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**Quote Unquote**

“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”

— Albert Einstein

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**The Addams Family**

**DIRECTION:** Greg Tiernan, Conrad Vernon  
**CAST:** Charlize Theron, Finn Wolfhard, Chloe Grace Moretz  
**SYNOPSIS:** When a man (Christopher Lloyd) claiming to be Fester, the missing brother of Gomez Addams (Raul Julia), arrives at the Addams’ home, the family is thrilled. However, Morticia (Anjelica Huston) begins to suspect the man is a fraud, since he cannot recall details of Fester’s life. With the help of lawyer Tully Alford (Dan Hedaya), Fester manages to get the Addams clan evicted from their home. Gomez realises the two men are conspiring to swindle the Addams fortune and that he must challenge Fester.  
**THEATRES:** Royal Plaza, Landmark, The Mall

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**Unforgettable**

**DIRECTION:** Perci M Intalan  
**CAST:** Sarah Geronimo, Kim Molina, Gina Pareño  
**SYNOPSIS:** Jasmine takes her newfound doggy friend Happy on a long journey. The two walk an incredible distance, face all kinds of challenges, run into many strangers and help them along the way.  
**THEATRES:** Royal Plaza

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Gems and Jewels Exhibition
**WHERE:** Museum of Islamic Art  
**WHEN:** Ongoing till January 18  
**TIME:** 9am onwards  
The exhibition comes in celebration of the 2019 Year of Culture Qatar-India and presents a look at magnificent gems and jewellery from India. Set in Stone: Gems and Jewels from Royal Indian Courts showcases more than 100 pieces from across Qatar Museums’ (QM) collections, including many masterpieces that have never been displayed before.

**Photo Exhibition: ‘Experience Tanzania’**
**WHERE:** Multaqa (Student Center) Art Gallery at Education City  
**WHEN:** Ongoing until December 1  
**TIME:** 4pm  
‘Experience Tanzania’ is a yearly project supported by Student Affairs Division of Weill Cornell Medicine–Qatar that allows students and faculty to explore and immerse themselves in Tanzanian urban and rural cultures. During their trip, WCM-Q’s aspiring physicians offer basic healthcare services to the locals as a way of giving back to the community and learn about the lifestyles, traditions, socioeconomic hierarchies and health systems of the local Tanzanian communities. A collection of photographs of the wildlife, landscapes and people of Tanzania taken by WCM-Q professor Dr Dietrich Büselberg will be exhibited.

**Career Guidance**
**WHERE:** Right Track Consultants, Al Sadd  
**WHEN:** Sunday – Thursday  
**TIME:** 6pm – 8pm  
Career guidance for course, country, college and entrance for students of Grade IX-XII, of all curriculum. Career assessments administered for stream preference, career test, branch preference, personality, multiple intelligence and learning styles and productivity. For more information, 55448835.

**Qatar International Art Festival 2019**
**WHERE:** Katara Cultural Village  
**WHEN:** Ongoing till November 5  
**TIME:** 10am - 10pm  
The festival offers other benefits to participants, including the promotion of their work, interaction with print, electronic, digital, and social media, interaction with selected art collectors, art investors, and potential buyers. QIAF, one of the largest art festivals in Qatar, is organised every year. For further details, info@mapsqatar.com, qiaf.maps@gmail.com

**Artistic Gymnastic Classes**
**WHERE:** Qatar Academy Msheireb  
**WHEN:** Ongoing  
**TIME:** 3:15pm – 4:15pm  
The olympic sport using horizontal bar, rings and floor exercises on mats for the children from age 4 till 16.

**Ballet Lessons**
**WHERE:** Music and Arts Atelier  
**WHEN:** Ongoing  
**TIME:** 4pm – 8pm  
For more info e-mail at registration@atelierqatar.com or call on 33003839.

**After School Activities**
**WHERE:** Atelier  
**WHEN:** Ongoing  
Music and arts activities for students taking place after they finish their day in school includes Group Music lessons, Hip-hop, Ballet, Drawing and Painting, Drama Theatre & Taekwondo. Ages between 5 and 10 years old after school hours.

**Hobby Classes**
**WHERE:** Mamangam Performing Art Centre  
**WHEN:** Saturday – Friday  
Mamangam is an art and performance centre started with a vision of spreading our knowledge, interests and experience in various disciplines in arts across different countries for children and adults. Mamangam has become the favourite centre for learning. We offer regular classes in the following disciplines like traditional classical and folk dance forms, art and craft, drawing and painting, personality development and public speaking, Bollywood dance, contemporary, hip hop styles, music both vocals and instrumentals. To develop health consciousness, we train them karate, yoga with special sessions for kids and adults. Mamangam has also come up with chess and robotics in regular batches in an attempt to give a better learning experience, as they sharpen their minds and brains too. For those who wish to register for more details, visit www.mamangamqatar.in

**Shape your Leadership**
**WHERE:** HEC Paris, Doha Campus  
**WHEN:** November 10-11  
**TIME:** 9am onwards  
HEC Paris in Qatar offers ‘Shape your Leadership’ Executive Short Programme with HEC Paris Associate Professor ‘Valérie Gauthier’.
This two-day programme is designed to help participants grow self-awareness and self-confidence and to learn to build trust as a team leader. It will also enable participants to have a positive influence over their surroundings and to develop strong leadership.

