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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.

✉ A LITTLE RESPECT

I am 37 weeks pregnant and I don't drive so I take the Metro everywhere. It is very rare that someone offers me a seat; I always stand. I actually gave up my seat to an elderly woman last week because nobody else stood up. I think it's absolutely disgusting. The thing that irritates me the most is the in and out signs that are clearly labelled on the floor. This morning I couldn't even get off the train as I was being pushed and elbowed in the stomach. When I said something to the woman who had basically just pushed a heavily pregnant woman into the door she just looked me up and down and didn't even have the decency to apologise. The lack of manners on the metro is disgusting!

Dani P

✉ YOUNG FUN

"You only live once." I often hear young adults saying this to justify their ways of having fun. You only live once, so mess your life up deliberately because it's the only one you have? That doesn't cut it. Using the perks of being young for having fun is not wrong—in fact, one should make the most of youth—but you've just got to be responsible with it. You may have all the fun you want to have, but also bear in mind that you only live once, so don't go way past the line.

Ollie Dietrichsen



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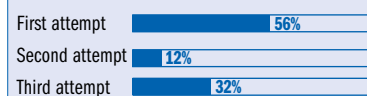
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Coming up this week



TODAY

In a vast expanse of open fields in Avebury, England, the mysterious stones that have formed part of the landscape for centuries still hold plenty of intrigue for many. Whether they came from outer space, were laid as the foundations of a grand building that never got finished, or were simply a practical joke played by people living hundreds of years ago, what are some of the most common theories about the archeological treasure known as Stonehenge?



MONDAY

It's the glittering highlight of the awards season, with emotional speeches, fabulous dresses and plenty of debate about who won/didn't win guaranteed. Take a look at last night's big winners at the Oscars.



TUESDAY

Introducing a new pet into your home can be tricky, and the territorial nature of cats makes them one of the biggest challenges. If you're looking to house a feline friend, here's a simple guide to making him or her feel at home.



WEDNESDAY

From the *Crazy Frog* to *Gangnam Style* or wondering *What Does the Fox Say?*, novelty songs are big business. Take a look at some of the biggest—and most annoying—cheesy chart hits.



THURSDAY

Venus and Serena Williams have had plenty of career highlights, with Venus taking the title at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships last week. How did the sisters come to rule the court?

Facebook chatter

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

(Responses only edited for length)

Do you like to try different and unusual foods and, if so, what's the strangest thing you've ever eaten?

Yes I do but I don't remember the name of the food, it's Arabian.

— **Rabee Ahmad**

Yeah, I do! It's worth trying. Nothing beats trying a new dish and discovering a food you never knew existed. But sometimes trying new food requires an iron stomach and a brave heart specially when you're eating exotic food. By far, the most bizarre food I have eaten was a FARM FROG. Well, I didn't know it was as it tasted like chicken. It was

when I have done eating when my mom said: Delicious, is it? It's a frog!

— **June Reynan Lariba Macario**

Camel meat, and it's goooood.

— **Rula Al Salah**



UNPLEASANT EATING EXPERIENCE

Have you ever experienced a case of mistaken identity?

I didn't but many of my friends did for me, as in one of my friends literally talked to a girl for around 15 minutes thinking it's me.

— **Juwairia Mahmood**

Yes and it's so embarrassing. I even held his arm to stop ahahaha.

— **Avie Arrabis Roda**

What is your favourite way to be creative and are you able to enjoy this activity on a regular basis?

I love writing articles. However, due to the hectic schedule, it has become quite difficult to write often.

— **Fatima Suhail**

My favourite way to be creative is to write short stories. I started when I was very young, and because I was on a laptop with my glasses on, it



GET CREATIVE

always gave me a headache and I couldn't do it as regularly as I would have liked. When I switched to contact lenses, the headaches began slowly going away. Now I can write freely in my spare time and I do, quite regularly. If anyone else suffers from glasses, be sure to grab some contacts and stay creative!

— **Nader Farid**

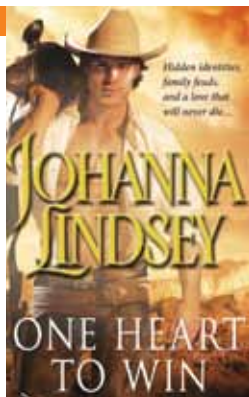
One heart to win

Johanna Lindsey

BOOKS

One Heart to Win is set in Wild West-era America when, to honour her mother's wishes, the elegant Tiffany Warren travels from New York City to Montana Territory to meet her estranged father and his enemy's son, Hunter Callahan, the rancher her parents have arranged for her to marry in order to end a decades-old feud over water rights.

Surviving a chaotic journey, the now dishevelled Tiffany is mistaken for her father's housekeeper and is promptly stolen by the rival Cal-



lahans. This hostile move puts her dangerously close to Hunter, a charmer who can't keep his eyes off his alluring new "housekeeper."

Even though Tiffany never had any intention of marrying Hunter in the first place, she warms to him, but once her domestic facade is discovered, Tiffany calls off their wedding.

But Hunter sets out to claim the now sophisticated Tiffany as his rightful bride-to-be, knowing that he has but one heart to win.

The Harem Midwife

Roberta Rich

BOOKS

Set in the imperial harem in Constantinople in the latter stages of the sixteenth century, *The Harem Midwife* centres on Hannah and Isaac Levi, two Venetians in exile, who have overcome a series of obstacles to begin new lives in the Ottoman Empire.

Isaac works in the growing silk trade, while Hannah, who has built up a solid reputation of being the best midwife in the capital, tends to the hundreds of women in Sultan Murat III's infamous harem.

But one night, Hannah is unexpectedly summoned to the extravagant palace and confronted with Leah, a young peasant girl who has been violently abducted.

The sultan favours Leah, but if

the spirited girl fails an important test, she faces a terrible fate.

Taken by Leah's tenacity, Hannah risks everything to help her. But as Hannah agonises over her decision, an enchanting stranger arrives from afar to threaten her peaceful life with Isaac, and soon Leah too reveals a dark secret that could condemn them both.



If you like this, you could try...

True Love by Jude Deveraux

Hotshot by Julie Garwood

Protector by Diana Palmer

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The Midwife of Venice by Roberta Rich

The Midnight Rose by Lucinda Riley

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Present Tense

Artist Wild Beasts

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ALBUM

After the soul searching and self-flagellation of their last album, 2011's *Smother*, Wild Beasts have returned with an epic fourth outing, and *Present Tense* is simply brilliant.

The four-piece from rural northern England have always played the cad, but this time they have taken hold once again of the carefree attitude that has brought them success since they debuted in 2008, and stretched it to even greater lengths.

Wanderlust, which is proving to be quite a hit in its own right, as the opening track sets out the stall for what is to come. *Sweet Spot* will also go on to be a favourite, filled as it is with curling and jagged

electronica alongside swirls of nagging guitars and dashing croonery.

Laying down dense arrangements over which swooping synths sneer to the message of Hayden Thorpe's vocals, *Present Tense* is a tale of rejuvenation amid the songs' tales of successful and failed romances, modern strife and bloody revolution. With this latest offering, Wild Beasts have gone on to greatness.



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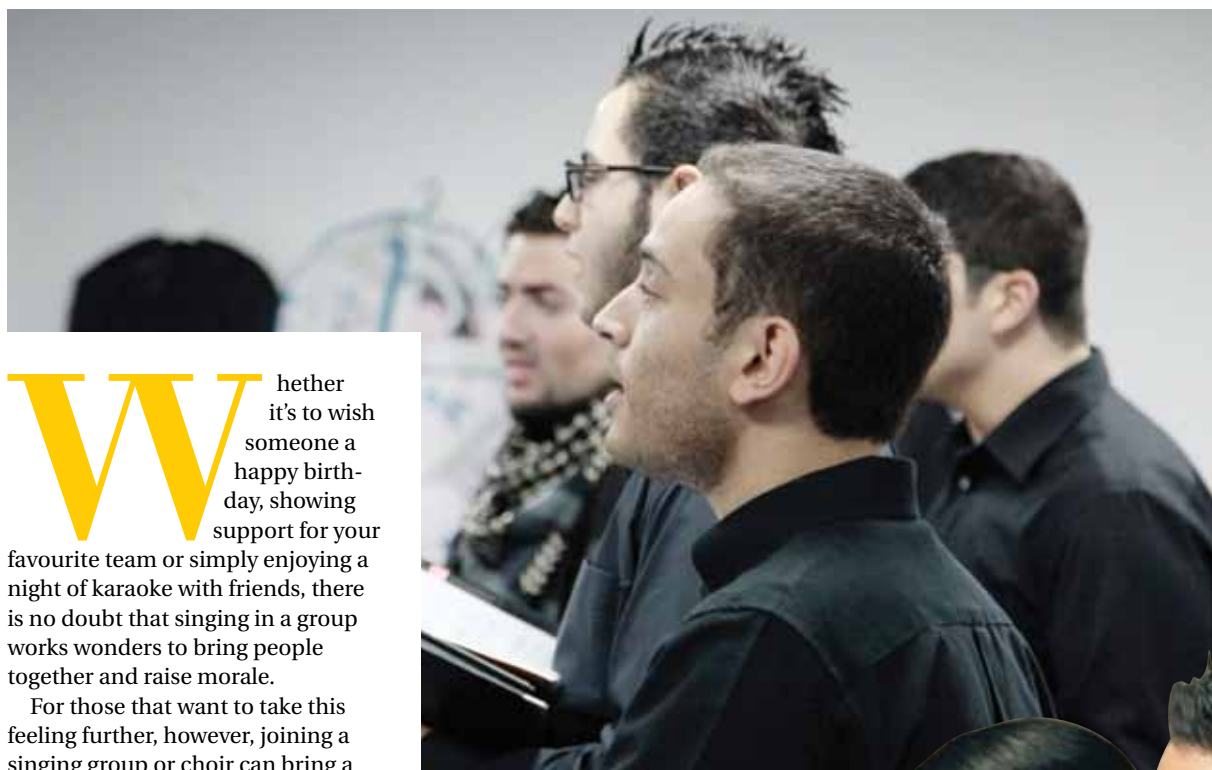
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For those that want to take this feeling further, however, joining a singing group or choir can bring a whole host of other benefits. From making friends to traveling around the region for performances, being part of a choir not only hones your musical skills but also offers plenty of exciting opportunities.

