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# Abhinaya's ABHINAYAM

This model from Hyderabad can hear but not speak, and is debutante director Samuthirakani's find for soon-to-be-released film *Nadodigal*, where she lip-syncs all her dialogues.

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## Showcasing Colombia

The Embassy of Colombia, New Delhi, and the Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation are organising a Colombian Film Festival. The festival will be inaugurated today at the South Indian Film Chamber Theatre, Anna Salai. Seven different award-winning films will be screened till June 6.

The festival opens with the screening of *Satan*, directed by Andres Baiz. The film revolves around three parallel stories that occur in the eve of the infamous Pozzetto massacre, involving a femme-fatale that cons on rich men, a priest who's in love with his housekeeper and a "tired-of-life" veteran of war who has become a teacher and desires one of his female students.

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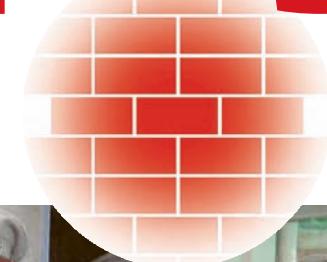
A still from *Maria Full of Grace*



## An appeal

The Animal Welfare and Protection Trust (AWPT) is making an urgent appeal for milk powder. The Trustees use close to 25 kg of milk powder a month for the animals in their shelter. A regular 1 kg donation will help them through the recession that has reduced their funds in recent months. If you can contribute, get in touch with Mrs. Padmavathy at 9962968265 / 22781381

# Thief arrested for kidnapping 2 children



Suburban Police Commissioner S.R. Jangid with the two rescued children and their parents



**T**wo children who had accompanied their father to have a glimpse of the Chennai airport from the top of the flyover in Guindy were allegedly kidnapped on Monday night.

The culprit, who tricked the father of the children and drove away his car along with the kids, was arrested by the Suburban police within two hours. The children were rescued safely.

Police sources said the apprehended was Jesuadiyan alias Jesuraj (27), a known offender hailing from Samadanapuram in Nagercoil. Srinivasan (26), a cab driver from Nesamani Nagar, Medavakkam, had parked his Tata Indica car on the bridge around 8.30 p.m. and along with his son Sridarshan (7) and daughter Yamini (5) was enjoying the view of the airport from there.

When the family returned to

the vehicle to leave, Srinivasan realised the ignition key he left in the car was missing.

"On the pretext of offering help, Jesuraj had approached them and tricked Srinivasan after lying that a police constable had taken away the car keys as the area was a no-parking zone. The accused told the victim that the policeman was waiting under the bridge," said an investigating officer.

Believing him, Srinivasan rushed to meet the constable, leaving behind his children in the car. Meanwhile, Jesuraj, who had stolen the car keys when Srinivasan and kids were sightseeing, drove the car away with Sridarshan and Yamini inside, the officer added.

Realising he was tricked, Srinivasan alerted the Suburban police control room about the incident and the message was

passed to all police limits there to intercept the car.

Jesuraj, meanwhile, called up Priya (24), the children's mother, after getting the number from the children and told her that they have been kidnapped.

A police team from Meenambakkam gave a chase through GST Road and intercepted the car at Mugalivakkam. "Jesuraj attempted to flee but was blocked by police and public."

As a last resort, he threatened to kill himself if not let free and in the process he cut himself on the neck and forehead," said the officer.

Jesuraj was apprehended and booked for kidnap and vehicle theft.

He was later sent to Puzhal prison. The children were rescued and handed over to their parents. ■

Ergo Correspondent

**It requires patience to shop for furniture at this second-hand mart, but you never know what antique piece you might take home at a throwaway price**



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You cannot miss Mani's & Co. – it's bang opposite Pilot Theatre on Royapettah High Road. But that need not necessarily persuade you to stop by to snatch a few glances of a place crammed up with furniture, a majority loaded in rooms and others basking in the open sky all through the day. Also because there is very little parking space.

If you love all things antique and don't mind digging through the mounds and

mounds of furniture here, you are sure to get that artistic piece that will give style, value and a rustic look to your rooms. That too at a pocket-friendly price, considering it is a second-hand mart.

Mani's stocks both old and new furniture, though it is famous for its large collection in teak and rosewood.

#### Antique fair

Mani's started its business in 1970 as an auctioning shop, which the family members continued until 1983, sourcing old furniture from different ci-

ties. Now it is only into retail, with around 30 dealers supplying furniture. The antique goods are 70 to 80 years old and sourced from homes of royal families and offices.

Diwan sets, cots, office tables, dining tables, centre tables... the list goes on.

But the biggest catch while shopping at Mani's is that you need to have immense patience to dig out things from the stacks of furniture – a grandfather chair resting on a centre table that, in turn, sits on a dining table.

"Some of the collectibles are

an investment worth making in comparison to the sleek furniture which has a shorter life span," says D.F. Nathan, manager and the sole person attending to customers. "You can get a piece starting from Rs. 250 to a maximum of a few lakhs here."

The skilfully carved cot panels and chest cupboards remind one of those still standing elegantly in your grandma's home. Adding a dash of colour and style to the

old wood is the tile work in the Karaikudi cupboard. Inside are compartments of safes where you can bank your valuables – something the thief will find hard to discover. Dig further for the Madhuri cupboard, which is famous for its thickness and intricate wood work.

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## Time Warner to separate from AOL

Media giant Time Warner is to separate from its internet division AOL by the end of this year (09) as a result of a slump in Internet advertising. The company will buy the remaining 5 per cent share of AOL from Google that it doesn't currently own, before selling it as a separate firm to its shareholders. AOL merged with Time Warner in 2001 after buying it in a \$147 billion (GBP92 billion) deal, but dial-up Internet access has been in decline ever since - leading the move to become a huge flop.



## Facebook finds kidnapped son after 27 years

A mother who had not seen her son in 27 years after he was taken from her has found him through social networking site Facebook. Avril Grube, 62, was given custody of her son Gavin Paros when she split with her Hungarian ex-husband in 1982, but she never saw him again when he was taken to Hungary against her will. Grube's sister saw photos of her 30-year-old son on Facebook. Now the mother and son are planning to reunite in their home town of Liverpool, England. Paros, whose father died in 2006, has spent the last five years trying to track his family down.

# MS gives videogame a human touch

**M**icrosoft revealed that it has been secretly developing technology that lets people play videogames using natural body movements instead of handheld controllers.

