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Letters

Email: letters@readme.ae

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

✉ STILL SEARCHING

Your careers section is such a great help in handing out advice when it comes to the workplace. I've got a friend who has been stuck with his current position for eight years now and is in his late '40s. He is very experienced in his profession, having been in the business for more than 20 years now. Is there any hope for him to move up the ladder even at his age? I hope that the job search woes you hear of in his age group are just a myth.

M. Sinclair

✉ METRO MANNERS

Barbaric behaviour is a problem when it comes to getting on the trains of the Metro, especially among the men. Once, when I was about to exit the cabin at Union Metro Station during peak hours,

this one brute of a man was elbowing everyone around him just to get off the train before the doors closed. Security supervision during peak hours must be intensified. I wish the authorities would also teach these delinquents a lesson.

S. Richards



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Coming up this week



TODAY

Unless you've been living in a cave, you won't have missed the fact that Dubai will host Expo 2020. If you don't know your Expo from your elbow, check out our brief overview.



MONDAY

Join us online to take a look back at the life of the latest movie star to live fast and die young, Paul Walker.



TUESDAY

British comedian Michael McIntyre has certainly come a long way since his days of playing to empty rooms.



WEDNESDAY

Recent research claims that energy drinks can change the way a person's heart beats, what are the other risks?



THURSDAY

A strong list of Oscar frontrunners is already emerging. Which movies and stars look set to be in the line-up?



FRIDAY

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Sky News Arabia wins award

Sky News Arabia and FP7/MENA bag silver Effie for 'Now and From Everywhere' campaign at 2013 Effies.

MARKETING

In a regional first, Sky News Arabia and FP7/MENA were awarded a silver Effie for their joint work on the leading 24-hour Arabic news channel's 'Now and From Everywhere' campaign at the 2013 GEMAS Effies Awards, held in Dubai on November 20, 2013.

The win is an historic one as Effies are usually awarded to FMCGs, banks or many other consumer product-focused sectors. To win a marketing effectiveness award for a news channel is unprecedented in the award's nine-year history and is testament to the superb understanding of Sky News Arabia's vision by FP7/MENA and is tangible proof of their longstanding partnership and shared ethos of excellence.

According to Yazeed Ali Yasin, Marketing Manager at Sky News Arabia: "This is a significant win for us because on one hand it is testament to the effectiveness of our marketing



THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SKY NEWS ARABIA AND FP7/MENA ARE SEEN WITH THE AWARD

strategy and the ensuing campaign that FP7/MENA developed and on another, it marks the first time that a

breaking news channel in the region has bagged the award.

"Although Sky News Arabia was

launched less than two years ago and at a time when the market was oversaturated with news channels, we have been able to identify a value proposition for the Arab viewer and more importantly, communicate it effectively to a point where we have driven measurable and record results in viewership across all our platforms both traditional and digital."

Habib Feghali, Head of Creative at Sky News Arabia, added: "When producing the television ads for the campaign, our biggest concern was to maintain the same consistency and believability found in the print, digital and outdoor applications that were developed by FP7/MENA, and achieving this only by using existing footage, keeping it genuine and unchanged as an event or a real piece of news."

Tarek Miknas, CEO of FP7/MENA, noted: "This is an award that requires true trust and confidence between a client and an agency."

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All that jazz

The stage is set for one of Broadway's biggest spectacles to land in Dubai.



Musical fans are in for a treat this month as the dark and dangerous Broadway smash *Chicago* storms into town, bringing a cast of seasoned stage stars and a role call of rousing show tunes with it.

Considered to be one of the greatest works by director and chore-

ographer Bob Fosse, the original Broadway production of *Chicago* first hit the stage in 1975, based on a 1926 play of the same name by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins.

With the based-on-a-true-story tale of murder, deceit and corruption, *Chicago* was brought to life on the boards thanks to the jazz-era sound of John Kander's marvellous musi-



cal score and the groundbreaking, dynamic choreography that Fosse was renowned for.

As the third longest-running show in Broadway history - having played more than 6,700 performances to date—*Chicago* tells the satirical tale of how the world can become blinkered by a so-called

'celebrity criminal'.

Along with their fellow female inmates at the Cook County Jail, Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart are two such criminals, whose dastardly deeds could see them facing the death sentence in 1920's Chicago. However, the murderous madams have learnt one valuable skill that could see them escape the noose, and that's playing the press at their own game.

With a touch of positive PR, the women both play the 'delicate flower' role perfectly in front of the blood-thirsty media, convincing all and sundry that they were never cold-blooded killers but fragile does, pushed to the limit by their badly-behaved husbands.

Full of greed, corruption and exploitation, the story is not your

usual, light and fluffy musical. But, teamed with Fosse's unique choreography and a script littered with satire and entendre, there's a good reason why *Chicago* has been entertaining audiences on Broadway and in the West End for decades.

Famously made into a movie in 2002, the screen version attracted nothing but the biggest names to the cast list, starring Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere and Queen Latifah. In fact, the movie proved such a screen success that it earned the Best Picture Oscar the following awards season and saw Zeta-Jones collect the Best Supporting Actress gong.

Now it's Dubai's turn to fall for the cunning charms of Roxie, Velma and co., as the international touring cast

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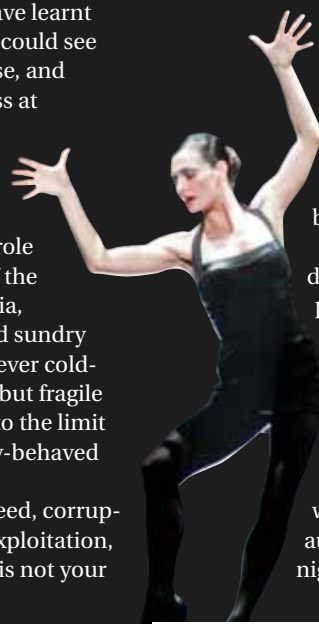
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Where: Sheikh Rashid Hall, DWTC
Cost: From Dh245

arrives in the city, ready for curtain up this December, courtesy of YAK

Events. As Dubai marks its place on the global map as an entertainment destination, the arrival of such a big show has got everybody buzzing.

So why not head down to one of the performances and see what all the fuss is about? Whether or not you're already a fan of *Chicago*, the steaming songs and exotic dance moves will dazzle audiences night after night. ●



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Taking a stand

Sedentary teens can shed the pounds just by getting up from the screen and standing around.

Sitting down is our favourite pastime, believe it or not. And among children in the developed world, kicking back on the sofa or lying prone on the bed, watching television or surfing the internet, has reached epidemic proportions, especially in the United States, Australia and here in the UAE.

A number of long-term studies have looked into the effect of a sedentary lifestyle on children and the results aren't encouraging. No wonder lifestyle diseases like diabetes are on the rise in our society.

Research has found that the more TV kids watch or web pages they surf, the more likely they are to gain excess weight. This, though, is a no-brainer. With all the more 'sit time' a child has, the less calories he or she burns, and the greater chance that junk food is consumed.

Research conducted at Harvard University first linked TV watching to obesity more than 25 years ago. Since then media consumption has moved towards the internet, but still extensive subsequent studies have confirmed this link between a sedentary lifestyle and obesity in children and adults in

STANDING UP FOR A FITTER FUTURE

countries around the world.

There is good evidence, though, that cutting back on sit time can help with weight control, and this is part of the reason why many campaigners recommend that children and teens limit media sessions to no more than two hours per day.