And one such opportunity is about to become a reality for choirs of the UAE, with the first ever Choir Fest Middle East. Following on from the success of the Gulf's inaugural Choir of the Year competition last year, the new festival comes from the people behind many of Dubai's most diverse musical events, The Score.

In a region where choral singing is yet to experience the full-blown success that it has in other countries, the art form is becoming more popular thanks to groups such as the Dubai Chamber Choir and the Dubai Vocal Ensemble (DVE). While varied in style of repertoire, both these groups offer members a chance to join likeminded individuals and sing their hearts out.

While it may be simply an entertaining way to express yourself for many amateur choir members,

the dedication to choral singing at a semi-professional or professional level is one that involves hours and hours of practice in order to move past the 'fun with friends' stage and into the world of serious singing. But the hard work does pay off and, in fact, DVE were crowned overall champions at last year's Choir of the Year competition.

Taking place from March 20 until March 22, this year's festival will fea-

Singing on the sand

Choir Fest 2014 will also open with a special event titled *Opera on the Beach*, performed by the acclaimed group The Prince Consort. With picturesque views of the Burj Al Arab and the sound of song ringing out across the sea, this is one event that music lovers won't want to miss.

ture 40 choirs from the Middle East region including school choirs and adult choirs. While competition may be at the top of many choir's agenda,

there is plenty of entertainment and education on offer for those who aren't in it to win it, including workshops open to all, advanced master classes and plenty of opportunities to explore new repertoire.

But for those choirs who are setting out to claim vocal victory, the second edition of the competition

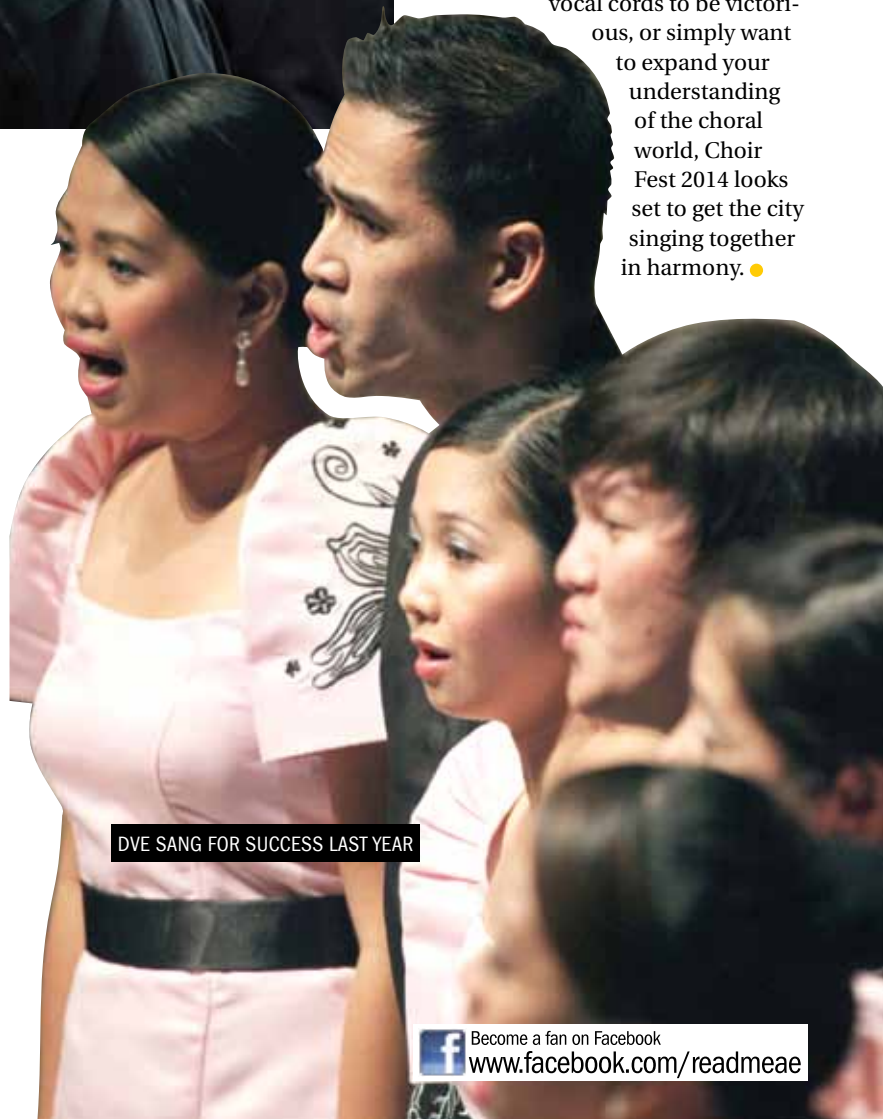


MASTERING NEW SKILLS

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looks set to be just as intense and challenging as ever before. With a host of professionals on the judging panel, including Pete Churchill, choral jazz specialist, Sarah Tennant Flowers, president of the Association of British Choral Directors, and Lars-Ake Levin, choral director at the Royal College of Music, Stockholm, the standard of singing on display is guaranteed to be spot-on.

So whether you're fine-tuning your vocal cords to be victorious, or simply want to expand your understanding of the choral world, Choir Fest 2014 looks set to get the city singing together in harmony. ●



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Foiling festoons

What is the difference between bags under the eyes and festoons, and what can be done about these visual signs of ageing?



As common to ageing as waning vision, festoons—also known as “malar mounds”—are not well understood by the public, according to Dr Adam J Scheiner, an international eyelid and facial cosmetic surgeon who specialises in the treatment of festoons—the undereye lumps that many people may experience.

“The more people know about the causes of festoons and how they are often misdiagnosed, the better informed they are to be their own effective healthcare advocates,” says Dr Scheiner.

“A growing part of my practice is correcting treatments with less than favourable results that patients have had done elsewhere; like fillers used under the eyes to treat ‘bags’, or lower eyelid surgery that doesn’t

“Many physicians perform procedures to help a patient’s lower eyelid bags, but often they may leave the festoons behind.”

address the patients’ festoons.”

So what exactly is the difference between bags and festoons?

Dr Scheiner explains: “Bags are caused by fat protruding through the skin in the lower eyelid area, while festoons, which also protrude, are primarily on the upper part of the cheek. The two together can look like one large protrusion, but they’re separate issues.”

Many physicians perform procedures to help a patient’s lower eyelid

in some cases on other parts of the face—another good reason to recognise the difference between festoons and bags.

To evaluate which of the two conditions you might have, Scheiner offers the following tips:

- Bags often appear as puffy circles directly beneath the eye. If you touch them, they’re usually firmer, and you can’t easily move them from side to side. That’s an indication they’re bags. Also, if you look up, they become more prominent.

- Festoons are high on the cheek, although some can extend to the lower lid area. They feel squishy to the touch, and they can be easily moved from side to side. They don’t become more prominent when you look up.”

- Bags are generally associated with ageing, although younger people can also get them through tiredness or dehydration in some cases.

- Festoons are usually the result of damage, with sun exposure, smoking and ageing among the possible causes, and the results can be worsened by the contrasting pull of underlying facial muscles over the

SIMPLY A SIGN OF TIREDNESS?



Did you know?

The word festoon comes from the Latin word ‘festo’, which was originally a festival garland. In architecture, the term is also typically used to describe a carved ornament depicting conventional arrangement of flowers or fruit, bound together and suspended by ribbons.

bags, but often they may leave the festoons behind because they are notoriously hard to treat. In many cases, these festoons can actually look worse in spite of the surgery.

Festoons can also be a marker for pre-cancerous skin conditions

years. Fair-skinned people tend to be more susceptible to festoons.

So if you think your under-eye bags may be a little more than the sign of a few late nights, what are the options available? Medications and steroid injections can provide temporary improvement, and some older surgical procedures offer mixed results. However Dr Scheiner recommends laser treatment to get you looking wide-eyed and awake once more. ●

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TRAVEL NEWS

Ras Al Khaimah signs partnership with Air Arabia

The Department of Civil Aviation, Ras Al Khaimah, has signed a strategic partnership with Air Arabia, enabling the airline to become the emirate's designated carrier operating services from Ras Al Khaimah International Airport.



The partnership is expected to support Ras Al Khaimah's position as an attractive tourist destination, while acting as a key catalyst for the economic development of the emirate. The development also means that Air Arabia now becomes the official carrier of Ras Al Khaimah emirate.

Engr. Sheikh Salem Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman, Department of Civil Aviation, Ras Al Khaimah, noted that the new partnership is a natural step in the next stage of Ras Al Khaimah's aviation development, driven by the emirate's steady economy, expanding population, and growing industrial activity and tourism.

Adel Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia, said: "The new partnership aims at further developing the aviation industry in the northern emirates and support Ras Al Khaimah's ambitious economical plans.

"The emirate's tourism sector is witnessing a strong and steady growth and we are confident that this will continue to grow in the years to come."

Ali continued: "The major collaboration is a true reflection of the strength of the UAE aviation infrastructure and potential growth.

"We are confident that the launch of Air Arabia's operations in Ras Al Khaimah Airport will further transform the travel and tourism sectors in the emirate."

After years as a pariah nation, Burma is now ready to be discovered by a new generation of tourists.

In the words of Rudyard Kipling, who knew a thing or two about the country, Burma is: "quite unlike any place you know about". These words, from his book *From Sea To Sea* in 1899, still ring true over a century later, for while the rest of the world has changed, Burma has remained locked in a time bubble and is only now opening up to the world for the first time in generations.

These days, travellers looking for somewhere off the beaten path have often been starved of ideas, ever since the great tourism rush of the 1990s and 2000s snapped up and popularised "authentic" spots across Asia that had not yet been "discovered" by the mainstream.

With novel destinations now few and far between, Burma stands out as one of the few countries left where tourism hasn't taken over, but it is still developing at a pace.

The reason why the country was for so long left off travellers' itineraries comes from the brutal military regime that ruled the Southeast Asian country from 1962 until very recently. As a result, Burma closed its doors firmly to much of the rest of the world and is only now beginning to open them up for the first time.



STEP BACK IN TIME

While tourists could get into the country during this time they were forced to jump through hoops, but then those thinking of a trip there over the last decade were asked by human rights activists to reconsider their plans as a means to try and starve the dictatorship of tourist income.

Fast facts

Myanmar's culture is largely a result of heavy Indian influences intertwined with local traditions and some Chinese influences. The dominant ethnic group is the Bamar, from which the original English name of the country, Burma, was derived. Besides the Bamar, Myanmar is also home to many minority ethnic groups and nationalities which have their own distinct cultures and languages.



