**True patriotism**

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham**

inspects hospitals, Maha Passana Cave, universities and colleges in Yangon

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**Parents help kids lie to get on Facebook, study finds**

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov—It probably won’t surprise you that millions of underage kids — some as young as age 8 — are on Facebook, despite rules that prohibit children under 13 from joining the social-networking site. What may be more startling, however, is this: Their parents are helping to sign them up.

These are among the findings of a new study appearing this week in First Monday, a peer-reviewed online journal. The four co-authors of the study argue that such age restrictions, inspired by the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, or COPPA, are mostly ignored by kids and parents and only encourage dishonesty. “Our data show that many parents knowingly allow their children to lie about their age — in fact, often help them to do so — in order to gain access to age-restricted sites,” the authors wrote in the study’s introduction.

The vast majority (95%) of the parents of 10-year-olds on Facebook were aware when their child signed up for the site, and 78% of those parents helped create the child’s account, according to the study. For 11- and 12-year-olds, the percentages of parental knowledge and involvement were slightly lower.

Although 89% of the parents surveyed believe there should be a minimum age for Facebook, 78% believe there are circumstances that make it OK for their child to sign up for an online service even if he or she does not meet the site’s minimum age requirement. —Internet

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inspects Kaba Aye Maha Passana Cave where the Tooth Relics of the Lord Buddha from the People’s Republic of China will be kept. MNA
Wash and health
How we live decides our health and longevity. We therefore need to live with strict adherence to health knowledge. Systematic and harmonious living style contributes to health and long life.

We gain nourishment vital for health from our daily foods; however, the other side of the coin is that what we eat daily are also likely to be poisonous to our bodies. Vegetables and fruits are proved to be the best choice for health. But, there comes the problem that humans are excessively using fertilizer to reap a bumper harvest in growing vegetables and fruits. Some prefer to genetic engineering and some are still using conventional methods without fertilizer. But the portion of the latter has much become lesser. Most of the growers have switched over to fertilizer-centred cultivation.

Fertilizer is nourishment or tonic for vegetables and fruits but toxic to human bodies. So, we need to wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly with water and salt or boiled water before consumption and should avoid consuming foods modified with dyes. Foods contaminated with inedible dyes may cause itchiness to eyes, throat and nose as well as contributing to cholera, diarrhea, and malfunction of trachea, liver, kidney and digestive system depending on the amount of dyes contained.

Vitamins and minerals derived from foods grown with natural process however can give humans full nourishment without side effects. However, today, it is extremely difficult to know whether fruits and vegetables, which are believed to be second to none for human health, are organic foods or not. So we are to wash thoroughly before we eat them so that we can obtain safe nourishment for a healthy life.

37th ASEAN-Japan Business Meeting concludes

YANGON, 4 Nov — The 37th ASEAN-Japan Business Meeting covering security and risk management, future cooperation in energy, human resources development and management sectors in Asia continued at Sedona Hotel, here, this morning.

The meeting focused on reviewing matters submitted and discussed by participants, holding a meeting of preparation committee for the 38th ASEAN-Japan business meeting in the Republic of the Philippines, choosing Malaysia as a host country for the next meeting, establishment of more economic connections between the countries in the region and other countries, preparation for cooperation in the fight against recent global challenges such as environmental conservation, outbreak of pandemics and natural disasters pandemic and possible emergence of new members after implementation of ASEAN economic community in 2015.

Next, Chairman of the 37th ASEAN-Japan Business Meeting Dr Khin Shwe, Chairman of ITOCHU Corporation Mr. Eizo Kobayashi and Chairman of Ambank Group Mr. Tan Sri Azman Hashim who will chair the 38th ASEAN-Japan business meeting spoke on the occasion and the meeting came to an end in the evening. — MNA

Union FM receives German Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received German Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Werner Hoyer and party at his office here yesterday evening. The meeting focused on further cementing relationship and promotion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries. — MNA

Myanmar Human Rights Commission Chairman meets US Assistant Secretary of State

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Chairman of Myanmar Human Rights Commission U Win Mya and party received Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour Mr Michael H Posner and party at commission office on Pyay Road in Yangon this morning. The chairman discussed undertakings and future plans of the commission and the assistant secretary of State said his country would cooperate with the commission. — MNA

Notification for tour guides

The Committee for smooth arrival and safety of tourists was formed with representatives of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the relevant ministries, Myanmar Police Force and State/Region General Administration Departments, with the aim of smooth entrance and safety of tourists who pay a visit to Myanmar.

The licensed tour guides have been explained to abide by Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Law, and rules and regulations of license. The contact address of the journal is No. 530, 4th Floor, at the corner of General Administration Departments, with the aim of smooth entrance and safety of tourists who pay a visit to Myanmar. The contact address of the journal is No. 530, 4th Floor, at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street, Yangon, Ph: 01-249230 (Temporary). — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Times coming soon

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Nay Pyi Taw Times is reported to grow on Myanmar journal ground in the third week of November.

The weekly news journal describes itself as a source of information covering a wide range of categories from latest news at home and abroad, features articles, science research news, literature, health, sports, and celebrities. The contact address of the journal is No. 530, 4th Floor, at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street, Yangon, Ph: 01-249230 (Temporary). — MNA

Hashim who will chair the 38th ASEAN-Japan business meeting spoke on the occasion and the meeting came to an end in the evening. — MNA
Hu meets Obama at G20 summit in Cannes

CANNES, 4 Nov—Chinese President Hu Jintao had a meeting Thursday with his US counterpart, Barack Obama, at the G20 summit in the French City of Cannes. The two presidents exchanged views on China-US relations and the summit, as well as other topics of common concern.—Xinhua

US discusses faster security handover to Afghans

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov—The Obama administration is discussing an accelerated shift of the military’s mission in Afghanistan to an advisory role, media reported Thursday. The approach has been discussed in recent high-level meetings involving top defence and administration officials, the Wall Street Journal said, but no decisions have been made.

Agreement on a formal shift to an advisory role could come as early as a NATO meeting in May, it said.

The move would have broad implications for the US strategy in Afghanistan and could scale back US combat duties well ahead of the original schedule, said the report. The Obama administration began to pull out troops from the Central Asian country this summer. Under the president’s withdrawal plan, about 10,000 US troops will leave Afghanistan by the end of this year and another 23,000 will return home by September 2012.

The ultimate goal is to transfer lead security responsibility to the Afghan forces by 2014.—Internet

Five killed, 10 injured in roadside bombings in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 Nov—Twin roadside bombings hit Iraq’s restive capital Baghdad late on Thursday, killing five people and injuring 10 others, a police source said.

