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Natural gas found at Thingadon Test-well No. 1 in Pale Township

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb— With the aim of satisfying the demand of energy sector of the nation, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy has been constantly exploring oil and gas across the nation. The MOGE and its joint-venture partner SIPC Myanmar Petroleum Co Ltd have been exploring oil and natural gas at inland field Block-D (Mahutaung Region) and have drilled six test-wells there.

Thingadon Test-well No. 1 located at 10

miles to the east of Kyaw Village in Pale Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region was tested to have a production capacity of 2.1 million cubic-feet of natural gas per day when the sand layer was explored at 6972-7000 feet depth. Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Than Htay and responsible persons of SIPC Co, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi today inspected Thingadon Test-well No. 1.

Chief Officer Mr Li Yong Sheng of SIPC Co reported on drilling work and finding of oil and



Energy Minister U Lun Thi looks into test burning of natural gas at Thingadon

Test-well No. 1.—ENERGY

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

natural gas. The minister stressed the need to measure the exact volume of gas, dig more test wells and draw the Field Development Plan as soon as possible for taking out the natural gas from there.

The minister presented gifts to foreign technicians and staff of MOGE and looked into test burning of natural gas.

Thingadon Test-well No. 1 can produce 2.1 million cubic-feet of natural gas per day. The Ministry of Energy and SIPC Co are preparing to drill Pahtolon Test-well No. 3, Pahtolon Test-well No. 1-1 and Thingadon Test-well No. 2 in Block-D area. Coordination will be made for systematic production and distribution of natural gas.

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Organic fruits to gain foothold in local, international markets



Fruits from local and abroad arranged in a fruit shop to draw attention from customers.

Byline: Ye Win Hsaung (Kyemon):
Photos: Zaw Win (Kyemon)

Now, a plan is underway to market organic fruits, which is produced without using chemical fertilizers and pesticides and without genetically modifying trees, to local and international markets.

Organic fruits means fruits grown with natural fertilizers and natural pesticides, without artificial chemicals. In addition, trees and plants must not be genetically modified ones or hybrid ones. Any types of artificial chemicals are not to be used in all processes such as cultivating, harvesting, packing and delivering. Moreover, the products must have a letter of certification from an organization that is authorized to recommend whether the produce they examine is fit for human consumption.

Organic fruits are not only safe but also good for consumers' health. So, more and more consumers have turned to organic fruits, and farmers and producers are beginning to penetrate local and international organic fruit markets.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Entire people to actively conserve forests

Systematic plans are being made for conservation of forests across the nation. At present, the government is implementing special projects, namely, the dry region greening tasks, the special teak plantation projects, the mangrove cultivation and conservation project and the watershed region project.

Priority is being given to establishment of forest plantations, regeneration of depleted natural forests, extensive use of wood-substitute fuel and supply of water for greening the dry regions.

Forests can create better environment, prevent bank erosion, supply potable water, shape scenic beauty, conserve fertile soil, wildlife, birds and watershed areas and prevent air pollution.

Nine-District Greening Project is being implemented with the aim of alleviating degradation of water, soil and environment, supplying fuel wood for rural people from dry regions and carrying out greening tasks for making the environment lush and green.

In line with a forestry motto bearing "Forest is artery of the nation", it is necessary to conserve water and land resources of the nation including wildlife, bio-diversity and environment.

As forests play a pivotal role in striving for development of socio-economic sector of the nation, all the people are to actively participate in nurturing and conservation of forests and forest resources.

Myanma Construction Directory hits bookshops



YANGON, 13 Feb—Myanma Construction Directory 2011 is now available at the bookstores, bringing detailed information of employing building contractors and opting decoration for lucky business; facts about

security materials and safety measures, must-knows for those who are going to make a contract; and addresses of all home accessory stores.

The book was published by Logistics Media Services Co Ltd for fifth time with the sponsorship of Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association. It covers whole Myanmar directory with 22 categories of business cities including Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

Peoples' Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Western Command Commander inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein on 8 February met military officers and Tatmadawmen at local battalion hall in Taungbazar village of Buthidaung Township. He gave away sports gear and inspected the station.

While meeting teachers of Basic Education Primary School of Kaitihla village, the commander

gave instructions on education affairs. He then viewed the school and made cash donation.

At the hall of local station in Buthidaung Township, he met military officers, Tatmadawmen and their families of the station. He then inspected situation of roads and bridges along Buthidaung-Maungtau motor road and construction of Hlainggugyi detour and RC bridge on the road.

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STI holds anniversary and course concluding ceremony

YANGON, 13 Feb — STI Education held its anniversary and course concluding ceremony at Park Royal Hotel (Ball Room) this morning, with an opening speech by STI consultant Professor Daw Hla Myint (Retd) and briefing of STI's future plans by Administration Director Daw Khin Aye Win.

Lecturers presented completion certificates to the trainees of diploma and certificate courses conducted by the centre.

Trainees shared their experiences along the course of the courses and expressed thanks.

Responsible persons awarded Quiz winners and trainees had documentary photos taken with classmates.

Those eager for more information may contact STI Education at Room No (7), Building No (4), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Yangon and No (377), Shwebontha Street (Upper), Pabedan Township (Ph: 250056, 700273, 507048, 507151 and 507152).

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STI consultant Professor Daw Hla Myint (Retd) presents certificate of completion to a trainee.

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Applied retail management course at WISE

YANGON, 13 Feb—WISE International School for Executives (ABE Accredited College) will conduct a certificate course in retail management skills from 19 to 28 February.



The 10-day course covers seeking retail market, basic retail management, pricing, purchase and stock control, and knowledge about choosing location, merchandising, sales promotion and market penetration.

The fee for the course is K 50000 and the contact phone numbers of the school are 01-556183 and 09-5157032. —MNA

Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 on 18 Feb

YANGON, 13 Feb—With a view to promoting wider use of computer software and software products, Software & Solution Exhibition 2011 will be held at Strand Hotel, at No. 92, Strand Road here on 18 and 19 February.

Software companies, solution providers and training centres will showcase software products and provide technical solution at the exhibition along with seminars on software & solution at Strand Hotel 18 February noon.

Myanmar ICT Exhibition (March 2011) will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 18 to 20 March.

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Suicide bomber kills 38, wounds dozens in Iraq

SAMARRA, 13 Feb—A suicide bomber blew himself up on Saturday near a crowd of Shi'ite pilgrims at a bus depot in the Iraqi city of Samarra, killing 38 people and wounding scores, police and officials said.

The attack was the second suicide bombing this week near Samarra, where Shi'ite pilgrims are commemorating the death of one of their 12 revered imams, and followed a series of recent attacks by insurgents as US troops prepare to fully withdraw.

"It was a suicide bomber wearing an explosives vest. An Iraqi soldier at the south entrance of Samarra tried to stop him but he immediately blew himself up near a bus terminal filled with pilgrims," Ahmed Abdul-



A suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden vest just outside the Sunni-majority city of Samarra north of Baghdad on Saturday, killing at least 27 Shiite pilgrims travelling in a bus.—INTERNET

Jabbar, the deputy governor of Salahuddin Province, told Reuters.

Reuters

Smoke raises as Afghan police exchange gunfire with militants in Kandahar. Nineteen people, including 15 police and an intelligence agent, died in a string of devastating attacks in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar claimed by the Taliban.

INTERNET



Scores of bodies unearthed at Iraq grave site

BAGHDAD, 13 Feb—Iraqi authorities have unearthed more than 150 bodies in an area northeast of Baghdad that saw some of the worst fighting in the war, police and local officials said Saturday.

A military source and a local tribal leader said the bodies were al-Qaeda fighters buried in individual graves near Baquba, the capital of Diyala Province, while a

local police official said they belonged to victims of the militant group.

"One hundred and fifty three individual graves were unearthed yesterday and today in a remote area outside Baquba," a military source in Diyala told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

Diyala was one of the most volatile provinces in Iraq during the peak of sectarian fighting in 2006-

07, when tens of thousands of people were killed. The graves were found in a village called Khaz'alla, south of Buhruz, about 60 km (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, the military source said.

The area was largely under control of al-Qaeda in 2005-07, until Iraqi and US forces launched an offensive to push the fighters out in 2007.

Reuters

State police stand outside of a nightclub after gunmen opened fire and hurled a grenade in the western city of Guadalajara, Mexico, early on 12 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET



Six dead, 37 injured in attack on Mexican nightclub

GUADALAJARA, 13 Feb—Armed men opened fire and hurled a grenade into a crowded nightclub early Saturday, killing six people and wounding at least 37 in a western city whose former tranquility has been shattered by escalating battles among drug cartels.

The attack in Mexico's second-largest municipality took place

just hours after a shootout between soldiers and presumed cartel gunmen left eight people, including an innocent driver, dead in the northeastern city of Monterrey. Monterrey is Mexico's third-largest city.

In the Guadalajara attack, assailants in a Jeep Cherokee and a taxi drove up to the Butter Club, located in a bar

and restaurant district popular with young people, and sprayed it with bullets.

Some of the men then got out of the taxi and threw a grenade into the nightclub entrance, said a police official, who spoke to news media at the scene and left without giving his name. The gunmen fled after the pre-dawn attack, he said.

Internet

Hong Kong official warns of more flu outbreaks in schools

HONG KONG, 13 Feb—More flu outbreaks were expected in schools over the coming weeks, due to the cold snap and Hong Kong being in its peak influenza season, an official with the Hong Kong government warned on Sunday.

