

The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Burgeoning of justice, concern of every citizen

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo held a meeting with judges, law officers and court staff of Mandalay Region at Mandalay Region High Court this morning.

He dealt with judicial matters, court management and curbing bribery and partiality, saying that according to the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Union Supreme Court has power to issue the writs. Citizens have the rights to apply to the Union Supreme Court to issue the writs when they face any grievances, he said, adding that the Union Supreme Court vets the cases in accordance with the law and procedures.

More power on hearing civil execution cases has been bestowed upon district and township courts to expedite the hearing of civil execution

cases in the courts at all levels, he said, calling on judges to abide by the procedures to the letter and hand down sentences in accordance with the law through thorough assessments.

Judicial freedom in accord with the law enjoyed by a judge means the judge is to hear cases without partiality. The accused have the rights to argue the lawsuits, and if defeated, to appeal against their convictions. The burgeoning of the justice is the concern of every citizen, he noted.

In conclusion, he called on judges to try to become reliable and upright ones, refrain from partiality and bribery to win public trust and reliance, remain loyal to the nation and the public.

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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

From special yield model paddy farm of Nay Pyi Taw to farmlands of Myanmar (Part-I)

In accord with the guidance of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, eight tasks of

on development of agricultural production sector of eight tasks of rural development and poverty alleviation.

Later, Thailand and Vietnam took the leading role in paddy export in the region.

One of the weak

present, they need to apply good agriculture method instead of traditional cultivation method in the farming works of Myanmar.

After observing the thriving high yield model paddy plantation in accord with 14 points of good agricultural methods in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, I had an interview with Assistant Manager Daw Khin San Tint of Myanma

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Agriculture Service who is in-charge of farmer educative farm.

Q: May I know endeavours of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on development of agricultural products.

A: The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation places emphasis on carry-

ing out five basic tasks for development of agricultural products. They are use of high yield quality strains of crops, application of good agriculture method, systematic use of inputs such as supply of water for agricultural purpose, (See page 9)



Photo shows nurturing of seeds through soil nursery block system.

rural development and poverty alleviation are being undertaken in leaps and bounds across the nation.

Most of the people have been living in rural areas since yore. As such, top priority is being given to drawing the task

The agriculture sector plays a key role in alleviating poverty of rural farmers. Likewise, the role of agriculturists is important in uplifting socio-economic life of rural people.

In the past, Myanmar could export the largest volume of paddy.

points is that Myanmar farmers put too much reliance on the traditional cultivation method.

Life of farmers transforms from the era that the illiterates are to do farming business into the era that the literates are to do farming works. At



Thriving paddy plantation being cultivated through good agriculture method.

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 14 August, 2011

For good health of students

The Ministry of Education in the pursuit of the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan is giving increasing encouragement to sharpening the abilities of basic education students not only theoretically but also practically according to each academic calendar.

As part of the prudent drive, it has designated the second week of August of the 2011-2012 academic year as school health week covering school sanitation, medical check-up, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases, in addition to nutrition improvement programmes.

High on the list of priorities for school sanitation are 'keeping the school and environs clean, supply of clean water, and ensuring hygienic foods in the stalls inside and outside the school compound.'

School health care teams should regularly inspect the stalls to make sure shopkeepers and vendors in the school area do not sell attractive, but harmful foods, expired foods with fungus, and dyed foods.

Prevention measures against dengue hemorrhage fever are to be taken constantly under the close supervision of members of the school administrative board in and around the school compound.

Educative talks are also to be given for ensuring food hygiene, personal hygiene, safe water and clean toilets and latrines for each student. Those responsible from the school and students' parents are therefore urged to keep working closely from the school health week on to improve the health standard of the youth.

Cash donation made to social welfare training centres



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presents first prize to Maung Aung Kyaw Zaw (2nd Year, Zoology) in Body Beauty and Physical Culture Contest of Dagon University.—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 Foreign Affairs Minister receives ILO Liaison Officer



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr Steve Marshall, Liaison Officer of International Labour Organization (ILO).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr Steve Marshall, Liaison Officer of the International Labour Organization (ILO) to Myanmar, at his office here yesterday morning.

The two sides discussed cooperation between Myanmar and ILO.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan received a delegation led by Executive Director Mr Wutikrai Watana Wutikrai of Kaiser Communication Co Ltd from Thailand at his office yesterday morning.

They discussed development of hospitality industry in the two nations as well as Greater Mekong Sub-region and matters related to sports activities.

Also present at the call were Deputy

Union Minister receives Thai guests



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Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung,

Chairman of Myanmar Tourism Association Dr Khin Shwe and personnel.—MNA

YANGON, 13 Aug—Royal Family Co made cash donation to the training centres of the Social Welfare Department at the Institute of Social Welfare of the department on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, this afternoon. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attended the ceremony. Chairman of the company U Ko Ko Htwe presented K 10 million through Director-General of the department U Soe Kyi.

The chief minister attended the awarding ceremony for the body beauty and physical culture contest and the beauty pageant of Dagon University at the gymnasium. Ayeyawun Co donated K 1,080,000 and Theingi Shweyi Photo Studio, K 1 million for the contests through Rector In Charge Dr Hla Htay.

The chief minister and region ministers presented first prize to Maung Aung Kyaw Zaw (2nd Year, Zoology), second prize, to Maung Ye Min Tun (3rd Year, Geology), and third prize, to Maung Aung Aung Oo (1st Year, Hons: Physics).

Yangon Region Finance and Revenue Minister

Daw San San Nwe and deans presented prizes to the winners in the junior division and senior division of the beauty pageant.—MNA

Inter-Ministry Football Tournery continues

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—The second round-robin matches of the fifth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament (2011) went on at respective zones here this afternoon.

At No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry beat Electric Power-2 Ministry 2-1, and at Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Sports Grounds, Mines Ministry beat Home Affairs Ministry 3-2.

The knock-out matches take place at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Grounds from 15 to 18 August; semifinals, on 22 and 23 August; and the match for third place, on 25 August. The final and awarding ceremony, at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports grounds on 26 August.—MNA



A picture taken on 12 Aug, 2011 shows people walking near damaged and derailed carriages of an inter-city train between Warsaw and Katowice after the train jumped the tracks for reasons that were not immediately clear, in Baby, near Piotrkow Trybunalski, central Poland.—INTERNET

Four killed, 30 injured in train derail in Poland

WARSAW, 13 Aug—Four people were killed and 30 injured after a train derailed in central Poland on Friday, local media reported. The train, which belongs to the PKP state rail company Intercity, was travelling from Warsaw to the southern City of Katowice when it derailed Friday afternoon in the vicinity of Piotrkow Trybunalski in central Poland.

One of the four derailed carriages fell out of the rails and overturned. About 280 passengers were believed to be on board the train, Polish PKP railways spokesman Lukasz Kurpiewski told TVN24.

A rescue operation carried out by medical emergency services, police and fire brigades is underway, according to the police.—Xinhua

Five Iraqis killed in bombings, shooting

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug—Bombings and shootings, including an attack near cafes and ice cream shops, killed five Iraqis and wounded 14 in the capital and a western town, officials said Saturday.

A roadside bomb on Saturday hit a joint Iraqi police-army patrol as it parked by a drinking water plant in the town of al-Baghdadi, local administrator Hikmat Jubeir said. The blast, at around 9 am, killed a soldier and a policeman and wounded another soldier, he said.

Al-Baghdadi town is in Anbar province, which was once a

stronghold of the Sunni insurgency.

Also Saturday, gunmen in a speeding car shot and killed a Shiite cleric as he left an Electricity Ministry office in the New Baghdad

district of the capital, a police officer said. The motive in the shooting was not immediately known, the officer said. A doctor at a nearby hospital confirmed the death.—Internet



Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a roadside bomb attack targeting a police patrol. INTERNET



Rescuers provide people with food and drinking water in Jiashi County in Kashgar Prefecture, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, 12 Aug, 2011. Various disaster relief works have been implemented after a 5.8-magnitude earthquake hit Xinjiang Thursday afternoon.—XINHUA

Five civilians killed in roadside bombing in S Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 13 Aug— Five civilians were killed Saturday morning when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in Afghanistan's Helmand Province, 555 km south of capital City of Kabul, a spokesman for the provincial government said.

"A civilian mini-bus touched off a roadside bomb at around 10:00 am local time Saturday in Nahri Sarraj District triggering a powerful blast that left five civilians dead," Daud Ahmadi told Xinhua.

The casualties include two men and three women, he said, adding the bomb was placed by Taliban militants to target security forces.

However, the Taliban has yet to make comments.

As part of its tactics the militant group has resorted to suicide attacks and roadside bombings which often claim civilians.

A total of 18 civilians were killed in a similar incident in the same district on 29 July.

A total of 1,462 Afghan civilians have been killed in the first half of 2011 which indicates, a 15 percent rise in non-combatants' deaths compared with the same period in 2010, according to the United Nations mid-year report released in Kabul on mid-July this year. Xinhua

140 Cambodians killed by lightning so far this year

PHNOM PENH, 13 Aug— Lightning has killed at least 140 Cambodians and injured 101 others so far this year, Keo Vy, chief of the Cabinet of National Committee for Disaster Management, said on Saturday.

The death toll this year is higher than that in the whole year 2010, which was 114, he said.

Most victims were in rural area. Battambang province, located about 300 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh, is recorded with the highest death toll of 26.

Also, the lightning has killed 58 heads of cattle so far this year, he added.—MNA/Xinhua

18 insurgents killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Aug— Afghan police eliminated 18 Taliban and detained 31 more insurgents during operations in the country over the last 24 hours, the Interior Ministry said on Saturday.

"The Afghan National Police (ANP), in collaboration with the

Afghan National Army, NDS or National Directorate of Security and Coalition Forces, launched 10 joint operations over the past 24 hours in the Kabul, Nangarhar, Helmand, Kandahar, Zabul, Paktika, Baghlan, Paktia and Farah provinces," said a

statement issued by the Interior Ministry here.

