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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.

✉ TAKING SIDES

I have been a user of the Dubai Metro since it started operation in 2009. Albeit very efficient, it is still very sad to say that it is not always considerably comfortable and convenient.

Who's to blame? The users themselves! I'm not going to elaborate on the getting in and out of the metro carriages issue, as this has been mentioned a lot of times. I wrote to point out the use of the escalators in metro stations.

These facilities are supposed to make transport faster and easier, not make people lazier. I am always so frustrated every time I get caught up on a clogged escalator because

most people don't know how to use it: stand on the right, walk on the left! There is a sticker on the glass balustrade of each escalator but it is too small and unnoticeable for many people. I would suggest that authorities make a much bigger sign so that everyone using the escalator can read it.

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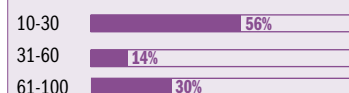
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Have you ever found anything important and returned it to the owner? If so, what was it and how did you track the owner down?

For us we are working at hotel so it is easy to find owner and we have done it most of the time.

— **Amit Dalvi**

I've found 3 wallets in my life. I've returned them all.

— **Arman Hossein**

I remember I was at a mall when I stumbled upon someone's wallet. I took it directly to the customer service desk without even opening it. They made the announcement and the item was then returned to its rightful owner.

— **Fatima Suhail**

Do you find it easy to remember names and faces or do you often

struggle to remember people you have just met?

Yeah! I got this problem about remembering names. It's easy for me to recognise someone by face but am dreadful at recalling names. Well, am not if that someone I have just met is someone very important and interesting. Personally, it is embarrassing when someone approaches you and called you by your first name and you don't reply

DOING THE RIGHT THING



by saying his/her name back? And of course you just can't directly ask his/her name when that person expects you to know it.

— **June Reynan Lariba Macario**



SLEEPING ON THE JOB

I tend to forget names of people but not faces especially if I just met them once.

As for me, I guess remembering them for real requires quality time and right relationship.

— **Herdy Villabroza Hervera**

Have you ever been so tired that you've accidentally fallen asleep in an unsuitable place, such as at your desk or in class?

Yep. Many times during my school

Classes, it was so embarrassing but for my friends it used to be a fun segment.

— **EFxy Cham**

I used to work for a call centre and I fell asleep while talking to a customer.

— **Soni Hamdi**

Hehe... at airport lounges when I was pregnant.

— **Priyanka Tiwari**

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Create a sustainable future for our planet by celebrating Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is one of the most significant environmental initiatives worldwide, during which millions of people across the globe gather to spread awareness of the environmental challenges the planet faces. During Earth Hour, participants turn off all lights and unnecessary appliances for one hour, to reiterate the importance of preserving natural resources, protecting the environment, and conserving consumption as part of daily lifestyle. This year, you can join in with the worldwide commitment to save the planet by going dark for an hour on Saturday March 29.

However, there are ways that we can positively impact the world we live in on a daily basis beyond Earth Hour. There are many things that we can all do in our homes to play a small part in reducing landfill waste, cleaning the air, and preserving the natural landscape.

"Going Green" means practicing an environmentally friendly and ecologically responsible lifestyle. You don't have to feel overwhelmed by the idea of going green, simply start by making decisions to help protect the

environment and sustain natural resources. By choosing greener options that respect the environment, you are making a difference to your

family's health as well as making an impact on the planet. You will also be able to save money on your utility bills and save fuel.



Go Green

- Turn off all lights when you leave a room.
- Open your curtains and blinds and enjoy natural light while you can.
- Install compact fluorescent light bulbs in your home when your incandescent bulbs are done.
- Stop buying plastic water bottles—instead, buy an inexpensive reusable water bottle.
- Take shorter showers and avoid baths. This will not only lower your water usage but it will also save money on your bills.
- Teach children to turn off the water while brushing their teeth. Leaving the tap running during just two minutes of brushing can waste up to five gallons of water a day.
- Wash your laundry in cold water instead of hot when possible, as 85 per cent of the energy used to machine wash your clothes goes on heating the water.
- Wear clothes that don't need to be dry cleaned as this saves money and cuts down on toxic chemical use.
- Do a full load of washing each time. Whenever you wash just a few clothes or dishes at a time rather than waiting for a full load to gather, you're wasting water, power, and money.
- Go for high-quality clothes that will last you longer which means less waste.
- Unplug chargers and appliances when they are not in use.

- Stick to the same mobile phone and laptop etc. for as long as possible.
- Shop at a local farmers market to support your local economy and avoid 'airmiles' on your food.
- Use old rags and clothes to clean your home. Be frugal and avoid using paper towels.
- Use natural soaps for hands, hair and body. Antibacterial products contain pesticide-based chemicals, which can eliminate beneficial bacteria on the skin and are not healthy for the environment.

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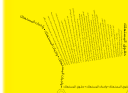
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Beating the burn

With concerns over the safety of heartburn medication hitting the news recently, can natural remedies be an effective treatment for the condition?

But there are a number of safe, natural ways to battle the burn. One is chewing gum within 30 minutes of eating a meal. Doing so stimulates the rate of saliva flow, which washes away much of the acid that accumulates in the gut after eating.

Baking soda, too, offers effective relief. As a base, it helps neutralise

stomach acid if you mix a teaspoon of baking soda with a glass of water. But those who suffer regular bouts of GERD should be aware that the powder is high in salt, and can cause side effects like swelling and nausea when used too often.

Antacids like baking soda do not provide a permanent solution, but liquorice might do, according to research which has shown the herb has natural stomach healing properties. Again, eating too much can have negative side effects like high blood pressure, so it is best to pop a liquorice pill before meals. Some brands, found in health food stores, don't even taste like liquorice, good news for those who don't enjoy the flavour.

While aloe is well

known for its ability to soothe itches and sores, it might also do the same for the stomach, some scientists believe. Aloe vera juice reduces inflammation that is in the oesophagus as well as the stomach. While aloe can act as a laxative, some brands have had the laxative component removed, and these are also available in health food stores. ●

PUTTING OUT THE FIRE WITH BAKING SODA?



Did you know?

GERD occurs when the anti-reflux mechanisms at the junction between the oesophagus and the stomach do not work properly. This may be due to a weakness in the lower oesophageal sphincter, the muscle that is supposed to close off the oesophagus from the stomach and prevent acid reflux from happening.

the condition is one of the biggest reasons for patients to visit their doctor in the developed world.

Heartburn, or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), is a chronic symptom of mucosal damage caused by stomach acid entering the oesophagus. In the Western world, up to one-fifth of people are affected by the condition.

A team of researchers has recently found evidence that some of the best known medicines used to treat heartburn can actually be the cause of heart conditions.

The team from Houston Methodist Hospital in the United States was examining earlier scientific evidence that showed that proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as Prevacid, Prilosec and Nexium, which are among the biggest selling medications in North America, can increase the risk of a second heart event in those with existing heart problems.

But what they found in the latest study was that the side affect can also happen with healthy people. According to the team's findings, when PPIs block production of stomach acid, they also constrict blood vessels, which can lead to high blood pressure and a weakened heart.

This is not good news for the millions of heartburn sufferers. Indeed,

“Heartburn, or gastroesophageal reflux disease, is a chronic symptom of mucosal damage caused by stomach acid entering the oesophagus.”

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TRAVEL NEWS

JA Manafaru set to open soon at atoll in Maldives

JA Resorts & Hotels, the Dubai-based international hospitality company, has announced the acquisition of a high-end resort soon to be launched in the Maldives.



