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Kyunchaung-Daungtha section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project commissioned

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project being implemented by Myanma Railways under Ministry of Rail Transportation was inaugurated this morning.

Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe,

departmental heads, staff of MR, locals and social organizations attended the opening ceremony at Kyunchaung Railway Station in Kyunchaung of Pakokku Township, Magway Region.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commander said that Patheingyi-Monywa motor road had been built for smooth transport of regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River; that Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Magway Region and Sagaing Region on the west bank of Ayeyawady River would witness sector-wise development like regions on the east bank of the river upon completion of
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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

A special train making maiden trip on Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad section.—MNA



Instead of using the safer Sule Overpass, people have relapsed into their old ways.

Abide by traffic rules for a safer trip

Byline & Photos: A Reporter

Nowadays, newspapers carry more news on traffic rules than every before. Reinforcement of traffic rules is part of the drive for building a modern and developed nation.

Traffic rules are for drivers and bus conductors, and road rules are for both drivers and pedestrians or all road users.

The view of 38th Street Market stretching along Anawrahta Street in Yangon Region aroused my sense of writing a byline to help reduce traffic accidents.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Work closely for better public health care

The government in its drive for promoting public longevity has been carrying out health care services with national outlook for uplift of the health and fitness standard of the entire nation.

In the process, easy public access to proper nourishment is on the list of high priorities. Many ways are being applied to achieve the goal such as giving children multivitamin tablets, producing foods added with nourishing supplements, and conducting educative talks on proper nourishment.

In particular, children aged between six months and five years are given Vitamin-A pills once every six months in order that kids are free from diseases caused by Vitamin-A deficiency.

Today, the youth are well-rounded not only in education to improve the education standard of the nation but also in skills to give added impetus to national development. At the heart of the plan lies high health standard of the youth.

Mothers should take care of and systematically breastfeed their children since their births. Mother's milk improves disease resistance and develops infants both physically and mentally.

If we are all on a healthy diet and give children proper nourishment in a systematic way, we will be able to drastically reduce children's malnutrition and bring about healthy and fit generations.

Kenbo Golf Tournament in Muse on 2 March

YANGON, 26 Feb — Myanmar Golf Federation will organize first event of 2011 Pre-Thingyan Kenbo Cup Golf Tournament with the main sponsorship of Kenbo at Shwethamin Golf Club in Muse on 5 March.

Ten best amateur golfers of the series will meet at the final to be held at Shwe Mann Taung Golf Club from 7 to 8 April. Winners of men's and women's events will be considered by System 36.

St Andrew Law and regional rules will be eligible at the games where Kenbo motorbike will be awarded for hole-in-one performance.

Willing contestants may enlist at Shwethamin Golf Club, Muse (082-51513, 095177956 and 092037671) not later than 2 pm on 3 March.

Selected Myanmar amateur golfers are not allowed to take part in the Kenbo competition.

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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

Wathee river water pumping station, Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut on 23 February looked into irrigation facilities at Wathee river water pumping station in Wathee Village of Ottwin Township and thriving summer paddy and green gram plantations along both sides of the feeder canal.

In Kanbo Village, the commander viewed growing of summer paddy and broadcasting of fertilizer and met local farmers.

On arrival at Khabaung Multipurpose Dam Project, the commander visited the hydropower station of the project.

On 24 February, the commander visited the local battalion in Hnahaungpyaing Village of Toungoo Station and inspected the pre-primary school of the battalion.

At Basic Education High School (Natsingon), the commander visited language lab of the school, library and school building.

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Forestry Minister attends 5th Convocation of University of Forestry (Yezin)



Minister U Thein Aung addressing 5th Convocation of University of Forestry (Yezin).

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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb — The University of Forestry (Yezin) under the Ministry of Forestry held its 5th Convocation at the convocation hall here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, departmental heads and officials of the ministry, rectors and pro-rectors of the University of Forestry, the University of Agriculture (Yezin), the University of Veterinary Science, departmental heads and lecturers of Higher Education Department (Upper/Lower) under the Ministry of Education, invited persons and graduate students and their families.

The minister and Managing Director of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Director-General of the Forest Department, rectors of the university and officials awarded the four outstanding students.

Rector Dr Myint Oo of the University of Forestry presented MA (Forestry) degrees to six students and BSc (Forestry) degrees to 119 students for four academic years— 2006-2007 to 2009-2010.

Since 1923, a total of 1989 forestry graduates have been nurtured by the university.

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Promotion of industrial development and FDI discussed

YANGON, 26 Feb—Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Japanese Embassy jointly organized a Seminar on Promotion of Industrial Development (especially SME) and the role of Foreign Direct

Investment Enterprises at the headquarters of the federation on 18 February.

Japanese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito and UMFCI Vice-

UMFCI Vice-President U Win Aung addressing Seminar on Promotion of Industrial Development (especially SME) and the Role of Foreign Direct Investment Enterprises.—MNA



President U Win Aung spoke on the occasion. Research Director of Vietnam Economic Research Institute (VERI) for Japan International Business Director of Organization for SME & Regional Japan (SMRJ) Mr Tatsuya Hoshino and CEC member of the UMFCI U Aung Khin Myint gave talks on industrial development, special economic zone law and FDI.—MNA

From NZ rubble, haunting texts to Mom beg for help



Search and recovery operation personnel work at the destroyed CTV building in Christchurch, New Zealand, 24 Feb, 2011 after the city was hit by a 6.3 magnitude earthquake on 22 Feb.
INTERNET

CHRISTCHURCH, 26 Feb—The first text message said: “Mommy, I got buried.” About 40 minutes later: “Mommy, I can’t move my right hand.” Then, a brief call from New Zealand’s earthquake rubble to parents in the Philippines

pleading to send help. After another harrowing hour in a crumpled building, when she sent a half-dozen more texts about increasing pain, continued shaking and overwhelming smoke, came the final one: “Please make it quick.”



Afghan men looks at the blood stained clothing after a explosion in Spin Boldak District of Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, 24 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

That was the last the Amantillo family heard from 23-year-old student Louise Amantillo, who is among dozens of foreigners missing after their language school disintegrated in Tuesday’s collapse of the prominent CTV building in Christchurch.

INTERNET

Firefighters extinguish burning oil tankers which were attacked and set ablaze by unidentified gunmen early morning on the outskirts of Peshawar on 25 Feb, 2011.

Gunmen in northwestern Pakistan attacked and killed four guards and set fire to over a dozen tankers carrying fuel for NATO troops in Afghanistan on Friday, police said.

INTERNET



Three rockets fired into heart of Kabul

KABUL, 26 Feb—Three rockets were fired into the heart of Kabul, with one landing close to the presidential palace, a spokesman said.

The attacks came before the rush-hour on Saturday morning when the city was almost empty and caused no casualties, interior ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary said.

One of the rockets landed near the river a few hundred metres

(yards) from the presidential compound and other ministries, and two rockets hit a mixed residential and market area.

“Three rockets were fired into the city this morning. One hit the bank of the river but luckily they caused no casualty or damage,” Bashary said.

The rockets were launched from the eastern edge of the city, he said blaming the attack on the “enemies

of Afghanistan”, a term often used to refer to the Taliban militants who are waging a bloody militancy against the government and western troops.

Homemade roadside bombs — the main cause of casualties to Afghan and NATO troops in Afghanistan — and suicide attacks are the weapons of choice for the militants, but they are also known to fire rockets into civilian and military areas.—INTERNET

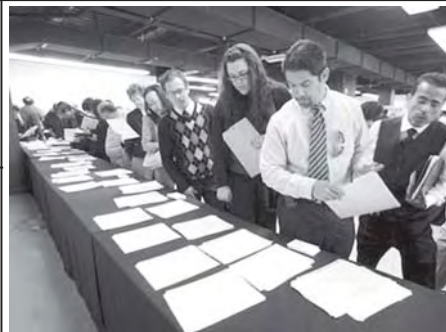
Magnitude-5.7 quake shakes Mexico’s Gulf Coast

MEXICO CITY, 26 Feb—A magnitude-5.7 earthquake shook Mexico’s Gulf coast Friday. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The US Geological Survey said the quake at 7:07 am (8:07 am EST; 1307 GMT) was centered near the town of Acayucan in Veracruz state, about 117 miles (189 kilometers) southeast of the port of Veracruz, and it was felt even in Mexico City, 292 miles (470 kilometers) to the northwest.—INTERNET

Participants wait in line at a Job Fair 24 Feb, 2011, sponsored by Best Jobs Magazine and the National Employment Council at Angels Stadium in Anaheim, Calif.

INTERNET



Winter storm wallops East with snow, rain, gusts

ALBANY, 26 Feb—Another severe storm walloped the East on Friday, delaying flights, closing scores of schools and leading to at least one death.

The National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings for much of upstate New York. Forecasters said areas

outside Albany could get 12 to 16 inches. As much as 8 inches of snow fell in Albany by noon Friday.

In a suburb of Rochester, a 34-year-old woman died Friday afternoon after she was hit by a Pittsford plow truck backing up in a parking lot.

A 30-mile stretch of

the New York Thruway was closed by an accident south of Buffalo, and in Maine, dozens of cars were reported off the road.

Maine State Police said a man was critically injured in York when his pickup truck overturned on the Maine Turnpike. The storm will drop between 4 and 14 inches of snow around Maine, with sleet and rain mixing in some coastal areas.

