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When killing kin is a matter of honour

Last month, the Banaz Mahmud incident in the UK brought to light the terrifying truth of honour killings in the Western world. That was not a one-off event, for dozens of couples in Britain the threat has become all too real, writes **JEROME TAYLOR**



REBIN and Khaleda never thought falling in love would force them into a life of hiding. At first glance their London flat looks like the home of any other newlyweds.

By the front door, five pairs of his and her shoes are neatly lined up in a row and the kitchen fridge is plastered in little heart shaped magnets and private notes.

But for the 25-year-olds, this small and cramped one-bedroom apartment is the only place where they feel safe. Two years ago, they were forced to go on the run after gun-wielding members of Khaleda's family threatened to kill them.

For dozens of couples in the UK, such threats have become all too real. Police are now investigating more than 120 deaths they suspect of being "honour killings". It has been estimated that 12 women a year die in the UK as a result of such terrifying acts.

The supposed "honour" comes from the claim among killers that they are protecting their family's reputation. Yet for those whose only crime was to fall in love there seems little honourable about the threats being made against them.

The full horror of these killings was highlighted last month when the father and uncle of Banaz Mahmud, a Kurdish woman from south London, were convicted of murdering her.

Like Banaz Mahmud, Khaleda fell for someone members of her family did not approve of. Khaleda was born in the West Midlands to a conservative South Asian parents who wanted her to marry a distant cousin from her ancestral village. Instead, she fell for the boy next door.

Their forbidden love first sprang from fleeting glimpses through the kitchen window.

"The first time I saw her she instantly grabbed my attention," Rebin, 22, told *The Independent*. "I thought she was the most beautiful person in the world, so calm and innocent."

As a teenager Rebin had fled Saddam Hussain's persecution of the Kurds and had moved into the West Midlands street Khaleda had grown up on. Eventually he plucked up the courage to talk to the shy but alluring girl next door.

Desperately in love, the couple were shattered when Khaleda's parents flew her cousin to the UK to organise her marriage to him. As the cousin moved into her room and began the negotiations, Khaleda and Rebin simply eloped and married.

Any notion that a compromise could be reached was dispelled when more than 20 of Khaleda's family and relatives arrived at Rebin's father's house brandishing knives, machetes and guns. Those most keen to kill Khaleda and Rebin were not the older first generation family members who had been born and brought up in South Asia, but her brothers and cousins - young men who had lived their whole lives in the UK.

According to the UN, at least 5,000 women a year are killed worldwide by their relatives in honour killings. There have been more than 5,000 documented cases in Pakistan over the past five years alone.

Above the gas fireplace Rebin and Khaleda's living room are two deep blue ceramic plates with the words Allah and Muhammad inscribed on them in gold Arabic calligraphy.

Khaleda is mortified that anyone might believe Islam justifies honour killings. "It has nothing to do with Islam,"

she said. "In the Qur'an it says a Muslim girl can marry anyone as long as they are also a Muslim and it clearly states she has the right to say no. They say we believe it's justified by religion but it's not, it's cultural. Either way, I think forcing a girl to marry someone they don't love it's like raping your own daughter."

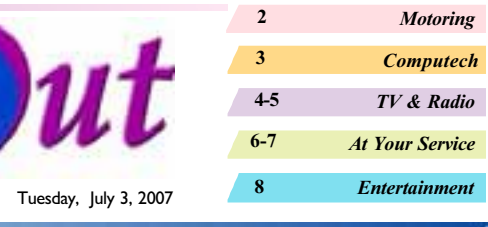
Had it not been for the Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation, a small charity that helped them relocate, Rebin and Khaleda could have ended up like Banaz Mahmud.

She had fled an abusive two-year marriage and warned police of the danger she was in. But still she died. Horrified by the number of honour killings taking place in Britain, Diana Nammi set up the charity in 2002.

"Since we started we have been able to save at least 50 women's lives," said Nammi, in her East London office. "We have even saved two men." As Rebin knows, men's lives are in danger too. A year after fleeing, Rebin and his wife are safe but the pressures of living in hiding are immense.

The threats have become more severe. One day Rebin received a phone call from one of Khaleda's cousins. "He said he was holding a gun to my friend's head and that if I didn't send Khaleda back he'd shoot him." Khaleda is still too scared to leave the house and Rebin, who gets by working 60 hours a week as a driver, says he is always looking over his shoulder.

But they are convinced they did the right thing. "We fell in love," said Rebin "It's a beautiful thing and we shouldn't be ashamed of it. How any parent can believe love is a shameful thing I will never understand." - *The Independent*



A Sinai tribesman speaks at a tribal conference held last month in El-Ara.

Sinai Bedouin speak out, demand justice from Egypt

By Alaa Shahine

THE men gathered around the fire under a clear sky studded with stars. Youssef Ali had checked on his loaded Kalashnikov rifle as he prepared to spend another night in the desert, his home for the past six years. "I don't sleep without my Kalashnikov next to me," said the 37-year-old, the fire illuminating his dark unshaven face and traditional Arab headdress.

Ali, born when Sinai was under Israeli occupation after the 1967 Middle East war, is wanted by Egyptian police for smuggling arms into the Gaza Strip for Palestinian factions.

But he and a group of friends had come to the site in the desert for a tribal conference to take a stand against what they see as government injustice.

He says poverty and unemployment drove him to take up the smuggling trade. The Egyptian police, through their heavy-handed treatment of the traditionally proud Bedouin, helped push him further into the life of an outlaw, deepening his hatred for those he holds responsible for his miserable situation: the rulers of Egypt who reclaimed Sinai from Israel in 1982.

"I have known Egypt only since 1982," he said. "Since then all I have known is fear, lies and injustice."

It is a common story among about 200,000 formerly nomadic Bedouin in northern Sinai, one of Egypt's poorest areas, where unemployment is

endemic and basic services are dismal. It is from this same milieu that a group of bombers emerged, killing more than 100 people between 2004 and 2006 in a series of three bombings at Sinai resorts frequented by foreigners.

The Bedouin complain of economic marginalisation, police harassment and limited access to jobs in the lucrative tourism and petroleum sectors in Sinai, which produces a significant share of Egypt's oil from offshore fields and is dotted with resorts popular with tourists seeking sun, sand and diving.

Jobs at the few privately owned factories in the region and senior posts in state institutions are usually reserved for workers from the Nile Valley, as part of a policy to increase the population of Sinai and integrate it with the rest of the country, analysis and human rights groups say.

The government says it treats all Egyptians equally and points to a national 2004-2017 plan for Sinai that envisages the development of 100,000 hectares of agricultural land in northern Sinai, known for olive and peach farms. Tribesmen say the plan is nothing but hot air. "People from the Valley come and take everything here," said Mohamed Abou Shitsha, an unemployed 21-year-old, as one of the men threw another log on the fire.

They are given the leftovers." In April, police killed two Bedouin near a checkpoint in northern Sinai. The Interior Ministry said the men

exchanged fire with police, but tribal leaders say they were unarmed and were shot while trying to take a side route to avoid the checkpoint, fearing police harassment.

The incident highlighted the long-simmering tension between the authorities and the Bedouin, whose loyalty to Cairo many Egyptians doubt because of their exposure to Israelis between 1967 and 1982, and their reputation for ignoring state authority.

One day after the shooting tribesmen took to the streets, setting fire to dozens of tyres. Hundreds also held a two-day sit-in on the border with Israel, demanding that the government address their grievances.

Leaders of the protest later issued a list of demands including the trial of the officers responsible for the shooting and the retrial of hundreds of men convicted in what the tribes call fabricated drugs and arms smuggling cases. "If our demands are not met soon we will start an open-ended sit-in," said Mohamed al-Menci, a tribal leader at the conference last month at el-Ara border area. "We will not budge."

Neither the Interior Ministry in Cairo or the governor of North Sinai were available for comment. The state-run newspaper *Al-Ahram* said last week one Bedouin convict was granted a retrial and acquitted. But one retrial is unlikely to be enough for the tribesmen. - *(Additional reporting by Yusri Mohamed) Reuters*

Hamas asserts itself, warily, in Gaza

By Nidal al-Mughbrabi and Alistair Macdonald

THERE is an air of relief blowing in with the hot sea breeze over the Gaza Strip these days, but it's one salted with worry that factional warfare which ended in victory for Hamas two weeks ago could swiftly return.

It is a concern shared by Abu Mahmud, as the deputy commander of the Islamist movement's security arm prefers to be known. "We are fully in control at the moment," he said in the imposing Gaza City compound seized from the Palestinian president's secular Fatah forces on June 14.

"But people are still in shock. There may be sleeper cells. We will try to abort every crime in its cradle."

But his Executive Force, now seemingly ubiquitous with their beards, blue camouflage and Kalashnikovs, number only 6,000. Abu Mahmud said this week - compared to 40,000 men, many of them from Fatah, who hitherto held fractious sway in the enclave.

Efforts are under way to resurrect the former police force.

Nonetheless, many Gazans credit the Hamas militia and its young auxiliaries recruited from mosques with bringing an order long lacking to their streets. Food shortages that were widely feared when Israel closed the border have yet to materialise.

Women say they feel more pressure to cover their heads. Even an ageing beggar, long a fixture at one intersection, suddenly wears a full veil. But although beards for men are also increasingly *de rigueur*, the Hamas leadership insists it will

not impose its Islamic values or set up an Islamic state in Gaza. Yet the belief that Hamas will shoot at anyone jumping the lights has also ended traffic jams, many say. Abu Mahmud insists any shootings at motorists are "individual acts", not on any central orders from his office.

He also echoes the conciliatory tone of Hamas's Ismail Haniyeh, whom he still calls prime minister despite his dismissal after the "coup" by President Mahmoud Abbas.

"We are not a police force for one faction," he says. "An order had been given, he added, to take down the green Islamist banners that have sprouted on public buildings since the takeover. Palestinian national flags would replace them. "We are serving all our people," he insisted, mixing clear in passing his disapproval of the heavy, expensive furniture he has inherited from the previous occupant of his office - the Fatah head of military intelligence. "Not my office," he smiles.

