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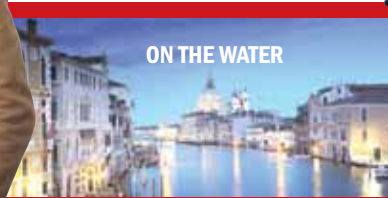
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Letters

Email: letters@readme.ae

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

✉ KEEP IT CLEAN

At the cycle stands outside metro stations, people are using bicycle baskets to discard used teacups and water bottles. Is this right? Big dustbins are also present on the opposite side of this cycle stand. We are living in a wonderful city, but these kinds of people spoil the city atmosphere. They should think before they throw their garbage. Please try to keep the city clean.

Albert Leo

✉ CLEAR SIGNALS

Not a day passes by when I'm riding the train that I don't hear the train conductors yelling that it's a cabin for women and children only. If only they could put bigger and more noticeable signs for the women and children only cabin. I don't think that the train conduc-

tors need to waste their energy yelling, especially as most of those who make this mistake are tourists who are unaware of the special privileges that this country provides for women and children.

Sigrid Ruth Magno



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Coming up this week



TODAY

For those of us who use Facebook as a way to keep in touch with friends, what was once a newsfeed filled with funny photos and status updates is gradually becoming a political and social commentary. But not all the shock stories you see being shared are necessarily true. From whaling outrage to giant snakes, or even Fury at Facebook online casino itself for introducing user charges, take a look at some of the stories that were perhaps shared a little too quickly.



MONDAY

Some of the biggest celebrities around today share one thing in common. From pop stars to movie heartthrobs, The Mickey Mouse Club launched a host of famous faces. Meet some of the biggest former 'Mouseketeers'.



TUESDAY

To some people it may seem like a little green shot of yuckiness, but the positive effects of wheatgrass have been recognised by many for decades. Exactly what benefits can a daily dose of this power juice provide?



WEDNESDAY

One of the most iconic motorbikes ever, bike enthusiasts still hold the Harley Davidson in high regard. From its recognisable growl to its tough looks, why is the Harley such an icon?



THURSDAY

With Valentine's Day tomorrow, love is in the air. Whether you're married or still waiting for the one, take a look at how February 14th came to symbolise love between families everywhere.

Facebook chatter

Here's what you have been saying on the *Read*. Facebook page.

(Responses only edited for length)

How do you cope with homesickness when it strikes?

I wish everyone can fly like a superman, while they can fly back to their home for free anytime, meet their loved ones and come back. I know I am crazy, just an imagination! Dreaming about the loved ones back home make me feel better.

— Ahmed Ahmed

Keeping myself busy, chit chatting with friends or a cup of tea with chocolate.

— Neno Naz

In my experience having a lot of

good friends really helps in coping with homesickness.

— Arman Hossen

Being away from home is not always the most wonderful experience in the world. Keeping in touch is what I do to nurse my homesickness or whenever I feel nostalgic. Doing so



KEEP IN TOUCH

makes me feel grounded and less lonely. It makes me feel better after hearing some soothing words!

— June Reynan Lariba Macario

If a fire broke out in your home, what would be the one personal item you would save and why?

My phone, so that at least I can later call for help.

— Fouad Shahid

My degrees and educational certificates. But to be honest once I had experienced this and I was too panic to grab anything. I could hardly find slippers though which were lying just in front of me. Imagination is different from reality.

— Huma Adnan

First I would save my passport as it is one of the most important document needed, other valuables have



no value they can be purchased easily by paying, but this document is the necessity and difficult to get if damage or lost even by paying we have run here and there to obtain another one.

— Azmat Lodhi

The photo album, because it's memories can't be replaced.

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In a spin

What causes vertigo, and how can it be treated?

All of a sudden, the environment around you starts spinning, causing an unpleasant disturbance of spatial orientation, blurred vision and even panic attacks in some cases.

If this happens, you are experiencing vertigo, which consists of a variety of clinical syndromes that are surprisingly easy to diagnose and can, in most cases, be treated quickly and effectively.

Head movements, lying down or turning in bed, getting up or bending down can all provoke vertigo, which is often accompanied by nausea, tinnitus, headache, double vision, and light and noise sensitiveness. But most questions should be answered immediately after a visit to the doctor, says Detlef Koempf, a neurological professor.

"Thorough neurological and neuro-ophthalmological evaluation are essential for identifying the specific pathology behind the patients' complaints. In most cases the origin of the different symptoms can be diagnosed fast and easily, and treatment is possible," Koempf says.

"Vertigo and dizziness are among the most frequent and also, at times, the most vexing, pre-

DEALING WITH DIZZY SPELLS

Did you know?

The main character in the Alfred Hitchcock film *Vertigo*, played by James Stewart, is a cop forced into early retirement after an incident in the line of duty caused him to develop vertigo. The movie is considered to be among the best ever made, and many critics suggest it is the best film never to have won an Oscar.

sented chief complaints not just in neurology. The prevalence of vertigo over all ages lies at around 17 per cent, though this figure rises to 39 per cent in those over 80."

Vertigo is experienced in the brain, and with dizziness, it is the outcome of many pathological or physiological processes. It can be a symptom of a benign disease, which can be easily treated, but can also present as a first symptom of an underlying severe cerebrovascular disorder. Since vertigo is often accompanied by strong fears, psychology may play an important role.

“Such short-lasting spells of intense vertigo are triggered by fast head movements, particularly while turning in bed or getting up quickly.”

"In order to understand the variety of symptoms offered by a dizzy patient, one must have a basic sense of the anatomy and physiology of the central nervous and vestibular system," continues Koempf.

He explains: "Even today, with modern technology like neuroimaging and molecular diagnostics, simple clinical examination remains the mainstay of vertigo diagnosis and management." This involves a number of clinical departments, including ENT, ophthalmology, neuroradiology, internal medicine and orthopaedics, working together.

Specific types of vertigo and the duration of the attack quite often give important hints to finding out the cause.

The most frequent form is the benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV)—principally a harmless disease, although one that is quite often

not recognised by doctors. BPPV is caused by a tiny, free-floating clot in one of the canals of the inner ear on one side, sending false signals to the brain.

Such short-lasting spells of intense vertigo are triggered by fast head movements, particularly while turning in bed or getting up quickly. Treatment simply involves removing the debris from the ear canal, leaving the symptoms to subside. Medication can also alleviate severe symptoms significantly, so, with this in mind, try not to get into a spin the next time you feel a little wobbly. ●



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TRAVEL NEWS

Burj Al Arab gets premier award for sustainability

Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai has been awarded the international Green Globe Certification (GGC) following a comprehensive sustainability audit conducted by the Dubai-based consultancy Farnek.



"We are delighted to receive this prestigious recognition that reinforces our commitment to sustainable practices," said Heinrich Morio, General Manager at Burj Al Arab. "The certificate is a testament to Burj Al Arab's dedication to ensuring that green policies are at the heart of our business and that they are an essential part of our long-term business strategy."

For the operational audit, the hotel stood out in the areas of water usage reduction, grey water recycling and energy output management by regulating its carbon footprint.

The hotel's environmental initiatives have also been praised including the Dubai turtle rehabilitation project. Through the initiative, hundreds of sea turtles have been returned into the wild, many of them fitted with satellite tags to allow marine biologists further insight into their migratory patterns.

