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* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a US delegation led by Senator Mr. James Henry Webb at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and departmental heads.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on promotion and strengthening of relations between Myanmar and the US, opportunities for cooperation in the economic sector and other sectors and ongoing process for the internal politics and peace making in Myanmar. — MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (9-4-2012)

Maungtaw (2.40) inches
Myeik (0.98) inch
Falam (0.71) inch
Sittway (0.63) inch
Putao (0.39) inch
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Lee Westwood of England hits his tee shot on the fourth hole during final round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012.

In this on 9 Nov, 2011 file photo, singer Keith Urban performs during the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn.
**Do away with bribery and malpractices**

Rules of moral conduct are to be found in every religion. They may resemble other codes of conduct to a greater or lesser degree depending on the teacher or religion system from which they originated. Usually they comprise lists of actions from which to abstain, implying that any actions not covered by the prohibitions are permissible.

In Buddhism, a good example is afforded by the Five Silas or the Five Precepts, namely to abstain from taking possession of anything that has not been given by its owner, to abstain from sexual misconduct, to abstain from lying or evil speech, and to abstain from intoxicating drinks which are the primary cause of negligence.

These Five Silas are the basic principles of Buddhism best known to most people.

**Union Minister urges government employees to show honesty**

He also urged the service personnel to serve the people honestly. Weaknesses of the ministry in the previous fiscal year would be reviewed and plans that could contribute to meeting and exceeding economic objectives of the State would be drawn up at the session, he said.---MNA

**Deal signed for fiber cable network construction**

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and International Telecommunication Holdings Limited (ITHL) inked agreement for building fiber cable network.---MNA

**Shan State Chief Minister attends opening of concrete road**

The 4.18-mile-long road was built by Tawdarwin Construction Co at a cost of K 4.4 million.---MNA

**Talks on danger of fire given**

A talk on fire preventive measures was held in conjunction with the fire drill at the main workshop (Pyinmana) of Engineering Department of Myanmar Timber Enterprise on 6 April morning.

General Manager (Engineering) U Aung Hsan gave a talk and Assistant General Manager (Engineer) U Nay Win explained preparations for prevention against danger of fire.

Workers participated in the fire drill.---MNA
Iran opposes A-bomb, Ahmadinejad tells Japan-ex PM

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Hatoyama’s visit, fearing it could undermine the Japanese government’s efforts for international coordination, Japanese media reported.

The visit came at a tense time, with Iran facing off against much of the West over its nuclear programme. The United States and its allies fear Iran is seeking nuclear weapons capability, something Tehran denies. Talks between Iran and the five permanent UN Security Council members and Germany are due to be held starting Friday, in a country yet to be agreed.

Hatoyama was quoted as telling Ahmadinejad: “International trust-building and respecting regulations are important parts of the world community which should be seriously pursued.” Ahmadinejad said Iran was “ready for negotiations” and had unspecified “practical suggestions for the upcoming meeting.” —INTERNET

Al-Qaeda-linked terrorist leader killed in Afghanistan: ISAF

KABUL, 9 April — Another al-Qaeda-linked terrorist leader was killed in an operation conducted by Afghan and NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) forces in northern Afghan province of Faryab, the ISAF said on Monday.

An Afghan Special Operations Unit and coalition troops killed a senior Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) leader during an operation in Almar district, Faryab province, earlier this week, “the ISAF said in a statement.

The IMU is a terrorist organization closely linked to al-Qaeda and the Taliban. It conducts insurgent attacks in the northern region of Afghanistan.

The killed IMU leader named Osmami Sabih “was one of multiple IMU members killed in an exchange of fire that resulted from the insurgents’ attempt to attack the combined Afghan and coalition force during the operation,” it said.

“Osmami was recently promoted to replace Makhudm Nazrat, the former highest ranking IMU insurgent in Afghanistan, after Makhudm was killed during an operation by an Afghan special unit supported by coalition troops” in Shirin Tagab district of Faryab province on 26 March, the statement added.

In addition, the security force captured an insurgent facilitator along with another insurgent, and destroyed several AK-47s and bomb-making materials, according to the statement.

Afghan forces and ISAF troops have intensified cleanup operations throughout the post-Taliban country recently. Over 460 insurgents have been killed and more than 930 others detained in the country so far this year, according to the Afghan Interior Ministry.

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Afghans, US sign deal on night raids

KABUL, 9 April — The US and Afghanistan signed a deal Sunday giving Afghan security authority over raids of Afghan homes, resolving one of the most contentious issues between the two wartime allies.

The majority of these raids are nighttime operations in which US and Afghan troops descend without warning on homes or residential compounds searching for militants. The raids are widely denounced by Afghans, and President Hamid Karzai has repeatedly called for a halt to all night raids by international forces. He said for months that they would have to stop before he would sign a much-anticipated pact governing the long-term US presence in Afghanistan.

Both countries have said that they wanted that bigger deal signed before the NATO summit in May, so the night raids agreement announced Sunday makes hitting that deadline possible. Karzai has argued that night raids by international troops make civilian casualties more likely and that US soldiers are disrespectful in the way they conduct the operations.

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Handcuffed suspects seen in the federal police headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 April, 2012. Iraqi officials say they have arrested a ring of insurgents allegedly involved in attacks in Baghdad.—INTERNET

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Iraq says terrorist cell dismantled

BAGHDAD, 9 April — Iraqi security forces have arrested members of an al-Qaeda-linked militant cell responsible for deadly attacks and robberies in Baghdad, police official said on Sunday. Lt Col Nimir Sultan Halan, the head of a police intelligence unit, said that the dismantled 25-person cell belonged to Ansar al-Islam, a radical Sunni Arab group linked to al-Qaeda. He did not say when the actual arrest took place.

