President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Cambodian PM

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—On the occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 November 2011, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.—MNA

Flood victims have already been provided with food and clothes and plans are underway for construction of low-cost housing

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses coord meeting on rehabilitation works in flood-hit regions of Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—A work coordination meeting was held for rehabilitation works in flood-hit regions in Pakokku District, Magway Region this afternoon at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement here, with an address by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

The Vice-President in his speech said that today’s meeting was aimed at discussing ongoing works and follow-up tasks of the respective ministries in rescue and rehabilitation works for victims of floods in Pakokku District on 19 and 20 October. The storm which swept through Rakhein State on 18 October set off torrential rains in Chin State and Magway Region. The raging torrents of Yaw Creek, Kyaw Creek, Yama Creek, Myaing Creek and Shwe Creek flushed 102 villages/wards in Pakokku, Myaing, Sikepyu and Pauk townships on 19 and 20 September.

The torrents left 161 people and 3384 cattle and poultry dead, 2535 houses, 15 government buildings, 33 religious buildings, over 5378 acres of croplands and seven bridges damaged. Moreover, 9523 houses were flooded, affecting 29751 people. The loss in terms of cash was 1544.59 million kyats.

As the first phase, the region, district and townships undertook urgent rehabilitation works in flood-stricken areas. As the second phase, the Vice-President went to the flood-hit areas on 23 October to comfort victims, arrange assistance programmes and collect records of loss and damage. As for the third phase, the President toured the flooded areas on 25 and 26 October and guided rescue and rehabilitation works.

In the Vice-President’s tour, ministries, Hluttaw representatives, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Union Solidarity and Development Party and businessmen donated cash and kind worth 307.056 million kyats for flood victims.

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Nurture educated persons with high morals

Myanmar is a multiethnic country in which national brethrens have been living together in peace and unity.

Now is the time when the nation is on the right track of transforming the nation into a new era and new system and the government is shaping the nation into a new peaceful and developed democratic one in accord with the public will. Efforts are being made for economic development and burgeoning of democratic practices.

Development of national economy calls for great strides to be made for creating a peaceful and pleasant situation. Only when the whole nation including far-flung areas witnesses peace and stability, can strenuous efforts be made by all walks of life in every sector, thereby contributing towards economic development.

Educated human resources are of vital importance to the modernization of the nation. It is required, however, to produce educated persons equipped with reasoning power who can think logically. Apart from school education, it is needed to nurture them to develop physical, mental, moral and social skills equally. If not so, youths with low morals will emerge and their future will be a cause of concern.

Parents, teachers and students are to make a thorough assess on educational concepts being practised. It cannot be a valuable student who takes tuition for scoring high marks and knows only school education. This being the case, teachers with the support of parents who are visionary are to inculcate a sense of being reliable and hard-working.

Meanwhile, parents are pay more attention to their children so that the latter are to keep pace with changes and developments of the outside world without confining them to school education. And they are to train and nurture their children in a systematic manner to be morally upright and physically strong. Only then, will they become highly civilized and well educated ones.

DPS distributes TMM-27

YANGON, 8 Nov—Design Printing Services Co Ltd (DPS) has distributed over 1.8 million copies of Tourist Guide Map under the guidance of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism since 1995. It is distributing 30000 copies of free Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-27) in this open season.

The TMM-27 includes maps of Myanmar, Yangon, Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Bagan, MraukU, Taunggyi, Innlay, Kyaikhteyoe, Ngapali, Ngwehsaung, Chaungtha and Myeik. Domestic airlines, hotels, restaurants and tour companies are stated clearly. Hotels, tourism and related industries and tour guides are to take out TMM-27 at Myannaing pagoda compound in Thakata Township on 8 to 9 November for the mark of Myanmar Sarsodaw Day. Writer Manotha Kyaw Win, Ma Sandar and Chat Oo Nyo will give talks today and writer Chat Naing (Psychology), Kyu Kyu Thin and Myinmu Maung Naing Moe will give talks on 9 November. Book fair will hold on 8 to 11 November.

Union FM felicitates Cambodian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—On the occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 November 2011, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitation to His Excellency Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.—MNA

Myanmar-China to promote bilateral relations

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here at 1 pm today. They cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interests.

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MNA

Veterinary health care given in flood-stricken regions in Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Torrents triggered by torrential rains in Pakokku District of Magway Region in September killed 902 cows, 322 pigs, 1705 goats and 455 hens dead in 102 villages in Pakokku, Mying, Paung and Seikpyu townships.

A 53-member mobile medical team including 22 vets from Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department went to 86 villages in those regions and gave effective veterinary health assisting the victims in regeneration of livestock farms. It is learnt that Livestock and Fishery Development Bank will also loan to breeders.

Literary talks, book fair mark Myanmar Literary Day

YANGON, 8 Nov—With the supervision of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, literary talks and book fair to be held at Zenanaung pagoda compound in Thakata Township on 8 to 9 November for the mark of Myanmar Literary Day. Writer Manotha Kyaw Win, Ma Sandar and Chat Oo Nyo will give talks today and writer Chat Naing (Psychology), Kyu Kyu Thin and Myinmu Maung Naing Moe will give talks on 9 November. Book fair will hold on 8 to 11 November.

Earthquakes news

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.5) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about (155) miles Northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory (about 25 miles Northeast of Namhsan) was recorded at (6) hrs (22) min (15) sec MST today.
Premier Wen meets with Russian PM Putin

BEIJING, 8 Nov—Premier Wen Jiabao met with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin after Monday’s SCO meeting.

Premier Wen says high-level exchanges between China and Russia have been frequent in recent years, and he believes ties between the two countries will maintain long-term, stable and sustainable development. He notes that enhanced strategic coordination will contribute to world peace and development. Wen also suggests the two countries further advance trade, investment, finance and high-tech cooperation, so as to contribute to the world economic recovery.

Putin says the leaders from the two countries have created deep political trust, and it is of great significance to deepen the bilateral strategic partnership. He says Russia is willing to strengthen ties with China, so as to contribute more to world peace and stability as well as common development.

Russia, Italy

MOSCOW, 8 Nov—Russia and Italy have started a joint naval exercise in the Ionian Sea off Italy’s southeast coast.

The exercise in the Ionian Sea started a joint naval night,” Espero and the Aviere unit to take part in the drills.

It would also ensure the ship’s safety during the voyage and visits to foreign ports, said a statement.—Internet

Five Pakistani militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Nov—Five Pakistani militants have been killed in Afghanistan’s Kandahar Province by the Afghan National Police (ANP), the provincial government said.

Another Afghan militant was also killed in the same operation.