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Open for business

Lately, though, the junta has relaxed its hold on the state and the borders are open—even the visa process is not too arduous anymore and flights into this once guarded nation are now commonplace.

And once you get there, Kipling's words spring to mind. Women with faces caked in traditional make-up, men in skirt-like *longyi* and hardly an ATM in sight give an immediate feel of the past. The long-preserved colonial villas on wide boulevards that teem with horses and carts and a seemingly infinite number of scooters mark out Rangoon, the country's biggest city and former capital, as being very different from other big cities in the region that are developing at a considerable pace.

The people, drawn from a wide range of races, castes and tribes, are exceptionally open and friendly, in contrast to their former leadership, and cultural traditions still stand strong. This is a country where you can still take a river steamer down the Ayeyarwady, or an old steam train through the interior (often with your heart firmly in your mouth thanks to its rickety track).

Burma is now truly open for business, and travellers would do well to see its sights before anyone else notices. ●



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Nokia has launched five new affordable handsets, including Nokia X, a series of smartphones that run Android apps, Microsoft services and signature Nokia experiences. The Nokia X, Nokia X+ and Nokia XL provide an on-ramp to Lumia and Microsoft services.



The Nokia X series features exceptional handset quality and design, with a fresh, tile-based user interface inspired by the brand's family. All devices come with Fastlane, a screen that lets people switch between their favourite apps more smoothly.

People can access curated, quality-tested apps from Nokia Store, third-party app stores and by side loading. Out of the box, they can enjoy signature Nokia experiences.

The Nokia X comes with a 4-inch IPS capacitive display and 3MP camera. The Nokia X+ is optimised for multimedia enthusiasts, who can enjoy even more games, music, photos and video thanks to more memory and storage. Both the Nokia X and X+ are available in bright green, bright red, cyan, yellow, black and white.

The Nokia XL boasts a 5-inch display with 2MP front-facing camera – ideal for Skype video calls – and a 5MP rear facing, autofocus camera with flash. The Nokia XL is available in bright green, orange, cyan, yellow, black and white.

The entire Nokia X series is powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon dual core processor and supports dual SIM, letting people switch SIM cards to get better tariffs.

The internet lie detector

British researchers are looking for a way to sort fact from fiction in the online world.



In our digital age, rumours, both true and false, spread fast, often with far-reaching consequences. An international group of researchers, led by the University of Sheffield in England, is aiming to build a system that will automatically verify online rumours as they spread around the globe.

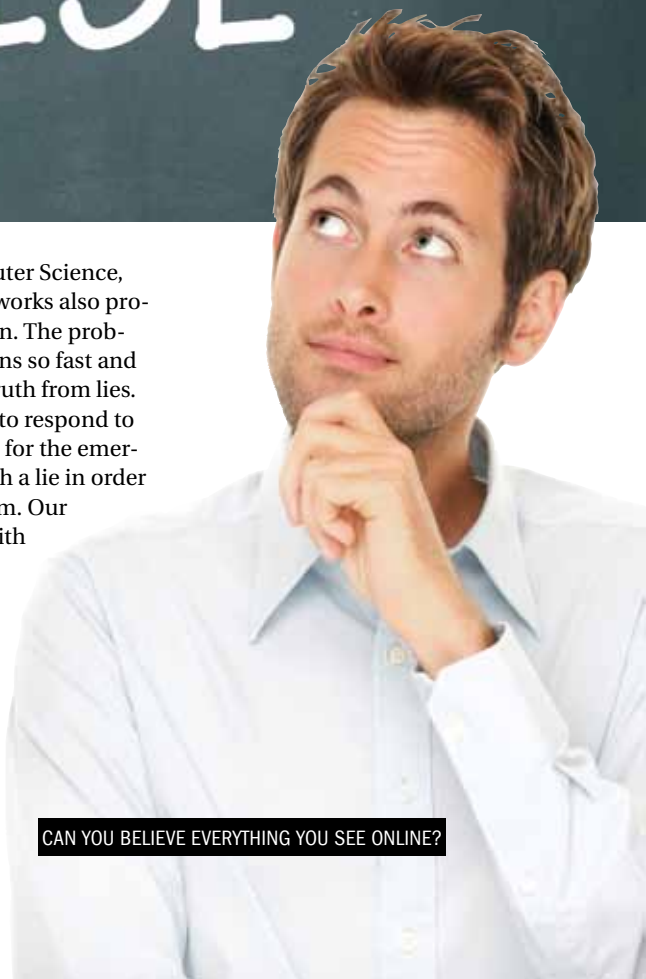
Social networks have been used to spread accusations of vote-rigging in Kenyan elections, allege that Barack Obama was not born in America and claim that the animals were set free from London Zoo during riots in the city in 2011. In all of these cases, and many others, the ability to quickly verify information and track its provenance would enable journalists, governments, emergency services, health agencies and the private sector to respond more effectively.

Lead researcher, Dr Kalina Bontcheva, from the university's

Department of Computer Science, explained: "Social networks also provide useful information. The problem is that it all happens so fast and we can't quickly sort truth from lies. This makes it difficult to respond to rumours, for example, for the emergency services to quash a lie in order to keep a situation calm. Our system aims to help with that, by tracking and verifying information in real time."

The EU-funded project aims to classify online rumours into four types: speculation, controversy, misinformation and disinformation.

The system will also automatically categorise sources to assess their author-



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ity, such as news outlets, individual journalists, experts, potential eye witnesses, members of the public or automated 'bots'. It will also look for a history and background, to help spot where Twitter accounts have been created purely in order to spread false information.

It will search for sources that corroborate or deny the information, and plot how the conversations on social networks evolve, using all of this information to assess whether it is true or false. The results will be displayed to the user in a visual dashboard, to enable them to easily see whether a rumour is taking hold.

Bontcheva added: "We can already handle many of the challenges involved, such as the sheer volume of information in social networks, the speed at which it appears and the variety of forms, from tweets, to videos, pictures and blog posts. But it's currently not possible to automatically analyse, in real time, whether a piece of information is true or false and this is what we've now set out to achieve."

The system will be evaluated in two real-world domains: for digital

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journalism, it will be tested by the online arm of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation; and for healthcare, it will be tested by the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College London, which aims to look at new recreational drugs trending in online discussions and then find out how quickly these feature in patients' medical records and discussions with doctors.

While it may appear at first to be something straight from a sci-fi movie, the use of 'lie detectors' on the internet is merely a natural evolution of the truth-finding technology that already exists in the 'real' world.

Lie detectors, or polygraphs as they are officially known, have been used for decades in a variety of situations

Fast facts

The project is named PHEME, from the character in Greek mythology who was said to have "prided into the affairs of mortals and other beings, then repeated what she learned, starting off with just a dull whisper, but repeating it louder each time, until everyone knew".

to try and determine whether or not a person is telling the truth. By taking readings from the skin as a person is

asked a series of yes or no questions, changes in factors such as pulse, perspiration and temperature can detect a 'lie'.

While polygraphs have many serious uses, a recent trend has seen them used for entertainment purposes. In fact, a recent gameshow contestant recently faced the wrath of the internet after a video of her answering 'true or false' questions proved less than pleasing.

But with the news that even an on-line exaggeration could soon become a thing of the past, it seems the truth is definitely out there. ●



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NEWS ON WHEELS

Al Habtoor Motors launches Pajero Platinum Edition

Al Habtoor Motors, the official dealer of Mitsubishi in the UAE, has launched the Platinum Edition of the iconic and versatile Pajero. Powered by a 3.5 l and 3.8 l engine, the new top end model is aimed at niche customers who seek the fully loaded version of the legendary off-roader.



The Pajero Platinum Edition (pictured) features never-before standard features and includes front parking sensors, DVD headrest, chrome exhaust cover, 3M tint, chrome wheel cover, and a special design platinum badge that accentuates the exclusivity of the SUV.

Available in several colours, the top end model is priced at Dh128,000. A Pajero Platinum Edition is on display at all Al Habtoor Motors Mitsubishi showrooms in the UAE.

For the launch of the new model, which coincided with Dubai Shopping Festival 2014, Al Habtoor Motors offered Mitsubishi customers the chance to win 30 Mirage cars.

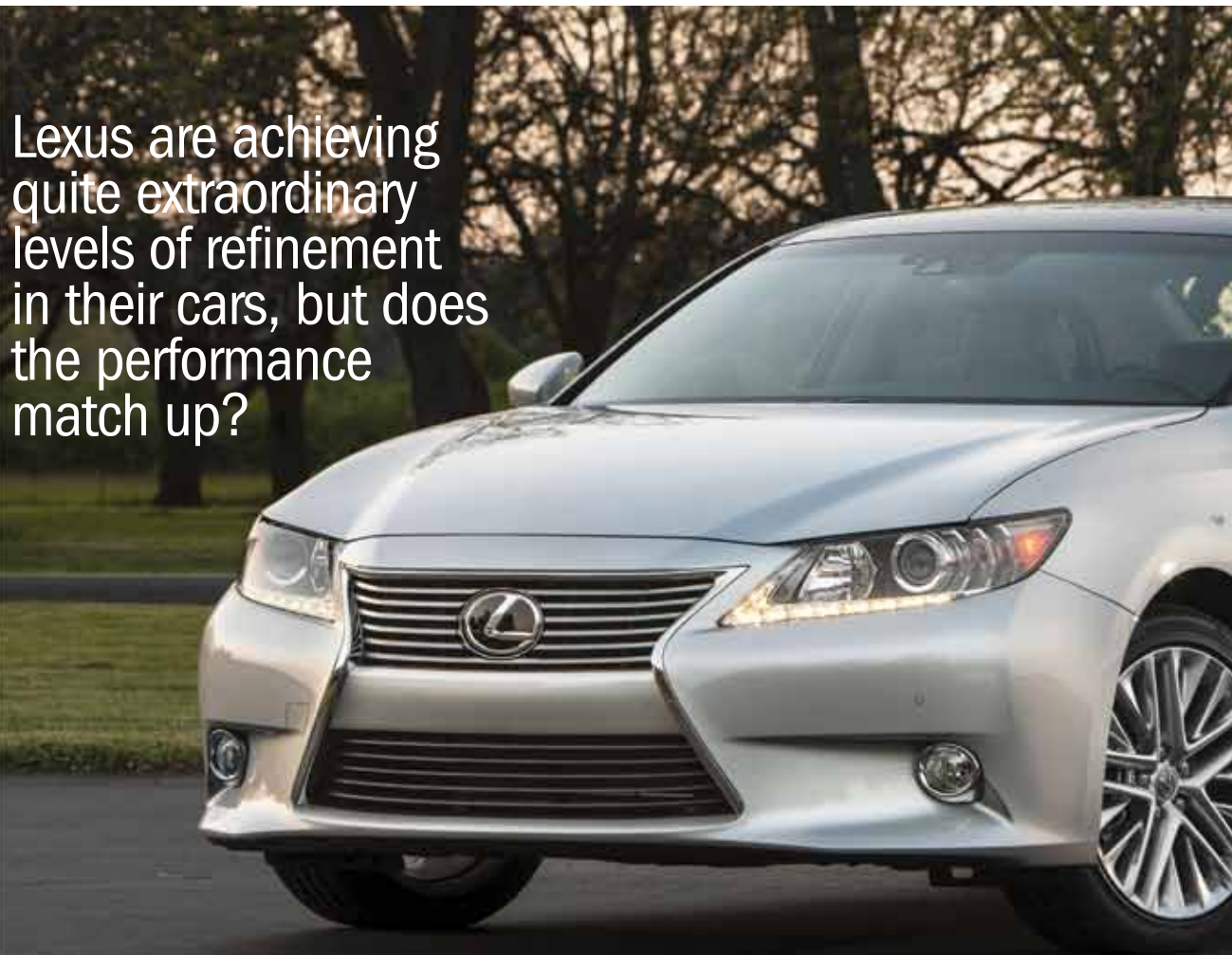
Along with the 30 cars offer, winners also got free insurance, free service, free warranty and free 3M paint and upholstery protection.

