Kason water-pouring ceremonies held nationwide

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 May—As today was Fullmoon Day of Kason, pagodas across the nation were packed with pilgrims doing meritorious deeds. The fourth Kason Water-pouring ceremony of the Uppatasanti Pagoda was held at Maha Bawdi Banyan Tree in the precinct of the pagoda at 5 pm today. The ceremony was attended by patrons of the Pagoda Board of Trustees Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt, the secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Council and officials, members of the pagoda board of trustees, Wat associations from ministries and local people.

At the ceremony, the Union Ministers and the congregation poured scented water on the banyan tree. Since the morning, Wat associations from ministries and local regiments and units recited Buddha Desana, and the local people as well as pilgrims from various towns offered flowers, water and lights to the Pagoda and the Buddha Image. Similarly, Dhatusaya (Dhatpaungsu) Pagoda and Maha Muni Buddha image in the precinct of the pagoda in Bawgathiekdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township were also packed with pilgrims and the staff families of Nay Pyi Taw performed meritorious deeds and poured water on the Bawdi.

Wut associations recite Buddha Desana in the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

Dinosaur skeleton in New York auction

Regular jogging may increase longevity
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**From waste to value**

Myanmar has come under the spotlight of international media following its drastic reforms. Myanmar will be hosting such regional events as XXVII SEA Games and ASEAN Summits in 2013 and 2014 which are seen as opportunities to be grasped so as to bolster our international image.

Widespread garbage not only tarnishes the nation’s image but also is extremely harmful to the environment, posing risks to public health. Enforcement on reckless dumping alone does not work and public education is a must. One of the options is to urge the urbanites to practice 3Rs concept—reduce, reuse and recycle—to address it. Reduce means to buy less and use less. While there has been denunciation over power cuts, some have been wasting power and water as well. Lights and electrical devices should be turned off when you go out.

Reuse means to repair broken items to use again instead of buying new ones and to design products refillable or reusable like rechargeable batteries. Recycle means to sort, clean and process wastes into new products: either into same material or high-value products known as upcycle or low-value raw materials known as downcycle. 3Rs concept should be encouraged and educated well to the public in the government’s efforts to save material and energy as part of ecological conservation drive. In Yangon, development affairs committee has put dustbins in downtown and some public recreation areas. But the number is simply not enough and the uncivilized behavior of irresponsible dumping must be mended soonest. It is the same in other towns. Another national disgrace is of water closets, most of which across the nation even in airports and public areas are in critical condition.

There has been no formal waste management system and without it is difficult to control harmful environmental impacts of both toxic chemicals from factories and household wastes. Such measures as carbon tax and polluter pay principles are also advisable to introduce here.

All in all, no one likes to be looked down. If so the onus is on the administrations concerned to build such infrastructure and also on the citizens to change their behavior and attitudes, cooperating fully to their works.

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**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham’s wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon attends MMCWA dinner**

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**Summer 3on3 Men/Women Basketball Friendly Tournament-2012 held**

**Yangon, 5 May**—Joinly organized by the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Basketball Federation, Summer 3on3 Men/Women Basketball Friendly Tournament-2012 took place at Aung San Stadium here this morning. A total of 20 teams of men and 9 teams of women partook in the open event, and 23 teams of men and 5 teams of women in the under-16 event.

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**Taninthayi Region Chief Minister inspects regional development tasks, comforts eye patients**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 5 May—**Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko on 30 April met departmental personnel, townolders and members of social organizations at General Administration Department and inspected roadworks in Thayetchaung Township.

He met local villagers at Kanet Thiри Pagoda and paid respects to monks. He inspected site chosen for construction of schools in Kanet Thiри, hospitals in Yange Village and Thayetchaung Township and paid homage to Shintauntpon pagoda where he viewed construction of road to pagoda.

On 3 May, he attended all-round assessment seminar for living standards of households and coordination meeting for road and bridge construction in Dawe.

The Chief Minister received a group providing home care services to older persons yesterday. He donated K 1 million for 911 eye patients undergoing surgery in Sitagua Aravajathana Hospital...MNA
Russia hopes its signals over missile defence issues be heard by NATO

MOSCOW, 5 May — Participants of the upcoming NATO summit in Chicago should get and understand the signals sent by Moscow over the missile defence issues, Russian Foreign Ministry said on Friday. “All signals from Moscow, including those made by General Makarov, were sent to the Chicago summit participants, so they should understand the situation is very serious and change their mind by taking into account Russia’s arguments,” spokesman Alexander Lukashevich told a news briefing here.

During a recent international conference on missile defence issues held in Moscow, Russian Chief of General Staff Nikolai Makarov warned that Russia could carry out pre-emptive strikes on future NATO missile defence installations in Europe to protect its security. “This is an important warning signal that, in case the system is developing, ... Russia will have to undertake adequate military-technical measures to protect our strategic forces,” Lukashevich said. The spokesman also quoted the ongoing Russian President Dmitry Medvedev by saying that Moscow did not refuse a dialogue but wanted to be heard.

“We are ready for practical cooperation, but with the assumption that the reliable legal guarantees will be given in that the system is not targeting (Russia),” Lukashevich said. Moscow has long opposed the deployment of the US-led NATO missile defence facilities near its border and wanted legally binding guarantees from the US and NATO that the missile defence shield is not targeting Russia. The NATO Summit will be held from May 20-21 in Chicago, the US state of Illinois. — Xinhua

10 killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 May — At least 10 people were killed and one was injured in a US drone strike early Saturday morning in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel Express. According to local media reports, two missiles were fired by US drones at a house suspected of being used as an operational base by the Taliban, located in the Dargai tribal area of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan.

Four US drones were seen flying over the area following the attack. Rescue work was delayed due to fear of further strikes by the US drones, said local media. Identities of the victims in the attack are not known immediately. Saturday’s US drone strike is the 12th of its kind in Pakistan since this year. Up to date, at least 95 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes in 2012. MNA/Xinhua

Iran urges West to help end nuclear dispute

TEHERAN, 5 May — The West must take concrete confidence-building steps in its nuclear negotiations with Iran, a senior Islamic republic official preparing the next round of talks said on Friday, after returning from discussions with China and Russia. Ali Baqeri, the deputy to Iran’s chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, called on “the West to take concrete steps to build trust with the Iranian people,” Iranian news agencies reported. That appeared to echo more explicit demands from Teheran in recent days that the West ease its economic sanctions hitting Iran’s oil and finance sectors.

Baqeri said he held “serious discussions” in Beijing and Moscow about the talks between Iran and the P5+1 group comprising the five permanent UN Security Council members plus Germany.

The two sides last month renewed dialogue in Istanbul that had been in limbo for the previous 15 months. Another round of talks is scheduled for 23 May in Baghdad. Teheran stressed the “importance of the P5+1 countries’ commitments concerning Iran’s nuclear rights in the framework of the NPT (the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty) in line with both sides’ agreement in the Istanbul talks.”

He also noted that both sides aim to move forward “on the basis of a step-by-step approach and reciprocity,” and said the outline of that process “will be determined before the Baghdad meeting.”