“The ANP, during routine patrol, spotted six armed militants, including an Afghan and five Pakistani nationals, when they were planting mines and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along a road in Sayahchoi Village of Zhari District Sunday night,” Xinhua quoted the government as saying in a statement.

Police also seized a handful of weapons near the scene, it said.

The Taleban announced an offensive from 1 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops.

Iraqi security forces and people inspect the scene of a bomb attack near a cafe, where young people were sitting and drinking soft drinks, in Basra, 340 miles (550 kilometres) southeast of Baghdad.—INTERNET

Kidnappers of three South Koreans in S Philippines demand ransom

COTABATO, 8 Nov—Kidnappers holding three South Korean men demanded ransom money in exchange for the freedom of their hostages, a military official said on Tuesday.

Colonel Daniel Lucero, 103rd Infantry Brigade commander, told radio station dxMS that the abductors led by one who introduced himself as “Pogi” phoned two days ago friends of their hostages and informed they were holding Wu Seok-bung, Kim Nam-du, In Sook-cho and a Filipino guide.

Lucero said the kidnappers were demanding ransom money but there were no details.

The military official said Pogi’s group is notorious in extortion and car napping in the region. “As of the moment, we are intensifying our monitoring. But we have no concrete report they were kept in the province of Lanao del Sur,” he said.

The three foreigners have been missing since 21 Oct after they failed to return to their hotel in Cagayan de Oro city following a trip to inspect a mining site in Lanao del Norte Province. Staff at the Miami Hotel notified authorities after their guests had failed to return.

Barack Obama unveils new plans to help veterans get jobs

WASHINGTON, 8 Nov —US President Barack Obama has announced new initiatives to get veterans back to work.

More than 850,000 American veterans remain unemployed, Obama said Monday at the White House. The new initiatives — titled “Veteran Gold Card,” “My Next Move for Veterans” and “Creating a Veterans Job Bank” — are mostly aimed at helping unemployed veterans in their job searching efforts, including better access to job-hunting services.

“We’re here today to try to take some steps to better serve today’s veterans in a rough economy.” Xinhua quoted Obama as saying.

“Even though the overall unemployment rate ticked down last month, unemployment among veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan continue to rise,” he said.

Photo taken on 7 Nov, 2011 shows the Taleban militants’ attack site in Baghlan Province, north of Kabul. Two suicide bombers were killed and six people were injured Monday morning when a suicide bombing rocked Baghlan Province 160 km north of Afghan Capital of Kabul, police spokesman in the province said.—XINHUA

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Study touts new way to spot babies at risk for obesity

Contrary to the idea that chubby babies are the picture of health, the study bolsters evidence that “bigger is not better” in infants, she said.

Some small businesses that have not passed on personal data have already set up their pages. But skeptics say not so fast. Babies often grow in spurts and flagging the speediest growers could lead to putting infants on diets — a bad idea that could backfire in the long run, said Dr Michelle Lampl.

“It reads like a very handy rule and sounds like it would be very useful — and that’s my concern,” Lampl said. The guide would be easy to use to justify feeding infants too much and to unfairly label them as fat. It could also prompt feeding patterns that could lead to obesity later, she said.

Lampl noted that many infants studied crossed at least two key points on growth charts; yet only 12 percent were obese at age five and slightly more at age ten. Nationally, about 10 percent of preschool-aged children are obese, versus about 19 percent of those aged six to 11.

Internet

Google+ opens for businesses

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Nov—Google on Monday added a highly-anticipated service to its Google+ social network, allowing businesses and brands to set up their own pages on the site.

Named “Google+ Page,” the service is a further challenge to its rival Facebook’s fan pages, which has become a major promotion strategy for many business brands over the past several years.

Unlike Facebook, Google will not charge businesses and organizations for using the scheme, and will not put ads on the pages. The service is expected to enhance the tech giant’s other businesses like search and mobile advertising.

Some big brand names, such as Burberry, the Barcelona football club and the Muppets, have already set up their pages.

Google noted it will not pass on personal data. In addition to big brands, Google also wants small businesses that have or do not have their own websites to use Google+ Pages as their default presence.

According to a report by Ad Age Digital, Google+ Pages will soon be location-aware, allowing local businesses to send offers and deals to mobile phones. According to Google, more than 40 million people have opened an account with its social network, which was launched in June. Although the network is growing very quickly, some analysts said it still has a long way to go to become a major threat to Facebook, which has more than 800 million users.—Xinhua

Business

Nikkei edges down in morning trading

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The broader Topix index of all First Stock Exchange issues was down 3.16 points, or 0.42 percent, to 747.29. —Xinhua

Health

Japan bought 10% of eurozone fund’s latest bonds

Tokyo, 8 Nov—Japan bought 10 percent of 3.0 billion euros ($4.13 billion) in bonds issued on Monday by the eurozone’s rescue fund, a government official said on Tuesday, less than its previous investments.

Japan’s purchase came to 300 million euros, the official at the finance ministry’s international affairs bureau said.

Tokyo had bought 20 percent of previous bond sales issued by the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), the rescue fund.

“We took into account our euro liquidity (in Japan’s special account of foreign currencies), terms on issuance and the market environment,” the official said of the fall in the Japanese purchasing share.

Japanese leaders previously suggested Tokyo’s purchase would stay around 20 percent but “it is not true that there is a fixed share” for Japan, the official added.

Japan has purchased a total of 2.975 billion euros of EFSF bonds so far this year.—Internet

Health

“TB sniffer” offers hope of early diagnosis

NEW DELHI, 8 Nov—Indian researchers said Monday they were close to developing an “electronic nose” to sniff out tuberculosis on the breath — offering rapid diagnosis that could save hundreds of thousands of lives. The “E-Nose” is a battery-operated, hand-held unit, similar to a police breathalyser used to catch drunk drivers.

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Shenzhou-8 and Tiangong-1 prepare for 2nd docking

Beijing, 8 Nov—Spacecraft, Shenzhou-8 and Tiangong-1 will dock again in a week’s time.

Unlike the first docking, this is likely to occur in harsh conditions in order to test the design and capabilities of the two modules.

A poor light and orbit environment have been chosen on purpose to test whether the docking system can withstand use under differing conditions. Uncertainties surround the second docking between Shenzhou-8 and Tiangong-1, which have flown together now for more than one hundred hours.

Wang Xiang, deputy chief designer of Manned Spacecraft System, said, “We never did this before; to make the second docking possible, the two modules need to be first disconnected, and then they will have to be reconnected perfectly.”

Sensors and radars are installed in Shenzhou-8 to aid docking. Under different conditions, the challenge is how to minimize the disturbance of solar light on the sensors.