Apart from the sea turtle rehabilitation programme, the hotel management team has been encouraging colleague participation in community initiatives such as breast cancer awareness, beach clean-ups and mobile phone collection.



Italy's floating city

The majesty of **Venice** is based on a tradition that spans over 1,000 years of art and culture.

Venice is one of the most incredible places in the world. By rights, this city in northeastern Italy, with its islands, canals, bridges and famous lagoon, should not exist. But it doesn't just exist: it thrives.

Celebrated art and architecture, along with a unique layout that sees waters from the Laguna Veneta lapping doorsteps and towpaths, give Venice much of its charm, as if it were in some kind of time warp.

From the ninth to the 12th century, Venice developed into a city state to become a flourishing trade centre that linked western Europe with the rest of the continent, and the power it acquired provided a foundation of wealth that paid for the glory of the Grand Canal and vast marble buildings along its banks.

Venice also has the world's biggest number of artistic masterpieces per square kilometre, and the tradition that has seen Venetians treasure beauty continues today, with artisans flocking to the 118 islands that form its archipelago.

From glass blowers to stone masons, shoe makers to baroque musicians, modern Venice is still steeped in the arts, even if the word 'modern' is only a relative term here.

Arriving at Marco Polo Airport on the mainland, the first sight visitors will see is of a bustling town full of scooters and small cars. From here, you can take a waterbus to Venice's historic heart in just 30 minutes.

Once there, you must travel on foot as the city has never been home to any form of motor vehicles, other than those that ply the lagoon and its canals. The Rialto islands—the central part of Venice—are small enough to walk from one end to the other in about an hour, although the frequent pastime of getting lost is all part of the fun.

The vast Saint Mark's Square is the centrepiece of the city. Although it can get extremely crowded, it should be part of any tourist's agenda, before moving off to the celebrated 500-year-old Doge's Palace for a tour.

Shoppers should not miss Rialto Bridge and the Rialto market. The bridge has become one of Venice's most recognisable icons, with a history that spans over 800 years.

The city is also notable for its museums and galleries—and especially the Galleria dell'Accademia di Venezia, which is among Italy's best.

But those who prefer to soak up the atmosphere outside can take in a living history lesson simply by spending hours wandering through the pedestrian streets and canalsides of this remarkable city. ●

Float away

The famed gondolas are today little more than tourist services and can be expensive. As a result of 900 years of tradition, all gondoliers must be male and most are born locals. It is possible to row yourself down the canals by contacting one of the city's many rowing clubs.



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NEWS ON WHEELS

Lexus IS project enters partnership with local talent

Al Futtaim Motors – Lexus, the exclusive distributor for Lexus in the UAE, recently entered a partnership with three UAE-based talented personalities as part of its launch campaign of the new generation Lexus IS.

Emirati fashion blogger Nadya Hassan, together with both Mo Abedin, an Emirati designer and Shefan Lantra, from Sri Lanka – aka DJ Mr Shef Codes – complete the artistic puzzle of fashion, design and music in the IS creative palette. The Lexus IS campaign was created locally, to support global initiatives introduced by Lexus to demonstrate the brand's new look and direction.



As part of those initiatives, Dubai was selected together with Tokyo and New York to be the home of 'Intersect by Lexus', a unique space where people can experience the brand without getting behind a steering wheel.

From the design perspective, Lexus launched 'Lexus Design Amazing' exhibition that was held during Milan Design Week at the iconic Museo della Permanente arts museum, where the brand showcased the 12 winners out of a total 1,243 submissions to its first global modern design competition.

Another Lexus initiative focusing on emotional engagement was Lexus Global Film Series 'Life is Amazing', which was launched at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival.

The Lexus IS campaign culminated with an online competition in the brand's bid to identify UAE trendsetters across the design, music and fashion sectors with the goal to sponsor their quest to help them pursue their passion. The IS Passion pioneers are seen with Saud Abbasi, General Manager of Al Futtaim Motors – Lexus.

Four-door fantasy



AN EXQUISITE INTERIOR

its additional length well. Yes, it's heavier, but that only really shows when you really push things, which probably isn't what you'd use this car for.

The silky, smooth V12 sounds—like all Astons—glorious. You need to get it up to around 3,000rpm before it starts to wail, so around town it's not too attention seeking. However, when you shoot past other traffic to overtake, the sudden roar is as shocking as it is pleasing.

The Rapide S fills the gap in the market for the buyer who wants an Aston Martin, but who now has a small family and needs a bit of space. In theory this should compromise the car into a boded together halfway house. But the Rapide avoids that. It looks great, aping the styling of its smaller sisters, while still being different.

But importantly it still drives (and sounds) like an Aston. Admittedly, it's a compromise, but not in a bad way. Dynamically the DB9 is better, but if you can only use the car once a month anyway, as you can't take the family out in it with you, then what's the point?

Aston Martin has built a car that allows you to carry on living that Aston life, regardless of the space you need. Father Bond will be pleased. ●

Aston Martin answers every family man's dreams with the four-door Rapide S.

Adding four-doors to a two-door coupé, or even engineering one from scratch is a tricky business. Many manufacturers have tried and often failed to manage the relationship between a coupé and giving people direct access to the back seats. Mercedes' initial CLS looked like a banana and Porsche's Panamera was, until a few tweaks and changes, unbalanced and slightly awkward.

So to see a four-door coupé that looks stunning is a total breath of fresh air. Aston Martin's Rapide S stops you in your tracks. There's a slightly odd angle from the rear three-quarter, but apart from that it's inch perfect, cleverly bringing the timeless looks of the DB9 to a four-door body.

Inside, the fit and finish is exquisite. However, the centre console controls feel dated and aren't very easy to use. The infotainment screen pops up out of the dash top, which looks pretty funky, but is also a little old fashioned.

The seats themselves are a work of art and some of the most comfortable you'll find in a car of this type. Just sitting in the Rapide makes you feel more than a little special.

Rear passengers get a comfortable but tight seat, separated by a large centre console. It's quite odd in the back as it actually feels like you are sitting in the front.

There's even a boot at the back that might carry some luggage, making this car both practical and spacious; not something you would normally associate with an Aston Martin.

The extra space doesn't seem to come at the expense of handling. The Rapide still feels like a proper supercar and hides

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TECH NEWS

Panasonic unveils two new compact digital cameras

Panasonic has launched two new models in the Lumix digital compact camera range – DMC-LZ40 and TZ55. The DMC-LZ40 features a 42x optical zoom lens that is integrated with an optical image stabiliser. The resolution of the CCD has been upgraded to 20-megapixel and the intelligent auto mode offers face detection, optical image stabiliser, intelligent scene selector and intelligent exposure features.



The creative control and creative retouch options are available with 15 different filter effects. In addition, the creative panorama mode that comes with 13 filter effects allows users to be creative. The 3.0-inch 460K-dot LCD assures high visibility in different lighting conditions, making it suitable for both shooting and playing back images. The camera also has the option of high-resolution HD video capture at 720p.

The DMC-TZ55 model is available with 20x optical zoom and a 16-megapixel high sensitivity MOS sensor supporting high picture quality at an advanced processing speed. It enables 1920x1080 full-HD high quality video recording and high speed burst shooting at 10fps.

