True patriotism

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President U Thein Sein meets Head of Department for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Advisor to Chief of European Union’s Foreign Policy

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec.—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Mr. Robert Cooper, Head of the department for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Advisor to Chief of the European Union’s Foreign Policy Mrs. Catherine Ashton, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential House here at 3:00 pm today.

Also present at the call together with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi and departmental heads.

Mr. Robert Cooper, Head of the department for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Advisor to Chief of the European Union’s Foreign Policy Mrs. Catherine Ashton, was accompanied by European Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Bangkok Mr. David Ramon Lipman, French Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Thierry Mathou and European Union External Action Services Director for Asia Mr. Seamus Gillespie.

They had a cordial and frank discussion on further strengthening friendship between Myanmar and European Union and fostering mutually constructive relations.

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meets Mr. Robert Cooper and Professor Bronislaw Misztal of Community of Domocracies

Old stars reveal sun’s future

Madrid beats third-tier Ponferradina 2-0 in Copa
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**Together with December mornings**

Peaceful and pleasant are the mornings of the cold season. When the rays of sunshine lend cheerfulness and warmthness to them, mornings of December are second to none in beauty.

Today, the government is gearing up reforms for sector-wise development. Especially, political, economic and social areas have witnessed dramatic changes. Realizing that no progress can be made without peace, the government is building internal peace with might and main.

Thanks to the call of the Union government for peace negotiations, peace negotiation team representing RCSS/SSA armed group and Shan State government signed a State level preliminary peace agreement on 2 December, which is seen as the sign of peace and tranquility for the whole Shan State. It is hoped that Union-level peace agreement can be reached soon.

On 11 December, Klo Htoo Baw group (former DKBA) and Union-level peace making group met in first Union level negotiation in Hpa-an of Kayin State in consequence of State level initial peace talk at the same venue on 3 November, inking six-point agreement. Thus, rays of peace are finally shining on the skies of Kayin State.

This December is extraordinarily beautiful and energetic with hopes of peace and stability. We wish coming mornings as warm and hopeful as these December mornings.

**Union Minister at President Office receives Brazilian Ambassador**

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung received Ambassador of Brazil Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior at the hall of the President Office, here, at 10.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Managing Director, Deputy Directors-General and officials from Cooperative Department, Small Scale Industries Department, Cooperative Export and Import Enterprise under the Ministry of Cooperatives.

MNA

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**Pakistani Ambassador donates hockey sticks to MHF**

**Yangon, 14 Dec—**The Republic of Pakistan donated hockey sticks to Myanmar Hockey Federation at the Pakistani Embassy on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Qazi M Khalilullah explained the purpose of donating 50 hockey sticks worth US$ 100.

Next, the ambassador donated hockey sticks to President of Myanmar Hockey Federation member of Yangon City Development Committee U Hin Zaw Win and Secretary of the federation U Kyaw Win. The president of the federation spoke words of thanks.—NLM

**Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2011 on 22-25 December**

**Yangon, 14 Dec—**Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2011 (including Automobile show 2011), mainly sponsored by Shine Construction Company, will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here from 22 to 25 December. The exhibition covers computers and computers-related materials, electronic and assorted electrical equipments, cosmetics and personal goods, clothing and fashion wears, kitchen utensils, automobile and related materials, floor tiles, modern furniture, foodstuff, medicines and travel service.

As a special program, automobile agent companies and other companies will showcase automobiles at the exhibition. For further information, please dial 09-8626080. —NLM

**Singaporean Minister of Foreign Affairs and party conclude visit**

**Yangon, 14 Dec—**The goodwill delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore Mr K Shanmugam and wife left here by air this afternoon.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Director-General Daw Yin Yin Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director-General U Maung Maung of Protocol Department, Singaporean Ambassador Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert, wife and officials.—MNA

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**NATO: Pakistan talking again to US-led coalition**

Afghanistan said Tuesday that he’s seeing some signs of a possible lifting of Pakistan communications blackout imposed on the US-led coalition after NATO airstrikes killed two dozen Pakistani forces last month.

**Somalis need support; everyone’s responsibility now**

Not facing famine, more regions in southern Somalia Tuesday as it appealed for coming months, the UN said Wednesday will persist for the year will persist for the year due to a harsh drought this decade.—Internet

**UN seeks $1.5 bln for Somalia famine crisis**

The humanitarian crisis gripping millions of Somalis due to harsh drought this year will persist for the coming months, the UN said Tuesday as it appealed for $1.5 billion for 2012.

The UN declared six regions in southern Somalia famine zones earlier this year, and although it said last month that three regions were now not facing famine, more than half of Somalia’s 10 million people are in dire need of help.

“The Somalia crisis is everybody’s responsibility and Somalis need support now. We cannot afford to wait or we will let down the Somali people,” said Mark Bowden, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Somalia. “The $1.5 billion (1.14 billion euro) appeal is based on a realistic assessment of the emergency needs of four million people in crisis, tens of thousands of whom will die without assistance.”

Relentless conflict since 1991, drought and insecurity have plunged Somalia into the world’s worst humanitarian crisis.

Donors contributed more than $800 million (606 million euros) of the one billion dollars requested this year to help some 12 million people affected by East Africa’s worst drought in decades.—Internet

**Nine killed in attacks in Iraq**

Baghdad, 14 Dec—Nine people were killed and nine others wounded, including three judges, in two roadside bomb attacks in Iraq on Tuesday, the police said.

In Iraq’s western Province of Anbar, gunmen opened fire on the convoy of Judge Jasim Dawood, head of the provincial appeals court, on a main road near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, wounding him and two other judges who were with him on his vehicle, the source from Anbar’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The attackers traded fire with policemen guarding the convoy, killing two of them and a civilian and wounding three other policemen, the source said.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in central of Fallujah, killing two policemen, the source added.

Afterwards, gunmen broke into the house of a member of the Awakening Council group in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, killing him and wounding his wife, he said.

The Awakening Council group, or Sahwa in Arabic, consists of armed groups, including some powerful anti-US Sunni militants groups which fought al-Qaeda militants in the Sunni Arab areas after the US-led invasion of Iraq.

In northern Iraq, Lieutenant Colonel Ayad Karajja, chief of security office in the University of Mosul, was shot dead by gunmen near his house in western Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told Xinhua.

In Iraq’s northern central Province of Salahuddin, a police officer was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car went off in front of his house in the City of Shirqat, some 120 km north of the provincial capital City of Tikrit, a source from Salahuddin’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

**Attack in Belgian city leaves five dead, 122 wounded**

Lier, (Belgium), 14 Dec—Summoned for the second time by a Belgian police, a man with a history of weapons and drug offences left home armed with hand grenades, a revolver and an assault rifle. Shooting at a streetlight square filled with holiday shoppers, he lobbed three grenades into the crowd, then opened fire. Four people were killed, including an 18-month-old toddler, and 122 were wounded in the assailant Tuesday that brought tragedy to the pre-Christmas season of students reveling in exam results and preschoolers enchanted by brightly lit trees and holiday stalls.

Authorities said the shooter also died, but they were at a loss to explain the reason for the onslaught. The prime minister said it was not related to terrorism.

In a second burst of deadly violence in Western Europe on Tuesday — attacks rare for the continent - — a man shot and killed two Senegalese vendors at a market in Italy.—Internet

**Thai flood death toll rises to 708 with three missing**

Bangkok, 14 Dec—The Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Wednesday that floods will persist in nine provinces in central region while the accumulated nationwide flood toll now reaches 708 deaths with three people missing.

A total of 3,652 villagers in 80 districts of nine provinces in the central part of the country —Bangkok, Ang Thong, Ayutthaya, Lop Buri, Suphan Buri, Nakhon Pathom, Pathum Thani, Nonthaburi and Samut Sakhan — are still suffering from the ongoing floods.

In the South, flooding has hit 2,057 villages in 65 districts of eight provinces — Phatthalung, Trang, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Narathiwat, Songkhla, Yala and Pattani — causing damage to 118,358 rai (189 square kilometres) of farmland, 783 roads and 113 bridges.

Thailand’s most severe inundation has so far swamped a total of seven industrial estates and parks in central Ayutthaya and Pathum Thani Provinces in October, putting more than 1 million people at the risk of losing their jobs and causing initial loss of about 3.3 billion US dollars.—Xinhua

**E New Guinea region, Papua New Guinea**

Port Moresby, 14 Dec—An earthquake of 7.3 magnitude occurred in Eastern New Guinea Region of Papua New Guinea on Wednesday afternoon. There is no report of casualties or tsunami threat warning so far.

