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.

16th plenary session of sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee concludes

YANGON, 25 Feb—The second day 16th plenary session of the sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was held at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall on Thiri mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township here this afternoon.

At the second day session, out of the tasks of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (Third subcommittee), Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Suradhaja discussed Vinaya affairs, Agga Maha Ganthha Vasaka Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhija Bhaddanta Dhama Pala Bhivamsa on religious affairs and Agga Maha Ganthha Vasaka Pandita Ilhaddanta Muneinda on education affairs were discussed.

Afterwards, matters suggested by member Sayadaws of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha were discussed and confirmed.

Next, matters related to seeking the approval for the agenda of the sixth meeting of the sixth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha were discussed. Afterwards, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

This was followed by a general round of discussion. After Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Ilhaddanta Nandamala (See page 8)

President U Thein Sein assists in free health care services, educative talks on health in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein this morning inspected free health care services at the designated venues in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council area.

The service personnel and their families in the township have received the free health care services provided by medical teams of the Ministry of Health and the Directorate of Medical Services of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army).

During the visit, the President encouraged the patients receiving medical treatment.

The President first visited the 50-bed hospital in Pyinnya Theikdi Ward in Zabuthiri Township where service personnel and their families were receiving free medical treatment and attending an educative talks on health and encouraged the patients.

On arrival at the hospital, the President was welcomed by the Union Ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, medical superintendent Dr Daw Sanda Hlaing, departmental heads, and officials concerned.

Afterwards, the President and his entourage visited the pre-primary school where service personnel and their families from Bala Minhtin Ward were receiving medical treatment. They were welcomed there by medical superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu and officials concerned.

The President and party proceeded to No. 3 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Mingalar Theikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, and inspected the free medical care services there.

They were welcomed by Commandant Brig-Gen Kyaw Min Oo from No. 2 Defence Services Hospital (1000-bed) and officials concerned.

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Sagaying Region Hluttaw continues

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister inspects development undertakings

Sittoung River Crossing Bridge (Shwegyin-Madauk) that brings about better transport and regional development
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**Gear up for improving English**

No one can deny the importance of English in the present time as a global language. With the English language becoming more dominant around the world, some countries use it as their mother tongue while some use it as a second language in their offices or schools. This makes English more widespread.

Indeed, English is a language of communication between people from different countries with different cultures. Moreover, English is used in various fields such as economy, trade, medicine, aviation, space, transport, tourism. Another reason why English is still dominant across the globe is that it is used as a medium of instruction in education and research and on the Net. So, English has become an addendum to the mastery of every area. In other words, it is a crucial requirement in job prospects. When it comes to the dignity of a country, having a good command of English is important for its citizens in terms of international events.

Now that Myanmar is gearing up for hosting the XXVII SEA Games in 2013 and taking ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014, it is a must for our citizens to know English. Only when we can communicate and interact with peoples from ASEAN countries in English, will everything be smooth and easy in every event, thereby bringing dignity and honour to our country. Hence, we Myanmar citizens must be prepared for English language proficiency. Those who have known English to a certain degree need to try to improve more whilst those who are still weak in English should start learning from now on.

As it is never too late to learn, let’s get prepared for learning English so that Myanmar can stand on her dignity in such international events through her people’s English language competency.

**UES Member meets election sub commissions in Ayeyawady Region**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Feb—**Member of the Union Election Commission (Ayeyawady Region-In-charge) Dr Daw Myint Kyi met members of Ayeyawady Region Election Sub Commission, chairpersons and secretaries of election sub commissions from vacant constituencies in the region—Pathein, Hinthada, Maubin, Pyapon districts and Pathein, Yekyi, Myaungmya, Wakema, Myaungma, Maubin, Pyapon, Dedaye townships to discuss by-elections to be held on 1 April.

Dr Daw Myint Kyi clarified election rules and regulations, announcement and instructions of the UEC and dos and don’ts, calling for free and fair by-elections.

Next, Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Election Sub Commission U Myo Tun explained preparations of Ayeyawady Region for the by-elections and chairpersons of district and township election sub commissions reported on preparations and difficulties, followed by remarks of Dr Daw Myint Kyi. **—MNA**

**Indonesian Trade Minister calls on Union NPED Minister**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Feb—**Indonesian Trade Minister Mr Gita Irawan Wirjawan and party held discussion with officials from Finance and Revenue Ministry and Commerce Ministry led by Union Minister National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein at the ministry here this noon.

They discussed matters related to trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Indonesia. The Indonesian Trade Minister has come to attend ASEAN Economic Ministers Informal Meeting to be held in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 and 26 February, it is reported. **—MNA**

**Cooperative syndicates needed to cover the entire nation: Union Co-operatives Minister**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Feb—**A cooperative syndicate must be endowed with the capacity to enhance socio-economy and livelihood of not only the members but also non-member villagers or persons of surrounding villages or wards, based on the members stressed Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint in meeting with members of Aung Mingala general dealer cooperative limited in No. 5 Ward, Lashio of Shan State(North) yesterday.

He called upon them to help improve the life of blue collar workers and replied queries of them. Next, personnel of the Cooperatives Ministry and Livestock and Fisheries Ministry explained manageable-scale livestock breeding and farming, credit unions, cottage industries, cooperatives export and import, technical distribution, educative works, recruitment of new blood, disbursement of capitals, mutual distribution of commodities between Yangon and Mandalay brokerages and Lashio and Muse. **—MNA**

**Deputy Sports Minister receives officials of Viewtech & Communication Asia Pacific Pte Ltd**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Feb—**Deputy Sports Minister receives officials of Viewtech & Communication Asia Pacific Pte Ltd Mr Alex NG and Managing Director Mr Onn Khai Khai in his office this morning.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on modern equipment to be provided for security sub-committees of the 27th SEA Games to be held in Myanmar.

Also present on the occasion were the director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials of Police Battalions Control Office in Nay Pyi Taw. **—MNA**

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Afghan police kill 12 anti-gov’t militants, capture six

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A number of arms and ammunition including explosive materials were also seized by police during the operations, it further said. However, it did not say if there were any casualties on the security forces.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and the NATO-troops have yet to make comment. —Xinhua

Int’l community should help Myanmar as it reforms

THE UNITED NATIONS, 25 Feb—Vijay Nambiar, special advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Myanmar, said here on Friday that reforms in Myanmar have helped the country progress significantly, but support from the international community is necessary to allow reforms to fully succeed.

“Actively encouraging the current reform efforts by the government and other stakeholders, may be the best way to pre-empt and overcome the risks inherent in such a process,” said Nambiar.

“The people of Myanmar expect the UN and the international community to step up to this opportunity and what I believe is also our responsibility. I welcome the government’s recognition of the value of the partnership with the United Nations to help Myanmar meet the challenges and opportunities before it,” he said.

Nambiar’s statements came as he briefed the Press on his recent five-day visit to Myanmar.

“One year after the formation of the new government and the launch of the political and economic reforms under the leadership of the president, President U Thein Sein, the changes currently underway in Myanmar have attained what I characterized in my Press statement at the end of the visit as an unprecedented initiative,” he said. “This has been recognized by a wide range of stakeholders across the political spectrum, inside and outside Myanmar.”

Since taking office in March 2011, the government has freed political prisoners, eased restrictions on freedom of the Press, opened more dialogue with the opposition, and signed initial ceasefire agreements with several armed groups.

“In many ways what we have seen so far are important first steps to start addressing longstanding challenges,” said Nambiar.

Blasts at railway tracks disrupt train service in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 Feb—Train service was suspended in Pakistan after a series of blasts on Saturday blew up railway tracks near the port city of Karachi and several other cities of southern Sindh Province, said railway officials. No one was hurt in the blasts, they said.

A senior railway official confirmed the incidents to Xinhua on phone, saying the situation is still tense.

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A rescuer works at the site of militants attack in northwest Pakistan’s northwest city of Peshawar on 24 Feb, 2012. At least four policemen were killed and six others injured when a police station came under attack by three militants in Peshawar early on Friday morning. —Xinhua

Multiple bomb explosions rock Nigerian northern city: sources, witnesses

GOMBE, 25 Feb—Security sources and witnesses said series of explosions have been heard in different part of Nigeria’s northern city of Gombe on Friday night, with heavy casualties feared.

A Xinhua reporter in the state said more than 50 explosions were recorded at the Gombe police division near the palace of Emir of Gombe as well as other places.

