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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

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Ghanaian President

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March—On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Ghana, which falls on 6 March 2011, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. John Evans Atta Mills, President of the Republic of Ghana.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Good harvests of seasonal crops in Tatkon Township

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Nweyit-Thahtaygon Bus Terminal in Thahtaygon Village, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, is a trade centre from which regional agricultural produce is delivered to other regions across the nation. Every day, the site witnesses the hustle and bustle of trade activities. Now, the crops in season in the region are cabbage, cauliflower, radish and corn.

We found a chain of bullock carts fully loaded with big radishes. A merchant in an interview told The Myanmar Alin, "I got these radishes from Thahtaygon Village. I market radish to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mawlamyine and surrounding areas. I get radish at the price of 55 kyats a five-unit bunch.

Radish is also grown on a massive scale along the bank of the Hsinthay Creek at the entrance to Nweyit Village. There, we found radishes very big. A farmer said, "I am from Nweyit Village. I grow radish. Radish is at harvest when it is 45 to 50 days old. We make huge profits because farming radish costs less but is highly profitable."

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A
bullock
cart
fully
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with
radishes.



A thriving corn plantation.

PERSPECTIVES

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Boost production of marine products

Myanmar is blessed with land and water resources. Tapping those resources, the nation is striving for national economic growth.

Efforts are also being made to improve the fish and meat sector for local consumption and to extend exportation.

With the assistance of Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, national private entrepreneurs have been given permission not only to catch fish, prawn, crab and eel from rivers, creeks and seas but also to engage in livestock breeding in line with the rules and regulations.

Fish, prawn, eel and crab processing factories are manufacturing marine products for local market and exporting the surpluses. In exportation, there are two kinds – processed as well as unprocessed fish, prawn, eel and crab.

Applying modern fish breeding methods today, more and more pedigree fish have been acquired and hatching is being carried out by means of modern techniques. Fish and prawn caught from Myanmar's waters are internationally marketable marine products. Rich in water resources, Myanmar can not only enjoy local self-sufficiency in its marine products but also exports surpluses.

All in all, breeders are urged to work hard for production of more marine items by using modern methods.

AUX air conditioners on sale at Housing Exhibition

YANGON, 5 March— AUX air conditioners are on display at Housing Exhibition being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here up to 6 March.

United Asia Co Ltd, at No. 225 on Anawrahta Street between 11th and Hledan Streets in Lanmadaw Township here distributes four-year-grantee AUX air conditioners nationwide at 5% discount.

For more information, dial 01-210834, 218021 or Fax: 0095-1-228384. —MNA

Dual Tech Training School, wins gold medal in Medal for Excellence 2010-2011

YANGON, 5 March— Dual Tech Training School is opening City & Guilds (UK) Engineering Diploma courses—diploma in Mechanical, Diploma in Electrical, Diploma in Electronic, Diploma in Refrigeration & Air-Con, Diploma in Civil (Construction), Diploma in M&E, Diploma in Advanced Engineering whose guidelines are from City & Guilds (UK).

Dual Tech Training School, first-ever gold medal holder of Myanmar at Refrigeration & Air-Con in Medal for Excellence 2010-2011, also

Public Order

- * 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

Commander visits Myitson hydropower project site, Myitson bridge construction site

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — A ceremony to present rice, cash and other supplies to the households who have moved to Aungmyintha Model Village took place at the village on 1 March. Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung spoke on the occasion.

First, an official rendered cash assistance to the households. Next, the commander donated

TVs and rice. Then the commander cordially greeted the local people and inspected progress in construction of houses.

Afterwards, the commander inspected project tasks at Myitson hydropower project site and Myitson bridge construction site. Later, he visited land reclamation site near Yuzana Myaing Village in Palana Village-tract.

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Forestry Minister inspects fine wood factories, Wataya Jetty and Log Yard

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung yesterday inspected fine wood factories of Asia Wood Co Ltd, Unilite Industrial & General Service Co Ltd and United Wood Industrial Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Township Industrial Zone in Yangon Region.

The products of factories are being exported to South East Asian, Asian and European countries.

The minister also visited Wataya Jetty and Log Yard in Shwepyitha Township.



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung at No (9) Saw Mill.

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The Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and minister around Nos (4) officials conducted the and (9) Saw Mills.—MNA

Tasting Thai Foods at Orange

YANGON, 5 March—Orange Supermarket launched Thai Food Festival at one of its branches on Waizayanda Street here yesterday afternoon. Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi and Managing Director Daw Myint Myint Win of Creation Myanmar Co Ltd formally opened the festival.

The festival will also be going on till 17 March at another branches in Latha, Kyimyindine, North Okkalapa and Tamway townships, and Blazon Department Stores in Yangon and Mandalay

conducts other courses including domestic training course, and practical engineering course.

Its centre 1 is on Lanthit Street near Arlainngarsint Pagoda in Insein Township, Yangon, and centre 2, building (206/2) on Yankin Street, Yankin Township here (Ph: 727293 or 09-73020803).

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Thai Ambassador Mr Apirath Vienravi and Managing Director Daw Myint Myint Win of Creation Myanmar Co Ltd formally open Orange Supermarket's Thai Food Festival.

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and Great Wall Orange Supermarket (Mandalay). The festival is offering various Thai foods and products at discount.

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An Afghan boy stands near bonfire on a cold day in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 2 March, 2011. More than nine years after the fall of the Taliban, most Afghan children still don't attend school and face the prospect of a life of poverty no different from their parents.—INTERNET



Clash kills one Afghan policeman, two militants in Afghanistan

HERAT, 5 March—A clash between Taliban militants and police left a police constable and two militants dead in western Herat Province, a local official said Saturday.

"The gun battle erupted Friday night when armed Taliban rebels attacked a police checkpoint in Obe District and police returned fire, leaving two militants dead," District governor Syed Mahmoud Moududi told *Xinhua*.

He also confirmed that a policeman was killed in the firefight which lasted for a while. Both Taliban and Afghan security forces have stepped up activities to consolidate positions as the spring — the fighting season is nearing in the war-ravaged Afghanistan.—*Xinhua*

Afghan soldiers killed

KABUL, 5 March—Three soldiers with the Afghan National Army (ANA) were killed Friday in the war-torn Afghanistan, Ministry of Defence said in a statement released here on Saturday.

"Three soldiers of ANA were martyred Friday during military duties in Parwan and Kandahar Province," the statement said.

According to the statement, one of the soldiers was killed in Parwan Province, some 55 km north of capital Kabul, but two other troopers were killed in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province.

Kandahar, the birthplace of Taliban, 450 km south of capital city Kabul, has been experiencing increasing militancy over the past couple of years despite continued military operations conducted by Afghan and NATO-led forces since mid 2010.

More than 800 Afghan army personnel had been killed in 2010.—*Xinhua*



A soldier walks past the remains of a vehicle used in a bomb attack in Kirkuk, some 250 km (150 miles) north of Baghdad recently. Three car bombs killed four people and wounded 20 others in Iraq's oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk, police and hospital sources said.

INTERNET

One NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 March—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed Friday in Afghanistan's troubled southern region, the military alliance said on Saturday.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan yesterday," ISAF said in a brief statement.

However, the statement did not reveal nationality and position of the victim, saying "It

is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities,"

Troops mainly from US, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the southern Afghan region within the framework of ISAF to fight Taliban militants.

The Friday's casualty has brought to 74 the number of ISAF soldiers have been killed since beginning 2011.

More than 140,000-strong NATO-led troops with majority of them Americans have been stationed in Afghanistan.

Xinhua

UN urges review of air strikes after Afghan children killed

KABUL, 5 March—The United Nations has called for a review of air strikes by foreign forces in Afghanistan after the inadvertent killing of nine children this week drew condemnation from Afghans and apologies from US leaders.

US President Barack Obama has expressed his "deep regret" to Afghan counterpart Hamid Karzai over the killing of

the nine children, who were collecting firewood in a volatile eastern province on Tuesday when they were gunned down by helicopters from the NATO-led force in Afghanistan.

Civilian casualties caused by NATO-led and Afghan forces hunting insurgents have again become a major source of friction between Karzai and his Western backers, even

though UN figures show that more than three-quarters are caused by insurgents.

"Children killed in Afghanistan by air strikes is a cause of serious concern," Radhika Coomaraswamy, the United Nations Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, said in a statement issued in New York.

MNA/Reuters

Killing Americans was revenge for US mission in Afghanistan

BEIJING, 5 March—It's now being reported that the gun used by the suspect in the killing of two US airmen at Frankfurt Airport this week, jammed preventing an even greater loss of life.

A German investigator said on Friday that 21-year-old Arid Uka, from Kosovo, had told authorities, that he had gone to the airport on Wednesday specifically to kill Americans.

The gunman claimed his actions were revenge for the US mission in Afghanistan. He has confessed to firing at the soldiers at point-blank range. He has been charged with murder and attempted murder.

Xinhua



Bodies lie on the back of a police pick-up truck as they are transported to Samarra hospital morgue after a bomb attack near Samarra, 100 km. (62 miles) north of Baghdad, 12 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Two Taliban militants killed in N Afghan Province

KUNDUZ, 5 March—Security forces raided a Taliban hideout and eliminated two militants including a shadowy District chief in Kunduz Province, some 250 km north of capital city of Kabul, a local government official confirmed Saturday.

