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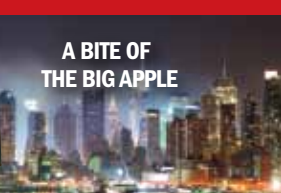
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Eva Longoria joined a glittering crowd at the first Global Gift Foundation Gala to be staged in Dubai



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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.

✉ GIVE WAY

It is a general rule that drivers should give way to pedestrians who are crossing the street. But I have occasionally experienced the audacity of tactless drivers who have denied me of safe passage, most of them even looked unmoved by the sight of a pedestrian attempting to cross the road. You can't help but wonder if these people ever have a heart when they put themselves and the pedestrians at great risk, which they could avoid by halting for a few moments only.

Marcus Ramsey

✉ WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

Food wastage is such a profound problem to have when news of starving people and those who succumb to

inhumane acts for the sake of acquiring provisions are widespread. People who rank themselves in the upper echelons of society view this anomaly as a 'show of wealth', but the lack of empathy in this claim is incredulous. We are at a time when food resources are growing scarce in some regions around the world and people are suffering from poverty and hunger. Then here we are, throwing spoiled, surplus food - a pitiful fact that we must reflect on.

Stephanie Sheller



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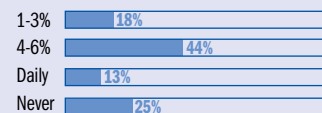
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Facebook chatter

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(Responses only edited for length)

With the year-end festivities round the corner what are your plans to celebrate the end of 2013 and the arrival of 2014?

Im going to jump and jump so that i will be tall, bt my hight nw s not bad 5'3 ,bt its a tradition
 And some eating outside , watch fireworks and pray to bless all the people for the whole 2014,
 — Julieann Albofera

I'll be celebrating with all the people

I love before the year ends. I want to cherish every part of it and hopeful that 2014 will be a more blessed year for each and everyone. It's party time and an opportunity to thank God for another year.

— Herdy Villabroza Hervera



I will visit the sick in the hospitals and cheer them up.

— Jennifer Betty

Are you bothered by how many Facebook friends or Twitter followers you have, or do you prefer to keep your online social network close?

I have just about 20 people on my Facebook friend's list and I am quite happy and satisfied with it since I believe in having true friends added with me rather than strangers, enemies and others who have no logical motive than to stalk others or enjoy the gossips.

— Fatima Suhail

It is a matter of pride for many but I don't bother....I prefer to keep my



list updated with known faces

— Vipin Mahesh

Facebook says I have 875 friends. It's a lie. Twitter says 309 people follow me. I'd like to believe that!

— Clen Nicolas



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Coming up this week



TODAY

Palm oil is one of the world's most versatile food ingredients, found in everything from lipstick to chocolate. But environmentalists allege that it leads to deforestation and the loss of vital habitats. What's really going on?



MONDAY

Some people can whistle a tune to perfection, others can't. It is possible for anyone's whistling to be more tune-ful if you just follow these top tips.



TUESDAY

From Prince George to North West, this year has seen the arrival of a number of royal and celebrity babies. Let's look at some you might have missed.



WEDNESDAY

Many believe that Santa Claus' famous outfit was influenced by Coca-Cola advertising. We look at the myth.



THURSDAY

Today, Jared Leto celebrates his forty-first birthday. One of show business's busiest names, we check out his story.



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Global gifters

Celebrities flock to Dubai to raise money for the Global Gift Foundation.

Desperate Housewives actress and philanthropist Eva Longoria helped raise awareness and much needed funds for Noor Dubai with the first edition of The Global Gift Gala to be staged in Dubai.

The Global Gift Gala is a unique international fundraising initiative that forms part of the Global Gift Founda-

tion platform to help raise funds and make a difference for children and women around the world.

Eva Longoria said: "Everybody in the world looks to Dubai as this glamorous place, this beautiful jewel in the Middle East, and I want them to know Dubai for being philanthropic and giving and caring because I've met so many amazing people here that reflect that."

Over \$350,000 was raised through



LONGORIA WITH GGG FOUNDERS BRAVO AND PERALTA

the live auction which will be benefiting the Noor Dubai Foundation, which unites forces to raise money to provide support and much needed medical help to vulnerable groups in Dubai with the hope to create a world free from preventable forms of blindness.

"This special recognition is given to foundations which have really created an impact in their own communities which are less fortunate. The Noor Dubai Foundation has committed to doing this. It's really important to us that these

organisations are making a difference," said Longoria.

This year, nearly \$3.26m has been raised at The Global Gift Galas in Paris, Cannes, Marbella and London with further galas taking place in Mexico, LA and Miami in early 2014.

"As we've travelled the world, we wanted to make sure people realise that we live in a global community and me being Mexican is not so different than being any other woman in this world and so as we were looking at different programmes around the world, we found a lot of overlapping of charities that were doing the same thing in different ways. Obviously depending on the culture and the country

but we wanted to unite resources," said Longoria.

The Global Gift Foundation will also be collaborating with The Eva Longoria Foundation and the Sunrise K Foundation to help raise awareness towards women and children in need.

"I grew up with a special needs sister, she has a mental disability. So I was kind of born into my sister's world of being around people who were different and people who were less fortunate. She's the light of our lives and she's the inspiration behind my philanthropy. It's because of her that my mother became a special education teacher and that my whole family was involved." ●



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Smartphone physicals

The next mobile revolution is likely to focus on how a portable device like a phone can carry out health tasks and diagnoses.

SMART MONITORING

a medical student at Johns Hopkins and founder of Smartphone Physical. "And because of that, healthcare workers can be given these phones and devices and actually go to the patients themselves, collect the data and send that over to a physician to interpret it."

While devices like these are expected to be increasingly widely used across the medical world in coming years, a number of consumer health devices are already available and are popular in their own right.

For example, Nike recently added a new software version of its Nike iOS app that takes advantage of Apple's M7 motion processor in the new iPhone 5S. Using this app, the iPhone becomes a personal health moni-

Did you know?

The HAPifork is a Bluetooth-enabled 'smart fork' that helps users modify their eating behaviour, and make them aware of eating at the right time and speed. It does so by measuring the number of times the fork is placed in the mouth per minute, and when eating too fast, HAPifork vibrates to encourage slowing down.

tor, broadening the functionality of a smartphone and eliminating the need for wearable health monitors.

Other operating systems are covered too, and this year Samsung included the S Health health and fitness app for its smartphones, which works as a pedometer, calorie counter, thermometer, and humidity reader.

Its interface gives you an at-a-glance look at your progress, as well as walking, exercise, and fitness trackers, plus your surrounding environmental influences, such as temperature. S Health also supports a number of optional accessories, which enables it to give even more detailed info on your status.

This is just the tip of the iceberg for consumer health apps, which can now do everything from monitoring a diabetic's blood sugar to turning a smartphone into an ultrasound machine. This year might have been the year of the wearable, but next year will herald the importance of smartphones as healthcare essentials. ●

When a smartphone is so personal to its owner that it goes wherever he or she takes it and is only a reach away, why wouldn't physicians seek ways to adapt it for their own use, and even for self-monitoring by their patients?

Low-tech and relatively low-cost medical innovations were showcased earlier this month at World Innovation for Health summit in Qatar. Among the many devices on show was the 'Smartphone Physical', which has been developed by medical students in America at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and the University of Pennsylvania.

By bringing together a number of medical mobile phone applications, they created a 10-minute physical examination that can check your

“A Smartphone Physical has been developed by medical students in America at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.”

heart rate and blood pressure, as well as test you for infections and conditions.