Wang Xiang said, “The sensors have different reactions under different conditions. All space engineers will meet this problem. The only way to overcome the problem is to test the sensors in a different orbit in the second docking.”

Shenzhou-8 and Tiangong-1 will orbit together for a total of 12 days. The second docking will be followed by two days’ flight.

Shenzhou-8 is scheduled to return to Earth on 17 Nov.

What does space station mean for China?

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New world for China’s space experiments

It is generally recognized among the international space exploration community that a space station can provide a platform to conduct scientific research that cannot be performed on the earth and create a relatively stable environment featuring microgravity and high vacuum, which is of strategic significance to the development of material science, biology, pharmacology and other branches of science. Furthermore, a space station orbiting Earth is crucially important to the development of geosciences and to the exploration of outer space. “China’s planned space station will also be open to foreign scientists in order to promote global scientific progress and to push human civilization forward,” said Zhou Jianping, chief designer of China’s manned space project.

Space research makes everyday life more convenient

Weather forecasts make travelling easier and safer, and satellite navigation helps people avoid getting lost. Space technology has already become integrated into almost every aspect of people’s lives.

“How many advantages can a space laboratory bring? The fact that China’s biopharmaceutical industry is far less developed than that of the West is a typical example for the answer of this question,” said Hu Wenrui, a space physicist and an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Hu said bio-scientific experiments in space could lead to the discovery of life-changing medicines.

The benefits that the space laboratory can bring to such areas as the semiconductors, special materials, astronomy and earth observation are also countless.

China will face new space engineering challenges

The director of the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center Cui Jijun said that the number and frequency of China’s has changed from sporadic periods of intensive launches several years ago to more regular rounds of intensive space launches. The highly intensive launches will further test China’s space flight technologies.

Qian Weiping, the general designer of the Tracking, Telemetry, Command and Communication System of China’s manned space engineering said that as the space station construction tasks of China are implemented fully, the future space station administration will propose many new requirements to the Tracking, Telemetry, Command and Communication Network of manned space engineering.

The new requirements will be the key subjects that should be researched and solved in the future development of the system.

Xinhua

Barnes and Noble Inc releases Nook Tablet

Beijing, 8 Nov—Barnes and Noble Inc released its tablet computer “Nook Tablet” on Tuesday, according to Reuters reports. The tablet computer is said to replace the Barnes and Noble Nook, which was named after the brand of an e-book reader developed by the American book retailer Barnes and Noble Inc.

According to Reuters, it is priced at 249 US dollars, dearer than Amazon’s Kindle Fire and cheaper than Apple’s iPad. The release, seen by many analysts, is a strong competing move in the US’s E-book market and bookstore industry, especially to its main competitor, Amazon.com. Its stake in the e-book market is estimated at about 27 percent of the total. This move is to show the company’s ambition to enter a larger market.

Samsung, suspends development, active shutter 3D TVs

Seoul, 8 Nov—Samsung Electronics, the world’s largest flat screen TV vendor, said Tuesday that it has suspended its plan to develop active shutter three-dimensional (3D) TVs with RealD, the US-based 3D technology supplier.

“Samsung has decided to focus on our own initiatives of 3D technology, and Communication System, to research and develop next generation 3D display technologies, including a glasses-free 3D solution for the home,” the tech firm said in an e-mailed statement.

The active shutter 3D technology drew public attention after Samsung reached a deal with RealD earlier this year to jointly develop such technology, aiming to unveil 3D TVs based on the technology early next year.

The active shutter is a next generation 3D technology that incorporates merits from both shutter-glass (SG) technology, which Samsung adopted, and film patterned retarder (FPR) technology, which LG introduced in December last year.

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China to recycle 70 percent waste products by 2015

China plans to recycle 70 percent waste products by 2015, according to a statement from the commerce ministry. This move is a significant step in the country’s environmental policy, aiming to reduce pollution and promote sustainable development. The guidelines encourage investments to participate in the initiative, particularly in advanced technologies, such as solar and wind energy. The system should feature a complete waste collection network, advanced technologies, well-functioning sorting systems, and standard management. Xinhua quoted the guidelines posted on the government’s website as saying, “Major waste products in the guidelines include metal, paper, plastic, glass, tires, cars, and electronic devices.” It’s extremely urgent to establish such a system, the absence of which not only prevents the recycling of resources but also poses an imminent threat to the environment,” it stressed.

To speed up the building of the system, the guidelines encourage a broad array of investments to participate in the initiative. Small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as individual sanitation workers, should be employed to carry out the collection work, it said, adding that favourable policies in terms of financing and land-use would also be available. In 2009, China recycled 140 million tonnes of waste, resulting in 500 billion yuan (about USD 79 billion) in value, which not only prevents the recycling of resources but also poses an imminent threat to the environment,” it stressed.

US seeking closer ties with L America

Valenzuela talked about the relationships between the United States, Europe and Latin America at the event, which was sponsored by the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences.—Xinhua

China learns parliamentary politics in Caribbean

A delegation from China has arrived in the Caribbean for a visit to three countries in the region to observe the parliamentary system of government. The delegation, which has already visited Suriname, has now arrived in Barbados. It will later visit Antigua and Barbuda. The team is being led by vice chairman of the standing committee of the National People’s Congress, Chen Changzhi. The delegation will visit the Barbados parliament Tuesday. Barbados has one of the oldest parliamentary systems in the western hemisphere, and Chen said the delegation hopes to “learn from each other and develop hand-in-hand”. He said he believed the visit would deepen the understanding of the “two people, two parliaments and also our two countries”. Barbados Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister Maxine McClean said the visit was an opportunity for the Chinese administration to gain a comprehensive understanding of the inner workings of the Barbadian political system. “The Chinese system of governance is evolving and they are interested in how certain procedures operates in countries with whom they share strong relations,” McClean said.—Internet

US, Bolivia agree to resume full diplomatic relations

said Monday in a statement. The US government also confirmed that the two sides have signed a joint statement to establish a framework for restoring relations at ambassadorial level. “We look forward to the early return of ambassadors to both Washington and La Paz,” the US Department of State said in a Press release.

According to the framework agreement, the two sides will respect each other’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, strengthen bilateral relations and boost cooperation against illicit narcotics production and trafficking. Xinhua

UK tabloid detectives tailed lawyers

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US, Bolivia agree to resume full diplomatic relations

LA PAZ/WASHINGTON, 8 Nov—Bolivia and the United States have agreed to resume full diplomatic relations, the Bolivian government said Monday in a statement. The US government also confirmed that the two sides have signed a joint statement to establish a framework for restoring relations at ambassadorial level. “We look forward to the early return of ambassadors to both Washington and La Paz,” the US Department of State said in a Press release.

