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Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* Strengthening of national solidarity
* Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

* Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
* Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

All are to cultivate Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit for peace and stability of the Union and national development

Prevent aliens from intruding into region

President meets officials of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—President U Thein Sein delivered an address in meeting with members of Rakhine State government, state level departmental officials and townselders at the hall of the state government in Sittway this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Education Dr Pe Thet Khin, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw U Htein Lin, Deputy Speaker U Tha Nyunt, members of Rakhine State government, departmental officials and townselders.

Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin reported on damages of housings in some townships due to heavy rains in Rakhine State from 20 to 22 July, providing of relief aids, reopening of the suspended schools, health care services, floods at monsoon paddy fields and regrowing, conditions of embankments, damages of bridges and road sections in bank erosion, landslides and repairing of roads and bridges.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint submitted the report on landslides on Ngathainggyaung-Gwa road, clearing of landslide areas, construction of retaining walls, repairing of bridge approach structure damaged in bank erosion on Gwa-Thandwe road, inundation on Thandwe-Taungup road section in Thandwe Township, repairing of Hngetpyaw Creek and Sane Creek bridges on Taungup-Maei-An road section, maintenance of Minbu-An section, repairing of wooden bridge and approach road on An-Tattaung section, installation of iron frames at damaged pier-7 of 990 feet long bailey Dalat Creek Bridge, repairing works for floods on the road, maintenance of wooden bridge and 40 feet long section on Minbya-Sittway section, and installation of iron bailey frames at damaged bailey bridge in Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road (Maungtaw District).

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President U Thein Sein speaking to Rakhine State government members, state level departmental officials and townselders at State Government Office in Sittway.

MNA

The haves share their possessions with the have-nots. The Strong have mercy upon the weak. And these are noble traditions of Myanmar as well as auspicious deeds. So, all are to work together with the government for the success of rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 31 July, 2011

Hand down Myanmar's good cultural traditions to posterity

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions have been held 17 times with a view to maintaining Myanmar's good cultural traditions that have emerged with long history and handing them down to posterity. Now, preparations are being made for successful holding of the 18th competitions.

The first coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 July. Patron of the Leading Committee Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the meeting.

Myanmar's national characters mean own style, own traditions and customs as well as national characteristics of our own nation and people. The city states in Pyu Period when Myanmar's traditional cultural characteristics were recorded in history became civilized and prosperous societies. Artistic works handed down by the Pyu cities were first recorded in Bagan Period as mural paintings. It has been recorded that according to the stone inscriptions of Bagan Period, today's five musical instruments namely metal, shall string, leather, horn and bamboo were developed in Bagan Era. Centuries-long Myanmar traditional culture reflects the glory and dignity of the State and high nationalistic spirit. In comparison with the world civilization, Myanmar's civilization still features such characteristics as Myanmar's own style and national culture and character.

As this year's competitions will be first held in the time of the new government to ensure success in both form and essence, doyen musicians and artistes and the public are work together in order to hand down Myanmar's good cultural traditions to posterity.

Second round of Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 1 August

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—A coordination meeting to systematically organize the second round matches of the 5th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2011 was held at the Ministry of Sports, here, this morning.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department gave a speech.

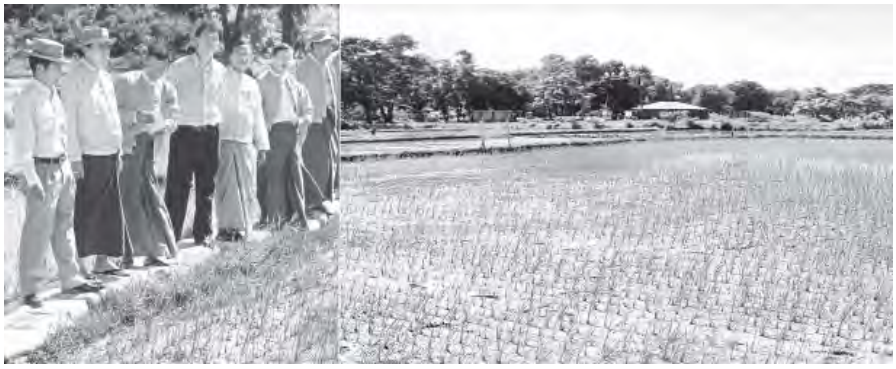
Responsible persons of Myanmar Football Federation and officials of the organizing committee explained laws, rules and regulations for the competition.

The second round matches will commence on 1 August when Ministry of Construction will play against Ministry of Transport at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground and Ministry of CPT with Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Ground.—*MNA*

People's 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**

Union A&I Minister meets rice and paddy dealers, farmers in Sittway



***Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin view thriving paddy plantation through good agriculture practice in Sittway.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, accompanied by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Irrigation Department and officials, inspected thriving paddy fields through systematic cultivation method at Kandawgyi farmer educative seed production farm in Sittway.

He met rice and paddy dealers and farmers in Sittway.

The Chief Minister explained concerted efforts of departmental personnel, rice and paddy dealers and farmers for development of agriculture sector and programme to send excursion group to Nay Pyi Taw for observation at model paddy farms.

The Union Minister pledged that the ministry will provide necessary assistance for development of rice and paddy production in Rakhine State as much as possible and urged staff, rice and paddy dealers and farmers to strive for progress of the state in harmonious.

The meeting was attended by departmental personnel, members of farming production societies, and farmers from Sittway, Kyauktaw and Ponnagyun townhships.

MNA

Union Construction Minister inspects progress of Anchaung Bridge, Metaungshaunggwin road section

***Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects maintenance of Thayu (Pepadon) Bridge.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint visited Thandwe District Superintending Engineer's Office in Rakhine State on 27 July and gave instructions on repair of roads and bridges damaged in torrential rains.

On 28 July, the Union Minister visited construction site of Anchaung Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Road in An Township and inspected progress of Metaungshaunggwin road section from mile post No. 9/10 to 11/0 on An-Sittway Road.

While meeting special construction groups for buildings, airports and bridges and staff of Kyaukpyu District Engineer Office and An Township Engineer Office and personnel of private companies constructing roads in An Township, he called for regular checks on roads and bridges.—*MNA*

Photo taken on 28 July, 2011 shows the damage caused by explosions in Trinkot city, the capital of Uruzgan Province, 370 km south of capital city Kabul, Afghanistan. Multiple explosions and gun battle left 25 people including six attackers dead and injured 35 others here on Thursday, spokesman for provincial administration Ahmad Milad Mudasir said.
XINHUA

13 killed in firing incident in Quetta, SW Pakistan

QUETTA (Pakistan), 30 July—At least 13 people were killed and five others were injured in a sectarian-motivated attack in Pakistan's southwest City of Quetta on Saturday morning, said hospital sources.

According to *Xinhua* sources and local media reports, the attack took place at about 08:00 am local time when two unknown gunmen riding a motorcycle opened fired indiscriminately at a passenger pick-up carrying people from Hazara Shia community on their way for work near a bus stop on the Spini road in a densely populated area of the city. The gunmen escaped after the firing. Police have arrived at the area shortly after the firing was reported and the area has been cordoned off for search operation. All the injured people have been shifted to the Bolan Medical Complex in the city.

No group has taken credit for the attack yet. Saturday morning's incident is the second of its kind in the city over the last 12 hours or so. Late on Friday night, seven Shia devotees were reportedly shot dead in Quetta while they were heading to Iran to visit religious places.—*Xinhua*

Guardsman sentenced to life in prison for shooting Afghan man

NASHVILLE, 30 July—The National Guardsman who shot an Afghan electrician in the head at close range was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole, officials said on Friday.

Sergeant Derrick Miller was convicted of premeditated murder Wednesday by a 10-member panel of officers and enlisted personnel.

Miller was convicted of the 26 September, 2010 shooting death of Atta Mohammed at or near Masamute Bala, Afghanistan.

During the three-day court-martial at Fort Campbell, a military post straddling the Kentucky-Tennessee state line, the soldier's attorney, Charles Gittins, argued the shooting was in self-defence and the sergeant considered the victim a threat.

The slain man's son told *Reuters* a few months ago that, while he wasn't there at the time, his understanding is that his father was taken from his home by US and Afghan soldiers, beaten in a school bathroom and then shot in the head.—*Reuters*

An Iraqi man inspects a destroyed store after a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 July, 2011.
INTERNET

US review finds Iraq deadlier now than a year ago

BAGHDAD, 30 July—Frequent bombings, assassinations and a resurgence in violence by Shiite militias have made Iraq more dangerous now than it was just a year ago, a US government watchdog concludes in a report released Saturday.

The findings come during what US Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction Stuart W Bowen Jr called "a summer of uncertainty" in Baghdad over whether American forces will stay past a year-end withdrawal deadline and continue military aid for the unstable nation.

"Iraq remains an extraordinarily dangerous place to work," Bowen concluded in his 172-page quarterly report to Congress and the Obama administration on progress — and setbacks — in Iraq. "It is less safe, in my judgment, than 12 months ago."

The report cited the deaths of 15 US soldiers in June, the bloodiest month for the US military in Iraq in two years. Nearly all of them were killed in attacks by Shiite militias bent on forcing out American troops on schedule.

Internet

Delta planes clip one another on ground at Chicago airport

CHICAGO, 30 July—Two Delta passenger planes clipped one another on the ground at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on Friday, but no injuries were reported, the airline said.

"We had a taxiway incident tonight at O'Hare," Delta spokeswoman Chris Kelly Singley said, adding that two planes had "made contact" on the ground. She said that all passengers disembarked after the incident involving a flight bound for Minneapolis and another heading to Atlanta. An investigation was underway into the cause of the collision and to assess the damage, she said.—*Reuters*

Two NATO soldiers killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 July—Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on Friday in a Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast in eastern Afghanistan, the military alliance said.

"Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in eastern Afghanistan today," said a statement issued by ISAF here.

However, the brief statement did not reveal the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from the United States have been stationed in eastern Afghanistan within the framework of ISAF to curb Taleban- linked militancy there.