There is no immediate claim of responsibility from any group. But security sources in the state who also confirmed the blasts, said it is believed to have been carried out by the Boko Haram sect.

State commissioner of police Orubebe Ebikeme confirmed the incidents to Xinhua on phone, saying the situation is still tense.

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Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (C) presides over a meeting of the national science-technology and education leadership group in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Feb, 2012. —Xinhua

AFGHANISTAN, 25 Feb—Military backed by national and ground forces with a capacity over 10 times more than the Navy’s current UHF Follow-On constellation. The spacecraft would settle into a geostationary orbit above the Pacific Ocean, then undergo about six months of checks and tests before becoming operational.

The launch had been scheduled for last week and two previous attempts were called off on both 16 February and 17 February due to strong upperlevel winds.

“MUOS will greatly enhance the capabilities of the warfighter to communicate on the move,” said Mark Pasquale, MUOS programme manager over the go ahead at Lockheed Martin, which builds the MUOS satellites for the US military.

The US Navy on Friday sent the 1,000th satellite into orbit from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The MUOS-1, took the Navy’s third satellite into orbit from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The MUOS-1, took

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Health Tip:
Exercising during pregnancy

Exercise is a great way to manage the ache and pains of pregnancy, and help prepare your body for the birth of your child.

The Nemours Foundation, noting you should first get your doctor’s approval, says the potential benefits of exercising during pregnancy include:

- Feeling better and alleviating common complaints, such as backache, stress and constipation.
- Improvement to your physical appearance.
- Strengthening your muscles and body to postpartum.
- Less weight gain and a faster return to your pre-pregnancy physique.

In the UK 180,000 people with dementia take antipsychotics.

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Antipsychotics death risk charted in dementia patients

London, 25 Feb — Some antipsychotic medication may increase the risk of death in patients with dementia more than others, according to US research. The drugs have a harmful sedative effect so are often used when dementia patients become aggressive or distressed.

A study, published on the BMJ website, argued that antipsychotics should not be used “in the absence of clear need.” Experts said better alternatives were needed to antipsychotics.

A study in 2009, suggested 180,000 people with dementia were taking antipsychotic medication in the UK and said the drugs resulted in 1,800 additional deaths.

Researchers at Harvard Medical School followed 75,445 people in nursing homes who had dementia and were prescribed antipsychotics. The researchers said some drugs were associated with more than twice the risk of death than risperidone, another antipsychotic which was used as a benchmark to compare the other drugs.

The study concluded: “The data suggest that the risk of mortality with these drugs is generally increased with higher doses and seems to be highest for haloperidol and least for quetiapine.”

However, the way the study was conducted meant it could not say definitively that certain drugs actually caused more deaths, merely that there was a link between the two. The Department of Health said antipsychotic use was “resulting in as many as 1,800 unnecessary deaths per year. This is simply unacceptable.”

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EU committee makes no decision on oil sands crude

File photo shows an aerial view of a tar sands mine facility near Fort McMurray, in Alberta, Canada. Alberta has the world’s third-largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia and Venezuela — more than 170 billion barrels. Daily production of 1.5 million barrels from the oil sands is expected to increase to 3.7 million in 2025, which the oil industry sees as a pressing reason to build the pipelines.

Brussels, 25 Feb — A European Union committee failed Thursday to reach a definitive decision on labeling oil derived from oil sands as worse for climate change than crude oil, in a proposal vigorously opposed by officials in Canada, where such oil is produced. The proposal will now ultimately be decided by the environment ministers of EU’s 27 member countries, said a spokesman for EU Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard. The spokesman, Juan Varela-Lleó, said a decision was expected by June. Canada had threatened to take the EU to the World Trade Organization if it singled out that type of oil as worse for the environment than others. But the European Commission, the EU’s executive branch, contends that science justifies its proposal. Canadian Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said Canada was pleased so many EU nations were opposed to what he called a discriminatory measure. “We remain strongly opposed to Canadian oil sands crude being unfairly discriminated against without scientific justification,” Oliver said in a statement. “If the EU moves ahead in implementing these or any other unjustified, discriminatory measures, Canada will not hesitate to defend its interests.”

The proposal would be a revision of the EU’s Fuel Quality Directive, which sets a mandatory target for fuel producers and suppliers to reduce the carbon emitted by fuels by 6 percent from 2010 levels by the year 2020. The proposal, while it would not have banned oil from oil sands from being imported into the EU, would have assigned it a discriminatory measure.

Commissioner Connie Hedegaard. The EU has been exercising during pregnancy with a doctor’s approval, says the Nemours Foundation, and helps prepare for childbirth.

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Bird flu cases more common than thought

New York, 25 Feb — Bird flu is believed to be a rare disease that kills more than half of the people it infects, but a US study out Thursday suggests it may be more common and less lethal than previously thought.

The research could help soothe concerns about the potential for a deadly pandemic that may kill many millions of people, sparked by the recent lab creation of a mutant bird flu that can pass between mammals. Researchers at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York analyzed 20 previous international studies that tested the blood of nearly 13,000 participants worldwide, according to the study in the journal Science.

They found that between one and two percent of those tested showed evidence of a prior H5N1 avian flu infection, meaning millions of people may have been infected around the globe. The World Health Organization’s (WHO) currently show just 573 cases in 15 countries in 2003, with 58.6 percent of those resulting in death. The researchers said the WHO may be overestimating cases by focusing on hospitalizations and severe illnesses, and recommended a new approach to calculating the true number of bird flu cases.

The findings could also mean that the death rate from bird flu is underestimated, largely because many of the people who get sick from it live in rural farming areas where medical care may be difficult to come by. “We suggest that further investigation, on a large scale and by a standardized approach, is warranted to better estimate the total number of H5N1 infections that have occurred in humans,” the authors wrote. Researchers in the Netherlands and the United States have sparked international alarm with lab research that was successful in creating a mutant form of bird flu that was found to be transmissible among ferrets.

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Chicage, 25 Feb — Automaker Honda is recalling 45,747 Odyssey minivans because the rear doors can fall on people unsuspectingly, according to the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on Wednesday.

The NHTSA said on its website that the gas filled struts that help to raise and support the lift gate of vehicles equipped with a power lift gate system may be prone to early life failure due to a manufacturing flaw. The flaw can result in a leak of the pressurized gas, leading to reduced strut performance. As a result, the doors could close unexpectedly, increasing the risk of injuries, according to NHTSA. The problem affects minivans from the 2008 and 2009 model years that have power lift gates. Honda reportedly said the problem has caused two minor injuries. Dealers will replace both power lift gate struts for free.

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Europe’s banks bleed from Greek debt crisis

London, Paris, 25 Feb — Greece’s debt problems drove a slew of heavy losses across the European banking sector on Thursday, and bosses warned the euro zone crisis would continue to threaten earnings. From France to Germany, Britain to Belgium, some of the region’s biggest banks lined up to reveal billions of euros lost through write downs on Greek loans.

“We are in the worst economic crisis since 1929,” Credit Agricole chief executive Jean-Paul Chifflet said. Credit Agricole reported a record quarterly net loss of 4.07 billion euros ($5.8 billion), performing worse than expected from the cost of shrinking its balance sheet and after a 220 million euro charge on its Greek debt. “We think 2012 is going to still be a tense period,” Chifflet said, adding: “We’re hoping that our results will be largely better than in 2011. Europe’s banks have already written down billions of euros from losses on Greek government bonds and loans, and a deal agreed this week with its creditors will inflate losses of 74 percent on bondholders.”

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Hitches emerge as culprit in ‘faster-than-light’ particle

Geneva, 25 Feb — Scientists who last year found that light can travel faster than the speed of light in vacuum have now concluded that the finding could be due to technical error. ‘It may have caused a slight discrepancy, and they are checking to see if this is the case,’ CERN Press officer Arnaud Marsollier told AFP by phone.

Scientists have checked things out, are continuing to make checks and will check again. It (a technical flaw) is always possible, but they have been saying this from the very beginning.”

The fuss began in October when CERN’s OPERA team announced that neutrinos had travelled more than eight times faster than light. The neutrinos were timed at their departure from CERN’s giant underground lab near Geneva and again, after travelling 732 km (454 miles) through the Earth’s crust, at their arrival at the Gran Sasso Laboratory in Italy.

