**True patriotism**

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**President U Thein Sein leaves for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos to pay State visits**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—At invitations of President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang, His Majesty King of Cambodia Preah Bat Samdach Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni and President of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr. Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by members of the delegation, left here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International at 8.30 pm today to pay State visits to the three nations.

The delegation led by President U Thein Sein was seen off by Vice-Presidents Thihla Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Maik Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Union ministers, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the chief of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads and officials from Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian missions in Myanmar at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The President was accompanied by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tin Hlaing, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental high-ranking officials.

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Opportunity cost

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India to induct nuclear submarine early April

India is expected to commission a Russian-built nuclear-powered submarine, Nerpa, in the first week of April. According to Antony, Defence Minister officials told the Press Trust of India here Monday. The submarine will be on a ten-year lease under a deal expected to be worth over $US920 million.

An Indian crew had set sail with the Akula II class vessel to India in the end of March. All the INS Chakra joins the naval fleet, it would be for the first time in more than two decades that the Indian Navy would have a nuclear attack submarine.

This will also propel India in the elite league of six nations operating nuclear submarines. The submarine, INS Arghavan, was launched for sea trials recently and is expected to start operational patrols by the end of this year. The Navy will have three submarines of this class by the end of this decade. India already possesses or is in the process of developing a family of nuclear-capable missiles including the Agni series, Prithvi variants, naval missile Dhanush, and submarine-launched Saghirka.

Meanwhile, the Navy will commission the Admiral Gorshkov aircraft carrier on the Navy Day on 4 December this year in Russia.

The aircraft carrier has been under retrofit for the last five years at Russian facilities and is expected to join Indian waters only in mid-2013. — Internet

**Explosions across Iraq kill at least 49**

Iraqi security forces inspect the site of a bomb attack in Hilla, 100 kilometres south of Baghdad, on Tuesday. **Reuters**

**Baghdad, 20 March**

At least 26 explosions struck cities and towns across Iraq on Tuesday, killing at least 49 people and wounding more than 200, despite a massive security clampdown ahead of next week’s Arab League summit in Baghdad. It was Iraq’s bloodiest day in nearly a month, and the biggest coordinated bombings in more than a dozen cities showed an apparent determination by insurgents to prove that the government cannot keep the country safe ahead of the summit. Iraq is due to host the meeting for the first time in 20 years and the government is anxious to show it can maintain security following the withdrawal of US troops in December.

The goal of today’s attacks was to present a negative image of the security situation in Iraq, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told Reuters.

“Security efforts will be escalated to counter terrorist groups’ attacks and to fill loopholes used by them to supply security in Baghdad or other provinces,” Tuesday’s deadliest incident occurred in the southern Shi’ite Muslim holy city of Kerbala, where twin explosions killed 13 people and wounded 48 during the morning rush hour.

According to Jamal Mahdi, a Kerbala health department spokesman.

The second explosion caused the biggest destruction. I saw body parts, hands, fingers thrown on the road,” 23-year-old shop owner Murtadha Ali Kadhim told Reuters.

The security forces are stupid because they always gather at the site of an explosion and then a second explosion occurs. They become a target.” Blasts also struck in the capital, in Basra, Baqubah, Daquq, Dibis, Dhuluiya, Kirkuk, Mosul, Samarra and Tuz Khurmato to the north, in Falluja and Ramadi to the west, and Hillah, Latifiya, Mahmudiyah and Mussayab to the south. Police defused bombs in Baqubah, Falluja and Mosul. Most of the dead were concentrated around police checkpoints and patrols. **MNA/Reuters**

**22 killed in drug violence in south Mexico state**

**Acapulco, 20 March**

Gunmen ambushed and killed 2 police officers who had been sent to search for the bodies of 10 people whose severed heads were found in southern Guerrero state, authorities said Monday.

A Guerrero state police spokesman Arturo Martinez said six state and six local officers were killed Sunday night on a road leading out of the town of Telolosapan. Another 11 officers were wounded. The attack on the officers occurred as they were traveling in six patrol pickups and searching for the bodies of seven men and three women whose severed heads were dumped outside the town’s slaughterhouse earlier this year in Russia.

The move came after a killer shot dead three children and a teacher at a Jewish school in Toulouse and police said the same gun and scooter had been used last week in the process of developing a family of nuclear-capable missiles including the Agni series, Prithvi variants, naval missile Dhanush, and submarine-launched Saghirka. Meanwhile, the Navy will commission the Admiral Gorshkov aircraft carrier on the Navy Day on 4 December this year in Russia.
Texting smartphone teens growing in US

WASHINGTON, 20 March—Teensagers in the United States are texting more than ever before, and they are more likely as well to rely on their cell phones than in years past, according to a survey released Monday.

On average, young people aged 12 to 17 sent 60 text messages on a typical day in 2011, 10 more than they did two years earlier, the Pew Internet and American Life Project found. Older girls were the most enthusiastic texters, sending 100 texts a day, Pew said. Boys sent exactly half that number, or 50 text a day, but even that was higher than the average of 30 texts they sent per day in 2009.

“When asked generally about how they communicate with people in their lives — not just about their friends, but about all kinds of people — teens point to text messaging as the dominant daily mode of communication,” it said.

Pew also said 23 percent of the 7599 youngsters who took part in its telephone survey in the continental United States in April through July last year had a smartphone, such as an iPhone or a Blackberry.

Seventy-seven percent had a cellphone of some kind or another — little changed from 2011 but far above the 44 percent who owned cellphones in 2004.

Suburban white teenagers with parents who had at least a high school education, living in homes with a total income of more than $75,000, were more likely than others to have a cellphone, the Pew researchers found. (see Internet

Microsoft says no new Xbox coming anytime soon

Don Mattrick, president of Interactive Entertainment Business for Microsoft, speaks at the Microsoft Xbox global media briefing during the E3 gaming convention in Los Angeles, on 6 June, 2011.—Internet

NEW YORK, 20 March—Microsoft says it’s not coming out with a new Xbox gaming console anytime soon.

Some video game players had hoped that Microsoft Corp would unveil an upgrade at the E3 Expo in June, a big, yearly video game conference in Los Angeles where game makers show off new wares and titles.

Microsoft Corp said on Monday that it won’t be discussing new Xbox hardware at the event. Rather, it plans to focus on games, music and other entertainment for the Xbox 360, which came out in 2005.

Nintend Co will be showcasing the Wii U, the successor to the Wii. Unlike the Xbox 360 or the PlayStation 3, the current Wii doesn’t offer high-definition graphics, so it’s in greater need of an upgrade.

Microsoft’s stock fell 40 cents to $32.20.—Internet

Space tech helps create safer automobiles

PARIS, 20 March—A thin foil sensor developed to detect the pressure on a spacecraft’s wings during re-entry is now helping build safer cars, European researchers say.

