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 Nutritious foods for all

Over nutrition and malnutrition may cause serious health problems for all the persons including children and mothers. Mostly, the root cause of under-five infant mortality in developing countries is related to malnutrition. The Ministry of Health is making relentless efforts for improving nutritious development of women and children. The Ministry of Health, World Health Organization and UNICEF have launched the campaign of Nutrition Weeks as of the first week of August with the aim of speeding up the nutrition development activities in Myanmar.

To nurture healthy babies and mothers, it is necessary to feed breast milk to the infants up to under six months, giving vitamin B capsule to the children between six months and five years and feeding anti-hookworm drug to the children between two and five years and primary student children. Moreover, the campaign will be aimed at widening health scope of women on benefits of iron tablets and that of expectant and breastfeeding mothers to encourage them to use vitamin B1 tablets.

Vitamin A deficiency may eventually cause blindness to the children and lower resistance to infection. Likewise, iodine deficiency may reduce growth of children and cause goiter.

As part of efforts to conduct the campaign of nutrition development, priority is being given to dissemination of knowledge about nutrition development, vaccination, disease control, sanitation, school health and maternal and child health.

Members of social organizations and entire people are urged to join hands with health personnel in activities of nutrition week campaign for broadening the horizons of everybody old and young to consume more meat and vegetables with rich vitamin A and other nutritious foods.

A & I Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador and President of Vietransinex Company

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo receives Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Cong Phung and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam Mr Chu Cong Phung and President of Vietransinex Company Mr Nguyen Van Thanh and party from Vietnam at the ministry here yesterday.

The two parties discussed paddy and rubber cultivation. Also present at the call were heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

Weather Report

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—According to observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, low pressure area over Northwest bay of Bengal became unimportant.

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

MWAFT Patron Daw Ni Ni Win awards consolation prize winning townships.

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Activities of World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Week marked

Yangon, 6 Aug—Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation launched the activities of World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Week at its hall on Thadlin Road in Bahan Township, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe and President of the federation Dr Thei Thei Zin delivered speeches.

The deputy minister presented first, second and third prizes to Kyimyindine, Thongwa and Insein townships in the activities of World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Week.

Patron of the federation Daw Ni Ni Win awarded consolation prize winning Thamlyin, Ahlon and South Okkalapa townships.

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Afghan govt’ confirms 39 civilians dead in NATO attack

KABUL, 6 Aug—The official investigation has confirmed that 39 civilians were killed by NATO-led troops late last month in Sangin district in southern Afghan Province of Helmand, a statement released by Presidential Place said on Thursday.

“The report presented by Senator Mullah Shir Mohammad Akhundzada, who leads the investigating team, to the President on Wednesday said that some families gathered in a house to escape the conflict when a rocket of the allied force hit the house killing 39 people including women and children,” according to the statement. Four other civilians were injured in the incident on 23 July when Afghan and NATO-led troops were fighting Taliban insurgents in the area. However, NATO said no civilians were killed in Sangin district on that day.—Xinhua

Dozens of civilians killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 Aug—Dozens of civilians were killed during a clash between NATO-led troops and Taliban militants in Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday, local official said on Thursday.

“Between 20 to 30 civilians were killed as Taliban and NATO-led forces clashed in Khogyani district on Wednesday,” an official in the provincial capital Jalalabad told Xinhua but refused to be identified.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai instructed Interior Ministry and the provincial administration to initiate a probe into the incident, Presidential Palace said in a statement on Thursday.

The statement added that some civilians were killed or injured due to an explosion in Hashim Khil area on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, NATO-led force said in a press release that the force targeted a compound in Khwazakhey village in Sherezad area of Nangarhar province on Wednesday killing several insurgents.---Xinhua

Flash floods kill 88 in India’s Ladakh

SRINAGAR, 6 Aug—At least 88 people have been killed and hundreds injured after heavy rain triggered flash floods in Leh, the main town in India Ladakh region, officials said on Friday.

The floods tore through the town and surrounding villages without warning during the night when most residents were asleep, damaging homes and government buildings.

“So far we have some 88 dead,” Tourism Minister Nawang Rigzin Jora said. Jora said the death toll was likely to rise “significantly” with dozens still missing in Leh and rescue workers unable to reach some of the affected districts nearby.

At least 200 people were reported injured.---Xinhua

Chopper crashes in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 6 Aug — A helicopter of NATO-led forces crashed in Taliban birthplace kandahar in south Afghanistan on Thursday, officials said.

The helicopter crashed in Panjwai district at around 02:00 pm local time,” an official with the press department of NATO-led forces in Kandahar told Xinhua, but did not give more details.

An eye witness Abdul Rahman also said that the helicopter crashed outside Panwai bazaar on a land and another chopper is hovering the area.---Xinhua

Police investigators examine the site where a powerful explosion occurred outside the Zamboanga city airport in Zamboanga, southern Philippines, on 5 Aug, 2010 killing one person and wounding about a dozen others, including Governor Sakur Tan of Sulu Province.---Internet

Japanese tanker damaged by attack

ABUDHABI, 6 Aug—Some homemade explosives were found on a Japanese tanker which was damaged by a blast last week near the Strait of Hormuz, local media reported on Friday.---Xinhua

A resident looks at a damaged vehicle after a bomb attack in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, on 5 August, 2010. A bomb attached to a car killed the driver and wounded three passers-by in the centre of Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, police said.---INTERNET

One dead in bomb attack outside airport in S Philippines

COTABATO, 6 Aug—A bomb went off outside the airport on Thursday in the southern Philippine city of Zamboanga, leaving one dead and undetermined number of people wounded.

Dinaton Lanto Tanog, vice mayor of Madaum town in Lanao del Sur province, was heading home from Islamic city of Marawi around 4:00 pm when armed men attacked their convoy along the national highway in the village of Dademun.
Judge orders protections reinstated for gray wolf

HELENA, 6 Aug—A federal judge on Thursday reinstated protections for wolves in Montana and Idaho, saying the government made a political decision in removing the protections from just two of the states where Northern Rocky Mountain wolves roam.

The decision puts a halt to wolf hunts in Montana and Idaho planned for this fall. Montana wildlife regulators last month set the wolf-hunt quota at 186, more than doubling last year’s number, with the aim of reducing the state’s wolf population.

US District Judge Donald Molloy in Missoula said in his ruling that the entire region’s wolf population either must be listed as an endangered species or removed from the list, but the protections for the same population can’t be different for each state.

