Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union
* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for International Development Mr. Andrew John Bower Mitchell of Britain and party at the President Office here from 3 pm to 4:15 pm today.

Present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental heads.

Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for International Development of Britain Mr. Andrew John Bower Mitchell was accompanied by British Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Andrew Richard Heyn.

They had a cordial discussion on further cementing friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries. MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for International Development Mr. Andrew John Bower Mitchell of Britain at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw. MNA

Slight Earthquake recorded

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released that a slight earthquake of magnitude 4.8 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Islands, India Region) about 430 miles southwest of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 16 hrs 48 min 40 sec MST today. MNA

Ayeyawady Region, Kachin State Hluttaws continue regular sessions
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Take care of children since early age

Each and every mother is responsible to take care of their children who are like blossoming flowers and future of our world to be healthy and highly intelligent since their early age as brain development of children is based on their mothers.

From prenatal period to age five dramatically influences on IQ development of children for the rest of their life. It is required for Children to develop fully both physically and mentally.

Mother care is vital importance to physical and mental development of a child. Scientists cited that it is needed to ensure proper brain development from birth to age five for a child. Being the closest persons for proper brain development in their children, mothers need to be careful about everything from breastfeeding to caring, love and their eating habit when they are looking after their children.

For brain development in children, having proper nutritious food, fresh fruit and vegetables, taking a daily walk for health and doing regular medical check-ups are needed.

Only when mothers, particularly, are to completely refrain from drinking alcohol and smoking, will their children have higher intelligence.

A quality life for the rest of their life calls for systematic cares to be given to the children since the period from the time before birth to the time after birth. For all-round development of children, the onus is on every mother to take care of their children systematically and carefully, giving them skin-to-skin contact, loving-kindness and support.

Knowledge on Traffic Rules disseminated in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Under the programme for declining road accidents being launched by Myanmar Police Force, an educative talk on traffic rules was held at Maha Visuta Rama Taguntaing Monastery in Police Force, an educative talk on traffic rules was held declining road accidents being launched by Myanmar Police Force, an educative talk on traffic rules was held

Monsoon forum to prevent natural disaster held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Yangon-based United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFAO) and Meteorology and Hydrology Department (MHD) jointly organized national level monsoon forum at the hall of the Union Election Commission, here, at 11 am today.

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye receives Australian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Moules at the hall of the Union Election Commission, here, at 11 am today.

Their discussions focused on matters related to election affairs and political parties. — MNA

Also present at the call were members of the Union Election Commission U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint and Dr Daw Myint Myint Kyi.

Myanmar sportspersons keep bagging medals in XXVI SEA Games

YANGON, 15 Nov — Myanmar selected athletes kept catching medals in XXVI SEA Games. Phyu The Wah bagged silver medal in 5000-m women’s race, Kyaw Oo and Nay Thway Oo silver medal in English Billiards Double in men’s double event, Naing Dway Shein silver in under 54-kg Fin Weight taekwondo, Zaw Min Aung bronze in 60-kg (Greco-Roman) wrestling, and Soe Sanda Nyunt and Haymar Hnin bronze in 10-m Platform (Sync) diving event yesterday.

At today’s games, Maung Kya bagged bronze medal in 50-m free pistol shooting contest. Thin Thin Kyaw silvers in Individual Recurve archery. Wai Wai Lwin and also shared third place with Malaysian sportswoman in 50-55-kg Panjat Silat game. — MNA

Course on basic golf rules to be launched

YANGON, 15 Nov — Myanmar Golf Federation and R & A Rules Limited (St. Andrews) will launch the introductory Rules School (level-1) on basic golf rules at Myanmar Golfers’ Association on Pyay Road here from 5 to 7 December.

Only when the trainees pass the R & A (level-1), will they be able to take the R & A (level-2). Those interested, for details, may dial 09-73078544 or 09-2037671. — MNA
Suicide bomber, civilian killed in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 15 Nov—A would-be suicide bomber and a civilian were killed and 10 people wounded Monday in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Baghdad and eastern Iraq, the police said.

In Baghdad, Iraqi security forces killed a would-be suicide bomber and arrested two suspects who were accompanying him in a car at a checkpoint in al-Jamia District in western part of the capital, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The incident occurred before midday when the three tried to run away from the checkpoint, prompting the soldiers to open fire on one of the suspects who was wearing an explosive vest and blew it up, while arresting the other two, the source said. Also in the district, gunmen using silenced weapons attacked in the morning a police checkpoint and wounded two policemen, the source added.

Palestinians look over destroyed police post in northern Gaza Strip, on 14 Nov, 2011. An Israeli airstrike at a Hamas naval police post in Gaza killed a policeman and wounded four others, Palestinian witnesses and medical sources said Monday.—XINHUA

Texas man found guilty of trying to help al-Qaeda

HOUSTON, 15 Nov—A US man was convicted by the federal courthouse in Houston on Monday of attempting to provide material support to the terror group of al-Qaeda and aggravated identity theft, according to local Press reports.

Texan Barry Bujol, 30, is expected to be sentenced early next year and could get 20 years in prison without parole, the newspaper Houston Chronicle reported.

Prosecutors say that Bujol sought to join al-Qaeda and to provide the group with money, restricted US military documents and GPS and cell phone equipment.

Bujol had denied the accusation, saying that he never intended to help al-Qaeda and that he wanted to leave the US because he disagreed with the country’s foreign policy.

Bujol was arrested by the FBI in May 2010 after he used fake identification to sneak into a Houston port and board a ship bound for the Middle East.

FBI agents began to investigate Bujol, who was a student at Prairie View A&M University, three years ago. The FBI reportedly used an undercover informant who posed as an al-Qaeda recruiter to make the case against Bujol.

According to court documents, Bujol used different email addresses to hide activities from authorities and also advocated attacking US facilities.

IED blast wounds five Afghan civilians

KABUL, 15 Nov—Five civilians sustained injuries as an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) struck a car in Qara Bagh District some 40 km north of capital City Kabul on Tuesday, Interior Ministry said in a Press release issued here.

“Today at 11:20 am local time, IEDs which was placed in a civilian vehicle exploded in Qara Bagh bazaar, district of Kabul Province. As a result of the blast, five members of a family were wounded, all the victims are civilians,” the Press release added.

The wounded were taken to hospital by Afghan National Police, it said.