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Tourists go boating in the Central Park in New York, the United States, on 7 Nov, 2011. Xinhua

US seeking closer ties with L America

QUITO, 8 Nov—US Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Arturo Valenzuela said here Monday that his country is seeking ways to strengthen US-Latin America relations. “We are at a moment where we want to change the paradigms in the US-Latin America relations,” Valenzuela said after meeting with Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa. “We are at a different moment with President (Barack) Obama seeking ways to strengthen the relations with the countries of the region,” added the US official, who traveled to Ecuador to attend a seminar of the Ibero-American Network of International Studies.

China learns parliamentary politics in Caribbean

BRIDGETOWN (Barbados), 8 Nov—A delegation from China has arrived in the Caribbean for a visit to three countries in the region to observe the parliamentary system of government. The delegation, which has already visited Suriname, has now arrived in Barbados. It will later visit Antigua and Barbuda. The team is being led by vice chairman of the standing committee of the National People’s Congress, Chen Changzhi. The delegation will visit the Barbados parliament Tuesday. Barbados has one of the oldest parliamentary systems in the western hemisphere, and Chen said the delegation hopes to “learn from each other and develop hand-in-hand”.

China to recycle 70 percent waste products by 2015

BEIJING, 8 Nov—In a move to prevent the likelihood of posing any danger to the environment, China is going to put in place a complete and advanced system to recycle 70 percent of major waste products by 2015. The system should feature a complete waste collection network, advanced technologies, well-functioning sorting and standard management. Xinhua quoted the guidelines posted on the government’s website as saying, “Major waste products in the guidelines include metal, paper, plastic, glass, tires, cars and electronic devices.” “It’s extremely urgent to establish such a system, the absence of which not only prevents the recycling of resources but also poses an imminent threat to the environment,” it stressed.

To speed up the building of the system, the guidelines encourage a broad array of investments to participate in the initiative. Small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as individual sanitation workers, should be employed to carry out the collection work, it said, adding that favourable policies in terms of financing and land-use would also be available. In 2009, China recycled 140 million tonnes of waste, resulting in 500 billion yuan (about USD 79 billion) in value, which not only prevents the recycling of resources but also poses an imminent threat to the environment,” it stressed.

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**Michael Jackson doctor found guilty of manslaughter**

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WASHINGTON, 8 Nov—A court jury in Los Angeles Monday found pop superstar Michael Jackson’s personal physician Conrad Murray guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the singer’s anaesthetic-induced death.

The 50-year-old doctor died 25 June, 2009 at his Holmby Hills estate in Los Angeles when he was preparing for his comeback series of 50 sold-out London concerts. The Los Angeles County Coroner’s Office ruled the “King of Pop” died of “acute propofol intoxication”.

Prosecutors accused 58-year-old Murray of failing to properly monitor Jackson after giving him a lethal dose of propofol.

They contended that the cardiologist repeatedly acted with gross negligence, repeatedly denied appropriate care to his patient, and that it was Murray’s repeated incompetence and unskilled acts that led to Jackson’s death.

Murray was a little bit shocked by Monday’s decision, Xinhua reported.

He was handcuffed after the verdict was read and was immediately remanded to custody in county jail without bail pending sentencing 29 Nov.

At the conclusion of the six-week trial, the seven-men, five-women jury read the long-expected verdict, which found Murray guilty of one count of involuntary manslaughter for Jackson’s death.

Murray, who faces up to four years in prison, remained stone-faced as the verdict was announced, showing no visible reaction.

The jury deliberated for about eight and a half hours before reaching a verdict.

When the verdict was announced, some cries of “yes” could be heard from the courtroom audience. Jackson fans were seen celebrating when the news spread outside the courthouse.—Xinhua

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**China has 49,000 centenarians**

BEIJING, 8 Nov—China has around 49,000 people over 100 years of age, says a new survey.

The survey by the China Gerontological Society said that till 1 July, the number of people over 100 years living on the Chinese mainland stood at 48,921, Xinhua reported.

This was an increase of 5,228 from last year’s figures. Luo Meizhen, a 126-year-old woman from Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, was the oldest person on the mainland.

With a combined age of 213, the oldest couple have been found in Guizhou province, said the survey. The average life expectancy of Chinese people is 73.5 years.—INTERNET

**Boxing legend Joe Frazier dies of liver cancer**

LOND0N, 8 Nov—Former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Frazier has died from liver cancer. The Frazier family has confirmed the news in a statement, ABC News reports.

“We The Family of the 1964 Olympic Boxing Heavyweight Gold Medalist, Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion and International Boxing Hall of Fame Member Smokin’ Joe Frazier, regrets to inform you of his passing,” the statement said. “He transitioned from this life as ‘One of God’s Men,’ on the eve of 7 Nov, 2011 at his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We thank you for your prayers for our Father and vast outpouring of love and support,” it added.


He won the first of three classic bouts with Muhammad Ali, the so-called Fight of the Century, in New York in 1971.—INTERNET

**Adolf Hitler’s paintings to be auctioned in Sweden**

MOSCOW, 8 Nov—Seven paintings thought to have been painted by Adolf Hitler will be auctioned in Sweden, triggering cries of outrage among members of the Jewish community in the country.

“If the paintings are originals, we estimate that they will sell at 100,000 kronor (around USD 15,000) each,” said Christer Davidson, representing the Swedish Enforcement Authority.

The money earned from the sale will be used to cover debts of a local family, who have not been named, reported the newspaper Local.

The Stockholm Jewish community has spoken out against plans to sell the paintings, stating that “it is highly inappropriate that anyone should be able to earn money by selling such objects”.

Hitler failed to be accepted by the Vienna Academy of Art. The German leader, in his early life, earned money by drawing advertisements and postcards.

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**White House denies having information about aliens**

LONDON, 8 Nov—White House has denied having any knowledge or communication links with extraterrestrial life.

Phil Larson, from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, also officially denied that they had withheld information from the public, the Daily Mail reported.

He even promised that the scientists are still searching for extraterrestrial life.

The US government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race,” he wrote in a blog post titled ‘Searching for ET, But No Evidence Yet’.

“There is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public’s eye.”

“However, that doesn’t mean the subject of life outside our planet isn’t being discussed or explored.”

Larson revealed that the government has undertaken several project to look for life beyond Earth “In fact, there are a number of projects working toward the goal of understanding if life can or does exist off Earth,” he added.