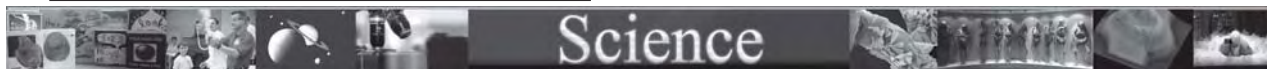
"A unit of special operation forces of Afghan army and NATO-led forces raided a Taliban hideout in Barzangi village of Imam Sahib District in the wee hours of Saturday, killing two Taliban rebels including Baz Mohammad, the shadowy District governor of Imam Sahib District," spokesman for the provincial administration Mahbubullah Sayedi told *Xinhua*.

He said the joint forces also detained two more militants. Taliban militants have yet to make comment.

Xinhua



Firefighters try to extinguish fire from the burning NATO oil tankers following an explosion in northwest Pakistan's Torkham, on 4 March, 2011. A bomb blast destroyed at least three NATO oil tankers near the Torkham border in northwestern Pakistan's Khyber tribal region on Friday.—XINHUA



Science

NASA creates committee to investigate satellite launch failure

WASHINGTON, 5 March— NASA has begun the process of creating a Mishap Investigation Board to evaluate the cause of the launch failure for earth-observation satellite Glory, the US space agency said in a statement Friday.

NASA's *Glory* mission ended Friday after the spacecraft failed to reach orbit following its launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

According to NASA, telemetry indicated the fairing, a protective shell atop the satellite's *Taurus XL* rocket,

did not separate as expected.

"However, the fairing failure occurred during the second stage engine burn. It is likely the spacecraft fell into the South Pacific, although the exact location is not yet known," it said.

NASA's previous launch attempt of an Earth science spacecraft, the Orbiting Carbon Observatory onboard a *Taurus XL* on 24 Feb, 2009, also failed to reach orbit when the fairing did not separate.

NASA's Orbiting Carbon Observatory Mishap Investigation Board reviewed launch data and the fairing separation system design, and developed a corrective action plan.

The plan was implemented by *Taurus XL* manufacturer Orbital Sciences Corporation. In October 2010, NASA's Flight Planning Board confirmed the successful closure of the corrective actions.

The *Glory* Earth-observing satellite was intended to improve our understanding of how the sun and tiny atmospheric particles called aerosols affect Earth's climate.

Xinhua



A picture of an endangered Asian crested ibis soaring over China is a first-prize winner in the first annual World's Rarest Birds international photo competition. The Asian crested ibis once thrived in Russia, Japan, and China, but its population has shrunk to about 250 in China's Shaanxi Province.—INTERNET



US astronaut Daniel Burbank, Russian cosmonauts Anton Shkaplerov and Anatoly Ivanishin, backup crew members are seen before an examination session at the Star City space centre outside Moscow on 4 March, 2011.

XINHUA

Killer whales found to hunt by 'stealth'

RALEIGH, 5 March— Killer whales in the Pacific Ocean avoid being heard by their prey as they hunt by going into a cooperative "stealth mode," US and Scottish researchers say.

Scientists from North Carolina State University and the University of St Andrews in Scotland studied how orcas, commonly known as killer whales, communicate when hunting mammals that can hear their distinctive calls, the BBC reported Friday.

They thought the orcas might be changing their calls to a higher frequency, but they discovered instead that the whales go completely silent and yet are still able to form organized hunting groups.

The researchers focused on transient orcas in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Canada and Alaska that tend to live in smaller social groups and change locations more than resident orcas.

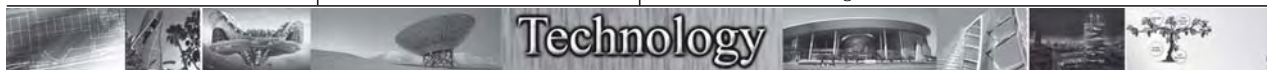
"The most striking difference

between the two is their diet," Volker Deecke from St. Andrews said.

Resident orcas eat fish, whereas transients hunt and eat marine mammals including seals and porpoises.—INTERNET



Bjossa the killer whale pokes her head out of the water in the Vancouver Aquarium's medical holding pool awaiting darkness before she is hoisted aboard ground transport for her ride to the airport to be loaded on a Hercules aircraft and flown to San Diego and SeaWorld, on 21 April, 2001.—INTERNET



Technology

Chinese retailers to offer refund to iPad buyers

BEIJING, 5 March— China's retailers will offer refund to recent buyers of iPad 1 as price dropped with the debut of iPad 2.

Apple released the upgraded version of the tablet on 3 March and announced to lower the price tags of the first generation iPad 1 by up to 27.6 percent. Buyers of iPad 1 within the last two weeks are eligible for a price difference compensation, according to Apple.

Chinese customers who bought the product via Apple China online or its chain stores will also be compensated, according to a statement on Apple's website.

Chinese electronics retailers such as Suning and Gome responded quickly to the price cut,



A staff member with Xinhua News Agency shows an iPad broadcasting news reporting of the Xinhua television service, CNC, in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Oct, 2010. —XINHUA

promising to pay back their customers with a refund.

Suning, China's biggest electronics retailer by market value, said iPad 1 buyers who bought the product from 17 Feb to 2 March can get the refund with the receipt starting Saturday.

Gome, the second largest electronics retailer in China, also announced to pay back their customers who bought the product from 18 Feb to 3 March from their stores. Customers could apply for the refund with the receipt starting Sunday.—Xinhua

Brazil at heart of Google's Latin America strategy

BUENOS AIRES, 5 March—Brazil is on the way to becoming Google Inc's sixth-largest global market, Chief Executive Eric Schmidt said on Friday as the company opens new offices in the fast-growing Latin American region.

The world's No 1 Internet search company saw its revenue in the region surge last year on the back of brisk economic growth, with countries showing growth of 50 percent to 100 percent last year.

"That means you're almost doubling (revenue) every year," Schmidt told *Reuters* in the company's offices in Buenos Aires. "That's a lot due to the effect of the economic recovery from a global recession, but also to the development of broadband and the development of the electronic commerce."

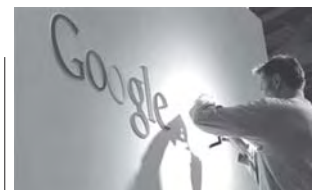
Schmidt will be replaced as CEO in April by Google co-founder Larry Page, a move to make the company more nimble at a time when competition heats up with fast-growing rivals like Facebook.

Latin America accounts for 2 percent to 3 percent of the California-based company's revenue, which totaled \$29.3 billion last year, mostly from its business in the United States and Europe.

But Schmidt said the region's relatively modest share should grow fast.

"It will become a much larger percentage very quickly. Brazil is, for example, already on its way to becoming our sixth-largest country in revenue," he said.

Internet



A man works on Google logo at an exhibition stand at the CeBIT computer fair in Hanover, 28 February, 2011.—INTERNET



Health



Health Tip: If your child has diabetes

It can be stressful for any parent to leave a child in the care of a babysitter, particularly if your child is diabetic.

The American Diabetes Association says parents of diabetic children should ensure that babysitters know the basics about:

- * Checking blood glucose levels and ketones. Practice with the sitter before you leave.
- * The ideal range for your child's blood glucose, warning signs of a problem, and what to do if the levels are high or low.
- * Giving your child insulin, when to give it and how much. Again, practice before you leave.
- * What the sitter should do if there is an emergency, including administering medication, and how to reach you.—*Internet*



Lab workers dissect mosquitoes at a research center in Rockville, Maryland where a malaria vaccine manufacturing facility has been opened. Seaweed emits a natural chemical response to ward off fungi that would otherwise colonize an injured plant, a process that could help the search for anti-malaria drugs.—Internet

1-in-4 have high blood pressure

WASHINGTON, 5 March—One in four US adults — 59 million Americans — had high blood pressure in 2008, federal health officials say. The report, News and Numbers by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, says 75 percent of people diagnosed with high blood pressure were overweight, obese or morbidly obese, but 15 percent of healthy weight adults were diagnosed with high blood pressure.

However, 21 percent of adults who exercised vigorously for 30 minutes or more at least three times a week were one-third less likely than those who didn't to have reported having high blood pressure. Nearly 32 percent of black adults reported having high blood pressure, compared to 27 percent of white and 18 percent of Hispanic adults.

About 29 percent of US adults age 65 and under with public health insurance reported having high blood pressure, vs. 19 percent with private insurance and 14 percent of the uninsured, officials say.

Almost 59 percent of seniors age 65 and older report having been told they had high blood pressure, compared to nearly 34 percent ages 45-64, 10 percent of those ages 25-44 and almost 3 percent of younger adults.—*Internet*

Chemo may raise risk of falls in breast cancer survivors

SALEM, 5 March—Breast cancer survivors may be at increased risk for falls and broken bones due to the combined effects of chemotherapy and endocrine therapy, a new study suggests.

Researchers looked at 59 postmenopausal breast cancer survivors, and found that 58 percent of them had experienced a fall in the year before the start of the study and 47 percent had a fall during the six-month study period.

Those rates are much higher than the 25 percent to 30 percent annual fall rate reported for community-dwelling adults over 65 years old, noted Kerri M Winters-Stone, an associate professor and associate scientist at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing, and colleagues.