The “step-by-step” formulation relies on each side offering matching compromises at around the same time in an effort to build up trust that has been sorely depleted over past years. Baqeri’s mention of an “agreement” in Istanbul appeared to refer to a mutual understanding, voiced by EU chief policy official Catherine Ashton, that the NPT formed the basis for “a sustained process of serious dialogue.”

That would “ensure all the obligations under the NPT are met by Iran while fully respecting Iran’s right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy,” Ashton said after the Istanbul talks. — Internet

Two Iranians at the Ifsahen nuclear facility in 2005. The West must take concrete confidence-building steps in its nuclear negotiations with Iran, a senior Islamic republic official preparing the next round of talks said after returning from discussions with China and Russia. — Internet

Bodies of 23 found dumped near US border in Mexico drug war

MEXICO CITY, 5 May — The bodies of 23 people were found dumped in ice boxes and garbage bags in northeastern Mexico on Friday, in an escalation of brutal violence involving rival drug gangs on the US border. In a first incident, the bodies of five men and four women were found hanging from a bridge in Nuevo Laredo, in Tamaulipas state just across the border from the Texas city of Laredo. Police could not confirm who was responsible for the murders but a message seen with the bodies indicated it may have been an attack by the Zetas cartel against the rival Gulf Cartel.

Hours later, police found the dismembered corpses of 14 people in garbage bags and ice boxes dumped near the police station of Nuevo Laredo, police investigators said. They said the second massacre could have been an act of revenge for the earlier killings. A local police official said Monday 50-60 men have died in drug-related violence in Mexico since President Felipe Calderon launched a crackdown on traffickers after taking office in late 2006 and deployed tens of thousands of federal police and soldiers across Mexico. The Zetas cartel was founded by deserters from the Mexican special forces who became Gulf cartel enforcers and later split from their employers.

The two gang are now fighting for control of local drug trafficking routes. Last month the dismembered remains of 14 men were found stuffed inside a minivan left near Nuevo Laredo’s town hall. Days later a car exploded outside police headquarters and police said the explosion was caused by a grenade. Discontent over the bloody attacks is helping fuel support for the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, ahead of Mexico’s July presidential election. Opinion polls make the PRI the favorite to retain the presidency they held for most of the past century. — Reuters

Snowstorm in Japan’s Alps kills eight climbers

TOYKO, 5 May—Eight elderly mountaineers who went missing in Japan’s Northern Alps following a snowstorm were confirmed dead on Saturday after some of them were evacuated by helicopter, police said. A group of the climbers were spotted early Saturday after they collapsed near Mount Korenge in central Nagano prefecture, a police spokesman said. The climbers, who went missing Friday on their way to the 2,922-metre (9,674-foot) Shigakadake Peak, were transported by helicopter to a nearby village but were later confirmed dead, he said.

The spokesman also confirmed the death of a 62-year-old woman who was found unconscious near Jigatakage Peak, south of Mount Korenge. Another 71-year-old man died of hypothermia after he made an emergency call for rescue after being stuck in bad weather near Karasawa Peak, south of Jigatakage Peak. Climbers are rushing to the Northern Alps during the nation’s “Golden Week” spring holidays in late April and early May as a climbing season in the region just begins. — Internet

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE, 5 MAY 2012

On this International Day of the Midwife, UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund and ICM, the International Confederation of Midwives, commend the important work of midwives in promoting good health and making pregnancies and childbirths safe.

The right to health is a basic human right that every woman should enjoy. Yet, every day, almost 1000 women die in pregnancy and childbirth. Every year, 8 million women suffer serious pregnancy-related illnesses and disabilities, such as obstetric fistulas, and 2 million babies don’t survive the first 24 hours of their lives. One of the main causes for these tragedies is lack of access to maternity services, including the care of midwives or others with midwifery skills at childbirth.

UNFPA and ICM are leading efforts to promote midwifery around the world. The two organizations scaled up efforts to strengthen midwifery training programmes and policies in 30 countries. Last year, together with 28 partners, UNFPA and ICM also launched the first ever State of the World’s Midwifery report, which showed that no health-care system can be efficient and effective if it ignores the importance of midwifery.

Urgent action is needed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on child and maternal health before the target year of 2015, and investing in human resources for health, especially midwifery, is one of the soundest investments a country can make to accelerate progress. Midwives are the unsung heroes of women’s and children’s health, and their work must be supported every step of the way.—UNFPA

Joint message of Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, and Agneta S Bridges, Secretary General, ICM, International Confederation of Midwives

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE, 5 MAY 2012

Investing in Midwifery Pays

People's daily struggle against the cold in the high mountains. Mountaineers confirmed dead after snowstorm in Japanese Alps.
Germany bars Microsoft sales on Motorola suit

BERLIN, 5 May—A German court ruled on Wednesday that US Internet giant Microsoft can no longer sell its products locally because it infringes patents held by a US communications firm Motorola Mobility.

Microsoft said the ruling covers sales of its computer operating system Windows 7 and the Xbox games console but insisted it would have no practical impact. German customers could still order products from its distribution centre in the Netherlands, it said. Microsoft decided to close its German distribution centre in early April, anticipating that the ruling would go against it.

A Microsoft spokesman said the company would also appeal the ruling, given by a tribunal in Mannheim. High-tech patent disputes have become increasingly common as giants of the industry, especially Apple, Microsoft, Samsung and Motorola, slug it out in the courts to protect their products in a hugely competitive marketplace.

Last month, the US International Trade Commission (ITC) issued a preliminary ruling that Microsoft had infringed Motorola Mobility patents in its Xbox 360 videogame console. A final ITC ruling is expected later this year which could force the Redmond, Washington-based giant to pay royalties for using the Motorola patents.

Microsoft agreed to a settlement with Motorola in August 2011, the company said in a statement.

New Zealand warned of climate flooding

WELLINGTON, 5 May—New Zealand needs to plan to meet the threats of more severe floods as sea levels rise with climate change, government scientists warned on Tuesday.

Storm surge flooding is starting to occur more frequently on the highest tides, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research said. Sixty-five percent of New Zealanders live within 3 miles of the sea and the country must plan to manage the growing risks, said Rob Bell, the institute’s principal scientist.

Twelve of the country’s 15 largest cities are within that 3-mile band. “Rises of more than a meter by 2100 can’t be ruled out, and should at least be considered in assessing the vulnerability of our existing development at the coast,” Bell said in a statement.

With rising sea-levels, low-lying coastal areas would face an escalating risk from sea flooding if the sea level rose by 1.6 feet, he said.

Scientists will present their projections for sea-level rise and its impact on the coastal environment at a New Zealand Climate Change Centre conference in Wellington May 10-11, China’s Xinhua News Agency reported.

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Google+, Spotify, Facebook get top Web awards

WASHINGTON, 5 May—Social networks Google+ and Pinterest and the music service Spotify each grabbed their first Webby Awards on Tuesday in the 16th edition of the competition for the top Internet sites.

The Icelandic singer Björk and Mexican-American comic Louis CK also were honoured for their innovations in the digital realm by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, the online equivalent of the Oscars.

