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Norway study shows firstborn have higher IQs

WASHINGTON, 22 June — Firstborn sons have higher IQs than their younger brothers, and their social status within the family may explain why, researchers reported on Thursday.

A study that used military draft records for more than 240,000 Norwegian men found that firstborns had an edge of 2.3 IQ points on their next oldest brothers, who in turn beat brothers born third by 1.1 points on average.

Men who had been raised as the eldest, whether they were born first, second, or third, had IQs to match their firstborn peers. The same was true for those raised or born second, Petter Kristensen and colleagues at the University of Oslo report in the journals *Science* and

Intelligence.

“This study provides evidence that the relation between birth order and IQ score is dependent on the social rank in the family and not birth order as such,” Kristensen’s team wrote in *Science*.

Their studies confirmed what many scientists had suspected for more than a century — that firstborns have an edge.

But attempts to prove the effect have been disputed, in part because the circumstances of each family are different.

To compensate for this,

Dennis Avner, also known as the Cat Man, poses during Ripley’s Believe It Or Not! Odditorium grand opening in Times Square in New York, on 21 June, 2007. — XINHUA

Kristensen’s team studied brothers raised in the same families. And some scientists argue that birth order IQ differences arise in the womb, while others point to family interactions.

To distill potential biological effects from social effects, Kristensen’s team dug up the young men’s family birth records and found families whose first-born or first- and second-born children had died before the age of one year. — MNA/Reuters



An underground train painted in a flower design enters Kievskaya station in Moscow on 22 June, 2007. Russian artist Sergei Andriaka and the Moscow Metro have turned the train into an art gallery on wheels displaying 35 water colour painting by Andriaka’s painting school. — INTERNET

British Govt launches CO2 calculator

LONDON, 22 June — Households can now work out their carbon footprints with an online calculator, the government announced. The CO2 calculator will work out an individual’s or household’s footprint based on the use of energy devices in the home, domestic appliances and means of transport.

Users are asked a series of questions before being provided with recommendations on reducing and avoiding energy waste as well as ways to offset it.

Environment Secretary David Miliband, who was launching the scheme, said: “Around two thirds of people are already

taking action to try to limit climate change—but there is a lot of confusion about what people can do and how effective those changes actually are. We want to cut through that confusion.”

More than 65 per cent of people questioned in a Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs survey said they were already trying to take personal action to try to limit climate change.

The CO2 calculator, developed in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust, can be found at <http://www.direct.gov.uk/actonCO2>.

MNA/Reuters

Australia’s richest man marries in France

CANBERRA, 22 June — Australia’s richest man, media and gambling mogul James Packer, married model and singer Erica Baxter in a private town hall ceremony in France on Wednesday, followed by a lavish celebrity reception on the French Riviera.

Packer’s close friend, Hollywood actor Tom Cruise and his wife Katie Holmes, were among guests during three days of celebrations in Cap d’Antibes, alongside News Corporation boss Rupert Murdoch and his wife Wendi. Murdoch’s son Lachlan also attended with his model wife Sarah Murdoch and Australian champion cricketer Shane Warne.

Packer has shown interest in the Church of Scientology, of which Cruise is an avid follower, and Australian media had speculated that Cruise might

conduct the wedding ceremony.

But Packer and Baxter were married in a quiet civil ceremony attended only by a handful of family and close friends, before returning to their exclusive hotel for a bigger garden ceremony.

Australian media said the cost of the wedding and three days of partying for more than 100 guests, would top 6 million Australian dollars (five million US dollars). Baxter, 29, wore a 100,000-Australian-dollar dress designed by Christian Dior’s John Galliano, newspapers said.