Flights out of New York’s metropolitan-area airports were delayed by the rain and wind. Departures out of Newark Liberty International Airport flight were delayed an average of 3 1/2 hours. LaGuardia Airport had departure delays averaging more than 2 hours.

INTERNET



A woman uses a cell phone after climbing out of a vehicle that ended up on a guard rail in the median of Interstate 295 during a snow storm in Cumberland, Maine, on 25 Feb 2011.

INTERNET

State and local budget cuts are slowing US economy

WASHINGTON, 26 Feb—Deep spending cuts by state and local governments pose a growing threat to an economy that is already grappling with high unemployment, depressed home prices and the surging cost of oil.

Lawmakers at state capitols and city halls are slashing jobs and programmes, arguing that some pain now is better than a lot more later. But the cuts are coming at a price — weaker growth at the national level.

The clearest sign to date was a report Friday on US gross domestic product for the final three months of 2010. The government lowered its growth estimate, pointing to larger-than-expected cuts by state and local governments. The report suggested that worsening state budget problems could hold back the recovery by putting more people out of work and

reducing consumer spending.

Across the country, governors and lawmakers are proposing broad cutbacks — lowering fees paid to nursing homes in Florida, reducing health insurance subsidies for lower-income Pennsylvanians, closing prisons in New York state and scaling back programmes for elderly and disabled Californians. “The massive financial problems at the state and local levels have and will continue to restrain growth,” said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. State and local governments account for 91 percent of all government spending on primary education, according to the Brookings Institution. And they provide 71 percent of higher-education spending. States also account for more than 70 percent of spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure.—INTERNET



Science



A Huawei Technologies touch-screen tablet device is seen on display at the 3GSM World congress in Barcelona. Deputy chairman of the firm Ken Hu has said Huawei's business in the US has been impacted by "a number of misperceptions" over the past decade.

INTERNET

NASA's JPL plans about 200 layoffs

LOS ANGELES, 26 Feb—NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) plans to layoff about 200 employees due to a lack of funding as a result of federal cutbacks, a newspaper report said on Friday.

The layoffs could affect as many as 200 scientists or engineers and dozens of other workers, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

The workers most likely to be affected are those associated with scientific projects that have been delayed due to budget concerns, and those who are part of missions nearing their end and no longer needing staff levels as large as previous years, JPL spokeswoman Veronica McGregor said in remarks published by the paper.—*Xinhua*

Discovery arriving Saturday at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, 26 Feb—Space shuttle *Discovery* is closing in on the *International Space Station* for the final time.

Discovery and its crew of six will pull up to the orbiting lab Saturday afternoon. They will spend at least a week there, unloading a compartment full of supplies and the first humanoid robot to fly in space.

Altogether, there will be 12 people aboard the linked spacecraft, representing the United States, Russia and Italy. This is *Discovery's* final voyage. The shuttle is the first in the fleet to be retired this year. *Endeavour* and then *Atlantis* will close out the 30-year shuttle programme by midsummer.

Before docking, *Discovery* will perform a backflip so space station cameras can capture any signs of launch damage.—*Internet*

Russia, Israel eye joint development of communication satellites

MOSCOW, 26 Feb—Russia and Israel have set up a joint group that would focus on the development of communications satellites, local media reported on Friday.

"We will consider the options of making several communication satellites and the joint development of a remote sensing satellite," said Anatoly Perminov, head of Russia's Federal Space Agency Roscosmos.

Perminov said, however, that the signing of a space cooperation agreement with Israel will be put off "for some time."

"We have permission from the government to sign it but presently the Israeli side suggests postponing it. We have no objections," he said.

Earlier, local reports said that the Israeli Space Agency and Roscosmos might sign a framework agreement on 27 March. It was expected to be similar to Israel's agreements with the European Space Agency and NASA.

Russia and Israel has been cooperating extensively in development of high-technological hardware, and Russia has purchased Israeli-made unmanned drones for its security services.—*Xinhua*



Space shuttle *Discovery* lifts off from Pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, 24 Feb, 2011. *Discovery* on its last mission to the International Space Station.—INTERNET



Technology



Google search formula gets more discerning

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 Feb—Google has changed its secret search formula in the United States to be more discerning when it comes to which websites are worth recommending and which should sink in the rankings.

The move announced late Thursday was part of an ongoing duel between the search titan and low-quality websites that feature only content copied from elsewhere on the Internet or use techniques to trick their way high in results.

"Many of the changes we make are so subtle that very few people notice them," Google principal engineer Matt Cutts and Google fellow Amit

Singhal said in a blog post. "But, in the last day or so we launched a pretty big algorithmic improvement to our ranking."

They said the search formula change affects 11.8 percent of search queries, dropping low-quality websites in results while elevating high-quality websites with original content such as research, analysis, or in-depth reports. "We do have a responsibility to encourage a healthy web ecosystem," Cutts and Singhal wrote.

"Therefore, it is important for high-quality sites to be rewarded, and that's exactly what this change does."

Internet



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Consumer Reports: Thumbs down on iPhone

YONKERS, 26 Feb—Consumer Reports has declined to recommend the Verizon iPhone 4 because of a problem that can cause dropped calls.

The magazine said the Verizon phone has the same problem its testers found last summer in the AT&T iPhone.

If a user holds the phone so that the hand covers a gap in the external casing, a position Consumer Reports calls the "death grip," performance declines and calls will be dropped in

areas where the signal is weak.

"The phone performs superbly in most other respects, and using the iPhone 4 with a case can alleviate the problem," Consumer Reports said.

Users appeared to be less unhappy with the Verizon phone, *Time* magazine said, possibly because a tighter grip is needed to cause the problem than with the AT&T phone.

Internet

Nintendo launches 3-D console in Japan

TOKYO, 26 Feb—Japan's Nintendo launched the world's first video game console with a 3-D screen that works without special glasses, a device the entertainment giant hopes will reverse its sliding fortunes. But as the DS3 makes its debut in Japan on Saturday, it will be looking for a place in an increasingly crowded gaming market.

More than 1,500 fans queued outside Yodobashi Camera in Akihabara, the hub of Tokyo's comic-book subculture, to be the first to own the machine, with many having spent the night on the streets ahead of the morning launch. "I'm extremely excited. I can't wait to start playing it," said Arisa Kubo, a 19-year-old nursing student who began queuing on Friday night. "The quality has dramatically improved," said Kubo, who tried a pre-sales demonstration of the console last month. "The screen is beautiful. 3DS is totally different from the normal DS."—*Internet*



Two young customers hold up Nintendo's new video game console 3DS after buying it on the first day of release at a Tokyo computer shop, on 26 Feb.

INTERNET



Health Tip: Take control of your health

If you have a chronic illness — such as diabetes, arthritis or heart disease — you can take an active role in managing your health.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these self-management guidelines:

- * Examine your unhealthy behaviours, and choose which ones you'd like to change.
- * Create specific goals and an action plan for how you'll reach those goals.
- * Create backup plans — for example, what you'll do for exercise when the weather is bad.
- * Feel confident in your ability to reach your goals; if they seem too tough, reconsider your goals.
- * Check in frequently with your doctor to discuss your progress and any problems.—Internet

In this photo taken on 19 Jan, 2011, senior citizen Sourab Magardicheian gets his blood pressure checked at the Glendale Gardens Adult Day Health Care centre in Glendale, Calif.

INTERNET



Breast-feeding may cut obesity risk in kids of diabetic moms

BERLIN, 26 Feb—Infants whose mothers had diabetes during pregnancy are at increased risk for childhood obesity, but breast-feeding lowers that risk, a new study suggests.

Among babies exposed to diabetes in utero, those who were breast-fed for six months or more were no more likely to put on extra weight when they were 6 to 13 years old than children whose mothers

did not have diabetes during pregnancy, the investigators found.

The findings were the same across all ethnicities. However, this protective effect was not seen in babies who were breast-fed for less than six months.

The study is published in the February issue of the journal *Diabetes Care*.

“Our data suggest that breast-feeding promotion may be an effective strategy for reducing the increased risk of childhood obesity in offspring of mothers with diabetes during pregnancy,” lead researcher Dr Dana Dabelea, an associate professor in the epidemiology department at the Colorado School of Public Health, said in a news release from the American Diabetes Association.—Internet



In this photo taken on 23 Jan, 2011, a health worker carrying coolers containing polio vaccines on a bicycle, enters Tilkeshwar village, some 200 kilometers (125 miles) from Patna, India.—INTERNET



Dairy intake may not mean much for longevity

NEW YORK, 26 Feb—Despite concerns over saturated fats in dairy products, the milk and cheese in your diet may not have much effect on your longevity, according to Dutch researchers.

Their study, which was funded by the Dutch Dairy Foundation, followed more than 120,000 older adults for a decade.

It showed no relationship between men's dairy intake and their risk of dying during the study period. Among women, meanwhile, a high intake of dairy fat — from butter or other full-fat dairy — was linked to a small increase in deaths, particularly those due to heart disease.

In contrast, eating full-fat sour dairy products, including yogurt and sour cream, was tied to a slight decrease in deaths among both men and women.

None of those relationships prove that dairy products were the reason for the higher or lower risks, however. And even if they were, the effects were tiny, the researchers say.

