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Agriculturalists to devote themselves to agricultural research for development of nation's agricultural sector Union minister tours research rice farms, high-yield rice farms



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets rector and faculty members at 100-acre rice farm for production of high-yield quality rice seeds of Yezin University of Agriculture.
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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected the 20-hectare mechanized farm in Ponigy Plot near Chaing Village, Dekkhinathiri Township here this morning.

Director-General U Soe Hlaing of the Agricultural Mechanization Department reported on progress in reclaiming 20 one-hectare plots with the use of five tractors, 20 power-tillers and one bulldozer, and the schedule to complete the

True patriotism

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

groundwork by the end of August.

The Union minister gave instructions on recording expenses and fuel on the groundwork, and completion of planting monsoon rice saplings by the end of September.

He visited the 40-acre field of high-yield strain rice in Chaing Village, Dekkhinathiri Township for educational purposes for farmers. Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanma Agriculture Service reported on process of doing research at the one-hectare plot for production of hybrid rice seeds. The Union minister gave instructions on keeping daily records, per hectare yield, and characteristics of the new hybrid rice strains.

Next, he visited the 40-acre model rice field. Officer in-charge Dr San San Win reported on facts about the 73-day rice plants. The Union minister instructed the officials to give educative talks in an effective and broader way, and inspected the field.

He inspected the 30-acre rice field of U Soe Tint and nine farmers in Aungthukha Village, Kyarbin Village-tract, run with good agriculture methods.

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Traditionally rowing Inlay boats attract tourists

Article & Photo: Nyo Win Aung (Taunggyi)

Those wishing to visit Inlay and its environs are to take a boat ride. Till today, traditional boats are one of the modes of transportation in Inlay Lake. Inntha, locals residing in the lake, practise a distinctive rowing style which involves standing at the stern on one leg and wrapping the other leg around the oar. Their traditional boats are in various sizes as five elbows, 10 elbows, 12 elbows, 16 elbows and 20 elbows. They give order of buying boat sizes for respective works to boat-makers.

Along the water courses in Inlay Lake, rowing the boat is more useful than motorized boats when they go to pagodas and monasteries, to attend donation ceremonies, to visit markets, to offer meals to monasteries and members of the Sangha and to take water for bathing.

Except Myanmar, there is no country across the world rowing the boats by leg. It is amazing that Inntha in Inlay Lake of Myanmar row oars of the boat by leg.

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Tourists are very interested in rowing of boat by leg of Inntha ethnics in Inlay Lake.

Kachin State Government briefs on peace issue

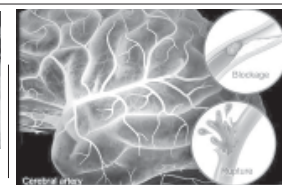


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PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain transport facilities for posterity

Transport and regional development are interrelated. Smooth transport is fundamental to improvement of the socioeconomic life for local people, and helps cement amicable relations between ethnic groups.

Nagapauk Bridge on DaikU-Sittoung Road in Waw Township, Bago District, Bago Region, was put into commission the other day. It is the latest among the five 180 feet and above long bridges inaugurated in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The facility lies on the road linking Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway and Yangon-Bago-Sittoung Road. The old road is 46 miles long. Due to the newly-opened facility, the distance between DaikU and Sittoung is reduced by 24 miles and two furlongs.

It also contributes towards smooth transport between upper and lower Myanmar, and to Mon State, Kayin State and Taninthayi Region through the networks of transport facilities.

Swift commodity flow can improve the economic, social, education, health and administrative affairs of the people.

The 240 feet long broad crest type Nagapauk Bridge has a 24 feet wide motorway and two three-foot-wide pedestrian walkways on it. It can withstand 60 tons of loads per vehicle.

In olden days, national brethren had only distant relations owing to natural barriers. As a result of new roads and bridges to deal with natural barriers, we can travel by car or by train from one region to any other region else with convenience. Therefore, the people are urged to maintain the transport facilities for their durability.

Myanmar tradition, culture photo contest to be held

YANGON, 27 Aug—British Council and Myanmar Photographic Society have arranged to hold the photo show and contest depicting Myanmar Traditional Culture, National races' festivals, festivities, Myanmar traditions.

A photo contestant may submit up to 12x18 inches ten photos on Kodak paper. The first, second, third and some consolation prizes will be awarded to winners.

Participants are to send their contest photos to British Council at No. 78 in Strand Road (Ph: 01-254658 or 01-256291 (Ext 3311, 3328, 3333) and Myanmar Photographic Society at No. 27-29 in 35th Street

Pregnant woman, son electrocuted to death in Meiktila

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—A pregnant woman and her two year old son died in an electrocution in Meiktila, Mandalay Region, on 23 August.

The child was electrocuted when he put a coil into the live electric plug in the bedroom that evening. The 29 year old mother was also electrocuted

Yangon Region opens Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 28 Aug—The Yangon Region's 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was opened at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 2 in Latha Township this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe delivered an address, saying that it is necessary to build efficiency of national culture in the culture and fine arts field because it cannot deter infiltration of alien culture in all aspects. Therefore, the Chief

Minister continued to say that the government has been organizing the Performing Arts Competitions continuously. He urged the panel of judges to fairly select the winners in the competitions.

At the ceremony, vocalists of Yangon Region, students of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and BEHS No. 2 presented songs and dances.

The Chief Minister and wife presented a flower basket and cash awards to them.—MNA

Cash assistance presented to farmers for purchase of paddy seeds



Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than presents cash assistance for paddy strain to a farmer in Shwebo Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than on 26 August morning

presented cash assistance for paddy seeds to farmers at Hlataw agricultural educative farm in Wetlet Township.

He also presented cash assistance to farmers for purchase paddy seeds in Shwebo and gave instructions.

Sagaing Region Planning and Economic Minister U Sein Maung explained establishment of Zeyar Padetha Foundation to help farmers and odd-job earners Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Agriculture Service, significant points for use of quality paddy crops.

The deputy minister and the region minister presented agricultural loans, farming equipment, farming equipment sand compound fertilizer to he farmers.

The deputy minister met farmers in Chipa Village and Seikkhun Village.

Later, the deputy minister arranged them to visit modern agricultural mechanization model farm in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Only 10 % of total micro-credit demand met



UNDP Resident Representative Akbar Usmani speaks at 2nd Workshop on Microfinance Best Practices.—NLM

YANGON, 28 Aug — A workshop on discussing the best practices and lessons learned through the joint efforts of the Microfinance Working Group in Myanmar was held here on 16 August.

During the workshop, around 70 responsible personnel including senior government officials, donors, UN staff,

(lower), Kyauktada Township in Yangon (Ph: 01-373167), not later than 10 October, 2011.

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international and national NGOs and representatives from the private sector. During the workshop, microfinance practitioners in Myanmar including the former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, U Than Lwin, responsible personnel of the PACT Myanmar,

Groupe de Recherche et d'Echanges Technologiques (GRET), Save the Children, World Vision and UNDP shared their experiences on improving livelihoods through the creation of sustainable microfinance services for poor rural communities.

Only 10 per cent of

the total demand for micro-credit is met in Myanmar, said UNDP Resident Representative Akbar Usmani.

The UNDP Microfinance Project is presently providing about 80% of this micro-credit through PACT Myanmar, a non-profit organization, he added.—NLM



Palestinians inspect the grounds of a sporting club that was destroyed by an overnight Israeli air raid in Beit Lahia, on 25 Aug. A rocket fired by Gaza militants on Sunday hit southern Israel in what was the fourth projectile lobbed across the border since a truce took hold two days earlier, Israeli officials said.—INTERNET

Gaza rocket hits southern Israel

TELAVIV, 28 Aug—A rocket fired by Gaza militants on Sunday hit southern Israel in what was the fourth projectile lobbed across the border since a truce took hold two days earlier, Israeli officials said. The rocket landed near Khatzerim, a village just west of the southern desert City of Beersheva, a police spokeswoman said.

An army spokesman said it was the fourth incidence of firing since the truce came into effect at 1:00 am (2200 GMT) on Friday morning. “The rocket hit an empty area without causing injuries or damage,” she said. The latest ceasefire was put in place after a week of spiralling violence in and around Gaza which left 26

Palestinian and an Israeli dead. An earlier truce announced last Sunday lasted less than 48 hours. The fighting erupted after a deadly series of shooting attacks on a desert road just north of the Red Sea resort town of Eilat that killed eight Israelis and which Israel blamed on the Gaza-based Popular Resistance Committees.—*Internet*

Palestinian relatives carry the body of two-year-old Malek Shaat, killed along with five others yesterday in an Israeli airstrike, during his funeral in the Rafah refugee camp, southern Gaza, on 19 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Two NATO tankers torched in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 Aug—Two NATO oil tankers were destroyed in a fire in southwest Pakistan after gunmen opened fire at the vehicles, a media report said.

The tankers caught fire when motorcycle-borne gunmen started firing at the vehicles near Mithri in Bolan district, *Daily Times* reported.

The vehicles were on their way from Karachi to Kandahar, and were carrying fuel for NATO forces in Afghanistan.

The assailants managed to escape.

INTERNET



A car drives past by burning fuel tankers carrying fuel supplies for NATO in Logar Province, Afghanistan, on 24 Aug, 2011. Militants in Afghanistan attacked tankers bringing fuel to NATO and US forces in Afghanistan on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Seven killed in bomb attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 28 Aug—Seven people were killed and 14 others wounded in three bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said on Sunday.

