**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.

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**Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Director of Federal Drug Control Service of Russian Federation**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 March**—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation Mr Victor P Ivanov at the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint and departmental heads.

The Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Mikhail M Mgeladze.

At the call, they discussed cooperation in drug control matter between the two countries for controlling the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs.

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**Myanmar men’s tennis team leaves for Vietnam**

**YANGON, 30 March**—With the aim of enabling Myanmar selected tennis team to secure victory in the XXVII SEA Games 2013 and having international experiences from the competitions, a Myanmar selected men’s tennis team comprising captain Min Min, Nge Hnaung, Phyo Min Tha and Aung Kyaw Naing left here by air for Vietnam yesterday.

The team will take part in the ITF Future (F1) to be held in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam from 2 to 8 April and the ITF (F2) in the same place from 9 to 15 April and in the Davis Cup by Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV 2012 in Doha of Qatar from 16 to 23 April.

They will also participate in the Thailand F1 Future in Bangkok of Thailand from 7 to 13 May, the Thailand F2 Future from 14 to 20 May and the Thailand F3 Future from 21 to 27 May.

Chief Coach Mr Robert Jesse Davis of the federation who arrived in Ho Chi Minh City in advance will discharge duty as coach for the Myanmar tennis team.

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**Outstanding athletes honoured**

**YANGON, 30 March**—A ceremony to honour outstanding athletes from Sports and Education Combination School of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) of Sports and Physical Education Department for 2011-2012 academic year was held at Pyidaungsu Hall of the institute in Tamway Township today.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Departments U Thaung Htaik awarded the outstanding athletes and trainees for 2011-2012 academic year after delivering an address.

The director-general then met members of the sports team that will take part in the international sports competitions, at the hall of the department.

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Our democratization process has been opening up reforms in multiple sectors throughout its non-stop evolution from the start. It requires both hard work and efficiency of the citizens who actually wish national progress through changes and democracy in a peaceful and stable atmosphere.

We people want democracy as they believe the system will bring progress and prosperity our nation needs. Actually, democracy can be assumed the best political system human beings have ever invented to serve mankind. But it also has advantages and disadvantages. And a system alone cannot ensure progress and prosperity of a nation. In fact, human beings are the key as they are navigators in directing the course of mother country towards a better future while the system serves as a map.

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As democracy has its own pros and cons like all other systems of the world, people in a democratic society must have more than the given abilities as they themselves are the navigators towards the right path to the aspired goal.

Director of Federal Drug Control Service of Russia calls on Dy FM

Navytawn, 30 March—Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation Mr Victor P Ivanov and party currently in Myanmar paid a courtesy call on Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs at the ministry, here, at 4:30 pm today.

They discussed developments in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and cooperation on drug control matters between Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

Books donated to raise reading habit

Navytawn, 30 March—Organized by Pakokku District Information and Public Relation Department, the raising of reading skill was held in conjunction with the book donation at Kyantpyaw Basic Education High School in Pakokku Township yesterday morning.

After giving an address, Township Administrator U Aung Naing presented prizes to the winners in the poem recitation, essay and extempore talk contest.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Win May donated books to the village libraries.

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Myanmar, Russia to cooperate in narcotic drug control

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation Mr Victor P Ivanov and party.—MNA

Scholarship examinations inspected in Nay Pyi Taw

Navytawn, 30 March—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye inspected examinations for scholarship at basic education middle and high school level for 2012-2013 academic year at Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 2, Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 1 in Nay Pyi Taw BEMS No 2 in Zabahthiri, Lewe BEHS No 2 and Dekkhinathiri BEHS No 18 this morning.

Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu and party also looked into similar examinations at Pyimama BEHS No 2, Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 1 in Zeyahthi, Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 3 in Pobabathiri and Nay Pyi Taw BEMS No 5 in Onatfarhi.

The examinations comprised English and stipends up to completion of high school education.

Stake driven for construction of garment factory in Pathein

Navytawn, 30 March—Ayeyawady Diamond Group explained tasks of the factory.

Chairman of Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association U Myint Soe explained matters related to garment industry. A director of Delta Industrial Group explained tasks of the factory.

After delivering an address, the Region Chief Minister drove stake at the designated places.

He then attended Kuthinayon GSM/UMTS mobile telephone radio station in Ward 6 of Pathein and launched the station.

In the afternoon, Chief Minister U Thein Aung delivered an address at the World TB Day 2012 at Myanmar Medical Association (Pathein).

UDNR graduates in Kayah State meet at get-together

Navytawn, 30 March—A get-together of graduates of University for Development of National Races was held in Dimuwso of Kayah State on 28 March morning.

Kayah State Chief Minister U Khim Maung Oo and get-together committee Kayah State Minister for Electric and Industry U Saw Hu Hu made speeches.

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Dy A&I Minister meets trainees of regions and states

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than conducted the trainees from Regions and States and conducted a training on 100-acre Palathwe paddy seed production farm of Yein University of Agriculture.

Navytawn, 30 March—Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than met trainees from regions and states at Yein University of Agriculture for their studies in production of Palathwe hybrid paddy strain.

The deputy minister, officials and trainees visited the 100-acre seed production farm of Palethwe paddy strain of the university.

Altogether 39 trainees from Regions and State Agriculture Departments were attending the training that will last one cultivation season of paddy.
Baghda: 30 March
Three rockets exploded around Baghdad on Thursday despite a massive security operation as Shi’ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki hosted the country’s first Arab League summit in two decades.
After years of war, Iraq’s Shi’ite-led government hoped the summit would highlight its growing stability and renewed role in the region, where Sunni Gulf nations have long been wary of Baghdad’s close ties to Shi’ite power Iran.
One rocket exploded on the edge of the fortified Green Zone where the Arab leaders were meeting.
“The blast happened close to the Iranian embassy. The windows of the embassy have been shattered, but there are no casualties,” a senior Iraqi security source said.

Afghan National Army soldiers keep watch at the site of motorcycle bomb attack in Kandahar Province on 14 March, 2012. A motorcycle bomb killed an Afghan intelligence official and wounded three people in the southern city of Kandahar on Wednesday, a local government spokesman told.

Afghan forces seized a man with a remote control device and killed three alleged militants in an attack that comes as missiles at a house in northwest Pakistan early Friday morning, they were not authorized to talk to the media.—officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because research.
Friday’s strike targeted a house in Miran Shah, the Pakistan because many people believe they mostly kill civilians
its relationship with the US that Washington hopes will result
reopen its border crossings to supplies meant for NATO
soldiers.