Reuters



Business



BofA, Wells, Citi see foreclosure probe fines

NEW YORK, 26 Feb—Bank of America, Citigroup and Wells Fargo — three of the biggest banks in the United States — said they could face fines from a regulatory probe into the industry's foreclosure practices.

The statements, made in regulatory filings on Friday, are the most direct admission yet from major banks that

they could have to pay significant amounts of money to settle probes and lawsuits alleging that they improperly foreclosed on homes.

Bank of America Corp (BACN), the largest US bank by assets, said the probe could lead to “material fines” and “significant” legal expenses in 2011.—Reuters



The facade of the Petrobras building in Rio de Janeiro. Latin America's biggest company, Brazilian state-run oil giant Petrobras, on Friday said it raked in a record net profit last year of \$20 billion.

INTERNET



A wrecked boat lies at Constitution town, some 364 km (226 miles) south of Santiago, one of the areas hit by the February 2010 earthquake, on 25 Feb, 2011. A year after one of the biggest earthquakes on record slammed Chile with a \$30 billion hit to its economy, a massive reconstruction effort is underpinning a strong rebound seen continuing in 2011. But even as Chile celebrates its recovery from the massive 8.8 magnitude quake and ensuing tsunamis that ravaged south central Chile, its growth outlook is clouded by a sharp rally in its peso currency and rising price pressures.—INTERNET

Mizuho plans to buy out securities, trust units

TOKYO, 26 Feb—Mizuho Financial Group is planning to buy out its brokerage and trust bank units, a source familiar with the matter said on Saturday, a deal that could be worth around \$4 billion as the lender tries to grow beyond sluggish commercial banking business in Japan.

Japan's second-largest bank by assets is planning to buy out minority shareholders in Mizuho Securities (8606.T), Mizuho Trust & Banking (8404.T), Mizuho Investors Securities (8607.T), said the source, who was not authorized to talk about the matter publicly.

Mizuho is expected to carry out the buyout around October after getting approval at an annual shareholders meeting scheduled in June, the source said. Mizuho and rival top banks Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (8306.T) and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (8316.T) are trying to strengthen their investment banking and other operations as they face weak prospects in their core lending business in Japan.

Mizuho aims to consolidate its group management for better control and synergy among units by buying out the minority shareholders in these companies.—Internet

Pier 1 tea light sets recalled

WASHINGTON, 26 Feb—The US Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall of Pier 1 Imports tea lights due to a fire hazard.

About 370,000 Golden tea lights with ornament tea light holders were imported from China and sold at Pier 1 stores from September 2010 through January 2011 for between \$2 and \$8.

The commission said the flame from the tea lights can reach dangerous heights, posing a fire hazard. The recall involves tea lights in golden tin cups sold in sets of five with either the Red Ornament Tea Light Holder or the White Ornament Tea Light Holder.

An additional 30,000 were sold in Canada. Consumers were advised to stop using them and return them to a Pier 1 store for a replacement.—Internet

Russia launches navigation satellite

MOSCOW, 26 Feb— Russia successfully launched a navigation satellite *Glonass-K* and sent it into a planned orbit on Saturday, a spokesman for the Russian Defence Ministry said.

The *Glonass-K* satellite, the first new-generation satellite of Russia's *Glonass* navigation system, was launched by a *Soyuz-2* carrier rocket from the Plesetsk launch site at 06:07 local time (0307 GMT), spokesman Lt Col Alexei Zolotukhin said.

The *Fregat* booster of the rocket

sent the satellite into its intended orbit at 09:39 local time (0639 GMT), Zolotukhin said, adding that the separation of the booster and the satellite went as planned.

The launch of the *Glonass-K* satellite was originally scheduled for Thursday, but the Russian Defence Ministry postponed the launch twice due to "technical reasons."

Glonass is the Russian equivalent of the US Global Positioning System (GPS), designed for both military and civilian uses.—*Xinhua*

Performers stage a dance drama featuring Chinese romance in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 25 Feb, 2011.
XINHUA



File picture shows a *Soyuz-2* rocket prior to launch. Russia on Saturday successfully launched a satellite vital to the deployment of its own navigation system after the failure of an earlier attempt prompted the Kremlin to sack two top space officials.—INTERNET

Cheap, fast test for type of lung cancer

LUGANO (Switzerland), 26 Feb— An inexpensive and rapid test can effectively identify a sub-group of lung cancer for patients who have never smoked, US researchers say.

Dr Ping Yang of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn, and colleagues say about 8 percent to 12 percent of patients with lung adenocarcinoma — a cancer — who have never smoked cigarettes carry tumours that express a protein product called anaplastic lymphoma kinase.

"This subset of patients are at more than double the risk of experiencing disease progression or recurrence within five years of initial diagnosis compared to never-smokers

whose lung adenocarcinoma tumours are anaplastic lymphoma kinase-negative," Yang says in a statement.

The anaplastic lymphoma kinase positive tumours were significantly more aggressive as measured by tumor grade of differentiation and stage, and were diagnosed in younger patients, Yang says.

The findings, presented at the European Multidisciplinary Conference in Thoracic Oncology in Lugano, Switzerland, show immunohistochemistry — the process of detecting antigens or proteins in cells — may be an efficient screen to identify cases of lung cancer.

Internet

UNICEF urges L America to invest more in youth

LIMA, 26 Feb—Latin American countries need to invest more in their younger generations in order to improve education, healthcare and living standards in the region, a UN official said here Friday.

"The young people who enjoy their rights have more probabilities of being economically self-sufficient and independent, of taking decisions with knowledge and taking responsibilities as full committed citizens," said Bernt Aasen, regional director of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) during a presentation of the "World State of Childhood" report here.

Xinhua

One killed as rebels ambush mayor's convoy in C Philippines

MANILA, 26 Feb—A policeman was killed and four others, including a civilian, were wounded when suspected members of the New People's Army (NPA) ambushed a convoy of a mayor in central Philippines, police said Saturday.

Police Inspector Al Lianza Tantiado died when undetermined number of rebels waylaid the convoy of Rolando Evardone, mayor of Arteche Eastern Samar, shortly

before noon at Tangbo village in Arteche town, said police spokesman Senior Superintendent Agrimero Cruz Jr.

Tantiado and the three others who were wounded were part of the police escorts of Evardone, he said.

"A civilian motorist was also wounded. Mayor Evardone and his civilian escorts were reportedly unharmed," Cruz said.

Xinhua



Best Actor winner Eric Elmosnino (R) speaks during the 36th Cesar Awards Ceremony in Paris, France, on 25 Feb, 2010.—XINHUA

Mobile etiquette seen getting worse, not better

NEW YORK, 26 Feb—Whether is it texting during dinner, talking on a cellphone in a public restroom or using a laptop while driving, most people think mobile etiquette is getting worse, not better.

Ninety one percent of US adults questioned in a new poll by computer innovation company Intel said they have seen people misuse technology, and three quarters think mobile manners have decreased in the past year.

"New digital technologies are becoming a mainstay in consumers' lives, but we haven't worked out for ourselves, our families, communities and societies what all the right kinds of behaviours and expectations will be," said Genevieve Bell, the head of interaction and experience research at Intel.

The poll of 2,000 adults revealed that most US adults wished people practiced better mobile etiquette and found the lack of cellphone manners extremely annoying, even though about 20 percent admitted to poor etiquette themselves.

Nearly 75 percent said the lack of mobile manners has created a new form of public rage and 65 percent admitted they became angry around people who misused mobile devices.

The most annoying behaviours were the use of mobile devices during driving, followed by talking on a cellphone loudly in a public place and walking in the street while texting or talking on the phone.

Reuters

China's 2010 gross oceanic product reaches 3.8 trillion yuan

BEIJING, 26 Feb— The State Oceanic Administration (SOA) told *Xinhua* Saturday that China's gross oceanic product was worth 3.8 trillion yuan (577.89 billion US dollars).

The figure accounted for 9.7 percent of the nation's total gross domestic product in 2010 and 16 percent of the GDP in coastal areas.

China's gross oceanic product surged from 1.77 trillion yuan in 2005 to 3.8 trillion yuan last year, an annual

increase of 13.5 percent, said the SOA.

In the past five years, the oceanic industry provided 33 million jobs to people in the coastal areas.

Xinhua

Workers assemble in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, before head for Shenzhen on 18 Feb, 2011. The populous Henan Province has set a target to boost the number of new employed to one million, help 350,000 laid-offs be reemployed and guarantee 80 percent of graduates from colleges employed in 2011.

XINHUA





Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (R) and Severstal Auto General Director Vadim Shvetsov drive in a Sollers brand buggy during a visit to the Fiat Ducato automobile plant in Elabuga in 2008.—INTERNET

Vancouver vies for top spot as world's eco fashion epicentre

VANCOUVER, 26 Feb — The world's catwalk is going green and Vancouver, British Columbia, wants the center stage. Organic cotton, recycled leather, vintage jewelry, and animal-friendly footwear were just a few of the things found on designers' racks and tables at Friday's trade show marking the end of Vancouver's Eco Fashion Week, a fashion week devoted entirely to socially and environmentally responsible fashion design.

Now in its second season, Vancouver's Eco Fashion Week is joining a raft of similar events popping up around the globe in fashion hot spots like London, New York, and Hong Kong, as the demand for environmentally sustainable fashion design balloons.