The camera can be connected to external devices through the Wi-Fi connectivity feature, and the 3.0-inch 460K-dot monitor tilts up by 180 degrees, making it easy to take self-portraits. Creative control, creative retouch and creative panorama features are also integrated in the DMC-TZ55, allowing users to creatively enhance or edit photos through a selection of colour and editing options.

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Going viral

How advertising pranks are gaining public attention.

A crop circle appeared in a Californian barley field in December last year. Nearby farmers were surprised, to say the least, believing that some alien craft had visited and left its print on the land.

It had all the signs of an otherworldly visitation, but was far more intricate than had ever been witnessed before. News stations from Los Angeles to Laos reported on the finding, with so-called experts debating the significance of the number 192, which featured within its circumference. The circles even made appearances on authoritative sources like CNN and Yahoo!.

It wasn't until January, though, that

the smart-phone processor manufacturer NVIDIA stepped forward to reveal the signs of alien visitation had actually been its handiwork. It hadn't been a hoax, they said; it was a viral marketing campaign for its NVIDIA's new Tegra K1 processor that turned out to be incredibly successful.

This is one of many examples of how the world's media today can quickly latch on to a news event and, backed up by online social sites,



Copycat craze?

Ponzi schemes and investment pyramids are early examples of offline viral marketing, whereby early investors enthusiastically invite their friends and colleagues to take part and cash in on the opportunities that have been earning them money so successfully, only for the pyramid to eventually collapse under the weight of those involved in it.

spread the word in next to no time at all. After all, it wasn't long ago when newspapers would print reports of events that had happened two days previously, but had in turn missed late print deadlines.

With TV news stations posting footage online within minutes of broadcast, viewers who in the past would have to wait until the six o'clock news to find out what had been happening in the world can now check their Facebook or Twitter feeds to get an up-to-the-minute perspective on current affairs.

And marketers have done a fantastic job of capitalising on this sense of immediacy by devising viral campaigns that tie into the news, thereby enlisting media sources, unwittingly, to carry their messages.

“Viral marketing describes any strategy that encourages individuals to pass on a marketing message to others, creating the potential for exponential growth in the message's exposure and influence,” wrote Dr Ralph F Wilson, editor of Web Marketing Today. “Like viruses, such strategies take advantage of

rapid multiplication to explode the message to thousands, to millions.”

Such campaigns are still being honed, and a number still miss the mark, or get it wrong

altogether. For instance, to promote a Judd Apatow film, the movie's marketing team posted signs across America proclaiming hatred for a fictitious girl named Sarah Marshall. Unfortunately, a number of real-life Sarah Marshalls came out to voice their complaints. ●

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Home and away

Settling into a new city can always be challenging. Follow our top tips on how to adjust to life in Dubai.

Moving house is perhaps one of the most stressful things we can do, so it's not surprising that many people find relocating to a new city, or even a new country, a little nerve-racking. From the language barrier and dealing with new customs to living in new surroundings, it can be overwhelming to say the least. Luckily, there are many ways to fit in and feel settled in your new home.



Stay in touch with family

The first few weeks of living in a new country can be lonely, especially if you have made the big move alone. It's important to stay in touch with your family and friends abroad for moral support. Use social media such as Facebook and Skype to communicate with your relatives on a regular basis to avoid feeling homesick.

Learn the language

While many people speak English in Dubai, it's a good idea to learn the local language whether by taking lessons or learning at home or online. Chatting with neighbours, staff in restaurants and malls will not only help you improve your language skills but it will also help you to overcome cultural differences. Clinging to your native language alone may prevent you from truly interacting in your new community.



Meet friends of friends



If you already have a friend in the city or have a connection with a friend of a friend, arrange to meet up. Chances are that if your friend likes the person in question then you most likely will too. Take advantage of

the connection and accept any invitations to dinner or outings. You may meet other friends through this person and soon you will find yourself among a group of people who have similar interests like you. It's important to make an effort and get out and about; you won't meet anyone sitting at home watching box sets of *Homeland* or *Game of Thrones*. Interacting in public areas can bring surprising results. Take advantage of the free Wi-Fi in coffee shops to hang out or read a book—you never know when someone might strike up a conversation.

Remember to have fun

It's important to relax and enjoy the experience of being in a new country and starting a new life in a new home. There are lots of things to do in Dubai to suit people of all ages so start exploring. If you moved here to work, don't let it take up all your time. When you have a day off or the chance to do something fun, take it. Have a life outside of work; get out and experience your new surroundings. Go to a concert, check out the beaches or enjoy the thriving nightlife. Don't get bogged down in your old routine from home, spice things up a bit. Make friends with locals, try a new cuisine or explore the area on foot.



Take up a new hobby

Try some local groups that match your interests or sign up for something completely new. This is a great way to meet new people who share your hobbies while indulging in your favourite activity. Meetup.com features many local groups in Dubai who share similar interests, from groups that enjoy salsa dancing to just people that live in the same area. This will allow you to meet like-minded people who are most likely in the same boat as you, so they will also probably be glad of the company. Alternatively, join a sports team, drama group or book club to meet people of interest to you.



Get to know your community

Once you have found somewhere to live and actually moved in, you can start scouting the neighbourhood. Find the nearest grocery store, laundry services, pharmacy and coffee shop so that you will know where everything is when necessary. This will help if you are feeling a little lost or homesick. If you have communal services such as a gym, swimming pool or movie theatre in your building, strike up a conversation with a neighbour. Fellow expats are often easy to relate to and they probably have the answers you are looking for as they were once in your situation. They can give you advice on the best places to eat, or how to handle tasks such as setting up a bank account, mobile phone and certain legal agreements for renting property or a car. It is also convenient to get to know the public transport systems. Chances are you won't have access to a vehicle if you have just relocated to Dubai, so you will most likely be relying on local transport. The metro is the most efficient and cheapest method of transport and will take you across Dubai to all the important landmarks. The bus services and taxi services are also available at a reasonable price.

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Encouraging ownership

Why getting employees to take ownership of their job role is crucial to any company's long-term success.

LEADERSHIP

Job ownership is an attitude of excellence, achievement and expertise, and having empowered people is crucial to the success of any company. But if you want your employees to live up to their full potential, it's not enough that they do what you tell them to. Ideally, you want the members of your team to see that the goals they are pursuing belong to them. You want them to be fully responsible and accountable for their work. This is what ownership is all about. Owning a task means that regardless of how trivial or mundane the task, the employee will go above and beyond their job description to accomplish it. So how exactly do you encourage employee ownership? Akhtaboot provides a number of tips to help you promote task ownership among your employees.

ENCOURAGE OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION

Organisations that follow the more traditional top-down communication lines make it hard for their employees to speak up. Even when they gather enough guts to give their opinions, they may feel like their input won't be taken into consideration, and after a while you will have silent employees. To encourage ownership, you need to encourage open communication lines. Welcome input, even if you don't like all of it. You won't find the game changers if you don't explore new ideas.

BE TRANSPARENT WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES

Your employees need to understand the vision of your company. It's never enough to ask them to follow you; you need to explain why the goal they've been assigned has value or how it fits into the bigger picture. No one ever really commits to a goal if they don't see why it's desirable for them to do it in the first place. It's your job as a leader to nurture the attitude of job ownership by validating it in writing and explaining what is it and how to do it while detailing the benefits. Don't assume the 'why' is as obvious to your team as it is to you. You need to effectively communicate it as an expectation to the current team and to potential hires.