Kabul, 30 March—An Afghan policeman shot to death nine of his fellow officers as they slept in a village in an eastern Taliban stronghold on Friday, police said, blaming the attack on the insurgents.
The gunman opened fire
with his assault rifle after waking up at 3 am ostensibly to take over guard duty at a small command post in Paktika province, killing everybody inside, including the commander, according to officials. He then took their weapons, piled them in a pickup truck and sped away.
It was the latest in a growing number of attacks by Afghan security forces against their own people or against international troops in Afghanistan in recent years, some the result of arguments and others by insurgent infiltrators.

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Flash floods cause havoc in Fiji
Suva, 30 March—Flash flooding cut highways and forced evacuations in Fiji, with residents sheltering from rising waters on rooftops as authorities scrambled to find rescue boats.
Heavy rains caused rivers to burst their banks in the west of the country on Viti Levu, taking water levels higher than those experienced in the devastating day deluge in January which claimed 11 lives, meteorologists said on Friday.
Police said they were aware of any deaths in the latest disaster, which cut off the town of Nadi, home to Fiji’s international airport, as well as other centres including Ba, Lautoka, Rakiraki and Sigatoka.
Most flights to and from Nadi were cancelled, national carrier Air Fiji said.

The disaster management office, Dismac, said a “massive” number of people were stranded on rooftops awaiting rescue and appealed for anyone on boats to offer relief efforts. “We’ve got a lot of reports of people on rooftops, it’s quite a massive number,” Dismac director Pajilai Doby told reporters.—Internet

Dozens of Taleban killed in fighting in west Afghanistan
Kabul, 30 March—Dozens of Taliban fighters were killed in US air strikes and a gun battle in western Afghanistan after an insurgent attack on an Afghan army patrol, NATO and Afghan officials said on Friday. A spokesman of the International Security Assistance Force said the patrol came under attack in Gultan District in western Farah Province on Wednesday, prompting a call for air support. “Numerous insurgents were killed, and several motorcycles were damaged or destroyed” following two strikes by coalition aircraft, he said.
Abdul Raof Ahmadzai, a police spokesman in western Afghanistan, said 30 Taleban were killed and another 15 wounded in the fighting in the remote area. Officials have warned of a hard summer ahead as the fighting season resumes and Afghan national forces assume responsibility of security in more parts of the country from NATO combat forces set to leave by the end of 2014. Taleban are active in parts of Farah including Gultan, which falls on a desert highway connecting both Kabul and Kandahar to the western city of Herat.
Mohammed Yamin Rasooli, the deputy governor for Farah, said five vehicles of the Afghan national army came under attack when they were crossing Gulan and three soldiers were burnt inside the vehicle.
“In response, ISAF, the national army and police started a joint operation which still continues,” he said, adding he could not give a number of the militants killed.—Internet

Rockets explode as Arab leaders meet in Baghdad

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**Pesticides hit queen bee numbers**

**New York, 30 March** — Google splashed around in Facebook’s wauwa, developing into social networking with Google Plus, which recently melded social networking with Google’s search function. Now, Facebook has decided to work on search, though on a small scale to start. The company is working on a project to put its own house in order, and will make searching the vast social network much easier.

According to Bloomberg Businessweek sources, 24 Facebook engineers will be working on making the social networking’s search function worthy of the nearly billion active users. The team will be led by ex-Google engineer Lars Rudolph, who is used to working with Google Maps and Wave, and will focus on finding ways for users to navigate through the mountain of status updates, links, videos, comments and other content, using the Facebook’s “like” button as a guiding star.

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**Cassini spacecraft captures Saturn moon geyser images**

The Cassini spacecraft has captured striking images from flying by three moons of Saturn, including new pictures of Enceladus’s gushing geyser. Cassini made its lowest pass yet over the south pole of Enceladus, at an altitude of 74km (46 miles). This allowed it to “taste” the jets of water vapour and ice that the moon spews forth into space. The NASA probe also made relatively close passes near two other Saturnian satellites: Dione and Janus. The observations were made over 27 and 28 March.

The encounter was primarily designed for Cassini’s ion and neutral mass spectrometer instrument, which sampled the composition of Enceladus’s south polar plume. Other instruments, including the Cassini plasma spectrometer and composite infrared spectrometer, also took measurements. Before the closest approach to Enceladus, Cassini’s onboard cameras captured images of the geyser, which contain organic compounds along with the ice and vapour. The jets erupt from cracks, or fissures, at the south pole known as “tiger stripes”.

Several lines of evidence suggest the jets are fed by a liquid water ocean beneath Enceladus’s icy shell. Scientists have previously detected salts in these jets, which suggests the ocean is probably in contact with the moon’s rocky core. “Cassini has flown several times now through this spray and has tasted it,” Internet...

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**BlueStacks Android emulator lets you use apps on your PC**

**New York, 30 March** — A new Windows PC programme has just hit beta testing that allows Android users to fire up apps on their computers, even the ones they’ve already purchased for smartphones or tablets.

The new programme comes from software developer BlueStacks, according to a story from PC World, and is actually available (for free) right now. Aptly named Android Player, it works on Windows 7, Windows Vista and Windows XP and can operate using apps downloaded from Google Play, GettyJr, MobileMarket and the Amazon Appstore. In fact, according to BlueStacks, users should be able to use on their PCs as many as 450,000 different Android apps.

This isn’t the first app emulator to pop up for PC users, but BlueStacks has a leg up on other similar programmes for Android and iOS with its new “Layercake” technology. The new software allows apps built to use things like the Unity Engine, ARM hardware or hardware accelerators like the Tegra 2 in tablets and smartphones to adapt to the technology of PCs, using things like AMD processors. The result, basically, is that apps work like they should on PC, and aren’t hamstrung by hardware incompatibilities.

Moving Android apps, specifically games, to other platforms isn’t exactly been a quick and easy process. Mobile apps translate pretty well between mobile platforms, iOS games and Android games frequently cross-pollinate each other’s ecosystems. As a result, some of those same games are jumping the gap over to Windows Phone territory as well. But fewer titles have adapted from mobile to other platforms.

Most of the time, it’s PC games that are ported to the mobile space, and those games generally have to be rebuilt from the ground up. The same is true for bringing Angry Birds to PlayStation 3, for example.