The couple were expected to honeymoon on their private yacht, the converted icebreaker *Arctic P*, the same yacht Cruise and Holmes used for their honeymoon in late 2006. — MNA/Reuters



Guests sit on seats made of ice at Absolut Icebar for a reception in Shanghai, China on 22 June, 2007, one day before its public opening. With its room temperature set at minus 5 degrees Celsius (23 degrees Fahrenheit), customers who pay the admission are provided with a thick poncho to experience 45-minutes of Scandinavian atmosphere over one cocktail in the bar built with blocks of ice. — INTERNET

Depression affects most Indonesians

JAKARTA, 22 June — The majority of the Indonesian population has suffered depression of some form in the last year, local Press said Thursday.

The latest survey by the Indonesian Doctors Association (IDI) showed that 94 per cent of population in the country was suffering from some form of depression, reported English daily *The Jakarta Post*.

“This ranges from mild to severe cases of depression,” IDI chairman Fachmi Idris was quoted

as saying.

Fachmi said that among the symptoms of depression were a tendency to violate rules and norms, apathy, withdrawal and a refusal to work. He said the research was based on the assumption of health as defined by the law on health, which regards health as encompassing physical, mental and social factors.

He also cited the World Health Organization’s definition of health as a “state of complete physical, mental and social

well-being, and not merely and absence of disease or infirmity”.

Since the economic crisis in 1997, Indonesia has seen an increase in depression rates.

The WHO’s regional office reports that suicide is on the rise in Indonesia. From 1997 to 1998 there were 34 suicides in Jakarta alone.

The suicide rate was 1.6 per 100,000 people in 1997 and 1.8 per 100,000 in 1998, while prior to 1996 the number had been lower. — MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Galaxy sign Honduras striker Pavon

MIAMI, 22 June — LA Galaxy, former England captain David Beckham's struggling new team, have signed well-travelled Honduras striker Carlos Pavon.

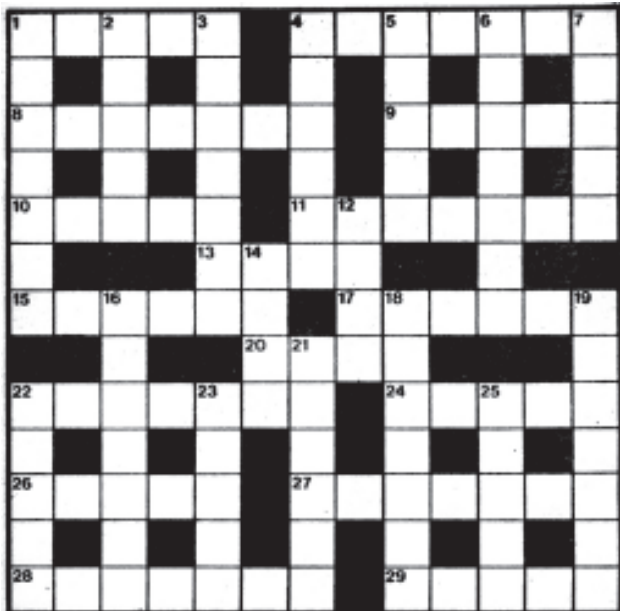
The 33-year-old, who has played in Mexico, Guatemala, Spain and Italy as well as his native country, will join the Galaxy subject to receiving a work permit, the MLS club said on their website on Thursday (<http://la.galaxy.mlsnet.com>).

"I am extremely pleased that the Galaxy had confidence in my abilities, and am also proud to be with such a great institution," said Pavon, who scored five goals in Mexico's Gold Cup campaign this month, including four against Cuba. "Now I am just anxious to start working and getting on the field," he added after joining the 10th club in his career. — MNA/Reuters



Australian football player Tim Cahill (2ndL) plays football with children during a training clinic in Singapore recently. Australia have never been favourites to win a football tournament before and they are revelling in it, while being cautious about underestimating any team at the Asian Cup. — INTERNET

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Malaysia's Nanthakumar Kallippa (L) and UAE's Faisal Khalil tussle for a loose ball during a friendly soccer match in Petaling Jaya, outside Kuala Lumpur, on 21 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Henry on brink of Barca move

BORCELONA, 22 Jun — Barcelona claim they have agreed a £16million fee for Thierry Henry.