Last year, the US Fish and Wildlife Service turned over wolf management to Montana and Idaho wildlife officials but left federal endangered species protections in place for wolves in Wyoming. There, legislators have approved a plan classifying wolves in most areas of the state outside the vicinity of Yellowstone National Park as predators that could be shot on site.—INTERNET

Google drops Wave because of lack of users

SAN JOSE, 6 Aug—Google is waving goodbye to Wave, a product which the company said would transform the way people communicate online. It blamed poor take-up by users of the service, which was launched to great fanfare just one year ago. At the time Google described the tool as “how e-mail would look if it were invented today.”

It combined e-mail, instant messaging and features that allowed people to collaborate on documents in real-time. Users could see edits and comments written by other “Wavers” as they were typed. The product was created by two brothers Jens and Lars Rasmussen, who were also behind Google Maps.—INTERNET

Consumer demand boosts cable, satellite TV profits

PHILADELPHIA, 6 Aug—Consumers are feeling more confident about spending on small luxuries such as premium cable services and pay-per-view, propelling the earnings of cable and satellite TV providers upward in the second quarter.

Advertisers, particularly automakers, also spent more in the quarter. Time Warner Cable Inc., DirectTV Inc. and Cablevision Systems Corp. all show healthy upticks in demand for their pricier digital cable tiers, high-definition TV packages and rentals of digital video recorders and movies. They also raised rates, boosting profits. Even as other industries struggled in the sluggish economy, the subscription TV business — cable and satellite TV providers and phone companies that offer video — has not seen much of a downturn.

People have been reluctant to give up their entertainment altogether, and staying home to watch TV is still cheaper than going to the movies.

Of the three, which serve about a third of the nation’s TV viewing households, DirecTV gained the most video subscribers, 100,000 in the quarter. Cablevision added 2,900, which is a small number but at least it’s not losing video customers as other major cable companies are.—INTERNET

SAP won’t fight Oracle claims in espionage case

SAN JOSE, 6 Aug — In a surprise twist in a corporate espionage case involving two of the world’s biggest business software makers, SAP AG on Thursday said it won’t fight claims that a subsidiary stole valuable data from rival Oracle Corp. and that SAP tried to use it to steal customers.

That leaves the two companies to fight over just how valuable that data was. A trial over Oracle’s lawsuit begins in November. Oracle says it is entitled to $1 billion in damages; SAP says that figure is “vastly overstated.”

TomorrowNow, a SAP subsidiary that provided software support services until SAP shut the division down in 2008, is accused of using its access to those sites. “By accepting responsibility for TomorrowNow’s actions, SAP is taking a decisive move to focus the issues in the case,” Werner Brandt, SAP’s chief financial officer, said in a statement.

“We acknowledged three years ago that TomorrowNow made mistakes, and we took direct action to address Oracle’s concerns, including shutting down the company nearly two years ago. SAP is committed to compensating Oracle for the harm the limited operations of TomorrowNow actually caused. Oracle’s unreasonable demands claims are an unproductive distraction as we work to find a fair resolution in this case,”

Oracle, which is based in Redwood Shores, declined to comment.

The trial is scheduled to begin on November 1 in US District Court for the Northern District of California.

A model of a robot made of recycled accessories of cars is seen in 798 art zone in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 Aug, 2010. XINHUA

Scientists think Gulf can recover

BAY ST LOUIS, 6 Aug — Want to know the future of the oil-stained Gulf of Mexico ecosystem? Look first to its muddy, polluted past. The recent ecological history of the Gulf gives scientists reason for hope. In an extensive survey of Gulf of Mexico researchers by The Associated Press, at least 10 of them separately volunteered the same word to describe the body of water: “resilient.”

This is buttressed by a government report that claims that all but 53 million gallons of the leaked oil from BP’s Deepwater Horizon well are gone. The report issued Wednesday says the cleanup extracted a lot of it, but the natural processes that break up, evaporate and dissolve oil took care of 84 million gallons — more than twice the amount human efforts removed. At the same time, more progress was made in sealing the well for good as BP finished pumping cement into it on Thursday.—INTERNET

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A Time Warner Cable truck is parked in New York. Time Warner Cable Inc. on 5 Aug, 2010, reported higher second-quarter earnings as more customers signed up for digital cable TV, Internet and phone services. Advertising revenue jumped, driven in part by a rebound in automotive ads.—INTERNET

Designed for use with the iPod and iPhone, the Logitech Rechargeable Speaker S715i features eight custom-designed speaker drivers and an eight-hour rechargeable battery.—INTERNET

This undated handout photo provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service shows a gray wolf.—INTERNET
**Health**

**Health tips: Are there dangerous ingredients in the food we eat every day?**

Unfortunately, the answer to that question is yes. Do you suffer from health problems like cancer or heart disease? Does your child have ADD or learning disabilities? Are you struggling with weight problems? Here are 10 ingredients that you should be careful about.

- *Artificial colors and flavorings*—the true color of food is lost in processing so fake colors and flavorings are added.
- *GMO’s (genetically modified organisms)* put into cotton, corn, soybeans, canola.
- *High fructose Corn Syrup*—this ingredient is cheaper to produce than sugar but it is still sugar. Take a look at the label of many of the foods you eat. You will find it causing high fructose corn syrup listed.
- *Artificial colors and flavorings*—the true color of food is lost in processing so fake colors and flavorings are added.
- *Artificial sweeteners*—if you purchase diet foods and drinks, they are sweetened with artificial sweeteners. There is great debate as to whether or not these ingredients are safe.
- *Benzene Preservatives*—these preserve the fats in food and prevent them from becoming rancid. They also can cause problems in your body by producing low levels of hormones. The only sure way to protect yourself from these chemicals and ingredients is to eat organic food and buy organically raised meat.
- *Trans fats*—Another chemical prior to being put into our food. The byproduct of this, trans fats are created and trans fats clog your arteries and increase your risk of heart disease.
- *MSG (Monosodium Glutamate)*—this is a chemical ingredient which is used to enhance flavor. It is added to many processed foods to keep them from becoming rancid.
- *Pesticides, fertilizers and fumigants*—Unless you eat only organic produce, your food has been sprayed or dusted with these dangerous ingredients.
- *Steroids and antibiotics*—Even if you don’t eat meat, you could still be getting these dangerous ingredients in your diet if the vegetables you eat are treated with the manure of animals with these in their system.

Learn the healthy way to solve some common health problems. Find out why cherry juice, coffee and tea are good for you, how to boost your immune system, plus other great health tips.

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**Business**

**Russia bans grain exports amid severe drought**

**Moscow, 6 Aug**—Russia banned grain exports for the rest of the year on Thursday after a severe drought and wildfires destroyed 20 percent of its wheat crop. The price of wheat, which has already jumped 70 percent on world markets this summer, rallied further on the news.