According to US Geological Survey, the earthquake happened at 03:04:56 pm local time with the epicenter 89 km southwest of Lae of New Guinea and 221 km northwest of the national capital Port Moresby. The epicenter is of a depth of some 115.1 km. Papua New Guinea sits on the so-called “Pacific Ring of Fire”, a hotspot for seismic activity due to friction between tectonic plates. Earthquake activity is common in PNG but only a few are destructive.

PNG houses are mostly built out of wood and have a very high resistance against earthquakes.—Xinhua

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The epicenter was located 115.1 kilometers southwest of Lae, the capital of the Western Province of Papua New Guinea, at a depth of 114.9 kilometers.

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**Six civilians killed in road side bombing in Afghanistan**

Lashkar Gah, 14 Dec—Six civilians were killed when their car ran over a roadside bomb in Afghanistan’s Helmand Province, some 555 km south of capital City of Kabul, local government said in a Press release on Tuesday.

“A total of six civilians including women and children were killed as their vehicle touched off a roadside bomb along a road in Hidar Abad area of Gershik District on Monday,” the Press release said.

It also said two women were injured in the blast.

In a separate incident, two policemen and three civilians were injured when a motorcycle bomb went off near a police vehicle in Helmand’s Sangin District Tuesday afternoon, according to the Press release. “The motor cycle bomb was detonated when a police vehicle was running along a road in Sangin District at about 02:00 pm Tuesday. But police after a search operation detainted a suspected man who might use a remote control device to detonated the bomb,” it said.

It blamed Taliban militants for initiating the attacks. However, the militant group, who launched rebel offensive against Afghan and NATO-led forces stationed in the country, in May, has not made comments yet.

A total of 1,462 Afghan civilians were killed in the first half of 2011, a 15 percent rise over the same period of 2010, according to the United Nations mid-year report released in Kabul in July.

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Has roiled financial markets. Europe’s debt crisis, which risks to the economic situation of the country. The Federal Open Market Committee said in a statement after its last meeting of the year. The Fed reiterated its promise to keep interest rates near zero on Tuesday — where they have been for three years — as they described a moderate economic expansion fraught with problems. The Fed reiterated its promise to keep interest rates at “exceptionally low” levels…at least through mid-2013,” in a largely pro-forma statement after its last meeting of the year. Cautioning that the drop in unemployment to 8.6 percent did not spell plain-sailing ahead, the Fed warned that joblessness was still high and more stimulus may yet be on the cards.

While indicators point to some improvement in overall labour market conditions, the unemployment rate remains elevated,” the Federal Open Market Committee said in a statement at the end of the meeting. The main storm on the Fed’s horizon appeared to from Europe.

“Strains in global financial markets continue to pose significant downside risks to the economic outlook,” the central bank said, in what appeared to be an opaque reference to Europe’s debt crisis, which has roiled financial markets.

Washington, 14 dec.—The International Monetary Fund denied Tuesday it is in talks for a second huge rescue loan for Greece, after Greece’s finance minister said discussions were under way for new financing.

“The mission here is not for a discussion on a new programme,” said Poul Thomsen, head of the IMF’s mission to Greece.

“We have a programme in place, and we continue to expect to see supporting Greece. There’s no request for a new programme,” he said in Athens, speaking in a conference call with journalists.

On Monday, Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said the good news, a government official said Wednesday, as the region continues fundraising to stabilize the country’s finances.

The IMF instead pushed for Athens to complete a crucial restructuring of its bonds held by private banks — the so-called private sector initiative (PSI) — which is expected to substantially cut its debt payments. And it urged European officials to move ahead on their own talks for new funding for Greece.

“European leaders have, at the previous summit back in July, said that they’d continue to support Greece for as long as it takes for Greece to restore (debt) market access,” Thomsen said, adding: “Of course, assuming that the programme remains on track.”

“I think this combination of private sector support and official sector support…together with this comprehensive PSI is a major improvement in the prospect for debt sustainability,” he said.

US stocks fall

New York, 14 Dec.—US stocks fell in late trade Tuesday after the IMF warned Greece’s economy was facing deep risks and the Eurozone refinanced from providing any new spark for the economy.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 66.45 points (0.55 percent) to 11,954.94. The broader S&P 500 fell 10.75 (-0.87 percent) to 1,225.72, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite slid 32.99 (-1.26 percent) to 2,615.42.

“The Fed signalled that while they are concerned about the economy, they don’t have any plan, any new aggressive policies,” said Mace Blaksliver of Marblehead.

The researchers have had excellent results with many types of cancer models, including lung, pancreatic, colon, breast, and brain tumours.” It added that the procedure would begin clinical trials at Bethlimum hospital, near Tel Aviv, “soon.”—Internet

The logo of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, DC.—keravn

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Japan buys 13% of eurozone rescue fund sale

Tokyo, 14 Dec.—Japan has purchased 13 percent of the eurozone rescue fund’s latest bond sale, a government official said Wednesday, as the region continues fundraising to help contain its sovereign debt crisis.

The Japanese government bought 260 million euros (US$338 million) of the three-month bonds, or 1.3 percent of the 1.7 billion euros raised by the bailout fund, the official said. Data published by Germany’s Bundesbank showed there was strong demand for the debt issued by the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF).

The sale was oversubscribed by more than three times with investors bidding a total 6.236 billion euros, the German central bank said.

Japan bought 10 percent, or 300 million euros worth of an earlier sale in November, lower than the average 20 percent it purchased in three other bond sales from the start of the year. The four previous sales comprised medium and long-term bonds while the latest issue was short-term bills. Tokyo has voiced concern over the deepening crisis with worries it will dent the country’s fragile economic recovery following Japan’s devastating March earthquake and tsunami.

Japan is a key export market for Japanese products and is a major investor in the European Union’s bail-out fund. Europe is a key export market for Japanese products, and is a major investor in the European Union’s bail-out fund.
Apple launches iTunes store in Brazil

SÃO PAULO, 14 Dec—Apple on Tuesday launched its iTunes store in Brazil as well as in 15 other Latin American countries. The iTunes store in Brazil offers a catalogue of more than 20 million songs, including those from top Brazilian stars Ivo Sangalo and Marina Monte, the California-based firm said in a statement.

Also available for purchase and download are a broad selection of international artists such as the Beatles, Rihanna and Coldplay.

Most of the songs are priced at 99 US cents and most albums at $9.99.

Apple said it was also bringing the iTunes Store to 15 other Latin American countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.

Microsoft founder Paul Allen unveils space-rocket plan

LONDON, 14 Dec—Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen has announced plans to launch unmanned rockets and carry cargo into space. The 58-year-old plans to develop a giant aircraft that would put spacecrafts into orbit, rather than lifting them off from a launch pad. Other mogul is in the private space race, too, after NASA this year ended its 30-year space shuttle programme.

Virgin Galactic is working on a commercial space venture which aims to fly passengers into sub-orbit by 2013. Aerospace pioneer Burt Rutan is a partner on Mr Allen’s project, which is called Stratolaunch Systems.

The project is the latest to be led by Silicon Valley tycoons who think they spy a gap in demand opened by the retirement of the US government’s space shuttle programme. While Nasa put rockets into space from a launch pad, the Stratolaunch plan is to launch unmanned rockets from high-flying aircraft, and eventually undertake manned missions too.

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, right, with aerospace pioneer Burt Rutan in Seattle in 13 December 2011 Paul Allen (R) and Burt Rutan have been working on their craft for years.

The developers said their aircraft could ferry cargo for the commercial satellite industry and the International Space Station.

The giant plane would be powered by six 747 jumbo jet engines and have a wingspan of 385ft (117m), developers said. It would be wider than the biggest aircraft ever, legendary Hollywood tycoon Howard Hughes’ Spruce Goose.

The first test flights are scheduled to begin in 2016. Mr Allen and Mr Rutan said that preliminary designs for the Stratolaunch aircraft have been put together over the course of 10 years.

Construction has begun on a hangar in California’s Mojave Desert, they said.

This document provided by European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva shows a graphic showing traces of two high-energy photons measured in the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experience.

CERN, said, using the standard measure for the mass of sub-atomic particles. One GeV is roughly equivalent to the mass of a proton. Both experiments showed telltale activity at a sweet spot around 125 GeV.