A scientist looks at part of the Oscillation Project with Emulsion-Racking Apparatus detector (OPERA) at the Gran Sasso Laboratory under Gran Sasso mountain in Assorzi, Italy, November 2011. Scientists who last year found particles that appeared to break the Universe’s speed limit are looking at two technical issues that could have skewed the controversial finding, CERN said on Wednesday.

‘It is also predicted that about 500 homes affected by interference will be unable to receive satellite or cable services,’ said Nieukerken. "We first turned to the scientific literature to find out what was already known, which was appallingly little for this group of [moth]s," Dr van Nieukerken told BBC Nature, and his colleagues used a method known as DNA barcoding to complete a section of the insect’s genetic code.

4G TV interference: Up to a million homes ‘need filters’

London, 25 Feb — Almost a million UK homes will need to have filters installed to prevent TV interference from 4G mobile signals — at a cost of £108m. A smaller number of homes may also need to switch to satellite or cable TV services in order to combat the poor quality. Homes that cannot receive these alternative platforms will receive up to £10,000 each to “find a solution”. Costs will be met by the winner of a spectrum auction later this year.

Consultations are currently being held into how spectrum — part of which is used by analogue television — will be offered to mobile operators once airwaves are freed up by the switch to digital. These airwaves are crucial to mobile operators to create next-generation mobile services. The winning bids, or mitigation plans, will be required to pay the costs of making sure viewers of digital terrestrial television (DTT) will not be affected by the changes.

In a consultation document released in late August last year, media regulator Ofcom estimated that about 760,000 homes could be affected. However, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) told the BBC that further research had suggested that the number was likely to be closer to 900,000. Homes falling within a certain range of transmitter towers will automatically have a filter fitted, while a hole will be set up to deal with interference cases outside of the predicted areas. The filter is fitted to a digital TV box, blocks unwanted noise from the 4G signal.

It can be fitted without the help of an engineer — but over-75s and disabled people will get assistance if needed. The DCMS suggested that in a very small number of homes, the filters will not be sufficient. A platform change — to satellite or cablewill be required, the cost of which will also be covered by the mobile operator. It is estimated that about 10,000 homes may need to take this measure. It is also predicted that about 500 homes affected by interference will be unable to receive satellite or cable services.

Dish Network shutting down a third of all remaining Blockbuster stores

New York, 25 Feb — As reported initially during January, Dish Network has finally decided on the amount of Blockbuster retail locations to close. Mentioned within Dish Network’s announcement that it was close to 3,500 Blockbuster stores across the United States during the first half of 2012. This will reduce the amount of remaining Blockbuster stores by roughly 33 percent, dropping from 10,500 locations to just 1,500 locations

Design team creates electric skateboard controlled by brain waves

New York, 25 Feb — Built by the same development group that created the Kinect-controlled Board of Awesomeness, the research division of Chaotic Moon Studios has announced the Board of Imagination. While wearing a wireless neuro-headset designed by Emotive, the rider on the electric skateboard can simply visualize a point off in the distance and think about how fast they want to travel in order to reach that point. The signal from the brain is "translated" by the headset and communicated to a Samsung, Windows-illu- enabled tablet via a USB connector. The software on the tablet interacts with the all-terrain skateboard and sends the rider flying down the road up to 32 miles per hour. In order to stop the board, the rider thinks about the upcoming point of arrival. Identical to the design of the Kinect-powered skateboard, the board is powered by a 800-watt electric motor that can run up to 10 miles at full speed before requiring a recharge.

However, the rider has to continue to focus on directing the skateboard and cannot allow the mind to wander during a trip. In addition, the head-set has to be adjusted on the head so all contacts are positioned correctly — something that may become difficult to control under windy conditions. It’s unlikely that the electronics will be safe during inclement weather such as heavy rain or snow or without some form of all-weather protection.

Cat-sized horses were the norm in a hotter past

Washington, 25 Feb — More than 50 million years ago, the Earth was a hotter place than it is today and horses the size of pet cats roamed the forests of North America, US scientists said on Thursday. The earliest known horses, known as Sivhirhippus, actually grew smaller over tens of thousands of years in order to adapt to the higher temperatures of a period when methane emissions spiked, possibly due to major volcanic eruptions.

The research could have implications for how the planet’s modern animals may adapt to a warming planet due to climate change and higher carbon emissions, scientists said. Researchers made the discovery after analyzing horse tooth fossils uncovered in the western US state of Wyoming that showed the older ones were larger, and that the species had shrunk over time. Many animals became extinct during this 175,000-year period, known as the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum, some 56 million years ago. Others got smaller in order to survive with limited resources.

“The Earth’s been over a long enough time, you can argue very strongly that what you’re looking at is natural selection and to that it’s an adaptation corresponding to the shift in temperature and driving the evolution of these horses,” said co-author Jonathan Blobch of the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Average global temperatures rose by about 10 degrees Fahrenheit during that span due to massive increase in carbon that was unleashed into the air and oceans. Surface sea temperature in the Arctic was about 23 Celsius (73 Fahrenheit), much like the temperatures of contemporary subtropical waters today.

New moth species invades Italy’s vineyards

Rome, 25 Feb — A moth with a taste for Chardonnay leaves, which has infested vineyards across northern Italy, is a new species of leaffilther, scientists say. The pest was first discovered by Italian scientists in 2006, but they were unable to identify it. Now, by examining a snippet of the moth’s genetic code, researchers have confirmed that it is a previously unnamed species. The team published their findings in the journal Evolution.

The Italian team enlisted the help of insect expert Erik van Nieukerken from the Netherlands Centre for Biodiversity in Leiden. “We first turned to the scientific literature to find out what was already known, which was appallingly little for this group [of moth],” Dr van Nieukerken told BBC Nature, and his colleagues used a method known as DNA barcoding to complete a section of the insect’s genetic code.

The moth is common in North America and was first spotted in Italy in 2006.

The results:— Internet

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Loans disbursed in Hlegu Township for development rural areas

YANGON, 25 Feb—Yangon Region Government disbursed loans for development of rural region small-scale productions at the office of Ngahsutaung Village administrator in Hlegu Township on 8 February as part of efforts to undertake rural development and poverty alleviation.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the Yangon Region Rural Region Small-scale Production Development Subcommittee Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint delivered an address.

Later, Regional Minister Daw San San Nwe handed over K15 million loans for the first time to the small-scale productions of rural areas in Ngahsutaung Village through Township Administrator U Tin Aung Ko.

Cooperative Accounts Bookkeeping Course opened

AUNGLAN, 25 Feb—Organized by Aunglan Township Cooperative Department of Magway Region, the Cooperative Accounts Bookkeeping Course was opened at the hall of the Aunglan Township Cooperative Syndicate on 28 January, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Win, Staff Officer of the Township Cooperative Department Dr Aung Aung, Head of the Sub-township LBVD Talwin, Thegon and Nyaungbintha villages of Hopin Sub-township, Aung Ko.

Loans disbursed to livestock breeding societies

KYAIN-SEIKKYI, 25 Feb—According to the rural development and poverty alleviation plan, the disbursement of loans to livestock breeding groups was held for the third time at Thaungti Village monastery in Kyain-seikkyi Township on 9 February morning.

Multiplier course on revenue management computer application kicks off

MAGWAI, 25 Feb—The multiplier course on revenue management computer application was opened at the hall of Magway Region Internal Revenue Department in Mayaw on 20 February morning.

Head of the department U Soe Myint explained the purpose of applying e-RTS computer system and application of the e-RTS computer system.

New library building opened in Hinthada

HINTHADA, 25 Feb—A ceremony to open Lunglei Ahman Library was held in Leikchaung Village of Hinthada Township Ayeyawady Region, at 10 am on 11 February. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Aung Win, Staff Officer U Tin Shein of District Information and Public Relations Department and administrator of Leikchaung Village-tract U Maung Maung Htay formally opened the library.

Vaccination provided to cattle in Hopin

HOPIN, 25 Feb—The animal vaccination was provided in Talwin, Thagon and Nyaungbintha villages of Hopin Sub-township in Mohinyin District of Kachin State from 8 to 13 February.

Staff Officer of Mohinyin District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Win Oo, Deputy Head of Department Dr Aung Aung, Head of the Sub-township LBVD Dr Zaw Myint Naing and Assistant Supervisor U Sa Nay Tun vaccinated 1012 herds of farming cattle.

Fire drill exercised at Hmawby Myoma Market

YANGON, 25 Feb—A fire drill was supervised by Deputy Commissioner U Nay Lin of the Yangon North District, the township administrator, the commander of the Township Fire Brigade and members, the head of Township Electrical Engineer and staff, market elders and shop owners participated in fire drill.