German automaker Volkswagen is using the flexible “space foil” as a super-thin and accurate sensor to measure every deformation sustained by cars during crash tests, a release from the Paris headquarters of the European Space Agency reported.

In the early 1990s, European engineers turned to “piezoelectric” foil, intended for spacecraft use, because it’s inexpensive, too small and added too much drag.

Piezoelectric materials can convert physical effects such as vibration and pressure into minute electric pulses, making them ideal as extremely lightweight sensors able to cover an entire surface without distorting the results by adding drag.

VW was attracted to the material because the space sensors would solve a problem encountered in crash tests: sensors on cars are often destroyed upon impact, making it difficult to collect highly accurate data throughout the crash process.

The thin, flexible piezoelectric sensors are simply applied to the car’s surfaces and move with the metal as the car crashes rather than being destroyed by the impact.

“We wanted to know at which moment which parts of the care are deformed.” VW engineer Jens Weirich said. At the end of each

A new sensor was developed for ESA based on super-thin piezoelectric materials that have a special property that converts physical effects like vibration and pressure into minute electric pulses.—Internet

Park wants to display more dino tracks

HARTFORD, 20 March—Dinosaur tracks in Connecticut uncovered in 1946 but buried in 1976 to protect them from the elements should be seen once again, state geologists say.

Dinosaur State Park near Hartford displays 600 footprints from the Jurassic period under a dome, but the 1,500 additional footprints not seen in 36 years should also be uncovered and made available for public viewing, they argue.

They want to unearth the buried tracks and enclose them in a protective, permanent shelter for inspection by scientists and the public. “There’s been a whole generation of scientists who have never looked at them,” Dinosaur State Park Director Margaret Enkler told The Hartford Courant. “The number of people who have seen the full trackway is getting smaller and smaller.”

Enkler and her colleagues are making their case this week before the northeastern section meeting of the Geological Society of America in Hartford. Dinosaur State Park, listed as a Registered Natural Landmark by the US Department of the Interior, draws about 50,000 visitors a year. “The Connecticut Valley is literally a treasure trove of Jurassic Age fossils,” geologist Nicholas G McDonald said.

Uncovering the buried footprints could renew interest in the park, he said, and the larger trackway would offer field experience for younger scientists and science educators.

“There really is a need today as an educator to get away from the computer. So much science now you do on your laptop, and the thing that turned me onto geology was being outdoors,” he said.—Internet

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Dinosaur tracks.—Internet

Plants are particular about orbits

TUCSON, 20 March—Planets forming around stars tend to pile up at certain distances, creating some crowded orbits while other regions remain empty, US astronomers say.

Some orbital zones around new stars tend to attract numbers of giant planets and computer simulations suggest the reason may be high-energy radiation streaming from the stars, they said. The radiation creates gaps in the protoplanetary disks of gas and dust swirling around young stars in a process called photo-evaporation. Where ultraviolet light and other high-energy photons from the star heat the disk material.

Supercomputer models reveal “that the final distribution of planets does not vary smoothly with distance from the star, but instead has clear ‘deserts’—deficits of planets—and ‘pilesup’ of planets at particular locations,” study co-author Ilaria Pascucci at the University of Arizona told SPACE.com

GIant planets migrate inward, dragged by protoplanetary material falling toward the star, but one process can clear a gap cleared by photo-evaporation and stop their inward movement, taking a stable orbit around the star, she said.—Internet
Scientists in Singapore have uncovered the reason some patients are resistant to some cancer drugs. — Internet

‘East Asian gene’ resistant to cancer drugs

SINGAPORE, 20 March—Scientists in Singapore have uncovered the reason some patients are resistant to some cancer drugs. They pin it down to a particular gene in people of East Asian descent. The team, led by researchers from Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, has discovered that about 15 percent of East Asians display this gene. It is estimated some 14,000 newly-diagnosed leukaemia and lung cancer patients each year will carry the gene variant. But the scientists found they could overcome the problem by adding a new class of drugs to current therapies. Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School senior vice dean Patrick Casey said: “This discovery allows one to begin to match appropriate medications to patients very quickly.” The next step is to bring the new discovery to clinical trials. — Internet

Prostate, baldness drugs to include cancer warning

TORONTO, 20 March—Health Canada is warning that two popular medications used to treat baldness and enlarged prostates may put men at an increased risk of a serious form of prostate cancer, known as high-grade prostate cancer. The agency warned Monday that finasteride and dutasteride can increase the risk for high-grade prostate cancer, an aggressive type of prostate cancer that grows and spreads more quickly than low-grade cancers. The warning comes after Health Canada reviewed two large international clinical trials that, ironically, were designed to provide evidence to support using finasteride and dutasteride to prevent prostate cancer. Health Canada advised doctors and the public Monday that high-grade prostate cancer is rare, “and the increased risk seen with finasteride and dutasteride drugs is still considered very small.”

Nevertheless, the agency said new warnings about the risk are now being added to the labels for finasteride and dutasteride products.

NetZero to launch free wireless broadband service

New York, 20 March—It’s like the ’90s never left: Billy Crystal hosted the Oscars. Internet IP0s are back. And NetZero is returning with free Internet service — only this time it’s wireless.

United Online Inc announced Monday that it will offer free wireless Internet service under its NetZero brand, the one that started the free dial-up phenomenon in 1998. The company is backing up the plan with TV, print and online advertisements. There are plenty of catches with the free plan. United Online isn’t offsetting its costs by making users look at advertising, as it did with its original offer of free dial-up Internet access. The “free” users will be money-losers for the company, United Online Chairman and CEO Mark Goldston said. That means United Online is using the free plan as a way to lure customers with the hope of upselling them to paying plans, which start at $9.95 per month.

To take advantage of the offer, consumers will need to buy a $50 antenna stick that plugs into a laptop, or a $100 “mobile hotspot” that allows any Wi-Fi equipped device to connect to the Internet. United Online will be selling the devices on the NetZero website. The free accounts are limited to 200 megabytes of data per month — enough for some email and Web surfing, but little else. Half an hour of full-screen streamed video will eat up the whole month’s allotment. By comparison, AT&T Inc’s cheapest wireless data plan costs $14.95 per month for slightly more data — 250 megabytes per month — but that plan is only available on certain cellular modems. — Internet

New iPad sales top 3 million: Apple

San Francisco, 20 March—Apple announced on Monday that three million new iPads have been sold since its launch last Friday.

“The new iPad is a blockbuster with 3 million sold — the strongest iPad blockbuster with 3 million on Monday that 3 million were sold — the strongest iPad blockbuster with 3 million,” Apple’s senior vice president of Worldwide Marketing. “Customers are loving the incredible new features of iPad, including the stunning Retina display, and we can’t wait to get it into the hands of even more customers around the world this Friday.”

We had a record weekend, and we are thrilled with it,” Apple’s chief executive officer Tim Cook said Monday at a conference call to announce a dividend and stock buyback programme.

The third generation iPad is now available in 12 countries and regions, and will be available in 24 more this Friday through the Apple online store, retail stores and some authorized resellers.