*Compiled by Nausheen Shaikh. E-mail: gtlisting@gmail.com, Events and timings subject to change*
“Qatar will become a hub of university education excellence”
— Brian Buckley, Principal of AFG College with the University of Aberdeen in Qatar

In fact, 72 percent of our students are Qatari nationals. Over 50 percent of our students are female. We have over 18 different nationalities of students. We really are international
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By Mudassir Raja

It is all about choices. If you want an American university education, you can access that in Qatar Foundation. If you want a traditional and established university education with the choice of studying in Arabic with key disciplines you can have it in Qatar.

But what wasn’t there is a mainstream British university education. Yes, there is a choice but you have to travel to the UK. There is a huge demand for students who actually want to stay in their own country and study for prestigious old school university degrees such as that from the University of Aberdeen.

Brian Buckley, Principal of AFG College with the University of Aberdeen in Qatar, believes the university provides a choice to students who want to pursue higher education in a British university. “What we are doing is not that we are necessarily creating the demand or reducing the demand in other institutions. We are complimenting what is already here and we are offering a choice.”
He said this in response to a question about what distinction the university offered to students in Qatar. He was recently interviewed by Community about the institution’s educational mission and future plans.

AFC College is a unique partnership between Al Faleh Group for Educational and Academic Services (AFC) and the University of Aberdeen Scotland which opened its doors to undergraduate students in September 2017.

“For example, a young female student, who may not be able to travel overseas, now has the option to study for the degree and achieve the same award while staying with her family,” said Brian, adding that there were many people who cannot go to the UK for studies. They can do so in Qatar.

Elaborating the uniqueness of the University of Aberdeen, Brian, who has over 20 years of higher education experience, said: “The Aberdeen is considered an institution that sits technically within the top one percent of universities. Its business school with the programmes it offers has increased its ranking internationally and nationally. It is one of the oldest universities – established in 1495! It is a university – unlike many other high quality established universities – that is open to all. It practices wide need access. It is not elitist.”

In Qatar, AFC College with the University of Aberdeen will be developed in two phases. Phase one is currently offering two undergraduate degrees: Business Management and Accountancy & Finance and two postgraduate degrees: Master of Business Administration (MBA) and MSc International Business Management.

Phase two is the establishment of a large purpose built university campus offering engineering, education, medical science and social science degrees. This new campus will be opening its doors in September 2021 with a student capacity of over 4,000.

“I have been very much involved in the initial idea and development of the college under the leadership of Dr Sheikha Aisha bint Fahel bin Nasser al-Thani, who is the chairperson of the institution. We had a discussion about how we can bring together high quality education to support Qatar’s national vision from the UK. British higher education is still considered one of the best in the world. There is also a close affinity between Qatar and the UK. So, I supported Dr Sheikha Aisha’s vision to identify a suitable university. This was the development that took five or six years,” said Brian, who has master degrees in business administration and European politics.

The college campus has a capacity of about 900 students. “We launched with 137 students in both programmes. In the second year, we enrolled 250 undergraduate students. Our reputation was building very quickly in the country. We then launched two post graduate degrees in 2018, an MBA and MSc in International Business Management. We now have 195 students in these programmes. They are oversubscribed. Each of these programmes have previously been submitted to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education for approval. So, we went through a very rigorous quality oversight process with the ministry.”

“We have 80 students who graduate in Qatar on November 4 (tomorrow), half of which are over postgraduate students. We are launching a new degree – masters in law – subject to final approval from the ministry. We are hoping to have a soft launch of the programme in February 2020,” the principal said.

Technically, the university is the first from the UK to come to Qatar outside Qatar Foundation. “There will be more universities to follow. We are looking forward to that. We believe the more availability of quality higher education from the UK, the more choice there will be for students. It will also raise the profile of Qatar. Education is going to be a significant contributor to the national economy. We want to support the Qatar 2030 National Vision pillar in terms of knowledge economy, education and empowerment of Qatari nationals and residents. In fact, 72 percent of our students are Qatari nationals. Over 50 percent of our students are female. We have over 18 different nationalities of students. We really are international. In the second phase, we will look to attract students from outside Qatar. The country will become a hub of university education excellence,” said Brian, who takes personal interest in international relations.

The university has worked very closely to ensure that there is a right balance between the learning environment and the cultural environment of Qatar. “For example, we make sure that we have the highest standards of education, faculty, services, and facilities. We also have separate prayer rooms for males and females here. We also have separate gymnasiums. We ensure that there is time for students who want to pray. We make sure our examinations and assessments to the best of our abilities do not interfere with the religious festivals that we celebrate here.”

“The students have chosen the University of Aberdeen because of its history, because of its reputation and because of its quality of education. What we have found is that our students want more Scotland than we actually think. So, we celebrate Scottish events. We also celebrate the festivals that Qatar has to offer. It is actually a partnership between the British education and Qatar” – Brian Buckley.
IBPC organises seminar for women’s wing members

The Indian Businessmen and Professionals Council (IBPC), working under the patronage of the Embassy of India, recently organised a special speaker series for the members of its women’s wing at Radisson Blu Hotel. Emma Higham and Dr. Jagjeet Kaur spoke about ‘Legal and health Awareness’ on the occasion. Ritu Kumaran, wife of the ambassador of India, was the chief guest on the occasion.