JA Manafaru, located in the northern Haa Alifu atoll of the Maldives, 75 minutes by seaplane from Male International Airport, will present guests a high-end holiday offering, all year round. The new property will offer 84 rooms consisting of beach villas and water villas, eight food and beverage outlets, a spa and beauty complex, water sports and PADI dive centre, and extensive children's entertainment area.

The all-inclusive rates, to be announced at a later stage, will include a seaplane transfer, non-motorised water sports activities, and access to the children's care area.

David Thomson, Chief Operating Officer of JA Resorts & Hotels, said: "The JA Manafaru is the first in a series of leisure properties the company plans on launching in the future. We are looking to grow our portfolio of luxury properties in line with a worldwide strategic growth plan. We are now well placed to explore a wider set of business opportunities and geographies."

"With over 30 years' experience in managing and operating resorts and hotels, as a company we remain committed to the values that have brought us to where we are today. We will continue to attract new luxury leisure travellers who are seeking stylish holidays and enduring memories of unforgettable holidays," he concluded.



Boston the brave

New England's modern capital offers a rich snapshot to its revolutionary past.

The northeast nook of the United States is famed for its pioneering history, right from the early years of European settlement through to the modern-day political landscape. And as the region's largest city, and the centre of activities that led to the country's independence from Britain, Boston has gained a level of prominence that belies its place as a middle-sized city on America's eastern seaboard.

Boston is today known for its world-leading academic institutions, its historical architecture, its free spirit and its cultural glory. The city was founded by America's first settlers, and from that point they were fiercely protective of their "shining city on a hill".

This independence was best seen

when the Sons of Freedom, which was founded in Boston, coaxed the new colonies into their War of Independence—starting off, incidentally with the so-called Boston Tea Party—and a century later it was once again the Bostonians who were leading a new revolution, towards culture, science and education.

"The city itself is architecturally and historically fascinating."

GRAND DESIGNS

Sport city

Boston is also known for its baseball and, most notably, the Red Sox, who play at the fabled Fenway Park. The oldest stadium in Major League Baseball, Fenway Park is known for features like the towering Green Monster wall at left field, and the sounds of Neil Diamond crooning Sweet Caroline at the bottom of the eighth inning.





This spawned institutions like Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, two of the world's greatest places of learning, as well as world-class galleries, museums and cultural institutions.

The city itself is architecturally and historically fascinating, with narrow, winding alleyways mixing with boulevards, and the famous old harbour serving as its centrepiece.

The best way to soak up Boston's history is to take the walking trail from Boston Common to the Bunker Hill Monument, through 16 sites where some of the most dramatic events in US history took place and earned the city the status as the heart of American liberty.

Boston is also known by some as the "Athens of America", on account of its grand and imposing architecture, and the area around Copley Square is symbolic of the classical learning the city's burghers have fostered for so many years.

Composed of 34 islands, Boston also has a deep maritime history. Boston Harbour is perfect for day-tripping with Georges Island or Spectacle Island easily accessible

by taking the Harbour Express ferry from Long Wharf for amazing views of the city and access to a number of other islands.

Boston—like the rest of New England—is at its best in the late spring months of May and June and early fall in September and October. At this time, the colours of the trees in the

many open parks are sublime and the buzz among the students, professionals and visitors is palpable.

But at any time of the year, there is a packed cultural and historical schedule, from the legendary Fourth of July celebrations to dance, music and art festivals that dot the calendar throughout the year. ●



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NEWS ON WHEELS

New 2015 KIA Soul debuts with sporty SUV like design

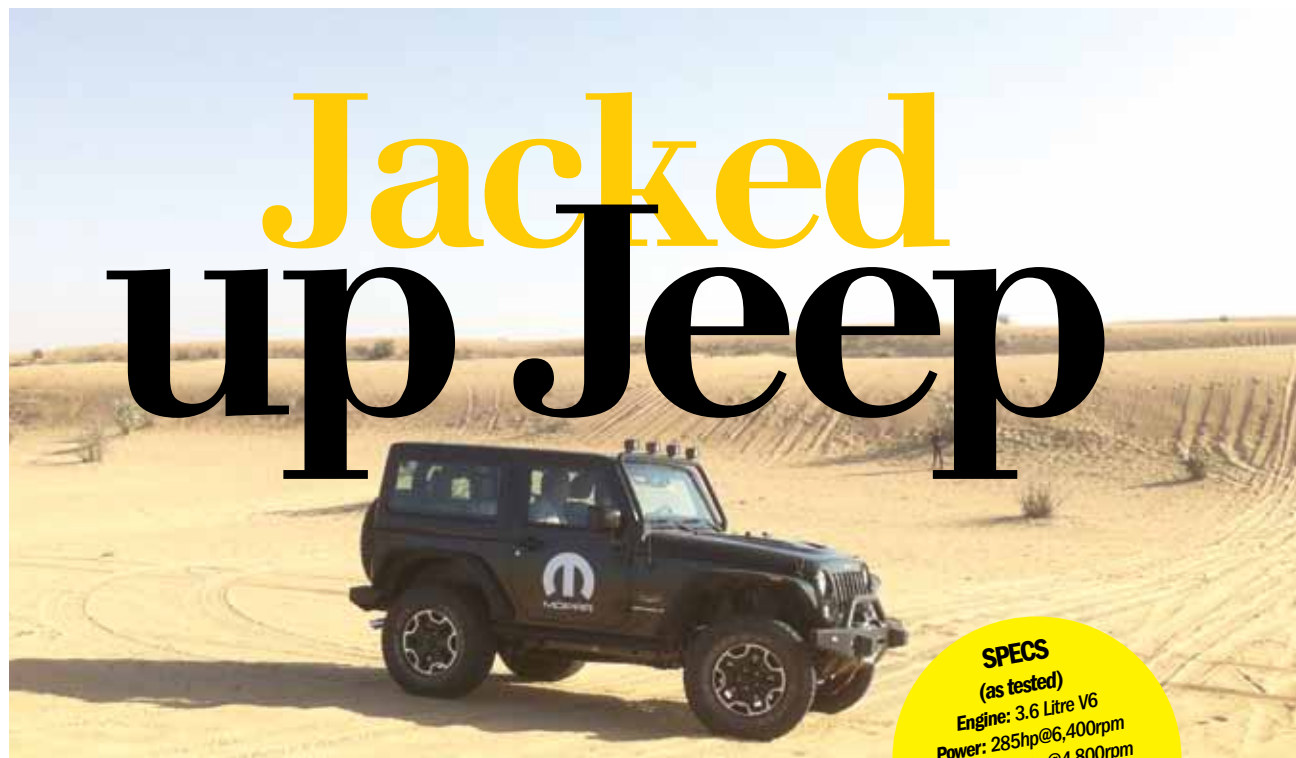
Al Majid Motors has launched the second generation of the KIA Soul 2015 in the UAE. Featuring a new sporty SUV like design, the Soul has a fresh and funkier look. The quirky hatchback manages to improve the driving experience without sacrificing the car's unique features, while retaining its iconic design, functionality and value.



The all-new Soul is equipped with extended wheelbase, larger headroom and considerable cabin space. As compared to its predecessor, the 2015 Soul is 20mm longer, 15mm wider, and 10mm lower. The new dimensions have allowed improvements to the vehicle's practicality, with more space for passengers and cargo. The smooth exterior panels and careful attention to surface detailing have also cut the Soul's aerodynamic drag, improving fuel economy at higher speeds.

The new Soul is available in 11 vibrant colours with eight different wheel designs to enhance the driving experience and increase the possibility of customisation. The car also offers a new base audio system with a monochrome TFT-LCD and six audio speakers, one in each door. Adding to the comfort of the driver and passengers, the interiors of the new Soul are tastefully done with high quality soft-touch material.