A total of 328 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year. —*Xinhua*

***This file illustration photo shows shoe saleswomen sitting behind their stalls in Ho Chi Minh. Seventeen factory workers were killed and 21 seriously injured after they became trapped in a burning Vietnamese shoe workshop that did not have a fire escape, according to local police.—*XINHUA**

Death toll in northern Vietnam fire climbs to 17

HANOI, 30 July—Four of the 17 injured in a fire in Vietnam's northern Haiphong city on Friday afternoon succumbed to their heavy burns Saturday morning, increasing the total death toll to 17.

According to *Vietnam News Agency*, the fire broke out about 4:30 pm local time on Friday, at a private shoe-making workshop in Haiphong city.

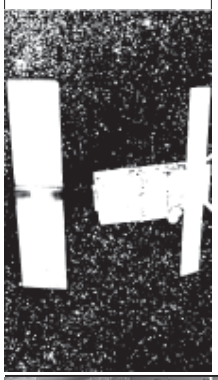
Local witnesses said that welding slag dropped on spongy materials and ignited them as a welder hired by owners was erecting an anti-lightening pole to brace for the Nock-ten storm.

As the incident happened, a total of 36 employees were working in the workshop and only six of them escaped. Thirteen were burnt to death on the spot and 17 others injured. The eight workers in critical condition are transferred to Hanoi for urgent treatment.

Xinhua

Science

Like its predecessor ERS-1 (launched in July 1991 by Ariane 4), the ERS-2 satellite (launched on 21 April 1995 also by Ariane 4) monitored the ground day and night under all weather conditions thanks to its powerful sharp-eyed, cloud-piercing radars. ERS-2 also carried an instrument to help monitor the ozone layer.
INTERNET



Weird moon crater may be crash site of old NASA spacecraft

WASHINGTON, 30 July—A strange-looking scar on the moon has astronomers wondering whether the cause of this peculiar impact feature is a piece of space debris that smashed into the lunar surface or a spacecraft that made a planned crash landing decades ago.

NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera spotted the curious impact using its narrow-angle camera, which has such a high resolution that it can often see small features from Apollo-era space-craft that either landed or crashed. The contrasting dark and light regions indicate differences in the composition and maturity of the lunar surface features, James Ashley, a postdoctoral associate at Arizona State University (ASU), wrote in a blog post about the LROC image. Ashley suggests that the "butterfly-shaped" mass of lunar rubble seen in the picture could be the remnants of NASA's *Lunar Orbiter 2*, which made a planned crash landing on the moon in 1967 at the end of its mission.

The unmanned *Lunar Orbiter 2* was a spacecraft used in 1966 to help scope out possible landing sites for the Apollo and Surveyor missions. "According to the 2007 International Atlas of Lunar Exploration, the *Lunar Orbiter 2* spacecraft was commanded to crash into the lunar far side surface on 11 October, 1967," Ashley wrote. The probe became well-known in 1967 when it returned a now-famous image of the Copernicus crater, which was dubbed the "Picture of the Century" by news media at the time.

The coordinates of the *Lunar Orbiter 2*'s crash site is recorded as 119.1 degrees east longitude and 3.0 degrees north latitude. These figures are estimates, however, since the moon's far side is beyond the reaches of direct radio contact. Yet, the estimated coordinates of the *Lunar Orbiter 2*'s impact site match those from the LROC image (measured at 11.9.149 degrees east longitude and 3.020 degrees north latitude), Ashley said, indicating there could a link.

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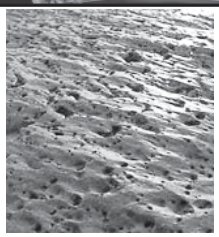


***Geological history has periodically featured giant lava eruptions that coat large swaths of land or ocean floor with basaltic lava, which hardens into rock formations called flood basalt.—*INTERNET**

South Pacific caves may give climate clues

TUSCALOOSA, 30 July—US scientists say caves on a small island in the Pacific could provide a better understanding of weather patterns occurring as far back as 10,000 years ago. Researchers from the University of Alabama will descend into the caves of the small South Pacific island of Niue to study stalagmites they say contain a record of about 10,000 years of El Nino-driven rainfall patterns, a university release said Friday.

Geologists led by Paul Aharon will remain on the island until 5 Aug conducting research funded by the National Science Foundation, the release said. The scientists say the centuries of rainfall records in the stalagmites that can be revealed through laboratory analysis will provide insights into how the El Nino/La Nina patterns have historically affected climate change and how global weather patterns may change in the future.

Internet

Technology

PlayStation Vita to use a 45nm CPU from Samsung

NEW YORK, 30 July—Here's a small news blip that's probably more of interest to the hardcore techies among you gathered gamers.

Sony's upcoming PlayStation Vita portable gaming device will come packing a 45nm CPU from Samsung.

The info comes from The Semiconductor Industry News (via Andriasang), though no other details are given. It is notable that Sony is opting to go with a third-party component manufacturer rather than designing something in-house.

The PlayStation 3 used the Sony-developed Cell processor and was prohibitively expensive at launch, even with each console being sold at a loss.

The Vita, with its HD touchscreen, rear touchpad and ability to run an Uncharted game, carries a very reasonable $250 price tag. You can thank the Samsung processor for that, at least in part.

That reasonable price is going to be critical too, now that Nintendo has cut $80 off the original $250 price of its 3DS handheld.

With Nintendo offering a cheaper portable that also plays Mario, the dual-screen device is a much dangerous competitor against the more expensive, more powerful Vita.—*Internet*

PlayStation Vita to use a 45nm CPU from Samsung.
INTERNET

Your intelligence may be reflected by your browser choice.
INTERNET

Internet Explorer users have lower IQs

WASHINGTON, 30 July—Using Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) to browse the web? Your IQ score is likely to be lower than someone using Firefox, Chrome, Safari or Opera. A new study published by online psychometric testing company AptiQuant Psychometric Consulting Co has found that a user's choice of web browser is related to their cognitive ability. "There was a clear indication...that the subjects using any version of Internet Explorer ranked significantly lower on an average than others," said Aptiquant. Out of all the IE versions, "subjects using IE 8 fared a little better."

People using Opera, Camino and IE with Chrome Frame scored slightly higher than their not-so-bright Internet Explorerusing friends, suggesting that people with a lower IQ "tend to resist a change/upgrade of their browsers." "There was no significant difference in the IQ scores between individuals using Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Apple's Safari; however, it was on an average higher than IE users," said Apitiquant. More than 100,000 people in USA, Canada, UK, Australia and New Zealand took the online Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (IV) test in the space of four weeks and their IQ scores were correlated with their browser choice for the study.—*Internet*

BlackBerry BBM 6 update makes apps more 'Social'

WASHINGTON, 30 July—Research in Motion has launched BlackBerry Messenger version 6 (BBM 6), which lets users share appspecific updates or chat with BBM contacts within apps like Foursquare and the Huffington Post.

"With BBM now integrated into many of your favorite apps, the apps you love just became socially enabled," RIM wrote in a blog post. "News apps, games, sports apps, Productivity apps and multimedia apps – are experiences you can now share with your BBM friends."

So far, BBM-integrated apps include the Huffington Post, Foursquare, Jingu, Backgammon King, and Forces of War.

You can identify more by looking for a "BBM Connected" icon next to the app in BlackBerry App World.

The update gives RIM's numerous BBM fans a custom area within their BBM profile where integrated apps can insert status updates like high scores, trophies, and achievements.

Some integrated apps will also let you begin a BBM chat from within; scroll down to see a demo of this in action with the ScoreMobile app.

Beyond support for what RIM calls the "BBM Social Platform," BBM 6 also adds enhanced location sending with customized search and sharing, support for sending events and appointments to other BBM contacts, and enhanced support for sending links, podcasts, and location through BBM Groups.

Internet

Health

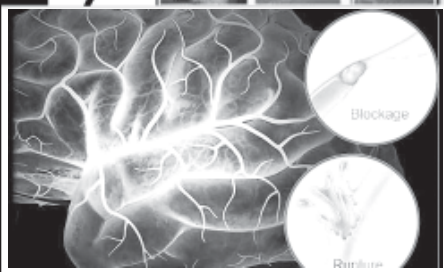
Blood pressure drop during dialysis may raise clot risk

NEW YORK, 30 July—Low blood pressure while undergoing dialysis puts patients at increased risk for clots where their blood vessels are connected to the dialysis machine, a new study says. Previous research had found that a sudden drop in blood pressure during dialysis can lead to short-term gastrointestinal, muscular and neurologic symptoms, and long-term problems such as stroke, seizure, heart damage and death. This new study, led by researchers at Stanford University School of Medicine, examined data collected between 1995 and 2000 from 1,426 dialysis patients who took part in a clinical trial sponsored by the US National Institutes of Health.

Dialysis is a treatment for kidney-failure patients that uses a machine to cleanse their blood. Many patients are attached to the dialysis machine through a fistula, a surgically created vascular access point in the body that's connected to the tubes that take and return blood to the dialysis machine. The analysis revealed that patients who experienced low blood pressure most often while undergoing dialysis were two times more likely to have a clotted fistula than those who had the fewest episodes of low blood pressure.

"Our analysis shows another adverse consequence associated with a fall in blood pressure during dialysis for patients," lead author and nephrologist Dr. Tara Chang said in a Stanford news release. "Vascular access is their lifeline. It's required for dialysis and without dialysis, they'll die."

Because low blood pressure occurs in about one-quarter of dialysis sessions, "physicians already try to avoid low blood pressure during dialysis through various means," Chang said.—*Internet*



Stroke is a medical emergency and the third leading cause of death in the US. It occurs when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or, more commonly, when a blockage develops. Without treatment, cells in the brain quickly begin to die. The result can be serious disability or death. If a loved one is having stroke symptoms, seek emergency medical attention without delay.
INTERNET

A woman smokes her cigarette outside. The Canadian government does not share liability with tobacco companies for smoking-related health costs, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously.
INTERNET

More muscle mass reduces diabetes risk?