Tuesday’s attack happened amid government’s preparations to open the traditional Loya Jirga, or grand assembly of tribal elders, lawmakers and government functionaries on Wednesday to discuss the proposed US-Afghan strategic partnership amid Taleban threats.

Taleban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have vowed to derail the Loya Jirga.—XINHUA

Seven killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Nov—At least seven people were killed in a US drone strike early Tuesday in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

The report quoted local security officials as saying that the US unmanned aircraft fired a number of missiles at a house in Miranshah, a place believed to be a hideout of militants.

Thick smoke was seen rising out of the house targeted in the drone attack, said the local security officials, adding that several drones were seen hovering over the area. Tuesday’s US strike is the 61st of its kind (counted on daily basis) in Pakistan in 2011. A total of 514 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes so far this year.—XINHUA

Afghan policemen inspect a police vehicle after an explosion in Heart Province on 12 Nov, 2011. At least five civilians were wounded when explosives attached to a bicycle went off in western city of Herat on Saturday, according to police officials.—INTERNET

One dead, over 20 injured in Philippine grenade attack

COTABATO, 15 Nov—A grenade explosion on Monday night left one dead and 22 others wounded in southern Philippines, a local official said Tuesday.

A man tossed a grenade at people in the Recreation Park in the township of Carmen around 10:00 pm, said Emmylyo Lala Mendoza, the governor of North Cotabato province. She said the blast killed one person and more than 20 others were rushed to hospital for treatment.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack and the suspect who hurled the explosive is now subject to police manhunt.

Afghans stand around the wreckage of a bicycle, in which bomb was placed, at the scene of a bomb blast in Injil district of Herat, province west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 12 Nov, 2011. A bicycle bomb in western Herat province’s Injil district wounded two police officers and two civilians, the Interior Ministry said. —INTERNET
Soon, wonder drug to make cancer cells ‘commit suicide’

**Health**

**LONDON, 15 Nov—**Scientists claim to have come up with radical new drug that will make cancer cells “commit suicide” and may also prove highly effective in wiping out some of the most deadly forms of the disease. The wonder drug will bring fresh hopes to patients with aggressive and deadly tumours and could also prove highly effective against other, less virulent, types of cancer.

The added bonuses of the treatment, which would be delivered in pill form, is that it has very few side effects and tumorous cells are unlikely to become resistant, as is the case with current therapies.

According to Professor David Cheresh and his team from the School of Medicine at the University of California, San Diego, the drug “blocks the function of proliferation” and the malignant cells commit suicide when they can’t multiply.

The KG5 drug, which has proved effective tests against pancreatic, breast and kidney cancers, works by stopping tumorous cells from multiplying and then shut themselves down. According to the research, KG5 works in a totally different way as compared to traditional therapies by altering the structure of a cancer growth protein, an enzyme known as RAF.

Existing treatments block RAF’s activity, but KG5 changes the entire shape of the protein, which neutralises it without leading to unwanted side-effects. “Before this drug was designed, we had no idea RAF could promote tumour cell cycle progression,” the Daily Express quoted Cheresh as saying. “This may be only one example of how, by designing drugs that avoid the active site of an enzyme, we can identify new and unexpected ways to disrupt the growth of tumours.

“In essence, we are attacking an important enzyme in a whole new way and thereby discovering new things this enzyme was intended for,” he said. The study has been recently published online in the Nature Medicine journal.—**Internet**

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**BOFA cuts shares of China Construction**

**CHARLOTTE, 15 Nov—**Bank of America said it would reduce its ownership of China Construction Bank from about 10 percent to about 1 percent to raise its capital base.

Chief Financial Officer Bruce Thompson said the bank would add $2.9 billion to its capital base with $1.8 billion realized with the sale of 10.4 billion shares of China Construction common stock and the realization of deferred tax assets, the Los Angeles Times reported Monday. BoFA already sold $3.6 billion worth of China Construction shares in the third quarter.

**The sign marking the MF Global Holdings Ltd offices at 52nd Street in midtown Manhattan is seen in New York on 2 Nov, 2011.**—**REUTERS**

**MF Global customer cash shortfall**

**NEW YORK, 15 Nov—**MF Global Holdings Ltd may have faced a shortfall in customer funds even as far back as 27 October, four days before the US futures brokerage filed for bankruptcy protection, the Wall Street Journal said, citing people familiar with the situation.

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**Free meds can help prevent repeat heart attacks**

**ORLANDO, 15 Nov—**A study finds that offering free medicines after a heart attack can help cut the chances they will suffer another one. It also saves them about $500 for health care over the next year without raising costs for insurers.

However, doctors were shocked that only about half of these patients filled their prescriptions even though they got them for free.

Insurance company Aetna says it will start offering certain heart medicines such as cholesterol-lowering statin drugs for free or with a reduced copay to some heart attack survivors because of these results. Aetna helped sponsor the study. The research was discussed Monday at an American Heart Association conference in Florida.—**Internet**

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The figure includes both types of diabetes. The group expects the number of cases to jump by 90 percent even in Africa, where infectious diseases have previously been the top killer. Without including the impact of increasing obesity, the International Diabetes Federation said its figures were conservative.

According to the World Health Organization, there are about 346 million people worldwide with diabetes, with more than 80 percent of deaths occurring in developing countries. The agency projects diabetes deaths will double by 2030 and said the International Diabetes Federation’s prediction was possible.

“It’s a credible figure,” said Gojka Roglic, head of WHO’s diabetes unit. “But whether or not it’s correct, we can’t say.”

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Wood use mitigates climate change

SYRACUSE, 15 Nov—Using wood for energy and consumer products has long-term benefits for the environment if done in a sustainable manner, US researchers said. A report in the Journal of Forestry says forests can provide both environmental and economic benefits if US policies are based on sound science.

“Work should help policymakers reconsider the critical impact forests have on our daily lives and the potential they have to solve problems that confront our nation,” said Robert Malmshemer, a professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY.

“We believe our science-based findings should lead toward positive reforms that encourage investment in this vital renewable resource,” Malmshemer, who chaired a task force that prepared the report, said in a university release Monday.

The Journal of Forestry called the report an assessment of “the current state of the science” regarding forest management and carbon production.