But in 2009, the City of Vancouver announced their goal to become the world's greenest city within the next decade. Eco Fashion Week producers are hoping that this push from the city will help catapult Vancouver to the forefront of the world's green catwalk and help it become the "eco-center" of the fashion industry.

"Vancouver has never had a niche for fashion," said Evie Ponce, vice president of Vancouver Fashion Week. "So it kind of is definitely along the same initiative, so now we're part of the 2020 initiative to make it the greenest city by the year 2020," she said.—Xinhua

Bus crash kills 20 in Peru

LIMA, 26 Feb—At least 20 people died Friday after a bus fell off a highway in mountainous areas near the Peruvian capital, police said.

The bus went off the road and fell down a cliff, as it tried to avoid a trailer coming in the wrong line, the Peruvian National Police (PNP) said in a

statement.

It is unclear how many people were on the bus but local hospitals said they received some injured survivors.

The rescue operation was disrupted by the difficult geographical conditions of the crash site.—Internet

Fiat says to produce 300,000 cars a year in Russia

MILAN, 26 Feb— Italian auto giant Fiat outlined plans on Friday to produce 300,000 cars per year in Russia, just days after it was replaced by Ford in a partnership there with Russian automobile group Sollers.

Fiat said it had sent a memorandum of intent to the Russian government that "envisages the establishment of manufacturing capacity for up to 300,000 vehicles per year," including passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

"The Fiat and (Chrysler) Jeep brands will be the mainstay of this project. This plan will be accompanied by a commitment to further expand and strengthen Fiat's dealer network," the Italian company said in a statement.

Fiat is merging with US auto giant Chrysler and has outlined plans for expansion in emerging markets. Industry analysts said the fall-out with Sollers may have happened after Fiat tried to drive too hard a bargain.

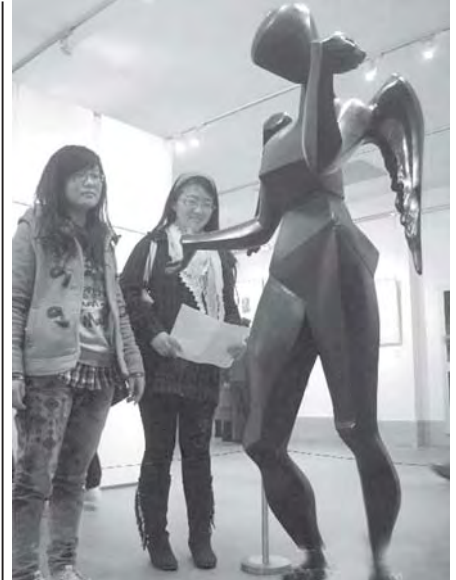
Fiat announced last month that it had returned to profit in 2010, beating analyst forecasts. It enjoyed strong sales of lorries and tractors, with the Brazilian market performing particularly well.

Internet



Young people from the EU enjoy a long-table feast in Xijiang Township, southwest China's Guizhou Province, 25 Feb, 2011. As one of series activities of the China-EU Year of Youth, 73 young people from 27 countries of EU made a visit in Xijiang on Friday.

XINHUA



Visitors appreciate sculpture works of Spanish surrealist artist Salvador Dali during an exhibition at the new hall of Suzhou Art Gallery in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, 25 Feb, 2011. A total of 100 print works and ten sculpture works of Salvador Dali were displayed at the 21-day exhibition that kicked off on Friday.—XINHUA

Too much acetaminophen can be fatal

DALLAS, 26 Feb—During flu and snow-shoveling season, people seeking quick pain relief may reach for acetaminophen, but a US liver expert warns not to take too much.

Dr William Lee, director of the Clinical Centre for Liver Diseases at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says many people reach for acetaminophen in its many forms — headache relief, sleep aids, cold and flu remedies, even some prescription painkillers — not realizing how quickly the medication can accumulate.

"It is easy to lose track of how much combined acetaminophen you're consuming when taking combinations of medicines, particularly for different ailments such as arthritis and perhaps a cold," Lee says in a statement.

"Too much acetaminophen in the system at one time or over an extended period can cause serious liver damage or can lead to liver failure and even death.—Internet

Droughty Beijing embraces largest snowfall this winter

BEIJING, 26 Feb — Moderate snow fell in Beijing Saturday morning, bringing some relief to the droughty Chinese capital in the past winter.

The snow, with an average precipitation of 2.7 mm in the entire region of the municipality and 1.9 mm in the downtown area, began at around 2 am Saturday. Snowfall would go on and off over the weekend, resulting in the longest snowy weather of this winter in

Beijing, a spokesman with the city's weather bureau said Saturday.

Precipitation in some suburban areas reached 10.2 mm, the heaviest the city had seen so far this winter, he added.

The highest temperature in daytime would be pulled down eight degrees Celsius to reach two or three degrees Celsius, and the lowest temperature would drop to four degrees below zero during the weekend, said the

spokesman.

This is the third snow Beijing has embraced this year, with the first one falling on 9 Feb, the latest first snow for the city in 60 years.

The moderate precipitation would help alleviate drought in Beijing, as the city had not seen any precipitation for 108 days before the first snow two weeks ago, said Guo Jinlan, chief weatherman of the bureau.—Xinhua



A pedestrian walks in snow in Beijing, China, early on 26 Feb, 2011. Beijing witnessed a snowfall Sunday.—XINHUA

Kyunchaung-Daungtha section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad...

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Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku railroad linking Pathein-Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay railroad and Pakokku-Monywa-Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad. The commander praised the staff of MR and urged locals to maintain the facility for durability.

Magway Region PDC Chairman U Phone Maw Shwe made a speech, Minister U Aung Min said that 320-mile long

Pathein to Pakokku directly on completion of Pwintbyu-Hsinbyugyun railroad. MR was trying hard to accomplish national railroad network while continuously improving its facility, he added.

Next, a local spoke words of thanks. The commander and ministers greeted local people. Commander Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, Minister U Aung Min, Minister



Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin unveils commemorative stone inscription of Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad section.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Soe Lwin giving away gifts to passengers of special train.—MNA

Kyangin-Pakokku railroad would soon emerge as major railroad on the west bank of Ayeyawady River; that 19.59 miles long Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad section commissioned today was the 10th section of the railroad project and trains could run from

U Zaw Min, Minister U Soe Thein, and Magway Region PDC Chairman U Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the railroad section. The commander and ministers took the special train together with locals to Daungtha.

It was a technical

challenge to Myanmar engineers to build Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad crossing Tankyi ridge which stretches from south to north. The 19.59 miles long Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad is the tenth section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad. Upon completion of Pwintbyu-

Hsinbyugyun railroad, trains can directly run from Pathein to Pakokku. It took three years and three months to finish the

stations.

Upon completion of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, train transportation service

road project, and then to Kyaukpadaung-Taungwingyi-Nay Pyi Taw via Bagan on completion of Ayeyawady



Minister U Aung Min giving away gifts to passengers of special train.

MNA

railroad which is formed of one above-180-foot bridge, 54 under-180-foot bridges, altogether 55 bridges, and four railway

would be available from Pakokku to Kalay, then to Yangon and Sittw of Rakhine State from Minbu on completion of Pathein (Begar)-Yangon (Hlinethaya) rail-

Bridge (Pakokku). Currently, MR is implementing 13 railroad projects, totaling 2265 miles of railroad and has so far built 414 miles of railroad.

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A special train on Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad section.

MNA

EP-2 Minister attends conclusion of in-service courses

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Feb—Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Myint addressed the conclusion ceremonies of Refresher Course (3/2011) for High-Ranking Officials and Basic In-Service Course (1/2001) for Junior Engineers at the training centre of the ministry here yesterday morning.

Director-General of Department of Electric Power U Khin Maung Zaw presented completion certificates to the high-ranking officials; and Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Myint Aung, prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the junior engineers.—MNA



SWRR Minister inspects fire station project in Tamway

YANGON, 26 Feb—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettle-

Commander Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, Ministers U Aung Min, U Zaw Min and U Soe Thein and Magway Region PDC Chairman U Phone Maw Shwe formally open Kyunchaung-Daungtha railroad section. (News on page 1)—MNA

ment U Maung Maung Swe inspected the project for building a new fire station inclusive of housing for staff members of the Fire Services Department in Tamway Township, here, this morning.

The Engineer In-charge gave an account of work progress. In response to the report, the minister attended to the needs.

Next, the minister

inspected progress in building the technical and research centre of the Myanmar Fire Services Department in Myenigon, Sangyoung Township, lecture halls, assembly halls, organizational set-up of offices, staff quarters, and roads in the compound. He called for completion of the project on schedule and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA



A special train on

Kyunchaung-

Daungtha railroad

section of

Kyangin-Pakokku

Railroad Project.

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Abide by traffic rules...

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In particular, the platform is fully colonized by shops from the top of 40th Street and Pansodan Street. Some shopkeepers do their businesses, turning their backs to the traffic. The market reaches in its peak in late afternoon. A shopkeeper said, "Some parts of the market are occupied with shops just as it is in mid afternoon."

The trishaw stand is

stationed, trespassing large area of Anawrahta Street at the top of Seikkantha Street. In rush hours, staff members, people and pedestrians have to take risk to cross the street. It is therefore very risky for a shopper amidst heavy traffic.