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So far, the device got mostly positive reviews from gadget reviewers and customers. — Xinhua

Wendy’s takes No 2 spot from Burger King

New York, 20 March—Wendy’s has dethroned Burger King as the country’s second biggest hamburger chain.

Wendy’s edged out Burger King in US sales volume for the first time last year since Wendy’s was founded in 1969, according to a report by the food industry research firm Technomic Inc. That’s set to be released next month.

Wendy’s had sales of $8.5 billion in 2011, compared with $8.4 billion for Burger King. McDonald’s remained far larger than both with $34.2 billion in sales.

The figures are based on Technomic’s estimates of system-wide sales at franchise and company-owned restaurants, rather than corporate revenue, which includes fees from franchise operators. Worldwide, Burger King still has far more restaurants than Wendy’s and remains the second biggest hamburger chain behind McDonald’s.

Both Burger King and Wendy’s have struggled in recent years to keep up with the growth of McDonald’s, which has managed to keep prices low through the recession, while also introducing a new menu items and remodeling restaurants. Sales are up 26 percent in the past five years at McDonald’s, up 9 percent at Wendy’s and flat at Burger King, according to Technomic.

Burger King has been reevaluating its business strategy since it was acquired by investment firm 3G Capital in 2010. The privately held company that’s based in Miami recently retired its mascot “The King” last year and launched a new advertising campaign focused more on food. — Internet

Philippine experts eye sponges, snails to produce new drugs

MANILA, 20 March—Philippines researchers are studying marine microorganisms in sponges that may lead to the production of new drugs for tuberculosis, pneumonia and other infectious diseases, and snails that could provide anti-pain agents, according to the Philippine Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Researchers from the Marine Science Institute (MSI), University of Philippines have isolated microorganisms associated with sponges and are currently confirming their anti-infective properties or ability to combat infections. The team was led by Gisela Concepcion, UP’s Vice President for Academic Affairs.

This is part of the programme called Pharmaseas Marine Drug Development Programme which was funded by Department of Science and Technology—Philippines Council for Marine and Aquatic Resources Research and Development (PCMARRD).

Another achievement of the Pharmaseas programme is the discovery of anti-pain drugs from the venom of turrid snails. Anti-pain drugs are important in the treatment of cancer and other debilitating illnesses.

Gisela said it will take some time to apply their research findings to the production of drugs. — Xinhua

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Snowmelt floods hundreds of households in Xinjiang

Urumqi, 20 March—Recent snowmelts and heavy rains have flooded 578 houses and led to the evacuation of 360 people in northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, local authorities said Monday.

A total of 335 people from three counties on the Kazak autonomous prefecture of Ili have been relocated since the flooding occurred on 17 March, said officials with the prefecture committee of Communist Party of China. No human casualties have been reported so far. However, the flooding had killed 876 heads of livestock and submerged 55,070 mu (358 hectares) of farmland as of 7 pm on Sunday, officials said.

An emergency response plan was activated and the situation has been brought under control, officials said.

The prefecture, which the Ili River runs through, is located in northwestern Xinjiang, and may be susceptible to more flooding due to heavy snowfall last winter and the recent rise in temperature, according to local meteorological stations.—Xinhua

Dusty weather to shroud northwest China

Beijing, 20 March—A cold front will bring dusty and windy weather to most regions in northwestern China over the coming three days, according to the forecast issued by the national Meteorological Centre.

Temperatures in some of these regions will fall by 10 to 12 degrees Celsius, while some areas will experience sandstorms or snow, the observatory said.

Meanwhile, southern parts of China are set to experience light or moderate rains in the upcoming few days. Some areas, including southern parts of Chongqing municipality, are expected to see sunny weather as there will be no funnel, recorded winds of up to 111 kilometres per hour, leaving thousands of homes without power. One resident told Xinhua News that when the storm hit it sounded like “a jet taking off”. Another said it was like “being in a washing machine”.

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She added the suburbs of Vincent, Pimlico and Gulliver had been affected, with heavy rain continuing to fall into the exposed interiors of roofless homes. “These are very heavily populated areas of Townsville so there’s no doubt that a lot of people have had a very scary experience this morning.”

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Six hikers swept away by avalanche in Norway

Oslo, 20 March—Six hikers, possibly French, were swept away by an avalanche in northern Norway on Monday, a local police chief told AFP.

“Around 2:30 pm (1330 GMT), we were informed that an expedition of 12 people had been taken by an avalanche in the northern part of western Norway. The rescue workers and several helicopters were rushed to the avalanche site, which according to local media was on the Sørfjelletstunnelen mountain in the Kafjord municipality.”

According to Eilertsen, the expedition team was equipped with radio transmitters which could aid the search.

Avalanches are common in Norway at this time of year as blocks of snow and ice begin crumbling under the first rays of spring sun.—Internet

WWII artillery shells found in NE China

Harbin, 20 March—Four artillery shells discarded by Japanese troops around the time of World War II have been found in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, local police said Tuesday.

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Following an investigation, experts confirmed the shells were left by Japanese troops, and they have relocated the shells to a safe site for final destruction.

Qiqihar was the headquarters of the Japanese Kwantung Army’s No 516 and No 526 troops equipped with chemical weapons during World War II.

On 18 Sept, 1931, Japanese forces attacked the barracks of the Chinese troops in northeast China’s Shenyang, Liaoning Province, marking the beginning of the Japanese invasion and occupation that lasted 14 years.

After the Japanese army was defeated in 1945, they buried a large quantity of chemicals weapons, shells and bombs underground.—Xinhua

Mini-tornado rips through Australian city

Sydney, 20 March—A mini-tornado tore through the northeastern Australian city of Townsville on Tuesday, ripping roofs off houses and causing severe damage to the power system, emergency service officials said.

The Queensland State Emergency Service said it had received dozens of calls for help, with nine people needing treatment, mostly for cuts and abrasions. “Early this morning a mini-tornado tore through the suburb of Vincent resulting in 25 to 30 houses being damaged. Some have lost their roofs,” a spokeswoman told AFP, Meteorologists, who said the freak storm could not officially be called a tornado as there was no funnel, recorded winds of up to 111 kilometres per hour, leaving thousands of homes without power. One resident told Xinhua News that when the storm hit it sounded like “a jet taking off”. Another said it was like “being in a washing machine”.

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India to start work on stalled nuclear plant

Tamil Nadu’s chief minister Jayalalithaa. Internet

New Delhi, 20 March—The southern Indian State of Tamil Nadu on Monday gave the green light for work to start on a massive nuclear power station stalled for more than a decade, following a key decision by the central government.

Tamil Nadu’s chief minister announced the decision to begin work on two 1000-megawatt nuclear reactors in Koodankulam with Russian help following an approval by the state cabinet, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

“In accordance with the cabinet decision, immediate steps will be taken (to start the commissioning) of the plant,” PTI quoted Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, who uses only one name, as saying in a statement.