LOS ANGELES, 30 July—Increasing muscle mass may reduce the odds of developing diabetes, a new US study suggests. While previous research has focused on reducing body fat, a study by researchers at UCLA suggests a link between higher muscle mass and a lower risk of diabetes, *USA Today* reported Thursday. "Our findings suggest that beyond focusing on losing weight to improve metabolic health, there may be a role for maintaining fitness and building muscle mass," Preethi Srikanthan, a professor of medicine at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine, said.

To see if there was a correlation between higher levels of muscle mass and lower levels of insulin resistance, a precursor to diabetes, the study analyzed data from 13,644 adults taking part in a National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The researchers found each 10 percent increase in the skeletal muscle index — the ratio of muscle mass to total body weight — corresponded to an 11 reduction in insulin resistance.—*Internet*

Business

Merck plans more job cuts; 2Q profit rises

WASHINGTON, 30 July—Merck & Co plans to cut as many as 13,000 more jobs under a new round of restructuring as the drugmaker prepares for generic competition for its top-selling drug and slower revenue growth in the US and Europe. The announcement came Friday as Merck reported a higher second-quarter profit than a year ago. Merck's stock fell more than 2 percent. The new cuts would bring to 30,000 the positions eliminated since Merck's November 2009 megadeal to buy Schering-Plough Corp, on top of about 5,000 positions the companies cut before the deal closed.

***In this on 22 May, 2008 file photo, the company logo is seen on the doors of a building at Merck & Co Inc. headquarters in Whitehouse Station, NJ. Drugmaker Merck & Co says second-quarter profit nearly tripled from a year ago, when about $2 billion in charges hurt results. Merck said on 29July 2011, it will cut more than 11,000 jobs.—*INTERNET**

Such cuts are part of ongoing streamlining by Merck and many competitors, whose payrolls and costs ballooned in the 1990s as they added thousands of salespeople to promote a surge of blockbuster drugs taken by millions. With those drugs getting generic competition, too few new drugs coming on the market and payers pressing for relief from high prices, the companies are slashing costs in developed countries.

Merck spokesman David Caouette told *The Associated Press* that 35 percent to 40 percent of the new job cuts will be in the US. He couldn't provide details on those cuts or site closures, but said Merck will "continue to hire in high-growth areas like emerging markets."

Merck's top-selling drugs were Singulair at $1.35 billion and Januvia and combination diabetes pill Janumet, which together brought in $1.04 billion. *Internet*

Apple sees falling iPod sales numbers

CUPERTINO, 30 July—While Apple is setting sales records with its iPad and iPhone, sales and revenue from the once popular iPod MP3 music players are sinking fast, analysts say.

Sales fell 20 percent from a year ago and revenue from those sales dropped 15 percent as Apple sold just 7.5 million iPods in its most recent quarter, the lowest number since the fall of 2005, CNNMoney reported Friday.

The iPhone, which can also store and play music, has cannibalized sales of the iPod, and other smartphones with similar capabilities, like Google's Android devices, may also be taking sales away from the iPod, industry experts say.

The situation could get worse this fall when Apple unveils its iCloud service allowing customers to wirelessly push songs to all of their connected devices.

The iPod shuffle, nano and classic models, which make up half of all iPod sales, don't feature wireless connectivity. Still, no one expects Apple to turn its back on the iPod anytime soon.

"Apple is gauging the market demand quite well for the iPod as well as their expectations with suppliers," analyst Ben Bejarin, director of Creative Strategies, said. "So until they really start losing money, I think they will continue to support the iPod business to some degree."—*Internet*

San Francisco locals get the first look at the iPod Touch at Moscone Centre in San Francisco on 5 September, 2007.
INTERNET

File photo shows dying corn plants stand in flood waters near Fort Calhoun, Neb, 6 July, 2011. Huge amounts of snow melt and rain water released from reservoirs upstream is causing wide spread flooding along the Missouri River. INTERNET

Heavy rains cause Mississippi River rise in Iowa

CHICAGO, 30 July—Torrential rains in the Mississippi River town of Dubuque, Iowa earlier this week will cause the river to go above flood stage as the water moves south, a federal official said on Friday.

"The crest is working its way down the river," said Ron Fournier, a spokesman for the US Army Corps of Engineers at Rock Island, Illinois.

"The communities down the river are looking at an increase in river levels down to Davenport, Iowa."

Fournier said he expects the river to crest in the Davenport area at 16.2 feet by Sunday, up from about 11 feet before Wednesday's rains. He said this would bring "moderate flooding" — possibly causing water in some streets and parks — before it started dissipating.

Storms Wednesday night dumped a record amount of rain on parts of the Midwest, including more than 10.2 inches on Dubuque, Iowa, causing evacuations and at least one death in the area.

Meanwhile, on the swollen Missouri River, federal officials announced Friday that they were planning to gradually reduce the amount of water released from dams, easing flooding in the Missouri River valley.

In East Dubuque, Illinois, across the Mississippi River from Dubuque, Iowa, Mayor George Young said about 300 people who were evacuated by bus because of Wednesday night flooding can now return to their homes.

Reuters

Japan floods claim first victim

TOKYO, 30 July—Heavy rains claimed their first victim in Japan and others were missing as floods saw nearly half a million people being urged to leave the central Niigata region and tsunami-hit Fukushima.

River banks gave way to swollen rivers at several points and the meteorological agency warned that the rains could continue to be torrential, reaching 50 millimetres (2.0 inches) per hour by midday.

The agency urged citizens to be on the maximum alert against more flooding and mudslides as television footage showed muddy swollen rivers, broken dykes and flooded houses.

Bridges over the Shinano River in Niigata disappeared into muddy water in the middle, while trees and telephone polls were seen fallen. Tens of cars were seen stranded on a road along the Shinano. Local governments in Niigata and Fuku-shima Prefectures have advised a total of 417,000 people to eva-cuate, according to public broadcaster NHK.

Helicopter footage on NHK showed that Kamo City in Niigata, 250 kilometres (155 miles) north of Tokyo, were extensively flooded, with water submerging roads and rice fields.

Eiichi Murayama, 67, was confirmed dead in Tokamachi City, Niigata, early Saturday.

"We found a car fallen in River Nakazawa last night... and found the driver's body downstream this morning," an official at Niigata police said of the drowned man.

Internet

Local residents watch a flooded river in Sanjo city in Niigata Prefecture, some 200 km north of Tokyo, on 29 July.—INTERNET

27 rifles stolen from California military base

FORT IRWIN, 30 July—More than two dozen assault rifles have been stolen from a Southern California military base, and investigators sought the public's help as they looked to arrest suspects and recover the weapons, federal officials said Friday.

Twenty-six AK-74 assault rifles and one Dragunov sniper rifle were stolen from a supply warehouse at Fort Irwin in San Bernardino County on 15 July, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives says in a statement.

Some arrests have been made and one rifle has been recovered, but the agency is offering a reward of up to $10,000 for information leading to further arrests, the statement said. "Community participation is necessary to improve the likelihood that ATF and our law enforcement partners will track down the firearms as well as the criminals who have sought to destabilize our community through illegal activity," ATF Special Agent in Charge John A Torres said in the statement.—*Internet*

Herders walk their cows on a dry field near the nothern Ethiopian town of Adwa in November 2005.—INTERNET

Ethiopia land lease risks displacement

ADIS ABABA, 30 July—Ethiopia's leasing of vast swathes of arable land to foreign and state-owned firms risks adding to the millions of people already requiring food aid in the drought-struck region, a US based think-tank warned on Friday. Some 200,000 people are at risk of being displaced from land-grabbing, with at least 350,000 hectares of land leased since 2008 in south-west Ethiopia alone, according to the Oakland Institute.

"The impact is going to be terrible, because we can't expect this kind of development to benefit the local population," said Oakland's policy director Frederic Mousseau.

An additional 90,000 hectares are marketed as "available" in the federal land bank, Mousseau said.

"They will be losing their livelihood, and just join the millions of people that are relying on food aid in Ethiopia," he said. Driven by recent food, energy and climate crises, investors from richer nations have been acquiring rights to vast tracts of land in several African nations to meet demand for bio-fuels, crops and mining resources.—*Internet*

Thai police say 71 freed in trafficking raid

BANGKOK, 30 July—Thai authorities freed 71 women and girls who had been lured into selling sex in massage parlours and karaoke bars, police said, after a crackdown on human trafficking on the Malaysian border.

Thirteen of those discovered were girls under the age of 18, said Lieutenant Colonel Noppadon Petsut, deputy commander of police in Sadao District of Songkhla Province, where the operation was carried out on Friday.

"The operation followed complaints by the Laotian embassy in Bangkok," he said.

A Singaporean man, a Malaysian man and a Thai woman were charged with human trafficking and illegally procuring sex, Noppadon said.

"Charges of human trafficking are very serious and carry a maximum sentence of the death penalty," he said. Police freed 59 women from a karaoke bar and another 12 from a spa near a Thai-Malaysian border checkpoint.—*Internet*

Vietnam to evacuate nearly 300,000 as storm nears

HANOI, 30 July—Vietnam is evacuating nearly 300,000 people from northern coastal areas as Tropical Storm Nock-ten approaches after leaving a path of destruction in the Philippines.

Disaster official Nguyen Xuan Hung of central Nghe An Province says provincial authorities have begun evacuating 13,500 people from coastal villages, while more than 30,000 are being moved in neighbouring Thanh Hoa Province.

Weather forecasters say the storm is expected to hit northern Vietnam on Saturday evening packed with sustained winds of up to 63 miles (102 kilometres) per hour. Nock-ten left 41 people dead and 26 missing when it hit the Philippines earlier this week.—*Internet*

A villager worries at the field in Weizhai village of Linquan Township, Qianxi County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, 29 July, 2011. The severe drought hit 9 counties and cities in Guizhou Province in July, 2011 due to hot and dry weather. A temporary shortage of drinkable water affected some 880,000 people in the province.—XINHUA

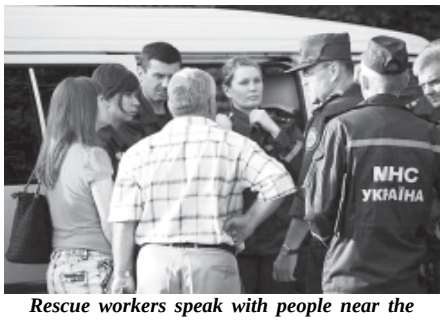
20 killed in two mine accidents in Ukraine

KIEV (Ukraine), 30 July—A blast at a coal mine in eastern Ukraine and an elevator collapse at another on Friday killed at least 20 people, officials said. Rescuers were still searching for 17 miners missing at both mines.