“One of the most promising carbon sinks is forests,” the article said. “By asking people to help us identify species through the app, we are turning wildlife conservation into the massive team effort that it needs to be,” said Jonathan Baillie, ZSL conservation director.

Babble ‘mom blog’ network joins Disney

LOS ANGELES, 15 Nov—The Walt Disney Co said Monday it has bought Babble Media, an online hub for parents featuring more than 200 “mom blogs”. Disney did not announce a purchase price for the acquisition of the New York-based Babble Media.

“With more than 3.9 million mom blogs in the US alone, Disney Interactive recognizes and values the important and powerful role moms have taken on in new media,” Disney Interactive senior vice president Brooke Chaffin said. “We believe that Babble and Disney can harness the power of storytelling to inform, entertain and empower parents everywhere,” Chaffin said in a statement.

Babble co-founders Rufus Griscom and Alisa Volkman said they “look forward to bringing together Babble’s resonant voice and community with Disney’s expansive family audience, wide range of content and multi-media platform.” Babble’s bloggers publish daily posts on a variety of parenting topics such as pregnancy, child care, health, food and family activities.

The acquisition of Babble comes just a week after Disney Interactive and YouTube announced they were teaming up to produce an original video series and feature “family-friendly” Disney programming on the video-sharing site.—Xinhua

Chinese, Chilean scientists hold seminar on astrophysics, astronomy

SANTIAGO, 15 Nov—A Chinese scientific delegation held a joint seminar on astrophysics and astronomy on Monday here with the Chilean National Commission of Scientific and Technological Investigation (CONICYT).

Headed by Chen Xiaoyao, a vice minister of China’s Ministry of Science and Technology, the delegation includes five astronomers who will participate in joint activities with Chilean researchers.

Jose Miguel Aguilera, president of the CONICYT, opened the two-day seminar, saying Chile and China are committed to a strategic partnership to advance the training of high-end knowledge.

Aguilera said President Sebastian Pinera considers the Asia-Pacific region as a fundamental venue for developing such cooperation.

Speaking at the beginning of the seminar, Chen said the programme opened a new page in the scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries.

The Chinese vice minister also suggested that the two sides promote exchange mechanisms in science, technology and innovation issues, enhance relations between the two countries’ research centers, universities and companies, and boost exchanges of young scientists.—Xinhua

Apple releases iTunes Match

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Nov—Apple on Monday released a new version of its media player programme, adding the much-anticipated sync-and-match service for music iTunes Match.

The feature, included in iTunes 10.5, can scan a user’s library to find music and match the content to the music available in iTunes Store. If it finds a match, users don’t need to upload the music and can listen to them anywhere, even better-quality versions, on any devices running Apple’s iOS operating system. Music that doesn’t match is automatically uploaded.

With a subscription fee of 24.99 US dollars a year, users can upload up to 25,000 of their own songs in Apple’s cloud server. The iTunes Match is currently only available in the United States.

Subscriptions for iTunes Match are unavailable for a while Monday morning due to excessive demand. The iTunes Match was first introduced in June along with Apple’s iCloud platform, the company’s cloud service enabling users to sync their files, apps and content among Apple devices.—Xinhua

New crew headed to space station

BAIKONUR, 15 Nov—New crew members are heading for the International Space Station aboard a Soyuz capsule launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, NASA announced.

The Soyuz will dock with the ISS Wednesday morning and the new crew will join Mike Fossum, the Expedition 29 commander, and flight engineers Satoshi Furukawa and Sergei Volkov.

NASA astronaut and flight engineer Burbank is making his third visit to the ISS. He previously visited aboard the space shuttle Atlantis.

Fossum, Furukawa and Volkov will undock from the Rassvet mini-research module inside the Soyuz TMA-02M for a 21 Nov return to Earth.

Shkaplerov, Ivanishin and Burbank are scheduled to live and work aboard the orbiting laboratory until March.

This NASA image taken on 12 July, 2011 shows NASA astronaut Mike Fossum, suspended from the end of the International Space Station as part of a spacewalk.

iPhone users can help conservation efforts

LONDON, 15 Nov—British researchers say a new iPhone app that lets users spot leopards, elephants and other animals in the wild will determine if populations are under threat.

The free Instant WILD app, released by the Zoological Society of London, connects users to motion-sensitive cameras in animal habitats in Kenya, Sri Lanka and Mongolia, and will send images to the phones in real-time when a camera senses a nearby animal, New Scientist.com reported Monday.

The app then asks users to identify which species it belongs to.

Sifting through such animal images normally takes days, conservationists said, and they hope crowd-sourcing the activity will speed up the identification process.

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Britain doesn’t rule out military action on Iran

LONDON, 15 Nov—Britain does not exclude military action against Iran in the long-term if negotiations fail to halt Teheran’s controversial nuclear programme, British Foreign Secretary William Hague said Monday.

“We are not considering that (military) action at the moment. We are not calling or advocating military action. At the same time we say all options should remain in future,” Hague was quoted as saying by The Telegraph.

“Of course, we will also look over the coming months to increase the peaceful legitimate pressure on Iran as part of our dual track approach of being available for negotiations if they’re real negotiations but at the same time placing more pressure on Iran through sanctions,” he said.

A recent report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Iran continued its nuclear weapons research and technology development after 2003, at a time when it declared a halt in its nuclear programme.

The report said Teheran had temporarily frozen nuclear activities, but that there was evidence the programme continued to be carried out at a more modest pace. Russia has criticized the IAEA report while France and Germany have called for more economic sanctions against Iran.

At least eight people were confirmed dead and 31 others were injured in the explosion at a fast food restaurant in Xi’an, the capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province.—INTERNET

British PM says powers should “ebb back” to nation states

LONDON, 15 Nov—Powers should “ebb back” from Brussels to nation states, British Prime Minister David Cameron said in a keynote foreign policy speech on Monday.

Against a background of financial and political uncertainty and change in the European Union (EU) and the eurozone, Cameron struck a sceptical note about the current nature of the EU.

Meanwhile, the PM emphasized “leaving EU is not in our national interest.” —As I said, change brings opportunities. An opportunity to begin to refashion the EU so it better serves this nation’s interests and the interests of its other 26 nations.— Cameron said.

He then called for “open markets, flexible economies and enterprise” and the completion of the single market in services.

The PM reaffirmed his commitment to have no economic sanctions on Russia and France and Germany have called for more economic sanctions against Iran.