“T’was too early to draw definitive conclusions, we need more data,” said Fabiola Gianotti, head of the ATLAS group. “But we have established a solid foundation for passionately exciting exciting months ahead,” she said, adding that a definitive answer was expected within 12 months. The new results have a higher degree of certainty — 99 percent — but still fall well below the threshold of discovery.

“For scientists, certainty requires a threshold of a no greater than five in ten million chance of error,” Daniel Fournier, an Atlas researcher, told AFP.

Researchers transmit record 186 GB data per second

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec—Researchers have successfully transmitted 186 gigabits of data per second (Gbps), accomplishing a new world record and helping usher in the next generation of high-speed network technology.

The rate is equivalent to moving two million megabytes per day, fast enough to transfer nearly 100,000 full Blu-ray discs - each with a complete movie and all the extras - in a day.

The international team of scientists at the SuperComputing 2011 (SC11) Seattle, accomplished the feat mid-November, transferring data in opposite directions at a combined rate of 186 Gbps in a wide-area network circuit, according to a California Institute of Technology (Caltech) statement.

The team of high-energy physicists, computer scientists and network engineers was led by Caltech, the University of Victoria, University of Michigan, European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN), Florida International University and other partners.

According to the researchers, the achievement will help establish new ways to transport the increasingly large quantities of data that traverse continents and oceans via global networks of optical fibers. These new methods are needed for the next generation of network technology - which allows transfer rates of 40 and 100 Gbps - that will be built in the next couple of years.

“Our group and its partners are showing how massive amounts of data will be handled and transported in the future,” says Harvey Newman, professor of physics and head of the high-energy physics team.

Tim Bedding and Dennis Stello, professors of astronomers at the University of Sydney, and colleagues discovered that red giants have slowed down on the outside while their cores spin at least 10 times faster than their outer layers.

The finding tells what the sun will look like in five billion years when it develops into a red giant, the journal Nature reports. “The heart of a star determines how it evolves, and understanding how a star rotates deep inside helps us to understand how stars like our sun will grow old,” said Bedding, according to a university statement.

Using NASA’s Kepler space telescope, the team observed deep inside ageing red giants to make their discoveries. The difference of the discovery in rotation rate between the core and outer layers of the sun.
Crash chopper with Indian newlyweds ‘was off course’

LAS VEGAS, 14 Dec—A helicopter carrying four tourists, including a young Indian newlywed couple crashed in a ravine near Las Vegas after veering off course, an initial investigation said Tuesday.

The pilot and all passengers died last Wednesday when the chopper they were taking to see the Hoover Dam, a popular tourist flight, crashed in mountains near the Nevada

Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), released Tuesday, said the helicopter appeared to be flying on a normal route until shortly before the crash.

“The helicopter followed a normal route of flight easterly out of the (Las Vegas) airport traffic area, then turned toward Hoover Dam, it said, adding: “Weather was reported as clear with good visibility and dusk light conditions.”

“Four routings are standard for all the area tour operators,” it said, noting that all seemed normal until a minute before the accident, when “the helicopter climbed to 4,100 feet MSL and turned about 90 degrees to the left.

“The left turn and climb are not part of the normal route,” it said, adding that the helicopter then descended to 3,300 feet and flew northeast for about 20 seconds, until entering a left turn then a descent,” it said.

The last radar reading was when the chopper was an 1/8 of a mile before it crashed, the report added.—Internet

Deaths from malaria fall but funding woesloom

LONDON, 14 Dec—Deaths from malaria have fallen dramatically in the past decade thanks to increased aid giving more people access to nets and medicines, but the economic slowdown could curb future progress, the World Health Organization said on Tuesday.

In its annual global report on the mosquito-borne, parasitic disease, the WHO said international funding for the fight against malaria rose of the estimated $5 billion to boost the fight against malaria rose in 2009, but this is still far short of the estimated $5 billion to $6 billion needed each year to achieve the WHO’s target — zero deaths from malaria by 2015.

The increased funding has resulted in tremendous progress,” the United Nations health agency said.

The estimated number of deaths from malaria dropped to 655,000 in 2010, 36,000 lower than in 2009.

“The toll taken by the current economic crisis must not result in our gains being reversed, or progress slowed,” Ray Chambers, the UN secretary general’s special envoy for malaria, said. “Turning back now is not an option.”

While the reduction marked significant progress, the report said, death rates were still “disconcertingly high for a disease that is entirely preventable and treatable”.

“Worldwide this remains a tragedy of children, 86 percent of deaths occur in children less than five years of age,” Robert Newman, director of the WHO’s global malaria programme, told a briefing in Geneva.

Malaria is endemic in more than 100 countries worldwide but can be prevented by the use of bed nets and indoor spraying to keep the mosquitoes that carry the disease at bay.

A child is given an injection as part of a malaria vaccine trial at a clinic in the Kenyan coastal town of Kilifi, on 23 November, 2010.—INTERNET

James Murdoch received key hacking email in 2008

LONDON, 14 Dec—News International chairman James Murdoch was sent key emails in 2008 showing that phone-hacking was rife at the News of the World tabloid, according to emails released by members of the parliament Tuesday.

But Murdoch said in a letter to a parliamentary committee that he had not read the emails forwarded to him by the newspaper’s then editor Colin Myler because he was using a BlackBerry.

Rupert Murdoch’s son James, seen here in July, 2011, was sent key emails in 2008 showing that phone-hacking was rife at the News of the World tabloid, according to details released by British lawmakers on Tuesday.—INTERNET

and it was the weekend.

Murdoch has previously denied being aware of the scale of hacking at the now-defunct News of the World when he authorised a huge payout to Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers’ Association trade union, in 2008.

In an email ‘chain’ dated Saturday 7 June, 2008, and published by the committee on Tuesday, Myler requested a meeting with Murdoch to discuss the case after reporting to him: “Unfortunately, it is as bad as we feared.”

Below that was another email from News of the World legal adviser Tom Crone to Myler speaking of a “nightmare scenario” in that it was not yet Taylor’s phone that had been hacked, but a colleague’s as well.

A third email in the chain sent to Murdoch, written by lawyer Julian Pike to Crone, said that Taylor “wants to demonstrate that what happened to him is/was rife throughout the organisation (the News of the World)” — Internet

18 missing in landslide in Colombia

BOGOTA, 14 Dec—Local Colombian emergency rescue teams are searching for 18 people missing in a landslide which buried three houses in the southwestern department of Narino.

Major of La Cruz Alexander Realpe said Tuesday that the rescue work started Tuesday morning and is “very difficult” due to heavy rains which have continued to lash the region.

Speaking on local television, Realpe said that the landslide buried three houses with at least 18 people inside, and that the exact number of victims is still unknown.

The landslide was triggered by heavy rains in the past days.

Narino’s Civil Defence head Mario Orozco had called on people to stay away from the affected area for fear of new landslides.

A report from the Colombian Red Cross said a total of 583,761 people have been affected by the rain, and that among them 144 people were killed, 125 injured, and 16 are still missing.—Xinhua

Two Army helicopters crash in Washington state, 4 dead

SEATTLE, 14 Dec—Two US Army helicopters crashed on Monday during training exercises at a Washington state military base, killing four aviators on board, the base said in a statement.

A pair of OH-58 Kiowa observation helicopters crashed in Thurston County in a wooded training area, and were reportedly facing food shortages after one of the worst droughts to strike the north-west of war-torn Afghanistan in a decade.

A news article posted on WFP’s website describes children being treated for malnourishment, wells having dried up and families selling off domestic animals at cut-rate prices before migrating to cities to find food, work and water.

Olsd said aid agencies are racing to help them before snow blocks access to the remote areas.—Internet

Afghan widows wait for transportation after receiving food rations at a CARE International food distribution centre in Kabul.—INTERNET

Canada provides aid to drought-stricken Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 Dec—Canada announced Tuesday millions of dollars in aid for food assistance to drought-affected areas of in Afghanistan.

Ottawa said it was allocating CAN$13 million (US$12.6 million) for the World Food Programme (WFP) to provide emergency food “to almost three million people in 14 northern and north eastern Provinces of Afghanistan,” International Cooperation Minister Bev Oda said in a statement.

The aid will buy food rations for 1.2 million people, as well as cash vouchers worth the equivalent value of 50 kilogrammes of wheat flour for six months for 42,000 families in urban areas.

Millions of Afghans are reportedly facing food shortages after one of the worst droughts to strike the north-west of war-torn Afghanistan in a decade.