Soon-Nam Lee, KIA's Vice President of Overseas Marketing, said: "The Soul already has great emotional appeal, so our main focus with the 2015 model was infusing it with improved driving dynamics, developing a higher quality cabin and adding desirable features to highlight the new Soul's fresh sophistication. The introduction of the exciting second-generation Soul is a truly significant landmark for KIA."



Jacked up Jeep

A standard Jeep Wrangler not enough for you? Then try the MOPAR edition.

The Wrangler, and its predecessor the CJ, seem to have been around since Daisy Duke wore 'those' shorts in *The Dukes of Hazzard*, way back in the early 1980s. In fact, it's actually much older than that, descending from the famous Willys Jeep from World War II.

The more modern version has been a popular fashion accessory for years across the Gulf. The base version is easy to drive on the road, simple to own and excellent off-road.

But, taking things up a level, Jeep is now offering a fully jacked up Wrangler via its MOPAR tuning arm direct from the dealer, with the full advantages of a warranty, factory approved accessories and the knowledge that everything on your car is purpose made for that model.

The Jeep Wrangler MOPAR comes with front and rear metal sand bumpers, side protection bars, a winch and a 2-inch suspension lift. It also has a light bar with off-road only Ironman LED lights, a mesh grill and a vented Rubicon bonnet.

Even the wheels are special Rubicon 10th Anniversary editions. It looks military grade and has more than its fair share of road presence, especially with deep black paint.

Although all this kit makes the MOPAR even better off road, it

does somewhat effect the on-road handling. At speed the raised suspension causes it to wander on the road and corners are of course much harder with the reduced turning circle from the large wheels.

But get it out in the dunes and it'll pretty much go anywhere. The standard Wrangler has great ground clearance, so the MOPAR is simply excellent off the tarmac.

Inside, the Wrangler has come a long way from the old model's basic interior. Current models, including the MOPAR get all the accessories buyers have come to expect.

There's built-in Bluetooth for your phone, leather seats, sat-nav and front and side airbags. You even get electric windows, a USB connection and the excellent Chrysler U-Connect infotainment system.

But the Wrangler's proper party piece shows itself when the weather

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Engine: 3.6 Litre V6
Power: 285hp@6,400rpm
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is good. You can remove the roof and, if you really want that outdoor feel, the doors as well. Driving a car with no doors is really quite an experience and well worth trying at least once.

The V6 Pentastar engine is very good and follows a long line of torque-laden power units for the Wrangler. The best option is to go for the manual transmission, as the auto box slows its reaction times down too much and doesn't allow you to make good use of the engine.

The Jeep Wrangler MOPAR is only going to be suitable for people who like to go off-road on a regular basis or want to look spectacularly cool. For daily driving the standard Wrangler is a far better option. But as a second car for playing in the wadis or dunes, there can't be much on the market to beat it.

The humble Jeep has come a very long way. ●



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TECH NEWS

Canon launches range of pocketable compact cameras

Canon Middle East has added a trio of high-zoom, pocketable and easy-to-use compact cameras to its IXUS series – the IXUS 155, IXUS 150 and the IXUS 145. The IXUS 155 combines Canon's DIGIC image processing, a 10x optical zoom and 20MP sensor, with the iconic, stylish IXUS design.

The entry-level IXUS 150 and IXUS 145 are ideal cameras for budding photographers, with easy-to-use shooting modes, creative filters and high quality images.



The IXUS 155 (pictured) is capable of capturing events in stunning, sharp detail, using the high-resolution sensor, 10x optical zoom and 20x ZoomPlus.

The IXUS 150 and IXUS 145 are the perfect portable cameras, capturing great shots every time, both using a 16MP sensor and 8x optical zoom.

The svelte IXUS 155 and IXUS 150 feature Canon's advanced optical image stabiliser.

Automatically detecting from eight different scenarios, such as the Powered IS option that steadies movie footage when shooting in high zoom on the move.

An intelligent IS feature adjusts the camera's stabilisation mode to the most suitable setting, delivering clear and detailed photos and movies.

The new cameras deliver beautiful results every time. Canon's smart auto technology analyses every scene and automatically selects the right settings from 32 situations, so that you only have to worry about framing for the perfect shot.

All the three new models include a help button too, which explains the cameras' key features.

Simple solutions

A lack of sanitation is a huge issue, but simple inventions are going some way to alleviate such issues in the developing world



MAKING PROGRESS FOR PURE WATER



“Lack of access to safe drinking water is a major problem for around 884 million people on our planet.”

Open gates

Last week, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded \$23 million for research being led by University of Notre Dame biologists to prevent malaria and dengue fever. According to the World Health Organisation, 207 million cases of malaria were reported in 2012, and 50 million to 100 million dengue infections occur yearly.

No matter how hard work is for some of us, how much of a struggle it is to make ends meet and the amount of time we have to spend away from loved ones, we have it easy compared to some.

Indeed, for much of the world's population, even finding clean water and taking it home can be difficult. This is just one thing that is so easy for us to take for granted.

But little by little, scientists and inventors have been chipping away at serious issues like these by finding solutions that are affordable and which can be applied in the most inaccessible parts of the world. Increasingly, they are finding ways to improve the lives of others often by the most simple means.

One good example of such an invention is the Hippo water roller, which makes carrying water easier and more efficient than traditional methods. Designed by two South African engineers, the Hippo consists of a barrel-shaped container, which holds 25 gallons of water, and is

rolled along the ground with a handle attached to the axis of the barrel.

Whereas women in African villages are accustomed to walking for miles with a 10-gallon jug on their heads, they are able to roll more than twice the quantity of water with less effort.

The aim of the Hippo water roller is to reduce the number of people without adequate access to water by one per cent—or 10 million people. So far rollers have been distributed to 21 African countries as well as India, Mexico and South America.

While the Hippo assumes a clean water supply, still far too many people in the world lack access to a source of pure water, and so are highly susceptible to water-borne

diseases like salmonella, shigella, enterococcus and staphylococcus.

Indeed, lack of access to safe drinking water is a major problem for around 884 million people on our planet, according to recent figures from the World Health Organisation and Unicef.

A simple invention called LifeStraw, however, aims to counter such risks by acting as a personal, low-cost water purification tool with a life time of 700 litres—approximately one year of water consumption for one person.

A plastic tube 310 mm long and 30 mm in diameter, it draws water up its shaft to pass through hollow fibres that filter particles down to a safe level of 0.2 micrometers. It uses only physical filtration methods and no chemicals, and costs just a couple of dollars to buy.

There are many more inventions in the pipeline, and so often these are very simple but also hugely effective. The lack of safe, available water is a huge issue, but devices like the Hippo and LifeStraw bring hope to more people every day. ●

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Tech beat



NEW INTERNET ENEMY

America has joined North Korea and China on this year's "Enemies of the Internet" list, compiled by Reporters Without Borders. "The mass surveillance methods employed [by the US]... are all the more intolerable because they will be used and indeed are already being used by authoritarian countries," the report stated.



JOBS GOING TO TECH

Rapid advances in automation really are going to put a lot of people out of work, according to Bill Gates. Speaking to the American Enterprise Institute, Gates said: "Technology over time will reduce demand for jobs, particularly at the lower end of skill set... 20 years from now, labour demand for lots of skill sets will be substantially lower."

NSA HITS BACK

America's beleaguered National Security Agency has hit back at recent reports that it has 'infected millions of computers around the world with malware'. It countered in a statement: "NSA uses its technical capabilities only to support lawful and appropriate foreign intelligence operations, all of which must be carried out in strict accordance with its authorities."



IVE SLAMS COPYCATS

Apple design chief Jony Ive has launched a blistering attack on the companies he thinks have shamelessly copied Apple over the past few years. Speaking to The Times, Ive criticised "anonymous, poorly made objects", and also hit out at the people who buy them. "It's tempting to think it's because the people who use them don't care," he said.