The attack took place in the city’s Karada commercial area, the police officer told Xinhua on condition of anonymity, adding that among the victims were four police personnel killed and five others injured. No one has claimed responsibility for the incident so far and the investigations are underway, said the police source. Baghdad has long been seeing bombings and gunfights almost on a daily basis.—MNA/Xinhua

Most US troops to leave Iraq by mid-December

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov—US forces are moving out of Iraq “at a high rate of speed,” and most troops are scheduled to leave the country by mid-December, a senior US military official said Thursday. The number of US service members in Iraq has been reduced to approximately 34,000, down about 7,000 over the last three weeks, Maj Gen Thomas Spoehr, Deputy Commanding General of US Forces in Iraq, told reporters from Baghdad via video teleconference.

Most of the remaining troops will take military flights to Kuwait and return to the US from there, while some will take direct commercial flights from Iraq to the US, he said. Along with troops reduction, the number of US military bases in Iraq also declined steadily, he said. There are currently 12 US military bases there, compared with 45 in August. Military equipment once numbering more than 2 million pieces is down to 600, 000, he added.

While Obama’s withdrawal plan has been under continuous criticism from some Republican military hawks in Congress, it has widespread support from the public.

Seventy-five percent of Americans are in favor of the plan, including the vast majority of Democrats, Republicans and independents, according to a recent Gallup poll.—Xinhua

Five men arrested, heroin worth more than 3 mln USD seized in Sydney drug bust

SYDNEY, 4 Nov—Five men have been arrested and three kilogrammes of heroin have been seized during a police drug operation in Sydney’s west, Australia’s New South Wales (NSW) Police Force said on Friday. Police said detectives from the Drug Squad pounced on the ring as it sold drugs to an undercover officer at Blacktown in Sydney’s west about 10:30 am (local time) on Thursday.

Police arrested a 59-year-old Blacktown man and seized two kilogrammes of heroin, with an estimated potential street value of 2 million AU dollars (2.09 million US dollars) and a large amount of cash. Two more men, aged 50 and 41 from Penrith and St Marys were arrested nearby, police said.

Police then arrested a 48-year-old man near Liverpool in Sydney’s south west and a 46-year-old man at his Cronulla residence on Sydney’s southern coast.

Drug Squad head Superintendent Nick Bingham said the undercover officer had previously bought another one kilogramme of high-grade heroin worth 1 million AU dollars (1.04 million US dollars) since August.

Police said Thursday’s seizure brought the total value of drugs seized by the Drug Squad to 3 million AU dollars (3.13 million US dollars).—Xinhua

A vehicle burns after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq recently. A suicide bomber detonated his explosives packed car near a bank where policemen were picking up their paychecks, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.—INTERNET

Photo taken on 3 Nov, 2011 shows airplanes in the floodwaters in Don Muang Airport, Bangkok, Capital of Thailand. A total of 437 people were confirmed dead and two people were missing in the floods that have inundated the upper part of the country for almost three months, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Thursday.—Xinhua

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Govt approves $11.5b aid to TEPCO

**Tokyo, 4 Nov**—The Japanese government Friday approved $11.5 billion in assistance sought by the operator of the quake-hit nuclear power plant for compensation to victims.

The aid, 900 billion yen, will allow the cash-starved Tokyo Electric Power Co, to disburse massive compensation to those affected by the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant that was crippled by the 11 March earthquake-tsunami catastrophe.

The approval came after TEPCO and a state-backed funding body offered a plan to cut more than 2.5 trillion yen ($32 billion) in costs over 10 years, Kyodo News reported.

As part of that plan, TEPCO had requested a total of 1.01 trillion yen (nearly $13 billion) in financial assistance.

The Wall Street Journal said the government wants to keep the company going so it does not face any capital deficit this year that could have a major impact.—**Internet**

简单 20-sec laser treatment can turn brown eyes blue

**London, 4 Nov**—A US doctor has claimed that brown eyes could be turned into blue through a simple 20-second laser treatment procedure.

Dr Gregg Homer of Stroma Medical, a clinical equipment company based in California, declared his new “Lumineyes” treatment could be a permanent alternative to coloured contact lenses, the Telegraph reported.

Brown eyes, the most common type across the world, appear so because of the layer of pigment at the front of their eye.

People with blue eyes also have melanin, but it is concentrated at the back of the iris rather than the front, meaning the eye absorbs longer wavelengths of light while reflecting shorter ones.

The treatment uses a laser to remove melanin, the brown pigment, from the upper layer of the iris, leaving the blue colour free to replace it within two to three weeks of the procedure.

But the process is irreversible because the melanin will not grow back and cannot be replaced. The cosmetic operation would cost about 3,000 pounds and could be available in countries outside America within 18 months, said Dr Homer, a former entertainment lawyer.

“A blue eye is not opaque, you can see deeply into it, while a brown eye is very opaque. I think there is something very meaningful about this idea of having open windows to the soul,” he told ***The Daily Mail***.

But the *Daily Mail* reported that clinical trials have yet to be completed.—**Internet**

US official defends sci-tech exchanges with China

**Washington, 4 Nov**—President Barack Obama’s top science official said US-China science cooperation benefits the United States, rejecting moves to curb the exchanges by lawmakers who say it strengthens China’s military.

John Holdren, director of the Office of Science and Technology, told a House of Representatives Foreign Affairs subcommittee that 30 years of science and technology collaboration with China had brought gains in physics, public health, pest and pollution control, and nuclear safety.

“Certainly the Obama Administration is concerned about the theft of US intellectual property that continues to be widespread in China,” he told the Foreign Affairs Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. “We are aware of and concerned about the danger of loss of sensitive commercial and military technology in the course of cooperation with China,” added Holdren.

Republican lawmaker Frank Wolf, chairman of the House subcommittee that funds science and space exploration, included a provision in the 2011 budget resolution expressly blocking US federal government funds to support science and space exchanges with China. Wolf accused Holdren of flouting that measure when he visits to China for meetings this year. Holdren pointed to a Department of Justice ruling in September that his offices activities with China fell under the president’s constitutional authority to conduct foreign policy.

**MNA/Reuters**

**Rare disease discovered in Tasmania of Australia**

**Canberra, 4 Nov**—A rare disease never seen in the southern hemisphere before, named tularemia, has been discovered in Tasmania of Australia, state Deputy Director of Public Health, Dr Chrissie Pickin, confirmed on Friday.

Two women contracted tularemia after being bitten and scratched by sick possums in western Tasmania. While the disease is well known in North America and parts of Europe and Asia, it is believed the Tasmanian case is the first in the southern hemisphere.

Veterinarian Dr James Harris said it has a range of effects on humans.

“It causes a septicaemia, an infection which circulates in the blood, and pneumonia and unless it is treated it can be a fatal disease,” he said in a statement. “(It can be) treated with antibiotics very successfully.”