The US software giant behind Xbox 360 videogame consoles revealed a prototype of a project codenamed "Natal," a system that combines cameras and voice and face recognition software to recognize people and their actions.

"The gamer in me went out of my mind when I got to be interactive with this," famed film director Steven Spielberg during a Microsoft press conference on the eve of a major E3 videogame industry show in Los Angeles.

"I got a feeling I was in a historic moment. What Microsoft is doing isn't re-inventing the wheel; this is about no wheel at all."

Natal lets people play driving games by simply moving hands as if turning a car steering wheel. In-game characters in boxing, skateboard, soccer and other sports titles mimic the body movements of real-world players.

The system scans faces and voices to determine who is play-



ing, a demonstration showed.

Xbox 360 consoles equipped with Natal will be able to respond to spoken commands for actions such as playing movies or connecting online with friends for video chats.

"What developers do with Natal will change the way we play videogames," said British videogame icon Peter Molyneux, chief of Lionhead Studios.

"This is a landmark in computer entertainment. This is true technology that science fiction

has not even written about and this works today."

Natal will work on all Xbox 360 consoles, according to Don Mattrick, the head of Microsoft's Xbox and games business.

"I could suddenly envision a new way to personalize game play...and even change the paradigm of storytelling," said Spielberg, who got to dabble with Natal in the weeks leading up to the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3). ■

AFP

## Whip up a game

**A**re you a closet game designer looking for an opportunity to show the world what you can do? Here's something that might interest you.

Directi, an internet products company, has announced the CodeChef challenge, a browser game design contest. Participants must design a game with a chef as the main character. It is a non-commercial, social, community-based programming competition that is open till June 15 for students, programmers and technology enthusiasts anywhere in the country.

0Directi has also hinted at it being a monthly fare.

Participants can work in teams of three where they are entitled to submit multiple entries and update their program as many times as they want. The games can be submitted on their client side browser game (in javascript/



Flash/Silverlight/JavaFX). Criteria for winning are entertainment, creativity and fun. Some of the prizes that can be won include graphics cards, gaming keyboard, gaming mouse, joy-

stick and PC games.

The winners will be announced on June 20.

For more details and submissions visit [www.codechef.com](http://www.codechef.com) ■

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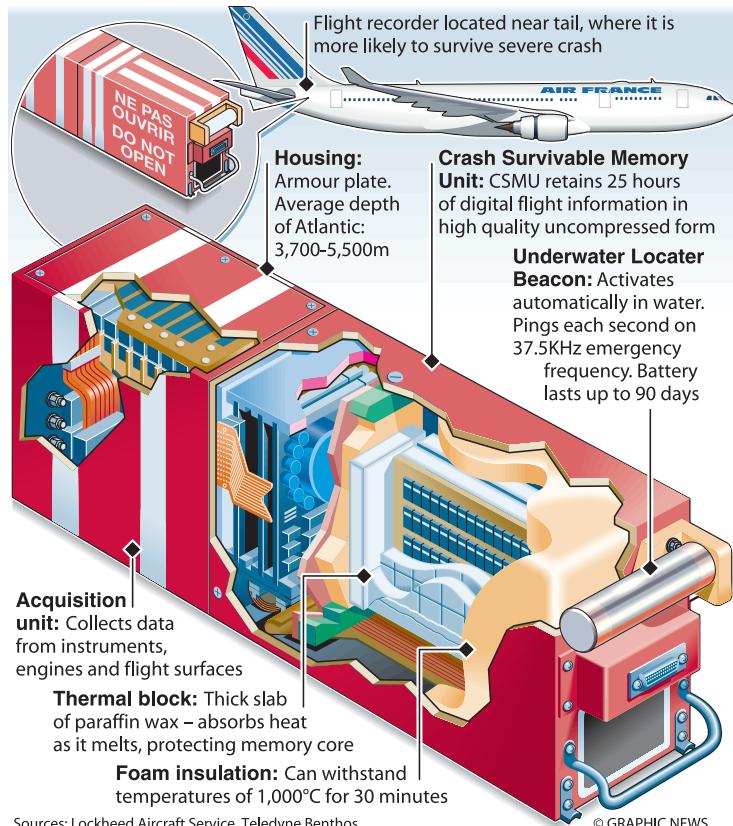
## Bingo-banned

A woman in Britain has been banned from over 100 bingo halls owned by Mecca - because she visited a rival company with pals.

### Black box key to fate of Flight 447

One of the most urgent tasks for investigators is to attempt to salvage the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder of Air France Flight 447.

Known as black boxes, these devices have sonar "pingers" that can operate as deep as 6,000m (20,000ft) below the surface of the ocean



Sources: Lockheed Aircraft Service, Teledyne Benthos

### » Italian job



The Italian Air Force aerobatic unit Frecce Tricolori (Tricolor Arrows) spreads smoke with the colours of the Italian flag over Rome during celebrations marking the country's Republic Day. AFP PHOTO / CHRISTOPHE SIMON



Roger Federer with his wife Mirka Vavrinec.  
PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

## 'I owe my wife a lot'

**R**oger Federer, who is closing in on a career Grand Slam, believes his staggering success may have eluded him if it were not for his wife Mirka.

The couple, who met at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, married in April and are expecting their first child in the summer.

Before that, Federer could win a maiden French Open title and pull level with Pete Sampras's record of winning 14 Grand Slam crowns.

As Mirka Vavrinec, Federer's wife was a regular player on the women's tour until serious injury pushed her out of the game.

In the long-term, that's been to his benefit.

"She helped me considerably, as a person. I developed faster, grew faster with her. Thanks to her I was very calm in the important moments in my career."

"She is always supportive. I owe her a lot,"

said Federer.

His wife is a regular spectator at matches and will be watching from the sidelines on Wednesday when he takes on Gael Monfils for a place in the semi-finals at Roland Garros.

She will also be there should he prevail on Sunday and become only the sixth man in history to win all four Grand Slams.

Many in the game believe the shock defeat of four-time champion Rafael Nadal, who had defeated Federer in the last three finals, has cleared the path for the Swiss to finally achieve his lifetime dream.

But his wife, plus the rest of his back-up crew, are not putting the pressure on him.

"Mirka and the others have not come to me saying: 'Now you have to win this match, otherwise you will never do it, ever'."

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## Expensive curry

A London restaurant is offering the world's most expensive curry - \$3,000 (GBP2,000) for a dish including lobster, caviar, sea snails and edible gold.