Secretary for Food and Health York Chow said there could be several outbreaks in schools every week according to previous experience. "But with the precautions we have given to all the schools, we hope the outbreaks will be under control."

Schools will need to make a report to the Department of Health if more than three students in the same class have the flu at the same time, he said.

If a large number of infections are spreading throughout the school within a short time, or if there are serious cases within a school, the department may advise the school to suspend classes for a week or more, depending on the severity of the outbreak and the progress of the epidemic, Chow added.

From 24 Jan to 9 Feb this year, a total of 61 flu patients have been put into intensive care units and nine of them had died so far in Hong Kong.—Xinhua

Afghan army captures 8 militants

KABUL, 13 Feb—Afghan soldiers during operations elsewhere in the conflict-ridden country have captured eight suspected Taliban militants over the last three days, a statement released by Defence Ministry here on Sunday said.

"Soldiers of Afghan National Army (ANA) during operations have detained eight suspected militant and dismantled a militants' hideout elsewhere in the country," the statement asserted.

Xinhua

Five people killed in light plane crash in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Feb—Five people were killed after a light plane crashed in Kepulauan Kepri of Indonesia on Saturday, spokesman of Transport Ministry Bambang Ervan said here.

The Cassa 212 plane, operated by SMAC Air, fell down on a forest at Bintan of Kepulauan Kepri while it was conducting a flying test at midday after an engine maintenance, the spokesman said.

"All five people on board, including crew and technicians were killed," he told Xinhua by phone.

Local television reported three of the five victims had been found.—Xinhua

Five killed in plane crash were French

GENEVA, 13 Feb—Swiss police say all five people who died in the crash of a private plane on Friday were French citizens.

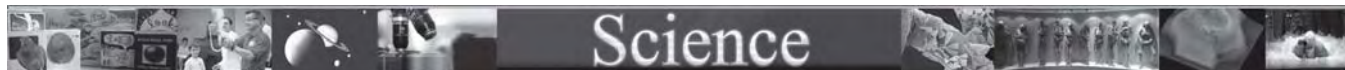
Police in the southern Swiss canton (state) of Valais say the victims were a 58-year-old Switzerland-based pilot and a family he was taking on a sightseeing flight over the Alps.

The family included a 42-year-old woman, a 41-year-old man, a 15-year-old girl and a boy of 11. Police provided no further details Saturday about the identities of the deceased.

The twin-engine plane crashed at an altitude of 9,200 feet (2,800 metres) in the Val d'Anniviers near the border with Italy.—Internet



Rescue workers inspect the debris of a plane that crashed near the Weisshorn, situated in the Swiss canton of Valais and one of the major peaks in the Alps, in Anniviers, Switzerland, on 11 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET



Science

Astronauts simulate Mars landing



Members of the Mars500 crew Alexey Sitev of Russia (front C), Romain Charles of France (back R), Sukhrob Kamolov of Russia (back C), Diego Urbina of Italy (front R), Alexander Smolevskiy of Russia (back L), and Wang Yue of China (front L) smile for the Press in 2010.

INTERNET

Moscow, 13 Feb—A crew of astronauts successfully simulated a landing on Mars inside a large hangar in Moscow, officials said. The six-person, multi-national crew made the

simulated Mars landing Saturday after being sealed in a spaceship mockup since June, RIA Novosti reported.

"The stimulated touchdown was successfully completed at noon Moscow time," said a spokesman for Russia's Institute of Biomedical Problems, which runs the project with the European Space Agency.

Three astronauts on the Mars500 simulated mission will make a simulated walk on the Mars "surface" Monday.

Internet

Stars point to ancient galactic 'meal'

POTSDAM, 13 Feb—An Australian astronomer says she's found stars left over when our Milky Way galaxy treated itself to a meal — devouring a dwarf galaxy 700 million years ago.

The discovery is fresh evidence for the most current theory of galaxy formation, which says the Milky Way and other large, present-day galaxies started small and grew by consuming or merging with their neighbours, ScienceNews.org reported on Friday.

A stream of 15 stars discovered in the constellation Aquarius by Mary Williams, an Australian astronomer working at the Astrophysical Institute Potsdam, Germany, is relatively compact, a strong clue the stars came from a galaxy that was captured and consumed relatively recently.

Most of the dozen or so previously identified streams are made up of stars widely spread throughout the Milky Way, indicating they are the remnants of galaxies swallowed billions of years ago.

Because the Aquarius stream is one of the closest known, stretching between 1,500 and 30,000 light-years from Earth, astronomers will be able to study it in detail and accurately determine the mass and other properties of the galaxy from which it likely came, Williams says.

"This is an interesting result in the emerging field of galactic archaeology — understanding the assembly of the Milky Way through the dissection of its stellar populations," says Stefan Keller of the Australian National University's observatory near Canberra.—Internet

New map charts a 'leaky' Earth

VANCOUVER, 13 Feb—Canadian researchers have made the first-ever global survey of Earth's permeability — essentially, they say, how "leaky" our planet is.

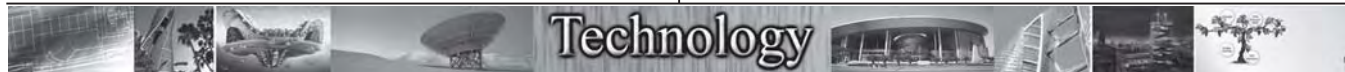
Their world map of permeability shows how easily water passes through surface rocks in all parts of the world, information that could provide understanding of the planet's water cycle

and the sustainability of underground water sources, NewScientist.com reported on Friday.

Crucially, the researchers at the University of British Columbia say, it could help unravel the hidden underground movements of most of the planet's fresh water — water that is not taken into account in computer models used to predict climate.—Internet

A picture provided by the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility shows a detail of the fossil snake Eupodophis descouensi, with a finger pointing at the leg of the snake. Ultra-sharp 3-D X-ray imaging of the 95-million-year-old fossil has shed light on the evolution of snakes from limbed lizards, according to French scientists.

INTERNET



Technology



This photo made 27 Jan, 2011 shows the solar-powered mobile internet cafe in the village of Embakasi, some 25 kms from Nairobi, fashioned from a shipping container that is part of an initiative to spread access to information in impoverished semi-urban rural areas of Kenya.—INTERNET

Facebook launches new photo-viewing functionality

NEW YORK, 13 Feb—Facebook began to unveil this week an updated photo interface that allows users to browse through albums more easily. The company initially announced the change in look and functionality on 10 February via Twitter, and it will take a "few weeks" to reach all of Facebook's 500 million users.

The update includes a number of alterations. Rather than load a separate page for each photograph, the new photo viewer opens in a lightbox over the page when a photo is selected. Arrows on either side of the picture let users scroll through all the photos in that particular album. This includes photos posted to the Wall, so don't be surprised when a black-grey box pops up when you click on a picture posted to a friend's stream.—Internet

Social network 'shizzlr.com' latest Internet befriender

HARTFORD, 13 Feb—Two University of Connecticut business school graduates have received support from the state's venture capital fund to begin an online social network.

Nick Jaensch (Yensh) and Keith Bessette received \$350,000 in private and state money to develop

shizzlr.com, a corner of the Internet dedicated to college students and 20-somethings.

Shizzlr is intended to bring together friends who text message their social plans. Users opt in those they want to include.

Jaensch said that while most people are in touch with a wide range

of people through Facebook, shizzlr is designed for a small circle of close friends.

Peter V Longo, president of the state investment agency Connecticut Innovations, said he was eager to support the Internet start-up because he believes it will eventually generate jobs.—Internet



A computer monitor displays the social network website, shizzlr.com, in East Windsor, Conn, in this Feb, 2011 photo.—INTERNET

Intel to ship new Sandy Bridge chipsets next week

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—Intel will soon start shipping replacement chipsets for PCs that use its latest Sandy Bridge microprocessors, the company said on Friday.

Late last month Intel said it had found a design flaw in the 6-series chipset, code-named Cougar Point, that's used in PCs with its new Sandy Bridge processors. It halted shipments to PC makers, some of whom had to delay product launches and issue refunds for systems they had sold.

The replacement chipsets have a "minor metal layer change" that fixes the issue, according to a notice for PC makers on Intel's website.

Internet



Health



Doctors missing strokes in kids with anemia

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb—Doctors may be missing “silent strokes” in a small but significant number of children with severe anemia, who may be unfairly labeled as slow learners when in fact they have a medical problem, troubling new research suggests.

Strokes have long been known to be a risk for kids with sickle cell anemia, an inherited blood disease that affects 70,000 to 100,000 Americans, mostly blacks. The new study finds that strokes are more common than has been believed in these children.

More surprisingly, the study found that strokes also were occurring undetected in children who do not have sickle cell but have other conditions that can cause anemia, such as cancer, kidney failure or blood loss from trauma such as a car crash.

Some of them have what researchers described as the brains of 80-year-olds when they were only 5 or 10.

“I don’t think there’s any reason to panic,” but doctors need to consider the possibility of stroke when treating any child with severe anemia, said Dr. Michael Dowling, a pediatric neurologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas.—*Internet*



A computer image mapping parts of the brain. US researchers said Friday they have found that people who used two specific varieties of pesticide were 2.5 times as likely to develop Parkinson’s disease.—*INTERNET*



A doctor looks at a series of mammograms. The first three-dimensional mammogram device was approved Friday by the US Food and Drug Administration, in the hopes that the new technology would improve early breast cancer detection.—*INTERNET*

Overweight kids who exercise improve thinking, math skills

NEW YORK, 13 Feb—When overweight, sedentary kids start to exercise regularly, their ability to think, to plan and even to do math improves, a new study suggests.