"Our battle wasn't with Fatah. It was with a tiny part of Fatah that was financed and armed by the (Israeli) occupier and the Americans," he added, insisting most members of the party that dominated under the late Yasser Arafat had nothing to fear. "So far, many of the 1.5m people of Gaza seem ready to believe that this has been true. Fatah flags still fly from party offices. A settling of scores in the immediate aftermath of the week of June fighting appears to have abated. Members of the Fatah-dominated police force will be welcomed back, Abu Mahmud said. Meetings are imminent to try to arrange this

as officers fret over conflicting orders from Fatah leaders in the West Bank who say they will fire anyone who obeys Hamas.

"The poor policeman is living in confusion," the Executive Force commander acknowledged. "He's hesitating to come to work."

Leading Fatah figures who actively opposed Hamas have fled or are lying low. Abu Mahmud insists he holds no political prisoners - though he does bring Fatah officials in to the Saraya, the old British-built fortress-cum-jail in Gaza City, to check they are not holding what rightly belongs to the public. They get a receipt, he says, for anything handed in. "So far, Gazans are enjoying a tranquility they have scarcely known since an election 18 months ago, which Hamas won to put the two factions on a collision course. The beaches were crowded this weekend as people escaped the heat and resisted the freedom from the fear of being caught in crossfire to get there. As he deals with a succession of calls on a mobile phone that plays an Islamic religious ringtone, Abu Mahmud is clearly proud of a stability that, he notes, has allowed foreigners to return to Gaza with more assurance than at any time in the last few months, when kidnapping had been a particular menace.

He hopes the Executive Force can merge itself into a civil police force and that the Fatah officials who once handled the crossings with Israel and Egypt can return to work to reopen the borders. "We are ready to make concessions," Abu Mahmud assures. - *Reuters*



Palestinian women gather near Ziad Abu Eid, who fled the besieged Nahr Al-Bared camp, and his bride Amal, during their wedding in Uzai area, south of Beirut.



Bride Amal looks at a Palestinian refugee dancing in a pre-nuptial ceremony.

Wedding unites Palestinian couple in Lebanese camp

By Marwan Naamani

ZIAD and Amal's marriage brought at least a semblance of normality for some of the tens of thousands of Palestinians who fled a once sleepy seaside refugee camp in north Lebanon that turned into a war zone.

"I got married to ensure the one I love will be always near me if we need to flee or be displaced again," said Ziad Abu Eid, a 33-year-old construction worker.

He had a modest wedding ceremony at the Shatila camp in Beirut, far from the blasts of shellfire and rattle of machine-guns in the couple's Nahr Al-Bared camp where the Lebanese army has battled Islamists in a deadly showdown since May 20.

Less than 1,000 of Nahr Al-Bared's estimated 31,000 inhabitants before the conflict have stayed put. The remainder have fled during lulls in the battle and are now scattered among the rest of the 12 refugee camps which are home to around half of Lebanon's estimated 400,000 Palestinians.

"I am not happy. I am even disgusted. What kind of a life is this?" asked Ziad. "I want her (Amal) to come and live with me... We either die together or we flee together."

A 16-year-old youth, also from Nahr Al-Bared, shaved Ziad's beard as Palestinian children looked on before the wedding. They danced and cheered, while the elderly watched, some with tears in their eyes.

"The Palestinians are an oppressed people... We have lived all our lives fleeing from one place to another and now it is the turn of the new generation. This is our fate," sighed Ziad's aunt, Khalidieh, 58.

"For 60 years we have been constructing and building in Nahr Al-Bared. Now, in one month, everything is destroyed and we have all fled," she added.

Not far from Shatila, itself the scene of a massacre by Christian militiamen during Israel's invasion of 1982, bride Amal, 23, waited at a modest seaside apartment in the overcrowded district of Uzay.

Clad in a simple white wedding gown, Amal sat on the balcony with family members in attendance. Plastic advertising banners were used as makeshift curtains to protect them from the sun and the eyes of curious onlookers.

"It would have been a much better wedding if it had been in Nahr Al-Bared with all the family and friends present," Amal said. "But what can we do? It seems the fighting will not come to an end. The house that we planned to live in after the marriage was destroyed and we have to start from scratch," she added. "So we decided to get married. At least we feel that we did something," said Amal whose name means "hope" in Arabic. - *AFP*





Think of the 2008 Lexus LS600h L sedan, due out this summer, as the ultimate niche vehicle.

Lexus goes green with great style

Can the Lexus LS600h be both a green car and one for those with lots and lots of greenbacks? Review by MATT BAUMAN

THINK of the 2008 Lexus LS 600h L sedan as the ultimate niche vehicle. For those who think of hybrids as small, ultra-fuel-efficient machines like the Toyota Prius and the now departed Honda Insight, this new \$100,000-plus sedan might be eye-opening, or perhaps, horrifying.

This hybrid is stocked with a whoppin' big V-8 engine, and I got less than 20mpg in my week behind the wheel.

On the other hand, for those who insist that only something with 12 cylinders of prestigious power will step the luxury sedan class — a Mercedes-Benz S600 or BMW 760Li or an Audi A8 L W12, perhaps — then this car might be a revelation.

It certainly makes a statement. After all, Lexus combined a 5.0-litre V-8 with two electric motors and some batteries, and ended up with the equivalent of 430 horsepower.

That pushes this Lexus Luxo from 0 to 60 mph in 5.5 seconds. And it still comes with hybrid badges and special accents like blue accents on the front LED headlights, and much better mpg than any of those 12-cylinder mopeds.

So it becomes a question of perspective. Is the Lexus LS600h L simply the most expensive Japanese production model ever made or is it the most fuel-efficient luxury sedan? Can it be both a green car and one for those with lots and lots of green?

For your \$104,000 in the US — and probably \$125,000 after you throw in options, taxes and fees — you could get a four-year college education or a Tesla electric roadster or a really, really useful Starbucks card. ("I'll have 31,000 venti lattes, please.")

After 250 miles behind the wheel of a non-production version of the 600h L, I can tell you that you get a poised, polished high-tech machine. But will it impress your hard-to-impress friends?

Some basics: The LS has been the flagship Lexus model since the brand arrived on these shores in 1989. The open-minded among us saw fine engineering excellence and value in that first \$35,000 LS.

Others sneered that some Lexus models have already proved themselves in such GT events as the 24 hours race at Le Mans and in the FIA Formula One World Championship.

There are actually 8 cars in their present range but one of them, the Spyker F8 V12 is definitely not a road going car, being an out and out Formula F1 racing version.

It is a combination of Spyker and Ferrari expertise. The most important Ferrari input is their Ferrari F1-056 engine. This produces more than 700 hp running at a regulations-limited rpm of 19,000 rpm.

All this comes from an engine capacity of only 2,400 cc. The pistons experience more than 9,000 times the force of gravity under heavy acceleration. The brake discs glow white hot when in action at temperatures of up to 750°C and gear changes can be measured in milliseconds.

The less extreme, the description 'ordinary' does not apply here. Spykers run between 6,500-8,500 rpm maximum depending on the model. These engines could hardly be called 'lame' as their output varies from 400-500 bhp depending on the model chosen.

The 'slowest' acceleration time is for the Spyker D12 Peking-to-Paris version which reaches a full five seconds to reach 100 km/h, something which the C12 Zagato will accomplish in 3.8 seconds. The Ferrari version is not listed for obvious reasons.

There is a choice of two engines to power the all aluminium lightweight bodies, a 4.2 litre V-8 or 6.0 litre V-12 engine from Audi.

The C8 range not only features electronically operated tilting doors, but also incorporates fully opening front and rear sections which open to reveal the engineering details and the all aluminium chassis frames which hold the twin safety fuel tanks.

Massive 14" AP disc brakes with 6 pot callipers take care of the stopping power.

The leather comes from the finest supplier in the motor industry.

Dashboard instruments are crafted by Chronoswiss and sit in a highly burnished dashboard, which is not only retro but defines the Spyker for what it is.

4 Spyker D12 Peking-to-Paris... handcrafted by experts for the chosen few.

were nothing more than fancy Camrys and that Lexus shouldn't attempt to challenge the German luxury brands.

Well, after racking up sales and quality awards over the years, the LS has progressed to the point where the fourth-generation LS 460 and the longer-wheelbase LS 460L are fully competitive with what BMW and Mercedes offer, if still a bit less drive-oriented than what the Germans trot out.

These models, priced at \$61,000 and \$71,000, are quietly powerful, thanks to a new 4.6-litre V-8, and stuffed with technology from parking assistance to real-time traffic updates via satellite radio.

Now Lexus has topped the LS lineup with a hybrid version. It takes a new 5.0-litre V-8 and pairs it with two electric motors and a 240-cell, 288-volt nickel-metal hydride battery pack. The result is 438 equivalent horsepower. The electric hits create additional torque as the car reaches highway speeds and beyond.

There's also an EV button on the left side of the dashboard that extends the car's electric-only range at speeds up to 25 mph. Normally, the hybrid will switch from petrol to electric power (or use both) as needed.

Some Lexus attributes remain unaltered. This sedan has an exceedingly quiet ride, and it offers a lushly comfortable interior.

As a 2008 model, the Lexus LS 600h L suffers, in a sense, from the new EPA fuel-economy formula. It measures 20 mpg in the city, 22 on the highway and 21 combined. I averaged right at 18.9 mpg in about 300 miles of driving.

(Had the 2008 LS 600h L been a 2007 model, those numbers would have increased, although the car's actual fuel economy would be the same. The 2007 BMW 760Li gets a combined 17 mpg; the S600 15 mpg; and the A8 L 17 mpg. Those numbers fall to 15, 13 and 15 with the 2008 formula changes.)

Ultimately, the question is this: If you pulled up to a fancy restaurant, will a Lexus hybrid have as much cachet as a big V-12 Benz? I'm guessing that if you're going to meet a VC interested in green tech, you actually might make a better impression.

Lexus had planned to put this car on sale in June, but delayed it a while back. There was no explanation offered, and now the word is the car will meet its first US owners "this summer." It went on sale in Japan in May.

Worldwide, Lexus expects 7,000 sales of the 600h L, with perhaps 4,000 of those in Japan and 2,000 in the US.

Besides its hybrid powertrain, the LS 600h offers an eight-gear continuously variable transmission (CVT) as well as full-time all-wheel-drive. Standard safety features include eight air bags and a Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) system that includes stability and traction control, anti-lock brakes and additional braking enhancements.

You'll also find a 30-gigabyte hard-disk-drive navigation system and a Thin Film Transistor (TFT) colour monitor that displays maps as well as hybrid and trip computer information. The 450-watt Mark Levinson audio system, complete with 19 speakers and 2,000-song storage capacity, takes advantage of the car's very quiet ride.