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HOPIN, 25 Feb—The animal vaccination was provided in Talwin, Thagon and Nyaungbintha villages of Hopin Sub-township in Mohinyin District of Kachin State from 8 to 13 February.

Staff Officer of Mohinyin District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Win Oo, Deputy Head of Department Dr Aung Aung, Head of the Sub-township LBVD Dr Zaw Myint Naing and Assistant Supervisor U Sa Nay Tun vaccinated 1012 herds of farming cattle.

Fire drill exercised at Hmawby Myoma Market

YANGON, 25 Feb—A fire drill was supervised by Deputy Commissioner U Nay Lin of the Yangon North District, the township administrator, the commander of the Township Fire Brigade and members, the head of Township Electrical Engineer and staff, market elders and shop owners participated in fire drill.
Sittoung River Crossing Bridge (Shwegyin-Madauk) that brings about better transport and regional development

- The bridge was constructed to link Shwegyin and Madauk crossing Sittoung River.
- With the opening of the bridge, one can be accessible to Shwegyin in short time via Nyaunglebin-Madauk Road from Yangon-Mandalay Highway.
- In the past, those from Shwegyin had to cross Sittoung River with the use of motorboats and manual boats spending a lot of times and energy. At present, such a kind of trouble has been overcome.
- Now, thanks to the bridge, one can make a day-trip which is about 100 miles from Yangon to Shwegyin at any time.
- Due to poor transport in the past, transport charges were high, triggering unstable commodity prices. And the bridge has now contributed much to swift and smooth commodity flow and regional development.

Salient points of the bridge

1. The upper structure of the bridge is of opened concrete and reinforced concrete and the lower structure of the bridge is of reinforced concrete.
2. Piers of the bridge are of reinforced concrete.
3. The total length of the bridge is 1500 feet. It is complete with 28 feet wide motorway flanked by two four feet wide pedestrian lanes.
4. Its water clearance is 80 feet wide and 12 feet long.
5. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.
6. The construction of the bridge started on 5-12-2000, and it was put into commission on 11-2-2003.

Indonesia needs $40.7b for infrastructure projects in 2012

JAKARTA, 25 Feb—The Indonesian Government requires 368.6 trillion rupiah (about 40.7 bln US dollars) of funds to finance 110 infrastructure projects under its acceleration and expansion development master plan (MP3EI) programme, a minister said here on Friday.

National Development Planning Minister Armida Alisjahbana said that the funds would be gathered from the central government’s coffers plus allocation from regional governments and investors.

She said that infrastructure projects this year would be focused on projects that are being constructed at the moment and new projects in eastern region.

“Besides that government intends to speed up projects that give major impacts to the public this year, like double railway tracks in Java,” she told a Press conference. According to the minister, her ministry has allocated 71.3 trillion rupiah to finance 34 infrastructure projects in Sumatra and 216.5 trillion rupiah for 31 projects in Java this year.

Meanwhile, the ministry also allocated 5.9 trillion rupiah and 3.8 trillion rupiah for 10 and 9 infrastructure projects in Kalimantan and Sulawesi respectively. For Bali and Nusa Tenggara provinces, the ministry has allocated 15 trillion rupiah to finance 8 projects.

In Papuas and Maluku provinces, government has allocated 56 trillion rupiah to finance 18 projects, she said.—MNA/Xinhua

Ex-footie star jailed for tipping off burglars about empty properties

LONDON, 25 Feb—A former footballer turned postman has been jailed for tipping off burglars about house owners on holiday. Former Bristol City defender Andrew Llewellyn, 45, leaked private information from Royal Mail files.

A gang then ransacked 18 houses, stealing 100,000-pound worth of goods. Judge Julian Lambert at Bristol crown court told Llewellyn that he had been part of a “wicked conspiracy”.

“I struggle to see how you took leave of your senses,” the Mirror quoted the judge as saying.

Llewellyn, who was jailed for three years after admitting conspiracy to btheft, enjoyed a 12-year career as a right-back with City from 1982 to 1994. But he turned to crime after 10 years as a postman in nearby Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

The court heard he passed the addresses from Royal Mail’s scheme to withhold post for people away to criminal Adam Holmes, 47, also from Weston-super-Mare.
16th plenary session of sixth 47-member State ... explained the reports on Viniya matters and academic matters presented by Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ovasabhivamsa and Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Pantita. After seeking approvals from senior Sayadaws, the 16th plenary session of the sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was successfully concluded.—MNA

President U Thein Sein assists in free health care... (from page 1) During the visit, they viewed an educative talk on health and encouraged the service personnel from Mingala Theikdi Ward and Bawga Theikdi Ward and their families receiving medical care. During the educative talk, the President stressed the importance for the longevity of the people as it plays an important role in measuring the development of a country. He also stressed the importance of the health knowledge and called for harmonious work of dissemination of knowledge on health, prevention and treatment of diseases for the development of the health sector. He also urged each and every citizen to have knowledge on health. It was learnt that over 5500 patients received free medical treatment provided by the respective specialists in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. The free health care services and educative talks on health activities will continue tomorrow.—MNA

Commercial tax exemption over garden fruits and vegetables

N A V P T I, 25 Feb—As a measure for encouraging State exportation, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue issued Notification No.68/2012 dated 24-2-2012 giving exemption from commercial tax over export earning for garden fruits and products including various kinds of fruits and vegetables. According to the notification, the exemption period is from 1-3-2012 to 14-8-2012. Acting under the authority entrusted in accord with Commercial Tax Law Section 8 Sub-section (d), the ministry issued the notification after getting permission from the Meeting (8/2012) of the Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held on 23 February. Thanks to the issuance of the notification and changing policies of the State, there will be many benefits such as exporters being able to reduce their tax burden, Myanmar’s export products gaining a competitive advantage in global market, helping expedite exports and growers being able to sell their products at a reasonable price.—MNA

Bago University hones students’ English skills

Y A N G O N, 25 Feb — With the aim of improving skills of English, an extempore talk and essay contest in English was conducted at Bago University in Bago yesterday. Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win delivered an opening address. Chief Minister U Nyan Win, Rector of the university U Kyi Soe and responsible personnel awarded winners of the contests. MNA
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham…

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The associate state superintending engineer of the township Land Records Department reported to the Vice-President on terrain of the proposed axis for construction of Express Bus Station (Namakaw) near Namakaw Village, Lashio. He said although the businessmen from Kyaukme Township and Hsipaw Township to take part in the proposed industrial zone or to produce value-added items rather than producing traditional tea and raw fruits and vegetables and to know and address any barriers and difficulties, the neighbouring countries on their part are shifting from agro-based economy to industry- and service-based economy. So, assistance would be provided to develop those two sectors, he said.

The Vice-President called for putting the necessary instructions. He then inspected the chosen site and left the tender in line with rules and regulations, expressed bus station construction to open arrangements for construction of Express Bus Stations and models and buildings included. In response, the Vice-President said he and the members of Union and Shan State Development Affairs Committee reported on number of vehicles passing through current express bus stations and arrangements for expansion of Express Bus Station (Namakaw), followed by supplementary report of the state chief minister.

Next, Shining Myanmar Construction Co Ltd which has proposed to construct the express bus station explained proposed model and buildings included. In response, the Vice-President called for putting the express bus station construction to open tender in line with rules and regulations, low cost and high quality of the buildings. He then inspected the chosen site and left necessary instructions.

The Vice-President then inspected the proposed axis for construction of Lashio bypass near Mehan Village and gave necessary instructions.

In his speech to the district and township level departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward and village-tract administrators, senior citizens and locals on his tour of Kyaukme and Hsipaw, the Vice-President said he and the members of Union and Shan State governments came there to learn social and economic status of Kyaukme and Hsipaw and to fulfill the requirements as much as possible.

Kyaukme around 30 or 40 years ago was a boom town in Northern Shan State on a par with Lashio. It was even more popular than Lashio for it was closer to Mandalay as it had smooth motor road while motor roads in Lashio were in critical condition that time, it can be easily accessible both by road and by rail. Popular products like Kyaukme dried tea leaf, world-famous Guptihke Bridge, picturesque Kyaukme-Gupdwin motor road, and it lies closely to Mogbile land of ruby and Monemel, land of sapphire.

