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Shampoos containing carcinogenic material taken off the shelves

Dubai Municipality has withdrawn from the local market some 17 shampoos of five brands from China, India and Iran whose samples have been found in lab tests to be containing high percentage of Dioxane 1.4, which is carcinogenic if used on a long term basis.

Reda Salman, Director of Public Health and Safety Department of Dubai Municipality, said the municipality has written to the Secretariat General of UAE Municipalities and other concerned authorities in the country to take necessary action with regard to these products in other parts of the country. They were informed of the names, brands, batch number, and country of origin of these shampoos.

“We have since taken these shampoos off the shelves in the local market and have taken the necessary measures to prevent such products from entering the country. Distribution agents of these brands have also been notified,” said Mr. Salman.

He added that Dubai Municipality conducts periodic laboratory tests on samples of all products that enter the emirate’s market and takes necessary measures to stop all products that use banned materials. In addition, samples from shops in the local market are also being taken for periodic lab tests to make sure that only safe products area available for human consumption.

New taxi tariff for elderly, special needs people effective from Sunday in Abu Dhabi

TransAD, the Division of the Department of Transport dealing with taxi in the capital, announced their plan to introduce services for aged persons, special needs people and patients with the chronic diseases to use the new taxi service at 50% discount with effect from Sunday.

The offer is made possible by the generous support of the Government of Abu Dhabi. In addition, people on all other welfare categories will receive a 25% discount under the proposed scheme. Those people eligible will be issued a special card which directly discounts the meter fare on each trip.

The announcement comes along with the news that from 15th February, the current standard and premium services will be abolished and replaced with a single “Abu Dhabi Silver Taxi” service. The service will adopt the familiar yellow coloured roof light and over the coming weeks all the white roof lights will be phased out.

TransAD has also modified the current taxi tariff to eliminate all driver added extra charges such as double tariff for inter-Emirate journeys, AED10 for airport drop-offs and Salik charges. This move will make it impossible for drivers to incorrectly add any charge to the meter.

Between 06:00 and 21:59, the meter for the Abu Dhabi Silver Taxis will start at AED 3 including the first 250 meters and the rate per kilometre will be AED1. For journeys over 50km the rate is increased to AED1.50 for the extra kilometres.

Waiting time over and above an accumulated 5 minutes will be charged at 50 fils per minute. This move will encourage taxi drivers to tackle some difficult traffic conditions inside the capital. Taxis booked by telephone will have AED 5 automatically added to the meter fare. Journeys starting between 22:00 hours and 05:59 hours will be charged at the day rate plus 20%.

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WHAT'S NEW

UAE national researcher completes rare academic study on manuscripts, signatures

- Wam

UAE national researcher, Ahmed Yusuf Al Hadad, has completed a landmark specialised scientific academic study in criminology on checking manuscripts and signatures worldwide.

British Lincoln University described the feat as the first of its kind in the world.

The study covers Arab signature techniques. It indicated that the research findings would be effectively used not only in the Arab countries, but also in the West.

The University awarded Lt. Colonel Expert Ahmed Yusuf Al Hadad, from the Criminal Evidence Department of Abu Dhabi Police,

PhD in Criminology on examination of the manuscripts and signatures.

The study is expected to boost the security efforts when it comes to detection of forgery, and would have huge significance in criminology and forensic fields.

RAK Crown Prince orders release of 80 prison inmates

- Wam

Ras Al Khaimah Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler HH Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, has ordered the release of 80 prisoners from various jails in the emirate, on 60th accession anniversary of HH Sheikh Saqr bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, UAE Supreme Council member and ruler of Ras Al Khaimah to the rulership of RAK emirate.

The released prisoners were those who had

shown good conduct during serving their various jail terms. They were also pardoned from fines.

Ahmed Mohammed Al Khateri, head of the RAK Courts Department, thanked RAK Crown Prince for his humane gesture, adding that Sheikh Saud was keen for the family integration during the celebrations for the 60th accession anniversary. He also

wished well for RAK Ruler on this occasion.

Colonel Abdul Rahman Al Hamadi, director of the Criminal Evidence Department of Abu Dhabi police, hailed the academic achievement of Dr Al Hadad, citing that Interior Minister HH Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, is keen to encourage distinguished cadres to contribute in developing police departments

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EDUCATION & CULTURE

150 AAW students begin work experience

Work Experience is an opportunity for students to practice the skills developed during college in a real work environment. Students go into Al Ain organizations, including businesses, educational organizations, government organizations and health organizations to work.

Since the beginning of February, around 150 students at Al Ain Women's College have

been placed in the government and private sectors. The HCT students have all chosen the places where they want to work.