To make things worse, the market is in the horn-free zone. A driver from No. 33 Bus Line murmured, "It is terrible. I wonder why they lay their

shops on such a busy road. It is in horn-free area, so we cannot make any horn to give a signal for pedestrians. We (drivers) are very upset to drive through this area in late afternoon. It is very risky for drivers, shopkeepers and pedestrians."

A female fishmonger said, "Oh, we are well aware to sell goods on such a busy street is very risky. But we cannot help it. It will be very convenient for us if a safe place is designated in the town-



A shopkeeper turns her back to the traffic.

ship as a market."

Most of pedestrians have to walk on the edge of the busy street, many of them ignoring high possibility of traffic accidents. The path between the rolls of shops on both sides of the platform is too narrow for two people to pass each other. From time and again, pedestrians sometimes trip over the feet of large umbrellas of shopkeepers. The most congested area is between Sule Overpass and Konzaydan Bus Stop in

Pabedan Township.

In rush hours, large crowds wait for buses at Konzaydan Bus Stop, which covers the area between the tops of 36th Street and 40th Street. Abiding by laws is a criterion to judge the value of man. The government has built Sule Overpass with a huge fund for road safety. Traffic Police members control traffic. Pedestrians were not allowed to cross the streets from 8 am to 6 pm. As a result, there was a significant fall in the

traffic accident rate. However, pedestrians have relapsed into their old ways. Just as it is already 5 pm, they no longer use the overpass to get across the street.

Our country has already set a foot in democratization. Therefore, the people have to respect rules and regulations to the letter to be able to prevent avoidable dangers.

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It is risky to walk amidst the traffic.

China, Nigeria celebrate 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties



Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Abdul'ahat Abdulrixit (R) and Nigerian Ambassador to China, Aminu Wali, attend a reception celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Nigeria in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Feb, 2011.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 26 Feb— China and Nigeria celebrated their 40th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations at a

reception here Friday.

Over the past 40 years, bilateral relations have developed soundly, said Feng Zuoku, vice president of

the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

Becoming strategic partners in 2005, the two nations have seen ever deepening political mutual trust and expanding bilateral trade, he said, adding that both sides had cooperated well with each other in international affairs.

Aminu Wali, Nigerian Ambassador to China, said the two countries should take the anniversary as an opportunity to advance the bilateral strategic partnership.

China and Nigeria forged their diplomatic ties on 10 Feb, 1971.

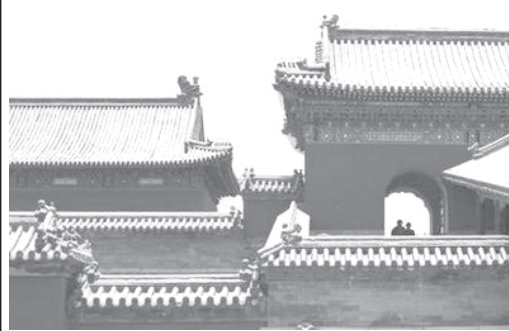
Xinhua

Singapore struggles to raise fertility rate

SINGAPORE, 26 Feb— The record low fertility rate has been making headlines in Singapore since the release of statistics last month showing fertility rate dipping further to a new low of 1.16 last year.

The fall obviously worried many as discussions had been hot as to how the country of five million might get out of the troublesome situation of the population not being able to replenish itself naturally. Some even looked back

on the painful experience of Japan who had completed the process of industrialization earlier. Some suggested mandating paternity leave and more perks, and the government also tried to help the young people find partners in a bid to raise fertility rate. Nevertheless, government ministers admitted that there would be no easy way out and that they were not resolving to the generous but expensive Nordic model, at least not now.—Internet



Visitors tour the snow-covered Temple of Heaven on a snowy morning in Beijing on 26 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET

Thailand wins "best tourist country" award from Sweden

BANGKOK, 26 Feb— Thailand has won the "best tourist country" award given by Sweden for the ninth consecutive year, the Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

The award was given by Grand Travel Award, the most prestigious tourism industry award of Sweden, at a presentation ceremony held on 16 February in Stockholm, the ministry said in a statement.

The award was sponsored annually by *Travel News*, the leading travel magazine in Sweden, since 1993. In 2011, eight countries were nominated for the best tourist country award, including the United States and Australia. Meanwhile, Bangkok will hold an international food fair at three different venues in three different periods of time in March and April this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Two aircraft models of Iberia and British Airways exhibited before a press conference in Madrid, 2010.

International Airlines Group, formed last month via the merger of British Airways and Iberia, posted modest 2010 net profits, shrugging off the impact of strikes and some severe weather conditions.—INTERNET

American man jailed for illegal stay in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 Feb— A court in Pakistan Saturday sent an American man to jail a day after he was arrested in the country's north-western city of Peshawar for overstaying illegally, officials said.

According to the police sources, the US national, identified as Mark Dehaven, was arrested from University Town area, as his visa

had expired on 23 Oct, 2010.

The US man told Judicial Magistrate that his visa was expired and he had applied for extension but the extension had not yet been granted.

He also said that the police had taken over his passport and other documents.

He said he is a businessman and his

arrest would affect his business.

He requested the court to delay order of sending him to jail until his lawyer arrived at the court. But the Magistrate said that he could not give any relief now and asked his lawyer to move a bail application.

The Magistrate then sent him on a 14-day judicial remand to jail.

Xinhua

US, Canada ragweed season longer

BELTSVILLE, 26 Feb— In some parts of North America, ragweed season now lingers almost a month longer than it did in 1995, US researchers say.

The study, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, found the longer lasting and later ending ragweed season correlates to seasonal warming shifts linked to climate change dynamics in the higher latitudes.

Lewis Ziska, a plant physiologist with the Agricultural Research Service — the scientific research agency of the US Department of Agriculture — led a team that identified 10 locations that had at least 15 years of data, from 1995 to 2009, on local ragweed pollen counts.

These locations were along a north-south transect from Austin, Texas, to Saskatoon, Canada.

The researchers found from 1995 to 2009, the number of frost-free days at higher-latitude study sites had increased and so had the length of the ragweed pollen season.—Internet



In this photo taken on 15 Aug, 2010, Shiro, a Risso's dolphin, jumps in front of holidaymakers in a small ocean cove in Taiji, southwestern Japan, where visitors can play with the animals. The Japanese fishing village of Taiji is the lone supplier of live dolphins to aquariums across Japan, and a major exporter to dolphin shows around the world.

INTERNET

Australia's carbon tax to hurt industries, living standard

CANBERRA, 26 Feb—Australia's coal industry on Saturday said that mines will close and jobs will be lost if it does not get appropriate government assistance under a carbon tax.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Julia Gillard's multi-party climate change committee announced that the carbon price scheme will be rolled out from July 2012 for three to five years before moving to an emissions trading scheme (ETS).

The government has not yet outlined how much compensation exposed industries will receive but the Greens have previously pushed for coal to be excluded in compensation.

Greens Senator Christine Milne said rent seeking by coal miners should not be tolerated.

"They made their profits in an industrial age," she told reporters in Canberra, adding "we are now moving to a low-carbon economy."

According to Ralph Hillman from the Coal Association, the industry would struggle if that happens under the new scheme.

Xinhua

Indian Govt presents passenger friendly railway budget

NEW DELHI, 26 Feb— The Indian Government on Friday presented a passenger friendly railway budget, without raising the train fares but decreasing the ticket booking charges by 50 percent.

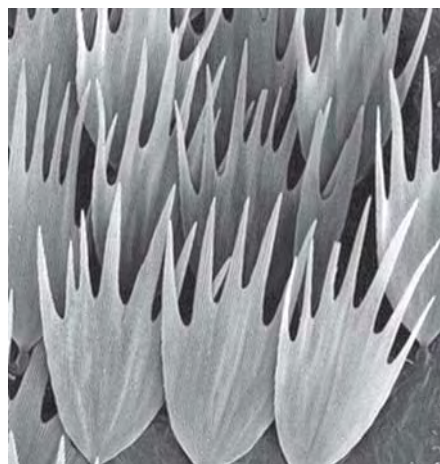
Presenting the rail budget before Parliament, Indian Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee also announced a slew of other commuter friendly measures like slashing the rate of online ticketing and concession for physically handicapped passengers in superfast trains like Rajdhani Express and Shatabdi Express.

The budget also proposed the lowering of age limit for female senior citizens from 60 to 58 years, a multi-purpose "Go-India" smart card to buy tickets, and the introduction of at least

56 more express trains throughout the country. Other populist proposals included the introduction of over 200 new routes, especially for northeastern India. Another special addition was the introduction of double-decker air-conditioned train service on the Jaipur-Delhi and Ahmedabad-Mumbai routes.

The minister also focused on rail safety this time and regretted the two incidents of sabotage which led to a large number of deaths last year. "To avoid such incidents in future, anti-collision devices will be commissioned in three more divisions and all unmanned crossings will be done away with in the next fiscal," she said.