In addition, exercise was linked to increased activity in the parts of the brain associated with complex thinking and self-control, according to brain imaging scans analyzed by the researchers.

“This implies that chronic sedentary behavior is compromising children’s ability and achievement,” said lead researcher Catherine Davis, a clinical health psychologist at the Georgia Prevention Institute at Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta.

“We know that exercise is good for you, but we didn’t have very good evidence [before this] that it would help children do better in school,” said Davis.

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The exercise programme focused on fun and safety rather than competition and skill, and included running games, hula hoops and jump ropes. Researchers found it raised their heart rates to 79 percent of maximum, which is considered vigorous.—*Internet*

FDA approves first 3-D mammography device

WASHINGTON, 13 Feb—The Food and Drug Administration said Friday it has approved the first mammography device that generates 3-D images of the breast, potentially helping doctors spot more cancerous tumours.

The Selenia Dimensions System from Hologic Inc offers both 2-D and 3-D X-ray images, providing additional viewpoints of the breast.

The FDA says the new system doubles the radiation exposure for patients, but also increases the accuracy of diagnosis. As a result, fewer women are expected to undergo additional scans.

“Physicians can now access this unique and innovative 3-D technology that could significantly enhance diagnosis and treatment approaches,” said Jeffrey Shuren, director of the FDA’s device division, in a statement.

The FDA approved the device based on two studies in which X-ray specialists demonstrated a 7 percent improvement in spotting cancerous tumours when viewing images from Hologic’s device, compared with traditional 2-D images. Such images can cause visibility problems due to overlapping skin, which can hide tumors or create the appearance of tumors where there are none.

Approximately one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, according to the National Cancer Institute. The institute recommends women ages 40 and older have a mammogram every one to two years.

The Selenia device is already approved in Europe, Latin America and Asia. Hologic is based in Bedford, Mass. Company shares rose 36 cents to \$20.09 in afternoon trading.

Internet



Business



Borders could wave a white flag soon

ANN ARBOR, 13 Feb—US bookseller Borders Group Inc is preparing to close one third of its 674 stores as it readies itself for bankruptcy, sources said.

In a statement, Borders said it was not prepared to discuss its plans in public, but its share prices fell 33 percent to 25 cents on the New York Stock Exchange Friday after word of an impending bankruptcy filing circulated in the media.

Borders employs 19,500 workers,

many of whom will lose their jobs. The company is expected to file for Chapter 11 protection early next week.

Like video giant Blockbuster, Borders has struggled to compete with low cost Internet businesses that mail products directly to the consumer’s door or offer the convenience of downloading. Blockbuster is already in bankruptcy court, trying to find enough cash to reinvent itself as a competitor for Netflix and Redbox.—*Internet*



Tourists browsing at a stall in Chinatown as Singapore welcomes a record 11.9 million visitors last year, up 20 percent from 2009.

INTERNET

Groupon-FTD deal shelved after complaints

CHICAGO, 13 Feb—Groupon has called off a pre-Valentine’s Day deal with FTD after customers complained it cost more than the florist’s standard rates.

Almost 3,300 people bought Groupon’s offer of \$20 off of \$40 worth of flowers and gifts, but the special Web site, FTD.com/groupon, had prices higher the regular FTD site, CNN/Money reported.

“What a scam. The ftd groupon site has a price \$10-\$20 more than their own site. So basically you didn’t save anything,” on customer commented.

Shoppers said service and shipping charges cut the voucher’s value further, and some found that bouquets would not be delivered until Tuesday.

The deal stipulated that the Groupon could not be combined with other offers and discounts, which the regular FTD site already factors in. Both Groupon and FTD admitted the terms were confusing and apologized.—*Internet*



An employee works on a car assembly line producing the Fiat Panda in a factory in Tychy, Poland in 2009. The Italian auto giant, under pressure to abandon any plan to move its headquarters to the US, has committed to invest 20 billion euros to produce 1.4 million vehicles in Italy.—*INTERNET*

Beijing’s auto market to shrink 60 bln yuan in 2011

BEIJING, 13 Feb—Sales revenue of Beijing’s auto market in 2011 might shrink by 60 billion yuan (about 9.1 billion US dollars) due to the city limiting the number of cars purchased each month, a commerce official said Saturday.

Car sales revenue will drop to 100 billion yuan in 2011 from last year’s 160 billion yuan, Wang Shuxia, chief for marketing section with the Beijing Municipal Commission of Commerce,

told a working meeting of the commission.

A control on car purchases introduced this year limits new car license plates to 240,000 in 2011, said Wang.

In 2010, more than 800,000 new cars drove onto Beijing’s roads, worsening the chronic gridlock in this Chinese national capital of nearly 5 million automobiles.

Internet

Talks only solution to Iran nuclear issue



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad inspects centrifuges at the Natanz uranium enrichment facilities in 2008.—INTERNET

TEHRAN, 13 Feb—President Abdullah Gul said Turkey backs a negotiated settlement of the Iran nuclear issue by dialogue, as he prepared to travel to Teheran on his maiden official visit, state media reported.

"Turkey wants a solution for Iran's nuclear issue through negotiations and dialogue," Gul told Iran's official news agency IRNA in what it

said was an exclusive interview ahead of the scheduled trip.

Gul begins a three-day visit on Monday which will see him meeting top Iranian officials, including his counterpart Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. He will also visit the cities of Tabriz and Isfahan.

"Iran is signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and a member of

the International Atomic Energy Agency. Thus, Iran's nuclear issue should be solved through negotiation and Turkey will continue to facilitate this," Gul said.

Last month, Turkey hosted talks between Iran and six world powers aimed at allaying Western suspicions that Teheran is secretly developing nuclear weapons, but no progress was achieved.

In June, Turkey — then a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council — irked the United States when it voted against fresh sanctions the body approved against Iran, arguing that a nuclear fuel swap deal it had negotiated together with Brazil the previous month should be given a chance.

Internet

Deaths of two babies prompts recall of baby monitors in US

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb—The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) said on Friday that it has ordered a recall of nearly two million Summer Infant video baby monitors which were linked with the strangulation deaths of two infants.

The voluntary recall of about 1.7 million baby monitors was initiated in cooperation with Summer Infant Inc, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, the CPSC said in a statement.

Over the past year CPSC and the firm have received reports of two strangulation deaths of infants with the electrical cords of Summer Infant video baby monitors, according to the statement.

In March 2010 a 10-month old girl from Washington, DC strangled in her crib in the electrical cord of a Summer Infant video monitor.

In November 2010 CPSC received a report of a six-month old boy from Conway, South Carolina, who strangled in the electrical cord of a baby monitor placed on the changing table attached to the crib.

CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum said cords and kids can be a deadly combination.—Xinhua



Military airplanes perform aerobatic flights during the Mexican Air Force Day ceremony in El Saucillo, Mexico, on 10 Feb, 2011.—XINHUA

Panama to build new bridge over Panama Canal

PANAMA City, 13 Feb—Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli Friday announced the construction of a fourth bridge over the Panama Canal, which will link Panama City with the western part of the country.

Martinelli said that the current Las Americas Bridge, built in 1962, is not enough in view of the ongoing expansion works of the Canal.

"We are going to allot the construction of a fourth bridge over the Canal, because once the Canal is expanded, at some point, Las Americas Bridge will have to be demolished," he said.

Xinhua



Smoke rises from Shinmoedake peak, a mountain in the Kirishima volcanic range between Kagoshima and Miyazaki prefectures, as people watch from Takaharu town, southern Japan on 11 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Climate change keenly felt in Alaska's national parks

ANCHORAGE, 13 Feb—Thawing permafrost is triggering mudslides onto a key road travelled by busloads of sightseers. Tall bushes newly sprouted on the tundra are blocking panoramic views. And glaciers are receding from convenient viewing areas, while their rapid summer melt poses new flood risks.

These are just a few of the ways that a rapidly warming climate is reshaping Denali, Kenai Fjords and other national parks comprising the crown jewels of Alaska's heritage as America's last frontier. These and some better-

known impacts — proliferation of invasive plants and fish, greater frequency and intensity of wildfires, and declines in wildlife populations that depend on sea ice and glaciers — are outlined in a recent National Park Service report.

Since the mid-1970s, Alaska has warmed at three times the rate of the Lower 48 states, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. And with nearly two-thirds of US national parkland located in Alaska, the issue of climate change is especially pressing there, officials say.

Reuters

25 injured when taxi plows into crowd in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, 13 Feb—A taxi driver who may have passed out or fallen asleep plowed slowly through a crowd on a sidewalk in a popular restaurant and nightclub zone early Saturday, severing the leg of one woman and injuring more than two dozen other people before some in the crowd beat him, police said.

The crash occurred about 2 am in the heart of the busy Gaslamp District as revellers were heading home, according to police Sgt Ray Battrick. Witnesses said the cab was travelling around 15 miles an hour.

The 48-year-old cab driver sustained a broken nose after being beaten by people in the crowd, who also smashed windows on the taxi, Battrick said. Security guards from a nearby nightclub intervened and detained the driver until police arrived, and he was transported to a hospital.

Police detectives were interviewing the driver, whose name has not been released. The crash did not appear to be intentional, and alcohol was not involved, Officer Michael Stirk said.