EVEN GREAT EMPLOYEES MAKE MISTAKES

While mistakes allow individuals to learn and grow, they can also be very costly to any company. That's why many leaders hesitate to give their em-

ployees the autonomy to do certain tasks. What leaders need to understand is that mistakes are not failures, they are simply the process of eliminating ways that won't work in order to come closer to the ways that will. Great leaders allow their people the freedom to make mistakes. But good employees are those who, when mistakes are made, they learn from them, they own them, and they make sure they fix them. This is the true meaning of ownership.

“A great way to encourage ownership among employees is to design a personalised reward programme that is separate from the salary scheme.”

REWARD OWNERSHIP

Compensation packages are usually a big consideration for employees when they are hired at first, but once the deal has been made, the main source of motivation often tends to shift to other factors. These non-monetary motivations include the challenge of the work, the purpose of the work, the opportunity to learn, and the opportunity to contribute. This is a strong driver for individuals who are invested in professional and personal growth. A great way to encourage ownership among employees is to design a personalised reward programme that is separate from the salary scheme. ● By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com).



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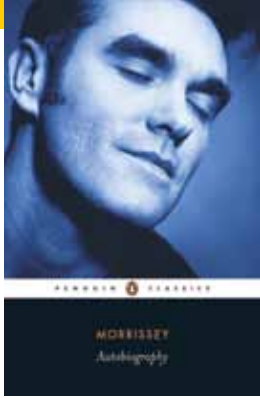
Autobiography

Morrissey

BOOKS

The publication late last year of the much-awaited autobiography of music legend Morrissey caused a kerfuffle, given that it was published directly to the Penguin Classics imprint, which had hitherto been reserved for classic works, as its name suggests.

However, many musos and literary critics now suggest that the destination for the life story of the Smiths front man was exactly the right place for it, given the quality of the content and the beautiful style in which the book is written.



Co-founder of the Smiths, Morrissey has been a solo artist for 26 years, during which time he had three number one albums in Britain over three decades.

It has been said that most pop stars will be dead before they reach the iconic status that Morrissey has reached in his lifetime, and the

man himself does a good job in justifying this suitably lofty description.

Whether they love or hate him, music fans will find something to enjoy in this remarkable work.

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After the Disco

Artist Broken Bells

Label Columbia ★★★★★

ALBUM

A collaboration between the producer and one-half of Gnarls Barkley, Danger Mouse (aka Brian Joseph Burton), and indie band The Shins singer-songwriter James Mercer, Broken Bells released their second album last week and it has already caused quite a stir.

That Mercer and Danger Mouse sit at two very different ends of the musical spectrum is probably why their sound is so fresh and novel—even if it does draw heavily on a well-worn 1980s groove that has been much in fashion since the Scissor Sisters, Mika and Kings of Leon adopted it.

Sounding thoroughly modern but infusing elements from the early part of the decade when disco was still going strong but when punk had already gained the 'post' epithet, *After*



the Disco features a cohesive track structure that is one minute playful and the next filled with malaise.

After the Disco is deceptively catchy and accessible for something seemingly embroiled in a serious dose of retro-futurism, and is an excellent follow-up to Broken Bells' eponymous 2010 album.



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Love is in the air

Celebrate Valentine's Day in style with our pick of the best date night outfits.

STYLE SPECIAL

No matter what type of date you have lined up this Valentine's Day, you will want to look your best. Whether you are having a girls evening with friends or spending quality time with your spouse over dinner, these outfits are perfect for your plans. Think fun and feminine dressing, from floral patterns to figure hugging dresses and, of course, hues of red and pink.

Perfect for a day date

A day date could mean anything from lunch, a picnic in the park or a stroll along the beach, which means you have to choose an outfit that's both comfortable for activities yet still stylish. Opt for a pair of pretty, floral high-waisted shorts and pair it with a simple white camisole top. These tailored shorts from Debenhams are feminine and elegant. Pop on a pair of strappy sandals with a chunky heel for a more dressed down look. If you find yourself going on a lunch date in a trendy restaurant, a chic 1950s style dress is perfect. We love the vibrant pink and red rose pattern mixed with the ribbon detailing on this dress—nothing could be more romantic than a lady in pink. Throw on a pair of flat sling-backs and accessorise with oversized sunglasses to complete the look.



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Perfect for a dinner date

For a fresh, springtime look opt for a flattering pencil dress in white with pastel shades. Pick a dress with a floral print and match your bag and shoes to the colours on the dress. We love these metallic strappy heels from ASOS. Pair them with a pale pink and orange box clutch to finish your dinner date outfit. For a more traditional Valentine's Day look, choose a gorgeous dress in a deep red hue. Opt for one with long sleeves for a more conservative look. Look like the leading lady with patent red heels and a swish of red lipstick.

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PHASE EIGHT

Perfect for a girls night out

Perhaps you are going for dinner and a movie with your best girl friends or off to a Valentine's Day soiree. More often than not, girls dress to impress other girls and want to show off the latest trends among their peers. Look every inch the style queen in a retro inspired pink baby-doll dress. Stars

like Victoria Beckham are a fan of this style of dress due to their versatility. You can wear it with a pair of strappy, white kitten heel sandals for a more casual affair or pop on a higher version of heels to go out dancing. A spaghetti strap dress with prom style skirt is the perfect look for a house party with friends. It is dressy enough for the occasion but the light fabric keeps it from being too formal. Wear with platform wedges to dance the night away in style.

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Sci-fi for lovers

New Oscar-nominated flick *Her* is a tender tale about the relationship between a man and an operating system.



AMY ADAMS AND JOAQUIN PHOENIX PLAY THEIR CHARACTERS PERFECTLY

NEW RELEASE

Regardless of your views of the Oscars—and let's not forget there are many legendary films, directors and actors that have never won the statuette—a film that has been nominated for five Academy Awards is going to be pretty good.

And so *Her* is, with the celebrated director Spike Jonze (*Being John Malkovich*) at the helm, several-time Oscar nominee Joaquin Phoenix (*Walk The Line*) in the lead role and Scarlett Johansson (*Lost In Translation*) as lead voice.

A romantic comedy set in the future, *Her* examines the relationship between Theodore Twombly (Phoenix), an awkward and introverted man, and the voice of an artificial intelligence-based operating system (Johansson) that is designed to adapt and evolve like a human being.

Twombly, who earns a living by writing love letters for other people, is going through a divorce from his

childhood sweetheart, Catherine (Rooney Mara, *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*). To find companionship, he buys the software, which he calls Samantha, and together they bond over deep discussions.

Samantha persuades her living companion to go on a blind date, or-

ganised by his best friend Amy (Amy Adams, *Man Of Steel*), but it turns sour. At this point Twombly realises that he is in fact in love with his artificially intelligent companion.

The relationship builds over time, having a positive impact on Twombly's work and confidence. But this quickly leads to conflict, not least when Samantha admits

that she is currently communicating with 8,316 other people, and that she is in love with 641 of them.