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Taking the correct tone

Make sure you have got the basics of telephone etiquette covered to help maintain clear communication.

COMMUNICATION

The convenience of smartphones has made it possible to talk to others anytime and anywhere, but there is still an art to using the phone properly at work. Mastering proper telephone etiquette is important for your career growth and success. Whether you're answering the phone or making phone calls, you need to leave callers with a favourable impression of you and your company. That said, rude phone situations are actually pretty common in today's open office schemes; so make sure you're not the guilty one. Akhtaboot offers some helpful hints that will help to make your phone conversations more effective.

WHEN ANSWERING CALLS

The way you answer the phone sets the tone for the rest of the conversation. When answering the phone, always welcome the caller in a friendly tone and identify yourself and your company clearly. Don't just wait for them to ask if they have reached the right person. Smile through the phone lines and speak in a pleasant tone of voice, the caller will definitely appreciate it. Ask the caller for their name, and repeat it during the conversation to show interest.

MAKING CALLS

When it comes to making calls, be the first to identify

yourself and always state the reason for your call. If you agree to contact someone at a certain time, call them as you promised. If for any reason

you need to postpone the call, make sure that you notify

the person by phone or email. Never leave people waiting around for you to call.

HANDLING VOICEMAIL

Voice mail can be really helpful when you're out of office. However, many employees seem to hide behind it. If callers are constantly trying to reach your voicemail instead of you, then this is a major sign that you are avoiding calls. Record a short personal greeting in your own voice as standard pre-recorded greetings will not be convincing to callers. Check your voicemail on daily basis and call back within 24 hours. If you can't return the call within 24 hours, make sure that you notify the person. Callers should feel confident that you are checking your voicemail daily.

HANDLING ANGRY CALLERS

The way you handle angry callers can make all the difference between a customer who feels satisfied with

the solution and one who vows never to deal with your company again.

When a customer starts being rude to you over the phone, there is nothing to be gained by responding in a similar manner. The best thing to do is to stay calm and try to be diplomatic and polite. Show willing-

ness to resolve the problem or conflict. In most cases, that's all the customer is looking for and it may result in providing them with some degree of satisfaction.

HANDLING PHONE CALLS DURING MEETINGS

When you're in the middle of a meeting, avoid taking phone calls. If you do, you're basically sending an indirect message to the person you're meeting with that someone else is more important than him. If you are expecting an urgent call during your meeting and you're unable to reschedule it, notify the person you're meeting with ahead of time. This isn't the best scenario, but if it happens, apologise sincerely and briefly explain why you needed to take the call. ●

By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com).



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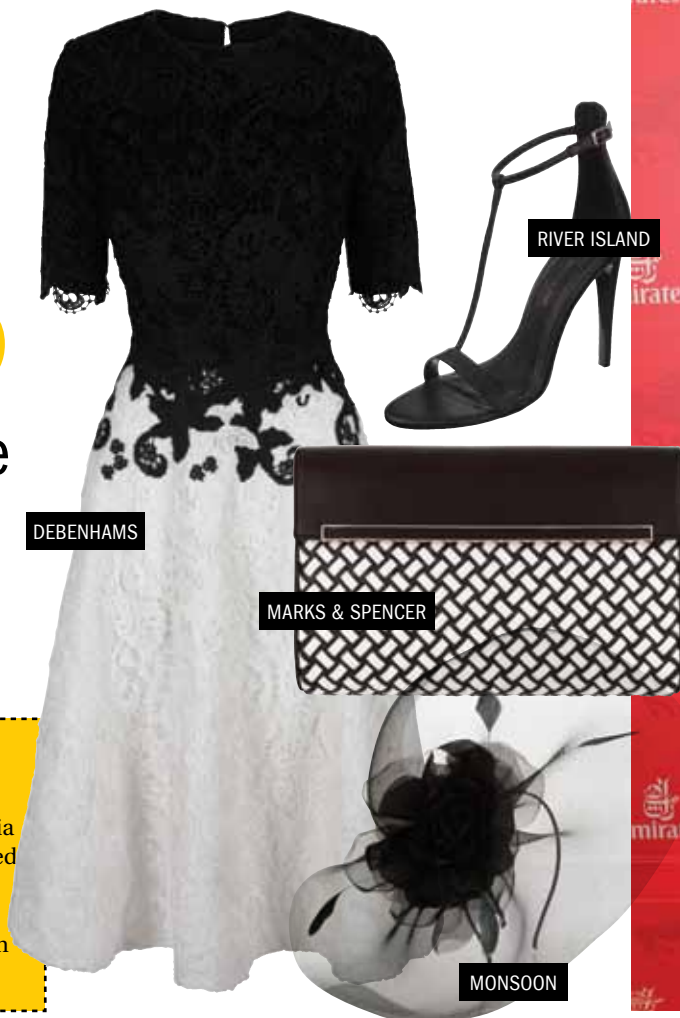
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At the races

Make sure you stand out from the crowd with the perfect race-day outfit; from gorgeous dresses to fancy fascinators and killer heels.

Monochrome marvel

This season monochrome has had a sleek update on the runway. Victoria Beckham showed black and white separates and Carolina Herrera proved that the colour combo is powerful and elegant. Bold lines and big skirts have long been a race-day favourite. Opt for a simple black and white full-skirt dress with lace detailing for a classic winning look. Team it with an oversized flower hat, strappy black sandals and a chic clutch.



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Springtime fresh

When it comes to choosing a dress, think about style as well as comfort for your surroundings. Make sure your dress is an appropriate length—not too short or so long that you trip on your heels. For a failsafe option choose a midi pencil dress with spaghetti straps for an on-trend look. With spring in full bloom, pastel and neutral hues look great against bright accessories.



MISS SELFTRIDGE

Full length and fabulous

Respect the traditional race code dressing rules and opt for a modest maxi dress, perfectly suited to an outdoor occasion thanks to the floaty fabric. Navy and cream hues work well together and exude a classy vibe. Detailing and pleats are right on trend this season. Team your dress with a 'look at me' retro-style fascinator and cute block heels. Add a touch of sparkle with an ornate embellished floral jewel clutch.



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Dapper gent

The formal dress code is the perfect opportunity for guys to impress in a slick suit. Revive the classic three-piece suit with a dashing grey suit like this one. Opt for a paisley print tie and striped shirt for a real race-day feel.



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C. Wonder begins regional push with Al Tayer Group

C. Wonder, the US-based lifestyle brand, opened its first international store at the Mall of the Emirates with a launch event attended by J. Christopher Burch, founder and CEO of Burch Creative Capital. The new store is a collaboration with the Al Tayer Group.



C. Wonder's designers create an assortment of beautiful, versatile and spirited products including women's clothing, footwear, jewellery and accessories, houseware and home decor.

Adhering to the belief that luxury should be a feeling rather than a price tag, C. Wonder's collections are competitively priced, with the price value being matched by fine materials and thoughtful details.

With a maximalist approach to design, C. Wonder is also devoted to creating a unique retail-shopping destination according to Burch.



C. Wonder is one of several lifestyle and consumer brands being developed by J. Christopher Burch, an entrepreneur and active investor across a wide range of industries. Burch (pictured) has been a strategic investor in multiple technology and luxury brands, including Aliph (Jawbone), NextJump, PowerMat, Voss Water and Tory Burch. C. Wonder operates more than 20 permanent stores in the US.



ALL READY FOR ADVENTURE

It's time to play the music

The return of the Muppets sees them touring Europe and foiling dastardly criminals.