By using mounting devices that connect an iPhone's camera and processors with medical devices, doctors say the benefits can be innumerable, not only for patients at home, who it enables to keep an eye on their own health, but also for those in developing countries where access to high-level medical equipment may not always be possible.

"These devices are portable and are cheaper," said Shiv Gaglani,

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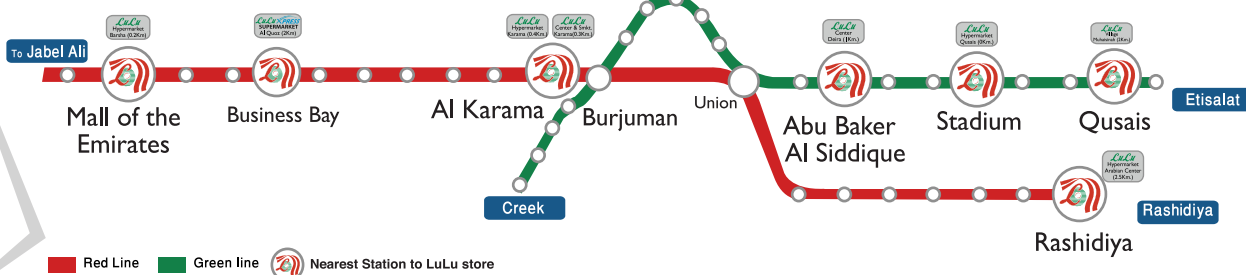
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TRAVEL NEWS

VisitBritain unveils 'Film is GREAT' campaign

VisitBritain, the UK's national tourism agency, is offering travel and film fans the chance to win a trip to Britain inspired by the country's iconic film locations via a 'Film is GREAT' campaign, championed by its UAE goodwill ambassador Ali Mostafa, the British-Emirati film director.

As part of the wider 'GREAT Britain' campaign showcasing the best of British culture, 'Film is GREAT' aims to promote the attractions and destinations around the UK made famous by blockbuster movies.



Weekly prizes are up for grabs on the 'Film is GREAT' Facebook page, with the grand prize consisting of an action-packed trip to Britain endorsed by Ali Mostafa and based around blockbuster favourites James Bond, Harry Potter and Sherlock Holmes. The three-day excursion will take one winner and a friend to experience the vibrant capital city of London and beautiful county of Oxfordshire, through the eyes of some of the finest filmmakers.

The grand prize will include visiting the Warner Bros. Studio Tour to get a real insight into The World of Harry Potter, going behind the scenes to uncover a world of stunning film sets, elaborate costumes and spellbinding animatronics.

The winner will also experience a Sherlock Holmes adventure in London, starting at the nine-foot bronze statue of the detective located on Baker Street and continuing on to the Sherlock Holmes Museum, Madame Tussauds and the Freemason Hall.



NYC, baby!

Few cities show off their sights quite as well as the Big Apple.

Everyone knows the Empire State Building, but most have only seen it from outside, usually on a television show or film. Visit New York City, though, and you can go all the way to the top and see how there are few other viewing platforms in the world that can compete with the Big Apple's very own icon.

Elsewhere, the Statue of Liberty, a gift to New York from France in 1886, stands proud in the middle of the harbour to the south of Manhattan. Another of the city's best-known sights, you have to travel to it to really take in Liberty's scale and imposing majesty.

New York City is perhaps one of the most recognisable places on earth due to the frequency with which it is portrayed in the media and entertainment. From cop shows

to sitcoms and often the news, NYC is a city of global importance.

But it is also a place where neighbourhoods change flavour as you cross the street—a grid of communities and character. To capture the essence of the real New York, you have to do much more than view it, and experience it first hand.

Although New York has five famous 'boroughs', most visitors only really need to explore one or two. Top of the list comes the island of Manhattan, the corporate and commercial engine room that serves as the core of the Big Apple. From Broadway to Alphabet City; Midtown and Times Square to Wall Street and shopping on Madison: Manhattan has it all.

Next to Manhattan, the up-and-coming Brooklyn, with its enthusiasti-

On location

With New York playing home to some of the world's favourite films and television shows, many tourists make an effort to visit all the supposed locations of the likes of *Sex And The City*, *Friends*, *Seinfeld*, *Breakfast At Tiffany's*, *Miracle of 34th Street*, *The Godfather* and *Taxi Driver*.

cally unenthused hordes of hipsters, attracts artistic visitors through its creative scene. Elsewhere, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island serve as residential districts for New York's inhabitants.

Given the city's role as a melting pot for a vast variety of cultures, perhaps the best way to gain an understanding of this is through its food.

From Caribbean kitchens in Harlem to Michelin-starred cuisine downtown, New

York has everything—although be sure to feast on traditional diner and street food fare while you are there.

Many visitors find it difficult to resist the draw of a Broadway musical, and for good reason. But this is just one side of New York's phenomenal arts scene that also includes some of the world's greatest galleries, museums and venues.

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NEWS ON WHEELS

Harley-Davidson donates \$30,000 to WFP project

Harley-Davidson Middle East and North Africa (MENA) recently donated \$30,000 to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to feed schoolchildren in the MENA region. The amount was raised in 11 countries during the motorcycle manufacturer's Open House 2013 held under the theme 'Come Together, Change Lives'. The event gathered motorcycle riders to support the WFP for the third consecutive year while unveiling the new Harley-Davidson 2014 models and the new Project RUSHMORE.



The Open House was held in October, and had attendees of all kinds including Harley and non-Harley riders in countries across the GCC, Levant and North Africa. The event featured a parade ride to build camaraderie while coming together for an excellent cause.

The lineup included motorcycles by Project RUSHMORE, a comprehensive effort by Harley-Davidson to improve every aspect of the riding experience for owners of its Touring motorcycles.

After years of imagining, planning, styling and engineering, and hours of riding with and talking to its customers, Harley's Project RUSHMORE presents the full range of 2014 Touring and Trike models that are smart, comfortable, responsive and simply stunning.

Elsa Abi Nader, Marketing Manager of Harley-Davidson (MENA), said: "We are proud to hand over this amount to WFP. The Open House day was a success and we thank everyone from the MENA region that made this event happen. We look forward to coming together and changing lives again next year in 2014 with more exciting new projects and bikes."

Executive stress reliever

The new Panamera brings a real sense of fun to an ever more competitive segment.

The Porsche Panamera is one of those cars that has slowly grown into its skin since its 2009 debut at the Shanghai Motor Show. Time has removed the slightly awkward design balance and large rear end. It's simply evolved into one of the 'must have' GTs currently on the market. But it's much more than a cool badge. It's also a devastatingly quick continent destroyer, that's very good at most of the things you'll ask of it. As with anything, if it works, then leave it well alone, so Porsche has only altered a few things here and there this time around.

For the 2013 facelift, there are limited exterior design updates including the deeper air intakes and new headlight clusters at the front, as well as a wider rear window and taillights. But unless you are a true Porsche aficionado, the most significant update for everyday use is the push button tailgate release so you don't need the key fob to dump your shopping or golf clubs in the trunk. If you are into gadgetry, you'll also love the fold out rear spoiler, which is now wider for improved downforce and stability.

The interior remains plush. Swathed in quality leather with millimetre perfect stitching, it wraps around the cabin and occupants in both front and rear bucket style seats, offering cossetting comfort and lateral support. Sporty design



elements adapted from the smaller cars in the range include the aluminium door handles, steering wheel and shift lever, while the raked centre console emphasises the twin tub design of the classic sports car.