The blog post came in response to the two petitions launched by UFO enthusiasts, which indicted the government of covering up knowledge or contact with life beyond Earth.—INTERNET

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**The most expensive, small watercolor, dated 1910, portrays a brown-clad man sitting on a stone bridge. It lacks facial features such as eyes, nose and mouth, but experts said the prominent hairstyle and small initials “AH” leave no doubt as to who the figure represents.**

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In the tour of the President on 25 and 26 October, ministries, Magway Region government, WFP and UNICEF, Union Solidarity and Development Party, MWAF, MMCWA, and businessmen donated 356.199 million kyats for Pakokku Township, 41.429 million kyats for Myaing Township, 77.53 million kyats for Pauk Township, and 145.317 million kyats for Seikpyu Township, totaling 620.475 million kyats in cash and kind.

Moreover, Htoo Company, IBTC Company, Shwe Thanhwin, IGE Company, Shwetaung Company and CB donated over K 200 million each and Kanbawza Company and Ever Winner Company, K 100 million

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each totalling K 1550 million for reconstruction of houses damaged in the flash floods in Pakokku, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu Townships.

Flood victims have already been provided with food and clothes and the plans are underway for construction of low-cost housing. Flood victims, in their parts are to take part in rehabilitation works. It is required to take necessary measures for resettlement of flood victims in safe places by the region government.

Necessary assistance for reopening of damaged schools has already been given and school children were provided with school stationery in order to resume their education. Temporary schools were reopened. Works to be carried out are supply of drinking water, preventive measures against diseases and reconstruction of religious buildings, roads and bridges as soon as possible.

Next, the Vice-President called on those present to give suggestions on requirements, difficulties and rehabilitation works to be done in Pakokku District by Ministries concerned and Magway Region government.

On behalf of the Chairman, Secretary of Myanmar Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe and Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe discussed losses caused by floods in the Region and rehabilitation tasks.

Union ministers, deputy ministers and officials discussed progress of rehabilitation tasks and future plans sector-wise.

Officials concerned discussed construction of temporary shelters, cooperation with INGOs, banking assistance for breeding bulls and cows, Tatmadaw’s participation in rehabilitation tasks in collaboration with local people, transportation of aids with military choppers, donation in cooperation with INGOs including WFP, providing seasonal crop strains, agricultural machinery for cultivation of substituted crops, and fertilizers, resumption of operations of river water pumping stations and dams, reformation of model villages in South Ywama and North Ywama villages in Seikpyu Township, renovation of schools in flood-hit regions, tasks for accessibility of water, and electrification with solar power, repair of railroads, and reconstruction of roads and bridges.

In his concluding remarks, Vice-President Dr Sai Maung Khin said, as natural disasters are happening very often now, local people need to notice warnings.

Taking lessons of this incident, actions that harm the environment should be avoided. Reports of the Region chief minister and ministries on rehabilitation of flood-hit Pakokku District are encouraging. Rehabilitation will be concluded only after infrastructures are built and vocational assistances are provided. Only when the Union ministries and the Region government make concerted efforts in cooperation with local people and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement as a focal point, will the rehabilitation mission be completed.

Under the leadership of the State, people and Tatmadaw, social organizations, entrepreneurs, well-wishers made all-out efforts in carrying out rescue and rehabilitation tasks in flood-hit Pakokku District. Rice, oil, salt, clothes, school uniforms, note books, household accessories, blankets, mosquito nets, medicines, generators, water purifiers, tarps, tents, temporary schools, low-cost housings, artisan wells and crop strains have been donated to flood victims with the cash contributed by well-wishers.

Respective ministries are repairing railroads, motor roads and bridges for timely transportation. On 14 November, Shwechaung bridge will be able to pass as repair works for temporary passage will be finished.

Works for cultivating substituted crops, establishing model villages, low-cost housings, schools and clinics, and reestablishing vocational industries are being carried out. Measures are being taken sector-wise to rejuvenate psychological and physical strength of victims.—MNA

Important role of monetary sector workshop concludes

YANGON, 8 Nov—The second-day session of the workshop on important role of monetary sector in economic development and poverty alleviation of Myanmar continued at Chatrium Hotel here today.

Papers on development of a capital market and strengthening of the central bank regulation and supervision were read out and discussed by Myanmar and foreign scholars.

Then, scholars and resource persons recommended action plans for development of monetary sector of Myanmar based on the suggestions of the workshop.

The workshop successfully ended with addresses of EU Ambassador Mr David Ramon Lipman and Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein.—MNA

Inter-Ministry Chess Tournament to be held on 1-12 Dec

YANGON, 8 Nov—The 37th Inter-Ministry Chess Tournament 2011, jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Chess Federation, will be held at the gymnasium of Aung San Stadium from 1 to 12 December.
Uppatasanti Pagoda packed with pilgrims who pay homage to...

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In the evening, Director of Armoured Unit of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office Maj-Gen Hla Myint and wife Daw San San Aye and family donated one earring with jade and diamond with estimated value of K 650000, US$ 100 and K 100000. Secretary of Financial Sub-committee Deputy Director-General Dr Lin Aung of Budget Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue accepted donations and returned certificate of honour. Cash donation at the donation centres from 7 November evening till 7 pm today amounted to K 16789410 and US$ 207, RMB 23 Yuan, 100 Baht, 60 jewelleries with estimated value of K 3065600, two silver vases worthy of K 350000 and Non Jade Buddha Image worthy of K 500000.—MNA

Region/State Hluttaw sessions held

Second-day session of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Nov—The first-day session of Chin State Hluttaw was also held today at State Hluttaw Building, attended by State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai, State Hluttaw Speaker U Haik Khin Kham and 24 Hluttaw representatives. At the meeting, 10 questions were asked and answered.

Second-day session of Taninthayi Region Hluttaw was held in Region Hluttaw Meeting Hall at 10 am today, with the attendance of Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung and 71 Hluttaw representatives.

A total of 15 questions were raised and answered, and 7 proposals were raised.

Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economy U Aung Zan reported the measures of the Region government for poverty alleviation and the Region Hluttaw put the report on record.—MNA

PTA meeting held in Mawlamyine BEHS-9

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Meeting of Parents and Teachers Association and Prize Presentation Ceremony for 2011-2012 academic year was held in No (9) Basic Education High School of Mawlamyine in Mon State on 2 November.

Students who matriculated with flying colours and who stood first, second and third in each class in 2010-2011 academic year were awarded at the ceremony.—MNA

Selected Myanmar Archery Team leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 8 Nov—Selected Myanmar Archery Team left for Indonesia to participate in XXVI SEA Games this morning.

The team will fight for golds in all the men’s and women’s compound and recurve games, both individual and team.

MNA

Hole-in-one

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Nov—U Maung Maung Naing scored hole-in-one in Ngwethawda course of City Golf Course of Yangon City Development Committee on 29 October.