The twin accidents in eastern mining regions shocked the country and highlighted the persistent dangers of the Ukrainian mining industry, believed to be one of the world's most dangerous because of outdated equipment and widespread disregard for safety regulations.

The pre-dawn blast at the notoriously dangerous Suhodilska-Eastern mine in the Luhansk region killed 17 workers and left nine missing. Investigators suspect the accident was caused by a powerful explosion of methane, the Luhansk regional administration said in a statement.

The blast hit the mine shortly before 2 a.m. Friday at a depth of 3,000 feet (915 metres) when miners were working the night shift.—*Internet*



Rescue workers speak with people near the Suhodilska-Eastern mine, where a blast killed at least 16 workers and injured three others, in Suhodilska, Luhansk region, Ukraine, on 29 July, 2011.—INTERNET

More than 100 death in DR Congo boat collision

KINSHASA, 30 July—More than 100 people were killed after two boats collided on Tuesday night on a river in the Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, a survivor said on Friday.

Map of the Democratic Republic of Congo showing the location of a boat accident on a river in the northwest of the country in which at least 50 people drowned and some 35 are reported missing, the Equateur Province government said Friday.—INTERNET

Alfred Lompaka said the boats were carrying more than 200 people and so far, about 83 survivors have been counted. Lompaka said one of the boats, a local construction made by attaching three large motorized canoes together to transport more passengers and produce, was sailing in the dark without lights and collided with another boat, also without lights.

Congolese authorities have not confirmed the number of victims, and have told local media they are waiting for a final report of the investigation in to the latest boat accident.

MNA/Reuters

Posters advertising "Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 2". Long-suffering Indonesian movie fans will flock to cinemas Friday to see Harry Potter's last stand, following the lifting of a boycott of the country by US studios over a tax dispute.—INTERNET

Indonesian Potter fans get some relief at last

JAKARTA, 30 July—Long-suffering Indonesian movie fans will flock to cinemas Friday to see Harry Potter's last stand, following the lifting of a boycott of the country by US studios over a tax dispute. Three weeks after "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" debuted in London on 7 July, the concluding chapter of the wildly popular series is finally coming to Southeast Asia's biggest country.

And for some the wait was almost too much to bear. "Oh my God, all these months of waiting is like going through childbirth, it's just so painful," said Febry Lumbantoruan, a 30-year-old human resources officer, who managed to secure two tickets for a Friday show.

"The baby is finally born and I'm just elated."

Ignatius Hellanda, an 18-year-old student, rushed to buy his tickets on Wednesday as soon as they went on sale. "It was an unbelievable feeling holding them in my hands!" he said. The Potter movies have a devoted following in Indonesia, where thousands of fans play the wizard sport of Quidditch on Twitter, enrol themselves in wizard schools and cast charms and spells on one another on Facebook.—*Internet*

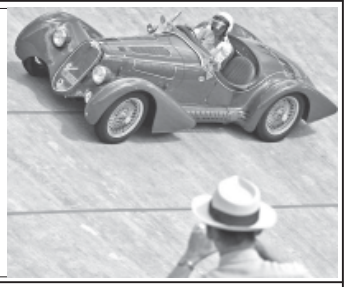
Scientists look at drilling sea floor to study "silent" quakes

WELLINGTON, 30 July—Scientists from around the world will gather on the east coast of New Zealand next week to discuss proposals to study "silent" earthquakes by drilling into the seabed.

Silent quakes, also known as slow slip events, occur on the boundaries of the earth's tectonic plates, where one plate dives under another in areas known as subduction zones, and are slower than normal quakes, taking weeks or months to occur rather than seconds, and are rarely felt on the surface.

About 70 scientists from 10 countries will convene in the city of Gisborne, which lies near the site of a major fault line and where scientists first identified silent earthquakes in 2002.

Slow-slip events were first discovered with the advent of new measurement technologies on the west coast of Canada about 15 years ago and have since been recorded at about a dozen locations around the world, including four sites around New Zealand, said a spokesperson for New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS Science).—*Xinhua*



Correcting model of car a 1939 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 grand prix car driven by Alexander Vonow drives through a steep turn during a race demonstration at the Offene Rennbahn cycling track in Zurich's Oerlikon suburb on 26 July, 2011.
INTERNET

Honduras recovers 7.3 tons more cocaine from sub

TEGUCIGALPA, 30 July—Honduras authorities say they have recovered 7.3 tons (6.6 metric tons) of cocaine from a semi-submersible craft seized off the country's Caribbean coast.

Presidential guard chief Col Rene Osorio says officials had earlier recovered 2.7 tons (2.5 metric tons). They have been unloading the drugs since Wednesday. The submarine-like fiberglass craft is floating about 15 metres (50 feet) under the surface because the crew tried to sink it.

A US Coast Guard patrol detected the vessel Wednesday off the coast of the sparsely populated Province of Gracias a Dios, near the Nicaraguan border. Five crew members were detained. So far authorities in Honduras have seized 13.8 tons (12.6 metric tons) of cocaine totaling some $500 million.—*Internet*

US jobless claims fall below 400,000

WASHINGTON, 30 July—The number of Americans initially applying for unemployment aid last week hit the lowest level in more than three months, a fresh sign that the labor market is improving slowly, the US Labour Department reported Thursday.

The Labour Department said that the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims for jobless benefits was 398,000 in the week ending 23 July, a sharp decrease of 24,000 from the prior week's revised figure.

That's the first time applications have dropped below the threshold of 400,000 in 16 weeks. However, the fresh figure does not necessarily signal a trend.

Fewer than 425,000 people applying for aid is consistent with modest job growth, but the number of jobless claims will have to fall to 375,000 or below to signal a sustained drop in the unemployment rate.

Xinhua

As the largest harbour in China and one of Hong Kong's greatest assets, Victoria Bay makes Hong Kong one of the world's busiest. The harbor is a jewel that people from all over the world come to see. The harbour is famous for its stunning panoramic views.
INTERNET

All are to cultivate Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit for peace and stability…

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin explains measures for rehabilitation.

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After hearing the reports, President U Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that the Union Ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads led by himself arrived there to inspect flooded areas and to provide necessary assistance.

He said that he and his party arrived in Sittway yesterday after inspection tour of Bago in Bago Region, Hinthada and Ngathainggyaung of Ayeyawady Region, Gwa, Thandwe, Taungup, An, Minbya, MraukU and Kyauktaw of Rakhine State where some houses and paddy fields were flooded in heavy rains during second and third weeks of July.

He added that there were some deaths in floods and inundations. Although the regions faced damages of some houses in floods, inundation of paddy fields, suspension of schools and damages of some road sections and bridges, only least number of loss and damages can be seen in the flooded areas due to rescue and relief works carried out by local authorities and people in real time, he noted.

The President said Union ministers led by himself rushed to the flooded regions suddenly so that immediate assistances for reconstruction of some flood-ravaged houses, reopening of schools, driving students back to school, preventing outbreak of diseases, providing sunk farms with paddy strains and repairing roads and bridges have been rendered and long-term recovery plans have been arranged.

Both the State and people need to help affected farmers and poor odd-job men survive and thrive as most floods have impact on these populations.

The rural areas will actually be developed and poverty reduced if poor populace including input-needed farmers, odd-job men, vendors and hawkers who earn law-abided livings are disbursed loans and encouraged to save money by private micro-financial societies, a task in eight under rural development and poverty alleviation, and if some of their interests are adapted to become adequate sources for their education and health in cooperation with NGOs.

The haves share their possessions with the have-nots. The Strong have mercy upon the weak. And these are noble traditions of Myanmar as well as auspicious deeds. So, all are to work together with the government for the success of rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

With the global climate change, some nations of the world have to be facing natural disasters such as violent earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, forest fires, severe storms, heat waves and floods. Consequently, lots of lives and property have to be lost.

Myanmar also experienced cyclone Nargis in 2008 and Rakhine State was hit by cyclone Giri in the end of 2010 causing a great deal of loss and damage. Such natural disasters are beyond human control, the only thing to do is to take preparedness measures to overcome disasters. If such disasters befall, all are to work and help with together without fear. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to cooperate to overcome all difficulties.

Rakhine State is rich in natural resources. It has the sea and creeks teeming with fish species as well as fields, forests and mountains. By tapping such resources, the nationals living in the state are to work hard to ensure their self-sufficiency in food and surpluses for exports. It is also necessary to prevent aliens from intruding the region. All are therefore to cultivate Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit for peace and stability of the Union and national development putting aside racism and localism.

Then, the President greeted those present and left Sittway by special aircraft and arrived back here this morning.

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National workshop on improving quality of health care continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—The national workshop on improving quality of health care continued for the second day at the Ministry of Health this morning.

President of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science Prof Dr Myo Myint presided over the workshop.

Dr Soe Thein of the academy and Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Zin Thant of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) submitted the papers on development of medical research. The participants discussed the papers and submitted the points of discussions.

The workshop chairman reviewed the discussions.

In the afternoon, the workshop was chaired by retired deputy minister prof Dr Mya Oo.

Vice-President of the academy Prof Dr Nay Win and Director-General Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department submitted the papers on development health human resources.

The workshop continues tomorrow.

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Second day session of national workshop on improving quality of health care in progress.

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Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint holding cordial talks with staff at Mandalay GEC Hospital. The Union minister and officials inspected the hospital on 25 July.

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Maintenance of road sections, bridges on Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 26 July inspected damage and maintenance of bailey bridges on Buthidaung-Maungtaw road and repairing of the damages with the use of heavy machinery.