The Mitsubishi Pajero continues to be one of the most popular SUVs in the UAE. The first Pajero prototype was unveiled at the Tokyo Motor Show in November 1973.

The Pajero II prototype followed in 1978, five years later. Mitsubishi's aim was to create more of a recreational vehicle, not just an SUV.

In January 1983, the first Pajero made its debut at the Paris Dakar Rally, taking first place in 1985. To date, the Pajero is the most successful vehicle in the Dakar Rally (winning its class seven out of the last 10 races, and 15 of the full 32 races).

Lexus are achieving quite extraordinary levels of refinement in their cars, but does the performance match up?



Quiet, please

It is no secret that Lexus set out to build some of the finest cars in the world, and their benchmarks were decidedly German in origin. Mercedes, BMW, Audi—it was a tough

fight to pick, and though the early generations had the looks, they didn't compete in the dynamics.

Times change. Lexus now is determinedly individual, with its own design language evolving with every new generation of car, and frankly astonishing levels of refinement and technology. The now-ubiquitous spindle grille is a familiar sight out on UAE roads (as, it has to be said, are all of the previous generations—Lexus build cars that last forever), and this latest version of the ES 350 is no exception.

The fit and finish of the interior is quite extraordinary—there is a line of contrast stitching that runs across the lower edge of the dash, following its contours perfectly, and so regular and precise is it that it would not be out of place in a car much more expensive and prestigious.

Natural materials are plenty, from leather covering seats and steering wheel to real wood in the doors and details, and brushed aluminium and chrome highlights in the dash. The only less than successful element is the joystick controller for the Navigation system, and much of the car's control set-up. This device fits neatly in the palm of your hand, but is overly sensitive and tricky to modulate. It's something you will learn, but is surprising in context of so much other excellence and precision.

Our test car comes with the potent and silky-smooth 3.5 litre V6, though there are 4-cylinder and hybrid options available. In our car, power goes to the wheels through a 6-speed automatic gearbox, and though you can change gears manually using the little paddles behind the wheel, it works so well there is little incentive to do so. Spirited driving has never been a Lexus forte, but the ES 350 makes a decent fist of it. MacPherson strut front suspension and a dual-link arrangement at the rear keep body roll in check, and provide a superbly controlled and compliant ride. The steering is very light and a bit lacking in feedback, but



A REFINED RIDE



it is accurate and makes the car easy to place.

Performance is brisk, too. The engine generates a healthy 272 Hp, matched by 35.3 Kg/m of torque, so pick-up is brisk in any gear, and serious speed is only a twitch of the ankle away.

But the biggest surprise is how quiet the whole process is. Sure, there is a quiet thrum from the

SPECS
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Engine: 3.5l V6, Quad cam, 24V with EFI
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Performance: 0-100kph 7.1 secs, 210 kph top speed (limited)
Price: From Dh180,000

engine, and a little rustle of tyre and wind noise here and there, but nothing too intrusive—all the better then, to enjoy the 8-speaker Lexus premium audio system and its concert-hall delivery. Other car makers may do better flat-out dynamics or screaming engine power, but few can match the sheer poise and refinement of a modern Lexus. ●



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Most people are familiar with their sun sign and the basic aspects of astrology, however, there is a lot more to learn for most of us. So what exactly is astrology? The most widely-used description is the study of the movements and positions of planets in motion and how they have an influence on human affairs. The planet interac-

tions are mathematically based, and astrology studies these mathematical cycles. Each zodiac sign represents a different aspect of the human being; Aries starts the cycle, representing the self, and Pisces completes it, representing the mass unconscious of all mankind. Astrology uses a set of rules about the positions and movements of planets to generate explanations for human personality traits. Follow our astrology guide to discover what your star sign says about you.

Look to the stars

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Aries

March 21 - April 20

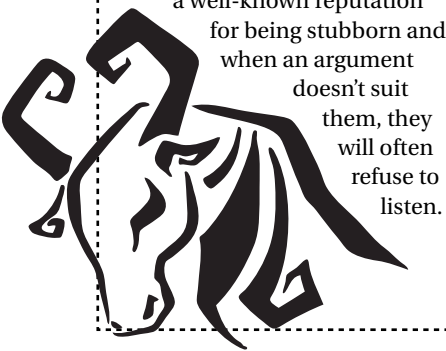
People born under the zodiac sign Aries are curious, energetic and enthusiastic individuals. As they are the first of the zodiac signs, they venture out of the norm and are go-getters, often leading the way for others. However, they can get childish or moody should they be given orders that they do not like. Their stubbornness can make them very difficult people to deal with.



Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Known for being reliable, practical and ambitious, people born under the Taurus sign often have an eye for beauty. These sensible souls are quite down to earth, polite and have pleasant personalities. However, those born under Taurus have a well-known reputation for being stubborn and when an argument doesn't suit them, they will often refuse to listen.



Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Gemini people have many sides, in keeping with the twins that symbolise the sign. They are intellectual but they can also be tense and restless. They are curious and always want to know what's going on in the world around them, although it is often difficult for them to stay interested or engaged in the projects they start, as they can be indecisive and lack focus.



Cancer

June 22 - July 22

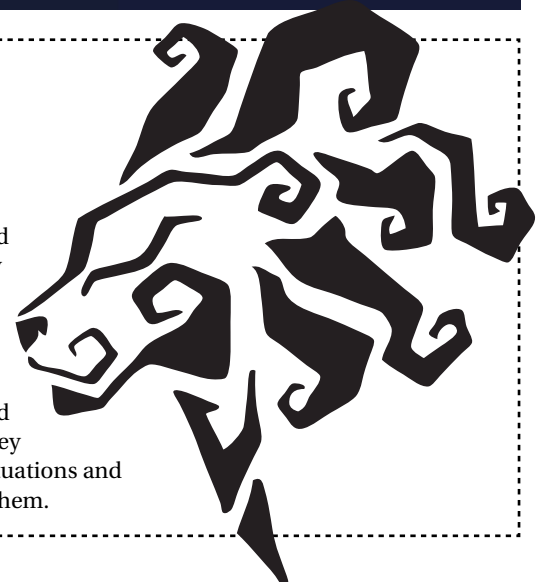
Cancereans are quite complex individuals, but they are usually conservative and home-loving people. They are very helpful to others yet sometimes they can be cranky and indifferent. These sensitive individuals are loyal and giving, and will rarely expect much in return for their faithfulness to family and friends.



Leo

July 23 - August 21

Leos are warm, action-oriented and driven by the desire to be loved and admired. They are highly esteemed, honourable and very devoted to themselves. They tend to become possessive with their belongings and are prone to jealousy. They like to be in control of situations and expect people to follow them.



Virgo

August 22 - September 23

Virgos are wise, witty and well spoken. They don't believe in living in the fantasy world and will be very much in touch with the reality. They are rational people who don't let emotions affect their decisions. They can be quite fussy and overcritical—anything less than perfect is not good enough for them.



Libra

September 24 - October 23

Those born under the Libra sign are attractive people who like to be around others. They have natural charm, elegant taste and they are easy to like due to their laid back nature. They tend to become superficial at times, though, as outer beauty means a lot to them. Libras are often easily influenced by the opinions of others.



Scorpio

October 24 - November 22

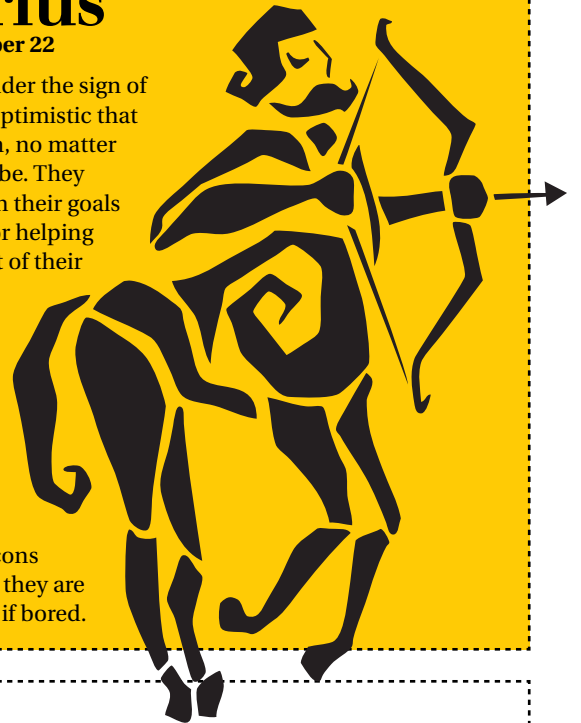
Scorpios are usually very deep, intense people. Their determination is their major strength. No matter how difficult something is they will tackle it head on. They find it very difficult to trust people and so are therefore secretive. Scorpios can be sensitive and get easily hurt by negative comments.