As much as for its tender, yet

complex, storyline, *Her* stands out for its direction and cinematography, the reason why it will be so well represented at this year's Oscars. However, most Hollywood pundits agree that it would be a marginal choice for the Best Picture gong, in the long tradition of numerous great films that have been pipped by other, possibly less deserving, movies.

In order to portray a futuristic Los Angeles, where the movie is set, the production team superimposed a vision of Shanghai onto the backdrop, giving it a surreal-yet-realistic quality. Cinematographer Hoyte van Hoytema then focused on pervasive sunniness and pastel tones to give *Her* a truly individual screen identity.

Even though the picture recounts a non-conformist interaction between a human and a piece of software,

Jonze manages to inject a level of realism into it that delivers

an unexpected dose of natural emotion and charm. Backed up by an accomplished cast and visionary production values, the sum of the parts makes a dazzling masterpiece. It may not sweep the board with big wins at this year's Oscars, but *Her* is exactly the sort of movie that film awards were made for. ●

Did you know?

Spike Jonze's idea for the film came a decade ago, when he read an article about Cleverbot, an instant messaging service with artificial intelligence. "I'd say 'Hey, hello,' and it would say 'Hey, how are you?', and it was like whoa [...] this is trippy," he told *The Guardian* of his experience with Cleverbot.

A TENDER TALE



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

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Justin And The Knights Of Valour - 11:30, 13:30, 15:30
Killer Joe - 12:30, 17:00, 21:30
The Lego Movie - 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00, 21:00, 23:00
Lone Survivor - 11:00, 13:30, 16:00, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30
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Hasee Toh Phasse - 10:30, 13:30, 16:45, 18:30, 20:00, 21:45, 23:15, 00:15, 01:00
I, Frankenstein (3D) - 10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30, 19:45, 22:00, 00:15
I, Frankenstein (4D) - 15:45
Jai Ho - 11:15, 14:15, 17:15, 20:30, 23:45
Oru Indian - 11:00, 14:00, 17:15, 20:30, 23:45
Robocop - 10:30, 12:45, 15:00, 16:15, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45, 00:00
Robocop (4D) - 9:05, 13:25, 18:15, 20:40, 23:00, 1:15
The Legend Of Hercules - 10:15, 12:30, 18:15, 00:00
The Lego Movie - 10:00, 12:15, 14:30, 16:45, 19:15, 21:45, 00:15
The Lego Movie (3D) - 09:30, 10:45, 11:45, 13:00, 14:00, 15:15, 17:30, 19:45, 22:00

Vox Cinemas - Mall of the Emirates

12 Years A Slave - 19:30, 09:30, 12:15, 14:45, 15:00, 17:45, 20:30, 23:15
Frozen - 09:45, 12:15, 14:45, 17:15
Hasee Toh Phasse - 10:30, 12:15, 13:30, 16:45, 20:00, 23:15
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Saving Mr Banks - 09:45, 12:15, 15:00, 17:45, 20:30, 23:15
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What's happening this week in the UAE

Movie at The Scene Club



The Scene Club is screening 'Buried' by Spanish director Rodrigo Cortes followed by a Q&A session.
Date: February 12
Time: 7pm
Venue: Dubai Knowledge Village Conference Centre
Admission: Free
More info: 04 391 0052

Emirates Airline Dubai Jazz Festival 2014

The 12th edition of the music festival is all set with a line-up of some of the leading names in music.
Date: February 13-20
Time: Doors open at 6pm for the main gigs and 7pm during the Jazz Garden
Venue: Dubai Festival City
Admission: VIP Terrace Dh995, front pit standing Dh750, middle pit standing Dh550, regular standing Dh350
More info: 04 391 1196



Gelato World Tour



The Middle East's 16 best gelato artisans will compete for the title of World's Best Gelato with attendees voting for their favourite flavour.
Date: February 13-16
Time: 2pm - 12am
Venue: Burj Park, Downtown Dubai
Admission: Free
More info: 04 236 8568

Short & Sweet 2014

After a fantastic inaugural show last year, the exciting theatre competition is back in town.
Date: Until February 14
Time: 8pm every day, 7pm on the final day; wildcards at 3pm on Fridays and Saturdays
Venue: DUCTAC, Mall of the Emirates
Admission: Advance call
More info: 04 341 4777



RedFest DXB



Virgin Radio 104.4 will host the very first RedFest DXB with artists performing in an open field.
Date: February 13-14
Time: Doors open on Thursday at 6pm and on Friday at 2pm
Venue: Dubai Media City Amphitheatre
Admission: Dh299 onwards
More info: 04 439 0900

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Hollywood news

Single ladies



She may have had a turbulent 2013, but newly-separated Khloe Kardashian isn't going to let her single status ruin Valentine's Day. While she may have split from Lamar Odom, sources close to the reality star claim she will be spending the special day with family and friends, treating herself "like a princess".

RIP, Philip

Hollywood lost another legend last week, as actor Philip Seymour Hoffman was found dead at his New York home.

After making his name in *Boogie Nights* and *The Big Lebowski*, Hoffman won the best actor Oscar for playing writer Truman Capote in *Capote*, and recently starred in *The Hunger Games*.



Back in town



THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR THE SMITH FAMILY

After surprising revellers on New Year's Eve with an unannounced performance at a Dubai nightspot, A-lister Will Smith enjoyed his visit to the UAE to maximum effect. From a desert safari to jumping out of a plane, Smith's short stay itinerary read like a bucket list of things to do in Dubai as he, his wife Jada and actor friend Tyrese Gibson, made the most of what our city has to offer.

But it seems his list wasn't quite complete, as the star made his way back to Dubai just last week, this time accompanied by his two sons Trey, 21, and Jaden, 15. And first on the agenda was a trip back to the adrenaline-junkie playground that is Skydive Dubai, as Will showed his sons a taste of the high life—quite literally.

Both Jaden and his mum shared a snap of the young *Karate Kid* star jumping out of a plane, as both sons showed they share their dad's daredevil streak by tackling a tandem dive. Jaden's post on Instagram was accompanied by the caption: "I went skydiving today it was live."

While it's not known how long the famous family will be enjoying our emirate for this time around, by choosing to kick off their vacation in such an adrenaline-fuelled fashion it seems they are all set on making the most of the Dubai dream whilst here.

Mama Mendes?

There's no denying that they make one of Hollywood's hottest couples, but could Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling be getting ready to welcome a new addition? The current buzz around Hollywood is that Eva is pregnant, after she apparently refused a full body scan at LAX airport last week. According to sources, the actress claimed that she could not enter the scanner because she was pregnant, although conflicting claims state this did not happen and that Mendes always prefers to avoid the scanner, electing to be hand-checked instead. Whether or not the pregnancy rumours are true remains to be seen, but with two of film's most favoured faces for parents, a bundle of joy for the on-off pair would be guaranteed to be one cute baby.



Bollywood news

Arjun's injury

Arjun Kapoor had to recently delay shooting for upcoming flick *Tevar* due to a back injury. The actor sustained the injury much earlier but, after ignoring it to continue with other projects, Kapoor was diagnosed with a prolapsed cervical disc and had to postpone shooting for *Tevar*.



Too young

It's set to be a heart-wrenching tale, but a movie about Sarabjit Singh, the Indian soldier held in Pakistan for spying, has suffered a setback after Sonakshi Sinha dropped out of the project. The actress apparently thinks that, even though it is a vital role, she is too young to play Sarabjit's sister.