### Fox thrills navy men

Megan Fox brought a wave of excitement among navy men when she boarded a battleship carrier for the shooting of her latest film *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*.

"We went on this battleship carrier. There are 20 of us and Megan. They are all stuck on that ship for months and months, so when Megan shows up it is like nirvana. They loved her," *Contactmusic* quoted LaBeouf as saying.

He added: "You have to be a brave chick to go jump on an aircraft carrier full of dudes who have been at sea for months."

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### Airbus A380 makes first commercial flight to Paris

The world's biggest passenger jet, the Airbus A380, made its first commercial flight to Paris on Tuesday when a Singapore Airlines flight arrived at Charles de Gaulle airport.

But the official welcoming ceremony was cut back because of the Air France disaster.

Singapore Airlines already runs A380 flights to Sydney, London, Tokyo, Dubai, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Auckland, Toronto and Bangkok.

The flight left Singapore on Monday at 2140 GMT and arrived in Paris at 0440 GMT on Tuesday. It was to leave on a return flight later Tuesday. Among the passengers will be the French rugby union team, which is leaving for a tour of the Pacific.

Singapore Airlines says it plans daily Singapore-Paris flights using A380s, of which it was the first airline to take delivery in October 2007.

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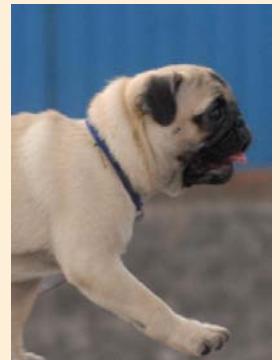
### Dog walks 50km to visit vet

A dog named Huahua couldn't forget the care given to him by a vet, and walked down almost 50 kilometres over 15 days to meet him. The one-year-old dog was sent to a local pet hospital to be sterilized by a resident surnamed Han.

During the five days in the hospital, the dog got along very well with he doctor Wang Feng, reports the *China Daily*.

After it was returned, the dog walked back next day. However, about three weeks later, the doctor and Han decided to give the canine to a pet lover who lived 50 km away. And to Wang's surprise, he found the dog standing at the gate of his hospital 15 days later.

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### Italy PM offers cruises to quake victims

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has announced "cruises and seaside holidays" for those rendered homeless by the earthquake that hit the country last month.

"We are looking at arranging day trips to the seaside for those families in tents as well as Mediterranean cruises, especially for the children," the *Telegraph* quoted Berlusconi as saying.

The Prime Minister had earlier asked the earthquake survivors, living in tents, to treat the experience "like a camping weekend."

However, the suggestion has not been well accepted by the people living in the tents, and 500 people attended a rally and march through the still rubble strewn streets of L'Aquila.

"The idea of a Mediterranean cruise makes me laugh," said protestor Luisa Leopardi.

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# First Romeo hitched in Verona



**A** modern-day Romeo finally got his girl when the northern Italian city of Verona opened up the balcony where Juliet pined for her lover as a venue for weddings.

The 13th century mansion of the Cappello family - believed to be the Capulets of William Shakespeare's tragic play *Romeo and Juliet* - has for years been a place of pilgrimage for lovers worldwide, who have scrawled love messages on its walls.

Now, Verona's town council is offering couples the chance to follow in the footsteps of Shakespeare's "star-crossed lovers" and see for themselves "what light from yonder window breaks."

The first Romeo to take advantage of

the offer was soccer player star Luca Ceccarelli, who plays for local team Verona.

"I feel very emotional. You know, marriage always gives strong emotions especially in a situation like this," said a beaming Ceccarelli, before exchanging rings with his Juliet, Irene Lamforti. "We hope that this bring us a lot of luck."

But it does not come cheaply. A normal civil wedding licence in Italy costs about 45 euros: for non-European citizens the Verona licence will cost nearly 900 euros, with EU non-Verona couples paying approximately 700 euros.

At that price, lovers will hope for a happy ending. ■

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## Websites of the day

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French 'Spiderman'  
Alain Robert waves  
as he descends  
after climbing a  
city skyscraper in  
central Sydney. AFP  
PHOTO/GREG WOOD

**A** French climber nicknamed "Spiderman" scaled a landmark Sydney skyscraper, thrilling office workers but angering police, who arrested him upon his descent.

Police closed off roads along most of a city block as Alain Robert made his way up the 219 metre Aurora Place building without safety ropes or a harness, cheered on by about 200 pedestrians.

With office workers inside the building closely following his progress, the daredevil reached the top of the 41-storey structure then immediately began the climb down to ground level.

The 46-year-old was arrested on a platform near the bottom of the building, earning more cheers from the crowd.

Robert has climbed more than 80 buildings around the world in an attempt to raise awareness about climate change.

He is also no stranger to Australia, having previously scaled the Sydney Opera House.

Police charged Robert with risking the safety of others by climbing a building and granted him bail to appear in court on Wednesday.

Police Superintendent Ken Finch condemned the Frenchman's antics.

"It's a dangerous and, in my view, an irresponsible stunt," he said.

An office worker named Peta, who watched the climb from the street as she sipped her morning coffee, was more impressed.

"I think it's really important for people to push the limit, I think it's an important part of life, going out and doing crazy things," she told national news agency AAP.

"It's absolutely ridiculous, it's great. I love it." ■

AFP

# Man arrested after daredevil stunt

*French 'Spiderman' scales Sydney skyscraper to raise awareness about climate change*

## 'Slumdog' kids UK-bound

Rubina Ali and Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail, the child stars of Oscar-winning film *Slumdog Millionaire*, have agreed to visit Britain to attend a tea party hosted in their honour at the House of Commons.

Indian-origin British MP Keith Vaz, who had extended them an invitation in April to visit the UK, has revealed their plan and said that he is delighted to hear from the families of Rubina and Azhar that they have accepted his invitation.

The children will attend a tea party at the House of Commons in Westminster, where they will also meet their fans and other distinguished guests.

Leicester East MP Vaz had extended an invitation to the children as he felt that it is important for the children to have the opportunity to visit UK to meet their British fans.



"Rubina and Azhar performed brilliantly in the film and their lives have been followed with great interest by the public in the UK. I hope this party in the House of Commons will go some way to thanking them for the joy they brought to millions of viewers," Vaz said.

The date for the visit has not been finalised.