Sagittarius

November 23 - December 22

People who are born under the sign of Sagittarius are usually optimistic that good things will happen, no matter what the situation may be. They love to help others reach their goals and will always be up for helping people to find a way out of their problems. However, Sagittarians can often be reckless and a little irresponsible. This is due to the fact that they will sometimes jump at a suggestion of doing something new before they fully weigh up the pros and cons of a situation. However, they are guaranteed to create fun if bored.



Aquarius

January 21 - February 19

Those born under this sign are strong and attractive people. They are always after intellectual stimulation and love to discover something new. They are very well spoken, friendly and witty, although they can be eccentric and inconsistent at times.



Capricorn

December 23 - January 20

People born under this sign are usually sensitive, sensible and secure in their own space. Capricorns are extremely patient and will wait a long time for something they want. People will often trust their sound judgemental skills and often come to them seeking advice. Those born under Capricorn tend to be pessimistic and are sometimes very cautious.



Pisces

February 20 - March 20

Pisces are popular within their social circles for being a genuine friend to everyone. They are very kind people and will treat others just the way they want themselves to be treated. Pisceans are very good at understanding people but they can often be lazy in matters that they do not particularly care about.



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Encouraging teamwork

A handful of simple factors can easily create better collaboration skills and results within the workplace.

TEAMWORK

Employers in every workplace constantly talk about the importance of collaboration and working as a team, but few truly know the best way to release their team's collaborative creativity and create a culture of trust. When collaboration is low, it's not just your profits that suffer; your employees will suffer too. They will lose the opportunity to work in the kind of environment that energises teams, releases creativity and makes working together both fulfilling and joyful. In addition, collaboration leads to the discovery of revolutionary new processes and solutions that companies need to succeed and compete in the business world. The good news is that there are a number of techniques that you can use to foster collaboration within your company. Akhtaboot shows you how.

IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS AND CAPITALISE ON THEM

Creating an amazing team can be tricky at first. A starting point is to identify individual strengths that can be of value to the project. Once you do, create a mix of the roles that draw on the strengths of each team member. If all team members have similar knowledge and skills, it will become more competitive than collaborative and they run the risk of becoming limited in their ideas. Diversity pushes people to reflect on new angles of the issue that would otherwise be overlooked.

REWARD THE TEAM RATHER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL

It's an obvious fact that incentives drive behaviour. In addition to doing individual performance reviews, consider conducting team reviews and make sure that you publicly recognise and reward the team for their work. Basing the rewards on collective efforts rather than individual performance creates a more persistent culture of team work. Always remember that when you reward the behaviours you want to nurture, performance will follow.

SEE OPPORTUNITY IN CONFLICT

No one likes conflict, that's why our first instinct may be to run away from it instead of facing it. But, when you look at conflict through a perception

of opportunity, you will find numerous rewards. Some of the positive outcomes of embracing conflict can be better collaboration, learning how to make compromises, and enhanced creativity. Throughout all stages of professional development, conflict will always be present. Make sure that all team members are familiar with the language of constructive feedback and the golden

“When your team understands the end goal, they will be much more committed to attaining it.”

rule of good listening: “Are you listening, or just thinking of what to respond?” Have your teams practice this at the beginning of any project. Great teams put problems out in the open for discussion and then collaborate to find solutions and form plans.

SET A CLEAR GOAL

When your team understands the end goal, they will

be much more committed to attaining it. This clear direction and agreement is essential for successful teamwork. Be as detailed as possible when setting goals by giving numbers, dates, and timelines. Make sure that each goal is measurable and don't leave any room for misinterpretation; either the goal was achieved, or it wasn't. Define goals as if you already know the end result. Keep in mind that the best way to predict the future is to create it. ●

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Pick 'n' mix pastels

Embrace the power of pastels this spring with these fresh pieces.

TRENDS

Powder blues, candy pinks and pretty lilac hues dominated the spring 2014 runways. Christopher Kane showed off lilac and pistachio shades while Peter Pilotto and Temperley offered a range of cool, mint green pieces. Rochas displayed buttercup yellow jacquard coats and over at Mulberry, blush-toned shades stole the show.

Mix last year's pastel hues with new statement pieces from this season for an updated take on the trend.

Pastel shades can be worn almost anywhere, whether you are at the office, on the beach or out for the evening.

We love Mira Duma's powder blue wrap coat. The fashionista looks elegant in the oversized coat which she accessorised with an embellished belt. The blue hue complements her natural olive complexion while the belt highlights her petite waist and frame. Perspex courts and a chic up-do complete the classic look.



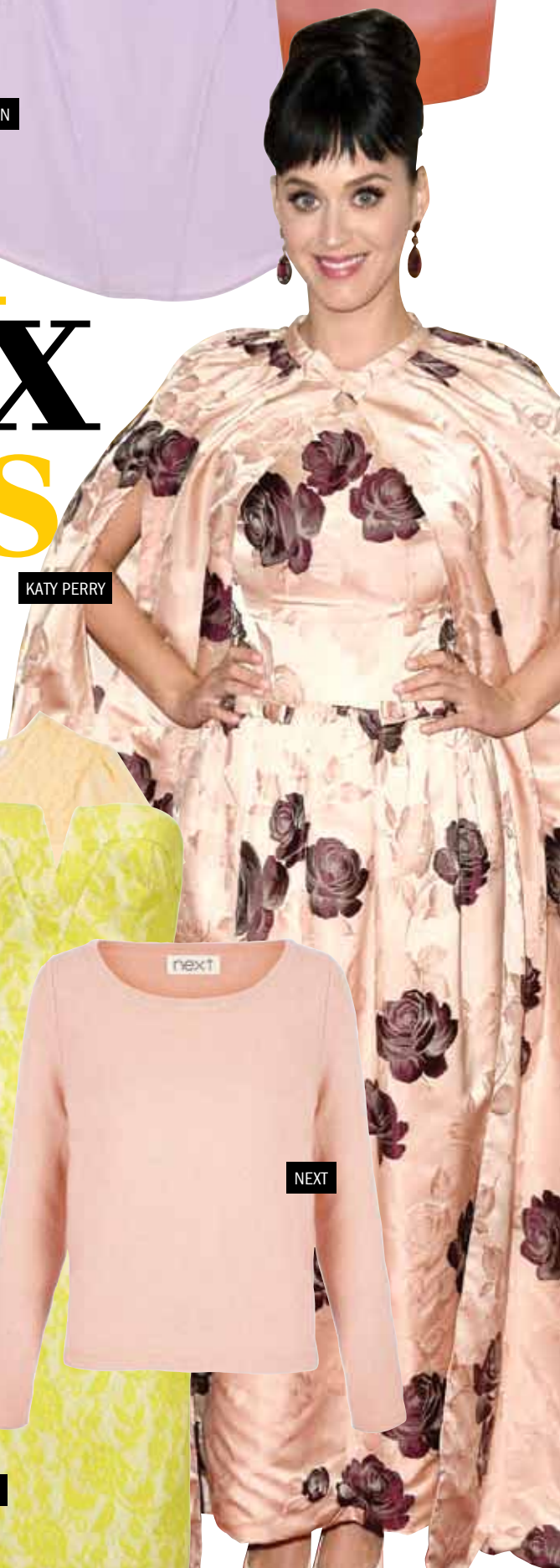
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When Katy Perry opted for a pastel floral dress and cape combo at an event last month, the star received mixed reviews. With some critics comparing the outfit to a pair of old curtains, it seems the star may have made a fashion faux-pas. The matching cape made the singer appear frumpy and did nothing for her figure. However, while we may not have been a fan of the style of the dress, we loved the blush pink jacquard pattern which featured a burgundy floral

print. Opt for pretty, pink floral patterns in a more fitted dress for a feminine style.

Similarly, Ellie Goulding divided opinions when she wore a tulle prom dress at



MARKS & SPENCER

MATALAN

the 2014 Brit Awards in London last week. The singer's Disney princess style gown was an odd choice for the edgy music awards ceremony. So while the shape of the dress may have been wrong, the star did score points in our books for the pretty pink pastel shade of the dress.

Don't be afraid to choose pastels like blue, pink, yellow, lavender and green. For a fresh, evening look try wearing a vibrant, figure-hugging pastel pencil dress. Powder blues, white and pink will always complement each other nicely, so, for a romantic, retro look, why not choose a high-waisted pleated skirt in baby blue and wear with a pink cashmere knit sweater? Pop on a pair of white strappy sandals, which are also hot for spring/summer 2014, and you're ready to go.

If you feel that pastel shades are simply too girly or wishy-washy for you, why not incorporate pastel accessories into your outfit. Add an oversized handbag to an all-white outfit or a pair of green pointed courts to really make your outfit pop. For a more youthful look try wearing a metallic lilac mini-skirt with a sheer white blouse, a silver clutch and nude heels. ●



MIRA DUMA



ELLIE GOULDING



LAURA WHITMORE

Art attack

In his latest movie *The Monuments Men*, George Clooney leads a team to rescue invaluable art works

NEW RELEASE

Based on the true story of what has been called the greatest treasure hunt in history, *The Monuments Men* is an action drama that focuses on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked by President Roosevelt with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners.

It would be an impossible mission: with the art trapped behind enemy lines, and with the German army under orders to destroy everything during the fall of the Third Reich, how could seven museum directors, curators and art historians, all more familiar with Michelangelo than the M-1, possibly hope to succeed?

But as the so-called Monuments Men find themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1,000 years of culture, the film shows how they risked their lives to protect and defend mankind's achievements.

Directed by George Clooney, the film features a number of heavyweights in its case, including Clooney himself, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman and Cate Blanchett.

Clooney, in partnership with Oscar winner Grant Heslov (*Argo*) was also behind the screenplay, which is in turn based on the non-fiction book *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves And The Greatest Treasure Hunt In History* by Robert M. Edsel.

With such an all-star cast and gripping subject matter, it is hard to see how this film could fail to become a blockbuster smash. Unfortunately, though, it has failed to impress the critics, while audiences in America has also been lukewarm to its charms.

The unit is put under the command of Frank Stokes (Clooney), an ageing art expert, and is split into teams to search for art treasure based on leads and hunches.

It is perhaps because of this format that the film falls down. The episodic nature of the story lines, switching

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Robert M Edsel, the man behind the original book on which this movie is based, started off as a businessman. However, while living in Florence, he developed an interest in the methods used to keep famous art works out of the hands of Hitler and the Nazis. He subsequently turned this into his full-time research business, leading to several books on the subject.