The theme continues with the five-dial dashboard—each dial in its

and Porsche Active Suspension Management.

On the road the Panamera Turbo feels extremely well balanced, whether you are cruising at speed or throwing it into the bends in Sport Plus mode with the suspension and steering noticeably stiffened and the engine mapping tweaked.

Noticeable road noise coming through the ample rubber front and rear is a minor foible, and under acceleration the aural excitement doesn't really kick in until around 5000 revs, but when it does you'll certainly know about it.

And there is no doubting the power of the 4.8-litre twin turbo-charged V8 which gives you that reassuring Porsche kick in the back on the upshifts

from 1st to 4th in Sport Plus or paddleshift mode. While transmitting power through the active all-wheel drive system, the 7-speed PDK gearbox can be either slick or brutal depending on your driving style.

Against the competition, you'd have to side with the reliability of the Germans, despite the price tag. There's no doubt you get a lot for your money, but enjoying and keeping your Panamera will also come at a price. Either way, the big Porsche GT is right at the front of the pack. ●

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LUXURY ABOUNDS

own binnacle—with the rev counter taking centre stage. Meanwhile the right-hand dial is a digital screen allowing you to scroll through various functions including the satnav display, lap timer and engine readouts, such as turbo boost and oil pressure and temperature.

But while there is much to reinforce the performance pedigree of the Panamera, there are just as many luxury features, like the ventilated leather seats, 16-speaker 1,000 Watt Burmester surround sound system,

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TECH NEWS

Samsung launches innovative vacuum cleaner in the UAE

Samsung Gulf Electronics has launched the new Motion Sync Vacuum Cleaner F700/800. Featuring a unique swivel design, the main body of the Motion Sync Vacuum is separate from its wheels, allowing a swifter and more agile movement for cleaning homes or offices.

With its Motion Sync Design, the body of the vacuum cleaner can swivel separately from its wheels, which allows more accurate stable motion when trying to reach difficult to reach areas. The Motion Sync Vacuum is constructed of 14 inner chambers that help to create a multi cyclonic airflow, which helps to separate dust particles and debris from the air and tidily collect them in the chambers. This avoids the vacuum's filter from clogging and maintains a powerful suction.



The vacuum cleaner uses far less power than conventional models while also offering greater durability. Its electrical-type operation ensures that it is energy efficient and is able to sustain an output of 750W of power and 261W of suction. The vacuum even allows you to turn it off and on or change the power levels straight from the handle.

Samsung has also included a dust sensor, which signals a red light if it detects a dusty spot. Once the area has been successfully cleaned, the light turns green to show that you can move on. The Motion Sync Vacuum Cleaner is available from select retail outlets for Dh1,849.

Holiday gift guide

Our favourite gift picks from the world of tech.

With the festive season us once again, we take a look at some of the must-have gadgets for tech lovers across the city.

Cameras GoPro Hero3+ Black Edition

This is one for the guys out there; indeed, which self-respecting man wouldn't want to find a GoPro in his Christmas stocking? Not only is it truly slinky among gadgets, the GoPro Hero3+ Black Edition has by far the best picture quality in its category, as well as improved battery life. What's more, the accessory and mounting options keep growing.



Track Santa on the net

On the afternoon of December 24, don't forget to go online and visit the Norad Santa tracking web site at www.noradsanta.org. For most of the year, Norad is an ultra-secret US air defence establishment, but it has traditionally offered intel on Santa's location as he crosses time zones to hand out gifts.

Tablets Apple iPad Mini with Retina Display

Because the new Mini is essentially a shrunk iPad Air, its pixel density is among the highest ever on a tablet. Its dimensions and weight are even more favourable than its already gossamer thin big brother. This is not only the best version of the iPad so far but, thanks to its huge number of app options, it's the best small tablet, by far.



Headphones Sennheiser Momentum

Headphones are back in again, and the fashionistas have finally decided that mid-range proportions and a sophisticated look are much better options than DayGlo colours and enormous cans. By no means cheap, the Sennheiser Momentum ticks all the right boxes with a stainless steel headband and plush, leather-covered earpads. It sounds as good as it looks, with strong levels and great fidelity, decent deep bass and great stereo imaging.

Televisions Panasonic TC-P50ST60 series

Panasonic televisions are usually much better than their catchy names suggest, and the TC-P50ST60 boasts a reasonable price, remarkably good picture quality with exceedingly deep black levels and great detail through shadows. The entry-level model, at 50 inches, has accurate colours and solid bright-room performance for its price point, and features superb off-angle and uniformity characteristics.



Phone accessories Pebble Watch

This year was the year of 'wearables', and the Pebble Watch was where it all started. Designed to connect to your smartphone, the Pebble has multiple watch faces and downloadable apps. It's also water-resistant and has good basic connectivity options.

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Party planning

Organising a house party can be the perfect way to have fun on a budget while spreading good cheer with friends.

Life isn't cheap, and for most of us, we have to work really hard to make our budgets last all month. At the back of our minds, when it comes to making any social decisions, is cost: can we afford to splurge on a night out, is there enough on the card for something new to wear for a big occasion and a hundred other questions go through the mind.

And now, given the time of the year, things can be even tougher. With all the presents and social events that take place at the end of December and early January, it is very difficult to avoid the temptation

to spend far more than we can afford, leaving us to face the consequences in the traditionally dour February.

But there are many plus sides to December, not least the weather. Regardless of if you have a garden, a balcony or just an open window, the light is bright but not overpowering, and the heat of the day subsides to something extremely manageable. What's more, it's a shame to waste those cool evenings and nights when they are perfect for socialising.

A house party, therefore, is the answer to bring all your friends together for a social occasion while also being the master of what you spend.

Organising a party can be daunt-

ing, though, on the face of it, and one of the first things that springs to mind when considering organising a gathering is how much is the whole thing going to cost.

But a party doesn't need to be like something out of Beverly Hills: it all boils down to how you appreciate the simpler

GOOD TIMES BEING AT HOME



things in life and paying attention to the small details. If you consider some of the best parties you've attended, we're sure that the elements that made them great had very little to do with how much they cost to be staged. It is therefore important to recognise that the subtle things are what's needed for a good time.

What's more, as the organiser, you have complete control of the direction—and the expense—of the event, so it is entirely up to you how much, or how little, you spend on having your friends around and having a good time.

The first thing to consider is what makes a great party. Regardless of if it is your son's fourth birthday party or a say-goodbye-to-2013 affair, a fantastic party will always have three key elements to it. These are: good people, fun things to do and good food to enjoy.

It is entirely up to you how many good people you know, but it's easier than ever today to get them to your

party by putting the message across on social networks and then gently reminding people to show up. When attending a party, one of the biggest gambles we take is knowing if anyone good will be there. But through a Facebook page for your party, you can let people know exactly who to expect.

So you have a good attendance and some of the leading lights are working the floor, making sure guests are having a great time. What else do you need to do? Well, you can look at fun things to do in addition to conversation and music. After all, some people are overawed by having to break the ice with strangers and might prefer some group activities to draw them in.

This also works well if you feel a party is dying and you need to inject some life back into the gathering—even the most well intentioned parties have the risk of fizzling out. If this happens, you can rely on a few simple ideas.

Parlour games are fun, so it's worth planning in advance the activities that might take place. You could even create a buzz about it through your Facebook party page by suggesting the games and seeing what sort of reaction you get.

It's always worth having small prizes too, though these shouldn't cost the earth. Sweets, for example, work perfectly if you take out a book of general knowledge questions. We are all kids at heart.