The time kids spend sitting down at school doesn't help matters, but there is something parents can do to help to improve their child's health: make them

stand. What's more,

Wheel waistline

Long periods of time behind the wheel also contributes to a sedentary lifestyle. One eight-year study in China found that men who owned a car for the first time gained 1.8 kg more than men who did not drive. It also found that car ownership doubled the odds of obesity in men.

if mum or dad sets out to be a role model, it can only increase their wellbeing too. British diet company Weightwatchers has begun a new pound-shedding plan that advocates standing up to lose more weight. According to its latest research, 67 per cent of Britons are off their feet, either seated or lying down, for an astonishing 20 hours a day.

Simply by standing and walking for five minutes in every half hour, the average adult could burn over 2,500

“Simply by standing and walking for five minutes in every half hour, the average adult could burn over 2,500 calories a month.**”**

calories a month—the equivalent of over two kilogrammes—and children should be able to burn much more than this amount.

To make this work, make sure your kids stand when they're travelling on the Metro, discourage them from sitting during school break times and even if they aren't natural athletes, encourage them to take up hobbies that don't allow them to sit for long periods, like painting, drama or even forming a band.

It is worth facing the fact that it is tough to compete with television and laptops, but still there are ways to get your kids active without breaking a sweat. It's time for the future generation to stand up and be counted. ●

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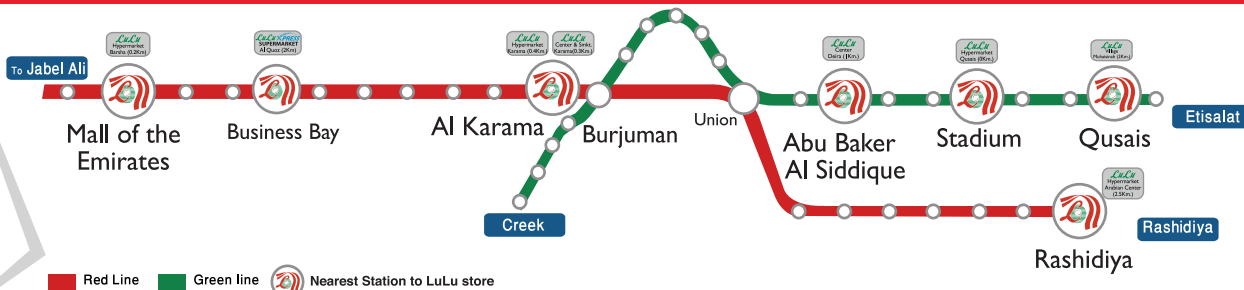
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TRAVEL NEWS

Dubai hotel wins 'World's Leading New Hotel' award

The JW Marriott Marquis Dubai has won the 'World's Leading New Hotel' award at the 2013 World Travel Awards held on November 30, 2013 in Doha, Qatar. Seven leading hotels from the US, Australia and Germany among other countries competed for the title.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the World Travel Awards that were launched in 1993 to recognise and acknowledge excellence in the international travel and tourism industry. Entering its third decade now, the awards are conceded to brands that strive to provide excellence in product and service.



The JW Marriott Marquis Dubai, owned by Emirates and managed by Marriott International, has bagged 14 awards this year alone in a plethora of categories that include hotel construction and design, outstanding meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) facilities and marketing and PR excellence. Providing services to the luxury business traveller, the JW Marriott Marquis Dubai has emerged as a key venue in Dubai to provide MICE facilities.

"We are truly delighted to receive the honour of the World's Leading New Hotel," said Rupprecht Queitsch, General Manager of JW Marriott Marquis Dubai. He added: "In conjunction with Dubai's Expo 2020 win, this award further establishes the JW Marriott Marquis Dubai on the global conference market landscape. The hotel can cater to groups, meetings and conventions of up to 1,000 people and this is ideal for Dubai as the region continues to grow at a rapid pace."



Scratch the surface of Milan

Italy's economic engine room rewards the intrepid with a wealth of history and culture.

To be brutally honest, Milan is not everybody's cup of tea. It takes no little patience and an eye for creativity to fully understand Italy's second city that sprawls into Europe's fifth-biggest metropolis.

Unlike the more aesthetically appealing Rome and Florence, much of Milan was destroyed by bombs during the Second World War and as a result it has been rebuilt over the last half-century to become Italy's most modern city. There are none of the red terracotta roofs that herald some of the country's renaissance treasures, but instead limestone gives a

more drab facade.

But don't let this lead you to imagine a bleak, dystopian urban-scape; instead, dwell on the shimmering shopfronts, the fashion houses, the business towers, the football stadia and the absolute energy of what is Italy's economic engine room.

Fashionistas congregate in Milan twice a year, for the fashion world's spring and autumn collections, and the city's boutiques reflect its fashion omnipotence, from designer flagship stores to emerging label emporiums and chic concept

shops. Everywhere you look, behind severe stone architecture, creativity is pumping through Milan's commercial veins.

Despite its thrusting, modern outlook, some real treasures did manage to survive the war, and they count among Italy's most important sites—once again from the world of creativity.

La Scala, for example, is one of the world's most important and best established opera houses and is set firmly on any culture vulture's itinerary. The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele,

In tune

La Scala, which first opened in 1778, is one of the most renowned opera houses in the world, and has seen performances by stars such as Maria Callas and Pavarotti. In spite of the elite nature of opera, there are plenty of cheap tickets available.



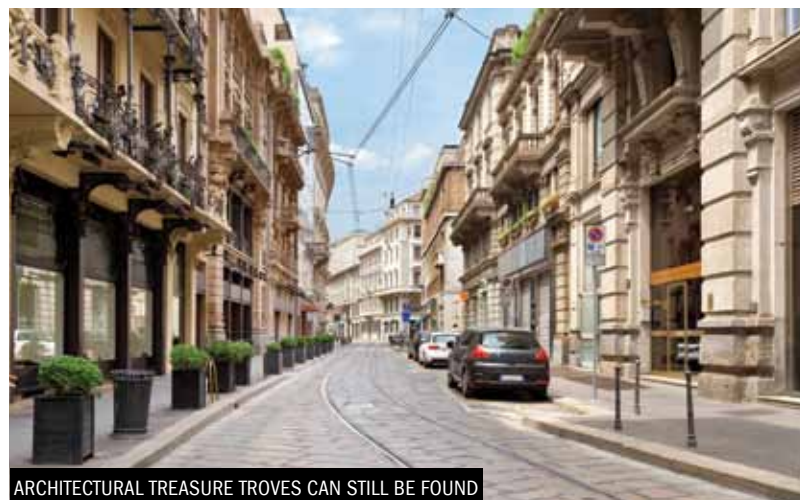
an ancient and glamorous arcaded shopping gallery, is as architecturally compelling as it is chock full of items of exquisite beauty, as is the Brea art gallery, which contains some of the finest artistic works in Europe.

Football fans should buy a ticket before they travel to a match at the San Siro, Milan's fabled 80,000-seat stadium where both Inter and AC Milan play. It is indeed one of the holy grails of the football world.

And, with much of recent discussion concerning how Dubai has been successfully awarded the 2020 World Expo, it is worth considering that Milan is in fact the host city for the 2015 edition of the World Expo.

Tourism is not the city's main focus, and it requires the visitor to make some in-depth planning beforehand to get the most out of it—nooks and corners of beauty and

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ARCHITECTURAL TREASURE TROVES CAN STILL BE FOUND

interest can be quite spread out. But each year, two million tourists arrive in the city and rarely leave unimpressed if they have put in the legwork required.

Milan is served by the large and efficient Malpensa Airport, which is connected to Dubai by numerous flights. The best months to visit are between June and August, after which a long, cold and wet autumn and winter ensures that Milan is left to the Milanese. ●



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NEWS ON WHEELS

'Renault Drive Show' comes to town this month

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As part of the ongoing promotion, visitors to Arabian Automobiles showrooms will also be provided with an opportunity to test drive the unique 100 per cent electric Renault Twizy.