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back and forth from one team to the next, prevent any real development of the characters and their individual missions so even these big names—with 17 Oscar nominations and five wins between them—have a difficult time to capture any great attention through their performances.

It isn't that they don't try; rather they are just limited by a loose script and over-ambitious direction that comes from someone who is so intimately involved in the screenplay that he is unable to recognise its pitfalls from the audience's point of view.

Indeed, this has been an ambitious work by Clooney, mixing direction with screenwriting and even producing, but maybe it was a little too much for him to chew off. Instead, a biopic specialist like Martin Scorsese would have been a better bet to bring this rich subject matter to life. ●

Listings

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What's happening this week in the UAE

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Date: March 4 - 8
Time: 9am - 6pm
Venue: Dubai Festival City
Admission: Ticketing information at www.emirateslitfest.com
More info: 04 353 4002



Dubai International Boat Show 2014



The event will showcase innovative yachts, supercars, equipment and marine supplies.
Date: March 4 - 8
Time: 3 - 9pm
Venue: Dubai International Marine Club, Mina Seyahi
Admission: Dh60
More info: www.boatshowdubai.com

Tap Dogs

Australian dancer Dein Perry's Tap Dogs makes its Dubai debut.
Date: March 5 - 15
Time: Call for schedule
Venue: Madinat Theatre, Madinat Jumeirah
Admission: Stalls Dh350/280, balcony Dh250
More info: 04 366 6590



Eric Clapton Live in Dubai



One of the most iconic guitarists, Eric Clapton, promises to woo Dubai.
Date: March 6
Time: 7pm
Venue: Dubai Media City Amphitheatre
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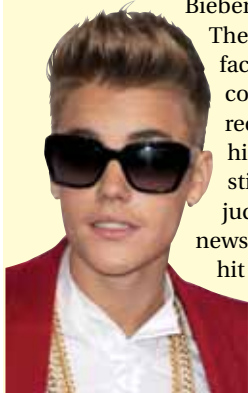
End of the line



In one of the most surprising recent showbiz shockers, Robin Thicke and Paula Patton have split. The pair appeared to be rock solid, having met in their early teens, married in 2005, and welcomed their son Julian Fuego in 2010. Actress Patton revealed the decision was mutual, but that the pair will remain "best friends".

Billion babies

He may have had a turbulent time of late, but maybe there's something that can put the smile back on Justin Bieber's face.



The singer has faced plenty of controversy recently, but his appeal is still sky-high judging by news that his 2010 hit *Baby* has just reached one billion views on YouTube.

Brand new BFFs



FAST FRIENDSHIP

Not content with already having a phonebook that reads like a who's who of Hollywood, songstress Taylor Swift seems to have added another BFF to her list of famous friends. After meeting at the Grammy's in February, it seems as though Taylor has taken pop's new darling, Lorde, firmly under her wing, with the pair spending more than just a little time together in Los Angeles recently and documenting their antics on social media.

With pictures of the pair being posted regularly to social media sites, the two young songstresses have been enjoying all sorts of activities, from walks on the beach to shopping trips and parties.

But, while it all seems sweet on the surface, perhaps Taylor's forgetting the comments Lorde made about her in an interview last year. The New Zealand singer was quoted as saying: "Taylor Swift is so flawless and so unattainable, and I don't think it's breeding anything good in young girls. I'm never going to be like Taylor Swift, why can't I be as pretty as Lorde?" But it appears her catty comments are now just water under the bridge when it comes their fun new friendship.

R.I.P Ramis

It seems as though 2014 has had more than its fair share of celebrity losses, and we're only into the third month of the year. After the loss of Philip Seymour Hoffman, Shirley Temple, and *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air* star James Avery, the sad passing of comedian and writer Harold Ramis has shaken Hollywood and film fans across the globe. Most well-known—and well-loved—for

his role as Dr Egon Spengler in 1984's *Ghostbusters*, Ramis died last week at his home Chicago, aged 69, after suffering from a rare autoimmune disease. He began his comedy career in improvisation group Second City, where he met good friend and future co-star Bill Murray. Ramis would later go on to play the straight man to Murray's character in *Ghostbusters* and in military comedy *Stripes*, before co-writing, producing and directing 1993's *Groundhog Day*, in which Murray took the lead role.



Bollywood news

No regrets

She made her debut in 2012's *Student of the Year*, and, while the movie title suggests otherwise, Alia Bhatt has in fact given up her education to pursue an acting career. The 20-year-old beauty recently revealed that she is happy about her decision to follow film success rather than study for a degree.



Taste of India

While he may be busy filming for upcoming flick *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 2*, Richard Gere is making sure he doesn't miss out on the opportunity to sample the local Rajasthani cuisine. Gere's co-star, Lilette Dubey, has apparently been introducing him to a variety of dishes, made with minimum spice.



Pink princess

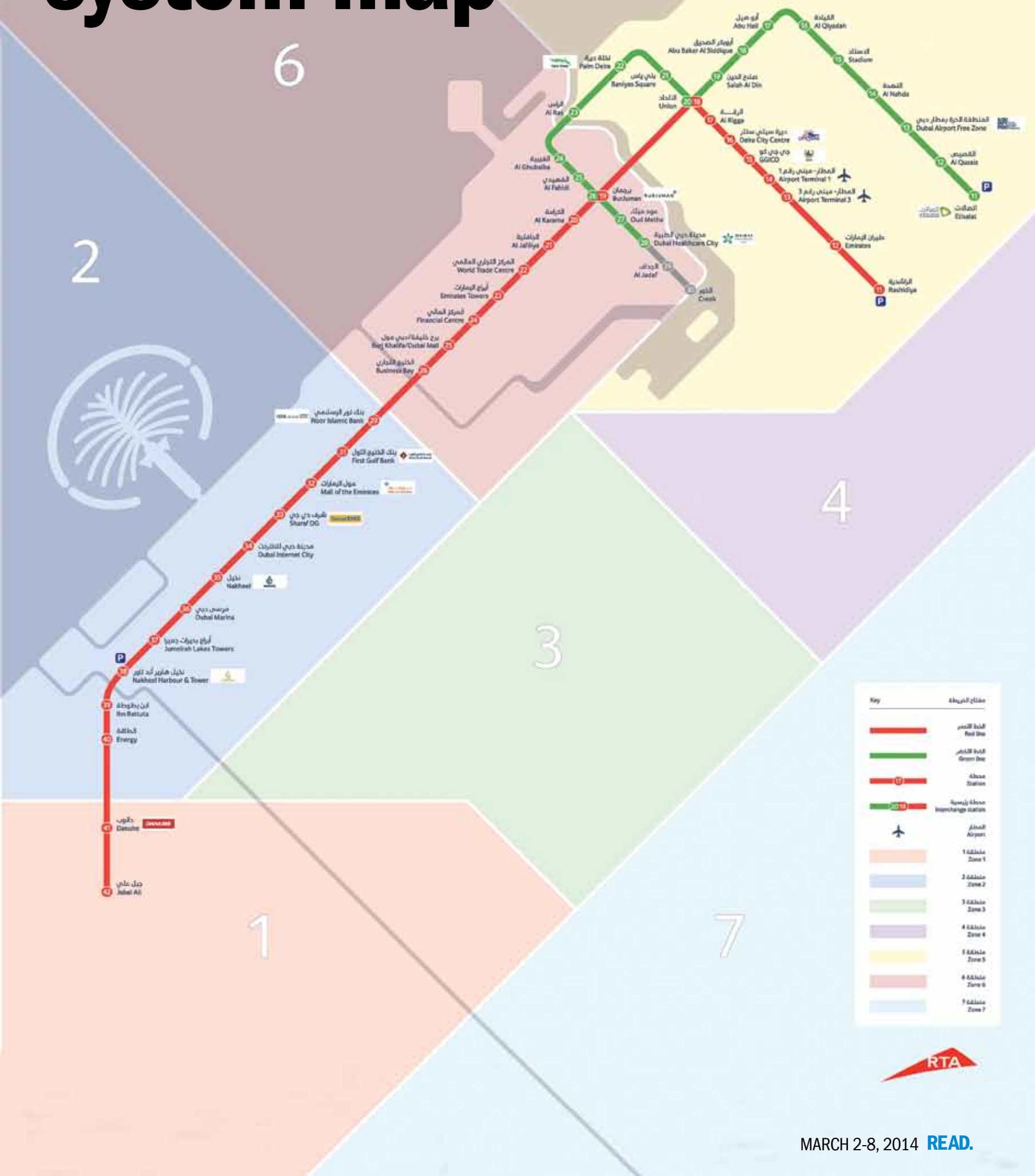
She's one of the most revered beauties of Bollywood, with her feminine style captivating hearts across the world. Now it seems that Priyanka Chopra has got herself the ultimate girl power accessory—a pink Harley Davidson. Priyanka recently showed off her new ride on Instagram.



Out in the open

The rumours have been buzzing for a while, and now Bipasha Batra has finally confirmed that she and Harman Baweja are a couple. Bipasha took to Twitter to announce the news, saying: "Stating the obvious! Yes Harman n Me r a couple :) Finally I have met a person who is a far better human being than I am blessed. (sic)"

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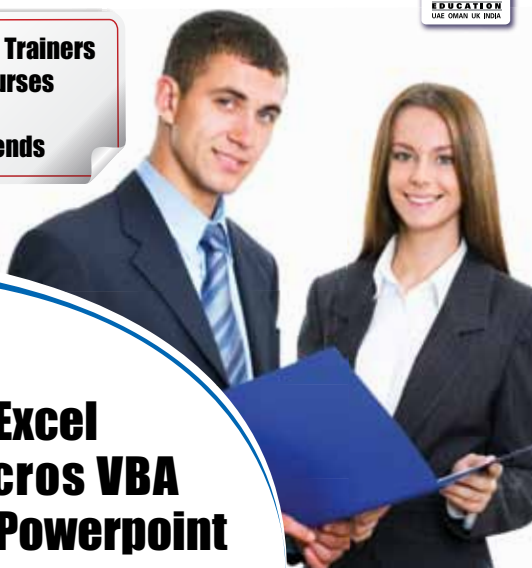
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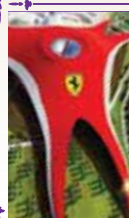
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The Roads and Transport Authority achieves ISO 50001: 2011 certification in Energy Management System.