Playmates were U Khin Maung Maung (a) Ko Gyi, U Aung Moe Kyaw (Chairman, IBTC Group of Companies), U Zaw Naing (Myanmar Credent Technology), and U Zaw Min while he holed Titleist No (3) in just one stroke with Iron No (8) (Ping) at Hole No (7) from 129 yards distance.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Second-day session of Kayin State Hluttaw was held in Region Hluttaw Meeting Hall at 10 am today, with the attendance of State Chief Minister U Zaw Min and State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min and 23 Hluttaw representatives.

One proposal was put on record, eight questions were raised and answered, and suggestions on 2012-2013 budget were put on record and decided to sent to the State chief minister.

Fourth-day session of Yangon Region Hluttaw was held in Region Hluttaw Meeting Hall at 10 am today, with the attendance of Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and 122 Hluttaw representatives.

A total of 11 questions were raised and answered, 2011-2012 budget and 2012-2013 budget were approved, Yangon City Development Law was approved. Second regular session of first Yangon Region Hluttaw was concluded successfully.

Second-day session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw was held in Region Hluttaw Meeting Hall at 10 am today, with the attendance of Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung and 71 Hluttaw representatives.

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World’s largest solar-powered vessel calls on Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 8 Nov—The world’s first and largest solar-powered vessel which is on a round-the-world voyage to promote the use of renewable energy is to reach Sri Lanka on Monday, government officials said.

The Swiss-flagged Turanor PlanetSolar circumnavigating the globe solely on solar power set sail from Monaco on 27 September, 2010. Sri Lankan Environment Ministry said the ship is scheduled to arrive at the Magampura Harbor in the southern part of the country on Monday and due to reach the Colombo Harbor on 16 November. The ship will call on all three main harbors in the island nation during its nine-day visit.

The 60-ton vessel sailed through the Pacific before reaching Sri Lanka from Singapore. It will complete its journey sailing through the Indian Ocean, the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean and come back to Monaco in May next year.

Xinhua

Russia to ban laser pointers during football matches

MOSCOW, 8 Nov—Russia’s Premier League intends to ban the use of laser pointers by fans at football stadiums, a top official said.

“We are very serious about this issue. The problem can only be resolved with the adoption of legal acts, since laser pointers are not prohibited for civilian use and there are no laws concerning this issue,” said the league’s security chief Alexander Meitin.

The ban would come in the form of a federal law, he said.

During a match Saturday between Spartak and Dynamo Moscow, fans used laser pointers to try to blind the goalkeepers of both clubs. He said the league will instruct staff at all stadiums to confiscate laser pointers before matches.

Internet

Ice hockey coach banned for trying to attack crowd

MOSCOW, 8 Nov—A two-match ban has been slapped on the coach of a Russian ice hockey team for grabbing a hockey stick and slashing it wildly over the glass that separated a stand full of angry spectators.

The incident occurred Sunday at the end of a Kontinental Hockey League (KHL) game between Vityaz Chekhov and Dinamo Minsk teams in Belarus.

Home fans threw plastic bottles onto the ice, disgruntled at what they termed dirty tactics used by Vityaz players.

Andrei Nazarov, the head coach of the Vityaz Chekhov team, seized a nearby hockey stick and appeared to attempt to strike several fans with it over the glass.

He did not appear to be able to reach them, and smashed the stick in half on the glass before snatching a second stick from a player and repeating the attempt.

Security personnel shepherded the fans away.

Nazarov has confirmed the news about the ban but refused to comment on his behaviour.

The game was won 3-2 by Dinamo Minsk.

Three Vityaz players were also handed disqualifications for what the KHL called the “initiation of several conflicts on the ice.”

Canadian left wing Kip Brennan got a four-match ban, US centre Nick Tarnasky got two games, while Russia’s Artemi Panarin sits out for one match.

Internet

San Bruno gas pipeline bursts during test

WOODSIDE, (Calif) 8 Nov—A Pacific Gas and Electric Co natural gas pipeline burst while being tested, sending water, mud and rocks across a California highway, officials say.

The rupture and subsequent mudslide was detected about 3:30 pm Sunday when a driver on Interstate 280 near Woodside reported seeing a large geyser of water to the Woodside Fire Department, the San Jose Mercury News reported.

Battalion Chief Kevin Butler said PG&E had been conducting hydrostatic testing of pipelines in the area.

There were no injuries and only one vehicle was damaged by dirt and rock, Butler said.

The Sunday incident came a little more than a year after the same pipeline burst, resulting in the deaths of eight people and damaging 38 homes in San Bruno, the San Francisco Chronicle noted.

Utility officials said they had workers in the area in case of failure.

“We’ll learn from this experience,” spokesman Brian Swanson said. “It’s definitely a concern that this hydrostatic pressure test impacted 280.”

We’ll do an analysis to determine how we can minimize disruptions like this in the future.”

Internet

College enrollment in Brazil doubles in past 9 years

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Nov—The number of students enrolled in colleges and universities in Brazil doubled from 2001 to 2010, reaching 6.379 million, the Education Ministry said Monday. Citing a college census, the ministry said that college enrollment was up 7.1 percent in 2010 from 2009.

Education Minister Fernando Haddad said the figures indicated the growing access to college education in Brazil, adding that the government will manage to raise the number to 10 million in 2020. The census also indicated an advancement of distance education. Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff has signed a bill which will provide as much as 13.7 billion US dollars to increase students’ access to technical schools in the next three years.
China donates relief fund for typhoon victims in Philippines

Manila, 8 Nov.—The Chinese Red Cross has donated 30,000 US dollars to its counterpart in the Philippines for the relief of typhoon-affected victims, the Chinese embassy in the Philippines said in a statement on Monday.

Charge D’affaires of the Chinese embassy presented the relief fund on behalf of the Chinese Red Cross to the Philippine Red Cross on 3 Nov to help its relief efforts for victims of the recent typhoons, the embassy said.

The Philippine Red Cross Secretary General Gwendolyn Pang accepted the donation and expressed appreciation to the Chinese Red Cross and the Chinese people for their sincerity and generosity.

Typhoons Nesat and Nalgae killed more than 100 Filipinos, and caused economic losses of 14 billion pesos (321.84 million US dollars), according to official statistics.—Xinhua

20 hurt as M5.2 quake rattles S Philippines

Davao City, 8 Nov.—At least 20 people were reportedly hurt when a strong earthquake shook parts of southern Philippines late on Monday, police and officials said on Tuesday.

The magnitude-5.2 temblor rattled the cities of Malaybalay and Valencia in Mindanao’s Bukidnon Province past 5:40 pm local time, shaking homes and causing cracks to public buildings and structures, according to Valencia City mayor Leandro Catarata, adding two people from his city.—Xinhua

Flood to cost at least 500 mln USD on Thai tourism

Bangkok, 8 Nov.—The tourist industry of Thailand is expected to lose 520 million US dollars to 825 million US dollars as a result of the widespread flood, Suraphon Svetasreni, governor of Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), said here on Tuesday.