A fishing boat that sunk in a boat harbor is shown in Nome, Alaska, on Sunday with the arrest of one drug dealer and the confiscation of 12 fusils and one machine gun. Jose Mariano Beltrame, Rocinha and Vidigal, had been security secretary from Rio de Janeiro State, said the operation’s main goal was to return the area to the population.

The two shantytowns, Rocinha and Vidigal, had been controlled by drug dealers for several decades.

Several peacekeeping units will be deployed in the two slums to expel the drug traffickers, as the Olympic Park in Stratford, East London, is located near a fancy neighbourhood and considered one of the last strongholds of Rio’s drug traffickers in the beach zone.—Xinhua
Airbus bags order for 50 planes

DUBAI, 15 Nov—The Airbus has bagged a contract to supply 50 A320neo aircraft to the Kuwait-based Alafco finance company on the second day of the Dubai Airshow.

Alafco (Aviation Lease and Finance Company) also plans to buy 30 more aircraft to be finalized by the end of this year, the Airbus said in a statement Monday. The contract is an increase of the initial agreement made this summer at the Paris Le Bourget Airshow for 30 aircraft, Xinhua reported. “The A320neo is the market’s favorite single-aisle aircraft family,” said Ahmed Al Zabin, Alafco chairman.

“The significant fuel burn savings it offers, combined with the operational reliability and cost effectiveness of the A320 Family, make it an absolute ‘must have’ in our portfolio to meet the demand and the requirements of our customers.” The A320neo is a new engine option for the A320 Family entering into service from 2015. It uses 15 percent less fuel than older models of the single-aisle A320.

This reduction in fuel burn is equivalent to 1.4 million litres of fuel — the consumption of 1,000 mid size cars. Airbus’ deals followed an order of 50 Boeing 777-ERs worth USD 18 billion from Dubai airline Emirates Sunday when the biannual airshow opened. It was the largest dollar-value order in the Chicago plane producer’s history.

Boeing also won a new regional customer, Oman Air, for its 787 aircraft Monday. Oman Air signed an order for six Boeing 787-8s, completing an arrangement with Boeing and Alatco to transfer existing orders for the six Dreamliners from Alatco to Oman Air.

Army doc awarded for creating ‘Band-Aid’ that keeps soldiers warm

LONDON, 15 Nov —A Southampton army medic has created a ‘band-aid’ that would keep soldiers warm at the frontline and also stop their bleeding due to major injuries.

Reservist Major Robert Dawes has won accolades for creating the revolutionary ‘Blizzard Heat pack’ and has also been named Healthcare Reservist of the Year at the Military and Civilian Health Partnership Awards. The trainee anaesthetist is credited with introducing it to frontline operations in Afghanistan along with new airway equipment and blood-clotting dressings, the Daily Mail reported. The 43-year-old was nominated for saving countless lives through his ‘awe inspiring dedication to patients’.

“The quality of care available to our Armed Forces is quite remarkable,” said Andrew Robathan, Minister for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans in the UK.

“We meet at a time of uncertainty for the global economy. Growth and job creation have weakened in many economies, and significant downside risks remain, including those arising from the financial challenges in Europe and a succession of natural disasters in our region,” noted the document.

“These challenges have only strengthened our commitment to cooperation as the way forward. Building on the Yokohama Vision, we firmly resolve to support the strong, sustained, and balanced growth of the regional and global economy,” said the statement.

APEC committed to building seamless regional economy

HONG KONG, 15 Nov — Leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum said here Sunday that they are committed to building a seamless regional economy through a host of joint efforts.

“In APEC this year, we have committed to taking concrete steps toward a seamless regional economy, in order to link our economies and markets even closer together, to the benefit of all,” said “The Honolulu Declaration — Toward a Seamless Regional Economy,” which was posted on APEC’s official website.

18-year-old US boy elected mayor in small Iowa town

NEW YORK, 15 Nov — An 18-year-old US boy has been elected as mayor of Aredale in Iowa.

Jeremy Minnner of Hampton Dumont High School was elected Tuesday with 24 write-in votes, defeating incumbent Mayor Virgil Homer. The high school senior may not be old enough to drink, but he can now dictate municipal policy.

According to local television channel KIMT-TV, Minnner decided to seek elected office because he thought the voices of Aredale’s 73 residents were going unheard.

“It’s just one of those things you reflect what you’re only 18 you can’t do this because you don’t know what’s going well that’s a false statement,” the New York Daily News quoted him as saying. Minnner is taking after his father, who was mayor of the town before he was born. The high school band member will assume office on 3 Jan, and plans to attend community college so that he can finish his four-year term.

S Korea’s trade terms worsens in Q3

SEOUL, 15 Nov— South Korea’s trade terms worsened in the third quarter as import price growth outpaced export price rise, the central bank said Monday.

Net terms-of-trade index for goods, calculated by dividing per-unit export price index by per-unit import price index, stood at 78.7 during the July-September period, down 9.9 percent from a year earlier, the Bank of Korea (BOK) said in a statement.

The aggravated trade terms came as the per-unit import price growth outpaced per-unit export price advance amid rising commodity prices, according to the BOK.

The per-unit import price index jumped 21.5 percent on-year for the three months ended Sept. 30 due to higher raw material prices.

The per-unit export price index gained 9.5 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier as price rise in petroleum products overshadowed price declines in semiconductors, the BOK said.

Soldiers march during the commemoration ceremony of the 201st anniversary of the National Army’s creation, in the city of El Alto, Bolivia, on 14 Nov, 2011.

A visitor takes photos of a TOYOTA car at the 2011 Dubai international auto show in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on 14 Nov, 2011. The five-day car exhibition, the biggest in the Middle East, will be closed on Monday.

China’s “Xiaolong” fighter aircraft makes its debut in first day of the Dubai International Airshow in Dubai, capital of United Arab Emirates, on 13 Nov, 2011. As the leading aviation event in the Middle East, the biannual Dubai airshow runs until Thursday. Organizers said fair this year will be the biggest yet and expects some 55,000 professional visitors.