The visit will be sponsored by a number of individuals and organisations, Vaz said in a statement. ■

## » Jumbo splash



▲ A one-month-old Asian elephant calf gets a shower from an adult elephant at the Moscow zoo. The animal, still unnamed and weighing around 100 kg, is the first elephant born at the Moscow zoo in over a dozen years. AFP PHOTO / OXANA ONIPKO



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## Denilson signs for Vietnamese team

Former Brazilian international Denilson, once the world's most expensive footballer, has agreed to play for a mid-table Vietnamese side, newspapers reported on Tuesday. A member of Brazil's 2002 World Cup winning team, Denilson, 31, will join Hai Phong Cement for the second half of the professional V-League season that begins this month. Denilson was capped 68 times and became the world's most expensive player when he moved to Spanish side Real Betis from Sao Paulo in 1998 for 21.5 million pounds.

## Zidane back at Real

Florentino Perez, the inspiration behind the Real Madrid "Galacticos", launched his second term as president on Monday by bringing in Chile's Manuel Pellegrini as the club's new coach and France legend Zinedine Zidane as a top advisor.

The club also announced former Argentine striker and coach Jorge Valdano as its new director general. "Real Madrid C.F. and Manuel Pellegrini have reached a deal for the Chilean to become the first team head coach," Real said in a statement. It said he would be officially presented at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium on Tuesday.

He replaces Juande Ramos, who began a six-month contract in mid-December in place of Germany's Bernd Schuster. Pellegrini, 55, a qualified civil engineer, joined Villareal in 2004 from River Plate of Argentina and was under contract with the club until 2010. In his first season there, Villareal qualified for the Champions League by finishing third in La Liga. Last season, they were second behind champions Real Madrid.

Perez led Real from 2000 to 2006, when it earned the nickname "Los Galacticos", winning the Primera Liga twice and European Champions League with such stars as Zidane, Ronaldo, Luis Figo, David Beckham and Michael Owen.

Zidane's transfer from Juventus in 2000 cost Real a world record 75 million euros. The former France captain now becomes adviser to the president at Real.

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## Raj Royals to take on Middlesex

Inaugural Indian Premier League champions Rajasthan Royals will take on English Twenty20 Cup winners Middlesex Panthers in a one-off match here on July 6 to raise funds for the British Asian Trust, one of the Prince of Wales' charities. Rajasthan's skipper-cum-coach Shane Warne said it would be a great experience.

"There is no better place for a cricketer to play than Lord's, and to get to play the reigning English champions after the cancellation of last year's Champions League is a great opportunity for the team," Warne said.

Middlesex Panthers captain Shaun Udal said his team was also looking forward to the match especially since it was called off at the last minute due to the 26/11 Mumbai attack.

"Some of our players have experienced the IPL first hand, and this is a great opportunity for all of the guys who missed out on the Champions League, due to last year's terrorist attack in Mumbai," Udal said.

The day will also bring the glamour of Bollywood to the home of cricket in a celebration of the best of Indian and English games and will be marked by a performance by actress Shilpa Shetty between the innings.

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# coup abor

**The BCCI has released the list of ICL players granted amnesty. The left with 5 of its original 84 Indian players**

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**T**he "rebels" are back in the fold and the coup has failed. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday released the names of 79 cricketers who have received amnesty from the "ever-generous" parent body after severing all ties with the Indian Cricket League (ICL).

The players will be eligible to return to the mainstream immediately and will be up for selection for their respective

domestic sides. "The BCCI, after scrutinising their requests, has written to the concerned state associations that these players are eligible to play in the domestic tournaments for this year," BCCI secretary N. Srinivasan said. "Guidelines with respect to participation in the Indian Premier League will be intimated in due course."

The Board had already decided that all players will have to serve a one-year cooling off period before becoming eligible to play international cricket for the country.

The list included 79 current players, 11 ex-internationals and 11 support staff. This exodus leaves ICL with only five of its original 84 Indian cricketers. A few of the foreign players are also reported to have terminated their contracts and the proposed November tournament of the League now looks a distant dream.

Interestingly though, ICL chairman Kapil Dev and his former teammate and ICL board member Kiran More were not amongst those who had applied for amnesty. "We are happy that

**If you look at their side (New Zealand) they have loads of guys that can really contribute. They're a really good side when it comes to the Twenty20 format and the conditions here suit them.**

Mahendra Singh Dhoni



# Help from US

## Bhavsar wants to coach Indian gymnasts

The dormant state of Indian gymnastics notwithstanding, the country has no dearth of talent, said Indian-American Olympic bronze medallist Raj Bhavsar, who wants to coach gymnasts. "I would like to coach the Indian gymnastics team if given a chance," Bhavsar said. "I have come with an open mind to give back whatever I have achieved. It hasn't been easy for me to win the bronze and I would like to share my experience with the guys and help them with technical details involving the sport. There is a structure, there are some good gym training centres coming up too in India and the government is also backing them with adequate fund programmes, there is no dearth of talent either," he said. "What they need is just a spark through some good performance at the

highest level to catapult them to success and I would like to help them in attaining that through interactive sessions," said Bhavsar, who was part of the American team that won a bronze medal in the Beijing Olympics. An artistic gymnast with roots in Gujarat, Bhavsar feels Indian gymnastics needs greater public awareness, which can come through live entertainment shows. "There is lack of public awareness for the sport in India. If we can promote it through live entertainment shows with the help of music and acrobatics, I think it would draw the attention of young kids and they would take up the sport," Bhavsar said. "In America, we have limelight and media and gymnastics is a highly watched sport which brings a lot of money from the private sector, unlike India. Some of my business associates are also interested in organising such gymnastic shows to create awareness and showcase the sport to the Indian public," he added.

A member of the 2001 and 2003 world champion American team, Bhavsar said he met the Gymnastics Federation of India and the Commonwealth Games organising committee today to discuss if he could have a role in India's preparation for 2010 Commonwealth Games. "I met with the officials and we discussed various options through which I can contribute to the Indian team's preparation for the Commonwealth Games. There was discussion about my role as a technical consultant. The response was positive but nothing has been finalised as yet," he said. Bhavsar will also visit the gymnastics facility in Allahabad. ■

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Indo-American gymnast Raj Bhavsar. PHOTO: AFP

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**e rebel league is now**

the players will again get a chance to play for the country. We wanted the players to get maximum exposure and I think we have achieved our immediate goal," More said. "Our struggle and fight against the monopoly will continue."