Ansar al-Islam had previously threatened to attack the Arab League summit in Baghdad and any political or business officials associated with it. The summit, held last month, was almost violence-free. Halan said the cell was behind robberies on money exchange companies in the capital that were used to financially support the group. “The families of the victims have filed lawsuits against the arrested members who will stand trial,” he said.

Iraqi authorities seized several bombs and pistols fitted with silencers as part of the operation, he said.

A 6-year-old dies in France floor collapse

PARIS, 9 April — French officials say a floor has collapsed in a building where an Easter religious ceremony was being held, killing a 6-year-old and seriously injuring four other people.

The collapse occurred Sunday afternoon at a two-story house used by an evangelical group for religious ceremonies in Stains, a town near Paris.

Local officials say a 2-year-old child and a 42-year-old woman are in critical condition, and around 30 other people are slightly injured.

Officials say that number could grow as the emergency workers continue to work at the scene. Between 100 and 150 people, mainly from the Haitian community, were in the building’s second floor when it collapsed beneath them during a Mass.—INTERNET

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People work in a collapsed mine to rescue trapped miners in Ica, Peru, on 7 April, 2012.—INTERNET

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Graphene windows’ clearer focus

London, 9 April—The carbon-based material graphene can help scientists study liquids more clearly with high-power microscopes. Details of the advance are reported in Science journal. Graphene can form a clear “window” to see liquids at higher resolution than was previously possible using transmission electron microscopes. Liquids had been difficult to view at the same resolution as solids because these microscopes require the liquids to be encapsulated by some material. Traditionally, silicon nitride or silicon oxide capsules, or liquid cells, have been used. But these are generally too thick to see through clearly. Now, Jong Min Yu at the University of California, Berkeley, and colleagues have shown that pockets created by sheets of graphene can be used to study liquids at clear, atomic, resolutions using transmission electron microscopes, (TEMs). The researchers used their new graphene-based liquid cell to study the formation of platinum nanocrystals in solution. With this technique, the team of scientists was able to observe new and unexpected stages of nanocrystal growth as it happened. They noted how the crystals selectively coalesced and modified their shape. Graphene consists of a flat layer of carbon atoms tightly packed into a two-dimensional honeycomb arrangement. Because it is so thin, it is also practically transparent. The unusual electronic, mechanical and chemical properties of graphene at the molecular scale promise numerous applications. —Internet

Study ties oil, gas production to Midwest quakes

New York, 9 April—Oil and gas production may explain a sharp increase in small earthquakes in the nation’s midsection, a new study from the US Geological Survey suggests. The rate has jumped six-fold from the late 20th century through last year, the team reports, and the changes are “almost certainly man-made.” Outside experts were split in their opinions about the report, which is not yet published but is due to be presented at a meeting later this month.

The study said a relatively mild increase has started in 2001 comes from increased quake activity in a methane production area along the state line between Colorado and New Mexico. The increase began about the time that methane production began there, so there’s a “clear possibility” of a link, says lead author William Ellsworth of the USGS. The increase over the nation’s midsection has gotten steeper since 2009, with quakes in a variety of oil and gas production areas, including some in Arkansas and Oklahoma, the researchers say. It’s not clear how the earthquake rates might be related to oil and gas production, the study authors said. They note that other

About Andromeda galaxy

New York, 9 April—The Andromeda Galaxy (NGC 224) is a spiral galaxy approximately 2.6 million light-years (2.5-1015 km) from Earth in the Andromeda constellation. It is also known as Messier 31, or NGC 224, and is often referred to as the Great Andromeda Nebula in older texts. The Andromeda Galaxy is the nearest spiral galaxy to our Milky Way, but not the closest galaxy overall. It gets its name from the area of the sky in which it appears, the Andromeda constellation, which was named after the mythological princess Andromeda.

The Andromeda Galaxy is the largest galaxy of the Local Group, which also contains our galaxy (Milky Way), the Triangulum Galaxy, and about 30 other smaller galaxies. Although the largest, the Andromeda Galaxy may not be the most massive, as recent findings suggest that the Milky Way contains more dark matter and could be the most massive in the grouping. The 2006 observations by the Spitzer Space Telescope revealed that M31 contains one trillion (1012) stars; at least twice the number of stars in our own galaxy, which is estimated to be 200-400 billion.

The Andromeda Galaxy is estimated to be 7.1×1011 solar masses. In a comparison 2009 study estimated that the Milky Way and M31 are about equal in mass, while a 2006 study put the mass of the Milky Way at ~80% of the mass of the Andromeda Galaxy. The Andromeda Galaxy and the Milky Way are expected to collide in perhaps 4.5 billion years.

At an apparent magnitude of 3.4, the Andromeda Galaxy is notable for being one of the brightest Messier objects, making it visible to the naked eye on moonless nights even when viewed from areas with moderate light pollution. Although it appears more than six times as wide as the full Moon when photographed through a large telescope, only the brighter central region is visible to the naked eye or when viewed using binoculars or a small telescope. —Internet

NY Auto Show: World’s first ‘sky-worthy’ car

New York, 9 April—US company Terrafugia has put on display a prototype car that is licensed to fly as well as drive, at the New York International Auto Show. The vehicle currently has a nameplate "Transition" and "Terrafugia". This makes it the first "street legal aerial" vehicle. The company hopes in time it will gain a light sport aircraft licence. The hybrid vehicle completed its first successful test flight at Plattsburgh International Airport near Montreal in Canada last month. A retired US Air Force test pilot took the maiden voyage - after volunteering his services. "We are very fortunate to have him," said Dr Samuel Schwegert, an engineer at Terrafugia working on the project. The vehicle flew at 1,400 feet for eight minutes. —Internet

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Gene discovery may move personalized stomach cancer treatment forward

WASHINGTON, 9 April — An international team of researchers has identified hundreds of new genes that are mutated in stomach cancer, in a finding they say could lead to treatments tailored to the genetic make-up of individual stomach tumors. Stomach cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death worldwide and kills more than 708,000 people a year, according to the World Health Organization. Treatment is often difficult and unsuccessful. In the United States, less than one-quarter of stomach cancer patients survive more than five years after diagnosis.

