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Poem of the week

The Riddle of Strider

By J.R.R. Tolkien

All that is gold does not
 glitter,
 Not all those who wander
 are lost;
 The old that is strong
 does not wither,
 Deep roots are not
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 A light from the shadows
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DAVIDO LIVE IN CONCERT
BET award winner Davido comes to Dubai to usher in the New Year.

Multiple award winner and African superstar Davido, performs for the first time in Dubai, ushering in the New Year 2015. He will be performing at the Chi Lounge also known as Chi@The Lodge. The America-born artist who moved to Nigeria at a young age has risen in the African music scene and has already earned awards from BET, MTV Africa and Nigeria Entertainment Awards among many others.

Where: Chi @ The Lodge Admission: Dh200
 When: January 01, 2015 Telephone: 056 263 8299

#DXBNYE

Pharrell Williams, Dimitri Vegas Like Mike, Paul Oakenfold, Busta Rhymes and more, will bring the year 2014 to an end at Meydan.

For this year's end, come to the Meydan and experience a New Year's party unlike any other with some of the world's biggest names in entertainment all in one place. The line-up for the night includes Pharrell Williams and Busta Rhymes alongside Charlie XCX and Sky Blu plus a special appearance by TV star Giuliana Rancic.

Where: Meydan Grandstand and Racecourse, Nad Al Sheba

When: December 31, 2014

Admission: General admission/At the door- Dh395/495, Party pit/At the door- Dh1495/1695

DUBAI SHOPPING FESTIVAL 2015

The largest shopping and entertainment extravaganza in the Middle East.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2015, the Dubai Shopping Festival (DSF) is the largest shopping and entertainment extravaganza in the Middle East. Drawing visitors from across the globe, DSF kicks off Dubai's calendar of events each year with a wide variety of events, activities and promotions. From international concerts, musicals and shows, to sports, outdoor, and fashion events, Dubai Shopping Festival caters to every age segment.



When: January 01 - February 01, 2015

KATHNIEL LIVE IN DUBAI

The popular on-screen couple will begin the new year of 2015 for fans in Dubai.

Fans of the famous on-screen couple KathNiel, will get the opportunity to see these stars perform at a concert alongside Boobay and Minnie Aguilar at the start of 2015. Ticket holders can win a chance to meet and take pictures with the stars with goodies to be won as well.

Where: The Indian High School - Dubai

When: January 01, 2015

Admission: Diamond- Dh299, Platinum- Dh399 (Inclusive of a meet and greet with the stars)

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PINOY FIESTA 2015 AT THE ZABEEL PARK AMPHITHEATRE

Are you ready to see the biggest Filipino stars perform live on stage?

For the Filipino community in Dubai, the biggest shopping extravaganza Dubai Shopping Festival 2015 is set to stage the highly anticipated event Pinoy Fiesta 2015. An Initiative by Dubai Government to add flair to the festivities and recognize the Filipino community in Dubai. The star-studded concert is set to feature the most respected recording artists, highly acclaimed performers and several showbiz personalities from the Philippines such as Paulo Avelino and Kim Chiu, OPM legend SIDE A, singer and song writer Aiza Seguerra, and comedienne K Brosas.

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WISH list

Deck the halls with boughs of holly! December is here and Christmas is just around the corner. You know what that means, it's the perfect time to start shopping for gifts and fashion items to add to your closet for the New Year. READ is here to shower you with fashion and gift ideas for this festive season with these must have essentials.

1

Virgin Megastore Saint Noir Shirt

If you're running out of ideas on what to give your brother, uncle or male friend, head on over to Virgin Megastore and you can get this shirt and much more. They have items from books, to clothes, to home items that will surely give you ideas for the perfect gift.



2

Lee Cooper Sneakers

You can easily get these in Shoe Mart and it is a perfect wear for a casual outfit. The mix of leather and suede is a go getter for any kind of outfit they would want to pull off, whether it's for a casual day in the office or a nice stroll in the evening with friends or loved ones.



3

Bershka Polo Shirt

This polo shirt from Bershka is a simple yet practical item to gift this holiday season. The distinctive pattern gives it a pop of style. They can wear this in the office or a night out with friends or special someone. The cotton material gives the ultimate comfort and can easily be matched with a jacket or blazer for those chilly days.

4

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Christmas is celebrated around the world, and became an occasion which allows family members to gather and have a feast together. This type of gathering is different in every country as each one has their own specialty. Let READ show you a few of the famous Christmas dishes around the world.



Bacalao (Mexico)

Traditionally served in Mexico, Bacalao (Salted Cod) is a famous dish that is usually served during the Christmas and New Year period. You can easily get this in any supermarket and can be steamed or fried; you can shred the cod into tiny pieces or also leave it in chunks as per your liking. After which it is cooked with potatoes, almonds and olives.