"As a result of these operations, 18 armed insurgents were killed, seven other armed insurgents were wounded and 31 armed insurgents were arrested," the statement said. Separately, police also found and defused a total of 13 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and anti-vehicle mines in Kabul, Kapisa, Baghlan, Farah, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunduz, Nimroz and Uruzgan provinces, over the same period of time, besides seizure of seven AK-47 guns, six pistols and two rocket launchers, the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua

US citizen kidnapped in Pakistan

LAHORE, 13 Aug— An American citizen was kidnapped from his residence in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore on Saturday, police said.

The man, who the US embassy declined to identify, works for the consulting firm JE Austin Associates Inc, and was working on a development project in the country's lawless tribal areas, where Pakistani troops have been battling militants for years.

A US embassy spokesman said they were trying to confirm the reports.

"Some six to eight people broke into his house at around 3:30 am,

when security guards on duty were making preparation for fasting," police official Tajamal Hussain told Reuters, referring to the Ramadan fast observed by Muslims.—Reuters



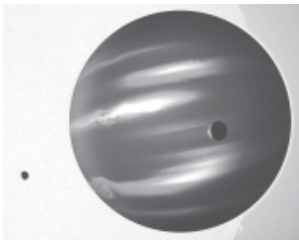
Police and security officials gather outside the residence of an American citizen, whom the US embassy declined to identify, after he was kidnapped in Lahore on 13 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET



Tourists watch as Mount Etna spews volcanic ash during an eruption on the southern Italian island of Sicily 12 Aug, 2011. Mount Etna is Europe's tallest and most active volcano.—XINHUA



Strange planet is blacker than coal



This handout picture released on 11 August by the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics shows an artist's rendition of the exoplanet TrES-2b.

INTERNET

star GSC 03549-02811, located about 750 light years away in the direction of the constellation of Draco the Dragon.

"TrES-2b is considerably less reflective than black acrylic paint, so it's truly an alien world," David Kipping of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics said in a Press release issued by Britain's Royal Astro-

nomical Society (RAS).

First spotted five years ago, TrES-2b races around its star at a distance of just five million kilometres (three million miles).

This is scorchingly close when compared to Earth's 150-million-km (93-million-mile) distance from the Sun and Jupiter's 778 million kms (483 million miles).

Internet

Ancient sea reptile gave birth, didn't lay eggs

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug— The remains of a giant sea creature are providing the first proof that these prehistoric reptiles gave birth to their young rather than laying eggs. Plesiosaurs, which lived at the time of dinosaurs, were large carnivorous sea animals with broad bodies and two pairs of flippers. Researchers have long questioned whether they would have been able to



This undated image provided by the journal Science shows a life reconstruction of the plesiosaur Polycotylus latipinus giving birth to a single, large young, based on fossil evidence from the Upper Cretaceous (80 million years ago) of Kansas.

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crawl onto land and lay eggs like other reptiles or gave birth in the water like whales. "This is the

first evidence of live birth in plesiosaurs — an exciting find," said geology professor Judy A. Massare of the State University of New York, Brockport, who was not part of the research team.

The newly unveiled fossil was originally discovered in 1987 in Logan County in Kansas. Encased in rock, it had been stored in the basement of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County until resources were available to separate the bones for display at the museum.

Internet

CAMBRIDGE, 13 Aug—A planet orbiting a distant star is darker than coal, reflecting less than one percent of the sunlight falling on it, according to a paper published on Thursday.

The strange world, TrES-2b, is a gas giant the size of Jupiter, rather than a solid, rocky body like Earth or Mars, astronomers said.

It closely orbits the



Hunt's bumble bee, Bombus huntii, a native to the intermountain west.

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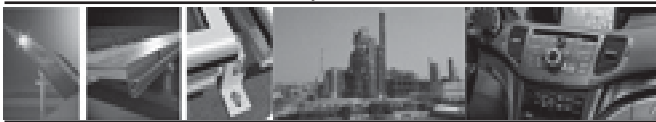
Bumble bee studied as greenhouse help

LOGAN, 13 Aug— A US scientist says he's trying to learn what's causing a decline in bumble bee populations and searching for a species to serve as greenhouse pollinators.

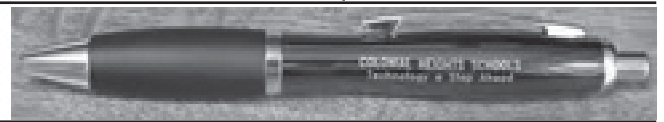
US Department of Agriculture entomologist James Strange says bumble bees, like honey bees, are important pollinators of native plants and are also used to pollinate greenhouse crops like peppers and tomatoes — but a species used for greenhouse pollination, *Bombus occidentalis*, began to suffer from

disease problems in the late 1990s and commercial companies stopped rearing them. Many greenhouse growers in western states have switched to another species, *Bombus impatiens*, native to the Midwest and eastern United States and Canada, a USDA release said Thursday.

Scientists are concerned about using a bee outside its native range, and some western states restrict the importation and use of non-native bees, concerned they could compete with native bees for food and resources.—Internet



Technology



Electronic circuits worn like skin

CHAMPAIGN, 13 Aug— Electronics for sensing, medical diagnostics or other uses can be put on a thin patch adhered directly to skin like a temporary tattoo, US researchers say.

Engineers at the University of Illinois say the electronic circuit can bend, wrinkle and stretch



An ultrathin, electronic patch with the mechanics of skin, applied to the wrist for EMG and other measurements. Credit: University of Illinois, John Rogers.—INTERNET

with all the mechanical properties of skin.

"We think this could be an important conceptual advance in wearable electronics, to achieve something that is almost unnoticeable to the wearer," electrical and computer engineering professor Todd Coleman said. "The technology can connect you to the physical world and the cyberworld in a very natural way that feels very comfortable."

Skin-mounted electronics could have many biomedical applications, including EEG and EMG sensors to monitor nerve and muscle activity. Skin-like circuits won't require conductive gel, tape, skin-penetrating pins or bulky wires, which can be uncomfortable for the user, a university release

said Thursday.

Monitoring in a natural environment during normal activity without discomfort to the wearer would be especially beneficial for continuous monitoring of health and wellness, cognitive state or behavioral patterns during sleep, the researchers said.

Internet

Angry Birds maker in talks, could be valued at \$1.2 billion

NEW YORK, 13 Aug—First it was just a game. A game that involved hurling irate birds at egg-stealing green pigs. To the surprise of many, it became a global hit, and in the space of less than two years has been downloaded onto various devices more than 300 million times.

Rovio, the Finnish-based company that brought the world the Angry Birds game, has followed up its phenomenal success with a range



of themed merchandise that includes shoulder bags, flip-flops and toys. There's talk of an Angry Birds movie. There's even a cookbook. Baby blankets are on their way. And according to a report on Friday, a \$1.2 billion valuation could also be just around the corner.

The Bloomberg report claims that the game's creators are currently in talks that could result in Rovio being valued at \$1.2 billion. The information was passed on by "two people with knowledge of the discussions."

The source said that Rovio is thinking about taking a "strategic investment from a company in the entertainment business."

Internet

'Rescue' robots could save lives in fires

ATLANTA, 13 Aug— Smart, mobile robots could safely guide people from a burning building or alert emergency personnel to injured or trapped people, US researchers say.

Georgia Institute of Technology electrical engineers Ayanna Howard and Paul Robinette say they envision "smart" roving exit signs that could lead people through blinding smoke to exits and even return inside to seek out stragglers, NewScientist.com reported Thursday.

Static signs indicate exit locations but can't warn people when an exit is blocked or unsafe, the researchers said.

Howard and Robinette say the robots would be stored in large buildings and receive instructions from a human operator during an emergency. A robot would initiate a "rescuer mode," seeking out people in need of help, and then change to "leader mode" to guide those people to safety.—Internet



Health



'Amazing' normalcy for those with face transplants

BOSTON, 13 Aug—They savor pizza and burgers, no longer frighten children, and many of them can walk the streets without people knowing they have someone else's cheeks, nose, lips and skin. People who have had face transplants increasingly are going public, helping to transform an operation that six years ago was daredevil theory into one that is widely accepted.

At least 18 face transplants have been done around the world, starting with a French woman mauled by her dog in November 2005, said Dr Maria Siemionow, at Cleveland Clinic. She

did the first face transplant in the US in December 2008.

Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston has done three this year alone. The US Department of Defence is providing money for more of these surgeries in Cleveland and Boston in hopes of helping soldiers disfigured in battle. The University of Pittsburgh plans to offer face transplantation soon. "It isn't mainstream yet. It's a last resort surgery," said Michael Cunningham, a psychologist at the University of Louisville, a pioneer in hand transplantation.—*Internet*



A man gets a tattoo in 2006. At least two men may have come down with a rare bacterial skin infection that is hard to treat with antibiotics after getting tattoos at a store in Seattle, US health authorities said Wednesday.—*INTERNET*

Tattoos linked to rare skin infection in US

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug—At least two men may have come down with a rare bacterial skin infection that is hard to treat with antibiotics after getting tattoos at a store in Seattle, US health authorities said Wednesday.

One 44-year-old man was confirmed to have a case of *Mycobacterium haemophilum* after

getting a tattoo on his arm in the western US city in August 2009, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The infection, which showed up as a bumpy red rash and a pus infection on the skin's surface, resisted treatment with several antibiotics but eventually disappeared after nine months.

A second suspected case was reported in a 35-year-old man who got a tattoo at the same place two months later, but tests were inconclusive. The CDC said it considered it a "suspected" instance of infection.

The source of the bacteria remains a mystery. Authorities said the tattoo parlor was in compliance with safety regulations but told the owner to use sterilized water for rinsing skin and diluting ink instead of tap water.