“Until now, the genetic abnormalities that cause stomach cancers are still largely unknown, which partially explains the overall poor treatment outcome,” said the study’s senior author, Dr Patrick Tan, an associate professor in the Cancer and Stem Cell Biology Programme at Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, in a Duke University Medical Centre news release. Tan, who leads the Genomic Oncology Programme at the Cancer Sciences Institute of Singapore, and colleagues from the National Cancer Centre of Singapore used DNA sequencing technology to analyze tumor and normal tissue from stomach cancer patients. They identified more than 600 genes that were previously unknown to be mutated in stomach cancer.

Further analysis revealed that two genes — FAM124A and ARID1A — were mutated in 5 percent and 8 percent, respectively, of stomach cancer patients. In some patients, portions of the chromosome containing the two genes were missing.

Looking on the bright side of inflation

WASHINGTON, 9 April — Sometimes a little bit of inflation is not such a bad thing. In the United States, prices starting to creep upward shows the deep wounds from the credit crisis are slowly healing and the US economy is well on the road to recovery. The evidence is scattered but it also shows up in some national reports. Consumer inflation, after stripping out volatile food and energy prices, has edged upward over the past year and is now running just above the Federal Reserve’s 2 percent target.

Workers’ pay is nudging higher as the labor market gradually improves. Hourly earnings have grown at an annual average rate of 2 percent since last May and posted a 2.1 percent gain last month, up from a 1.8 percent pace a year earlier. Home prices in a few cities, including Miami and Phoenix, have started to climb, the latest Case-Shiller index showed, even as the overall index fell. In the Washington area, where health care employment has boomed, average home prices have risen by 10 percent over the past year.

Japan swings back to current account surplus

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A bank employee counts US hundred dollar notes.

National Federal of Independent Businesses said almost one-third of its firms surveyed in February had few if any qualified applicants to fill vacancies. This could push up wages in these sectors. The amount of slack in the economy also appears to be lessening, the Federal Reserve staff said in minutes last week from the March central bank meeting. When there is lots of unused capacity in the economy, price slashing is common. Roughly 30 studies so far have failed to draw a conclusive link. — Internet
The MS Balmoral sets sail for the Titanic memorial cruise from Southampton, England, on 8 April, 2012. Nearly 100 years after the Titanic went down, a cruise with the same number of passengers aboard is setting sail to retrace the ship’s voyage, including a visit to the location where it sank. — Internet

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US helps Pakistan search for 135 buried in snow

ISLAMABAD, 9 April — The US sent a team of experts Sunday to help Pakistan search for 135 people buried a day earlier by a massive avalanche that engulfed a military complex in a mountain battleground close to the Indian border.

At least 240 Pakistani troops and civilians worked at the site of the disaster at the entrance to the Siachen Glacier with the aid of sniffer dogs and heavy machinery, said the army. But they struggled to dig through some 25 metres (80 feet) of snow, boulders and mud that slid down the mountain early Saturday morning.

Pakistani army spokesman Gen Athar Abbas said Sunday evening that it was unclear whether any of the people who were buried are still alive. At least 124 soldiers from the 6th Northern Light Infantry Battalion and 11 civilian contractors are missing.

“Miracles have been seen and trapped people were rescued after days ... so the nation shall pray for ‘Miracled soldiers,’” Abbas said in an interview on Geo TV.

Pakistan Army Chief Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani visited the site Sunday to supervise rescue operations. The US sent a team of eight experts to Islamabad to provide technical assistance, said the Pakistani army. Pakistan will consult with the team to determine what help is needed to expedite the rescue operation. — Internet

Arrests after body found in Southampton industrial bin

LONDON, 9 April — Three people have been arrested on suspicion of murder after a body was discovered in an industrial bin in Southampton.

The body was found by firefighters tackling a fire in a bin on the Empress Road Industrial Estate early on Sunday.

Two men, aged 28 and 25, and a 20-year-old woman, all from Southampton, were arrested in the city. Hampshire Police said they were trying to identify the victim but could not yet say if the body was male or female. A post-mortem examination was being carried out, the police said.

Thomas Lewis Way was near the junction with Empress Road after the body was found at about 03:00 BST. Det Insp Simon Baker said: “We are making urgent inquiries to identify the body.” The detective said he was unable to say whether the victim was male or female, their age or how badly burned the body was and said the condition of the body was “hampering” the identification.

The bin has been removed as part of the investigation and a fingertip search of the area was being carried out. Hampshire Police have appealed for information from anyone who witnessed any suspicious activity in the area. — Internet

Police were called to the industrial estate early on Sunday. — Internet

7-year-old boy tied to Alaska arson fires

JUNEAE, 9 April — A 7-year-old Juneau boy has admitted setting five arson fires over a little more than four months, according to fire officials in Alaska’s Capital. Juneau fire marshal Dan Jager tells the Juneau Empire that the boy caused about $1,000 in damages by setting fires in restrooms at Harboview Elementary School and the Terry Miller Legislative Building, plus a downtown grass fire and two fires at a Fred Meyer store. The boy’s name was not released.

“He won’t be going to jail,” Fire Chief Richard Etheridge said, but the case will be turned over to the Department of Corrections for the juvenile court to handle.

A surveillance camera at the legislative building recorded the boy entering and exiting the bathroom at the time of the fire. A maintenance worker extinguished the fire and did not call for assistance but contacted police and submitted video footage.

The boy’s grandmother is his legal guardian. She was surprised to learn her grandson was playing with fire, Jager said. “It definitely got her attention, and I think she’s going to be a big help in making sure that the boy understands what he’s doing,” Jager said.