Options are few. The Executive Class Seating Package is the most notable with its massaging passenger seat with leg rest and fold-down wood table, rear DVD player, a rear seat cool box, rear-side air bags, special 18-inch wheels and the advanced parking guidance system.

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IN BRIEF

Mini Mercedes SUV coming in 2008

MERCEDES-Benz has confirmed that it plans to launch a small Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), the GLK in 2008. A spokesman said that the GLK would either be launched at the Detroit or the Geneva Motor Show, fitted with many components from the new C-Class such as the four and six cylinder engines.

Pictures taken of prototypes reveal a design similar to the bigger GL Class, rather than the M-Class.

Achim Parnow from the Mercedes design team said the shape was relatively squared with steep front, broad shoulder lines and dominant 20-inch wheels.

The GLK is the fifth Mercedes SUV in the line-up for next year that includes modifications for the current range. The R-Class features a second row of seats for three people. Seat combinations for five occupants, two, three, four, six or seven are possible.

Three new entry-level R-Class models are available — the R 280 CDI, the R 280 and the R 350 — all with V6 power units with rear-wheel drive and a choice of a short or long wheelbase.

In the M-Class the 2008 model year comes with the addition of a new engine. The 285 kW/388 hp model ML 500 4MATIC is equipped with the 5.5-litre V8 petrol unit, which increases the output by 82 hp compared to the preceding model, boosting the maximum torque from 460 to 530 newton metres.

The basic shape in the G class, which has remained more or less the same since 1979, has been retained. According to Mercedes the latest facelift mainly affects the interior, where a new instrument cluster provides a more up-to-date look.

A centrally located display for the driver, four analogue dial instruments with fine chrome bezels provide a clearly laid out information centre. The four-spoke multifunction steering wheel has also been redesigned.

Replace faulty bulbs in pairs

HEADLAMP bulbs should always be replaced in pairs and with the same type and motorists should keep a reserve pair for trips in other countries, according to Germany's technical testing authority TÜV.

If one of the headlamp bulbs has to be replaced, it is only a matter of time before the second headlamp is burnt out, according to the authority.

In most cases, bulbs are fairly easy to replace. But the lights should be switched off to prevent a short circuit when the cables are removed from the lamp.

In many cases, the headlamp is held in place by a metal three-pronged connection covered by rubber which should be removed carefully to prevent bending.

Never touch the bulbs with bare fingers as even small fingerprints can damage the bulbs or reflectors, the experts warned.

If in doubt or if you don't have the tools to do the job correctly, consult a professional to prevent costly repairs.

Low-rev driving saves fuel

DRIVING at low revs of 2,000 rpm (revs per minute) in city traffic can save up to 30% of petrol consumption, according to the Berlin consumer organisation IB.

Motorists should change gears early with the third gear advisable at a speed of 30 km/h or 2,000 rpm, at 40 km/h the fourth gear and at 50 to 55 km/h the fifth gear, the IB said. — DPA

Super Spyker debuts in Qatar

RECENTLY brought into Qatar for a select few is the Spyker brand of automobile. The name is probably not very familiar to most of us apart from some motoring aficionados but is a famous Dutch brand which has a pedigree in both the auto and aero worlds stretching back to 1876.

However, in the year 2000 Spyker turned their collective hands to manufacturing powerful sports machines in the niche market of modern and technologically advanced super cars. Since October 2000 with the launch of the Spyker C8 Spyder at the Birmingham Motor Show in the UK, they have established a strong foothold in this market.

In 2006 at the Geneva Motor Show Spyker unveiled the D12 Peking-to-Paris machine. This is an all aluminium permanent four wheel drive luxury super sports utility vehicle with a spacious interior and rear hinged coach doors.

The engine is the 6.0 litre 500 hp W12 engine which will give more than enough poke to get up Alpine and other mountain roads.

Spyker cars are very individual and are built by highly dedicated craftsmen. There is no mass production here as any cars made are built to order and are intended to appeal to the well-heeled who are also motoring connoisseurs and so could perhaps be described as being elitist.

So important is this individuality, that no prices were available to the motoring press at the time of the launch in Qatar.

Suffice it to say, that prospective owners need to be in the super rich category.

The Spyker logo demonstrates the vivid racing and aviation heritage, being an aircraft propeller and a wire wheel. It bears the legend - *Nulla tenaci invia est via*, which as most of us probably know means 'For the tenacious no road is impassable'.

The cars are handcrafted by experts who use only the best bespoke materials. The future owner involvement is complete as he or she can follow the progress of construction of his or her personal car through a dedicated web-cam system, which is aptly called the 'Spycam' and is an industry first.

Construction can be quick considering the amount of care that has to go into the selection of materials and to the meticulous construction. The cars

have already proved themselves in such GT events as the 24 hours race at Le Mans and in the FIA Formula One World Championship.

There are actually 8 cars in their present range but one of them, the Spyker F8 V12 is definitely not a road going car, being an out and out Formula F1 racing version.

It is a combination of Spyker and Ferrari expertise. The most important Ferrari input is their Ferrari F1-056 engine. This produces more than 700 hp running at a regulations-limited rpm of 19,000 rpm.

All this comes from an engine capacity of only 2,400 cc. The pistons experience more than 9,000 times the force of gravity under heavy acceleration. The brake discs glow white hot when in action at temperatures of up to 750°C and gear changes can be measured in milliseconds.

The less extreme, the description 'ordinary' does not apply here. Spykers run between 6,500-8,500 rpm maximum depending on the model. These engines could hardly be called 'lame' as their output varies from 400-500 bhp depending on the model chosen.

The 'slowest' acceleration time is for the Spyker D12 Peking-to-Paris version which reaches a full five seconds to reach 100 km/h, something which the C12 Zagato will accomplish in 3.8 seconds. The Ferrari version is not listed for obvious reasons.

There is a choice of two engines to power the all aluminium lightweight bodies, a 4.2 litre V-8 or 6.0 litre V-12 engine from Audi.

The C8 range not only features electronically operated tilting doors, but also incorporates fully opening front and rear sections which open to reveal the engineering details and the all aluminium chassis frames which hold the twin safety fuel tanks.

Massive 14" AP disc brakes with 6 pot callipers take care of the stopping power.

The leather comes from the finest supplier in the motor industry.

Dashboard instruments are crafted by Chronoswiss and sit in a highly burnished dashboard, which is not only retro but defines the Spyker for what it is.

4 Spyker D12 Peking-to-Paris... handcrafted by experts for the chosen few.



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Little technology transfer from Formula 1 to ordinary cars

By Felix Rehwald

ONE of the most spectacular Formula 1 crashes in recent years, Polish driver Robert Kubica crashed his BMW-Sauber against a concrete wall during the Canadian Grand Prix at a speed of more than 280 km/h, almost miraculously surviving without injury.

Many a motorist might have thought: "Why can't such safety technology be transferred to the ordinary road car?"

In reality such transfer is pretty limited, according to several experts.

"Technology from Formula 1 cannot be transferred to ordinary road conditions," says Hubert Paulus from the technology centre of Germany's automobile association ADAC.

Because racing cars and road vehicles are driven in an entirely different environment, constructors of the Formula 1 car looked only at developing a safety cell or monocoque for the driver. The driver is tightly secured in this virtually indestructible carbon fibre safety cell with the head fixed by a special back support system.

No ordinary motorist would allow themselves to be strapped to the car in such a manner which is why car makers have concentrated on airbags as the best safety solution.

Even BMW spokesman Friedhelm Holz concedes: "Formula 1 vehicles and current road vehicles are so different that virtually no transfer can be made".

But engineers working in motorsport gather know-how that can be used for ordinary cars such as special materials. Carbon fibre used for the monocoque also finds its way into production cars.

"But it is also very expensive and its use limited because nobody could pay for a car produced entirely from this material," says Holz.

Benz only produces used carbon fibre for the super SLR sports car which is produced in limited numbers. The bodywork of the gullwing SLR has a similar structure as the monocoque, according to spokesman Michael Allner. The sports car, which has a top speed of 334 km/h, is also fitted with high-performance ceramic brakes — an idea from Formula 1.

Knowledge transfer from Formula 1 is also utilised in electronics such as engine management and braking systems, according to Holz.

"Without Formula 1 we would not be this far," he concedes. Another German premium car producer Audi has had similar experiences. Although not active in Formula 1, Audi takes part in the 24 hour Le Mans and the German Touring Car Championships.

Direct fuel injection combined with a turbo-loader was first used in the 2001 Le Mans race which Audi won first time and has meanwhile been successfully transferred to road cars, according to Audi spokesman Josef Schölsbacher.

ADAC technology expert Paulus, however, says that not much technology transfer of safety systems from Formula 1 is possible. "It would be a real exaggeration to say that safety of road vehicles has been much improved because of motor racing. Modern cars have become safer over the years because of data gained from accident research and refined crash tests," he argues. — DPA

Canadian prototype three-wheeler is frugal and fast

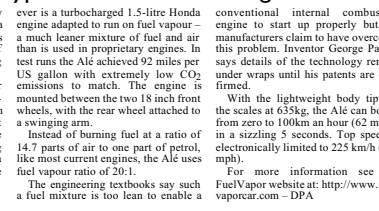
THE Canadian company FuelVapor has come up with a maple-syrup-coloured, sports runabout which uses just 2.6 litres of fuel per 100km without compromising performance.

The sleek, fibreglass-clad FuelVapor Ale (pronounced a-lay) is a three-wheeler, built on a low-slung platform with two steered wheels at the front and a single rear wheel. Access to the tandem seats in the cabin is by tilting the cockpit cover. There are plans for a limited production run of the prototype Ale in 2008.

The engineering textbooks say such a fuel mixture is too lean to enable a conventional internal combustion engine to start up properly, but the manufacturers claim to have overcome this problem. Inventor George Parker says details of the technology remain under wraps until his patents are confirmed.

With the lightweight body tipping the scales at 635kg, the Ale can be driven from zero to 100km/h in a sizzling 5 seconds. Top speed is electronically limited to 225 km/h (140 mph).

For more information see the FuelVapor website at: http://www.fuelvapor.com — DPA



The unique feature of this car however is a turbocharged 1.5-litre Honda engine adapted to run on fuel vapour — a much leaner mixture of fuel and air than is used in proprietary engines. In test runs the Ale achieved 92 miles per US gallon with extremely low CO₂ emissions to match. The engine is mounted between the two 18 inch front wheels, with the rear wheel attached to a swinging arm.