Thierry Henry - Your View

Reports in Spain have emerged suggesting the Arsenal striker has signed a four-year deal with Barcelona.

Cadena Ser radio, the station that broke the news of David Beckham and Zinedine Zidane's moves to Real Madrid, have stated that Barcelona will pay £24million (£16million) for the Arsenal forward.

The station, which quotes Barcelona officials, says Henry has already put pen-to-paper on a contract spanning



Thierry Henry

until 2011.

Spanish newspapers have also reported the story, but a spokesman from Barcelona has told Sky Sports News that the deal is not yet finalised.

The spokesman claims Henry's move is 'not totally done and dusted' and has insisted that discussions are still ongoing between Arsene Wenger and his Barcelona counterparts.

Barcelona have been

tracking Henry for over 12 months, despite the Frenchman signing a long-term deal with The Gunners last summer.

The Catalan giants are looking to strengthen this summer after losing out to Real Madrid in the Spanish title race.

And after Arsenal's disappointing season in the Premiership it appears Henry has made the decision to continue his career at Camp Nou.

Speculation about his future has continued to mount in recent weeks, especially since the departure of David Dein.

An official announcement is expected on Monday.

Internet

Caparros steps down as Deportivo coach

MADRID, 22 June — Joaquin Caparros announced on Thursday that he has decided to step down as coach of Deportivo Coruna despite having a year left to run on his contract.

"It's a personal decision that comes because the job has taken its toll on me over the past two years and I think it is the best time to leave," Caparros told a news conference.

"I'm not going to see

out my contract because I feel I won't be able to get the best out of team next season."

Caparros took charge of the Galicians at the start of the 2005-2006 season following a successful spell at Sevilla, where he was renowned for bringing through youngsters from the reserves.

Despite having to rebuild the team following the departure of a string of experienced players, he revitalized the squad and steered Deportivo to a creditable eighth place in the league in his first season in charge.

MNA/Reuters

Maritimo appoint Brazilian Lazaroni as coach

LISBON, 22 June — Portuguese Premier League club Maritimo have named former Brazil coach Sebastiao Lazaroni as their new manager, the Madeira island club said on Wednesday.

Lazaroni, whose Brazil team were knocked out of the 1990 World Cup in the second round, has worked with several European clubs including Italian teams Fiorentina and Bari.

He was sacked by Turkish club Trabzonspor last season. — MNA/Reuters

Australians confident of strong showing at Asian Cup

SYDNEY, 22 June — Australia's first Asian Cup campaign should be deemed a failure if the Socceroos do not at least reach the final, coach Graham Arnold said.

The Socceroos are favourites to win the continental championship next month at their first attempt even though they are ranked below Japan and Iran, two of their main rivals for the title.

The Australians look to have a relatively smooth path to the semifinals but Arnold said he expected them to go one step further.

"A pass is reaching the semifinals, but I'll put

pressure on myself by saying a failure is not making the final," Arnold told reporters at Sydney Airport on Thursday before the squad flew out to Singapore for a training camp.

"In the big picture you have to get in the top four in Asia to get into the World Cup in 2010, so it's a good test for us.

MNA/Reuters

Dortmund complete Kovac signing from Juventus

BERLIN, 22 June — Croatia defender Robert Kovac has signed for Borussia Dortmund from Juventus on a free transfer. Kovac, who played for Bayern Munich for four years before joining Juventus in 2005, opted for a return to the Bundesliga on a two-year contract after a proposed move to Dinamo Zagreb fell through.

"From a competitive point of view, the task in Dortmund is much more attractive," the 33-year-old Kovac said in a statement released by the German club.

MNA/Reuters

Suzuki MotoGP rider Chris Vermeulen of Australia (L) races Yamaha rider Makoto Tamada of Japan during a British Grand Prix practice session at the Donington Park circuit, central England, on 22 June, 2007. — INTERNET





Over 30 children die of diarrhoea in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 23 June — A diarrhoea, epidemic breaking out in western Nepal and southern Nepal, has claimed more than 30 children's lives, local newspaper *The Kathmandu Post* reported Friday.