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“His parents are devastated,” the fire chief said. “By the time we got there, the entire school and building were on fire.”

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“The thrill has cost a considerable amount, but I wanted to do it.” Fellow cruiser Carmel Bradburn, 55, who lives in Australia, described herself as “fanatical” about the Titanic and struck back at accusations that retracting the doomed voyage is in poor taste. “I don’t think the cruise is locked. It’s like saying Gallipoli is morbid or commemorating the (Crimean) war,” she said. “I don’t think it’s a bad thing.” — Internet

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British soldier injured in Afghanistan blast dies in UK

LONDON, 9 April — A British soldier has died in hospital in Birmingham from injuries sustained in an explosion in Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said. The soldier from The Queen’s Royal Hussars (The Queen’s Own and Royal Irish) had been injured on 3 February. The MoD said his family had been present when he died at Birmingham’s Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The death takes to 409 the number of UK troops killed in Afghanistan since military operations began in 2001. The MoD said the soldier from The Queen’s Royal Hussars has died of wounds sustained in an IED (improvised explosive device) strike on 3 Feb, 2012.

“The thoughts and condolences of everyone serving in the Task Force are with his family and friends,” the MoD said. The soldier’s family had asked for a period of grace before more details were released. — Internet

Game Group entered administration in March 2012 but found a buyer for its remaining stores.— Internet

Shop failures cost 10,000 jobs in first quarter—Deloitte

LONDON, 9 April — The number of retailers entering administration in the first quarter of this year was up 15% on the same period last year, according to research, Consultants Deloitte says 69 firms failed during the three-month period, compared with 60 a year earlier.

“The number of job losses that came as a result of these administrations was almost 10,000 out of the 22,000 employed by those companies,” it said. Among the firms hit were Toys “R” Us, Peacocks, Game, La Senza, and Blacks. Meanwhile, the administration figures for the first quarter was up by 64% on the previous quarter, when 42 retailers entered administration.

“Whilst the quarterly rent day often sets the timing for the insolvency, a significant trigger in a number of recent administrations is that many retailers have too many marginal stores,” said Lee Manning, restructuring services partner at Deloitte. “As online retailing continues to grow whilst overall spending is weak, the fixed costs and poor performance of some stores drag on the overall business.”

And he said job losses at firms entering administration were much higher than a year previously. Mr Manning also said that to remain competitive, some retailers would have to rethink their business models “to be nimble and adaptable to changing consumer trends”. In total, the number of firms entering administration, excluding retailers, in the first quarter of the year saw a fall of 10% on 12 months before, from 497 to 447. “Whilst conditions undoubtedly remain tough, the year-on-year decline is a positive indicator and gives a glimmer of hope that some industries are potentially over the worst,” said Mr Manning. — Internet

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**Wunyu Dam**
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- It has 2400 acre feet of storage capacity.
- It can irrigate 345 acres of farmland.
- The dam contributes to greening of its environs.
- Thanks to the dam, farmers in the region could extensively grow summer paddy and gram.

**Madae Dam**
- It was built near Gyobin Village in Kanma Township of Magway Region.
- The dam built on Madae Creek has 76 square miles of watershed area. It is of earthen type.
- It has 155 ft high and 1920 ft long. The embankment of the dam is 1200 ft long.
- Irrigating 4000 acres of farmlands irrigated by the facilitated, farmers could opt monsoon paddy, monsoon sesame and green gram as the first crop.
- Summer paddy and beans and pulses becomes the second crop in the region.
- Even as the third crop, summer paddy could be cultivated on 700 acres of farmland.
- It increases cultivation capacity by 218 per cent.

**MWEA holds annual general meeting**

YANGON, 9 April—The Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs’ Association held its 17th Annual General Meeting at Sedona Hotel, here, on 30 March morning. Founder of the association Adviser and Patron retired professor of the Institute of Economics Daw Yi Yi Myint made a speech. Chairperson of the association Daw Wah Wah Tun extended greetings. Secretary of the association Daw Hnin Wai read the executive report and financial adviser Daw Khin Yu Htay, the financial report. Executives and members of the association presented gifts and cash to the patron and advisers. Vice-Chairperson of the association Daw Hla Wady spoke words of thanks.

*MWEA*
Union level peace making group hosts dinner in honour of KNU peace makers

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—To mark the eternal peace, Union level peace making group of the Union Government hosted a dinner in honour of the Kayin National Union-KNU which has offered peace talks to the Union Government at the invitation of the government at Sedona Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

The dinner was attended by Union Ministers U Aung Min, U Soe Thein, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Zaw Min, U Khin Yi from Union level peace making group, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Yangon Region ministers, Kayin national race organizations, representatives of the KNU led by Secretary-General of Kayin National Union-KNU Naw Si Poe Yar Sein and General Saw Muto Soe Po and peace negotiators of the both sides.

First, Union Minister U Aung Min, Kayin National Race Organization Secretary-General Kayin National Union-U Aung Saw, Kayin Union-Soe Po and Kayin Fraction Civil Organizations Kayin Union-KNU Naw Si Poe Yar Sein extended greetings. They also had a group photo taken at the dinner.

At the dinner, Kayin national vocalists entertained with songs and on behalf of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Union Minister U Soe Thein presented computers, solar-powered lamps, Union Minister U Aung Min souvenirs and 10 sets of Sky Net receivers to representatives of the KNU.

Member of Union level peace making group Union Minister U Aung Min presents gifts to Secretary-General of Kayin National Union-KNU Naw Si Poe Yar Sein. —MNA

Union Construction Minister inspects road and bridge works

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected Sethsan Bridge construction site being built by Special Group (3) of bridge construction on Bogale-Sethsan-Htwai-Ahmar road and Thakar Bridge construction site on Bogale-Sethsan road in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning. Then, the Union Minister proceeded to 3553-ft-long Bogale river-crossing bridge construction site being implemented by Special Group (5) of Bridge construction. After hearing the report presented by deputy superintending engineer on the bridge, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.