Fish Soup (Italy)

Christmas Eve in Italian is 'La Vigilia' which means 'the eve'; they also refer to this celebration as The Eve of the Seven Fishes. Traditionally the dinner is meatless and fish dishes dominate the dinner table. Those who are not a fan of meat can follow this type of serving and one type of dish that you can serve is their traditional Fish Soup. Many Italians consider this a ritual celebration during Christmas Eve.



Vitello Tonnato (Argentina)

This dish originated from Piedmont, Italy but is considered a traditional Christmas recipe in Argentina where it is known as Vitel Tone. The dish consists of cold, sliced veal covered with a creamy, mayonnaise-like sauce that has been flavoured with tuna.



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The latest from Hyundai



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Where luxury meets performance

American Automobile brand Cadillac has finally unveiled its new model of the CTS-V which saw an increase in horsepower to give Europe's high end saloons a scare. To be frank, the numbers are quite scary, as Cadillac proudly bragged "With more horsepower and torque than the Mercedes-Benz 5.5-litre bi-turbo V8 and the BMW M-series 4.4-litre TwinPower (twin-turbo) V8, the new CTS-V is capable of 0-100 km/h performance in 3.7 seconds."

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People hardly ever sit in the right posture, which tends to cause constant neck pain. We all get that lecture of how we must sit the "right way", however most of us still find it difficult to meet those requirements. To heal all this neck and shoulder pain, it might be useful to find the right device to get the job done for you. The Neck Massager with Wireless Remote Control uses vibration, Infrared Ray heat, and low-frequency electrical impulses to relax your tired muscles. This massager adjusts to fit almost everyone, it's so comfortable and lightweight, all you'd want to do is sneak a neck massage during working hours, walking or just while watching TV.



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Las Vegas is famously known as The Entertainment Capital of the world mainly because of its gambling activities, night life, endless shopping and fine dining. When you think of Vegas, I'm sure that the first things that will come into your mind are casinos, clubbing and getting wasted. However, those aren't the only things that the city can offer.

During my first night in the notoriously famous city, I decided to get a good look around and enjoy how the lights beautifully illuminated almost every corner of the street. After that stroll, I realized that the city had

night clubs here and there, casinos literally on every corner, showgirls out and about and non-stop music. This is definitely the city that never sleeps. The next day, was when the real escapades started. The thing about the places in Las Vegas is that the hotels and shopping malls are interconnected to each other, which means that roaming around Vegas involves a lot of walking, so you better get your comfy shoes on. We went into different hotels like the Caesar's Palace, The Venetian and the Palazzo. They all had one thing in common, huge casinos. So huge you'll feel like you're in a maze. You'll have to keep

searching for your way out. Also, the funny thing about some casinos in Vegas is that they have no clocks. Now, remember, gambling in this city requires uttermost responsibility.

The next day, I was lucky enough to be able to watch Zarkana by Cirque du Soleil. It's a circus act performed by over 65 world-class acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, high wire and trapeze artists. I honestly thought that it was just going to be a normal circus performance. However, I was wrong. I was stunned the moment the show began and by the end of it, I was screaming for more. Their performance was mind blowing. Most of the stunts they pulled off had no safety net or any safety precautions. Even when there were breaks during the show, the entertainment that the performers had prepared while waiting for the next breathtaking act was not boring at all. The show was definitely worth your money. So if you plan on going on a Vegas trip, make sure you include Zarkana on your itinerary.

On the last night of my stay in Vegas, my friend, cousin and I decided to drop by the Fremont Street also known as the old Las Vegas. The place was very different from the modern strip. I'd say that it's a bit louder and more crowded. There were bands

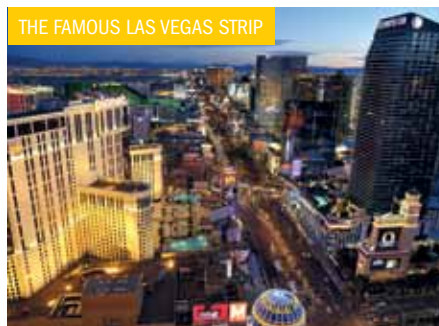




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playing live music just a few meters away from each other. There were more showgirls and bizarre performers on every corner of the street. One of Fremont's main attractions was their light show. It was spectacular. Compared to the modern strip that we see on TV and movies, I'd say Fremont was a bit more liberal. I think they're trying to preserve the history of how Las Vegas used to be when it first started. There was nothing grand in Fremont, no posh restaurants or extravagant casinos. Everything was happening in the streets. Somehow I felt like I travelled through time while visiting Fremont.

Vegas is definitely a trip you won't forget. If you want an all-in-one vacation experience, I'd suggest you take your bags and come to Las Vegas and experience the fun yourself. The city isn't all about 'sin'. I know I would definitely go back soon.