Balance was the only difference between breast cancer survivors who fell and those who did not. The researchers said their findings also suggest that balance problems may be due to chemotherapy-related changes in the vestibular system, which is involved in balance and spatial orientation.

Internet



Milk products on display last month in South Korea, which has been grappling with its worst outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.—Internet



BAE, Marand partner on F-35

AVALON, 5 March—BAE Systems Australia and Marand have signed a deal for the supply of vertical tails for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

The long-term agreement is the largest, highest-value package of industrial work on the F-35 programme in Australia and is another link in the Australia supply chain for the advanced fighter aircraft.

The agreement is worth \$802 million of high-tech export business for the aerospace industry in Australia over the life of the programme, with subsequent contracts being let yearly, BAE said.

Under the agreement BAE Systems Australia will machine the vertical tail titanium components in Adelaide. Marand, which has headquarters in Victoria, will be the in-country lead for the manufacture of the 722 vertical tail fins and will undertake final assembly of the titanium parts.

"The BAE Systems team and Marand have worked together successfully on the F-35 for the past four years including the last 18 months on the vertical tails," said BAE Systems Group Managing Director — International Guy Griffiths.—*Internet*

Wal-Mart hikes dividend 20.6 percent

CHICAGO, 5 March—Wal-Mart Stores Inc (WMT.N) said it is increasing its annual dividend nearly 21 percent, citing its ability to generate cash in a fiscal year that disappointed investors with weak US sales. Wal-Mart said its board approved a dividend of \$1.46 per year in fiscal 2012, which ends next January, up from \$1.21. That translates to about \$5.2 billion paid out to shareholders.

The move would bring Wal-Mart's dividend yield to 2.81 percent, based on its closing stock price of \$52.01 on Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange. Like many larger companies, Wal-Mart's dividend is an important factor for its shareholders, as the stock has shown little appreciation over the past several years.

Shares fell 3.1 percent a little more than a week ago when the company posted its seventh consecutive quarterly decline in sales at US stores open at least a year and said it will take more time than it thought to turn those sales around.—*Reuters*



Shopping carts are seen outside a Wal-Mart Supercenter in Coolidge, Arizona on 6 December, 2010. Internet

The new Toyota FT-86 II Concept car is shown during the press day at the 81st Geneva International Motor Show in Geneva, Switzerland, on 2 March, 2011. Internet



Sales of China's jumbo jets to reach 2000 in two decades

BEIJING, 5 March—The Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) said Saturday it is expected to sell 2,000 jumbo jets, the homegrown C919, over the coming 20 years.

More orders for the C919 were in the pipeline this year in addition to the existing orders of 100, Wu Guanghui, vice general manager of the COMAC and the jumbo jet's chief designer, told Xinhua. China's demand for C919 jumbo jets was estimated to reach 2,300 to 2,700 during the next two decades thanks to people's rising income and their need for faster travel means, he said.

He forecast the sales of the C919 would reach 2,000 by 2030, compared with the estimated global market demand of 20,000, said Wu. The COMAC said earlier it had taken its first 100 orders for the C919 from six companies, including Air China, China Eastern Airlines, China Southern Airlines and General Electric's leasing arm.

"We must ensure both technological and commercial success of C919," said Wu, adding that it was more difficult to sell the jets than making it. "The key is whether passengers would like our jets. As we have fully taken this into consideration when designing it, I'm confident we will not disappoint the market," he said.

Xinhua

Tsunami warning system described

ATLANTA, 5 March—US seismologists say they've developed a system that could warn of an impending tsunami within minutes of an earthquake, giving time to safely evacuate.

The system, dubbed RTerg, is the work of researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology and is described in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, an institute release said on Friday.

"We developed a system that, in real time, successfully identified the magnitude 7.8 2010 Sumatran earthquake as a rare and destructive tsunami earthquake," said Andrew Newman, assistant professor in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

"Using this system, we could in the future warn local populations, thus minimizing the death toll from tsunamis," he said.

Tsunami earthquakes are a rare class of earthquakes that rupture with large vertical uplifts of the seafloor,

resulting in nearby wave heights of 30 feet to 60 feet in local coastal environments.

"Because tsunami earthquakes rupture in a shallow environment, we can't simply use a measurement of magnitude to determine which ones will create large waves," Newman said. "When they occur, people often don't feel that they're significant, if they even feel them in the first place, because they seem like they're an order of magnitude smaller than they actually are."

Tsunami earthquakes typically rupture slowly and last longer than other earthquakes, so when RTerg uses its algorithmic tools to find a quake matching these attributes, it sends an alert to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre as well as the US Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Centre.

"For most tsunami earthquakes, inundation of the coastal environment doesn't occur until about 30-40 minutes after the quake.—Internet

RIM to find new marketing chief to revive its brand

TORONTO, 5 March—The head of marketing for Research In Motion will leave the company in six months, raising questions about BlackBerry branding as the smartphone maker gets set to launch its long-awaited PlayBook tablet.

Keith Pardy, who joined the Canadian technology company in December 2009, decided to leave for personal reasons, RIM said in a statement on Friday. He will stay with the company for the next six months to help with transition.

His surprise resignation comes weeks before the expected launch of RIM's PlayBook — almost a year after the introduction of Apple's iPad tablet. The RIM offering will also have to compete against devices powered by Google's Android platform.

The appeal of the BlackBerry brand — once equal with Apple's — has withered under Pardy's stewardship, according to



A person poses while using a BlackBerry Bold 2 smartphone made by Research in Motion.—INTERNET

a January ranking from Brand Keys consultancy.

"The brand's been losing resonance over the past few years. It does not have the brand cachet ... to engage consumers the way an iPhone does," Brand Keys president Robert Passikoff said.

RIM has sought to keep PlayBook in the minds of consumers and business customers with a drip feed of announcements and trade show appearances since first lifting the covers on the tablet in September. The company has yet to announce when it will ship or give details of its pricing.

Reuters



Orchids are seen during the 9th Orchid Show Media Preview opened at New York Botanical Garden on 4 March, 2011. Thousands of orchids will be presented to the public at the New York Botanical Garden from 5 March to 25 April in a dazzling display. XINHUA

4.5 magnitude aftershock jolts Christchurch

CHRISTCHURCH, 5 March— A 4.5 magnitude earthquake struck New Zealand South Island City of Christchurch on Saturday evening.

The aftershock, which occurred at 7:34 pm local time (0634 GMT), was centered 10 km east of Christchurch and at a depth of 6.4 km.

There have been more than nine aftershocks in Christchurch on Saturday, ending an aftershock-free period of 14 hours.

The ground has been shaking much of Saturday.

All the aftershocks on Saturday before 8 pm were centered between 10 and 20 km from Lyttelton at depths ranging from 2 to 6 km.

In chronological order, their magnitudes have been 3.2 (at 12: 52 a.m.), 3.4 (at 6:14 am), 3.3 (10:04 am), 4.1 (10:49 am), 3.2 (11:17 am), 3.4 (1:19 pm), 3.5 (2:29 pm) and 4.5 (7:34 pm).

A 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck Christchurch on 22 Feb, with the official death toll standing at 165 on Friday.

Xinhua

Nanny gets year for chemical in food

GUILDFORD, 5 March— An English nanny sobbed Friday as she was sentenced to a year in jail for spiking her employer's soup with windshield washer fluid.

Allison Cox, 33, had pleaded guilty to an act the judge called a "gross breach of trust," *The Independent* reported. She wept through much of the hearing in Guildford Crown Court.

Cox, who has a child, worked for Jacqueline Gold, head of Ann Summers, a chain that sells racy women's lingerie.

A prosecutor said Cox apparently had nothing against Gold but tampered with her food because she had a feud with the chef.

Rachel Davies, the prosecuting lawyer, said Gold's personal circumstances made the crime worse. Cox was caring for a child whose twin had died in January 2010, a few months before the tampering.

Before the washer fluid incident, Cox put first salt and later sugar in Gold's food.—Internet

Mother of dead Florida children is missing

DELRAY BEACH, 5 March—The woman believed to be the mother of two children found dumped in a Delray Beach, Fla, canal is missing, authorities said Friday.

"We haven't been able to locate the mother.

We're not sure where she is," Delray Police Sgt Nicole Guerriero said. "We don't have any idea where she might be."

Authorities have not identified the children, whose bodies were found in separate suitcases floating about a half mile apart Wednesday.

But Margaret Gissome said she is certain the children are her niece and nephew — 10-year-old Jermaine McNeil and 6-year-old Ju'tyra Allen — and the missing mother is her sister, Felicia Brown.

Gissome and Barbara Flint, Brown's mother, say they know who killed them — Clem Beauchamp, 34, who began dating Brown in 2007. Guerriero said detectives were "at the house where we believe the children resided" — the same home where Beauchamp and Brown resided in Delray, ABC said.

Gissome said police asked her to provide pictures of Brown's tattoos and dental records for the children.

"That's confirming in my mind you got my niece and nephew back there and you all need dentist records to point it out to the public.

And now you're asking about tattoos [on] my sister and ... Yes we're going to read between the lines that you got my sister back there," Gissome said.

Beauchamp voluntarily went to police Thursday and was being held on an unrelated weapons charge. He is being treated as a suspect in the deaths, Guerriero said.—Internet



Car models present a Porsche at the first city auto exhibition in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 4 March, 2011. More than 300 kinds of sedans were put on show at the 4-day exhibition. XINHUA

Bomb-sniffing dog dies after handler shot

LONDON, 5 March — The body of a British dog-handler who was killed in Afghanistan and the remains of his Springer spaniel are to be returned to England together, officials said.