Internet

Marrow donation from teenage stranger saves man's life

DALLAS, 13 Feb—A year before Jim Munroe was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of leukemia, a 19-year-old girl from Milwaukee had her cheek swabbed at a summer rock concert. She ended up saving Munroe's life by becoming his bone marrow donor.

Munroe, 31, of Colleyville, Texas, said he started feeling sick in late November 2008. His head hurt a lot, and he began to feel very lethargic.

"I developed a really unbearable pain in my leg that they initially diagnosed as a blood clot," Munroe said. The pain kept increasing, even after Munroe started taking a blood-thinning medication, so doctors performed more tests and determined that he had leukemia.

"The bone in my leg was swelling because of the amount of white blood cells being produced in my marrow," he said. "The doctor said if it went on, the bone would break on its own." Doctors at the MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Dallas recommended aggressive treatment. —Internet



In this on 10 Feb, 2011 photo, Oliver Hamilton, 17, top, poses for a photograph with classmates Daniel Alexander, 18, left, Robert Kline, 18, bottom, and Rayhannah Dar, 18, at The Urban School of San Francisco in San Francisco. To get his classmates to appreciate how serious the HIV virus really is, one senior at a San Francisco high school is taking an uncommon approach: He's organized a classwide HIV testing day in the school gym.—INTERNET

Construction Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit- Kanbya (Magway) Road

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected progress in construction of the sixth road built through Yoma Mountain Ranges which is Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road this morning.

The minister oversaw private companies and Special Bridge Construction Group (9) building box culverts between mile post

Nos. 6 and 10. At Shwepangon station briefing hall at mile post No. 28/0, the minister heard reports on placing asphalt, construction of bridges and box culverts along the road.

The minister then inspected tarring works and erecting of bridges and box culverts along the road.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya (Magway) Road is the sixth of seven roads built through Yoma

Mountain Ranges and will be 107 miles and two furlongs in length. There will be four bridges and 153 box culverts on the road and five district level Public Works, one special group for airport construction, one special group for building, four special road construction groups, and 11 private companies, altogether 22 groups are working day and night at full capacity for completion of the road on schedule.—MNA



Eye specialists from Yangon give free eye medical check-up to patients with eye complaints from Sittway District. (News reported)

TRANSPORT

Yangon observes 64th Anniversary Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Yangon Region observed the 64th Anniversary Union Day at People's Square on Pyay Road yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Com-

mand Brig-Gen Tun Than, Hluttaw representatives of Yangon Region, members of committees for organizing the ceremony, senior military officers, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, and national brethren from National Culture and Fine Arts University

(Yangon).

First, the commander and attendees saluted the Union Flag. Then, the commander read out the message sent by SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of 64th Anniversary Union Day.—MNA

48th State/Region Tennis Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 13 Feb—The 48th State/Region Tennis Tournament jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Tennis Federation was kicked off at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this evening.

The opening ceremony was attended by General Secretary of

Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thauang Htaik and personnel, Patron of MTF U Zaw Zaw, President U Aung Maw Thein, guests and enthusiasts.

Last year's champions Mandalay Region's women team and Yangon Region's men team gave trophies back to the director-general on behalf of the Minister for

Sports.

The director-general then greeted the participating teams. Myanmar's selected tennis players Aung Kyaw Naing and Phyo Mintha demonstrated tennis skills, which was followed by first-day matches. Teams representing the 15 states and regions are taking part in the 48th State/Region Tennis Tournament.

MNA

Kayan Home for the Aged gets tube well

YANGON, 13 Feb—A ceremony to donate a tube-well to Kayan Home for the Aged was held at there in Kayan Township of Yangon District (South) yesterday.

Donor U Khin

Maung Than explained purposes of the donation and Vice-chairman of the Home for the Aged U Thein Shwe spoke words of thanks. Executive of the Home for the Aged U Kyaw Khin presented certificates of

honour to the donor.

The tube-well was donated by U Khin Maung Than and Daw Myint Myint Soe residing at Bagan Housing on Anawrahta Road, Lanmadaw Township.

MNA

Organic fruits to gain foothold in local, international...

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General Secretary of the Myanmar Organic Farming Syndicate under the Myanmar Fruits and Vegetables Producers Association U Hnin Oo remarked that all types of fruits and drinks had to be free from chemicals as the majority of the people wanted only healthy foods.

In general, when food demand exceeds supply, excessive chemicals are used to boost production in order to meet the supply. In the process, use of chemicals as limited is not harmful to the health of

consumers, but may harm health if used exceedingly.

So, farmers and producers pay more attention to organic foodstuff especially fruits and vegetables. The syndicate is rendering technical assistance to expedite the process.

U Hnin Oo said, "We are conducting courses to introduce organic farming. We provide agricultural methods and other methods of boosting agricultural production so that farmers get used to organic farming. We also have a plan to work widely in this regard."

The syndicate gives organic certification

for organic fruits and vegetables. Only with a letter of organic certification from a related organization, will the produce win trust from consumers. And the produce will get reputation in the market.

The Myanmar Organic Farming Syndicate is trying to win international recognition. If it organic certification is internationally recognized, Myanmar's organic fruit will win global trust and will be able to establish a foothold in the international market.

With technological development, organic farming has improved a lot. Previously, it took at least a year to prepare a virgin land to grow organic fruits and vegetables. But now organic trees and



Soon, organic fruits will be in place of inorganic fruits.

plants can be grown directly, without need to wait one year. It is to wait three years if the land is a fertilized one. During the period of three years, farmers can grow crops in fertilized lands, and

the syndicate will grant organic certification that the crops have higher quality than the crops produced with chemicals.

Serving as a third party, which grants organic certification, the

Myanmar Organic Farming Syndicate is trying to make organic fruits popular in local and global market.

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Sanctions

Yan Gyi Aung

I have presented some analyses of the paper on "Economic sanctions against Myanmar" issued by National League for Democracy on 8 February by writing the article titled "Sanctions, Daw Suu Kyi and NLD".

It is found that there are different views on the sanctions against Myanmar imposed by western countries such as the US, the EU, Australia and New Zealand. Neighbouring ASEAN nations and legitimate political parties that competed in the elections have claimed that the sanctions imposed with the aim of seeing democratic change should be lifted as Myanmar has put an end to the military rule and a new democratic government elected by the people in accord with the 2008 constitution has emerged. The interesting fact is that the political parties which demanded the lifting of sanctions are found to have no close contact with the large political party with the majority of Hluttaw seats or the government. Besides, it cannot be said that they and the government always have everything in common. Some of the parties are those of national races.

Those who have the stance on the lifting of the sanctions against Myanmar are not only the Myanmar government but also the regional neighbouring countries that know the Myanmar political situation very well and the people's representatives representing the various regions and the various national races of Myanmar and various political views. Therefore, it is indeed a broad-based stance.

The US, the leading country of imposing sanctions against Myanmar, disclosed that it will maintain sanctions against Myanmar. To make matters worse, the NLD, which no longer has the right to operate legally, supported the continued sanctions by issuing the said paper.

I am writing this article with a view to enabling the public to make a careful consideration and study regarding the argument as to whether the sanctions should remain or not.

Basic concept of sanctions

Here, there is no point in arguing about whether sanctions are a good deed or not. Even a child understands that it is not a good habit to prevent a single person or persons from having their own honest way of earning a living.

Nonetheless, a country imposes an economic sanction against another. Although economic sanction is used as a tool in military, economic and international relations fields, I will present the use of this tool only in the field of international relations or foreign affairs.

Economic sanction is deployed as an instrument of foreign policy. The use of instrument of foreign policy has been more common from the period of the Cold War in the aftermath of WWII. It is mostly used by the US.

Generally, a powerful nation imposes economic sanctions against a small nation with the aim of ensuring that a certain policy of the latter falls into the hands of the former or causing a regime change in the target country

after its government that is unfriendly with and opposed to and never looks up to that powerful nation has stepped down.

In so doing, coercion is used. Frankly speaking, coercion means making the people of the target country poor and instigating public unrest and violence against the ruling government. It is the basic concept that the government of the target country may stand down or it may have to dance to the tune of the sanction imposer after being tired of the unrest and violence. In a way, it is the means of controlling and overthrowing the government only after getting the people into great trouble. In other words, it is a political blackmail like putting parents under duress after pointing the knife at the neck of their child. Sanction therefore is effective only if it can do harm to the people.

Although the basic concept is very clear, sanction-imposing countries have never uncovered the concept in public. Instead, they shout that their sanctions have no impact on the people of the target country and that there are very few people who are affected by the sanctions. When humanitarian activists strongly prove and claim that sanctions can adversely affect the innocent people and children (after the Iraq war), the imposers come to change their voice and say that their sanctions cash in on the target ones and that they try to do least harm to the innocent. As mentioned above, the basic concept of sanctions cannot be effective if the ordinary people are not affected. So, the target sanctions are like an iron bar covered with a silk cloth, designed to harm the people in a certain way. Analysts make a comment like this. To what extent can sanction do harm to Myanmar people? To what extent can it benefit the imposer?

Studying some questions in the first paragraph of the NLD's paper, they can be divided into two categories – Can sanction affect the Myanmar people and can it help accomplish the aim of the imposer or be effective?

Regarding those two categories, the paper covers itself by saying that the sanctions do no harm or little harm to the Myanmar people. Yet, the fact that how effective the sanctions are is not included in the paper.