In Khin of Kalikot District, some 380 kilometres northwest of capital Kathmandu, 20 children fell prey to the malady between 16 May and 11 June. Till Thursday, over ten kids died of diarrhoea.

According to local resident Rup Bahadur Rokaya, the children kept dying as there were no medicines and health workers in the local health

post.

Most of the dead were belong to the lower caste. The outbreak has also spread into the neighbouring villages.

A team of health workers, including chief at Kalikot District Health Office Om Prasad Aryal went to the affected area with necessary medicines on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, in

Chandranigahapur of Rautahat, some 60 kilometres south of capital Kathmandu, two elderly people also died of diarrhoea on Thursday morning even

as the disease takes on epidemic proportions since Tuesday. Over 300 people have been affected due to the disease in the district.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 57,000 die due to smoking every year in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 23 June — More than 57,000 people die of eight fatal diseases due to smoking every year, local newspaper *The Daily Star* reported Friday.

Forth-one-per-cent of smokers suffer from cancer, heart ailment, high blood pressure and other lung diseases, the newspaper quoted the speakers as saying at a discussion on Smoke Free Environment Thursday.

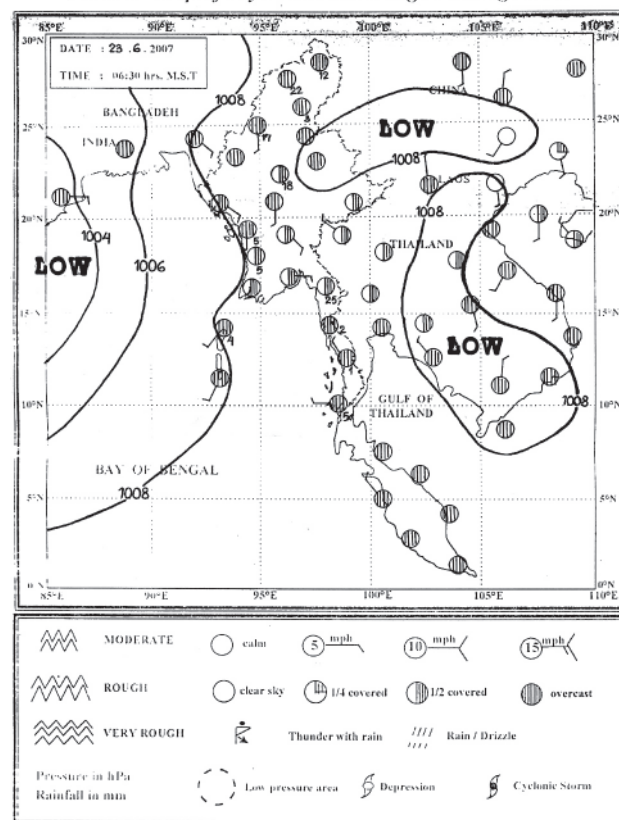
Bangladesh Inland Water Ways Acting Chairman Alhaj Badiuzzaman Badal said at the discussion smoking has been prohibited in launches and water transports.

Badal said pasting of

"No Smoking" stickers is compulsory in launches and passenger vessels from now onward. He stressed creating awareness about bad effects of smoking as well as strict enforcement of the Smoking Control Act and mobilization of a social movement against smoking both in urban and rural areas.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday 2:00 pm, 23 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyinoolwin (2.48) inches, Hkamti (1.58) inches, Sittwe (1.26) inches and Magway (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 23-6-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 23-6-2007 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 22-6-2007 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-6-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye, (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (43.03) inches at Mingaladon, (47.99) inches at Kaba-Aye and (44.49) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southeast at (10:30) hours MST on 23-6-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 24-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kchin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Magway Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 24-6-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Kazakhstan athletes warm up on the track as monsoon clouds hover above the Indira Gandhi Athletic stadium on the eve of the 2nd leg of Asian Athletic Grand Prix championship in Gauhati, India, on 22 June, 2007. Athletes from twenty Asian countries will take part in 2nd leg of the Asian Athletic Grand Prix championship held on 23 June, and the finals will be held at Pune on 25th June.