That BlueStacks opens the door for almost half a million apps to be usable on PCs makes it a pretty big deal, and it should even make it possible to send apps to other Android apps on upcoming Windows 8 tablets. Better still, it’s available now: you can download it from BlueStacks’ website right here... Internet

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**Nature deficit disorder ‘damaging Britain’s children’**

**London, 30 March** — UK children are losing contract with nature at a “draatic” rate, and their health and education are suffering, a National Trust report says. Traffic, the lure of video screens and parental anxieties are comporising to keep children indoors, it says.

Evidence suggests the problem is worse in the UK than other parts of Europe, and may help explain poor rankings in childhood satisfaction surveys. The trust is launching a campaign on tackling “nature deficit disorder”.

“This is about changing the way children grow up and see the world,” said Stephen Moss, the author, naturalist and former BBC Springwatch producer who wrote the Natural Childhood report for the National Trust. “The natural world doesn’t come with an instruction leaflet, so it teaches you to use your creative imagination. “When you build a den with your mates when you’re nine years old, you learn teamwork—you disagree with each other, you have arguments, you resolve them, you work together again—it’s like a team-building course, only you did it when you were nine.

The trust argues, as have other bodies in previous years, that the growing dissociation of children from the natural world and immersion in the “cotton wool culture” of indoor parental guidance impairs their capacity to learn through experience.

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**Pesticides are not the whole problem, but some think they could be a significant one...**

Science papers are used on crops such as cereals, oilseed rape and sunflowers. Often the chemical is applied to seeds before planting. As the plant grows, the pesticide is contained in every part of it, deterring insect pests such as aphids. But it also enters the pollen and nectar, which is how it can affect bees. Dave Couplon from the UK’s University of Stirling and colleagues studied the impact of the neonicotinoid imidacloprid on bumblebees. They let bees from some colonies feed on pollen and sugar water containing levels of imidacloprid typically found in the wild, while others received a natural diet. Then they placed the colonies out in the field... Internet
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Dams providing irrigation and drinking water for locals in Rakhine State

**Pyaingchaung Dam** supplies irrigation water and potable water for Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State.

**Zeechaung Dam** for supply of irrigation water in Kyauktaw Township.

Pyaingchaung Dam irrigating over 5,000 acres of croplands in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State.

**Hinywet Dam** was constructed to provide drinking water and irrigation water for locals.

**Courses of Education & Training Dept of Border Affairs Ministry conclude**

_**Yangon,** 30 March—Financial rule special course No.24 and storekeeping (Grade 4) course No.1 were concluded at the central training school of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, here this morning, with an address by Director-General U Myo Hlaing. After the course conclusions, the director-general met the staff and inspected the mess and crops plantations._

**Danger of fire talked at Sugar Mill (Dahatgon)**

_**Nay Pyi Taw,** 30 March—A talk on danger of fire was given at Sugar Mill (Dahatgon) of Myanma Economic Corporation in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning. Mill Manager U Myo Aung made an opening address. Director of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department U Than Kyaw Kyaw talked about preventive measures against fire. Head of Tatkon Township FSD U Kyaw Kyaw demonstrated use of foam, and mill workers participated in fire drill._

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As we all Myanmar are aware of cultural landscape of Myanmar and always proud of our long history and accepted as it is a combination of both physical and spiritual cultures; our ways of thinking about culture, is always intertwined with the teachings of Buddha. The most significant characteristics of Myanmar culture in its context is that embraces gentle manners, customs, traditions and rules of conduct that have been sustained and kept to generation to generation through many ways. We are always nostalgically proud of our landmarks great Shwe Dagon Pagoda, those abundance of pagodas and temples at Bagan, the breath-taking Kyaukhtyo, those stories on mystic powers of Inlay Hpaung-daw-oo etc. which remains on this cultural heritage and natural heritage. For cultural heritage, it encompasses Tangible Cultural Heritage (TCH) and Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). With those updates UNESCO and assigned couple of meetings, conferences and workshops with its collaborations, we become more convinced and those enriching information and experiences, which calls for paying more attention on ICH: its significances, how it is becoming fragile, and about what constitutes intangible cultural heritage, why it should be safeguarded and what kind of actions to be taken into account.

We, Myanmar has many community participation works which can be termed as “ICH” that goes along with the traditionally awarded and handed down by our ancestors through one generation after another. It is indeed a kind of practice that should be listed along with those ICH safeguarding. The message of safeguarding ICH is not only concerned with government officials, policy makers but also teachers, youths, parents, elders, up to other NGOs. To know all aspects of our living traditions is the duty of every citizen too. This kind of awareness must be heightened and the unique Myanmar ICH must be encouraged to be known and sustained with devotion.

Since it is an emerging issue, we all are committed to record, compile, practice, handover all those practices, representations, expressions, knowledge and skills. Substantial contribution of ICH in our daily life is uncountable. It is an account of those things we inherited from older generations, our practice, our values both aesthetic and pragmatic views concern with both optimism and pessimism. Heritage in the international operations

It has been claimed that “Heritage as a collective-memory aid and an instrument for learning about history”, and it calls for activities to look more insights on it. Along with culture and civilization, both tangible and intangible heritage have been created, practiced, accepted with inspirations for ages. Those splendors of tangible cultural heritages (to be termed as TCH) ranging from religious temples, pagodas, etc. that encompasses their core values and beliefs, and priorities like monuments, buildings, sites that can be seen touched and showed. Under ICH, architectural works, works of monumental sculpture and painting, elements or structures of an architectural nature, inscriptions, cave dwellings and combinations of features, which are of Outstanding Universal Value from the point of view of history, art or science, for groups of buildings: buildings of separate or connected buildings which, because of their architecture, their homogeneity or their place in the landscape, are of Outstanding Universal Value from the point of view of history, art or science and for sites: works of man or the combined works of nature and of man, and areas including archaeological sites which are of Outstanding Universal Value from the historical, aesthetic, ethnological or anthropological points of view are included.

It is noted that United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which has a mandate in international cooperation in the fields of education, science, culture and communication has been involved in creation of seven international conventions in the field of culture. The Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 2003, it states “the definition of the ICH” as the following four primary goals:

- to safeguard intangible cultural heritage;
- to respect and ensure for the intangible cultural heritage of communities, groups and individuals concerned;
- to raise awareness and appreciation of the importance of intangible cultural heritage at local, national and international levels;
- to provide for international cooperation and assistance.