Suraphon analyzed the impact of flooding in two scenarios. “If the flood situation is resolved at the end of November, estimated losses to tourism will be 520 million US dollars, with 245 million in revenue lost from domestic trips and 275 million from international tourism,” he said during a meeting with foreign correspondents.

“If it is resolved at the end of December, estimated losses could reach a total of 825 million US dollars, with 387 million lost from international tourism and 438 million from domestic tourism,” he added.—Xinhua

Flood death toll reaches 527, two missing

Bangkok, 8 Nov.—A total of 527 people were confirmed dead and two people were missing in the floods that have inundated the upper part of the country for almost four months, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Tuesday.

Twenty-three more people were confirmed dead on Monday in central provinces.

Central province of Ayutthaya has the highest death toll of 90 people, following by central province of Nakhon Sawan, of which 62 people killed by floods.

Floods on Tuesday still prevail in 24 of 77 provinces, affecting about 1.1 million households and 2.9 million people. The floods have affected about 3.3 million households and about 11.3 million people in 64 of 77 provinces since 25 July.

Floods were caused by the heavy monsoon “Nock-Ten” and overflow from dams in upper part of the country since mid July.—Xinhua
Claims Day Notice

MV Kota Tampan VOY NO (415)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (415) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 8.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: MS Advance Container Lines

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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Claims Day Notice

MV Billion VOY NO (129)

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Chinese Mask Painter Breaks the Mold

Beijing, 8 Nov — People call Sun Guogang the “king of Peking Opera masks.” The artist may surprise many as his inspiration doesn’t always come from traditional Chinese art. He says he is often inspired by Picasso’s abstract paintings, Tokyo kabuki and even hip Hop. Critics say he masterfully blends these ideas into his own unique and unconventional creations. Peking Opera mask, known as lanpu in Chinese, is an old art form practiced starting the Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907) and refers to back stage opera facial makeup.

"Fusing Picasso into the old mask painting was a coincidence," Sun says. "It was in 1984, I visited a Picasso painting exhibition. I was so moved to see his Cubism works. They have such an incredible visual impact and power." Shortly after, Sun quit doing stage roles and took up the brush. He added a modern expression to traditional mask painting. The aesthetics and artistic value are eye-catching, transcending any boundaries of language and cultural backgrounds. He also paints masks on canvas and rice paper.

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Train Derails after Hitting Abandoned Ute

Sydney, 8 Nov — A two-year-old boy playing with his toy wheelbarrow was bowled over by a kangaroo which then pinned him down and tried to claw him to death. The screaming child’s terrified parents ran around as the animal managed to chase it away.

Two-year-old Zakiah Galea was playing in his garden in New South Wales when he was attacked by a kangaroo which tried to claw him to death. — Internet

Train derails after hitting abandoned ute

Sydney, 8 Nov — A passenger train has derailed in the New South Wales Southern Highlands after a ute was left on railway tracks. The accident happened around 4.30am (ADST) on Sunday morning when the Cityrail train crashed into the car near Mittagong.

Two people have been taken to hospital, one of whom was in a critical condition. It is likely the ute was left on the tracks when it became bogged before being abandoned. The north-bound train was carrying nine passengers and three crew, but no one was hurt. The carriages of the train remained upright after the crash. Detectives are investigating who left the vehicle on the tracks. — Internet
Parking ticket paid 57 years late

Someone apparently decided it was time to pay a parking ticket issued to his mother in a small Nebraska town — in 1954.

An anonymous man cleaning up his mother’s home found the unpaid parking ticket issued to a vehicle license in Oklahoma that was parked at Meter 77 in downtown York, Neb. 13 July, 1954, and decided it was time to take care of the matter, the York News-Times reported.

On 1 Nov, the man walked into the office of York Police Chief Don Klug and, unseen by the official, left the fine — a single dime taped to the ticket inside an antique frame — on the chief’s desk. “This was a pretty unusual thing to see someone pay an outstanding parking ticket 57 years after the fact,” Klug said. “It’s really pretty neat, that someone would pay this parking ticket so many years later, or even find it among someone’s belongings,” Klug said. “Another really interesting part of this whole thing is the wording on the ticket.” It is polite and genteel. “We are sorry,” the ticket states, “to have to leave this tag. However, our parking space is so limited we have to divide it up. A charge of 10 cents is made for your extra time. You may enclose a dime in this envelope and deposit it in the red box located on the corner.”

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A giant stainless steel Leica camera weighing 350kg was crafted by Chinese artist Liao Yibai.

Robert De Niro to play Bernie Madoff

MELBOURNE, 8 Nov—Robert De Niro is playing the role of Wall Street investor and scamster Bernie Madoff in the first major film to be made on the financial scam.

De Niro is also producing the film with his partner Jane Rosenthal from his production company Tribeca productions. The former Wall Street financial expert had swindled investors out of around 50 billion dollars in a ponzi scheme.

He had been sentenced to 150 years in prison and his family has since disowned him.

HBO have bought the recently published book ‘Truth and Consequences: Life Inside the Madoff Family’ which was written with the cooperation of Madoff’s son Andrew and other family members, the Daily Telegraph reported.

The book, written by Laurie Sandell, describes the aftermath of Madoff’s arrest and the effect it had on his family.

Last year his eldest son Mark committed suicide because of the shame brought upon by the scam.

Mark’s wife Stephanie Madoff Mack has also written a book ‘The End of Normal: A Widow’s Anguish, A Widow’s New Life’.

It is an intimate account of two years of despair after Bernie Madoff father’s admitted in December 2008 that his elite investment advisory business was ‘one big lie’. — Internet

Jennifer Aniston buys USD 9 million house in New York

NEW YORK, 8 Nov—Actress Jennifer Aniston has reportedly bought a USD 9 million house in Manhattan.

Spread across 2,873-square-foot space, the house has three bedrooms and includes building perks like housekeeping, room and butler services, reports usmagazine.com. This is Aniston’s third multi-million dollar apartment in New York itself.—Internet

Anna Friel thought love with ex would last forever

LONDON, 8 Nov—Actress Anna Friel thought her relationship with ex-partner David Thewlis, who she dated for 10 years, would “last forever”.

The 35-year-old, who split with the ‘Harry Potter’ and the Deadly Hallows actor last year, is now dating ‘Notting Hill’ star Rhys Ifans.