Five policemen were killed and seven people were injured in twin roadside bomb explosions late on Saturday near a police patrol in Baghdad’s eastern neighbourhood of Ghadeer, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Lieutenant Colonel Awad al-Fatlawi, chief of a police station, was among the killed and three policemen were among the wounded, the source said. In a separate incident, a sticky bomb attached to a civilian car detonated near a Sunni mosque in

Tarmiyah area, some 40 km north of Baghdad, killing two people and wounding five others, the source added.

The victims were all worshippers who just left the mosque after the night prayer of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, he said.

On Sunday morning, a sticky bomb attached to the civilian car detonated in Jadriyah neighbourhood in southern Baghdad, wounding two people aboard, he added.

Violence and sporadic attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the past few years.

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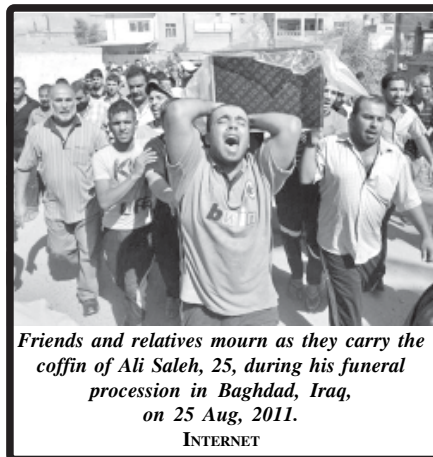


Village guard killed, three wounded in PKK attack in southeast Turkey

ANKARA, 28 Aug—One village guard was killed and three others wounded Saturday in an attack staged by the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

A group of PKK members staged an armed attack against a security post near the Senkoy Gendarme Station in the Midyat town of Mardin Province, leaving one village guard dead and three others wounded, Midyat sub-governor Fatif Akkaya was quoted as saying.

A large-scale operation was launched to capture the PKK members in this region, said Akkaya. Listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, the PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. More than 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the PKK during the past over two decades.—*Xinhua*



Friends and relatives mourn as they carry the coffin of Ali Saleh, 25, during his funeral procession in Baghdad, Iraq, on 25 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Suicide car bomb goes off near Afghan capital, killing the bomber

KABUL, 28 Aug—A suicide bomber was killed on Sunday morning when his explosive-laden vehicle went off in the main road from capital Kabul to Bagram air base, some 50 km north of capital, killing only the bomber, Interior Ministry said in a statement.

“Today at 05:45 am local time, an explosives-laden vehicle which was driving from Kabul to Bagram exploded prematurely before reaching his potential target near to Barik Aab town, Dah Sabz District of Kabul Province,” said the statement here. The suicide bomber was killed and no one was injured in this explosion, it added.

Xinhua

Obesity surge in Britain 'could cost £2bn'

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—A staggering 26 million Britons will be obese by 2030, placing a huge strain on health services, according to studies published on Friday highlighting the growing global obesity pandemic.

Based on present trends, obesity rates in Britain will rise from 26 percent to 41-48 percent in men, and from 26 percent to 35-43 percent in women over the next two decades.

By 2030, as many as 11 million more British adults will be obese — with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more —

and 3.3 million of those will be aged over 60.

The resulting cost burden on health services could be as much as £2 billion per year, according to the research published in *The Lancet* medical journal.

In the US the prognosis is even worse, with 50-51 percent of American men and 45-52 percent of American women expected to be obese by 2030, adding as many as 65 million to the country's population of obese adults.

The study, led by Claire Wang of Columbia University in New York

and Klim McPherson of Oxford University, says that medical costs will surge, given obesity's links with diabetes, cancer, heart disease and stroke.

"The combined medical costs associated with treatment of these preventable diseases are estimated to increase by \$48-66 billion per year in the USA and by £1.9-2 billion per year in the UK by 2030," it says.

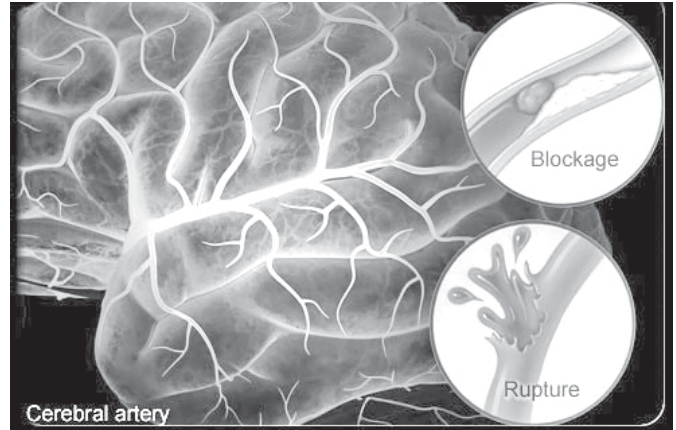
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HEALTH

Roche cholesterol drug "fine" for blood pressure

PARIS, 28 Aug—An experimental drug from Roche raised "good" HDL cholesterol substantially without increasing blood pressure, the problem that sank a rival treatment from Pfizer, researchers said on Sunday.

The data from a relatively small Phase II trial may increase confidence in the high-risk project, although the key test of whether



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



Clifford Clark, weighing 485 pounds waits in line for an open casting call for season 11 of "The Biggest Loser" television show in Broomfield, Colorado 17 July, 2010.

INTERNET

cardiovascular events seen between patients on dalcetrapib and those on placebo.

However, neither of the two studies was large enough to detect significant differences in such outcomes.

It is still early days for dalcetrapib, and medical experts remain wary following the high-profile failure of a similar drug from Pfizer called torcetrapib. There is also a lack of evidence — so far at least — that raising HDL with drugs actually stops heart attacks and strokes.—Internet

dalcetrapib saves lives in heart patients will not be known until a large Phase III trial finishes in late 2012.

Dr Thomas Luescher of University Hospital Zurich said the new drug was generally well tolerated by patients and did not impair flow in blood vessels or raise blood pressure, as tested after four weeks of treatment.

After 36 weeks of

treatment, dalcetrapib had increased high-density cholesterol (HDL) levels by an average 31 percent and no safety problems were seen. The study involved 476 patients who received either dalcetrapib or placebo.

In contrast to another small study of the drug, details of which were released a week ago, there was no difference in the number of adverse

BUSINESS

Terra Firma lands in China

BEIJING, 28 Aug—One of Europe's largest private equity companies is set to enter the Chinese market.

Terra Firma Capital Partners Ltd, which is based in London and manages \$30 billion of assets, received regulatory approval from the Chinese authorities earlier this month to open an office in Beijing.

The company, which is chaired by Guy Hands, one of the best-known figures in the private equity industry, is looking to make major investments in China, particularly in sectors such as social housing, agriculture and new energy.

Shi Bo, who will

head the operations in Beijing as chief representative, said the company is looking for major investments between 300 million euros (\$443 million) and 500 million euros.

"We tend only to do relatively large deals and tend to take a control position in whoever we invest in. Deals of this size are relatively difficult to come by," he said.

Terra Firma has been involved in a number of high profile deals in Europe, including the purchase of EMI Group, which owns The Beatles' back catalogue, for 2.9 billion euros in 2007. Its involvement in the company has now ended after a legal dispute with

Citigroup Inc, which financed the deal, was settled earlier this year.

It also owns Annington Homes Ltd, the largest residential landlord in the UK with 60,000 properties.

Shi said the aim of the company is to do something similar in China, where there is a huge need for social housing.

"One possible opportunity is for us to work with a major Chinese real estate developer to leverage our knowledge of social housing," he said.

Internet

BUSINESS

Exchanges expect normal stock trading despite Irene

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq repeated on Saturday that, despite the arrival of Hurricane Irene in New York, both expect to conduct a normal trading session to start the week.

With the powerful storm roaring up the US East Coast, setting off evacuations in parts of New York City and across the Eastern Seaboard, the NYSE Euronext and Nasdaq have said several times that they plan to open trading as usual on Monday.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission and exchange officials will discuss the storm's impact and plans for opening trading at the start of the week in a conference call on Sunday afternoon at 1 pm, according to a source familiar with the plan.



A trader looks at the path of Hurricane Irene on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange 26 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

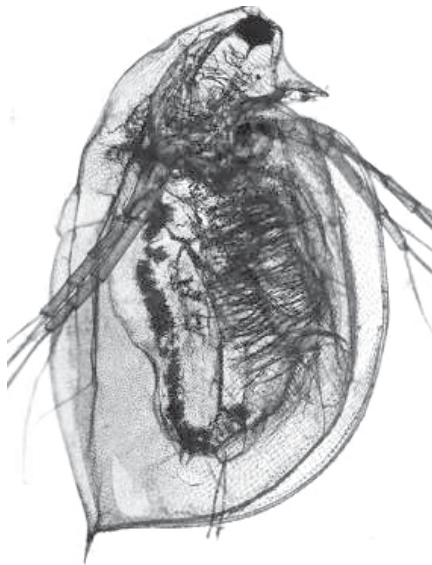
All-electronic Nasdaq Stock Market said in a note to traders early Saturday evening: "NASDAQ OMX is actively monitoring the progression of the hurricane and continues to be in regular contact with other exchanges and regulatory agencies." The NYSE and the broader US marketplace are mostly automated, quietly running out of powerful data centers in New Jersey and across the country. Barring large-scale power outages, electronic trading is expected to function normally next week.—Reuters

Possible Biological control discovered for Pathogen Devastating Amphibian

Science

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—Zoologists at Oregon State University have discovered that a freshwater species of zooplankton will eat a fungal pathogen which is devastating amphibian populations around the world. This tiny zooplankton, called *Daphnia magna*, could provide a desperately needed tool for biological control of this deadly fungus, the scientists said, if field studies confirm its efficacy in a natural setting.