In Article 2 of the UNESCO’s Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 2003, it states “the definition of the ICH” as “intangible cultural heritage” means the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills – as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated therewith – that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage. This intangible (See page?)
Anti-meatles campaign talked in Thandaunggyi

THANDAUNGGYI, 30 March.—A talk on age-wise anti-meatles vaccination campaign in Thandaunggyi Township of Kayin State was held at the hall of Thandaunggyi Township Administrative Office on 8 March.

At first, Township Administrator U Thein Win made a speech. Head of Township Health Department Dr Kyaw Naing reported on the purpose of the campaign and arrangements.

Those present took part in the discussions.

Township HD

Age-wise anti-meatles vaccination talked

YANGON, 30 March.—A talk on age-wise anti-meatles vaccination 2012 at township level was held at the office of Insein Township General Administration Department in Yangon North District on 22 March.

The head of Township Health Department Dr Naw Thanda Shwe and administrators of ward administrators from 21 wards made a speech. In the meeting hall of Myingyan Township General Administration Department of Mandalay Region on 16 March.

First, Township Administrator U Shwe Maung made a speech. In-charge Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Myint Aung explained the matters related to development affairs law, and Staff Officer Dr Yin Yin Myint of Township Health Department matters related to avian influenza.

Assistant Director Dr Daw Mu Mu Win of Myingyan District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department explained control of bird flu and replied to queries raised by those present.

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Nanda Hmun, Ministry of Culture

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ICH has been manifested in the following domains:
(a) oral traditions and expressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage;
(b) performing arts;
(c) social practices, rituals and festivals;
(d) knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe;
(e) traditional craftsmanship.

Challenges for ICH

On the other hand, those issues concern with ICH can be stated as sustainable tourism and cultural tourism which have been the focus of countless development programmes, projects and activities in the Asia Pacific region. Now people in those countries are being aware of strengthening communities’ capacities to control and manage their own Intangible Cultural Heritage in the face of increased tourism. Among those issues: handcrafts in the context of sustainable cultural tourism; performing arts in the context of sustainable cultural tourism and ICH in the context of environmental, agri-cultural and eco tourism have been targeted. Now they all are aware of “the fact that they can make sure that the Intangible Cultural Heritage communities retain “ownership” of their own Intangible Cultural Heritage”. These are all Myanmar has to put into consideration for the near future too. The perceptions of Myanmar on ICH have to be shaped and communicated well and they also need to be demonstrated properly.

When we study how UNESCO defines about oral heritage and others ICH, it is stated by UNESCO that oral and intangible heritage as “the totality of tangible creations of a cultural community expressed by a group or individual; and recognized as reflecting the expectations of a community in so far as they reflect its cultural and social identity.” Language, literature, music and dance, games and sports, culinary traditions, rituals and mythologies, knowledge and practices concerning the universe, know-how linked to handicrafts, and cultural spaces are among the many forms of intangible heritage. Intangible heritage is seen as a repository of cultural diversity and creative expression, as well as a driving force for living culture.

So our oral history and those oral expressions of all nationalities are included in ICH and it calls for the safeguarding of oral and intangible heritage to be identified, documented, protected, promoted and revitalised for the sake of their vulnerability. That is why it is recommended that the revitalization of old and fading traditional festivals are to be encouraged and sustained.

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Kyeeohn Kyeewa Dam could irrigate...
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The storage water of Kyeeohn Kyeewa Dam will contribute to easy availability of drinking water and irrigation water, growing of crops at any seasons, greening environments, protection against flood that occurred in Pakokku Region last year and fire prevention.

In addition, it is sure that the hydro-electric power that generate from the dam can improve the socio-economic status and living standard of local people. So, the project is said to be one that can develop not only the region but also the country.

So, officials and local people are urged to maintain its durability. On behalf of people, he would like to express the special thanks to respective Union Ministries, authority concerned from Region, construction engineers and staff, who got involved in construction of the multi-purpose dam.

In conclusion, he said he would like to wish, thanks to the water from the dam,

May local people enjoy the improved life by producing more crops than ever,

May local people enjoy water as well as wealth,

May Local people enjoy ten benefits to the full that get for donation of water.

After that, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said: The multi-purpose dam project is the third project in the time of the new government. Construction of it started in 2002-2003. It was commissioned into service after nine years period. It can benefit 44 village-tracts, 181 villages and 29,992 farmers in Miubu, Pwintbyu and Salin Townships of Magway Region as it can supply water to more than 96,000 acres of farmlands through Mezali diversion dam. It contributes to more growing of summer paddy, monsoon paddy and multiple cropping patterns as well as to the development of the villages.

On behalf of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and all citizens, he said that he expressed heartfelt thanks for good legacy of the then-heads of state and their gratitude.

After that, Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min said: Kyeeohn Kyeewa hydropower plant with the installed capacity of 74 Megawatts is the second one after Mone Creek Hydropower Plant in Salin Township in the course of the new government.

Ministry of Electric Power No.1 supervised hydropower, machines and power installation in the project. And the Ministry will carry out power generation, maintenances and running of machines after it has been put into services as it is the plant that distributes power to national grid.

The country has 18 hydropower plants including Kyeeohn Kyeewa hydropower plant, Tiikt coal-fired plant and 15 gas-fired plants, totaling 34. Total installed capacity has reached 3,434 megawatts. Kunchau hydropower project with installed capacity of 60 megawatt in Bago region is going to complete soon.

The Vice-President and party left Magway by air and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon.

Newly-opened Kyeeohn Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam and hydropower station are located at Mone Creek near Wunlo Village 15 miles from Mone Creek Dam Project 5 miles from Mezali Diversion Weir in Pwintbyu Township, Miubu District, Magway Region. By storing water from Mone Creek Dam and from between the two dams, 74 megawatts of electricity will be generated.

Already-built Mezali Diversion Weir will irrigate 96,000 acres of farmland for monsoon paddy cultivation. In addition, more than 74,000 acres of land can be irrigated for summer paddy cultivation and for regional greening.

Kyeeohn Kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam which is of zone dam type can store 463,000 acre feet. Still water storage of the dam is 35,350 acre feet and area is 10,860 acres. It is 3280 feet long and 164 feet high. Construction of the dam whose conduit is of ogee type started in 2002-2003 and completed 2011-2012.