Pickin said both cases have recovered, and warned people to avoid handling wild animals and see their General Practice if scratched or bitten.

Tularemia is an infectious bacterial disease which affects a range of species and is transferred through direct contact or biting ticks.

**Xinhua**

**IAG airline buys British Midland**

**London, 4 Nov**—International Airlines Group, comprising British Airways and Iberia, unveiled a deal to buy Lufthansa’s British Midland unit on Friday, alongside results showing a drop in IAG profits. “IAG and Lufthansa have today reached an agreement in principle for the sale of British Midland Ltd (BMI),” said a joint statement that did not disclose a price.

The companies aim to sign a binding purchase agreement for loss-making BMI in the coming weeks, and complete the transaction in the first quarter of 2012.—**Internet**

**While “Japanese chocolate” may still strike some as incongruous, cocoa is definitely the rising star in the Land of the Rising Sun.**

**Internet**
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets
German Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a German delegation led by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr. Werner Hoyer at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw in Hlutaw Building, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen and secretaries of Bill Committee, Public Accounts Committee, Hluttaw Rights Committee, Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee, International Relations Committee and Investment and Industrial Development Committee, officials of Pyithu Hluttaw, German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Julius Georg Luy and officials.

The meeting focused on strengthening friendship and cordial relations between Myanmar and Germany and boosting bilateral cooperation.

After the meeting, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, chairmen and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw committees posed for a documentary photo together with visiting delegation members led by the German Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister.

Then the visiting German Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister and delegation members observed Pyithu Hluttaw session which was in progress. — MNA

Myanmar government donates US$ 50,000 to Thai flood victims

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — A ceremony to hand over the donations of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Royal Thai Government, as humanitarian assistance to the victims of the recent floods in Thailand, was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, today.

After conveying words of sympathies on behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin handed over cash donation of US $ 50,000 to Mr. Kalayana Vipattipumiprates, Charge d’Affaires ai of the Royal Thai Embassy.

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Logo and mascot for 27th SEA Games come out

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — In the contest for logo and mascot to be used in 27th SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December 2013, the logo design of U Arkar Aung, NRC No. 12/MaYaKa (N) 105082 and the mascot design of U Thura (Cartoon) NRC No. 12/YaKaNa (N) 056280 have been selected and the date of prize-presentation will be informed to the winners.

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Myanmar Human Rights Commission Chairman receives Special Advisor to UNSG

Chairman of Myanmar Human Rights Commission U Win Mya and party receive Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party at the commission office on Pyay Road in Yangon this morning.

Undertakings of the commission and potentials for cooperation were discussed at the meeting.

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CBM allows private banks to use ATMs

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Central Bank of Myanmar allowed private banks namely branches of CB Bank, Kanbawza Bank, AGB Bank, Myawady, Myanmar Citizens’ Bank and Ayeyawady Bank to use automatic teller machines (ATM) for giving banking services to the customers in November 2011 with the aim of improving payment system and better banking services for the people in the nation.

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Specialist Clinic and Lungs and Chest Specialist Clinic of Specialist Outpatient Department.

Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Medical Superintendent of Yangon People Hospital Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha and officials conducted the Vice-President around Emergency and Injury Ward, X-ray Department, CT Scan Department, Special Lab of MRI Department, X-ray rooms of X-ray Department, Intensive Care Unit, and Radiotherapy Department.

The Vice-President comforted patients at Room Nos. 5 and 6 of Injury Ward.

At Theatre, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha reported the Vice-President on advanced medical equipment for each treatment, departments including National Blood Centre to be extended, workforce of staff and necessities of the hospital.

In meeting with the medical superintendent, specialists, doctors and nurses, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said Yangon People Hospital is over 100 years old and existed since colonial era. It is the hospital providing health care to not only urban population in Yangon and people around Myanmar for many decades.

Despite various physical and material requirements in the historic hospital of Myanmar, administrators and professors discharging duties currently performed well in offering effective treatments. All the officials are thanked.

Older even than the professors, the hospital can still serve the people surviving the ravages of weather, doctors and patients while welcoming and waving goodbye to new and old doctors and medical students.

Hundreds of thousands of people were rejuvenated by the service of the hospital.

Doctors are to treat patients and families, upholding ethics, goodwill and warmth.

As hypertension, diabetes, cardiac and liver diseases can be cured and prevented by appropriate lifestyle, healthy habits and dieting of the patients, the health staff need to set sight far from treatment and reach out to public in distributing health knowledge.

They should help lighten the burden of healthcare by prioritizing the dissemination of health knowledge.

Being a teaching hospital, the professors are urged to teach future doctors and technicians with no withheld knowledge left. They are requested to develop human resources both in quantity and quality.

Specialists, in pursuing specialized subjects at international level, are to not only learn to be general specialists but to be super specialists who have mastery of a particular part of human body. Super specialists are still scarce in Myanmar, and all are to work in concert so that going abroad for medical treatment at high expense can be reduced.

According to the medical superintendent, Yangon People’s Hospital whose workforce is over 1700, is coping with over 1000 in-patients daily, over 75000 new patients and over 132000 old patients yearly, totaling over 0.2 million. Can the hospital in the downtown area be kept clean and tidy in the long-run, only hospital waste related infections can be reduced by systematically dumping wastes of masses of patients.
Health staff to help lighten the burden…

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At the hall of Dagon University, the Vice-President heard reports on majoring subjects, number of students, students of townships, IT centre room, strength of staff, research works of the university and sports activities of Dagon University presented by Rector Dr Hla Htay.

Director-General U Zaw Htay of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) and Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe gave supplementary reports on Dagon University.

After hearing the reports, the Vice-President delivered an address, saying that he saw fair ratio of faculty members to students at Yangon East University and Dagon University where he already visited. He said that some of the students produced by universities are discharging duty as government service personnel and some are running their own businesses. The universities across the nation are turning out over 100,000 graduates per year. They must be in quality and quantity. He said that the government is striving for improvement of education sector of the nation by applying suggestions from workshops on enhancement of education standards. He stressed the need to award the outstanding persons who could conduct the researches for benefiting the State. He said that it is necessary to teach the students to become outstanding students with high capabilities of studying sources from libraries. Moreover, he said that emphasis is to be placed on training the students to have high proficiency of English. The State is making arrangements for scholarship award and stipend programmes for the students, he said. In conclusion, he urged the faculty members to turn out students to become outstanding athletes who can bring honour to the State.

Next, the Vice-President and party greeted volleyball players after visiting the gymnasium of Dagon University and then viewed round the football ground of the university.