A news article posted on WFP’s website describes children being treated for malnourishment, wells having dried up and families selling off domestic animals at cut-rate prices before migrating to cities to find food, work and water.

Olsd said aid agencies are racing to help them before snow blocks access to the remote areas.—Internet

AFGHANISTAN, 14 Dec—A US Army Humvee drives down a dirt road near the scene where two US Army helicopters crashed during a training exercise on Monday, killing four aviators on board near Waki Town of Wardak, on 13 December, 2011.—INTERNET
Japanese writer Hsu passed away at home on Tuesday.

The reports that a final decision had been made, Dow Jones Newswires said.

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Japan chooses F-35 as mainstay fighter jet

Tokyo, 14 Dec—Japan has chosen the US-made F-35 stealth jet as its next-generation mainstay fighter in a multi-billion dollar deal, reports said Tuesday.

The defence ministry picked the jet made by Lockheed Martin to replace its ageing fleet of F-4 jets over two rivals: the Boeing-made F/A-18 Super Hornet and the Eurofighter Typhoon, the Yomiuri Shimbun said.

Japan’s biggest daily said the defence ministry had “agreed in principle” to select the F-35, with a formal announcement expected Friday at the Security Council of Japan, chaired by Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda.

Kyodo News cited unnamed government sources as saying the ministry had decided to buy 40 F-35 fighters, while the Nikkei business daily said only that the jet remained a “prime candidate.”

Earlier reports said Japan could buy as many as 50 new jets, equipped with stealth technology, with a price tag of more than $6 billion.

A defence ministry spokesman on Tuesday declined to confirm the reports, saying: “We are still trying to do our best to make a final decision by the end of this year.”

And Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura denied the reports that a final decision had been made, Dow Jones Newswires said.

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Antarctic teams struggling to reach South Pole

Oslo, 14 Dec—Roald Amundsen’s feat of reaching the South Pole on ski 100 years ago is proving a tough act to follow for polar adventurers trying to get there in time to celebrate the centennial of the Norwegian pioneer’s expedition.

Fierce, icy winds have delayed some of the teams skiing across Antarctica with the aim of reaching the geographic South Pole for the anniversary celebration on Wednesday. Some explorers gave up and were picked up by airplane so they could make it in time for the ceremony, according to their blogs and the Norwegian Polar Institute. Others including Norwegian cross-country great Vegard Ulvang and adventurer Boerge Ousland were still hoping to make it.

Sterfen Dahl, a Norwegian adventurer, who returned to Norway on Tuesday after a 700-mile (1,150-kilometre) solo trek to the South Pole, said he, too, had to travel the final stretch by plane. Dahl said he was exhausted and running behind schedule due to bad weather during part of the expedition, with storms and temperatures as low as minus 88 F (minus 50 C) “I saw the sun twice in 14 days. It was like skiing inside a milk carton.”

Vietnam to establish legal environment for green economy development

HANOI, 14 Dec—Vietnam will establish a legal environment for green economy development, with favourable mechanism and policies so as the country’s economy will develop towards greener trend.

The statement was made by Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Thien Nhan at the forum “Green economy in the context of sustainable development in Vietnam” held here on Tuesday by the Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI).

Green economy is closely connected with sustainable growth, and it is a new model for development, contributing to ensure social welfare and protect the environment, the Deputy PM said, adding that green economy is an essential strategy that will provide jobs and ensure stable, sustainable economic growth, and prevent environmental pollution, global warming, exhaustion of natural resources and environmental degradation.

At the Country Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Vietnam, said, the green economy strategy will enable Vietnam to mobilize public and private financial sources and technological reforms, especially in the framework of the international agreement on climate change.

The study, which is scheduled for publication on 16 Dec in the Journal of Arid Environments, was based upon climate change records, aerial photos dating back to 1954, recent satellite images and old-fashioned footwork that included counting and measuring over 1,500 trees in the field. The researchers focused on sites in the Sahara, from Senegal in West Africa to Chad in Central Africa, at sites where the average temperature warmed up by 0.8 degrees Celsius and rainfall fell as much as 48 percent.

They found that one in six trees died between 1954 and 2002. In addition, one in five trees disappeared locally, and indigenous fruit and timber trees that require more moisture took the biggest hit. Hotter, drier conditions, dominated population and soil factors in explaining tree mortality, the authors found. Their results indicate that climate change is shifting vegetation zones south toward moister areas—Xinhua

Climate change blamed for dead trees in Africa

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec—Trees are dying in the Sahara, a region in Africa south of the Sahara Desert, and human-caused climate change is to blame, according to a new study led by a scientist at the University of California, Berkeley.

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Pigeons are released during a memorial ceremony at the Memorial Hall of the Victims of the Nanjing Massacre by Japanese Invaders, in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu province, on 13 Dec, 2011. Some 5,000 people gathered here Tuesday, marking the 74th anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre. Nanjing was occupied on 13 Dec, 1937, by Japanese troops who began a six-week massacre.—Xinhua

People walk the temporary “pop-up” library set up by residents outside the closed Kensal Rise library in northwest London.—INTERNET

Fight to stop page turning on historic London library

LONDON, 14 Dec—Kensal Rise library was opened by Mark Twain in 1900 — and how it could do with the support of the great American man of letters now to fight off its threatened extinction as government cuts bite. The red-brick Victorian building has closed its doors and will be shut down permanently unless a determined campaign organized by the residents of the multi-ethnic district of north London can save it.

Signs attached to the walls proclaim “Save our library,” and “Let us run our library” and volunteers have even staged a “pop-up” library next door to try to fill the gap, using books donated by local residents.

Kensal Rise is among six out of 12 libraries in the London borough of Brent that the local council has decided must close to make savings to meet swelling public spending cuts imposed by the British government. In fact it is one of more than 400 public libraries in Britain — ten percent of the total — set to fall victim to council cuts as Prime Minister David Cameron’s Conservative-Liberal government attempts to slash a budget deficit. The council also claims the library is underused, but the residents of Kensal Rise reject that argument and claim the closure of the library would hit the poorest hardest.—INTERNET

SINGAPORE’s oldest person dies at 113

SINGAPORE, 14 Dec—Singapore’s oldest person Teresa Hsu, who has been well-known for her role in community work, passed away peacefully last week, local media reported on Wednesday.

Hsu passed away at home last Wednesday, her adopted son and caregiver Sharana Rao, 62, said in a note posted on the website of Heart To Heart, a non-profit charity organization founded by Hsu.

She was cremated on the same day, in accordance with her wish to depart quietly and peacefully, without holding any rituals or ceremonies that might inconvenience others, he wrote.

“I have duly carried out her instructions, and respected her wishes. It is hoped that all friends, supporters, donors, volunteers and well-wishers respect her wishes too, so that she can rest in peace,” Rao said.

Hsu reportedly had been in and out of hospital over the past two months after an infection. Hsu set up the Home for the Aged Sick in 1965 and later founded Heart To Heart. Some have dubbed her Florence Nightingale — a famous English nurse — while others have described her as Singapore’s own Mother Teresa — the nun known for her work among the poor in India, the Straits Times said.—Xinhua

This image released by the Norwegian Prime Minister’s Office on 13 Dec, 2011 shows employees at the Amundsen-Scott research station at the South Pole pose for a picture with Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg on 12 Dec, 2011.—INTERNET

You see nothing,” he said.

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg flew to Antarctica on Monday to attend the ceremony, calling Amundsen’s accomplishment “a great and important achievement for Norway as a young nation.”

Norway became independent in 1905 after nearly 100 years in a union with Sweden.
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The Vice-President urged them to be reliable and trustworthy employees loyal to the State. In doing their daily routine, they need to have a pure mind and goodwill and they are to take responsibility for whatever they do staying away from corruption.

Now is the time of democracy changing from the Tamarawd government. Any kind of problems and conflicts can be reported to the State directly or through representatives of people. Government organizations as well as media and the people are now setting vigilant eyes on how they are acting for works in their regions, townships, wards and villages. They need to prove themselves as dutiful and devoted to interests of the nation and the people.

To ensure livelihood, economic and religious affairs of the people and prevalence of law in their respected regions, administrators are to coordinate with all organizations keeping balance while doing their bit in setting up economic and social development of the State, the Vice-President said.

Next, ward and village administrators of Lashio District and town elders reported on education, health and development undertakings.

In response to the reports presented by the district administrator on extent, location and development measures of the district, the Vice-President attended to the needs.

The Vice-President and party then looked around the proposed site for a three-storey building and football ground.

