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Comic book hero Asterix and his rotund sidekick Obelix returned for their first new adventure in eight years, reviving a global phenomenon that has sold millions of copies around the world.

Five million copies of Asterix and the Picts -- the 35th instalment in a series that has become a publishing juggernaut -- were released in 15 countries and 23 languages, after months of anticipation.

The Gallic duo’s latest gag-filled adventure takes them for the first time to ancient Scotland, with the new edition’s cover depicting Obelix in full caber toss as a winking Asterix sits nearby.

Two million copies were printed for France and another three million for foreign audiences, including editions in Scots and Gaelic.
The Asterix series -- created by illustrator Albert Uderzo and writer Rene Goscinny in 1959 -- is a bestseller in the comic book world, with 352 million copies sold worldwide and translations in more than 110 languages and dialects.

It features the adventures of an indomitable tribe of Gauls resisting Roman occupation, often with the help of a Druid-brewed magic potion that grants them superhuman strength.

The series has been adapted into four live-action films and is the inspiration for a popular theme park, Parc Asterix, outside Paris.

Soaked with references of kilt-wearing Celtic warriors and bagpipes, the latest instalment sees Asterix and Obelix journey to Scotland after a wayward Pict washes up on the shores of Gaul. Amid run-ins with the Loch Ness monster, the story sees various Celtic tribes unite into one nation -- a clear reference to the independence movement ahead of Scotland's vote next year on whether to leave the United Kingdom.

The latest edition is the work of writer Jean-Yves Ferri and illustrator Didier Conrad, and is the first not written and illustrated by one of the series' original creators.

Uderzo, who took over the writing when Goscinny died in 1977, announced in 2011 that he would no longer be drawing the series. The 86-year-old did supervise production of the latest book however, and drew the Obelix featured on the cover.

Ferri said taking on the mantle of writing Asterix had been a daunting task.

"With Asterix, you have to keep all the benchmarks that readers love, while at the same time making the stories fresh," he said.

"The best Asterix in a long time," he said.

The release of the latest book coincides with a retrospective of the Asterix series on at the BNF, France's national library, until January 19.
Qatar Academy Falcons kicks off 2013 sports season

Qatar Academy’s international athletic season got under way as the varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams headed to Amman for the first International Schools Activities Conference (ISAC) competition of the year hosted by the American Community School of Amman. Qatar Academy’s volleyball squad is the first team to travel and compete regionally this year but already the school has a full line up of athletic activities for the season.

The QA Falcons participated in seven international competitions last academic year, scoring huge wins in the ISAC Track & Field Championships and Swim Meet in the process. This year, Athletic Director Steve Walker is positive that the student athletes will continue to make huge strides in improving their games and developing as teams. “They’re all really competitive tournaments and we can’t really measure our performance until we get there but overall, we’re very hopeful,” he says, referring to the international athletic events of QA. “The JV boys’ volleyball team is particularly good this year so I think we have a real chance to win and our girls’ team is a really young, good, hardworking squad who’s going to the tournament for experience”.

The Falcons commenced training as soon as school started with some teams practicing two to three times a week for at least a couple of hours. Walker shares the lowdown on the different teams. “The swimming team is practicing hard for their upcoming meet. They did really well last year just like the track team. The good thing is we got a lot of the athletes back so that’s really positive. Football and basketball remains pretty strong at school and we’re really hoping we complete extremely well in all international competitions”.

Qatari engineer wins ‘female achiever award’

Sara Al Abdulla, a reservoir engineer at Maersk Oil Qatar was crowned ‘Women Achiever of the Year’ at the annual Oil and Gas Middle East Awards ceremony, hosted by the Oil and Gas Middle East Magazine in Abu Dhabi. The award recognises females who have made notable career achievements, and aims to encourage more females to take up careers in the energy industry.

Speaking of the win, Sara said: “I’m honoured to receive this award. Supporting the development of Qatar’s largest and most complex oilfield is both challenging and exciting, but the career opportunities and support I’ve been given at Maersk Oil are truly rewarding. I’m therefore proud to be in a position where I can act as a role model to show other young people and female engineers in particular, all that the industry has to offer them.”

Sara was nominated for the award by her manager in recognition for the unique contribution she makes at Maersk Oil Qatar. As an Operations Reservoir Engineer she is responsible for maximising production and injection potential for over 30 wells in the Al Shaheen field, while managing simultaneous projects in a changing environment, including offshore work.