Internet



A combination photo shows face transplant recipient Charla Nash, of Stamford, Connecticut, before her injury and after her surgery, in these photographs released on 11 August, 2011.—*INTERNET*

Women smokers have more heart risk than men

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug—Women who smoke cigarettes are more likely to develop heart disease than men, says new research released on Wednesday.

After reviewing data on 2.4 million people and 44,000 cardiac events, the article's authors found female smokers have a 25 percent greater risk for coronary heart disease than males who smoke cigarettes.

The researchers, published in *The Lancet* medical journal, also found the difference in risk for male and female smokers increased by two percent for every year they smoke.

"It hasn't been widely recognized that there had been this sex difference," said Rachel Huxley of the University of Minnesota, the article's lead author, in an interview.

The findings could be attributed to physical differences between men and women, or differences in smoking habits, according to the study.—*Reuters*



Business



GM recalls 2012 Impalas and Lacrosses

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug—Automaker General Motors is recalling 4,077 Buick Lacrosses and 10,344 Chevrolet Impalas, both from model year 2012, US regulators said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the Buicks were under recall "for failing to conform to the requirements of ... "electronic stability control systems."

The vehicles' Stabilitrak system is incorrectly calibrated, which may cause the warning light sensor to fail. Safety is compromised if the

system fails to warn drivers of the failing sensor, the NHTSA said in a statement.

In 2012 Impalas manufactured from 19 April through 29 July, 2011, an upper power-steering hose "may have been misrouted," the regulator said. Misplaced hoses may be close to the catalytic converter, which would cause them to melt, disabling the power steering.

GM will reprogramme the electronic control module free of charge to correct the problem with the Lacrosse vehicles. For the Impalas, GM will inspect the cars and reroute the hoses, if necessary, also free of charge.—*Internet*

US consumer sentiment grim but retail sales jump

NEW YORK, 13 Aug—US consumer sentiment worsened sharply in early August, falling to the lowest level in more than three decades, after retail sales posted the biggest gain in four months in July.

High unemployment, stagnant wages, gridlock in Congress, and a stock market slump all contributed to a consumer mood that was as grim as when Jimmy Carter was President during the recession of 1980 and interest rates were more than 20 percent.

Despite the gloom US consumers kept spending in recent weeks with retail sales up in July by the most in



Shoppers inspect cleaning supplies while shopping inside of a Bed Bath & Beyond store in New York, on 13 April, 2011.

INTERNET

four months.

"People's spending doesn't always correspond with their mood," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at Pierpont Securities in Stamford, Connecticut. "I doubt things are as weak as the sentiment readings suggest, but no doubt people will be cautious in August."

After one of the most volatile weeks in memory, US stocks ended higher on Friday as the encouraging retail sales data overshadowed the weak consumer sentiment data.

Reuters

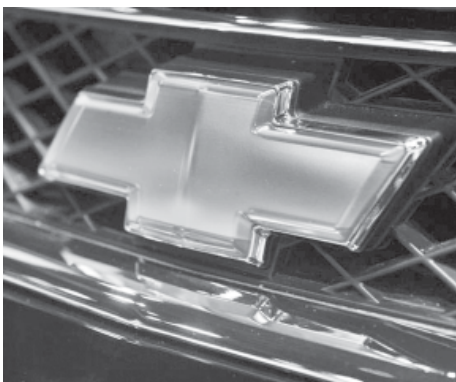
Regulators close 64th US bank this year

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug—Regulators closed the 64th bank in the US so far this year on Friday, shutting down First National Bank of Olathe, located in Olathe, Kansas. An anemic economic recovery continues to pressure the nation's banking system, especially smaller community banks.

First National had about \$538 million in assets and \$524 million in total deposits. It was the first bank closed in Kansas this year.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp (FDIC) said First National's six branches will reopen on Saturday as part of Enterprise Bank & Trust, Clayton, Missouri.

The pace of closures appears to be slowing this year after 157 were shut down in 2010 and 140 failed in 2009. The FDIC expects the year-end tally to be below last year's total.—*Reuters*



The grill emblem on the 2007 Chevrolet Impala is pictured during the Chicago Auto Show in this on 7 Feb, 2007 file photo.

INTERNET



In this 11 Sept, 2001 file photo, students and others as they watch live television coverage of the flaming New York City skyline at Ackerman Student Union at UCLA in the Westwood District of Los Angeles following the terrorist attacks.
INTERNET

Terrorist attacks: a universal television event

NEW YORK, 13 Aug—The first indication of the horrors to come was a single camera shot that suddenly appeared on television sets throughout the world: a skyscraper bathed in the morning sun, smoke pouring from a ragged hole in its side. The images grew even worse, as the entire world witnessed the death and destruction of 11 Sept, 2001.

Whether in a bar in Tahiti or office building in New York, television was the central gathering place for people to experience 9/11.

The Associated Press spoke to some viewers who watched it all unfold on TV, and to some people who were part of conveying the event and its aftermath to the world.

Tom Brokaw was relieved to be in

New York 11 Sept and not out of town on assignment when the biggest story of his career broke. *NBC News*' chief anchor found out later just how huge a relief it was to be.

Ten years later, that day still seems surreal.

“For those of us on the air, we were out there without a net of any kind,” he said. “We had no idea what was going to happen next. No one else did either.”

At one point as the twin towers burned, Brokaw remarked on camera that they would have to be demolished when the fires went out. He wondered whether he had gone too far. Minutes later the first tower collapsed on its own.

Internet

Flood damage to key Iowa highway a setback, engineers say

OMAHA, 13 Aug—This year’s flooding along the Missouri River has eroded bridges and roadbed on Interstate Highway 29 in southwest Iowa, a key point in the route between Kansas City, Missouri, and Fargo, North Dakota.

Inspections on two I-29 bridges near Hamburg, Iowa, found damage caused by scouring floodwater including an 11-foot hole under the

pavement, said Bob Younie, maintenance chief for the Iowa Transportation Department.

The discovery was a setback to hopes that I-29 would reopen quickly after water recedes next month following flooding on the Missouri River that has soaked property from Montana through Missouri this year.

Interstate 29 and southwest Iowa have

been inundated since June by flooding created by record releases from Army Corps of Engineers dams on the Missouri River in the northern plains.

The river was not expected to return to its banks until late September. It was more than five feet above flood stage on Friday at Omaha and more than four feet above flood stage at Hamburg, Iowa.—Reuters



In this 13 Aug, 1961 file photo a worker builds parts of the a wall between the eastern and the western part of Berlin. AP Photographer Peter Hillebrecht was on assignment in Berlin as the construction of the Berlin Wall starts on 13 Aug, 1961 and he was one of the first photographers to cover this historic event.
INTERNET

Rescuers work at the site of a tunnel collapse in the Degen Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, 12 Aug, 2011. A new cave-in caused by water seeping after heavy rains has hampered rescue efforts for eight workers trapped in a highway tunnel under construction in Degen that collapsed on Thursday, rescuers said Friday.—XINHUA



Man arrested for pipeline bomb

HOUSTON, 13 Aug—An Oklahoma man was arrested and charged on Friday with trying to destroy a natural gas pipeline with a homemade bomb, the FBI said.

The Oklahoma City division of the FBI said on Friday that Daniel Wells Herriman, 40, of Konawa, Oklahoma,

called Seminole County 911 emergency response on Wednesday and said he had made the device at his home. He said he put it under the above-ground pipeline on Sunday in a remote area near Okemah, about 75 miles east of Oklahoma City, and set the timer.

Hours before Herriman made that call, employees of the company that runs the line, Houston-based Enerfin Resources, found the device and alerted authorities, the FBI said.

The device did not explode and the pipeline was undamaged.

FBI spokesman Clay

Simmonds said Herriman had no connection to the company.

Herriman was in federal custody in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Friday and it was not clear if he had yet obtained an attorney.

An affidavit filed with the criminal complaint on Friday said FBI agents searched Herriman’s residence, found items like those used to make the device, and arrested him without incident.

The device was sent to an FBI laboratory for further evaluation.

Reuters

South Africa announces national healthcare

JOHANNESBURG, 13 Aug—South Africa’s government has announced plans to introduce a universal healthcare scheme to be phased in nationally in the next 14 years.

South Africa is one of the world’s most unequal societies where quality healthcare is available only in the private sector, analysts said.

More than 80 percent of South Africans cannot afford private medical insurance and rely on publicly funded hospitals, which charge a small fee but are often over-

whelmed, the BBC reported Friday.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said the quality of healthcare offered in public hospitals was “often totally unacceptable.”

“Without NHI [national health insurance], the burden of disease in the country will not be reduced because the majority of the population — and the section suffering the greatest ill health — will not access good quality healthcare,” he said in a statement.

The scheme, to be government-owned and publicly administered, will be funded from general tax revenues, *the Mail & Guardian Online* reported.

The governing African National Congress estimated initial costs to set up the scheme would be about \$18 billion.

Internet

Train collision kills two in Russia’s Urals region

MOSCOW, 13 Aug—Two freight trains collided in Russia’s Urals region on Thursday, killing drivers of both trains, according to local media reports.

A spokesman from the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry told reporters that preliminary information showed that the crash was caused by

brake failures.

“Two trains loaded with coal collided. One of them had 67 cars, the other - 69. The trains were moving in the same direction,” the spokesman was quoted by local media as saying.

The train with 67 cars “caught up” with another train and rammed it, he added.

According to the spokesman, the accident occurred some 5 kilometres off the station of Simskaya of the Kuibyshevskaya railway in the Chelyabinsk region.

Some 70 cars overturned in the accident, causing serious damage to the tracks.

Xinhua



A woman rides on the waterlogged street as a heavy rain hits downtown Shanghai, east China, in the morning on 12 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

S American nations launch anti-crisis fund

BUENOS AIRES, 13 Aug—South American financial chiefs and central bankers decided Friday to launch an anti-crisis fund to ward the region against global economic malaise.