The In-charge Rector of Lashio University explained salient facts about the university to the Vice-President and entourage. Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said as university was the birthplace of the leaders of the future, faculty members of Lashio University are to nurture the students to become competent human resources.

It was learnt that 133 lecturers were giving notes to 2005 day students and 5716 distant students, totaling 7721 undergraduates in 2010-2011 academic year. Of the 161 universities and colleges turn out over 100,000 graduates per year. Although some graduates were found to be qualified, the majority, according to surveys, were found to be far behind in qualification in comparison with graduates from previous decades. For this, education workshop was organized to find out the cause and solution and some suggestions were undeniable as follows: (1) To maintain the balanced ratio of competent teachers and students; (2) Teaching methods should be one arousing the curiosity of students and help students develop thinking power; (3) To realize the importance of English language proficiency for further study; (4) To extend one academic year; (5) To avoid the system in which two MA degrees can be got within three years; (6) To cancel supplementary exam; (7) To ensure no tuition; (8) To encourage students to make researches on their own without reliance on instructors; (9) To grant educational cash assistance and resurrect scholarship system; (10) To encourage sports activities at universities.

The Vice-President concluded that there were plans to confer honorary titles on outstanding lecturers. The Vice-President and party then viewed the land plot for a medical school and viewed students learning at classrooms, computer room, science lab and library. The Vice-President presented K 2 million to the fund of the school. Union Minister for Sports presented sports gear for the school. General Manager of Shwe Thanlwin Co contributed 14 sets of Sky Net satellite for Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 BEHSs. Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Shwe Thanlwin Co, Loi Hein Co, Asia World Co, IGE Co and Tarmoye Chantha Co presented K 5 million to the No. 1 BEHS for equipment of 10 computers to the school.

The Vice-President then cordially greeted teachers of the medical school through officials.

The Vice-President then viewed the land plot for construction of Myanmar Medical Association (Lashio) in the compound of the hospital.

The Vice-President and party went to Lashio Nursing and Midwifery Training School where the Vice-President heard reports on functions of the state general hospital presented by the Medical Superintendent and of the training school by school head Dow Nan Kyawzun.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that Lashio People’s Hospital (200-bed), providing health care services to the people of Lashio region, is a reliable for all the people of Shan State (North). Therefore, the government is fulfilling the requirements of the hospital.

In conformity with the changing situations, the hospital is being provided with extension of hospital buildings, appointment of specialists, nurses and staff and hospital equipment, he said.

He urged them to give health care services to the patients with sympathy, family spirit and goodwill and to disseminate health knowledge to the people at the same time.

He stressed the need for doctors and nurses to make strenuous efforts for constant learning to uplift their proficiency and study outcomes and therapies of international researches.

As Lashio General Hospital is an institution not only for medical treatments but also for teaching, it is necessary to train the trainee doctors and nurses to become highly-qualified human resources, he said.

He noted that the hospital is to participate in turning out eligible local people to become health staff or auxiliary midwives so as to provide preliminary health care services for the rural areas which is playing a key role in rural development and poverty alleviation.

Next, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Loi Hein Co, Shwe Thanlwin Co, Asia World Co, IGE Co and Tarmoye Chantha Co donated K 400 million for installation of CT Scan at the general hospital. K 10 million for Nursing and Midwifery Training School and K 100 million for Myanmar Medical Association, the general Manager of Shwe Thanlwin Co one set each of Sky Net TV receiver to the general hospital and the training school through officials.

At the hall, the Vice-President and wife and party were welcomed by national races.

They attended the ceremony to pay homage to the members of the Sangha and donated alms, rice and edible oil to members of the Sangha. Vice-Chairman Nayaw of State Sangha Nayaka Committee Manshu Phayaggi Monastery Bhadanta Kodattha delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

While in Lashio, the Vice-President met national races and delivered an address. He said that if those wish to secure development of the nation, it must be peaceful and stable.

He noted that it should not accept that those of...
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leadership role are responsible for striving to ensure peace and stability, and it should accept that all the national people are responsible for ensuring peace and stability. He stressed the need for the national races to participate in securing peace and stability of the nation as much as they can.

Leaders of the national race groups submitted their requirements.

At the cash donation ceremony, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Loi Hein Co, Shwe Thanlwin Co, Asia World Co, IGE Co and Tarmoenye Chantha Co presented cash donations to officials. Shwe Thanlwin Co gave one set each of Sky Net TV receivers to six national race groups.

After hearing the reports, the Vice-President expressed his thanks for submissions on the requirements and he will attend to the needs as much as possible.

Later, the Vice-President cordially greeted members of the national race groups.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meets Mr. Robert Cooper and Professor Bronislaw Misztal of Community of Domocracies

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Mr. Robert Cooper and party. MNA

Union Constitutional Tribunal gives verdict

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—The tribunal comprising the chairperson and all the members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union delivered the verdict on proposal No. 2/2011 submitted by 23-member group including Aung Thein Hluttaw Representative Dr Aye Maung through the Aung Thein Hluttaw Speaker in accordance with Section 15 (d) of the Union Constitutional Tribunal Law, at Room No. 1 of the tribunal this morning.

The verdict stated that the proposal of 23-member party including Dr Aye Maung was allowed; according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 4 (c) of Emoluments, Allowances and Insignia Law of Region or State level Officials covers Region or National Races Affairs Ministers as they are the ministers of regions or states concerned and provisions in Section 5 and 17 of this law is not in compliance with the constitution.—MNA

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temporarily moved in Kachin State due to situation of security by the government, the UN and international organizations, social organizations and wellwishers amounted to K 268 million and clothes, personal goods, foodstuffs, medicines and school stationery worth K 1222.5 million.

The Kachin State Government is systematically providing necessary assistance for basic needs of the households at the relief camps while making systematic arrangements for enabling the children to pursue education.

As a total of 51 schools where altogether 7872 students from 10 townships were closed down due to the conflict in the state, the state government has opened temporary schools for the students from the relief camps to continuously learn education. A total of 3153 students from the temporary relief camps are attending the schools.

Furthermore, free health care services are being provided to the families of the relief camps by opening the clinics systematically.

At present, under coordination by the Kachin State Government, humanitarian assistance by various government departments, internal social organizations and UN agencies are being distributed to the population in the relief camps and departments, internal social organizations and UN agencies systematically.

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Feasibility and implementation of Community of Domocracies of Poland and party at that place at 3 pm today.

Both sides concentrated on matters relating to promotion of relationships between Myanmar and European Union, as well as bilateral cooperation between the Hluttaws of Myanmar and Poland. MNA

Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Executive Director Professor Bronislaw Misztal of Community of Domocracies of Poland and party. MNA

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Safety board proposes ban on cell use while driving

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec—US safety investigators called on Tuesday for a nationwide ban on texting and cell phone use while driving, a prohibition that would include certain applications of hands-free technology becoming more common in new cars.

The National Transportation Safety Board recommendation covers portable devices only but still goes beyond measures proposed or imposed to date by regulators and states, most of which already ban texting while behind the wheel.

“When it comes to using electronic devices, it may seem like it’s a quick call or a quick text or a tweet, but accidents happen in the blink of an eye,” said NTSB ChairmanDeborah Hersman. “No texts, no death. It’s worth a human life.”

More than 3,000 people were killed in distracted driving crashes in the United States in 2010, according to Transportation Department figures.

Most motorists participating in a Transportation Department survey released last week acknowledged few situations in which they would not use a cell phone or text while behind the wheel although they supported measures to curtail the practice.

A member NTSB recommendation to states for a ban, except in an emergency.

A driver uses his smart phone while in traffic in Encinitas, California on 10 Dec, 2009.—INTERNET

Malaysia seizes hundreds of African elephant tusks

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Dec—Malaysian authorities say they have seized hundreds of African elephant tusks worth 4 million ringgit ($1.3 million) that were being shipped to Cambodia.

Customs official Azis Yacob says inspectors at Port Klang harbor found the tusks hidden in containers of handicrafts from Kenya’s Mombasa port.

The shipment was headed for Cambodia’s beach resort area of Sihanoukville. Officials said Tuesday they had no precise figure for the number of tusks, which weighed nearly two tons.

The seizure followed a tip-off Monday. No arrests have been made. Malaysia has stepped up inspections for illegal ivory after wildlife groups said the country was becoming a transshipment hub for tusks amid robust demand in China.—INTERNET

Tourism threatens tiny Philippine primate

MANILA, 14 Dec—The tiny creature turns its head slowly through 180 degrees and stares, boggle-eyed as another group of noisy tourists takes its picture from just inches away. This is the Philippine tarsier, one of the smallest primates in the world.