A few minutes after opening, Mayor Mr. Lwin Lin Pyae of Mezali Division Weir and Sai Mauk Kham formally unveiled the stone inscription of the dam and sprinkled scented water on it.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Zaw Min, U Khin Yi and U Aye Myint and Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe also sprinkled scented water on it. Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Zaw Min and the chief minister formally opened the dam. The Vice-President posed for documentary photos together with those present and the local people.

Then, Kyeeohn Kyeewa Hydropower Plant was opened and the Vice-President formally opened the stone inscription of the station and sprinkled scented on it. The Union Ministers and the chief minister also sprayed scented water on it.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Zaw Min and the region chief minister formally opened the hydropower plant. Vice-President Dr Sai Maik Kham formally unveiled the signboard. He then pressed the button to operate machine

U EC member meets Shan State (North), district, township subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 March—Member of the Union Election Commission U Tha Oo met Shan State (North), District and Township Election Subcommissions at the hall of Lashio District General Administration Department in Lashio on 28 March morning.

Member of Shan State Subcommission U Kyaw Ko Ko, Chairman of Lashio District Subcommission U Tin Maung Shwe and members of Kunlong District, Lashio, Huei, Tangyan, Mengyai and Kunlong Township Subcommissions reported on preparations for holding the by-elections and candidates of political parties participated in the discussions.

Later, member of the UEC U Tha Oo gave necessary instructions.

Correction

Please read as “who does not abide” instead of “who does to abide” appeared at line 17, column 5, page 8 of the New Light of Myanmar issued on 30 March, 2012.
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The university is 11 years old now as it was opened in 2011. It was the last one in Myanmar, standing as an Union level medical university with a total of 2300 students from regions and states studying medicine there. Students from Mon, Bago, Sagaing, Kachin, Shan and other regions and states had no chance to attend medical universities near their home regions but had to go to Magway University of Medicine. So, lecturers had to apply good teaching methods to make sure parents and students feel worthwhile to join the university, students have secure social life and feel proud of studying at the university. For that, the government would also increasingly provide necessary equipment to the university.

Although universities could not have provided hostels for students, ways are to be sought for Magway University of Medicine to accommodate students for their convenience in learning. Such a characteristic will help the university win the credit and a sound environment must be created. Officials from the university and the region government are found to have been fulfilling the social needs of students. Moreover, coordination will be made for students to have secure ferries. The success of a university of medicine depends not only on its facilities and the quality of its teacher and faculty members but also students’ hard work. Students who have been turned out by universities of such significant characteristics will surely become reliable doctors in the national health sector.

Teachers on their part need to train their students to have the habit of self-learning rather than using conventional teaching methods. Only then will students become scholars on whom the State can rely.

Newly-opened Yeison People’s Hospital handed over

Nav Pyi Taw, 30 March—A ceremony to hand over newly-opened Yeison People’s Hospital was held at the hospital in the campus of Yeison University in Zeyathiri Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Union Defence Minister Dr Min Thant Nyunt and wellwisher Momentum Co Managing Director U Kyi Swe and wife Daw Mi Mi Maw formally opened the new hospital. Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin unveiled the signboard of the hospital.

The wellwisher then handed over documents related to the building to the deputy director-general.

On behalf of the local people, Rector of University of Agriculture Dr Tin Htut spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Constitutional Tribunal of the Union delivers final verdicts

Nav Pyi Taw, 30 March—The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union inclusive of the chairman and all the members delivered final verdict on proposal No.1/2012 and proposal No.2/2012 submitted by the Attorney-General of the Union on behalf of the President, sitting at Room No.1 on 28 March.

According to the verdicts, in the proposal No.1/2012, Union-level organizations formed under the Constitution and the members or personalities of those organizations are members and personalities of Union-level organizations appointed by the President with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Committees, commissions and groups formed by the respective Hluttaws are Hluttaw organizations. The interpretation of committees, commissions and groups formed by the respective Hluttaws was Union-level organizations in not in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution. In the proposal No.2/2012, the Attorney-General of the Union on behalf of the President asked the Constitutional Tribunal to reconsider its ruling passed on 14 December, 2011 which interpreted that provisions of the Article 5 and Article 17 of the Regions- or State-level Personalities Allowance, Emolument and Insignia Law are not in conformity with the Constitution because Region or State national races affairs ministers are officially appointed as Region or State ministers of respective Regions or States. The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union delivered a verdict that the proposal was not eligible to submit as the ruling of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union is final and conclusive.

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**CONDONATION, NOVIITATION HELD AT BED-3 FOR THIRD TIME**

**YANGON, 30 March**—The No. 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon Region) under the Ministry of Education held the third ordination and novitiation ceremony at Education Dhammayan in Kyauktawgyi Road in Bahan Township of Yangon on 27 March morning.

Secretary of Yangon Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Kundala administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Prasads. Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and party offered alms to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

At the ceremony, 163 educational staff of department including students from various schools were ordained, 4046 boys novitiated and 811 girls initiated into nunhood.

**Mdy CCI MEMBERS LEAVE FOR INDIA**

**YANGON, 30 March**—A 14-member delegation led by CEC member Dr Kyaw Min Oo of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here by air on 21 March to attend the India Engineering Sourcing Show to be held in Mumbai of India at the invitation of the Bombay Exhibition Centre of India.—Myanmar Alin

**WINNERS AWARDED IN ABC NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLL 8-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 March**—The final matches of the ABC National Women’s Poll 8-ball Championship, organized by Ambur Electronic with the sponsorship of ABC under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation, were held in conjunction with the prize presentation at Kokkine Swimming Pool in Bahan Township on 25 March.

After the final matches, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaugn Htaik presented gifts to the sponsors who contributed to the holding of the championship.

Vice-Chairman of Kokkine Swimming Club and officials presented prizes to the winners from the 11th to 25th positions. General Manager U Tin Hsaung of Ambur Electronic Co Ltd gave the prizes to the 5th to 10th positions. President of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation U Tin Maung Win awarded the fourth prize winner Amy Kyaw and the third prize winner Marlar Maung.