Even natural social graces work well as fun stuff to do. If you are especially good at networking, you will also be good at introducing people to other guests and that can really spark things off.

And then there is the food. Sure, go ahead and make something yourself, but also post food suggestions onto your party's Facebook page, so your guests will be on their A-game to bring something yummy. After all, people do like to use conversations about what they have cooked to break the ice with the other guests present. ●

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The new leader evolves

The new school for leadership success and how styles are evolving as employee motivations change.

DEFINING TRUE LEADERSHIP

Great leaders understand the fact that employees' careers play an increasingly significant role in their self-fulfillment and self-expression. Leadership styles have evolved over time, with a clear shift from the bureaucratic and directive leadership style of the 20th century to a more autonomous approach. Lines are becoming more and more blurred between personal and professional goals. The new leadership paradigm works through emotions. When leaders drive emotions positively, they

“When leaders drive emotions positively, they bring out everyone's best.”

bring out everyone's best. The truth of the matter is that many businesses to this day still struggle with defining leadership at every level. Far too many people in managerial positions remain unwilling or unable to make the changes necessary to create a healthy, thriving enterprise capable of enduring. It is time for change; Akhtaboot presents the traits of successful leaders of today so that an organisation can position itself favourably for future success.

THEY INVEST IN THEIR PEOPLE

Many organisations hold back on training and development programmes as they fear people might leave after they've heavily invested in them. This might happen, there's no doubt about it. However, one of the main reasons why many people leave organisations is that they don't feel



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valued by their employers. Successful leaders don't just mouth empty phrases like 'people are our greatest assets', they demonstrate that by unlocking the untapped potential of their employees. They understand that by doing that they will gain an edge in recruiting and retaining top talent.

THEY FREE PEOPLE FROM BOXES

Micromanagement is the paradigm of old, obsolete leadership style. The new paradigm frees people from boxes. It's all about helping people reach places they didn't know they could go. They understand that if they try to control everything employees do, they will end up feeling patronised and will begin to resent their jobs. The new leader will need to balance the roles of boss, mediator and mentor, allowing teams more freedom and autonomy while keeping them focused on objectives.

THEY PRACTISE TRANSPARENCY

The easiest way to build trust with your employees is to be clear about what you are and aren't doing. Transparent leadership is a way of thinking and behaving everyday with every action, reaction and transaction. For transparent leadership to be effective, leaders must be humble, open, honest and straightforward. Transparent leadership is about engaging the passion of your employees and allowing them to generate ideas to help your business thrive. This also means that you should always give credit where and when it is due.

BETTER COMMUNICATION LEADS TO BETTER RESULTS

For leaders to succeed in today's business world they need to be great communicators. This is especially true when it comes to communicating performance expectations. They shouldn't assume that everyone





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knows as much about the subject as they do; instead, they need to take the time to listen, explain and give a brief background on the subject at hand. Great leaders create an open environment that allows everyone to share their candid opinions freely. They show compassion and humility to make people feel heard. This doesn't mean that employees will like everything you have to say, but they will respect you and perform when you communicate early and often. By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com).



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Joyalukkas unveils year-end promotion

Joyalukkas has launched its 'Season of Giving' promotion to commemorate the year-end festive period. The promotion is available at all Joyalukkas showrooms in the region.



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John Paul Joy Alukkas, Executive Director, Joyalukkas Group, said: "The year-end celebrations have begun and under our 'Season of Giving' campaign we are offering two exclusive jewellery sets for very special prices. Other than this we have also sourced a host of exciting collections and designs to make the celebration period special."

Star style

Hollywood actress **Amy Adams** made sure all eyes were on the red carpet.

Get her look:
Amy Adams

Monochrome madness

At a recent premiere, Amy donned a David Koma Spring 2014 dress with a sheer, slim midi-skirt and black and white bodice. She paired this with bold, Christian Louboutin Body Strass pumps and Neil Lane jewellery. A Ferragamo bag and poker straight hair pulled the look together nicely. We love Dorothy Perkins monochrome party dress. The embellished detail adds just the right amount of sparkle for the festive season.



DOROTHY PERKINS

WALLIS

Sheer Lace

Amy Adams looked stunning at the New York screening of *American Hustle*. The actress dazzled in a peek-a-boo, black lace Elie Saab gown. The delicate design featured sheer panelling all the way down to the floor. The high neckline was balanced by a revealing open back. The 39-year-old looked radiant as her porcelain skin complimented the dark gown. She kept her accessories simple opting for two bejewelled bangles and chic stud earrings. The actress kept her red hair swept back in an Alice band. Opt for a full-length black dress with lace detailing and caged black laced heels to steal Amy's style on a budget.



MISS SELFDRIDGE

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Gorgeous in grape

Amy kept it minimalistic on the red carpet in a Vivienne Westwood column gown. The bustier bodice accentuated the stars curves perfectly. She paired the dress with an Edie Parker clutch and Irene Neuwirth diamond earrings. For a more glamorous occasion this purple gown from Isme.com is ideal. Pop on a pair of statement sandals and don a chic clutch bag and you're ready to shine like Amy.



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Securing Mary Poppins

Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson unite in *Saving Mr Banks*, which tells of the lengths Walt Disney had to go to to take the world's favourite nanny to the silver screen.

NEW RELEASE

With four Oscars between just the male and female leads, you can sense that *Saving Mr Banks* will be an important film to which audiences and critics will refer well into the future, especially in America.

That's because the film takes the extraordinary, untold backstory of how one of the country's favourite sons, Walt Disney (played by Tom Hanks) brought one of its most beloved characters, Mary Poppins, to the big screen by securing a deal with author P.L. Travers (brilliantly played by Emma Thompson).

Having promised his daughters that he would one day produce Mary Poppins, it took him 20 years to do so, during which time he came up

against the tough, no-nonsense writer who had no intention of allowing her magical nanny to become part of the Hollywood machinery.

But as Travers' book sales dwindle, she is forced to visit Disney in Los Angeles to discuss plans for a movie over two weeks in 1961—and this period serves as the point of the film.

Disney comes on strong with everything he has, from stunning storyboards and passages of some of the songs that would



THOMPSON AS TRAVERS

be included in the picture. But this does not impress the curmudgeonly Travers, who appears to become less and less favourable towards the endeavour. The more effort he puts in, the more Thompson seems to back away.

But it soon becomes clear that Travers' no-nonsense outlook stems from her difficult relationship with her father, back in her childhood in Australia. And when Disney begins to replace all his corporate talk by reaching into his own childhood to learn the truth about the ghosts that haunt her, the pair ultimately agree to go ahead with the film.

For once this is a movie where even the great Tom Hanks is upstaged, and Thompson steals the show with her testy and sniping portrayal of the author. Elsewhere, some other big names lend a hand, with Colin Farrell, Paul Giamatti and Jason Schwartzman lending a hand in the production.

Although Disney and Travers despised one another, Hanks and Thompson do manage to bring some moments of warmth and even flirtation to their respective roles, and this pushes the story to its conclusion.

But in reality, their shared animosity would continue, with Disney not even inviting Travers to the Mary Poppins Hollywood premiere. ●



SUCCESS AT LAST

Did you know?

Thompson prepared for her role by listening to recordings of Travers that were conducted during the development of *Mary Poppins*. To accurately convey Walt Disney's Midwestern accent, Hanks listened to archive recordings of Disney in his car and practiced the voice while reading newspapers.