NEW RELEASE

The Muppets have reunited once more in Disney's *Muppets Most Wanted*, which features Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell and Tina Fey alongside some of the biggest names in the world of multicoloured stuffed toys.

The latest outing sees Kermit the Frog and the rest of the Muppets team up with director James Bobin again, with music supplied by Academy Award-winning songwriter Bret McKenzie, of *Flight of the Conchords* fame. The team first united for 2011's *The Muppets*.

"It's great to be back working with the Muppets," said Bobin in a statement ahead of the movie's launch, "some of them even remember my name occasionally now. As for the movie, it's a tip of the hat to the old-school crime capers of the 1960s, but featuring a frog, a bear and a dog—no panthers, even pink ones—along with the usual Muppet-y mix of mayhem, music and laughs."

The movie takes the entire Mup-

Did you know?

Absurdist, self-referential and bordering on the surreal, the Muppets were created by puppeteer Jim Henson in 1955 and have since had a long career, taking them from comedy sketches to their own show, movies, toys and even video games. Kermit the Frog was the first character to appear, when he debuted on *Sam and Friends*, a local Washington DC comedy show.

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RICKY GERVAIS GETS IN THE PUPPET ZONE

been successful as slapstick romps interspersed with memorable song routines, and ahead of its launch, the latest film doesn't appear to stray from the formula.

Previews in America have already drawn praise from critics, who say the script is classic Muppets, with its writers understanding well when to inject a barrage of gags and

when to devote time to moving on the plot line. As a result, the film has a good pace and not too many holes in what is always going to be a flimsy premise.

At the end of the day, Muppets films are about humour, mayhem, charm and plenty for the kids, and that's how *Muppets Most Wanted* has set out its stall. It stands to be another reminder of why this troupe of stuffed toys is still so well loved. ●

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Need For Speed (3D) - 11:30, 13:50, 16:20, 18:50, 21:20, 23:55
Non-Stop - 10:50, 13:00, 15:10, 17:20, 19:30, 21:40, 23:50
Queen - 10:00, 12:45, 15:30, 18:20, 21:10, 24:00
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Non-Stop - 11:40, 13:50, 16:05, 18:20, 20:35, 22:50, 01:05
Only God Forgives - 13:00, 16:55, 20:50, 00:40
Only Lovers Left Alive - 14:30, 17:00, 19:30, 22:00, 00:30
Sabotage - 11:30, 13:05, 13:50, 15:25, 16:10, 17:45, 18:30, 20:05, 20:50, 22:25, 23:10, 00:45, 01:30
The Starving Games - 11:50, 13:40, 15:35, 17:30, 19:25, 21:20, 23:15, 01:10
Valley Of The Lost Ants - 13:05, 15:00, 16:55, 18:50
Villa 69 - 20:45, 23:05, 01:25

Reel Cinemas - Marina Mall

300: Rise Of An Empire - 11:30, 13:40, 15:50, 18:00, 20:10, 22:10, 00:25
Divergent - 12:05, 15:00, 17:55, 20:50, 23:45
The Monuments Men - 19:25, 21:55, 00:20
Mr Peabody & Sherman (3D) - 11:15, 13:15, 15:15, 17:20
Need For Speed - 17:50, 19:25, 00:10
Need For Speed (3D) - 12:30, 15:10, 20:30, 23:10
Non-Stop - 12:25, 14:45, 17:05, 22:00
Sabotage - 12:20, 14:35, 16:55, 19:15, 21:35, 23:55

Vox Cinemas - Deira City Centre

1983 - 16:30, 19:30, 22:30
300: Rise Of An Empire (3D) - 10:00, 12:15, 14:30, 16:45, 19:00, 21:15, 23:30
Balyakala Sakhi - 11:15, 13:45, 16:15, 18:45, 21:15, 23:45
Bewakoofyaan - 10:30, 13:00, 15:30, 18:00, 20:30, 23:00
Divergent - 10:30, 11:30, 14:30, 16:30, 17:30, 20:30, 23:30
Divergent (4D) - 14:15, 20:00
Gang Of Ghosts - 10:45, 13:45, 16:45, 19:45, 22:45
Highway - 00:00
Need For Speed (3D) - 10:15, 13:00, 15:45, 18:30, 21:15, 00:00
Need For Speed (4D) - 11:30, 17:15, 23:00
Non-Stop - 10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30,

19:45, 22:00, 00:15
Queen - 12:00, 15:00, 18:00, 21:00
Sabotage - 10:45, 13:15, 15:45, 18:15, 20:45, 23:15

Vox Cinemas - Mall of the Emirates

12 Years A Slave - 10:30, 13:15
300: Rise Of An Empire (3D) - 09:45, 12:00, 14:15, 16:30, 18:45, 21:00, 23:15
Bewakoofyaan - 16:00, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30
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The Lego Movie - 09:45, 10:45, 12:00, 13:00, 14:15, 15:15
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With some of the finest calligraphy paintings on display, this exhibition will shed light on the different verses from the Holy Quran.
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Hollywood news

All shook up



The celebrities of Hollywood were left quivering last week, after a 4.7 scale earthquake struck Los Angeles. Following the tremor, the stars took to Twitter in force to share their experiences, including siblings Kelly and Jack Osbourne, with Kelly tweeting: "That earthquake just scared the [life] out of me!!!!"

R.I.P L'Wren

As well as being Mick Jagger's partner for over a decade, L'Wren Scott was a noted fashion designer and celebrity in her own right. Sadly, the 49-year-old was found dead in her New York apartment last week, following an apparent suicide. Our thoughts are with her family and loved ones.



Real estate of the rich and famous



MOVING ON UP

With all the shenanigans that went on at his California home, it seems like troubled singer Justin Bieber couldn't sell his property soon enough. After relocating to Atlanta, Bieber's former home in Calabasas, CA, went on the market—no doubt to the relief of his long-suffering neighbours—and news is that the not-so-humble abode been snapped up by none other than Khloe Kardashian.

Following her recent separation from NBA star Lamar Odom, 29-year-old Khloe has been struggling to find a permanent home, as viewers of *Keeping Up With The Kardashians* will have seen in the past few episodes. However, the youngest of the Kardashian sisters has now finally found her dream residence, reportedly sealing the deal on Bieber's house for a cool \$7.2 million.

Having just sold the marital home she shared with Odom for \$5.5 million, it doesn't look likely that Khloe will be giving up the luxury living she's become accustomed to—her new pad covers a sprawling 10,000 square feet on a 1.28 acre plot, has seven bedrooms, eight bathrooms, an outdoor swimming pool and, conveniently for the newly-single Kardashian, is located just a couple of doors down from sister Kourtney and her partner Scott Disick's new pad.

Celebrity match?

It's the app that's got everyone talking recently, and now it seems that even celebrities are falling for Tinder. After British singer Lily Allen tweeted last week: "Just discovered Tinder. *Waves goodbye to life*", it seems as though she's not the only famous face to enjoy the occasional browse through a few of the profiles listed on the matchmaking app. With other stars such as Lindsay Lohan, Aston Kutcher, and singer Josh Groban all having previously used the app, the chances of meeting a new famous friend via the service are looking ever more likely. To keep up with the demand however, Tinder's CEO Sean Rad recently revealed that he is considering adding a verification feature on the app, like Twitter, which will allow users to know if the celebrity profile they're viewing is the real deal or not.



Bollywood news

TV team

After more than a few rumours, it has finally been confirmed that married duo Shilpa Shetty and Raj Kundra will produce a TV show together. Kundra recently revealed that the show will focus on honouring ordinary heroes who are working towards building a better society.



Opting out

It would appear that Farhan Akhtar will no longer be sharing the screen with Shah Rukh Khan in *Raees*. Apparently, Akhtar has dropped out of his role due to scheduling clashes. However, as his company Excel Entertainment is behind the movie, he will still be involved as a producer.