Instead of burning fuel at a ratio of 14.7 parts of air to one part of petrol, like most current engines, the Ale uses a fuel vapour ratio of 20:1.

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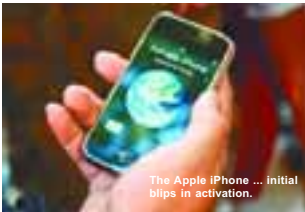
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Apple's iPhone is here, but ...

Wireless device makers target the i-savvy generation

By Dan Gallagher



... Customers turn sour trying to activate much-hyped gadget

By Julie Sevrens Lyons

The giddy waiting in all those lines for a new iPhone? That has nothing on all the anxious waiting to get them activated.

Days after Apple Computer's much-hyped phone hit the market this week, it was being both heralded and hissed at. For some, problems getting the new gadget activated have turned into nightmares.

Hordes of new iPhone owners complained up and down the Internet about their service activation being slow to nonexistent. And, they whined that most of the phone's features just don't work until service has been activated.

"It's like I got a Teddy Ruxpin and had to wait a day for the battery delivery," harped one user on the www.engadget.com website. "It's annoying that everything is crippled until activation is complete."

Some frustrated users still waiting for their phones to be activated called the products "iPop," and pointed out they were being charged a \$36 fee for the — um, non-activation. "I am going 14 hours of counting with NO cell phone after trying to activate mine. AT&T said there is no ETA on fixing the problem," wrote one man on the engadget.com site. "So I have the latest and greatest in paper weights."

A spokesman for AT&T, however, said that the glitches had been minor and isolated, and that the company was working to fix them on an individual basis.

"The vast majority of iPhone activations on iTunes are going through in a matter of minutes," said spokesman Ted Carr. "Many of the situations causing a delay are being resolved in a matter of hours. But we are not experiencing any significant company-wide activation issues."

Carr said problems seem to be occurring when customers attempt to transfer their numbers from other wireless carriers over to AT&T. "We're ecstatic about the launch," he said. "Wireless will never be the same again."

A Sacramento, California, user wasn't so sure. Venting about the product on Apple's website at 3.27am on June 30, he lamented switching over from Sprint. "I stand in line for 2 hours, spend \$700 for the phone, car charger and misc accessories, and now I have been waiting 7 hours, 10 minutes for this 'useless brick' to activate. Most unpleasant. Is this the kind of service we should come to expect from AT&T and Apple?"

Multiple calls to Apple's corporate offices were not returned. But an accounting consultant from Philadelphia called the *San Jose Mercury News* to say the activation problem seemed to be rampant. "I just got told that I was one of over 100,000 people who are red ticketed to have their service activated. If that's not widespread for the number of phones sold, I don't know what is," said the man, who waited more than 20 hours to get service.

For Stephen Smith and his wife, Teresa Rowland, the problem was in finding an iPhone to purchase. The Carmel, California, dental professionals struck out with every store they called or visited between Monterey and San Jose. They finally hit paydirt at the Apple store at Westfield Valley Fair Saturday afternoon.

The store was brimming with people but didn't experience the long customer lines of the evening before. Crowds mingled around demonstrations of the new hot gadget, and several people were awitiver over an apparent Jerry Rice sighting in the store moments before.

The iPhone, which is built around a large touch-sensitive screen, has been anxiously awaited by many tech savvy — and largely forgiving — fans since it was first announced in January earlier this year. It costs \$499 or \$599, depending upon the model, and requires a two-year phone service contract. It is expected to go on sale in Europe later this year and in Asia in 2008. — *San Jose Mercury News/MCT*

APPLE Inc may face plenty of competition from wireless phone makers after its iPhone launched this week. But when it comes to the high end of the market, it largely has the field to itself.

Granted, the segment of cell phone users willing to pony up more than \$500 for a new device is limited — especially in the US market, where consumers are accustomed to getting their hands free for free in exchange for entering a contract with wireless service carriers.

And yet, Apple enjoys a distinct advantage over other device makers in targeting high-end users — the support of a major carrier, something lacking among its most notable rivals on the market.

When the iPhone went on sale, the device was being sold through Apple as well as AT&T, whose wireless arm was formerly known as Cingular. High-end devices from LG Electronics, HTC and even wireless phone giant Nokia are still awaiting carrier support.

Much is at stake both for Apple and AT&T, especially after the initial hype died down.

"Don't underestimate the willingness of consumers to pay up for a high-end device," Harris said. "Look at the Razz, which sold for \$500 when it first came out. Consumers will pay a premium for exclusivity and the right feature set."

For now, customers seeking an all-in-one device that also sports some of the iPhone's most notable design features — such as a touch-screen — have relatively few options. Here are some of the notable ones:

LG PRADA
When it comes to style, the LG Prada may come the closest to competing against the iPhone. This touch-screen phone was introduced in March as a collaboration between Korean electronics giant LG and Prada, the Italian fashion designer. Since then, the product has earned raves for its design, which is often called sleek and sexy.

Like the iPhone, the Prada has few external buttons. Instead it relies on a three-inch touch-screen for its main interface. It also boasts a 2.0 megapixel camera — on par with the iPhone — and plays music and videos. One potential benefit over its Apple rival is that users can expand the device's memory with a flash memory card, as opposed to the fixed memory of the iPhone.

There were rumours that Verizon, AT&T's rival, was preparing to bring the Prada to the US market before an injunction by the International Trade Commission regarding wireless phone chips from Qualcomm, which are used in the device. Verizon officials wouldn't comment, and LG representatives didn't respond to requests for comment about the company's plans for the Prada.

HTC TOUCH
This touch-screen device was launched last month. But like the Prada it's not yet available in the US. The Taiwan-based company says it will be launched in this market some time in the second half of this year.

Reviews haven't been as strong as for the Prada. While the Touch uses the professional version of Windows Mobile to offer e-mail and Web access, many gadget reviewers have noted that the touch-screen's keyboard is so tiny that it requires the use of a stylus, which makes the device more like a PDA in terms of operation.

The Touch is also a GSM-based phone, so domestic users may be able to swap out SIM cards to make use of the device. Unlocked versions on eBay are listing at prices ranging from \$500 to \$600.

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Freebies for employees in America

By Troy Wolverton

APPLE employees will be getting a nice perk this month: a free iPhone. At the end of July, the company will be handing out its 8-gigabyte version of its new handset to all of its full-time US employees. Apple spokesman Steve Dowling said.

Everyone from the executives and engineers who work in Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, California, to the employees of its retail stores will be getting one of these devices, which will cost other users \$599 at retail, Dowling said.

One thing that wasn't clear: Who's going to be picking up the tab for the wireless service costs. Dowling declined to say.

AT&T is requiring iPhone customers to commit to a two-year contract where they will pay at least \$50.99 per month. That's a cool \$1,440 over the term of the contract, should Apple employees have to pick up a similar tab.

Dowling didn't know how many employees will be receiving iPhones, but at the end of last fiscal year in September, Apple had 17,787 full-time employees, the large majority of whom likely work in the US.

Apple employees will be getting their iPhones after the expected mad rush by early adopters.

In addition to the 8-gigabyte iPhone, Apple is also offering a 4-gigabyte version for \$499. — *San Jose Mercury News/MCT*

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A delighted customer shows his newly purchased iPhone at an Apple store in Santa Monica, California. The release of the iPhone is expected to give a boost to the emerging multi-purpose cell phone market and possibly even help rival 'smartphone' devices.

Strengths and potential weaknesses to look out for

FOLLOWING are the strengths and potential weaknesses of Apple's new device, the iPhone, which serves as a cell phone, Internet browser, and music and video player.

STRENGTHS

O Design and interface: Unlike regular cell phones that have dials and small screens, the iPhone features a larger touch-screen.

All commands, from dialing a telephone number to surfing the Internet, are done by tapping or sliding a finger on the screen.

The iPhone can be held horizontally to create a wide screen for videos and other images, which flip as the device is moved to its new position.

The iPhone is thinner (11.6mm, or 0.5 inches) than many of its competitors and weighs 135g (4.8oz). It is 115-by-61 mm (4.5-by-2.4 inches).

O Functions: It features many options, but very comparable to its competitors. The iPhone includes an iPod music and video player, a 2.0 megapixel camera, and the Safari Internet browser.

The Internet features include weather forecasts, Google Maps, stock prices, and YouTube videos.

The iPhone also receives e-mail. Tapping a button brings up a dial or a keyboard to make calls or write text. The device can read Word, Excel and PDF documents. Another button opens up the classic iPod interface to choose songs and videos. The music pauses when calls come in.

O Battery life: After much criticism, Apple recently announced an increase in battery life: Eight hours of talk time, six hours of Internet use and seven hours of video watching.

O Price: The four-gigabyte iPhone is priced at \$499 while the eight-gigabyte model costs \$599. Add to that a two-year contract with AT&T costing 40 per month for phone use and another \$30-\$40 for the other functions.

O Connection speed: The iPhone has an exclusive deal with AT&T in the US for its telephone, Internet and e-mail service. AT&T's "Edge" network operates at 200 kilobits per second. The Internet and e-mail features can also be used via Wi-Fi connection.

O Touch-screen: One great unknown: Will iPhone owners, used to cell phone dials, adapt to the touch-screen? Another risk is whether it scratches, although Apple recently said it opted for an anti-scratch screen. — *APP*

TECHTEST

Reviews by Susi Weaser

Quictionary 3 Lite

IF YOU'RE off on holiday in a couple of weeks' time, it's probably too late to attempt fluency in a new language. The £85 (price in the UK) Quictionary 3 Lite might go some way to help, since it translates text from English to French or Spanish, and vice versa, depending on which version you buy.

It comes in the form of a (rather large) pen that you scan over any printed text. It then suggests the correct translation. It does a remarkably accurate job, as long as the text is clear. However, it doesn't work on handwriting, no matter how neat you try to be, and has trouble with smaller fonts.

It would be perfect for things like menus, though, where the text tends to be larger.

Unfortunately, rather than suggesting the equivalent sentence to the one you have entered, it translates each word individually, leaving you to scrawl through the suggested options.

For example, it offered four different translations for the word "calling", with no clue as to which one would make sense in the sentence.