Azim Abbas, President of IBPC, welcomed the gathering and highlighted how IBPC would help achieve a long term goal of benefitting both the Indian and Qatari business community with wider participation of women from the Indian community. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest said that the forum’s objective is to provide networking opportunities to Indian women who are in business or profession, and to organise informative and educative seminars to its members to help them in their business or in their profession.

Emma Higham, lawyer and partner in one of the leading international law firm in Qatar Clyde & Co provided an overview of various laws in Qatar with specific focus on doing business in Qatar and employment laws. Dr. Jagjeet Kaur, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at KIMS Medical Centre, enlightened the audience on various issues which women face after the age of 40, mostly due to their lifestyle, and what they can do to protect themselves from some of these health issues and challenges. She also shared various myths about cancer and what are the dos and dont’s.

The event was sponsored by KIMS Qatar Medical Centre and was represented by Vinu Vincent. The event was hosted by Ushas Andrews, Head Co-ordinator at IBPC Women’s Wing. Gopal Balasubramaniam, IBPC Head of Finance, proposed a vote of thanks. Nishad Azeem, IBPC Head of Corporate Affairs, also attended the event.

ICC set to organise 3rd Inter Community Table Tennis Tournament

Indian Sports Centre (ICC), in association with Qatar Table Tennis Association (QTTA), recently announced the dates for 3rd Inter Community Table Tennis Tournament to be held on November 28 and 29 at Qatar Table Tennis Training Centre. The tournament details were released by Nilangshu Dey, President of Indian Sports Centre; Ziad, Technical Director at QTTA; Habibun Nabi, General Secretary at ICC; and Arun Kumar, Secretary – Indoor games and Table Tennis at ICC.

This year the tournament will feature various categories, including individual singles for Boys and Girls, under 18; Men and Women, between 19 to 40; and Men and Women, above 40. In addition, the tournament will be featuring team championship consisting of two singles and one doubles in all the categories between various communities.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS: The students of Senior Girls Section at Noor Al Khaleej International School (NAKIS) recently organised an event as a part of breast cancer awareness campaign. Manar Tariq, Head Girl at NAKIS, conducted the event. The students were dressed in pink and took part in poster making competition. Naqvi, Principal at NAKIS, encouraged the students on the continuous awareness of cancer.
AMUAAQ marks the 202nd birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan

The Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association Qatar (AMUAAQ) recently organised an event to mark the 202nd birth anniversary of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan at Sheraton Grand Doha Resort and Convention Hotel. Jawed Ahmad, President of AMUAAQ, presided over the event. Mohammed bin Ahmed bin Twar, First Vice-Chairman of Qatar Chamber, along with Nagma, Senior Congress Leader and former Bollywood actress, were the chief guests on the occasion. M S Bukhari attended the event as the Chief Patron of AMUAAQ.

The guests of honour, included Dr Khalid al-Ali, Director Ministry of Education Qatar; Hassan Khanal, Charge de affairs at the embassy of Nepal, and Saliman Nizami, Congress leader, India.

The event was attended by notable personalities, including Salim Pathan, A R Sanaullah, Satyendra Pathak, from Qatar Tribune; Munirzeh Hussain, Guza Fazil, Nilainguphi Dev, President of EC, Manikantan, President of ICC; PN Baburaj, President of ICBF; Avinash, from ICBF; Bahuddin Khan, Vice-President HSBC; Najmu Hassan, President of Alumni JMI; Ahmad Ashfaq, from Bazm E Urdu; Shahabuddin Ahmad, from Bazm E Sadiq; Wasi Bastia, from ICC; Wasimuddin Ahmad, President of Alumni JMI; Dr Nadeem Zafar Jilani and Ghazala Jilani for their daughter Rumaisa for their contributions towards education. Dr Syed Jaffery, Adviser to AMUAAQ, conducted a quiz competition highlighting the mission, life and achievements of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan. International Educational Excellence award for exceptional parenting was awarded to Dr Nadeem Zafar Jilani and Ghazala Jilani for their daughter Rumaisa for her outstanding academic performance and getting admission in medicine in Oxford University. M S Bukhari was presented with a life time achievement award. Zeyaul Haque, General Secretary at AMUAAQ, proposed a vote of thanks.

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Various notable community leaders, including Raj Regmi Middl, East Youth Co-ordinator of Non Resident Nepali International Co-ordination Committee; T B Karki, Adviser Non Resident Nepali Association International Co-ordination Committee; K B Hamal, member of NRNA ICC; Chirak Pokharel, President of Nepali Overseas Forum Qatar; Dev Panyar, Dambar Bahadur Liwang, Ek Raj Rai, Karim Baks Mya, Uber Alam, Chudamani Karki, Samir K C, Bikash Bhujiel; Ram Hari Gaire, Sagar Poudel, Tek Raj Thappa, Bhawani Koirala, Shakti Chhetri and Sita Ram Thappa spoke on the occasion.