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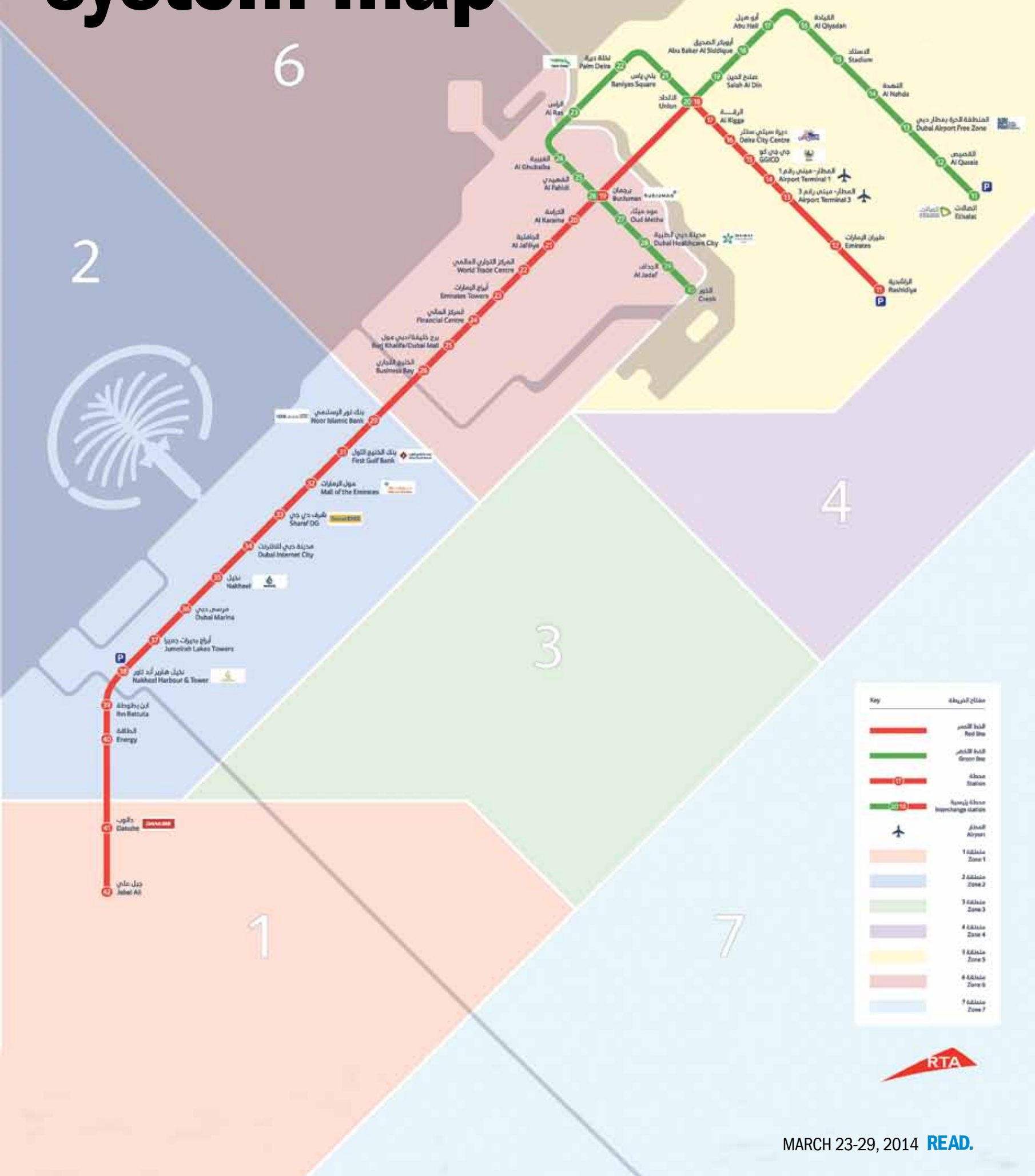
As India's highest-paid TV actor, Ronit Roy recently proved his heart is as big as his bank balance by treating the entire crew of show *Adaalat* to new shoes. The kind-hearted star has previously said: "To me the cast and crew of *Adaalat* are family. Their needs are as important to me as the needs of my family at home."



No more Nargis

After losing writer and director Rumi Jaffrey, the remake of *Shaukeen* has suffered another setback. Female lead, Nargis Fakhri, has now also opted out of the project due to scheduling difficulties. Fakhri is apparently devastated with the situation, as she was looking forward to working with director Abhishek Sharma.

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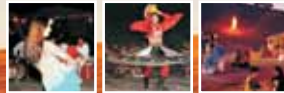
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RTA tests new driving simulator

Public bus instructors and drivers in Dubai to benefit from new device aimed at enhancing their capabilities.

TRAINING

The Public Transport Agency at the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), in cooperation with KMW, a subsidiary of MAN buses, has tested a new driving simulator for public bus instructors and drivers in Dubai to enhance their skills and abilities and keep them abreast with training methods as per the highest international practices and standards.

Mohammed Masoud Al Janahi, Director of Drivers Affairs at the Public Transport Agency, said: "The RTA constantly seeks to review the best technological systems, conforming to the best global standards, in order to improve drivers' knowledge by

adopting the best driving practices. The new driving simulator enables driving instructors at the Drivers Affairs Department to quickly develop lifelike on-road scenarios for drivers and trains them on how to reduce fuel consumption as well."

Al Janahi added: "The device can be adjusted by driving instructors and public bus drivers to simulate various driving elements in real world scenarios, especially emergency cases such as windy conditions, brake failure or tyre puncture, besides training them on how to handle foggy and rainy conditions.

"The Driver Affairs Department is currently upgrading and improving the skills of all driving instructors and

bus drivers by implementing various training modules, conducted by specialised and professional instructors capable of honing employees' skills. The Drivers Training and Qualification Centre at the RTA's Drivers Affairs Department has been approved by the British Institute of Highfield as an internationally-recognised safety training centre."

"The centre boasts of training labs equipped with cutting-edge audio-visual devices along with logistics needed by trainees. In addition, a contract was signed with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), UK, with regard to reviewing and introducing new training programmes that contrib-

ute to leveraging training efficiency, reducing accident rates and enhancing customer satisfaction rating," Al Janahi added.

"The Drivers Affairs Department attaches great importance to offering appropriate training exposure to public bus drivers in Dubai at world-class standards, besides upgrading their technical and scientific skills and enhancing their capabilities and performance level so that they can efficiently carry out the tasks and responsibilities entrusted to them. Such an exercise will reduce accidents and enable the RTA to increase efficiency to keep pace with the comprehensive growth drive," concluded Al Janahi.