Facebook was named the winner of the first People’s Special Achievement for Social Change, topping Twitter, YouTube, Kiva, and Change.org for the award for using the Internet for social and political development.

Academy judges including Twitter co-founder Biz Stone, Arianna Huffington and mobile phone inventor Martin Cooper selected Webby Award winners while Internet voters around the world chose the People’s Voice Awards with nearly 1.5 million votes cast from over 200 countries.

Dinosaur skeleton in New York auction

NEW YORK, 5 May—An almost-complete skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus dinosaur may fetch $1 million at a New York auction of fossils and gem quality minerals, auction officials said.

The main attraction at the Natural History Signature auction to be held by Heritage Auctions on May 20 will be an eight-foot tall, 24-foot long, 75 percent complete Tyrannosaurus bataar, a slightly smaller cousin of T rex, the auction house said in a release.

Tyrannosaurus bataar inhabited what is now Central Asia in the Cretaceous period around 80 million years ago.

“This beautiful Tyrannosaurus skeleton is one of the most complete, most spectacular specimens that we’ve ever seen,” said David Henkowitz, Director of Natural History at Heritage Auctions, said.

Wildlife losing habitat to US gas fields

NEW YORK, 5 May—Development of the largest natural gas fields in the continental United States is driving wildlife from traditional wintering grounds, conservationists say.

Researchers from the Wildlife Conservation Society using GPS collars to track 125 female pronghorn in Wyoming’s Jonah and PAPPA gas fields found an 82 percent decline in habitat classified as “highest quality,” meaning highest probability of use for wintering animals, the society said in a release on Wednesday.

Natural gas development in these areas has led to a sharp increase in well pads, roads and other associated infrastructure, researchers said, which in turn is driving pronghorn to the periphery of areas historically classified as crucial winter ranges.

“In our study we have detected behavioral shifts for pronghorn in response to natural gas field development and infrastructure on federal BLM [Bureau of Land Management] lands,” Jon Beckmann of the society’s North America programme said.

“Maintaining the integrity of crucial wintering areas is particularly important in harsh winters to avoid diminishing pronghorn numbers,” Fifty percent of North America’s pronghorn live in Wyoming, while numbers are declining in other parts of the United States, the society said, warning pronghorn can only lose so much winter range before they will begin to decline in population.

Split gene could have created human brains

SEATTLE, 5 May—A single gene mutation may have started the evolution of large human brains 2.5 million years ago as humans diverged from early cousins, US researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Washington say the effect of a single gene that made two copies of itself was, paradoxically, to slow down individual brain development—but this created time for neurons to develop more and better connections with one another, NewScientist.com reported on Thursday.

Gene duplications do not happen often, geneticist Evan Eichler said, and only about 30 genes have copied themselves since humans split from chimpanzees 6 million years ago.

The duplication of the gene in question, SRGA2, helped drive development of the neocortex, which controls higher-order brain functions such as language and conscious thought, researchers said.

SRGA2 duplicated itself 15.5 million years ago, well after humans and chimps diverged, they said.

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Ford sheds plant in ‘win, win, win’ deal

DETROIT, 5 May—Ford Motor Co said it had agreed to sell French auto supplier Faurecia its Saline, Mich., parts business in a deal that will add jobs to the Detroit area. The deal involves three parties, Ford, Faurecia and Rush Group Ltd, the Detroit Free Press reported on Thursday.

Faurecia and Rush Group will form a joint venture called Detroit Manufacturing Systems that will do injection molding and assembly work, putting together the interiors for the Ford Mustang, Expedition and Navigator, the newspaper said. That will add 1,250 workers to Visteon when it was suffering a decade earlier, Ford created the Automotive Components Holdings subsidiary to sell or shutter 23 Visteon plants, the newspaper said.

In the deal announced on Thursday, Faurecia will leave the physical plant from ACH. About 1,000 workers in Saline will be displaced, but Ford said it will hire those workers to ramp up production at other Faurecia plants.

“I am pleased that the sale of the Saline ACH business ensures the retention of jobs for United Auto Worker members,” said Andra Rush, who runs the union’s Ford division. Andra Rush, who runs the union’s Ford division, according to a Westmead hospital statement.—

Australia aims to be Asia’s food superpower

SYDNEY, 5 May—Australia has the potential to become a food superpower for Asia, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said in a speech which showed greater engagement with China.

Australia’s economy is riding a mining and resources boom, but Gillard said the nation should also exploit its ability to produce high-quality food.

"As we have become a minerals and energy giant, Australia can be a great provider of reliable, high-quality food to meet Asia’s growing needs," Gillard said in the speech to The Global Foundation in Melbourne late Thursday.

"Australia should take advantage of growing international markets and become ‘a provider of high-quality, value products and services for the global food industry.’"

Despite living on the world’s driest inhabited continent, Australians have enjoyed safe and high-quality food for many decades, with the nation producing enough to feed 66 million people, almost three times its population. Australia accounts for less than three percent of global food trade, although it is among the net food exporting nations of the world, a government report published in late 2010 said.

With Asia’s middle-class rapidly expanding, Gillard said Australian businesses must find opportunities in conditions where the dollar of trade would remain high for the foreseeable future.

"In some cases, Australian businesses will be able to access large Asian markets through export, including through regional supply chains," she said.

Jaguar Land Rover plans investments

CASTLE BROMWICH, 5 May—Jaguar Land Rover intends to upgrade a factory in Castle Bromwich, Britain, that three years ago was on the chopping block, The Daily Telegraph reported.

The company’s resurgence is supported by a surge in Land Rover sales, which rose 30 percent in the first quarter compared with the same period of 2011.

Jaguar sales in the first quarter were up 7 percent from a year earlier.

Earlier this year, 35,000 people applied for 1,900 new jobs at JLR, the newspaper reported on Thursday.

To take advantage of its new momentum, the company is developing a convertible model of the F-Type that will reach showrooms in 2013. It is also spending about $2.4 billion on development of new models with the goal of launching 40 new models or model options in the next five years.

JLR, which is owned by Indian conglomerate Tata, has also raised $808 million to invest in a joint venture with Chinese automaker Chery to start building cars in China.

JLR posted pre-tax profits of $904 million with revenues at 6.06 billion in the first quarter of 2011, the newspaper said.

Liver’s role vital in regulating body clock

SYDNEY, 5 May—Jet setters, shift workers and even obese people stand to gain from a key discovery about the liver playing a vital role in managing the body’s internal or circadian clock.

Chris Liddle, professor of medical research at the University of Sydney, identified the crucial role such circadian receptors play in regulating fat metabolism, with bearing on diet, nutrition, digestion and energy expenditure.

“When you fly overseas, not only do you wake up in the middle of the night, you probably notice you want to eat in the middle of the night, and that during the day you have vareduced energy. The liver is a key regulator in the regulation of energy and we now understand quite a bit more how liver genes ‘clock in’ to the circadian cycle,” said Liddle, the journal Nature reports.

The circadian clock controls alertness, appetite, sleep timing and hormone secretions. If it is disturbed then people tend to suffer more from obesity, diabetes and related metabolic disorders.