Her manager Matthew Docherty, Head of Further Development Studies, Petroleum Engineering, said: “We’re incredibly proud of Sara. She is consistently a top performer, and with her knowledge, experience and determination, she has all the makings of an industry leader.”

Sara initially joined Maersk Oil via its Qatari Unique Development and Rotation Assignment (QUDRA) programme.
PWF raises QR120,000 for earthquake victims of Baluchistan

The Pakistan Welfare Forum (PWF) recently convened a fund-raising campaign at the Embassy auditorium aimed at helping people affected by earthquake in Baluchistan. The meeting was presided over by Malik M Farooq, Head of Chancery Pakistan Embassy.

Speaking on the occasion, Pakistan Welfare Forum President Nadeem A Bashir briefed the audience about the destruction caused in the Baluchistan due to the earthquake, which killed around 850 people and wounded hundreds in Awaran and Khuzdar.

He said that due to this catastrophe more than seven million people are desperately looking for shelter, food and medicines.

While reiterating the generous contribution made earlier by expatriate Pakistanis in Qatar following the floods of 2010, Nadeem Bashir persuaded the participants to extend assistance wholeheartedly as seen previously to provide relief to the distressed and displaced people of Baluchistan.

Malik Farooq, Head of Chancery Embassy of Pakistan appreciated the role of Pakistan Welfare Forum, which he said is doing a tremendous job whether it is education for under privileged students, social and medical assistance for the needy or contributing in natural disasters such as helping flood victims of Pakistan in the form of relief activities as well as reconstruction of houses in Pakistan.

Mohamed Idrees Anwar, a founding member of the forum, said the earthquake victim’s needs our support and it is our moral, religious and social responsibility to contribute the maximum.

Subsequent to the call for fund generation, the response of community members was positive and PWF generated QR120,000 as donations from the participants.

Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Ltd. (Oxy Qatar) held a dinner event at the IDAM restaurant to celebrate the achievements of Oxy Qatar and the beneficiaries of its recent social responsibility projects. Steve Kelly, President and General Manager of Oxy Qatar said: “It is an honour to be among so many people who are dedicated to improving all aspects of life in Qatar. The projects we have worked on together have benefited residents in Qatar in significant ways. Although funding is important to these efforts, true success hinges on the dedication and determination of the people in this room who have committed themselves to improving the quality of life for residents of this country. We look forward to continuing these partnerships and supporting further advancements for Qatar in the future.”

Al Jaber opticians together with Hamad Medical Hospital staff conducted free vision test for children and adults. The test was headed by Dr Renol M Koshy and around 450 children and 250 adults benefited from the event. They were checked by licensed and professional optometrist from Al Jaber Opticians and eye specialist from Hamad Medical Hospital.
Swarovski showcased their new Fall/Winter 2013/2014 ‘Secret Treasures’ collection during the opening of their new boutique at Lagoona Mall.

The collection was inspired by the Silk Road and built around four locations, each of which holds treasures of tradition and beauty.

“As I was strongly influenced by my travels to Asia, China, the Himalayas, and India, I have a special connection with the inspiration of this collection. True admirers of the ornamentalist, explorer, writer, and adventurer, Alexandra David Neel, I imagined such a journey across continents and mountains transposed in today’s times,” explained Creative Director Natalie Colin.

Giordano unveils Fall Collection

Giordano has rolled out across its 258 stores a new collection that will allow customers to create plenty of looks during the cooler months of October and November.

The new collection essays lively colours to brighten up the outdoor Autumn look, passionately created to enhance styling in the colder months. New styles allow the creation of co-ordinated looks, highlighted by bold and edgy pieces for both men and women.

“With the new 2013 Fall Collection, Giordano answers the need for everyday wardrobe essentials while providing variety and best seasonal fashion quality ensemble,” said Ishwar Chaudani, Managing Director of Giordano Middle East and Executive Director of Giordano International.

In an attempt to recreate the Indian and East Asian atmosphere, which the Fall Winter 2013/14 Collection is inspired from, vibrant rich colours such as orange, magenta and red enhanced the décor of the Swarovski Boutique.

An Indian band singing traditional songs added to the ambience.

The Swarovski boutique launch in Lagoona mall was also an occasion for the guests to view the latest Swarovski trends such as cuffs, mix and match of many bangles and maxi earrings, which are currently on the fashion runaways.