Work on the project was stalled last September following mass protests by villagers and activists over safety concerns.

Jayalalithaa urged political parties and protesters not to disrupt the project, which will tackle the state’s severe power shortages.

Russian Ambassador to India Alexander Kadakin last month voiced his country’s frustration over the delays.

“We cannot allow our scientists to remain idle endlessly. For months together, they are without work,” Kadakin said.

Other protests have also thrown into disarray plans to build a power plant in the western state of Maharashtra.

India last month froze the assets of three non-profit groups it alleged were involved in anti-nuclear protests, diverting foreign aid funds to fuel the anti-nuclear protests.

Nuclear energy has been a priority for India since 2008 when then US president George W. Bush signed into law a deal with New Delhi that ended a three-decade ban on US nuclear trade with the country.

Since then, France, Russia and private US and Japanese firms have been locked in fierce competition to sell new reactors to India.

Internet

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had called in to help if needed.

An image grab taken from a broadcast by ABC TV on 29 March, 2012 shows the damage caused by a devastating mini-tornado which tore through the Australian city of Townsville.—Inteernet

Defence officials with the prefecture with the district’s police station.

The prefecture, which has been affected, including southern parts of Chongqing municipality, central parts of Anhui and Jiangsu Provinces and northern parts of Jiangxi Province, will see heavy rainfall of up to 70 millimetres in 24 hours.—Xinhua

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Health infrastructures built in Chin and Shan States to provide health care services to national races in those regions

* Measures are being taken for improvement of health sector in Chin State and Shan State, while striving for development of regions in those states that lagged behind in development in the past.

* In providing health care services to national races in the states, priority is being given to opening of new hospitals and upgrading of hospitals already in place.

The 200-bed Loilem Specialist Hospital in Loilem District, Shan State (South) was opened with the aim of providing health care services to local people in the region.

UAE to make camel milk ice-cream

Abu Dhabi, 20 March — In a first of its kind, a leading producer of dairy products in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is planning to introduce a new variety of ice cream created from camel milk.

The Al Ain Dairy said it will be the first such product made out of camel milk in the UAE, and also in flavours hitherto unavailable in conventional ice cream.

"We have spent a lot of time creating flavours that we feel are different and most importantly not available in the market," said Abdullah Saeed Al Darmaki, chief executive officer of Al Ain Dairy. Camel milk, which is slightly saltier than cow’s milk, is an integral part of the traditional Arabian diet.

The milk has numerous health benefits that are often reported in scientific and health researches.

Al Darmaki said the technology for making camel milk ice cream was exactly the same as that made from cow’s milk.

"But we wanted to do something completely different, which is why we have invested in new technology to produce a range of camel milk ice cream in niche flavours," he said.

The ice cream will be produced with pure camel milk, with no additives.

Four flavours have been created for the ice cream and Al Darmaki hoped they will attract people. He said both UAE citizens and expatriates enjoy ice cream in four flavours — dates, saffron, caramel and chocolate.— Internet

California girl, 8, killed by falling tree

Arnold, 20 March — A towering pine tree fell following northern California’s weekend snowstorm, landing on a house and killing an 8-year-old girl inside, authorities said.

Hailey Verzani’s body was found in her bedroom in her family’s Arnold residence about 6:30 am Sunday, pinned between the 100-foot-tall tree and her bed, KTXL-TV, Sacramento, reported.

“The whole house is torn up. It’s awful,” said a cousin, Kim Christopher.

Ebbetts Pass District Fire Chief Dave Baugh said firefighters had to use rescue equipment to secure the tree before being able to remove the child’s body.

The third-grader’s mother, Lindsey Jacoby, and her mother’s boyfriend escaped without serious injuries.

Relatives said they had noticed the big tree was leaning and could fall, but since it was on a neighbour’s property they didn’t know what to do about it. “We just didn’t know it was going to fall on her like that,” Christopher said.

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**U E C Chairman meets chairmen and members of sub-commissions**

**N A Y  P Y I  T A W , 2 0 M a r c h —**
Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye yesterday met with chairmen and members of Mon State Election Sub-commission, Mawlamyine District and Township Sub-commissions at Aung San Hall of Mon State General Administration Department. First, the Chairman of the Union Election Commission extended greetings. Chairman of the Mon State Election Sub-commission U Tin Aye reported on preparation for successfully holding the by-election. Chairman of the District Sub-commission U Khin Tun on tasks being carried out for the by-election and Chairman of Township Sub-commission U Hlay Lwin on work preparations.

The Chairman of the UEC gave instructions on holding free and fair by-election. —MNA

**AYEYAWADY Region Chief Minister meets members in Maubin Tsp**

**N A Y  P Y I  T A W , 2 0 M a r c h —**
Ayeayawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung together with Region Minister for Transportation U Than Tun made an inspection tour of Maubin Home for the Aged on 18 March morning. Afterwards, the Region Chief Minister paid homage to ancient Sakyur Munt Huytannaygyo bronze image in Kyoneolet Village in Maubin Township and then greeted local people. —MNA

**Dy Construction Minister inspects roads and bridges works**

**N A Y  P Y I  T A W , 2 0 M a r c h —**
Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, on 17 March, inspected Pyay-Bagayagyi bridge on Pathein-Ngaputaw road to be opened soon, Monywa road section-1) and construction of conduits.

After that, he also looked into Pyay river-crossing bridge on Pathein-Ngaputaw road to be opened soon, tarnmacking of Pathein-Ngaputaw road and Thelkel Creek bridge.

**Development of fish breeding educated in Taikkyi Township**

**T A I K K Y I , 2 1 M a r c h —**
The talks on development of fish breeding was held in Okkan-Phansu Village in Taikkyi Township in Yangon Region on 16 March morning. Staff Officer Daw Aye Aye Thein of Fresh Water Research Unit, Staff Officer of Padaung Township for the Aged, Daw Nau Nau, the chair of Padaung Aung and party met local Chin national damsels in Kyweeye village in Taikkyi Township and then greeted local people. —MNA

**Bago Region WAO chair reach out to local Chin damselfs**

**N A Y  P Y I  T A W , 2 0 M a r c h —C h a i r o f B a g o Region Women’s Affairs Organization Daw May Thu, Chair of Pavyo District WAO Daw Maw Maw Than of Fish Disease Branch and staff members gave talks on development of fish breeding industry and prevention against death of fish in high temperature. They then inspected quality of water at fish ponds. In the afternoon, the official team inspected the application on fishery breeding and production of Nay Lin and Sons Company established by U Aye Lwin in Gawg Village-tract. —MNA

**Shwe-U Min Pagoda festival held**

**N A Y  P Y I  T A W , 2 0 M a r c h —**
—Tomark Shwe-U Min Natural Cave Pagoda Taungoo festival in Taungoo Township, Shan State, volleyball competition, Sepak Takraw competition, glossing pole contest and traditional cane ball competition were held at the foot of Pagoda, on 3-4 March. Chairman of Leading Body of Danu Self-administered Zone U Htoh Ko Ko, Secretary U Soe Naing, departments and sports fans enjoyed it. —MNA

**Conference on Media Development in Myanmar continues for second day**

**N A Y  P Y I  T A W , 2 0 M a r c h —**
The Conference on Media Development in Myanmar jointly organized by the Ministry of Information and UNESCO, continued for the second day at Chatrium Hotel, here, this morning. Director-General U Ye Htut of the Information and Public Relations Department and Leader of DW-Academies Media Development Dr Helmut Osang presided over the conference.