Among the world’s largest exporters of grain, Russia said the ban will run from Aug. 15 through Dec. 31 and could even be extended into next year if necessary.

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**Inter-Korean trade sees 30% decline**

**Seoul, 6 Aug**—The inter-Korean trade has seen a significant decline of more than 30 percent since the South Korean government carried out a ban on trade with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) for the deadly sinking of its warship Cheonan, Seoul’s customs office said on Friday.

The Korea Customs Service said that the volume of inter-Korean trade amounted to 123 million US dollars in June, down 32 percent from April.

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**Medicare fund will last extra 12 years - maybe**

**Washington, 6 Aug**—Medicare is in better shape because of President Barack Obama’s sweeping health care overhaul and will stay afloat a dozen years longer than earlier projected, trustees forecast Thursday. But that depends on cuts in care that the system’s top analyst says are highly doubtful.

The annual report by the trustees who oversee Medicare and Social Security, led by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, gives backers of the system’s top analyst says are highly doubtful.

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**Baidu celebrates 5-year IPO on Nasdaq**

**New York, 6 Aug**—Nasdaq held a special ceremony on Thursday to celebrate the five-year listing anniversary of Baidu Inc., the largest Chinese company listed on the New York-based stock exchange.

Robin Li, founder, chairman and CEO of Baidu, received the award of Nasdaq Global Distinguished Entrepreneur from Sandy Frucher, vice chairman of NASDAQ OMX Group, at the celebration held in Beijing, China. They then jointly rang the opening bell remotely for Nasdaq.

The whole ceremony was broadcast live on the Nasdaq MarketSite tower in Times Square of New York.

“This is a ceremonial event that represents Nasdaq’s virtual market model,” a statement from Nasdaq said.

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**Stocks dip on jobless claims and retail sales**

**New York, 6 Aug**—Stocks edged lower on Thursday as an unexpected rise in initial jobless claims and unimpressive July retail sales dimmed optimism ahead of the monthly payrolls report.

Investors were cautious before Friday’s jobs report, and after a 10 percent rise in the S&P 500 since 2 July. On Thursday's data showed initial claims for jobless benefits rose to 470,000, the highest level since early April.

“The claims data today was miserable and obviously it has a negative implication for the non-farm number tomorrow,” said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors, in New York.
NASA delays space station repairs

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug—The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) decided on Thursday to delay the start of major repairs on the International Space Station until Saturday, to give engineers more time to plan two spacewalks required to fix the outpost’s cooling system.

“The first of two spacewalks by NASA astronauts to replace a failed ammonia pump on the International Space Station has been moved to Saturday, 7 Aug. A second spacewalk is planned for Wednesday, 11 Aug, to complete the repairs,” NASA said.

The two spacewalks were originally scheduled for Friday and Monday, respectively. NASA said teams of flight controllers, engineers, and spacewalk and robotics experts have made significant progress in preparing for the spacewalk, but need an additional day to finish working out all the details.

The additional time to prepare for the first spacewalk allows for the final procedures to be unplanned late Thursday and gives the station crew one full day to review the plans that have been developed by Mission Control, it said.

The space station’s pump failed over the weekend and took down half of the space station’s cooling system, which keeps electronic equipment from overheating.

During the spacewalks, astronauts Doug Wheelock and Tracy Caldwell Dyson, both flight engineers, will replace the pump, and hook up electrical connections and fluid lines.—Xinhua

BP plugs blown-out well with cement

HOUSTON, 6 Aug—British oil giant BP said on Thursday it had finished sealing the ruptured oil well in the Gulf of Mexico with cement.

The company said its engineers finished pumping cement into the leaking well one mile beneath the seafloor at 2:15 a.m., as part of the so-called “static kill” procedure to plug the well permanently.

BP started pumping cement into the well at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, after drilling mud being pumped into the well earlier succeeded in holding the oil down and the well reached a “static” condition.

US Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, who is tasked to handle the oil spill, reportedly gave BP the green light to cement the well on Wednesday.

Allen said that the cementing of well “is not the end” of the process, “but it will virtually assure us there’s no chance of oil leaking into the environment.”

BP said the aim of the “static kill” procedure is to assist with the strategy to kill and isolate the well” and that the procedure will complement the ongoing relief well operation, which is expected to be completed by mid-August.

Both Allen and BP officials said relief wells being drilled are the “answer” to permanently sealing the ruptured well. The “static kill” would be followed by a “bottom kill” after a relief well intercepts the underwater gusher.—Xinhua

Jiangsu exports nearly 27% more toys in first half

BEIJING, 6 Aug—East China’s Jiangsu Province sold $9.34 billion US dollars worth of toys abroad in the first half of this year, a growth of 26.8 percent on the same period last year, according to the provincial customs house.

The total included 19.24 million US dollars worth in June alone, up 65.2 percent year-on-year. The growth was attributable to government stimulus measures and the global economic recovery, local customs analysts said.

The United States and European Union accounted for 37.6 percent of Jiangsu’s total toy exports in the six months, with sales to the former up 18.5 percent to $7.43 billion US dollars and sales to the latter up 12.8 percent to $2.75 billion dollars.—Xinhua

Shaanxi’s HI retail sales up nearly 19%

BEIJING, 6 Aug—Retail sales in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province amounted to 149.5 billion yuan in the January-June period, a growth of 18.5 percent year-on-year, according to the provincial commerce bureau.

Sales of motor vehicles and home electrical appliances remained brisk, and those of cosmetics, gold and silver jewelry, clothing and food grew rapidly.

In the six months, the province sold 68.5 percent more air-conditioners, 55.4 percent more washing machines and 54.7 percent more laptop computers.—Xinhua

Beijing Opera flows

BEIJING, 6 Aug—A new adaptation of the classic Peking Opera Man Jiang Hong (literally River All Red) made its debut on Tuesday at the National Center for the Performing Arts, which unveiled a one-month long festival of 32 classic stage works by nine national performance art troupes at different venues across Beijing.

The opening show of the festival was the opera’s first reading in 50 years by the China National Peking Opera Company (CNPOC) and gathered some of the most respected Peking Opera artists such as Yu Kaizhi, who played the role of Yue Fei, the main character and a patriotic poet during the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279), and some young Peking Opera performers.

The opera tells the story of the poet who is regarded a symbol of loyalty to his country. Man Jiang Hong, a famous poem by Yue Fei, was written after he was captured by invading forces and expresses his love for his country and his anger at the invasion. Due to the false accusation, he was executed at the age of 39.

The CNPOC invited one of the original scriptwriters, Lu Ruiming, to ensure the story’s quality. The adaptation not only presents the story of Yue, but updates the production for modern audiences. The new version thrilled audiences with musical arrangements, costume and stage design that helps the younger generation appreciate the traditional art form.