“We are working in the building of a regional fund to face the international financial crisis,” Argentine Finance Minister Amado Boudou told a Press Conference. According to Secretary General Maria Emma Mejia of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), the fund will

be drawn from the foreign reserves of regional central banks.

Besides, the South American policymakers have also agreed to promote the use of local currencies in the region’s internal trade. Meanwhile, Boudou added that Argentina and the broader South American community are ready to boost cooperation with China, which is Argentina’s second largest trading partner and an important importer of South American products.

The UN Economic Commission for Latin

America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has projected that China would overtake the European Union in 2013 as the largest absorber of South American exports.

Xinhua

Secretary General Maria Emma Mejia (L) of the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) and Argentine Economy Minister Amado Boudou attend a Press Conference in Buenos Aires, on 12 Aug, 2011.
XINHUA



MRI ergometer for heart disease invented in Austria

VIENNA, 13 Aug— Austrian scientists have invented ergometre built in a Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for early detection of heart disease, a Medical Technology Company in the western City Innsbruck said Friday in a Press release.

In collaboration with the Medical University of Innsbruck, the new developed magnetic ergometre is capable to determine not only a single organ but the course of circulation, the metabolism of the heart and all other chemical processes.

Project manager Thomas Hugl said the invention greatly shorten the time of examination to 15 minutes and also bring more comfort to the patients as they usually have to be pushed into a MRI tube and kept still.

He also pointed that to avoid the use of metal was the biggest challenge in development but scientists succeeded in using plastic material to build the ergometer by means of air pressure- and optoelectronic sensors.

Xinhua

China to create more favourable conditions for attracting overseas talent

BEIJING, 13 Aug—A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) has promised to create more favourable conditions for overseas Chinese professionals who are willing to return to China.

“China’s development is creating more opportunities for talented people to display their capabilities. We hope that more overseas Chinese will return home to start their careers or continue their scientific research here,” said Li

Yuanchao, head of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee. The state will provide support and assistance in terms of research project applications, employment and funding for talented individuals who come back from abroad, Li said.

The government will also create more favourable conditions and environments for academics and businessmen to conduct research and start related ventures, he added.—Xinhua



An elementary student plays the trumpet in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, on 12 Aug, 2011. Around a thousand students from Hong Kong, Macau and Taipei met in Wuhan, 10 Aug, to start a week-long event commemorating the centennial of the 1911 Revolution, or the Xinhai Revolution.
XINHUA

Argentines find cocaine in hollow metal bolts



In this undated photo released by the Federal Administration of Public Revenues AFIP (Administracion Federal de Ingresos Publicos), a hollowed out metal bolt is seen with cocaine in Buenos Aires, Argentina. According to the AFIP a Peruvian man tried to board a flight to South Africa with a box of the hollowed out metal bolts containing 45 pounds of cocaine.—INTERNET

BUENOS AIRES, 13 Aug—Drug traffickers have invented a new twist in the smuggling racket. In Argentina, customs officials say they found a Peruvian man with a box of metal bolts in his baggage, trying to board a flight to South Africa.

Agents using a scanner discovered that the bolts, which came with nuts screwed on them, were hollowed out. A total of 45 pounds of cocaine was packed inside. Argentina’s tax agency announced Wednesday that the man was arrested and the cocaine seized before he could fly to Johannesburg.—Internet

Indonesia raises volcano alert status for Mt Papandayan

JAKARTA, 13 Aug—The Indonesian government raised the alert status of Mount Papandayan in Garut, West Java Pro-vince, to level 3 from level 2 on Saturday morning, thejakartapost.com online news reported.

The Volcanology and Geology Disaster Mitigation Centre (PVMBG) raised the alert status at 04:00 local time (21:00 GMT on Friday).

PVMBG head Surono advised all tourists and locals to stay outside a 2-kilometre radius from the

volcano’s craters.

The new alert status, Surono said, resulted from increasing volcanic activities as recorded at the volcano’s craters.

Surono said gas was spewing from those craters and that the agency’s data apparatus also registered an increasing number of volcanic tremours as well as deformation.

Surono called on the residents to remain calm and await further notice from the relevant authorities.

Xinhua

Texas dog retrieves hand of dead man

BROWNSVILLE, 13 Aug—A family dog in Texas returned home with a severed hand, leading authorities to discover the body of a suspected illegal immigrant, police said.

Police were called to a Mission, Texas, home after the family’s black Labrador retriever came home Thursday with the hand, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The body of a man was discovered near a canal after a 2 1/2-hour search, the newspaper said. Police Sgt Jody Tittle said the body likely was there for two or three weeks, and documentation with the body indicated he was an immigrant.

The case is being treated as a homicide pending autopsy, and police have asked the Mexican consulate for help in identifying the man.

Internet



File photo shows Ash smoke billows from the crater at Mt Papandayan.

INTERNET

Agricultural trainees observe paddy and sugarcane plantations in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met a total of 258 trainees who attended Good Agriculture Practice Seminar, at 100-acre model high-yield paddy plantation in Pobbathiri Township here yesterday morning.

The Union Minister said that all the trainees are to be all-rounder in agricultural sector as they need to render assistance required for farmers, and that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation needs to fulfill the requirements of farmers by conducting researches.

Next, the trainees led by Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanma Agriculture Service observed the paddy plantation. They also observed paddy plantations and agricultural implements in Dekkhinathiri Township and sugarcane plantations in Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets agricultural trainees and faculty members at 100-acre high yield farmland in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

YANGON, 13 Aug—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung paid respects and offertories to Presiding Abbot Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kawvida of Sitkon Monastery in Thongwa, Yangon South District today.

The Union Minister also paid homage and offered alms to Presiding Abbot Nayaka Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadaja Bhaddanta Nanda of Myoma Yayle Monastery in Thongwa.

Next, the Union Minister inspected construction of Maha Atulawaiyan Sasana Beikman in the compound of the monastery.—MNA

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung inspects construction of Maha Atulawaiyan Sasana Beikman.

MNA

Union Religious Affairs Minister inspects Maha Atulawaiyan Sasana Beikman construction



Mandalay Region Chief Minister receives Singaporean Ambassador



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint receives Singaporean Ambassador Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint received Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Chua Hian Kong Robert at his office here yesterday morning.

Also present at the

call were Mandalay Region cabinet members Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Aung Maung, Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, and Secretary of the Region Government U Ohn Lwin.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister attends opening of Myaungmya branch of Myanmar Shaehsaung Bank

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung attended the opening of Myaungmya Branch of Myanmar Shaehsaung Bank Ltd at the corner of U Ba Cho Street and No. 4th Street in Myaungmya yesterday.

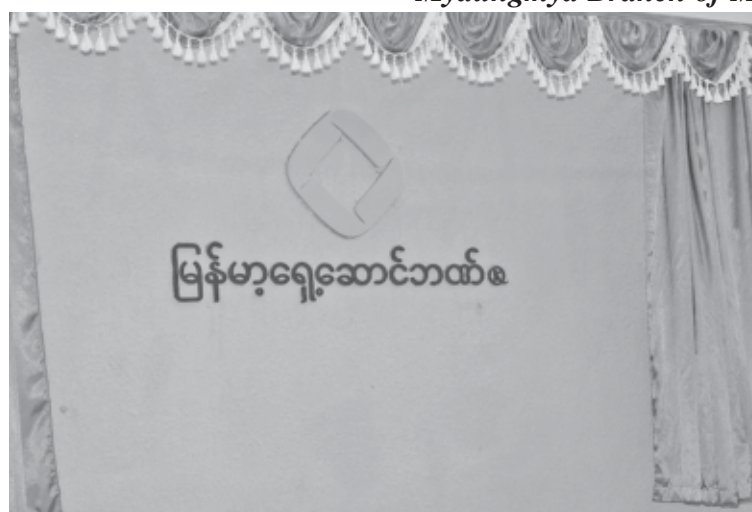
Ayeyawady Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Ko Ko, senior citizen U Yu Htaw and Chairman of Myanmar Pioneer Bank Ltd U Chit Khaing formally opened the branch

and the chief minister unveiled the signboard of the branch.

The chief minister then visited Rice Mill No. 1109 and Kyaw Rice Mill and Ice Factory and viewed production processes. He called for production of exportable quality rice and application of modern sterilizer suitable for health.

He then visited No.1 Basic Education High School and met school heads of urban Myaungmya BEHSs and BEHS branches in the township.—MNA

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung unveils Myaungmya Branch of Myanma Shaehsaung Bank.—MNA



Union Health Minister receives UNFPA Resident Representative, RH Services Advisor

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Mr Mohamed S Abdel Ahad, Resident Representative of the UNFPA and Dr Saramma Thomas Mathai, Repreductive Health Services Advisor of Bangkok-based UNFPA from Thailand called on Union Minister for Health Dr Pe

Thet Khin at the ministry here yesterday morning.

The meeting focused on further cooperation in reproductive health works, increased cooperation between UN agencies and non-governmental organizations, promotion of quality of healthcare services for infants and chil-

dren, and wider health campaigns.—MNA

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Mohamed S Abdel Ahad and party.—MNA



Chief Minister U Nyan Win of Bago Region encourages flood victims at relief camp at Buddha Athan Beikman.—MNA

Refresher course titled Restoring Health, Reviving Life: Food and Drug on 21st August

YANGON, 13 Aug—Physiology and Biochemistry Society of the Myanmar Medical Association will be holding a refresher course titled “Restoring Health, Reviving Life: Food and Drug” on 21st August 2011 (Sunday, 9 am to 12 noon) at MMA Building (Auditorium A), Theinbyu Street.