The display screen also doubles as a touch-screen, so you can enter words yourself. There is a stylus stored away within the pen, so you can stab away at the displayed keypad. It's fiddly, but if you've got a language emergency, it might just save the day.

Olympus mju 770SW
The Olympus mju 770SW is meant for people guilty of not taking care of their gadgets. The company claims that this camera, priced at £225 (price in the UK), is shockproof, freezeproof and crushproof.

It is also waterproof up to 10m. The 3x optical zoom is internal, to ensure nothing gets damaged when you inadvertently test the claim that it can withstand being up to 1.5m.

The sturdy metal body makes the camera slightly heavier and chunkier than you might want, but it's more than made up for in peace of mind that you can take it anywhere.

One complaint regarding the build was that the battery and USB covers are difficult to open — presumably to prevent dirt and water



from seeping in. There are 24 different modes, including such esoteric options as "auction" and "cuisine", the former presumably for the perfect eBay photo. — *Guardian News & Media*

Don't make e-mail backing up optional

By Jay Dougherty

LOSING e-mail can cost you both lost time and opportunity. That's because most of us have valuable information stored in our e-mail programs — addresses, contact information, appointments, and some of it can be difficult or impossible to replace.

Backing up your e-mail, therefore, is essential. And in many cases, it makes sense to maintain an e-mail backup routine that's separate from any other overall data backup procedure you have in place.

The reason you may need or want to restore just your e-mail and should a data catastrophe strike, and you don't want to have to locate and unearth just your e-mail data from a larger system backup. Doing so is both time-consuming and frustrating.

How you back up your e-mail will depend upon what type of e-mail you rely upon. There are many types in use today, but we'll cover the most popular here.

Outlook
Microsoft Outlook stores e-mail in a file with a ".pst" extension. For a simple data backup, you can just locate any and all pst files on your hard drive that correspond to another location.

To find the files, open the Windows Search utility, type *.pst, and copy the files that the utility finds.

But a pst file alone will not easily help you rebuild all of your e-mail accounts, stored addresses, and other conveniences that you probably want back immediately should you need to restore data.

Therefore it makes sense to turn to a package that not only backs up your PST files for you but also any settings, address book entries, and other data you've entered into Outlook applications you do not want to lose.

Rinjasoft (<http://WorldWideWeb.rinjasoft.com>) makes an inexpensive little utility that fits the bill. Its EZ Backup Outlook program provides a one-click way to back up all of your Outlook e-mail and settings. The program can save the data to a compressed, executable file. When or if you need to restore the data, all you have to do is double-click the executable file and follow the instructions. The original backup application itself does not even need to be installed.

Rinjasoft has equivalent backup programs for other popular e-mail programs, including Outlook Express, Eudora, Incredimail, and Windows Mail. The basic versions of these applications — all you need for standard backup and restore — cost under \$10.

AJ Systems (<http://WorldWideWeb.ajsystems.com>) offers similar functionality in its Outlook Plus and Express utility applications. These applications go beyond just e-mail backup and restore to include browser favourites and other system settings that most folks want to take with them along with e-mail.

GMail
Thanks to its ample storage space and effective spam filtering, Google's free Gmail has become a favourite e-mail provider around the world.

With Web-based e-mail accounts, however, come special challenges if you want to save or archive your messages before they are deleted automatically by the service.

Most Web-based e-mail services provide no convenient means for you to back up or archive old messages.

But with Gmail, thankfully, you have several options for backing up your mail. The first and perhaps best way is simply to enable Gmail's POP forwarding capability, which allows you to receive and send your e-mail with Outlook Express, Outlook or another e-mail program.

That way, you can use your standard backup procedure for your e-mail program of choice, and all of your Gmail will be backed up as well.

To do this, log on to your Gmail account, and under Settings, click Forwarding and POP. Select "Forward a copy of incoming mail to" and then type the e-mail address you use for your non-Web-based e-mail program.

You can choose to leave a copy of the forwarded e-mail on the Gmail servers to have access to the e-mail in both places. Gmail also provides you with instructions for setting up standard e-mail programs such as Outlook and Windows Mail so that you can access Gmail directly from your desktop.

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AOL stores all of your e-mail on its servers. Once you

restore an e-mail message, it is moved from your New Mail folder to an Old Mail folder. However, you run the risk of a short period of time. Newer versions of AOL create automatic e-mail backups in a Personal Storage folder once every four weeks.

To create an offline backup of this AOL mail, you need to sign off AOL; but leave its software running.

Click the Mail menu, and then click Mail Settings. In the Mail Settings window, click the Manage Saved Mail button, and then click Backup. In the resulting Backup Your Filing Cabinet dialog box, click the Backup Now button.

Make sure you can restore
Backing up your e-mail is one thing. Restoring it can be quite another. Regardless of the backup solution you choose, run a test to determine whether you can restore your e-mail in the event of an emergency.

Preferably you should try this on a new machine; otherwise you run the risk of overwriting your current e-mail with an old copy or duplicating messages.

Nevertheless, if you rely upon your e-mail in your day-to-day business operations, the trouble you take to ensure that your backup and restoration procedures are bullet-proof will be well rewarded once a data meltdown occurs. — *DPA*



Television Listings

	SUPER MOVIES	STAR MOVIES	ESPN SPORTS	FOX SPORTS	HOLLYWOOD CH.	ZEE TV	DISCOVERY CH.	STAR PLUS
5am to 1pm	0500 Pinero (3) 0600 Scoop (2) 0700 Pinocchio 1100 Dot The I (3) 1300 Dirty Pretty Things (3)	0630 Hollywood Shootout 0700 Final Encounter 0840 Taxi 1020 Return To Me 1215 Black Cloud	0500 Baseball Tonight 0600 Sportscenter Live 0700 Golf Films 0730 ICC Cricket 0800 Sportscenter Live 1000 US Open Women's Golf Championship 1200 Sportscenter 1230 International Ironman Triathlon	0500 Fox Soccer Report 0600 Everton TV Classic 1000 Fox Soccer Report 1100 National Rugby League Teams 1300 Fox Soccer Report	0500 Behind The Movies 0530 Actin' Up 0600 The It List 0630 The Punk Show 0700 Mmmprofile 0730 The Newmusic 0800 Video On Trial 0830 Muchmusic Video 0900 Flow 0930 Start At The Movies 1000 In Fashion 1030 Fashion Television 1100 Everything 1200 Muchvibe 1300 Muchmusic Special	0500 Sales Slot 0525 Evarit 0530 WWS 0630 Jai Ganesh 0700 Saava 0730 Meri Doli Tere Angna 0800 Parivaar ... Kartavya 0830 Ki Paniksha 0850 Kasam Se 0900 Har Ghar Kuch 0930 Kehta Hai 0925 Jhalak Exposure 0930 Manta 1000 Maayka 1030 Banoo Mein Teri Dulhan 1100 Teen Bahuraniyan 1130 Meri Doli Tere Angna 1200 Ghar Ki Lakshmi 1230 Movie: Muskaan	0500 How Do They Do It? 0645 Rides 0700 Wheeler Dealers 0730 Campervan Crisis 0755 Building The Biggest 0850 How Do They Do It? 0915 Top Tens 1010 Living Famously 1105 Mythbusters 1200 Rides 1255 A Chopper is Born	0500 Samne Wali Khidki 0530 Rides 0600 Krishna Aar 0630 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 0700 Viraasat 0730 Saarthi 0800 Shanti 0830 Kabhi Bahu Thi 0900 Shararat 0930 Kayamath 1000 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 1030 Kunkum Ek Pyara Sa Bandhan 1100 Bhabhi 1130 Karamona Apna 1200 Saarthi 1230 Tanha 1300 Shagun
	MOVIE RATINGS 1 All Viewers, 2 Caution 3 Parental Discretion, V Violence S Adult Content, L Strong Language							
1pm to 7pm	1500 Heidi (2) 1700 The Marilyn Hotchkiss Ballroom Dancing & Charm School (2) 1900 District 13 (3)	1355 Confessions Of A Sociopathic Social Climber 1525 Garden State 1705 Final Encounter 1845 They Are Among Us	1330 NHRA Drag Racing Summit Racing Equipment Repeat 1630 Sportscenter 1700 Arena Football Wild Card Game Short	1430 Drive Thru South Africa 1500 IAAF Meeting Lille, France 1800 Fox Soccer Report 1900 Champ Car World Series From St Jovite, Canada	1400 The Art Of The Photograph 1430 Muchmusic Video 1500 Start Daily 1530 In Fashion 1600 Raw 1630 So 90s 1730 Muchmusic Countdown 1900 Listed	1355 Exposure Jhalak 1430 Film contd. 1530 Kasamh Se 1635 Mythbusters 1630 Manta 1700 Parivaar ... Kartavya 1730 Banoo Mein Teri Dulhan 1800 Maayka 1830 Kasamh Se 1900 Saath Phere	1350 Brainiac 1445 Building The Biggest 1540 Extreme Machines 1635 Mythbusters 1730 Stunt Junkies 1800 Ultimate Biker Challenge 1830 American Chopper	1330 Shararat 1400 Viraasat 1430 Kunkum Ek Pyara Sa Bandhan 1500 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 1530 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni 1600 Kasturi 1630 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 1700 Antakshah - The GR8 Kids Spl 1800 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 1830 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni 1900 Kasturi
7pm to 5am	2100 Evilenko (3) 2300 Stephanie Daley (2) 0100 Swimming Pool 0300 Stephanie Daley (2)	2030 Escape From New York 2210 Assassination Tango 0005 Black Cloud 0150 Return To Me 0345 Garden State	1930 Sportscenter 2030 US Open Women's Golf Championship 2230 Arena Football Wild Card Game 0100 Sportscenter Live 0230 Boost 0300 NFL Presents 0330 Gearz 0400 Boost 0430 WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks Seattle Storm Live	2130 Moto + 2200 Fox Soccer Report 2300 Everton TV Classic 0200 Golf Central 0230 The Golf Channel	2000 The Spin 0600 NBC Nightly News 2100 Start Daily 2130 Best! Movies! 2230 ABCs Of Rock 2300 The Story Of... 0000 The Wedge 0100 Mmmprofile 0130 The Newmusic 0200 Video On Trial 0230 Muchmusic Video 0300 Start Daily 0330 Start! At The Movies 0400 In Fashion 0430 Fashion Television	1930 Kasamh Se 2000 Saath Phere 2030 Har Ghar Kuch 2100 Kehta Hai 2055 Exposure Ek Nazar 2130 Bidwin 2125 Exposure Ek Nazar 2200 Global Telemall 2300 Sales Slot Flip Play TV 0000 Kasamh Se 0030 Saath Phere 0100 Saath Phere 0130 Har Ghar Kuch 0200 Kehta Hai 0230 Narseva Narayan 0300 Seva 0300 Meditation	1930 Rides 2030 How Do They Do It? Dirty Jobs 2100 Extreme 2100 Engineering 2300 Kings of Construction 0000 A Haunting 0100 I Shouldn't Be Alive 0200 American Chopper 0255 21st Century War Machines 0350 A Chopper is Born 0445 Brainiac	1930 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 2030 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 2030 Extreme 2100 Viraasat 2130 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 2200 Karam Apna Apna 2300 Kunkum Ek Pyara Sa Bandhan 2330 Shanti 0030 Shararat 0100 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 0200 Shagun 0230 Saarthi 0300 Kayamath
5am to 1pm	GEO TV 0505 Bachey Mun Kay Sachay 0530 Fun Club 0605 Advance Booking 0630 Shouab 0705 Akela Na Gana 0730 Khuwab 0805 Paalna 0830 Advance Booking 0905 Bachelor Bewarhi 0930 Noor Jehan 1000 Kkusum 1030 Sheeshay Ka Mehla 1100 Ye Meri Life Hai 1130 Aashna 1200 Safaid Posh 1230 Jassi Jaisi Koi Nahin	AMERICA PLUS 0500 Law & Order 0600 GMA Recorded 0800 Without A Trace 0900 All My Children 1000 West Wing 1100 Explorations 1200 All My Children 1300 Third Watch	FUN CHANNEL 0500 The Adventures Of The Bush Patrol 0530 California Dreams 0600 Hang Time 0630 Explorations 0700 The Littles 0725 Little Mouse On The Prairie 0750 Journey To The Heart Of The World 0815 Gulliver's Travels 0840 Lady Lovely Locks 0900 Lady Lovely Locks 0925 Princess Tenko 0945 Princess Gissi 1035 Little Mermaid 1055 Camp Candy 1120 The Adventures Of Pinocchio 1145 Dennis The Menace 1230 Camp Candy 1255 Diplodocs	BBC WORLD 0500 BBC News, Weather 0530 World Business Report 0600 BBC News, Weather 0630 World Business Report 0700 BBC News, Weather 0730 World Business Report 0745 Sport Today 0800 BBC News, Weather 0830 Click 0900 BBC News, Weather 0930 Hardtalk 1000 BBC News, Weather 1030 Fast Track 1100 BBC News, Weather 1130 World Business Report 1145 Sport Today 1200 World News Today 1230 Including World Business Report 1300 BBC News, Weather	ORBIT NEWS 0500 MSNBC Tucker 0600 NBC Nightly News 0630 ABC Nightline Live 0700 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 0800 MSNBC Scarborough Country 0900 MSNBC Hardball 1000 ABC Nightline News 1030 NBC Nightly News 1100 ABC World News 1130 NBC Early Today Live 1200 MSNBC Live First Look 1230 ABC America This Morning Live	CNN INTERNATIONAL 0600 Anderson Cooper 0700 World News 0730 World Sport 0800 CNN Today 1100 Business 1200 World News 1230 World Sport 1300 Larry King	DISNEY CHANNEL 0600 Mickey Mouse Club House 0625 Little Einsteins 0645 Classic Cartoons 0655 House of Mouse 0715 Tarzan 0735 Lilo & Stitch 0800 The Replacements 0810 Fairly Odd Parents 0825 Brandy and Mr Whiskers 0835 The Replacements 0845 The Replacements 0900 Emperor's New School 0910 Fillmore 0915 The Replacements 0950 Reccess 1000 Kim Possible 1020 The Replacements 1030 Kim Possible So The Drama 1135 American Dragon 1210 Lilo and Stitch 1235 House of Mouse 1255 Quack Pack	CHANNEL [V] INT 0500 [V] Countdown 0700 Double Shot 0900 Parental Control 0930 Double Shot 1000 Parental Control 1100 Video(Scope) 1200 For The Record: Dolores O'Riordan 1215 Double Shot 1230 The Record Shop 1300 [V] Countdown
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RADIO STATIONS