People dressed as Black Peter, or Zwart Piet, are seen in Haarlem, the Netherlands, on 13 Nov, 2011. In the folklore and legends of the Netherlands and Belgium, Black Peter is a companion of Saint Nicholas whose yearly feast in the Netherlands is usually celebrated on the evening of 5 Dec, when they distribute sweets and presents to all good children.
At the invitation of a friend, we the news crew of Myanma Alin daily attended harvesting ceremony of farmer educative special yield paddy plantation and covered news. The harvesting ceremony was held in Shwenyaung Hnapin field of farmer U Sein Win in Bawaing Village of Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region.

On arrival at the field, I saw golden paddy plantations touching the horizons. We all approached the paddy plantation together with township level officials. We witnessed remarkable throbbing of ears of paddy as a good result based on vigorous efforts of farmer U Sein Win.

We have learnt that the plantation comprised 1.5 acres of Pawhsan Bgyyar paddy strain, 1.5 acres of Hsintukha paddy strain and four acres of new paddy strain cultivated with the assistance of Golden Key Company through good agricultural pattern.

Farmer U Sein Win explained, “It is a high yield paddy strain. Its cultivation period lasts 114 days including 18 nurturing days. We forecast 141 baskets of paddy per acre may be produced on the model paddy plot. As it is an export paddy strain, benefit of the technology may contribute much to poverty alleviation of farmers.”

U Thura of Golden Key Company said, “Today, all the farmers apply new technologies on cultivation, nurturing, soil preparations and use of quality paddy strains. Thanks to assistance of the State and encouragement of input companies, farmers have grasped many opportunities.”

Two men put sheaf of paddy carried by girls into the combined harvester that continuously poured out paddy seeds from its tube. Officials of Township Myanma Agriculture Service and staff members of Golden Key Company measured per acre yield of paddy. One of them said loudly that it was 137.50 baskets per acre of paddy (wet).

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, concerted efforts of the input companies and farmers resulted production of paddy through better cultivation system in the new era.

At the call, the Union Minister explained current situations of political, economic, human rights, reforms and international relations matters of Myanmar and replied to queries raised by the Wall Street Journal. —MNA

Leader of Spokespersons and Information Team Union Minister for Information and for Culture receives Bureau Chief of Southeast Asian Branch of Wall Street Journal.

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Leader of the Spokespersons and Information Team of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Bureau Chief Mr Jon Patrick Barta of Southeast Asian Branch of the Wall Street Journal at the hall of the President Office, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were members of the Spokespersons and Information Team Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Director-General of Union Government Office U Tin Myo Kyi, Managing Director U Zaw Min Oo of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Deputy Director-General U Ye Min of President Staff Office, Leader of the Political Advisory Group to President U Ko Ko Hlaing and Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department.

A visit to model plot in Bawaing Village of Pantanaw Township

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Members of Sangha, people pay obeisance to Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic.

Nav Pyi Taw, 15 Nov—The Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic is temporarily being kept for the public obeisance for the tenth day today in front of Maha Mamayama Gatama Buddha Patana Yadana Jade Buddha Image at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda.

The pagoda was crowded with monks and pilgrims and member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas Yadanaes Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadha Bhaddanta Silananda of Loshim in Shan State (South) paid homage to the sacred tooth relic.

Likewise, representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw paid homage to the sacred tooth relic and donated cash.

Bureau Chief Mr Jon Patrick Barta of South-East Asian branch of Wall Street Journal paid homage to the sacred tooth relic this morning and viewed peaceful and happy obeisance of the people to the tooth relic and making donations at the donation centres.

Staff families of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue donated K 401,000, staff families of Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Religious Affairs K 365,000, Maj-Gen Nyan Tun and family of the Commander-in-Chief (Army’s) Office K 500,000, Aswa World Co family K 400,000, U Kyaw Swe and family K 100,000, Daw Khin Aye Than-Daw Nwe Nwe Than family and U Aung Mya Thein-Daw Le Yi Moe family K 50,000 each, U Myat Min-Daw Phu Pwint Thwe and family K 30,000 and others. Their donations amounted to K 1,896,000.

Like-wise, members of the financial subcommittee accepted K 370,000 by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, K 375,000 by Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, K 500,000 by reporter U Zaw Min Aung of Kyemon Daily, daughter The Su Hai of Ministry of Commerce and family in memory of late Daw Tin Hlaing, K 333,300 by manager and staff of Yaingyi drinking water factory of Myanmar Economic Corporation (Nav Pyi Taw), K 300,000 by U Aung Kyaw Thu-Daw Thida Myint (Thida Bintan) family of Lashio, K 237,000 by a family of Ywahta Sub-Township of Bawlake District in Kayah State, K 200,000 each by Col Kyaw Win and family of Commander-in-Chief (Army’s) Office and grandson Thit Htoo San, U Aung Kyaw Moe-Daw Khin Kyi and family and U Htai Sein-Daw Lily and family of the US, one ring decorated with nine precious stones worth about K 340,000 by U Maung Sein-Daw Mya Kyi Aye, daughter Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Daw Yi Yi Myint of Mawlamiyne Constituency, one golden bracelet worth about K 332,000 by U Thein Aung-Daw Than Myint and family of Dawei, two golden rings worth about K 294,000 by Captain Myo Zaw Aung-Ma Yamin Swe Zaw of Nay Pyi Taw Command, one golden necklace worth about K 280,000 by Daw Hla Myint of Hlme Township, one pair of golden earplug worth about K 257,500 by Col Aung Myint Do-Daw Tin Maw Nwe and family of Kyaw in memory of late father U Kyaw Sein, one golden chain worth about K 250,000 by U Myo Hai-Daw Nan Loungh Hsei and family of Pyinnmana under the patronage of both side parents, one golden locket worth about K 230,000 by Daw Ngwe Kyi and daughter Khin Su Su Hte of Kyakto in memory of late U Kyaw Sein, one golden ring worth about K 227,000 by daughter Daw Nan Loungh Hsei and family of Pyinnmana in memory of late Sayadaw U Vimalasami, one golden ring worth about K 200,000 by U Htay Lwin-Daw Phyu Phyu Lwin and family of Namhsan of Shan State (South) and K 100,000 and above donations by 63 wellwishers and gold, silverware and jewellery by 58 wellwishers.

Certificates of honour were presented to the donors.

Yesterday evening, Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Irrigation Department and wife Daw Sandy Khin (Deputy Minister for Culture) and family and Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min-Dr Wai Wai Tha and family under the patronage of grandfather U Tha Khaing donated K 500,000 each, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung-Daw Aye Aye Tun and family K 300,000, Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi-Daw Thwe Thwe Sein and family K 100,000 and Daw Mya Sein and family of Zeyathelkhi Ward K 200,000, US$ 200 and ¥ 1000.