After that, he inspected the construction of Kalayji Creek bridge on Bogale-Pyapon road, Kyoneku bridge construction site, damaged road on Pyapon-Dedaye road section and the maintenance of Twantay-Hlmeiha bridge. On arrival at Seikgyi-Khanauhto suspension bridge construction project, he coordinated essentials and inspected bore piles. He called for timely completion of earth works of approach road and meeting set standards.—MNA

Workshop on Myanmar-Thai freight business held

UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win extends greetings at Myanmar-Thai Freight Business Workshop. —MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Organized by bookworms in Loikaw of Kayah State, the literary talk was given at Kandayawady City Hall in Loikaw from 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm on 4 April.

Writers Chit Naing (Psychology), Myinmu Maung Naing Moe and Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobtangauk) gave literary talks. It was attended by over 500 audiences.

Drive safely
**THINGYAN MELODIES**

*Than Daing Kaung (Meiktila)*

Thingyan song, ‘Shar-bon-daw Minthagy’ written by Kyaw Myint Thu woke me up. Today is the 7th April and the water festival is just a week away. As I was sitting at a teashop, the business of buying and selling goods went on around me in the market place more or less as usual. Just then, U Htoo, a friend of mine, approached me and said, “You know some of choral dancing groups and pavilions that stand for Thingyan Contest, I hope.”

“Yes, they all are good,” I replied. Pointing to the mohinga shops nearby, I added, “And they all have competitive pressure, just like those food shops.”

“Thingyan is our national heritage which brings the Myanmar people, rich or poor, far or near always together when everyone takes part in the festival, and it is no exaggeration to say that enjoyment and memories of Thingyan would linger a life time. Let the water festival begin.

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**DISTRICT NEWS**

Application to be submitted for taking water from Mandalay moat

Mandlay, 9 April—Any group can pay K50,000 each to Water and Sanitation Department of Mandalay City Development Committee so as to take water from Mandalay moat and lakes during the period of 1373 Maha Thingyan Festival.
Fire preventive measures taken in Wakema

WAKEMA, 9 April—An official team inspected Myawma Market in Wakema to ensure the market free from danger of fire.

Maha Thingyan Golden Cup Golf Tournament 11-14 April

YANGON, 9 April—PyinOoLwin Golf Club will hold the 54th Maha Thingyan Golden Cup Golf Tournament at PyinOoLwin Golf Course from 11 to 14 April.

DISTRIBUTION NEWS

TRAFFIC CONGRUENCE Bago Region Internal Revenue Department conducted the Revenue Management Computerization Multiplier Course No. 2/2012 on 28 March. Head of Bago Region Internal Revenue Department U Tun Tun Aung made speeches.

Measles vaccination given to children in Ottwin

OTTWIN, 9 April—A ceremony to launch age-wise measles vaccination campaign was held in Ottwin Myoma Market Ward in Ottwin Township of Bago Region on 22 March.

Fire preventive measures taken in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 9 April—A ceremony to inaugurate U Pon Nya Tin’s office of Mandalay Township Development Affairs Committee was held.

New roads commissioned into service in Shwegu

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Prizes awarded for raising reading habit

PINLEBU, 9 April—With the aim of developing school libraries and village libraries and raising reading habits in Pinlebu Township of Katha District in Sagaing Region, the prize presentation of raising reading habit and book donation was held at U Aung Myat Hall of Basic Education High School in Pinlebu on 28 March.

They donated books to the school library and village libraries and then awarded Piyinya Ali Library of Hsaingyagyi Village and Biaw Mee-cin Library in Phoneggi Village.

New building of library opened in Aunglan

AUNGLAN, 9 April—A ceremony to put new building of Thata Yeikmon library into service was held at the Kyiyaykone Village of Aunglan Township, Thayet District, on 27 March. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe Aung and local people donated books and publications to the library.

The new building of the library was opened by Magway Region Hluttaw representative U San Lwin, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Win and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Win made speeches.
Tulsa, 9 April — Authorities in Tulsa, in the US state of Oklahoma, have launched a manhunt after a series of shootings which police say may have been hate crimes. The police said they were searching for a white man driving a white pick-up truck, who was seen in the area of three of the shootings. The BBC’s Jonathan Blake says the crimes have shocked people living in a relatively quiet part of north Tulsa, and that there is a fear that the killer may strike again. Our correspondents are hoping for people to help them, but that many in the community do not trust the police.

Tulsa police chief Chuck Jordan said they were investigating whether the attacks were hate crimes, after investigators earlier said the incidents were linked. The FBI has joined a task force set up to investigate the killings, he said. Jack Henderson, a city councillor for the district where the attacks occurred, urged people to come forward with information. “This is Tulsa, Oklahoma. We should have the ability to stand outside your porch at night, day or night, that you want to, to walk down the street, day or night.”

And the only way that this person is going to be brought to justice is we need some leads.” A 49-year-old was the first killed at about 01:00 local time (06:00 GMT) on Friday. Minutes later the gunman approached two other men and asked for directions before shooting them. They survived but later two more were shot dead nearby.

“We’re all nervous,” said one resident, 52-year-old Renaldo Works. “I’ve got a 15-year-old, and I’m not going to let him out late. People are scared. We need facts.” “You don’t want to be a prisoner in your own home,” he said.

Venezuela’s Chavez returns to Cuba for more treatment
CARACAS, 9 April — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has returned to Cuba for a third round of radiotherapy to treat a recurrence of his cancer. President Chavez announced his departure from Caracas in a Twitter message sent from the airport. “Heading for Havana with faith in Resurrected Christ. We’ll keep living and keep winning!” President Chavez

had surgery in February to remove a second tumour from his pelvic area. The President told Venezuelans he was returning to Cuba for more treatment after an emotional plea for his life at an Easter mass.