Special Advisor to UNSG and Under-Secretary-General wraps up visit

YANGON, 4 Nov — The visiting delegation led by Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General Mr Vijay Nambiar met Advisor to the President U Myint at the reception hall of Sedona Hotel, here, at 7.45 am today, U Tha Wai of democratic Party (Myanmar), Dr Than Nyein, U Kyi Than and U Win Naing of National Democratic Force, U Tha Tun Hla and U Myint Naing of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party at 1 pm and ambassadors, Charges d’ Affaires ai and officials at 2 pm at UN Office on Natmauk Road in Tamway Township, here.

On arrival at Yangon International Airport at 4.05 pm, Mr. Vijay Nambiar met local and foreign correspondents and released the press statement on his visit to Myanmar. Next, Mr Vijay Nambiar replied to questions raised by local and foreign correspondents.

At 5 pm, the delegation left by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Director-General of Protocol Department U Maung Maung, Acting Coordinator of UN agencies ai and Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh M Shrestha and officials.

First Green Economy & Green Growth Forum goes on

YANGON, 4 Nov — The first Green Economy & Green Growth Forum continued for second day at Zabuyitshwesin hall of Myanmar Banks Association Building in Yankin Township, here, this morning.

First, Research Professor & Director of International Programmes Dr. Nay Tun of Stony Brook University—Advanced Energy Centre in New York, the United States of America gave an account of Green Economy & Green Growth Forum.

Next, resource persons at home and abroad read out subject-wise papers, and those present took part in discussions. — MNA

China Disabled People’s Performing Art Troupe visits downtown Yangon

YANGON, 4 Nov — Under the arrangement of friendly relations and cultural exchange programme between China and Myanmar, the China Disabled People’s Performing Art Troupe of the People’s Republic of China paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda, here, yesterday morning, and visited the National Museum and Bogyoke Aung San Market.

The Chinese troupe performed entertainment at the auditorium of Myanmar Radio and Television in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 1 November, the National Theatre, here, on 3 November and then will leave for China tomorrow. — MNA
Second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 46th day

Pyithu Hluttaw decides amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw which Pyithu Hluttaw approved are parts of related bills

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—The second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 46th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Building here this morning, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 377 representatives who sought approval concerning the bills.

The Bill Committee and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives continued discussing the amendments to Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill made by the Amyotha Hluttaw paragraph by paragraph and sought approval of the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw decided amendments of the Pyithu Hluttaw to Sub-paragraph (d, f, k) of paragraph-5, Paragraph-6, Sub-paragraph (c, f, g) of Paragraph-7, Paragraph-8, Sub-paragraph (a, c) of Paragraph-11, Sub-paragraph (d, h) of Paragraph-12, Sub-paragraph (d, f, j, k, o, q, t, u, v, w, x, a, ff, gg) of Paragraph-13, Sub-paragraph (f, g) of Paragraph-15, Paragraphs 17,19, 21, 22, Sub-paragraph (b, c) of Paragraph-25, Paragraphs 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, Sub-paragraph (a, b) of Paragraph-40, Paragraphs 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, and 47 of Chapter (9) to remain unchanged as approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and approved the amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw to Sub-paragraph (a, b) of Paragraph-7, Sub-paragraph (h, w) of Paragraph-13, Sub-paragraph (a) of Paragraph-18, Paragraph-24 and Paragraph-43 of the bill.

The Bill Committee and Hluttaw representatives discussed the amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw to Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Bill paragraph by paragraph. Pyithu Hluttaw decided amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw to Sub-paragraph (h) of Paragraph-2 and Paragraph-20 as approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw to remain unchanged as approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and approved the amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw to Sub-paragraph (f) of Paragraph-2, Paragraph (a, b, e) of Paragraph-4, Paragraph-5, Sub-paragraph (h, e, f, g, h, f, j, k) of Paragraph-12, Paragraph-13, Sub-paragraph (b) of Paragraph-14, Paragraphs 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, and Sub-paragraph (a) of Paragraph-24 of the bill.

The bill was first discussed and approved at Pyithu Hluttaw on 4 October and then delivered to Amyotha Hluttaw on 4 October which sent back the bill to the former with amendments.

Pyithu Hluttaw decided that amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw which Pyithu Hluttaw approved are the parts of the related bills. U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Constituency then proposed that amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw which Pyithu Hluttaw does not approve should be discussed at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for final decision. The Hluttaw approved the proposal as no representative disagreed.

It is heard that Pyithu Hluttaw received Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and Region or State Hluttaw Bill sent back by the Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments on 3 November and representatives wishing to discuss the amendments are to send the proposal describing the topic to be discussed with signature by the day Pyithu Hluttaw announces. Pyithu Hluttaw received the Vacant, Fellow and Virgin Land Management Bill initially drafted and passed at Amyotha Hluttaw on 2 November.

Today’s session came to an end at 3:35 pm and the 47th day session continues at 10 am on 14 November.

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Second regular sessions of first region and state Hluttaws continue

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—The second regular session of the first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw was held for the first day at its office this morning, attended by Region Chief Minister U Khin Zaw, Speaker of the Hluttaw U Htin day at its office this morning, attended by Region Chief Minister U Zaw Min, Speaker of Hluttaw U Saw Aung Kyaw Min, the deputy speaker, region ministers and 100 Hluttaw representatives.

The Region Chief Minister delivered an address. At the Hluttaw, the address of the Region Chief Minister were put on record; 10 questions were raised; Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Myat Ko submitted a supplementary allotted fund for 2011-2012 fiscal year, the budget, and expenditure for 2012-2013 fiscal year; and one proposal was submitted.

Second regular session of the first Kayin State Hluttaw commenced for the first day at its office today. It was attended by State Chief Minister U Khin Zaw, Speaker of the Hluttaw U Aung Kyaw and 27 Hluttaw representatives.

The Region Chief Minister delivered an address. At the Hluttaw, the address of the Region Chief Minister were put on record; 10 questions were raised; Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Myat Ko submitted a supplementary allotted fund for 2011-2012 fiscal year, the budget, and expenditure for 2012-2013 fiscal year; and one proposal was submitted.

Second regular session of the first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw continued for the second day yesterday, attended by Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Speaker of Hluttaw U Than Hlaing, the deputy speaker, region ministers and 100 Hluttaw representatives. Region Chief Minister replied to 13 questions; four proposals were submitted.

Similar session of Rachhine State was held at the Hluttaw hall of Rachhine State government yesterday. It was attended by State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Speaker of the Hluttaw U Aung Kyaw Min, the deputy speaker, state ministers and 46 Hluttaw representatives.

The state ministers replied to 15 questions; and four proposals were submitted.

Second regular session of the first Yangon Region Hluttaw continued for the third day today, attended by Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Speaker U Sein Tin Win and 122 Hluttaw representatives. Region ministers replied to 11 questions; two proposals were discussed and one proposal was announced as it was not approved; and one proposal was put on record.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw continued for the third day session at its office in Mandalay, attended by Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Speaker U Win Maung, the deputy speaker, the Chief Justice of Mandalay Region High Court Region Ministers and 71 Hluttaw representatives.