The deputy minister looked into construction of temporary retaining walls, maintenance of temporary bailey bridge and road section on Buthidaung-Maungtaw road and construction of the approach bridge at the bridge No. 1/1 on Maungtaw-Kyiganbyin-Kyeinchaung road.

He viewed construction of bridge No. 1/15 at the entrance to Maungtaw on Buthidaung-Maungtaw road. At the office of Maungtaw District Senior Officer, the deputy minister met staff and inspected Maungtaw District Yeiktha, the district officer office and staff quarters.—*MNA*

Union Minister visits township level departments in Thandwe, An, Sittway

Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi presents cash assistance for Mittawady Home for the Aged in Thandwe.
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NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi on 27 July afternoon inspected the township Fire Services Department in Thandwe and met departmental staff under the ministry.

At Mittawady Home for the Aged in Thandwe, he donated K 300,000 to the funds of the home.

On 28 July, the Union Minister met staff of Labour Department and FSD in An and called for participation in tasks of rural development and poverty alleviation. He presented gifts to them.

After inspecting the Labour Department in An, he viewed maintenance of fire engines and rescue equipment at An Fire Station.

On 29 July, the Union Minister met staff at Rakhine State FSD in Sittway and looked into readiness of staff for fire fighting and rescue equipment.

He visited the pre-primary school and Inland Freight-handling Committee in Sittway and donated K 250,000 to the funds of Sittway Home for the Aged.

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Tatlu Library in Tawa Village, Htawtho Village-tract, Twantay Township, Yangon Region was opened on 26 July and Myanmar Library Foundation furnished 150 publications to the library.
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Objectives of 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

(1) To uplift the morale and morality of the entire nation
(2) To uplift national prestige and integrity and preserve and safeguard cultural heritage and national character
(3) To ensure flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
(4) To bring about new generations capable of preserving and promoting cultural heritage and national character through innovations to meet international standards
(5) To participate in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation through traditional cultural performing arts

Workshop on ACU system held

YANGON, 29 July — Jointly organized by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Central Bank of Myanmar, workshop on use of ACU system took place at RUMFCCI Office here this afternoon, with addresses by Central Bank of Myanmar Governor U Maung Maung Win and RUMFCCI Vice-President U Tun Aung.

Officials from the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanma Foreign Trade Bank, Myanma Investment and Commerce Bank, and Myanma Economic Bank discussed use of ACU system and answered queries raised by those present.—*MNA*

***RUMFCCI Vice-President U Tun Aung addresses workshop on use of ACU system.—*MNA**

Coord meeting on rural development and poverty alleviation held in Pyay

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—A coordination meeting on rural development and poverty alleviation was held in Pyay Township on 27 July morning.

Head of Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aung Than Win discussed tasks of the department for raising production of livestock breeding, meat and fish sectors for ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation.

In the afternoon, the meeting to form the milch cow farmers association was held at the office of District LBVD in Pyay, attended by staff of the district and township LBVDs and milch cow farmers and dairy product producers from Pyay and Shwedaung townships.

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Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa…

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west of Zahaw Village. I heard the noise of express buses that run along Gangaw-Haka Road.

I saw chilli, onion, water melon aster plantations along the bank of Zahaw Creek.

Construction of Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa road started in 2009-2010. At present, the new road connects with Gangaw-Haka Road at the foot of Ohnton Hill. The new road is of earthen facility.

Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa Road is linking Rezwa in Chin State and Gangaw in Yaw region. It is 111 miles and six furlongs long with the sections—72 miles long road section linking Shonshi Village of Gangaw Township and Shahtalai Village of Chin State and 39 miles and six furlongs long section linking Shahtalai Village and Rezwa.

In the past, the road could be used in summer only because Myittha River was a natural barrier crossing the road. If Zahaw Bridge crossing Zahaw Creek or Myittha River Bridge is complete, the local people can get easy access to other regions all the season round.

On completion of a bridge crossing Myittha River or Zahaw Creek, the people can smoothly travel to Rezwa, Haka, Kyaungtiya and Thantlang of Chin State through Gangaw, Zahaw and Shonshi villages.

At present, local people can visit Chin State through Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa Road with 111 miles and 6 furlongs long section from Gangaw to Rezwa, 67 miles and 5 furlongs long section from Rezwa to Matupi, 65 miles and 4 furlongs long section to Haka, 16 miles and four furlongs section to Kyaungtiya, 16 miles and 4 furlongs long section from Kyaungtiya to Thantlang and 24 miles long section to Haka.

Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa new road lins Yaw region and Chin State as only one region. The new road brings development to the urban and rural areas and unity and amity to the national people. In the near future, the local people can use the new road in development of their region.

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Mich budget director wary as debt deadline nears

LANSING, 30 July—Michigan draws about $400 million a week from federal funds that could suddenly dry up next week if the nation hits its debt limit and cannot pay its bills.

So while state budget director John Nixon remains hopeful that Congress and the White House can reach an agreement to lift the federal debt ceiling by Tuesday's deadline, he's unsure how Michigan will make payments to food stamp and welfare recipients and Medicaid providers if the federal government defaults.

"I see us doing everything we can at the state level to keep things moving," Nixon, who heads the National Association of State Budget Officers, told the *Associated Press* in a Thursday interview.

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In this 13 Jan, 2011 file photo, Michigan Budget Director John Nixon is shown in Lansing, Mich.
INTERNET

Nearly 190,000 evacuated as tropical storm Nock-ten hits south China

BEIJING, 30 July—A total of 189,033 people had been evacuated to safe areas in the southern island Province of Hainan as of early Saturday morning after tropical storm Nock-ten landed on the island late Friday afternoon, China's flood control authorities said Saturday. The storm brought strong winds and heavy rains, leaving one person injured and 148 units of housing damaged along coastal villages in Hainan's Guangcun Town, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said.

Xinhua

Photo taken on July 29, 2011 shows falling trees broke down by Nock-ten in Wenchang City, south China's Hainan Province. Tropical storm Nock-ten landed in coastal areas of Hainan Province on Friday afternoon.
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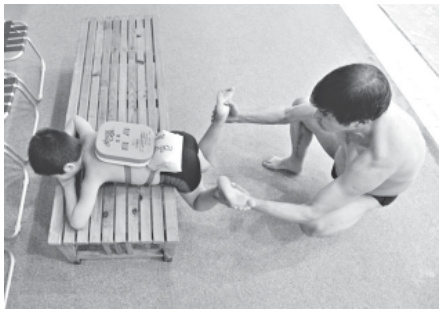

***A coach helps a boy learn swimming posture before a diving training session at a training centre in Beijing, on 27 July, 2011. Some 15 children, aged 5 to 12 are training at the centre of China's State Physical Training Administration as amateur divers during their summer vacation.—*INTERNET**

Vietnam, APEC coordinate in response to natural disasters

HANOI, 30 July—A seminar in the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, themed "Unexpected floods in the region New vision to APEC members", was held in Vietnam's central Da Nang City on Thursday. According to *Vietnam News Agency*, the seminar was held by the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOF), aimed at implementing Vietnam's initiative on enhancing cooperation among APEC member countries in fighting and preventing natural disasters and floods.

Participants included senior officials from APEC member countries, APEC Secretariat Executive Director, representatives from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Vietnamese officials.

Vietnam is one among the most affected countries by climate change, including regular storms and floods with huge damages.

Xinhua

Landslide in western Indonesia kills four children

PALEMBANG, 30 July—A landslide triggered by torrential rain has killed four children who were playing under a cliff in western Indonesia.

Sutopo Purwo Nugroho of the government's Disaster Management Agency says the children were buried when mud gushed down from surrounding hills Friday in Kembahang Lama village on Sumatra island. The victims ranged in age from 7 to 10.

Nugroho says their bodies were found late Friday and early Saturday beneath tons of mud and rocks. Two other children were brought to a hospital with injuries.

Internet

Jailed Las Vegas man stabs cellmate to death with pencil

LAS VEGAS, 30 July—A Las Vegas man jailed on charges of murdering his nephew killed his cellmate on Friday, stabbing him with a pencil during a fight in their cell, police said.

Guards found the cellmate unconscious and wounded during an early morning bed check at the Clark County Detention Centre, and he was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. They said he had been in a fight with his cellmate.

"The suspect physically battered the deceased inmate and stabbed him with a pencil," police said in a statement. Police spokesman Bill Cassell said pencils were among items allowed in the jail.

Carl Guilford, 18, was charged with murder in connection with the death, the first killing of an inmate in the jail since 1979, when an inmate strangled his cellmate. That inmate was sentenced to death for the crime and remains on death row.

A local television news station, 8NewsNow, reported on its website that Guilford had been in custody over the suffocation death of his 6-year-old nephew.—*Reuters*

Australia set to restart Indonesia cattle exports

SYDNEY, 30 July—The first shipment of Australian cattle to Indonesia following the lifting of a cruelty-linked ban will arrive in the second week of August, major exporter Elders said Friday. The 3,000-head consignment was approved under a strict new licensing scheme implemented after a graphic TV documentary of cruelty in Indonesian abattoirs prompted a month-long ban on shipments to the Asian nation.

Elders said it had received a third-quarter import permit from Jakarta and got the green light from Australian authorities after demonstrating it could meet stringent animal health and welfare standards. "Due to the availability of shipping and other logistics, Elders now anticipates the shipment will be completed in the second week of August," the agribusiness giant said. Managing director Malcolm Jackman said Elders, which accounts for about 60 percent of the live cattle trade with Indonesia, was keenly awaiting the resumption of shipments. "The granting of these necessary approvals is another important step towards that goal," Jackman said.—*Internet*

A rice field is inundated by flood waters brought by Typhoon Nock-Ten in Guinobatan, Albay Province, central Philippines on 28 July, 2011. Typhoon Nock-Ten, locally named as Juaning, has killed at least 35 people, left dozens more missing and about 600,000 people displaced due to flooding after a three-day rampage across northeastern Philippines, disaster officials said.
INTERNET

Cockpit chaos on doomed 2009 Air France flight

LE BOURGET (France), 30 July—A confused cockpit crew without proper training to head off high-altitude disaster flew toward it, instead, with wrong-headed maneuvers, no task-sharing and perhaps unaware their flight was about to end in the Atlantic Ocean.