Speakers and topics are Dr Aye Aye Thein, Associate

Professor of the Department of Physiology, University of Medicine (Mandalay), “Eat to beat obesity”; Dr Mu Mu Naing, Associate Professor and Senior Consultant Anesthesiologist of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital, “Total Parenteral Nutrition”; Professor Dr Myo Win, Head of the Department of Biochemistry, University of Medicine-1, “Nutraceuticals” Nutrition in the 21st Century”

and Professor Dr Tint Swe Latt, Rector of University of Medicine-2, “Healthy Diet”, and Dr U Hla Kyi, National Consultant, UNICEF, will be the chairperson.

Those interested can register at the physiology and biochemistry departments of the University of Medicine-1, University of Medicine-1 and Defence Services Medical Academy.

MNA

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chemical and natural fertilizers and pesticides with proper ratios in time, minimizing loss and wastage of seeds from cultivation to harvesting time, and seeking farm markets for crops. At present, 14 points of good agriculture method are being carried out.

Q: I would like to know matters related to 14 points of good agriculture method.

A: First and fore-

most, it is necessary to nurture the paddy with the use of soil nursery blocks. Seven 3 feet x 120 feet x 4 inches soil nursery blocks are enough for cultivation of paddy per acre. The cultivation of paddy with the use of soil nursery block contributes to ensuring sprouts of seeds, thriving of saplings and developed grow-up of saplings. One tin of seed contains 7500 seeds of paddy; ten tins 75000 seeds of paddy and 20 tins 150,000 seeds of

paddy. It may be 120,000 to 150,000 saplings per acre. Even if use of seeds doubles in an acre, farmer will use 40 tins of paddy seeds only. If farmers uses paddy through traditional cultivation method, he must use two to three baskets of paddy seeds. The soil nursery block can save one and a half baskets of paddy seeds per acre. As Myanmar as 20 million acres of farmlands in total, about 30 million baskets of paddy will be surplus to be able to supply it to about two million of population. The

soil nursery block system can create the job opportunities for farming workers and workers without farmlands.

For the second point, paddy seeds are not to be stuck together in broadcasting. It is necessary to use five pyis of sprout seeds. Seeds are not to be stuck together. If it is conventional nurturing method, seeds may be stuck and they would not thrive. Moreover, such method cannot save expense for quality strain of paddy seeds. The farmers who use the soil nursery block method in larger areas of farmlands can save costs remarkably.

For the third point, seeds are to be covered with humus for prevention against damage and floating into the rainy water. After sowing paddy seeds, the soil nursery blocks are to be covered with burnt paddy husk mixed with waste of cow or plough soil. As a result, seedlings can be protected against dangers of animals. Traditional cultivation methods



Assistant Manager Daw Khin San Tint of MAS explains 14 points of good agriculture method.

of broadcasting paddy seeds cannot protect the seedlings against dangers of rats, birds and snails. So, I would like to urge them to use good agriculture method instead of traditional nurturing system.

With regard to the fourth point, it is necessary to nurture the nursery systematically. Supply of small volume water to the nursery soil block can take advantages for saplings with sunshine to develop roots of plants and increasing number of saplings.

Therefore, it is very important to control water supply at the paddy nursery. As traditional cultivation method uses the nursery with thick saplings on wider areas, it is difficult to control supply of water. In consequence, saplings cannot develop. The saplings in the area with scarcity of water may be poor thriving, and the plants in dried area may wither due to damage of ploughed soil.

(To be continued)
Translation: TTA



Sowing of paddy seeds not to be stuck together.

Aruba officials think missing US tourist dead

SAN JUAN, 13 Aug— Authorities in Aruba believe a missing American tourist is no longer alive and are seeking to extend a detention order for her travel companion as they seek witnesses who will help them build a case against him, a prosecutor on the Dutch Caribbean island said Friday.

Investigators have few witnesses who saw Robyn Gardner and Gary V

Giordano together in Aruba before he reported her missing, said Solicitor General Taco Stein. Giordano has told police she was apparently pulled away by the ocean current as they snorkeled off the southern tip of the island on 2 Aug.

After so many days, authorities no longer believe the 35-year-old Maryland woman could be alive, so they are holding Giordano on

suspicion of involvement in her death.

“As long as we don’t have a body, you can question whether or not she is dead,” Stein told *The Associated Press* in a phone interview.

Later Friday, several dozen police and firefighters searched an abandoned phosphate mine with cave-like entrances in an area near where Gardner went missing. —*Internet*



Firefighters and police officers conduct a search for Robyn Gardner, 35, of Frederick, Maryland, in a shaft of an old phosphate mine near Baby Beach, in the southern tip of the Caribbean island, Aruba, 12 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Dutch court sends five Somalis to jail for piracy

AMSTERDAM, 13 Aug—A Dutch court sent two Somalis to jail for up to seven years on Friday for hijacking a South African yacht last year and seizing a South African couple who are still missing. Three others also were convicted of piracy.

The five men were caught by the Dutch navy in the Gulf of Aden in November, heavily armed with machine guns and bazookas.

Prosecutors failed to prove a link between three of them to the sailboat Choizil, which was seized off Tanzania’s coast two weeks before the Somalis were captured. The yacht was run aground and the captain rescued. But a South African man and his wife who were taken hostage remain in pirates’ hands with a \$10 million ransom demanded for their release. —*Internet*

Miss Universe 2004 Jennifer Hawkins (C) and models showcase designs by Manning Cartell on the catwalk at the Myer Spring/Summer 2011 fashion launch at the Carriage Works on 11 Aug, 2011 in Sydney, Australia.—XINHUA

Teenage boy charged with killing principal to be evaluated

NASHVILLE, 13 Aug—A Memphis high school junior charged with first-degree murder for allegedly stabbing his principal to death has been ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation before his next Juvenile Court appearance 24 August.

Vince Higgins, a spokesman for the district attorney’s office, said the evaluation was ordered because the suspect, 16-year-old Eduardo Marmolejo, “appears to be a threat to other people as well as himself.” Marmolejo was arrested on Wednesday at Memphis Junior School after police discovered the body of Suzette York, principal as well as a teacher at the Seventhday Adventist school that has 64 students in kindergarten-through-11th grade. —*Reuters*

ConocoPhillips admits discovery of new oil spill source in China’s Bohai Bay

QINGDAO, 13 Aug— ConocoPhillips China, a subsidiary of the Houston-based oil company ConocoPhillips, admitted that a new oil spill source has been found from the company’s platforms in China’s Bohai Bay, China’s maritime authorities said Friday.

The company previously denied that there were any new spills coming from its platforms in the Penglai 19-3 oilfield in the bay, the North China Sea branch of the State Oceanic Administration said.

A total of 2,500 barrels of oil and mud have leaked from two of the company’s platforms in the bay so far. —*Xinhua*



Sri Lanka begins 1st countrywide elephant census

MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK, 12 Aug— Thousands of wildlife officials and volunteers have taken up positions on treetop huts near reservoirs and watering holes for Sri Lanka’s first national count of its dwindling wild elephant population.

The Wildlife Department says the three-day census through Saturday is aimed at gathering information to help the government formulate a plan to protect the elephants.

But conservation groups allege



In this photo taken on 11 Aug, 2011 a herd of Asiatic wild elephants gather at a national park in Minneriya, some 200 kilometres (125 miles) from Colombo, Sri Lanka.—INTERNET

the count is a smoke screen for capturing and domesticating the remaining wild elephants and have refused to participate. —*Xinhua*

Donations help reactivate SETI’s search for aliens

MOUNTAIN VIEW, (Calif) 13 Aug—An array of 42 radio telescopes seeking signs of intelligent life in the universe will continue that work after private donors raised enough money to keep them going.

The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI, Institute received more than \$200,000, including donations from actress Jodie Foster, to keep operating, *The San Jose Mercury News* reported.

The array was originally a joint project between the SETI Institute

and the UC Berkeley Astronomy Laboratory, which pulled out earlier this year because of the loss of National Science Foundation grants and state budget cuts.

Senior SETI Institute astronomer Seth Shostak said he was gratified the money could be raised during these tough economic times.

“But people still think this very fundamental question — is there somebody out there as intelligent or more so than us? — is important and worth doing,” he said.

The telescopes will be

turned back on in September, recalibrated and operated 24 hours a day for the rest of the year as more funds are sought.

The array costs \$2.5 million a year to operate with a full staff of 10 people.

As a whole, the SETI Institute has an \$18 million budget and 140 employees.

The funding which comes from donors, NASA and the National Science Foundation.

SETI Institute CEO Tom Pierson told supporters in a letter that his goal is to raise \$5 million so that the radio dishes can be pointed at 1,235 new so-called “exoplanets” that were announced in February by NASA’s Kepler mission.

The array is not only used to search for E.T.s, but is also contributing to research into black holes, pulsars and magnetic fields in the Milky Way.

Internet



In this 9 Oct, 2007 file photo, radio telescopes of the Allen Telescope Array are seen in Hat Creek, Calif.—INTERNET



Chen Bingde (L), chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China, shakes hands with Ukraine's Prime Minister Mykola Azarov in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, 12 Aug, 2011. XINHUA

China, Ukraine pledge to strengthen cooperation

KIEV, 13 Aug—Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and Chen Bingde, visiting chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of China, vowed to promote bilateral military ties during talks here on Friday.

Azarov said Chen's visit shows that the Chinese government and its armed forces take China-Ukraine relations as one of their priorities. Ukraine admires the achievements and progress in China, he said, and is pleased to see that China plays an increasingly important role in international affairs.

The prime minister said Ukraine satisfies current bilateral relations with

China. Mutual visits of the two countries' leaders in recent years and the strategic partnership will push their bilateral relations to a new high.

For his part, Chen said there is a traditional friendship between the Chinese and Ukrainian peoples. Bilateral ties have maintained a healthy and smooth trend. New achievements, widened cooperative fields and improved regimes are found in bilateral practical cooperation, Chen said. He said the two sides have strengthened collaboration that effectively upholds mutual benefits in international and regional affairs.