It is a remarkable animal, just 10 centimetres (four inches) tall, weighing 20 grams (four ounces), with a rat-like tail, bat-like ears, and giant eyeballs, each one as big as its brain.

Its strange appearance is obvious, but what these tourists may not realise is that their very presence is putting the animal at risk.

The tarsier is nocturnal, lives in the forest, and is highly sensitive to noise and human contact.

According to conservationists, if it becomes stressed they will kill itself by bashing its head against a tree or the bars of its cage. “People go near and they’re loud, or make a picture with the flash, or they’re touching them.”

Most of those tarsiers, when they become stressed they commit suicide,” says Carloito Pizarros, known as The Tarsier Man.

“They don’t breathe and slowly die. If you put them in a cage they want to go out. That’s why they bump their heads on the cage, and it will crack because the cranium is so thin.” Pizarros is the field manager at the Philippine Tarsier and Wildlife Sanctuary in Corella on the island of Bohol, one of the country’s most popular tourist destinations.

Unlike other tarsier attractions on the island, visitors at the sanctuary are allowed to look, but not to get too close, and definitely not to touch. Different species of tarsier are found in the Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia. And populations in all these countries are listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as “decreasing”.

Internet

Gunman kills two in market in Florence

ROME, 14 Dec—An Italian man with extreme right-wing views opened fire in an outdoor market in Florence Tuesday, killing two vendors from Senegal, then critically wounded three other Senegalese immigrants in another Florence market before killing himself, authorities said.

Florence prosecutor Giuseppe Quattrocchi said the man shot himself in the head in an underground parking lot under the covered market of San Lorenzo, in the heart of the Tuscan capital, as police were approaching him.

Investigators identified the attacker as 50-year-old Giunluca Casseri. RAI state TV said he was known to police for having participated in racist marches by an extreme-right-wing group. It said he used a .357 Magnum revolver.

Italy’s president, Giorgio Napolitano, decried what he called the “barbarous killing of two foreign workers” and denounced “this blind explosion of hatred.” In a statement, Napolitano said “the Italian authorities and society” must “reach out in the bud every form of intolerance and to reaffirm the tradition of openness and solidarity in our country.”

Florence Mayor Matteo Renzi described the assailant as a “clear-headed, mad and racist killer,” the Italian news agency ANSA said. Renzi added: “Florence is weeping.”

After the attacks, Senegalese immigrants in Florence started spontaneously marching toward the centre of the city, yelling “Senegal, Senegal.” Many Senegalese work as vendors, selling scarves, wallets, belts, handbags and other items to locals and tourists near monuments in several Italian cities, including Florence and Rome.

Internet

Food poisoning affects 77 in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 14 Dec—At least 77 people were hospitalized after eating spoiled food in the central Mexican state Aguascalientes, state health authorities said Tuesday.

The first case of food poisoning was detected Saturday in Tepeaca municipality. Muro said a statement.

The food poisoning was due to the spread of a bacteria caused by poor management and preservation of cooked food, the epidemiologist from the state health ministry said.

People ate the rotten food during a party in El Porvenir town, in Tepeaca municipality. Muro said no company was responsible for the poisoning because the food was prepared by the hosts of the party.

The affected people are being treated in local hospitals. The last medical report said they are out of danger.—XINHUA

Pregnant mare rescued after falling in 7-foot hole

PUEBLO, Colo, 14 Dec—Pueblo County sheriff’s officials say a 4-year-old pregnant mare died well after being rescued from a 7-foot hole.

Sheriff’s officials tell Colorado Springs television station KKTV that the mare apparently stepped into the hole, which her owners were digging to install a faucet to water the horses. Rescuers used ditch maintenance equipment from the county road and bridge department to lift the mare out of the hole Tuesday. The mare’s owners are keeping a close watch on her now.—INTERNET

In this photo provided by the Pueblo County Sheriff’s office, a 4-year-old pregnant mare is rescued from a 7-foot hole which her owners were digging to install a faucet to water the horses, on 13 Dec, 2011 in Pueblo, Colo. —INTERNET

Florence

A bullet train pulls out of Tianjin South Railway Station in Tianjin, north China, on 12 Dec, 2011. A new operation chart was released for the Beijing-Shanghai High-speed Railway on Monday.

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Judy Hoarfrost (R, front), a member of the original 1971 American team, plays with Shiang Geling, one of the Chinese team members in 1971, in a friendly match in Shanghai, China, on 12 Dec, 2011, as part of the event to mark the 40th anniversary of the Ping Pong Diplomacy, which led to the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States.—XINHUA

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A customer browses through business-themed books at a booksale at an airport departure gate. Indian bookshops all have one thing in common — the predominance of business and management titles. — Internet

**New Delhi, 14 Dec** — Whether it’s a large chain retailer or the smallest booksale at an airport departure gate, Indian bookshops all have one thing in common — the predominance of business and management titles.

Language biographies of leading figures and self-help books about how to make a fortune pack the shelves, tapping an apparent thirst for success and self-improvement in the fast-growing South Asian nation.

“Business books are very important to us,” said Sonal Gandhi, head buyer at the leading chain Crossword, which has 86 stores across India.

“It’s the more populist ones that really sell. We don’t really do a lot of technical stuff. But we do business management, self-help books, a lot of biographies, which sell a lot,” she told AFP. Precise data on sales and the size of the publishing market in India are difficult to come by, given the vast unorganised retail sector and lack of accurate, computerised measuring.

But Nielsen BookScan, which tracks retail sales, said the value of the business publishing sector grew at a rate of more than 25 percent from the second to third quarter of the current financial year. The overall market increased at a rate of 18 percent value-wise in the same period.

Nielsen BookScan estimates that it tracks more than a third of all English-language Indian trade book sales, using data from retailers including Landmark, Crossword and the online book, film and music store Flippkart. — Internet

**Triumph trek Empty Quarter in footsteps of Thesiger**

Abu Dhabi, 14 Dec — A British explorer and two Emiratis on Tuesday completed a 44-day trek across one of the world’s largest deserts, the Empty Quarter, in the footsteps of the late traveller Sir Wilfred Thesiger.

The three men riding two camels were welcomed with a large round of applause from crowds who were waiting for them at Abu Dhabi’s corniche, marking the conclusion of their 1,600-kilometre (990-mile) trip. Following closely the route taken by the British explorer in the 1940s, the team began the trip in late October from the tropical forests of Salalah south of Oman, before navigating across one of the biggest bodies of sand on earth. British explorer Adrian Hayes had made the trip with UAE nationals Saeed al-Mesafri and Ghalan al-Jabry. “I feel incredibly privileged to have undertaken such a special experience,” said Hayes, 53.

“It is a lot different from 65 years ago when Mubarak bin London visited Arabia,” he said quoting the name given by bedouins to Thesiger. “I have so much respect for the journey he undertook. Relying on basic provisions, nature and bedouin hospitality, the trio passed through a number of key historical sites that Thesiger visited during his Arabian travels in the 1940s. — Internet

**Chile doctors try separating conjoined twins**

Santiago, (Chile), 14 Dec — Jessica Navarrete and her husband hugged in the doorway of the surgery ward Tuesday morning and kissed their twin babies Maria Paz and Maria Jose.

Inside, an army of experts was ready to try again to work on separating the conjoined twins, this time at the thorax, stomach and pelvic regions. It would be the seventh operation that the girls would undergo in their 10 months alive. This time, Chileans would be watching on television and the Internet.

“Sadness, a lot of sadness,” Navarrete said as the operation got under way at the Luis Calvo Mackenna Hospital in the capital of Santiago. “Because one as any mother feels, but (I have) faith that everything will turn out well and I’m going to see them separated, because this is my dream.”

“A miracle from God is what I’m waiting for.”

The twins had lost a lot of blood by Tuesday night, but Navarrete and the girls’ father, Roberto Paredes, had issued a call early Tuesday morning and kissed their twin babies Maria Paz and Maria Jose Paredes Navarrete kiss them before a separation surgery in Santiago, Chile, on 13 Dec, 2011. — Reuters

**US drone crashes at Seychelles airport**

Nairobi (Kenya), 14 Dec — An American military drone which had been used to monitor piracy off the East African coast has crashed at an airport on the island nation of Seychelles during a routine patrol, officials said.