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Waar - 21:00, 23:30

Grand Cinemas - Festival City

A Madea Christmas - 10:00, 12:00, 16:00, 20:00, 00:00
The Citizen - 14:00, 18:00, 22:00
Dhoom 3 - 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:15, 14:15, 15:15, 16:30, 17:30, 18:30, 19:45, 20:45, 21:45, 23:00, 01:00, 00:00
Free Birds - 10:30, 12:30, 14:20, 16:10
Frozen - 10:50, 11:50, 13:00, 14:00, 15:10, 16:10, 17:20, 18:20, 19:30, 20:30, 21:40, 22:40, 23:50
The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug - 10:30, 13:30, 16:30, 19:30, 21:30, 22:30, 00:00
Homefront - 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00, 22:00, 00:00
Hours - 10:15, 12:15, 14:15, 16:15, 18:15, 20:15, 22:15, 00:15
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire - 18:10, 21:00, 23:40
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Grand Cinecity - Al Ghurair

Biriyani - 10:00, 15:40, 21:20
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Monkey Pen - 11:30, 14:30, 17:30, 20:40, 23:40

Reel Cinemas - Dubai Mall

A Madea Christmas - 11:35, 13:50, 16:05, 18:20, 20:35, 22:50, 01:05
Blood Of Redemption - 11:20, 13:10, 15:05, 17:00, 18:55, 20:50, 22:45, 00:40
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Frozen (3D) - 09:30, 10:30, 12:00, 13:00, 14:30, 15:45, 17:00, 18:30, 19:30, 20:45, 22:00, 23:00
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With a fusion of African and Asian music, this festival is sure to appeal to a global audience.
Date: December 26 - 27
Time: 4pm
Venue: Meydan Grandstand and Racecourse
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More info: 050 379 2475



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Date: Till December 30
Time: 7pm
Venue: Madinat Theatre
Admission: Stalls Dh170, Balcony Dh150
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Works by contemporary Egyptian artists will be showcased in this art exhibition as part of the Quoz Happens event.
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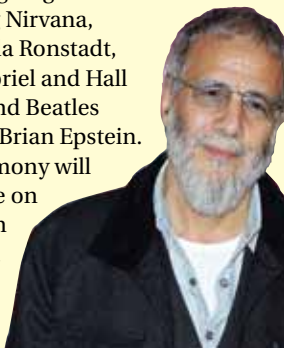
Disney's dream year



Disney has witnessed a stellar 12 months in 2013, and reached a new all-time high at the US box office, breaking its previous record of \$1.5 billion set last year. The company continues to increase on this with *Frozen* and *Thor: The Dark World* still in theatres. Disney and Marvel's *Iron Man 3* is the year's top grossing film.

Cat enters Hall of Fame

Dubai resident Yusuf Islam—formerly known as Cat Stevens—will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next year, alongside other long-neglected icons including Nirvana, Kiss, Linda Ronstadt, Peter Dinklage and Hall & Oats, and Beatles manager Brian Epstein. The ceremony will take place on April 10 in Brooklyn.



Beyoncé breaks album records



STILL RAISING THE BAR

There might still be hope for the album as a viable music medium following the innovative launch of Beyoncé's latest, self-titled recording, which has just broken all records for the iTunes store.

Thanks to music services like Deezer and Spotify, consumers have forsaken albums in return for instant gratification through singles, but Beyoncé, who reminisced about gathering with her family as a girl to listen to the latest Michael Jackson LP, is determined to preserve albums for their context.

Apple said it sold 828,773 downloads of the album worldwide in its first three days, while the US store's sales record was broken with 617,213 copies sold. Last year, Taylor Swift's album *Red* sold 465,000 copies in the US in its first week, the previous iTunes record.

The album was released as a fixed bundle, a new concept for iTunes, and was not backed up by a massive marketing machine. Instead, Sony Music, Beyoncé's label, relied on social media to drive engagement. Earlier this year, her husband, Jay-Z, released his album, *Magna Carta Holy Grail*, through an exclusive deal with Samsung.

Oscar shortlist

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced last week that a total of 289 feature films are eligible for the 2013 Academy Awards—an increase of seven over last year's shortlist.

To be eligible, feature films must open in a commercial motion movie theatre in Los Angeles County by midnight on December 31, and begin a minimum run of seven consecutive days. A feature film is defined by the Academy as a feature-length motion picture that must be a minimum of 40 minutes in running time, and must also be exhibited theatrically on 35mm or 70mm film, or qualifying digital format.

The 86th Academy Awards nominations will be announced on January 16 at the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theatre. The Oscars ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 2 at the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Centre, and televised live on ABC. Comedienne Ellen DeGeneres will return to host the ceremony for the second time, after taking the hot seat in 2007—for which she received a Primetime Emmy nomination for 'Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program'.



Bollywood news

Abhishek stays content

Showbiz son Abhishek Bachchan says he is content to stay in his father's shadow as it would be impossible to reach the heights Amitabh has scaled. Rather, Abhishek aspires to be his own man to achieve his own goals. "I think one must aim for Mars... forget about reaching the Sun," he adds.



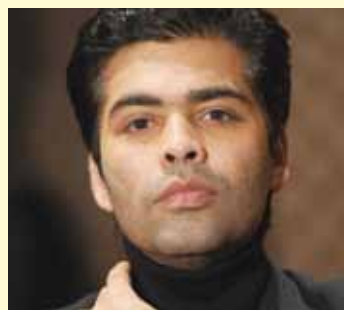
Dutt in trouble?

An investigation is under way at Yerawada prison in Pune to assess if incarcerated actor Sanjay Dutt is being given contraband by officers there. Senior BJP leader Vinod Tawale made the allegations against the actor, jailed for possessing illegal firearms during the 1993 Mumbai attacks.