MNA/Xinhua



Moth wing scales. Scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of the scales on the wing of a Madagascan moon moth, *Argema mittrei*. This moth is also known as the Comet moth, after its very long tail. The tail span is 15 cm and wing span 20 cm, making it one of the world's largest silk moths.—INTERNET

Gold retreats from 7-week high

CHICAGO, 26 Feb— Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange on Friday declined for the first time in two weeks, as some investors opted to liquidate their positions after gold prices registered the longest rally in six months.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 25 Feb, 2011 shows a ridge of Qilian Mountains coated with a thin glacier, hardly veiling the mountain's topsoil. The glaciers in Qilian Mountain have been found shrinking at a faster pace due to warmer climate, according to Cold & Arid Regions Environment and Engineering Research Institute of Chinese Academy of Sciences.—INTERNET

China's tourism island to tap yacht market

BEIJING, 26 Feb—Officials in China's southernmost island province of Hainan are hoping a fledgeling yachting industry would give the famed tourism destination the edge to draw wealthy tourists from home and abroad.

"Yachting can strongly propel tourism and the local economy in a sustainable way," Lu Zhiyuan, director of the Hainan tourism development commission, was quoted as saying by Saturday's *China Daily*.

China's yacht market was worth about 3 billion yuan (about 455 million US dollars) in 2009 and has an annual growth rate of about 10 percent, the paper said, quoting an industry report.—Xinhua



Photomicrograph of a mosquito from the Culex genus. This image shows the whole body of an adult male. The sample is from a microscope slide created in the middle of the 20th century. INTERNET

Colombian president gets high job rating

BOGOTA, 26 Feb—A large majority of the Colombians approved the job performance of President Juan Manuel Santos seven months after his inauguration, according to a poll published on Friday. Santos and his government were supported by 72 percent and 77 percent of the respondents, respectively, according to the Gallup Invaquer survey conducted among 1,200 residents in five major Colombian cities.

Seventynine percent supports Santos' foreign policy, especially those toward the neighbouring countries and the fight against drug trafficking.

Gallup Invaquer manager Jorge Londono said Santos' standing appeared to be unaffected by the recent floodings which left some 300 people dead and more than 2 million others homeless.—Xinhua

Iceland to hold referendum on Icesave deal April

STOCKHOLM, 26 Feb—Iceland will hold a referendum in April on a new deal to compensate Britain and the Netherlands over the collapse of an Icelandic bank, according to a report reaching here from Reykjavik on Friday.

"The interior minister informed the cabinet this morning that he had decided the referendum will be held on 9 April," the Icelandic government was quoted as saying in a statement.

The governments of Iceland, Britain and the Netherlands reached a new agreement on 10 Dec in which Iceland will repay the two countries about 5 billion US dollars due to the 2008 collapse of the online bank Icesave.

Under the deal, a 5.5-percent interest rate agreed to previously was reduced to 3 percent for the Dutch and to 3.3 percent for the British.

The Icesave deal was approved in the Icelandic parliament last week and becomes effective once President Olafur Grimsson signs it.

Grimsson, however, has refused to sign the deal and instead decided to send the measure to a national referendum on Sunday.

The president also refused to sign the initial agreement due to public opposition. The president's refusal resulted in a national referendum that voted down the bill in March 2010.—Xinhua

Depressed new moms respond differently

LARAMIE, 26 Feb—New mothers who are depressed respond differently to their crying babies than do other mothers, US researchers found.

Heidemarie K Laurent, assistant professor at the University of Wyoming, who led the study as a postdoctoral researcher in the laboratory of Jennifer C Ablow, a professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, examined brain activity of depressed women responding to recordings of crying infants, either their own or someone else's.

The brains of 22 firsttime mothers whose babies were 18 months old were scrutinized using functional magnetic resonance imaging.

The study found that as a group, brain responses in non-depressed mothers listening to their own babies' cries were seen on both sides of the brain's lateral paralimbic areas and core limbic sub-cortical regions, including the striatum, thalamus and midbrain. Depressed mothers showed no unique response to their babies.

The study's findings were published online in advance of the print edition of the *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*.

Internet



A worker carries food to feed an Iberian wolf in a centre run by the Grupo Lobo association near Mafra, on 25 Feb, 2011. Grupo Lobo is a non-governmental association which was founded in 1985 to work towards the conservation of Iberian wolves and their ecosystem in Portugal. It is estimated that in the Iberian Peninsula, about 2,000 wolves survive, of which 300 are in Portuguese territory.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (563)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (563) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.2.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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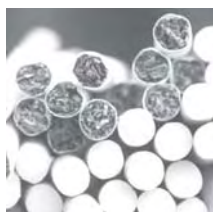
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Seized cigarettes fuel energy grid

LONDON, 26 Feb — More than four million cigarettes seized from a suspected smuggler at a port have been burned to fuel the National Grid, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has said. The 4.6 million Lambert and Butler branded cigarettes were found by customs officers in a lorry at Newhaven, East Sussex, after arriving by ferry from Dieppe.

Spanish lorry driver

Alain Corominas Pons, 44, was charged with evading £714,000 in duty when the load was allegedly smuggled into the UK in March 2007. He was remanded in custody when he appeared at Southampton Magistrates' Court on Thursday until his next court appearance on March 3, said HMRC. —Internet



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The mud buried homes, schools and farmland, and has displaced thousands of families.—INTERNET

Indonesian mud volcano flow 'to last 26 years'

JAKARTA, 26 Feb — The world's largest mud volcano, which left 13,000 families homeless, is likely to continue erupting for another 26 years, researchers have estimated. It first erupted back in May 2006, and - at its peak - was spewing 180,000 cubic metres of mud a day, equivalent to 50 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

The volcano, in East Java, Indonesia, has buried homes, schools and

farmlands over seven square kilometres. The findings have been published in the *Journal of the Geological Society*. This is the first reliable estimate on how long Lusi (derived from the Indonesian word for mud, lumpur, and the place where the eruption occurred, Sidoarjo) would continue erupting.

Co-author Richard Davies, a geologist from Durham University's Department of Earth Sciences, said there were a number of factors that meant it was not possible to produce an estimate until now.

Internet

Spyker signs CPP Global Holdings deal for sportscar arm

LONDON, 25 Feb — Spyker, the Dutch carmaker that owns Saab, has signed a provisional deal to sell its sportscar arm to UK-based, Russian-owned, CPP Global Holdings for around 32m euros (\$44m; £27m). Any deal would involve an initial payment of 15m

euros. Spyker's C8 Aileron sportscar is already built in Coventry in the UK.

CPP, which is owned by Russian businessman Vladimir Antonov, said a deal would mean creating more jobs in the city. "The management of the company has very exciting

plans for Spyker and the brand is entering a period of major developments," said Brendan O'Toole, CPP's managing director. Spyker Cars said it would change its name following a deal. —Internet



Spyker's C8 Aileron sportscar is already built in Coventry, CPP said.— INTERNET

Study shows mouse heart 're-grows when cut'

LONDON, 26 Feb — Scientists in the United States have found newborn mice can re-grow their own hearts. The mice had a large chunk of their heart removed a day after birth, only for the heart to restore itself within three weeks. Fish and amphibians are known to have the power to re-grow heart tissue, but the study in Science is the first time the process has been seen in mammals. British experts said understanding the process could help human heart care.

The researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre surgically removed what is known as



The study suggests newborn mice share the zebrafish's ability to heal a damaged heart.— INTERNET

the left ventricular apex of the heart (about 15% of the heart muscle) from mice just a day after birth. The heart was then quickly seen to regenerate and was fully restored after 21 days. After two months, the organ still appeared to be functioning normally. — Internet

Man repeatedly smashed cat's head into wall

LONDON, 26 Feb — A man killed a cat when he picked it up by a hind leg and repeatedly swung it head-first into a wall, a court has heard. Jason Metcalfe (29) flew into a drunken rage when female tabby Bonnie approached him in the street in Earby, Lancashire. A nine-year-old girl witnessed the attack. Penine Magistrates' Court was told the recovering alcoholic had relapsed on the day of the incident after he drank six cans of Carlsberg Special Brew.

Metcalfe, of Kenilworth Drive, who pleaded guilty, could not remember the incident on 28 September last year when he was interviewed by the RSPCA the following day. — Internet

Herceptin 'cuts chance of breast cancer relapse'

LONDON, 26 Feb — Taking the breast cancer drug Herceptin significantly reduces the chance of the disease returning over at least four years, a study has found.

Italian researchers discovered that women with early-stage breast cancer who took it for a year after having chemotherapy, were almost half as likely to suffer from a

relapse over that timescale than women who did not take it. In a report published in *The Lancet Oncology* today, they also found that the effect of taking it for a year was long-lasting: it reduced the chance of having a relapse over four years by almost a quarter. The authors concluded that giving Herceptin after chemotherapy had "significant and persistent benefits" for women with HER-2 positive breast cancer, which accounts for about one in five cases. — Internet



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An 80-year-old woman was allegedly given the wrong boarding pass on a Delta flight.— INTERNET

Crying granny found in baggage claim

ATLANTA, 26 Feb — An alleged boarding pass mix-up has seen an elderly woman get on wrong plane and end up hundreds of kilometres from her destination. Eighty-year-old Nefissa Yesuf's flight from Atlanta to Dulles, US took an unexpected turn when airline and airport staff failed to notice that a Delta employee had allegedly given her someone else's boarding pass, *CNN* reported.

Yesuf is from Ethiopia and doesn't speak English. She ended up landing in, North Carolina. Her granddaughter Melika Adem says that airport staff called her to say that her grandmother had been found in the baggage claim in tears. Adem says that after her grandmother was given the incorrect ticket another employee wheeled her through security, where nobody noticed the mistake. —Internet

Homeless dad uses Twitter to find daughter

A homeless New York man said he used his Twitter account to reconnect with the daughter he hasn't had contact with in 11 years.