The dog, Theo, suffered a fatal seizure Tuesday, soon after Lance

Cpl Liam Tasker was shot, the *Daily Mirror* reported. The team was on patrol when Tasker was killed.

"They will be returned to the United Kingdom on the same day in the same plane," the Ministry of Defence said Friday.

Officials said Tasker and Theo set a record for

bomb-sniffing canine teams in Afghanistan. They discovered 14 concealed bombs and stores of weapons in five months.

Tasker, 26, was from Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

He was a member of the Royal Veterinary Corps. His body and Theo's ashes are scheduled to arrive at the RAF base in Lyneham in Wiltshire next week.

Internet



This 2 Feb, 2002 NASA image shows the planet Earth as seen by NASA's Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer on board the Terra satellite. This image is a compilation of images taken every eight days by the satellite between June 2001 through September 2001.—INTERNET

Twitter share auction suggests \$7.7 billion valuation

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 March—A recent auction of Twitter shares on the secondary market suggests investors value the company at \$7.7 billion, more than twice the valuation the Internet microblogging service garnered in a December funding round.

Investors have agreed to pay \$34.50 a share for Twitter in the auction conducted by Sharespost, an exchange for private company shares that announced the news on Friday.

Based on the 223.7 million estimated fully diluted shares of Twitter listed by Sharespost on its website, the deal would suggest a valuation of roughly \$7.7 billion.

Valuations of privately-held Web companies have surged in recent months as investors scramble to buy stakes in companies that many hope could turn out to be the next Google Inc.—Reuters



Satellite completes gravity 'map' of Earth

PARIS, 5 March—The European Space Agency says a satellite has completed the ambitious goal of a complete mapping of Earth's gravity with unprecedented precision.

The Gravity field and steady-state Ocean Circulation Explorer satellite, launched in March 2009, has collected the measurements needed to record the "geoid" reference shape of our planet, an ESA release said Friday.

The geoid is the shape of an imaginary global

ocean dictated by gravity in the absence of tides and currents and is a crucial reference for accurately measuring ocean circulation, sea-level change and ice dynamics—all affected by climate change, researchers say.

"The satellite has recorded the measurements necessary to enable us to produce a high-resolution map of the 'geoid' that is far more accurate and has a much higher spatial resolution than any other dataset of

this kind," Volker Liebig, director of ESA's Earth Observation Programmes, said.

In the coming weeks the data will be calibrated and processed for scientists to create a unique model of the geoid.

"Once the gravity models are completed, they will be made available to all users, free of charge in line with ESA's data policy," GOCE Mission Manager Rune Floberghagen said.

Internet

Deadly forest fire put out in SW China

KUMING, 5 March—The deadly forest fire, which killed nine fire-fighters in southwest China's Yunnan Province, had been extinguished completely by Saturday morning, said a local fire control official.

The naked flames on the Jianchuan Mountain in Yunnan's Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture had been put out on Friday evening, and 1,140 fire-fighters continued to extinguish the scattered sparks to prevent winds from reigniting the fire, said Wan Yong, deputy commander of Yunnan Provincial Forest Fire Prevention Authority.

Some fire-fighters were still keeping a close eye on the site in case of more fires, Wan said.

Local authorities said winds reignited a fire that was smoldering Thursday on the mountain, trapping some fire-fighters, nine of which were killed later and seven others were injured.—Xinhua

Twitter co-founder Biz Stone speaks at the "World Economy and Future Forum" hosted by broadcaster MBN in Seoul on 3 March, 2011.—INTERNET



Children play a slide at the central kindergarten in Kecal Village, Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Gannan, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 4 March, 2011. The kindergarten, the first in the prefecture offered for children of herdsmen, only charges one yuan (0.15 US dollars) per day for each child. Built in 2008, the kindergarten has four teaching rooms and four sleep rooms, with a capacity for 150 children.—XINHUA

China welcomes foreign investment in high-tech industries

BEIJING, 5 March—China welcomes foreign investment in high-tech industries, says the draft of the country's 12th Five-Year Plan submitted Saturday to the National People's Congress for reviewing.

Foreign investment is also welcomed in sectors of modern agriculture, advanced manufacturing, energy-efficient and environmental protection, new energy, modern services, particularly in central and west China, the draft plan said.

Foreign companies are encouraged to participate in the merger and acquisition of domestic enterprises and build research and development centers in China, it says.

Xinhua

A visitor views an artwork created by artist Shen Yuan during a nomination show for the 2011 China contemporary female artists in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province, on 4 March, 2011. The show kicked off here Friday.

XINHUA



CP Open Tennis Tournament to hail Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 5 March— As a gesture of honouring the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Myanmar Tennis Federation will hold Myanmar CP Tennis Tournament from 20 to 26 March with the sponsorship of Myanmar CP Co Ltd.

Categories of the tournament are men's open single event, men's

double event, women's single event, women's double event, mixed doubles events, men's and women's U-12 single events, men's and women's U-14 single event and men's and women's U-16 single event.

Rules of the tournament regarding participants are—a team is allowed to include two

selected region or state tennis players, or one above-45 selected Myanmar tennis player and unlimited number of above-60 tennis player. MTF will provide accommodation and meals during the tournament. Participants may register at MTF by 19 March. For details, dial, 372360, 381991, 38192 (Ext-0).—MNA

First Global Education Exhibit in Myanmar on 10 March

YANGON, 5 March— Navitas' Global Education Exhibition, organized by AT&S Co Ltd, will be held at Traders Hotel here from noon to 7pm of 10 March.

The exhibition offers youths to get a chance for queries to pursue their education at 22 Universities based in Australia, American, Canada, England and Singapore, which are joined by Navitas.

It covers talks on education of each country as well as preparations for IELTS, EGCSE, GCE O/A Exams given by British Council, in addition, Navitas' free English test.

Those interested may register AT&S Co Ltd, Room 4 of Building 5, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus here, Ph: 652288 or 652320 or Email—nvt.ats@gmail.com.

MNA

Commander visits local battalions in Sittway Station

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March — On his inspection tour of Sittway, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein visited local battalions in Padaleik and Yaychanpyin stations, and comforted

patients and presented cash assistance to them at Military Hospital in Sittway on 28 February.

On 1 March, the commander inspected military codes of conduct contest to mark the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day at An Taung Hall in An Township.

Next, the commander looked into maintenance of road and bridge along An-Padekyaw-Maei motorway and tarmacking of An-Padekyaw-Maei road section near Nyaungchaung village in the township.—MNA



Pyu Township Chairman U Lwin Min, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Soe and Madatkhin (Myanmar) Village Chairman U Yan Aung formally open library in Madatkhin (Myanmar) Village in Pyu Township of Toungoo District on 8 February. [News on page 16]—MNA

Good harvests of seasonal crops in...

(from page 1)

Farmer U Zaw Lwin said, "I am from Nweyit Village. I grow seasonal crops all-year

He also said that he used natural and chemical fertilizers; and that he would grow green gram and corn after the



U Zaw Lwin (watermelon farmer) from Nweyit Village.

round such as cabbage, cauliflower and watermelon. My watermelon farm has an area of two acres with over 4000 watermelon plants. This season, it is expected to produce over 6000 watermelons. The street price of watermelon is about 1000 kyats a unit."

watermelon patch had been harvested.

Farming seasonal crops is a lucrative business. Getting on with their businesses and enjoying better living standard, peasant farmers are content with what they are.

Farmer Ko Myint Naing Oo said that he



Farmer Ko Myint Naing Oo from Nweyit Village.

used the corn strain imported from Thailand; that he grew one acre of

corn; that corn was at harvest when it was 75 days old; that he got about 10,000 ears of corn from his farm; that the prices of corn were not staple, and he sold an ear of corn for 80 to 100 kyats; and that the capital on an acre farm of corn ranged from 150,000 to 200,000 kyats and he made a profit of at least 650,000 kyats from the corn farm.

According to my first-hand experiences, farmers have to be hardworking to cultivate crops, but they get well on with their farms and



Radish grows well in Tatkon Township.

making handsome profits. I am pleased to learn that today the peasantry, our benefactors, have enjoyed higher socio-economic status engaging in agricultural farming.

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Watermelon is grown on a commercial scale in Tatkon Township.

Convocation of University for Development of National Races held



Commander Brig-Gen Soe Lwin presenting graduation certificate to a student at 20th Convocation of University for Development of National Races.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—University for Development of National Races held its 20th convocation day eve dinner on 3 March, attended by Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin,

Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Members of CSSTB U Soe Oo, senior military officers, guests, and graduates-to-be.

After the dinner, graduates-to-be performed with traditional cultural dances. The Commander

and the CSSTB Chairman presented them with bouquet of flowers and cash awards.

Yesterday, the 20th Convocation of UNDU took place at its convocation hall. Present on the occasion were, the Commander, the CSSTB Chairman, delegates from states and

regions, members of University Education, instructors, graduates-to-be and their families.

Commander Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu and Rector U Zaw Min Thein presented

graduation certificates. The graduation came to an end with concluding speech of the Commander.

After the graduation, the Commander and personnel cordially greeted outstanding

graduates and spoke words of encouragement.

The Commander then together with personnel, looked round the university library, campus and farms.