The fungus, *B. dendrobatidis*, is referred to as a “chytrid” fungus, and when it reaches high levels can disrupt electrolyte balance and lead to death from cardiac arrest in its amphibian hosts. One researcher has called its impact on amphibians “the most spectacular loss of vertebrate biodiversity due to disease in recorded history.” The research, reported August 26 in the journal *Biodiversity and Conservation*, was



Researchers have confirmed that this zooplankton, *Daphnia magna*, will eat a deadly fungus that is devastating amphibian populations around the world. It may provide a new biocontrol agent to help address this crisis.

INTERNET

supported by the National Science Foundation. “There was evidence that zooplankton would

eat some other types of fungi, so we wanted to find out if *Daphnia* would consume the chytrid

fungus,” said Julia Buck, an OSU doctoral student in zoology and lead author on the study. “Our laboratory experiments and DNA analysis confirmed that it would eat the zoospore, the free-swimming stage of the fungus.” “We feel that biological control offers the best chance to control this fungal disease, and now we have a good candidate for that,” she said. “Efforts to eradicate this disease have been unsuccessful, but so far no one has attempted biocontrol of the chytrid fungus. That may be the way to go.”

The chytrid fungus, which was only identified in 1998, is not always deadly at low levels of infestation, Buck said. It may not be necessary to completely eliminate it, but rather just reduce its density in order to prevent mortality. Biological controls can work well in that type of situation.

Internet



Customers purchase the iPhone 4 shortly after the phone went on sale with the Verizon Wireless network, in Boca Raton, Florida on 10 February, 2011.—INTERNET

Tech

Google shutting down Slide

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NEW YORK, 28 Aug—Internet giant Google is shutting down Slide, a developer of applications for social networks it bought a year ago. “Most of the team from Slide will remain at Google to work on other opportunities,” a Google spokeswoman said in a statement.

Slide founder Max Levchin, a co-founder of PayPal, has decided to leave Slide and Google to “pursue other opportunities,” she added.

In a blog post, Slide said it will be “retiring” a number of products

including Slideshow, SuperPoke! Pets, Photovine, Video Inbox and Pool Party.

“While we are incredibly grateful to our users and for all of the wonderful feedback over the years, many of these products are no longer as active or haven’t caught on as we originally hoped,” Slide said.

The San Francisco-based company, which has over 100 employees, said it would give users time to download and preserve their content from Slide products.

Internet

Sims app challenges Zynga’s dominance

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—EA’s Sims franchise has moved into Zynga’s territory with the launch of Facebook app The Sims Social on 18 August; despite only being out of beta for seven days the game is already the one of the top apps on the social networking site. The Sims Social is part of the Sims

franchise developed by Electronic Arts (EA) in 2000 and involving a simulation of everyday tasks of one or more characters in the fictitious Sim City.

Data from Facebook app tracking service appdata.com shows that since coming out of beta on Thursday, August 18,

The Sims Social has become the fastest growing application this week with over six million daily users.

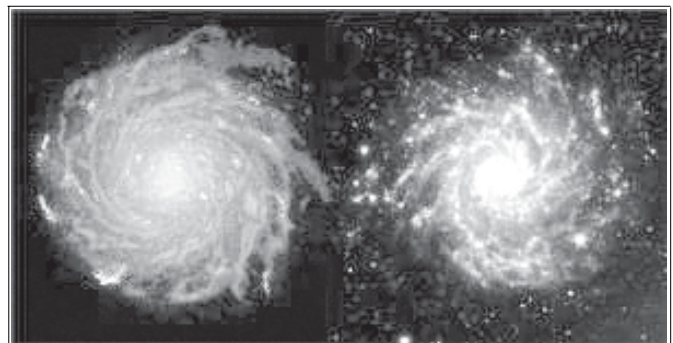
In terms of daily active users (DAU) the application is now the eighth largest on Facebook and is only just over two million DAUs behind Zynga’s FarmVille and social gaming behemoth CityVille, which currently has over 14 million DAUs.

The application differs slightly from the traditional Sims gaming platform in that the CPU characters actually belong to the users’ Facebook friends. While users’ characters don’t interact in real time, players can view replays of that day’s gameplay and their characters’ interactions.—Internet

Tech



The Sims Social Facebook app.—INTERNET



On the left, is an image of our simulated galaxy, with gas in red and stars in blue; on the right, a picture in false colours of the galaxy M74, again with gas shown in red and stars in blue. The spiral arms of the gas are evident in both images.—INTERNET

Falling meteor depicted in 5000-year-old rock carving in north China

Science

HOHHOT, 28 Aug—A 5,000-year old rock carving in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region depicts a falling meteor, said archaeologists on Saturday. A rock on the side of Dahei Mountain in the city of Chifeng has images of people, domed houses and a fire ball with a long tail falling from the sky engraved on it, said Wu Jiakai, head of the Inner Mongolia rock paintings protection association.

“I believe it shows prehistoric people

returning at dusk from a hunting trip to their domed houses, as a meteor falls from the sky,” Wu shared his findings at the 6th Hongshan Cultural Forum that runs from 25 to 27 August. He added that in the same location several years ago, another set of carvings were found showing people fleeing, snakes slithering and birds flying away, which might be what happened after the meteor hit the earth.

Xinhua

Death toll from Hurricane Irene reaches 8

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug—Hurricane Irene-related deaths have amounted to eight as it churned up the US East Coast with high wind, torrential rain and flooding, according to the latest CNN report.

Five people died in North Carolina, the report quoted police and emergency officials as

saying. Two were killed in separate accidents when their cars were struck by trees toppled by strong wind and heavy rain.

A driver died after losing control in standing water and hitting a tree, and a child was killed in a car accident because the traffic lights had failed due to the storm.

Another victim was a man who died from heart attack while putting up plywood board to the windows of his house to shield it from the storm.

In Virginia, a person died when a tree fell on his car, and an 11-year-old boy was killed when a tree crashed through his apartment. There's also a reported death in Florida



One of two people rescued from a sailboat, right, uses a line to make their way onto the beach on Wolloughby Spit in Norfolk on 27 Aug, 2011 after they and another person were rescued from the boat that foundered in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

INTERNET

where a surfer died in New Smyrna Beach.

US government officials warned on Saturday that Irene,

although a little weakened after it reached the shores of North Carolina, remained "dangerous" and

residents on the East Coast have to take it seriously and get prepared.

Xinhua



Old men play Yuanji dance at Arcadia County Park in Los Angeles, the United States, on 26 Aug, 2011. Many seniors come to the park for morning exercises everyday.

XINHUA

Passenger ship attacked by pirates in Cameroon-Nigeria maritime frontier

YAOUNDE, 28 Aug—Unidentified pirates attacked a passenger ship and took its captain hostage early Saturday close to the maritime frontier between Cameroon and Nigeria, one of the passengers told Xinhua. The pirates in a flying boat attacked a passenger ship traveling from Limbe in southwestern Cameroon

to Calabar in eastern Nigeria at Oron Baracks, a locality close to the maritime frontier of the two countries at 8 am, the witness said.

"They were seven well armed pirates who came in on a speed boat. They were unmasked but had beads on their bodies. They fired several shots in the air ordering the ship,

Monica Express, with 150 passengers on board to stop," he said. As the ship halted, the pirates got in, seized 200,000 CFA francs (444 US dollars) from the captain of the ship and asked all the passengers to surrender all they money they had on them and sailed off, taking the captain hostage.

Xinhua

Immune cells can be helpful as well as harmful in fighting infection, finds study

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug—Immune cells that bacteria have exploited can be both helpful and harmful in fighting infection, according to researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

The cells could be particularly useful in efforts to turn the immune system against cancers using vaccines.

Scientists revealed that the cells, known as CD8 alpha+ dendritic cells (CD8a+ DCs), can help the body beat back infection by a common parasite, but the same cells can be hijacked by a bacterium to decimate the body's defences.

The trait that makes the cells both an asset and a liability is the way they alert other immune cells, causing them to attack invaders. CD8a+ DCs can sound the alarm in a manner that is particularly helpful for stripping away

invaders' disguises. But this process takes time, and Listeria bacteria can take advantage of that delay to wreak havoc inside the spleen.

"As we've discovered how useful these cells can be in fighting different kinds of infections, researchers have wondered why they're so rare," said Kenneth Murphy, MD, PhD, the Eugene L. Opie First Centennial Professor of Pathology and Immunology.

"This may be why — overcommitting to any one defensive strategy opens up opportunities for counterstrategies that exploit it," added Murphy.

CD8a+ DCs make up 10 percent of all dendritic cells in the body. By studying the basic functions of these cells, scientists are laying the groundwork to use them to fight infections. —Xinhua



Visitors watch the flower show adapted from the Mother Holle in Tulln, Austria, on 27 Aug, 2011. With the theme of A Journey through the World of Fairy Tales, the 58th Tulln International Botanic Garden Show opens in Tulln from 25 to 29 Aug, 2011—XINHUA

Kid who lost all limbs named bravest in Britain

LONDON, 28Aug—A six-year-old boy who lost all his limbs to meningitis - an infection of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord - has been named the bravest child in Britain.

Harley Lane will be presented with the honour by Prince Harry at the WellChild Awards ceremony, the Daily Mail said. Harley, from Greater Manchester, was struck by meningitis in May 2009. He was given prosthetic limbs in February 2010 and started school in September. He is now learning to use his prosthetic limbs, and accomplish everyday tasks like getting dressed and brushing his teeth.

His mother, 25-year-old Samantha, said the family was delighted by the award

"Harley has been telling us that when he meets Prince Harry he won't know what to say to him and said he is going to be a bit shy," she said.—Internet

Parks Canada's Marc-Andre Bernier said no decision has been made whether to renew the hunt for the Erebus and Terror next year. The searchers had intended to use a new underwater robotic vehicle this year but they were unable to deploy it.