"Nearly 600 people who have come to us looking to buy new Renault models have test driven their preferred car and then tried the Renault Twizy out as well," said Ashish Goel, Arabian Automobiles' Renault Deputy General Manager.

With visitors showing interest in the new smart car and Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Formula One driver Mark Webber having taken the Renault Twizy for a test drive in Dubai, Ashish stated that people residing in the UAE are now ready to experiment with innovative motoring technology. "The Renault Twizy has really captured the imagination in Dubai," he added.

Arabian Automobiles is the current holder of Nissan Motor Company's Global Aftersales Grand Prize award and has won the award six years in a row. Arabian Automobiles was also awarded the 'Champion Distributor' status by Nissan for the third consecutive year and 'Champion Importer' for Renault in 2012. Arabian Automobiles was also awarded 'Dealer of the year' for Renault two consecutive years in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

Growing up gracefully

The BMW goes big with the new M6 Gran Coupe.



You've got to love the car industry. They create industry-wide segments and then spend huge amounts of money breaking the rules of the segment they just created. Look at the world of the crossover as a prime example.

In the coupé segment, the term was created to describe a two-door, sporty version of a saloon. But then the car industry decided to add a second set of doors to their luxury coupés, returning the car to saloon status. Confused? You should be.

Mercedes were the main culprits with the first generation CLS coupé. Audi then joined them with the A5 and A7 range, and now BMW has joined the party with the great looking 640i Gran Coupe.

Looking like a cross between a 5 and a 6 series, the Gran Coupe boasts four-doors, a very low roof line and a dynamic looking stance. The front is aggressive, but without being over the top, and the rear is neat and toned.

The interior of the Gran Coupe is excellent, featuring a centre console that extends right through into the back of the car, splitting the rear seats and making the car pretty much a four-seater, rather than a five.

You also get some really high quality trim, although the white marble effect smooth surfaces might not be to everyone's taste. It's also very airy, with what feels like a lot of glass around you, despite the low window line.

At the back, you get a surprisingly large and deep boot. With such a low body design it's amazing how the designers got so much luggage space into the car.

Under the hood, the twin-scroll turbocharged 3.0 litre in-line six is smooth and powerful, although it could do with a more urgent power delivery.

What is perhaps the most impressive part of the Gran Coupe is its handling in the corners. Yes, it still crashes over speed bumps like the rest of the BMW range, but it luckily didn't inherit the sideways movement other BMWs seem to have through rough



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corners. The Gran Coupe is solid and stable, building confidence to push a little harder in the bends.

If things do start to get out of hand, you have the excellent BMW safety systems that step in to gather it all up when force overtakes brains and grip.

In all, the Gran Coupe is a pleasure to drive, looks good and has a great interior. Taller drivers might find the roofline a little low, but it's otherwise difficult to fault.

So if you need a sporty coupé with four-doors and a large boot, this might be the car for you. Just don't tick the marble trim on the spec list. ●

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TECH NEWS

HCL launches ME Champ tablet for children in UAE

HCL Infosystems has launched the ME Champ tablet for children. The limited edition ME Champ tablet aims to enhance the cognitive skills of children by providing them with a learning experience along with play.



The infotainment tablet provides free access to a variety of content including over 500 apps in games, books and education categories. Users are granted free navigation and access to all videos under the TV menu and can play music and videos and view photos on the ME Champ.

The inbuilt parental control mechanism allows parents to supervise the usage and content. Selective applications can be granted access, while online navigation allows limited web access, password protection and live usage statistics thus allowing complete control over the device.



The ME Champ tablet features Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean) operating system and a multi-touch capacitive screen, Wi-Fi connectivity, back and front cameras and full HD playback. The tablet also features 1GB RAM and 8GB internal storage capacity, which can be expanded to 32GB.

Additional features of the tablet include the ability to sign in either as a child or as a parent. Easy to navigate and manage, the ME Champ is available for Dh449 at Emax, Jacky's, Jumbo Electronics, E-City, Plug-Ins, Sharaf DG, Costless Electronics, Lulu, Techlink Systems and One Mobile retail outlets in the UAE.

Crypto currency

After a single Bitcoin broke the \$1,000 mark for the first time, we look back at the history of the system.



THE FUTURE OF SPENDING?

Über-geeks with a bent for economics will probably already have made a mint on what has been termed 'the currency of the internet' with bitcoins, not least now that the virtual coinage has broken the \$1,000 mark for the first time—not bad for a currency that was valued at only \$0.30 in 2011.

The bitcoin was first detailed in a paper published in 2008 under the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto as an open-source peer-to-peer electronic currency and payment network, with the first cryptographically transactions made the following year.

Various mechanisms are in place to prevent fraudulent use of bitcoins—such as so-called double-spending of the same coin—and volunteer 'miners' are employed to police the system in return for transaction fees.

What seems to be a safe, futuristic way of transferring funds across the globe without having to pay bank fees has really opened up a can of worms over the last

year, with a number of financial authorities, fearful of losing control of currency trading and sourcing under their jurisdiction, looking at ways to limit the use of bitcoins.

Indeed, the nefarious uses of bitcoins have been in the spotlight far more than the everyday benefits of the currency. *The Washington Post*, for example, called it 'the currency of choice for seedy online activities', and CNN referred to Bitcoin as a 'shady online currency'. Meanwhile, the FBI, CIA and the US Senate have all investigated its links to criminal activities.

Most famously, American authorities this year shut down the under-world website Silk Road, where users used bitcoins for most transactions. This closure resulted in the FBI seizing control of around 1.5 per cent of all bitcoins in circulation.

However, the currency has its advocates in the corridors of power. Last month, the Senate held a committee hearing to investigate virtual currencies. At it, bitcoins were given a generally positive reception as a 'legal means of exchange', and it was claimed that 'online payment

systems, both centralised and decentralised, offer legitimate financial services'.

The findings will buoy those with bitcoins among their financial portfolios, although the question now is whether their value is currently in an artificial bubble. Given the speed of their growth, it is hard to deny this is the case. But even if the bubble bursts and their value drops to just one dollar, the early über-geeks will have tripled their money. ●

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Earn it

Many alternative currencies are used online, offline and theoretically. Among these is the Ithaca Hour, which corresponds to the value of one hour worked in the New York state town, to 'brownie points'—moral value from doing good deeds.



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The bucket list

Many people these days have a 'bucket list' of things they want to do before it gets too late.



BEAT YOUR BUCKET LIST, STEP BY STEP

The notion of a 'bucket list' derives from the phrase 'kick the bucket', which is a slang term for death. There are many reasons why people choose to make a bucket list. Perhaps they have found out that they have a life-threatening illness, in which case their goals are more personal and they have a deeper desire to fulfill them. Others may simply have been soul searching and realised that they haven't reached certain targets that they thought they

would have by a certain age. Whatever the reason, a bucket list can be a great way to fulfil your dreams and ambitions, whatever they may be.

Not only that, but it can have many positive benefits and effects. Some goals can help you to become a bet-

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ter person and acquire new life skills, while others may lead to lasting friendships, love, or bring you to a different career path in life. Creating a bucket list can also be motivating.

Daily life can often be monotonous. Having a physical list in front of you can inspire you to get things done and it can also awaken an excitement deep within your soul.

The Adventurer

One man who is living life to the fullest by completing his bucket list is 35-year-old Omar Samra. "Sometimes when you are deciding to do these things, if you let your mind take over, you'll never actually take the step to do it because you always have 101 reasons why you shouldn't do it. A lot of people stop at the starting point and they have all of their dreams but they never actually start," he explains.