The US Embassy in Mauritius said the unnamed US Air Force MQ-9 Reaper was not armed and that Tuesday’s crash caused no injuries. The crash sparked a fire that was quickly extinguished.

Lina Laurence of Seychelles’ civilian aviation authority said the drone developed engine problems minutes into its flight and needed to land as soon as possible Tuesday morning. “But due to its accelerated landing speed, the aircraft was unable to stop before the runway’s end,” Laurence said. The affected runway was closed for about 10 minutes as investigations began.

A US military and the civilian aviation authority of Seychelles have coordinated to remove the debris, officials said.

**Japan to install radar at Tokyo Haneda airport to reduce bird strikes**

Tokyo, 14 Dec — Japan will install radar equipment at Tokyo’s Haneda airport in April to prevent birds from colliding with airplanes that could cause plane crashes, according to local media citing officials from ministry of transport.

It is the first such high-tech effort to be made in the country due to the increasing number of bird strikes at the nation’s busiest airport, the officials said.

The radar after installation can locate the positions of birds up to 300 meters high, so that people can track their movements on screen and deal with them more easily. The radar can measure the size and the type of birds while the monitors will be able estimate where birds are likely to fly, and it can disperse the birds by using popping sounds over loudspeakers. Bird strike cases have been increasing at the Haneda airport in recent years. Last year there were a total of 171 cases, and this year already outpaced last year, with 176 cases in the first nine months. Similar equipment will be installed at other airports if the project proved to be effective, the officials said. — Xinhua

**Taylor’s ring from Burton fetches $8.8m in NY**

New York, 14 Dec — A 33.19-carat diamond ring given to Elizabeth Taylor by actor Richard Burton, whom she married twice, sold for $8,818,500 at an auction of gems, fabulous clothes, accessories and memorabilia amassed by the late actress.

The ring, estimated to sell for $2.5 million to $3.5 million, was included in a collection of Taylor’s necklaces, earrings, pendants, rings and other gems that went on sale Tuesday night at Christie’s auction house in New York City. The ring was purchased by a private buyer from Asia, according to a Christie’s spokesman.

A pearl known as “La Peregrina” purchased at auction for $37,000 in 1969 by Burton for Taylor reached the world record price of $11,842,500. It was estimated to sell for $2 million to $3 million.

The price surpassed the previous auction record for a pearl, set in 2007 at Christie’s New York with the sale of The Baroda Pearls for $7,096,000. — Internet

**This, J Sept, 2011, file photo shows “The Elizabeth Taylor Diamond,” a 33.19 carat a gift to the actress from Richard Burton at Christie’s, in New York. — Neraiser**

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Read for success? India’s business books take off

Mackenna hospital, Jessica Navarrete, right, and Roberto Paredes, parents of conjoined twins Maria Paz and Maria Jose Paredes Navarrete kiss them before a separation surgery in Santiago, Chile, on 13 Dec, 2011. — Reuters

**New Delhi, 14 Dec** — Whether it’s a large chain retailer or the smallest booksale at an airport departure gate, Indian bookshops all have one thing in common — the predominance of business and management titles.

Language biographies of leading business figures and self-help books about how to make a fortune pack the shelves, tapping an apparent thirst for success and self-improvement in the fast-growing South Asian nation.

“Business books are very important to us,” said Sonal Gandhi, head buyer at the leading chain Crossword, which has 86 stores across India. “It’s the more populist ones that really sell. We don’t really do a lot of technical stuff. But we do business management, self-help books, a lot of biographies, which sell a lot,” she told AFP. Precise data on sales and the size of the publishing market in India are difficult to come by, given the vast unorganised retail sector and lack of accurate, computerised measuring.

But Nielsen BookScan, which tracks retail sales, said the value of the business publishing sector grew at a rate of more than 25 percent from the second to third quarter of the current financial year. The overall market increased at a rate of 18 percent value-wise in the same period.

Nielsen BookScan estimates that it tracks more than a third of all English-language Indian trade book sales, using data from retailers including Landmark, Crossword and the online book, film and music store Flippkart. — Internet
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General Manager
City Golf Resort

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (047)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (047) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.12.2011 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.

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AGENT FOR: RK SHIPPING & TRADING PTE LTD S’PORE
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Over 90,000 detained for illegal food production, gambling, drug trafficking

BEIJING, 14 Dec — Chinese police had investigated over 132,000 cases and detained more than 90,000 suspects by November in a nationwide crackdown on a set of highly attended offenses, especially food and drug safety cases.

The high-profile campaign, launched on 22 Aug by the Ministry of Public Security, aims to eliminate illegal food producers and vendors, factories producing counterfeit goods and markets built for the disposal of stolen goods, pornography, gambling and drug trafficking.

A statement issued on Sunday by the ministry summarized the “preliminary progress” of the campaign, stating that 28,000 venues used for illegal activities have been shut down during the first 100 days.

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Women charged with village murder

LONDON, 14 Dec — A 23-year-old woman has been charged with the murder of Emma Jones in the village of Penygroes in Gwynedd in the early hours of Saturday. Police said Alwen Eluned Jones, from the nearby village of Llanfyllin, will appear before Caernarfon magistrates on Monday. Earlier, detectives confirmed 31-year-old Emma Jones died as a result of a stab wound. A man and woman who were also arrested have been released without charge. An appeal for witnesses has been issued. Ms Jones was pronounced dead in hospital following the stabbing. On Sunday, forensic experts have remained at flats in Trem y Wyddfa. The coroner has remained at flats in Trem y Wyddfa. The coroner has

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Stephanie King with the surfboard after the shark attack

CABRERA, 14 Dec — A surfer has had a lucky escape after a shark took a bite out of his board while he was in the sea off the coast of Australia. Stephen King was taking an early morning surf near the village of Angourie in New South Wales when the shark swam up and lunched at him. He quickly pulled his legs out of the water, saving them from major injury, and escaped with only minor puncture wounds.

His board fared less well, ending up with a large chunk cut out of one side and in two pieces. Mr King said: “There was just a bang from the side and I went cartwheeling through the air, then there was this thrashing beside me. I’m probably the luckiest guy on two legs at the moment. Yeah, unbelievable.” He added as he showed off his damaged board. Hours after the lucky escape, children were swimming on the same beach.

Experts warned that people must take care when entering the sea, which is ultimately a shark’s domain. “You’ve got to be realistic. This is their territory and we’re just the visitors,” said Vic Peddermors, a researcher from the government Department of Primary Industries. Safely back on shore, Mr King laughed with his friend about the close call and said: “I’m blessed.” He has agreed to allow his board to be displayed in a local museum.

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**Man trashed house, thought woman trapped**

Police in Utah said a man who had taken a substance destroyed the inside of his father’s home because he was convinced his girlfriend was trapped in the walls.

West Valley City police said the man, who had apparently overdosed on a substance, called for help Saturday afternoon and told officers he had heard his girlfriend calling from behind the walls of the home, the Salt Lake Tribune reported Monday.

Police said they found the man had destroyed the interior of the home, which belongs to his father, who was out of town at the time of the incident.

Investigators said they found the girlfriend was vacationing in Texas and was unaware of the incident.

**Megan Fox gets oxygen facial once every week**

Megan Fox has revealed that she gets an oxygen facial once a week. It’s her ‘weekly ritual’ and she loves having them.

“I don’t have time to do much face care because I feel like I’m allergic to all sorts of things, but I love having them once a week as she thinks that it’s important to take care of her skin.

The stunning actress said that when not working, she likes to indulge in a weekly treatment to keep her looking at her best.

“I don’t have time to do masks, but I love having them done as part of a facial. If I’m not working, I have an oxygen facial once a week. It’s important to go out and have a steam and get the toxins out,” Contactmusic quoted her as telling Britain’s InStyle magazine.

The ‘Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles’ actress also revealed that she tries not to wear make-up when she doesn’t have to.

“I don’t wear make-up when I’m not working, unless I’m going on a date with my husband. Then, I’ll do a dewy, tinted moisturiser with a lip gloss and tons of mascara. I have a lot of mascara.

“I wash my face and moisturise twice a day with Epicuren’s Discovery’s Bulgarian Rose Otto and apply Perricone MD’s Vitamin C/Ester Eye Serum a few times a day. I don’t wear sunscreen, because I feel like I’m allergic to the chemicals in it. I stay out of the sun as much as possible and always wear hats,” she added.—Internet

**Julianne Moore did her research before playing Sarah Palin’s role**

New York, 14 Dec—Julianne Moore has revealed that she did her research on Sarah Palin before tackling her role as the former Alaskan governor for HBO’s ‘Game Change’ miniseries.