Johar, Shetty team up

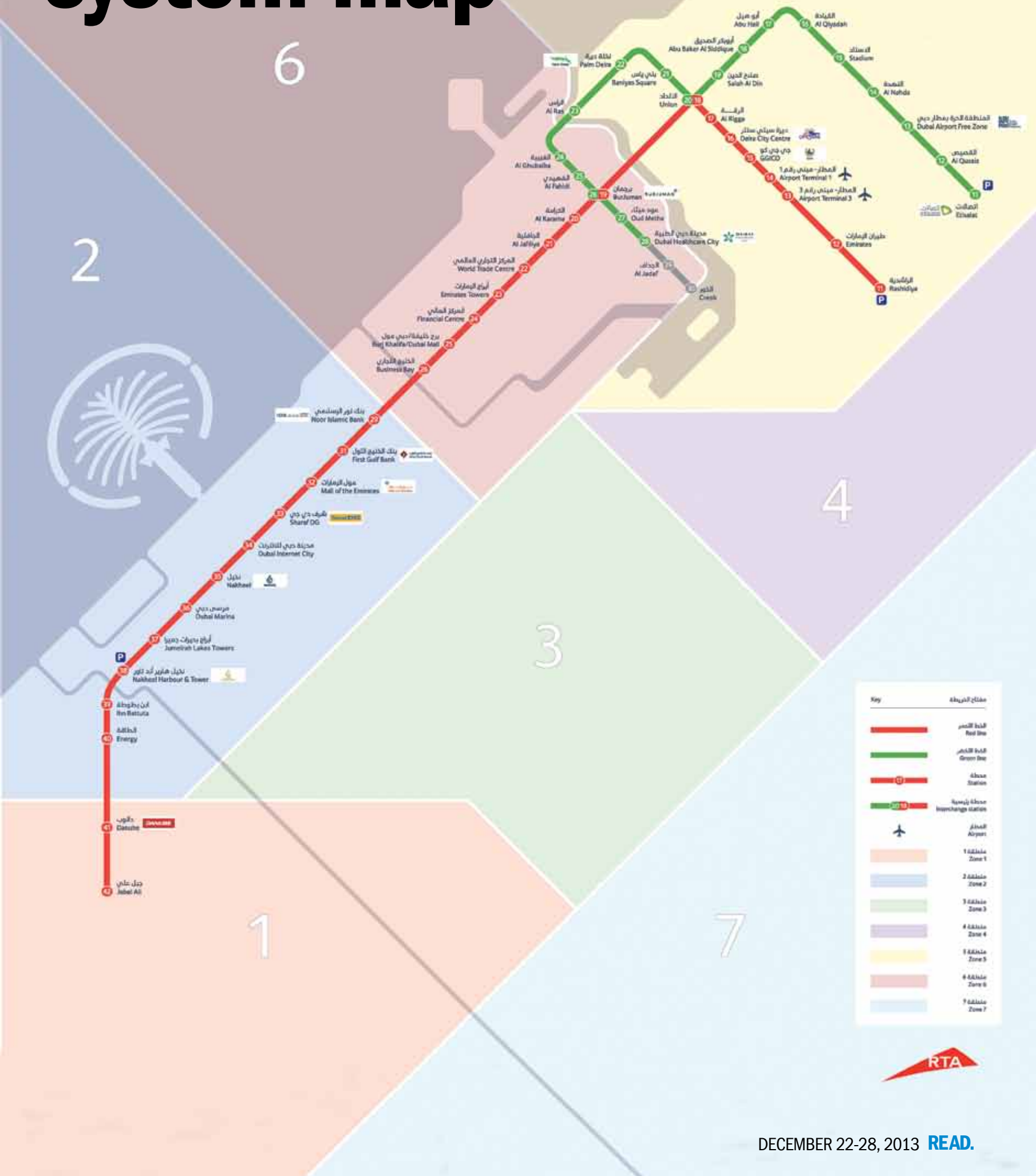
Karan Johar will sit in the producer's chair for his next film, which will be directed by Rohit Shetty, who is currently at work on *Singham 2*. There have been widespread suggestions in Bollywood circles that Salman Khan will feature in the film, although the filmmakers are yet to enter talks with potential talent.



Khoobsurat gets Khan

Sonam Kapoor has learnt that her leading man in *Khoobsurat*, which is currently in production in Bikaner, will be Pakistani actor Fawad Afzal Khan. The picture, directed by Shashanka Ghosh is the remake of a 1980 classic. Soon after joining Sonam, Fawad wrote, "Enjoying on the sets of #Khoobsurat."

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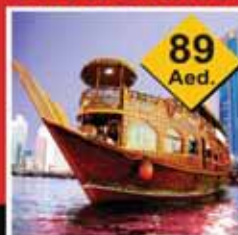
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RTA staff train for 7-star service

Burj Al Arab conducts intensive training programme in world class customer service standards for RTA members.



RTA STAFF WHO TOOK PART IN THE CUSTOMER FOCUS COURSE

WORLD CLASS SERVICE

The Customer Service Department, Corporate Administrative Support Services Sector, Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), recently conducted a training course comprising two workshops in cooperation with Burj Al Arab. Forty two employees of the RTA's customer service centres, call centre, and customer care section attended the course, entitled 'The Vision of Dubai Ruler for 7-Star Service'.

Ahmed Mabooob, Director of the RTA Customer Service Department, said: "The course was held in keeping with the vision of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and aimed at coordinating the efforts of Dubai Government entities to deliver diverse service offerings to the public and customers on the same lines adopted by international hotels. The RTA therefore opted to start with a visit to Burj Al Arab to have a detailed understanding of the highest stand-

ards of customer service, considering it [Burj Al Arab] is an iconic global tourist destination.

"In a meeting with Adham Al Ali, Protocols Manager, Burj Al Arab, it was agreed to hold a training course by Burj Al Arab for the RTA's front-end employees in a bid to realise the ultimate goal of delivering 7-star service calibre service to customers. Two training workshops were conducted by Dina El Ashmawy, Learning and Development Manager, Burj Al Arab. The first workshop, which was held in August, was attended by 17 RTA employees, and the other one, which was held in October, was attended by 25 RTA employees, covering various skills and the etiquette of proper communication with others.

"The training workshops programme included a host of skills and techniques that empower employees to acquire the proper tools for learning the skill of communicating and delivering services to external customers through a broad spectrum of distinctive educational activities and group training sessions. The agenda

"The training workshops programme included a host of skills and techniques that empower employees."

also touched on proper illustrative layouts, carrying out roles and tasks, and performing diverse presentations that helped the RTA employees to hone their different skills and knowledge," added Mabooob.

He continued and explained: "The course was highly beneficial to the RTA employees in terms of educating them on reading body language and voice tones of customers, gaining exposure to a variety of solutions to customer problems, elucidating the principles of customer service, receiving and greeting of customers, and various techniques of adding a personal touch to the customer-employee interaction.

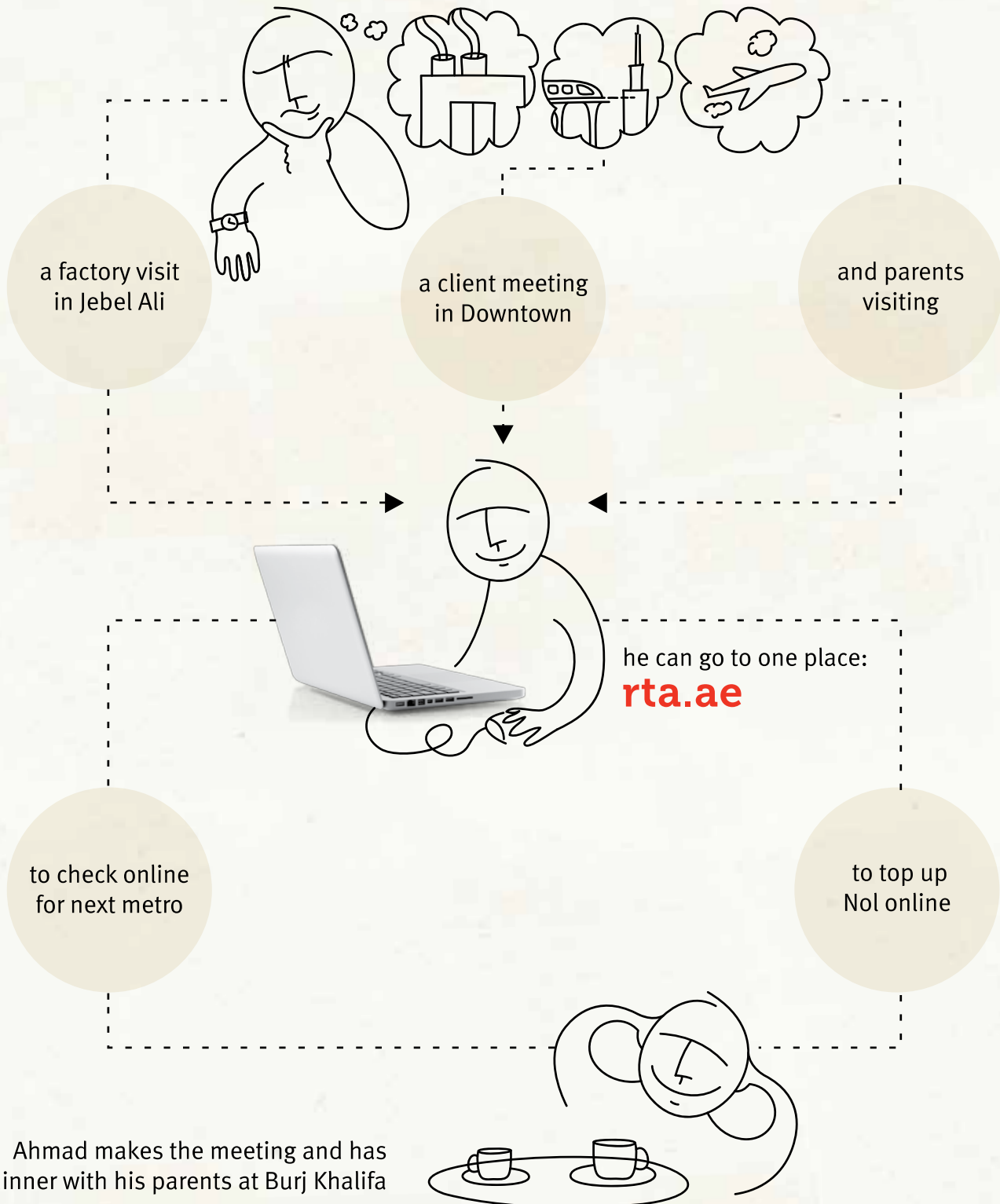
"The RTA is continuously seeking to adopt the best plans and initiatives