Xinhua

China opens groundbreaking grain and cooking oil processing centre

BEIJING, 13 Aug—China's largest grain and cooking oil processing centre went into operation on Friday in the northern City of Tianjin as a first stage of the grain and oil development project initiated by the China Oil and Foodstuffs Corporation (COFCO).

Covering 300,000 square meters, the centre will serve 260 million citizens in north China. The centre will process 2.3 million metric tons of vegetable protein and 900,000 metric tons of cooking oil products every year.

The development project was initiated on 28 April, 2009 with a total investment of 4 billion yuan (620.2 million US dollars), 2.6 billion yuan of which was spent to build the centre.

Ning Gaoning, president of COFCO, said the launch of the project in Tianjin marks a "breakthrough" for the company, as it will allow COFCO to be ranked among the world's largest cooking oil processors.

Zeng Liying, deputy director of the State Administration of Grain said the center will help COFCO to become more competitive.—Xinhua



A man walks with his dogs beside a whale about eight meters long that is found dead on the beach Itaipuacu, in Marica, in the Lakes Region, Brazil, on 11 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Renren posts small Q2 profit; Q3 view drags down stock

BEIJING, 13 Aug—Chinese social networking site Renren Inc posted a small quarterly profit as online advertisement segment rose, but forecast third-quarter revenue largely below market expectations, sending its shares down 8 percent in aftermarket trade.

For the third quarter, Renren, dubbed as China's Facebook, expects to report revenue of \$33.5-\$35.5 million while analysts were expecting \$35.2 million, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. The company reported a net profit of \$751,000, or break even per American Depository Share (ADS), compared with a loss of \$25.5 million, or 31 cents per ADS, a year ago.

Net revenue rose 53 percent to \$30.4 million, beating analysts' estimates of \$29.5 million. Online advertising revenue rose 94 percent to \$16.9 million.

Reuters

LA man sued in Disney-Marvel insider trading case

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug—Federal regulators are suing a Los Angeles man, accusing him of using secret information from a girlfriend to make \$192,000 off the Walt Disney Co's acquisition of Marvel Entertainment in 2009.

City News Service reported Thursday that Toby G Scammell's girlfriend was an intern in Disney's corporate strategy department.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission claims in the

lawsuit that he used their conversations to buy Marvel stock before the acquisition, then sell it afterward to turn a 3,000 percent profit.

Marvel's stock price jumped more than 25 percent after the public announcement of the acquisition.

The lawsuit claimed Scammell searched the Internet for SEC regulations and the term "insider trading" before buying the stock.

The girlfriend has not been charged.

Internet

More than 3,000 marijuana plants found in Texas, US

HOUSTON, 13 Aug—More than 3,000 marijuana plants were discovered in the eastern part of the US state of Texas on Wednesday, investigators said on Thursday. The plants were found in a wooded area in Quitman about 100 miles east of Dallas, the Wood County Sheriff's Office in Quitman was quoted by local media as saying.

The office said that no arrests have been made since the discovery of such plants.—Xinhua



A contestant practises offstage at the Third Emei International Kungfu Festival in Emeishan City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 12 August, 2011. Some 108 teams from countries including China, Singapore, Iran, Sweden etc competed in the festival.

XINHUA

Shell fighting oil leak in North Sea

AMSTERDAM, 13 Aug—Royal Dutch Shell PLC said Friday it is trying to stop oil leaking from a flow line at one of its drilling platforms in the North Sea off the coast of Scotland.

Spokesman David Williams confirmed the leak was ongoing late Friday, but would not provide details beyond a company state-ment.

Shell said it cannot specify how much oil may

have escaped, but it knows which line leaked and said the flow has been stemmed as the underwater well has been shut in and the line at the Gannet Alpha platform is being de-pressurized.

Gannet is 110 miles (180 kilometres) east of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Shell said it has a remote-controlled vehicle searching for the leak. Meanwhile, a plane is monitoring the surface, and

a vessel with cleanup equipment is at the spot.

A spokesman for the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change said his agency is responding to the incident and will investigate. The agency understands "from Shell that there is a finite amount of oil that can be released," the spokesman added. He did not give his name in accordance with government policy.—Internet



Chen Shanqin, deputy curator of the Gansu Hezheng Ancient Animal Fossil Museum, introduces a newly excavated animal fossil in Hezheng County, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 11 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11017)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (11017) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S T.S LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1142)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1142) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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In this image provided by NASA space shuttles Discovery, at right, and Endeavour paused for a unique "nose-to-nose" photo opportunity before going their separate ways outside Orbiter Processing Facility-3 at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. — INTERNET

Pregnant San Francisco woman killed by pit bull

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Aug—A pregnant San Francisco area woman was killed by one of her pit bulls, her mauled body found by her husband, police said on Friday.

The 32-year-old woman was pronounced dead on Thursday afternoon at the couple's home in the seaside village of Pacifica, south of San Francisco, Pacifica Police Capt Dave Bertini said.

Authorities withheld the names of the victim and her husband.

Bertini said the woman's husband told police he came home from work at around noon on Thursday to find one of the couple's pit bulls standing, bloodied, over his wife's mauled body.

First responders to the scene found the woman unresponsive in a front room of the home with massive trauma to her upper body, Bertini said.

A second pit bull was found cowering in the corner.

Bertini said the man

told authorities that the attacking dog, a two-year-old male named Gunner, was confined in a back room.

But when the dog managed to escape and enter the front yard, officers shot it three times, Bertini said.

Both pets were taken to Peninsula Humane Society, which performs animal control services for San Mateo County under contract.— *Reuters*

Earth 'recycles' itself faster than thought

MAINZ, 13 Aug — The volcanic recycling of crust that sinks due to the movement of Earth's tectonic plates happens faster than previously thought, German researchers say. Scientists at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz say sunken oceanic crust resurfaces from Earth's mantle through volcanic eruptions after only 500 million years, a figure researchers had previously put at about 2 billion years.

Hot rock rises in cylindrical columns, so-called mantle plumes, from a depth of nearly 1,800 feet and near the surface it melts because the pressure is reduced and forms volcanoes.

The plumes originate from former ocean crust that sank to the bottom of the mantle early in the planet's existence, and scientists had previously assumed this recycling required about 2 billion years.— *Internet*

Largest solar plant approved for California

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug— Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has approved a 550-megawatt solar power project to be built in the California desert, the largest US facility to date. The Desert Sunlight Solar Farm to be built east of Palm Springs will generate enough energy to power more than 165,000 homes when it is completed, an Interior Department release said on Wednesday.

Construction activity will create 630 jobs and

bring \$336 million into the local economy, Salazar said. "The Desert Sunlight Solar Farm is the largest photovoltaic facility Interior has approved thus far and, when built, will help power our nation and economy," he said.

Located on approximately 4,100 acres of public lands, the proposal underwent extensive environmental review with the final environmental impact statement issued on 15 April, 2011.

Internet

Gunmen fire on motorists on India highway; one dead

GAUHATI, 13 Aug—Police say suspected rebels have fired guns at motorists on a highway in India's insurgency-racked northeast, killing one person and wounding five others.

The attack came as nearly two dozen rebel groups in the region asked people to boycott India's Independence Day anniversary celebrations next week.

A police officer says the assailants fled after the firing early Saturday in Golaghat District, 175 miles (300 kilometers) southeast of Gauhati, the capital of Assam state. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

No one claimed responsibility for the shootings. The rebels accuse the government of exploiting the northeast's natural resources and ignoring the interests of indigenous people.— *Internet*

Hospitals treating more dog bites

LONDON, 13 Aug —The number of people admitted to hospital for injuries caused by dogs is on the rise. In 2010-11, there were 6,120 hospital admissions resulting from injuries caused by dogs in England, according to data from the NHS Information Centre. This is up 5 per cent on the previous year and represents the most serious injuries requiring a hospital stay, not just those cases

seen in A&E.

About one in six (17 per cent) of those ending up in hospital was a child under 10 (1,010 admissions). Dog-related injuries accounted for about half of all the 12,410 admissions caused by animals in 2010-11. This April saw the most cases relating to dogs of any month in the past two years, and the North-west of England was the worst-affected region. — *Internet*

Britain's rarest spider moves to new home

LONDON, 13 Aug —The UK's rarest spider is moving house today — in a plastic bottle supplied by conservation group the RSPB. The ladybird spider, so called for its bright red body covered in black spots, was on the brink of extinction in the mid 1990s when a single colony of just 56 individuals was left in the UK. Since then conservationists have been helping it to spread further afield — and today (Thursday) it is to be released into one of the most diverse insect and spider habitats in the country at the RSPB's Arne reserve in Dorset, the organization announced.

Scientists have come up with an ingenious low-tech method of transferring

the spiders. They are using empty plastic mineral water bottles which are an ideal shape and size for the spiders to make their nests in.— *Internet*



The UK's rarest spider is moving house on Thursday — in a plastic bottle supplied by conservation group the RSPB.—INTERNET



Mexico state policemen escort Oscar Garcia, 36, during a presentation to the Press in Toluca, Mexico. — INTERNET

Mexico arrests trafficker accused of 600 killings

TOLUCA, 13 Aug — Mexican police arrested the suspected leader of a brutal drug gang called "The Hand with Eyes" and he has confessed to helping carry out or ordering more than 600 murders, authorities said on Thursday. Oscar Osvaldo Garcia Montoya, 36, was arrested in an overnight raid on a presumed safe house on the outskirts of Mexico City, State of Mexico Attorney General Alfredo Castillo said at a news conference.

"The Hand with Eyes" is one of the groups blamed for bringing the drug violence typical of northern Mexico to Mexico City and its surrounding areas.

The organization is known for extreme violence, including decapitations. Many of its victims have been drug dealers and rivals killed as the group fought for control of drug sales in Mexico state, an area that includes many of the poor suburbs ringing the capital.— *Internet*



Russian contortionist world's softest person: Russian girl Zlata performs jujitsu.