Liddle, who has worked on liver genes for more than a decade with the Salk Institute, said: “This is a very exciting discovery. We have now shown that these receptors in the body’s tissues (liver) do not have a peripheral role but are core components for setting our body clock that we can potentially use drugs on.”

The hope is that not only problems like jet lag and disturbed sleep can be more easily managed but other associated health concerns can be addressed more effectively,” Liddle said, according to a Westmead statement.—

US DOT fines Air India $80,000

WASHINGTON, 5 May—The US Department of Transportation has said it has fined Air India $80,000 for failure to comply with rules concerning extended delays on airport runways.

The department imposed the so-called tarmac rules in August 2011 in an attempt to prevent incidents of passengers stuck for hours in planes in which takeoffs were delayed. Air India was fined for failing to post customer service and tarmac delay contingency plans on its Web site, the department said.

The airline failed to “adequately inform passengers about its optional fees,” the DOT said in a statement.

“Our new airline consumer rules help ensure that passengers are fully informed about airline services and fees and what to expect if their flight is delayed on the tarmac. We will continue to monitor carriers to make sure they comply with our rules and take enforcement action when they do not,” said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.—

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Singapore’s student group to visit Middle East for business opportunities

BEIJING, May — China and the United States here on Friday agreed to hold a series of talks, covering security, Asia-Pacific affairs, human rights and regional policies, according to a list of achievements issued from the fourth round of China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue.


The two sides expressed willingness to make joint efforts and further develop the dialogue mechanism, and enhance mutual trust between the two countries.

To safeguard the common interests and face common challenges in the Asia-Pacific region, China and the United States will hold another consultation regarding China-US Asia-Pacific affairs in the second half of 2012.

Meanwhile, on the basis of equality and mutual respect, China and the United States agreed to hold a human rights dialogue this summer in Washington.

In addition, the two countries decided to hold a series of consultations on regional issues, including the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Central Asia.

But the date and places of those engagements are to be confirmed.

During the two-day dialogues, both China and the United States reiterated they are willing to strengthen communication and cooperation on major international security and other non-proliferation issues.

Both sides give strong backing to the maritime security dialogue mechanism, which is due to be built by the Maritime Safety Administration of China and the United States Coast Guard, the first dialogue of which will be held this autumn.

The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent, lower than the median estimates of 8.2 percent. However, the improvement was because 342,000 people dropped out of the labour force and was no longer counted in the number. As the jobless rate of 8.1 percent is still the lowest since 2009.

The US dollar rose against the euro for the second day in a row as disappointing jobs report came in weaker than expected. When the market closed, the Dow Jones industrial average gave up 168.32 points, or 1.27 percent, to 1,369.10.

While Wall Street suffered worst week this year, Jade burial clothing on show in UK

BEIJING, May — Robbers looted the tomb of a Chinese prince about 2,000 years ago, but left some treasures — including a suit of jade — that would have come within the reach of modern archaeologists and new culture vultures at a British museum where the burial site’s artifacts will soon be exhibited.

British Lin Yingke of the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD) was buried wearing a suit made of more than 4,000 pieces of jade and silver with gold threads. British will get rare chance to see it and a second Chinese jade burial suit, as well as another 180 relics dating from the Han Dynasty, when they go on show at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge from 5 May to 11 November.

Touring exhibitions will provide great insight into ancient Chinese burial customs. Han Chinese believed jade could prevent the body from decaying. The tomb was robbed shortly after the body was interred. The thieves drew out the gold wire, but left the jade tablets, so precious that only royalty could own it. The robbers would have feared the suspicion of being caught with jade — and the death penalty that would have come within.

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Germany feels obligated to the principle of joint operation and joint withdrawal for NATO allies in Afghanistan, and could expect the US to give it的一部分 of the international aid after an agreed transfer of the responsibility in 2014.

Rassmussen said the Alliance would “make clear our commitment to a complete transition by the end of 2014 and to withdraw from Afghanistan beyond 2014” in the upcoming Chicago summit.

Malaysian authorities seized hundreds of cobras and turtles being smuggled out of the country in a shipment of papayas, headed for cooking pots in the region, according to an official.

Ibrahim, head of the wildlife department on Penang island, told an official. Jamalun Nasir pots in the region, according to investigations that these animals, which were hidden among papayas from northern Kelantan state, were being shipped to Hong Kong, he said. “If they had succeeded, the unregistered cobra and turtles would likely have gone to dining tables across the region,” he said.

He said that the driver of the container had been arrested and that investigations were ongoing. Jamalun said the monocled cobra could fetch $200 to $800 from $5 ($65 to $260) while the giant Asian pond turtles would likely sell for 200 ringgit. Although snakes were real when seized and would be sent to a nearby zoo. He said that an concede certificate of origin was needed to export or trade in both species as they were listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Despite efforts by Southeast Asian authorities to crack down on animal-smuggling, the practice still persists in the region, posing a threat to endangered species, exotic animals, and as traditional medicines derived from animals.—Internet

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Mongolia to work with world animal health body to combat foot-and-mouth disease

United Nations, 5 May —UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday strongly condemned the deadly terrorist attacks in Russia’s ex-Soviet North Caucasus republic of Dagestan, which have reportedly killed at least 13 people and injured more than 100 others.

Ban, in a statement issued here late Friday by his spokesman, condemned the strongest forms of terror attacks that occurred in Dagestan, Russian Federation, on 3 May 2012.

He expresses his deep sympathy and condolences to the victims of these heinous acts and their families, and to the people and government of the Russian Federation,” the statement said.Preliminary information showed that the first explosion took place at about 10:10 pm local time, near a police post in Mackhachkala, the capital of Dagestan.

The second blast happened about half an hour later, when rescuers, police officers and fire fighters were carrying out relief works at the scene.

No one has claimed responsibility for the deadly blasts so far.—Xinhua

UN chief slams deadly attacks in Dagestan, Russia

Coca-Cola apologizes for chlorine-tainted drinks

Coca-Cola Shamsi Beverages Co Ltd on Friday announced the resignation of its general manager and the suspension of several employees after admitting traces of chlorine were found in some of its drinks. The company also made a public apology and said it has taken active corrective measures as the chlorine was mistakenly added during a routine pipe maintenance procedure.

“We regret that our core values were not met by some individuals at Shamsi plant. And we sincerely apologize for causing unnecessary concern among our consumers,” said David G Brooks, president of Coca-Cola Greater China and Korea at a media briefing in Taiany, capital city of north China’s Shanshi Province.

Despite the chlorine traces found, Brooks said the nine batches of beverages made on Feb 15 to Feb 28 up to national standards and pose no harm to human health. The beverage giant’s bottling plant in Shanshi was asked to suspend production and take corrective actions last Saturday after being found guilty of “other production management non-conformities to relevant regulations,” Brooks said according to a statement issued by National Standards and Technology Supervision. “We havetaken six months to correct these matters,” said Brooks, adding that these issues were isolated to this one plant in China.

The company also said a watchdog’s detailed investigation next week, and production in the Shanshi branch is expected to resume in the near future,” he said. China, the third biggest and a fastest growth market for Coca-Cola, accounts for 8 percent of the company’s global sales by volume.—Xinhua

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Lawka Marazein Pagoda, Phayakoeza Pagoda and Koekhangyin Pagoda.