The championship was contributed by co-sponsors Phobos, MDG, Canon, Gold Roast, Citygn Enterprise (Haier), 100 Plus Energy 101 Roast, Citygn Enterprise Phobos, MDG, Canon, Gold Roast, and Kokkine Swimming Club.—**Myanmar Alin**

**CHILDREN INJECTED MEASLES VACCINATION**

**YANGON, 30 March**—The age-wise measles vaccination 2012 was launched by Township Health Department in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon East District, on 23 March morning.

The ceremony was held at Sasana Rekkhita Dhammayan in Ward 37, attended by the Township Administrator, Township Health Officers and officials.

Measles vaccination was injected to 13335 children from nine months to five years old of the township. The campaign will last up to 31 March.—**The Maung**

**KONYPYAW FACILITATED WITH NEWLY-REPAVED HNINZI ROAD**

**YANGON, 30 March**—To mark the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the newly-repaved Hninzi Road was inaugurated in Kyunpyaw Township of Ayeyawady Region on 18 March morning.

The road was rebuilt by Township Development Affairs Committee. Executive Officer of the committee U Thant Zin Thein explained matters related to the road. Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw representative U Than Tun, Township Administrator U Thant Sein and Executive Officer of the Township Development Affairs Committee U Thant Zin Thein cut the ribbon to open the road.

The 590 feet long and 10 feet wide road was built at a cost of K 5.1 million by the Township Development Affairs Committee and local people.—**Myanmar Alin**

**DISTRICT NEWS**

**Cash donated to construction of Dhammayan**

**YANGON, 30 March**—At the ceremony, U Min Hlaing-Daw Aye Aye Noe and family of Thitthar Road donated K 5.04 million and U Ohn Nyunt and siblings K 2.3 million to the funds through the Patron of the construction committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara.—**Myanmar Alin**

**Blue cross course commences in Kyain-seikkyi**

**KYAIN-SEIKKYI, 30 March**—As part of efforts to develop the rural areas and alleviate poverty, the Kayin State Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries organized the opening of blue cross course No. 1/2012 at the church in Azin Village of Kyaiakon Sub-Township on 19 March morning.

After that, Administrator of Kyaiakon Sub-Township U Aung Myint Soe and Head of Kyaiakon-seikkyi Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Soe Lwin made speeches. Dr Thein Maw Win of Kyaiakon Sub-Township explained the purpose of conducting the blue cross course.—**Myanmar Alin**

**UNDISCiplINED THROWING OF CHEROT LOGS INCINERATES LOGS WORTH US$ 5 MILLION**

**YANGON, 30 March**—A fire broke out at timber logs stockpiled in the yard of Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa-MITT in Thanlwin Township of Yangon Region at 2:25 pm on 26 March. The fire started from undisciplined throwing of cherot at the grass near the timber logs of CIFG Company in the MITT and the fire torched stockpiles of timber logs and coal.

About 8000 tons of teak log and 4000 tons of hardwood logs among 30000 tons of timber in the yard and it lost about US$ 5 million.

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Troubled Southern Calif nuclear power plant remains offline until safety requirements met

Southern California Edison (SCE) confirmed that it has received the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC) Confirmatory Action Letter outlining actions it must complete at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station before seeking permission from the commission to restart two troubled units. Officials committed themselves to working with the watchdog to fulfill all requirements before restarting the plant, an 84-acre (34 ha) site on the Pacific coast.

The SCE “will proceed deliberately and conservatively to implement these steps, always bearing in mind that safety is our first priority,” the operator said in a prepared statement.

“We welcome the NRC’s letter, which is a formal step in the process of restarting Units 2 and 3,” said Robert Lingen, president of the SCE said. “Our number one priority is, and always has been, the health and safety of the public and our employees. The utility will only bring the units on line when we and the NRC are satisfied that it is safe to do so.” Unit 3 has been shut down since January and was taken off line as a precautionary measure after sensors detected a radioactive steam leak in one of the unit’s steam generator tubes. Unit 2 was taken out of service for a routine maintenance on 9 Jan. —Internet

Kuwait returns 44 detained fishermen to Iraq

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Tea culture lives at Hangzhou expo

A man walks into a primary school toilet where containers are placed to collect urine passed out by boys, in Dongyang, Zhejiang Province on 26 March, 2012. — Internet

Urine-soaked eggs a spring taste treat in China city

DONGYANG, 30 March — It’s the end of a school day in the eastern Chinese city of Dongyang, and eager parents collect their children after a hectic day of primary school. But that’s just the start of busy times for dozens of egg vendors across the city, deep in coastal Zhejiang Province, said local officials.

Tea and its related customs have been involved in shaping and developing the city’s key features for 1,500 years. Among its celebrated types of tea, Longjing, the Dragon Well Tea, is the most renowned and pricey. Once the tea is soaked in fresh-boiled water, a sweet woody aroma rises out. Its leaves bloom like flower buds and bounce slightly up and down, which makes the brewing process itself a sight to behold. Longjing tea is an inseparable part of the city’s cultural legacy, say local leaders.

One of the most famous pieces of folklore related to Longjing tea is an interesting chapter when Emperor Qianlong, who reigned from 1711 to 1799, visited Hangzhou. According to folk legend, the emperor randomly arrived at a tea garden underneath the Lion-shaped Mountain in the Hangzhou suburbs. Amused by the girls who were busy gathering tea leaves there, he began to pick some himself. Internet

Archeological findings show Georgia one of earliest to collect, use honey

TBILISI, 30 March — The South Caucasus country of Georgia may have joined Spain, Egypt and China as one of the earliest nations in the world to have collected and used honey as food. Local television Rustavi2 reported Thursday findings had led Georgian archeologists to think Georgian honey was 2,000 years older than Egyptian honey, of which the first known sample turned up in the tomb of Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamun, popularly known as the King Tut, who lived from 1341 BC to 1323 BC.

The fertility god of Egypt, Mit, was once offered honey as well. Georgian archeologists have found honey remains on the inner surface of clay vessels unearthed from a robbed tomb of a Georgian lady. The tomb was found during the construction of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline some years back. Further tests could show Georgian honey to be 5,500 years old.

A Chinese publication dating back to the Spring and Autumn Warring States period (770 BC-221 BC) depicted honey collection and usage as food and medicine. The world’s oldest known reference to honey collection was found in ancient cave paintings located in Valencia in Spain. Honey seekers were depicted on the 8,000-year-old Arana Caves. — Xinhua

Man saved from mountain lion by bear

PARADISE, 30 March — A California man says he was saved from a mountain lion by a bear. Robert Biggs, 69, of Paradise, Calif, told the Paradise Post he was hiking Monday when he was attacked by a mountain lion.