The event was chaired by Mohamed Muktada Musalman, President of NRNA NCC. Santa Bhandari, Female Vice President of NRNA NCC, welcomed the gathering. The event was hosted by Padam Giri, General Secretary of NRNA NCC.
**New Land Rover Defender: redefining breadth of capability**

The lightweight all-aluminium monocoque construction of the new D7x architecture delivers the stiffest Land Rover body ever created, with a torsional rigidity of 239 Nm/Degree - making it three times more rigid than traditional body-on-frame designs, stated a press release. These strong foundations provide the perfect basis for the all-independent suspension, twin-speed transfer box and permanent all-wheel drive. Configurable Terrain Response makes its debut in new Defender, allowing drivers to fine-tune the set up of the vehicle to suit the precise off-road conditions like never before. The Terrain Response 2 system also includes a new Wade programme to provide the ultimate reassurance when driving through water by optimising all of the vehicle systems accordingly.

Nick Rogers, Executive Director of Product Engineering at Jaguar Land Rover, said, "We've embraced Defender’s stunning capability and minimalist, functional interior to reinvent the icon for the 21st century. New Defender gives us the licence to do things differently, to push the boundaries and do the unthinkable, without ever losing the character and authenticity of the original. From the start we had an absolute obsession with functionality beneath the skin, from choosing the right materials through to state-of-the-art connectivity. The result is not only the most capable Land Rover ever made, but also a truly comfortable, modern vehicle that people will love to drive."

**Strong and tough body structure**

To retain the famous Defender silhouette, accommodate a family of body designs and support the latest range of electrified powertrains, Land Rover developed the new all-aluminium D7x platform. It has the unique combination of practicality, flexibility and capability expected from a 4x4 wearing the Defender name and doesn’t share a single body in white panel with another Land Rover model. This commitment to engineering integrity means the Defender has its own line in body assembly at the new manufacturing facility in Nitra, Slovakia.

Raising the position of the body by 20mm compared to Land Rover’s existing range of large SUVs and relocating elements including the battery and cooling circuits, has enabled Land Rover’s engineers to deliver ultra-short front and rear overhangs, which guarantee impressive approach and departure angles of 36 and 40 degrees respectively. With a wheelbase of 3,022mm (99in) longer than a Discovery, the 110 has a breakover angle of 26 degrees (31 degrees for the 90) ensuring excellent off-road geometry.

**Sophisticated chassis**

The monocoque body construction developed for new Defender is the stiffest aluminium body Land Rover has ever produced and able to withstand 65 tonnes snatch load through the recovery points. This strong, stiff structure provides the perfect foundations for the 4x4’s advanced all-independent chassis. The sophisticated double wishbone front and integral link rear suspension optimises off-road performance while delivering excellent handling dynamics and comes with a choice of passive coil or Electronic Air Suspension.

**Next generation braking performance**

The introduction of air suspension helps to transform the 4x4’s on-road handling and supports its all-terrain capability, providing an off-road ride height lift of 75mm and supreme ride comfort across all surfaces.

Mike Cross, Chief Engineer of Vehicle Integrity at Jaguar Land Rover, said: “We wanted to maintain the analogue, connected driving experience of the past and introduce modern handling and comfort. The old Defender was fun to drive, but flawed. New Defender is fun, but without the flaws. The result is a 4x4 that will put a smile on your face on any terrain and leave you feeling refreshed after a long drive, yet tow up to 3,270kg, carry a dynamic roofload of up to 168kg and wade through water up to 900mm deep.”

**Configurable Terrain Response**

Land Rover has introduced a series of technologies to help deliver the capability customers expect from a Defender, including the latest generation of its patented Terrain Response system. Configurable Terrain Response technology allows drivers to use the touchscreen of the new Pivi Pro infotainment to fine-tune every aspect of the vehicle to suit its precise surroundings. The intelligent Auto functionality of Terrain Response 2 can recognise the surface and configure the vehicle appropriately with no input from the driver. The Defender is also the first Land Rover to feature a Wade programme within the Terrain Response 2 menu. The new setting automatically softens the throttle response, sets the heating and ventilation to recirculate cabin air, locks the driveline and adjusts the ride height to its off-road setting while activating the Wade Sensing screen on the infotainment system. This allows drivers to see the depth of surrounding water and provides ultimate confidence when fording deep water.

**Towing and carrying**

The Defender’s strong body architecture helps customers make more of their world, whether they want to tow heavy loads or carry them, with a comprehensive range of roof racks and tow bar systems and, a maximum towing capacity of 3,270kg. State-of-the-art technologies include Advanced Tow Assist, which takes the stress out of difficult reversing manoeuvres by letting drivers steer trailers with their fingertips using a rotary controller on the central console. New for Defender, the intelligent set-up works with 3D visualisation on the central touchscreen.

**Dusit Doha Hotel launches Thursday Night Seafood and new Friday brunch**

Dusit Doha Hotel has recently launched its Thursday Night Seafood promotion at its international restaurant, Taste. The restaurant has also refreshed its Friday brunch menu, stated a press release.