They raised and answered 29 questions and submitted 10 proposals.

Second regular session of the first Mon State Hluttaw continued for the third day session at its office this morning. Present at the Hluttaw were State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Speaker U Kyin Pe, the deputy speaker, the chief justice of Mon State High Court, state ministers, the attorney-general of the state, the auditor-general of the state and Hluttaw representatives.

They raised and answered six questions, submitted report of the state government from April 2011 to September, and presented tasks of the Joint Hluttaw Affairs Committee to the Hluttaw and put the address of the State Chief Minister on record. The session of the Hluttaw came to an end at 1 pm.—MNA
Second regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 45th day

One bill and one proposal submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov—Amyotha Hluttaw regular session continued for 45th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 2 pm today, with the attendance of Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 181 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

One proposal and one bill were submitted today.

At proposal submission session, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (1) submitted the proposal “to form a joint committee with equal number of representatives from Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw under Amyotha Hluttaw Rules 76(a) and a commission and committees, if necessary, with Hluttaw representatives and/or appropriate citizens under Amyotha Hluttaw Rules 81 regarding the proposal to appeal against and reverse the resolution of sending bills approved or deemed to be approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to vet whether the bill is in conformity with the Constitution if doubted before sending it to the President to sign and promulgate it as law made at 44th day second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 28 October 2011 as the resolution is not accorded with the Constitution and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law Rules”.

The Hluttaw decided not to discuss the proposal.

In bill submission session, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mya Nyein read out the report of the committee on 2011 Farmland Bill approved and sent by Pyithu Hluttaw.

The representatives willing to discuss the bill may submit their name list with signed brief account of matters to discuss after today’s session.

The session concluded at 2.55 pm and the 46th day session continues at 10 am on 14 November.

MNA

My Dream troupe performs entertainments

YANGON, 4 Nov— Under the arrangement of friendly relations and cultural exchange programme between China and Myanmar, the My Dream China Disabled People’s Performing Art Troupe of the People’s Republic of China performed entertainment at the National Theatre in Dagon Township yesterday evening.

Among the audiences were Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, region ministers and their wives, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua, ambassadors of foreign embassies and officials, officials of the Ministry of Culture and guests.

First, the Chinese troupe performed entertainments.

The Region Chief Minister and the Chinese Ambassador presented a bouquet to the troupe and posed for documentary photo.

MNA

Felda Global Group Exhibition, Myanmar 2011 kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov— Malaysia Palm Oil Council (MPOC), Felda Delima Oil Products Sdn Bhd and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RUMFCCI) jointly organized Felda Global Group Exhibition, Myanmar 2011 at Traders Hotel on 2 and 3 November.

At the ceremony, MoUs on cooperation in economic and trading between Myanmar and Malaysia were signed by Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd and Delima Oil Products Sdn. Bhd, Htoo Group of Companies and Felda Rubber Industries Sdn Bhd, Myanmar Combz travels & Tours Co Ltd and Felda Travels & Tours Sdn. Bhd, and Golden Land East Asia Development Ltd and Delima Oil Products Sdn Bhd. Honorable guest Malaysian former Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad presented current affairs and developments in Asian countries regarding the global economy.

Afterwards, the Malaysian former Prime Minister and President of RUMFCCI U Win Aung formally opened the Felda Global Group Exhibition, Myanmar-2011, and then looked around the booths of the exhibition, together with those present.

MNA
Parents arrested in child methadone OD

PHOENIX, 4 Nov—The parents of a 2-year-old boy who overdosed on methadone have been arrested in Phoenix on charges of child neglect and child abuse, court records show.

Anthony Casillas, 37, and Jennifer Campos, 35, allegedly gave their son a mixture of methadone and Kool-Aid, causing the boy to overdose. The Arizona Republic reported.

Misty Murphy, 35, a friend of the couple’s, was arrested on suspicion of supplying the methadone.

Death toll rises to 69 by floods in Vietnam’s Mekong delta

HANOI, 4 Nov—Floods in the Mekong delta killed at least 69 people, inundated 137,300 houses and 22,955 hectare of rice paddies, and eroded over 1,560 km of dykes, as of Tuesday, according to official data released here Thursday.

According to the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control (CCFSC) Thursday, this year’s record floods have caused an estimated damage of more than 2.85 trillion Vietnamese dong (135 million US dollars) to the Mekong delta provinces since they began rising in August.—Xinhua

South Korean girl group Girls’ Generation pose for photos during the opening ceremony of the Style Icon Awards (SIA) in Seoul, South Korea, on 3 Nov, 2011.—Xinhua

The Fukushima nuclear power plant in northeast Japan.

INTERNET

China to ban imports, sales of 100-watt incandescent light bulbs

BEIJING, 4 Nov—China decided to ban imports and sales of 100-watt-and-above incandescent light bulbs as of 1 Oct, 2012, the country’s top economic planning agency said Friday.

Xinhua

Sinai refugees killed for organs

CAIRO, 4 Nov—Bedouins in the Sinai have been removing organs from African refugees trying to get to Israel and dumping their bodies, CNN reported Thursday.

A leader of the Sawarka tribe interviewed by the US news network said rogue members of the tribe are responsible. CNN is scheduled to air a special report, “Death in the Desert,” this weekend.

Two human rights groups, the New Generation Foundation for Human Rights and the EveryOne Group, gave CNN photographs of bodies with scars that suggested the removal of kidneys or livers.

Hamdy al-Azazzy of New Generation said he believes the organ trade is carried out with the cooperation of Cairo doctors who, in some cases, even select the candidates for organ removal.

“Mobile clinics using advanced technology come from a private hospital in Cairo to an area in the deserts of mid-Sina and conduct physicals on the Africans before they choose those suitable, then they conduct the operation,” al-Azazzy said.

Dr Fakhry Saleh of Cairo, who headed an investigation into the illegal organ trade in Egypt, said he has not heard of organs taken from refugees. But he said photographs supplied by al-Azazzy appeared to show corpses with their organs removed.

“Organ trade is the second most-profitable trade behind only weapons trade,” he said. “It brings in more money than drug dealing and prostitution.”

INTERNET

Colombia arrests FARC rebel behind kidnapping of Chinese

BOGOTA, 4 Nov—Colombian police said Wednesday it had captured a key leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group, who is believed to be responsible for kidnappings of four Chinese nationals in June.

The police said in a statement that it “in the last few hours” had arrested “Francisco Molano, alias Le-chonero, head of the support structures from the Tresfaro Forero Column” group, an elite military wing of the FARC.