The new boutique also showcased the latest collaboration between Swarovski and French-Tunisian Artist Shourouk.

Four Seasons gets new general manager

Rami Sayess (pictured), will assume a new senior role effective mid-November 2013, as Regional Vice President for Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts and General Manager of Four Seasons Hotel Doha. Building on an eight-year tenure with Four Seasons, Sayess will make the transition from his current position as Regional Vice President and General Manager of Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok, Thailand, where the company manages four properties.
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However, drug combinations are expected to be critical to its success as oncologists will need to block cancer cells on several fronts at once.

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CCRF5 inhibitors are one such option, given the encouraging signals from pre-clinical research. As these drugs have already been studied in HIV, their development could be relatively rapid.

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Mickey Virus: Cool, crisp and quirky

By Subhash K Jha

“Katy is a cat fanatic. She absolutely adores them. She was talking about her cat and suddenly mentioned they had found a jersey with the word ‘furry’ written on it. ‘Furry is so cute and so adorable’, she said. ‘I just love them.’”

The actress’ glum mood was turned into a cheerful one when her manager told her that he had found a new cat. “That’s wonderful news!” Katy exclaimed.

The director of Mickey Virus, Saurabh Varma, has a penchant for making films that are as quirky as the lead character. “I wanted to make a film that was as unique as Mickey,” he said. “I wanted to make a film that would appeal to the youth.”

The film is set in a small town where a group of teenagers are trying to start a music band. The leader of the group is played by Manish Paul, who is known for his honest and straightforward acting. “I wanted to give Manish a character that was different from his usual roles,” said the director. “I wanted to give him a chance to showcase his acting skills.”

The film is a mix of comedy, drama, and romance. “I wanted to make a film that would appeal to all age groups,” said the director. “I wanted to make a film that would make people laugh and be entertained.”

The film has been praised for its performances, especially by Manish Paul. “Manish’s performance is outstanding,” said the director. “He has given a remarkable performance in the film.”

The film is scheduled to release on November 7. “I am excited about the release of the film,” said the director. “I am sure people will enjoy the film.”

The film is produced by a well-known production company. “I am happy to be associated with this production company,” said the director. “I am sure the film will be a hit.”

The film is expected to do well at the box office. “I am looking forward to the success of the film,” said the director. “I am sure people will enjoy the film.”

The film is a must-watch for all music lovers. “I am sure people will enjoy the music in the film,” said the director. “The music is as good as the film.”

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Rare hybrid solar eclipse excites astronomers

A rare hybrid eclipse takes place on November 3 when the Moon passes directly across the Sun, producing a fleeting annular eclipse along the U.S. east coast, followed by a total eclipse across the Atlantic and central Africa.

Greatest total eclipse: Occurs at 12:47:36 GMT, lasts for 1 minute and 39 seconds. Path width: 57km.

Never look directly at eclipse with naked eye, binoculars, cameras or telescopes without specialized solar filters.

Hybrid eclipse occurs when, due to curvature of Earth’s surface, it appears as total eclipse in some locations, and annular eclipse in others.

Source: NASA
Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, the glamorous wife of the leader of the free world, who was shot and lay dying in his arms, was for 33 years almost certainly the most famous woman on Earth. Yet after 1964, she never wrote or spoke publicly about her 10-year marriage to JFK, let alone the rest of her life. An avalanche of books, biography, and access to her papers, have reduced some of the mystery surrounding her but have inevitably left us with myths about Jackie Kennedy that are widely believed to this day.

1. **She grew up an heiress.**

Certainly she was born to a wealthy family and had a privileged upbringing. Her father, John V Bouvier III, was an investment banking scion, and her mother, Janet Lee, was the daughter of a construction tycoon who built some of the most distinguished apartment houses on Park Avenue in New York. But her father lost most of his money in the Great Depression, her parents divorced bitterly, and she later said that when she was in boarding school, she was sometimes nervous that her father would not be able to pay her tuition bills.

When her mother married the Standard Oil heir Hugh D Auchincloss Jr, his largesse did not extend to Jacqueline and her sister. So when, after graduating from George Washington University in 1951, Jackie took a job as the “Inquiring Camera Girl” for the Washington Times-Herald, she did it because she needed the salary.