Impact of sanctions on Myanmar people

Regarding this, I would like to present some points extracted from the report of a group of experts on impact of international sanctions. As the NLD paper states that "If a group of respected experts are to study and analyze the pros and cons of economic sanctions, it will benefit those discussions a great deal.", I assume that the stance of the expert group to be presented will be understood.

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The expert group was from Britain and it was formed with widely-respected people, who participated in the decision to impose sanctions against Myanmar. As they were policy advisors to the British government, it is undeniable that the reviews and comments included in the report are exact and correct without one-sided attitude towards the Myanmar government.

The report titled "The impact of economic sanctions" is systematically compiled and it has conducted thorough study of negative impact of economic sanctions against Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Myanmar and Cuba imposed by the West Bloc.

The compiler of the report is House of Lords, Select Committee on Economic Affairs and its chairman was Lord Wakeham. He had performed his duties as Leader of the House of Commons and Finance Minister since the time of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He was also assigned duties as a leader in the issue of reforming the organizational setup of the House of Lords. The committee was formed with 16 wide-respected members of the House of Lords. Moreover, the paper lacks no expertise as it was also compiled with the assistance of special adviser Prof Dr Eric Herring of Bristol University.

The committee compiled the report after making interviews with professors from universities, famous international researchers, retired diplomats, officers of the United Nations, entrepreneurs,

bankers, members of the Parliaments, experts in humanitarian, and responsible persons from non-Governmental philanthropic organizations totalling about 30 as human witnesses with the use of documents, e-mails and telephone connections on a wider scale, so it is a reliable reference.

The abstract regarding Myanmar issue from the report issued on 9 May 2007 states:-

"In the case of Burma, Sanctions are said to be targeted but are nevertheless wide enough in their impact to hurt the general population."

Those wishing to know the detailed information may browse the Internet.

It is easy for a person to find the proof that the sanctions imposed against Myanmar affected the Myanmar people. Officials concerned of the foreign affairs departments from Western countries admitted the effects of imposing sanctions against Myanmar.

The banning of export items from Myanmar under the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act by the United States of America in 2003, forced many garment factories to close down and hundreds of thousands of female workers became jobless. Prohibition on financial services hit remittance service. With regard to the impacts, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the US Department of State Chief of the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs Mr Matthew P Daley on 2 October 2003 gave a testimony at hearings of the International Relations Committee of the House of Representatives of the US saying **"These measures immediately disrupted the**

economy in Burma, particularly affecting industries reliant on exports to the United States. The garment sector was hardest hit. The prohibition on financial services created instant difficulties for businesses, government agencies, foreign embassies, NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and other institutions reliant on the US financial system for trade facilitation and dollar remittance services. The tourist industry has been affected, with travellers unable to use credit cards or US dollar travellers' checks."

Mr Daley also reported **"Unfortunately, the sanctions also affect ordinary people. I note that some international NGOs have expressed concern that the destruction of already troubled export industries, especially the garment sector, will lead to significant unemployment and a spike in economic migrants seeking illegal work inside Burma or over the border in Thailand or China. Within the first month of sanctions, we estimate that more than 40,000 garment sector jobs were lost. In the long term, the garment sector will likely lose 100,000 jobs, most of which were filled by young women. We have credible reports that the concern voiced by some INGOs concerning the fate of these women is well founded and that some have entered the flourishing illegal sex and "entertainment" industries."**

(It can be found that although the paper of the NLD unavoidably admitted the above-mentioned matter, it portrayed such matter as unimportant one. I will present the above-mentioned matters later.)

Experts, credible persons and officials of State Department revealed the hardships of Myanmar citizens caused by the sanctions against Myanmar. Those who put their reliance too much on West Bloc may find it hard to swallow these excuses but I believe they cannot deny it.

(To be continued)

Translation: ST+TTA

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A ceremony to mark the third anniversary of Pynnyaywa Rural Library in conjunction with a book donation ceremony and a literary talks was held in Dondabat Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 16 January.
(NEWS REPORTED)

Commander inspects Mogok-PyinOoLwin (Yenge) motor road

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Feb—Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung on 8 February inspected paving of road at mile post No. 24 on Mandalay-Mogok Road and flow of Tanga Creek in Madaya

Township. Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung then met entrepreneurs who are undertaking Mandalay-Mogok Road and visited local station in Thabeikkyin Township. On 10 February, Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung inspected road works on Mogok-

PyinOoLwin (Yenge) road section, construction of Legyi Bridge across Nampun Creek near mile post No. 14, road works between mile posts Nos. 48/4 and 48/5, erecting of a bridge near mile post No. 52 and road works near Lonkham Village in Mogok Township. MNA



File photo provided by the San Francisco Zoo shows Tatiana, a female Siberian tiger, in her exhibit at the zoo. Tatiana, who was killed in a hail of police gunfire after fatally mauling a man at the zoo on Christmas Day 2007, was likely provoked into leaping and clawing out of its enclosure, a federal investigator said in documents obtained by The Associated Press in 2011.—INTERNET

Feds release San Francisco tiger attack documents

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Feb—A female Siberian tiger killed in a hail of police gunfire after fatally mauling a man at the San Francisco Zoo on Christmas Day 2007 likely was provoked into leaping and clawing out of its enclosure, a federal investigator said in documents obtained by *The Associated Press*.

The tiger named Tatiana killed 17-year-old Carlos Sousa Jr and injured his friends, brothers Paul and Kulbir Dhalwal, leaving claw

marks etched in the asphalt and claw fragments in the bushes outside its pen. Claw marks were also discovered near the top of the enclosure wall, which was lower than federal safety standards dictate, showing that the big cat was able to get enough leverage to pull itself out.

"It appears the tiger was able to jump from the bottom of the dry moat to the top of the wall, and gain enough purchase over the top to pull herself

out over the moat wall," wrote Laurie Gage, a tiger expert who investigated the scene for the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or APHIS, which oversees the nation's zoos.

"With my knowledge of tiger behaviour I cannot imagine a tiger trying to jump out of its enclosure unless it was provoked," Gage wrote in the 2 Dec, 2007 draft of her report.—*Internet*

Russia to probe major planets before 2023

Moscow, 13 Feb—Russia will launch probes to several planets and their satellites, Russia's Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) said Thursday.

The probes are expected to study the moon and the Martian satellite Phobos, as parts of a dozen of projects in astrophysical and solar research before 2023, Roscosmos said. The federal space programme stipulates five planetary research projects by 2015, including research on Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter. In addition, a lunar surface probe also will be sent to study the Moon, Roscosmos said.

A total of 9.6 billion rubles (327 million US dollars) have been assigned from 2006 to 2011 for the projects and the development of instruments for the Mars-Surveyor research vehicle.

Roscosmos also plans 10 projects for solar research and the Sun-Earth interconnection, with 8.4 billion rubles (286 million dollars) allocated in 2006-2011. Six more projects will start between 2014 to 2020.—*Xinhua*

Interpol to set up first overseas "global complex" in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 13 Feb—Interpol has broken the ground for an international complex in Singapore that will be the only one of its kind. The complex is expected to house about 300 employees, including Interpol staff as well as law enforcement officers from the police forces of its members, local media reported on Saturday.

The mint green building at Tanglin, the embassy District of

Singapore, will also house research and development for forensics and database capabilities and give round-the-clock support to Interpol's 188 members, the report said.

Interpol Secretary-General Ronald Noble said the building of the facility in the Asia-Pacific region reflected Interpol's status as a global entity.

Singapore's Law and Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam said the facility will drive

Interpol's efforts to stay ahead of the challenges of "a new generation of policing."

The Interpol Global Complex is expected to be operational by the end of 2013.

The Interpol, which is headquartered in Lyon, France, pledged 2 million US dollars towards the building at a General Assembly meeting in Qatar last November.

Xinhua



Photo illustration of saltwater crocodile. A group of ferocious Australian crocodiles were so traumatised by a maximum-strength cyclone last week that they hid under water and stopped eating, wildlife park officials said Friday.—INTERNET

Australian scientists find 10,000-year-old stone carvings

CANBERRA, 13 Feb—A team of Australian scientists on Friday said they discovered ancient stone carvings in an East Timor cave dating back at least 10,000 years.

The team of archaeologists and paleontologists had been looking for the fossilized remains of extinct giant rats in the Lene Hara cave in East Timor, while Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's (CSIRO's) Dr Ken Aplin accidentally saw the stylized face carvings in the limestone roof.

"One of our East Timorese colleagues was sitting up on top of a big block of limestone and I looked up to see what he was up to and as I did, my head-torch shone across the face of the limestone and I saw these incredible faces engraved on the surface," he told *ABC News* on Friday.

"I called out to Sue, the archaeologist, 'Sue - you didn't tell me there were faces engraved here' and she said 'there aren't any' and I went 'come and have a look at this' and her mouth fell open when she saw them."

Xinhua

Blast rumour triggers panic flee, raises public safety concern

NANJING, 13 Feb—Two chemical plant accidents, a blast and a toxic gas leak happened within three years in Xiangshui, a coastal county in east China's Jiangsu Province. So when rumours of a blast came early on Thursday morning, residents believed it and started to flee.

Four people died in the stampede on Thursday in Xiangshui County due to rumours that a local chemical plant was going to explode, said Zhou

Houliang, a spokesman for the county government.

More than 10,000 residents of four townships in Xiangshui county swarmed into streets, panicking over rumours spreading late on Wednesday night that

there was a toxic gas leak from a local chemical plant which could explode at any moment, said Zhou.