Today which is Full Moon Day of Kason, famous pagodas and stupas were crowded with pilgrims and consecration ceremonies and Kason water-pouring ceremonies were held since this morning.

The 29th Kason water-pouring ceremony of the Shwedagon Pagoda was held at Yaungdawpint Stairway near Maha Bodhi Banyan tree of Paribawga Pagoda on the platform of banyan tree of Paribawga Stairway near Maha Bawdi Pagoda.

Pro-Rector of State Parittas at Kason Water Pouring Ceremony of Sule Pagoda this morning. Staff of the pagoda and members, religious association members, staff and pilgrims poured water on the banyan tree.

Bhaddanta Meda Nanda gave Five Percepts to congregation at Kason Water Pouring Ceremony at Botabuang Kyaikdeit Pagoda where members of Sangha recited religious verses and visitors poured water at the Banyan tree.

The similar ceremony was held in Maha Vijaya Pagoda this morning.

Sayadaw of Shwebontha Monastery also held the Kason Water Pouring Ceremony.

The 11th Kason Water Pouring Ceremony of Lawka Chantha Abya Labamuni Buddha Image in progress. —MINA

Union A&I Minister inspects dredging of creek, construction of canal

YANGON, 5 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected progress in dredging of Bawdagon creek between Pyinnwut and Bawdagon shikte gate in Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady and construction of Ngawun river-crossing canal between Thaunggyi and Daunggyibat villages north of Ngathaingchaung in Yekyi Township yesterday morning.—MINA

Seminar on assessment of central level community-based healthcare services held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—A seminar on assessment of central level community-based healthcare services for 2011 was opened at the Ministry of Health here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said the ministry is drawing and implementing projects systematically to provide public healthcare services that cover the whole nation, including rural and border areas, in accord with national health policy. In doing so, emphasis is placed upon promotion of national healthcare standard. As the services however are project-oriented, the activities to be carried out on a nationwide scale are found to have been weak. So, health staff members are urged to provide regular essential healthcare services, noted the Union Minister.

Then, he urged the participants to frankly discuss strong and weak points of their work plans implemented in Regions and States in 2011 and to come up with new ideas and solutions. Next, departmental heads took part in the round of discussion. The seminar continues tomorrow.—MINA

Pencak Silat Championship-2012 kicks off

YANGON, 5 May—Myanmar Martial Arts Federation opened the 1st Regions and States inter-clubs Pencak Silat Championship-2012 at Theinbyu Sports Hall in Mingalar Taungnyunt here today.

Patron of the federation Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni, officials concerned from Sports and Physical Education Department, Vice-Chairman of the federation U Ye Myint, Secretary U Myo Naung and CEC members, head of Myanmar Martial Arts Training School and athletes were present at the opening.

After Myanmar selected Coach Mr. Radhinnus (Mr. Shar) and athletes staged their performance to depict Pencak Silat, the first day’s event was held.—MINA
**Bo Trees in Mandalay watered to mark Fullmoon Day of Kason**

**NAY PYI TAW, 5 May** — On the Fullmoon Day of Kason (ME), Buddha Images and pagodas in Mandalay were thronged with devotees. A Sayadaw cleaned the face of Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image and devotees pasted gold leaves on the Buddha Image, reciting Parittas and pouring scented water on the Bo Tree in the compound of the Buddha Image.

**Housing projects inspected**

**YANGON, 5 May** — Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tin yesterday inspected Town Centre Housing project and Inwya Housing project in Dagon Myothit (South) Township; Mingyi Housing project and Aung Zeya Housing project in Insein Township; and Mayangon Villa Housing project in Mayangon Township in Yangon.

**66th Anniversary of Fire Brigade Day marked in Myeik**

**NAY PYI TAW, 5 May** — The 66th Anniversary of Fire Brigade Day was celebrated in Myoma Sports Ground of Myeik this morning. Myeik District Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo gave a honorary speech and presented awards.

Next, Head of Myeik District Fire Service Department U Zaw Win presented an award to a firefighter who was injured in his courageous services in a fire that broke out at Shwe Myeiktha Guesthouse in Myeik. Then, firefighting skill demonstrations were carried out.

**KIA armed group continues destructive acts**

**NAY PYI TAW, 5 May** — As a mine planted by KIA (Kachin) armed group at the nearside of a RC-type bridge on Shwe Road in Eden region (4) in Taung Ward in Myitkyina in Kachin State exploded at 6:00 am today, the police cleared the scene. Two of them got injured from another blast, about 50 feet far from the first explosion, while they were doing clearance.

Similarly, the KIA’s mine exploded the Hilux motorcar carrying bags of rice on Moenauk-Lwijye Road at 8:00 am of 4 May, and it claimed the bus-conductor’s life and left the driver injured.

Besides, another mine blast hit the bridge No.677/0 on Mandalay-Myitkyina Railroad near Khantoi at 7:25 pm on 4 May.

**MMCWA concludes its 22nd annual meeting**

**NAY PYI TAW, 4 May** — The third day of the 22nd annual meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association continued at the hall of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Dehkanthiri Township here this morning.

At today’s event, CEC members, patrons of Township supervising committee for Maternal and Child Welfare, chairmen, representatives, heads of health departments in Regions and States put forward ideas to think about, on which were given suggestions by those present.

Based on the three resolutions, 17 future processes were approved.

Provided by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Centre), the cash assistance amounted 35.5 million went to the needs for maternal and child health-care tasks.

Soon after Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association gave a concluding remark, the meeting came to an end.
**Maternal and Child Welfare**

**Yangon North District**

In Kachin State on 4

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**World Veterinary Day 2012 observed in Insein Township**

**Yangon, 5 May—**

Myanmar Veterinarians Association observed the World Veterinary Day 2012 at the library of Insein Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Yangon Region on 28 April afternoon, attended by Chairman of MVA Dr Aung Gyi and executives.

Chairman of Myanmar Veterinary Council Dr Saw Pale Saw, veterinarians and guests.

The Chairman of the Association made a speech. Next, Dr Sai San Aik, Dr Than Naing Tun and Dr Hla Hla Thein submitted papers in accord with the motto: Antimicrobial Resistance and replied to queries raised by those present.

The ceremonies in commemoration of the World Veterinary Day were observed by Myanmar Veterinarians Association as of 2010. Myanmar secured the World Veterinary Day 2011 Award presented in 2011 by World Veterinarians Organization and World Health Department.

This year, subject-wise talks were held in Nay Pyi Taw and State and Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in addition of above.
Citizens participate in the performance of Taijiquan (Tai Chi Boxing) during the 11th National Fitness Festival in Yangzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 2 May, 2012. — Xinhua

Samsung unveils new Galaxy smartphone in London

SEOUL, 5 May — Samsung Electronics, the world’s largest mobile phone maker, said Friday that it unveiled its third generation smartphone in the Galaxy series featuring the options of recognizing voice, face and motion. The Galaxy S3, running Google’s latest Android operating system Ice Cream Sandwich, was launched at an event in London, according to an e-mailed statement by Samsung.