2. **As first lady, she was a stranger to hard work.**

As Lady Bird Johnson, the wife of JFK’s vice president, said, Jackie “was a worker, which I don’t think was always quite recognised.” Her restoration of the White House was not some minor exercise in redecoration. When she toured the mansion after JFK’s election in 1960, she was astonished to find that the state rooms looked like the lobby of a prosaic Statler Hotel, which to her meant dreariness. That was not an accident; after the White House was gutted and rebuilt with an interior steel frame during Harry Truman’s second term, Truman had saved money by having the New York department store B Altman furnish the mansion’s main floor.

Jackie was appalled that there were so few artefacts, paintings or pieces of furniture rooted in American history. She took it upon herself to raise private money, recruit scholars and search for such objects that would constitute a permanent White House collection. Within a year, this was sufficiently underway. In February 1962, she was able to stage her famous televised tour of the state floor of the mansion in its new incarnation, which, for the most part, was similar to how it looks today. During that TV show, she said she was trying to improve the way “the presidency is presented to the world.”

At the same time, she had Air Force One’s exterior redesigned, turned the Oval Office into something more resembling a living room and transformed the rituals for South Lawn arrival ceremonies and state dinners, all of which survive almost intact 50 years later. As a young woman, Jackie once puckishly wrote that her aim was to be the “art director of the twentieth century.” She succeeded in performing that role for her husband’s presidency.

3. **She had little interest in JFK’s political life.**

Jacqueline Kennedy was no Eleanor Roosevelt or Hillary Rodham Clinton in terms of advising her husband on policy. Before JFK’s election, she startled reporters by confessing that she did not know the date of the presidential inauguration, and when asked what might be a suitable venue for the next Democratic convention, she said, “Acapulco.” But she wasn’t clueless about her husband’s line of work.

She was first lady in a time — which has not quite ended — when many Americans were put off if a president’s wife seemed too involved in his political career. In almost every presidential marriage you will find a first lady who, while she serves, insists that all politics is left to the president — but when viewed in history, she turns out to have been a significant influence on that presidency. Jackie is no exception.

The first lady’s oral history for the Kennedy Library, sealed until 2011, reveals her opinions on virtually every major figure of JFK’s administration and makes it quite clear that she shared them with her husband. Although she does not say that explicitly, the historian who reads these comments closely will note that the men and women Jackie praises, such as Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and national security adviser McGeorge Bundy, tended to be promoted or given more power by President Kennedy. And those she disdains, such as Secretary of State Dean Rusk, tended to languish.

Had someone else been JFK’s first lady, some of the most important personnel decisions during that presidency might have been different.

4. **In the three decades after November 1963, she managed to get beyond the Dallas tragedy.**

Alas, it’s more likely that she never did. After she left the White House, a fortnight after the assassination, she asked her Secret Service drivers to avoid routes that might cause her to glimpse the mansion, even at a distance. She visited again only once after 1963: She agreed to a secret, unphotographed visit with her children after 1963: She agreed to a secret, unphotographed visit with her children after 1963: She agreed to a secret, unphotographed visit with her children after 1963: She agreed to a secret, unphotographed visit with her children after 1963: She agreed to a secret, unphotographed visit with her children after 1963: She agreed to a secret, unphotographed visit with her children after 1963: She agreed to a secret, unphotographed visit with her children. After she died, her son John wrote to Clinton: “Since she left Washington I believe she resisted ever connecting with it emotionally — or the institutional demands of being a former First Lady. It had much to do with the memories stirred and her desires to resist being cast in a lifelong role that didn’t quite fit.”

5. **She remained a woman of the early-1960s, pre-feminist era.**

Sure, in the oral history she gave in 1964, Jackie Kennedy says that women should not go into politics because they are “too emotional” and that in the “best” marriages, wives are subordinate to husbands. But, like millions of American women, she changed emphatically.

After the death of her second husband, Aristotle Onassis, in 1975, she got a job as a New York book editor at Viking and then Doubleday, publishing works of art, history and memoir, and was known to most of her authors as a genuine, hands-on colleague who performed the kind of assiduous line-editing that, even in the 1990s, was growing scarce.

She lived through and reflected a crucial period in US history in which women moved into the mainstream of American professional life and redefined their roles.
Microsoft's Windows 8 and Surface tablet computers haven't exactly been roaring successes. Personal computer sales have slumped industriewide since the new operating system was released a year ago, while the company had to take a $900m charge in July to account for unsold Surfaces.

Now it's trying again, with revised software and new versions of the two Surface models. All are notably improved, though not really enough to change many minds.