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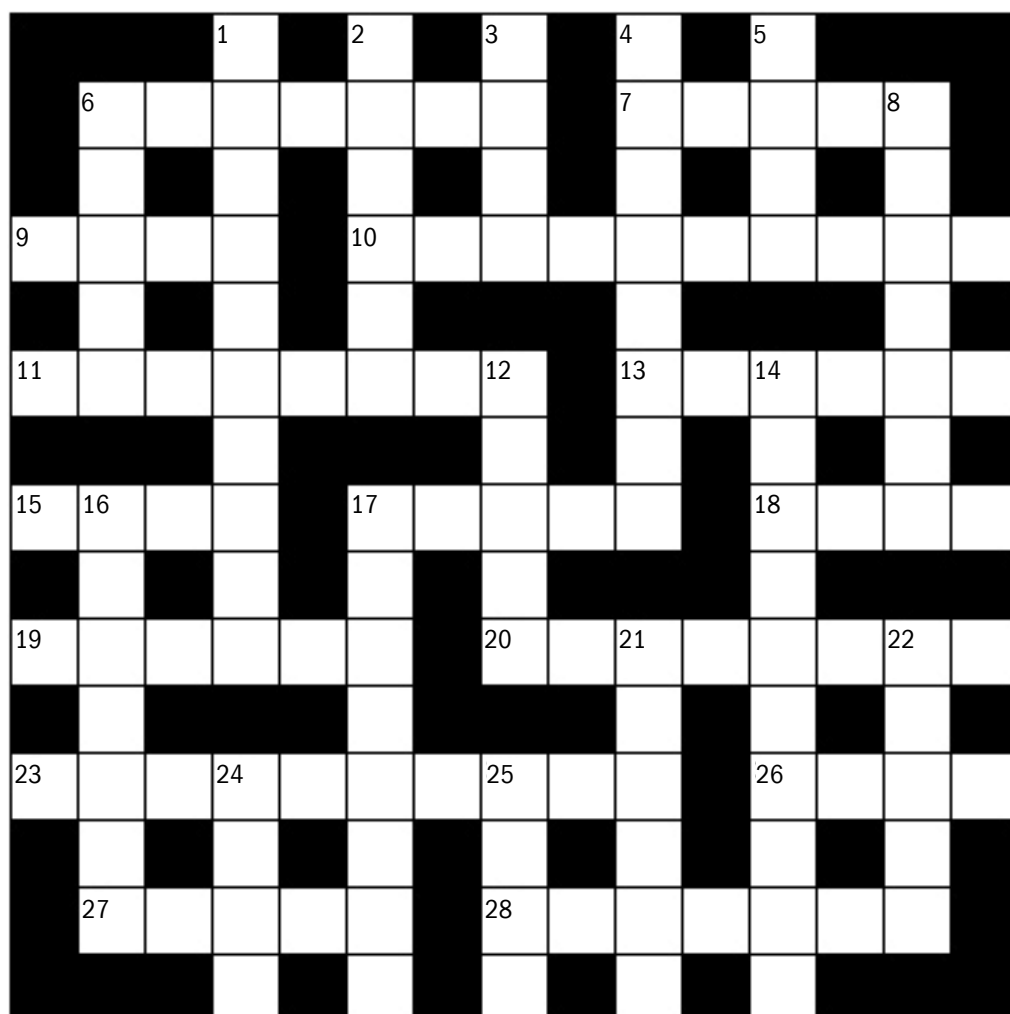
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Crossword

Across

6 Warming (7) **7** Muse of lyric poetry (5) **9** Small biting fly (4) **10** In a delightful manner (10) **11** Brothers and sisters (8) **13** Making note of (6) **15** Beige (4) **17** Summoned sufficient courage (5) **18** Go up (4) **19** Glowing coals (6) **20** Foreigner (8) **23** Picture (10) **26** Monkeys (4) **27** Vassal (5) **28** Baby cats (7)

Down

1 A type of melon (10) **2** Japan (6) **3** Monster (4) **4** Considered (8) **5** Farm building (4) **6** A language of India (5) **8** Elongated squares (7) **12** Pinfish (5) **14** Ends (10) **16** Borneol (7) **17** Planned (8) **21** An island in French Polynesia (6) **22** Pitchers (5) **24** Not us (4) **25** Requests (4)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Lemon drizzle loaf

Zesty and sweet, this easy cake makes a delicious teatime treat.

Ingredients

For the cake

225g softened butter
400g caster sugar
Grated zest of 3 lemons
4 eggs
375g plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
235ml milk
For the drizzle
Juice of 3 lemons
150g granulated sugar

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Grease a 25cm loaf tin with a little butter.

2. Beat the softened butter and caster sugar together with the finely grated lemon zest until the mixture becomes a pale, thick cream.

3. Whisk the eggs into the mixture one at a time, taking care not to let the mixture curdle.

4. Mix in the flour, baking powder and milk, stirring constantly to keep the mixture smooth.

5. Spoon the mixture evenly into the loaf tin and bake for one hour, or until a toothpick inserted

into the cake comes out clean. Leave to cool for 10 minutes before removing from the tin.

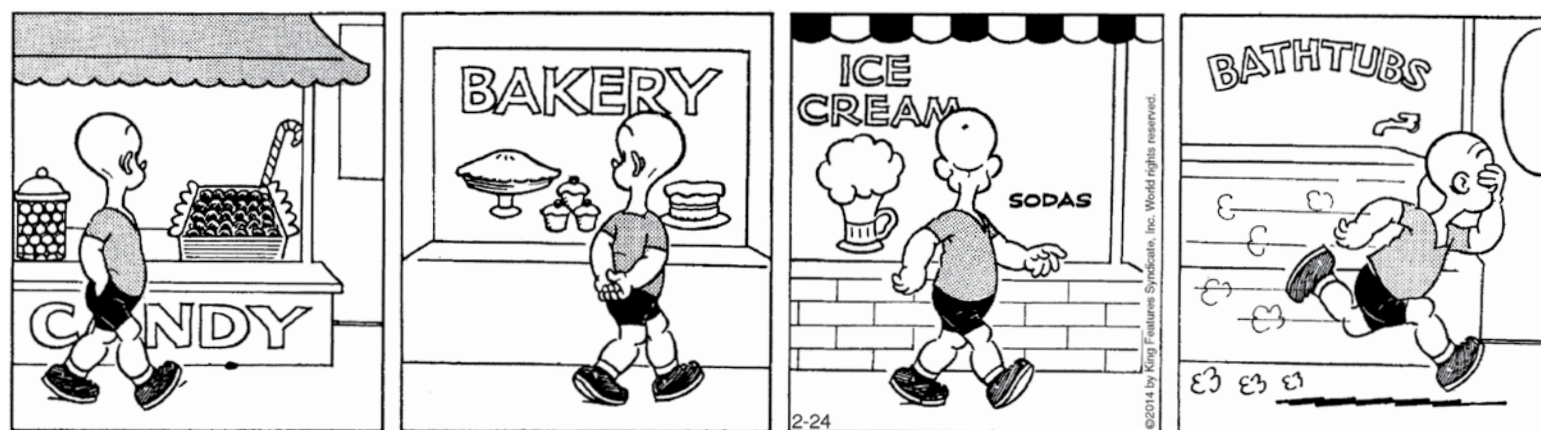
6. To make the drizzle, mix the lemon juice and sugar together, but don't allow the sugar to completely dissolve.

7. Prick a few evenly spaced holes onto the top of the cake using a fork, then carefully drizzle the lemon glaze all over. Leave to set for 10 minutes before serving.