QBS ENGLISH SERVICE 0600 Holy Quran and Its Translation 0615 The Breakfast Show (News Summary at 0700) 0845 Arabic/Islamic Programme 0900 Temporo Latino 1000 In All Directions 1100 News Summary 1105 Midday Show 1300 The News 1315 French Transmission 1600 Featuring Album 1700 Evening Show 1800 The News 1815 Evening Show contd... 2000 News Summary 2005 Soft Tunes 1945 Songs 2100 Music in Stereo	1330 News; Qatari press review; Number 1 1345 French/English programme; World and Arabic music 1530 News Flash 1600 Back to English Service	QBS URDU SERVICE 1858 Opening Music 1900 Opening & Holy Qur'an 1910 Hamd or Na'at 1915 Islamic Heritage 1930 News 1945 Songs 2000 Chhoti Si Dunia 2100 Obaid Tahir 2100 Saahib Mahmood Ahmed 2200 National Anthem	RADIO ASIA MALAYALAM SERVICE 0500 Manjuru Kum Pular Kalam 0530 Life Magazine 0605 Keralaeyam 0700 Sarasakeram 0800 Hello Rainbow 0900 GMG 1000 Comedy Serial 1030 Alukas 1100 Daily Diary 1305 Sneha Veedu 1330 Aardrabahavangal 1600 Nam Engottu 1420 Atlas Daily Si 1500 Viva Dharavaram 1530 Quiz Time 1600 Kerala Link 1605 Suvarna Nakshtram 1702 Snehithare Ithile 1800 Hotline 1900 Sneha Sandeshan 2000 Nenchi Ninte Rangam 2100 Isai Malai 2130 Uraavam Padalam 2215 Ragamrutham	2300 Songs News by the hour	ASIANET RADIO 657AM MALAYALAM SERVICE 0600 Opening, Visvasa Deepthi, Islamic Service 0615 Today's Programmes 0620 Asianet Varthakal 0630 Nikai Udayavamangal 0730 Sreekanadan Nair Show 0800 Cuparathalam 0855 Charithrathil Innu 0900 Tele Quiz 0930 Daily Serial 1000 News Headlines 1100 Navageetham 1020 Tharapadham 1100 News Headlines 1102 Campus 1115 Natakaganangal 1130 K M Trading Couples 1200 Asianet Varthakal 1210 Alukas Nammal Thammil	1300 News Headlines 1302 Alappat Geetanjali 1400 Asianet Varthakal 1405 Ragamsika 1420 Cine-Quiz 1440 Yuvabheri 1500 Asianet Varthakal 1502 Atlas Ganapatharam 1555 Islamic Quiz 1600 Atlas Vritanham 1615 Tamil Malai 1645 Tomorrow's Programmes 1650 Asianet Varthakal/close	0800 World News 0805 The World Today 0900 World News 0905 Global Business 0930 Digital Planet 1000 World News 1005 The World Today 1010 World News 1100 World News 1105 World Briefing 1120 World Business Report 1130 World Briefing 1140 Analysis 1150 Sports Roundup 1200 World News 1205 World Update 1300 World News 1305 World Briefing 1330 Outlook 1400 World News 1405 World Briefing 1420 World Business Report 1430 The World 1500 World News 1505 World Briefing 1600 World News 1605 Outlook 1700 World News	1705 Global Business 1730 Wimbledon Live 1800 World News 1805 World Briefing 1840 World News Daily 1900 World News 1905 Europe Today 1930 News Hour 2000 World News 2005 World, Have Your Say 2100 World News 2105 Wimbledon Live 2200 World News 2205 Global Business 2230 The World 2300 World News 2305 World Briefing 0000 World Briefing 0005 World Briefing 0020 World Business Report 0030 World Briefing 0040 Analysis 0050 Sports Roundup 0100 World News 0105 World Briefing 0120 World Business Report 0130 World Briefing 0135 World Business Report
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5am to 7pm	0730 Tikkabilla 0800 Boogie Biebies 0815 Tweenies 0835 Balamory 0855 Big Cook Little Cook 0915 Come Outside 0930 Yoho Ahoi 0935 Teletubbies 1000 Passport To The Sun 1030 Design Rules 1100 The Life Laundry 1130 Passport To The Sun 1200 Model Gardens 1230 Attenborough In Paradise	0600 NG Special 0700 Animals Like Us 0800 Camel's Empire 0900 The Living Edens 1000 In The Wombs 1100 Animals 1200 Is It Real? S3 Naked Science S2	0600 Scrubs 0630 The Simpsons 0700 Seinfeld 0730 Hollywood Squares 0800 Friends 0830 Malcolm In The Middle 0900 Desperate Housewives 1000 Monk 1100 How I Met Your Mother 1130 My Name Is Earl 1200 Life With Bonnie 1230 Rodney	0630 Only When I Laugh (Series 3) 0700 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 0800 Where The Heart Is (Series 5) 0900 Through The Keyhole 0930 Antiques Fair 1000 William And Mary (Series 1) 1100 Crossroads 1130 Emmerdale 1200 Coronation Street 1230 Monday TV Movie Goodnight Mister Tom	0600 Vajont 0800 Jumangi 1000 Joyeux Noel 1200 Along Came Polly	0610 Scorpio 0800 Twelve Angry Men 0955 Memories Of Me 1135 Number One	0500 Jackie Brown 0745 Buried Secrets Of M Night 1000 Buried Alive II 1200 The Black Hole	0610 Animal Cops 0700 Crocodile Hunter 0755 Corwin's Quest 0850 Monkey Business 0920 Meerkat Manor 0945 Animal Park Wild In Africa 1040 Xtremely Wild 1135 Wildlife SOS 1200 Pet Rescue 1230 Crocodile Hunter
7pm to 9pm	1330 Yes Minister 1400 My Hero 1430 My Family 1500 Ballykissangel 1600 Waking The Dead 1700 Passport To The Sun 1730 Homes Under The Hammer 1830 Bargain Hunt	1300 Hunter Hunted S3 1400 Extraterrestrial 1500 The Wolfman 1600 Air Crash 1700 Investigations S4 1800 Disaster S3 1800 Is It Real? S3	1300 Falcon Beach 1400 Grounded For Life 1430 The King Of Queens 1500 General Hospital 1600 Law & Order Svu 1700 Baywatch 1800 The Simpsons 1830 Malcolm In The Middle	1430 Only When I Laugh (Series 3) 1500 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 1600 Where The Heart Is (Series 5) 1700 Through The Keyhole 1730 Antiques Fair 1800 William And Mary (Series 1)	1400 Yamakasi 2 1600 High Explosive 1800 Homeland Security	1320 A Star For Two 1455 The Wilby Conspiracy 1640 Pieces Of Dreams 1820 The Pope Must Die	1345 Air Force One 1600 Zulu 1830 Avalanche	1325 Corwin's Quest 1420 Monkey Business 1450 Meerkat Manor 1515 Pet Rescue 1545 Wildlife SOS 1610 Romeo & Juliet A 1705 Crocodile Hunter 1800 Corwin's Quest
9pm to 5am	1900 My Hero 1930 My Family 2000 Perfect Holiday 2030 A Life Coach Less Ordinary 2100 Waking The Dead 2200 Little Britain 2230 Nighty Night 2300 The Kumars At Number 42 2330 Manchild 0000 Waking The Dead 0100 Yes Minister 0130 Little Britain 0200 Nighty Night	1900 The Vanishing 2000 Air Crash 2100 Investigations S4 2200 Seconds From Disaster S3 2300 Is It Real? S3 2300 The Vanishing 0000 Hunter Hunted S3 0100 Extraterrestrial 0200 The Wolfman 0300 The Living Edens	1900 Friends 1930 Seinfeld 2000 On The Lot 2100 NCIS 2200 Falcon Beach 2300 Seinfeld 2330 Friends 0000 On The Lot 0100 Falcon Beach 0200 The Wolfman 0300 NCIS 0400 On The Lot	1900 Crossroads 1930 Emmerdale 2000 Coronation Street 2030 Boon (Series 2) 2130 Faith In The Future (Series 2) 2200 The Piglet Files (Series 1) 2230 Watching (Series 2) 2300 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 0000 Where The Heart Is (Series 5)	2000 Yamakasi 2 2200 P.S 0000 Along Came Polly 0200 Fun With Dick And Jane 0400 Eulogy	2000 Homeless 2135 Yellowbeard 2310 Bulletproof 0045 0315 0210 La Cage Aux Folles II 0350 Joe	2015 The Black Hole 2200 Reality Bites 0000 Hope And Glory 0200 Imortal Beloved 0400 Dead Fish	1900 Wildlife SOS 1930 Pet Rescue 2000 Monkey Business 2030 Meerkat Manor 2100 Animal Park Wild In Africa 2200 Xtremely Wild 2300 Animal Cops Phoenix 0000 Romeo & Juliet A 0055 Crocodile Hunter 0150 Corwin's Quest 0245 Wildlife SOS 0310 Pet Rescue
5am to 1pm	0700 Today's Business 0800 Squawk Box 1100 Worldwide Exchange	0600 Sky World News 0630 Review & Business 0700 Sky World News 0730 Review & Business 0800 Sunrise With Eamonn Holmes 1100 Sky News Today	0700 FIA WTCC: Pau, France 0730 Sri Lanka v Bangladesh Test Cricket 0800 Pappetty 0830 WWS 0900 Samayam 0930 Swarnamayooram 1000 Stree Ur Santhwanam 1030 Asianet Varthakal 1100 Movie	0605 Suprabatham Continues... 0630 Kannadi 0700 Cinema Diary 0730 Filmi Thamasa 0800 Pattupetty 0830 WWS 0900 Samayam 0930 Swarnamayooram 1000 Stree Ur Santhwanam 1030 Asianet Varthakal 1100 Movie	0600 Jhankar Beats Ep#02 0655 Narsimha	0730 Bottle Top Bill 0745 Lunar Jim 0800 Barney 0830 Blues Clues 0900 Connie The Cow 0915 Pingo 0930 Dora The Explorer 1000 Thomas & Friends 1015 Postman Pat 1030 Bottle Top Bill 1045 Lunar Jim 1100 A House That's Just Like Yours 1130 Hi 5 1200 Tracey Mcbean 1230 Danny Phantom	0700 Song Sequence 0730 Movie: Chinna Madam 1000 Song Sequence 1030 Movie: Sondham	0630 Populari 0700 Campus Choice 0730 Pradeshika Vaarthakal 0800 Film Express 0830 Music Moments 0900 Aanadam 0930 Chechi 1000 Kolangal 1030 News 1045 Movie: Varapaham
1pm to 7pm	1300 Power Lunch 1400 US CNBC Squawk Box 1600 Squawk On The Street 1700 US Morning Call 1800 European Closing Bell	1400 Lunchtime Live With Kay Burley 1600 Sky News Today	1500 ICC Cricket World 1530 Master Blaster 1600 Cricket Classics 1700 Sri Lanka v Bangladesh Test Cricket H/L's 1800 ICC Cricket World 1830 Top Ten Batsmen: M Azharuddin	1355 Cookery show 1400 Valkannadi 1500 Sayahnam 1525 Swantham 1600 Gungulluri 1630 Samadooram 1555 Munshi 1600 News Time 1630 Pavithra Jayillanu 1700 Nombbarappoovu 1730 Unniyarcha 1800 Idea Star Singer II	1425 Shikhar 1810 Tuesday Gold 1830 Sabse Bada Kiladi	1300 Yakkity Yak 1330 Hey Arnold 1400 Spongebob 1430 Squarespants 1500 Tracey Mcbean 1530 Danny Phantom 1600 Blues Clues 1630 Dora The Explorer 1700 Barney 1730 Hi 5 1800 Fraggle Rock 1830 Jungle Run	1300 Song Sequence 1330 Movie: Pudihiya Parasakthi 1600 Karuppu Vellai 1630 Thirai Minalgal 1700 Andrum Indrum 1730 Movie: Thalai Murai	1330 Comedy Time 1400 Swanthanam 1430 Hai Kids 1500 Kutties Choice 1530 News 1600 Mizhiyogram 1630 Pranjanam 1700 Kanakkinavu 1730 Prayanam 1800 Kalyanee 1830 Minnu Kettu
7pm to 5am	2000 US Power Lunch 2100 Europe Tonight 2130 Street Signs 2200 US Closing Bell 0000 The Tonight Show 0045 Late Night With Conan O'Brien 0130 NBC Nightly News 0200 Pokeheaven.Com	1900 Live At Five 2030 Sportsline 2100 Sky News On The Hour 2200 News, Sport & Weather 2300 News, Sport & Weather 0000 Fearless (Jet Li); Code Name: The Cleaner (Cedric); Off The Map (Joan Allen, Sam Elliott); Undisputed 2 (Michael Jai White, Scott Adkins); Isolation; Trust The Man (Julianne Moore, Eva Mendes) 0100 Sportsline 0130 Sky News Tonight 0200 Sky News On The Hour 0230 CBS News	1900 Sri Lanka v Bangladesh Test Cricket H/L's 2000 FIA WTCC: Pau, France 2030 ATP Tennis 2100 WTA Magazine 2130 Master Blaster 2200 Sri Lanka v Bangladesh Test Cricket H/L's 2300 Cricket Classics 0000 The Unforgettables	1900 Swami Ayyappan 1930 Mananassullavarkku 2000 Samadhanam 2030 MunshiRepeat 2035 Gulf Roundup 2105 Cine Quest 2135 Cinema 2200 Gulf News 2230 Saregama Padanisa 2330 Unniyarcha 0000 Swamy Ayyappan	0230 Suraksha 0620 Jhankar Beats Ep#03	1900 Darcy's Wild Life 1930 Unfabulous 2000 My Parents Are Aliens 2030 Tracey Mcbean 2100 Danny Phantom 2130 Yakkity Yak 2200 Hey Arnold 2230 Squarespants 2300 All Grown Up 2330 Blues Clues 0000 Dora The Explorer 0030 Thomas & Friends 0045 Postman Pat	2000 Sripupu Vedigal 2030 Movie: Murattukadhal 2300 Song Sequence 0200 News 0230 Song Sequence 0430 Movie	1900 Arme Devi 1930 Kayamkulam Kochunni 2000 Comedy Time 2030 News 2100 Music Moments 2130 Campus Choice 2200 Film Express 2230 Thrakita 2300 Cookery 2330 Surya Music