Samra founded Wild Guanabana, a Dubai-based online adventure travel company and he is the first Egyptian (and the youngest Arab) to climb Mount Everest.

"The only boundary is your own mind," Samra reveals. "Before I climbed Mount

Everest I used to be asthmatic and Everest was proof that I could overcome whatever I put my mind to. I would love to be able to do something that's never been done before just because you are breaking a barrier for everybody else after you to do. Then it becomes possible for them to do something that's bigger and better," he adds.

Some of the more common bucket list goals include skydiving,



OMAR SAMRA AIMS HIGH FOR ADVENTURE



swimming with dolphins, driving a supercar or volunteering abroad. While the concept of a bucket list is to do the chosen things before you die, it can also be applied to certain periods of your life. Perhaps you have just finished college and want to travel before you start a career or maybe you have a list of goals to tick off before you start a family.

Whatever you want to achieve, people like Samra and millions of others across the world are proving that, with a little ambition, anyone can love the life they live.

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How to make sure that you select the best new employees in order to benefit your business in the long run.

RECRUITMENT

No business can ever succeed with a single player. Some may try to do that, but it is almost impossible to do so. All top companies started with great employees on board, and that's why every smart leader must find and hire the best people in order for their business to thrive. In today's workplace, finding the right candidates for your business has become a critical task that involves rigorous planning. Business owners can't afford to do a bad hiring as the cost of finding, interviewing, engaging and training new employees is high. Keep in mind that each new hire requires a desk, a computer, phones and other equipment, let alone salaries, benefits and taxes. Akhtaboot identifies the top personality traits that you should consider to find the best new employees.

COMPETENCY

Being competent is all about having the necessary skills, experiences and education to successfully complete the tasks you need performed. Some employers assume it's easy to fill junior positions, but finding skilled candidates with high potential is an entirely different matter. You need to make sure that they have the willingness and desire to learn and progress.

PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

The ability to use initiative to solve problems is one of the top ten skills you need to look for in potential candidates. You want people who will take the personal responsibility to make sure targets are met and who try to come up with a better way of doing something and who are prepared to research and commit to change.

CULTURAL FIT

Since personal characteristics are usually not part of the job description, when it comes to finding the right candidates, the deciding factor may actually be 'cultural fit'. This means that your hire should be able to get along with you and his other colleagues. A critical component to also consider is the person's willingness and ability to be harmonious with you. If the candidate can't do that, there will be problems.

COMMITMENT

Before you hire someone, you need to make sure that the candidate is serious about working for the long term as you don't want to hire someone who's just wasting time until they find something better. Talk about the candidate's job history and the time spent at each position in order to get clear insight on the matter.

CHARACTER

Personal characteristics are the biggest predictor of whether a potential candidate will succeed, even over skills and knowledge. But how do you evaluate that? Simply interviewing them isn't enough. We're talking about traits such as ethics, integrity and values. You don't have to rely only on your gut instincts. Reference checks can be tremendously helpful when evaluating personal characteristics. In addition, taking a closer look at the candidate's CV can reveal if the candidate has proactively steered his career in a way that signals growth and not opportunism.

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COMPENSATION FIT

It's not smart to offer a compensation that is much lower than the market. Even if the person you hire is satisfied with what is offered, eventually they'll figure out their real value and start looking for jobs elsewhere as they may start to feel unappreciated. ● By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com).

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Timestylist takes time to new level with customers

Al Yasra Fashion, a major fashion retailer in the region, has launched ONTIME - the timestylist store in Dubai Festival City and where a novel timestylist service is now available. The new stylish European designed store embodies a modern refinement, and sophistication combined with an inimitable, unique and fine line of fashionable watches and jewellery for men and women from reputed international brands.



Customers who visit the ONTIME store stand to receive personalised service from the timestylists who are fashionistas themselves but who are also trained to assist customers with varying tastes, styles and requirements.

The customers can rely and leave it to the store's timestylists to assist them in finding the perfect watch or accessory to match their specific requirement. The timestylists will particularly help customers to choose the right watch or accessory whether for different moods or occasions, thereby reflecting the various facets of their personality.

According to Pedro Casquinha, CMO of Al Yasra Fashion: "We are proud to announce the launch of this unique bespoke experience in Dubai that will assist our customers to select from a wide range of fresh and trendsetting collections of designer brands.



"With this unparalleled service, our customers will enjoy the shopping experience as much as the purchase itself of a timepiece specially chosen by an expert. Through our diversity, selection, exclusivity and our timestylist expertise, we can find the watch with 'one's name on it' before a customer even asks for it," he added.

Winter warmers

If you're heading to cooler climes this winter, stay cosy with some chic clobber.

Gloves

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Leather gloves add instant glamour to any outfit. Wear an elegant red pair with your favourite skinny jeans and tailored coat.

Fur trooper hats are not only great for keeping you warm but they also look street cool. Choose from a wide array of colours and styles, or go for an animal print pattern to stand out from the crowd.

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Hats

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For colder climes, a chunky knitted hat is an ideal choice. Monochrome patterns work with almost anything, so invest in a cute bobble hat in contrasting black and white hues.

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ACCESSORIZE

One of the hottest trends this winter is fingerless gloves and mittens. A colourful, snug pair are edgy but still allow you to carry your shopping bags.

Keep your ears toasty without sacrificing style with a pair of practical and cute earmuffs.

MISS SELFRIDGE

Novelty sweaters are a cute choice for this time of year. Embrace the cold and opt for a warm sweater and pair with a leather skirt and ankle boots for an on-trend look.

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MISS SELFRIDGE

Sweaters

NEXT

Keep your knitwear on the right side of cool with this pretty jumper. Wear it with jeans or a pleated midi skirt for a preppy look.

Opt for an icicle sweater with denim jeans, thigh high knee boots and a chunky scarf for the perfect holiday look.



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Return of the Nineties action movie

Written by Sylvester Stallone, **Homefront** is a throwback to a time when films were all about the fighting.

NEW RELEASE

Your hopes can only be dashed when you expect too much, so just take it as it comes with *Homefront*. That way it can be quite enjoyable. Let's examine the evidence.

A screenplay by Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham (*Transporter* franchise) in the lead role, and a storyline based on a DEA agent seeking a quiet retirement in a small town: together these factors don't quite add up to Oscar-winning material.

Following in Sly's oversized footsteps, Statham is now the action fan's last hope as Hollywood has set out to become a more emotional place than it was even just 15 years ago. As a result, the Englishman has had a die cast for him that involves gruff dialogue, tenuous storylines and punches in almost every scene.

And you have to make a judgement on his prowess,

“With the scene set, it isn't hard to see Stallone's hand in how the rest of the picture develops.”

Did you know?

Jason Statham grew up with footballer-turned-movie-hardman Vinnie Jones, who introduced him to football. The pair would later go on to act together in films including *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Snatch*, directed by Guy Ritchie.

Statham really is quite good at what he does. Through his real-life martial arts prowess, he injects a reality to the fight scenes while his eternal hangdog expression that suggests yet another misfortune just around the corner, makes him an everyman hard man who is just doing what he has to do to get by.

In *Homefront*, Statham plays Phil Broker, a widowed DEA agent who retires to a small Louisiana town to keep his nine-year-old daughter, Kit (Izabela Vidovic), safe from the bad guys.

This is because, at the start of the film, Broker is deep undercover among a gang of bikers (and sporting a lustrous wig every bit as wonderful as any one of the many

John Travolta has sported over the years) which leads to their leader, Danny T, being sent to jail after a DEA sting.

In the blink of an eye, the story fast-forwards two years to a now-shorn

Broker doing the school run with Kit and chatting up her school psychologist (Rachel Lefevre, *Twilight*). But when Kit punches the school bully in the nose, she sets off a series of events that unite a redneck clan in a feud against the Brokers.