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Teeth

Soda contains high levels of acid and this may corrode your teeth, almost as if you were drinking battery acid. Drinking sodas and other sugary beverages weaken the enamel by attracting bacteria into your teeth. Drinking these kinds of beverages leaves sugar in your teeth for the bacteria to feed on, making your teeth brittle.



2

Weight

One can of soda contains at least 10 teaspoons of sugar, that's more than the recommended daily intake which is at least between 6 to 9 teaspoons. Drinking one soda a day equates to consuming 39 pounds of sugar per year. This amount of sugar, especially in liquid form, will increase the blood sugar and in time can lead to diabetes, not to mention weight gain and other health problems.

3

Brain

A diet high in sugar can interfere with a number of neurological processes, particularly those involved in memory making. Excitotoxins are substances added to certain foods and beverages that can literally stimulate nerve cells to death, causing gradual damage to your brain.



4

Zero Nutrition

It's devoid of any nutritional value. Not only are there many harmful effects of soda, but there are not even any positive benefits to outweigh them. Soda is an unnatural substance that harms the body.

Caffeine

Most sodas contain caffeine, which has been linked to certain cancers, breast lumps, irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure, and other problems. Within 40 minutes, caffeine absorption is complete, and the rest of your body responds accordingly: Your pupils become dilated, your blood pressure rises, and the liver begins to dump even more sugar into your bloodstream.

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The man who shook the hand of VICENTE FERNANDEZ

"It's about a man who thinks he knows what he wants but ends up getting what he needs"
-Elia Petridis

By Mae Cabigas

Hollywood writer and director Elia Petridis is currently in Dubai for a special media screening of his film *The Man Who Shook the Hand of Vicente Fernandez*. Elia is of Greek Lebanese origin that grew up in Dubai for 18 years before moving to L.A. for film school. His thesis film *How Henri Came to Stay* won the Audience Award at the Beijing International Film Festival, and was screened at the 2006 Cannes Short Film Market.

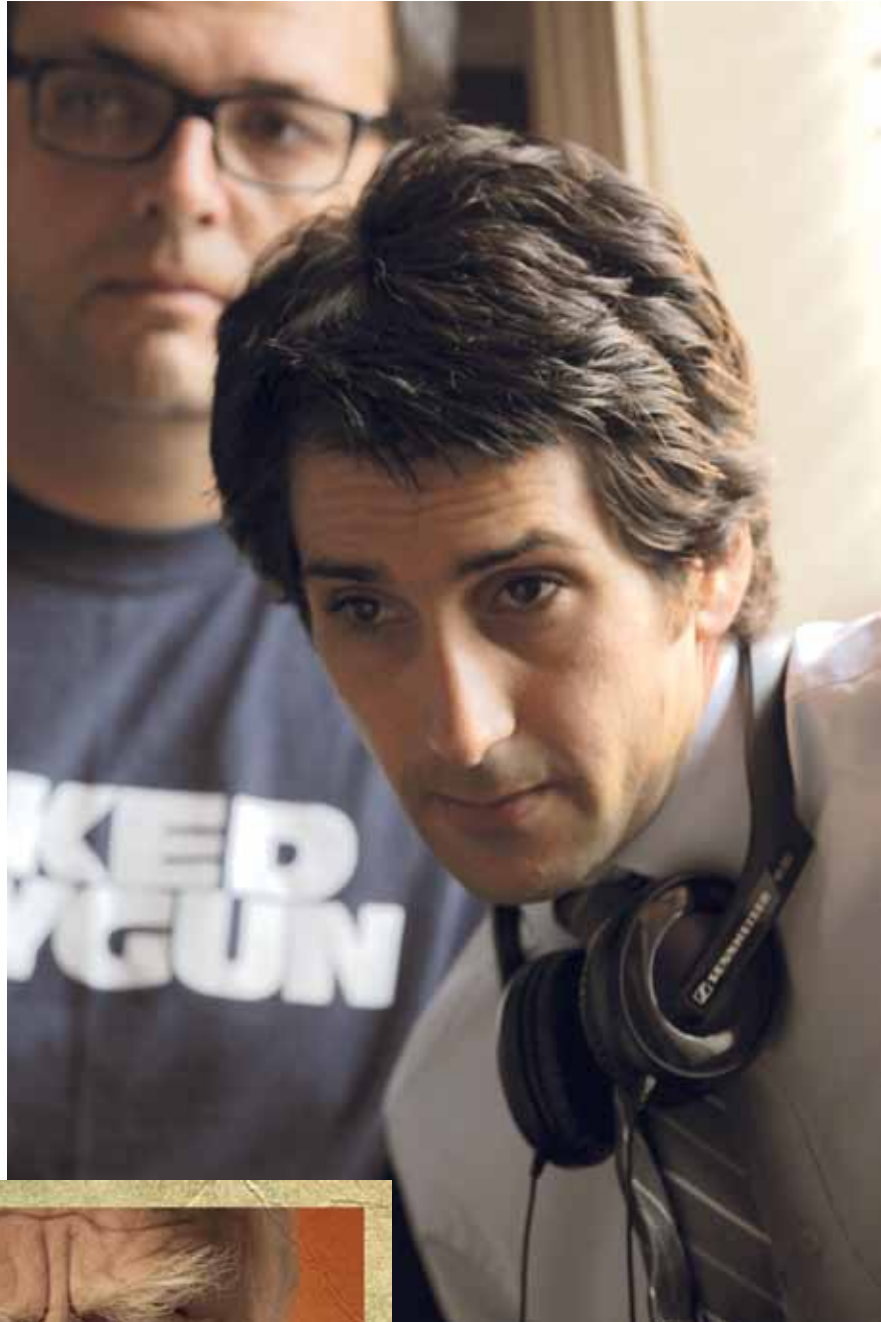
The Man Who Shook the Hand of Vicente Fernandez is Elia's first writer, director and producer role which gave him a major recognition in the film industry. Released in 2012, the movie was also the Academy Award winner and Hollywood legend Ernest Borgnine's final film, and according to Petridis, "we did not anticipate that when we made the film, which ironically takes place in a nursing home." When asked to describe what the film is all about, he explains that "It's about a man who thinks he knows what he wants but ends up getting what he needs. Things close to him like family, home life and health, he is obsessed with never being a movie star and has all these regrets and by the end of the movie, everything has changed. By some very small coincidental event of shaking the hand of Vicente Fernan-