Likewise, Hsipaw was witnessing no expansion of business in them. The Vice-President said while meeting with businessmen from Shan State (North), he also met with businessmen from Kyaukme. He said he asked the difficulties and requirements of them and fulfilled the requirements and held discussion in detail. He said he invited businessmen from Kyaukme and Hsipaw townships to participate in industrial zone or special economic zone project near the border town Muse.

He said although the businessmen from Kyaukme District reported to him that there is only tea industry in the district and no other businesses, he would like them to take part in the proposed industrial zone or special economic zone project. Social welfare cannot be carried out so long as the economy is sluggish. The economic growth can be seen clearly by looking to the export volume of the nation

The nation’s export amount of 2010-2011 fiscal year is worth only US$ 8.8 billion. But, neighbouring Thailand earned US$ 17 billion from its exports only in November, 2011. Similarly, Indonesia’s monthly export earnings amounted to about 17 billion dollars; Republic of Korea’s, 50 billion dollars and China’s, 175 billion dollars. So, this wide disparity makes Myanmar’s economy far different from others'.

Like Thailand and Indonesia, in the Philippines, the money its citizens working abroad are sending back to their country amounts to about 1.5 billion US dollars per month. Bangladesh has experienced more natural disasters than Myanmar has about a billion dollars a month sent back by its citizens working in foreign countries, said the Vice-President.

This is why the government is taking measures for amending profit tax laws and easing procedures. In the past, 10% income tax was levied and now only 2% is being levied. In addition, monetary procedures are being relaxed in order that remittance can be carried out legally.

Only if there are changes and reforms in all aspects, will the nation be able to catch up with others. As the whole country still relies on agro-based economy, Kyaukme Township and Hsipaw Township still have to depend on cultivation of tea and greens respectively.

The Vice-President added that although agriculture business is enough for human basic needs, the nation must transform itself into an industrialized one if it really wants to see development. Today, there are two types of economy – economy based on natural resources and economy based on human resources. Countries with the technological strength and rich human resources like Singapore, Malaysia, ROK and Japan have become really developed, industrialized nations.

It is therefore necessary to manufacture value-added products. The Vice-President continued that he and his entourage came there to render assistance for Kyaukme and Hsipaw townships to produce value-added items rather than producing traditional tea and raw fruits and vegetables and to know and address any barriers and difficulties.

Another point is the rural development and poverty alleviation scheme being carried out by the government. The majority of the people live in rural areas and they are living under poverty line. There are also needy people living in urban areas. The scheme has eight tasks. Kyaukme Township is engaging in the businesses of preserved dried damson, Khashok (steamed and pounded glutinous rice) and tea. For rural electrification, power lines can be connected only regional peace and stability prevails. So, the local people are to cooperate in ensuing regional peace and stability, said the Vice-President.

He then stressed the need for Kyaukme Township to launch a service for tourism development in the region. It is not difficult to get visas and plans are under way to issue on-arrival visas. Due to the development of tourism called smokeless export, Myanmar is making Myanmar's economy far different from others'.

Kyaukme can boast its tea plantations where tea is grown traditionally, plantsations where tea is grown with modern technology and tea harvesting time. Guptihke Bridge, which attracts the British, has been in old age but it looks serviceable.

He also urged them to consider the tourist attractions including Bawkyo Pagoda in Kyaukme, places related to Sawbwas and Mogok and Monemel. He also urged them to make arrangements for teaching and learning literatures of the national races within the framework of the constitution as the State was planning to help teaching and learning of literatures of the national races.

The Vice-President called for participation of the people in implementing poverty alleviation tasks and more investment in the industrial and service providing sectors which were suitable to the development of regions concerned.

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Dr Sai Mauk Kham...

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The Vice-President attended a meeting to review the reports of the local people during his tour of Shan State north at the Shwegli Guest House in Lashio today.

During the meeting, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Ohn Myint and U Khin Yi, Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, deputy ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, U Kyaw Lwin, U Win Than, Dr Win Myint, Dr Kan Zaw, U Aung Than Oo and U Khin Zaw reported on measures to be taken to assist in reports of the townsmen and village and township administrators.

The Vice-President said that regarding the reports, some measures had been taken during his current trip and some would be taken after coordination as they should be carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations.

After the meeting, the Vice-President and party visited a ceremony to broadcast fertilizer on the 200-acre farmland of Farmer U Tun Lu in Sonoke Village in Lashio Township.

During the visit, he met with farmers and called on officials concerned for assisting in timely distribution of paddy strains that farmers wanted to grow to them and irrigation and stressed the importance of gaining trust from farmers.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Ohn Myint explained matters related to forming of farming associations and ways for getting agricultural loans.

During the meeting, the chairman of Shwehminataung Company presented 50 pesticide sprayers to the farmers from Lashio, Hsenwei, Tangyang and Mongyaw townships in Lashio District who had produced high crop yield and 50 sprayers to the North-East Command.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views farmers broadcasting fertilizer at model high yield paddy farm in Sonoke Village, Lashio Township.—MNA

Afterwards, the Vice-President inspected the three possible routes chosen to construct the ring road of Lashio and urged officials concerned to carry out detailed assessment to the axis of the road.

The Vice-President and party left there by air and arrived back here this afternoon.

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President
Dr Sai Mauk Kham, meets WAOs and MCWAs in Kyaukme and Hsipaw

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister inspects development undertakings

NAV PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung encouraged the provision of free mobile medical treatment at Taungtangoon Village in Myingakwin Sittain of Pathein Township yesterday.

The region chief minister in meeting with locals heard reports on requirements of the region presented by the village-tract administrators. The region forestry and mines minister presented solar bulbs to the village-tracts.

Wellwishers presented K 0.6 million to the fund of Myingawin Village Basic Education High School (Branch), the township administrator K 0.7 million to ensure high matriculation examination rate of the school and the region forestry and mines minister sports gear for the students.

The region chief minister then inspected the school and donated cash for all-round renovation of Dipayon Pagoda of the village.—MNA

Mandalay Region INRD gives interview to journalists

NAV PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Mandalay Region Immigration and National Registration Department gave an interview to journalists at the department on 22 February.

Head of the department U Htay Hlaing explained issuance of national scrutiny cards and taking censuses and distributed information pamphlets to the guests and journalists.

Next, 23 journalists from 18 journals shot questions about the works of the department to him who answered in detail.—MNA

Sagayng Region Hluttaw continues

The fourth day third regular session of First Sagaing Region Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Seven questions were asked and answered, four bills discussed and approved and rural firewood forest bill was discussed at the session.
Township was held at the library on 8 February morning. After that the Assistant Director of Region IPRD explained formally opened the library building. Police Station IP Hla Myint of Township Police Force, Administrator U Thet Oo Swe and Commander of Myoma Ayeyawady Region on 12 February.

Wellwishers. Jivitadana Sangha Hospital is giving health care services not only to members of the Sangha and nuns but also to the people. It opens four units of out-patient ward from 8 am to 4 pm daily. Specialists, nurses, skillful staff and volunteer doctors participate in free health care services to the people. Wellwishers donate cash to the hospital.

**LOCAL SPORTS**

**Pwintbyu Township gets Aungmyin Library**

Pwintbyu, 25 Feb—The new building for Aungmyin Library in Sanpya Village in Thayetok Village of Pwintbyu Township was held at the library on 8 February morning. Assistant Director U Win Khin of Mayway Region Information and Public Relations Department, Township Administrator U Thet Oo Swe and Commander of Myanmar Police Station IP Hla Myint of Township Police Force formally opened the library building.

The township administrator spoke on the occasion. After that the Assistant Director of Region IPRD explained the purpose of opening the libraries in the region and perpetuity of the libraries. The township administrator and the assistant director presented 150 books on various subjects, and IP Hla Myint, K 10,000 for purchase of books and publications to chairman of the Library Committee U Maung Maung Thu, Committee members U Nyan Lin and Daw Mya Mya San.

The building was constructed at a cost of K 2 million contributed by the State and the local people.

The one-storey building is 20 feet long, 18 feet wide and nine feet high.

**Home Affairs clinches national championship shield in Track & Field’s**

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Feb—The Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman’s 69th Inter-Ministry National Track & Field Championship was held Youth Training Centre in Thawunna from 8 to 12 February.

Yangon City Development Committee secured the men’s championship shield while Ministry of Home Affairs team, the women’s championship shield. The Ministry of Home Affairs held up the over-all championship shield.