The new smartphone features ‘S Voice’, a voice command option to listen and respond to users’ words. The option can be used to go off users’ phone alarm, turn volume up, send text messages, organize schedules, and automatically launch the camera and capture a photo. The ‘Smart stay’ is an eye sensor system that prevents the phone from dimming. It recognizes how users are using their phone by having the front camera identify your eyes. In addition, the Galaxy S3 can understand if users are messaging someone but decide to call them instead, users can simply lift their phone to their ear and ‘Direct call’ option will dial their number.

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The April figure breached the previous record high of 10,648 vehicles tallied in March. The brisk sales were mainly attributed to growing preferences for diesel and hybrid models amid high oil prices. Imported car sales grew in April due to strong demand for diesel and hybrid models caused by high oil prices as well as rollout of new models by some automakers,” said Yoon Dae-sung, executive director of KAIDA. German automaker BMW ranked first in terms of best-selling brand last month with 2,727 vehicles sold here. It was followed by Mercedes-Benz with 1,673 units, and Volkswagen with 1,380 units. Audi ranked fourth with 1,228 units, and Toyota came next with 998 units sold here.

The most popular model was BMW 520d with 899 units sold last month to beat 320d made by the same company with 565 units sold. It was followed by Toyota’s Camry with 518 units sold. By size, vehicles with an engine capacity of 2-liter or less were most popular, posting 50.3 percent market share in April.

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Chinese tourists rank as top spenders in Japan

TOKYO, 5 May — Chinese tourists have spent an estimated 196.4 billion yen (about 2.43 billion dollars) in Japan in 2011, accounting for almost a quarter of the total spending by foreign tourists, and rank as the largest spenders by country, according to data from the Japan Tourism Agency. Chinese travellers bought relatively expensive products, such as gold ornaments, watches and consumer electronics products, as souvenirs, according to Japanese media.

The data are based on surveys among about 7,000 foreigners at major airports and seniors in Japan once every three months. Foreigners spent a total of 813.5 billion yen (about 10.09 billion US dollars) in 2011, down nearly 30 percent from 2010, when they spent an estimated 1.15 trillion yen (about 14.26 billion US dollars). Chinese consumers were followed by South Koreans and people from the United States. Travellers from South Korea numbered the largest at 1.66 million and was followed by 1.04 million Chinese.— Xinhua

Foreign direct investment in LatAm hits record high in 2011

SANTIAGO, 5 May — Foreign direct investment (FDI) in Latin America reached a record of 153.45 billion US dollars in 2011, representing 10 percent of the total global flows, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said on Thursday. The figure was well above the previous record of 137.001 billion dollars registered in 2008, the commission said. In 2010, the region received 120.88 billion dollars, while in 2009 the international economic crisis caused a drop in investment to 81.589 billion dollars, according to the ECLAC.

Brazil was on the lead, receiving 66.66 billion dollars, amounting to a whopping 43.8 percent of the total, the commission said in its 2011 report. It was followed by Mexico with 19.44 billion dollars, Chile 17.299 billion and Colombia 13.234 billion.

In Central America, FDI rose 36 percent compared with 2010, while in the Caribbean, it increased 20 percent compared on a yearly basis.

“Although there is still uncertainty in the global financial markets, the Latin American and Caribbean economies attracted substantial amounts of foreign direct investment in 2011, which will remain high during 2012,” ECLAC Executive Secretary Alicia Barcena said while releasing the report.

The report said 46 percent of FDI net inflows in the region corresponded to re-investment of profits, reflecting that transnational companies have confidence in the region. Nevertheless, the ECLAC warned of the growing trend of repatriation of profits by transnational corporations.

United puts final touches on major Boeing 737 order

WASHINGTON, 5 May — United Airlines is putting the finishing touches on an order for at least 100 Boeing Co 737 narrow-body jets potentially worth $10 billion at list prices, industry sources said on Thursday. The order could increase to as many as 200 jets if United exercises about 100 options to buy other narrowbodies.

The deal will feature mainly Boeing’s upcoming 737 MAX, an upgraded, fuel-efficient version of the company’s best-selling 737, the Next-Generation, they said.

The sources said the two sides were still deciding the number of Next Generation 737s that will be part of the order. The deal could be completed in the next few weeks, and the number of firm orders is still subject to change, the sources said. A spokesman for United’s parent, United Continental Holdings, declined to comment as did a Boeing spokesman.— Reuters

An undated artist’s rendering of a 737 MAX 9 with new Advanced Technology winglets is seen in this handout Boeing image released to Reuters on 2 May, 2012. — Reuters

A robot designed by ABB demonstrates its drawing function at the Barcelona International Comic Fair in Barcelona, Spain, on 3 May, 2012. — Xinhua

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Cambodia holds largest IT, Telecoms Exhibition

PHNOM PENH, 5 May — Cambodia’s largest Information Technologies and Telecommunications Exhibition kicked off here on Thursday to reflect the progress in the sector in recent years.

Some 150 exhibitors including mobile and fixed phone operators, phone companies, Internet service providers and IT companies have had their products and services displayed at the 4-day event being held at the capital’s Diamond Island Centre. “The exhibition offers a valuable opportunity for importers, distributors and manufacturers to showcase leading technologies with world-standard quality and enhance business cooperation among manufacturers, marketers and specialists in all fields of IT,” said a press release from the organizer National ICT Development Authority.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, La Narith, secretary of state at the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication, said that the event reflected the rapid progress in the sector in recent years. He said that to date, the country has eight mobile phone operators and two fixed phone operators and hundreds of IT product companies.— Xinhua

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Salmonella in dog food sickens 14 people in US

COLUMBIA, 5 May — Fourteen people in at least nine states have been sickened by salmonella after handling tainted dog food from a South Carolina plant that a few years ago produced food contaminated by toxic mold that killed dozens of dogs, federal officials said on Friday.

At least five people were hospitalized because of the dog food, which was made by Diamond Pet Foods at its plant in Gaston, SC, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. No pets were sickened, according to the Meta, Mo-based company.

“People who became ill, the thing that was common among them was that they had fed their pets Diamond Pet Foods,” said CDC spokeswoman Lola Russell.

Three people each were infected in Missouri and North Carolina; two people in Ohio; and one person each in Alabama, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, the CDC said.

“Our folks are really wanting people to be aware of it. They want to be aware that this is causing people to get sick because they may have product in their homes. For every one that is reported, there may be 29 others,” Russell said.

People can get salmonella by handling infected dog food, then not washing their hands before eating or handling their own food, health officials said.

The South Carolina plant temporarily was shut down 8 April. Diamond Pet Foods has issued four rounds of recalls for food made at the plant, located outside of Columbia, SC, between 9 Dec and 7 April.

The latest recalls were announced on Friday. “We took corrective actions at the plant, and today the plant is up and running. Our mission is to produce safe pet foods for our customers and their pets in all Diamond facilities,” the company said in a written statement on Friday.

In 2005, a toxic mold called aflatoxin ended up in the plant, and today the plant is up and running. The company offered a $3.1 million settlement.