Speaking through tears in his hometown of Barinas, he asked Jesus to give him more time because he had “things left to do.” “Give me your crown, Christ, give it to me; I will bleed, give me your cross, a hundred crosses, but give me life, because I still have things left to do for (the Venezuelan) people and for the homeland,” he said during Thursday night’s mass.

He later said it had been “a spontaneous, sentimental thing” brought about by the presence of his family next to him at the mass. “My mum gave me her hand with such tenderness, and Dad gave me his... and because of this, tears rolled down my face,” he said. The exact nature of President Chavez’s cancer has not been disclosed, fuelling rumours that his health may be worse than officially stated.

Alaska’s largest city breaks seasonal snow record
ANCHORAGE, 9 April — A spring snowfall has broken the nearly 60-year-old seasonal snow record of Alaska’s largest city. Unabated with nearly double the snow they’re used to, Anchorage residents have been expecting to see this season’s snowfall surpass the record of 132.6 inches set in the winter of 1954-55. The 3.4 inches that fell by Saturday afternoon brings the total to 136.6 inches. National Weather Service meteorologist Shaun Baines said forecasters don’t expect more than an inch of additional accumulation.

Before a dumping of wet snow Friday, none had fallen since mid-March, and the seasonal measure hovered at 120.4 inches, or nearly 11 feet. The halt gave residents a chance to clear their snow-laden roofs and city crews an opportunity to widen streets squeezed by mountains of snow. Extreme weather hasn’t only Alaska. It’s also struck the lower 48, where the first three months of 2012 has seen twice the normal amount of tornadoes and one of the warmest winters on record.

Two different weather phenomena — La Nina and its opposite, El Nino — have been squeezing by mountains of snow. Global warming could also be a factor because it is supposed to increase weather extremes, according to climate scientists. Even by Alaska standards, Anchorage has been walloped by snow. City snow removal crews have worked around the clock to clear roadways and haul more than 22 million cubic yards of snow to the city’s six snow disposal sites, which are close to capacity. Maintenance and operations director Alan Czajkowski says that volume would almost fill the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. That’s not even counting the loads disposed of by state crews.

Gazans fire two rockets into Israel; no injuries
JERUSALEM, 9 April — Militants in Gaza have fired two rockets into Israel a day after Israeli air strikes killed two Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the rockets landed in open areas near the Gaza border early Sunday and did not cause injuries. The exchange shows cracks in the shaky cease-fire that Egypt brokered to stop a barrage of rockets and air strikes between Israel and the Gaza Strip last month.

Militant groups in Gaza frequently launch rockets into Israel but rarely inflict casualties. There are many small factions, and cease-fires reached by some do not mean others abide by them.

Another rocket landed Thursday in the southern Israeli city of Eilat near the Egyptian border. Israel says it was fired from Egypt.

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International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell said to come, affecting many more people than before, and sealed, and lightweight collapsible wheelchairs. With the world expected to face more natural disasters in the years to come, affecting many more people than before, International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell said the response had to improve - and harnessing new technology was one part of the solution.

Survivors of the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan were given smartcards to assist with food aid handouts.

Disaster fund to encourage new solutions
LONDON, 9 April — The Department for International Development is to announce a fund this week to encourage new solutions to assist after natural disasters. Examples of the kind of projects it will support include an app to help reunion missing families, and using satellites to produce quick maps. Others are radio stations and mobile networks which are quick to set up. The move follows predictions that the number of people affected by disasters will rise to 375 million by 2050.

The BBC’s International Development Correspondent, David Loy, said: “There are first people that Britain now sends in response to earthquakes, such as in Haiti, are mapmakers, who, working alongside fire officers camping in the rubble, quickly print maps from satellite images, so that rescuers know where to go. “It is this kind of 21st century technology that the government wants to encourage with new funding.”

Our correspondent says the innovation the DFID is looking for is not all computer-based. The fund will assist the

Two Gazans hurt in Israeli drone hit: security sources
RAPID, 9 April — Two Palestinians were wounded by a rocket fired by an Israeli drone while riding a motorcycle in Rafah on the Gaza Strip. Palestinian security sources told AFP.

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Murder charge over Jacob Woudstra stabbing in Hastings  
Sussex, 9 April—A man has been charged with the murder of a 17-year-old boy stabbed in the chest in East Sussex. Jacob Woudstra was stabbed near the Shah pub in Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, on Thursday. Adam Scliton, 42, of Wilton Road in Bexhill, has been accused of murdering and perverting the course of justice.  
Wesley Long, 34, of High Street, Hastings, is also accused of perverting the course of justice. Both will appear before Hastings magistrates on Monday. A 31-year-old man from Rye, who was arrested on suspicion of murder, and a 19-year-old Hastings man, arrested for violent disorder, have been released on bail pending further inquiries.—Internet

Father dies trying to rescue son off Cornwall coast  
London, 9 April—A 60-year-old man has died after falling into the sea as he tried to save his son in north Cornwall. His son, 27, fell into the sea as they fished from the beach at Tregardock near Delabole on Sunday morning. The father threw him a lifebelt, but as he was pulling him to safety, another wave washed him into the sea, said coastguards. Both men were picked up by a lifeboat but the father was later pronounced dead. His son was taken to the Royal Cornwall Hospital at Treliske. His condition is unknown.  
Devon and Cornwall Police said the men, who were from Cornwall, were visiting family in the area. “The two men were in the water for about 30 minutes before being rescued,” a spokesman said.—Internet

Artists make a serpent statue out of bamboo, at the Wat Phnom Pagoda, which is located in Wat Phnom Park, in Phnom Penh on 9 April, 2012. Cambodians will celebrate the Khmer New Year from 13 to 15 April to mark the beginning of the Year of the Dragon.  
Internet