Sana Tobeh, the Work Placement and Graduate Employment Coordinator of Al Ain Women's College, who is responsible for placing the students who study programs such as Business and Information Technology into the

work force commented, "Before work experience begins, most students are nervous about facing a new environment and meeting new people. They wonder if they will be able to do the work that is expected of them. However, after they have completed their work experience and returned to college, most are very excited to talk about the work they did, the new skills they have

learned, and how friendly the people with whom they worked were. The growth in students' self-confidence is amazing!"

The work experience for HCT students of Diploma and Higher Diploma Programs will usually last for eight weeks. When they return to the college after their work experience has ended, they are required to submit a report about the work they have done,



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the challenges they faced, and the new skills they learned. They also are required to give a presentation to teachers, students and the Program Supervisor.

The college considers that work experience

is so important that students are not eligible to graduate if they do not complete their work placement successfully. "Work Placement" gives students the opportunity to play an active role in developing the national workforce.

Romantic Tunes Reverberate in Abu Dhabi

The famed Abu Dhabi Classics season continued in Emirates Palace on 7th February 2009 with Latvian cellist Mischa Maisky and Russian award-winning pianist Pavel Gililov presenting some of the most beautiful music ever composed for the combination of cello and piano. The talented duo captivated the audience by performing chamber music by Beethoven, Brahms and

Rachmaninov.

The audience left the Emirates Palace Auditorium after the two-hour concert gushing with romance and astounded by the levels of classical music intellect portrayed by the Abu Dhabi Classics season.

Abu Dhabi Classics will continue with The Lord of the Rings Symphony on 13th February 2009, at the Emirates Palace Auditorium, followed

by Roby Lakatos – King of the Gypsy Violinist on 14th February 2009, at the Emirates Palace Terrace. For regular updates and news from Abu Dhabi Classics, you can access our e-magazine online at www.adach.ae/adclassics/magazine/. Tickets are available at Virgin Megastores and can be purchased online at www.timeouttickets.com, or by calling the toll free number 800-4669.

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AL AIN AMERICAN SCHOOL BOOKS CLUB

Al Ain American School proudly hosted its annual Book Fair from 3-5 February 2009. The book fair was most successful and was the best fair the school had ever had. The books that were on display included a huge variety and students were given the opportunity to choose their own books with some guidance from the teachers and school librarian, Ms. Abla Toubat. Parents were very pleased with the fair and the fact that the school extended an invitation for all parents to join this learning adventure. Guests schools also

visited the library and purchased books from the book fair. Ms. Abla Toubat was congratulated by Mr. Wilfred Bock, the head of the school, on a job well done. Mr. Bock was extremely proud and excited to see the

number of students that bought books and loved reading. Based on the success of the book fair, Al Ain American School will be opening their doors to another fair in April and are inviting all to visit.



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SPORTS

U16 Al Ain Amblers Rugby Team on their KL Tour

Al Ain Amblers Rugby Club, one of the fastest growing sports clubs in the Middle East, can be found nestled within the state-of-the-art Palm Sports Resort. This marvellous facility has been provided by His Highness Sheik Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan as part of his vision of promoting both the sport of rugby and sport for all in Al Ain.

Upon visiting the club, immediately evident is the relaxed, family atmosphere, not to mention the array of up to date facilities on offer. Members have access to a fully equipped gym, a 25 metre swimming pool, a sports bar and restaurant with free WI-FI access, tennis, basketball and netball courts, three floodlit sports fields (soon to be four!), and a PADI certified dive centre. They run numerous sports clubs open to all age groups,

including rugby, soccer, netball, basketball and swimming, in addition to an ex-professional tennis coach available for both private and group lessons.

Al Ain Amblers Rugby Club prides itself on developing sports stars of the future, and as such operates 6 very successful youth rugby teams. Indeed, this season, the U16 squad is not only unbeaten in the ARGRFU league competition, but also won both plate finals during the 7's competitions held earlier this year. To add to these achievements, this squad has just returned from an extremely successful tour to Kuala Lumpur, during which they were victorious in all 3 of their matches, beating two local Malaysian school teams and the U16 team from the Bintang Rugby Club.

Even though rugby is an integral part of the club, do not be deceived

by the name. Al Ain Amblers Rugby Club is a family focused facility, catering for all sports enthusiasts. There is always something happening; it could be sports one evening or a family fun day the next!

Upcoming events at the club include the "Oh so NOT Valentine's Day" party. Come and join the Valentine's fun on Friday 13th February from 7.30pm in the Rugby Club Clubhouse...forget all that lovey-dovey stuff and get ready for some fun! It is FREE entry, with a special drinks promotion running throughout the evening. There will be a games room packed with loads of hilarious Valentines themed games and fabulous prizes to be won, including 2 one night stays in the brand new City Seasons hotel in Dubai, courtesy of Al amaan Travel and City Seasons. And if you're looking for a

place with a great rugby atmosphere to watch the RBS 6 Nations Rugby Championships, then Al Ain Amblers Rugby Club is the place to go, where there is a "Happy Hour" during all live matches!