In the men’s event, YCDC stood first at the standing table by bagging 13 gold, four silver and three bronze medals with 138 points. Defence team at the second position secured two gold, six silver and three bronze medals with 100 points. Home Affairs scored 58 points at the third position by winning two gold, two silver and four bronze medals.

In the women’s event, Home Affairs led the championship with 128 points at the first position, with seven gold, seven silver and six bronze medals. Commerce stood second with seven gold, four silver and four bronze medals on 102 points. Agriculture & Irrigation stood third with three gold, three silver and seven bronze medals on 92 points.

**Nyein Chan (A&I) stands first in Myanmar Traditional Chess Singles’ Contest**

YANGON, 25 Feb—Jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Chess Federation, the Myanmar Traditional Chess Singles’ Contest was held at Thiripyi Gymnasium at the corner of Theinbyu and Kanyekhla Streets in Yangon on 2 pm on 23 February.

Next, Executive of Myanmar Chess Federation U Myo Min Aung presented cash award to Ma Wint Zargyi (Ye Naing Aung Club-Sungyoung) who won the consolation prize in the contest.

**Outbreak of fire leaves 215 people homeless in Patheingyi Township**

Mandalay, 25 Feb—A fire broke out at Thamadaw Gwawgyi Village of Patheingyi Township of Mandalay Region at 11.30 am on 23 February.

A total of 43 houses were destroyed in the fire that started from negligible cheese fire from the house of U Win Aung.

Altogether 43 members of Mandalay Central Fire Station and 198 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigades from townsships used 43 fire engines participated in the fire fighting and they put out fire at 12.15 pm. The fire burnt 43 houses, leaving 215 people from 53 households homeless. The fire victims are being accommodated at relief camps at Anandagonyi and Myitramonagyi Monasteries in Patheingyi Township. U Win Aung died in the outbreak of fire.

The outbreak of fire is opened file Pa (38) 2012 at the police station under Section 285 under the law.
**Claims Day Notice**

**MV CTP Fortune Voy No (035)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (035) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.2.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Myanmar Port Authority**

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**15 killed in north China bus plunge**

TAIYUAN, 25 Feb — Fifteen people have been confirmed dead and 12 others injured when a tourist bus plunged into a ravine on Saturday morning in north China's Shanxi Province, said local authorities.

The accident happened at 9:25 am at a section of the State Highway 207 in the county-level city of Guoping, administrated by Jincheng City, according to the provincial traffic police authorities.

The 35-seat bus, carrying 33 people, went off route to Jinyan County in central Henan Province from Jincheng, said the authorities. The bus is operated by the Transportation Corporation of Sanmenxia county-level city of Gaoping, in central Henan.

Rescue efforts are under way. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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**US Senator Lieberman's office victim of mail attack**

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb — US Senator Joe Lieberman's office in his state home in Connecticut was targeted by suspicious mail, the latest in a string of similar incidents, US media reported on Friday.

The Hill newspaper, which specializes in reporting Congressional affairs, quoted Lieberman's spokeswoman Wendy Phillips as saying on Thursday afternoon, that staff at Lieberman's district office in Hartford, Connecticut, received a suspicious package. The package had specific address information matching a warning given to Congressional offices earlier this week.

According to an email sent to Congressional offices by Senate Sergeant at Arms Thomas Coffman, letters postmarked from Portland, Oregon, or with a specific return address containing TheMBI, LLC may contain "a suspicious powdery substance".

The warning was prompted by threatening mail that contained the substance received on Tuesday by a Senate State office and a House District office.

"Yesterday when our staff in our state office was sorting the mail — around the lunchtime hour — they came across a package with the same return address," Phillips said. She said the included package, closed off the room, and notified local authorities and the FBI. Authorities then evacuated the office, and initial tests of the envelope's contents came back negative for harmful material. Phillips said Lieberman himself was out of the office, but in the state, at the time of the evacuation on Thursday.

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**Nearly half UK pilots admit to dozing off while flying**

MILTON KEYNES, 25 Feb — Almost half the pilots in Britain have admitted to falling asleep while flying, a survey has revealed.

The situation is more alarming as a third of those who confessed to dozing off have woken up to find their co-pilot also sleeping, according to the Daily Mail.

The survey by the British Airline Pilot's Association (BALPA) found that 43 per cent of those questioned have fallen asleep while flying at some point in their career.

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"Catasticles were hit by collapsed trees and buildings," said Nugroho.

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** Hitler’s silver tray given to him on his 50th b'day expected to fetch GBP 1K at auction**

LONDON, 25 Feb — A silver tray presented to Hitler on his 50th birthday is set to go under the hammer next month, and the auctioneer expects it to fetch over 1,000 pounds.

The tray, given by Hitler’s chief architect Albert Speer, is embossed with the Nazi leader’s swastika and his ‘AH’ initials, according to the Daily Mail reported.

The tray was part of 3,000 items, which were divided into six sets, and distributed at Hitler’s various bases including the Reich Chancellery in Berlin, the Nazi Party HQ in Munich, Hitler’s Berghof and Eagle’s Nest mountain homes in Bavaria, the Gutshaus at Obersalzberg and his Prinzregentenplatz apartment in Munich.

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Minneapolitans take a presidential walk

Thirty of the country’s 44 presidents are immortalized in Minneapolitans’ northeast neighborhood, where President Day is marked with a trivia contest and a walk.

Sheila Biernat, who helped coordinate the activities, said walkers during the weekend event occasionally stopped their meandering to discuss presidential biographies and the evolution of the area, the Star Tribune reported.

About 30 streets in Northeast are named for US presidents.

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**George Clooney’s wax statue gets pre-Oscar Hawaiian makeover**

Ceremony, Madame Tussauds is making sure his wax figure looks good. The 50-year-old actor has been nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role in the Descendants and Syriana. It could be third time lucky for Clooney, who was previously nominated for best actor prize in the Michael Clayton and Up in the Air. Clooney’s waxwork doubles as the London attraction will be swapping its usual dark suit for a black and white Hawaiian shirt in homage to his Honolulu-based character Matt King. Hair stylist Gemma Simon and colourist Gemma Fee also gave the figure a makeover to bring it up to date.

Clooney’s figure first appeared in 2004 when his hair was much darker, so it has been updated to reflect his current “silver fox” look.

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**Gerard Butler discharged from rehab**

**RANCHO MIRAGE, 25 Feb—Gerard Butler’s manager says the Scottish actor was discharged on Friday from the Betty Ford Centre in California.**

Butler underwent three weeks of treatment at the Rancho Mirage facility for prescription drug abuse, TMZ reported.

“Gerard left Betty Ford early this morning and he’s healthy,” the actor’s manager Alan Siegel told the celebrity news Web site on Friday.

Butler’s problems initially began during his physically demanding 2006 action picture “300,” observers said. The actor had since been struggling with pain management, but the problem became worse when he was hurt in a surfing accident in December while filming “Of Men and Mavericks.”

TMZ cited unnamed sources close to Butler as saying the actor realized he was relying too much on prescription drugs and wanted to kick the habit before it became a full-blown addiction.

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**‘The Artist’ shines at French film awards**

PARIS, 25 Feb—Slient movie “The Artist” shone at home on Friday, netting best film and a string of other awards at France’s annual Cesars, held two days before the Oscars in which the black-and-white film is a top favourite. Michel Hazanavicius won both best film and best director for his tribute to Hollywood’s golden age, about a silent movie star struggling after the arrival of the “talkies,” at the 37th Cesars ceremony at the Chatellerault in Paris. His partner the actress Berenice Bejo was visibly moved to accept the best actress award for her part as an up-and-coming starlet in the movie, two days before competing for the best supporting actress Oscar in Hollywood.

“The Artist” also picked up best score for the 1920s and 30s-inspired soundtrack by composer Ludovic Bource, as well as best set design and best cinematography.

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**Ad: ‘Nurses wanted, must be hot’**

A hospital in Stockholm, Sweden, said on Monday an ad looking for nurses who are “TV-series hot” isn’t “attempt to catch people’s attention.”

“We’re looking to recruit competent nurses above all, but we wanted to stick out a bit with our advertising campaign, and we managed to do that,” Nursing Manager Jorgen Andersson of the Stockholm South General Hospital told the Local.