International Director Mr Johan Romare of Fojo Media Institute University submitted the paper “Formal journalism education versus on the job capacity development and why training often fails”. Media Trainer U Ye Naing Moe “Capacity building for journalists in Myanmar—major challenges, needs and opportunities”, and Chairman of Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (ADIC), the Philippines Mr Ramon P Tuazon “Towards a competency-based continuing education programme for Myanmar journalists” and replied to the queries.

Next, Media Trainer U Ye Naing Moe and Director Mr Johan Romare of Fojo Media Institute University presided over the conference. Member of International Federation of Journalists (IFI) Executive Committee, Asia-Pacific Mr Christopher John Warren read the paper “Shaping Journalism-how journalists work together”, Founder and Managing Director U Soe Myint of Mizzuma Media “Collective Responsibilities of different media stakeholders in strengthening democratic transition” and Regional Director Dr Oon Murphy of Asia, Interview “Rights and Ethics of the journalists in democratic transition and replied to the queries.

After that, U Tin Maung Than of Myanmar Egress and Director Mr Muhammed Ameer Rana of Pak Institute for Peace Studies, Islamabad chaired the conference. Director Mr Eric Soulier of Mediterranean Region and Asia, Canal France International-(CFI) read the paper “Can media help building durable peace and development? The CFI experience in Africa, Middle East and Asia”, Writer and Adviser Editor U Soe Thein (Maung Wun Thu) of the People’s Age Journal “On-going peace negotiations in Myanmar and the role of media”, and Regional Director Ms Johanna Son of InterPressService-AsiaPacific “Reporting Development and Public Journalism in the Context of Peace building” and replied to queries raised by those present.

Executive Director Mr Jesper Højbjerg of International Media Support and Adviser for Communication & Information in Asia, UNESCO Ms Susanne Ornager presided over the conference. Ms Candra Hary of Pyoe Pin Program, Myanmar and Chief Editor U Thida Saw of Open News Weekly journal discussed matters related to the conference, and it came to an end in the evening. —MNA
Mon State Chief Minister meets local people in Kyaiiko, Bilin, Thaton

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint on 18 March paid homage to Hmesinshwaw Pagoda in Kyaiiko.

At the town session, he looked into Alalay Village Basic Education High School and Sasana Beikman. He also met local people at Thawanna Hall in Thaton.

Third regular session of first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The third regular session of the first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw continued for the fourth day this morning, attended by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw U Htin Aung Kyaw and 27 Hluttaw representatives.

JICA Myanmar Office at No. 1 Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Building in Hluttaw Complex here this morning. They exchanged views on judicial affairs.

The meeting was also attended by members of the bill committee and officials of the bill committee.

Kumudra Library gives services to local readers in Pyapon

PYAPON, 21 March—A ceremony to open Kumudra Library was held in conjunction with the books and furniture donation and the setting up of trust fund for the library in Thameinhtaw Theingon Village of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region on 15 March morning.

The building of the library was built with the contributions of the State and the local people.

The ceremonies took place in front of the village library and Kyunchaunggyi Thawunthaw Theingon Township Hospital.

Elder Administration Department, he met departmental members, town councilors and members of social organizations, and then inspected Township Hospital. In Bilin Township,

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In their inspections, the local authorities and security officials found two old artillery shells with gunpowder, six assorted artillery shells without gunpowder, three old mortar shells with propeller without gunpowder, one old shell with a cap, six assorted old shells without gunpowder, one old projectile to be bounced from the aircraft and two old bullets, one six-pound hammer and old iron wares near the dead persons. The authorities concerned provided necessary security measures to the foundry. File was opened for the case—MNA

YANGON Region Chief Minister receives Chinese, Japanese visitors

YANGON, 20 March—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received Vice-Chairman Mr. Zhu Longsheng of Jiangsu Province People’s Congress Standing Committee and party at the hall of Yangon Region Government at 9 am this morning.

They discussed cooperation between Yangon Region and Jiangsu Province.

EP-1 Minister inspects Yenwe Hydropower plant

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min inspected inflow of water, storage of water and maintenance of sluice gate, running of hydropower plant, swift yard and tail-race channel in Yenwe Dam in Kyunyakida Township in Bago Region yesterday. He gave instructions on giving training to become skilled workers and maintenance of turbines for running at full capacity. Yenwe Hydro power plant with installed capacity of 25 Megawatt can distribute 123 million KW hours yearly to the State’s power grid.—MNA

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Shwegyin plans to conduct cultural course

SHWEGYIN, 20 March—A ceremony to seek Ovadakatha for opening of the first township cultural course in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region was held at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Basic Education Higher School in Shwegyin on 28 February noon. Hsinyon Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Mandalaya gave an Ovadakatha. Col. Kyaw Naing of the local station, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung and Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Khin Maung Win donated 500 copies of teacher’s guide book and townscelder U Maung Pun K 600,000. Township Education Officer U Ohn Myint accepted the donation. —Myuma Alin

Monastic education school building put into service in Madauk

MADAUK, 20 March—In commemoration of the 79th birthday of Panngweyon Tawya Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region, a ceremony to open the new building of No. 6 Monastic Education School was held in the compound of old Panngweyon Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumana-bhivamas, Lecturer Sayadaw of Panngweyon Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana, Township Administrator U Thihun Soe, Township Education Officer U Ye Lwin, Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association Dr Myint Than, Bago Region Hlutaw representative U Soe Paing, wellwishers Captain Khin Win (Rtd)-Daw Ma Mu, U Tin Aung Soe-Daw Khaing Wah Wah, Staff Officer U Myint Wai of Myanma Radio and Television of Yangon, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and Chairman of Myanmar Youth Entrepreneurs Association Dr Win Sithu cut the ribbon to open the fair. The Myanmar Job Fair was aimed at meeting the job hunter youths at single gather to create greater job awareness among the youths and directly connecting enterprises and companies saving time and money. The fair comprising 50 booths lasted up to 18 March from 9 am to 5 pm daily. As a separate programme, the talks on human resources development will be held at 3 pm daily, and Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet and cartoonist Aung Pi Kyel will give talks. —Myuma Alin

Thakayta Township issues citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens

THAKAYTA, 20 March—Staff Officer U Min Naung and staff of Thakayta Township Immigration and National Registration Department made a field trip to the wards. On 13 March morning, they carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards under Moe Pwint-2 Plan at Ananda Thetaw relating to Thakayta Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Ye Tun Oo, Yangon Region Hlutaw representative U Zaw Win Naing and Township Administrator U San Min supervised issuance of CSCs to eligible citizens. —Myuma Alin

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Stake driven for construction of rural library in Machanbaw Township

MACHANBAW, 20 March—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Shewam Library was held at the plot for the library in Machanbaw Township in Kachin State on 5 March morning. Staff Officer U Aung Kyaw Tun of District Information and Public Relations Department, Township Administrator U Nan Zae Phon Hsuan, Village-tract Administrator U Khun Khin Hnin Hsuan and responsible persons drove stakes. The library building will be 24 feet long, 14 feet wide and 12 feet high with corrugated iron sheet roofing, to be constructed with the contribution of the State—Aung Kyaw Tun

Inter-village bridge rebuilt in Mawlu region

MAWLU, 20 March—Shwelyatan Bridge linking Thethyintar Village and Kuseikkhokaung Village of Mawlu region in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region has been rebuilt on 26 February. The 171 feet long and 15 feet and nine inches wide bridge was built at a cost of K 6.12 million. The road to the school is 350 feet long and five feet wide concrete facility. The refectory is 56 feet by 25 feet facility; and the wire mesh fencing, archway, iron gate and 120 feet long brick wall were built by wellwishers. —Myuma Alin

Myanmar Job Fairs 2012 kicks off

YANGON, 20 March—Myanmar Youth Entrepreneurs Association organized the opening of Myanmar Job Fairs 2012 on the first floor of UMFCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawaw ROAD in Larnmaw Township of Yangon Region on 17 March morning. Chairman of the association Dr Win Sithu extended greetings.

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Educative traffic rules talked in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 20 March—Shan State Directorate of Road Administration (Taunggyi) organized the talks on traffic rules and the vinyl poster show at the cultural course of Minkyaung Pariyatti Monastery in Kanauk Ward in Taunggyi on 8 March. Inspector U Zaw Ko Ko Pe of the department gave talks on facts for motorcyclists, and road users and IP Myint Aung of Traffic Police Section, on dangers in car accidents with the use of projector. Later, the officials distributed pamphlets to the attendees.—Myuma Alin

Feedbacks invited to improve postal delivery system

MANDALAY, 20 March—Feedbacks difficulties and smoothness are being collected from customers who get express mail service and postal delivery services of post offices under the Directorate of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs at respective communication centres in Yangon and Mandalay. The feedback sheets are to be sent to the Directorate of Telecommunications (Head Office) to be able to provide better postal delivery services to the customers. —Kyemon

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Rural people in Kalay Township get easy access to reading

NA Pyi Taw, 20 March—The new building of library namely Pyinnya Yaunghi was put into service in front of the new building in Sankha (West) Village-tract of Htaukkyant Village-tract in Kalay Township of Kalay District on 16 March.

At the donation ceremony, Sagaing Region Htuttaw representative U Khin Maung Yi and Township Administrator U Khin Maung Yi and Staff Officer U Dai Cint Pao of Kalay District Information and Public Relations Department formally opened the building.

The library building was constructed at a cost of K 1.9 million with the contributions of local people.—District IPRD

CASH DONATED: In commemoration of the birthday of Sayagyi U Ngwe Tun, Sayagyi U Ngwe Tun (retired Township Education Officer)-Daw Khin Aye Aye family of Yangachahta Housing on East Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township of Yangon donated K 200,000 to the funds for construction of the hall of Kyauktan Home for the Aged recently. Chairman of the Home U Tun Hla Shwe and Manager U Myint Aung accept the cash donation.—Township IPRD

Monyo Township gets new building of village library

NA Pyi Taw, 20 March—The opening ceremony of Myauklokkon Village-tract in Monyo Township of Bago Region on 22 February morning.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Sandra Lin, Myauklokkon Village-tract Administrator U Win Naing Tun and Library Committee Chairman U Tin Soe formally cut the ribbon to open the library.

After that, wellwishers donated books, publications and furniture to the library. Head of Township IPRD Daw Sandra Lin, on behalf of Myanmar Libraries Foundation, donated 400 books, six wellwishers five chest boards worth K 259,000, Ananta Myitta Karuna Foundation 20 fibre chairs worth K 44000 and one eight feet long table worth K 25,000.

The building of the library is 25 feet long, 20 feet wide and 12 feet high. It was donated by Ananta Myitta Karuna Foundation.—Township IPRD

Illegal two-digit lottery seller seized in Wundwin

WUNDWIN, 20 March—According to the gambling eradication plan, Wundwin Township Police Force searched the house of U Htay Oo in Gon Village of the township on 16 March.

The authorities seized documents on gambling and K 38600 as wages on sales of illegal two-digit lottery in the presence of the witnesses.

Commander of Wundwin Township Police Force Police Captain Khin Zaw opened the file Pa 60/2012 against U Htay Oo at Wundwin Police Station under Sections 15(a)/16 (a) of Gambling Act.—Kyemon

Summer cultural course commences in Kyauktan

Kyauktan on 5 March. Ovadaçaṟiya of Township YMBA Aye Zedi Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abbot Bhadanta Paññasami gave an Ovadakatha.

Next, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Myint Ngwe explained the purpose of opening the training course.

The training course comprised basic Buddhist culture, Basic English course and art subject that lasted two weeks.

TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED: The training course for Kyauktan Township Election Sub-Commission of Bago Region and Ward/Village-tract Sub-commissions was conducted at the meeting hall of Kyauktan Township General Administration Department on 25 March.

Chairman of Bago Region Election Sub-commission U Win Maung delivers an opening address.—TES

Age-wise vaccination of measles to cover children the whole nation

YANGON, 20 March—As the age-wise vaccination of measles will be undertaken across the country in March, the Ministry of Health urged that all the ministries, governments of regions and states, organizations and social organizations related to the health sector are to participate in their respective sectors in the programme.

The programmes for age-wise vaccination of measles will be carried out from 22 to 31 March.

Although the children from nine months to five years have received measles vaccination recently, they can get once more vaccination this time.

As a result, the children will have higher immune efficiency against measles disease and they will possess capabilities to prevent the outbreaks of disease.

The Central Committee has the functions to adopt the work policies, strategies, supervise tasks of the respective subcommittees and fulfill the requirements so as to implement the better supplement vaccination programme.

It was reported that their programmes will be disseminated to the people through posters and TV programmes.

Follow-up news on fire

MEIKHTILA, 20 March—With regard to follow-up news on midnight fire of Meikhtila, it started from the stove fire of a house on Yadana Street in Yadana Manung Ward of Meikhtila.

The fire left 44 family members homeless.