capable of contribution to a better customer service compatible with the vision of Dubai Government at world-class standards," he added.

Kate Brear, Learning and Development Manager, Burj Al Arab, commended the cooperation with the RTA towards realising the vision of the UAE supreme leadership in providing 7-star service. "We were therefore keen on holding a customised training course encompassing all learning mechanisms, tools and activities about how to deliver the service in a way compatible with specific directives of adopting knowledge, skills and tools necessary for achieving the objective," Brear noted.

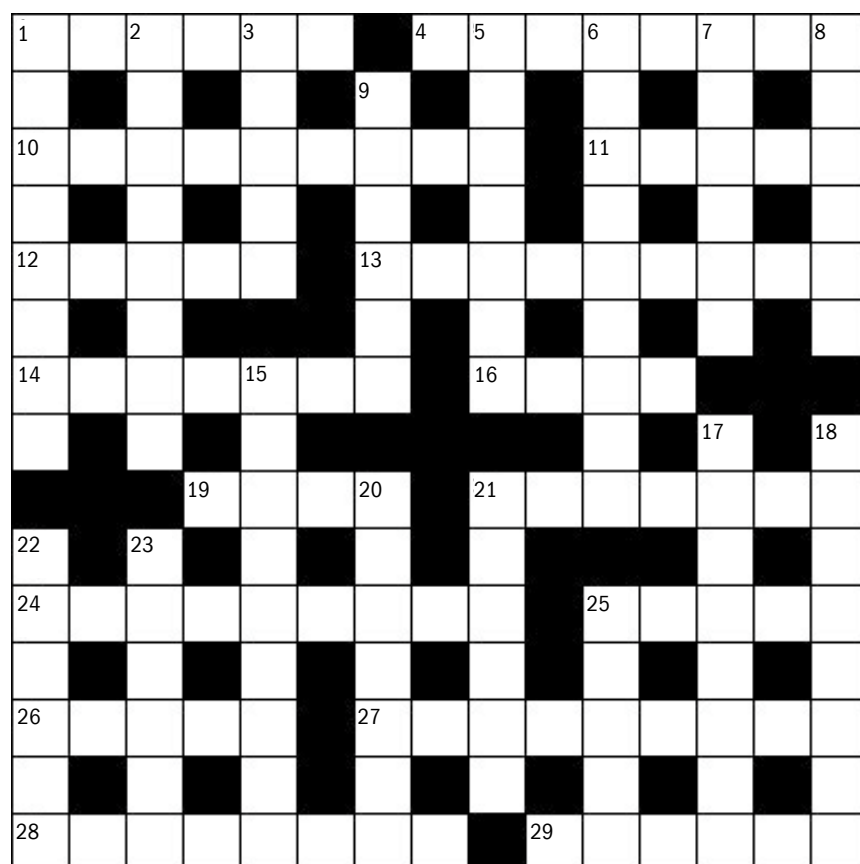
Heinrich Morio, General Manager of Burj Al Arab, said: "The course offered exposure for RTA participants who engaged in diverse sessions and activities, assumed certain roles, and made presentations. They also learned how to properly greet and interact with customers, learn about body language and sound tones in order to pass on their knowledge and skills to others in the team." ●

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



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Crossword

Across

1 Desires (6) 4 Surrender the throne (8) 10 Accomplished (9) 11 Muse of lyric poetry (5) 12 Vassal (5) 13 Rigidity (9) 14 Pins (7) 16 Large amounts (slang) (4) 19 Look amorously (4) 21 A writer of laments (7) 24 A young woman making her social debut (9) 25 Speak at great length (5) 26 Not tight (5) 27 Type of country music (9) 28 Raises in a relief (8) 29 Relax (6)

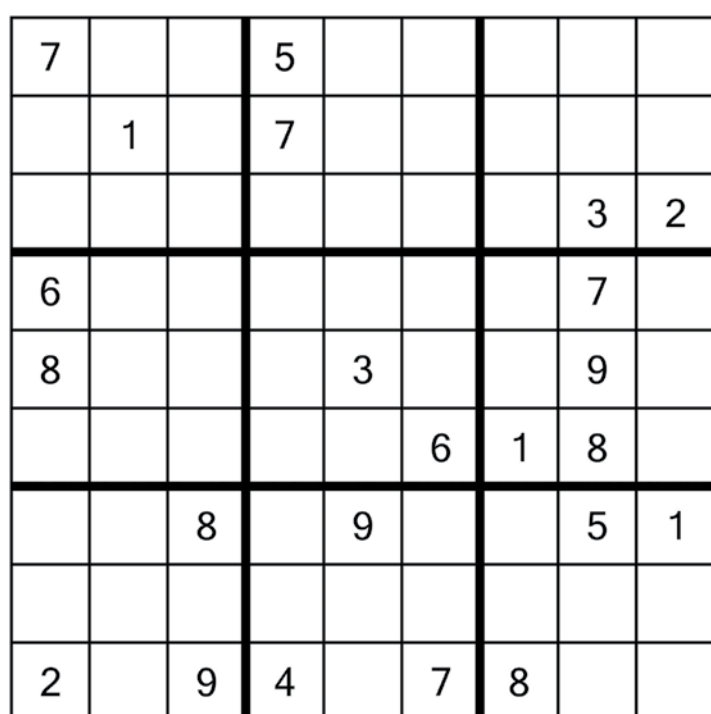
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1 Talking through one's hat (8) 2 Brazed (8) 3 Superior class (5) 5 An authoritative instruction (7) 6 Defying expression (9) 7 Arouse (6) 8 Self-centeredness (6) 9 Explosions (6) 15 Not heaviness (9) 17 Gilbert Islands (8) 18 Used (8) 20 Give a title to someone (7) 21 A good look (6) 22 Breed of penguin (6) 23 Soak up (6) 25 Wife of Loki (Norse mythology) (5)

ANSWERS



Sudoku



ANSWERS

SUDOKU

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Recipe

Jerk chicken, rice and peas

Don't be confused by the name, peas means beans.