From evening of 14th November to 6 pm today, donations at the centres amounted to K 28,184,207, FEC 10, US$ 479, RMB 203, Thai baht 1010, Indian rupee 62, SS 20, Korean Wam 500, Japanese ¥ 1000, Sri Lankan rupee 100, 81 items of gold, silver and jewellery ornaments worth about K 6,419,400.

Ayeyawady Region, Kachin State Hluttaw continue regular sessions.

Nav Pyi Taw, 15 Nov — Fourth day second regular session of Ayeyawady Region and Kachin State Hluttawas were held yesterday at their Hluttaw buildings respectively.

During the meeting of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw, seven questions on public works of roads and bridges, five questions on health care services, two questions on municipal roads and bridges and two questions on agricultural sector were answered, and legislative committee of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw decided to discuss the plans for fifth short-term five-year project of the regional government.

Three proposals were also submitted during the meeting.

During the meeting of the Kachin State Hluttaw, 15 questions were answered, one proposal was discussed and approved by the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw also discussed the proposal to end armed conflicts and to make efforts for bringing security of the people, eternal peace and development in

Objectives of the 91st Anniversary National Day

* To uplift national prestige and integrity and to strengthen Union Spirit
* To promote national education
* To ensure perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State
* To build a modern and developed new nation

Kachin State by the government, KIO and KIA and all national races and recorded the donation in cash for the refugees in the state and flood victims in Pakokku Township.—MNA

Fourth day of second regular session of Kachin State Hluttaw in progress.

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Sri Lanka cuts tourist visa fee

COLOMBO, 15 Nov—Tourism operators in Sri Lanka heaved a sigh of relief after the government reduced a 50 US dollar visa fee to 20 dollars, an official said here on Monday.

The scheme, scheduled to be in effect from January 2012, will now charge 10 US dollars from South Asian travelers and 20 US dollars from others.

The move comes after Sri Lanka’s neighbour India also reduced its visa fee to 20 US dollars, prompting the government to take action.

US Customs and Border Protection Agent William Vizcaino said the victims include five men and one woman.

The fire broke out Sunday night at the two-storey Maria Cresencia Tina’s Pergamino City, medical sources said.

The cause of the blaze remains unclear.

Six killed in Argentina care home fire

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Nov—Six people died when a fire broke out at a care home in Argentina’s Pergamino City, police said.

Pergamino police commissioner Fabian Vizziano said the victims include five men and one woman.

Malaysia seizes 6m Ecstasy chemicals, arrests 11

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Nov—Malaysian police said authorities made the arrests Friday while raiding a factory in northern Kedah State.

Drug trafficking carries a mandatory penalty of execution by hanging in Malaysia.

China’s central SOE donations hit 1.69 bln yuan in Q1-Q3

BEIJING, 15 Nov—Charitable donations from 92 centrally administered state-owned enterprises (SOEs) totaled 1.69 billion yuan (268.4 million US dollars) in the first three quarters of 2011, official data showed on Monday.

About 976.5 million yuan, or 57.8 percent of the donations, was made to public welfare causes, while about 560.2 million yuan, or 33.1 percent of the donations, was used for disaster-relief and poverty reduction, according to figures released by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC), China’s SOE regulatory body.

China planning to establish nuclear security training centre in Beijing

BEIJING, 15 Nov—China is planning to build a nuclear training centre in Beijing to promote effective security and safeguards.

China Institute of Atomic Energy’s (CIAE) Radioactive Chemistry Department Deputy Director Liu Daming said the centre would use scenario-driven responses to impart hands-on training on international nuclear safeguards requirements and inspection techniques.

The use of nuclear power has grown rapidly in China in the recent years.

The country’s nuclear power plants are expected to have a 40 million kilowatt capacity during the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-2015) period, which is over double the existing 16.97 million kilowatt output.
Algeria denies paying ransom to Somali pirates

ALGIERS, 15 Nov—Algeria has once again denied paying any ransom for the release of Algerian sailors on the bulk carrier MV Blida kidnapped by Somali pirates months ago.

Algerian Secretary of State for Foreign Ministry and National Community Abroad Affairs Halim Benatallah was quoted on Monday by the local radio as saying that “the 17 Algerian hostages were released thanks to the cooperation of friendly countries in the frame of counterterrorism, and yet no ransom has been paid.” Benatallah, who made the statement as the sailors arrived at Algeria’s Boufarik military airport on Sunday, further hailed the kidnapped sailors’ family members for their patience, understanding and confidence in the government.

“There were indeed hard times, but we managed to overcome (them) gradually,” he said. MV Blida, an Algerian-flagged bulk carrier with a crew of 27, including 17 from Algeria, was captured in January 2011 by Somali pirates around 150 miles southeast of Salalah in southern Oman when heading to the port of Mombasa in Kenya.

One Algerian crew member and a Ukrainian executive manager of the shipowner International Bulk Carriers (IBC), has already stated that no ransom had been paid to Somali pirates for the sailors’ release.

“The position of Algeria in this regard is firm and unequivocal,” said Mansouri. —Xinhua

5.2-magnitude quake hits eastern Turkey

CAIRO, 15 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted eastern Turkey at 00:08 early Tuesday (22:08 GMT Monday), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10.00 km, was initially determined to be at 38.6644 degrees north latitude and 43.0993 degrees east longitude. —Xinhua

Floating hotel burns on Moscow River

Traffic on nearby Leningradskoye Highway was restricted to ensure movement of firefighting units.

The incident narrowly avoided becoming the fifth river transport tragedy this year and the fourth on the Moscow River.

The Moscow River was the scene of three fatal boating accidents earlier this year. In August, a young man was killed and young woman injured as another boat tried to overtake them at close quarters.

The next day a drunk young man leapt from a boat going past Kievsky railway station and drowned. —Xinhua

US fines airline 900,000 dollars for tarmac delays

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov—The US Department of Transportation fined American Airlines USD 900,000 for keeping 600 passengers waiting on the runway for more than three hours in 15 of its airliners as a result of flight delays at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport.

This was the first offense against the rule imposed by the federal government in April 2010 for tarmac delays of domestic flights.