Screeching stall alarms and incoherent speed readings from faulty sensors, bad weather in a darkened sky and growing stress make up the chaotic cockpit scenario in the final moments of the Air France flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris on 1 June, 2009. All 228 people aboard the plane were killed.

Friday's third report by France's accident investigation agency, or BEA, lays out almost second-by-second technical data on the flight's deadly trajectory but cannot answer the ultimate question — whether pilot error, equipment failure or other still unknown factors caused the crash.

The BEA's findings raised worrisome questions about the reactions of the cockpit crew — two co-pilots — as the *A330* went into an aerodynamic stall and their ability to fly the A330 manually as the autopilot disengaged. The report expressed broader concern about the state of training of today's pilots flying high-tech planes when confronted with a high-altitude crisis.—*Internet*

Director of the BEA, the French civil aviation accidents agency, Jean-Paul Troadec, is seen next to a model of an Airbus 320 during a press conference at the French investigators' headquarters in Le Bourget, near Paris, 29 July,2011.—INTERNET

Foxconn to replace workers with 1 million robots in 3 years

SHENZHEN, 30 July—Taipei technology giant Foxconn will replace some of its workers with 1 million robots in three years to cut rising labour expenses and improve efficiency, said Terry Gou, founder and chairman of the company, late Friday.

The robots will be used to do simple and routine work such as spraying, welding and assembling which are now mainly conducted by workers, said Gou at a workers' dance party Friday night. The company currently has 10,000 robots and the number will be increased to 300,000 next year and 1 million in three years, according to Gou.

Foxconn, the world's largest maker of computer components which assembles products for Apple, Sony and Nokia, is in the spotlight after a string of suicides of workers at its massive Chinese plants, which some blamed on tough working conditions.

The company currently employs 1.2 million people, with about 1 million of them based on the Chinese mainland.—*Xinhua*

Lottery ticket collectors eye keepsakes, not money

PHILADELPHIA, 30 July—Among the moun-tains of losing lottery tickets piled high in a hotel conference room, someone may yet hit a jackpot.

But it won't be money that makes the winner. For members of the Global Lottery Collector's Society, the scratch-off cards themselves are worth keeping because of their quirky themes and colourful designs.

From a $3 Montana lottery ticket based on the game Uno to a series of $2 "Star Trek" stubs from Virginia, the game themes run the gamut from movies and TV shows to sports teams and holiday cheer. The cards come in different sizes, shapes and denominations.

"The whole purpose of collecting is not to get rich, or to get lucky, but to get the tickets," said club co-founder Bill Pasquino. "But if I happen to hit a jackpot along the way, I'd be very happy."

This weekend, Pasquino is joining about two dozen other club members at the group's annual "Lotovention." Held this year in northeast Philadelphia, the gathering is an opportunity to meet other self-described "lotologists," trade tickets and take a gander at the never-ending multitude of collectible material.

Pasquino, 64, a retired teacher from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, said that when the club started in the late 1980s, only about a dozen states had lotteries — and none would issue more than six tickets per year.—*Internet*

Pierre Lasnier, from Le Plessis Dorin, France, sorts through lottery tickets during the "Lottovention," in Northeast Philadelphia, on 29 July, 2011. INTERNET

Russia launches multi-billion-US dollar plan to boost tourism

Moscow, 30 July—Russia announced Friday that it will allocate some 3.5 billion US dollars by 2018 to shore up the domestic tourism industry.

Russia has rich resources for recreation throughout the country, but no more than a third of its tourism potential has been explored, the state-run *Itar-Tass news agency* quoted Prime Minister Vladimir Putin as saying.

"In Russian towns, which have world famous cultural and historical monuments and nature sites, tourism is developing passively and slowly," Putin said, citing such problems as poor services and exorbitant prices.

When unveiling the grand tourism development plan, Putin requested that the funds be used to support the most attractive investment projects, improve transport infrastructure and promote private investment in tourism.

With those efforts, the Russian government expected that during the next seven years, the number of domestic tourists would increase from 29 million to 49 million and the tourism service market would grow from 3 billion dollars to 15 billion dollars.

Xinhua

South Africa says to have UN climate talks mandate ready by October

JOHANNESBURG, 30 July—South Africa, which will host the next United Nations (UN) climate change summit from 28 November to 9 December this year, will have a final negotiating mandate ready by October, the country's environmental affairs minister Edna Molewa said on Friday. Addressing a United Nations Development Programme breakfast in Johannesburg, she said her department will submit a mandate to the South African cabinet for approval.

According to *Business Day* newspaper in Johannesburg, she said the "tight" negotiating climate in which the talks are to take place meant a legally binding agreement on future climate change mitigation commitments was impossible.

However, she said the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change talks in Durban need to mark a decisive step towards a fair global climate change mitigation regime. "We are not shying away from negotiating a binding agreement, we are facing reality," she said. Molewa explained that factors affecting the negotiating climate include upcoming elections in some countries, especially the United States, and the Eurozone financial crisis.

Xinhua

Peruvian President Ollanta Humala (3th, L) and his wife Nadine Heredia (3th, R) attend a military parade to commemorate Peru's Independence Day in Lima, Capital of Peru, 29 July, 2011.—XINHUA

A flameout taxi is seen on a road near the Tian'anmen Square in Beijing, capital of China, 29 July, 2011. The Beijing Meteorological Bureau issued a storm alert at 6 am, and forecast precipitation would exceed 50 mm over the next 12 hours.—XINHUA

US mired in debt limit deadlock amid anemic economic growth

WASHINGTON, 30 July—The US House of Representatives passed a debt ceiling plan in a vote on Friday evening, but the bill was quickly killed in the Senate, which further dampened hope for a bipartisan deal before the 2 Aug deadline.

The GOP managed to send the measure put forth by House Speaker John Boehner to the Senate floor, despite earlier veto warning from the White House and strong opposition in the Senate. Under the newly modified two-step plan outlined by Boehner, a Republican, the Congress would immediately raise the federal government's borrowing capacity by 900 billion US dollars extending to early next year and cut spending by 917 billion dollars over a decade.—*Xinhua*

Doctors begin major stem cell trial for MS patients

LONDON, 30 July — A major clinical trial will investigate whether stem cells can be safely used to treat multiple sclerosis (MS). It is hoped eventually to slow, stop or even reverse the damage MS causes to the brain and spinal cord. The trial, involving up to 150 patients across Europe, is due to start later this year.

Dr Paolo Muraro from Imperial College London said: "There is very strong pre-clinical evidence that stem cells might be an effective treatment." Researchers will collect stem cells from the bone marrow of patients, grow them in the laboratory and then re-inject them into their blood. The stem cells will make their way to the brain where it is hoped that they will repair the damage caused by MS.

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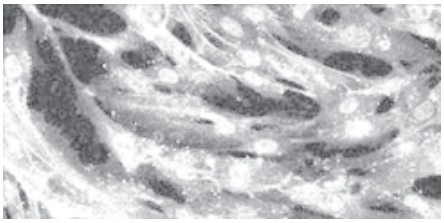


Bone marrow stem cells may be able to protect and repair.— INTERNET

Gout affects 8.3 million Americans

BOSTON, 30 July —The prevalence of gout has increased in the past 20 years, and it now affects 8.3 million Americans, or 4 percent of the population, researchers say. The study, published in the journal *Arthritis & Rheumatism*, says the greater frequency of obesity and hypertension in the past 20 years may be associated with the increase in gout.

Senior investigator Dr Hyon Choi of Boston University School of Medicine says gout, an inflammatory arthritis triggered by crystallization of uric acid within the joints, causes severe pain and swelling. Medical evidence suggests gout is strongly associated with metabolic syndrome — a group of health conditions characterized by central obesity, insulin resistance, high-blood pressure and blood lipid issues — and may lead to heart attack, diabetes and premature death, Choir says.

The researchers compared data from the latest US National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey in 2007 and 2008, with those from previous surveys in 1988 to 1994.

Internet

HIV patients 'eat dung to make drugs work'

MBABANE, 30 July — Some HIV-positive patients in Swaziland are so poor they have resorted to eating cow dung before taking anti-retroviral drugs, Aids activists say. The drugs do not work on an empty stomach, so patients have to use the dung — mixed with water — instead of food, the activists say. Several hundred people protested in the capital, Mbabane, on Wednesday against the economic crisis in the kingdom. King Mswati III's government has admitted it is running out of cash. It has asked neighbouring South Africa for a bailout.

Internet

In the summer of 2007, more than 1,000 sq km of Alaskan tundra burned near Anaktuvuk River.—INTERNET

Huge Arctic fire hints at new climate cue

LONDON , 30 July — An exceptional wildfire in northern Alaska in 2007 put as much carbon into the air as the entire Arctic tundra absorbs in a year, scientists say. The Anaktuvuk River fire burned across more than 1,000 sq km (400 sq miles), doubling the extent of Alaskan tundra visited by fire since 1950.

With the Arctic warming fast, the team suggests in the journal *Nature* that fires could become more common. If that happens, it could create a new climate feedback, they say. Fires in the tundra are uncommon because the ground is covered in snow and ice for large periods of the year.Temperatures are low even in summer, and the ground can also remain wet after the ice has melted.

But 2007 saw unusually warm and dry conditions across much of the Arctic — resulting, among other things, in spectacularly fast melting of Arctic sea ice. This created conditions more conducive to fire, and when lightning struck the tundra in July, the Anaktuvuk River fire ignited. —*Internet*

As robots proliferate we will need ways of telling one from the other, said Dr Yampolskiy.—INTERNET

Virtual people to get ID checks

WASHINGTON, 30 July — The faces and behaviour of online avatars could help identify the people controlling them, scientists believe. Using both characteristics, researchers hope to develop techniques for checking whether the digital characters are who they claim to be. Such information could be used in situations where login details are not visible or for law enforcement. Impersonation of avatars is expected to become a growing problem as real life and cyberspace increasingly merge. Avatars are typically used to represent players in online games such as World of Warcraft and in virtual communities like Second Life.