“I was 23 when I got together with David and had a very different way of looking at life. I grew and he was a fantastic influence on me and we spent 10 wonderful years together. And then we both just decided that we’d become friends as opposed to lovers,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted Friel as saying.

“I thought the relationship would last forever, but as you get older you realise that certain relationships are for certain times,” she added.—Internet

Andy Williams has bladder cancer

The 83-year-old said this to the crowd during his show at the Moon River Theatre in Missouri, reports the mirror.co.uk.

Williams missed a planned stage performance and it was reported that it was due to the undisclosed medical condition. However he received a standing ovation when he appeared and told the crowd that bladder cancer “is no longer a death sentence” and that he would survive.

Williams vowed to return to the stage next September and October to celebrate his 75th anniversary in show business.—Internet

Singer Andy Williams

Anna Friel

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Man swaps jail costume for real one

A Pennsylvania man dressed in a Halloween jail costume ended up arrested and in a real jail uniform, authorities say.

Donora, Pa., police were summoned to investigate a possible abandoned vehicle in front of an apartment late Halloween night. The “Washington, Pa. Obse-

reporter said.”

Upon seeing police arrive, Anthony James “Jinx” Law, 26, began running, causing officers to give chase. They scuffled with him and used a stun gun and pepper spray in their efforts to subdue him, police stated in an affidavit.

His friend, Gregory Moon, 22, wearing a black-and-

white Halloween jail costume allegedly began yelling obscenities at the arresting officers, telling them to free Law, the newspaper reported Thursday.

After police arrested Moon, they determined the vehicle they initially came to investigate belonged to Moon. They also discovered a pistol on the front passenger seat, which had been stolen, police stated in an affidavit.

The two Charleroi men, who have a history of gang tie and violent crime, were remanded to the Washington County jail on $250,000 bond and given regulation jail jumpsuits, court records show.

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LONDON, 8 Nov — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is delighted midfielder Mikel Arteta is adapting to the Gunners’ style of play.

The 29-year-old moved to the Emirates on transfer deadline day and has been an ever-present in Premier League action since.

With Jack Wilshere unavailable to Wenger due to injury, the Frenchman has been pleased with Arteta’s ability to retain possession.

“He is an important player for our team,” Wenger told the club’s official website. “He is really a player between Song and Ramsey or Rosicky and that gives us continuity.

“When we need to keep the ball he can achieve that - Jack [Wilshere] can do that as well. But with Jack missing he is a player who can keep the ball when it is needed. He is adapting to our game.

If you look at the stats in the Premier League, Arsenal are the team who play the least balls backwards.—Internet

Arsenal achieves Advanced Equality Standard

LONDON, 8 Nov — Arsenal has become the first club to receive Kick It Out’s Advanced Level of the Equality Standard. The standard supports the development of equality and diversity practice at professional clubs in the UK.

Arsenal has received the honour from football’s equality and inclusion campaign after providing detailed evidence on what it is doing to promote diversity and equality. It includes work in the community, engagement with fans and the development of club policies and processes to create equal opportunities for all.

The award was handed over by Lord Hermann Ouseley, Chair of Kick It Out at an event at Emirates Stadium earlier this week which saw a number of equality and diversity groups and members of the football family come together. Arsenal’s Chief Executive, Ivan Gazidis, Arsenal and England Ladies Captain Faye White and Arsenal supporters and individuals from the local community who are involved in some of Arsenal’s initiatives which celebrate the diversity of its fan base also spoke at the event.—Internet

Fernando Verdasco of Spain advances in Paris

PARIS, 8 Nov — Fernando Verdasco of Spain rallied past Marin Clic of Croatia 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 to reach the second round of the Paris Masters on Monday.

Julien Benneteau of France, Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain, Kevin Anderson of South Africa, and Germans Philipp Kohlschreiber and Florian Mayer also advanced.

The tournament is the last chance for some players to gain one of the last three remaining spots for the ATP World Tour Final.

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HiROSHIMA, 8 Nov—China on Tuesday beat the Dominican Republic 3-1 (23-25, 25-13, 25-19, 25-18) in the opening match of Round Two at the women’s volleyball World Cup here in Hiroshima.

China started slowly for the third time in four matches by losing the first set against the Dominican Republic, who has come on an emotional high from a five-set thriller on Sunday against host Japan.

In the first set, the Dominicans stunned China by jumping out ahead early. China’s defence looked confused at times, miscommunicating on several occasions, and in a Bethania de Pena De La Cruz spike, their hesitation resulted in the first Dominican set point. China showed some spirit fighting off three set points, but De La Cruz dropped her seventh point behind the Chinese defense to close at 25-23.

“We started slow, and obviously the Dominican Republic has adopted some useful tactics against China’s attacks. And we had several mistakes, but fortunately we managed to get back,” said Yu Juemin, coach of the Chinese team.—Xinhua

China beats Dominican Republic at women’s volleyball World Cup

Yang Junjing(Back) of China spikes the ball during the match against Dominica at the 2011 Women’s Volleyball World Cup in Hiroshima, Japan, on Nov. 8, 2011. Xinhua
NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Pilgrims continued to crowd Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic conveyed for the fourth time from China to Myanmar for Buddhists in Myanmar from dawn to dusk today.

In addition to two elevators installed at south-east and south-west corners of the hill for the sake of public convenience, members of social organizations helped the elders and the disabled climb the hill.

Three pathways are systematically designed in the cave to enable the pilgrims to pay close homage to the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic and sites for those who want to meditate in the cave are created.

The artistes of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture performed Dhammapuja songs in the accompaniment with harp troupe. Religious associations of ministries and in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area recited religious verses.

Donation boxes and pavilions are opened at the southern arch and the eastern arch on the precinct of the pagoda for accepting donation of cash and jewellery. A total of 24 donors of K 100,000 and above emerged today. Chairman of Financial Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than returned certificates of honour to them. (See page 9)

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov — Supervisory Committee for Importation of Vehicles held its meeting (2/2011) at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce, here, this afternoon, with an address by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

In his address, the Union Minister said that his ministry will continue to carry out necessary arrangements for issuance of import licence/permit if ministries concerned informed the supervisory committee the name list after scrutinizing companies, individual and organizations that are granted permission to import vehicles. Officials concerned are to supervise matters of their ministries concerned, opening of used car sale centre as soon as possible, and procedures for enforcing importers not to import flooded vehicles, he added. As for the first stage, 890 companies whose export each hit US$ 100,000 and above will be allowed to import one vehicle each manufactured within past five years. Ministries concerned will scrutinize as quick as possible the matters related to imports in other sectors.

Up to 3 November, 13212 old vehicles have been handed over and 7412 vehicle-import permits have been issued till 4 November. (See page 9)