Head nurse Elisabeth Gauflin said the recruiting campaign was looking for “people who maintained a sense of curiosity and imagination along with the other, more subjective qualities they say they’re looking for. “You will be motivated, professional and have a sense of humour. And of course, you will be TV-series hot...” Throw in a nurse’s education and you are welcome to seek a summer job at Sodersjukhuset’s emerge- ncy department.”

Andersson said the ad is not meant to be exclusionary and an application was not required with an application.

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**Man has ‘Beetlejuice’ museum in apartment**

A New York man said he created his apartment to honour 1988 film “Beetlejuice” has more than 75 pieces. Bruce Christensen, 48, said his Hell’s Kitchen apartment contains items including plastic toys, bobblehead dolls, trading cards, a beach towel, a full copy of the movie script and a collection of winewarers called Dr Thirsty’s Beeteljuice Alcoholic Fruit Punch, the New York Daily News reported on Monday.

“This is definitely one of the top 10 attractions in New York City,” said Christensen, who said more than 200 people have toured the “Bruce & His Beetlejuice Castle” museum since he opened just before Halloween.

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**George Clooney**

**London, 25 Feb—Just like George Clooney will want to look his best for Sunday’s Oscar awards, the actor’s manager Alan Siegel told the celebrity Web site.**

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**Angela Jolie writes foreword to ex hubby’s memoir**

WASHINGTON, 25 Feb—Angela Jolie has written the foreword to ex-husband Billy Bob Thornton’s upcoming memoir. The couple, who were married for three years before going their separate ways, have always insisted on being at friendly terms with each other.

Now, the 36-year-old actresses’ thoughts will feature in the book titled ‘The Billy Bob Tapes: A Cave Full of Ghosts’, Contactmusic reported.

Thornton co-wrote the tome with country music singer and author Kinky Friedman. Publishers at Harper Collins insist the tell-all will detail the actors’ upbringing, his infamous phobias, his movie career and even his five marriages.

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**David Morrissey joins ‘Walking Dead’ cast**

ATLANTA, 25 Feb—British actor David Morrissey will join the cast of “The Walking Dead” for the zombie drama’s third season, AMC said on Friday.

Morrissey is to play The Governor, a character from the Robert Kirkman graphic novel on which the series is based. He is the founder of Woodbury, a small settlement of survivors, and will become the chief antagonist for Rick Grimes, played by Andrew Lincoln, and his group, the cable network said.

The 16-episode third season is to begin production this spring in Atlanta. A BAFTA Award nominee, Morrissey has appeared in many acclaimed British series, including State of Play, Meadowlands, “The Dead” and Blackpool. He is also known for his leading roles in feature films such as The Reaping, “The Others”, Centurion, the Water Horse, “Nowhere Boy” and Blitz. Season 2 of “The Walking Dead” airs Sundays on AMC.

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**Shane Warne poses with look-alike ‘cuddly’ lion**

London, 25 Feb—Elizabeth Hurley has posted a snap of her fiancé Shane Warne, in which he is seen posing with a toy lion.

The Australian spin bowler has made him a dense ringer for the furry feline with its dark yellow mane, the Sun reported.

And even Liz, 46, couldn’t seem to tell them apart, tweeting the pic alongside the cheeky message: “Spot the difference. The one-time wildman was in recent times spotted in girlie Ugg boots, confirming his newfound love for the metrosexual look.

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**British actor David Morrissey attends the ‘British Academy Television Awards’ at The Palladium in London on 20 April, 2008**

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**French actress Berenice Bejo and her husband Omar Sy pose with their trophies after winning Best Actress and Best Actor Cesar awards for French director Michel Hazanavicius’ film “The Artist.”**

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**Elizabeth Hurley**

However, the former spin bowler has taken some serious criticism for his new style, recently being named UnAustralian of the Year by the Aussie version of Zoo magazine.

The title, for bringing “shame, ridicule and humiliation” to his home nation, was awarded to the 42-year-old because of his “woeful makeover.”

“He’s a bloke who went from eating baked beans to being the same colour as them. He looks like Teri Hatcher’s stuffed dud,” Zoo editor Tim Keen said.

“We’re all for punching above your weight but you’ve got to fit in with the same body you had at the weigh-in,” Keen added.

Internet
Defending champion Wozniacki beaten in Dubai semis

Caroline Wozniacki from Denmark returns the ball to Julia Goerges from Germany during their semifinal match at Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 24, Feb, 2012. — Internet

Dubai 25 Feb — Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki lost in the semifinals of the Dubai Tennis Championships on Friday, her game undone by mistakes in a 7-6(3), 7-5 defeat to Julia Goerges. Goerges will play for the title on Saturday against Poland’s Agnieszka Radwanska after beating Serbia’s Jelena Jankovic 2-6, 2-6, 6-0 in the first semifinal. Wozniacki led 4-2 in the second set before Goerges regained control to close the match. “Made way too many unforced errors, and Julia took advantage of that,” Wozniacki said. Wozniacki, a Dane once ranked No 1 and seeded third, struggled with her serve while Goerges never let her find her rhythm. “I had all the opportunities in the world today and didn’t take advantage of them. If you don’t take your chances, there is no way to win,” Wozniacki said. “It’s easy to say, should have done this and could have done that. But, you know, as well for Julia she took her chances. If I came with a weak shot she was there straight away and she punished me.” Goerges, an unseeded German, now has a 3-2 head-to-head record against Wozniacki. “It’s never easy playing her,” Goerges said. It’s always a lot of balls, a lot of rallies. We played over two hours for two sets.” Goerges downed Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia, Casey Dellacqua of Australia and Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia in the previous rounds. Dellacqua replaced top-seeded Russia’s Vera Zvonareva, who pulled out of the tournament with an ankle injury on Wednesday before she was to open against Goerges. — Internet

Top seed Isner upset at Memphis tennis

Memphis, 25 Feb — Top seeded American John Isner was sent crashing out of the ATP and WTA Memphis Open after losing to Austrian Jurgen Melzer 6-3, 7-6(8) in a quarter-final match. Isner, who hammered 48 aces in his first two matches in Memphis, fired 11 aces against Melzer in the 81 minute match at the $1.1 million indoor hardcourt tournament at The Racquet Club of Memphis. Isner also had two double faults and won just 67 percent of his first serve points. Melzer won 80 percent of his first-serve points, had seven aces and saved both of his break point chances. Third seeded Czech Radek Stepanek also cruised into the semi-finals surviving a first-set tie-break then dominating the second set to beat Sam Querrey 7-6(7), 6-4. Stepanek, who finished second here three years ago, posted four service breaks, compared to just one service break for the wild card and 2010 Memphis champ Querrey. — Internet

Liverpool’s striker Craig Bellamy G.O. celebrates with teammates, Jordan Henderson (L) and Charlie Adam, after scoring during their English League Cup semi-final second leg match against Manchester City, at Anfield, Liverpool, January, — Reuters

Animal instincts drive ‘new man’ Bellamy

London, 25 Feb — Rejuvenated striker Craig Bellamy has credited his success with keeping his cool under the volatile temper under control as the Welshman looks to claim a League Cup winner’s medal. Bellamy, who hopes to lead Liverpool to silverware against his hometown club Cardiff in Sunday’s showpiece at Wembley, revealed that he has worked hard both on and off the field. The results have been there for all to see. In the second leg of the League Cup semi-final at Anfield, the 32-year-old’s penalty was warmly applauded by Manchester City’s travelling fans despite the fact he had scored the goal which ended their hopes of a Wembley appearance. “The chipmunk comes out every now and then but I have to think about the rational, human being side,” said Bellamy in reference to his new outlook on football. The chipmunk reference is in relation to a mind-management book by Dr Steve Peters, whom Bellamy has spoken with. The Chipmunk Paradox explains how to separate the human from the ape element in the brain and therefore control your responses. — Internet

Man City go five clear, relief for Chelsea

Manchester, 25 Feb — Manchester City opened up a five-point lead at the top of the Premier League with victory over Blackburn on Saturday as Chelsea beat Bolton to ease the pressure on manager Andre Villas-Boas. With second-placed Manchester United not playing until Sunday’s trip to Norwich, City took full advantage of the opportunity to crank up the pressure on their cross-town rivals by taking all three points at Eastlands.

Barclays launch Global Fans Survey

London, 25 Feb — Supporters across the world have the opportunity to say how they view the Barclays Premier League in the third season. — Internet

The previous two Barclays surveys took place in 2005 and 2008 and gathered the views of over 60,000 fans to find out how the Barclays Premier League is consumed worldwide. Fans who take part in this year’s survey will be entered into a prize draw with the winner claiming an all-expenses-paid VIP trip to watch their favourite Barclays Premier League club play in the UK, including flights if they live overseas, accommodation and spending money.