T e l e v i s i o n

INFORMATION

PRAYER TIME

Fajr 3.18am, Shurooq (sunrise) 4.48am, Zuhr (noon) 11.35am, Asr (afternoon) 3.01pm, Maghreb (sunset) 6.29pm, Isha (night) 7.59pm.

DONA ZOO

Open from 8am to 12 noon and 2.30pm to 7pm daily. Tuesdays are reserved for women. Friday for general public in the afternoon only.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

Tel: 4408555

HOSPITALS

Visiting Hours:
Hamad General Hospital, Women's Hospital and Rumaillah Hospital: 6am to 7.30am, 4pm to 8pm.

HELP LINE

Is drinking a problem for you or someone you love?
Call Alcoholics Anonymous: 5605901

LATEST DVD, VIDEO RELEASES

ENGLISH: Dreamgirls (Beyonce Knowles); Charlotte's Web (Dakota Fanning); Slow Burn (Ray Liotta); Children

USEFUL NUMBERS

- Police, Fire, Ambulance 999
- HMC 4392222
- Women's (Rumaillah) 4393333
- HMC (Emergency) 4393507
- Veterinary 4653083
- Water & Electricity 991
- Flight Inquiries 4622999
- Doha Seaport 4457457
- Museum 4442191
- Cinema 4671811
- Mumtaz Post (24-hr Service) 4432211
- (Car) 4483555
- Ship Phone Service 4864444
- Ministry of Interior main switchboard 4330000
- Public Department for passports, nationality and residence 4882882
- Capital Security Department 4444420
- Criminal Information Department 4477477
- Boundaries and Coasts Security 4414488
- Civil Defence Department 4413666
- Public Relations Department 4448720
- Rescue Service 4682888

YOUR STARS

ARIES (Mar 21 - April 20): Think twice before you speak. Creative pursuits should pay off. Get busy on these home improvement projects that you've been procrastinating about.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): You will have to control the way you feel. Take a look at the possibilities of starting a small part time business with friends or relatives. Disappointments regarding partners will be subject to the way you react to their personal comments.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): You may find yourself in an opportune position if you are willing to take a bit of a risk. Involvement with prestigious organisations will be to your advantage. If you can, try to work out of your home today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): If you are not already, think about going into business for yourself. You just hate waste, and when someone else costs you dearly you see red. Try not to get involved in other people's problems.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Don't make promises you can't keep. Try making some changes to your routine. Business trips might prove reinforce just that. You will have the discipline and fortitude to accomplish what you want today.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Unexpected events may upset your routine. Business trips might prove unproductive. Don't be too quick to let friends and relatives know what you're up to.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Visitors may be likely to drop by. You present relationship because it is convenient. You can make profitable investments if you purchase an art object for your home.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22): Emotional disputes will only end in sorrow. Travel will be exciting. Don't overspend to impress someone who interests you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Hard work will not go unnoticed. A little overtime may help you reduce the workload. Stay away from social unpleasantness.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20): Get out and have some fun. Get help to finish a project if you need it. Your unique contribution to the organisation will enhance your reputation.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable and confused. Limitations will set in if you haven't followed the rules. Be confident in your endeavors and others will believe in your efforts.