In last couple of days, the majority of fire broke out in some townships due to wire shock. Due to negligent fire, the local people sorrowfully lost their property.—Myanma Alin

GSM SIM cards sold in seven townships of Rakhine State

SITTWAY, 20 March—Under the supervision of Rakhine State government, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and IGE Company jointly put GSM SIM cards on sales as of 14 March.

With the aim of ensuring smooth telecommunication, a total of 9900 GSM SIM cards are being sold to the local people in Sittway, 2700 cards each in Kyaukkpya, MraukU, Thandwe, Yarbye, An and Taungup at the same time.

Information and Public Relations Department

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South African police to communicate better with public

By Toria

Police in South Africa will take steps to improve communication with the public in order to ensure communities are updated on the work they are doing, state-run news agency News24 reported.

This was agreed to at a meeting between Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa and National Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Nhlakanipho Mkhwanazi.

According to the ministry, when a member of the public reports a case, some police officers take down statements but do not give updates on investigations to complainants, particularly in areas where progress has been made such as arrests or sentencing of a criminal. Such lack of communication leads to the impression that police are not effective, the ministry said. “To correct this, communication and interactions are going to be improved at police station level because that is where investigators interface directly with the public,” it said.

This will be done as part of an ongoing review of police officers, particularly through community forums as well as directly with crime victims.

The officials also agreed that monitoring of police stations needed to be reviewed to allow communities to get involved in the process. “Police station commanders must attend community policing forums regularly and must be known within the communities which they are policing,” the ministry said. The meeting also reflected on the need for police to work towards more convictions.

“Policing in South Africa must now be taken to a higher level, we need to move beyond arrests. What will build confidence in the justice system is when police secure more convictions,” the minister said. The meeting also reflected on the need for police to work towards more convictions.

China's first private plane 45 shop opens in Zhuhai

A new private plane service center opened in Zhuhai, southwest China’s Guangdong Province, on Monday, local authorities said on Tuesday.

The China First Private Plane 45 shop opened in the city’s Zhanhu district to offer maintenance, repair and refurbishment services for aircraft and a wide range of related products. It’s the city’s first private plane service center.

Three die in Colombian plane crash

BOGOTA, 20 March—Three people were killed when a small plane hit power lines and crashed in Colombia’s Santander Province, police said.

The Cessna 182 took off Saturday from the petroleum port of Barrancabermeja and hit some power lines, Santander police chief Col. Jose Rafael Silva said.

One of the victims was a former director of Barrancabermeja, which is in north-central Colombia, and the other two occupants were businessmen, Silva said.

A building, a steel structure in Xiangxian village of Xianggan Township in Dali, collapsed at 1:38 pm on Monday. The collapsed building was an illegal structure built without a construction permit, and local authorities had asked its builders to suspend construction on 15 March, said a public relations chief in Dali City. Six people have been confirmed dead and nine others injured in a building collapse in southwest China’s Yunnan Province on Monday, local authorities said on Tuesday.

Search and rescue work ended Tuesday morning after rescuers located all the 15 construction workers trapped in the debris, according to a press release from the Dali City committee of the Communist Party of China. It said five of the survivors were in critical conditions and the other four suffered slight injuries.

The building, a steel structure in Xiaoguanyi village of Xianggan Township in Dali, toppled at 1:38 pm on Monday. The building was under construction but remained unsafe and authorities had asked its builders to suspend construction on 15 March, said a public relations chief in Dali City.

Newly married Pakistani cop, wife robbed

ISLAMABAD, 20 March—A policeman who was returning home with his wife after their marriage was robbed at gunpoint in Pakistan’s Punjab Province, a media report said on Monday.

The incident took place in Gujranwala Town when the policeman and his wife were headed home after their wedding, Geo News reported. The groom’s vehicle was stopped and cash and jewellery was snatched from the couple as well as other guests, Geo News reported.

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The building, a steel structure in Xiangxian village of Xianggan Township in Dali, collapsed at 1:38 pm on Monday. The collapsed building was an illegal structure built without a construction permit, and local authorities had asked its builders to suspend construction on 15 March, said a public relations chief in Dali City. Six people have been confirmed dead and nine others injured in a building collapse in southwest China’s Yunnan Province on Monday, local authorities said on Tuesday.

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Newly married Pakistani cop, wife robbed

ISLAMABAD, 20 March—A policeman who was returning home with his wife after their marriage was robbed at gunpoint in Pakistan’s Punjab Province, a media report said on Monday.

The incident took place in Gujranwala Town when the policeman and his wife were headed home after their wedding, Geo News reported. The groom’s vehicle was stopped and cash and jewellery was snatched from the couple as well as other guests, Geo News reported.
**US man man buried under mound of pinto beans dies**

A 56-year-old man was killed when he was buried under a 20-foot (six-metre) mound of pinto beans at a warehouse in eastern Colorado where he worked, police said.

Raymond Segura Jr was pronounced dead at the Broomfield, Colorado, facility of the Kelley Bean Company after efforts to reach him alive were unsuccessful, Morgan County Undersheriff Dave Martin said.

“We moved several tons of beans to get to him,” Martin said in a telephone interview.

Martin said emergency personnel were summoned to the site at 11:30 am on reports of a worker trapped in a pile of loose pinto beans.

Martin said dozens of rescue workers and even four inmates from the county jail spent an hour digging through a mound of the legumes to get to the trapped worker, but he was dead when crews reached him.

Segura had worked at the warehouse for between 12 and 15 years, Martin said. The cause of the accident, how the victim became trapped and the exact cause of death are under investigation.

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**Celine Dion recovering from inflamed vocal chords**

**LAS VEGAS, 20 March—** Singer Celine Dion says she is recovering from a virus that caused an inflammation of her vocal chords and is planning to return to the stage in Las Vegas soon.

Dion said in a statement Monday that she received good news last week during a follow-up examination with her doctor in Los Angeles.

She says she should be fully recovered by mid-April. That’s when she hopes to start recording songs for her new English and French albums.

Dion announced last month that she was cancelling her shows at Las Vegas’ Caesars Palace until 9 June because of her illness.

The singer of romantic odes including “My Heart Will Go On” and “It’s All Coming Back to Me Now” returned to Caesars Palace a year ago for a three-year engagement.

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**Tia Carrere gets the boot on ‘Apprentice’**

**NEW YORK, 20 March—** Actress and singer Tia Carrere was eliminated from the business-themed competition series after the team she led lost its challenge in Sunday night’s episode.

Still competing this season are comedian Arsenio Hall, rocker Dee Snider, one-season are comedian Arsenio Hall, rocker Dee Snider, one-season are radio host Adam Carolla, “Star Trek” actor George Takei, IndyCar icon Michael Andretti, author Lisa Lampanelli, former Miss Universe Dayana Mendoza, singer and actress Aubrey O’Day, actress and model Denise Carberry, confirmed the news. Carrere popped the question 1 March on the couple’s 10-year-anniversary. She says he had been more perfect since they were with close friends on their anniversary. Gossin says he dropped to one knee with the ring and asked Moffett to marry him, adding that she was “caught totally by surprise” but said yes.