Molano was arrested in the southern Province of Caqueta and is alleged to have been “commissioned to carry out espionage aimed at kidnapping the four Chinese contractors” of the local Emerald company, an affiliate of China’s state-owned Sinochem in Colombia, the police said.

It said that the rebel leader had planned details of the kidnapping operation through gathering data on the whereabouts and activities of the Chinese in addition to “collecting extortion money from merchants and farmers” based in Caqueta.

MNA/Xinhua

INTERNET

A LOT Polish airlines Boeing 767 flying from New York with 227 people on board makes an emergency landing at Warsaw’s airport after having problems lowering its landing gear. INTERNET
Train derailment in Illinois causes fire, damage

BARTLETT, 4 Nov—A Canadian freight train derailed early Thursday morning in northeastern Illinois, causing fire and extensive wreckage.

No injuries were reported in the accident, which took place on the Milwaukee West line, in the town of Bartlett, about 50 km west of Chicago. State workers were struggling to clear the site.

Illinois police told Xinhua that they still “had no clue” what exactly caused the derailment of the train, which belongs to the Canadian National Railway.

The three cars that caught fire were carrying scrap metal and fiberboard. Those carrying chemicals such as sodium hydroxide and ferrous sulfate were unaffected by the derailment.

In January, a freight train of the Canadian Pacific Railway derailed at nearly the same spot on the Milwaukee West line.

Death toll rises to four in central China coal mine accident, 57 still trapped

SANMENXIA (Henan), 4 Nov—Four people were confirmed dead and 57 others trapped underground after a rock burst occurred in a coal mine in central China’s Henan Province Thursday evening, local work safety authorities said early Friday morning.

The accident happened around 7:45 pm in Qianqiu Coal Mine in the City of Sanmenxia, the Henan Administration of Work Safety said in a statement.

A total of 75 miners were working in the shaft at the time of the accident, of whom 14 managed to escape, the administration said.

Four people were confirmed dead and 57 others remain stranded as of early Friday morning, the rescue headquarters said, adding that the stranded miners still have chances of survival.

The shaft is about 760-metre deep and the rock burst blocked off the shaft at the depth of about 480 metres, which hampered the ongoing rescue efforts, according to the rescue headquarters.

A 2.9-magnitude earthquake hit the City of Sanmenxia at about 7:18 pm Thursday, and then a rock burst was reported from the shaft in the Qianqiu Coal Mine, according to the rescue headquarters.

The coal mine, with an annual production capacity of 2.1 million tonnes, belongs to Yima Coal Group, a major state-owned coal enterprise in Henan.

Man lied about citizenship to get deported

SALT LAKE CITY, 4 Nov—A Utah man lied to a judge, saying he was an illegal immigrant, so he would be deported to Mexico and avoid a lengthy prison term, court documents indicate.

Jaime Alvarado told a District Court judge in February 2010 his name was Saul Quiroz and he was in the country illegally after being arrested for distribution of a controlled substance, The Washington Post reported.

He was deported to Mexico but re-entered the country in April 2010, The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

He was arrested again in February on a warrant relating to the initial charges but this time he told the judge he had lied about his name and about being a Mexican citizen.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement held him until he was verified as a US citizen. Alvarado faces charges of false or inconsistent material statements and false personal information given to a police officer.

“I have never seen something like this happen. More often than not, the situation works the other way — a person claims to be legal to avoid detection,” immigration attorney Rishi Oza told the Post. “I have never seen an American citizen try to get deported.”

Zoo closing leaves crocodiles homeless

CHARLOTTENBERG, 4 Nov—The bankruptcy of a Swedish zoo has left three endangered crocodiles homeless and at the centre of a desperate effort to find a home for them, officials say.

“We can’t put them down, they’re endangered,” said Peter Rimo, a lawyer administering the bankruptcy of Zooparken in Charloettesberg in central Sweden.

Since last summer when the zoo filed for bankruptcy, Rimo and others have been struggling to find other homes for the animals, The Local reported Wednesday. The zoo’s smaller inhabitants have proved fairly easy to relocate but the three 8-foot crocodiles present some particular problems, Rimo said, as they need a large pool to accommodate their size, which can top out at 20 feet.

“The crocodiles are much harder to place. They are large and hard to handle and it’s doubtful they can be placed in Sweden,” he said.

Rimo said he’s expanded his search for a new home for the animals to Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands.—Internet
NOTICE TO SLEEPING MEMBERS OF CITY GOLF RESORT

1. The City Golf Resort, Yangon City Development Committee has granted permission for Sleeping Membership to Myanmar nationals/Foreigners (member golfer) at their request and now we have suspended permission of Sleeping Membership as from 30th September, 2011.

2. Accordingly the present Sleeping Members shall be reinstated as regular members with effect from 1st November, 2011 and so all our present Sleeping Members-Myanmar nationals/Foreigners (golf players) are hereby notified to come and pay your monthly membership fees to the City Golf Resort at your earliest convenience.

General Manager
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV OCEAN BLUE VOY NO (261)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OCEAN BLUE VOY NO (261) are hereby notified that the vessel arrived on 2.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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 Claims Day.

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Bill Gates urges G-20 to live up to aid promises

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov—Billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates told G-20 leaders on Thursday to protect aid budgets, saying cuts would not only hurt the poor but also undermine innovations in areas such as health and farming.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy asked Gates to report to the G-20 on new ways to finance development given deep budget cuts in advanced economies struggling with high public debt. Gates urged the G-20 to show leadership by coming up with a more comprehensive approach to improve the lives of the poor. He said innovations such as new seeds and vaccines had saved billions of lives and proved that if used properly, aid was effective in reducing poverty.

"Leadership from the G-20 is critically important, especially in these tough economic times," Gates told G-20 leaders. "The world will not balance its books by cutting back on aid, but it will do irreparable damage to global stability, to the growth of the global economy and to livelihoods of millions of poor people," he added.

Gates has proposed taxes on financial transactions, aviation and shipping fuels, and tobacco as ways to raise new development resources and help countries meet aid promises. Gates also proposed that state-owned wealth funds invest in infrastructure in poor countries.—MNA/Reuters

HP unveils Slate 2 tablet for business

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Nov—Hewlett-Packard Co (HP) on Thursday introduced its Slate 2 Tablet PC, a business-targeted tablet computer running Windows operating system. Designing like the previous version, Slate 2, featuring an 8.9-inch screen, is upgraded with Intel Atom Z670 processor to deliver faster boot times and improved battery life up to six hours, said HP.

It also has a Bluetooth keyboard dock and Swype keyboard which allows users to enter words by sliding a finger or stylus from letter to letter, lifting only between words. The device will be available to customers worldwide for $699 US dollars later this month, according to HP.

Slate 500, Slate 2’s previous generation running Windows, was introduced last October and sold exclusively to businesses for 500 US dollars upon launch.