News Album

Man hits carport, hides in portable toilet

A Longview, Wash, man allegedly backed his Jeep into his neighbour's carport, and then hid in a portable toilet, police say.

Gordon Flavia, 56, got into his Jeep at his condominium Tuesday afternoon, put the vehicle in reverse and drove backward into his neighbour's carport, knocking down a roof support beam and coming to rest in a bathroom, *The Daily News*, of Longview, Wash, reported.

No one was home at the house Flavia hit, but other neighbours heard the collision. Flavia fled the scene on foot, covered himself with a bucket of human waste and hid out from police in a portable toilet, where police found him, the newspaper said.

Flavia doused himself with a bucket he found outside the portable toilet "because he thought the dogs were

coming, and he was trying to throw off the scent," Police Sgt Doug Kazensky said. "We didn't know exactly what it was ... but it smelled bad."

"It looks like alcohol was involved," Longview police Sgt Ed Jones said. Flavia could be cited for driving under the influence, pending the results of a toxicology test, and may be charged with a hit and run.



A zookeeper lures an Aldabra giant tortoise onto a scale at the Artis Zoo in Amsterdam on 10 August, 2011. The tortoises are weighed every two years to check their health.

Tarantula fright at Berlin rail station

A tarantula gave officials at Berlin's crowded Ostbahnhof rail station a scare when it crawled out of a bag left on a train, police said Thursday.

A Berlin police spokesman said a 20-year-old German man had forgotten the bag on an in-bound train from the airport after returning from a trip to Mali and

Mozambique.

When the man went to retrieve his bag from the station's lost and found department he reached in to pull out some identification and a hairy scary tarantula crawled out.

The spokesman said the spider was poisonous. Police turned the tarantula over to a police animal care unit.

Bear walks in on backyard Monopoly game

A family of Dutch tourists visiting New Hampshire said they were shocked when a black bear walked into the backyard of relatives during a game of Monopoly. Lisa Jordan-Anker said she was visiting her parents' Bedford home with her husband and two sons Monday when the bear interrupted the Monopoly game her 8 and 9-year-old sons were playing with their grandmother, WMUR-TV, Manchester, NH, reported Wednesday.

"Out of the woods came this bear, so I panicked and ran to the porch door and said, 'Get in the house, get in the house,'" Lisa Jordan-Anker said. The family said they snapped pictures of the bear from inside the house as the animal tore down a birdfeeder and emptied it of its contents.

Baby, you can park my car

For those of us who are parallel-parking challenged, and can't afford to shell out \$70,000 clams for a car that can park itself, maybe you can give Ronny Wechselberger a call.

In April, the German driver set a Guinness World Record for the tightest parallel parking: Wechselberger slid his car into a space that was only 10 inches longer than his car.

Alas, Ronny's record was smashed in July by a driver in China who wedged his car into a space only 9 inches longer than the car. No word on whether either driver was able to actually get out of the parking space.

Aguilera to perform at Jackson tribute concert

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug—Christina Aguilera is lending her voice to a Michael Jackson tribute concert planned for October in Wales.

Organizers of

"Michael Forever — The Tribute Concert" announced Thursday that Aguilera would be joined by members of the Jackson family, Cee Lo Green, Leona Lewis and

the band Alien Ant Farm, which is known for its cover of Jackson's song "Smooth Criminal." The announcement came after more than two weeks of silence about performers for the 8 Oct show at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales.

The concert is scheduled during the trial of a doctor charged in Jackson's death. The singer's estate is also not affiliated with the concert.

In this 5 March, 2009 file photo, US singer Michael Jackson is shown at a Press conference in London. Promoters announced singers Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green and other acts will perform at a Jackson tribute concert planned for 8 Oct in Wales.

INTERNET

Internet



Sergio Cardozo (C), 60, holds up his Mr Elderly 2011 plaque during an awards ceremony at a beauty contest for elderly men in Sao Paulo 11 August, 2011.—INTERNET

Famous US rock band honoured on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug—US rock band the Go-Go's was honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at a ceremony Thursday. All five members of the all-female band attended the ceremony and unveiled the 2,444th star together near the first nightclub they ever played at in 1978, a few blocks away from the Hollywood Bowl, in Hollywood, California.

"We loved the Hollywood Walk of Fame even then," said Jane Wiedlin, one of the band's four founding members. "In our wildest dreams, we could never have dreamed our little band would get a star on the Walk of Fame."

"Let's just say it's a story that proves truth is really stranger than fiction," Wiedlin, the guitarist and vocalist of the Los Angeles-originated pop rock band said.—Xinhua

"The Help," "Final Destination 5" new entries in theaters

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug—The summer's not over, but the box office will look a little Fall-ish this weekend, with a Civil Rights-era drama, a horror-film sequel and several other niche titles hitting theaters.

But it is still, in fact, summer — and neither Warner/New Line's teenager-fatality saga "Final Destination 5" nor Disney's Emma Stone-led adaptation of the best-seller "The Help" are expected to beat the last tentpole released into the market, Fox's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," which could take in as much as \$30 million after a huge \$54.8 million start last weekend.

Also debuting this weekend: "Zombieland" director Ruben Fleisher's latest action-comedy, "30 Minutes or Less," which stars Jesse Eisenberg, Aziz Ansari, Danny McBride and Nick Swardson; and "Glee: The 3D Concert Series" (which pretty much says it all in the title). While Fox's seventh "Planet of the Apes" movie is the weekend favorite, both "Final Destination 5" and "The Help" could make it a close race.—Internet



Cast member Emma Stone poses at the premiere of the movie "The Help" at the Samuel Goldwyn Theatre in Beverly Hills, California on 9 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

With few regrets, McIlroy presses on at PGA

JOHNS CREEK, 13 Aug—If he had it do over again, US Open champion Rory McIlroy would not have picked a fight with a tree root. "It was a mistake in judgment," he said.

McIlroy walked away from the mishap with a strained tendon, but it wasn't enough to keep him from resuming the PGA Championship — despite some soreness on Friday morning in his right wrist. And even though he is eight shots off the lead at Atlanta Athletic Club, the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland has not ruled out winning.

"If I don't think I could



contend, I probably wouldn't be playing," he said. Told that he could do no further damage, McIlroy had his wrist heavily taped, had Titleist ship him a new 7-iron that was broken in the battle with the root on the third hole Thursday, then went out and shot 3-over 73.—*Internet*

Former Germany captain Birgit Prinz retires

BERLIN, 13 Aug—Former Germany captain Birgit Prinz retired from soccer on Friday, ending a stellar career that included two World Cup and five European titles. She had already stepped down from the national team after the loss to eventual champion Japan in this year's Women's World Cup held in Germany.

"The time has come for me to end my career as an active football player after 25 years," said Prinz, who had been under contract with FFC Frankfurt since 2002. "This is not an easy decision for me, because

playing football was always a big passion of mine. But now feels like the right moment."

Prinz led Germany to World Cup wins in 2003 and 2007. She made 214 international appearances, and similar to US star Mia Hamm, Prinz defined the women's game in the country.—*Internet*



Germany's Birgit Prinz

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Saturday, 13th August 2011

The opening day results

Blackburn	1-2	Wolves
Fulham	0-0	Aston Villa
Liverpool	1-1	Sunderland
QPR	0-4	Bolton
Wigan	1-1	Norwich City
Newcastle	0-0	Arsenal

Sunday, 14th August 2011

Stoke City	v	Chelsea
WBA	v	Man Utd

Monday, 15th August 2011

Man City	v	Swansea City
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Djokovic, Fish advance to Rogers Cup semifinals



MONTREAL, 13 Aug—While other top players have fallen, top-ranked Novak Djokovic keeps rolling along at the

Rogers Cup. The world's No 1-ranked player from Serbia needed just 1 hour, 13 minutes to beat fifth-seeded Gael Monfils of France 6-2, 6-1 on Friday night to advance to the semifinals of the Master Series tournament. The 2007 Rogers Cup champion will face another

Frenchman, 13th seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who ousted No 8 seed Nicolas Almagro of Spain 6-4, 6-4. American Mardy Fish also advanced, surviving an error-filled second set to defeat 14th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-0. There was another upset, though, as unseeded Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia ousted seventh-seeded Tomas Berdych 6-4, 6-4 for his third victory in three meetings with the Czech player.—*Internet*

Woods done as king of the hill, maybe for good

JOHNS CREEK, 13 Aug—Everyone who wanted their pound of flesh has it now, and more. Nearly two years into his free fall, it seemed Tiger Woods couldn't go

any lower. He just did. Love Woods or hate him, the takeaway from his second round Friday at the PGA Championship — where he shot 73 for a 10-over 150 total

and missed the cut by six strokes — should be sadness. Once the greatest golfer of his generation, and arguably the best of all time, the same golf swing that thrilled millions around the globe no longer scares anyone in the field.

Internet

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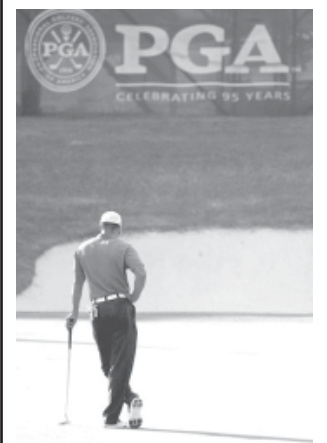
South Korea finishes 1-2 on Shenzhen Universiadecyclingevent

SHENZHEN, 13 Aug—Gu Sungeun from South Korea clocked 3 hours 31 minutes and 42 seconds to win the first Shenzhen Universiade cycling gold on women's 120km road

race at Longgang Sports Center here on Saturday. Gu's teammate Son Hee Jong finished second while Anne Arnouts of Belgium took the bronze.