The Food and Drug Administration determined the deadly fungus likely got into the plant when it failed to test 12 shipments of corn. FDA officials were not immediately available for comment Friday on the most recent problems with the plant.

Kite disrupts landing at Dalian airport

DALIAN, 5 May — Twenty-three flight delays for northeast China’s Dalian city on Friday had to be diverted to alternative airports or return to their departure points as a kite was noticed hovering at Dalian airport.

The kite was spotted at about 4:20 pm on the air route near Dalian Airport when the CZ3768 flight carried by China Southern Airlines was due to land at the airport, a spokesman with the Dalian branch of the airline said.

To avoid the kite, the captain chose to divert to another airport and the flight landed at another airport around 9:30 pm. The spokesman said: “Kite attacks the air route on the wind, the sand started to fly out of the kite, with the string already cut off, flew out of the airport on the air route on the wind, the sand started to fly out of the wind.”

A columnist, including 10 from China Southern, were scheduled to land at Dalian but diverted or returned later.

Aircraft landing at Dalian around 9:30 pm as the kite, with the string already cut off, flew out of the wind. The winds caused the aircraft to divert to another airport. The aircraft landed at another airport around 9:30 pm. The spokesman said: “Kite attacks the air route on the wind, the sand started to fly out of the kite, with the string already cut off, flew out of the wind.”

Two army officers killed in bomb explosion in Algeria

ALGERS, 5 May — Two Algerian army officers, including a commander, were killed on Friday in a roadside bomb, local media reported.

The explosive device was detonated remotely, killing two military officers wearing civvies, local media quoted a security source as saying, adding that the explosion took place in the province of Boumerdes, some 75 km southeast of the capital Algiers.

Despite a remarkable improvement of security situation in the North African nation, some attacks and ambushes in Boumerdes and Tizi Ouzou still witness kidnapping and terror attacks targeting civilians and security personnel.

Spirits Airlines to refund cancer-stricken flyer’s fare

MIAMI, 5 May — Spirit Airlines (SAVE) said on Friday afternoon that it will make an exception to its refund policy and reimburse the fare of a terminally ill man who had bought a ticket on the carrier, but was then told by his doctor not to fly.

The story of Jerry Meekins sparked considerable debate about Spirit and whether its policy should be more flexible—or whether the company should in fact stand its ground in the matter.

In addition to the refund, Spirit plans to make a donation to Wounded Warriors in the amount of $5,000. Meekins served in Vietnam as a member of the Marine Corps.

The Press release from Spirit quoting Chief Executive Ben Baldanza and announcing the decision is below. After that, you can read the original article to see what prompted the controversy.

Blast hits restaurant in NE China, casualties unknown

HARBIN, 5 May — An explosion ripped through a two-story restaurant in Harbin, capital of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, Saturday morning. Casualties are not immediately known.

The explosion happened at 7:40 am in the restaurant named Huishunzhai on Taiga Street. A witness said she saw waiters running out of the building with broken glass scraps on their heads.

Internet
Police: Woman stole pills from care home

Police in Pennsylvania said a nursing home caretaker is accused of leaving patients alone while she sold stolen morphine pills to door.

Wind Gap police said Mechelle Looney, 42, a caretaker at Lynn’s Personal Care Home, stole morphine pills from the facility and left residents, some of whom suffer from dementia, alone while she attempted to sell the pills door to door, the Pittsburg Post-Gazette reported Thursday.

Police said they received a call Tuesday from a resident who said a woman had come to her house and attempted to sell her morphine. Officers went to Lynn’s Personal Care Home and Looney, who matched the description given by the resident, answered the door.

Looney admitted to stealing the pills and attempting to sell them to leaving the patients on their own. Patricia Friend, owner of the care home, said she performed an inventory and discovered 10 morphine pills were missing.

Looney was arraigned Wednesday on charges of drug possession, possession with intent to deliver, theft by unlawful taking and reckless endangerment.

Jail visitor locked up for exposing himself

Authorities in Florida said a jail visitor found himself behind bars after exposing himself to a monitor-image of his wife.

The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, which installed closed-circuit TV screens for jail visitors to talk to inmates in the 1990s, said Mitchell Thomas, 46, of St Petersburg, was visiting his wife, Monique, 30, at the jail Tuesday when he exposed his genital to the camera.

Thomas was jailed at the facility and ordered held in lieu of $50 bail. Monique Thomas has been jailed since October on charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Nayer grateful to Pitbull for career boost

MIAMI, 5 May—Singer-songwriter Nayer says she’s grateful to rapper Pitbull for putting her in a position to be recording an album with famed producer RedOne.

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Woman charged with lottery fraud

An Illinois woman is facing felony attempted theft and forgery charges for trying to cash in a lottery ticket purchased after the drawing.

Authorities said Lemuria Williams, 28, of Elgin, purchased a lottery ticket using the winning numbers from the $656 million Mega Millions drawing only moments after the numbers were announced on March 30. The ticket was purchased at 5:45 pm, the Chicago Sun-Times reported on Wednesday.

Investigators said Williams falsified documents to make it appear that she had purchased the ticket prior to the drawing.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart’s office announced Williams was indicted Monday on felony charges of attempted theft and forgery.

The woman was charged after a $150 bail.

Rare black sheep priced at $714,000

A 40-year-old herdsman poses with his prized sheep in front of his expensive car in Maigaiti county, Northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygrur autonomous region, on 22 March, 2012. The sheep is called Daolang sheep, a special breed of sheep in Maigaiti county, and the highest price offered by a buyer is 4.5 million yuan ($714,000) according to the herdsman. He feeds 25 Daolang sheep, and bought an Audi Q5 by selling the special breed that has been dubbed the “treasure of Xinjiang” due to their popularity as a pet with their physical features of high noses, big eyes, large floppy ears and plump rears.

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The Hollywood couple, who raise six children together, recently announced they were getting married, and according to reports, Jolie is not keen on $500,000 ring.

She’s not fond of it. Nothing against Brad’s design. She’s just never been enamoured of white diamonds, swishpublicity.com quoted a source as saying.

“Emeralds are her favourite. The diamond shows how little he knows her. She’s so demanding. She’s acting like a bridezilla,” the source added.

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The BBC dismissed as untrue Friday rumors claiming it won’t allow Cohen to appear on its programmes to talk about the movie. “There is no ban,” a BBC spokesman said. “But our chat shows thrive on the spontaneous banter between guests and the presenter, something you just don’t get in when people come on as characters.”

We’ve done to have Sacha on as himself.” “While I am a huge admirer of state-sponsored censorship, the BBC banning me from their meager channels is an outrage,” Cohen as Alden said in a statement. “Why are they victimizing little old me?” — Internet.

David Beckham & Victoria Picture.