Available every Thursday from 6:30pm to 10pm, the new seafood buffet features an amazing array of seafood creations from ceviche to sushi, plus a wide range of traditional dishes and a fresh pool-end counter where guests can enjoy their pick of the catch.

A healthy station features mouthwatering options such as Lobster salad with parmesan and aromatic croutons, Caesar dressed prawns Panzanella with tomatoes, sweet or chilli balsamic, and Atokan Crab, shrimp with orange powder, arugula and artichoke.

The ‘Fried & Eat’ zone, meanwhile, features calamari, shrimp tempura and the ever-popular fish and chips, while the ‘Catch of the Day’ station features local prize catches of baby red hammer, red snapper and Sultan Ibrahim.

Makis and Sashimi as well as salmon, tuna, yellowtail and California rolls. At the Ceviche station, Hamachi, tuna carpaccio and sashimi take the honours. Caviar with blinis adds a touch of class at the Blini Station.

Diners can also choose from five imaginative main dishes, including sea bass, pan-seared ham, baked salmon and kingfish filet, rock shrimp and grilled shrimp served with rice and crunchy cooked vegetables.

Rounding off the night are nine impressive selections of ‘Something Sweet’ – including the Middle East’s favourite, Umm Ali.

"As you would expect from a Thai hospitality brand, our chefs have sourced the world for the best of offerings for our Thursday Night promotion, and it’s a magnificent catch for seafood lovers," said Mr Gerhard Stutz, Cluster General Manager at Dusit Doha Hotel and Dusit Hotel & Suites.

Being a sea-facing city and with seafood having a prime place in the local cuisine heritage, it’s appropriate that we reflect these assets with a celebration of local and internationally harvested ocean produce."
88-year-old Empire State Building is ready for the Instagram era

The Empire State Building is nowhere near the tallest building in New York any more, but thanks to a recent revamp of its exhibitions and viewing platforms, it’s still one of the must-visit attractions, writes Christina Horsten.

For four decades, the Empire State Building was New York’s tallest building. Nowadays, the world-famous building looks relatively small against the rest of the skyline. About half a dozen larger skyscrapers have been built in the past few years during New York’s construction boom, with countless more going up higher and higher into the sky. The current title holder is the new World Trade Center in south Manhattan, at roughly 540 metres.

For the 88-year-old, 443-metre-tall Empire State Building, every new skyscraper that goes up means more competition for visitors – especially because many of the new buildings also offer observation platforms that they know exactly how to advertise to visitors.

The World Trade Center, for example, has a multimedia show, while the new Hudson Yards plans to open “the highest outdoor viewing platform in the Western hemisphere,” at 335 metres, in 2020. But now the Empire State Building is striking back.

In October 2019, it reopened its doors after a complete overhaul of its exhibition rooms and platforms. The art deco building in the heart of Manhattan is first and foremost an office building and home to several companies, for example the job-networking online platform LinkedIn. Every day, about 16,000 people go in and out of the Empire State Building for work.

In addition, each year, about 4 million people visit the building, recognisable from countless Hollywood films, bringing in about 132 million dollars to its operator, Empire State Realty Trust.

Before the renovation, visitors loved the breathtaking view from the observation platform, but were not so keen on the dusty old exhibitions in the lower part of the building – or the long queues to the ticket booth and lifts.

“We polled our visitors and everybody has told us that before they come to NYC, they already have a connection [with the Empire State Building]. What they also told us is that they love the brand, they love the building, they love the views, but they weren’t too keen on the queues,” says Jean-Yves Ghazi, head of the viewing deck.

“These exhibits have found a way to actually eliminate the queues and especially fuel the emotional engagement between the visitors and the building,” he adds. “Four, five years ago, we embarked on this exciting project of reimagining the visitor journey, and 165 million dollars later, here we are,” Ghazi says.

These changes help to stop queues from forming, says Tom Hennes, from the Thinc design company behind the renovations.

“Everything is created to help fuel the emotional connection people have with the building before they arrive,” explains Hennes.

The Empire State Building is now ready for the Instagram era. The real star though, the “crown jewel,” says Realty Trust head Anthony Malkin, is of course the observation platforms: An open, square one on the 86th floor, and a closed round one on the 102nd floor, 381 metres above the ground. Both seem far more visitor-friendly after the renovation, with more space and bigger windows.

On the 102nd floor, visitors can get a 360-degree view of New York City through 24 windows, weighing about 200 kilograms each. The revamped observatory is likely to become a must-see, even for jaded natives, declared the New York Times about the changes.

There’s only one flaw, and it’s something that can’t really be solved: One of the most beautiful sights in the city can’t be seen from the observation platform – the Empire State Building itself.

– DPA
The city of lights

Lusail City extends across an area of 38 square kilometres and includes four exclusive islands and 19 multi-purpose residential, mixed use, entertainment and commercial districts. It is a comprehensive arena with leisure spots, residential buildings, commercial towers, avenues and public Marinas.

Lusail City offers a broad range of entertainment venues, some in distinct districts and some integrated within developments. One of its prominent attractions is the Water Feature. A canal runs all the way around the mall and out to sea on both sides, making for a gorgeous open plana experience with cafes and restaurants overlooking the water. There is also the Music’n Light fountain. The central feature of the canal is a lively dancing fountain complemented by laser displays for a spectacular show. We highly recommend that you visit the spectacular Lusail City and enjoy the changing weather of Qatar.