"We're hoping if we continue next year, that's going to be available, but unfortunately for this year, we ran into some technical problems at the last minute, so that actually could not be used on this survey," he said.

Xinhua



People look at a W154 Mercedes Benz racing car at a vintage car show marking the German car maker's 125 anniversary at the former Tempelhof airport in Berlin, 27 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

Belgian, German citizens injured in Slovenia's train collision

LJUBLJANA, 28 Aug—Two Belgian and three German citizens were among the 34 people injured in Friday's collision of a passenger train and a cargo train near the Jesenice train station, the Kranj Police said on Saturday.

Of all the wounded, nine people sustained severe injuries, and a woman with possible spine injury was airlifted to University Clinical Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia's largest hospital.

Transport Minister Patrick Vlacic, who rushed to the collision site, some 65 kilometres northwest of the capital of Ljubljana, Friday afternoon, has ordered an investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

The final stop before the border with Austria on the Ljubljana—Villach route, Jesenice railway station is 65 kilometres northwest of the capital of Ljubljana.—*Internet*



Delegates attend the opening ceremony of the "2011 Training Program on Chinese Enterprises' Investment in Africa & Introduction of Africa Projects" in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 Aug, 2011. XINHUA

Typhoon Nanmadol kills at least six in Philippines

MANILA, 28 Aug—Typhoon Nanmadol continued to pound the Philippines, leaving at least six people dead, according to officials. Benito Ramos, executive director of the National Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Council, said the deaths came from Pangasinan Province, Baguio City and Catanduanes Province.

Two children were buried alive when a landslide hit San Fabian, Pangasinan. A dump facility collapsed in Baguio City, killing two and injuring two others. A barrack in a small-scale mining site in Baguio City caved in, killing a 32-year old miner who was seeking shelter.

Residents of Catanduanes found the body of a 68-year old fisherman who was earlier reported missing. The Philippine

Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said Nanmadol weakened as it continued to move northwestward slowly.—*Xinhua*



Residents whose houses were badly damaged by the breaching of the Baguio City garbage dump try to retrieve household materials in Baguio City, in northern Philippines, on 28 Aug, 2011. Five people went missing and several houses were damaged after the retaining walls of the dumpsite collapsed and tons of garbage slid and hit the houses in Baguio City of northern Philippines on Sunday. Typhoon Nanmadol continued to pound the Philippines, leaving at least eight people dead.—XINHUA



A survivor of Tuesday's coal mine flooding receives medical treatment in hospital in Boli County of Qitaihe City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 27 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Cheney's dog banned from Camp David for attacking Bush's terrier

LONDON, 28 Aug —Former vice president of US Dick Cheney has revealed in his new memoir that his labrador Dave was banned from Camp David after it attacked former President George Bush's terrier Barney. Cheney revealed that Dave accompanied him to the laurel lodge, where most official meals and meetings take place.

However, as soon as his dog caught sight of Barney, a "hot pursuit" followed, after which he was banned from the main lodge at Camp David.

"No sooner had we walked inside did Dave catch sight of the president's dog Barney," *the Telegraph* quoted Cheney as writing in an extract of his book 'In My Time' that was leaked to the Daily Caller website.

After the attack, the dogs ended up in the dining room, where the wives of several cabinet members were enjoying breakfast.

Cheney wrote that when Bush demanded to know what the chaos was all about, he couldn't answer anything.—*Internet*

Texas court upholds 'pole tax' on strip clubs that serve alcohol

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—The Texas Supreme Court has decided that the "pole tax", a 5-dollar-per-customer fee that strip clubs, which serve alcohol, are required to pay the state, is constitutional. The court overturned the decision of the lower court which had declared the fee as unconstitutional, saying that the fee did not violate the clubs' free-speech rights, reports the *New York Times*.

Justice Nathan L Hecht wrote for the court that the fee is a "minimal restriction" on the businesses and that any establishment seeking to avoid the fee "need only offer nude entertainment without allowing alcohol to be consumed".

He also added that the fee was not to suppress expression in nude dancing, but was intended at "the secondary effects of nude dancing when alcohol is being consumed." State legislators passed the Sexually Oriented Business Fee Act in 2007, which imposed the fee on nearly 200 establishments that feature live nude performances and allow the consumption of alcohol.—*Internet*

Lack of free play affects kids' physical, mental, and social development

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug—A distinguished group of experts has cautioned that hovering helicopter parents who restrict their kids' unstructured play may actually harm, rather than help, children.

The experts also highlighted the near-extinction of free play in developed nations and its effects on children and society.

"Remarkably, over the last 50 years, opportunities for children to play freely have declined continuously and dramatically in the United States and other developed nations; and that decline continues,

with serious negative consequences for children's physical, mental, and social development," said Peter Gray, a research professor of psychology at Boston College.

Lenore Skenazy, author of *Free-Range Kids: How to Raise Safe, Self-Reliant Children*, and Hara Estroff Marano, former *Psychology Today* editor in chief, accuse over-protective parents, over-organized sports, overblown media hype about stranger danger, and the allure of electronic games and social media for the decrease of free play among today's children.—*Internet*



Mahattan is enveloped by dark clouds in New York, the United States, on 27 Aug, 2011. Hurricane Irene is scheduled to approach New York on Saturday evening.—XINHUA

Agriculturalists to devote themselves...

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On arrival at Yezin Institute of Agriculture in Zeyathiri Township, the Union Minister heard a report by Rector Dr Tin Htut and faculty members

on progress in planting rice saplings in the 100-acre rice farm designed for production of high-yield quality rice seeds. The Union Minister viewed the R Line plantations around the farm.

He held a meeting with 15 agricultural doctorate holders, 16 agricultural M.Sc Degree holders, and 10 agricultural degree holders at the A Line nursery of the farm. He called on them to

devote themselves to the agricultural research for development of the nation's agricultural sector. He said that agricultural faculty members are to set ambitions for national development and keep daily records, photographic records and findings from the 100-acre hybrid rice research farm to compile an agricultural thesis on hybrid rice research. He inspected the farm.—MNA

Kachin State Government briefs on peace issue



Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai speaking at the ceremony to clarify stability and peace process of Kachin State and reply queries.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Kachin State Government briefed on peace and stability of the state at Town Hall of Myitkyina yesterday.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai addressed the briefing which was attended by the State Chief Justice, the State Hluttaw Deputy

Speaker, State ministers, the State Advocate-General, the State Auditor-General, members of social organizations, officials and locals.

Leader of Negotiation Team for Kachin State Peace and Stability State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Than Aung explained works for peace and stability of the state, negotiation with KIO (Kachin Group) and current developments. State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bauk Jar elaborated on accommodation of rural folks who fled to urban areas at refugee camps where they are provided with food, health care and education.

The chief minister, State ministers, the State advocate-general, the head of State Land Records Department and the secretary of State government then replied to questions of reporters.

The chief minister called for collaborative efforts for all-round development of Kachin State, stability, eternal peace and ceasefire.—MNA

Shwe Pyay Hein hospital gives free medical treatment

YANGON, 27 Aug— Shwe Pyay Hein free clinic situated in Shwe Pyay Hein Monastery Compound in 16 Ward, Yankin Township has been running since 2004. It has already been transitioned into Shwe Pyay Hein special clinic and Thitagu Shwe Pyay Hein Free Hospital for

eye patients.

The hospital has been giving medical treatment with free of charge to patients in the mostly townships of Yangon from Tuesdays to Sundays by forming a mobile eye specialist group since 2006.

During the seven months after its estab-

lishment, over 50 doctors have respectively treated over 330,000 patients by using K 300,000 per day from the medical funds presented by donors. As a result, emergence of such a hospital is a much better for saving the costs of health care of all walks of life.

Nyunt Than-MNA



Elected members of board of directors of Mandalay Region Government Employees Cooperative taking oaths at GEC office in Mandalay on 2 August.—NLM

Precious, rare edible bird-nest

YANGON, 28 Aug— Edible nests of swiftlets are rare and have medical properties, and thus expensive. It has

been thirty years that swiftlets have made their home of U Yan Aye's house on Strand Road of Myeik paying their nests

as the rent. Now, Myeik has seen a number of man-made bird houses to attract the swiftlets.

According to a family member of U Yan Aye, the nest of swiftlets is an ideal tonic for the aged and weak persons with poor health. It is learnt that a tickle of nest is K 27000 and the nest is collected every four months. The nest has to be purified in water before consumption and is consumed with boiled water and sugar as one desires.—(Ko Gyi Tha)



The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Nutrition week activity-2011 marked in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug— An activity for Nutrition Week-2011 took place at Township People's Hospital in Bawlake, Kayah State on 17 morning.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Zaw Lin gave an educative talk on movement of this

nutrition week, and offered vitamin-A tablets to children to take, iron tablets to pregnant women. He then awarded the prize-winners in the essay contest and the model mother contest for activity for nutrition week-2011.

MNA

Traditionally rowing Inlay...

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In the past, tourists took documentary photos on style of Inntha rowing the boat with the use of oar by leg along both upstream and downstream.

Moreover, the local Inntha said that standing of rowing the boat can speed up the

boat than sitting of rowing and such style can control the boat completely.

Inlay Lake in the rainy season, the travelers are to obey the advices of local boatmen who comprehensively know forecasts on wind speed and waves of the lake.

The travelers are to

follow the weather forecasts of experienced persons on likelihoods of rains, heavy rains and showers before their visits. Those who have experiences on weather of Inlay Lake can go to their destinations safely.