Party time

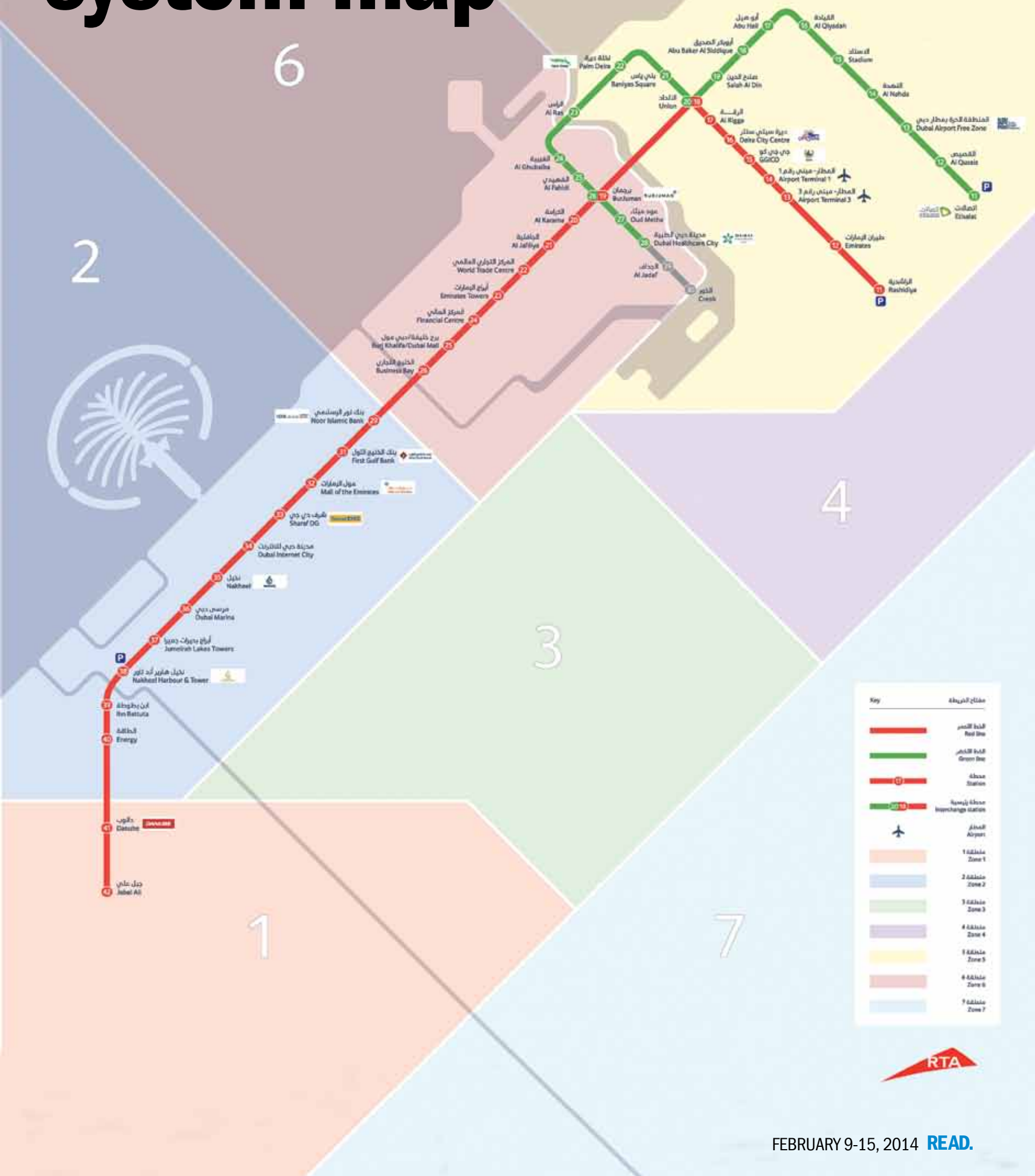
As her husband Abhishek turned 38 last week, Bollywood beauty Aishwarya Rai was not going to let the event pass without celebrating. The actress arranged a surprise party for her hubby, with a guest list that read like a who's who of Indian cinema, including Shah Rukh Khan, Bipasha Basu and Preity Zinta.



Black belt

After proving his worth as an action hero on the big screen, Akshay Kumar is now set to pass on some of his prowess to others. The actor, who holds a black belt in Taekwondo, is planning to pass on his passion for martial arts by setting up a school to teach the self-defence method to women in Mumbai.

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Top RTA customers honoured

Corporate and individual customers are honoured for their contributions towards improving RTA services.



MATTAR AL TAYER HONOURS ATTENDEES

“The RTA attaches great attention to customers as evidenced by organising the Customers Week.”

Customer Service Agency Award, received by CEO Dr Yousef Al Ali. In the Best Customer Service Centre category, Umm Al Ramool Centre topped the ranking.

Al Tayer also honoured ‘Madinati’ project winners, as well as winners of feasible suggestions submitted by RTA customers and employees.

Ahmed Hashim Bahrozian, CEO of the RTA Licensing Agency cum Chairman of the Executive Committee for Improvement and Development of Customer Services, said: “The RTA attaches great attention to customers as evidenced by organising the Customers Week in an effort to open up new horizons of communication with RTA customers and heed to their views and ideas about the RTA services, which exceed 206 services including smart, electronic and manual services, to save time, effort and complete their transactions in an easy and hassle-free manner.”

INITIATIVES

Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) recently honoured the RTA’s corporate and individual customers who have made distinguished contributions to improving services offered by the RTA to its customers.

An event to this effect took place

during the finale of activities of the 2nd Customers Week, under an initiative entitled ‘Tastahal’, meant to showcase the smart and electronic services offered by the RTA to the public. The convocation ceremony, which was held in the RTA’s auditorium, was attended by RTA CEOs and directors, along with representatives of the winning companies and institutions, plus RTA employees.

Emirates Driving Institute was awarded Best Provider of Drivers Training and Licensing Services. Shamil (Nad Al Hamar Branch) affiliated to Emirates General Petroleum Corporation (EMARAT) won Best Vehicle Testing and Licensing Provider.

Al Tayer also honoured the best customer service centre and best e-service section, where the Public Transport Agency scooped the Best

RTA unveils service for motor dealers

Online service seeks to remove traditional manual paper service used by the RTA’s Trusted Agent Dealers.

SERVICES

The RTA Licensing Agency has introduced a new online vehicle sales service for use by motor dealers and vehicle auction companies who process the private sale of used vehicles.

The new service allows a motor dealership or auction company, known as an RTA Trusted Agent Dealer, to log onto the RTA’s website and record the private sale of a vehicle. The RTA’s record is updated immediately. This means any traffic offences or other issues that occur after the transaction is completed are recorded against the new owner.

Ahmed Bahrozian, CEO, RTA Licensing Agency, said: “The online



AHMED BAHROZIAN

service will replace the manual paper service that is provided by motor dealers and auction companies. The RTA is making this a government managed service. The use of the online service will also allow Trusted Agent Dealers to provide a range of other services. It means some clients may not need to visit RTA after selling or buying a used vehicle.”