It just so happens, also, that the kinfolk are colleagues of Danny T, with the punched child's brother, Gator (James Franco, *127 Hours*) now the gang's kingpin and also the consort of biker-chick Winona Ryder (*Black Swan*).

With the scene set, it isn't hard to see Stallone's hand in how the rest of the picture develops. Indeed, *Homefront* might have been a prime vehicle for either him or Arnold Schwarzenegger during their strutting 1990s reign over the action movie genre.

But instead it behoves Statham to take over where the last action heroes left off, and he doesn't let them down. Shame about Franco, though; Hollywood might now need to uncover an action villain more in the mould of Charles Dance. ●



ALL ACTION NO SUBSTANCE?

Listings

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

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Thor 2 - 11:40, 14:00, 16:25, 18:50, 21:15, 23:45

Reel Cinemas - Marina Mall

Best Man Holiday - 11:50, 14:20, 16:50, 19:20, 21:50, 00:20
Captain Phillips - 11:20, 14:00, 16:00,

19:20, 22:00, 00:40
Delivery Man - 11:30, 13:40, 15:50, 18:00, 20:10, 22:20, 00:30
Hunger Games: Catching Fire - 12:05, 15:00, 17:55, 20:50, 23:45
Last Vegas - 19:45, 21:30, 23:55
Niko 2 (3D) - 11:10, 12:50, 14:35, 16:20, 18:00
Thor 2 - 11:50, 14:15, 16:40, 19:05, 21:30, 23:55

Vox Cinemas - Deira City Centre

Bullet Raja - 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 20:15, 23:30
Carrie - 19:45, 22:00, 00:15
Devil's Pass - 22:00, 00:15
Hunger Games: Catching Fire - 10:00, 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 13:30, 20:00, 22:00, 23:00
Niko 2 - 10:30, 12:30, 14:15, 16:15, 18:00
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Ram Leela - 12:00, 21:00, 00:00
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Saving Santa (3D) - 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00
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Thor 2 - 10:15, 12:45, 15:15, 17:45, 18:40, 20:15, 22:45, 23:40

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Bebe - 11:00, 12:00, 13:30, 16:00, 16:45, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30
Best Man Holiday - 09:45, 12:15, 14:45, 17:30, 20:15, 23:00
Captain Phillips - 18:45, 21:30, 00:15
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21:00, 23:15
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Enough Said - 10:00, 12:15, 14:30, 16:45, 19:00, 21:15, 23:30
Free Birds (3D) - 09:45, 12:00, 14:15, 16:30
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Free Birds - 11:15, 13:30
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What's happening this week in the UAE

'I am Asha'



'I am Asha' will celebrate the 70th birthday of legendary Indian singer Asha Bhosle. Accompanying her will be Indian actress Rekha and Farook Sheikh.
Date: December 13
Time: Gates open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm
Venue: Sheikh Rashid Hall, DWTC
Admission: Platinum (Dh1,000), VIP Lounge (Dh1,000), Diamond (Dh500), Gold - free seating (Dh200), Balcony - free seating (Dh100)
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Jumeirah Creekside Hotel in collaboration with Great Events presents the Festive Market. Embark on a festive journey and night with colourful decor, tasty food and authentic gifts.
Date: December 14
Time: 5pm to 11pm on weekdays and 12pm to 11pm on weekends
Venue: Jumeirah Creekside Hotel garden
Admission: Free
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'Champ of the Camp' screening



Mahmoud Kaabour's highly anticipated film *Champ of the Camp*, the first ever feature-length documentary filmed in the work camps of the UAE, will have its world premiere at the 10th edition of DIFF.
Date: Until December 14
Time: 8pm
Venue: Vox Cinemas, Mall of the Emirates
Admission: Ticketed
More info: www.diff.ae

'Lines and Colors'

This Arabic calligraphy exhibition will showcase artworks of over 10 international artists. Over 50 masterpieces will portray unique calligraphy art styles, including traditional and contemporary forms.
Date: Until December 25
Time: 7:30pm, 10am - 9pm Saturday to Thursday
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Admission: Free
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Time: Evening
Venue: Global Village
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Hollywood news

50 shades of Rita

The *50 Shades of Grey* gossip mill is well and truly churning again, after pop star Rita Ora recently confirmed that she will play Christian Grey's

younger sister, Mia, in the upcoming movie, due to hit cinemas in early 2015. Will Rita's silver screen debut be 'hot right now' or will her first ever big movie role be 'torn apart'?



R.I.P Paul



Hollywood was rocked last week by the news that *Fast & Furious* actor Paul Walker, who was due to film the next movie of the franchise in Abu Dhabi next year, sadly passed away in a road accident. The driver of the car also lost his life. Our thoughts go out to all those affected by the tragedy.

Back to reality



Whether you love them or hate them, there just seems to be no escaping the Kardashian family. And, after last week saw the trailer for the next series of *Keeping Up With the Kardashians* debut on entertainment channel E!, fans of the show have been given a glimpse into just some of the 'treats' lined up in the new season. Among the usual everyday dramas that fans of the show have become accustomed to—such as Kim's wig-wearing and Kourtney's salad-eating—the upcoming season will feature a fair few heavy-hitting private family moments. Kris and Bruce Jenner's separation for starters, plus Khloe's well-publicised marital woes with husband Lamar Odom. And, those who have been following the ongoing love story of 'Kimye' (or Kim and Kanye West as they were formerly known) will be given a sneak peek inside the extravagant affair that Kanye secretly arranged in order to propose to his beloved. It seems as though the drama really has been turned up a notch this season, let's just hope we can all keep up with the twists and turns that go hand-in-hand with carrying the famous family name.

Head shaking

Having successfully made the transition from Disney princess to full-blown pop diva, Selena Gomez has plenty of reasons to be feeling confident in both her abilities and her looks, which are the envy of women worldwide. Now, the singer has joined a long list of stars going bare-faced online, having recently posted a make-up free selfie to Instagram, which showed off her natural beauty to perfection. But perhaps there was an ulterior motive behind the open and honest post, however, as many believe Selena's Instagram revelation was a thinly-veiled dig at ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber, who has been living rather a 'wildchild' lifestyle of late; being spotted at late night parties, getting into scrapes with the law and generally being considered by many to have been 'wreaking havoc' during his recent world tour. Selena captioned the image: "I thought he only liked the Latina category. SMH... #nomakeup #hatewhengirlssaythat." Whether or not she was trying to show Justin just what he's missing out on remains to be seen, but Selena's dignified and 'rise above it' stance on the whole situation only proves her to be a beautiful person on both the outside and the inside.



Bollywood news

Late arrival

Movie stars can often be a little temperamental, but Saif Ali Khan recently shocked at a press conference in Delhi. After showing up two hours late for the event, the gathered press demanded an apology. But Saif refused and argued back, blaming the Delhi traffic for his tardiness.



Dubai on screen

Firoz A Nadiadwala's *Welcome Back* already features a hit cast including Anil Kapoor and John Abraham. Now, the movie has been given a special boost thanks to Dubai's very own ruling family. A yacht belonging to the Royal family of Dubai will be the filming location for a 'pivotal scene'.