Ingredients

For the chicken:

Vegetable oil
12 chicken legs
200g jerk seasoning

For the rice and peas:

50ml vegetable oil
1 chopped onion
300g long grain rice
400ml water
400ml coconut milk
400g tin kidney beans
3 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
Salt and ground black pepper
Fresh coriander leaves, to serve

Serves
6

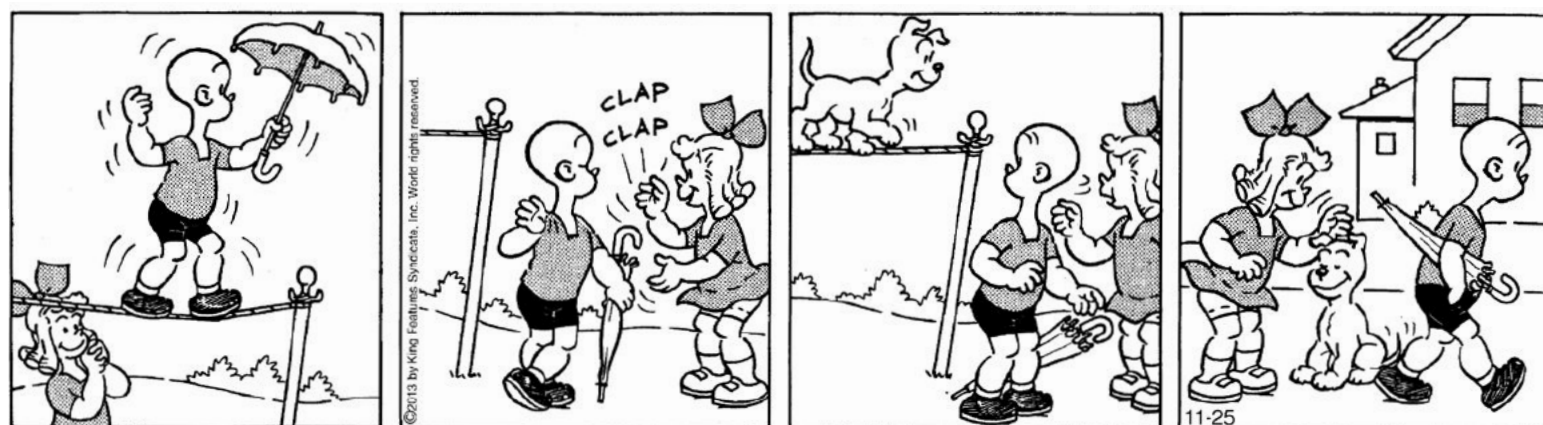


Method

1. Place enough vegetable oil for deep frying into a saucepan and heat. Hot oil can be dangerous, so do not leave unattended.
2. Put the chicken legs in a bowl and coat with the jerk seasoning. Deep fry the chicken legs for about 12 minutes, until golden-brown and cooked through. Remove from the pan and drain on kitchen paper.

3. To make the rice and peas, heat 50ml vegetable oil in a large lidded pan and fry the onion until softened.
4. Add the rice and stir well, then add the water and bring to the boil.
5. Pour in the coconut milk, kidney beans and thyme, then reduce the heat and leave to simmer until the rice is cooked. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
6. To serve, sprinkle with fresh coriander and add a little fresh veg.

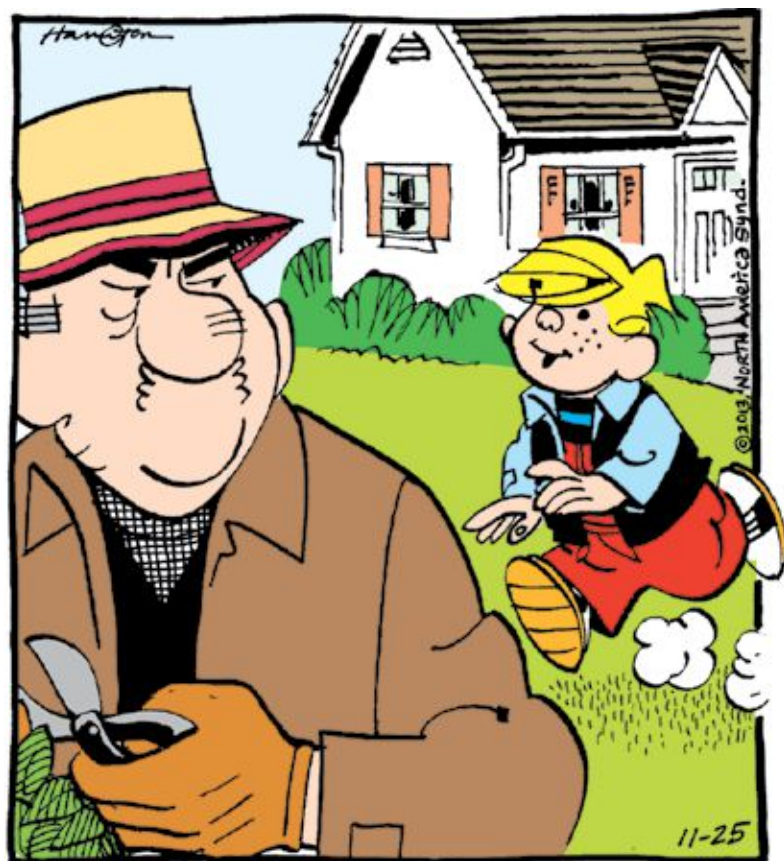
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Dennis the menace



"MY MOM SAID I NEEDED TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE...SO, HERE I AM!"

Spot the 10 differences



What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

If your boss is making one too many demands at the moment, speaking up now will prevent more hassle in future. It may be awkward to bring up the subject, but if you let him or her think it's not an issue the work will only continue piling up.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

Now is not the time to exercise your stubborn side, Taurus. Being too headstrong will only cause a conflict so try to listen to the other side of the argument and take someone's comments on board. You may even find it helpful and constructive.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

There may be a figure of authority in your working life that wants to develop the relationship into a friendship. Tread carefully before allowing them into your close circle – getting too friendly could cause a major hiccup further along the road.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

If life seems as though it's become a little bland recently, maybe it's time to spice things up a bit? There may be a change of image you've had in mind for some time or a new educational direction you've wanted to follow – perhaps now is the perfect time?



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

There is some good news headed your way from overseas, which sees your year end on a high note. It does, however, bring up some logistical difficulties. Try to plan as far in advance as you possibly can to avoid disappointment.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

The end of another year may have you questioning where you are in life and if it's where you thought you would be at this point. If not, only you are capable of changing this. Maybe 2014 should be the year you finally go out and get what you want?



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

Make the most of some valuable family time over the next week. Before you know it, people will start heading off in different directions and it could be a long time before you are all reunited. Why not arrange a long overdue family photograph?



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

Envy of a friend will only make you start to feel worse about your current work situation. While their job may seem great, chances are it has its own stresses. Instead of being jealous, why not try following his or her example in your own career?



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

A recurring dream may have got you thinking about an old friend or a place where you used to live. While you may think this means you long for the 'good old days' it could be a sign that, right now, you are actually quite comfortable in life.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Commitments to family occasions may start to demand a lot more time than you had thought. Unfortunately, you have made so many promises that you may have to start letting people down. Explain the reason clearly and they will understand.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

Stop ignoring a nagging pain – it's a sign that something else needs looking at before it becomes a bigger problem. Don't panic as this is likely to just be stress related, but perhaps it's time to ease your workload a little and start taking time out for yourself again?



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Take extra care over an important document this week, rushing it may mean you miss out on a vital detail. If it really is a concern, ask someone with more experience to look it over. A small investment now could save you much more in the long run.



This week's local weather

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LOW 23C
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MON

23rd

WARM
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HUMIDITY 33%

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