Daniel Morales, 58, said he got a Twitter account about three weeks ago with a cellphone donated by Underheard in New York, a project started by advertising interns at Bartle Bogle Hegarty to have four homeless New Yorkers share their experiences on Twitter, the *New York Daily News* reported.

Morales said his number of followers grew to more than 3,000 people and he decided to use the social networking site to try to find his 27-year-old daughter, who he had not seen in 11 years.

Dolphins aid dog rescue

A Florida woman said her missing dog was found after a group of dolphins drew a neighbour's attention to the canine treading water.

Cindy Burnett of Marco Island said Turbo, an 11-year-old Doberman, escaped from her yard Sunday night and she and her sons were unable to locate him, WBBH-TV, Fort Myers, reported.

Burnett said a fatigued Turbo was finally spotted swimming in canal water when a group of dolphins splashing loudly drew a neighbour's attention to the distressed canine.

Burnett said Turbo, who was pulled from the water by the neighbour, could



Iranian children enjoy a ride in a rubber boat while two dolphins jump above them at a dolphin park in Kish, a resort island near the Persian Gulf, in Iran on 3 Aug. 2008.

have been in the water for up to 15 hours. She credited the dolphins with helping to save his life.

"If he had to tread water all night long, I know he wouldn't have been able to," Burnett said.

Fox enjoys high life on Britain's tallest tower

A death-defying fox clambered up Britain's tallest skyscraper and lived the high life on the 72nd floor of the tower in central London for nearly two weeks, officials revealed on Friday. The intrepid animal climbed to the top of the Shard, which is more than 288 metres (945 feet) high and still under construction, where it enjoyed panoramic views over the British capital and lived off builders' scraps.

It managed to outfox its captors for almost a fortnight until 17 February when it was finally put into a cage and brought down from the tower, which will be the tallest skyscraper in Europe



Construction work continues on a 'The Shard', a new building in central London, seen here in October.

when it is complete. It is believed the fox climbed up the building's central stairwell.

Dog takes 1,000-mile flight home

A 5-year-old miniature schnauzer an Oklahoma woman said was stolen in April took a plane ride of more than 1,000 miles to return home from California.

Marla Devoe, 53, of Oklahoma City said acquaintances took the dog, Rebel, from her yard in April while she was in a hospital and the thieves took the canine with them to Moreno Valley, Calif, more than 1,000 miles away, the *Riverside (Calif) Press-Enterprise* reported.

Authorities said Rebel apparently fled his captors and was picked up by animal control officers, who used Rebel's microchip to trace the animal to Devoe. The family keeping Rebel in Moreno Valley came into the shelter and took him home, claiming to be related to Devoe.

Man gave \$200K to fake online girlfriend

Police in Illinois said a man "was in disbelief" when officers told him the online girlfriend to whom he had given \$200,000 was not a real person.

Naperville police said the 48-year-old man called investigators Wednesday to say he believed the woman, with whom he had been involved in a 2 1/2-year online relationship, had been kidnapped in London, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported Friday.

The man told police he had wired \$200,000 to the woman during the relationship to different bank accounts in Nigeria, Malaysia, England and the United States.

Investigators said the ID card the woman showed the man was a sample driver's license from Florida.

The man "was in disbelief" when officers told him the woman was not real, police said.

News Album

Kathleen Parker leaving CNN show with Spitzer

NEW YORK, 26 Feb—Conservative columnist Kathleen Parker said Friday that she's leaving CNN's prime-time "Parker/Spitzer" talk show, which will be renamed and continue with former New York Gov Eliot Spitzer and others.

CNN said the decision to cut ties with Parker was mutual. The show debuted last fall to some tough reviews and poor ratings in a time slot dominated by Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly. But the ending of MSNBC's "Countdown"

with Keith Olbermann last month has given CNN an opportunity.

The network has averaged 638,000 viewers in the time slot during a newsy period this month, up 24 percent from last February's show with Campbell Brown, the Nielsen Co said.

The new show will be dubbed "In the Arena," with two conservatives — former Fox News Channel personality ED Hill and National Review columnist Will Cain — joining

Spitzer as panelists. CNN said others will be on the show, but they haven't been named yet.

"We have been pleased with how the 8 pm hour has become a centerpiece of substantive, policy-oriented conversation, and we are looking forward to building on that with this new format," said Ken Jautz, the executive in charge of CNN's US network, in a memo to his staff Friday.

Internet



In this undated publicity image released by CNN, former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer, right, and Kathleen Parker, co-hosts of CNN's prime-time talk show 'Parker/Spitzer,' are shown.—INTERNET



In this undated publicity image released by CBS, from left, Charlie Sheen, Angus T Jones and Conchata Ferrell are shown during the taping of 'Two and a Half Men,' in Los Angeles.

INTERNET

The bumpy budget road to Oscars glory

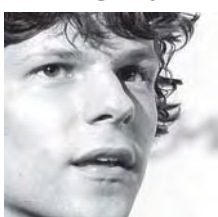
HOLLYWOOD, 26 Feb — Winning an Oscar will taste even sweeter for some films up for Hollywood's highest honours Sunday many less commercial movies struggle to get financed, and will savor success all the more intensely.

"Investing in independent films are financially very speculative, and generally

anybody with a modicum of sanity stays away from them," said Jeffrey Levy-Hinte, producer of "The Kids are All Right."

The film is on the 10-strong shortlist for best picture Oscar at least half of which, including frontrunner "The King's Speech," had to battle financially just to get off the ground.

Internet



Actor Jesse Eisenberg poses during the photocall of his last movie 'The Social Network' at the 5th Rome Film Festival in Rome 2010.—INTERNET

Have TV viewers seen last of Charlie Sheen?

NEW YORK, 26 Feb—As Charlie Sheen continued to rant on, his bosses at "Two and a Half Men" seemed prepared Friday to move on.

The network's decision to stop production of television's most popular sitcom this season and maybe for good has multimillion-dollar implications for CBS and producer Warner Bros Television, but it's hardly fatal.

The remaining four episodes were scrapped Thursday after Sheen called the show's executive producer Chuck Lorre a "contaminated little maggot." Sheen's remarks were made on a radio programme and in a letter posted on the

TMZ website. He kept it up Friday, calling Lorre a clown and loser in text messages to ABC's "Good Morning America" and vowing to show up for work next week.

However, there won't be any work for him to do, as Sheen's erratic personal life may finally have killed a job that reportedly pays him \$1.8 million an episode.

He's been hospitalized three times in three months, with the production put on hold in January after his most recent hospital stay following a night of frenzied partying.

Taping was to resume next week, a plan that blew up Thursday.—Internet

Xavi confident Barca can go all the way

MADRID, 26 Feb — Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez has dismissed suggestions that the team are buckling under the strain of so many demanding matches following a glut of injuries recently, insisting they are no worse off than title challengers Real Madrid.

Xavi will be missing along with Carles Puyol and Victor Valdes for the trip to Real Mallorca while Leo Messi had a knock but has been given the green light to play. With Dani Alves also suspended it means that coach Pep Guardiola will have to make several changes. The injuries have come during a key part of the season with the club having reached the final of the King's Cup as well as competing in the domestic league and the Champions League.

While they have continued to show

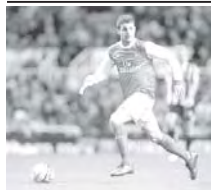
their eye-catching football in spells in recent matches they have not been as consistent as earlier in the campaign.

Internet



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (centre) is congratulated by teammates David Villa (right) and Daniel Alves after scoring during their Spanish league match vs Athletic Bilbao, on 20 February, at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. INTERNET

Wenger backs Arsenal to cope without injured stars



Arsene Wenger insists Arsenal can cope without Cesc Fabregas, seen here in 2010, and Theo Walcott when the injury-hit Gunners face Birmingham in the League Cup final.

INTERNET

LONDON COLNEY, 26 Feb— Arsene Wenger insists Arsenal can cope without Cesc Fabregas and Theo Walcott when the injury-hit Gunners face Birmingham in the League Cup final on Sunday. Wenger's side go into the first major showpiece of the season at Wembley rocked by a double injury blow that leaves them without Spain midfielder Fabregas and

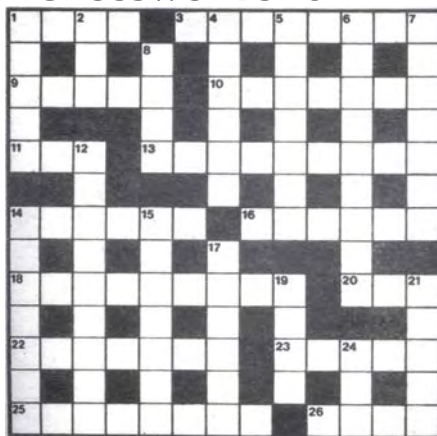
England winger Walcott.

Scans on the hamstring strain Fabregas suffered against Stoke in mid-week showed that the problem is not too serious, but Wenger is not prepared to risk his captain aggravating the problem.