Former Indian middle-order batsman, Hemang Badani, who played 40 ODIs and four Test matches for the country before switching allegiance, welcomed the BCCI move. "I hope we can quickly get back into the mainstream," Badani said. "I am looking forward to playing for



League of Disappointment. PHOTO: K. RAMESH BABU

my state again. Considering that I can hit hard, field and bowl too, I am looking at an IPL slot too."

### List of players

Rajiv Kumar, Kiran Powar, Rakesh Patel, Shiv Sagar Singh, Abhishek Jhunjhunwala, Subhro moy Das, Sayed Akhlakh Ahmad, Rohan Gavaskar, Subhjit Paul, Deep Dasgupta, Robin Morris, Nikhil Mandale, Shreyas Khanolkar, Tejinder Pal Singh, P. Vivek, J.P. Yadav, Baburao Yadav, Avinash Yadav, Suyesh Burkul, Dheeraj Jadhav, Raviraj Patil, Pushkaraj Joshi, Anupam Sanklecha, Ranjeet Khirid, Abhinav Bali, Kunal Lal, Abid Nabi, Dhruv Mahajan, T. Sudhindra, Mohnish Mishra, Abbas Ali, Sachin Dholpure, Shridhar Iyer, Abhishek Tamrakar, Bhima Rao, Syed Zakaria Zuffri, Parviz Aziz, Abu Nechim Ahmed, Sujay Tarafder, Pritam Das, Dinesh Mongia, Reetinder Sodhi, Karan-

veer Singh, Harpreet Singh, Sumit Kalia, Love Ablish, Rajesh Sharma, Sarabjeet Singh, Ishan Malhotra, Bipul Sharma, Amit Uniyal, Stuart Binny, Abdul Azeem Khan, Alfred Absolom, Ibrahim Khalil, Indra Shekar Reddy, P.S. Niranjan, Anirudh Singh, Shashank Nag, Ambati Rayudu, Syed Shahbuddin, Hemang Badani, V. Devendran, G. Vignesh, Syed Mohammed, R. Jesuraj, S. Sriram, R. Sathish, K. Martin Sanjeev, T. Kumaran, S. Vasanth Saravanan, J. Hariresh, D. Tamilkumaran, C. Hemant Kumar, Gaurav Gupta, Avinash Yadav, Shalabh Srivastava, Ali Murtaza and Ali Hamid Zaidi.

### Ex-Players

Sandeep Patil, E.A.S. Prasan na, Madan Lal, Rajesh Kamath, Karsan Ghavri, Pranob Roy, Ashok Malhotra, Rajesh Chauhan, Balwinder Singh Sandhu, Bharat Reddy, Atul Wassan and Ajit Wadekar. ■

# LIPS DON'T LIE



**Actress Abhinaya, who makes her screen debut in the upcoming flick 'Nadodigal', relates herself to the character Jyothika played in 'Mozhi'. She can hear but not speak and lip-synched her dialogues in the movie directed by Samuthirakani, all the way**

V. HARIPRIYA

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Directors are used to shouting out "Lights, Camera, Action". But all Samuthirakani had to do while filming the sequence featuring his heroine, a class X student Abhinaya, for the upcoming flick *Nadodigal* was wave a handkerchief. She is Samuthirakani's find for Kollywood. But what makes her special from other debutants is that Abhinaya was born with "profound hearing loss". Samuthirakani, who was on a hunt for a new face, saw her photo at an ad agency in Kerala. Though she cannot speak or hear, he felt that her look was apt for the role and roped her in to play the second female lead in the movie. She plays a very normal person in the movie, lip-syncing her dialogues after being coached by the director and his team.

Facing the camera has never been a problem for her since she is into modelling from the age of eight. Samuthirakani adds that there were great advantages in having her on the sets – she does not have a mobile phone nor did she chit-chat on the sets, which according to him are major distractions actors face during the breaks. "She was keenly observing everyone on the sets, which in a way helped her improvise her scenes. She is brilliant."

Born in *namma* Chennai and now settled in Hyderabad, Abhinaya is the youngest child of her family. Her father M.D. Gyananand is a character artiste in the Tamil and Telugu film industries. According to her father, Abhinaya was born with profound hearing loss. The cochlear implant she underwent five years ago improved her hearing. She can now hear with the help of a hearing aid and also lip-read.

Abhinaya, who is regular to dance and yoga classes, loves to play badminton. With offers from Tamil and Telugu films flooding, her father says he is yet to finalise the projects.

In an email interview, Abinaya wrote: "My entire part was shot at Rajapalayam for 30 days. All my co-stars were very helpful and friendly. One of the interesting scenes I remember was my marriage with actor Vijay of *Chennai 600028* fame (my pair in the movie). I elope with him and marry. My brother in the movie, director Sasi Kumar, fights with Vijay and takes me away. The whole sequence was scary for me."

"My thanks to Samuthirakani, Sasikumar and cameraman Kathir for giving me the opportunity," she adds. ■

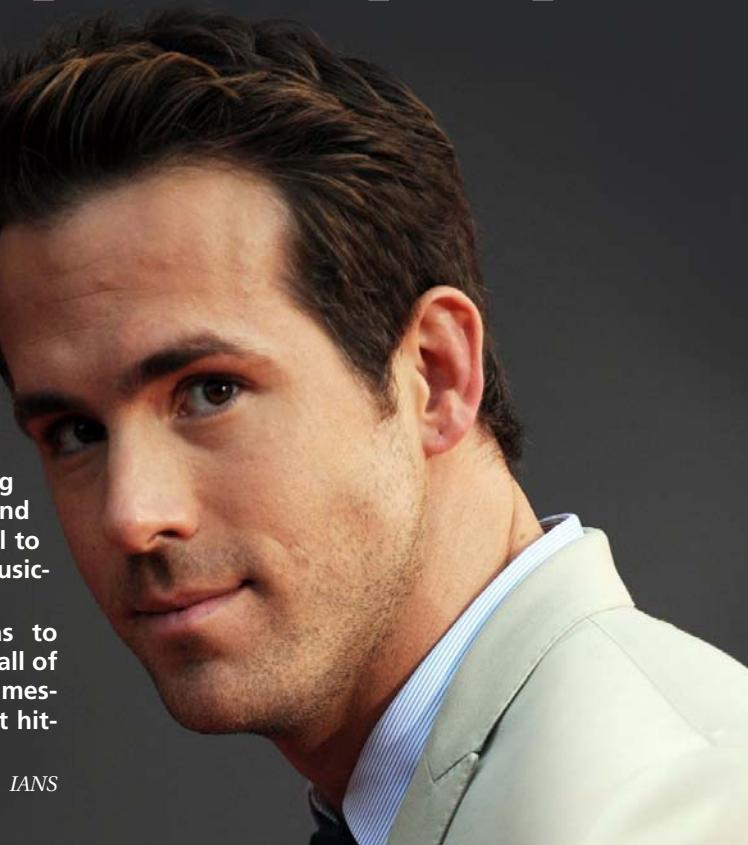
# How to send SMS texts and propose to people