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Rural area of Dedaye gets new building at BEHS (Affiliated)

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung yesterday morning attended the ceremony to open the new building of Basic Education High School (Affiliated) in Potok Village of Dedaye Township.

Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung, Region Education Officer U

Khun Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Myanmar Economic Management Executives Association U Myint Maung Tun formally opened the building.

The Region Chief Minister delivered an address.

The Chairman of the association handed the documents related to the building the DEO.

Executive of

MBEA U Nyunt Hlaing donated K 200,000 for opening ceremony of the building and K 500,000 to be spent on buying water pump for the school to the village administrator.

The school building was donated by MBE and Saritas Switzerland and Associates.

Later, the Chief Minister visited the new school building.—MNA



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint inspected two silos at post-harvest technology application station in Hlegu Township of Yangon

Region on 27 August. (News reported)—MNA

Punitive action for unruly soccer fans

YANGON, 28 Aug—The football match between Myanmar and Oman, the second round qualifier of the World Cup in Asian Zone, held at Youth Training

Centre in Thuwunna, here, on 28 July was suspended due to unruly fans.

The Myanmar Football Federation has completely made

preparations not to occur similar unruly behaviour that tarnish images of the nation and the people, at the football tournaments including the

matches of Myanmar National League, AFF U-19 Championship to be hosted by Myanmar from 8 to 20 September and other invitational football tournaments.

Punitive action will be taken against the unruly fans.

Ohnma Thant-MNA

Seminar on Trade, Investment opportunities on 16 Sep

YANGON, 28 Aug— Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Thailand Embassy in Myanmar have planned to hold a Seminar on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Myanmar for entrepreneurs of the two countries on 16 September, 2011.

Its brother associations may register to be present in the seminar.—MNA

China factory output cools in August

BEIJING, 28 Aug—China's factory sector is likely to slow slightly for a second consecutive month in August as sluggish overseas demand saps new orders, HSBC's China Flash PMI showed on Tuesday.

The listless performance attests to China's gently slowing economy, and does little to dispel market worries that global demand is faltering on Europe's persistent debt problems and sluggish US growth.

The flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), designed to preview China's factory output before official data is released, edged up to 49.8 in August, from July's final reading of 49.3.

But that still left the index a touch below the 50-point mark that demarcates expansion from contraction in activity. HSBC publishes its final China PMI index for August on 1 Sept.

Stock markets rose in China and in big commodity supplier



Workers make shoes, which will be exported to the US, at a shoe factory in Xihua county, Henan province on 2 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Australia on relief that the report did not show an even sharper slowdown. There had been some market speculation that the reading could be considerably weaker.

Chinese Vice Commerce Minister Jiang Yaoping said on Tuesday debt crises in developed countries were "bringing rising pressure and challenges to the vast

emerging market countries, including China."

But investors may take heart that despite a mild slowdown in the pace of growth, all data suggests the world's second-largest economy is still expanding robustly. Exports hit record levels in July as factory output grew 14 percent from a year ago.—Reuters

Tony Tan wins Singapore presidential election

SINGAPORE, 28 Aug—Singapore's former deputy prime minister Tony Tan won the presidential election to be the country's seventh president, the returning officer announced early Sunday morning.

Tan, 71, won 35.19 percent of the votes cast, in Singapore in the polls on Saturday, in the race of four contestants. He led by a small margin of less than 2 percent against former lawmaker Tan Cheng Bock.

The results were announced after a recounting of the votes on late Saturday night and early Sunday morning following initial results showing that the two candidates ended up very close in the race.

Tony Tan will be sworn in as president on September 1 for a term of six years.

MNA /Xinhua



Presidential candidates run as individuals but Tan was widely associated with the ruling.—INTERNET



A chef toasts salmons at the first Finland Food Festival in Helsinki, Finland, on 26 Aug, 2011. Food merchants and chefs from all of the country gathered at a plaza near the Central Station in Helsinki to show various delicious foods at the first Finland Food Festival which was held from 26 to 27 Aug, attracting many visitors and customers.

XINHUA

Iran manufactures maritime patrol aircraft

TEHERAN, 28 Aug—Iran's Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi said Saturday that the Islamic Republic is manufacturing maritime patrol aircraft, the local satellite Press TV reported.

"This product which is currently being produced by the defence industry can be widely used in the military sector and maritime patrol and we hope we can introduce it to the armed forces in the near future," Vahidi was quoted as saying.

The aircraft is equipped with optical and radar subsystems and is capable of operating for long durations, the defense minister said.

On Tuesday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has unveiled three national defense projects, including a marine cruise missile with a range of 200 km, a torpedo system fitted with 220-kg warheads and a marine engine which operates with 850 horsepower and can be used in combatant and noncombatant crafts.—Internet

News Photo



In this photo taken on 24 Aug, 2011, Yoandri Hernandez Garrido, 37, known as "Twenty-Four" shows his 12 fingers in Baracoa, Guantanamo Province, Cuba. Hernandez is proud of his extra digits and calls them a blessing, saying they set him apart and enable him to make a living by scrambling up palm trees to cut coconuts and posing for photographs in this eastern Cuban city popular with tourists.

INTERNET

Kazakhstan not to ban Russian rockets from Baikonur

MOSCOW, 28 Aug—Kazakhstan has no plans to ban launches of Russian rockets from its space centre in Baikonur after an accident with Progress M-12M space freighter, the head of the Kazakh space agency has said.

Talgat Musabayev, head of Kazcosmos, said it was not right to immediately ban the launches as the rockets were being successfully launched already for more than 40 years.

The space freighter failed to separate from the third stage of the Soyuz-U carrier rocket on the 325th second of the flight.

The Soyuz-U carrier rocket had blasted off Aug 25 from the Baikonur

Space Centre. It, however, crashed and the wreckage fell in South Siberia's Altai Republic. No casualties or any damage have been reported.

Musabayev said the spacecraft was already far away from Kazakhstan. "This is the first failure out of 136 launches. It is an eco-friendly rocket. The accident has not done any harm to Kazakhstan," he said. Musabayev ruled out any possibility that parts of the rocket might have fallen on Kazakhstan territory. This was the second spacecraft loss for the Russian space industry. On 18 Aug, the Express AM-4 telecommunications satellite failed to separate from the Proton-M carrier rocket and could not reach the designated orbit.—Internet



One woman competes in obstacle course category at the annual FemSport Women's All Strength & Fitness Challenge, that took place in downtown Vancouver on 27 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

Drunken Russian woman's erotic dance forces flight to turn back

MELBOURNE, 28 Aug—An erotic dance by a drunken Russian woman in front of passengers forced the Moscow to London flight to return to its base. According to *Ria Novosti* news agency, the 7am flight from Moscow's main Domodedovo airport did an about-turn 15 minutes after take-off because of the 39-year-old woman's antics. "The woman was in a state of insobriety, inconveniencing the passengers, taking off their glasses and dancing erotic dances," the *Herald Sun* quoted a spokesman for transport police as saying.

The passenger was arrested upon landing and sent for a medical examination. The spokesman said she was "in a good condition, but maybe a little drunk", adding that she may have carried alcohol on board.—Internet

China promotes calligraphy as handwriting gets sloppy

BEIJING, 28 Aug—China's primary and secondary schools have been ordered to increase calligraphy classes as widespread use of computer keyboard has made children's handwriting "sloppy", the government said.

A notice issued by the ministry of education said elementary school students in grades three to six will have one hour of calligraphy classes every week, and high schools should set up calligraphy as an optional course.

"Primary and secondary schools should also introduce various after-school activities on calligraphy," the statement said.

The courses will teach students to write standard Chinese characters in a proper way, using the right gestures, it said.—Internet



A performer poses during a cosplay competition of the 5th Asian youth animation and comic contest in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 27 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

World's second oldest twins to celebrate turning 100

LONDON, 28 Aug—Britain's oldest twins, who will turn 100 on Saturday, believe that good genes and clean living is the secret to their long and happy life. Centenarian sisters Winifred Rippon and Marjorie Woodcock from Withersea, Yorkshire are believed to be the world's second oldest set of twins.

Winifred and Marjorie have never smoked a cigarette and only ever have a tippie at Christmas. "Neither Winifred nor Marjorie have ever smoked and only have a drink at Christmas time," the Daily Mail quoted Winifred's son Stephen Rippon, 73, as saying. "People are living longer now. You could say life begins at 70.—Internet

Iran launches carbon fiber production line

TEHERAN, 28 Aug—Iran's Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi launched Saturday the first domestically-run production line of carbon fiber, a strategic material used in defence systems as well as civilian projects, the local satellite Press TV reported.

Vahidi told reporters on the sidelines of the inauguration ceremony that Iran joined the 10 countries possessing the technology, said the report.

The project is of high significance to Iran since all stages of the production and launch are domestically run, he said, adding that sanctions imposed against the country banned other countries from providing Iran with the material and the technology needed to produce it.

The material is also used in civilian projects, including reinforcement of buildings, construction of oil and gas drilling and exploration platforms, production of plane brakes and train carriages as well as sports equipment, he was quoted as saying.



Prize-winning pictures of the "Qomolangma photo show" are exhibited at the Poiala Palace Square in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, 28 Aug, 2011. The photo show exhibits over 700 pictures showcasing the scenery, portraits and residents' lives in Tibet.—XINHUA

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This undated handout photo issued Saturday 27 Aug, 2011 by the Natural History Museum shows an Indian rhino model at the Natural History Museum at Tring, England where rhino horn thieves staging a museum break-in were foiled by staff who had replaced the 240,000 pounds (\$391,000) rare specimens with replicas. The thieves were seeking valuable rhino horns that can be sold in illicit markets for their purported aphrodisiac and medicinal use, but they left with worthless replicas instead. Officials at the Natural History Museum at Tring had replaced the real horns with replicas because of a recent surge in rhino horn thefts at museums, galleries and auction houses throughout Britain and continental Europe.—INTERNET

Man jailed for putting worker in box naked

MONTEREY PARK, 28 Aug—A California store owner was jailed on \$10 million bail for allegedly holding a worker in a box bound with tape and dressed only in an adult diaper, police say.