Internet

National Museum of Scotland to reopen after £47m refit

Inner View of refurbished National Museum of Scotland before its opening to the public.— INTERNET

EDINBURGH, 30 July—Crowds are expected to flock to the newly-refurbished Victorian part of the National Museum of Scotland as it reopens following a £47.4m refit. Sixteen new galleries take visitors on a journey through the wonders of nature, the cultures of the world and through to science and discovery. More than 8,000 objects will be on display in the new area, 80% for the first time in generations.

The newly refurbished museum opens its doors in Edinburgh on Friday. The three-year programme has seen the original interior restored and storage areas turned into public space, making it one of the UK's largest museums. It means the whole museum, situated in Chambers Street in the Old Town, will have 20,000 objects across 36 galleries.—*Internet*

Staff at the National Museum of Scotland rebuild Tyrannosaurus rex following a three year refurbishment. INTERNET

Plant evolved a bat beckoning beacon

LONDON, 30 July — A rainforest vine has evolved dish-shaped leaves to attract the bats that pollinate it, scientists have found. Tests revealed that the leaves were supremely efficient at bouncing back the sound pulses the flying mammals used to navigate. When the leaves were present the bats located the plant twice as quickly as when these echoing leaves were removed.A team of scientists in the UK and Germany reported its findings in the journal *Science*.

The study is the first to find a plant with "specialised acoustic features" to help bat pollinators find them using sound. Most bats send out pulses of sound to find their way around; the way they sense objects in their environment by sensing how these pulses bounce off them is known as echolocation.—*Internet*

The dish-shaped leaves emit a powerful echo that helps the bat locate the plant.—INTERNET

Five dead, two seriously injured in road accident in northwest China

WUZHONG(Ningxia), 30 July— Five people died and another two were seriously injured in a traffic accident on Friday morning on an expressway in Wuzhong City, northwest Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, said an official with local public security department.

At 6 am a truck crashed into a minibus, which was stopped on the roadside because of a traffic problem ahead. Three passengers on the minibus were killed instantly and another two died at the hospital. Four passengers were out of the bus and were unharmed, he added.

Another two, the driver and another minibus passenger, were seriously injured and remained hospitalized.

Internet

Photo taken on 29 July, 2011 shows debris of a damaged vehicle in Ningxia section of Beijing-Tibet highway, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.—INTERNET

Hordes of bats delight Texas city residents

A drought in the state of Texas, where 1.5 million bats are living under a bridge in the City of Austin, has fuelled a bat frenzy with locals gathering each night to view the nocturnal creatures. The drought has destroyed crops in Texas and killed delicious pests that the Mexican free-tailed bats eat.

The lack of food means the bats leave home earlier than usual each night to find nourishment — giving the locals more time to watch the normally-nocturnal critters fly before the sun goes down.

Each night they stream from under a bridge by the hundreds of thousands in a black cloud so large that it shows up on local weather radar.

"It's wonderful for people to be able to see them, and they are really spectacular," said James Eggers, director of education for the Austin-based Bat Conservation International. "But it's an indicator that things are a little tougher for the bats."

But naturalists do not see any negative long-term effects if the drought ends soon.

"If we just have one to two years of drought, it's a natural cycle and it's not going to affect the species as a whole," Eggers said.

Spectators gather by the water near the Congress Street bridge in downtown Austin.

Guinness World Record holder Jin Linlin spins 105 hula hoops during a performance in a local shopping mall in Hong Kong, south China, 28 July, 2011. Jin Linlin set her "Geinness World Record" by simultaneously spinning a jaw-dropping 105 hula hoops in October 2007.

Hit UFO image was polystyrene, says forger

A Belgian UFO photograph that became a worldwide hit was faked with a piece of polystyrene, one of the people behind the picture has revealed more than 20 years later in a TV interview. "You can do a lot with a little, we managed to trick everyone with a piece of polystyrene," said one of the forgers, identified only as Patrick, who says he pulled it off at the age of 18 with some colleagues.

"We made the model with polystyrene, we painted it and then we started sticking things to it, then we suspended it in the air ... then we took the photo," he said in an interview with French-language broadcaster RTL, which was transmitted late on Tuesday.

The photograph, taken in 1990, became a sensation after it was circulated around the world. It became known as Petit-Rechain picture, after the Belgian town where it was purported to have been taken.

It was closely associated with a period known as the "Belgian UFO wave," which involved a series of reports of UFO sighting between 1989 and 1990.

In one sighting in November 1990, which was later explained as a soviet satellite breaking up, dozens of people in Belgium reported a triangular object with three lights flying slowly and soundlessly, according to a *Reuters* report at the time.

50-year-old Australian woman gives birth without IVF

A 50-year-old Australian woman has become the country's oldest woman to get pregnant naturally and give birth to a healthy first child, local media reported on Wednesday.

Semi-retired Queensland real estate agent Anthea Nicholas had a "one-in-several-million" chance of conceiving without the aid of in vitro fertilization (IVF), the *Australian Associated Press (AAP)* reported.

Nicholas has told the August edition of the Australian Women's Weekly that she firstly thought her symptoms of nausea were the early effects of menopause.

It was her husband Peter Byrne suggested she might be pregnant.

News Album

Oscar statue from 1940s fetches $89,625 in Dallas auction

DALLAS, 30 July—If you can't win an Oscar, why not buy one?

That's exactly what an avid movie buff did when a golden statue from the 1942 Academy Awards went up for auction on Friday.

A coveted collectible since Oscars are rarely for sale, the statue fetched $89,625, making it the star of bidding at Heritage Auction's movie and music auction in Dallas.

Nearly 800 items were up for bid, including items owned or worn by celebrities such as Elton John, Michael Jackson and Paul Newman, and guitars owned by Elvis Presley.

Heritage declined to release the identities of buyers. The company hosts auctions throughout the year, including a recent auction of dinosaur bones and an upcoming John Wayne auction in Los Angeles.

The Oscar statue was a rare item to turn up for sale, said Margaret Barrett, director of music and entertainment for Heritage Auctions.

A rule adopted in 1950 by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences prohibits Academy Award winners or their heirs from selling a statue without first offering it back to the academy for a price of $1.

This Oscar, presented before that rule was enacted, was won by Nathan Levinson for best sound recording for the 1942 film Yankee Doodle Dandy.

Reuters

Winfrey to host series recycling her old show

BEVERLY HILLS, 30 July—Oprah Winfrey is repackaging her now-ended daytime talk show to make it a key part of the lineup for OWN, her struggling cable channel.

Winfrey said Friday she will host the new series that will recycle episodes of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" as a "classroom" intended to help viewers improve their lives. The show, titled "Own Your Life," will air weekdays at 8 pm ET starting 10 Oct.

Appearing at a session of the Television Critics Association to announce the revamped series and introduce Rosie O'Donnell and her new OWN show, Winfrey took the opportunity to reinforce her commitment to the channel. Friends ask, "Are you enjoying your time in the Mediterranean?" Winfrey said. But she's not on holiday, she said, "I'm here," and working in the Los Angeles offices of OWN.—*Internet*

In this 3 May, 2010 file photo, Oprah Winfrey arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala in New York.
INTERNET

In this file photo taken 14 June, 2011, the dress made of meat worn by Lady Gaga at the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards is shown in the museum's vault. A former Ketchikan, Alaska man now has own place in pop history.
INTERNET

US taxidermist preserves Gaga's meat dress

KETCHIKAN, 30 July—A California taxidermist has earned a rare place in pop history.

Sergio Vigalato preserved Lady Gaga's now-famous raw-meat dress for display in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

The project has prompted a swarm of media interest in the 66-year-old former Southeast Alaska charter boat skipper who's originally from Brazil.

Vigalato operates American Taxidermy in Burbank, California. That's where he was contacted by the museum about preserving the dress that Lady Gaga wore at the September 2010 MTV Video Music Awards.

Vigalato was unaware of the dress or the artist when reached two months after the show. But he agreed to the project anyway.

The ensemble, which Lady Gaga said was a statement about equality, arrived at his shop frozen and decomposing. He restored it over the next three and a half months, and the dress went on display in June.

Internet

Sun Yang poised to be China's new swimming star

SHANGHAI, 30 July — When Sun Yang won the gold in the men's 800-meter freestyle at the world championships this week, he did something unusual for the normally reserved Chinese swim team: he celebrated with boyish delight. After the medal ceremony on Wednesday, the 19-year-old unexpectedly climbed into the stands to high-five Chinese fans and give away the stuffed animal the medalists receive on the podium. He then draped himself with a Chinese flag and flashed a giant grin for the photographers.

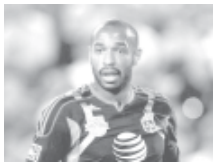
China's swimmers have had a surprisingly strong meet thus far, winning four golds and 12 medals overall through Saturday afternoon — putting them just behind the US on the swimming medal table. But while the team has a number of gold-medal contenders for the London Olympics — 100-meter women's backstroke winner Zhao Jing, 200-meter women's IM winner Ye Shiwen — it doesn't yet have a superstar, someone on par with Italy's Frederica Pellegrini or Michael Phelps, whom the Chinese have dubbed "Fei Yu," or Flying Fish.—*Internet*

China's Sun Yang competes on his way to winning the gold medal in the men's 800m Freestyle final at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Shanghai, China.— INTERNET

Henry tells critics to lay off Wenger

LONDON, 30 July — Arsenal legend Thierry Henry has told Arsene Wenger's critics to lay off the Gunners manager. Henry is regarded as one of Arsenal's all-time greats after helping them win a host of trophies -- becoming the club's record goalscorer in the process -- before joining Barcelona in 2007. But the 33-year-old returns to his former club with New York Red Bulls in the Emirates Cup this weekend to find Wenger under fire after six years without silverware.