dez -because he's in a nursing home full of Latinos- he's heralded as that sort of movie star and so he gets a dose of that and in the end realizes what's more important."

The movie was inspired by an anecdote of a real life event on how one of Petridis' friends actually shook the hand of Vicente Fernandez and told this encounter to some Latino staff who in exchange went 'nuts' or 'bananas'. When Petridis heard the hilarious moment he thought of how 'cute' and 'rich' the story was, so he went about dramatizing it and adding the conflicts in between to create the plot of the film. He mentions that it somehow started out as a small joke wherein "the smallest thing he ever did ended up being the biggest achievement." He also points out how he thinks that "It's almost poetic, that the smallest things we take for granted, like a small handshake, could end up being the most important things in our lives."

When asked if he expected the movie to receive recognitions and awards, he states that "everyone who has seen the movie seems to like it." He further goes on to say, "That's the end game; it (the movie) ends up being a





lot more deep and a lot more pointed than you think it's going to be when the credits start. As long as it's rich enough to get there, mission accomplished. The rest is gravy."

As mentioned before, *The Man Who Shook the Hand of Vicente Fernandez* is Ernest Borgnine's last film. Petridis described Borgnine as an "old fashioned movie star who has very little ego." He further says that Borgnine is

"an inspiration to the young people, he loved to work and just wanted to do the job. He would stay on the set all the time, he would never leave."

Petridis is using this opportunity to introduce himself to Dubai from advertising to branded content to feature films. When asked if there are any plans of creating something specifically for the Dubai audience, Petridis candidly said that he would

be starting with this platform (film screening) to promote himself and his skills to the film industry in the U.A.E. He further reveals that the audience can expect an exciting branded content from the upcoming Uber McLaren this coming January. He also showed interest in creating and shooting a film in Dubai and agrees that this is something everyone –including himself– should look forward to hopefully in the near

future. *The Man Who Shook the Hand of Vicente Fernandez* is the first film that Elia Petridis would be screening in the Middle East to selected media members and audience.

The film however is available to watch on Vimeo on Demand which can be found on this link:

www.vimeo.com/ondemand/theman-whoshookthehand

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**SPORT
SHORTS****Cricket:**

Alastair Cook, who was removed as England's one-day captain, is aiming to start enjoying the game of cricket once again. The 29-year-old was replaced by fellow batsman Eoin Morgan two months before the start of the World Cup. Cook said "Hopefully I can get back scoring some runs and enjoying my cricket again."

**Rugby:**

Glasgow's Niko Matawalu is set to join Bath next season in the summer. The 25-year-old signed his first professional contract joining the Warriors back in 2012, playing 60 times and scoring 110 points. Matawalu claimed "The club and Scottish Rugby made me a good offer, which made it a difficult decision to leave, but I was ready for a new challenge."

**Basketball:**

The Boston Celtics made a trade giving away Rajon Rondo and Dwight Powell to Dallas in exchange for Jameer Nelson, Jae Crowder, Brandan Wright, two draft picks and a \$12.9m trade exception. Rondo is currently in his ninth season with the Boston Celtics. Letting go of the 28-year-old, the Celtics said "We would not have won Banner 17 without Rajon and will always consider him one of our most valuable Celtics."