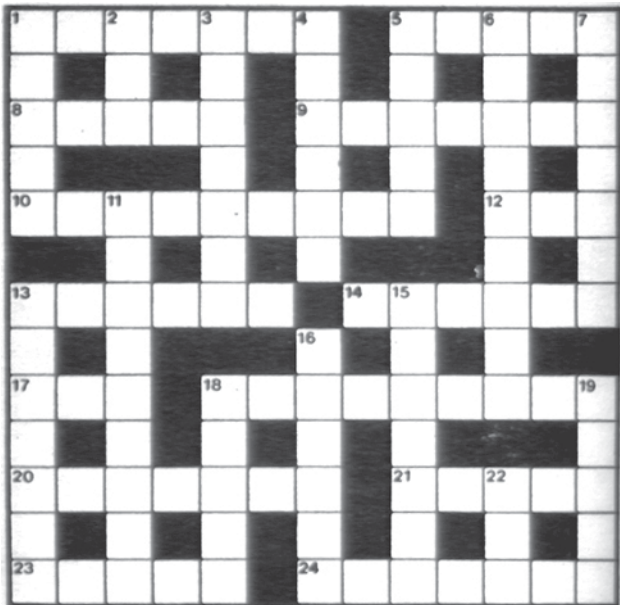
"The weather was hot," said 26-year-old Gu, "but that was fair with every athlete, so I was satisfied with the result." Gu, who majored in sports in a local university, spent 3-5 hours per day on training. She missed the opening ceremony on Friday because of the early starting time of her event.

Xinhua



Tiger Woods waits to putt on the 17th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament on 12 Aug, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Progress
- 5 Lacerates
- 8 Encourage
- 9 Mechanic
- 10 Wayfarer
- 12 Furrow
- 13 Travelling-case
- 14 Path through life
- 17 Towing vessel
- 18 Twisted
- 20 Suite, train
- 21 River of Asia
- 23 Tend
- 24 Educational institutes

DOWN

- 1 Custom
- 2 Fuss
- 3 See
- 4 Annually
- 5 Private instructor
- 6 Able to soak up
- 7 Treason (anag)
- 11 Reptile
- 13 Old soldier
- 15 Put an end to
- 16 Estimate
- 18 One slow to learn
- 19 Writing-tables
- 22 Twosome

World No1 Wang Shixian out of badminton worlds

LODNON, 13 Aug—The women's singles world No.1 Wang Shixian from China was knocked out of the Badminton World Championships by Chinese Taipei player Cheng Shao Chieh on Friday in the quarterfinals. The Asian

Games champion Wang couldn't find her rhythm while against the seventh seed, losing the match 16-21, 17-21.

"I just couldn't play my own game while facing her," said Wang who also lost to Cheng in their most recent clash at Indonesia Open in June. "But I felt I played better than last time. I hope I could take the victory when we meet again." Wang, 21, failed to repeat a semifinal finish of last year's World Championships while the 25-year-old Cheng managed to reach the same stage as she did at the 2005 World Championships.—*Xinhua*



China's Wang Shixian

Serena grinds into semi-finals of Toronto Cup

TORONTO, 13 Aug—A month layoff with injury and health problems ended in June, was a shadow of herself in the first set but rallied with raw power and shot-making to wrap up the match without losing serve in the last two sets.

Williams, whose 11-

month layoff with injury and health problems ended in June, was a shadow of herself in the first set but rallied with raw power and shot-making to wrap up the match without losing serve in the last two sets.

Internet

Match previews on 14th Aug and 15th Aug

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

Chelsea begin their bid to reclaim the Barclays Premier League crown when they travel to Stoke City in the day's opening match.

Then champions Manchester United open their title defence at Roy Hodgson's West Bromwich Albion.



United won this fixture 2-1 on New Year's Day last season, but since taking over the Baggies, Hodgson has lost just two matches.

Stoke City v Chelsea

Andre Villas-Boas oversees his first competitive fixture as Chelsea manager when he takes his team to the Britannia Stadium.



The Blues started last season with a 6-0 home win over West Brom, but are likely to find the going tougher against Tony Pulis' side on Sunday.

Stoke, who held Chelsea to a 1-1 draw in this fixture last season, have added experienced defenders Jonathan Woodgate and Matthew Upson to their ranks during the close season.



West Brom were the only team to take points off United at Old Trafford last season.



Man City v Swansea

The first Welsh club to play in the Premier



League, Swansea have won plaudits in the last few years for their attractive style of play.

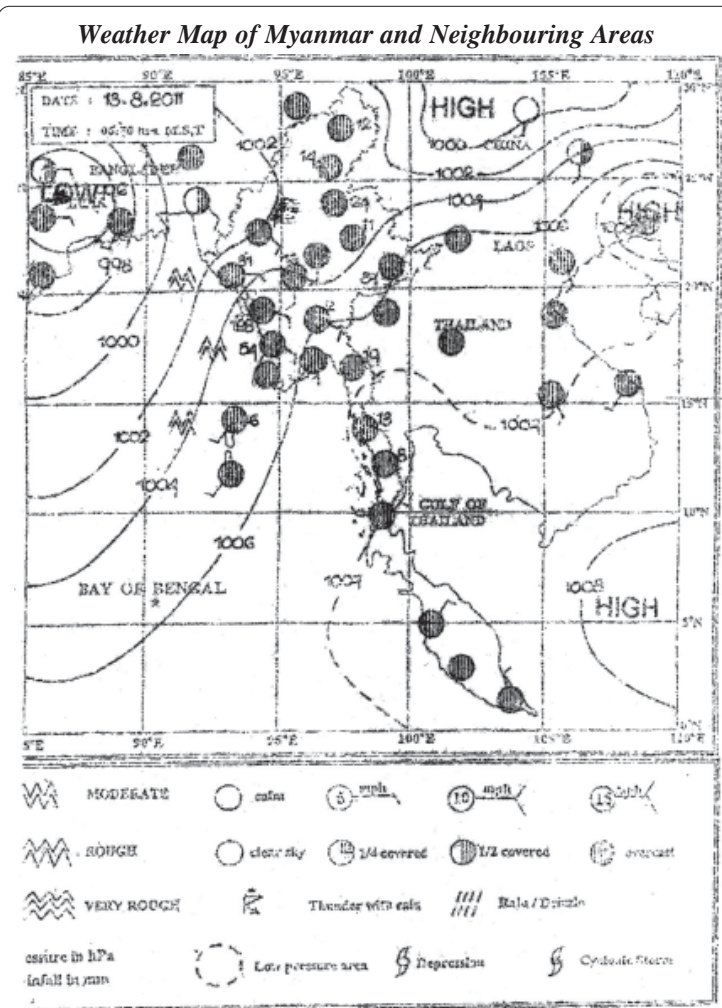
But Brendan Rodgers' side will need to be at their creative best to get anything out of a City team who conceded the joint fewest goals -33- in the Barclays Premier League last season.

Both sides have made exciting new signings in attack, with City having spent a club record sum on Atletico Madrid striker Sergio Aguero and Swansea having done likewise on the Championship's top scorer last season, Watford's Danny Graham.—*Internet*

West Brom v Man United

Sir Alex Ferguson's side dazzled in their come-from-behind Community Shield win over neighbours Manchester City last weekend.

Nani scored twice in the 3-2 Wembley victory to cap what he described as the best performance of his career.



Weather forecast for 14th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	26/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	100%
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
3	Kayin	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
4	Chin	19/66	14/57	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
7	Taninthayi	25/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
8	Bago	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
9	Magway	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	100%
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
12	Yangon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
13	Rakhine	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	100%
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
15	Northern Shan	28/82	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
16	Eastern Shan	25/73	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	23/73	One or two isolated rain or thundershowers	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi aw (Pyinmana) (1.18) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.02) inches, Kyaokpyu (5.08) inches, Bilin (3.50) inches, Kyaokkaw (3.27) inches, Bhamo (2.84) inches, Myitkyna (2.60) inches, Maungtaw (2.47) inches and An (2.40) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.



Sunday, 14 August View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
Uppatasanti Paritta

7:20 am
2. FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2011 COLOMBIA (Live) QUARTER FINAL (Mexico & Colombia)

9:15 am
3. The Nine Precepts

9:30 am
4. Sermon On Fullmoon Day of Wagaung (Metta A Khadaw Nay)

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 Video Feature

2:20 pm
7. Song Varieties

2:35 pm
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

2:50 pm
9. International News

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Live) (Southern Myanmar & Ayeyawady United)

5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. Cartoon Series

6:40pm
6. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm
7. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News

10. Weather Report
11. Cartoon series
12. Myanmar Video Feature
13. Metta Suttan Sermon by Sitagu Sayadaw
14. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (14-8-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(14-8-11 09:30 am ~ 15-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Me N My Travel (Episode-1) Pyin Oo Lwin
- * News
- * Fullmoon Day of Wagaung

- * Eco-Friendly Rattan & Hyacinth
- * News
- * Youth and Fashion
- * News
- * "MI People's Celebrities" Home Sweet Home of Nan Su
- * Let's recreate....Enjoy movie or shopping

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- * Let's recreate....Enjoy movie or shopping
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "The Mystique of Shwedagon Pagoda"
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-3)
- * Ywama Floating Market A Place of Matchlessness
- * News
- * Exceptional Monywa & Excellent Resort
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- * Myanmar Movies "One Precept"

★ 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

Sale of low-grade utility jade continues

Gem merchants of local gems companies checking lots of utility jade at 2011 Low-grade Utility Jade Sales.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—The low-grade Utility Jade Sales 2011 organized by Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee continued at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here today.

Gems merchants from local gems companies this morning observed the low-grade utility jade lots that are to be sold through tender system and submitted price proposals.

A total of 205 lots of utility jade (grade-C, D and lower-graded) will be on sale in kyats. From 12 to 14 August, gems merchants may observe the jade lots and submit proposals. On 15 and 16 August, those jade lots will be sold through tender system.—MNA



Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives ILO Liaison Officer

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Five Iraqis killed in bombings, shooting

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Strange planet is blacker than coal

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (13-8-2011)

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