HP said in a statement that the Slate 2 tablet provides instant deployment for business and vertical markets such as education, healthcare, government and retail, where jobs frequently take users away from a traditional desk. The company on Thursday also announced HP 3115m, a new notebook PC targeting businesses, education and government customers.

Russia successfully tests "Topol" ICBM

MOSCOW, 4 Nov—Russian strategic forces successfully tested a Topol RS-12M intercontinental ballistic missile Thursday, the Defence Ministry said on Thursday. The missile was launched from the Plesetsk launch site in northwest Russia and hit a target in Kamchatka Peninsula in the Far East, according to the ministry. "The launch was designed to test the stability of the basic specifications of this class of missiles as their service life has been extended to a total of 24 years," the ministry said.

The RS-12M Topol ICBM that entered service in 1985. The Russian military announced recently the service life of the Topol missile could be extended to 2019. The 45-ton three-stage missile has a maximum range of 10,000 kilometres and can carry a nuclear warhead with a yield of 550 kilotons. —MNA/Xinhua

Stray elephants invade villages in northern Tanzania

DER ES SALAAM, 4 Nov—About 300 rampaging elephants have invaded three villages in Sededo ward in Serengeti district, northern Tanzania, and destroyed over 200 hectares of farmland and killed one person. "Until now the elephants are in the farms and they are grazing on crops like cow. Over 200 hectares have already been destroyed in Mbirikiri, Isarara and Bonchugu villages," Sedeo Ward Councilor, Richard Nyakera was quoted by Daily News newspaper as saying. The stray elephants have also blocked thousands of villagers in the area from getting outside of their houses at night.

As they destroyed crops, the elephants have also caused the likelihood of many families going hungry after tearing down crops such as maize, millet and cassava, according to Nyakera.—Internet

Loneliness affects sleep quality, then health

BEIJING, 4 Nov—People feeling lonely tend to have poorer sleep than those feeling connected, a latest study shows, implying sleep may be the missing link between loneliness and negative health outcomes, according to a study by Lianne Kurina, Ph D, an associate professor of epidemiology at the University of Chicago and his colleagues, was published on Tuesday in the journal Sleep. To find the link between loneliness and sleep quality, the study authors recorded the awakenings or fragments during the sleep of 24 participants from South Dakota in a week. The study noted that sleep fragmentation is a better indicator of sleep quality than the length of time that elapsed between falling asleep and morning awakening, subjects' personal assessment of their sleep quality, or their report of daytime sleepiness.—Xinhua

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Thursday is National Men Make Dinner Day

A Florida cookbook author is recommending men turn to his tome for help with Thursday’s National Men Make Dinner Day.

Dave Valletta, who penned the “To Romance With Love” cookbook, said the book is perfect for the inexperienced male because the recipes include shopping lists, table diagrams and other helpful pictures, the Palm Beach (Fla.) Post reported Thursday.

The holiday was invented by radio host Sandy Sharkey of 93.9 BOB-FM in Ottawa, Ontario. The host has a Web site, memakedinnerday.com, designed to assist with preparations.

Man cited for police butt slap

Police in Wisconsin said a 21-year-old man received a disorderly conduct citation for allegedly slapping a female police officer on the buttocks.

Madison police said the officer was on bike patrol during the Freakfest event in the State Street area about 12:35 am Sunday when the man slapped her on the rear, touching her service weapon in the process, The Capital Times Madison, reporter.

Madison police spokesman Joel DeSpain said the officer handcuffed the man, who apologized for his actions before being issued the citation.

Cheryl Cole visits Harding in rehab

LONDON, 4 Nov—Singer Cheryl Cole has visited her Girls Aloud bandmate Sarah Harding in rehab after becoming “really concerned” about her.

Harding checked into an American treatment facility in Arizona earlier this month to receive help for depression and alcohol addiction.

“Cheryl is really concerned for her friend Sarah. She made time in her busy schedule to travel over to Arizona and visit her in the rehab centre,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

Internet

Amanda Seyfried to act in the movie “Lovelace”

LONDON, 4 Nov—Actress Amanda Seyfried is in talks to play porn legend Linda Lovelace in the movie “Lovelace”.

The 25-year-old will play the lead role in the movie along with Peter Sarsgaard, who will play her pornographer husband Chuck Traynor, reports Variety magazine.

The adaptation has been written by W Merritt Johnson from Eric Danville’s book “The Complete Linda Love-lace”; and is being helmed by Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman.

Production of the movie is set to begin in January 2012.

Electrician finds grenade in NYC house

New York police said an electrician found a grenade while working inside the home of a Vietnam veteran.

Police said the grenade was found in the two-story 89th Avenue home about 4 pm Tuesday, a few days after the homeowner was hospitalized for injuries sustained in a fire at the house, the New York Daily News reported.

Police did not say whether the grenade was live, but officers said it was not believed to pose a threat to the neighbourhood.

Muggers return phone, bus pass

A 63-year-old Chicago man who fought back against a group of muggers said one of the suspects returned after a few minutes to give back his cellphone.

Sidney Tyson said he used his cane to fight back against the group of five or six robbers around 8:20 pm Tuesday near South Shore Drive and 75th Street, but they were able to knock him to the ground and take his cellphone and $5 bus pass, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Tyson said one of the robbers returned after a few minutes and gave him the cellphone and bus pass.

“l thought they were coming back to jump on me again,” he said. “I thought maybe they came back with some weapons and they were going to shoot me this time.”

Police said they arrested three suspects a short time later when the same group allegedly attacked a 45-year-old man about a block away from the original attack.
Mardy Fish out of Swiss Indoors after injury
BASIL, 4 Nov — Mardy Fish retired from his first-round match at the Swiss Indoors against fellow American James Blake on Tuesday after just one game because of a hamstring injury. The fifth-seeded Fish held serve in the opening game and lost the first point of the next game when he decided the pain in his left leg would not allow him to continue. Fish is hoping to qualify for the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals for the first time. He is currently in the eighth and final qualifying spot for the tournament starting in London on 20 Nov. Although Fish cannot be overtaken this week, the last qualifying tournament is next week in Paris.

Bruce says Ferguson is the best
LONDON, 4 Nov — Steve Bruce has predicted Sir Alex Ferguson’s all-conquering reign at Manchester United will never be bettered. The Sunderland manager, who served as Ferguson’s captain at Old Trafford as he launched his dynasty, will head back to familiar territory on Saturday as the Black Cats provide the opposition for United with the Scot celebrating 25 years at the helm.

Ferguson’s trophy-laden tenure has established his place among the greatest club managers in world football, and having witnessed his<br>

Hernandez says Ferguson still hungry
Javier Hernandez says Sir Alex Ferguson treats each match as his first.