The 51-year-old actress said that she “read every single thing” she could about Palin and “watched every interview” in order to prepare for her role as the former Alaskan governor in the new TV series.

Moore was asked if she had developed a newfound respect for Palin after delving deeper into her life. The actress raised an eyebrow and sighed deeply, and quietly said “No.” The series is based on the book of the same name by journalists John Heilemann and Mark Halperin, the New York Daily News reported. It will primarily track the actions of the Republican Party during the 2008 Presidential Election.—Internet

**Pregnant Jessica Simpson signs 3 million-dollar weight-loss deal**

New York, 14 Dec.—Mom-to-be Jessica Simpson has signed a 3 million-dollar deal with Weight Watchers, according to reports. Sources have told the New York Post that the blond star has been flooded with offers from a number of weight-loss programmes.

“The deal is in place, and after having her baby, she’ll start with Weight Watchers to lose her baby weight,” a source told the publication.

Another reason, which has prompted Simpson to get in shape fast is that she hopes to wed her fiancé, Eric Johnson, soon after she gives birth.—Internet

**Sandra Bullock recalls 9/11 attack**

LONDON, 14 Dec.—Actress Sandra Bullock says her upcoming movie “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” has special significance in her life because the film reminds her of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre.

The 47-year-old plays one of the lead roles in the movie, which is an adaptation of the novel with the same name.

The film tells the story of a young boy whose father died in the 9/11 attack.

Twas the day on that day with my sister and brother-in-law... It was just one of those days that you saw New Yorkers being the amazing human beings that they are and everyone helping and bonding together,” contactmusic.com quoted Bullock as saying.

Although Bullock didn’t lose anyone directly in the tragedy, she is still affected by the terror attacks.

“It’s so hard to talk about. I didn’t lose someone directly, but I was there to experience other people’s loss. It’s not just an accident [or] something that happens, it was an intended action and that’s hard to understand,” she added.—Internet

**Museum sells grenade-shaped ornaments**

Visitors to the Swedish Army museum are questioning whether its hand grenade-shaped Christmas tree ornaments are in bad taste.

The Stockholm museum is selling the ornaments to raise money for Christian Aid, a charity that combats poverty and helps with disaster relief, Swedish news agency TT reported Monday.

“Support Christian Aid and their work for peace and against poverty by buying our Christmas ornaments which are a subtle reminder of those who are less fortunate than we are during the holiday season,” the museum said in announcing the ornaments on its Web site.

However, some museum visitors said they find the ornaments to be distasteful.

“Quite simply I think it’s distasteful, especially if they are raising money for charity. This is a museum frequented by children and it’s hard to explain to them why there are hand grenades in the Christmas trees,” visitor Elinor Lindeborg said. “This is an Army Museum, but should still try to highlight a non-war perspective.”

**School gives belts to sagging pupils**

Administrators at a South Carolina high school said students caught with saggy pants will now receive loaner belts instead of written referrals.

William Cureton, an administrative assistant and assistant football coach for Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, said he came up with the idea for the loaner belts after talking to colleagues who were similarly frustrated by students whose pants sag beneath their underwear, the Rock Hill Herald reported Monday.

“We see kids with their britches hanging down all the time,” Cureton said. “We want to change the culture.”

**System of a down* gas mask by 50 cent**

System of a Down* have released a video for their new single ‘Gas Mask’.

The video features the band members wearing their gas masks, while the music is played in the background. The video ends with the band members standing in front of a screen displaying the band’s logo.

System of a Down* is a popular band from Armenia, known for their hard rock and metal music. Their previous albums have been critically acclaimed and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

The band’s new single ‘Gas Mask’ is expected to be released in the near future. Fans of the band are eagerly awaiting the release and are eagerly anticipating the new music.

System of a Down* is known for their powerful live performances and their passionate advocacy for Armenian people and culture. The band has consistently used their music to raise awareness about political and social issues, particularly those affecting their home country of Armenia.

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Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, right, shoots to score during a Spanish Copa del Rey round of 16, first leg soccer match against Atlético de Madrid at the Vicente Calderón stadium in Madrid, Spain.

**International Sports**

**Murray’s mother to captain Britain in Fed Cup**

LONDON, 14 Dec — Judy Murray will lead Britain’s Fed Cup team in its 1-4 Feb Europe-Africa Group I match against Israel in Eilat and mentor other female performance coaches.

Murray, who was the Scotland national coach for nine years, trained three-time Grand Slam finalist Andy Murray early in his career. She is a familiar figure at the No.4-ranked player’s matches—regularly jumping to her feet to shout encouragement from the stands.

She also coached son Jamie, a Wimbledon mixed doubles champion in 2007.

"It is a huge honor for me to represent my country in this way," she said. "The role presents a very exciting challenge, given the mix of talent, experience and determination we have in our top female players right now."

Judy Murray

London, 14 Dec — Andy Murray’s mother has been appointed captain of Britain’s Fed Cup team.

The Lawn Tennis Association said Thursday that Judy Murray will lead Britain in its 1-4 Feb Europe-Africa Group 1 match against Israel in Eilat and mentor other female performance coaches.

It was Milito’s first game against Genoa, where he spent two and a half highly prolific seasons. The Argentine left in 2009 to join Inter. Genoa almost leveled in the closing stages but keeper Julio Cesar pulled off a stunning save to deny Miguel Veloso.

**Podolski snatches 1-1 draw for Cologne with Mainz**

Berlin, 14 Dec — Lukas Podolski scored a late equalizer to earn Cologne a 1-1 draw against Mainz on Tuesday in a Bundesliga game postponed because of a referee’s suicide attempt.

Podolski unleashed a fierce shot from 20 metres (yards) that flew in off the right post in the 85th minute. It was the German forw"
WEATHER Wednesday, 14 December, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past (24) hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below December average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) below December average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (-2°C), Pinlaung (4°C), Heho and Aye and (48.54) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (4) mph from Male at (12:30) hours MST on 14-12-2011. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (59.88) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (128.19) inches at Yangon (Kaba Training School) and (33.95) inches at Mandalay.

Nay Pyi Taw weather:

Maximum temperature on 13-12-2011 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 14-12-2011 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-12-2011 was 82%. Total rainfall hours on 14-12-2011 was (Nil). Rainfall on 14-12-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (59.88) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (128.19) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (48.54) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (4) mph from West at (12:30) hours MST on 14-12-2011.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and West Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Feature: According to the observation at 12.30hrs M.S. Today, the depression over South China Sea is at center about 220 miles South of (Con Son) island, Southern Vietnam. It is forecast to move West- Southwestern direction.

Forecast valid until evening of 15th December 2011: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State and weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing. Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of night temperatures in the Low Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-12-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-12-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-12-2011: Generally fair weather.

‘The Help’ leads Screen Actors honours with 4 noms

In this Sept, 2011 photo, from left, Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer and Allison Janney, pose for a photo for their film “The Help” during the 37th American Film Festival in Deauville, Normandy, France. The Deep South drama “The Help” leads the Screen Actors Guild Awards with four nominations, among them honors for Viola Davis, Jessica Chastain and Octavia Spencer.—INTERNET

Los Angeles, 14 Dec—The Deep South drama “The Help” cleaned up with four nominations Wednesday for the Screen Actors Guild Awards, among them honors for Viola Davis, Jessica Chastain and Octavia Spencer. The adaptation of the best-selling novel also was nominated for best ensemble cast, along with the silent film “The Artist,” the wedding comedy “Bridesmaids,” the family drama “The Descendants” and the romantic fantasy “Midnight in Paris.”

Davis is up for best actress and Spencer for supporting actress as black maids who agree to share stories of their tough lives with an aspiring white writer at the start of the civil-rights movement in 1960s Mississippi. Chastain also was nominated for supporting actress as Spencer’s lonely, needy new boss.

“The Artist” ran second with three nominations, including a best-actor honour for Jean Dujardin as a silent star falling from grace amid the advent of talking pictures and supporting actress as Berenice Bejo, who plays a rising sound-era movie star.

Along with Davis, best-actor contenders are Glenn Close as a woman disguising herself as a male butler in 19th-century Ireland in “Albert Nobbs”; Meryl Streep as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in “The Iron Lady”; Tilda Swinton as a grief-stricken woman coping with her son’s horrible deeds in “We Need to Talk About Kevin”; and Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe in “My Week With Marilyn.”

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