Fit and ready



Rafael Nadal has claimed to be fit enough to compete at the Australian Open next month following the removal of his appendix. The world's No. 3 tennis player went through a tough phase of injuries this year and was later diagnosed with appendicitis. Nadal has declared that he has been training for the first Grand Slam of next year with Frenchman Richard Gasquet and his coach Sergi Bruguera. The Spaniard has also stated "The operation on my appendix was good. No problems at all. I am able to practice for a lot of hours at a high intensity, after five months of pain, that's important to me."

USA bids for hosting 2024 Olympics

The United States Olympic Committee will bid for the 2024 Olympic Games, having to choose one city from either Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco or Washington DC. USA hosted the Olympics back in 1996 in Atlanta, not to forget the Winter Olympics which took place in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002. The decision as to which city will have the honour to host the 2024 Olympics will be due in 2017. It is also worth mentioning that Germany and Italy have also officially launched a bidding process.



Tough times ahead



Ferrari chairman Sergio Marchionne is predicting the year 2015 to be a tough one for the Ferrari Formula 1 team. The Italian outfit was not able to win one race in 2014, which eventually led to the sacking of Marco Mattiacci and appointing Maurizio Arrivabene as their new team principal. Ferrari managed to come in fourth place in the constructors championship in 2014, behind Mercedes, Red Bull and Williams. Marchionne admitted "2015 will be a difficult year that will put the team to a real test."

Nike: Pushing boundaries



Nike's "We Run DXB" has managed to attract more than six thousand runners at the starting line near the Burj Khalifa last Friday, kicking off at 7:30 A.M. This particular race is part of the global Nike We Run series held in 14 cities across Europe, Latin America and Asia, differing in distances from 7km to a full marathon. This is the second time Dubai successfully hosts the race, leaving the runners with a stunning background of the Burj Khalifa. Thousands of athletes completed the mission and celebrated their achievements at a post-race gathering at the race village. READ team was fortunate enough to be part of the memorable event.



In the lead

Jose Mourinho praises his "amazing" Chelsea team following their 2-0 victory over Stoke City last week and staying three points clear of Manchester City at the top of the Premier League. The Portuguese coach said "All of them were amazing; every one of them did their job perfectly. We made some changes to the normal way of playing, to adapt to playing in such a difficult stadium." It is no doubt that Chelsea have the toughness and quality needed to win the Premier League title this season.



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Evita Peroni Rodeo Drive Sunglasses

Protect your eyes from the sun whilst looking fabulous. This sunglass from Evita Peroni is your best friend during your drives and walks outside.



H&M Knitted Jumper

Keep warm with this knitted sweater from H&M. The thick material helps in keeping the cold out, and all the while help you look stylish in a simple way. This is a definite essential as you can wear it over a tank or a soft top.



Max White Pants

Be brave to wear this white pant to rock your outfit. No worries if you're finding a full on white pants plain as the black detail on this is the perfect addition to make it stand out.



Stradivarius High Heel Court Shoes

Wear this modish blocked ankle heel from Stradivarius. The black details are a perfect match to your pants and will keep your outfit together.



Listings

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

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Special marine transit offers for New Year's eve

RTA's water bus, water taxi, Dubai Ferry and abra mobilised to offer unique cruise experience along Dubai waterfront.



RTA MARINE MODES ARE AVAILABLE TO ENJOY THE NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

SERVICES

The Public Transport Agency, Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), will launch special offers and services on marine transit modes comprising the water bus, water taxi, Dubai Ferry and abra on New Year's eve (December 31, 2014).

“This service is offered in the context of the RTA's continued interaction with customers. All resources have been mobilised to provide a new experience through marine transit offering a chance to have stunning views of the New Year's eve celebrations through the Dubai waterfront.”

Hussain Khansaheb, Director of Marine Transport, RTA Public Transport Agency, said: “This service is offered in the context of the RTA's continued interaction with customers. All resources have been mobilised to provide a new experience through marine transit offering a chance to



HUSSAIN KHANSAHEB

have stunning views of the New Year's eve celebrations taking place at Burj Khalifa, Burj Al Arab and Atlantis through the Dubai waterfront during a memorable water cruise. Individuals interested in availing of this service may call the RTA's toll-free num-

ber (8009090) or the mobile number (0504122574) for more details.” New Year's eve cruises aboard the water bus, water taxi and Dubai Ferry will start at 10pm and conclude at 1am; whereas abra trips will start at 11pm and terminate at 12pm

(midday of the following day). The water bus will start off from Marina Terrace station (Dubai Marina) and the assembly point will be near the Jumeirah Palm bridge. Tickets will be available for Dh100 per adult. Children will get 50 per cent discount.

Water taxi trips will start off from Marina Promenade (Dubai Marina) and the assembly point will be near Burj Al Arab. The Water taxi can be hired for an exclusive trip for a single person, family or a group of friends consisting of not more than 10 people. The cost of hiring the Water taxi will be Dh3,000.