“Currently motor dealers determine what they charge clients for the sales transaction service. This will continue but RTA will advertise a recommended price and clients can negotiate an appropriate fee for the transaction with the motor dealer,” added Bahrozian.

“Placing this service online under

the control of RTA is an investment in consumer protection. The service includes the use of Emirates ID cards, automatic alerts to both vehicle owners and agents who conduct the transactions. This reduces the likelihood of fraud,” he explained.

The new service is piloting at present with Copart UAE Auctions, a leading online auto auction company. The RTA expects all motor dealers to be using the online service in 2014.

To minimise fraud risk to clients, the RTA will list motor dealers who have commenced using the online service on the RTA website once the pilot period is finished. The new service will be available to other motor dealers in 2014.



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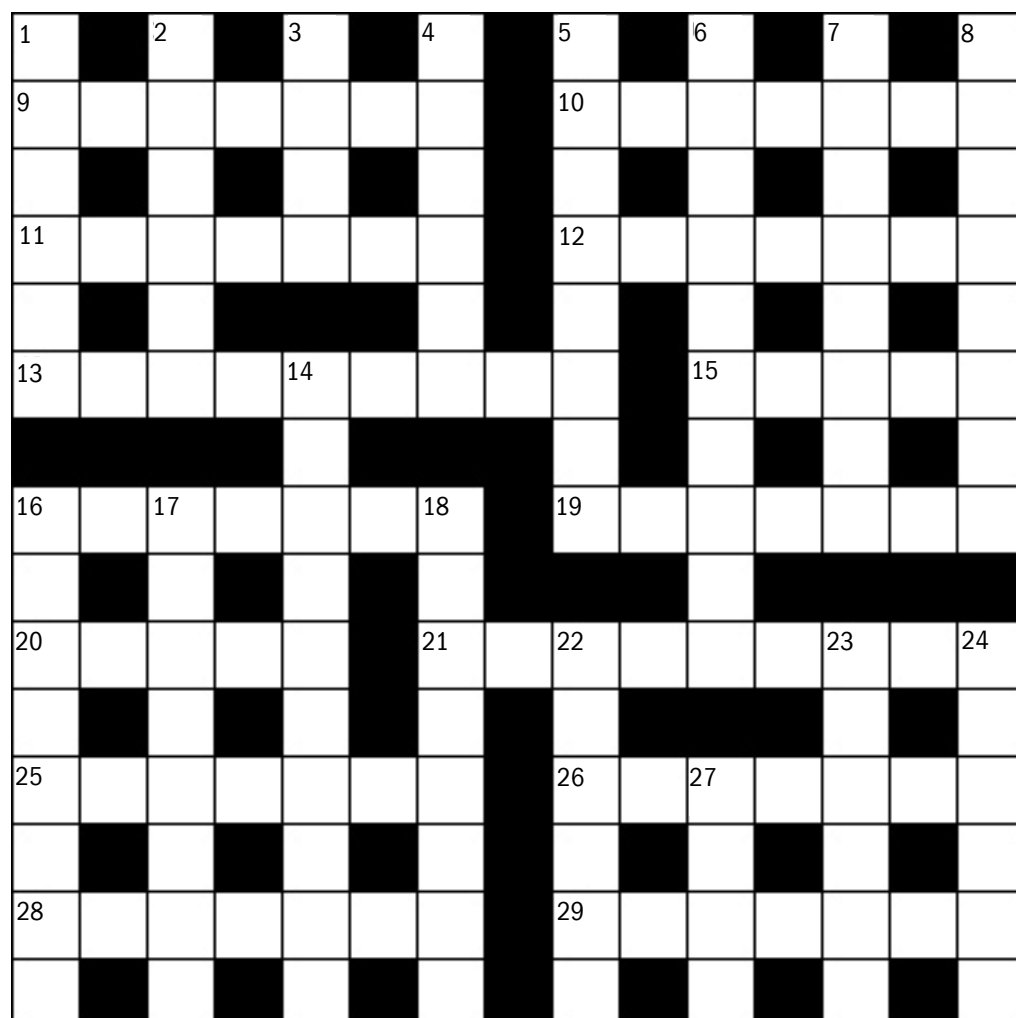
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Crossword

Across

9 Isinglass (7) **10** Sports competitor (7) **11** A Great Lake (7) **12** Small dining room set (7) **13** A loose high-necked blouse (9) **15** Forever no (5) **16** Voter (7) **19** Chuckled (7) **20** Wicker basket (5) **21** Arduous (9) **25** Applauded (7) **26** Twister (7) **28** Strange or rare objects (7) **29** Catastrophic (7)

Down

1 Rectangular (6) **2** A stiff straw hat (6) **3** Teller of untruths (4) **4** Defile (6) **5** Placing riding equipment on a horse (8) **6** Chicanery (10) **7** A celebration (8) **8** Directed towards (8) **14** Warship (10) **16** Encode (8) **17** In England, it's a lift (8) **18** Remainder (8) **22** Come back (6) **23** Speech-giver (6) **24** Wife or husband (6) **27** Precipitation (4)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Thai green curry

Spicy and sweet, this classic curry is a favourite for foodies everywhere.

Ingredients

For the green curry paste

4 lemongrass stalks
6 green chillies, seeded and chopped
3 cloves crushed garlic
5cm piece of ginger, peeled and chopped
2 shallots, peeled and chopped
4 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp chopped lime zest
1 tbsp Thai fish sauce
½ tsp ground black peppercorns

For the curry

750g boneless/skinless chicken breasts

3 tbsp groundnut oil
400ml tin coconut milk
400ml chicken stock
8 lime leaves
1 tbsp Thai fish sauce
15g roughly chopped fresh coriander

Method

1. To make the curry paste, slice the lemongrass finely and place into a food processor with all the remaining curry paste ingredients. Blend to a thick paste then pour into a bowl (or Tupperware) and cover tightly. Place in the fridge to chill.

2. To make the curry, slice the chicken breasts into strips. Heat the oil in a pan until sizzling, then

add the chicken and fry until lightly browned on all sides.

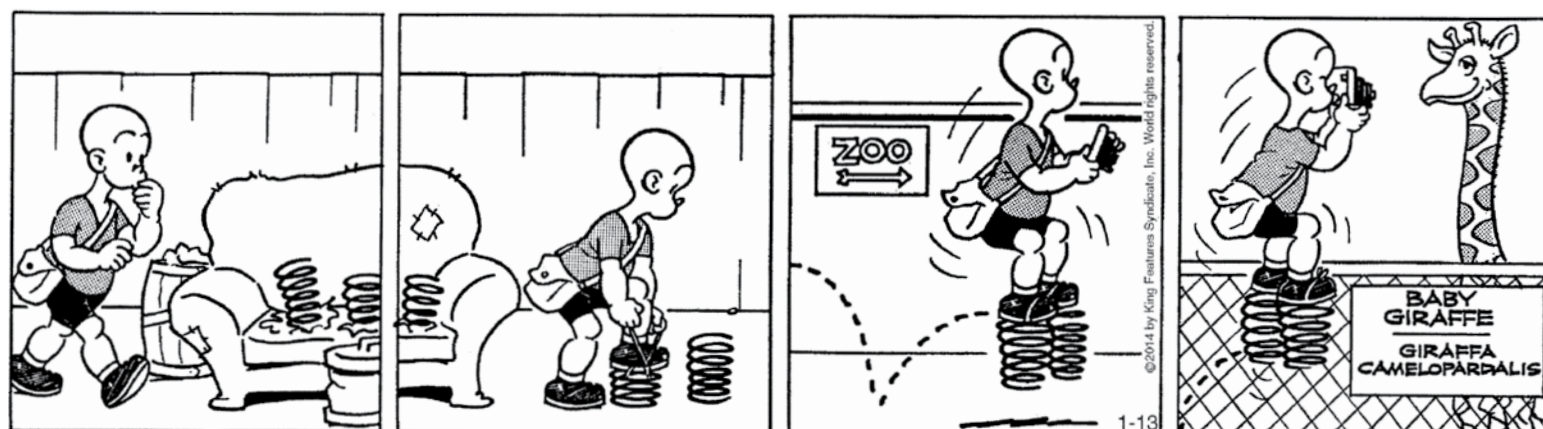
3. Remove the chicken from the pan and set aside on a plate. Pour the coconut milk and stock into the pan, then add the lime leaves, four heaped tablespoons of the pre-prepared green curry paste, the fish sauce, and half of the coriander.