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Alvarez to face Mosley in WBC title defence

LAS VEGAS, May — Rising Mexican star Saul “Canelo” Alvarez reckons his World Boxing Council super welterweight title defence against US veteran Shane Mosley on Saturday is in the start of bigger things. “This is another test, another gate that I have to walk through,” Alvarez said. “With Mosley being who he is, I feel that I have entered the big leagues. “There will be way more fights and better things for me.” Mosley, a 40-year-old warrior, says Alvarez won’t find it too easy to walk through him, even if his last six fights included three defeats and a draw — and unimpressive efforts against Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. “They’re saying they’re going to walk through the doors, but there’s going to be a big fight today,” said Mosley, who brings a record of 46-7-1 with 39 knockouts to the bout, which is undercard of the World Boxing Association super welterweight title bout between Puerto Rican champion Miguel Cotto and unbeaten American Floyd Mayweather Jr.

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Black Cats boss says players will be motivated for final two matches this season

LONDON, May — Sunderland boss Martin O’Neill says his players have the chance to finish the Barclays Premier League season on a high. The Black Cats enjoyed a sensational run of form following O’Neill’s appointment in December — but have struggled of late and are without a Barclays Premier League win since beating Queens Park Rangers 3-1 on March 24th. Five of their six League matches since then have been drawn, but top-10 finish is still possible.

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Alvarez lament and Ercan earn Barclays awards

Wigan manager Roberto Martinez has been named Barclays Manager of the Month for April, with Everton striker Nikica Jelavic winning the Player of the Month award. Martinez, in his third Barclays/Premier League matches during the month, leading them out of the relegation zone in the process.

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But with Hertha Berlin, who will only finish higher than 16th, in the mix, Mosley will have his Germany star fit to face Bayern, who will finish third from the team set to take on Chelsea in the Champions League final at Munich’s Allianz Arena on 19 May. In contrast, Cologne can stake a claim for the vacant belt with arguably the best Mosley has ever faced. “He is a complete fighter. He’s fast, he’s strong,” Alvarez said. “I have never faced anybody like him.” The key in this fight for me is not to get desperate.”

Internet

Portugal’s Rio de Janeiro, at 100 degrees Fahrenheit. It was the first time I’d ever been to a place where it was this hot.”

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International Sports

Arsenal-bound Podolski out to help Cologne stay up

Cologne, 5 May — Arsenal-bound Lukas Podolski is hoping to be fit to help Cologne in their battle to stay in the German league this season event, but having so much money at stake for each position attaches a great deal of importance to the games,” O’Neill said. “And O’Neill said it remained an important match despite the fact that neither Fulham nor Sunderland can qualify for Europe. “Maybe 25 years ago this game would be considered an end-of-season event, but having so much money at stake for each position attaches a great deal of importance to the games,” O’Neill said. “And O’Neill said it remained an important match despite the fact that neither Fulham nor Sunderland can qualify for Europe. “Maybe 25 years ago this game would be considered an end-of-season event, but having so much money at stake for each position attaches a great deal of importance to the games,” O’Neill said. “And O’Neill said it remained an important match despite the fact that neither Fulham nor Sunderland can 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Arsenal Euro dream in balance after Norwich draw

LONDON, 5 May—Arsenal’s bid for a top-four finish suffered a major setback as Steve Morison’s late goal earned Norwich a deserved point in a six-goal thriller at the Emirates.

Yossi Benayoun’s opener in the second minute had seemed to put Arsene Wenger’s side on course for an easy afternoon. But with Norwich having gone ahead through Wes Hoolahan and Grant Holt, a double from Robin van Persie seemed to have won it for the hosts before substitute Morison stunned the home crowd with a 90th-minute equaliser.

Arsenal’s van Persie celebrates after scoring during the Premier League match against Norwich at The Emirates Stadium. Internet

Sagna out of Euros after broken leg

LONDON, 5 May—French international Bacary Sagna was ruled out of next month’s European Championship on Saturday after breaking his leg in Arsenal’s 3-3 Premier League draw with Norwich, manager Arsene Wenger confirmed.

Sagna, 29, had only recently returned to action after suffering a fractured fibula in a game against Tottenham last October. The defender’s latest lay off occurred in the same area as his previous injury.

“It is a broken fibula, the same leg,” Wenger said. “He was kicked on it, it has not happened alone. When he was kicked, he has broken the leg.”

The guy closed him down and walked on him. I don’t know if it was deliberate or not.”

Sagna was stretched off during Arsenal’s draw with Norwich at the Emirates Stadium on Saturday.

5,318 injured in Iran’s 5.5-magnitude earthquake

TEHRAN, 5 May—The 5.5-magnitude earthquake in Iran’s Ilam province bordering Iraq, 3,518 people were injured and 50 villages were damaged between 30 to 80 percent, said the report.

There has been no fatal casualties in the earthquake but two people have been injured in Murmuri region in Iran’s Ilam.

Naval strike against the Emirates by the Emirates

Arsenal leads the bid for a top-four finish during Monday’s Premier League match against Norwich at The Emirates Stadium. Internet

Taxation clarification made in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 5 May—Kyaukme Township Internal Revenue Department made a clarification on taxation at the hall of Kyaukme on 30 April morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay of District General Administration Department made a speech.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Aung Tun Oo explained rules, regulations and notifications on taxes. Later, he replied to queries raised by those present.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Japan on goodwill visit

YANGON, 5 May — A delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Mr Takashi Saito and the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tin Aung, Deputy Speaker U Mya Kyaw Swe and officials went to Japan on a goodwill visit today.

The delegation comprises Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Kyaw Swe and officials concerned at Yangon International Airport.

Union Minister congratulates fire brigade members for their valour and sacrifice in fight against fire

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi addresses the 66th Fire Brigade Day Parade and demonstration of Fire Services Department.

Champion Challenge Cup-2012 to be similar to XXVII-SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — The 2nd Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 of the Ministry of Sports will be held as a resemblance to XXVII South-East Asian Games which will be hosted by Myanmar in 2013, said Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint yesterday.

Speaking at the 2nd session of the work coordination for holding the Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 at the ministry here, the deputy minister said the games management system of the Champion Challenge Cup for 2012 would be similar to that of the XXVII SEA Games as part of efforts for preparing for the games.

He urged officials concerned to make preparations for games management system comprising the opening and closing ceremonies, transportation, reception, presentation, information, documentary shootings and advertisements.

Chelsea wins FA Cup against Liverpool in thriller

WEMBLEY, 6 May — It was a match up of epic proportions as Roberto Di Matteo’s Chelsea went head-to-head with Kenny Dalglish’s Liverpool in the FA Cup Final for 2012 and it was Di Matteo’s Chelsea that came out on top 2-1 but there was a moment late in the match full of controversy.

However, in front of a packed Wembly Stadium, it was Chelsea and Ramires who got scoring underway. Juan Mata found Ramires and he ran with the ball then let rip with a cracker and Pepe Reina couldn’t react fast enough in the Liverpool goal, only managing a hand as it hit the back of the net.

Then after 51 minutes it was Didier Drogba who took a great ball from Frank Lampard and shot between Martin Skrtel’s legs into the corner of the net for 2-0. Drogba became the first player to score in four different FA Cup finals.

Then with the game two thirds done, substitute Andy Carroll got Liverpool back in the match when it fell to his feet, he twisted and turned and smashed it into the roof of the net.

Then in the 81st minute controversy erupted when Carroll looked to have gone out for goal line technology. —Internet