Wenger's failure to replicate the glory days of Henry, Patrick Vieira and company has drawn stinging criticism from fans and pundits, with the Frenchman's cautious approach in the transfer market also a source of frustration. However, Henry -- who is due to face Arsenal on Sunday -- is adamant Wenger will get the Gunners back on track and he believes his compatriot should be able to rely on the support of Arsenal's board and fans.—*Internet*



Arsenal legend Thierry Henry

US hires Klinsmann to coach men's national team

NEW YORK, 30 July— Now that the US Soccer federation's perennial coach-in-waiting finally has the job, Juergen Klinsmann will be expected to kick-start a stagnant men's national team. The USSF moved quickly on Friday in hiring Klinsmann a day after the firing of Bob Bradley.

The former standout player and coach for the German national team will be a familiar name to American fans. The US almost hired Klinsmann twice — first after the 2006 World Cup and again last year before giving Bradley what turned out to be a short-lived contract extension.

Juergen Klinsmann

"I am proud and honored to be named the head coach of the US men's national team," Klinsmann said.

Xinhua

Brazil says all construction on schedule for World Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 July — Brazil's organizing committee for the 2014 FIFA World Cup said on Friday that all construction work will be completed on time. Ricardo Teixeira, president of the organizing committee, said that all 12 cities that will host matches during the 2014 World Cup have already started all the work and are complying with the deadlines established by the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA).

"FIFA has already approved the financial guarantees presented by these 12 cities," said Teixeira, who is also the president of the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF). —*Xinhua*

Lochte wins 3rd and 4th golds at swim worlds

US Ryan Lochte shows the gold medal he won in the men's 200m Backstroke final at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Shanghai, China, on 29 July, 2011.—INTERNET

SHANGHAI, 30 July — Ryan Lochte locked up two more gold medals at the swimming world championships Friday, raising his victory total to four with at least one more event to go. The American led from start to finish in the 200-meter backstroke, then rallied the US past France in the anchor leg to win the 4x200 freestyle relay. "When Ryan is hot right now you don't want anyone else on the end of the relay," said Ricky Berens, who swam the third leg for the Americans. —*Internet*

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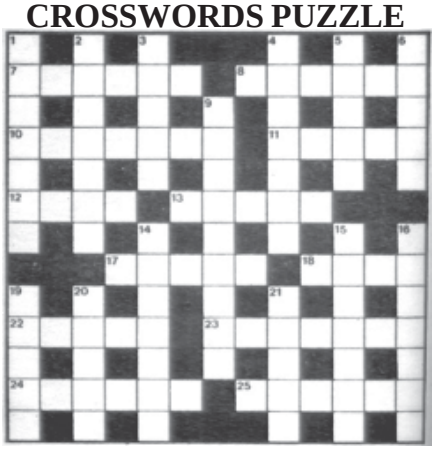
CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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1 Goatlike antelope
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9 Cape Dutch
14 Treated with scorn
15 Nobleman
16 Different
19 Rascal
20 Trade-mark
21 Competitor

Woods back to play PGA Championship

WASHINGTON, 30 July — Former world No. 1 Tiger Woods has been back to the field and formally entered the PGA Championship after missing two other majors earlier this year. The World Golf Championship at Firestone will mark his return next week.

PGA spokesman Julius Mason said on Friday that Woods' agent Mark Steinberg said as long as everything goes well at Firestone and there are no complications to his left leg, that Woods intends to play the PGA, slated for Aug. 11-14 at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Woods, who said to have nursed his injured left leg, has been out of golf for nearly three months, missing the US and British Opens and having failed to win the last nine majors he has played.

Xinhua

Former world No 1 Tiger Woods

England draw goalless with DPR Korea at U20 World Cup

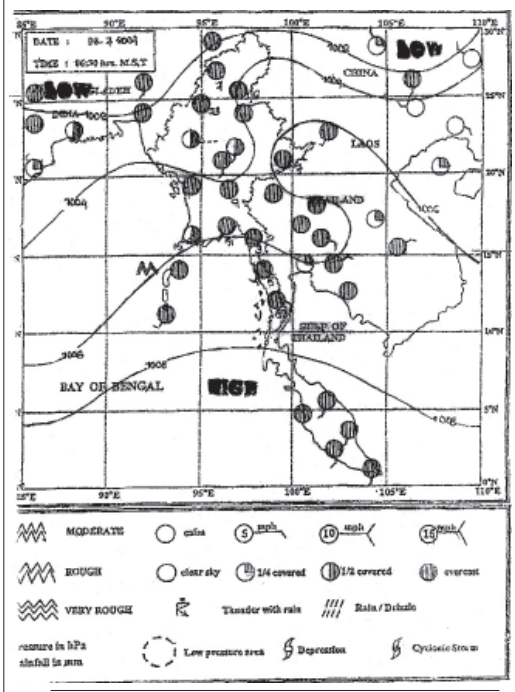
BRASILA, 30 July — England and DPR Korea drew 0-0 on Friday in the opening match of the Under-20 World Cup at Medellin, Colombia. England had better chances in the first half as Berahino broke down the left side in the 29th minute before Knott missed two close-range headers, one just wide of the post in first half injury time.

DPR Korea, the under-19 Asian Champions, occasionally had sustained possession and looking threatening with their top scorer Jong Il Gwan came closest for his side in the 44th minute. England next face Argentina in Group F while DPR Korea, which is playing in this event for only the second time, take on Mexico. The tournament is being staged at eight venues in Colombia and ends 20 August.— *Xinhua*

Music, joy open U20 World Cup

BARRANQUILLA, 30 July — Amid a steady rain and with a cheerful and colorful artistic presentation of 140 artists and musicians, the under-20 World Cup opened on Friday in the city of Barranquilla. Around 50,000 attendees, most of whom wearing shirts of the Colombian national team, gathered at the Metropolitan Stadium to be part of the opening ceremony which was broadcast live to 162 countries and regions with an estimated number of viewers at 500 million. After giving a warm welcome to the participating teams, it began the show named "Colombia, a new dawn" that offered a sample of the country's cultural diversity, through the rhythms of each region . —*Xinhua*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 31st July, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	25/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayin	31/88	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
4	Chin	25/77	13/55	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	27/81	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	80%
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	36/97	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	32/90	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower (IH)	80%
12	Yangon	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	28/82	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	32/90	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	35/95	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kayin State, scattered in Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Kayah and Mon State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (5.12) inches, Myeik (4.76) inches, Kawthoung (2.12) inches, Launglon (2.05) inches and Putao (1.89) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Likelihood of increase of rain in Lower Myanmar areas.

Chelsea FC 2-0 Aston Villa

Torres scores as Blues win Barclays Asia Trophy

HONG KONG, 30 July—Fernando Torres was on target for Chelsea as the Blues beat Aston Villa 2-0 to lift the Barclays Asia Trophy at the Hong Kong Stadium on Saturday.

Andre Villas-Boas' side made the perfect start, taking the lead after just 35 seconds though youngster Josh McEachran after Shay Given had saved from Nicolas Anelka and Florent Malouda. £50million striker Torres came on early in the second half to a huge reception and made an instant impact, diverting Malouda's long range shot past Given with his first touch of the game.

'AVB' once again made changes to his starting line-up, with Anelka starting up front and Torres on the bench along with Didier Drogba. Both came on for the final thirty minutes of the game in what was a comfortable win for the west London side.

Internet

Policeman killed, 10 people wounded in Iraq's Diyala

BAQUBA, 30 July—A policeman was killed and ten others wounded in separate attacks in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Saturday, the police said.

Gunmen shot dead a policeman and wounded a local Awakening Council group member in western the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from Diyala's operations command told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, six people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion at a marketplace in the town of Qara-Tapa, some 110 km north of Baquba, the source said.

In addition, three people were wounded when gunmen opened fire on civilians in Sherwin area, some 50 km east of Baquba, the source added. Also in the province, Iraqi security forces carried out search operations across the province during the past 24 hours, and arrested seven suspects, including five wanted for charges of terrorism, he said.

Xinhua

Myanmar TV

Sunday, 31 July
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:25 am
3. FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2011 (Live) (Colombia Vs France)

9:15 am
4. News

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. Music Series

2:30 pm
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

2:50 pm
9. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. Songs Of National Races

4:25 pm
4. Teleplay (Health)

4:45 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)- First Year (Zoology)

5:00 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm
7. Documentary

5:25 pm
8. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm
12. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Monthly Weather Report
18. Cartoon Series
19. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(31-7-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	**(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST**
Overseas Transmission	-	**(31-7-11 09:30 am ~ 1-8-11 09:30 am) MST**

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Shwe Bo Township Bearing Five Names (Part -1)
* News
* Shwe Bo Township Bearing Five Names (Part -2)
* News
* Youth & Language (OBF English Language Centre)

Overseas Transmission
* Opening
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* Shwe Bo Township Bearing Five Names (Part -2)
* News
* Youth & Language (OBF English Language Centre)
* News
* Large Parasol "A Souvenir of Pathein"
* News
* Yathe Taung Township in a nut-shell
* News
* Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-1)
* A Fever of Korean Excitement! World Tour (Part-I)
* News
* A Fever of Korean Excitement! World Tour (Part-II)
* News
* Music Gallery
* Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image in Rakhine
* Myanmar Movies "On Getting Six Lives"

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★ 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

Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa new road, a shot in the arm for regional development

Article & Photo: *Kalay Win Thu*

In last April, I visited Zahaw Village of Gangaw Township on my way back from Gangaw-Htilin-Kyaukhtu-Mindat Road. On my trip, I saw new Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa road.

On arrival at Zahaw, I proceeded to Ohnton Hill where a pagoda was built by King Alaungsithu in Bagan period. The distance of the hill and the village was about three miles long. Zahaw Creek is flowing between Ohnton Hill and Zahaw Village. After paying homage to the pagoda on the hill, I looked at new Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa road in parallel with Zahaw Creek.

The new road is leading to the junction of Gangaw-Haka Road at the foot of the hill via the (*See page 9)*

Photo shows Gangaw-Zahaw-Rezwa earthen road.

Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released news today that according to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River in Hinthada 1346 cm has exceeded by 4 cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 1342 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

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