Dubai Ferry trips will start off from Marina Mall (Dubai Marina) to the assembly point near Burj Al Arab. Dubai Ferry tickets will be available for Dh200 for the silver class and Dh300 for the gold class, with 50 per cent discount for children. Abra trips will start off from Festival City station to Dubai Creek with the abra tickets being priced at Dh25 per head.

“The RTA wishes to share New Year's day with community members celebrating the event by offering them a first-time opportunity to view Dubai in an environment away from congested inland spots, particularly at the Burj Khalifa,” added Khansaheb.

One day in Dubai



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The benefits of hiring for CULTURAL FIT



Company culture is often portrayed as the easiest part of the management when it's actually the hardest. Managing your corporate culture is all about dealing with attitudes and behaviours which all seem a bit vague but are critical to the company. There are many potential candidates who look amazing on paper, but the hardest decision of all is to choose one qualified person to hire. Since personal characteristics aren't usually part of the job description, when it comes down to finding the right candidate, the deciding factor may actually be "cultural fit". This means that your future employees should be able to get along with their colleagues. Once you meet your potential candidates in person, you need to develop a good idea on who would fit well with you and your company. Akhtaboot is here to highlight the benefits of hiring for cultural fit.

Greater Job Satisfaction

It comes as no surprise that a positive company culture supports a productive work environment. Co-workers who share similar values report higher job satisfaction levels and tend to perform better than employees who don't share common principals and ethics. Companies need to recruit and evaluate candidates who possess the necessary skills as well as the behaviours that exemplify the organizations' culture. A successful company culture should allow your employees to thrive, and should enable them to meet their objectives and subsequently meet the goals of the company.

It Enhances Employee Collaboration

A well-developed corporate culture improves relationships between co-workers, levels, and departments. Spending time with people you genuinely like and get along with can make the days go faster and encourages creativity and collaboration. Hiring for cultural fit makes it easier for new hires to adapt to a new company if they are similar to the people who work there. Give applicants an idea of what your culture is all about before they apply by using social media to communicate it through pictures, text and video.

Lower Turnover

The times when employees would work for one company their entire careers regardless of the corporate culture are over. When you have a great place to work, people just don't want to leave. That means that hiring for culture is no longer elective. Turnover is a major issue impacting the performance and profitability of many companies and it is a direct result of lack of cultural fit within the company. Organizations should take proactive steps to incorporate culture fit questions into their interview processes. By doing so, they can determine if candidates' attitudes, work ethic and workplace values align with your company.

Greater Job Satisfaction

Establishing and nurturing a positive culture can provide a significant competitive advantage. Your competitors can copy almost everything you do. They can even attract and hire some of your best employees. The only thing they can't duplicate is your culture. Companies with a strong corporate culture that is aligned to their business goals routinely outperform their competitors. Keep in mind that the leaders in your organization are the role models. They need to make their core values visible and talk about them at every opportunity. Their people judge them not by what they say, but by what they do, and most importantly, what they are seen to do.

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

Hollywood news

'I Do' on New Year's Eve

Johnny Depp has invited many of his closest friends to spend New Year's with him on his private island in the Bahamas, sparking speculation he may be planning a surprise wedding. According to a source, "He's invited most of his closest friends and their families to join him on his island. It could be a straightforward bash but friends have wondered if it could be a ruse to have a wedding without a big fuss." Johnny Depp proposed to Amber Heard in January 2014, less than two years after they started dating. Will they be married by the time the year is over? That is something we shall have to wait and see.



Miss World pageant bans bikinis

The pageant's chairwoman Julia Morley announced that Miss World will no longer feature a swimsuit round in their competition. This is a first after 63 years of the pageant. According to the national director of Miss World America/Miss United States organization, "The organization has decided to take itself out of the swimsuit world because it isn't the path they're trying to take," he further says that, "It's not just a beauty contest, it's 'beauty with a purpose'. There didn't seem to be a purpose to have the swimsuit." With that being said Miss World is set to plan a beachwear round for the competition instead.



Madonna's 'Rebel Heart' songs release

Madonna recently released 6 new songs last Saturday months ahead of the original schedule. This was after the online leak of the said songs. The Material Girl was furious with this and described it as 'artistic rape'. The songs will appear on the pop icon's upcoming album "Rebel Heart," and this album is the first she has done after three years. The six tracks show Madonna going further in a hip-hop direction that includes a collaboration with leading female rapper Nicki Minaj.



Kris Jenner and Bruce: It's over

After 22 years of marriage, Kris and Bruce Jenner have finalized their divorce. Rumour has it they were splitting a whopping \$60 million fortune. The Jenners filed their divorce petitions in September, citing 'irreconcilable differences', but won't be officially divorced until March as California law requires couples to wait six months to become officially divorced. According to Kris, "It's a decision. Love is a decision, divorce is a decision. It's not a good decision, but we're happier living apart than we were together. Everybody feels it."