**A**ctor Ryan Reynolds has revealed that he proposed to his actress wife Scarlett Johansson via a text message.

The *X-Men Origins: Wolverine* star, who wed the *Island* actress in a secret ceremony last September, struggled to find the words to ask the stunning actress to marry him and hence texted the proposal to her, reports contactmusic.com.

"The hardest part was to compress all of that love, all of that joy into just one text message. And then it was just hitting send," he said. ■

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## Miley Cyrus is Hannah Montana again

**M**iley Cyrus has signed for the fourth season of hit Disney show *Hannah Montana*.

In the earlier series, the 16-year-old portrayed a normal schoolgirl who becomes a pop star at night. Cyrus was convinced to step in front of the camera again after show executives promised to allow the teenager more control over the storyline, reports contactmusic.com.

"Miley and the producers have proposed a change of setting for season four that will provide the catalyst for wonderful new characters and further expand the storytelling opportunities," said a statement from Disney Channel.

Filming is set to start early next year. ■

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## Cine City.....



### Rajiv Krishna to play baddie in Asal

Finally, actor Rajiv Krishna bags the deal to play villain in actor Ajith's upcoming flick, *Asal*. The movie to be directed by Saran has actor Sameera Reddy playing the female lead. Rajiv Krishna, who made his debut as lead in *Aaha*, later did supporting roles in a few films. With S.J. Suryah's *Newtonin Moondram Vidhi*, Rajiv turned a baddie. We also hear that *Asal* has a bike race sequence.



### Neetu Chandra to pair up with Vishal

Actor Neetu Chandra is paring up with Vishal in his next flick, *Theeraatha Vilayattu Pillai*. The actress was last seen in horror flick *Yavarum Navalum*, in which she shared the screen with actor Madhavan. In *Theeraatha Vilayattu Pillai* Neetu will be seen with two other heroines, Shriya Saran and Reema Sen. The movie will be directed by Thiru, a debutant. It is said that Vishal had approached Bipasha Basu to play Neetu's role. But she declined the offer citing busy schedules.

## Ergo Mobile

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**Tuesday's Question:**  
**Now that it is clear Betty Cooper is single, which Riverdale bachelor should she date?**

■ Simbu  
*Sekar Wipro, Dhananjayan Scope International*

■ Prien Rollo  
*Rajkumar Accenture*

■ Moose, bcos she's as dumb to be waiting for Archie for 40 years  
*Pushp Satyam*

■ Maybe Jughead she'll do a good job trying to fatten him up. Or maybe even Dilton. At least he's got brains unlike Archie  
*Rita Wipro*

■ Enakku ok sonnalum super dhaan  
*Deena Wipro*

■ Jughead  
*Eugene Wipro*

**Today's Query:**  
**What punch dialogue do your parents use repeatedly when they advise you?**

## Partners in crime



Karthikeyan M. from Infosys BPO has nominated his team as Partners in Crime. This pic was clicked when they got the Team Extra Miler Award and Star Performer Award.



Nelson from Kumaran Systems Pvt. Ltd. has nominated his friends as Partners in Crime. This picture was clicked during their trip to Vandalur.



Madhan from Barry-Wehmiller has nominated his team as Partners in Crime. This pic was clicked at Coakers Walk, Kodaikanal.



## Office Angel



Vicky Venkat of Saksoft has been nominated Office Angel by Sridhar and team.

*Vicky is very cool and takes life and career easily and happily. He is of great attitude and mingles with everyone and also handles anyone easily.*



Lasly Fernandaz of Wipro Technologies doodled this.



### Doodle Corner

This is your space to go crazy or even become Da Vinci. And when you are done with your masterpiece, scan it and send to [my.ergo@goergo.in](mailto:my.ergo@goergo.in) to get it featured



## Mokkai of the day

1. Who is more intelligent among the two:  
SQUARE or CIRCLE?

Yosinga? ? ? ?

"Square"....

because Squarukku naalu moolai.  
Circle'lukku moolayae illa.

2.Oru paiyan road-la Pokumpothu, thummikkittae poraan ....  
Yen?????

avan oru PODI payan  
ayyoooo... ayyoooo....

Saravanan V  
HCL Technologies

**Dear Sai & Pravillika,**

A good marriage is one which allows for change and growth in the individuals and in the way they express their love, also a successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person, wish you a happy married life.

*Love and Regards!!  
Muskeeters, (Vengatesh,Vignesh,Santhosh),  
TCS*

**Dear Saravanan** [Dazzling star],  
A warm birthday wishes to young, Sweet, Brilliant, Generous, considerate, Extroverted, Amazing, Charming, Loving, Mesmerizing, Overwhelming, Smiling, Stunning, Witty guy SARAVANAN [An Inestimable Mechanical Engineer]... May this birthday be just the beginning of a year filled with happy memories, wonderful moments and shining dreams... You're older today than yesterday but younger than tomorrow, Happy Bday!!!!... May god continue to give u abundant happiness, Love, Fun, Peace, success, Joy, wealth and good health in your life.... Have a fabulous and fantastic year ahead...

*Lovely Wishes from  
Priya(CTS), Ramya(Infosys), Ramu(HCL)*

**Dear Vishaka,**

May this day be the beginning of another special year which fulfills your wish. Let this birthday bring you lot of joy and happiness in your life. Enjoy the day with loads of God's blessings. We are lucky to have you as our Manager.

*Ur affectionately,  
Zylog Quality team, HCL*

**Dear Muthu,**

Hope this day is as special as you are!! Count your life by smiles, not tears!!! Count your age by friends, not years!!!! I'm so glad you were born, because you brighten my life and fill it with joy!!!! May the years continue to be good to you. Happy Birthday!!!!!!