— Photos and text by Shabna Shani
It’s ‘Movember’ time

RAISING AWARENESS: ‘Movember’ is a month-long campaign to raise money and awareness for men’s health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health issues, including depression and suicide.

1. According to Forbes magazine, her net worth is estimated at US$1 billion, making her, at age 21, the world's youngest billionaire as of March 2013, and the youngest self-made billionaire ever. Name this half-sister of the Kardashians. Kylie Jenner.

(Aman Gulati, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha)

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Libra.

Which language has the most amount of alternative words meaning moustache?

Albanian (27 different words for moustache).

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The Times of India.

What is the name of the comic book adventure Astérix returned for his 38th featuring for the first time a female heroine. What is her name?

Adrenaline, the teenage daughter of famous Gaulish king Vercingetorix.

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Wordsearch

BASEMENT  DAMP  SHELTER  BELOW  DANK  SILO  BUNKER

DARK  SUBWAY  CATACOMBS  DEEP  TOMB  CELLAR  DUNGEON

TUNNEL  COLD  MINE  UNDERGROUND  CONCOURSE  SEWER  VAULT

Codeword

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Squares with the same number in have the same letter in. Work out which number represents which letter.

Sudoku

Sudoku is a puzzle based on a 9x9 grid. The grid is also divided into nine 3x3 boxes. You are given a selection of values and to complete the puzzle, you must fill the grid so that every column, every row and every small square is repeated.

Bound And Gagged

The colors are brilliant! The deep reds and pinks and oranges and yellows.

Yes, the foliage is beautiful this year.

Foliage? I'm talking about that girl's hair.
Super Cryptic Clues

Across
1 Follower putting record on new pile (8)
6 Dine in The Athenaeum (3)
9 Fibre from old ropes – or wood – universal material’s origin (5)
10 A symbol of authority must involve respect (7)
11 Attempt to get placed in field event (4,3)
13 Woman’s mealtime prayer (5)
14 Chaperone expected girl back (6)
15 Start to show to advantage (3,3)
18 Alter dance again? (5)
20 Fir cone might come from this sort of tree (7)
21 Two beauty males providing stiff fabric (7)
22 A board game for you and your mates? (5)
23 Affirmative start to yesterday (3)
24 Building material for start of construction on Greek island (8)

Down
2 Tedious smoker I put out (7)
3 Coat turning up in river (3)
4 See Pat exchanging foreign currency (6)
5 Holly, perhaps, always caring for the environment (5)
6 Out of context, rather more (5)
7 Trees oft hewn in Hants? (3,3,6)
8 Have boys in cradle changed much? (12)
12 Eulogy upsetting gay prince (9)
16 Unconventional - like retired policeman? (7)
17 Man with cue, getting break, displays keen perception (6)
19 Devices for lifting cards? (5)
22 Vehicle beginning to cross a river (3)

Answers

Yesterday’s Solutions

Wordsearch

Codeword
Heavy smoking causes faces to look older: Study

Smoker’s Face — a condition where smokers look older than they are, is just one of many negative effects caused by heavy tobacco usage, researchers have warned.

“We searched across thousands of traits to identify those that may be affected by how heavily someone smokes. As well as identifying several known adverse effects such as on lung health, we also identified an adverse effect of heavier smoking on facial ageing,” said study author Louise Millard from the University of Bristol in UK.

According to the study, published in the journal PLOS Genetics, some people carry one or two copies of a genetic variant that is associated with heavier tobacco use.

To simultaneously identify these two types of effects, the researchers used a novel combination of two data analysis approaches and applied them using data from people in the UK Biobank.

They separated people into two groups. The first contained people who had never smoked, and the second included current and former smokers.

The analysis searched across 18,000 traits and apart from the known adverse effects such as on lung health, they also identified rapid facial ageing, also identified several previously reported effects of smoking, confirming the method’s effectiveness.

The known effects of smoking that the analysis identified included worse lung function, and higher risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and skin cancer.

Besides emphasising smoking’s many dangers, the study also serves as proof of principle that these data analysis tools can be used to identify effects of other exposures of interest, such as alcohol intake. – IANS

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**ARIES**
March 21 – April 19

You might have to work just a little harder to make money now. This might involve putting in extra time on a task, or it could simply mean that you have to make a few extra trips to the bank. Artistic insights might not be coming as profusely as usual, but this is all right. Relax and let things be, and the ideas will start coming again.

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**TAURUS**
April 20 – May 20

A delay in receiving acknowledgment of some sort could happen today. This might be disappointing, but don’t let it get you down. You’ll receive it, just maybe not on time! This isn’t a good day to execute any legal contracts or start a vacation. It’s a great day to take care of mundane tasks. Get busy!

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**GEMINI**
May 21 – June 20

Depressing news about the state of the world economy or stock market could have you feeling gloomy and wondering about your financial future. Don’t worry. The world economy is in pretty good shape and you should be, too. Equity in property investments could be down, but they should recover shortly. Go with the flow and don’t believe everything you read or hear.