The evacuation caused traffic jams and chaos on the streets.

Xinhua

Restaurant staff play in fresh snow in Beijing on 13 Feb, 2011. Snow fell again in Beijing Saturday night. XINHUA



People attend the rehearsal show in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 12 Feb, 2011. The Carnival 2011 will kick off at the beginning of March. XINHUA

Copyright dispute kicks migrant singers out of spring

BEIJING, 13 Feb—Xuriyanggang, the hottest Chinese grassroots duo, was prohibited from singing their signature song by its composer, which caused a public debate on copyright in China.

Wang Xu, 44, and Liu Gang, 29, two migrant workers in Beijing, moved tens of millions of people with the song "In The Spring" in the China Central Television (CCTV) Spring Festival Gala, one of China's most-watched television events.

However, people will not enjoy it anymore since Chinese rock star Wang

Feng, original singer and composer of the song, has banned them from presenting it in future.

"The reason why I allowed them to sing my song at the beginning was to help them, but I have to stop it after finding out my kindness was used," said Wang Feng.

Wang said on his blog Friday that his company had suggested Xuriyanggang many times to sing their own song before the Spring Festival Gala but they still kept using his work in all kinds of shows and activities.—*Xinhua*

Woman sues McDonald's over glass in spicy chicken sandwich



McDonald's logo is seen on the window of one of its restaurants in New York on 24 Jan, 2011.—INTERNET

CHICAGO, 13 Feb—A woman sued McDonald's Corp, on Friday, saying she was injured after chewing on a "large shard of glass"

inside her spicy McChicken sandwich.

Vjollca Lecaj said she suffered severe and permanent oral injuries, as well as "great pain and anguish," after biting into and chewing the glass last 5 August at a McDonald's in Oak Illinois, Lawn, near Chicago.

A spokeswoman for McDonald's did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The complaint filed in Cook County Circuit Court said Lecaj's sandwich may have been contaminated after an overheated glass coffee pot exploded, causing glass shards to scatter.

Lecaj accused the world's largest fast-food chain of failing to properly inspect its cooking equipment and ensure that her sandwich could be eaten safely.

She is seeking more than \$50,000 in damages. McDonald's is based in Oak Brook, Illinois.—Reuters

Market burns on outskirts of Moscow

BEIJING, 13 Feb—A fire has broken out at a large construction materials market on the outskirts of the Russian capital, Moscow. The fire has hit 12 trade pavilions in the market.

The regional emergency chief says that the fire has affected an area of around 700 to 800 square metres. He also says one woman has been severely burned in the blaze. Rescuers and investigators are working to establish the cause of the fire. With the outside temperatures as low as minus 15 degrees Celsius, traders have been using heaters inside their shops to stay warm.—Xinhua

Magnitude-6.1 earthquake hits Tonga

NEW YORK, 13 Feb—An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale jolted Tonga, the US Geological Survey (USGS) reported on its website on Saturday.

The tremor occurred at 6:57 am local time Sunday (1757 GMT Saturday). The epicentre was located some 55 km northwest of Nuku' Alofa, Tonga, with a depth of 81 km, said the USGS.

Xinhua

At least 30 killed in Mexican drug-related violence

MONTERREY, 13 Feb—At least 30 people died in a staggering surge in drug-related violent crime in Mexico rocking the cities of Monterrey and Guadalajara, and the northern state of Chihuahua, police said Saturday.

The attacks were the latest deadly violence gripping Mexico's war on drugs, as the country's various criminal cartels struggle over turf and the government uses police and soldiers in an attempt to crush them.

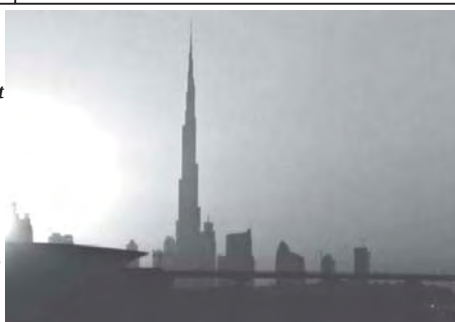
In Chihuahua state, 11 people were slain in several separate murders in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's deadliest

city, across from the US City of El Paso, Texas between late Friday and Saturday, authorities said.

And gunmen shot dead five men together in an additional group killing on a highway between Chihuahua city, the state capital, and Ciudad Juarez, police said.

Separately, around 4:00 am (1000 GMT) a special unit of soldiers and police known as the Immediate Reaction Group stopped two suspicious vehicles in a suburb of the industrial city of Monterrey, the Secretariat of Defence said.—Internet

Emaar Properties' Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, silhouetted at sunset in Dubai in November. Emaar Properties posted net profits of 3.034 bln dirhams (\$826 mln) for 2010, up 31%, though fourth-quarter profits from a year earlier.—INTERNET



Microbloggers to set up special fund with One Foundation to rescue child beggars

BEIJING, 13 Feb—Bloggers on Saturday pledged to continue a rescue campaign and announced a plan to set up a special fund in cooperation with the One Foundation organization to save child beggars.

"We didn't expect it would be such a big campaign when we initiated the microblog, and now we want to put it on the right track," said Yu Jianrong, of the Rural Development Institute of China Academy of Social Sciences, who created the microblog called "Street Photos to Rescue Child Beggars" in tsinacomcn.

The microblog, which registered on 25 Jan, has gained more than 218,000 followers, many of whom are police officers across China. More than 3,000 pictures have been posted on the microblog. "The campaign needs to be more sustainable and more organized,

which demands management and money. That's why we are here, planning to set up a fund," said Yang Peng from the One Foundation, which was founded by film action star Jet Li.

"One Foundation does have the will to do it and the fund will be set up as soon as possible," Yang said. Some 30 people, including foundation employees, celebrities, technical engineers, lawyers and journalists were present at a meeting convened in Beijing on Saturday to discuss future development of the rescue campaign.

"Microblogs are the new platform, which makes the impact greater than we could imagine," Yu said at the meeting. "We want to arouse the attention of more people. And the pictures posted featuring beggar children could facilitate the rescue efforts of the police."—Xinhua



A man takes a picture of the 500 Lounge Espresso during the 103rd Chicago Auto Show in Chicago, the United States, on 11 Feb, 2011. Some 1,000 vehicles are displayed at the show which is planned to be closed on 20 Feb.

XINHUA

China to invest more in Ghana's infrastructure development

ACCRA, 13 Feb—China would in the coming years inject more capital to support the infrastructure needs of Ghana, Chinese Ambassador to Ghana Gong Jianzhong has said.

Briefing the media here on Friday night to announce the visit to Ghana by Chen Deming, the Chinese Minister of Commerce, Ambassador Gong said that China is willing to join in the infrastructure development of Ghana.

"We are willing to join Ghana in improving its infrastructure base. We will be happy to give our contribution towards the infrastructure development of Ghana," he said.

The forthcoming two-day visit by

the Chinese minister would afford the two countries to further cement, promote and syncretize the bilateral trade and economic corporation existing between them for more than five decades.

The ambassador said the Chinese Embassy in Ghana is committed to offering quality service to Ghanaians engaging in bilateral exchanges and cooperation in different fields.

Currently, China has supported the West African country in the construction of various roads, rails, school blocks, hospitals, among others.

Xinhua

Chinese youngsters are seen playing games at a "board games cafe" in Beijing. Beijing alone is estimated to have more than 200 board game cafes — tiny establishments often decorated with comfy couches, lines of tables and multiple shelves stocking hundreds of games to cater to every taste.—INTERNET



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting and the election for the new council members of the Yangon Golf Club will be held on Sunday 27th February, 2011 at the Club House premises at 10:00 hours.

All members are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Managing Member
Yangon Golf Club



A 2012 pre-production Nissan Leaf is displayed at the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place in Chicago on 9 Feb, 2011.— INTERNET

Bizarre mammals filmed calling using their quills

LONDON, 13 Feb — Unique hedgehog-like mammals have been filmed using their quills to communicate. A BBC film crew captured footage of the streaked tenrecs in the eastern rainforests of Madagascar. By rubbing together specialised quills on their backs, the tenrecs made high pitch ultrasound calls to each other in the forest undergrowth.

The footage is the first of a mammal communicating in this way, a technique called "stridulation". The lowland streaked tenrec (*Hemicentetes semispinosus*) resembles both a hedgehog and a

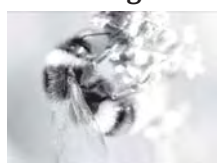
shrew with black and yellow stripes, and is found only in Madagascar. A film crew hoping to feature these visually striking animals in the BBC series *Madagascar* faced a number of challenges.

Internet



The tenrec's pale 'stridulating' quills are very different to those found on the rest of its body.— INTERNET

Royal Ontario Museum investigates sudden bee death



The bees were part of a popular biodiversity exhibit.— INTERNET

TORONTO, 13 Feb — A Toronto museum is investigating the sudden death of thousands of bees in a glass-enclosed beehive exhibit. Officials at the Royal Ontario Museum said 20,000 bees in a biodiversity exhibit had died within two days last week, though they had appeared healthy. Scientists

have ruled out staff error and starvation, but said poor ventilation, disease or a lack of worker bees could be to blame.