MNA



CSSTB Chairman U Kyaw Thu presenting certificates of honour to students who presented entertainment at 20th convocation day eve dinner of University for Development of National Races.

MNA



Cotto Co Ltd displaying bathroom materials at Housing & Building Exhibition.—MNA

Myanmar-Malaysia economic meeting on 10 March

YANGON, 5 March — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry meets Malaysian economists delegate led by Tan Chong Group of Malaysia at its head office on 10 March.

They will hold a meeting for bilateral businesses, including

automobile, agriculture, construction, tourism and garment.

Myanmar businessmen who wish to attend the meeting may contact UMFCCI International Relations Department by self or via Ph: 214344 ~ 49.

MNA

Additional ferry runs...

(from page 16)

He added that some Yangon-Khanaungto ferry lines went as far as the entrance to Letpangon well beyond Khanaungto port; that previous to special ferry runs, local people of Letpangon had to make a connecting trip; and that then they could save sampan fare and time.

Supervisor U Aung Soe of Yangon-Khanaungto Ferry Line said, "We run six ferry lines. They make 10 runs a day: six regular runs and four special runs. Six runs was not enough for commuters. So, we add special runs for rush hours. They carry 3000 to 3500 passengers a day. Passengers on weekends are not as many as on weekdays."

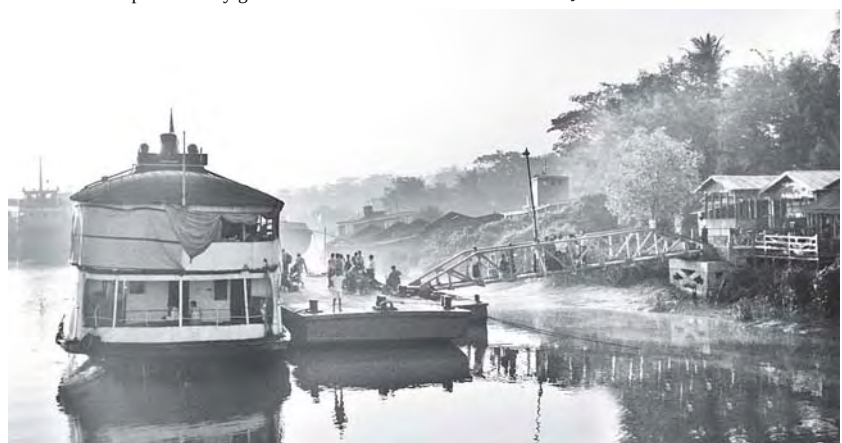
The programme brought the number of ferry runs between Yangon and Khanaungto to 10. Ports for ferries have been designated for the comfort of the commuters.

Responsible persons of the ferry lines take great care in running ferries for safety of passengers

in addition to their convenience. They said that they regularly gave educative talks on rules and regulations passengers should abide by, accidents and water transport as many got onto and off ferries

while ferries are pulling into and off the stations.

**Translation: MS
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Passengers waiting to take ferry on Khanaungto side.

Singapore Airlines finds more oil leaks on A380 engines

SINGAPORE, 5 March—Singapore Airlines found five cases of oil leaks on the Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines on its Airbus A380 planes since November last year, the airline confirmed Thursday.

However, Singapore Airlines (SIA) said the leaks were minor and there had been no flight safety issue on any of the occasions.

"The issue that caused the leaks was identified and corrected. They were minor and we never needed to reduce power during flight," an SIA spokesman said in response to an enquiry by Xinhua.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau said on Wednesday that Qantas airline suffered partial loss of power on two of its flights operated with A380s on 15 Feb and 24 Feb, respectively. Qantas pilots had to reduce power on one of the four engines to an idle state but managed to fly safely to the destinations. Qantas said the oil leaks did not lead to any injuries or damages.

Nevertheless, the airline had asked Rolls-Royce for an explanation. Qantas said the explosion that forced an emergency landing in Singapore in November last year involved an internal oil line while the two incidents in February were related to problems on the outside of the engine.

An explosion midair in the Rolls-Royce engine of the A380 plane operated by Qantas in November last year forced the company to ground its fleet of A380s temporarily.—Xinhua



Two killed in plane crash in northern Israel

JERUSALEM, 5 March—A light aircraft crashed near northern Israel, killing two on Thursday morning.

The plane was consumed by flames in an open field near the Mahanayim Airport in the Upper Galilee region after crashing at 10:12 am. The pilot of the plane, as well as the passenger, were found dead, according to local Ynet news website.

Investigators said there might have been a malfunction in the plane's engine, which was reported by the pilot on his radio moments before the crash.

Xinhua

A boxer car architecture is seen at the booth of Japanese car maker Subaru during the first day of the Geneva auto show in Geneva, Switzerland, on 3 March, 2011.—XINHUA

A job seeker jots some information at a job hunting fair held for women in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 3 March, 2011. The job hunting fair on Thursday provided over 5,000 vacancies on management, technology and service.—XINHUA

Ukrainian to travel around the world under water

KIEV, 5 March—A Ukrainian intends to travel around the world alone on the underwater swimming device, local media said on Wednesday.

The man named Fedor Konyukhov, from Zaporozhie region in southern Ukraine, is to start the trip in 2012. He will use the underwater submarine called "North-2" made in the USSR. It is the civil watercraft, which have a variety of uses, including tourism, exploration, oil and gas

platform inspections. This self-propelled apparatus was given to traveller by sponsors.

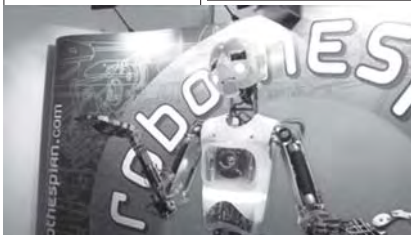
Konyukhov decided to sail the globe in a submarine because his fascination with the books of Jules Verne. In his childhood he dreamed about underwater trip and the romance of the sea. Fedor prepared himself for such cruise from an early age. He learned to swim, dive, go on the boat by oars and sail.—Xinhua



Xinhua

More than 4,200 exhibitors from around the world are showcasing their latest technologies at the CeBIT fair in Hanover, Germany, which runs until on 5 March and hopes to attract some 350,000 visitors.

INTERNET



Gunman indicted on 49 counts of charges in US shooting

LOS ANGELES, 5 March—A federal grand jury in the US state Arizona has indicted accused gunman Jared Lee Loughner on 49 counts in the January rampage in Tucson that gravely wounded Rep Gabrielle Giffords and 12

others and left six dead, including a chief federal district judge, the Washington Post reported on Friday.

The grand jury, in an unexpected development, handed up a superseding indictment against 22-year-old Loughner involved in the 8 Jan melee outside a supermarket in northern Tucson where Giffords was meeting her constituents. The new indictment includes 49 counts stemming from crimes against all of the victims, rather than just those five

victims who were federal employees.

The renewed indictment includes the first charges, attempted assassination of a member of Congress and two counts of attempted murder of a federal employee for wounding Giffords' aides, Ron Barber and Pam Simon. The indictment also contains the murder charges for the deaths of Roll and Giffords' staffer Gabe Zimmerman, and charges related to those who were wounded or endangered at the event.

Xinhua

Hazelnuts recalled across US over E coli scare

LOS ANGELES, 5 March—The California Department of Public Health on Friday announced a recall of hazelnuts which might be contaminated by E coli bacteria.

The department said it ordered the recall after seven people fell sick with E coli bacteria from eating tainted hazelnuts.

The seven illnesses include one in Michigan, three in Minnesota and three in Wisconsin, said Dr Howard Backer, interim director of the department. The hazelnuts were distributed by DeFranco & Sons, a Los Angeles company, said the department.

After being notified of the contamination, the company is voluntarily recalling the nuts, the department said.

The hazelnuts affected by the recall were sold under the brand names Sunripe, George Packing, Firestone Farms and Northwest Hazelnut and were distributed nationwide from 2 Nov to 22 Dec, according to the department.—Xinhua

Carrefour 2010 net income grows 11.3 percent

PARIS, 5 March—Carrefour, the world's second leading retail chain, saw its net income rise 11.3 percent in 2010 compared to 2009 on the back of growing sales in Latin America and Asia.

Carrefour's net income in 2010 was at 382 million euros (529.78 million US dollars) against 343 million euros (475.46 million US dollars) reported a year earlier, the company reported Thursday.

Sales in Latin America surged 31.3 percent to 13.91 billion euros (19.29 billion US dollars) offsetting a weak performance in Europe where purchases dropped 1.8 percent due to "challenging economic environment and price deflation."

An economic boom in China and a recovery in the Taipei market drive sales higher in Asian markets by 18.5 percent to 6.92 billion euros (9.59 billion US dollars).

Xinhua

Shell seeks to soothe S African fears on shale gas plans



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“Our approach (is) based on the philosophy of no harm to people and no harm to the environment,” Shell’s general manager for new venture

execution, Graham Tiley, told journalists in Johannesburg.

Shell has applied for rights to explore for shale gas across 90,000 square kilometres (35,000 square miles) in South Africa’s arid Karoo region using a technique called hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking.”

The process involves blasting a mixture of water, sand and chemicals deep beneath the earth’s surface to release natural gas trapped between layers of clay-like shale rock.