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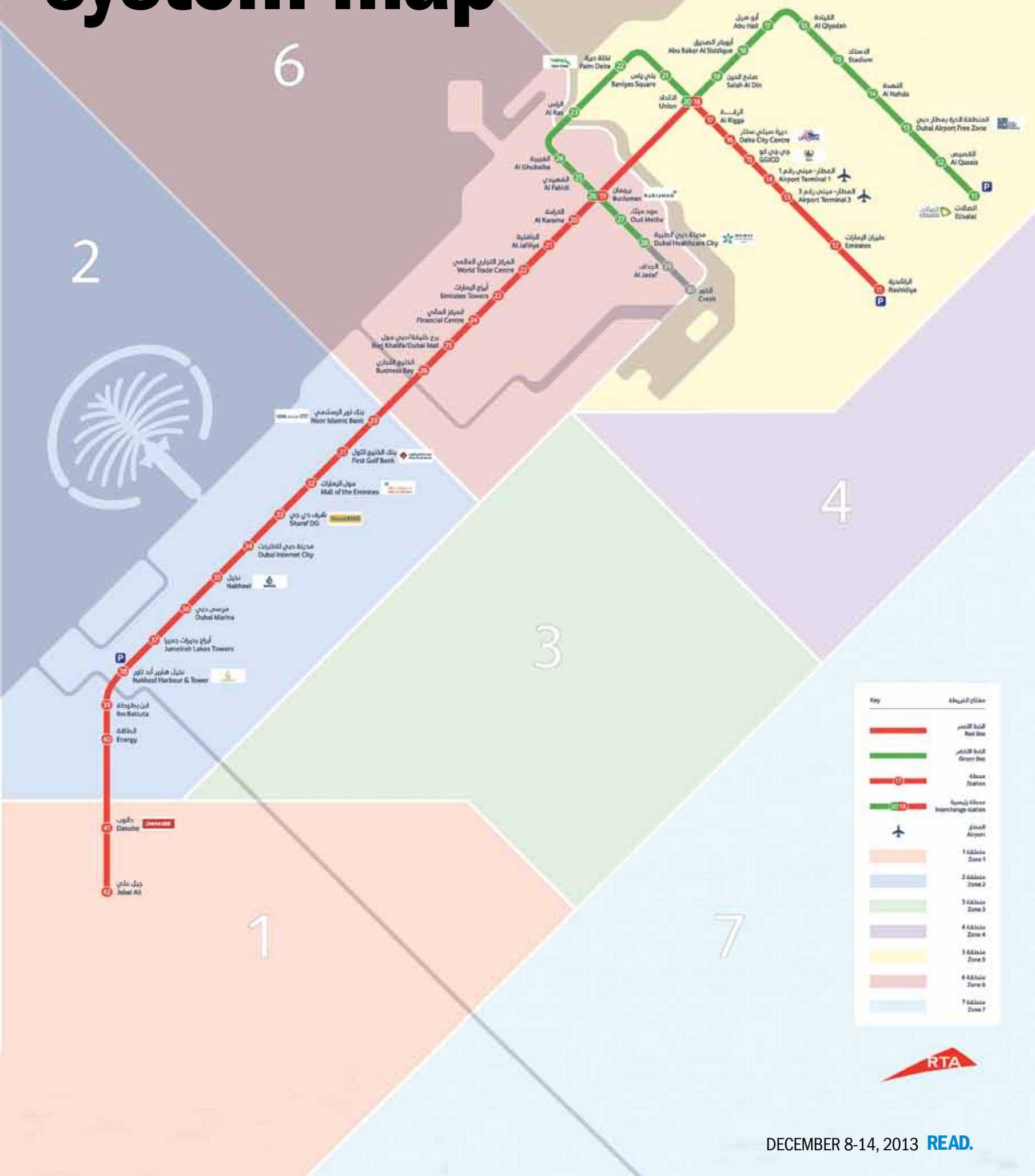
It may have had a few hiccups, but Shah Rukh Khan's concert in Dubai last week eventually left the audience grinning. While seating was an issue for some and a couple of over-zealous fans crashed the performance, SRK proved why he is one of Bollywood's best and delivered a storming song and dance show.



Debut duo

If there's one thing we love, it's a fresh pairing. And Dev Benegal's next flick *Bombay Samurai* will certainly provide, as Farhan Akhtar and Kareena Kapoor team up on-screen for the first time. Kareena plays an actress in the movie, while Farhan will play a contract killer. However, further details are being kept under wraps.

Dubai Metro system map



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RTA hosts leadership course

Dubai Government Excellence Programme aims at official entities and corporate excellence awareness.



DELEGATES ATTEND THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

TRAINING

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), in collaboration with the Dubai Government Excellence Programme (DGEP), recently conducted a training course entitled 'Leaders of Excellence' in the context of the DGEP's activities aimed at nurturing the culture of excellence among leaders of government entities and raising the awareness of corporate excellence concepts.

The course was also aimed towards charting out the role of leadership teams and casting light on the standards of the programme through citing examples of the best practices in Dubai Government coupled with applied case studies.

Shaikha Al Jarman, Director of RTA Development and Corporate Excellence, said: "The five-day course included five phases. The first was entitled 'Planning and Launching of Corporate Excellence Map', which highlighted the full commitment and steadfast belief of all concerned parties, especially employees, in corporate excellence concepts, mechanism of appointing officials to coach the standards, and the formation of corporate excellence work teams with effective participation of the leadership team."

"The course also focused on improvement and development rather than winning the award, allocating human and financial resources to place the roadmap in place, and training leadership team members in the concepts of corporate excellence and principles by attending In-house Assessor of Internal Excellence courses, so that leaders could turn into role models."

The second phase of the course, she added, introduced a roadmap implementation mechanism in order to implement and update corporate excellence methodologies through direct participation of leadership teams, besides focusing on the key pillars of strategic planning, evaluating leaders' performance, measuring corporate performance, managing change, risk and governance, and conducting benchmarks against best-in-class practices.

Al Jarman also noted that the second part of that phase [second] focused on continuously motivating employees to participate in revamping corporate excellence methodologies and implementing them in a sustainable manner, besides highlighting the importance of direct supervision of plans set for those methodologies by compiling monthly, quarterly and semi-annual reports, and reviewing the results of satisfaction and performance indicators measurement on a regular basis so as to take corrective and preventive measures, among other actions.

She said: "The third phase of the course dealt with the personal involvement of leaders in preparing an executive summary, work plans and manuals required for verifying the fulfillment of corporate excellence requirements, grooming and motivating employees for external evaluation process through brochures, training and orientation with the RTA's key achievements and business processes. The fourth phase of the course focused on active participation in the process of external evaluation, besides assuring evaluators that the

aim is to continuously develop and upgrade performance, not just to win the award."

"The course was well received by the concerned employees due to the wide range of topics included, besides opening new horizons."

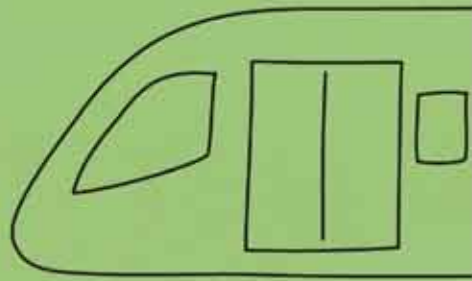
"Phase five of the course touched on the distribution of the report to all concerned leaders and employees. The report had to be thoroughly read by the leadership team members and a work plan had to be mapped out including all points of strength and other vital issues," noted Al Jarman.

She concluded that the course was well received by the concerned employees due to the wide range of topics included, besides opening new horizons of corporate excellence and exposure to advanced techniques of boosting this concept such that excellence evolves into a culture in its own right.