As well as this, there are several home rugby fixtures still to come, which will undoubtedly offer great entertainment for all those who come along to support. Having convincingly won their last 4 consecutive

matches, the Al Ain Amblers 1st XV are the team to watch! Forthcoming home fixtures include:

■ Al Ain Amblers vs. Dubai Exiles II on Friday 13th February (kick off 5pm)

■ Al Ain Amblers vs. Dubai Dragons II on Friday 20th March (kick off 5pm).

(Please check our website for up-to-date kick off times.)

For more information about this fantastic

sporting family club, and the Palm Sports Resort, please visit their website (www.palmsportsresort.com) or pop into the rugby club reception where they are always willing to help!

Footnote: The club would like to thank their sponsors: Al Ain Water, Look Optics, Abela Supermarket, Jeep, Western Motors, Build Middle East, Global Eye, and Al Ain Times News.



The Perfect Valentine

Valentine Day is the perfect time to show your sweetheart how much you care. Buy her a bouquet of her favourite flowers and take her out for a special day in the Garden City.

What to do about the kids?

Leave the kids for the day at a nursery and enjoy your day out. Try Sunflower Nursery, open from 7:30am – 5:00pm to win some alone time with your loved one. Call Sunflower at 050 8333040 or 03 7828300.

Ambience and view:

Coffee at Mercury Hotel at Jabal Hafeet

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Upcoming Films

- Reviewed by Latifa S. Al Khaili



The Uninvited

Drama, Horror, Thriller

When Anna returns from the mental hospital, she experiences strange and frightening situations. Anna's former boy friend and her sister, Alex, are found murdered. Anna suspects Rachel, her mother's former nurse and a little ghost that she sees. Unexpected events unfold and the mystery is slowly discovered

Contains violent and disturbing images, sexual content, language and teen drinking



Taken

Action, Crime, Drama

The seventeen year-old Kim is the pride and joy of her father, the retired secret service agent Bryan Mills. Kim lives with her mother Lenore and her wealthy stepfather Stuart. When Kim is kidnapped by an Albanese gang of human traffickers, Bryan immediately travels to Paris to find Kim and chase the criminals.

Contains violence, disturbing material, sexual content, some drug references and language.



Coraline

Animation, Family, Fantasy

A young girl (Fanning) walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life – only much better. But when her adventure turns dangerous, and her counterfeit parents (including Other Mother [Hatcher]) try to keep her forever. Coraline must count on her resourcefulness, determination, and bravery to get back home – and save her family.

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LIFESTYLE

Mom's Kitchen

Oreo Chocolate Cheesecake



Ingredients:

First layer – 20 oreo cookies

113g melted butter

Second Layer – 170g cream

2 sachets Dream Whip

½ cup cold milk

1 packet Philadelphia cheese

¼ cup sugar

Third Layer – 1 ounce cooking chocolate (or 6 snickers bars)

1/3 cup butter

1 cup milk

Decoration – 1 sachet Dream Whip (follow instructions on packet)

2 Tb chocolate syrup (Nutella can also be used)

Method:

Split open the oreo cookies and remove cream in the middle.

Crush cookies and mix with the butter then place at the bottom of the cake pan.

Mix the ingredients for the second layer in the mixer then pour onto the cookie layer. Place in freezer until completely frozen.

Melt the chocolate in a water bath with butter and milk. Mix well and leave aside to cool. Pour over the second layer.

Place in fridge. Serve cool. Use cream and chocolate syrup for decoration before serving.

Got questions?? Ask the Chef, Amal Tatanaki, on amaltatanaki@gmail.com.

Beautiful Hair

How to achieve and maintain a healthy head of beautiful hair.

Three main things are needed for a good-looking head of hair: good health, the right attention to cleanliness, and caution when using cosmetic treatments.

1. Adequate Diet

Hair growth depends on an adequate diet. A widespread diet problem which causes loss of hair is iron deficiency Anaemia. The cause is too little iron in blood, brought on by a diet containing too little meat, eggs, cereals or peas and beans. Fresh fruits

and vegetables are also needed to provide vitamin C, which enables the body to absorb iron.

2. Cutting the hair

Although cutting the hair is not essential to its well-being, it is easier to keep the scalp clean if the hair is kept reasonably short. Regular cutting does not make the hair grow strong or faster.

3. How hair can be damaged

Although scalp hair is hardy, and can withstand a lot of abuse, it can be damaged by too much or inexpertly applied perming, dyeing, bleaching and massage. The

amount of beautifying the hair can take varies from person to person. Occasionally the scalp is allergic to the dye and becomes inflamed and swollen. To prevent this occurring, the dye should be tested by applying it to a small area on the arm. If a patch of inflammation has developed, the dye must not be used on the hair.

Most people who bleach their hair do so with hydrogen peroxide. If the peroxide is repeatedly applied, it may make the hair brittle. If this happens the hair may turn rough, develop split ends, or become thinned or shortened.

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