The company has drawn criticism from farmers, environmentalists and landowners — including Dutch Princess Irene, a local property owner — who fear the impact the process could have on the environment. Tiley said the company would work with the government and landowners to help coal-dependent South Africa tap its cleaner, more efficient natural gas reserves without harming the Karoo or its residents.

Internet

China’s Tiangong-1 to be launched by modified Long March II-F rocket

BEIJING, 5 March—The unmanned space module *Tiangong-1* that China plans to launch this year will be sent into space by a modified *Long March II-F* carrier rocket, an expert told *Xinhua* Thursday. The 8.5-tonne *Tiangong-1*, or Heavenly Palace 1, is expected to be launched into space in the second half of this year to perform the nation’s first space docking. It will dock with the unmanned *Shenzhou-8* spacecraft, which will be launched two month’s after *Tiangong-1*.

“Both *Tiangong-1* and *Shenzhou-8* will be launched by a Long March II-F carrier rocket,” said Liang Xiaohong, a senior executive of the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology, while attending the annual session of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, the country’s top political advisory body.

Researchers have made nearly 170 technological modifications, including 38 major ones, to the original Long March

II-F model, Liang said.

The Long-March II-F rocket is known as the safest in China. Developed in 1992, the rocket has successfully sent seven spaceships — from *Shenzhou-1* to *Shenzhou-7* — into space. Liang also said China would launch two other spacecraft in the coming two years, *Shenzhou-9* and *Shenzhou-10*, both of which would dock with *Tiangong-1*.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 3 March, 2011 shows the front gate of the Hakka Dongsheng enclosed house in Anyuan County, east China’s Jiangxi Province. Dongsheng house, one type of the typical Hakka dwellings with 94 metres long and 73 metres wide, is the largest square enclosed house for Hakka still remaining today. Built in 1842 of Qing Dynasty, the house consists of 199 rooms, nine courtyards and 18 halls, with a capacity for thousand people. More than 100 Hakka families now still live there.

XINHUA

China projects \$136b fiscal deficit in 2011

BEIJING, 5 March—China projects 900 billion yuan (\$136.4 billion) in fiscal deficit, or 2 percent of GDP, in 2011, Premier Wen Jiabao said while delivering a government work report at the parliament’s annual session Saturday.

The deficit is 150 billion yuan less than that of last year. Of the deficit, 700 billion yuan will be for the central government and 200 billion yuan for the local government through issuing bonds, Wen told nearly 3,000 deputies of the National People’s Congress (NPC).

Efforts will be made to optimize the fiscal distribution structure, with more funds channeled to programmes concerning agriculture, rural areas and farmers, underdeveloped regions, people’s well-being, social undertakings, economic restructuring and science and technology innovation, Wen said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Astronauts relax, take in views after two spacewalks



In this frame grab made from NASA TV, space shuttle mission specialists Alvin Drew, left, and Stephen Bowen, make one final spacewalk of the mission and the final one involving *Discovery* at the International Space Station on 2 March, 2011.

INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 5 March— The 12 orbiting astronauts took care of a little maintenance work aboard the International Space Station on Thursday and gave it a boost before enjoying a well deserved break.

With the major objectives of their joint mission behind them, the station and shuttle crews couldn’t wait to

gather around the big bay window to take in the majestic views of Earth. Mission Control gave them the afternoon off, a day after the second and final spacewalk of *Discovery*’s final journey.

Astronaut Alvin Drew, one of the spacewalkers, said when he first floated out earlier in the week, “I had to keep reminding myself that I had a job to do and not just take in this gorgeous scenery around me.”

“You are part of the scene. You’ve gone through the looking glass,” he said in a series of TV interviews.

Astronaut Nicole Stott said she and her crewmates have talked a lot about *Discovery*’s final voyage. NASA’s oldest shuttle will be retired once it returns to Earth next week and be sent to a museum.

Endeavour will make its farewell flight in April, and *Atlantis*

will close out NASA’s 30-year shuttle programme this summer.

Shuttle commander Steven Lindsey said the mission has gone “just absolutely spectacular” and he and his crew couldn’t be happier.

The six shuttle and six station astronauts teamed up to install a new storage room on the orbiting lab, and hooked up an equipment platform with a spare radiator.

On Thursday morning, they fired *Discovery*’s thrusters to steer the outpost into a slightly higher orbit.

Discovery will remain at the space station until Sunday, a day longer than originally planned. The extra time will be used to unload supplies and experiments from the storage unit. They may get yet another bonus day in orbit, which would stretch their mission to 13 days. A decision was expected Thursday.

Internet

Europe unveils life-enhancing 2011 inventors award shortlist

BRUSSELS, 5 March— Glasses that adjust to wearer’s eyesight, titanium implants for your teeth or steel fibres allowing architects to twist and bend concrete were among innovations shortlisted Thursday for the 2011 European Inventor Award.

The Munich-based European Patent Office released a 15-strong shortlist ahead of the awards ceremony in Budapest on 19 May, with the theme very much one of saving and improving lives rather than wild and wacky products that sometimes catch on in a big way.

Other inventions on the list were also aimed at improving cancer treatment, heart disease diagnosis or



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early-warning of Alzheimer’s, road safety, power generation, water purification and fibre optics.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (287)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (287) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.3.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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The barbed points may even have been arrowheads, moving the earliest known use of arrows back by thousands of years.— INTERNET

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Island tool finds show early settlers' diversity

LONDON, 5 March—Caches of tools and animal remains from around 12,000 years ago, found on islands off the California coast, have given remarkable insight into the lives of the first Americans. The finds show fine tool technology and a rich maritime

economy existed there. The tools vary markedly from mainland cultures of the era such as the Clovis. The finds, reported in *Science*, also suggest that rather than a land route to South America, early humans may have used coastal routes.

A team studying California's Channel Islands, off its southern coast, has found that the islands show evidence both of differing technologies and a differing diet, even among the few islands. "On San Miguel island we found a lot of pretty remarkable tools, but the animal materials there were largely shellfish," said Torben Rick, an anthropologist from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC.

Internet

Cancer rise and sperm quality fall 'due to chemicals'

LONDON, 5 March —Sperm quality significantly deteriorated and testicular cancers increased over recent years, a Finnish study says. The study in the *International Journal of Andrology* looked at men born between 1979 and 1987. The University of Turku research suggests environmental reasons, particularly exposure to industrial chemicals, may be behind both trends.

A UK expert said chemicals may affect the development of male babies. Finnish men were studied as they have previously been shown to



The researchers looked at sperm quality.— INTERNET

have some of the highest sperm counts in the world. But scientists were never sure if this was because of their genetics or because they were exposed to fewer harmful chemicals.—*Internet*

Illness mounts for cancer patient partners

LUND, 5 March —Partners of cancer patients have increased mental and physical illnesses the in year after their spouse or partner's cancer diagnosis, Swedish researchers say. The thesis of cancer nurse Katarina Sjøvall of Lund University in Sweden studied partners of people with colorectal cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer or prostate cancer.

The study shows that the number of diagnosed diseases among partners increased by 25 percent after the cancer diagnosis.

The most significant increase was in diagnoses of mental illnesses such as depression, but there were significant increases in cardiovascular disease, musculoskeletal diseases and abdominal diseases. *Internet*

Workers adjust presentation at a display area during a trade event in Geneva's International Airport. Canada's Bombardier, the third-largest aircraft maker in the world, says it has secured a financing deal worth up to \$8 billion from a Chinese leasing firm.— INTERNET

Skinhead detained in friend's death

CITRUS HEIGHTS, 5 March—Citrus Heights, Calif police say they have detained a close friend of the slain leader of a skinhead group on charges not directly linked with the killing. Police issued a statement saying they had detained Charles Gilbert Demar III, a 36-year-old tattoo artist and skinhead band leader, *The Sacramento Bee* reported. Demar was detained by the California Highway Patrol after a traffic stop in Rancho Cordova Wednesday and booked into the Sacramento County Jail on drug and gang charges. He was being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.—*Internet*



The National Assembly website was among high profile targets.— INTERNET

South Korea hit by cyber attacks

SEOUL, 5 March—South Korea has been hit by a series of cyber attacks which have targeted some of the country's leading websites. Government ministries, the National Assembly, the military headquarters, US Forces in Korea and major banks were among those hit.

It is believed that the attackers injected malware into two peer-to-peer file-sharing websites. The attacks are similar to those that targeted South Korean websites in July 2009. Some 29 institutions were affected by so-called distributed denial-of-service attacks (DDoS) which overload a site with data causing it to fall over.

The web page of the Financial Services Commission, the country's financial regulator, was overloaded and an online stock trading system was shut down for a few minutes but both soon recovered, according to government sources.—*Internet*

Hope for early bowel cancer DNA test

LONDON, 5 March —Scientists have discovered what could be the first step towards a DNA test to detect the early signs of bowel cancer. Tests on two distinct genes were highly accurate in distinguishing between tumours and benign polyps — growths in the bowel that

can become cancerous. While not all polyps in the bowel become cancerous it is thought almost all bowel cancers develop from polyps.

The Cambridge study, in the *BMJ Journal Gut*, analysed 261 samples from patients with benign polyps or bowel cancer. In particular it looked at what are called DNA methylation patterns — a key process in cell development. The researchers at Cancer UK's Cambridge Research Institute at Cambridge University say that DNA methylation is essential for life.—*Internet*



A test to detect the early stages of bowel cancer could be one step closer.— INTERNET

Man faces life sentence for helping debtor die

NEW YORK, 5 March —A man hired to help a debt-ridden motivational speaker kill himself has been convicted of murder. Jeffrey Locker, 52, a self-help author and business coach, died in July 2009, a jury in New York was told. He was found stabbed in his car, his hands tied behind his back.