Another three innovative Peking Opera adaptations will also be performed. The Tale Under the Willow Shade, or Liu Yin Ju, is adapted from the version of 1953, telling the story of the classic romance between Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai. The revised version, starring veteran Peking Opera singers Li Shengwu and Jiang Qihu, keeps the traditional singing and the original century-old love story. However, the new version uses multi-media to create different backgrounds for each scene.—Xinhua
Macao to build 6,800 public housing flats in Coloane island in 2012

MACAO, 6 Aug — A total of 6,800 public housing flats will be built near Seac Pai Van in Macao’s Coloane island, the Macao Post Daily reported on Thursday. The newspaper quoted Daniel Low Shin Chung, deputy director of the Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau, as saying that a public tendering process will be launched for the construction project some time near the end of the year or early next year.

Low, who made the comments on the sidelines of the launch of leveling activities to prepare the site, stressed that contractors who win the bid will be required to stay on track for a 2012 opening of the property. According to data provided by the Lands, Public Works and Transport Bureau, most of the flats will be two-bedroom units.

The government did not specify whether the Coloane units will be social housing flats for rent or home-ownership scheme (HOS) flats for purchase.

Around 30 trapped in Chile mine after collapse

SANTIAGO, 6 Aug— The collapse of a small mine in northern Chile left around 30 miners trapped late on Thursday, emergency officials said.

Firemen and rescuers rushed to the mine located 50 miles (80 kilometres) from the northern city of Copiapo, but authorities had no details about the health of the trapped miners. “We have no report of deaths, but we have only preliminary information at the moment,” an emergency official told Reuters.

He added that the cause of the accident was unknown and that difficult access to the mine had complicated rescue efforts. It was not immediately known who was the owner of the San Esteban mine.

Local media said it was a copper and gold mine. Chile is the world’s top copper producer, but serious mining accidents are uncommon.

China, Vietnam to host mass youth gala

BEIJING, 6 Aug — More than 32,000 young people from China and Vietnam will gather in southern China this month to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the bilateral diplomatic relations.

The gathering, including 3,000 young people from Vietnam, will take place in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from 25 to 29 Aug, Chen Jiwa, vice chief of the Communist Party of China’s Guangxi regional committee, told a press conference here Thursday.

They would plant friendship trees, attend friendship forums, evening galas and many other activities, said Chen.

The program, jointly sponsored by the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China and Guangxi authorities, was one of the events planned for the Sino-Vietnam Friendship Year this year, said Chen.

Vietnam borders China on Guangxi and Yunnan Province. Vietnam has been Guangxi’s top trade partner for six years and tourism, education and cultural exchanges have grown.

Mom hung boy by feet for days

VERNAL, 6 Aug—A Utah woman has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for abuse that included hanging her 5-year-old son upside down for up to four days, authorities said.

The boy testified at Michelle Napolitano’s sentencing hearing Tuesday, The Salt Lake Tribune reported Wednesday. Judge A. Lynn Payne told Napolitano he hoped she would serve the entire sentence without parole.

Prosecutors said the boy lost all of his toes and parts of his feet to amputation.

Deputy Uintah County Prosecutor Gregory Lamb said when Napolitano’s six children were first removed from their home in Vernal investigators did not realize how seriously they had been abused. He said they gradually opened up after some time in foster homes and began talking about what they had endured.

Napolitano pleaded guilty to intentionally inflicting serious injury on her son and to five misdemeanor counts involving his siblings. Payne ordered that Napolitano serve the sentenced consecutively.—Internet

Gaza house turns into antique museum

GAZA, 6 Aug—Standing in his museum in the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis, Marwan Shahwan said proudly that the museum is “an individual effort.”

The 165-square meter museum, situated on the ground floor of Shahwan’s house, includes antiques dating back to Roman, Byzantine, Islamic and Palestinian eras. Full of inscriptions, beautiful geometric designs and ancient coins, the museum also has traditional dresses Palestinian women wore before 1948 and hand-made copper masterpieces. “It took me some 25 years to build up my museum,” the 45-year-old Shahwan, who travels around Gaza to look for antiques, told Xinhua.

“I worked hard and visited popular markets on a daily basis to buy antiques,” said Shahwan, who spend most of his time collecting and fixing antiques, “I also got antiques from friends and relatives.”

“I started my adventure of collecting since I was a child,” he said.
Political parties submit lists of party members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug — The political parties have to submit lists of their party members organized in line with the Article 13 (a) of Political Parties Registration Rules to the Union Election Commission within 90 days beginning from the date they are registered.

The Modern People Party and National Political Alliances League submitted the list of their party members today. Up to date, 13 out of 40 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted the list of their party members to the UEC.— MNA

Secretary of Kayah State Election Subcommission inspects branch offices

YANGON, 6 Aug — Secretary of Kayah State Election Subcommission U Khin Maung Yi and members of the subcommission inspected branch offices of the subcommissions and sites chosen for construction of polling stations in wards in Loikaw Township today.

Accompanied by the chairman of Loikaw Township Election Subcommission, the secretary also inspected the list of eligible voters and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.— MNA

A visit to Tangyan

On my way to Tangyan, I felt as if I were back again my native town I had left for years. I was astonished by the scenes between Lashio and Tangyan which refreshed my memory of the route in the past. In 1988, I was in Tangyan. That time, it took the whole day from Lashio to Tangyan and the road was not safe. Civil passenger vehicles were permitted to pass it throughout the year while there was patrol on the road because of robber gangs and terrorist groups such as VCP, SSA, Lwemaw and sometimes KIA.

I always paid homage to the pagoda on 7th mile hill near the town whenever I passed it. I had fought with insurgents near the hill for about an hour. Three soldiers from my company scarified their lives in the fight. There were only ruins of pagodas on that hill when I was again in Tangyan in 1993, but now, glittering pagodas have replaced them.

Lashio-Tangyan road was once a mere road with mud and holes which could be used only by trucks. In Hoya Village, the central point of the road, there were only thatch-rooted bamboo structure eateries. Nampong, Mangkat, Mengpe villages along the road were not different from other villages in Shan State.

This time, I could not help exclaiming at how much the road has changed. It was totally different. Vans were running in both directions along with endless stream of motorbikes. We drove at 60 kilometers per hour and reached Tangyan in about two and half hours. Villages are in the process of urbanization. Even Hoya, a village once crowded with hamlets, now has two-storey eateries.

As we approached the town, all of a sudden, green and lush tea plantations and neat and clean tea factory emerged in front of us. “Oh! Tangyan, you have changed a lot,” I said to myself.

