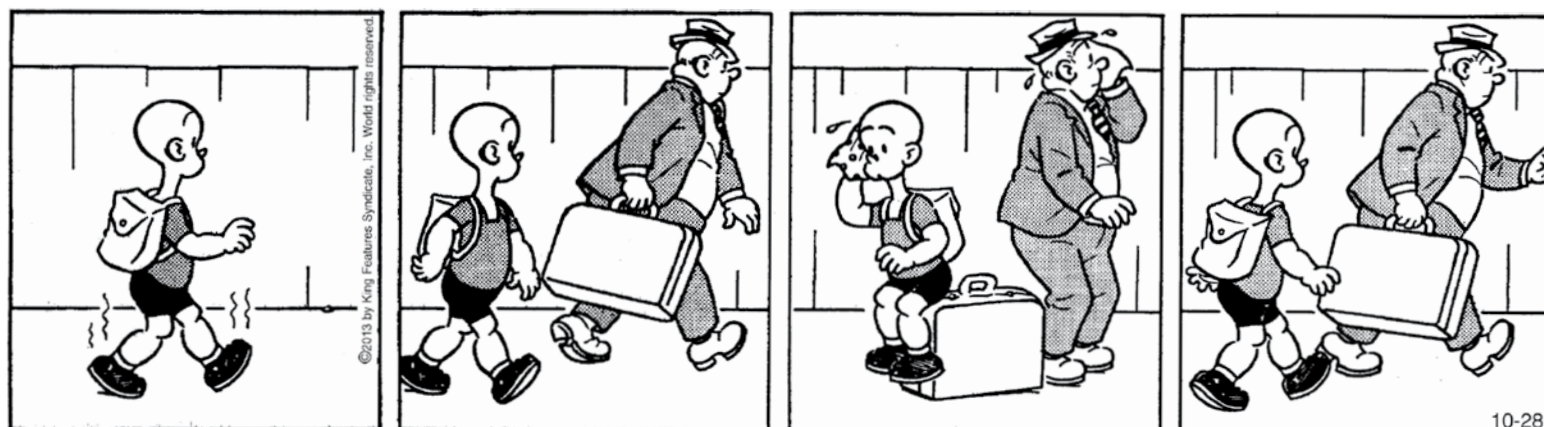
5. Spoon the mixture on top of the chilled biscuit mixture and place back into the fridge to chill for a further two hours.

6. When ready to serve, ease the cheesecake out of the cake tin after loosening around the edges gently with a knife.

7. To make the fruit sauce to accompany the cheesecake, blend the defrosted summer fruits with some icing sugar (to taste) in a food processor until smooth.

8. Pass the sauce through a sieve into a jug, then serve alongside the plain cheesecake. Add mint to garnish.

Henry



Spiderman



Dennis the menace



"JOEY WAS GONNA BE A GHOST, BUT HE CUT TOO MANY EYE HOLES...SO HE'S GOIN' AS SWISS CHEESE INSTEAD."

Who's this?

ANSWER ON PAGE 34



Puzzles

Arrowword

Come to an end	▼		▼		▼		▼		▼		▼		▼
Breathe out		Artificial water-way		Be right for		Cloth turnover		Tenor fiddle		Go to bed		Shocks	
▶						Noted, famous	▶						
Huge, enormous		Two year old sheep		Unaffected		Incense burners		Warned		Trees with white bark		Strange	
▶		▼		▼		▼		▼		▼		▼	
Connect	▶						Britain (poetic)	▶					
... Ryan, actress							Scottish lords	▶					
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			▼		Threefold	▼							▼
Disagreeable	Exclamation of contempt	Incisions	▶				Mythical bird	▶			Shola ... soul singer	Female cop (1,1,1)	
	▼	Shade of colour	▼								▼	▼	
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Nanny from overseas (2,4)	▶						Free from a payment	▶					
Back of the foot	▶				Bubble of soap	▶			Pouches	▶			

Spot the 10 differences



Sudoku

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ANSWERS

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S	R	A	V	A	B	C	B	

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ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

A friend could be hassling you for some money you owe or to return an item you borrowed. While you may think they are slightly overreacting, imagine if the shoe was on the other foot. Surely you would want to restore what's rightfully yours?



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

If you've been meaning to book a flight for some time, it's probably best to do it now before it's too late. The last thing you need is to be priced out of the trip. Before you jet off, make sure you've covered everything at work to avoid any surprises while you're away.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

While your friends are settling down and starting families, this is not something that appeals to you just yet. Try not to worry that time is slipping away; so long as you have something important to focus on there's no reason to rush into other areas.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

It may only be November, but you are already looking ahead to next year. Something you've always wanted to try is calling out to you and, with a little extra push over the next few weeks, it might be time to start seriously pursuing your ambition.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

Envy others will get you nowhere. If someone seems intent on rubbing salt into the wound over a missed opportunity, perhaps you don't need that kind of influence in your life? Sometimes it's best to avoid certain people who bring you down.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

While things may still appear calm on the surface, the action is beginning to bubble up underneath. Make sure you keep kicking and you should be able to stay afloat during a hectic time. Calling in a favour from a friend may help lighten the load.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

An old friend has been cropping up all over the place recently—on your Facebook news feed, in conversation and, surprisingly, maybe even in the media. This could bring about a feeling of excitement within your social group, so enjoy the energy boost.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

There may be a new contact you have made through work that is starting to tempt you with their talk of how great their company is. Don't go quitting your job just yet though; dig a little deeper before you start applying for new opportunities.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

Amid the hustle and bustle of daily life, you may have overlooked a routine check-up. Make sure you get it booked in as soon as possible to avoid future hassle. In fact, it might be a good idea to check over your diary for the next few weeks in general.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

There is a fine line between being helpful and being plain nosy. Unfortunately, a situation that has arisen between a couple that you are close to is turning you into a bit of a busy bee. As tempting as it may be to gossip, try to do your best to stay neutral.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

The stress of an upcoming event or presentation is still causing you plenty of worry. Why not ask a long-time colleague for advice? You may be surprised by how knowledgeable they are on the subject and his or her advice could prove to be priceless.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Don't beat yourself up over an off-hand comment that got taken the wrong way. Sometimes it's just difficult to judge other people's sense of humour and an innocent joke could simply get taken the wrong way; you didn't do anything wrong.



This week's local weather

SUN

24th

CLOUDY
HIGH 27C
LOW 24C
HUMIDITY 34%

MON

25th

WARM
HIGH 28C
LOW 24C
HUMIDITY 32%

TUE

26th

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 25C
HUMIDITY 37%

WED

27th

SUNNY
HIGH 28C
LOW 25C
HUMIDITY 34%

THU

28th

SUNNY
HIGH 29C
LOW 26C
HUMIDITY 34%

FRI

29th

SUNNY
HIGH 28C
LOW 24C
HUMIDITY 31%

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WARM
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HUMIDITY 30%



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