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**CANCER**
June 21 – July 22

A close friend or romantic partner might not seem communicative today and you might wonder whether this person still cares for you. He or she is experiencing a few difficulties, perhaps involving money, and so isn’t particularly good company. Listen if your friend wants to talk, but otherwise just be there. That’s what is important anyway.

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**SCORPIO**
October 23 – November 21

Hurry up and wait is today’s phrase. A visit from a close friend, partner, or colleague might be delayed, perhaps because of something regarding money or possibly the arts. It keeps you trapped waiting, unable to go anywhere. At times like this, it’s best to distract yourself. Find something to do that engrosses you and the time will go by more quickly.

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**LIBRA**
September 23 – October 22

Home responsibilities may increase markedly today, leaving you feeling like you’re the only member of the household getting anything done. You might give in to gloom, but don’t dwell on it for too long. You will feel a lot better if you pitch in and take care of whatever needs to be done and then treat yourself by going out to celebrate. Go to a movie, or better yet, a concert.

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**SAGITTARIUS**
November 22 – December 21

You’ve been doing well financially. You want to do better, but you might feel temporarily discouraged. It seems you have to keep working harder to keep up the pace. This is more the result of low biohythms than any true assessment of your situation. Today you might have to work a little harder, but you’ll get the results you want. Tomorrow will then be easier on you.

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**AQUARIUS**
January 20 – February 18

Today you might feel unloved even though there’s no real reason for it. Your relationships should be pretty strong, but your biohythms are down so you might be lacking in self-confidence. Phone a close friend and get together. Go shopping or to a movie and raise your spirits. By the end of the day you’ll feel like your old self again!

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**PISCES**
February 19 – March 20

Plans to get together with friends tonight could be delayed by responsibilities. It won’t stop you but it will mean getting together a little later. Someone close to you might feel a little down and seek a sympathetic ear. Try to get this person to forget his or her insecurities and see the situation as it is.

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Akshay refutes charges that Housefull 4 box-office numbers were fudged

While a section of the media and trade analysts have claimed that box-office figures of Akshay Kumar's new release, Housefull 4, have been exaggerated, the star says that there is no way that the film's credible co-producers — Fox Star Studio — would disseminate wrong information officially.

“There is a studio called Fox Star Studios (involved with the film). It has big credibility. It is a corporate company. It runs from Los Angeles. It is not possible. We should use our brains. They make films of millions and millions of dollars and for them, an increase (in collections) by three or five means nothing. So, let’s talk sense. They (Fox Star Studios) are writing it on their own (Twitter) handle and it goes everywhere, they have to report to everyone. Nobody is going to lie (on) this,” Akshay said.

He added: “I am from that era where I have heard a lot of people say a lot of things, but I never said anything. In school, I was taught, ‘mind your own businesses.’ With films like Hera Pheri, Bhool Bhulaiyaa, Welcome, Singham Is King and the Houseful franchise, Akshay has created his space in the Bollywood comedy genre.

Asked why comedy films are not celebrated as much as serious drama despite getting commercial success, Akshay replied: “It is very difficult to do such a comedy where one has to keep logic away — physical comedy is especially tough. In his era, Charlie Chaplin used to do it, without dialogues. He used to make us laugh. I tell you, it is the most difficult acting to do. I do not know why this genre is not given due credit. I am trying to find an answer for 30 years. I have even spoken to people who give awards over why comedies are not celebrated. I think they all think it is very easy to do comedy, but as we keep saying, writing and performing any genre of comedy is very difficult.” — IANS

Fonda’s red coat becoming iconic following her weekly arrests

By Christie D’Zurilla

Jane Fonda, wearing the same long red coat that’s quickly becoming iconic, was arrested on Friday yet again after what has become a weekly routine in Washington, DC: co-ordinated civil disobedience to raise awareness of climate issues.

Unlike other celebrities, who sometimes change outfits multiple times in a day as they are photographed at different events, Fonda has been sticking to her bright-red uniform week after week at the protests. Red appears to be the movement’s accent colour.

The only things distinguishing the arrests in photographs have been what’s on her head and which celebrity is headed to the slammer with her.

Joining Fonda for her trip to jail this time were actresses Rosanna Arquette and Catherine Keener. In previous weeks, Ted Danson and Sam Waterston invited the zip-tie handcuffs. Next week, the founders of Ben and Jerry’s are supposed to join in.

Headgear has ranged from a black-and-white checked cap to a black beret to Friday’s brown fedora, with an exceptional bare-headed display when Fonda and Danson were hauled in a week ago.

Fonda closed the event with her speech on Friday morning, after about an hour of spoken-word presentations and the like, as the Fire Drill Fridays group began to step away from the stage and prepare for their march.

The Grace & Frankie actress pushed for the Green New Deal, which she said would mean all fossil-fuel companies would have to “leave all new oil and gas in the ground” — a financially ruinous proposal for the industry.

“They’re not going to want to do that,” she said. “We’re going to have to make them. And no matter who we elect to office, no matter how good she is, we’re going to have to hold the president’s feet to the fire” as well as all other legislators along the way.