Walcott, stretched off with an ankle injury in the Stoke game, will be sidelined for up to three weeks. Both stars have played key roles in Arsenal's impressive run of one defeat in their last 17 matches in all competitions, but Wenger is convinced his team will be able to adapt in their absence.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Regretted
- 3 Abode
- 9 Brink
- 10 Republic in North Africa
- 11 Allow
- 13 Dispersed
- 14 Seldom
- 16 Plan
- 18 Flirt
- 20 Pull
- 22 Living
- 23 Pair
- 25 Grieved
- 26 Eager

DOWN

- 1 Make merry
- 2 Sin
- 4 Notwithstanding
- 5 Outrageously foolish
- 6 Rebel
- 7 Spanish nobleman
- 8 Minus
- 12 Very frightened
- 14 Iterates
- 15 Unauthorised disclosure
- 17 Stick
- 19 Gown
- 21 Fresh
- 24 Chopper

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE			
Sat 26 th February 2011.			
Aston Villa	4-1	Blackburn	
Everton	2-0	Sunderland	
Newcastle	1-1	Bolton	
Wigan	0-4	Man Utd	
Wolves	4-0	Blackpool	

Wigan 0 - 4 Man Utd

MANCHESTER, 26 Feb—League leaders Manchester United tightened their grip on the title race as they pushed aside lowly Wigan to move four points clear of Arsenal.

Relegation-threatened Wigan shone early on but Edwin Van der Sar stood firm.

Javier Hernandez cleverly clipped in rampant Nani's cross after 17 minutes as the visitors gradually took control.

Mexican striker Hernandez slotted a cool second 15 minutes from time before a Wayne Rooney tap-in and substitute Fabio's simple shot added a late gloss.

Sir Alex Ferguson's team came into the match off the back of a disjointed goalless draw at Marseille, but added



Hernandez has now scored nine league goals in eight league starts for United.—INTERNET

attacking cohesion to their characteristic defensive stubbornness against a Wigan team who did test them until the killer second goal from Hernandez.

And the confident display sets them up well for Tuesday's trip to reigning champions Chelsea, who they are now 15 points clear of.

Internet

Wolverhampton Wanderers 4-0 Blackpool

LONDON, 26 Feb—Wolverhampton Wanderers lifted themselves out of the bottom three with this big win over 10-man Blackpool.

Matt Jarvis gave manager Mick McCarthy's men the perfect start with a second-minute opener before a moment of madness from Blackpool leading scorer DJ Campbell saw him sent off in the 43rd minute. Wolves then made their numerical advantage count after the break as Jamie O'Hara and then substitute Sylvan Ebanks-Blake with a brace eased them off the foot of the table into 17th.—Internet



Wolverhampton Wanderers' Karl Henry and Blackpool's Luke Varney battle for the ball.

INTERNET

Players are not machines - Mancini

MANCHESTER, 26 Feb — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini on Friday railed against what he regarded as an over-demanding fixture list, telling England's football authorities that players are not machines.

Mancini's ire was pro-



Manchester City's Italian manager Roberto Mancini

voked by a situation which if his side draw their FA Cup fifth round tie with Aston Villa next Wednesday will result in a replay on March 7, two days after the Blues tackle Wigan in the Premier League at Eastlands and only three before a taxing 2,800 mile round trip to Kiev for the Europa League first leg tie with Dynamo.

Either side of this, City must face Fulham in the league on Sunday and then either Everton or Reading in the FA Cup quarter-finals if Villa are beaten.—Internet

Bubba on a roll as the kids go home

MARANA, 26 Feb — JB Holmes and Bubba Watson are in the quarter-finals of the Match Play



Geoff Ogilvy of Australia looks at the line for his approach shot from the rough on the first fairway while playing Bubba Watson during a quarter-final round of the Match Play Championship golf tournament on Friday, in Marana, Ariz.

INTERNET

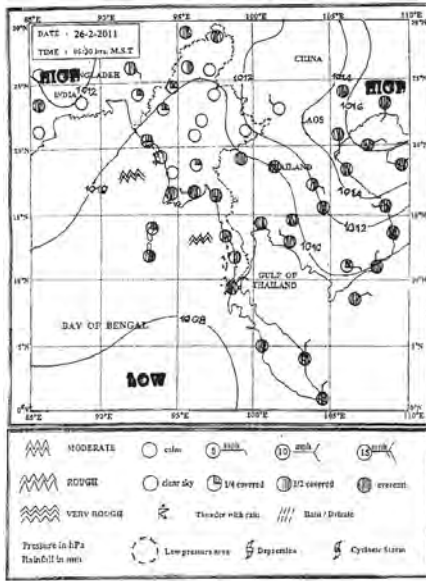
Championship, and it's not hard to figure out how they got there. In fact, you could say it's elementary.

Holmes has five of the longest drives this week at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, including a 400-yard shot in the opening round. He wasn't always straight, but he was long enough to keep himself in the game and win the last two holes against Jason Day on Friday.

Watson didn't win his match against Geoff Ogilvy on the par-5 11th hole, but it sure felt that way. Already 2 up in his match, Watson was 290 from the hole when he ripped a 3-iron with a tight draw that bounded onto the green and settled about 15 feet away.— Internet

S P O R T S

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 26th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (3°C) to (4°C) below February average temperature in Mandalay and Magway Regions, (5°C) to (7°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and (3°C) to (4°C) above February average temperature in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, (5°C) to (6°C) above February average temperature in Yangon Region and Mon State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C), Pinlaung (4°C), Lashio and Heho (6°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Thaton (0.08) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 25-2-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 26-2-2011 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-2-2011 was (61%). Rainfall on 26-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 25-2-2011 was 98°F. Minimum

temperature on 26-2-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-2-2011 was (65%). Total sunshine hours on 25-2-2011 was (9.1) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 26-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 25-2-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 27th February 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: likelihood of continuation of isolated light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-2-2011: Generally fair Weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-2-2011: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-2-2011: Generally fair Weather.

Cambiasso adds to Inter's injury problems

ROME, 26 Feb — Esteban Cambiasso was diagnosed with a thigh strain on Friday to add to Inter Milan's already growing injury worries.

The Argentina midfielder picked up the problem in Wednesday's 1-0 defeat at home to Bayern Munich in the Champions League.

Inter also lost centre-back Andrea Ranocchia for two to three weeks in that game, leaving them with a defensive problem ahead of the visit of Sampdoria on Sunday.

With Walter Samuel out for the rest of the season and right-back Maicon suspended, the loss of Ranocchia, with Ivan Cordoba also struggling to be fit, leaves Inter threadbare at the back.

Internet



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INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(27-2-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
 Oversea Transmission - (27-2-11 09:30 am ~ 28-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Maha muni Pagoda
- * MI People's Celebrities
- * "Handing over the Music"
- * News
- * 100% Myanmar
- * Easily Cooked & Iasty Dishes
- * "Sour Soup with Fish Head"
- * News
- * Chinese Lion Dance Competition
- * A short Trip with Steve
- * News
- * Kid's Talent "Fashion Show"

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Maha muni Pagoda
- * Travelogue in Popa
- * MI People's Celebrities
- * "Handing over the Music"
- * News
- * 100% Myanmar
- * Easily Cooked & Iasty Dishes
- * "Sour Soup with Fish Head"
- * News
- * Chinese Lion Dance Competition
- * A short Trip with Steve
- * News
- * Kid's Talent "Fashion Show"
- * Serenely Pleasant Pindaya
- * Music Gallery
- * Bead Gallery
- * News
- * On the LEDO Road (Part-1)
- * News
- * Glorious Mrauk U & Its Pagoda Festival
- * News
- * A Village of Pa-O
- * Myanmar Movie "Love Be Win"



Sunday,
27 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Health Programme

8:00 am

7. (38) Phyar Mingalars

8:15 am

8. Musical Programme

8:30 am

9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Teleplay (Health)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:30 am

4. TV Drama Series

12:40 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

1:00 pm

6. Myanmar Movies

2:50 pm

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

2:55 pm

8. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

3. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra

4:35 pm

4. Dance Of National Races

4:45 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Third Year (Law)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

5:20 pm

8. "Teleplay" (Industry)

5:30 pm

9. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm

13. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm

14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Cartoon Series
19. TV Drama Series
20. Yinhlainghatthan Taythihan (Song Competition)

- ★ 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

Dredgers in operations for better water courses in Ayeyawady River



Workers dredging of silt in the water course for safety run of watercrafts at Gawwein Jetty in Mandalay.

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Feb—The Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (Region-5, Mandalay) under the Ministry of Transport is placing emphasis on better water courses in Ayeyawady River and jetties in Mandalay.

For ensuring progress of Mandalay Port,

the department has dredged the water course from Kywesun (Shukhintha) to Gawwein Jetty in Mandalay.

The department will continue dredging of silt in the water course for safety run of watercrafts in the river with the use of modern dredgers.

Kyemon

Stake-driven ceremony for Pyinnya Tagon Library held

THATON, 26 Feb—A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Pyinnya Tagon Library in Ngagyi-in Village, Theinseik Village-tract of Thaton Township was held on 15 February.

Chairman of the committee for library construction Head of the township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Thuzar Aung, Chairman of Theinseik Village-tract Peace and Development Council U Kin Chun and community elders of Ngagyi-in Village drove stakes.

The Head of the Township IPRD and members of the committee for library construction discussed measures for completion of the library on schedule.

District IPRD

Significant night temperatures (26-2-2011)

Haka	(1° C)
Pinlaung	(4° C)
Lashio	(6° C)
Heho	(6° C)