Population in ten urban wards has denser. There are 601 villages in 49 village-tracts in the township. Tangyan-Lashio road (83 miles), Tangyan-Pangsan road (104 miles), Tangyan-Mongshu road (55 miles), Tangyan-Mongyi road (33 miles) has contributed much to enhancement of socio-economy of the region.

Children of Tangyan can pursue basic education at three Basic Education High Schools, two affiliated BEHSs, three Basic Education Middle Schools, two affiliated BEMSs, seven Post Primary Schools, and 89 BEPSs.

Three-distinction-winner Ma Nan Mya Aung.

We ran across Deputy Commander Col Win Thein on our visit and found that the deputy commander was urging businessmen to innovate not only in cultivation methods but in technology so as to be shoulders above other towns and countries in tea industry.

A 60 feet wide and 300 feet long cave was found about one and half miles from Tangyan near Naungyi Village. Supervised by Col Khaung Zaw from local station, a road was paved to the cave and replicas of famous pagodas in Myanmar were enshrined in the cave for worship. It was intended for peoples who have not had a chance to visit those pagodas. I believe that the place would become a religiously significant place for Tangyan.

Today’s Tangyan is much different from Tangyan in the past. It is certainly the result of peace and stability in border areas.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects Lainli Bridge, development tasks in Kayah State

NAYPYITAW, 6 Aug—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by departmental officials visited Lainli Bridge construction project site being undertaken by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction in Pruhso Township, Taunggyi District, Shan State (South) on 4 August. He heard the report by an official on completed and follow-up tasks, and inspected the progress of the bridge.

He together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and officials went to Pruhso Township of Kayah State where he met families of the servicemen and presented sports gear, foodstuffs and publications to them.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing then proceeded to 25-bed People’s Hospital at which he encouraged the patients and presented foodstuffs to them, and then he inspected medical store, X-ray room and operation theatre, and put up a trust fund for the hospital.

At No. 2 Basic Education High School in Pruhso, he gave away cash awards in meeting with township departmental heads, teachers and students.

He also inspected classrooms at No. 1 BEHS in Loikaw and presented honorary awards.

At Loikaw Hall in Kayah State, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing left necessary instructions after hearing the report by an official on upgrading works for Toungoo-Mawchi-Loikaw Road (from the border of Kayin State-Kayah State to Pasawng) being constructed by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.—MNA

Energy Ministry holds rainy season tree planting ceremony

Minister for Energy U Lun Thi plants a teak sapling at 3rd rainy season tree growing ceremony of Ministry of Energy.—ENERGY

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence looks into progress of Lainli Bridge.

Press conference on banking services courses held

YANGON, 6 Aug—The press conference dealing with the banking services courses which will be opened by Cyber Sky Computer Training Center under the arrangement of Ability Software Services Co., Ltd for providing banking services was held at City Star Hotel in Maha Bandoola Park Street, here, yesterday.

It was attended by bank officers and media men.

First, the responsible person of Ability Software Services Co., Ltd Saya U Thein Swe explained the facts about the courses and replied to the queries raised by those present.

This course will be categorized as Level (1) and Level (2).

The Level (1) includes the fundamental concepts of the banking services—English for banking, Accounting Basis, Vouchering, Daybook, Transfer Scroll, Rough Sheet, Bank Cash Scroll, Clean Cash, Trial Balance, Saving Interest, OD Interest, Loan Interest, Time Deposit Interest, Returns of General Ledger Balance, Income & Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and Computerized Banking System.

Those interested persons at least passed the matriculation examination can apply for this courses and it will guarantee for getting jobs.

Each course will last three months and contact for further information at No. 89, Cyber Sky Computer Training Centre in Anawrahta Street (corner of Seikkanthar Street), Yangon and phone 388808, 09-507 2366.

MFF CEC member to attend Application of Business Management Principles in Small Scale Aquaculture

YANGON, 6 Aug—Dr. Myint Swe, Central Executive of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Joint Secretary-1 of the Myanmar Fishery Entrepreneurs Association, left here for Vietnam on 31 July to attend the course on Application of Business Management Principles in Small Scale Aquaculture.

The course is jointly organized by NACA, United Nation University, Iceland University and Nha Trang Fishery University at Nha Trang City in Vietnam from 1 to 10 August.

He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation U Han Tun, General Secretary U Win Kyaying and Central Executive of MFF-U Soe Tint.

CEC member of Myanmar Fisheries Federation Dr Myint Swe seen at the airport before departure for Vietnam.—VINCENT
Train crashes into minibus in Israel, kills seven

JERUSALEM, 6 Aug—Seven members of one family, including a pregnant woman and two children, were killed when the minibus they were traveling in ignored traffic signals and crossed the tracks right into the path of a speeding train, rescue services said.

No one on the train was hurt. The driver of the minibus was lightly injured and one other passenger was injured when the vehicle was hurled 20 yards from the tracks, rescue services said.

Train driver Giora Weiss told Israeli media he saw the minibus driver talking to passengers sitting behind him before the collision Thursday evening near the town of Kiryat Gat in southern Israel. “I saw the eyes of one of the passengers and it was horrible,” he told reporters.

He said he hit the emergency brakes but it was too late. It was not immediately clear how fast the train was going at the time of the crash or how many passengers were on board.

“When the driver realized he was in danger, he froze instead of driving forward to move the vehicle out of the way,” he said.

A spokesman for Israel Railways said that an initial investigation showed the minibus smashed through a barrier at a stop sign next to the track.

Chinese drug watchdog orders recall of injection over label error

BEIJING, 6 Aug—A pharmaceutical company in northeast China has been ordered to recall some of its products that were improperly labelled, the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) announced on Thursday.

The Harbin Yida Pharmaceutical Co, Ltd in Heilongjiang Province was told to recall arsenious acid and sodium chloride injection produced since the beginning of 2009.

The SFDA did not detail the quantities of the injection to be recalled. The provincial drug watchdog on Wednesday found that the volume of the injection was not in line with the label on some samples.

“The use of any drug must fully comply with requirements,” a senior official of the SFDA said. “Safety cannot be guaranteed if the marked specification doesn’t match the actual amount.” The injection is mainly used to treat promyelocytic leukemia and malign lymphomas and is conducive to enhancing the effectiveness of radiotherapy.

Zimbabwe officials say “plane accident” only a drill

HARARE, 6 Aug—Zimbabwe officials were quoted by media reports as saying on Thursday that previous reports of a plane accident at Harare’s airport was only part of a training drill.

Reports earlier in the day said a Boeing 767 plane from London was involved in an accident while landing at the Harare airport, with witnesses saying that ambulances were headed to the scene where smoke could be seen.