PISCES (February 20-Mar 20): Adventure will result in added knowledge. Direct your energy wisely. Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of.

All programmes are subject to change.

The White Stripes: At home in Britain

By Geoffrey Rowlands

JACK and Meg White of the White Stripes are self-confessed Anglophiles. The feeling is mutual with the band having always been far more successful in Britain than their native United States. Their latest album, *Jcky Thump*, is Jack and Meg's second UK chart-topper.

The cover photo sees them dressed in the traditional cockney costumes of a Pearly King and Queen while the album title is derived from an exclamation sometimes used by people in the northern English county of Lancashire. "I got the title from my wife," Jack stated. "She's from Oldham, which is just north of Manchester. Something would happen and she'd come out with this expression, 'ecky thump'. It's basically saying 'what the heck' but I just thought it was really funny."

"When I began writing the album title-track, I started each line with those words before replacing them with something else. But I didn't think we could stay with the original phrase. 'Ecky' didn't sound right for the US market so I decided to Americanise it by changing 'ecky' to 'icky'."

Jack has been asked if the change had anything to do with an old BBC TV comedy series, *The Goodies*. One episode, made during the days when martial arts films and the *Kung Fu* TV show were so popular, saw *The Goodies* take up the supposed Lancashire martial art of ecky thump.

This consisted of hushing people around the head with black puddings. "The show is obviously remembered very fondly," Jack commented. "From what I've been told, it must have been hilarious. But no, I didn't know about *The Goodies*' ecky thump before we did the album."

Jack and Meg's reverence for British institutions even extended to one of the most unusual album pre-release concerts. The White Stripes performed a six-song lunchtime acoustic show to an



Jack White ... in performance.

audience of Chelsea Pensioners at the Chelsea Royal Hospital. "We've had people question why we did that show," Jack remarked.

"They've said the Chelsea Pensioners would never have heard of us, let alone be interested in buying our album. But that's not the point. The Hospital needs £35m to modernise the wards. Our performance helped to publicise this."

Powderfinger seeking fans' help for biography

POWDERFINGER are asking for the assistance of fans in the writing of their biography.

The Australian rock band's latest album, *Dream Days At The Hotel Existence*, recently debuted atop the Australian chart.

It became Powderfinger's fourth consecutive studio album to reach the No. 1

spot. The band have no worries about tracing memorabilia since 1996 when the release of their award-winning album *Double Allergic* launched Powderfinger to stardom.

But they are in need of anything which fans might be able to supply dating back to 1989 when the band was formed by five high school

students in Brisbane. Powderfinger are looking for items such as old photographs, ticket stubs, flyers, anecdotes of meetings with band members, reviews of concerts, just about anything which might be of interest.

Anyone who may be able to help is asked to contact the band via history@powderfinger.com.

Bob Dylan compilations slated for release

TWO new Bob Dylan compilation albums will be released on October 1. The principal package is a 3-CD set, *Dylan*. This will consist of 51 songs taken from all five decades of Bob's career. A deluxe version features the CDs in a cloth covered case. This is accompanied by a booklet of classic and rare Dylan photographs plus ten limited edition postcards highlighting pivotal moments from Bob's musical life.

Also available will be an 18-track *Best Of CD* containing what are considered to be the finest songs featured on *Dylan*. Although many songs are obvious selections, Dylan fans are invited to influence the final tracklisting. On www.dylan07.com fans have the opportunity to vote for their favourite songs. They are also asked to swap stories about first hearing Bob's music, seeing him in concert or any Dylan-related tales. Visitors also have the chance to join celebrity fans by submitting images inspired by Bob to the website photo exhibit. All pictures should be sent to photos@dylan07.com along with a brief description of how the image relates to Bob. The sender of the best photograph will win a Sony Alpha digital camera.

Listen to Hiromi Uehara on her website

SAMPLES from all nine tracks on *Time Control*, the critically acclaimed new album from Japanese jazz fusion keyboard virtuoso Hiromi Uehara, can be heard on her website at www.hiromimusic.com. This follows the same pattern as her previous three albums, *Another Mind*, *Brain and Spiral*. However, three tracks from *Another Mind* and three more from *Brain* are available in full from Hiromi's website as free mp3 downloads.

Latest single from Crowded House

THE reformed Crowded House have released *Don't Stop Now*, their first new single in 11 years. Originally intended for a solo album by Neil Finn, *Don't Stop Now* was co-written with the Crowded House frontman by former Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr who also plays on the track. It is taken from the band's newly released fifth studio album, *Time On Earth* and is posted in the media player at www.myspace.com/crowdedhouse.



Kelly Clarkson...rough patch.

Career blues for Clarkson?

THERE are mixed messages surrounding former *American Idol* winner Kelly Clarkson. Her singles success continued with *Never Again* reaching the top 10 in both Britain and America.

But Kelly's scheduled US arena tour has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales. Her third album, *My December*, received woeful pre-release publicity and she has fired her management team. The problems seem to have stemmed from Kelly's desire to control as much as possible of her career. She decided against using new material by the songwriters who have previously provided her with so many hit singles.

Instead, Kelly herself has written or co-written every track on *My December*. Reports indicate record label boss Clive Davis, who executive produced Kelly's first two albums, was unimpressed by her songs. He is said to have offered Kelly a multi-million dollar sum to discard five of her own tracks on the album in favour of songs which he would select.

It remains to be seen if Kelly's refusal to compromise what she regards as her artistic integrity will pay dividends.

Her strong fan base should ensure good initial sales but it will be interesting to see how long *My December* remains among the top selling albums.



Another day in Paris ...

Singer Phil Collins from British music group Genesis performing at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris last week. Founded in 1966 by Tony Banks, Mike Rutherford, Peter Gabriel and Anthony Phillips, Genesis has changed composition several times. The *Turn It On Again* tour, named after a 1980s hit, will take the band to Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Poland, France, the Netherlands, Britain and Monaco before finishing off at the Colosseum in Rome on July 14.

GARFIELD



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ADAM



SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Yesterday's solution

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

This puzzle is taken from *The Sudoku Book: An Introduction to Sudoku with 101 puzzles* by Sam Griffiths-Jones (RRP: £5.99, Harriman House). Visit www.daily-sudoku.com for a daily graded puzzle, online Sudoku resources and links.

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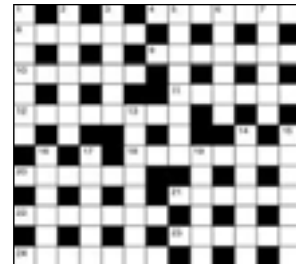
DOUBLE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC CLUES

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 4. Notice the clothes worn for a speech (7) | 1. Cries used to get the fire going? (7) |
| 8. Join up in the fashion of 20 (6) | 2. Cleat is made from springy material (7) |
| 9. Almost hoping for a painkiller (7) | 3. Agree because made to go (6) |
| 10. Diminish the sound of class (6) | 5. Free a man returning to the masons (8) |
| 11. Merely concealing physical education, frankly (6) | 6. Invader finding jockey with out one (6) |
| 12. Played first at cards and made a noise (8) | 7. Drops the tapers (6) |
| 18. You can get fortified wine for nothing in such a place (8) | 13. Footballer not travelling with the team? (4,4) |
| 20. Noiseless variety of 8 (6) | 14. One hundred being tried in competition (7) |
| 21. Said to be involved in Hockney's Tate display (6) | 15. Scholar involving returning boy in dangerous feat (7) |
| 22. Give room to build a road (4,3) | 16. Sign about a sirew (6) |
| 23. Former prime minister in slow transformation (6) | 17. A niche for a holiday (6) |
| 24. Abandon in favour of rice wine (7) | 19. Involve English translation of Latin (6) |

QUICK CLUES

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 4. Trouble (7) | 21. Frank (6) |
| 8. Band (6) | 22. Sportific song (6) |
| 9. Dmp (7) | 7. Hue (6) |
| 10. Settlement (6) | 23. Servant (6) |
| 11. Sorrowful (6) | 24. Peasant (7) |
| 12. Obscure (8) | DOWN |
| 18. Loneliness (8) | 1. Decisive (7) |
| 20. Leave (6) | 2. Annual (7) |
| | 3. Angle (6) |
| | 19. Hardened (6) |



Yesterday's solutions

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| QUICK | CRYPTIC |
| Across: 1 Intrepidly; 9 Nub; 10 Extension; 11 Edges; 13 Immense; 14 Poetry; 16 Scribe; 18 Ennoble; 19 Talks; 20 Evolution; 21 War; 22 Inadvertent. | Across: 1 Fill the bill; 9 Hip; 10 Calculate; 11 Snipe; 13 Neither; 14 Lofed; 16 Throat; 18 Sharper; 19 Cheer; 20 Orientals; 21 See; 22 Anaesthetic. |
| Down: 2 Nab; 3 Reeks; 4 Patios; 5 Dynamic; 6 Triennial; 7 Interpreter; 8 Unnecessary; 12 Greenhorn; 15 Rebound; 17 Deviser; 19 Tenet; 21 Wan. | Down: 2 Imp; 3 Locks; 4 Holding; 5 Brutish; 6 Loathsome; 7 Whistle-stop; 8 Secretaries; 12 Inflation; 15 Expense; 17 Traunt; 19 Caste; 21 Sk. |