AWARDS

The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), has obtained ISO 50001: 2011 Energy Management System certification, making it the first Dubai Government entity and the first public transport provider in the MENA region to obtain the certification. The certification was made in recognition of the RTA's efforts in maintaining transparency at strategic and local levels, and in manifestation of its vision to provide safe and smooth transport for all.

Mattar Al Tayer, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director of the RTA, accepted the ISO Energy Management System certificate from



Theuns Kotze, Regional Director of the British Standards Institution (BSI); the awarding body.

Al Tayer said: "This success culminates the RTA's efforts in energy man-

agement and sustainability, which echoes the long-term national initiative to build a Green Economy in the UAE initiative under the theme, Green Economy for Sustainable

Development, announced by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. It also comes in line with the UAE's 2021 vision, and Dubai Integrated Energy Strategy 2030."

Al Tayer added: "Implementing the Energy Management System in conformity with the ISO has enabled the RTA to utilise cutting-edge

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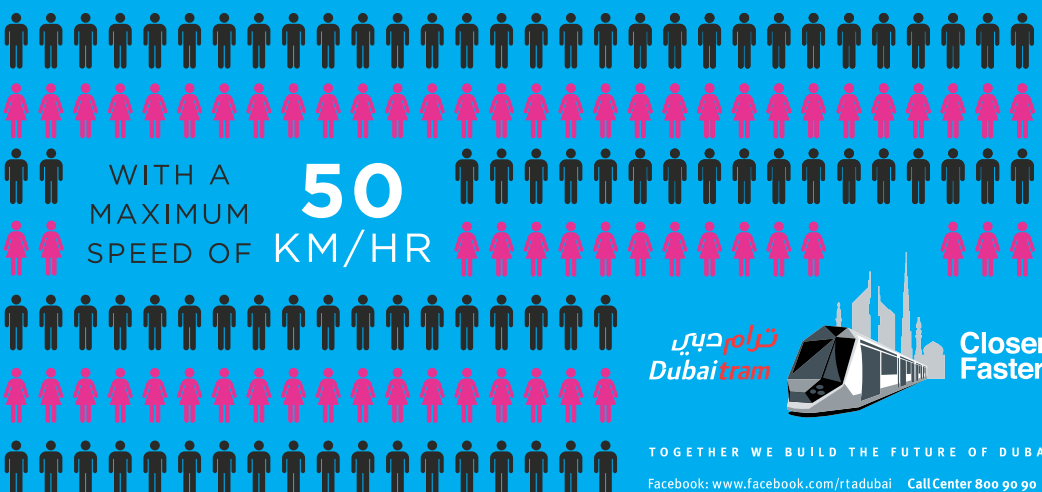
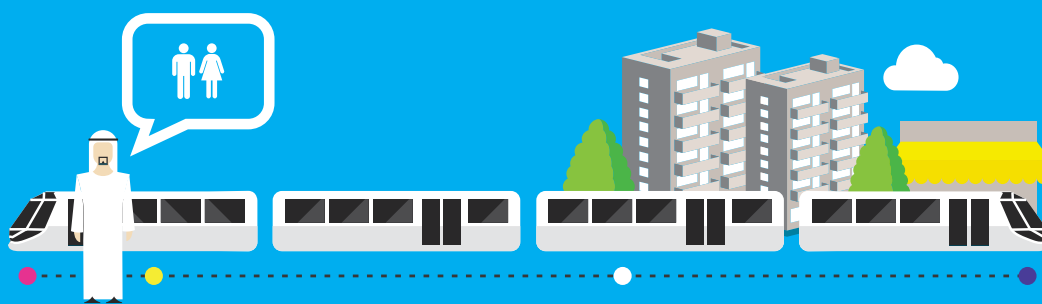


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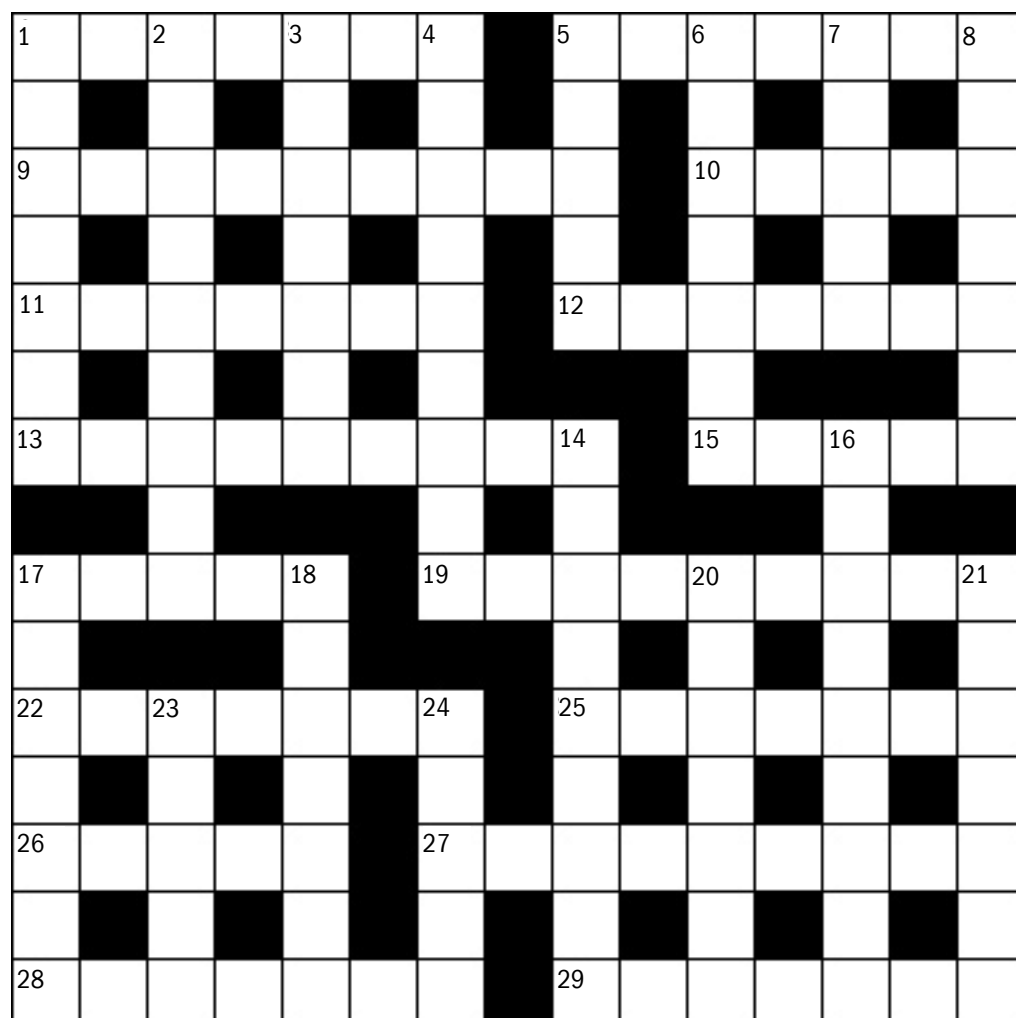
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9 Protect (9) 10 Adjust (5) 11 Breadwinners (7)
12 Ammunition chest (7) 13 A pellet of ice from the sky (9)
15 Territories (5) 17 Handle a weapon or authority (5)
19 Outer layer of skin (9) 22 A small round bread (7)
25 Supply of weapons (7) 26 Extent (5) 27 Forestalled (9)
28 Burnt with a hot liquid (7) 29 Fortrightness (7)

Down

1 Request earnestly (7) 2 Incapable of reproduction (9)
3 Entry (7) 4 Grave marker (9) 5 Army doctor (5)
6 Extremely cold (7) 7 Approaches (5) 8 Waits upon (7)
14 Queen of Britain (9) 16 Puts forth as a candidate (9)
17 Moves unsteadily (7) 18 Scared (7) 20 Not western (7)
21 With strength and soundness (7) 23 A group of south Pacific islands (5)
24 Lukewarm (5)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Salmon and asparagus quiche

This quick, light and tasty quiche makes a simple starter or anytime snack.

Ingredients

For the pastry

200g shortcrust pastry
1 lightly beaten egg, for glazing

For the filling

3 eggs
200ml double cream
200g hot smoked salmon
200g asparagus spears, blanched and chopped
1 red onion, finely sliced
1 tsp chilli flakes
1 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon
Juice of 1 lemon
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

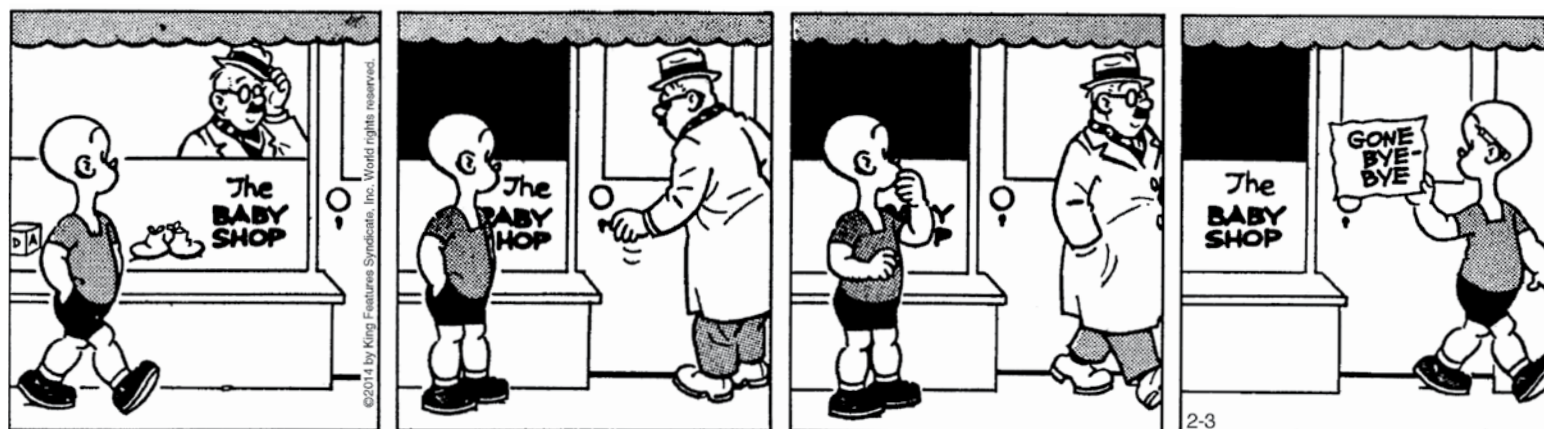
1. Roll the pastry on a lightly floured surface and use it to line a buttered, 20cm flan dish. Leave the overhanging edges without slicing them off. Leave the pastry to chill in the fridge for 20 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 180C and remove the pastry case from the fridge.
3. Cover the pastry with baking paper and fill it with baking beans. Place onto a baking tray and bake for 20 minutes. Remove the beans and

paper then brush the pastry case with egg glaze. Return to the oven for another five minutes.
4. Reduce the oven temperature to 150C and prepare the filling by combining the eggs, cream and seasoning in a bowl. Mix well, then add the remaining ingredients and pour evenly into the pastry casing.
5. Bake for around 30 minutes, or until the filling has set. Remove the quiche from the oven and leave to cool before serving.