“We put the tarmac rule in place to protect passengers, and we take any violation very seriously,” Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement. “We will work to ensure that airlines and airports coordinate their resources and plans to avoid keeping passengers delayed on the tarmac.”

The fine stemmed from incidents that occurred 29 May when American Eagle, a subsidiary of American Airlines, kept 15 flights grounded on the O’Hare runway for more than three hours.

A total of 608 passengers had to stay more than three hours inside the planes on the landing strip with no way to get back into the terminal, according to a Department of Transportation investigation.

People are seen enjoying an Autumn sunshine day in Kunming Botanical Garden, Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 13 Nov, 2011. XINHUA

A man tends sheep to the shearing during the wool harvesting 2011/2012 in an agricultural establishment in the Treintay Tres area, 300km from Montevideo of Uruguay, on 14 Nov, 2011. As an important buyer of Uruguay’s wool, China was responsible for the acquisition of 89.4% of its dirty wool, 41.2% of washed wool and 34% of industrialized exported wool of the previous harvest.—XINHUA

CULIACAN (Mexico), 15 Nov—A singer-songwriter who performed “narcocorridos”, ballads that recount the exploits and travels of drug kingpins, was gunned down over the weekend in Culiacan, the capital of the Mexican state of Sinaloa, officials said.

Diego Rivas was killed Sunday by gunmen who opened fire at close range in Culiacan’s Lazaro Cardenas neighbourhood, the Sinaloa Attorney General’s Office said.

Rivas, known for the hits “El amor no se vende”, “Los ojitos de mi Elena” and “Soy yo”, was drinking in the street when the gunmen opened fire.

Alfredo Herrera Gomez, 24, was also killed. Another man, identified as 22-year-old Jeffry Olguin Garcia, died while being treated at a hospital.

Investigators found bullet casings from AK-47 assault rifles and other weapons, as well as two vehicles, at the crime scene, the AG’s office said.

Rivas is the latest narcocorrido performer to be murdered in northern Mexico in recent years.

Singer Sergio Vega, known as “El Shaka”, was shot dead while driving on a highway in Sinaloa 26 June, 2010. Vega was driving to Almejan, where he planned to perform with several other artists, when gunmen who had apparently been following him opened fire on the vehicle.—Internet

A firefighting head-quarters spokesman said.

All people from the vessel and 34% of industrialized exported wool of the previous harvest.—XINHUA

Photo taken on 14 Nov, 2011 shows a group of waterfalls at Baligou Scenic Area of Taihang Mountain, central China’s Henan Province. Waterfalls, brooks and ponds constitute picturesque sceneries in this region, attracting a lot of visitors.—XINHUA
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV B.K CHAMP VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV B.K CHAMP VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.11.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

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OK, brave guy, you go first

Beijing, 15 Nov — Da-yangyu, the first island ever to be put up for auction in China, sold for 20 million yuan ($3.15 million) on Friday, Ningbo Gaobao Investment, which deals in real estate and tourism development, won a three-way bidding war for the right to use the land for 50 years and build a luxury resort. “I think 20 million yuan is a reasonable price,” said Yang Weihua, general manager of Ningbo Gaobao. “It has rich natural resources, especially in vegetation and seafood, and it’s a great spot for sailing on the big, blue sea.”

She said her company will invest about 500 million yuan into the project, but declined to reveal more details. Da-yangyu Island, which lies off the coast of Ningbo in Zhejiang Province, covers 258,000 square metres - the size of 36 soccer fields - and was once an orchard and hunting site. It is among the first batch of 176 uninhabited islands made available to domestic and foreign developers by the State Oceanic Administration.

“Located between urban areas and scenic attractions, Dayangyu is one of the islands with relatively good resources,” said Jin Tengyong at the WWT, led the team to gather the eggs from the tundra of Chukotka in north-eastern Russia. “We had to search an area of 100 square miles,” he told BBC Nature.

Sugar-sweetened beverages may increase cardiovascular risk in women

Washington, 15 Nov — Drinking two or more sugar-sweetened beverages a day may expand a woman’s waistline and increase her risk of heart disease and diabetes, according to research findings presented Sunday at the American Heart Association’s Scientific Sessions 2011. In this study, researchers compared middle-aged and older women who drank two or more sugar-sweetened beverages a day, such as carbonated sodas or flavored waters with added sugar, with women who drank one or less daily.

Women consuming two or more beverages per day were nearly four times as likely to develop high triglycerides and were significantly more likely to increase their waist sizes and to develop impaired fasting glucose levels. The same associations were not observed in men.

“Women who drank more than two sugar-sweetened drinks a day had increasing waist sizes but weren’t necessarily gaining weight,” said Christina Shay, lead author of the study and assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Centre.

“These women also experienced higher triglycerides and women with normal blood glucose levels more frequently went from having a low risk to a high risk of developing diabetes over time,” Shay said. — Xinhua

Endangered spoon-billed sandpipers arrive in UK

London, 15 Nov — Conservationists have brought one of the world’s most threatened bird species to the UK in order to start a captive breeding programme. The 13 spoon-billed sandpipers arrived in the country on Friday, 11 November. They were taken to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) reserve in Slimbridge, Gloucestershire. It was the final stage of an epic 8,000km journey for the birds, which have been brought from

Sugar-sweetened beverages

The tiny chicks hatched in Russia and the team had to encourage them to feed.—INTERNET

Broken heart fix with stem cells

Paris, 15 Nov — Stem cells from heart-attack patients helped improve blood-pumping ability and restore vitality in cardiac muscle, according to a small trial published on Monday.

It is the first time patients have been given an infusion of their own cardiacl stem cells in the aim of solving the impact of heart failure rather than simply treating the symptoms of it.

Stem cells are infant cells that develop into the specialised tissues of the body.

They have sparked great excitement as they offer hopes of rebuilding organs damaged by disease or accident.

The index used for cardiac health is called the left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF), which calculates the capacity of the left ventricle to expel blood in the space of a heartbeat.

For a person in normal health, the LVEF is 50 percent or higher.

Among the study patients, though, this had fallen to 40 percent or lower. At such a threshold, shortness of breath and fatigue are chronic and often disabling.

The stem cells were isolated from a coronary artery that had been removed when the patients underwent a coronary bypass. Scans of the patients’ hearts also showed a reduction in the area of tissue that had been scarred by the infarction, a discovery that challenges conventional belief that once scarring occurs, heart tissue is permanently dead.