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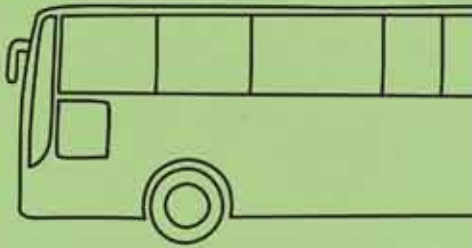
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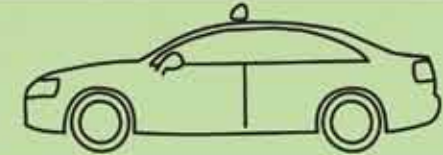
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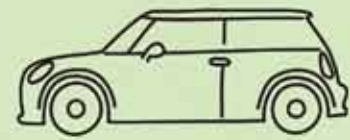
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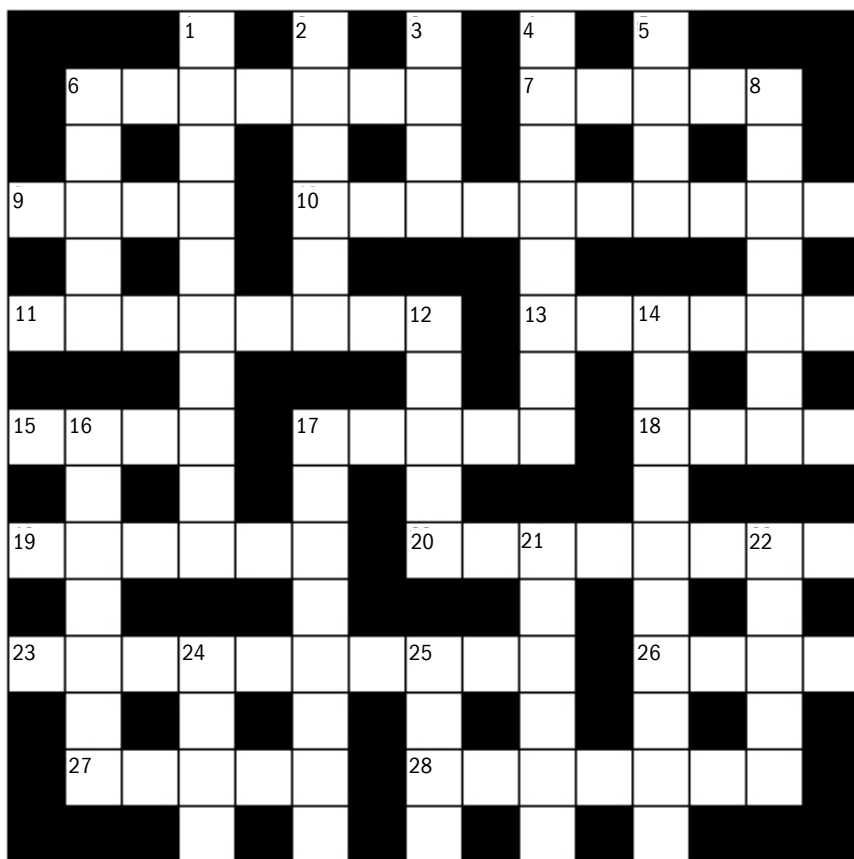
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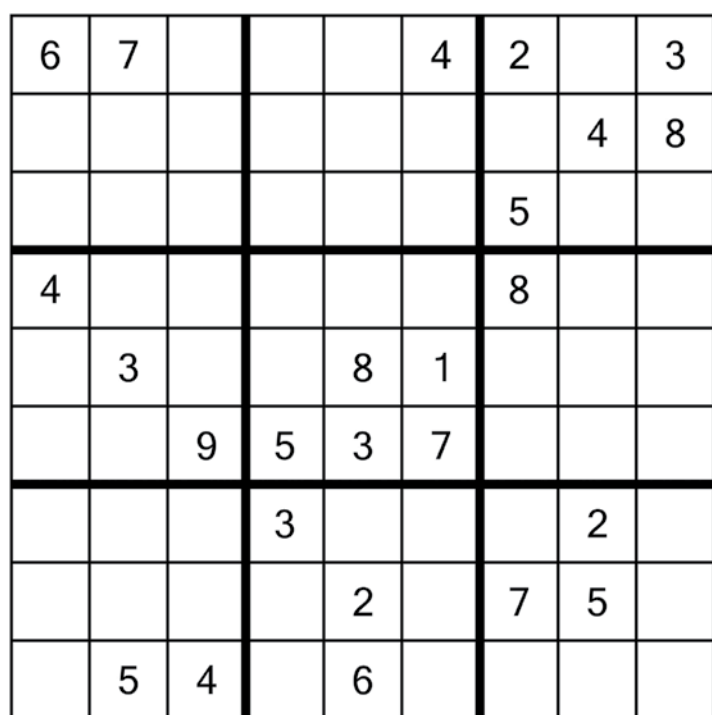
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ANSWERS



Sudoku



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SUDOKU

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Recipe

Moreish mince pies

Get into the festive spirit with these traditional treats.

Ingredients

225g plain flour
140g butter
50g ground almonds
50g golden caster sugar
Zest of 1 orange
Pinch of salt
1 egg yolk
1-2 tsp cold water
280g good quality mincemeat
1 egg, beaten
Icing sugar for dusting

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C. With clean hands, rub the butter into the flour and add the almonds, caster sugar, orange zest and salt and keep rubbing until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
2. Add the egg yolk and 1-2 teaspoons of water into the crumbly mixture and knead until it forms a soft dough. Wrap the dough in clingfilm and leave to chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.



Makes
18

3. Roll out the dough to a thickness of around 3mm and cut out 18 discs, each measuring 7.5cm, with a pastry cutter.
4. Place the pastry discs into lightly greased patty tins and spoon the mincemeat evenly into the pies.

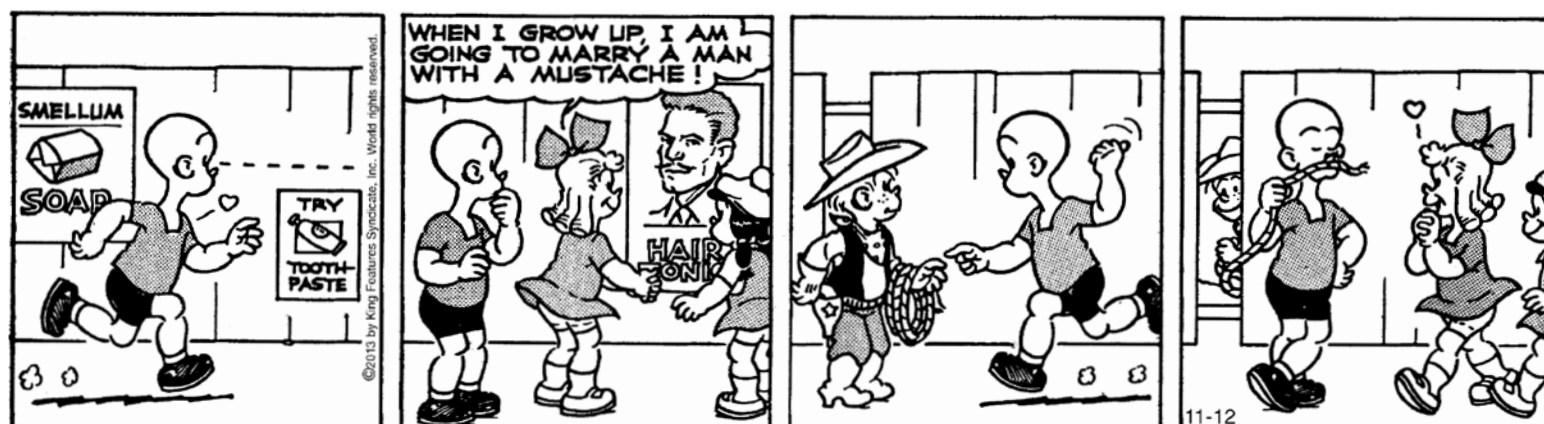
5. Re-roll the leftover pastry and cut out round lids, hearts, stars or other festive shapes to fit on top of each pie.