From the beginning, Windows 8 has suffered from schizophrenia. The Start screen, with its big, colourful tiles designed to bring Windows into the era of touch-friendly tablets, isn't a good fit for running programs from the more traditional desktop, where most productive work actually takes place.

There are two versions of some applications, like Internet Explorer, while others will run in one environment but not in the other.

Provided as a free download, Windows 8.1 introduces a few welcome tweaks that make moving back and forth a little less jarring.

One is the return of the familiar Start button on the desktop. Pressing and holding it brings up a menu of tasks you can perform directly — including, saints be praised, shutting down the computer.

It isn't as flexible as the menu in Windows 7 — there's no way to add shortcuts to often-used programs, for instance — but it addresses a common complaint of non-touch-screen users and people who do most of their work in desktop applications.

You can, if you locate the deeply buried setting, now order the operating system to launch directly into desktop mode. And you can choose the same background for both it and the tile interface — seemingly a small thing that subtly reduces the discombobulation.

Windows 8.1 also incorporates a host of enhancements that add flexibility and address previous user pain points. You can play with the size of the tiles on the Start screen, for instance, and — depending on your computer's size and resolution — display four apps running side by side in adjustable windows. The search functionality has been improved, and there's deeper integration with Microsoft's SkyDrive for storing your documents and data online.

The changes are for the most part good ones. They simply don't come close to addressing the underlying problems.

The changes to the Surface tablets are also welcome but similarly modest. Far and away the most important one is under the hood of the Surface Pro 2, the full-fledged Windows PC version: the inclusion of Intel's newest microprocessors, dubbed "Haswell." These chips, which debuted on the most recent version of Apple's MacBook Air, provide much better power management than previous generations.

The impact of the new chips plus a bigger battery is readily apparent. I used barely half the power on a four-plus-hour flight between San Francisco and Atlanta, even with the screen brightness cranked up and the inflight Wi-Fi going constantly. I could get eight hours between charges without using the power-saving mode or taking any extra steps to conserve battery life. By contrast, it took heroic efforts to coax more than five hours from its predecessor.

The new Surface, which starts at $449 for a model with 32 GB of storage, physically resembles the Surface Pro 2, especially since its screen has been upgraded to the same resolution.

But it's thinner, lighter — 1.5 pounds — and doesn't have an Intel microprocessor. Instead, its brain is an Nvidia Tegra of the kind most often found in tablets and smartphones.

As a result, it doesn't run the millions of programs written for earlier versions of Windows, just the far smaller number — Microsoft says about 110,000 — written specifically for the tile interface.

It does have one major asset: a full, built-in version of Microsoft Office that for the first time includes Outlook for e-mail and calendaring. Of course, to take full advantage of Office you'll need either the Type Cover or the $120, pressure-sensitive Touch Cover 2.

I generally liked the previous Surface for lightweight productivity tasks, and generally like this one too. That said, the first one was a flop and there's little here to make users revise their opinions.

### Apps for the day

#### Tick

Being ultra-organized just got more fun. Designed specifically for devices running Apple's latest iOS 7, Tick is trying to add some colour to your daily life with a nearly fluorescent palette for its lists and little animations to help you celebrate kicking something off your list.

The colours and icons are very customizable, but apart from looks and the ability to share lists over Apple’s AirDrop feature, there isn’t a whole lot that sets this to-do app apart from the pack. Still, if you’re one of those people who like to make lists and might enjoy checking them off while you’re at it, you might enjoy Tick. The app is currently half price to celebrate its launch, so those interested in picking it up should do so quickly. 99 cents, for iOS devices.

#### Todoist

Access your task list across platforms. Are you on a Mac at home but a PC at work? In a cross-platform family? Plenty of to-do list apps work on one platform or another, but Todoist literally takes it up to 11. The service - even the free version - has apps that work with Android phones and tablets, the iPhone and iPad, Macs, PCs, Chrome, Firefox, Outlook and Thunderbird. (For those counting, the Web is also an option.) Users can organize their to-do lists by project, and completing one on one device should carry through to all the others. Other simple but important features such as offline access are also a plus. Paying a $29 per year fee will get you premium features such as the ability to add tasks over email or receive reminders about certain to-dos. But the free version should work just fine for anyone just trying to manage their live across a whole universe of gadgets. Free, with $29/year premium option, for iOS, Android, Mac and PC.
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### In the Hotel