4. Bring to the boil, then turn the heat down and simmer for 10 minutes. Return the chicken to the pan and simmer for around 5 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through.

5. Stir in the last of the coriander and serve either on its own or on a bed of jasmine rice.



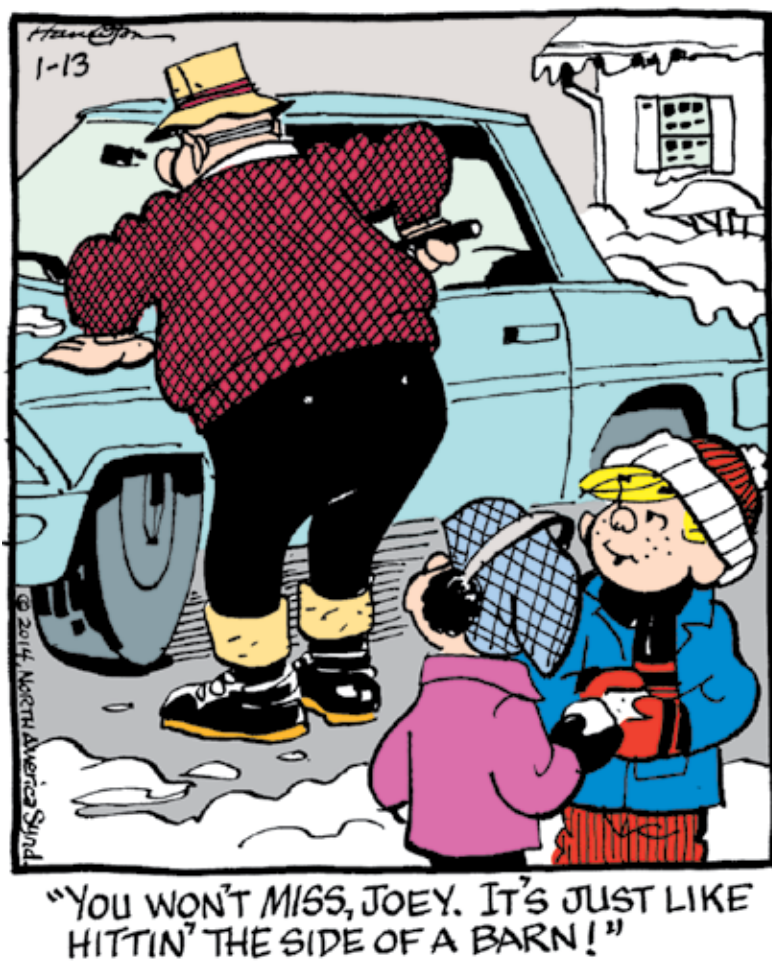
Henry



Spiderman



Dennis the menace



Who's this?

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Arrowword

Hazard	Round Indian bread	Beliefs not to be questioned	Alias indicator (1,1,1)	Amorous glance		Value greatly		Orange drink		Textile fabric		German engineer	
								Rough version					
Excellent (1,1,1)				Shine softly		Lamb's mother				Small streams		Jill..., former UK TV presenter	
						Man's name		Dictator, Idi...	Go over again				
Recruit	Not against		Distinguished service (1,1,1)		...Hartford, 1960s footballer				Lyricist, ... Gershwin				Cheat, swindle
Bleach					Ball of steamed dough								
Sweeping tool		Hunting expedition							"My Fair...", film musical				
					Adult males				Split liquid				

Spot the 10 differences



Sudoku

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

ANSWERS

ARROWWORD

INDUKSI

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

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What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

An unexpected gift may make its way to you over the weekend, which boosts your spirits and leaves you with a smile on your face. Even though it may not be from the person you had hoped, it may open up a whole new path ahead of you.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

Squeezing every drop of fun from something you enjoy might actually end up ruining the experience, so you might find it more satisfying to simply enjoy the moment, take a second to breathe, and notice the feeling of pure contentment that you feel.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Flying too close to the sun will only result in your wings getting burnt, so if you know a situation will provide you with too much temptation it may be best to avoid it altogether. Your friends will understand your reasons for turning down their invitation.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Hiding the true reason for your anger will only end up making you more likely to explode at any given time. The root of your frustration may be quite easily fixed if discussed, so share your concerns with a trusted figure rather than bottling everything up inside.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

While people may claim that time is a healer, it is often more difficult to believe this when we are going through a difficult period. A recent heartache may have knocked you for some time so perhaps it might be best to take a rest and let time do its work.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

It's difficult not to feel lonely at this time of year if you are without a special someone to celebrate the month of love with. Why not call up the people you know will be up for joining in an anti-Valentine's celebration? Fun with friends is what you need.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

You may be feeling under pressure to prove yourself to a new associate or colleague. However, bragging about possessions and life experiences too forcefully will only make you appear crass, so mind how much you decide to share to begin with.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

Your mysterious side is yet again fighting to get out, which may see you starting a secret project. If it's something completely different from what you are used to, seek all the advice and information you can before setting out on your new path.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

A close friend may have unintentionally hurt your feelings quite badly with an off-the-cuff comment. It might be worth bringing them up on the matter if it happens again—a joke is a joke but a snide remark is not very funny for anyone involved.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Be prepared for an expensive surprise this week. It may even be avoidable if you can catch it in time, so it might be worth checking your household appliances of car for problems that could be fixed easily before becoming a major issue.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

As one of the more meticulous signs of the zodiac, making lists and organising your life often feels like an enjoyable hobby rather than a chore. A friend could perhaps do with a little bit of guidance in this regard, so your planning prowess might prove helpful.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

It seems as though you are quite happily wandering off back into dreamland, Pisces. There's no harm in this, but try not to get your heart set on an idea that is—quite simply—a little unrealistic. To achieve your latest ambition an entire life overhaul would be needed..



This week's local weather

SUN

9th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 34%

MON

10th

WARM
HIGH 24C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 32%

TUE

11th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 36%

WED

12th

LIGHT CLOUDS
HIGH 23C
LOW 19C
HUMIDITY 37%

THU

13th

LIGHT CLOUDS
HIGH 24C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 35%

FRI

14th

WARM
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