The museum plans to replace the colony in the spring. "The queen stops laying eggs in early- to mid-October and starts laying again in late February," University of Guelph researcher Janine McGowan told the *Toronto Star* newspaper. "If she didn't lay enough winter worker bee eggs to make sure the hive and honey is kept warm during the winter, that could have contributed to the die-off."— *Internet*

Opossum Heidi gets Oscars TV role, predicting winners

LEIPZIG, 13 Feb — A cross-eyed, overweight opossum has won an unlikely starring role in coverage of this year's Oscars. Heidi is an opossum who became a German media sensation and now has a global following, with

300,000 Facebook fans. Officials at Leipzig Zoo, where Heidi lives, say she will appear on the "Jimmy Kimmel Show" on the US network ABC on Oscars night.

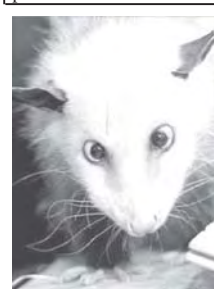
Details of her contract are confidential but it seems she will be predicting the award winners. Producers of the show may be hoping she can emulate the success of another German celebrity creature, Paul the Octopus. He won global fame during last year's football World Cup, correctly predicting the outcome of all seven German games plus the Spain-Netherlands final.— *Internet*

Bronx Zoo sells roach-naming rights for Valentine's Day

NEW YORK, 13 Feb — A New York City zoo is offering a Valentine's gift for Americans who have caught the love bug: a chance to name a cockroach after their loved ones.

The Bronx Zoo is exhibiting 58,000 giant Madagascar hissing roaches and is soliciting \$10 (£6.25) donations in return for naming rights. "Flowers wilt. Chocolates melt. Roaches are forever," the zoo quipped.

The brown, iridescent roaches grow up to 3in (7.5cm) long. Males hiss at females in courtship rituals. Zoo spokesman John Calvelli told the Associated Press news agency that about 1,000 names had been bought on the first day of the promotion.— *Internet*



'And the winner of this year's Best Actress award is....'— INTERNET

Global data storage calculated at 295 exabytes

LONDON, 13 Feb — Mankind's capacity to store the colossal amount of information in the world has been measured by scientists. The study, published in the journal *Science*, calculates the amount of data stored in the world by 2007 as 295 exabytes. That is the equivalent of 1.2 billion average hard drives.

The researchers calculated the figure by estimating the amount of data held on 60 technologies from PCs and DVDs to paper adverts and books. "If we were to take all that information and store it in books, we could cover the entire area of the US or China in 3 layers of books," Dr Martin Hilbert of the University of Southern California told the BBC's *Science in Action*.

Computer storage has traditionally been measured in kilobytes, then megabytes, and now usually gigabytes. After that comes terabytes, petabytes, then



The world's data would be the equivalent of 3 layers of books over China.— INTERNET

exabytes. One exabyte is a billion gigabytes. The same information stored digitally on CDs would create a stack of discs that would reach beyond the moon, according to the researchers.

Internet

Cold snap hits Mexico maize crop

MEXICO CITY, 13 Feb — A spell of unusually cold weather in northern Mexico has severely damaged the maize crop in the state of Sinaloa. Officials estimate the losses could amount to four million tonnes of corn — 16% of Mexico's annual harvest. President Felipe Calderon said everything possible must be done to re-sow the fields over the next two weeks. There are fears the losses could force up the price of the corn tortillas that most Mexicans eat with every meal.

Officials say up to 600,000 hectares (1.5m acres) of maize have been lost to frost in Sinaloa, which is home to some of Mexico's richest farmland. At a meeting with Sinaloa farmers and state officials, President Calderon promised federal aid, credit and prompt insurance payments to help farmers get new crops in fast before it was too late in the season.— *Internet*

Maize tortillas are Mexico's traditional staple food.
INTERNET



A sign indicating where owners should take dogs to go, is seen as dogs make use of the spot at the Hotel Pennsylvania on 12 Feb, 2011 in New York. The room was set up at the hotel for dogs staying in town for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show which takes place Feb. 14-15 at New York's Madison Square Garden.

INTERNET

Japanese teen accused of murder threats

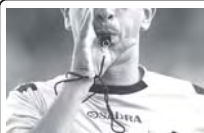
YOKOHAMA, 13 Feb — A Japanese teenager was charged Saturday with sending threats of mass murder and mayhem to the Internet from a supermarket game terminal.

The 15-year-old Yokohama boy was arrested after police questioned him, *Kyodo News* reported. Investigators said he

came in voluntarily after officers saw him Friday using a terminal in an electronics store and noticed he was reading the same Internet bulletin board where the threats were posted.

The teen allegedly admitted the threats, saying he wanted to see how authorities would react.

Internet



A referee blows his whistle during a football game. An amateur footballer in Italy has been given a 20-month ban for trying to force a whistle down a referee's throat after he was sent off.

Player banned for shoving whistle down ref's throat

An amateur footballer in Italy has been given a 20-month ban for trying to force a whistle down a referee's throat after he was sent off.

Andrea Biondi was dismissed by the referee in his Florence-based team Albereta 72's 2-2 draw at Sancat.

After being sent off for insulting the referee he grabbed the back of his head and tried to push the whistle into his mouth, the *Ansa* news agency reported.

Biondi continued to insult and threaten the referee as he left the field, the agency added.

News Album

Snow traps woman in home for seven days

A 66-year-old Michigan woman said heavy snowfall trapped her in her house for about a week until a Facebook post by neighbours sent rescuers her way. Gerrie Frank of Royal Oak said her driveway was blocked by heavy snowfall last week and her health prevents her from shoveling, WXYZ-TV, Detroit, reported Wednesday. "The driveway was totally covered in a foot to two feet of snow," Frank said. "The snow was more and more and so I think it was seven days I could not find anybody to help me get out."

Neighbours Rio Scafone and Sean Harris sounded the alarm on Facebook for "all snow angels" to help dig out Frank's driveway so she could pick up her prescriptions. Rob Chrenko was one of the first to arrive wielding a snow shovel. "My heart went out to Gerrie. I was available right away and it looked like others wouldn't be available until later, so I went to help," Chrenko said. Frank said she is grateful for all the assistance she received. "I'm so thankful for good neighbours," Frank said.



Five-year-old dog Gilda is held by her owner in Venice, Italy in this on 26 Feb, 2006 file photo.

Barking dogs can land owner in jail

If you live in Italy and if the barking of your dogs keeps the neighbours up at night, it's you who might wind up caged — in a jail cell.

The top appeals court sentenced four people in Sicily to two months in jail because they refused to keep their 10 dogs quiet at night despite complaints from neighbours who had repeatedly picked a bone with the owners over lost sleep.

The four were also ordered to pay court charges and a fine of 500 euros (\$684) each.



In this photo taken on 7 Feb, 2011 and released by the Northern Rangelands Trust, endangered Rothschild's giraffe are seen aboard a barge to cross Kenya's Lake Baringo. Eight endangered Rothschild's giraffes were ferried by barge to a reserve on an island in Kenya's Lake Baringo earlier this week.

Giraffes in a boat? Eight taken to Kenyan island

Eight giraffes got a very rare ride to their new home in a boat. The endangered Rothschild's giraffes were ferried by barge to a reserve on an island in Kenya's Lake Baringo earlier this week.

Conservation leaders built a small pen on the barge that was covered in plastic sheeting. Only the giraffes' necks could be seen sticking out above the pen as they moved across the lake.

There are four females and four males in the group, and conservation leaders hope they will reproduce, said Elodie Sampere of the Northern Rangelands Trust. If the giraffes thrive, more may be taken to the island.

Rothschild's giraffes also known as Baringo giraffes, after the lake are listed as endangered. Only a few hundred remain in the wild.

Justin Bieber leads Friday box office with \$12.4 million

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb— The race is on between Paramount's Justin Bieber: Never Say Never and Sony's Adam Sandler-Jennifer Aniston romantic comedy Just Go With It. In an impressive start, Never Say Never opened to an estimated \$12.4 million from 3,105 theaters on Friday to beat Just Go With It, which grossed an estimated \$9.7 million from 3,548 theaters. Both movies should crack the \$30 million mark for the full weekend. Heading into the frame, most box office observers expected Just Go With It to win the session, but Never Say Never is now a real contender.

Concert films generally drop more than regular movies as the weekend unfolds, and that's the reason why no one is ready to call the contest between Never Say Never, directed by Jon M Chu, and Just Go With It, directed by Dennis Dugan.—*Internet*

Canadian singer Justin Bieber arrives for the premiere of the 3D film "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" in New York.—INTERNET



Liz Taylor in hospital for heart condition

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb— Hollywood film legend Elizabeth Taylor was recovering in a Los Angeles hospital after being admitted for symptoms of congestive heart failure, her spokeswoman said.

The 78-year-old actress "was hospitalized earlier this week when she was taken to Cedars Sinai (medical centre) suffering from symptoms caused by congestive heart failure, an ongoing condition," said publicist Sally Morrison. "This issue is being addressed. She is currently being kept in the hospital for monitoring," she added, giving no further details about the Oscar-winning star's condition.

Taylor's health has been the subject of intense speculation in recent years. In 1997, she underwent surgery to have a brain tumour



File picture shows Hollywood film legend Dame Elizabeth Taylor at a benefit in Santa Monica, California. Taylor was recovering in a Los Angeles hospital after being admitted for symptoms of congestive heart failure, her spokeswoman said Friday.—INTERNET

removed and in 2006 she appeared on US television to deny rumors she had Alzheimer's disease.