Flowers and tributes have been left at the scene of the stabbing in Mount Pleasant Road.  
Internet

THE VICTIM’S SON IS BEING TREATED IN HOSPITAL AFTER THE INCIDENT AT TREGARDOCK.  
INTERNET

FATHER DIES TRYING TO RESCUE SON OFF CORNWALL COAST
Three children, two adults attack by pit bulls

Five people, including three children were bitten by pit bulls that escaped from a house in Virginia Beach, Va., officials said. The children were bitten by the dogs as they played in ScARBorouGH Square Park on Friday, according to the newspaper said. The second time this has happened within six weeks was the second time this has happened within six weeks, said the boy’s mother, Tara Matthews. “The first bite should’ve been the last bite.” The other two children were 7-year-old son Jamarri and 5-year-old, Dr. Shawna Bailey, 12. Jamari required plastic surgery and required more than 100 stitches to close his wounds. “I don’t want any more kids to be hurt,” said Markivia Bailey, the children’s mother.

Carly Rae Jepsen tops UK singles chart

Canadian singer Carly Rae Jepsen has shot to the top of the UK chart with her single Call Me Maybe after becoming an internet sensation. The former Canadian Idol contestant sold 100,000 singles in a week after a viral video showing Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez dancing to the track received 31 million YouTube views. A Call Me Maybe has been a No1 in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Jepsen only came third when she competed in Canadian Idol in 2007. Holding firm at two in the chart was Sean Paul’s She Doesn’t Mind.

Carly Rae Jepsen finished third in Canadian Idol in 2007.—Internet

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Real lead cut to four with Valencia stalemate

SANTIAGO, 9 April — Stuttering Real Madrid have downplayed their chances of winning back-to-back titles despite being three points clear at the top of La Liga. Their 1-1 draw at Atletico Madrid means they now have to win every remaining game in the title race.

Monaco, 9 April — John Isner is developing such a strong advantage on clay court tennis that he is emerging as a dangerous outsider for the French Open. Isner steered the United States into the Davis Cup semi-finals at the weekend, beating Gilles Simon and then Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in four sets on the famous clay courts of the Monte Carlo Country Club. France had been warned of the 26-year-old’s ability after Isner played good tennis in the Davis Cup semi-finals against France’s Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in four sets on the famous clay courts of the Monte Carlo Country Club.

Big John targets French Open surprise

—inhis 6-3, 7-6(7)/4, 5-7, 6-3 win over Tsonga, he fired down 16 aces and unleashed 56 winners. France and Switzerland may have been stunned by Isner’s claycourt prowess, but not USA captain Jim Courier, who knows his way around the gruelling, slow surface, winning back-to-back French Opens in 1991 and 1992 Internet

USA’s John Isner hits a return to France’s Jo-Wilfried Tsonga during their Davis cup tennis match quarter final on 8 April, 2012 in Monaco.

Just for good measure, Isner has also beaten world number one Novak Djokovic this year in the semi-finals of the Indian Wells Masters. His form has been so consistent that he has overtaken Roger Federer, also on clay, in February’s first round 3-0 Davis Cup whitewash of Switzerland.

Tearful Watson wins Masters in playoff

AUGUSTA, 9 April — Bubba Watson conjured a miraculous par from pine straw to become the only third left-hander to win the Masters with an emotional playoff victory over Louis Oosthuizen at Augusta National on Sunday. The American clinched his first major title with a two-putt par on the second extra hole, the par four 10th, where South African Oosthuizen bogeyed after ending up just short of the green in two and failing to get up and down. Both players had ended up well right off the tee, Oosthuizen gaining a fortuitous bounce before ending up a shot short of the green. Watson hit his approach to within two feet of the pin. Oosthuizen had chipped up 15 feet past, missed his par putt coming back, Watson had the luxury of two putts for victory. His birdie attempt slid past the cup but the 33-year-old from Badagad in Florida gathered himself and tapped in for victory before embracing his caddie.

“I never got this far in my dreams,” a teary-eyed Watson said in the Butler Cabin after being helped into the revered green jacket by last year’s Masters champion Carl Schwartzel of South Africa. “I got in these trees, a crazy shot that I saw in my head and somehow I’m here talking to you with a green jacket on. “It’s a blessing,” Watson added, after joining fellow left-handers Phil Mickelson(2004, 2006 and 2010) and Canadian Mike Weir (2003) as Masters winners. — Reuters

Bubba Watson of the US (L) waves while wearing his green jacket after winning the Masters Golf Club Chairman William Porter Payne (R) applauds after the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012. — Reuters

PSG edge out Marseille to rekindle title hopes

PARIS, 9 April — Paris Saint-Germain rekindled hopes of a first French league championship success in 18 years on Sunday after squeezing past old rivals Marseille 2-1 at the Parc des Princes. The three points moved the big-spending capital club level on 63 points with Montpellier at the top of Ligue 1 — although the Parisians have played a game more.

PSG, who ended the game with ten men after a late red card for Mohamed Sissoko, made the ideal start when Jeremy Menez put them into the lead after just six minutes following good work by Brazilian Nene, who cut in from the left and set up a chance which Menez fired past Steve Mandanda. Gianhian Andre Ayew got the equaliser after 59 minutes but PSG reacted straight away and two minutes later Alex Costa bagged his second goal for the Parisians. The swift advantage was a boon for a PSG side on edge after last week’s 2-1 loss at Nancy, which meant a first league defeat under coach Carlo Ancelotti. — Internet

Marseille’s French midfielder Mathieu Valbuena controls the ball during the French L1 football match Paris vs Marseille, at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris. Internet

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Westwood again floats with glory but falls short

AUGUSTA, 9 April — Lee Westwood once again flirted with the Masters title on Sunday but his final round 68 proved not quite enough and he was left rueing his putting over the four days of tournament. Westwood shot the same 74 four rounds tally as winner Bubba Watson and went one better than play-off runner-up Louis Oosthuizen but, despite going four-under on the back nine, had to settle for tied for third, two strokes adrift.