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### ALL IN THE MIND

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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ARTUR, BAMBI, BARNEY RUBBLE, BETTY BOOP, BUGS BUNNY, CHARLIE BROWN, DAFFY DUCK, DONALD DUCK, DUMBO, EYYORE, ELMER FUDD, FEZI THE CAT, FRED FLINTSTONE, GARFIELD, GOOFY, MICKEY MOUSE, MIGHTY MOUSE, MR MAGOO, Pluto, Popeye, Porky Pig, Road Runner, Scooby-Doo, Snoopy, SYLVESTER, THE SIMPSONS, Tigger, Tom and Jerry, Top Cat, Tweety, Winnie the Pooh.
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How to play Kakuro:
The kakuro grid, unlike in sudoku, can be of any size. It has rows and columns, and dark cells like in a crossword. And, just like in a crossword, some of the dark cells will contain numbers. Some cells will contain two numbers. However, in a crossword the numbers reference clues. In a kakuro, the numbers are all you get! They denote the total of the digits in the row or column referenced by the number. Within each collection of cells - called a run - any of the numbers 1 to 9 may be used, but, like sudoku, each number may only be used once.

How to play Easy Sudoku:
Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains all the digits 1 to 9.
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- **RISE**
  - 6:00 – 7:00 AM
  - A time of reflection, a deeper understanding of the teachings of Islam.

- **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**
  - 1:00 PM
  - The latest news and events from around the world.

- **DRIVE**
  - 3:00 – 4:00 PM
  - A daily afternoon show broadcast at peak travel time. Today’s feature focuses on monsoon, what’s showing in cinemas and upcoming must-sees with Amir Ghonim from the Doha Film Institute.

- **LEGENDARY ARTISTS**
  - 10:00 – 11:00 AM
  - The show tells the story of a celebrity artist that has reached unprecedented fame. Throughout the episode the artists’ memorable performances/songs will be played to put listeners in the mood.

- **FASHION**
  - 12:00 – 1:00 PM
  - A weekly show hosted and produced by Laura Frisnay. The show brings together the latest fashion trends along with exciting interviews with local and international designers.

- **INNOVATIONS**
  - 7:00 – 8:00 PM
  - A weekly show hosted and produced by Scott Bogos. The show talks about all the newest and exciting advancements in the world of science and technology.
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He was appointed in the current position in December 2011. He was the Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Planning with a status of an undersecretary. He started his career in Urban Planning Department at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture in 1984. He has a Master’s degree in development planning from London University, UK.

Who’s who

IN FOCUS by Akhil Thomas

Torch Tower and Aspire dome on a moonlit night.

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Events in Qatar

Relics — Damien Hirst
When: Until Jan 22; Sun-Wed: 10:30am–5:30pm; Tuesday Closed
Where: Al Riwaq Exhibition Space
What: The most comprehensive survey of Damien Hirst’s work ever shown and his first solo exhibition in the Middle East.
Free Entry

Exhibition by Rhys Himsworth
When: Until October 27
Artist Talk on October 22; 7pm
Where: Katara Art Center, Building 5
What: Rhys Himsworth is a British artist based in Doha, and is a faculty member of Virginia Commonwealth University where he heads the Painting & Printmaking program.
Entry: Free, open to all

L’âge d’or — exhibition by Adel Abdessemed
When: October 6 to January 5
Where: Atrium and ground floor of Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art
What: Curated by Pier Luigi Tazzi, the exhibition will showcase recent works, including drawings, paintings, sculptures and videos, many created by Adel Abdessemed.
Entry: Free, open to all

Northern Legacy – Photographic Exhibition
When: Until Nov 19, 2013; 10am-10pm
Where: Katara Gallery 1 - Bldg 13
What: Photographic Exhibition by Harold Crompton Robinson.
Free Entry

Omar Khalifa – “Infinite”
When: Until Dec 15; 10am-10pm
Where: Katara Cultural Village
What: A collection of photographs of pilgrimage in Mecca.
Free Entry

Hajj Exhibition
When: Till Oct 31; 10am-10pm
Where: Gallery 1, Building 19, Katara
What: A collection of photographs of pilgrimage in Mecca.
Free Entry

1st Red Bull Flugtag Qatar
When: November 1, 2013
Where: Museum of Islamic Art Park
What: Red Bull Flugtag, which means “flying day” in German, pushes the envelope of human-powered flight, but competitors need more than airtime to reach the podium. Teams are judged on three criteria: flight distance, creativity of the craft, and showmanship.
Free Entry

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