The volunteers also reported a substantial improvement in quality of life, and there were no significant side effects.

Seven patients with similar heart problems were enrolled as “controls”, to serve as a comparison. There was no change in their LVEF, in scar tissue or in their quality of life.—Internet
Tell-tale footprints snag alleged robber

Police said they captured an alleged bank robber by following his footprints in the snow to an Ogden, Utah, apartment where he was hiding with the money.

Lt Troy Burnett said a 27-year-old man came into the Alliance Credit Union about 12:55 pm Saturday, handed a teller a note demanding money and left on foot after the bank employee complied, The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

A witness followed the alleged robber to an apartment complex, later leading police officers there.

Burnett said they picked up the man’s trail, following his footprints left in the snow to the apartment where he lived and where they found all the stolen money.

The unnamed perpetrator, who allegedly made a full confession, was arrested on suspicion of first-degree felony robbery.

James Taylor joins ‘Christmas Carol’ cast

James seems to have a natural instinct for such situations.

Taylor will have plenty of family support when he hits the stage. His wife, Kim, has been cast as Mrs Cratchit and 10-year-old sons Rufus and Henry will have supporting roles as well.

Sacha Baron to star Tarantino film

Singer James Taylor will play Bob Cratchit in a New England theater company’s annual production of “A Christmas Carol,” the producers announced.

Taylor will make his stage debut with his hometown Berkshire Theater Group in Massachusetts playing the put-upon clerk opposite Mr Scrooge. Despite the 63-year-old Taylor’s lack of experience and his age difference with family man Cratchit, company leaders say they made the right choice. “I think he’s perfect for the role,” co-director Eric Hill told the Berkshire Eagle. “Cratchit is a natural, self-effacing character, humble, very unassuming and gentle, trying to find the right path through difficult challenges.

Oprah Winfrey receives honourary Oscar

In the singles chart, Susan Boyle has topped the charts once again with her new album ‘Someone to Watch Over Me’. This is her third album to reach the No 1 position in just two years, and with this the former No 1 Florence and the Machine has reached third position with Michael Buble’s Christmas album at No 2.

Cher Lloyd’s debut Sticks and Stones entered the chart at No 4 followed by Battle-ground by The Wanted, the Sun reported.

In the singles chart, last week’s second place holder We Found Love by Rihanna crept to the top while the Read All About It by Prof Green dropped from No 1 to No 4.
**Suarez plays down back concerns**

Luis Suarez has shaken off a minor back injury

**Martinez wants Rodallega to sign on**

Rodslega in 30 years to win all three matches last October.
Study shows new drug reduces mortality of heart patients

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov.—The anti-clotting drug Rivaroxaban lowered risk of death, heart attack and stroke in acute coronary syndrome patients, a new study showed.

The study presented at a meeting of the American Heart Association in Orlando, Florida, Sunday concluded that patients who took Rivaroxaban had a 16-percent reduced risk of cardiovas-cular death, stroke or heart attack compared to patients who didn’t.

“Our findings are important because blocking the production of thrombin is an important new way to improve acute coronary syndrome patients’ long-term risk of death, stroke and heart attack after being hospitalized with an acute coronary syndrome,” said Michael Gibson, senior investigator of the TIMI Study Group at Harvard Medical School.

He explained that people with a heart attack or unstable angina make too much thrombin, an enzyme that forms clots. Therefore, researchers focused on ways to reduce the production of thrombin with Rivaroxaban, he said.

More than 15,000 people hospitalized with a recent heart attack or unstable angina were analysed in the course of the study.

The study has also found that the risk of death, including all causes of death, was reduced more than 30 percent with the addition of Rivaroxaban.

Meanwhile, stent thrombosis was reduced by 31 percent in patients taking the drug compared to patients who didn’t.
Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for International Development of Britain

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Nov — Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Mr. Andrew John Bower Mitchell, Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for International Development of Britain and party at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker elaborated on Hluttaw’s measures to fulfill the wishes of the people, Hluttaw’s role in balancing three pillars—executive, legislature and judiciary and ongoing tasks for drafting bills. They held discussions on Myanmar’s cooperation with international community.

Also present at the call were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw committees and British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Richard Heyn.

After the ceremony, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and Secretary of State for International Development posed for a documentary photo and answered queries raised by international media persons. —MNA

Kani Township of Sagaing Region gets new school building, village libraries, Sangha Hospital and X-ray room

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Nov — The opening of a new school building (Daw Tin Aye school building) for Basic Education Post-primary School at Tapone village in Kani Township of Sagaing Region was held at the school on 11 November. Judge of the Supreme Court of the State U Tha Htay, Sagaing Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein and Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representative U Shein formally opened the new school building and Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the State U Thein Soe unveiled the signboard of the school building.

Next, Chairperson U Thein Soe, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and officials inspected the new school building.

Then the Chairperson handed over documents related to the new school building to the Ministry of Education.

Afterwards, the Chairperson and the Region Chief Minister presented teaching aids, sports gear and cash donation to the school.

At the opening ceremony of Lawka Pyatin Library of Tapone Village, the Chairperson and the Region Chief Minister presented publications to the library, and spoke words of encouragement to villagers who are reading at the library.

Next, they delivered addresses at the opening of Sangha Hospital and X-ray room at Winmanar village in the township, and viewed round the hospital and X-ray room.

Region Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Swe who made donation for the X-ray room, explained purpose of donation and handed over relevant documents to the Ministry of Health.

Next, the Chairperson, the Region Chief Minister and officials presented a refrigerator, a generator and medical equipment and cash donation to the hospital.

Then they presented publications to Pyinnya Alin Library of Winmanar village at its opening ceremony, and greeted local people.

Afterwards, they oversaw construction of new school building for Winmanar village Basic Education High School and visited Station Hospital where they presented gifts to patients. —MNA

Scientific cultivation produces 115 baskets per acre

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Nov — A scientific cultivation has proved to boost rice yield, reaching 115 baskets per acre in a harvesting in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon yesterday.

The three-acre rain-fed model field in Khayansatgon Village-tract in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township was put under rice with the use of 14 scientific cultivation methods and produced 115 baskets per acre this year while it under traditional cultivation methods previously produced around 68 baskets per acre.—MNA

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