“They usually grab hold of your head with all four paws,” Biggs said. “But my backpack was up above my head and (the mountain lion) grabbed it instead.”

Shortly before the encounter, Biggs said he had seen mother bear with a pair of cubs—which he thinks is what the mountain lion was after. “It must have been stalking the little bear,” Biggs said, but it was on me in seconds.”

Just as quickly, the mother bear came to his aid, he said. “I could hear the bear and the cat battled for about 15 seconds,” Biggs recalled, before both ran away. The hiker and self-described “naturalist” escaped with minor injuries. According to California’s Dept of Fish and Game, mountain lions attacks on humans are fairly rare in the state. Internet
**Cate Blanchett takes first steps on Paris stage**

Paris, 30 March—Oscar-winning Australian actress Cate Blanchett takes her first steps on the Paris stage on Thursday, playing a lonesome woman in the lead role of the surreal 1970s play “Big and Small”. Written by German playwright Peter Handke and set in west Berlin before the fall of the Wall, and adapted in English by Martin Crimp, the work tells the story of Lotte, who falls apart when her husband deserts her during a holiday in Morocco.

Directed by Australia’s Benedict Andrews, this version of the play was first created by Sydney’s Theatre Company, of which the 42-year-old actress and her playwright husband, Guirgis Woolsey Butterfield, who is known as Grandma Butterfield at Green Acres Elementary in North Ogden, said it was like, “I was like, oh, you’re doing that again.” Mclntyre said he received another message from the phone number two days later. “And said, ‘Come get me,’ and then a not-so-nice word,” he said. “I was like, oh, okay, not again.”

Mclntyre said he plugged the number into a police computer and discovered it belonged to Jason Wrenchy, 29, a man Mclntyre had previously arrested for burglary and drugs. He said Wrenchy had two outstanding warrants on felony charges. “We just decided I’ll text him and see if he wants to meet me somewhere,” he said.

**100-year-old reading tutor going strong**

The oldest reading tutor in Utah said she does not plan her 100th birthday stop her from working with children. Guirgis Woolsey Butterfield, who is known as Grandma Butterfield at Green Acres Elementary in North Ogden, said having topped the century mark last Wednesday will not slow down her twice-a-week volunteer efforts teaching children at the school to read, *The Salt Lake Tribune* reported Tuesday.

Butterfield took her key to her longevity is “just living the good life.” “I’m doing pretty great. Feel about 50 and that’s a good age,” she said.

Butterfield said she hopes to keep working with the Green Acres second-graders for a long time to come. “I have them read for me and I read for them,” Butterfield said. “I learn a lot from them and they learn a lot from me. You learn so much when you’re reading.”

**Owner hopes stolen parrot annoys thieves**

The British owner of a stolen parrot said he hopes the thieves will bring the bird back once they’ve had enough of her singing the hits of Queen.

Malcolm Booth, 44, said the African Grey parrot named Chico was stolen from his Hattersley home last weekend, along with a PlayStation 3 game console, Britain’s The Sun reported Wednesday. He said the thieves won’t be too happy when they realize Chico loves to squawk out the “Bohemian Rhapsody,” “We are the Champions” and “Killer Queen.” “I’m a great fan of Queen and am used to Chico squawking and whistling their tunes but I’m not sure its everyone’s cup of tea,” Booth said. “I don’t think the people who have her will appreciate her squawking ‘Scramblechole’ and ‘I’m just a poor boy at them all the time.”

**Review: Mythic mayhem resumes in ‘Titans’**

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In long beards, the two veteran actors are suited to one another, like a divine ZZ Top. Camp is a part of the experience here, as both “Titans” films pull from an unlikely combination of traditions: ancient Greece and the 1980s. The clunky “Clash of the Titans” remade 1981 original, bringing in boodloads of box office by updating the schmaltzy Larry Cohen version with contemporary digital effects and avidly-decided, slapped on, on conservation to 3-D. “Wrath of the Titans,” directed by Jonathan Liebesman taking over for Louis Leterrier, has modestly improved upon the 3-D-time around and better manages a narrative flow of continuous fantasy action.

But that’s all there is: A charmless stream of battle and fight sequences that contains all the mythic characters into blockbuster conventions. It’s commonly late — literally the last few minutes — that the film even tries to slide emotion into the characters’ relations, as if attempting to hypnotize us before leaving the theater: Oh, that was a love story? And that guy — gah! — was supposed to be the funny one? Rather than yet more Keenan releasing the “Nausicaa, um, another Kraken!” “Wrath of the Titans,” written by Dan Mazeau and David Leslie Johnson, charts new ground for the demigod Persus (Sam Worthington).

**Disney signs UK movie rental pact with YouTube, Google Play**

**Los Angeles, 30 March**—Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl, “Rebel Without A Cause,” “Finding Nemo,” “The Bachelor” and “The Breakfast Club” are to be broadcast in Europe and Asia in July and August this year.

As Disney continues to offer premium movies and television shows that would be broadcast in Europe and Asia in July and August this year.

**Wanted man text messages detective**

A man wanted on felony warrants was arrested after he sent a text message to a detective, in police, Edmonds, Wash, said. Police detective Brian Mclntyre said he received a text message from number he didn’t recognize. The text said “Who are you?” and the detective responded with askinquestions, KOMO-TV, Seattle, reported Wednesday. Mclntyre said there was no response until he received another message from the phone number two days later. “And said, ‘Come get me,’ and then a not-so-nice word,” he said. “I was like, oh, you’re doing that again.” Mclntyre said he plugged the number into a police computer and discovered it belonged to Jason Wrenchy, 29, a man Mclntyre had previously arrested for burglary and drugs. He said Wrenchy had two outstanding warrants on felony charges. “We just decided I’ll text him and see if he wants to meet me somewhere,” he said.

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In long beards, the two veteran actors are suited to one another, like a divine ZZ Top. Camp is a part of the experience here, as both “Titans” films pull from an unlikely combination of traditions: ancient Greece and the 1980s. The clunky “Clash of the Titans” remade 1981 original, bringing in boodloads of box office by updating the schmaltzy Larry Cohen version with contemporary digital effects and avidly-decided, slapped on, on conservation to 3-D. “Wrath of the Titans,” directed by Jonathan Liebesman taking over for Louis Leterrier, has modestly improved upon the 3-D-time around and better manages a narrative flow of continuous fantasy action.