Police initially treated his death as a robbery gone wrong, but later

found that Mr Locker, facing bankruptcy after falling victim to a Ponzi scheme, had been cruising the streets, offering to pay strangers to kill him. He wanted it to look like a robbery so that his family could collect as much as \$18m (£11.8m) in life insurance, the court heard.

The conviction leaves Kenneth Minor facing a possible life sentence.

Internet

Cashier steals USD 27 m to 'help' homeless!

A university cashier has confessed to siphoning off over USD 27 million from Adelaide's Flinders University to use the money to buy shares in a National Basketball League team and help the homeless, a court was told.

Christopher Wayne Fuss, 47, from suburban Glengowrie in Adelaide, pleaded guilty in the Adelaide Magistrates Court Friday to a single charge related to taking \$27,354,903 from the university over two years between 2008 and 2010, AAP reported. It has been alleged in the charge that he abused his position of trust as a university employee to falsify financial and banking records.

The court had been told Fuss used some of the money to buy a \$50,000 share in the Adelaide 36ers NBL team and that the 36ers received \$160,000 to pay for one of its players. At the time the 36ers were struggling financially and Fuss was part of a consortium of buyers who came to the club's rescue.

The prosecution said \$48,000 was also paid to a charity for the homeless and \$1.7 million was spent on a family home.



Oberon Zell-Ravenheart, 68, has opened the world's only registered wizard academy, the Grey School of Wizardry in California.

25 percent of adult Brits have seen ghosts

A record one out of four adult British people have had a ghostly encounter — up from seven per cent in the 1950s.

A study shows that a largest number of ghostly goings-on experienced by up to 30 per cent of the

population is being reported in Yorkshire and Humberside, the East Midlands and Wales.

Professor Richard Wiseman, who is a leading psychologist and paranormal investigator, found in his new study that more than 11 million people claim to have had an experience with a ghost.

In the 1950s, the figure was just seven percent, rising to 14 percent in the 1990s and 19 per cent in 2003, *The Sun* reports.

Prof Wiseman thinks the large number of reports of apparitions; bumps in the night, and eerie sounds may be more to do with their popularity on TV than psychic activity.

Referee sets record by giving 36 red cards in one game

Referee Damien Rubino has set a soccer record of sorts by giving a whopping 36 red cards in a match.

Rubino on Tuesday issued these red cards during an Argentine fifth division match between Claypole and Victoriano

Arenas.

A fuming Rubino sent off all 22 players plus their substitutes and technical staff as a mass brawl erupted.

The shaken boss of one of the teams told how he begged police to lock raging opposition players

in their dressing room, *The Sun* reports.

Rival Argentinian team Claypole, who beat Victoriano Arenas 2-0, accused the referee of overreacting to the bust-up in Buenos Aires.

Manager Sergio Micieli said: "Most players were trying to separate people. The ref was confused."

The world record was previously held by a 1993 game in Paraguay that saw 20 players sent off.

Aymara natives play folk music as the parade during the Anata Andino, an Andean carnival in which people from different communities gather to thank the Pachamama for the crops and ask for the rainy season to begin, in the Bolivian city of Oruro, some 230 Km south of La Paz, on 3 March, 2011.

News Album

John Galliano fired by Dior

BEIJING, 5 March—Christian Dior says it's firing designer John Galliano after an online video showed him praising Adolf Hitler, a bombshell certain to rock fashion's elite world as the latest Paris ready-to-wear shows begin. The French fashion house showed the famed British designer the door Tuesday following a string of accusations of racist and anti-Semitic rants against patrons of at least one trendy Paris cafe. Dior had come under international pressure after Oscar-winning actress Natalie Portman, one of the company's spokesmodels, said in a statement she was "shocked and disgusted" by a video in which designer John Galliano says he loves Adolf Hitler.

As Paris launched its 2011-2012 fall-winter ready-to-wear shows Tuesday, the Dior house is scheduled to present its collection on Friday. Galliano was also scheduled to present his own signature line on Sunday.—Xinhua



A model presents a drama-costume-looking wedding dress in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 4 March, 2011. A wedding cultural fair kicked off in Suzhou on Friday, providing new couples with a one-stop wedding package with various services.—XINHUA



US actor Johnny Depp (L) and German director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck pose at a red carpet event to promote their movie "The Tourist" in Tokyo on 3 March, 2011. XINHUA

New York Int'l Children's Film Festival kicks off

NEW YORK, 5 March—New York International Children's Film Festival (NYICFF) kicked off on Friday with Disney's new 3D space adventure comedy "Mars Needs Moms" as the opening night film.

As the nation's largest film festival for kids and teens, NYICFF, which runs during 4-27 March, presents four weeks of ground-breaking, fun-filled and thought-provoking new works and special events for children aged 3-18.

This year's festival includes more than 100 new films around the world, including "A Cat in Paris" from France, "Boy" from New Zealand, and the Oscar-shortlisted animated feature "The Dreams of Jinsha" from China. For the first time in 2011, NYICFF

is an Oscar-qualifying festival for short films. Aside from the opening and closing galas, NYICFF also presents six short films programmes, filmmaking workshops, and the NYICFF Awards Ceremony.

The films will be shown at six different locations in New York and a total of 25,000 audiences are expected.

The 2011 jury members of the festival include the Academy Award-nominated actress Uma Thurman, Academy Award-winning actress Susan Sarandon and Academy Award-nominated director Gus Van Sant.

Founded in 1997, NYICFF stands at the forefront of a movement to define a new, more compelling and provocative film for kids.—Xinhua

Cary Elwes joins "Wonder Woman" pilot

LOS ANGELES, 5 March—David E Kelley's "Wonder Woman" television pilot continues to cast big names. Cary Elwes ("Saw," "The Princess Bride") is the latest actor to join the cast. He'll play the CEO of Themyscira Industries the company owned by Diana Prince/Wonder Woman.

British actress-model Elizabeth Hurley is working out visa issues in order to play villainess Veronica Cale, a recurring character. And Pedro Pascal has been locked for the character of Ed Indelicato, a police officer who befriends Wonder Woman.

Adrianne Palicki ("Friday Night Lights") stars as the title character.

The pilot, from Warner Bros Television, is set up at US network NBC.

Elwes was most recently seen on screen in the comedy "No Strings Attached."—Internet



A model shows a creation by designer Manish Arora as part of his Fall-Winter ready-to-wear 2012 fashion collection, presented in Paris, on 3 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Match previews - Sun 6th Mar

A look ahead to Sunday's fixtures in the Barclays Premier League.

There are two key Barclays Premier League fixtures on Sunday.

First Liverpool host arch-rivals Manchester United who need to bounce back from only their second league defeat of the season.

Then Tottenham Hotspur go to Wolverhampton Wanderers who are aiming for a fourth home win of the season against top-five opposition.

Liverpool vs Man Utd

Liverpool are unbeaten in their last five outings in front of their own fans while the leaders have now lost two of their last four on the road.

Sir Alex Ferguson's men will be keen to recover from their 2-1 defeat at Chelsea which has opened up the title race.

Kenny Dalglish's men will also be determined to bounce back to form after losing 3-1 at West Ham United.

United have already beaten Liverpool twice at Old Trafford this season but have lost on their last two visits to Anfield.

Saturday 5 March

Birmingham	1-3	WBA
Arsenal	0-0	Sunderland
Bolton	3-2	Aston Villa
Fulham	3-2	Blackburn
Newcastle	1-2	Everton
West Ham	3-0	Stoke City

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

SPORTS**Wolves vs Spurs**

Wolves have already beaten Manchester United, Chelsea and Manchester City at Molineux this season and now aim to add Spurs to their list of top-five scalps.

Mick McCarthy's men have won three of their last four at home while Tottenham were disappointed to go down 3-1 at Blackpool last time out to end a run of five matches without defeat.

The north London club had won four successive visits to Molineux before losing

there 1-0 last season.

But they came out on top 3-1 at White Hart Lane in September thanks to late goals from Rafael van der Vaart, Roman Pavlyuchenko and Alan Hutton after Steven Fletcher had given the visitors the lead.—*Internet*

**Birmingham City 1-3****West Bromwich Albion**

LONDON, 5 March — West Bromwich Albion eased their relegation fears with victory at local rivals Birmingham City.



After a drab first half, the match burst into life after the break as Yousouf Mulumbu fired the Baggies in front within two minutes of the restart.

However Jean Beausejour provided an immediate response turning in his first Premier League goal a minute later. But James Morrison restored the advantage with a classy finish on 58 minutes and Paul Scharrer wrapped up a vital victory with a header from a tight angle 18 minutes from time as Albion leapfrogged the Carling Cup winners.—*Internet*

West Ham 3-0 Stoke

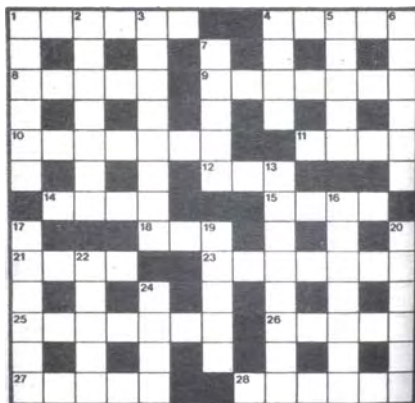
LONDON, 5 March — West Ham made it two home wins in a week as they capitalised on a poor first-half display by Stoke. A defensive mix-up allowed Demba Ba to score the easiest of openers, with Manuel da Costa's free header doubling the lead before the interval.