Bollywood news

Priyanka Chopra set to take on the Hollywood scene

Award-winning actress Priyanka Chopra, has signed a deal with leading US TV network ABC Television Studios. News is that the studio will either develop a vehicle starring Priyanka or cast her in an existing project all of which is targeted to happen in the fall of 2015. Priyanka Chopra reveals that she is honoured to have inked this deal. "The fact that they will be developing content, specifically with me in mind, is a great opportunity for me." Furthermore, she states that, "This deal is another avenue for me to challenge my creativity and be at the cutting edge of entertainment."



Kareena Kapoor Khan visits Dubai

Prominent Indian actress Kareena Kapoor Khan helped to mark another milestone in the history of Dubai – 'The City of Gold' by inaugurating the largest jewellery outlet in Dubai which is located in Gold Souk, Deira. Mr Ahamed M P, Chairman-Malabar Group, Mr Shamlal Ahamed M P, Managing Director-International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds and other media personalities were present during the said event. The outlet features the rarest and finest collection from India, Malaysia, Turkey, Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Thailand, Italy, Spain and Bahrain in gold and diamonds to suit the tastes of both resident and international customers.



Jacqueline Fernandez a hot topic on social media

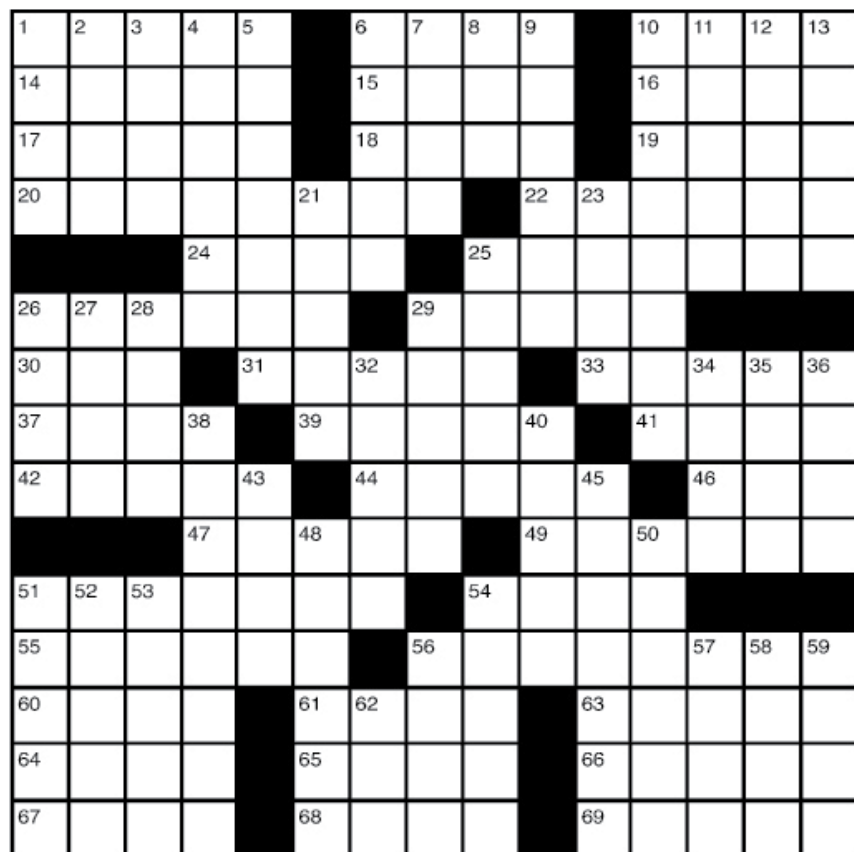
Jacqueline Fernandez plays the female lead in the upcoming film *Roy* where the trailer received more than 2.7 million views on YouTube in just two days. The Sri Lankan beauty had indeed captivated the hearts of many fans and this will be the first time she will be doing a double role. *Roy* follows the story of a thief played by Ranbir Kapoor alongside actors Arjun Rampal and Jacqueline Fernandez. It is directed by Vikramjit Singh and is set to release on February 13, 2015.



Aamir Khan on choosing blockbuster films

Aamir Khan's PK was reported to be a blockbuster hit and this has raised questions on how he chooses his films. When asked about this, Khan admitted that, "I have always selected my films based on what I feel towards them." *Taare Zameen Par*, *Rang De Basanti* and *Lagaan* are just some of his films that has reached a blockbuster success. Explaining further, Khan reveals that he picked these films "because I loved them. Later when they became box office hits, it was a different question. I do films if I like the script and not according to its business."