But that’s all there is: A charmless stream of battle and fight sequences that contains all the mythic characters into blockbuster conventions. It’s commonly late — literally the last few minutes — that the film even tries to slide emotion into the characters’ relations, as if attempting to hypnotize us before leaving the theater: Oh, that was a love story? And that guy — gah! — was supposed to be the funny one? Rather than yet more Keenan releasing the “Nausicaa, um, another Kraken!” “Wrath of the Titans,” written by Dan Mazeau and David Leslie Johnson, charts new ground for the demigod Persus (Sam Worthington).

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**Wanted man text messages detective**

A man wanted on felony warrants was arrested after he sent a text message to a detective, in police, Edmonds, Wash, said. Police detective Brian Mclntyre said he received a text message from number he didn’t recognize. The text said “Who are you?” and the detective responded with askinquestions, KOMO-TV, Seattle, reported Wednesday. Mclntyre said there was no response until he received another message from the phone number two days later. “And said, ‘Come get me,’ and then a not-so-nice word,” he said. “I was like, oh, you’re doing that again.” Mclntyre said he plugged the number into a police computer and discovered it belonged to Jason Wrenchy, 29, a man Mclntyre had previously arrested for burglary and drugs. He said Wrenchy had two outstanding warrants on felony charges. “We just decided I’ll text him and see if he wants to meet me somewhere,” he said.
Santos hails Barclays Premier League quality

Arsenal's Brazilian left-back delighted to be playing his football in England

**London, 30 March —** Arsenal defender Andre Santos has praised the quality of the Barclays Premier League and says he is loving life in England.

The 29-year-old Brazilian joined the Gunners in August 2011 from Turkish club Fenerbahce and enjoyed an impressive start to his career at the Emirates Stadium. Santos suffered an ankle ligament injury in Arsenal's UEFA Champions League match at Olympiakos in December and was out for more than three months, but he made his comeback as a second-half substitute in the 3-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday.

And Santos is delighted at how his first season in English football has gone so far. He told the club's official website: "The Premier League is something different — it's the best league in the world. It's hard to play in, the pace is different, the fact that almost every pitch is well made the ball run more, the tackles are harder, and it's just really good."

"I'm not saying that the Turkish league is not good, it has quality as well, but the Premier League is different from anything I've seen."

Newcastle defender says there is enough quality to cover skipper's absence

**London, 30 March —** Newcastle United defender Mike Williamson says his side will be able to cope with the loss of skipper Fabricio Coloccini. Coloccini has been ruled out of Sunday's Barclays Premier League contest against Liverpool because of a hamstring injury suffered during the victory over West Bromwich Albion last weekend.

Earlier this week, Magpies boss Alan Pardew suggested the 30-year-old Argentine could miss the next four matches. But despite the setback, Williamson believes there is enough quality in the squad to handle Coloccini's absence. "It's a big loss. Collo has been such a massive player for us," Williamson said in Newcastle's official website. "He's not only our captain, but also a fantastic player. "But the second half at West Brom showed that we have enough in the squad to cope without him while he is out."

Real Madrid to open China academy

**Guangzhou, 30 March —** European giants Real Madrid are to open a football academy in southern China next year in a tie-up with Super League leaders Guangzhou Evergrande, the Chinese club's owner said on its website.

"We will send a high-profile coaching team here and build up selection, training and evaluation systems, and a competition mechanism of the same standard as we use in Spain," the China Daily quoted Cipitria as saying. "We will also train Chinese coaches at school level and send some outstanding players and coaches for more training at Real Madrid."

Djokovic downs determined Ferrer at Miami tennis

**Key Biscayne, 30 March —** World number one Novak Djokovic booked a semi-final showdown with Juan Monaco at the Miami Masters by holding off a determined David Ferrer of Spain 6-2, 7-6(7-1).

"It is always going to be tough against David, he's one of the greatest competitors on the circuit," said Serbia's Djokovic, winner of the last three Grand Slams. "I didn't want to get to the third set because physically he's always there."

Defending champion Djokovic opened the match playing superb tennis, dictating the rallies and giving fifth-seeded Ferrer little opening and an ace point winning 13 straight points. He pocketed the first set in just 32 minutes and broke Ferrer in the first game of the second before the tenacious Spaniard turned the tables.

Ferrer broke back and was holding his own against the world's top player until a loose service effort from the Spaniard saw Djokovic break for a 5-4 lead and a chance to serve out the match.

Ferrero and Murray then battled to the tie-breaker, where Djokovic claimed a quick advantage as Ferrer swatted an ill-judged forehand into the net and fell behind on his serve in the first point.

Djokovic was firmly in control from there as he advanced to a meeting with Monaco, who celebrated his 29th birthday by surpassing eighth-seeded American Mardy Fish 6-1, 6-3.
Amy Yang seizes Korean Kraft Nabisco golf lead

RANCHE MIRAGE, 30 March — South Korean Amy Yang fired a six-under 66 to take a one-shot lead over American Lindsey Wright after one round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship. Breathing down her necks was world number one Yani Tseng of Taiwan, who was third after a first-round 68 in the first major championship of the women’s golf season. Tseng is a five-time major champion who has won two straight LPGA tournaments and three of her five LPGA events this season, while Yang and Wright are both seeking a first LPGA Tour title.

Yang, 22, nabbed five birds in the span of seven holes from the 15th at Mission Hills, in the California desert east of Los Angeles. She also chipped in for birdie from the fringe at 13. Overall she had eight birdies and two bogeys. A former tennis sensation, three years removed from a win on the Ladies European Tour, Yang has five top-10 finishes in major championships but hasn’t been able to claim an LPGA title. — Internet

First hole-in-one woman golfer emerges at Monywa Golf Club

YANGON, 30 March—While playing together with partners U Aung Khaing (Police Captain Ball), Aung Ye Lin (Communication) and U Aung Swa (merchant), Daw Nu Nu Tin scored an ace at 160-yard distance hole No 4 with the use of Fletch Neil No Ball and Homma Wood 4 at Monywa Golf Club on 16 March.

Daw Nu Nu Tin was the first-ever woman golfer in the hole-in-one scorer at Monywa Golf Club.

Kyaw Moe Khaing
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