Robert Yachen Lee appeared in Alhambra Superior Court Friday on kidnapping and attempted murder charges, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Prosecutors allege Lee lured the female employee into a soundproof storage room above O My Yogurt in Monterey Park early Wednesday and knocked her out. He then allegedly removed her clothing, dressed her in the diaper and put a collar around her neck, bound her with tape and put her in a box. The woman later escaped and went to a nearby optometrist's office and police were notified.

Xinhua

5.5-magnitude quake hits south of Fiji Islands

SUVA, 28 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted south of the Fiji Islands at 2031 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 503.70 km, was initially determined to be at 24.4712 degrees south latitude and 179.9498 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

17 killed, 17 injured in rear-end collision in N China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 28 Aug—At least 17 people were killed and 17 others injured in north China's Hebei Province Sunday morning, according to the local police.

The accident happened at around 5 am when an Iveco bus loading 34 migrant workers rear-ended with a semi-trailer parking at the roadside in Shangyi County of the City of Zhangjiakou.

Rescue work is underway.

Xinhua



Volunteers sort garbages collected from ocean water off the coast of Dalian City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, 27 Aug, 2011, as an effort to better protect marine environment.

XINHUA

Five killed in derailment in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Aug—At least five people were killed in a derailment in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday afternoon, with 54 others injured, according to the local authorities.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Xinhua



A Brazilian contestant rides his horse during the barrel racing of the first international horsemanship festival in Erdos City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, 27 Aug, 2011. The six-day horsemanship festival was opened here on Friday evening, involving riders from the UK, Canada, Portugal, Brazil, Denmark and so on.—XINHUA

Four killed, three injured in colliery gas outburst in SW China

CHENGDU, 28 Aug—A sudden gas outburst in an illegal coal mine in Sichuan Province has left four miners killed and three injured, said local officials on Sunday. Seven people were in the pit when the accident happened at 11:20 pm Friday in Xuanhan County, Dazhou City. Three escaped with injuries, while four others were trapped underground until they were found dead Saturday evening, according to the county's publicity officials.

The three injured are recovering in a local hospital.

Police have detained three people in relation to the accident.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is still underway.—Xinhua



Samba dancers perform for Miss Universe 2011 contestants during a samba dance class at Rosas de Ouro samba school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 26 Aug, 2011. The beauty contest will be held on 12 September. — XINHUA

UK's atomic clock

'is world's most accurate'

LONDON, 28 Aug — An atomic clock at the UK's National Physical Laboratory (NPL) has the best long-term accuracy of any in the world, research has found. Studies of the clock's performance, to be published in the journal *Metrologia*, show it is nearly twice as accurate as previously thought.

The clock would lose or gain less than a second in some 138 million years. The UK is among the handful of nations providing a "standard sec-

ond" that keeps the world on time.

However, the international race for higher accuracy is always on, meaning the record may not stand for long. The NPL's CsF2 clock is a "caesium fountain" atomic clock, in which the "ticking" is provided by the measurement of the energy required to change a property of caesium atoms known as "spin". By international definition, it is the electromagnetic waves required to accomplish this "spin flip" that are measured; when 9,192,631,770 peaks and troughs of these waves go by, one standard second passes.

Inside the clock, caesium atoms are gathered into bunches of 100 million or so, and passed through a cavity where they are exposed to these electromagnetic waves. The colour, or frequency, is adjusted until the spins are seen to flip — then the researchers know the waves are at the right frequency to define the second. —Internet



Los Angeles learns to love its river

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug — The Thames, the Seine, the Danube are great rivers running through great cities. Think of Los Angeles and the riverside image doesn't immediately spring to mind. Some people in LA don't even know the city was founded on a river, but it was and you'll probably know it when you see it.

Think of the classic Hollywood car chase: ve-

hicles splashing through a trickle of water in a concrete storm drain, driving up the sides, dodging bridges and crashing somewhere along the way. That's the LA river. Think *Grease*, *Terminator 2*, *Transformers*, and countless other movies and pop videos by stars like Madonna and Kanye West.

For much of its 50 or so miles it looks more like a rubbish dump or a sewer,

British police dealing with two incidents in Canterbury

LONDON, 28 Aug — Police are currently dealing with two incidents in Canterbury, a town of Kent county in southeastern England, local police said on Friday afternoon. One incident is about a suspicious package and the other is a small fire in the town centre, according to a statement on the website of Kent Police.

"We received a call from a member of the public about a suspicious package near the railway line at 4:21 pm," it added. "Trains have been stopped and police are at the scene."

It was unclear whether the two incidents are linked and there have been no reported deaths or injuries so far.

Xinhua

Soldado late show fires Valencia to victory

VALENCIA, 28 Aug — A dramatic late double strike saw Roberto Soldado complete a hat-trick as Valencia beat Racing Santander 4-3 having appeared to be heading for defeat as the new La Liga season finally got underway on Saturday.

The season was supposed to start a week ago but a strike of a different kind — as players' wages — meant it was delayed for the first time in 27 years.



Valencia's forward Roberto Soldado

Hosts Valencia are aiming to consolidate after their third place finish last season despite losing a key player in Juan Mata to Chelsea but they lacked shape and rhythm in their first league game of the season.

Internet

Some people in LA want to save the river, to protect it, and to improve it.

INTERNET



Internet

China slows train speeds, cuts ticket prices in wake of accident

BEIJING, 28 Aug — China started to implement a new operation plan for all bullet trains across the country on Sunday, rescheduling trains to run at slower speeds over safety concerns. Over the course of more than a month, railway authorities have readjusted the operation plan

of railways after a deadly train collision killed 40 people in the City of Wenzhou in east China's Zhejiang Province on 23 July.

The rescheduled plan involves 498 trains and major rail lines such as Beijing-Harbin, Beijing-

Guangzhou, Beijing-Shanghai and Lianyungang-Lanzhou lines, according to the Ministry of Railways (MOR). As of earlier this month, high-speed trains traveling between Beijing and Tianjin and between Shanghai and Hangzhou have been run at 300 km per hour, down from 350 km per hour.

The readjustments for Beijing-Tianjin intercity high-speed railway, Hainan east ring line and Guangzhou-Zhuhai intercity rail went into effect on 16 Aug with the numbers of bullet trains in service unchanged. Other high-speed lines adopted the new plan on 28 Aug.

Internet

Vitamin A pills 'could save thousands of children'

LONDON, 28 Aug — Giving vitamin A supplements to children under the age of five in developing countries could save 600,000 lives a year, researchers claim. Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, UK and Pakistani experts assessed 43 studies involving 200,000 children, and found deaths were cut by 24% if children were given the vitamin. And they say taking it would also cut rates of measles and diarrhoea. The body needs

vitamin A for the visual and immune systems to work properly. It is found in foods including cheese, eggs, liver and oily fish.

Internet



The WHO backs vitamin A supplementation.

INTERNET

Germ-infected mosquitos can stop dengue spread

CANBERRA, 28 Aug — Dengue transmission could be suppressed by infecting mosquitoes with natural virus-blocking bacteria, Australian researchers said on Friday. Professor Ary Hoffman from Australia's University of Melbourne, and his colleagues announced the results of their experiment, in which they infected mosquitoes with a bacterium called *Wolbachia*, preventing the mosquito from contracting dengue fever. "It's a natural agent that exists within insects to block viruses," Hoffmann told ABC Science.

"We're not genetically modifying the mosquito or anything like that." Study leader Scott O'Neill, of Australia's Monash University said it is a very exciting result that this strain of *Wolbachia* really reduces the ability of dengue virus to grow in mos-

quitoes. "And if dengue cannot grow in mosquitoes, it cannot infect people," he said. *Wolbachia* lives in the cytoplasm of cells and is passed on to future generations by the mother through her egg.

Internet

Body found in Yellowstone, possible grizzly victim

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, 28 Aug — The body of a hiker was found along the Mary Mountain Trail in Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park, officials said. An investigation to determine the cause of death was under way after a pair of hikers found the body Friday along the eastern section of the 21-mile trail that runs between Hayden Valley and the Lower Geyser Basin, localnews8.com reported.

The body was found about 5 miles west of the Hayden Valley trailhead amid signs of grizzly bear activity, park rangers said.

Internet

Giant rat caught, killed with pitchfork

A city housing worker says he bagged a 3-foot rat with a pitchfork at a New York apartment complex.

Jose Rivera, 48, told *the New York Daily News* that two other giant rats escaped.

"I hit it one time and it was still moving," Rivera said of the rat he stabbed at Marcy Houses. "I hit it another time and that's when it died. I'm not scared of rats but I was scared of being bitten."



Naomi Colon, head of the apartment complex's tenant association, told *the Daily News* huge rats have been sighted there for at least six years.

"The residents have told me that they've seen it running around with other rats," she said.

Animal experts said based on a photo of the dead rodent — about 3 feet long from its nose to the tip of its tail — it was a Gambian pouched rat, often kept as a pet, although imports have been outlawed for several years.

Paul Calle of the Wildlife Conservation Society said the Gambian rat can't reproduce with other species of rats because they are from a different genus.

The size of the Gambian rat has Marcy House residents unnerved.