*with love & care, Friends, Cap Gemini*

**Dear Ramya (Aiyooda)**

Wishing you a very happy birthday . . . and many more! May this birthday bring you life's real gifts, good health, friendship and love. Happy Birthday. Today is your day to celebrate, your day to be the star. So let the ones you love all cheer and say how special you are !

*Cheers, Wipro friends*

**Hi Shini,**

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person - Mignon McLaughlin. May you always be happy, always be there for each other on every situations. All the best for your new position in your life. Congratulations to you both and much happiness on your wedding day. May your love SHINE warmly forever.



*Wishes from, S20 Terror Guys, CTS*

**Hi Uma,**

I wish you many many happy returns of the day.

*Thanks, Venkat.*

**Dear LP,**

A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip.

*With Love, PP*

**Dear Kalai,**

I would like to thank god for bringing you to life and I would like to ask god to give you as much years to live as he can. Wish you many more happy returns of the day.

*Lots & Lots of Love, Thomas*

**Dear Suresh Suru,**

Da stars wishes u, da brightness of moon wishes u, da sunshine wishes u, da waves wishes u, da flowers wishes u, da morning wishes u, wish wishes u last but not da least a heartless wishes u 'Happy Birthday'.

*From, Dinesh Reddy, Vijay kumar, Sivaram krishna, Siva Reddy, Phani kumar, Sandeep, Kishore, Vignesh, Raghu, Sharang Ganesh, Kannan, Dinesh babu. Infosys Technologies.*

**Dear Dad,**

I wish u a long and healthy life with lots of happiness forever with god's grace. And advance wedding anniversary. Love you dad.

*With love,Krishna Kumar, CTS*

## June 2

**Hi RAJ** (Romba Anbana Jolliana lead Happy Birthday to someone who has given much happiness, spread cheers and made the environment humorous and lively. Wishing you a stress-free, joyous and productive Birthday. Happy Birthday to a wonderful person and a great boss !!

*With Best cheers,*

*Marimba Team , CSS Corp Pvt. Ltd.*

**Hi Sudha,**

May this special day be filled with sweet memories and happy hours. Wishing you all the fun and excitement that only birthdays can bring!

*With Cheers, Human Resources, Coastal Training Technologies*

**To the chocky girl,**

Happy Birthday **Subha**(STUPID - Smart-Talented-Unique-Person-in-Demand), Ur loving heart, sweet smile, caring nature, childish fights and many, makes me ur friend life-long. Ur presence can make any sad moments to sweet thoughts. U keep me busy and I keep u busy (in taking care each other J ). And in the end, its not the years that u live counts. It's the life that u live. In the darkest of times, knowing you as my friend, makes me proud.

*Endrum Anbudan,  
Praveen, CTS*

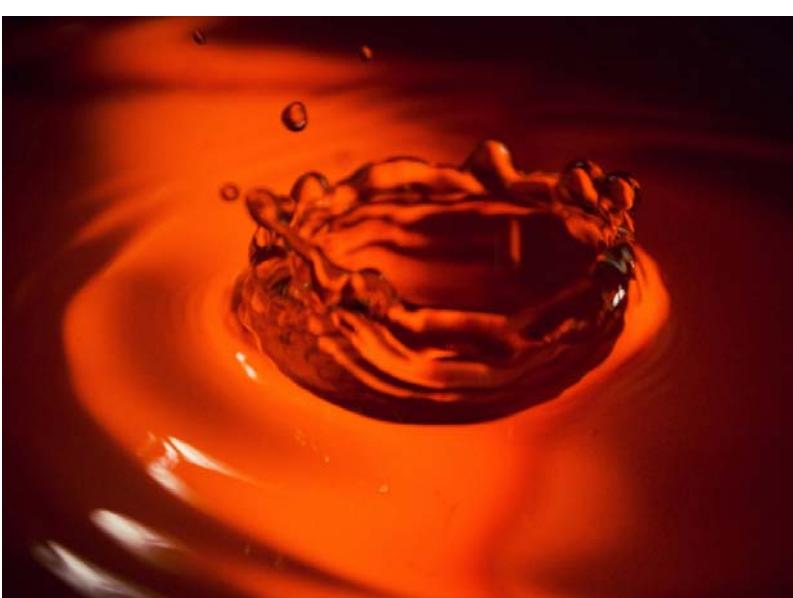


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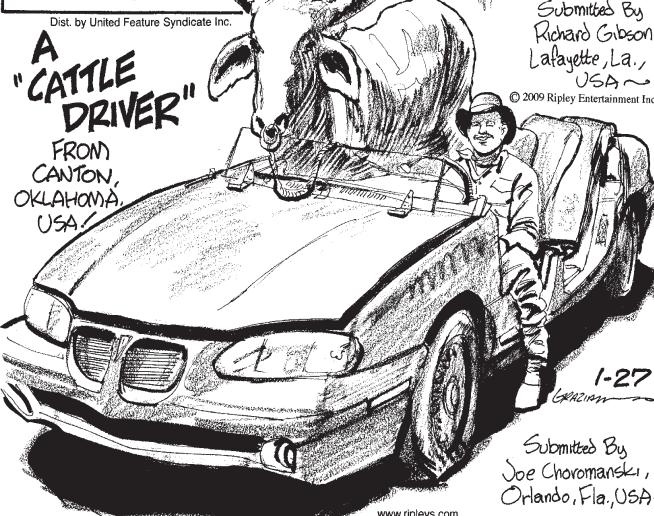
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## Licence to chill

Daniel Craig is now licensed to chill - the James Bond star has been made into an ice lolly.

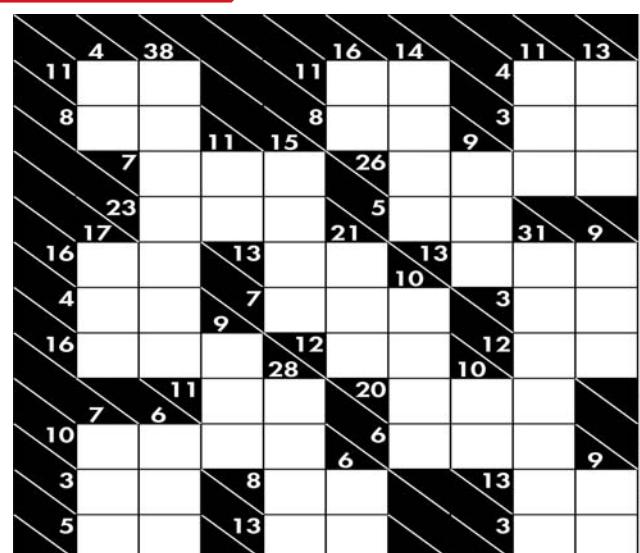
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## Productive papa

A man from Tennessee has fathered 21 children with 11 different women - by the age of 29.