In July 2008, she was hospitalized in Los Angeles but her spokesman denied reports that she was close to death and had been placed on life support.—*Internet*

Singer Adam Lambert discusses his controversial 'American Music Awards' appearance during an interview on CBS News' 'The Early Show' in New York.—INTERNET



Adam Lambert learns the dangers of drunk tweeting

LOS ANGELES, 13 Feb— Adam Lambert has learned the dangers of TUI: Tweeting under the influence.

At the Grammy Social Media Rock Stars Summit, the pop singer admitted that "drunk tweeting is not good," and that when he has looked over some of his tweets from the past, he could see how they were offensive.

"You have to be careful," Lambert said, who has over 860,000 Twitter followers. "Newspapers will quote your tweets." The former "American Idol" runner-up also said that while

he loves when fans take pictures and record video footage at his concerts, he feels like they're cheating themselves.

"It's (also) adding pressure on the performer ... since the stuff is up and everywhere," he said.

Lambert, 29, was joined by rapper Chamillionaire at the pre-Grammy event. Chamillionaire won a Grammy in 2007 for his No 1 song, "Ridin'." Lambert is nominated this year for best male pop vocal performance for "Whataya Want from Me."

Internet

Ribery, Robben are Bayern's Messi, Xavi: van Gaal

BERLIN, 13 Feb—Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal insisted on Saturday Holland's Arjen Robben and France's Franck Ribery are just as important to the German champions as



Bayern Munich's striker Mario Gomez (R) and Hoffenheim's midfielder Isaac Vorsah jump for the ball during their German first division Bundesliga football match in Munich.—INTERNET

Lionel Messi and Xavi are to Barcelona. Dutch star Robben netted twice as he combined with Ribery to inspire Bayern's 4-0 win over Hoffenheim at Munich's Allianz Arena which moved Bayern up to third in the Bundesliga.

Flying Dutchman Robben and midfield maestro Ribery — dubbed 'Robbery' by the German media — tore Hoffenheim to pieces and van Gaal insists the pair are Bayern's answer to Argentina's Messi and Spain's Xavi. "With Robben and Ribery, we have far more creativity," said van Gaal. "They are unbelievably important to Bayern, like Messi and Xavi for Barcelona or Ronaldo and (Mesut) Ozil for Real Madrid. "We have waited six months for them to both be fit to play for us together again." — Internet

Barcelona see record run ended by strugglers Gijon

MADRID, 13 Feb—League leaders Barcelona saw their record winning run come to an end with a shock 1-1 draw at Sporting Gijon and it could have been worse had David Villa not scored a brilliant 79th-minute equaliser to salvage a point. Barcelona had won 16 consecutive league games to beat the old mark of the great Real Madrid side of 1960/61. But the champions saw their historical sequence broken and the two dropped points are a real boost for title rivals Real.

Barcelona are now eight points ahead of Real in the Spanish first division and Jose Mourinho's side will want to capitalise on the rare slip by winning at Espanyol on Sunday. Unfashionable Sporting, two points above the relegation zone, took the lead through David



Barcelona's forward David Villa (L) controls the ball close to Sporting Gijon's forward Nacho Novo (R) during their Spanish first league football match at El Molinon Stadium in Gijon.—INTERNET

Barra after 16th minutes and Barcelona needed a delightful chip from Villa late on to snatch a point.—Internet

Marino hangs onto the lead at Pebble

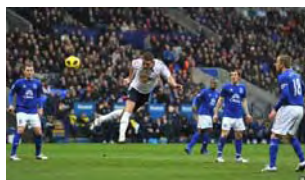
PEBBLE BEACH, 13 Feb—The best break for Steve Marino might have come moments after he finished his round Saturday at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, nowhere near where he had just three-putted from 4 feet for a bogey. Across the Del Monte Forest, where the crowds gathered in sunshine to watch the celebrity show at Pebble Beach, DA Points had a chance to catch Marino atop the leaderboard with a birdie on the par-5 18th. Instead, he couldn't escape a fairway bunker and took bogey, which made a difference in the Sunday pairings.

A big difference. That final hole is what kept Points and his amateur partner — Bill Murray — from joining Marino in the final group.—Internet

Sturridge continues goal scoring ways as Bolton defeat Everton at home

LONDON, 13 Feb—Daniel Sturridge scored his third goal in three games to help Bolton earn a scrappy victory over Everton.

The hosts took the lead when Gary Cahill ran clear to head in Stuart Holden's free-kick from the left. Tim Cahill could have levelled when he failed to make proper contact with Leighton Baines' fine cross. But Sturridge, 21,



Gary Cahill scores the opener from a Stuart Holden free-kick.—INTERNET

underlined his potency in front of goal since joining the Trotters in January by lashing in following a Bolton free-kick. The on-loan Chelsea forward also went close late on and his form gives thrust to the argument on what he can achieve if he is played from the outset. His two league starts for his new club are as many as he has achieved in the previous two seasons at the west London club.—Internet

With 72, Woods 1 behind leaders in windy Dubai

DUBAI, 13 Feb—Tiger Woods is bidding to end his drought in the desert. The former world No 1 is one shot off the lead going into Sunday's final round of the Dubai Desert Classic, rallying from a disastrous start with an eagle and three birdies on the back nine for a par 72 in windy conditions on Saturday.

"The fact I was able to battle from 4 over par and put myself with a chance going into tomorrow, I'm proud of that," Woods

said. "Hopefully, I can build on that." He finished the third round at 7-under 209, in a seven-way tie for fourth behind co-leaders Rory McIlroy (75), Anders Hansen (71) and Thomas Aiken (74). Woods showed some of the resilience that recently has been lacking from his game on a dusty day in the desert during which the wind reached 28 mph.

Internet



Tiger Woods plays a ball out of a bunker on 8th hole during the third round of Dubai Desert Classic golf tournament at the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai.—INTERNET

Rangers' Smith happy with new charges

GLASGOW, 13 Feb —Walter Smith says he is happy with the way his new signings are integrating into his side after they shone in Rangers' 6-0 thrashing of Motherwell on Saturday. The Rangers manager brought in strikers El-Hadji Diouf and David Healy from Blackburn and Sunderland respectively while Arsenal's teenage defender Kyle Bartley also arrived on loan in the January transfer window.

All three played in their side's emphatic win over Motherwell at Ibrox, their biggest league victory in 14 months, with central defender Bartley impressing in a holding midfield role and Northern Ireland striker Healy coming off the bench to score on his debut.—Internet

SPORTS

Results on 12 February

Italy - Serie A

AC Milan	4 - 0	Parma
AS Roma	0 - 2	Napoli

Spain - Primera Division

Atletico Madrid	1 - 2	Valencia
Sporting Gijon	1 - 1	Barcelona
Racing Santander	3 - 2	Sevilla

Germany - Bundesliga I.

Bayern Munich	4 - 0	Hoffenheim
Eintracht Frankfurt	0 - 3	Bayer Leverkusen
Schalke	1 - 0	Freiburg
St. Pauli	3 - 1	Monchengladbach
Stuttgart	1 - 4	Nurnberg
Wolfsburg	0 - 1	Hamburger SV
Kaiserslautern	1 - 1	Borussia Dortmund

France - Ligue 1

Arles-Avignon	0 - 0	Montpellier
Bordeaux	1 - 2	Caen
Monaco	3 - 1	Lorient
Nancy	3 - 1	Auxerre
Paris S.G.	0 - 0	Lens
Sochaux	1 - 2	Marseille
Saint-Etienne	1 - 4	Lyon

Kvitova and Clijsters into Paris WTA final



PARIS, 13 Feb—Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic reached the final of the Paris Open on Saturday after coasting to a 6-2, 6-0 victory over American Bethanie Mattek-Sands. World number 18 Kvitova took less than an hour to eliminate 48th-ranked Mattek-Sands and set up a final date with Kim Clijsters of Belgium. Kvitova's last tournament victory was at Brisbane last month. The 20-year-old then had a storming run at the Australian Open, where she upset local hope Samantha Stosur on her way to a second Grand Slam quarter-final appearance.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles



Local farmers actively and happily planting summer paddy saplings with the use of irrigated water from Yebok Dam in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State.

Libraries opened in Kayan Tsp to mark Union Day

YANGON, 13 Feb—Libraries in Kayan Township, Yangon District (South) were opened on 10 February and 11 February, hailing the 64h Anniversary Union Day.

Cetanamon Library in Sakhangyi Village set up by Yangon Region Peace and Development Council and Sakhangyi villagers was opened on 10 February and AhyonU Library in Ohnbingyi Village founded by the Sayadaw of Ohnbingyi Village monastery and villagers was opened on 11 February.—MNA

Traffic rules offenders taken by surprise in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 13 Feb—Under the supervision of Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, traffic police forces separately led by In-charge of Mawlamyine Township Traffic Police Force Police Captain Myint Aye and Police Inspector Hla Tun made surprise checks on vehicles and motorcycles in Mawlamyine Township to see whether drivers and motorists abide by traffic rules or not on 4, 6 and 8 February respectively.

The traffic police forces carried out surprise checks around Zegyo Junction, Ngantae-Kyaikmaraw Road, highway, and downtown Mawlamyine. Action was taken against 620 motorists and 20 drivers who broke traffic rules. The traffic police forces also distributed traffic rules educative pamphlets wherever they made surprise check.—MNA

INSIDE

There is no point in arguing about whether sanctions are a good deed or not. Even a child understands that it is not a good habit to prevent a single person or persons from having their own honest way of earning a living.

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