Man called cops on self over parking spot

Police in *Post, Bridgeport,* Connecticut said they arrested a man who reported himself for parking illegally in a handicapped spot, then allegedly became aggressive with officers.

Bridgeport police said Michael Andes, 29, called police about 2 am Thursday and told them he had "purposely parked his vehicle" in a handicapped spot on Howe Avenue despite not having a handicapped parking permit, *the Connecticut*

Kozlowsky said Andes did not comply with orders from officers, who then used a stun gun on him.

Police Lt Robert Kozlowsky said officers located the car and Andes told them the police "aren't doing their job."

"Officers attempted to detain him, but he pulled away and took an aggressive stance at the officers," the spokesman said.

Andes was charged with second-degree breach of peace and interfering with a police officer. He was also given an infraction ticket for parking in a handicap space without a permit.

Hundreds of bison bones found in lake

A Minnesota fishing guide who reeled in a bone from Lake Victoria said a pair of divers helped him uncover hundreds of bison bones from the bottom of the water. Roger Van Surksum, 64, of Alexandria said he reeled in the first bone 14 June and he soon teamed with divers Wayne Wagner, 56, of Brandon and Wesley Torgrimson, 49, of Evansville to search the bottom of the lake 9 July, *the Alexandria Echo Press* reported Friday.

The team initially found 10 bones in the area where Van Surksum was fishing in June and discovered hundreds more during additional dives 17 July and 20 Aug.

Police find fridge full of rotting fish

Authorities in Arizona responding to a report of a foul odor said they discovered a refrigerator full of rotting fish in a building with no power.

The Yuma Police Department and the Yuma Fire Department said they responded to the building, which used to house the business Power Hobbies, this week and decided to enter the building because they were concerned the stench could be from a body or drug lab, *the Yuma Sun* reported Friday.

"The patrol guys responded and called investigations," police Sgt Clint Norred said. "We were unable to get ahold of the owner, who is apparently out of town."

News Album

Arctic Monkeys to take break from recording

LONDON, 28 Aug—British rockers Arctic Monkeys are taking a break from recording music until 2013.



British rockers Arctic Monkeys

18 months.

"I don't really write on the road any more. We come up with a few ideas on soundchecks and that but I have written too many terrible lyrics touring around. As yet there is no plan to return to the studio next year, we're keeping our heads down," *contactmusic.com* quoted Frontman Alex Turner as saying.—*Internet*

The band, who released their fourth album, "Suck It And See" June, this year and are currently on the world tour to promote the record, will be taking a studio hiatus for at least

Kim Kardashian tweets 'unusual goat traffic' during Italian honeymoon

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug — Kim Kardashian has tweeted about "goat traffic" that she came across while spending her honeymoon in Italy's Amalfi Coast with husband Kris Humphries.

The newly wed tweeted a photo Friday of an unusual roadblock that saw a herd of goats



Kim Kardashian

walking across a paved street. "Not too often traffic looks like this!" *People Magazine* quoted her as tweeting. "Gotta love Italy!" she added.

Internet

Madonna's toyboy Brahim Zaibat joins her on French family holiday

LONDON, 28 Aug—Madonna's toyboy lover Brahim Zaibat has apparently become a part of her family, as he joined the singer, her four kids and some friends for a holiday in France. The 53-year-old singer is enjoying a fun-filled family vacation with the 24-year-old toyboy and her kids Lourdes, 15, Rocca, ten, David, five and Mercy, four, staying at the Hotel Du Cap in Antibes, France. The couple even got a little wet and wild as they cruised the waves yesterday aboard a powerful looking jet ski, reports *the Daily Mail*.

After the jet ski session, Madonna relaxed with a friend on a floating platform as her children splashed in the sea.

Internet



Mel Gibson

Mel Gibson settles with ex-girlfriend

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug—Mel Gibson and ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva have reached an agreement in their bitter child-custody dispute, court officials in Los Angeles announced. The Los Angeles County Superior Court system said in a written statement Friday the details of the deal would be revealed next week.

"As the result of a multiday settlement conference, the court announces that Mel Gibson and Oksana Grigorieva have achieved a settlement in their ongoing dispute," the statement said. Gibson and Grigorieva have been battling in court over custody of their 1-year-old daughter, Lucia. The dispute led to a confrontation in Malibu and misdemeanor battery charges against the actor.—*Internet*

Aniston, Theroux rent place in Hollywood

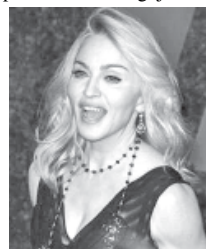
HOLLYWOOD, 28 Aug—Jennifer Aniston and boyfriend Justin Theroux have moved in together in temporary quarters in the Hollywood Hills, sources told *People*.

The actors have been looking for a place to buy in the Los Angeles area for some time and apparently decided to set up housekeeping in a two-bedroom rental in the meantime, *People* said. "Jen and Justin are very excited about living together in their new home," the source said. Aniston last month moved out of her Beverly Hills home after selling it for a cool \$38 million.

Internet



Jennifer Aniston



Internet

Tottenham Hotspur 1 Manchester City 5

LONDON, 28 Aug—Nasri supplied the crosses for Dzeko to score his first two goals and he also played his part in the run-up to Sergio Aguero's strike, which made it 4-0 with half an hour to go.

Younes Kaboul headed home a consolation goal for Tottenham, who included Luka Modric in their line-up, but the afternoon belonged to Dzeko, who clinched his hat-trick by firing in from six yards on the hour before scoring his fourth - a beautiful curling effort-with the last kick of the match.



Edin Dzeko scored four times as he and debutant Samir Nasri helped Man City put Tottenham Hotspur to the sword with a ruthless display of attacking football at White Hart Lane.

Two years ago Tottenham beat City to fourth place and the London side ran Mancini's men close for the majority of last season, but today's result was a clear indication of how much City have progressed over the last 12 months. For all City's dominance, it was Tottenham who started brighter. Aaron Lennon and Niko Kranjcar both came close to breaking the deadlock in the opening few minutes and Joe Hart had to scramble to his left-hand post to prevent Rafael van der Vaart from scoring.—Internet



Barclays Premier League Newcastle United 2-1 Fulham

ST JAMES' PARK, 28 Aug—Newcastle United earned a Barclays Premier League victory over Fulham at St James' Park.

Leon Best claimed a double as Newcastle continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 2-1 win over Fulham. The Republic of Ireland international, who was drafted in as a replacement for the injured Shola Ameobi, opened the scoring three minutes after the break and then added a 66th-minute second to secure a second successive Barclays Premier League win.

However, the Magpies were indebted to three fine saves from keeper Tim Krul, who denied Steve Sidwell, Chris Baird and Danny Murphy, although he was finally beaten by Clint Dempsey with two minutes remaining.—Internet

West Bromwich 0 - 1 Stoke City

Stoke City substitute Ryan Shotton scored a late winner after a mix-up between West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper Ben Foster and centre-back Gabriel Tamas to settle this Barclays Premier League clash at the Hawthorns.



Chris Brunt of West Bromwich takes a free-kick against Stoke City.

SPORTS

Gomez hat-trick sends Bayern top



MUNICH, 28 Aug — A hat-trick from Germany striker Mario Gomez gave Bayern Munich a 3-0 victory at Kaiserslautern on Saturday that sent them top of the Bundesliga for the first time this season.

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INTERNET

Bayern have nine points and top the table on goal difference from Werder Bremen, who came from behind to win 2-1 at Hoffenheim thanks to goals from Marko Arnautovic and Markus Rosenberg.

Saturday's evening kick-off sees defending champions Borussia Dortmund visit last season's runners-up Bayer Leverkusen, with both teams bidding to draw level on points with Bayern and Bremen.—Internet



Keselowski grabs 3rd win of season at Bristol

BRISTOL, 28 Aug —Brad Keselowski was a long shot, at best, to race for the NASCAR championship this season. Then he turned it up a notch and became a legitimate contender to make the 12-driver Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field. Now, he's the hottest driver in NASCAR and is forcing everyone to consider him a serious threat to unseat five-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson. Keselowski picked up his third win of the season — second since breaking his ankle in an Aug. 3 crash — and took a huge step toward making the Chase. — Internet

Matt Kenseth (17) leads Brad Keselowski (2), Jimmie Johnson (48) and Ryan Newman (39) and the rest of the field during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race on 27 Aug, 2011, in Bristol, Tenn. — INTERNET

Double-amputee Pistorius qualifies for 400 semis

DAEGU, 28 Aug — Double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius qualified for the semifinals of the 400 meters Sunday, finishing third in the final heat at Daegu Stadium. The South African qualified for Monday's semifinals in 45.39 seconds. The final is on Tuesday. Pistorius was running against able-bodied athletes at a major championships for the first time. The South African, who

had his legs amputated when he was a baby, runs on carbon-fiber blades. Pistorius is also expected

to run the leadoff leg of South Africa's 4x400 relay team next weekend. — Internet

Drogba taken to hospital after head injury

LONDON, 28 Aug — Didier Drogba was taken to hospital after suffering a horrific head injury in Chelsea's 3-1 win over 10-man Norwich on Saturday.

out in a collision with Norwich goalkeeper John Ruddy and was carried off on a stretcher wearing what appeared to be a breathing aid after receiving treatment for seven minutes at Stamford Bridge. — Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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V	L	I	E	E	E	K					
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T	U	N	P	U	G	N					
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UCLA's Cantlay to face Kraft in US Amateur final

ERIN, 28 Aug — Patrick Cantlay's impressive summer just keeps getting better. The UCLA star will face Kelly Kraft for the US Amateur championship after both players won their semifinal matches at Erin Hills on Saturday. A win in Sunday's final would be another big step for Cantlay, a player who many are pointing to as a future star in the professional ranks — especially after proving he belonged in an appearance at the US Open.