“The Barclays Global Fans Survey is a really positive way for fans to express their views and passion for the most popular domestic football league in the world,” said Aras Ljungberg.

“From my experience, playing around the world, fans of the Barclays Premier League are the most enthusiastic fans of any competition and love their football.” — Internet

Chelsea striker Ferndinad Torres

Fernando Torres leaves out of Spain squad for Venezuela game

Madrid, 25 Feb — Chelsea striker Fernando Torres has been left out of Spain squad for the first time in five years. Spain coach Vicente del Bosque dropped him from his previous squad and the ex-Liverpool striker was warmly applauded by Manchester City’s travelling fans at Etihad Stadium in Manchester. — Internet

Goals from Mario Balotelli, Sergio Aguerro and substitute Edin Dzeko duly sealed a 3-0 win for Roberto Mancini’s side, who extended their remarkable 100 percent record at home this season to 13 matches.

Meanwhile Chelsea boss Villas-Boas breathed a sigh of relief after watching his team down struggling Bolton 5-0 at Stamford Bridge. Second-half goals from David Luiz, Didier Drogba and Frank Lampard gave Villas-Boas something to smile about after a difficult week which saw the Blues pushed to the brink of elimination from the Champions League.

Ferguson takes blame as United scrape past Ajax

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson leaves the pitch after his team’s Europa League round of 32 second leg match defeat against Ajax at Old Trafford in Manchester, north-west England, on 23 February. — Internet

Ferguson said: “But it doesn’t mean anything. This is not a definitive list for Euro [2012].” The Spain boss had said in December that Torres needed to turn his season around to ensure selection for Euro 2012. The 27-year-old has scored four goals in 29 Chelsea appearances this season. — Internet

Ferdie Ljungberg played in the Barclays Premier League with Arsenal and West Ham. — Internet

International Sports
Better relationship
A man walked into a therapist’s office looking very depressed. “Doc, you’ve got to help me. I can’t go on like this.”
“What’s the problem?” the doctor inquired.
“My friend, this is not a serious problem. You just need to work on your self-esteem. Each morning, I want you to get up and run to the bathroom mirror. Tell yourself that you are a good person, a fun person, and an attractive person. But say it with real conviction. Within a week you’ll have women buzzing all around you.”

Chavez flies to Cuba for urgent tumour removal
CARACAS, 25 Feb—President Hugo Chavez bid an emotional farewell laced with references to Jesus Christ and independence hero Simon Bolivar as he departed Venezuela on Friday for Cuba for urgent surgery to remove a tumour he says is probably malignant.

Clapping the hand of his youngest daughter, Chavez addressed all the left of his socialist political movement and troops standing at attention at the Miraflores presidential palace.---Internet

Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp wants to be top London club
LONDON, 25 Feb—Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp says he wants his team to finish above north London rivals Arsenal. The sides meet at Emirates Stadium on Sunday with 13 Premier League games remaining and Spurs 10 points ahead.

The current Arsenal squad have had seven podium finishes, and two of them came when Alex Ferguson was still in charge. Redknapp hopes his side can make the most of Arsenal’s current troubles and cement third spot ahead of the Gunners and fellow Londoners Chelsea, who are also 10 points behind them.

Patrick wins pole for Nationwide race at Daytona
DAYTONA BEACH, 25 Feb—In about 24 hours, Danica Patrick went from biggest crashes to biggest moment in stock car. The former IndyCar star won the pole Friday for the season-opening Nationwide Series race at Daytona, becoming the first woman to secure the top qualifying spot in NASCAR’s second-tier series since Shawna Robinson at Atlanta on 12 March, 1994.

It came a day after she wrecked on the final lap of the Daytona 500. "It’s a good turn of events,” she said. It also set off a flurry of Twitter traffic that included words such as "Dansanity," ‘’Danimosity," ‘’Daniinate,” and “Dannastic.”

"I really don’t think about it from a girl perspective,” she said with her proud parents standing a few yards away. “I’ve been taught from a young age to want to be the best driver. It’s about being the best driver and not the best girl.”

Patrick won just once in 115 IndyCar starts. She had seven podium finishes, and two of them came when she began dabbling in NASCAR two seasons ago. She moved to NASCAR full time this season, and is scheduled to drive 10 Sprint Cup races for Stewart-Haas Racing and run every Nationwide race for JR Motorsports. She will make her Sprint Cup debut in the Daytona 500 on Sunday.---Internet

Patrick, right, talks with Tony Stewart, left, after qualifying for Saturday’s NASCAR Drive4COPD 300 auto race in Daytona Beach, Fla. on 24 Feb, 2012. Patrick won the pole position for the race.---Internet

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Doctors meeting
A group of psychiatrists were attending a convention.

Four of them decided to leave, and walked out together.

One said to the other three, “People are always coming to us with their guilt and fears, but we have no one that we can go to when we have problems.” The others agreed.

Then one said, “Since we are all professionals, why don’t we take some time right now to hear each other out?”

The other three agreed. The first then confessed, “I have an uncontrollable desire to kill my patients.”

The second psychiatrist said, “I love expensive things and so I find ways to cheat my patients out of their money whenever I can so I can buy the things I want.”

The third followed with, “I’m involved with selling drugs and often get my patients to sell them for me.”

The fourth psychiatrist then confessed, “I know I’m not supposed to, but no matter how hard I try, I can’t keep a secret.”---Internet

Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp.
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward and village-tract administrators, senior citizens and locals in Kyaukme and Hsipaw

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Feb—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmone, accompanied by Union ministers, the state chief minister, deputy ministers, and departmental officials visited Kyaukme yesterday.

The Vice-President met departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward and village-tract administrators, senior citizens and local national races at the town hall. The ward and village-tract administrators, town elders, a trader and a Palaung national reported to the Vice-President on requirements of the region.

Union Ministers Li-Gen Thein Htay, U Ohn Myint, U Khin Yi and Dr Mya Aye, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and Deputy Ministers U Khin Zaw and U Aung Than Oo explained works of the respective ministries and replied to the reports of the locals.

Union Minister Dr Mya Aye, on behalf of the Vice-President presented 30 sample solar lanterns to the village-tracks.

Next, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Asia World Co, Cooperatives Bank, Shwe Thanlwin Co and New Star Light Co donated K 8 million to Shan, Lisu, Palaung and Kokang Literature and Cultural Organizations. Chairman of DGH Battery Co presented 67 boxes of R 20 batteries and the chairman of Shwe Hinntaung Co donated 68 sets of Sky Net receivers to hospitals, basic education schools, township libraries, social organisations, general administration departments, Mogok meditation centre, literature and cultural organizations, police offices, and the township development affairs committee.

Chairman of Shwe Hinntaung Co U Sai Aung Maung presented 50 crop sprayers to the village-tracks. Next, the chairman of Shwe Thanlwin Co donated a fire engine for Kyaukme Fire Services Department. The Vice-President then cordially greeted the attendees and proceeded to Hsipaw together with his entourage.

The Vice-President met departmental personnel, members of social organizations, ward and village-tract administrators, town elders and locals and spoke on the occasion.

Next, senior citizens and administrators reported to the Vice-President on requirements of the region, followed by the replies of the Union ministers, the state chief minister and deputy ministers concerned.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, on behalf of the Vice-President, presented 30 sample solar lanterns to village-tracks. Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Asia World Co, Cooperatives Bank, Shwe Thanlwin Co and New Star Light Co donated K 6 million to Shan, Lusa and Palaung Literature and Cultural Organizations. Next, the chairman of DGH Battery Co presented 67 boxes of R 20 batteries and the chairman of Shwe Hinntaung Co donated 68 sets of Sky Net receivers to village-tracks. Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Asia World Co, Cooperatives Bank, Shwe Thanlwin Co and New Star Light Co collaboratively donated an ambulance for Hsipaw Township Hospital. The Shwe Thanlwin Co chairman presented 26 sets of Sky Net receivers to rural health centres, basic education schools, social organizations, the township General Administration Department, the township Information and Public Relations Department, literature and cultural organizations and the township Police Office. The Vice-President then cordially greeted those present and flew back to Lashio in the evening, from which the briefing hall of Express Bus Station (Namakaw) Project in Namakaw Village in Lashio. (See page 9)