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**Gloriana singer Tom Gossin gets engaged**

**NASHVILLE, 20 March—** Tom Gossin of the country band Gloriana is engaged to his girlfriend, Michaela “Mickie” Moffett. He announced the engagement during a hometown show in uptown New York. His publicist, Debbie Carbery, confirmed the news.

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**Paltrow denies she had ghostwriter for cookbook**

**NEW YORK, 20 March—** Actress Gwyneth Paltrow took to Twitter to deny a New York Times report saying she used a ghostwriter for her cookbook “My Father’s Daughter.”

The newspaper reported Turshen is “writing a second cookbook with Gwyneth Paltrow inspired by her illness.” But Paltrow objected to the article, caption and use of photo in a weekend tweet.— Internet

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**Stolen ambulance driven more than 40 miles**

Someone stole an ambulance from outside a hospital in Atlantic City, NJ, and drove it to a bar about 40 miles away, police said.

Atlantic City police Detective Edward Riege said the ambulance was stolen early Sunday from the emergency room entrance at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Centre. Investigators used a Global Positioning System tracker to follow the stolen vehicle, the Press of Atlantic City reported.

Riege said the man stopped at Larry’s Bar in Millville, more than 40 miles from the hospital, before abandoning the ambulance nearby. He said investigators are working to identify the suspect.
Osvado boosts Roma Champions League hopes

Tiger looks solid in return at Tavistock Cup

Ronaldo interested by top Brazilian football job

Fabrice Muamba improving, said to be speaking
Barca ‘seal Neymar move for 2014’

B A R C E L O N A, 20 March—Barcelona have sealed a deal which would see talented young Brazilian striker Neymar join the Spanish club in 2014, Cadena SER radio reported.

The report claimed the Catalan giants have already paid 14.5 million euros ($19 million) of the total 58-million-euro transfer fee to the 20-year-old’s Brazilian club Santos.

“According to several reliable sources Barca have already paid a quarter of the 58 million euros to Santos to guarantee the transfer of the player,” Cadena SER claimed, adding that the date for his transfer was after the World Cup in Brazil in 2014.

Barcelona out to close gap on leaders Madrid

B A R C E L O N A, 20 March—Barcelona take on Granada at the Camp Nou on Tuesday, knowing a win will take them to within five points of Real Madrid and pile the pressure on the leaders before they go to Villarreal on Wednesday.

A last-minute Santi Cazorla free-kick allowed Malaga to come away from the Santiago Bernabeu with a point on Sunday and saw Madrid’s seemingly unassailable lead over Barcelona at the top of La Liga trimmed to eight points.

Suddenly, there is a glimmer of hope for the reigning Champions League title holders, despite Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola pouring cold water on suggestions that his side could still win the title after their 2-0 victory away to Sevilla on Saturday.

“We will not rest any of our players and there has not been a game we have not gone out to win,” he said. “But forget the title, we will not win it,” he added. Yet, there are 11 games still to play, including a “clasico” at the Camp Nou towards the end of April — and Guardiola’s seemingly unassailable lead over Barcelona at the top of La Liga trimmed to eight points.

Tevez in frame for City, Chelsea without Terry

L O N D O N, 20 March—Carlos Tevez could make his return for Manchester City as they aim to revive their Premier League title hopes on Wednesday at home to a resurgent Chelsea, who will be without captain John Terry.

The 28-year-old Tevez is back in training after patching up his differences with the club and manager Roberto Mancini said the Argentine striker could be involved as a substitute.

Mancini’s side have seen Manchester United open up a four-point lead at the top of the table and Tevez’s availability would be a boost to their dream of winning the English title for the first time since 1968.

“There is a possibility (of a place on the bench),” Mancini told reporters on Tuesday. “He is getting better but I don’t think Carlo can have more than 25-30 minutes. “A player like Carlo needs to play but for 90 minutes it is impossible. But if he can play 30 minutes, after 45, then in the or four games he could have 90 minutes easily. “Tomorrow we will decide. We want to know the situation with the players.”

Meiktila plans to provide measles vaccination to children

M E I K T I L A, 20 March—Under the supervision of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health, Meiktila Township Health Depart- ment will carry out age-wise measles vaccination from 22 to 30 March.

“Measles vaccination will be injected to 23155 children from nine months to five years old from 14 wards and 379 villages in the township at the Yannayong ward administration office (temporary vaccination centre) during the designated period,” said an official of the Township Health Department.

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Manchester City’s Carlos Tevez smiles during a training session at the club’s Carrington training complex in Manchester, northern England on 14 March, 2012.

Richard Marles

Tevez has not played for City since refusing to warm-up during City’s Champions League clash with Bayern Munich in September — after which Mancini said he would never play for the club again.

He was fined six weeks wages for a subsequent unauthorised absence but after withdrawing an appeal against the club’s disciplinary measures, he has since apologised and has scored for the reserves as he recovers his match fitness. — Reuters

Internet

Neymar takes a tumble during Sunday’s match between Santos and Sao Paolo at Morumbi stadium.

The report added that the decision to seal the deal was taken by the player and his father against the wishes of his agent Wagner Ribeiro.

Neymar is considered the future star of Brazilian football and has been targeted by several European clubs, including Barcelona’s rivals Real Madrid.
Froch: Give Bute respect

NOTTINGHAM, 19 March — Carl Froch has paid tribute to Lucian Bute for putting his IBF super-middleweight title on the line in Froch’s home town of Nottingham.

“He’s not often fought out of his hometown so to put his title on the line in my backyard he’s either very confident or very stupid.”

Froch will once again enter the ring against elite level competition on May 26 following his successful stint in the World Super Six Series over the past few years. The ‘Cobra’ lost the Super Six final against Andre Ward but the former WBC champion gets another chance to beating Arthur Abraham and it was a whitewash - and that’s how I feel about this fight.

“I’ve got a lot of respect for Lucian - he is a top level athlete and so am I, there’s no needle between us and there doesn’t need to be, as the fight speaks for itself.”

Carl Froch (L) and Lucian Bute met at Monday’s press conference. Internet

Kyaungtawyar-Indaung-Pwintbyu gravel road opened

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March — Hailing the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening ceremony of Kyaungtawyar-Indaung-Pwintbyu gravel road was held at the arch of the road in Pwintbyu Township in Minbu District of Magway Region on 19 March, formally cut the ribbon by Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Aung Naing, Director U Maung Maung Aung of Region Development Affairs Committee and donor Daw Khin Phyu Win, wife of Maj-Gen Tha Tha Tha Sit Maung.

Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe pressed the button and opened the road.

The 7 miles long and 10 feet wide road was built at a cost of K 38 million and Pwintbyu Township Development Affairs Committee gave machinery assistance to it.

The region chief minister inspected Kyeeohn-Dorow Village and Kyeeohn-Pyit Pyithit Village.—MNA

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