Car bomb explodes in NE Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 6 Aug—A car packed with explosives exploded on Thursday outside a police station in northeastern Mexico, but no one was hurt, local police said.

The car was parked at a lot behind a police building in Ciudad Victoria, the capital city of the northeastern state of Tamaulipas. Two rural police patrol cars parked nearby were damaged, the city’s public security chief said.

Details on the suspect and explosives remained unknown. This was the second such event since 15 July when a car bomb killed four people in Ciudad Juarez.

Tamasulipas has been suffering from conflicts between Gulf and Zetas, two drug cartels fighting for lucrative smuggling routes. More than 28,000 people have died in drug-related violence since President Felipe Calderon started the crackdown on traffickers in 2006.

Somali pirates seize cargo ship with 24 crew

NAIROBI, 6 Aug—The EU’s piracy task force says Somali pirates have hijacked a cargo ship with 22 Syrians and 2 Egyptians onboard.

The force said in a statement that the MV Syria Star was seized as it sailed in the Gulf of Aden with a cargo of sugar.

The EU said it dispatched helicopters immediately after the St. Vincent and Grenadines-flagged ship said Thursday that pirates were onboard and fired shots at the crew.

Helicopters found an abandoned skiff containing fuel and ammunition.

The EU said the ship is headed toward Somalia and has refused to respond to radio contact.

Pirates are holding at least 17 ships and hundreds of crew members, including a British couple who were seized from their yacht last October.

Residents make their way forward in a flooded street in Xinyu, east China’s Jiangxi Province on 5 Aug, 2010, after heavy rainstorms.

Internet

A plane is seen close to the site where plumes of smoke rise from burning tires during a plane crash drill at Harare International airport in Harare, on 5 Aug, 2010.

Internet
Hiroshima marks 65th atomic bomb anniversary, calls for end of nuke weapons

Hiroshima, 6 Aug — Japan’s Hiroshima marked the 65th atomic bomb anniversary on Friday for the first time with the presence of the UN chief and US representatives, calling for a world free of nuclear weapons. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon attended the ceremony in Hiroshima Peace Park. Before Hiroshima, he also for the first time visited Nagasaki, where the United States dropped an atomic bomb on during World War II. Ban was joined by representatives from over 70 countries, including US Ambassador to Japan John Roos, who was the first US representative to do so, and French and British officials.

“I feel honored to be the first UN secretary general to take part in the peace memorial ceremony on the 65th anniversary. And I am deeply moved. ... I come here for world peace.” Ban said at the memorial ceremony.

“When the atomic bombs fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, I was one year old. Only later in life could I begin to understand the full dimension of all that happened here,” he said. —Xinhua

Workers of a freezing storage company for export trade transport bags of garlic onto a vehicle in Zhucheng County, Shandong City, central China’s Henan Province, on 4 Aug, 2010. The export price of garlic continued to soar, and the average price in mid-east regions reached above 16 yuan (about 2.36 US dollar) per kg on Wednesday. —Xinhua

Smoke disrupts Moscow airports

Moscow, 6 Aug — Heavy smoke caused by forest and peat fires in the Moscow region has shrouded Moscow airports, delaying dozens of flights, Russian media reported on Friday.

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Sheremetyevo airport was working without delays till Friday noon, but visibility was deteriorating due to smog, Sheremetyevo spokesman Roman Genis said.

“The situation is becoming more complicated, but we are observing the schedule,” he said, adding that visibility was 1,500-1,700 meters in the morning but had since deteriorated to 500-600 meters.

The dense smoke caused by peat bog fires has been covering central Russia for the past three weeks. The smoke affected road traffic and railway schedules as well. Train staff were instructed to turn on signals on approaching crossings and stations to help slow the speed. Russian media reported air pollution was at least three times worse than normal. Experts warn the pollution could make breathing as dangerous as smoking.

Russia’s sanitary chief, Gennady Onishenko, suggested Muscovites leave the capital for several days due to the toxic smoke and ongoing heat. The temperature was expected to exceed 40 degrees Celsius in Moscow on Friday. Meteorologists claim storms could be possible. Russians have been waiting for rains since mid-June. Heavy rains have proved the only weapon against fire smoke. —Xinhua

China’s first LNG-diesel hybrid river boat starts trial voyage

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Moderate quake hits Indonesia

Hong Kong, 6 Aug — A magnitude-5.8 earthquake hit Kepulauan Barat Daya, Indonesia around 08:58 GMT on Friday, said the US Geological Survey (USGS). The epicenter was monitored at 7.61 degrees south latitude and 128.49 degrees east longitude with the depth of 132 km. —Xinhua

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Briton arrested in Dubai for bikini

Dubai, 6 Aug — A British woman vacating in Dubai was arrested on an indecency charge when she walked in a mall wearing a bikini, a police source said. The woman, whose name was not released, was approached by an Arabic woman on Wednesday at the Dubai Mall who criticized her for wearing a low-cut top.

The women engaged in a heated argument until the Briton stripped down to her bikini, “taunting” the locals, the police source said.

Mall security officers detained the woman and called police. The tourist was charged with indecency and taken to the Bur Dubai police station, where she remained Wednesday night. —Xinhua

Singapore extends port dues concessions for ocean-going ships

Singapore, 6 Aug — The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will be extending the port dues concession for all ocean-going ships with a port stay of not more than 10 days and harbor craft engaged in commercial activities, for another six months. This will take effect from 1 Oct, 2010 to 31 March, 2011, an MPA statement said on Friday.

Oceang-going ships will get 5 percent port dues concession and this is on top of existing port dues concessions already enjoyed by the industry.

Harbor craft, except for pleasure craft for personal use, will get 10 percent port dues concession.

To help the shipping industry cope with the economic downturn, MPA introduced a 10 percent port dues concession for all ocean-going ships with a port stay of not more than 10 days, and a 20 percent port dues concession for harbour craft, except pleasure craft for personal use, from 1 April, 2009 to 31 March, 2010.

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An Ariane-5 rocket blasts off from the European Space Agency’s centre in Kourou on 4 August, 2010 in this photo released by the ESA. The Ariane rocket placed the Egyptian telecommunications NileSat 201 and a Rascom QAF1R into orbit and intended for live television in the Gulf, Middle East and Africa for some 15 years. —Xinhua

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THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 7 August, 2010

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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Bats facing regional extinction from rapidly spreading disease
WASHINGTON, 6 Aug—A new infectious disease spreading rapidly across the northeastern United States has killed millions of bats and is predicted to cause regional extinction of a once-common bat species, according to the findings of a University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) researcher. The disease, white-nose syndrome, first discovered near Albany, New York, in 2006, affects hibernating bats and has caused millions to perish, writes lead author Winifred Frick, in a study to be published on Friday in the journal Science.