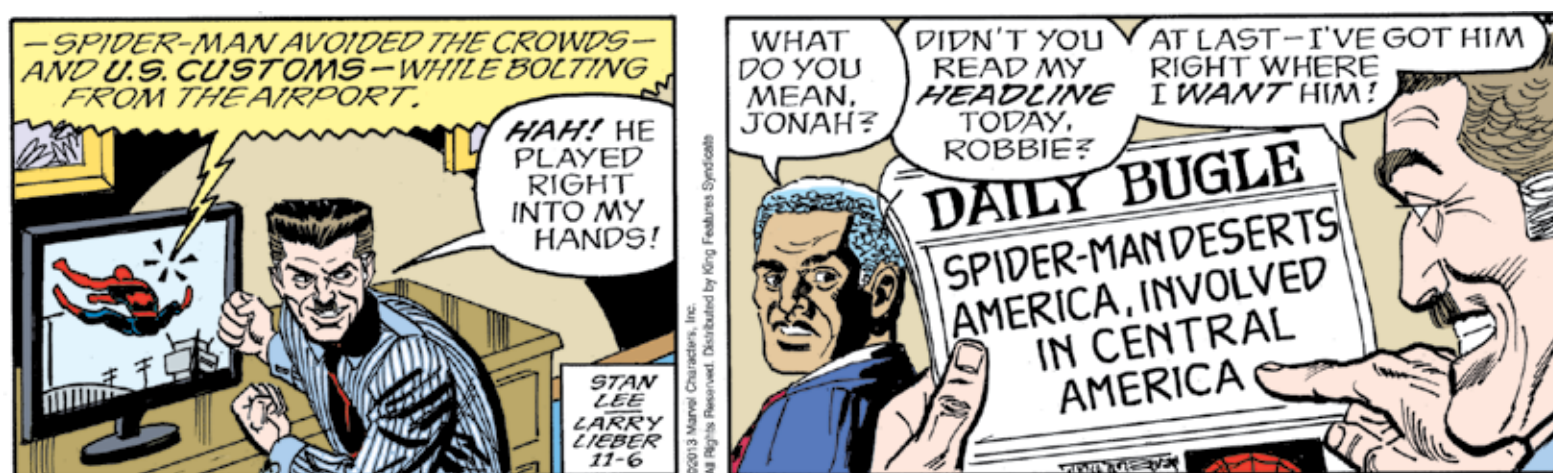
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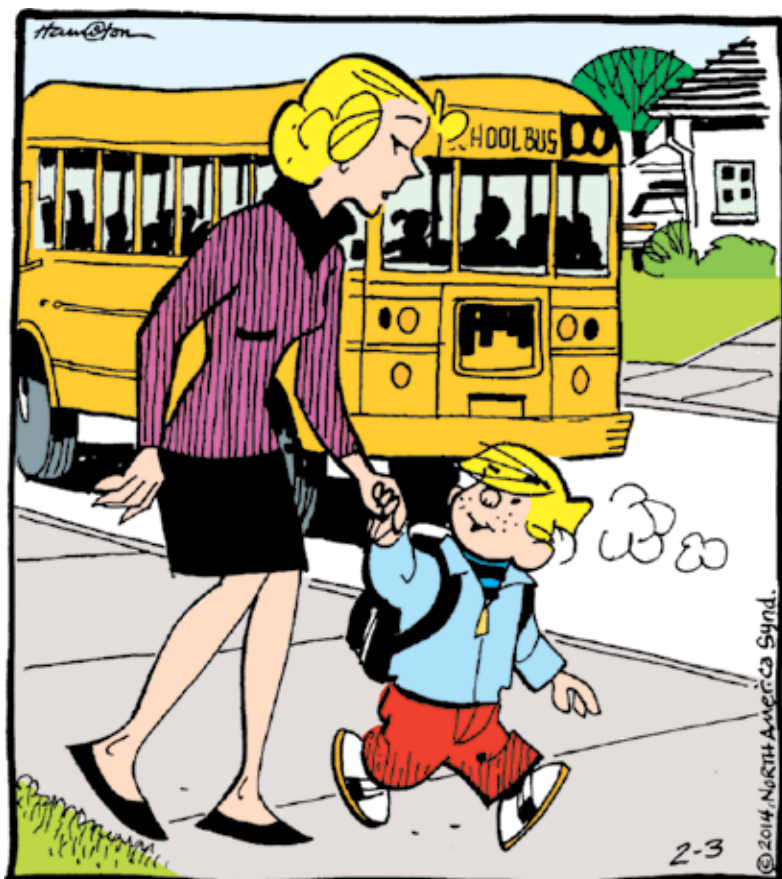
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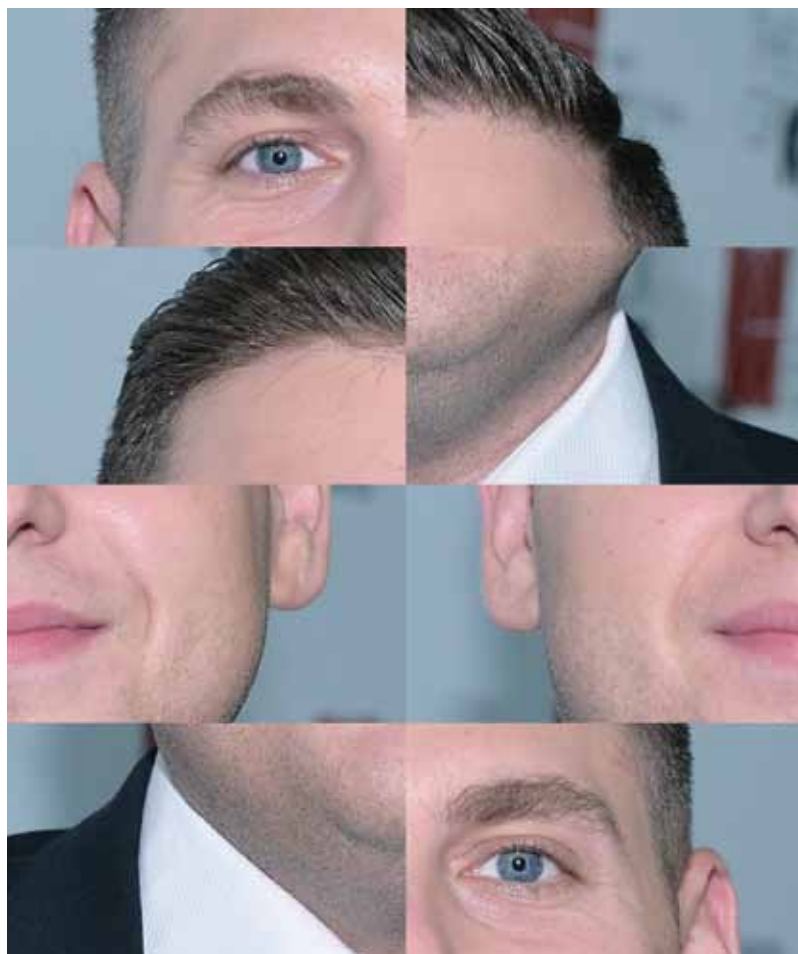
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What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Whatever it was that you wanted to be as a child, try to remember the reasons why. Was it the excitement? Or job satisfaction? Whatever inspired your dream job as a youngster may be making its way back to the surface, so be prepared for a career change.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

Sometimes you struggle to see others suffering, particularly when you are in a good place. While it can be heartbreaking, you need to realise that you can't solve all the world's problems. Do what you can and at least you'll know in your heart that you've helped.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Your moods are swinging back and forth like a pendulum and it's not making life easy for those around you. Balancing the two sides of your personality can be difficult, Gemini, but sometimes you may have to bite your tongue and just stay calm.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Take care over something that may seem like a small decision. The choices you make could, in fact, have quite a profound impact on your life. Even if something seems unimportant, avoid making flippant decisions that could go the wrong way.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

Your energy levels are continuing to rise and your positivity towards other people and the world around you in general is increasing. This leaves you with a new feeling of contentment, which is surely much nicer than being doubtful and wary all the time?



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Taking comments with a pinch of salt is often easier said than done, and a remark made by your boss could actually be quite hurtful. While it may not have been delivered in the best way, perhaps this is the motivation you need to change a pattern or behaviour.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

A friendship has been blossoming recently and it may even be turning into a closer relationship than you could have imagined. Sometimes, the people we need most in our lives are right in front of our faces, it just takes time to realise how special they are.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

It may be tempting to agree on a new role or commitment without thinking it through. It may seem perfect on the surface, but the extra demand that could be placed on you may prove to be too much. Weigh up all the options before reaching a decision.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

A commitment to your health could see you completely revamping areas of your life. Whether it's finally trying out an exercise class you've always fancied or finally getting out for a run, every achievement you make will boost your confidence further more.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Don't get too caught up in a family member's problems. They may appreciate your advice, but the last thing they want is for you to take their issues to heart. By all means offer your opinion, but don't lose sleep over a situation that doesn't even involve you.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

The line between reality and your make-believe world could become blurred this week, so keep your feet firmly on the ground. It may sometimes be easy to retreat into the fantasy land that exists in your head, but the real world also needs you, Aquarius.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

It's nice to have visitors, but be careful that guests don't start to take advantage of your hospitality. If you are hosting elder relatives you may find it difficult to cope with judgmental comments, so you might need to reaffirm that it is your house and your rules.



This week's local weather

SUN



2nd

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 36%

MON



3rd

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 35%

TUE



4th

WARM
HIGH 24C
LOW 19C
HUMIDITY 37%

WED



5th

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 36%

THU



6th

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 38%

FRI



7th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 36%

SAT



8th

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