Taking your time



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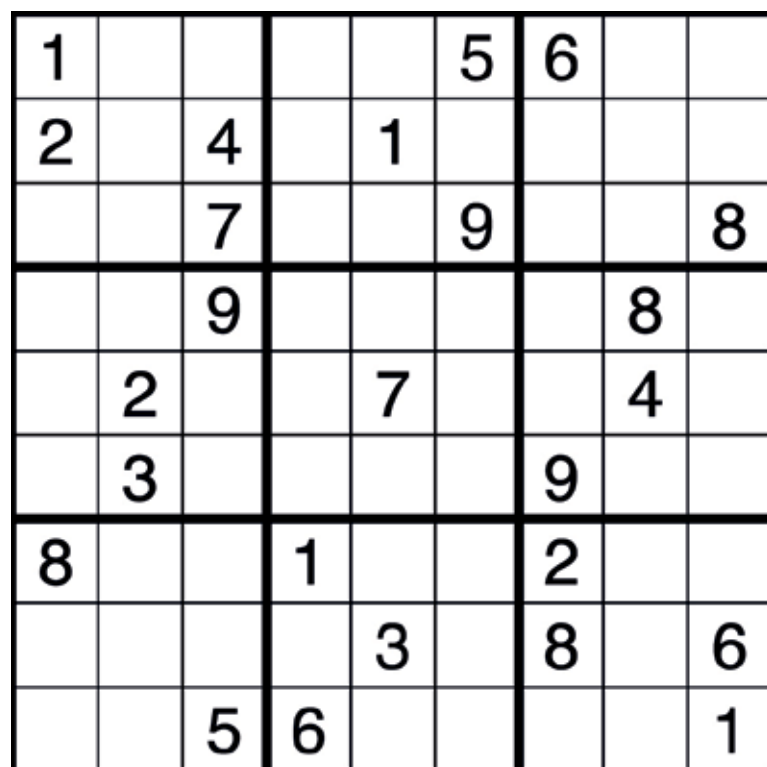
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29 Sunflower __; healthy snack 30 Orang or chimp 31 Amounts owed
33 Big department store chain 37 Adriatic & Red 39 Underground plant
parts 41 Pig's dinner 42 Foreigner living abroad 44 Staircase piece
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Sudoku



Spot the boy

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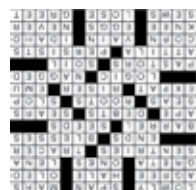
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What's in your stars?

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

ARIES

(MAR 21 - APR 20)

A setback can seem like it's insurmountable, but once you understand that it's a learning curve, and one you can leap over if you put your energy to it. The nice thing about getting this lesson out of the way now is that you'll see a dozen different ways to make life easier.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

Just when you think you know someone or have a certain area of expertise, something happens that shows you the opposite. The more you realize that you can only know the partial truth of any one person, place or thing is what begins to give you real wisdom.



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

It's normal to want praise. After all, every human being needs acknowledgment that their work is well done. But you realize that your acknowledgment of your wonderful efforts is what counts the most. Don't forget to reward yourself for everything that you do.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

Persistence is a virtue, but you might actually be better off realizing when something's a dead end. That way, you end up on a route that's quicker and more interesting. There are great times, however, to put your shoulder to the wear and persevere no matter what.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

Boldness is a virtue. Say what you mean and mean what you say, you'll find it all deeply liberating. You realize that discretion is very much the better part of valor. When you're not sure what course to take, doing nothing is more productive than recklessly plunging into action.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Asking yourself what makes your life simpler right now really gets to the heart of the matter. You realize that 'simple' doesn't necessarily mean 'easy,' and that it may, in fact, mean making a tougher choice for a better payoff down the road.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

It's easier to play it safe than be sorry, or at least that's the way it seems to you. However, you might actually be making your life harder than it needs to be in the long run. Embrace the concept of short-term pain in order to make some big long-term gains.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

You can be blind to your own best qualities, especially on the first two days of this week. That's true of anyone you know, actually, it's hard to see the best in yourself. View your personality as if you were your dearest friend. Surprised at how much there is to like? You shouldn't be.



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

The impulse to change or somehow improve oneself is part of the human condition, and you're likely to feel that need. In order to change, first you need to really see who you are. If you succeed, you'll find that change happens naturally not because you force the issue.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

Your physical environment has a great deal of impact on your mental and spiritual health. You're not feeling at the peak of your abilities. Use the week to treat yourself well: Tidy your room, wash dishes regularly and cook healthy meals.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

Instead of automatically saying no, why not take a chance? That means being open to the possibility of failure, but it also means being open to success. If it doesn't work, that's simply a sign on the highway of life directing you to your actual destination.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

Find ways to encourage yourself in a positive, consistent way. Believing in yourself leads the way and shows others they can believe in you, too. The middle of the week is a great time to slow down and think about ways to build on all the ground you've gained.



This week's local weather

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28th

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LOW 19°C
HUMIDITY 61%

MON

29th

SUNNY
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LOW 19°C
HUMIDITY 62%

TUE

30th

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LOW 18°C
HUMIDITY 53%

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