Stoke went into the game on a run of five successive away Premier League defeats, and made a cautious opening as the

home side dominated early possession.

But for all their neat passing and approach work, West Ham created little of note in front of goal, and the first chance of the game fell to the visitors. The visitors did their best to claim a consolation goal but West Ham's defence stood firm as they claimed back-to-back home Premier League wins for the first time since last April.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE**ACROSS**

- 1 Imperfect
- 4 Bats an eyelid
- 8 Instructor
- 9 Answered
- 10 One of many Egyptian kings
- 11 Converse
- 12 Touch lightly
- 14 First man
- 15 Rim
- 18 Long period
- 21 Parched
- 23 Bravery
- 25 Ling or girl's name
- 26 Force
- 27 Ledge
- 28 Prayer

DOWN

- 1 Time to come
- 2 Wild
- 3 Is remote (anag.)
- 4 Sobbed
- 5 Horse's cry
- 6 Staid
- 7 Outside of a loaf
- 13 Odd
- 16 Popular name for whales or dolphins
- 17 That which excites pity
- 19 Fruit of the oak
- 20 German city
- 22 Angry
- 24 Head cook

IOC: Munich has strong 2018 bid, govt support

MUNICH, 5 March — Munich has a strong bid for the 2018 Winter Olympics that enjoys strong government support, according to the head of the International Olympic Committee's evaluation commission.

Gunilla Lindberg, the Swedish president of the commission, said Germany was a strong winter sports country that is accustomed to organizing big events. "We have witnessed the strong government support which the bid enjoys, highlighted by the presence of Angela Merkel," Lindberg said on Friday, at the end of a five-day visit by the 14-member evaluation team.—*Internet*



Kyle Stanley



A wood carver wearing traditional Bavarian clothing has hand-carved Olympic rings around his neck as the International Olympic Committee's evaluation commission toured the venue for Alpine skiing and other events near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, which is part of Munich 2018 Winter Games bid, in southern Germany.

INTERNET

Mourinho in airport stabbing scare

MADRID, 5 March — A fan tried to stab Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho at a Spanish airport but ended up injuring his bodyguard instead, Spain's Cadena Ser radio network reported. The attack at the A Coruna airport in



Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho

northwestern Spain occurred when Mourinho was signing autographs last Friday. The bodyguard only became aware of the four-inch stab wound when he boarded the bus. According to *El Mundo* newspaper, the attacker had targeted the Portuguese coach. Real Madrid meanwhile decided to beef up security for the former Chelsea boss, Cadena Ser added.

Internet

Kyle Stanley leads Honda by shot

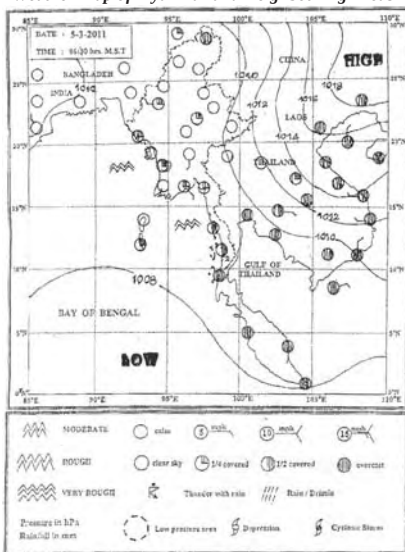
PALM BEACH GARDENS, 5 March — Delighted to be 5-under par at the midway point of the windy Honda Classic, Rory Sabbatini predicted the score would be enough to win the tournament. A few hours later, his lead was gone. The gusts of more than 20 mph abated some, and Kyle Stanley took advantage

with his late tee time Friday, shooting a 4-under 66 for a one-stroke lead over Sabbatini.

Stanley, seeking his first PGA Tour title, was at 6-under 134. Sabbatini shot a 64, matching the tournament's best round since it moved to PGA National in 2007. Charl Schwartzel was third at 3

under after a 69, and Ricky Barnes (68), Jerry Kelly (67), Stuart Appleby (70) and Tommy Gainey (67) were 2 under. Stanley had six birdies, including three in a row, to offset two bogeys. He was 1 under on holes 15 through 17, the daunting stretch known as the Bear Trap.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 5th March, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperature in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Shan, Chin, Kayah and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) above March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin State and (4°C) below March average temperatures in Taninthayi Regions and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Minbu, Magway and Theinzay (40°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Putao and Myeik (0.08) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 4-3-2011 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 5-3-2011 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-3-2011 was (62%). Rainfall on 4-3-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 4-3-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 5-3-2011 was 70°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-3-2011 was (57%). Total sunshine hours on 4-3-2011 was (9.6) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 5-3-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye each and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon and (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 4-3-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 6th March 2011:

Light rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kayin State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Possibility of increases of day temperatures in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-3-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-3-2011: Generally fair weather.

India hold champions Serbia, Nadal inspires Spain

PARIS, 5 March—India held defending champions Serbia in check while a Rafael Nadal-inspired Spain, France and Argentina all held sway on the opening day of Davis Cup World Group first round ties on Friday. Serbia, without their top player, Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic, have plenty of work to do in Novi Sad to avoid a shock early exit.

Viktor Troicki, who sealed his country's victory against France in December's 2010 final in Belgrade, put the Serbs into the lead, edging Rohan Bopanna in a cliffhanger 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3. But India go into Saturday's doubles level at 1-1 after Somdev Devvarman stunned Janko Tipsarevic 7-5, 7-5, 7-6 (7/3) in the second singles.



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns a forehand to Belgian's Ruben Bemelmans during the Davis Cup first round match in Charleroi, Belgium. Nadal won 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 with Spain leading 2-0.— INTERNET

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (6-3-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (6-3-11 09:30 am ~ 7-3-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Mahar Thatkay Atala Man Aung (Nga Htat Kyee)
- * News
- * Current Affairs "The 55th Grand Title Conferring Ceremony"
- * Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Mutton Curry"
- * News
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Kid's Talent "Dancing & Playing"
- * Auto Mobile & Living Products Show 2011

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
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- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Kid's Talent "Dancing & Playing"
- * Auto Mobile & Living Products Show 2011
- * News
- * Monywa... Picturesque City
- * Myanmar Teak in Higher Demand
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie Impact "Flying Cranes"
- * News
- * The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taung Yoe Tribe
- * News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw (The Golden Palace)
- * Myanmar Movie "That's why We're"



Sunday, 6 March
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:10 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
- 7:55 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**
7. (38) Phyar Mingalars

- 8:10 am**
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:20 am**
9. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:30 am**
10. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 8:40 am**
11. International News
- 8:45 am**
12. Musical Programme
- 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
- 12:30 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 pm**
6. Myanmar Movies

- 2:20 pm**
7. Documentary
- 2:35 pm**
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:45 pm**
9. International News
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 am**
3. Song Of National Raecs
- 4:30 pm**
4. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 4:45 pm**
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lecuters)
- First Year (Botanty)

- 5:00 pm**
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm**
7. "Teleplay" (Traffic)
- 5:25 pm**
8. Songs in honour of (66)th Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 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. Tammyethnar 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. Yinhlainkhatthan 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

Additional ferry runs for convenience of commuters

Byline Ye Win Hsaung (Kyemon); Photos: Maung Kyin Nar



Commuters are happy with special ferry runs between Yangon and Khanaungto.

The Inland Water Transport has launched some more ferry runs between Yangon and Khanaungto for the convenience of residents by means of transportation.

Manager U Htein Lin of the Inland Water Transport told The Mirror, "We make special ferry runs in addition to regular ferry runs,

especially in rush hours for local people who commute between Yangon and Khanaungto. So, now it is very convenient for staff and students to make their trips. Taking private runs suits the convenience of commuters, so many take special ferries."

(See page 9)

What causes HIV/AIDS, talked in Kyaukto

NAY PYI TAW, 5 March—As part of Far-flung Townships Socio-economic Development Programme, an educative course on HIV/AIDS knowledge was opened in Kyaukto Township, Mon State on 26 February.

Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Tin Aung Win, Manager of Mon/Kayin State FTSDP U Win Htin spoke on the occasion. Chairperson of the township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Yin Yin Myat and U Khine Kyaw Htun of FTSDP Anti-HIV Project gave educative talks on prevention against HIV and AIDS.

A total of 40 female trainees from 40 villages are attending the five-day course.—MNA

Thuta Pyokhin library building opened

Pyu, 5 March—The new Thuta Pyokhin library building in Madatkhin (Myanmar) Village, Tagondaing Village-tract, Pyu Township, Toungoo District was opened on 8 February in conjunction with the donation of publications and a radio in front of the new library building with an address by Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Lwin Min.

The chairman of the Township PDC, the head of the Township Information and Public Relations Department and the chairman of the Village PDC formally opened the new library building, followed by the publications and radio donations ceremony in which over 400 books and a radio were presented.

Township IPRD