LONDON, 4 Nov — Javier Hernandez understands why manager Sir Alex Ferguson continues to enjoy success at Manchester United. Ferguson celebrates a quarter of a century in the Old Trafford hotseat on Sunday. During that time he has transformed United’s fortunes, landing an historic 19th title last term to “knock Liverpool off their perch”, as was his aim upon arrival from Aberdeen. Yet for all the honours and triumphs, Ferguson retains a fierce drive and passion for success beyond even that of some of his players. And it is this that Hernandez believes sets the 69-year-old apart from the chasing pack. “He is completely different,” Hernandez said. “You can’t compare him to anybody else.” “What has impressed me most about him, and this is something I have noticed from the first day I met him, is that he is a very simple person.

Nadal pulls out of Paris to focus on ATP finals
MADRID, 4 Nov — Rafael Nadal has withdrawn from the Paris Masters to focus on the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals and Davis Cup final. The second-ranked Nadal says on his Facebook page the decision to pull out of next week’s event at Bercy was necessary “to prepare well for the end of this season and also for 2012.”

The Spaniard has not played since losing to the 23-ranked Florian Mayer in the second round in Shanghai three weeks ago. Nadal is one of five players already qualified for the season-ending 20-27 Nov tournament in London, which features the year’s top eight players.

Djokovic eases to win over Kubot at Swiss Indoors
BASIL, 4 Nov — Novak Djokovic cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Lukas Kubot of Poland in the second round at the Swiss Indoors on Thursday. The top-ranked Serb needed just 55 minutes to defeat Kubot, a 64th-ranked qualifier. “It was really a comfortable match for me,” said Djokovic. “It was kind of expected at the start of the tournament that I would struggle with my rhythm … but today I have no complaints with my game.”

He served eight aces and dropped just 10 points in eight service games. “I just started serving two or three days before my first match (on Tuesday).”

McLeish praise for Given
LONDON, 4 Nov — Alex McLeish has absolved goalkeeper Shay Given of any blame for Aston Villa’s recent trend of leaking goals. Villa have conceded eight times in their last three Barclays Premier League matches against Manchester City, West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland after letting in only five in the previous seven. They have looked vulnerable at set-plays and there have been suggestions Given could have come off his line more often to deal with balls delivered into the box. But McLeish has nothing but praise for the performances of his summer capture from Manchester City, who signed a five-year contract.

Woods says he’s healthy, ready to improve play
SINGAPORE, 4 Nov — Tiger Woods believes he’s ready to return to top form after shaking off injuries that have undermined his performance for the last two years. The former world No 1 says that he has been practicing frequently and getting his playing instincts back. “The last couple of years, I haven’t really played as well as I’d like,” Woods said Thursday during a one-day stopover in Singapore. “I made some changes in my swing and I’ve obviously been hurt and that kind of added to it. “Now I’m healthy, playing again, playing more and playing consistently,” Woods hasn’t won a tournament since 2009 and has fallen out of the top 50 for the first time since he was a 20-year-old rookie in 1996.
Olympic great Thorpe flops in comeback

Sydney, 4 Nov.—Swimming great Ian Thorpe’s hotly anticipated return from five years on the sidelines ended in a disappointing second-last place Friday, tempering hopes he can reach next year’s Olympics.

 Thorpe, 29, swimming the unaccustomed 100m individual medley at a low-key World Cup short-course event in Singapore, was off the pace after the first 25m and he ended seventh, more than three seconds adrift of winner Chad le Clos.

The five-time Olympic champion, whose comeback has sparked anticipation of a mouth-watering London 2012 match-up with American superstar Michael Phelps, glared at the scoreboard before smiling in anticipation of a mouth-watering London 2012 match-up with American superstar Michael Phelps, glared at the scoreboard before smiling.

Thorpe competes in the men’s 100-metre individual medley during the FINA World Cup short-course event in Singapore, was off the pace after the first 25m and he ended seventh, more than three seconds adrift of winner Chad le Clos.

Libby Trickett, who also came out of retirement this year, finished last and sixth on her return to international competition.

But Thorpe, who announced his shock return in February and has been training in Switzerland under coach Gennadi Touretski, put a brave face on his swim, which disappointed a small but favourable crowd at a match-up with American superstar Michael Phelps, glared at the scoreboard before smiling.

Australian swimming great Ian Thorpe competes in the men’s 100- metre individual medley during the FINA World Cup short-course swim in Singapore.— INTERNET

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Kayin State peace making group, Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group (former DKBA) sign initial peace agreement

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Bilateral talks between Kayin State peace making group and Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group (former DKBA) took place at Hpa-an yesterday, and a five-point initial peace agreement was signed for making peace yesterday.

A four-member Kayin State Peace Making Group led by Minister for Security and Border Affairs of Kayin State Government Col Aung Lwin and a four-member peace making group led by deputy leader of Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group U Saw Mu Shay held discussions and signed a five-point initial agreement — (1) Myanma Tatmadaw and Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group reached an agreement to cease fire in Kayin State as of 6-11-2011; (2) temporary settlement of Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group at the environs of Sonseemyaing during the ceasefire was agreed; (3) opening of a temporary liaison office of Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group at Myawady was agreed for further bilateral talks; (4) bilateral coordination will be made in advance for travelling carrying arms beyond the areas, except the areas under bilateral agreement during the ceasefire; (5) holding further talks on peace and stability in the region, development, settlement and livelihood of armed group members and ensuring eternal peace between Union level peace making group and senior peace making persons of Kaloh Htoo Baw armed group led by Maj-Gen Saw Lar Pwe at a place and time acceptable to both sides was agreed.

MMPE meets Director Ko Thura (a) Zarganar for holding the art of freedom film festival

YANGON, 4 Nov — Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information together with officials concerned received Director Ko Thura (a) Zarganar who will organize the art of freedom film festival at the hall of MMPE this morning. They held discussions on assistance to be given for holding the films festival in accord with prescribed rules and matters related to films in the festival to follow rules and regulations of Movie and Video Censor Board. Zarganar made a report that films in the festival will be submitted to MMPE through Myanmar Motion Picture Association for censor permission.

As holding of the festival was reported through Myanmar Motion Picture Association recently, Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise provided necessary assistance for successful holding of Wathann Documentary and Short Film Festival, and it will make systematic supervision on holding of the art of freedom film festival which is going to be held as a second documentary and short film festival in accord with the rules and regulations.—MNA

Second regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 46th day

Second regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 45th day

Hlawga Park to extend opening hours on Bakri Eid, Tazaungmon Fullmoon Days

YANGON, 4 Nov—Hlawga Park adds an hour to its daily routine on 7 November Bakri Eid Day and 10 November Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon for amusement of holidaymakers.

The park in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region is operated by Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and opens from 8 am to 5 pm daily.