6. Lightly brush the pastry tops with the beaten egg, then bake in the oven for around 15 minutes or until the pastry is golden.

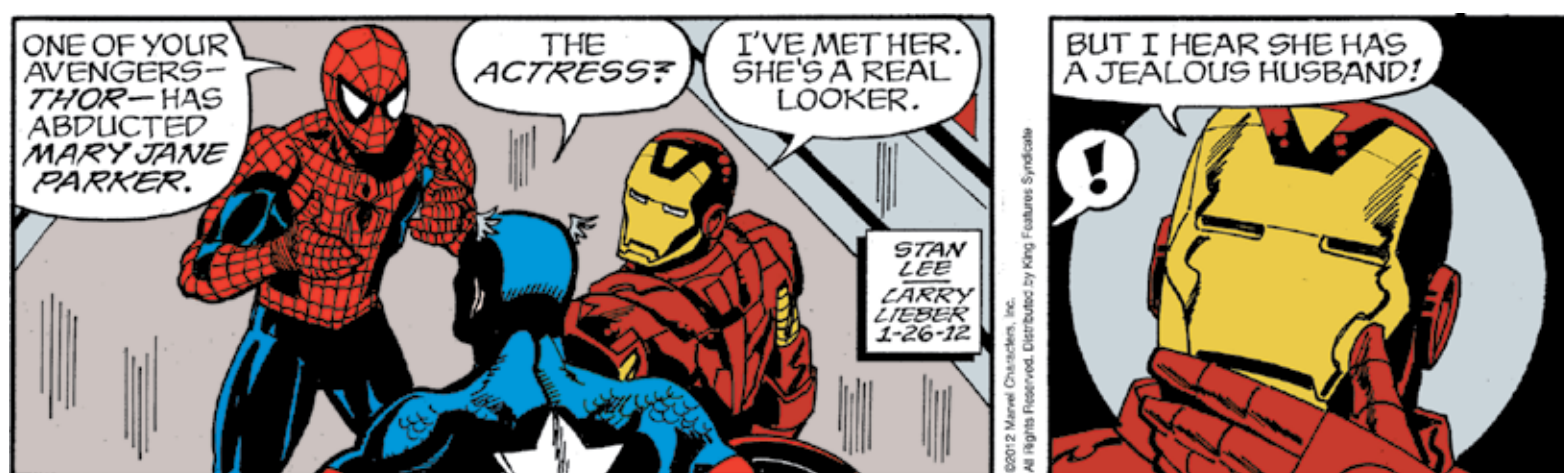
7. Remove the pies from the oven and leave to cool for a few minutes. Dust with a little icing sugar and serve warm with a dollop of whipped cream on the side.



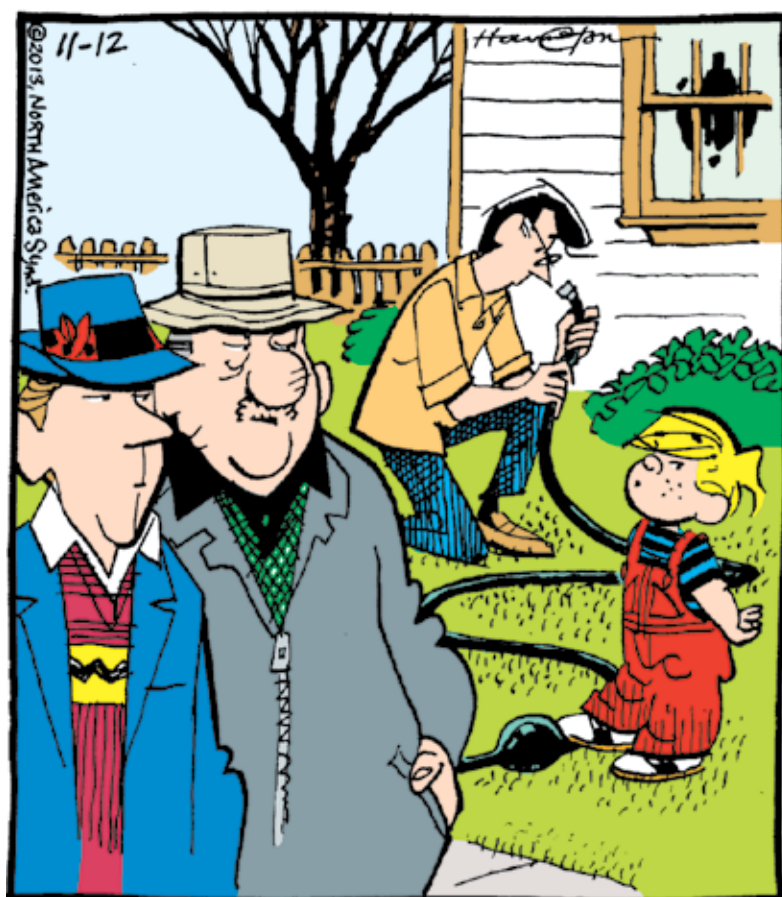
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Spiderman



Dennis the menace



Spot the 10 differences



What's in your stars?

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ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Sometimes it may do you some good to say no every now and then when possible. You tend to have a habit of taking on too much responsibility, then seeming to others as though you enjoy complaining about it. This will do you no favours in the workplace.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

If you have travel plans coming up, start thinking about the things you need to get sorted. Leaving everything to the last minute simply won't be good enough in this case—you need to have all your arrangements in place well in advance for this trip.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

If it's been a while since you treated yourself to something nice, maybe this month's salary will allow for a little splurge? If you've been hankering after a must-have gadget or fashion accessory for some time, spending a little on yourself will do wonders for your mood.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

If there is an activity you enjoy, but find yourself lacking time for, try your best to make time this month. Doing things that make you happy and relaxed is vital for your work/life balance, and neglecting these little pleasures will only lead to a feeling of frustration.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

You may become involved in a heated debate, yet everyone involved is willing to listen to other opinions. Don't let your emotions fly away; keeping a cool head and arguing your case in a clear and concise manner could even earn you a few new fans.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Looking ahead to the New Year, you may be lining up to finally kick a bad habit. It might be worth making preparations now as your energy levels could start to drop this week. Without the drive to see it through, you could find failure comes around quickly.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

The urge to improve certain areas of your life continues and, if anything, it is becoming stronger with the deluge of compliments you've been receiving. Keep your mind on the long-term goal—focusing on quick fixes could lead to disappointment.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

Perhaps it's time to take a well-earned break from work? The place is not going to fall apart without you and it may be that you are long overdue a holiday. Use the time to travel, get back in touch with your pastimes, or simply catch up with friends and family.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

While you may not be able to put your finger on what exactly is lifting your mood, there is a definite buzz in the pit of your stomach about something. Other people may dismiss your excitement, but go with this good feeling—it could be a positive sign.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Your mind is firmly focused on your cash flow, particularly in the run up to the shopping season. Take stock of what you have at your disposal before you hit the mall and—as simple as it sounds—keeping a list will really help you manage the spending.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

Someone you consider to be a close friend may turn out to have had an ulterior motive. The fact is that, even though you may have been brought together for other reasons than you first thought, you now have a solid rapport so don't let it go to waste.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

The pressure is hitting boiling point and it may feel as though you're on the verge of a meltdown. It really is time to hold your hands up and admit that you need help. If things go wrong because you didn't delegate, the situation could turn out much worse.



This week's local weather

SUN



WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 24C
HUMIDITY 36%

MON



WARM
HIGH 27C
LOW 25C
HUMIDITY 34%

TUE



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