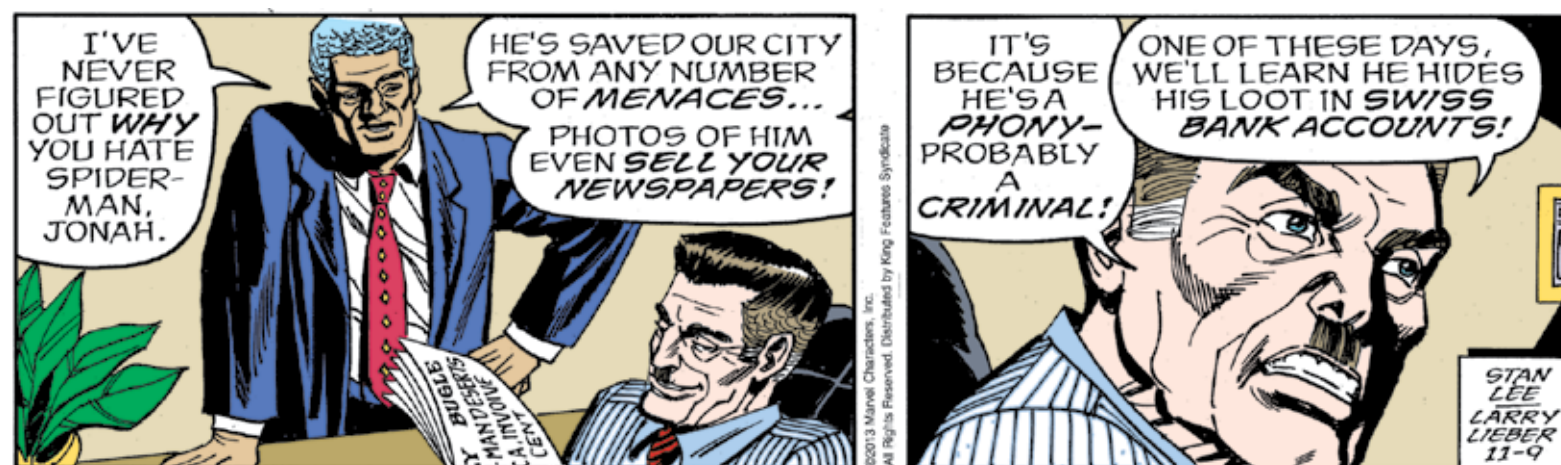
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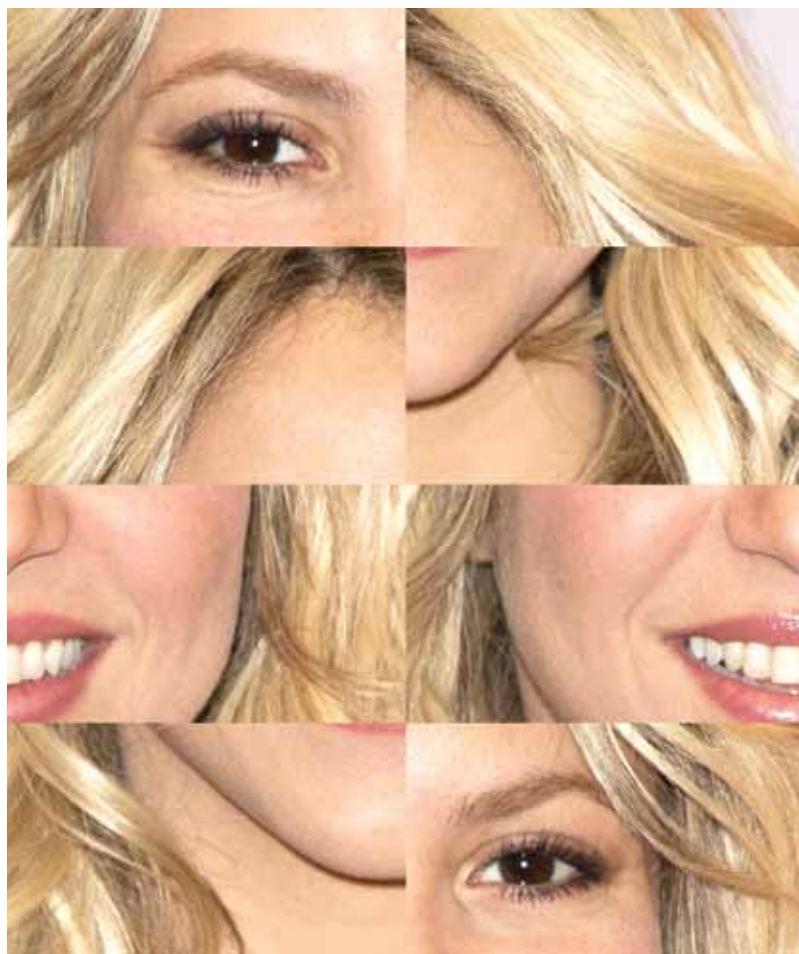


Dennis the menace



Who's this?

ANSWER ON PAGE 34



Puzzles

Arrowword

Stagger	▼	Memorial monument	▼	German shepherd	Repeat- edly	Small fowls	▼	Next in rank to a mayor	▼	White paper glue	▼	Roommate (2-6)	Young tree
▶				Unaware	▶								▼
Associ- ate in business		By means of		Passing craze	▶			Tear open		Pipes		Girl's name	
▶		▼						▼	Casual worker (abbrev)	▶		▼	
River in France	▶			Knack	Court of justice	▶							
Song for one voice	▶			▼	Measure of current	▶			Italian seaport	▶			
Repeated rhythmic recitation		Smell	▶					West African Republic	▶				
▶					Political group in Scotland (1,1,1)	▶			Adult deer, male	▶			

Spot the 10 differences



Sudoku

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

ANSWERS

ARROWWORD

G V I S P N S T I N V H C
 N I N E B Y W O R V I R
 T R A V A M P A V I R V
 T N N B I R I T E T I T
 d W E T E R N I R C O P
 Y O I A I L I B O F A S N
 C O B A P A

SUDOKU

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

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Don't assume that someone is out to get you just because they are going for the same opportunity. Working together could in fact see you both rewarded, although you may want to keep your best ideas to yourself until a firm trust has been established.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

You may be struggling with a recent heartbreak, but taking out your sadness on those around you will only lead people to avoid offering any help. You may not want to hear their advice, but at least try to listen—they only want to show you how much they care.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

After a sour couple of weeks, the sweet side of life could be making an appearance again. The weather has got you feeling good and a new friendship is moving forward at a pace that excites you. Go with the flow of good vibes and just enjoy yourself.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

While you may not always feel like being the life and soul of the party, try not to take it out on others who just want to have a good time. Perhaps it might be best to politely refuse an invitation rather than go along with it and bring the mood down for everyone?



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

Your mind seems to be on safety at the moment. Whether it's due to a recent mishap or concerns over a family member, making a plan of action won't do any harm. However, don't let it consume your thoughts—you don't want to spend your life thinking the worst.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Turning your attention away from the career ladder to focus on what's really important could be having an effect on other areas of your life. A few major changes could be on their way before summer sets in, so as long as you feel sure of your decision, go for it.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

A disagreement with a loved one has left you reeling. While it may not be easy to see how you were also in the wrong, accepting your mistakes is the only way to reach an understanding. The other person is ready to forgive, so take the opportunity while it's fresh.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

A move could be on the horizon, although it's not necessarily one that you really want to make. Perhaps you're being shifted around at work or cash flow is forcing you to relocate? As much as you may be dreading it, positivity will help you make it through.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

It's hard to be the one who's left out, but in some situations you simply can't be involved. As much as it may leave you frustrated, try not to harbour any jealousy. Being happy for those you could so easily envy will prove how invaluable your friendship is.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Something that you have been looking forward to for a while is finally coming around. It seems as though, just when things are getting a little too tough, this event or trip is here to give you a break. Make the most of the time it provides to recuperate.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

After all the hard work you put into organising something, it's been a kick in the teeth to not receive any thanks. Perhaps this is one of those times when you should say something? Allowing your efforts to go unnoticed will only leave you feeling bitter.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

A friend needs you right now and, as much as you may feel as though there are a million other things on your plate, you need to prioritise giving this person the time they need. Offering advice from your own experiences will help them see the light.



This week's local weather

SUN

23rd

WARM
HIGH 28C
LOW 23C
HUMIDITY 43%

MON

24th

WARM
HIGH 29C
LOW 24C
HUMIDITY 40%

TUE

25th

WARM
HIGH 29C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 41%

WED

26th

WARM
HIGH 30C
LOW 24C
HUMIDITY 41%

THU

27th

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HIGH 28C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 37%

FRI

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