Invitation to Tender
(TENDER NO. 5T (CRB)/PASA/PW/2010-2011)
1. Sealed Tender is invited by the Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Ministry of Construction for the supply of C. Channel & M.S Plate.
2. Tender Closing Date is (31-8-2010 at 16:00 hr).
3. Tender Documents and detail specification are available at the Public Works, Procurement section Stores Division, No (40) Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw (9.8.2010) on Payment of (FEC-1000). To enquire contact Phone No-067 407577, 067-407581.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Public Works
Ministry of Construction
Phone: 067 407577, 067 407581

Robots used for Guangzhou Games security
BEIJING, 6 Aug—Security at the Guangzhou Asian Games is one of the main priorities of the preparation work. Security guards have been selected and some of the security equipment is being displayed. Security robots that move on tracks and have functioning arms will work together with security guards to ensure the safety during the games. They will mainly be used to dissolve possible explosives. They are very similar to the machine used in the blockbuster film, “The Hurt Locker”.

Zhang Guoqing, Guangzhou Police Officer, said, we don’t use it very often. But if we find bombs or suspicious packages, we will use the robot. The bomb-diffu-
sion techniques in our country are equal to the US.

Tourists pay higher entrance fees for UNESCO heritage sites
BEIJING, 6 Aug — Wang Ye, a 27-year-old Beijinger, ordered flight tickets and hotel reservations on Thursday for her coming vacation destination — the China Danxia Landform, recently named a UNESCO World Heritage site. “I moved my plans for Danxia two months ahead”, she told China Daily, as “prices and the numbers of tourists might increase soon.” Indeed, in recent months, she noted, ticket prices have “skyrocketed” at other newly named UNESCO sites. She pointed to entrance fees at Jiuzhaigou in Sichuan province, which had increased from 108 yuan ($16) to 220 yuan, as just one example.

Some say it is worth the price. “The first-class scenery deserves first-class prices,” said Huang Dawei, director of the management committee of Danxia Mountain, which quoted by a Guangzhou-based Information Times as saying on Thursday. “The cost will increase regarding a series of protection actions,” he added.

South Africa mob burns suspected cable thieves alive
JOHANNESBURG, 6 Aug — Three men have been burnt alive in South Africa after they were suspected of stealing power cables, police say. A crowd set their car alight in Lenasia township south of Johannesburg where there have been frequent blackouts.

The BBC’s Parmila Fihlan in Johannesburg says the electric cables are usually stolen for the copper wire which is sold on the black market. Police say incidents of mob justice are common. Two other men were killed in a similar case on Tuesday night. According to South Africa’s Centre for Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR), about 900 people die each year in incidents of mob justice in South Africa.
Two women charged in kindergarten graduation brawl

Two women have been charged with misdemeanors for a fight that led to a brawl during a Southern California kindergarten graduation ceremony.

San Bernardino County investigators say the women were arguing and it got physical in a field near the June ceremony at Puesta del Sol Elementary in Victorville.

Several men got involved and the incident turned into a brawl, forcing school officials to place the school on lockdown until deputies sorted things out. No one was hurt.

Court records show misdemeanor charges have been filed against 31-year-old Queiona Burt and 29-year-old Marina Ruth Vargas.

Prosecutors say they face up to six months in jail if convicted for interference with peaceable conduct at a school and 90 days in jail for unlawful acts committed on school grounds.

**Woman told robber computer had tracking device**

An Atlanta woman who used her feet to type a computer message to her boyfriend asking for help after she was robbed and bound says she persuaded the robber not to steal her laptop.

The woman, 39-year-old Amy Windom, appeared on NBC’s “Today” show on Wednesday and described her ordeal.

She says a robber entered her home early on Tuesday and bound her to her bed. Windom says the robber left her computer after she told him it has a tracking device.

She says she propped up the laptop and after realizing she couldn’t type with her feet, wedged the power cord between her toes and produced messages. She got her boyfriend’s attention with an instant message and he sent the police to her home.

**Parasailing donkey to fly no more, enjoy good life**

The parasailing donkey will never fly again and can look ahead to a life of luxury. The female donkey Anapka arrived in Moscow on Wednesday after her brays of terror over a southern Russian beach last month prompted a British newspaper to step in and buy her.

A recreation company had sent Anapka up into the sky for about 30 minutes for a promotional stunt and the YouTube video of her trip made headlines around the world. Upset readers of the The Sun had urged the newspaper to rescue her. “Our readers were deeply moved,” Sun correspondent Garry O’Shea told the Associated Press.

**Chinese actress Song Jia poses for fashion magazine**

BEIJING, 6 Aug — Chinese actress Song Jia is featured in the new issue of the fashion magazine "Ray Li".

This spring, Song starred in the hit TV drama “Da Nv Dang Jia” (“Big Girl Should Get Married”), which aired on CCTV-8, China Central Television’s drama channel. Nowadays in most Chinese cities, the idea that a girl should get married when she comes of age has become a hot topic.

The TV series did stir up discussion in society. Song also appeared in the historical drama “Tian Di Min Xin”, which aired on CCTV-8 in July. It tells the legendary life of scholar Qi Junzao during the Qing Dynasty. Song played Qi’s first love.

**Charlie Daniels Band to release new CD**

NASHVILLE, 6 Aug — The Charlie Daniels Band is to release a new collection of US patriotic songs called “Land That I Love,” Blue Hat Records/EI Entertainment said.

The full-length release, co-produced by Daniels, Patrick Kelly and Casey Wood, features 15 tracks. Set to drop 10 Aug, the CD will include new versions of “Iraq Blues” and “(What This World Needs Is) A Few More Rednecks 2010.” Other songs on the collection include Daniels classics such as “Simple Man,” “This Ain’t No Rag, It’s A Flag,” “In America,” “Still in Saigon,” the band’s record label said.

The Charlie Daniels Band is to continue its tour schedule through the end of 2010, kicking off a run of Sean Hannity Freedom Concert performances Friday in Jackson, N.J.

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A 93-year-old North Dakota woman whose license was suspended after she was involved in a fatal crash in May was caught driving this week, authorities said.

Faith Mitzel of Oberon is scheduled to appear in court Monday, the Grand Forks (ND) Herald reported on Wednesday. She was issued several tickets on Tuesday — including failure to signal a turn, out-of-date plates and no insurance as well as driving with a suspended license.

Mitzel said she was bringing home an old car she plans to sell after it was repaired in Devils Lake.

Mitzel became nationally notorious in May when she let two motorcycles head on.