Fonda then invited the group to “walk over to the Hart building, enter the Senate rotunda and join us in civil disobedience.” After waiting to pass through security — yes, a mass protest took its time to go person-by-person through a metal detector and X-ray checkpoint — and into the Hart Senate Office Building, the protesters staged a sit-in at the atrium.

After warning the protesters that they would be arrested if they stayed, Capitol Police pulled out the zip ties and got to work calmly clearing the atrium. The protesters applauded each arrest.

Fonda had to wait a while before it was her turn.

As she waited to be arrested, she didn’t address how the millions of Americans who rely on fossil fuels would be persuaded to change their lives, but did tell reporters that “even the scientists” were saying a massive social change would be required to achieve her vision of climate-rehab goals.

“Suffice to say, it’s too late for moderation,” the actress said.

By the time Fonda was arrested, at 1:37pm local time, there were only about a half-dozen protesters left sitting on the Senate building floor.

The protest, which was livestreamed on Facebook, at times sounded more like a feminist march than a climate event, with chants including “Power to the women.” “Rise for the Earth, rise for the women,” and “Our bodies, our Earth, stop the violence now!” No surprise: The week’s theme was the intersection of women and climate, and the Women’s March and Code Pink joined in.

Forests, fresh water, mass migration/human rights and the matter of who’s supposed to pay for it all are topics of upcoming Fridays, Fonda said. — Los Angeles Times/TNS

Housefull 4 also features Riteish Deshmukh, Bobby Deol, Krithi Sanon, Pooja Hegde and Krithi Kharbanda. The film has been the biggest Diwali weekend release this year. It opened during the festive weekend with two other releases — Made In China and Saand Ki Aankh.

The multistarrer comedy has done big business so far, earning Rs149.36 crore in the domestic market since its release on October 25, reports koimoi.com.

Akshay is unfazed that the nonsensical slapstick film has faced the flak of critics. “I respect critics. It is important for people to be critics because it is like a barometer. Comedy is a tricky thing. The comedy I like, may not be liked by my wife. So, things will vary, even among the critics,” Akshay said during a media interaction.

“I think only people who have written negative (reviews) will be able to explain why they have done so. Critics can say what they want but what the audience likes is reflected by box-office numbers. I think that is most important,” said Akshay.

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Ahmed and Zubair Tabish. The other poets Junaid Azar and Idrees Qureshi. The guest Amber, Shaukat Fehmi, Dr Fartash Syed, Amjad Islam Amjad, Ambareen Haseeb successfully organised its 25th annual mushaira (poetic symposium) at City Centre Rotana Hotel.

The silver jubilee mushaira – keeping up with its tradition, attracted and enthralled Urdu lovers who were present in the hall in large numbers. The mushaira formally started by 9am continued till 2am. The audience remained glued to their seats throughout the session while listening to and appreciating the poetic thoughts and rhythmic recitations of the well-known poets from different countries.

It was an expression of the love that the expatriate communities from Pakistan and India living in Qatar carry for the Urdu language and literature. It keeps them connected with each other as well as their culture.

Mohammed Hasan al-Kuwari, Director of Publications & Translation Ministry of Culture and Sports, was the chief guest on the occasion. Al-Kuwari represented HE Minister of Culture and Sports, was the chief guest on the occasion. The other prominent guest was Maqbool Khalfan, ex-minister on the occasion. The other poet from Qatar as much as he is proud of the people of Qatar, Qatar has historic relations with Pakistan and India. The cultural influences of these countries are overwhelmingly visible in Qatar. Urdu has its influence not only in Qatar but also in other Gulf states. I am proud that I have friends who speak Urdu. I wish I knew Urdu and I would be able to listen and enjoy the creative works of the renowned poets tonight. I am also a poet and novelist.”

In his welcome address, Mohamed Atiq, Chairman MFUA, said: “It was in January 1994 when Malik Museeb–ur-Rehman, the founder of Majlis, urged me to patronise the literary group. We started organising the poetic symposiums same year. In 1996, we launched the award to celebrate and recognise the contributions of noted Urdu scholars. Different International literary circles of serious nature appreciated the launch of the annual award by Majlis. We have been offering the awards continuously for the last 23 years.

On this occasion, I recall a sentence of Amir of Qatar His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani that he said during his speech at the UN General Assembly, which is that he is proud of the residents of Qatar as much as he is proud of the people of Qatar, Qatar has historic relations with Pakistan and India. The cultural influences of these countries are overwhelmingly visible in Qatar. Urdu has its influence not only in Qatar but also in other Gulf states. I am proud that I have friends who speak Urdu to promote Urdu literature. I am thankful to all members of Majlis whose support and contributions help the organisation continue its annual literary activities. Though it is difficult to organise international literary symposiums, we have been receiving all support from the Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Ministry of Interior Qatar and our sponsors.”

Speaking to Community, Riyaz Ahmed Bakali, a noted representative of the Pakistani community, said: “The interest of Urdu lovers is evident from the fact that the mushaira completed its 25th year in Qatar. The major reason behind the successfully successful organisation of the sessions is the keen interest and natural love shown by the expatriate community in literary activity. Further, it is possible due to the kind of facilities and support provided by Qatar for such literary sessions.”