## Word's worth

**Kleptolagnia** (klep-to-lag-nee-uh) the desire to reach sexual gratification through theft. From Greek words meaning 'thief' and 'lust.'

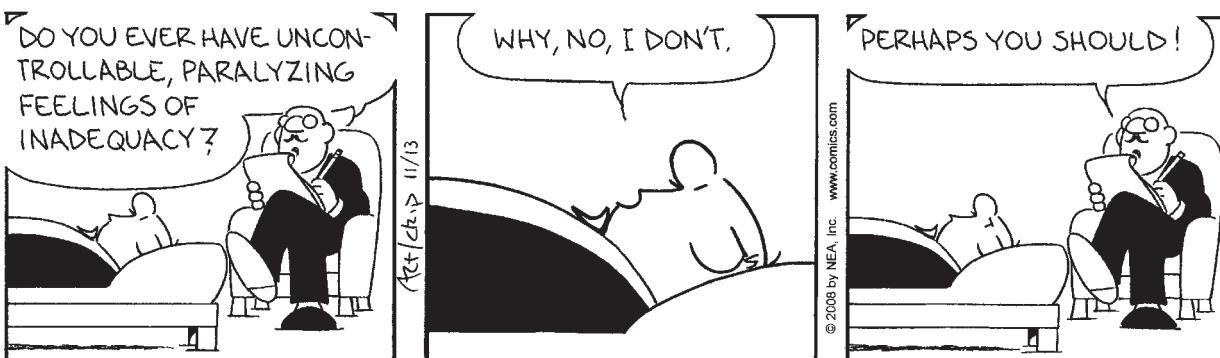
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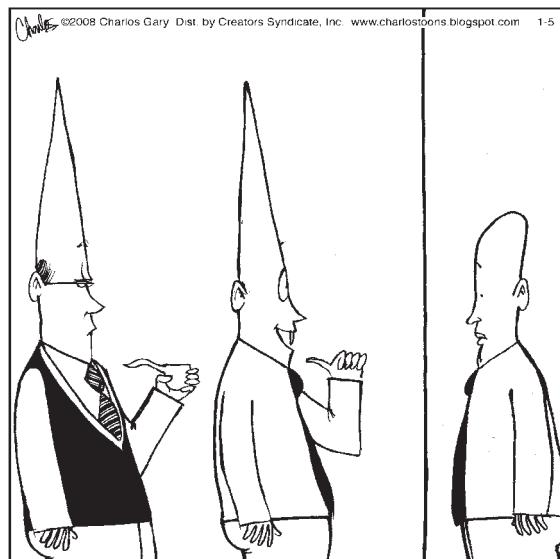


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## WORKING IT OUT



"Actually, I'm the pointy-headed idiot. Carlton here is the pointy-headed intellectual."

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### ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Ganesha advises you to gel with everyone around you so as to maintain harmonious relationships. Good relations with colleagues will help you solve technical difficulties very easily. The Grace of Ganesha will shower its mercy on lovers.

### TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 20

Pleasant relations with colleagues will result into a comfortable working environment today. Such comfortable setting might encourage you to work for longer hours and put in more efforts. On the love front, the road to bliss might not be very easy.

### GEMINI MAY 21 - JUNE 20

You might be inspired by someone today. This may motivate you to improve your basic skills. Nevertheless Ganesha finds your communication skills to be at their best. Ganesha thinks the day is very favourable for you.

### CANCER JUNE 21 - JULY 20

You might feel like you have woken up on the wrong side of the bed. However Ganesha wants you to be careful with the way you spend your time today as work load may be more than normal. In short, the day can be tricky with its ups and downs.

### LEO JULY 21 - AUG 20

You may be in a mood to wind up early today and this hurry might cause stress. Fortunately, your logical and analytical abilities will flourish today and may provide you with a lot of encouragement. You will have sweet chit-chats with your beloved.

### VIRGO AUG 21 - SEPT 20

You might want to express your opinions or put them across. You must assess them logically first, suggests Ganesha. Hours at office will be smooth and hassle free. Love life will be full of charm as well. In short, the day is very promising for you.

### LIBRA SEPT 21 - OCT 20

A wonderful day coming up for you! At office you might give new ideas and suggestions to your peers and superiors which will be absorbed immediately. This is the best day to begin a new project. Love is in the air, as far as romantic life is concerned!

### SCORPIO OCT 21 - NOV 20

You are prone to mistakes today, so be extra careful. At work, you might realise that you have been working in the wrong direction after you have put in a lot of efforts. In such cases, you may have to redo the entire task from the top.

### SAGITTARIUS NOV 21 - DEC 20

Other than your routine work, you might want to make some changes in the office atmosphere. All said and done, but don't ignore your prime responsibilities. Love is smooth in general, except for a few emotional moments with your beloved.

### CAPRICORN DEC 21 - JAN 20

Your day will start with a lot of energy but you might soon realise the importance of team work. Group work and development of team spirit may help you achieve better results. You might be in a mood to share aspects related to work.

### AQUARIUS JAN 21 - FEB 20

Instead of trying something new, you might feel like following your daily routine. You might depend on luck today. In addition to this, you might want to make some changes in your working style. You may spend the evening with your best friend.

### PISCES FEB 21 - MARCH 20

Ganesha thinks you will be a bit unorganized and unsure about handling your work today. Pending tasks might not get completed as well. Overall, the day might seem very dull and boring at office. However your love life will be completely opposite.

*Predictions by Bhavesh N. Patni*

# One look is all it takes

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A specially modified 747 jet takes off from Edwards Air Force Base in California with the Space Shuttle Atlantis piggybacked on top for the space shuttle's multi-day trip home to the Kennedy Space Centre (KSC) in Florida.

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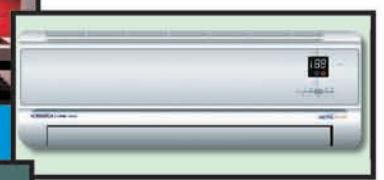
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