And the Englishman had no doubt what had cost him the chance of a first major. “The story of the week is you have to putt well to win the Masters and I haven’t putted well,” he said. “I came out and missed a two-footer on the third inexplicably and that is not the kind of thing that will give you confidence for the rest of the round,” said Westwood, referring to an early bogey.

“So I didn’t really make that many putts. The longest I made was ten foot on 18. I made a good one at the right time, but that’s not really good enough, he said. Westwood has now had seven top three finishes in major championships since 2008, including his runners-up spot at the 2010 Masters behind Phil Mickelson.

Lee Westwood of England hits his tee shot on the fourth hole during final round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012.

International Sports

Paris Saint-Germain moved to within three points of Marseille in the drop zone on goal difference.

“Think we’re unlucky not to get something from this game,” the Italian said.

Wigan’s Martinez furious after Chelsea’s offside goal

LONDON, 9 April — Wigan Athletic manager Roberto Martinez did not mince his words after Chelsea beat his relegation-threatened side 2-1 at home on Saturday thanks in part to a clearly offside opener from Branislav Ivanovic. With six left legs left save their Premier League status, the dropped points could prove to be crucial for the second-bottom side. “I’m really disappointed that we couldn’t get what the players deserved today. I felt that we stopped Chelsea from playing most of the time,” the normally mild-mannered Martinez told Sky Sports before turning to the controversial goal.

“It is not something you want to see in football because they are not even difficult decisions. The linesman had a horrific day, unfortunately against us. It’s a real shame and there is a feeling of injustice among many players.”

“I’ve seen a very mature side, a side that can go anywhere in the Premier League,” he added, of a side that can go anywhere in the Premier League.

Although the long-term absence of star players John Terry and Frank Lampard will be a blessing,” Watson added, of a side that can go anywhere in the Premier League.

Bubba Watson of the US waves while wearing his green jacket after winning the Masters Golf Club Chairman William Porter Payne (R) applauds after the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012. — Reuters

For the visitors but Juan Mata’s scrappy last-minute winner sealed victory for Chelsea, who reached the Champions League semi-finals in midweek. Chelsea’s interim boss Roberto Di Matteo had some sympathy for Wigan, who are in the drop zone on goal difference.

“Think we’re unlucky not to get something from this game,” the Italian said.

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Small bomb damages Greek reform ministry

ATHENS, 9 April—A small makeshift bomb exploded on Monday outside a branch of a Greek ministry tasked with cutting 150,000 public sector jobs by 2015, causing damage but no injuries, police said.

Windows were smashed and desks and computers were damaged in the blast at the Administrative Reform Ministry building. A car was also damaged in the explosion. “There was no warning call and the risk of someone being injured was big, as the building is centrally located,” said a police official who declined to be named. The bomb was made of at least five gas canisters, police said. The ministry is tasked with reforming Greece’s bloated public sector, a key demand by the country’s international lenders.

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The attack was the second in under a week. A similar bomb exploded at the office of former Prime Minister Costas Simitis on Tuesday last week. Greece’s coalition government, led by technocrat Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, denounced that attack as an attempt to destabilize the country ahead of national elections expected on 6 May. Gas canister attacks on police and businesses are frequent in Greece.
Nay Pyi Taw, 9 April—A delegation led by US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party, paid a call on Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 1.15 pm today.

Present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, the director-general of Hluttaw Office and officials. Mr. James Henry Webb was accompanied by the Charge d'Affaires ai of US Embassy to Myanmar and officials.

At the call, they exchanged views on promoting amity between Hluttaws of both countries, boosting multi-sectoral cooperation through transparency and Hluttaw affairs.

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 2 pm today.

Present at the call together with the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker were Chairman of Monetary and Customs Affairs Committee U San Tun, Chairman of Women and Child Affairs Committee Dr Mya Oo, Chairman of International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo and officials from Hluttaw Office. The US Senator was accompanied by the Charge d’Affaires ai of US Embassy to Myanmar and officials.

The Speaker explained undertakings of Hluttaws, successful holdings of the by-elections and current reform process and progress. Both sides had a cordial discussion on promoting mutual ties between two countries.

Summer basic baseball training course wraps up

Yangon, 9 April—The summer basic baseball training course 2012 concluded at the baseball ground of Myanmar Baseball Federation at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Kyaikkasan Grounds) in Tamway Township yesterday morning.

Trainees demonstrated their skills. Secretary of the federation presented certificates and prizes to the trainees. Later, Baseball League of Myanmar Baseball Federation kicked off there.

Tottenham lose ground in race for third place

London, 9 April—Tottenham Hotspur stumbled in their pursuit of a third place Premier League finish and an automatic Champions League slot next season when they were upset 2-1 at home by Norwich City on Monday. Midtable Norwich had a host of penalty claims turned down yet still plugged away for a memorable victory to leave Spurs on 59 points, two adrift of third-placed Arsenal, having played 33 games, one more than their north London rivals.

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Quantum computer built inside a diamond

Delft, 9 April—Diamonds are forever—or, at least, the effects of this diamond on quantum computing may be. A team that includes scientists from USC has built a quantum computer in a diamond, the first of its kind to include protection against “decoherence” — noise that prevents the computer from functioning properly.

The demonstration shows the viability of solid-state quantum computers, which — unlike earlier gas- and liquid-state systems — may represent the future of quantum computing because they can be easily scaled up in size. Current quantum computers are typically very small and — though impressive — cannot yet compete with the speed of larger, traditional computers.

The team’s diamond quantum computer system featured two quantum bits (called “qubits”), made of subatomic particles.

Anthony Pilkington gave Norwich the lead at Spurs as Paul Lambert’s side continued impressive Premier League form.

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