"It's been very special," Cantlay said. "Probably the most fun I've ever had in my life." Cantlay, the world's No 1-ranked amateur, beat Jordan Russell 4 and 3 on Saturday. Kraft, of Denton,

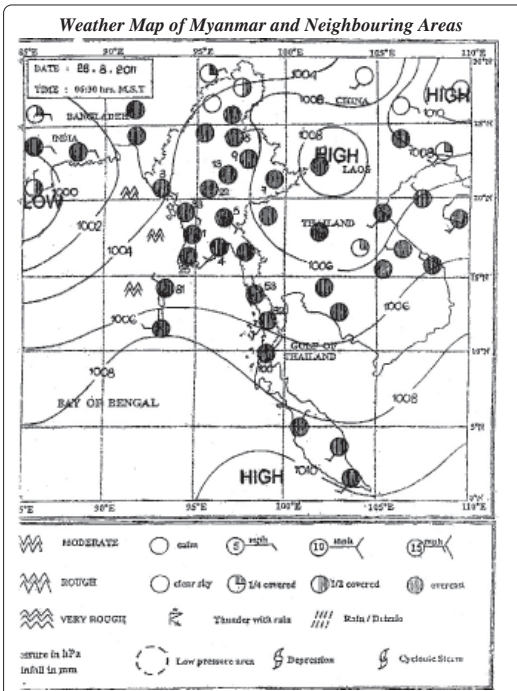
Texas, beat England's Jack Senior 3 and 2 in the other semifinal. Kraft, 22, has played out his eligibility at SMU but still has a year of school left. He'll have a tough test in the final against a player with Cantlay's credentials, but says he's up for the challenge. — Internet



Kelly Kraft of Denton, Texas



Chelsea's Ivorian striker Didier Drogba is attended by paramedics after his collision with Norwich's English goalkeeper John Ruddy during the English Premier League football match between Chelsea and Norwich City at Stamford Bridge in London. — INTERNET



Weather forecast for 29th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	28/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kavin	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	19/66	13/55	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	80%
7	Tanintharyi	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers(HI)	80%
8	Bago	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	29/84	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers (HI)	80%
10	Mandalay	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	80%
11	Mon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	80%
13	Rakhine	33/91	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	26/79	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ajeyawady	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	29/84	24/75	One or two 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 Kachin State, scattered in Magway Region and Rakhine State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayejeyawady Regions, Chin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions and Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (14.9in) (0.9in), Kaniyathong (4.0in), Thabeikkyin (3.3in), Cocoyaw (3.22in), Patheingyi (2.34in), Sittoung (2.91in), Paik (2.76in), Hloikha (2.54in), Sintga (2.50in), Patheingyi (2.34in), Shwepyithar (1.85in), Mawmya (1.69in) and Taungthaingyi (1.57in).
Bay Inference
 Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere on the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea
 Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Gulf of Mottma, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days
 Continuation of increase of rain in Central Myanmar areas.

Philippine gov't assists families hit by Typhoon Nanmadol

MANILA, 28 Aug—The Philippine government has released assistance to the families affected by Typhoon Nanmadol (local code Mina), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) said Sunday.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), at least eight people have died and six others went missing in the Philippines as a result of Nanmadol.

About 508,912 peso (11,974 U.S. dollar) worth of relief goods has been initially released by the government from the combined resources of the DSWD and concerned local government units to assist 5,851 typhoon-hit families or 29,585 persons in a number of northern Philippine regions since Nanmadol entered the country's area of responsibility on 21 Aug.

A total of 44 evacuation centers were opened in the affected regions serving 1,637 families with 7,961 persons. The evacuees were given relief packs and hot meals at the



Fulham's Bobby Zamora runs with the ball as Swansea City's Ashley Williams (right) defends and Swansea City's Alan Tate (centre) runs after him during their FA Cup fifth round replay match at Craven Cottage in London, 2009. Tate will miss several months of the Premier League campaign after breaking his leg in a golf buggy accident.—INTERNET

evacuation centers managed by social workers of the affected local government units with the assistance of DSWD social workers.

DSWD Secretary Corazon Juliano Soliman has directed all social welfare and development teams to continue to coordinate with their counterparts in the affected local government units to ensure quick provision of augmentation assistance when necessary.

Xinhua



Monday, 29 August View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:20 am**
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:40 am**
4. Morning News
- 7:50 am**
5. Health Programme
- 8:00 am**
7. Dance of National Races
- 8:05 am**
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:10 am**
9. Cute Little Dancer
- 8:20 am**
10. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Men)

- 8:40 am**
11. International News
- 8:45 am**
12. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm**
3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm**
4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Physics)
- 4:45 pm**
5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:10 pm**
7. Myanmar Language

- 5:20 pm**
8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Women)
- 5:35 pm**
9. Myanmar Idol
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
12. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm**
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 15. International News**
- 16. Weather Report**
- 17. World's Stars**
- 18. TV Drama Series**

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (29-8-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(29-8-11 09:30 am ~ 30-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The Ceremony of a young Bodhi Tree Plantation
- * News

- * Hazards of Smoking (Part-2)
- * News
- * Youth of the Future "Photographer"
- * News
- * Songs on Screen "Maung"
- * Coloured Glass Ball...Expert

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- * News
- * Your Home in Pyin Oo Lwin
- * News
- * Yathe Taung Township in the nat-shell
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Romantic Shocks"
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace
- * Myanmar Movies "Life is struggling"

Functions of main power stations in Thazi, Thabyewa (Meiktila) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe yesterday afternoon arrived at Thazi main power station in Mandalay Region.

At the meeting hall, the Union minister met staff and gave instructions on supply of electricity without interruption, fulfillment of public requirements on electricity as quickly as possible, behaviors of good service personnel and efforts to be made for discharging duty without shirking.

The Union minister visited the switch yard of the power station.

At the control room of Thabyewa (Meiktila) main power station, the Union minister inspected control of power supply through computer system.—MNA



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe inspects Thazi main power station in Mandalay Region.

MNA



Flood bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokehtawady River at Myitnge (902) cm has exceeded by (32) cm (about 1-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (48) hours commencing this noon.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at

Toungoo (625) cm has exceeded by (25) cm (about 0.8-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hours commencing this noon.

According to the (12.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpan (72) cm has exceeded by (22) cm (about 0.7-ft) above its danger level.

It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hours commencing this noon, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (28-8-2011)

Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	0.91 inches
Kawthoung	4.06 inches
Theinzayet	3.31 inches
Cocogyun	3.22 inches
Nyaunglaybin	2.91 inches
Pauk	2.76 inches

International Sports International Sports International Sports

Yohan Blake is the 100-meter world champion

DAEGU, 28 Aug—Crazy about cricket and mad about chicken nuggets, Yohan Blake surprised the world by sprinting out of the shadow of Jamaican teammate Usain Bolt and winning the 100-meter world title Sunday.

Bolt's former training partner, still only 21 years

old, earned instant fame at the Daegu Stadium a few minutes after the world-record holder was eliminated because of a false start.

"I've been waiting for this moment my whole life," said Blake, who served a three-

month doping suspension in 2009 for taking a banned stimulant.

"I've been working just to be a world champion and it's a dream come true." But even in his moment of glory, Blake found himself answering more questions about Bolt than his big win.

Like the other medalists, second-place Walter Dix of the United States and bronze winner Kim Collins of Saint Kitts and

Nevis, he was shocked and still trying to comprehend what exactly happened to Bolt.

"I didn't expect that from him. He's not that type of person," Blake said. "But I had to get it done for Jamaica." Blake admitted that Bolt often false starts during practice, but he said he just couldn't envision him doing it on such a big stage.

"I didn't think it would come out on the world scene because he is a championship performer," Blake said.

■ Internet

Man Utd 8

Wayne Rooney scored a trick as Manchester United pummelled

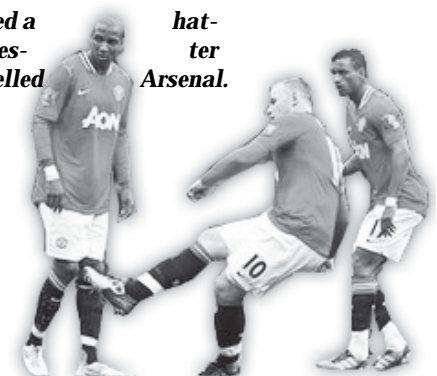


Wayne Rooney scored a hat-trick in an unbelievable performance

MANCHESTER, 28 Aug—Danny Welbeck, who was later injured, headed in Anderson's pass and Robin van Persie's penalty was saved by David De Gea before Ashley Young struck. Wayne Rooney put United out of sight

Arsenal 2

hat-ter Arsenal.



with two superb free-kicks before scoring from the spot late on.

Nani, Park Ji-sung and Young added further goals with Theo Walcott and Van Persie replying as Carl Jenkinson was sent off on 77 minutes.

The Arsenal right-back's second booking means that Arsenal have had a man sent off in each of their opening three Premier League

games.

And it compounded a miserable afternoon for the Gunners, who could have been beaten by an even greater margin. The only sour note was a hamstring injury to Welbeck, who looks likely to be withdrawn from the England U-21 squad for their Euro 2012 qualifier on Thursday.

Internet

Jamaica's Yohan Blake celebrates after winning Men's 100m final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, on 28 Aug 28, 2011.

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE			
Sunday, 28 August			
Man Utd	8-2	Arsenal	
Newcastle	2-1	Fulham	
Tottenham	1-5	Man City	
West Brom	0-1	Stoke	