**Film shows Springsteen recording ‘Darkness’ album**

NEW YORK, 6 Aug — An Emmy Award-winning filmmaker has collaborated with Bruce Springsteen on a new documentary that chronicles the recording of the Boss’ 1978 album.


Filmmaker Thom Zimny gained access to never-before-seen footage of rehearsals and recording sessions shot from 1976-78.

At the time, Springsteen was working to move past years of legal trouble and match the success he had with “Born to Run.”

“The Darkness” album featured many songs recorded with a full band immediately after being written. Tracks covered the plight of average Americans, from the struggling everyday hero in “Badlands” to hopelessness in the title track.

**Woman, 93, cited, driving without license**

Residents carry an endangered green turtle to the shore near Puerto Princesa city in the western Palawan island of the Philippines in 2007. Green turtles are returning to Malaysia in their hundreds after being nearly wiped out, but experts warned Thursday that the species is still headed for oblivion if habitat loss is not stopped.

**British singer Rod Stewart performs during his concert, the last of his European 2010 tour, in Floriana, outside Valletta on 3 August, 2010.**

**A model presents a jeans creation during an Autumn-Winter fashion show of the brand Lee in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET**
**Sports**

**Owen won't give up on United**

**London, 6 Aug**—Michael Owen insists he has no intention of giving up on his battle to become a key player at Manchester United. Owen endured a frustrating first season with Sir Alex Ferguson's team after spending the opening half of the campaign unable to get into the starting line-up and then suffering a serious hamstring injury in the League Cup final.

That injury against Aston Villa at Wembley was especially frustrating for the former Liverpool and Real Madrid striker as he had just scored United's equaliser but wouldn't play again for the rest of the season. The arrival of Mexico striker Javier Hernandez at United during the close-season could push Owen further away from first-team action if Ferguson continues to use Wayne Rooney as a lone forward.

**Penalty kick lifts Dallas into 2-2 draw with Inter**

**Dallas, 6 Aug**—Colombian striker David Ferreira scored on a penalty kick in the 75th minute to lift FC Dallas into a 2-2 draw with UEFA Champions League winner Inter Milan on Thursday. Inter went 1-0 up on goal before the submission of Michael Bradley's goal for Dallas in the 42nd minute on a header from Panathinaikos at Toronto.

**Bubba opens with 64; Tiger struggles at Firestone**

**Verona, 6 Aug**—Gavin Hall’s debut on the PGA Tour didn’t go as well as planned, and yet even though he shot a 6-over-par 78 in the first round of the Turning Stone Championship he was still smiling. What’s not to smile about? The kid is only 15.

“It was a good day. It was all right, just a struggle from the first hole as you guys could see,” said Hall, who is trying to become the second-youngest player in tour history to make a tournament cut. “But that’s going to happen in golf. It was just unfortunate, one of my bad days of golf happened at a PGA Tour event.”

**Berdych battles into ATP tennis quarter-finals**

**Washington, 6 Aug**—Czech top seed Tomas Berdych, coming off a runner-up effort at Wimbledon, advanced Thursday to the ATP Washington Classic quarter-finals by outlasting Kazakhstan’s Andrey Golubev 6-3, 5-7, 7-5. Spanish third seed Fernando Verdasco and 62nd-ranked Belgian Xavier Malisse also advanced at the 1.4 million-dollar hardcourt tournament, a US Open tuneup, after heavy rain delayed the start by more than four hours.

Berdych, who eliminated Roger Federer at Wimbledon and Andy Murray at Roland Garros on his way to the French Open semi-finals, ousted Golubev just as he had in the opening round at Wimbledon, but in a much tougher fight.

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**Verbena books quarter-final berth**

**San Diego, 6 Aug**—Fifth-seeded Italian Flavia Pennetta defeated Maria Kirilenko 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) on Thursday to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA San Diego Open. Pennetta notched to early breaks to pocket the opening set, then fell behind 5-2 in the second. She responded by winning four straight games, but was broken at love when serving for the match at 6-5. Kirilenko saved one match point at 6-4 in the tiebreaker before Pennetta was able to close it out.

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**Modric holds key to keeping Spurs on the up**

**London, 6 Aug**—Harry Redknapp believes Croatia playmaker Luka Modric’s decision to commit his future to Tottenham will prove the springboard for another season to remember at White Hart Lane. The champagne corks had barely stopped popping after Tottenham’s successful bid to clinch fourth place in the Premier League, and with it qualification for the Champions League, when Modric started to be linked with a move to Manchester United or Chelsea.

Spurs boss Redknapp had already seen Michael Carrick and Dimitar Berbatov poached by United in the past and the prospect of losing the team’s creative inspiration when the north London club were finally heading in the right direction was a nightmare for Redknapp. Redknapp had already described Modric as his side’s one genuine world-class talent and he moved to quash the speculation by handing the Croatian a greatly improved six-year contract to match his talent.

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**Essien, Muntari miss Ghana’s South Africa trip**

**Accra, 6 Aug**—Chelsea's Michael Essien and Sulley Muntari of Inter Milan were missing from the 18-man Ghana squad named on Thursday for the friendly against South Africa in Johannesburg on 11 August. Essien, who missed the World Cup because of a knee injury, was ruled out as he has only just returned to action for Chelsea.

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**Wayne Rooney expects to show true colours with United**

**London, 6 Aug**—Wayne Rooney’s dismal displays for England at the World Cup will quickly become nothing more than a faded memory once the striker gets back into his stride with Manchester United.

That is the verdict of United stars past and present as Rooney prepares to lead United’s bid to retain the Premier League title. When Cristiano Ronaldo returned to United after the 2006 tournament in Germany, Rooney had to appeal to supporters not to direct their anger towards the Portuguese winger.

Rooney insisted he was not upset with his Old Trafford team-mate, who appeared to encourage the referee to send him off during England’s quarter-final defeat against Portugal.

Four years on, despite having left United for Real Madrid, Ronaldo has returned the favour by defending Rooney’s record following the United striker’s disappointing effort in South Africa. “Wayne Rooney tried very hard, but he didn’t play alone,” Ronaldo said.— Internet
Floods in eastern Indonesia displace more than 2,000

JAKARTA, 6 August—More than 2,000 people have lived in makeshift tents and other facilities as floods hit Gorontalo in eastern parts of Indonesia, National Disaster Management Agency reported here on Thursday.

Consecutive days of heavy rains have been blamed for the disaster which has submerged over 3,000 houses, spokesman of the agency Priyadi Kardono said at the disaster management agency office here. — MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Friday, 6th August, 2010

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Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Pakistani Defence Attaché

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Defence Attaché of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Union of Myanmar Colonel Muhammad Farid Khan at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 10 am today. Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.— MNA

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