INTERNET



Sunday, 24 June
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော် (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:10 am**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song

- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:40 am**
4. Yan can cook
- 12:00 pm**
5. Myanmar movie: "စိမ်းနဲ့တော" (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ ဆွေစင်ထိုက်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးမြင့်အောင်)
- 1:45 pm**
6. မွန်မြတ်နိုးသော မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 2:00 pm**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:15 pm**
8. ဆပ်သွားတံတား
- 2:30 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 2:45 pm**
10. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

- 4:45 pm**
4. Dance of national races
- 5:00 pm**
5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 5:10 pm**
6. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးအလွဲသုံးမှုနှင့် တရားမဝင်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု တိုက်ဖျက်ရေးနေ့တေးများ
- 5:20 pm**
7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
10. သီရိဇေယျာ
- 7:00 pm**
11. ထူးချွန်ထင်ရှား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:10 pm**
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်" (အပိုင်း-၃၇)
- 8:00 pm**
13. News
- 14. International news**
- 15. Weather report**
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းနင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈) (ဇာတ်သိမ်း) (အပိုင်း-၂၈) (ဇာတ်သိမ်း)**
- 17. The next day's programme**

**Four political objectives**

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Collective physic nut growing in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — A collective physic nut growing ceremony of Myeik Station was held at Shanchaung Village in Myeik, Taninthayi Division on 5 June.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and wife Daw Khin Than Htay, senior military officers, servicemen and their families were present at the ceremony.

Lt-Col Aung Thu Oo reported on the growing of 100 acres of physic nut.

The commander and wife presented physic nut saplings to family members of servicemen. They planted the saplings.

The commander also attended the collective physic nut growing of township development committee in Tatpyin Ward of Myeik.

Division Manager U Khun Shwe Lin of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise reported on the purpose of the growing of physic nut and Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Shwe on the implementation of the project.

The commander and party presented physic nut saplings to departmental personnel and members of social organizations.

The commander delivered a speech at the World Environment Day commemorative ceremony in Bagan Yadana Hall in Myeik. Director of Taninthayi Division Forest Department U Ko Ko Latt gave talks on the World Environment Day.

The commander and officials presented prizes to winners in the World Environment Day commemorative Essay Competition.—MNA

CSSTB Chairman inspects exam centres

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, accompanied by CSSTB members U Aung Myint, U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo and U Nyi Tun, the head of office and officials of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department, inspected examination centres for the posts of head of workshop, head of branch and assistant manager of the Ministry of Industry-1, here, this morning.

A total of 1,847 candidates took the written examination at four exam centres here.

MNA

Chairman Dr Than Nyun of Civil Service Selection and Training Board views the candidates.

MNA



NLD members hand in glove with internal and external destructive elements

Ten members resign from Einme Township NLD

YANGON, 23 June—Members of Einme Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division U Be Natit of Kyontaloke Village, U Maung Lon, U Po Chan, U Be Lu, U Kyin Whet, U Kyaing Nyunt, U Than Sein of Kalagon Village, U Sein Win, U Thauang Shwe and U Htay Win totalling ten on 15 June resigned from the party of their own volition, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their letters of resignation sent to the Einme Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that they resigned from the party of their own accord as they no longer liked the NLD's activities and couldn't accept acts of self-seeking NLD members who are hand in glove with internal and external destructive elements to put the country under foreign subjugation.—MNA

Earthquake report

(Issued at 15:00 hours MST Today)

A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (Eastern Shan State near China-Myanmar border) about (400) miles North-east of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory, was recorded at (14) hrs (47) min (22) sec MST on 23 June 2007.