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**Four political objectives**

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**

* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

# Myanmar sees country's 238th over-180-ft bridge in Ayeyawady Div in time of Tatmadaw Govt

NAY PYI TAW, 13 April — Nyaung Creek Bridge on Pathein-Kankon-Myinkaseik-Myaungmya road in Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Division, built by Public Works (Pathein District) of the Ministry of Construction was opened this morning.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe spoke on the occasion. With the emergence of the bridge, people from the villages of Labutta, Myaungmya, Wakema and Einme townships can travel easily to Pathein and Yangon. As the State has built roads and bridges, modern phone lines and human resource infrastructures, Ayeyawady Division has developed rapidly. The division has grown 3.7 million acres of monsoon paddy and will grow summer paddy to meet the target of 1.3 million acres. In line with the guidance of the Head of State, 10-road construction project is being implemented for road transport development. Upon completion of the project, local people can travel within a short time by road, the commander said.

In his speech, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint said new road

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***Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on Nyaung Creek Bridge.***

**MNA**

# Dry regions get help even from beneath the Earth

**Article & Photos: *Tin Than Win (IPRD)***

***An artesian well of Tawhla Village in Ayadaw Township.***

The bylines on tapping of water at artesian wells in wards and villages of Ayadaw Township and utilization of water for local people and animals and for agricultural purpose were appeared in the dailies issued in January 2010.

To observe the tapping of underground water in Taunghmwa and Tawhla villages of Ayadaw Township, I made a trip from Monywa to Ayadaw by car.

On arrival at an artesian well of Taunghmwa Village, Deputy Director U Tin Maung Win of Department of Water Resources Utilization explained, "This well was sunk on 26-10-2009 and it was completed on 22-11-2009. The water flows out from 1300 feet deep well with 1200 gallons of water per hour. The water is PH 7.5. The artesian well is about two miles from Taunghmwa Village. The well installed with four inches diametre is being supplied to the water tank of the village through a 10240 feet long 3-inch diametre water pipeline. The water tank is supplying water to village through a two-inch diametre pipe again and then to the households with the use of one-inch

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# PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 13 April, 2010

## Preserve fine Thingyan traditions

**The Eve of the Thingyan Festival (Water Festival) falls on the First Waxing of Kason 1371 Myanmar Era (today).**

**According to the Myanmar legend, the King of Tavatinsa Celestial Abode leaves its kingdom and sojourns in the human abode. It is traditionally believed that the time he arrives in the human abode is the beginning of Thingyan. As a gesture of honouring his visit, Myanmar people set Atar pots with various species of seasonal flowers in them on the Thingyan Eve to extend a warm welcome to the King of Tavatinsa Celestial Abode. The day has been designated as the Thingyan Eve.**

**According to Wawharrat-hta Pakathani Treatise, the term "Thingyan" is derived from the Sanskrit word "Sinkjanta", and some assume that it is derived from the Pali word "Sinkanta". The term "Thingyan" means transition from the old to the New Year.**

**Historic records say that the Thingyan Festival came into existence in Bagan Period. Succesive Myanmar kings celebrated the Water Festival traditional every year. Referring to the historical documentaries, the Water Festival was celebrated on a grand scale in successive periods such as Bagan, Innwa, Nyaungyan and Konbaung.**

**Long ago, Myanmar people mixed scented liquid and water into a silver bowl and poured the water onto others in a polite way in Thingyan. Many used small *thabye* branches to sprinkle the scented water to others, which is a very lovely tradition of Myanmar.**

**In Thingyan Festival, the people should all preserve the fine traditions, and avoid decadent costumes that harm Myanmar traditions and culture.**

**Therefore, revellers and merry-makers are urged to welcome the Myanmar New Year 1372 by avoiding decadent culture and costumes and preserving and safeguarding cultural heritage and national character.**

## Peoples Desire

* **Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
* **Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
* **Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
* **Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

## Minister inspects sports grounds and gymnasiums in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 12 April—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on 10 April called for securing victory in SEA Games sports events and recruiting potential players in meeting with staff of Rakhine State Sports and Physical Education Department at its office in Sittway.

He viewed the Waitharli Sports Ground and Gymnasium and attended to the needs. He presented sports gear and cash to the Western Command, universities and schools in Sittway at the sports gear donation ceremony at U Ottama Hall of Sittway.

On 11 April, the minister viewed Danyawady Sports Ground and Gymnasium. He proceeded to Weightlifting Association and presented Universal Mechaning.

*MNA*

***Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents sports gear for townships in Rakhine State.*—MNA**

## Yangon Mayor inspects water sanitation work

***Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects tube well in Kyauktada Township.***

**MNA**

YANGON, 12 April—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin today inspected arrangement for clean water to be used at water pavilions in Kandawgyi and its environs during Thingyan Festival carried out by Engineer Department of the YCDC, dredging the Kandawgyi Lake and purified water sample.

The mayor also inspected tube-wells in downtown Yangon and the suburbs.

*MNA*

## Respect paying ceremony of BEHS Kyaukkyi on 24 April

YANGON, 12 April—The 15th respect paying ceremony for retired teachers of the old Government Middle School and Basic Education High School of Kyaukkyi in Bago Division is scheduled to be held at Basic Education Middle School in Kyaukkyi on 24 April.

Cash donations may be made for the ceremony through Col Myint Ohn (Retd) (Ph: 01-581020 and 09-8021554), U Than Win (Yangon) (Ph: 01-646375), Daw Wai Mar Thi (Yangon) (Ph: 09-5106225), U Khin Zaw (Mandalay) (Ph: 09-2023254) and U Win Naing (Kyaukkyi) (Ph: 09-6310376 and 054-49045).—*MNA*

## 52nd PyinOoLwin Gold Cup continues for second day

YANGON, 12 April—The bronze level team event, bronze level single event and senior event and women's event of 52nd PyinOoLwin Gold Cup golf tournament continued for second day at PyinOoLwin Golf Club, PyinOoLwin, today.

The gold level/team/single events and the silver level team/single events will be held on 13 and 14 April.

It was mainly sponsored by Kaung Myat Companies (KM Golf Centre) and cooperatively sponsored by IBTC (International Beverages Trading Co Ltd), Htoo Trading, Shwe Cham Co, Hotel PyinOoLwin, Lucky Purified Drinking Water, Panhok Duwa Co, Shwe Thabye Co, A-1 Construction, Thawdawin Construction, Elite Tech Manufacturing Co Ltd, IGE Group of Companies, Yatanapon Teleport Co Ltd, Asia World Co Ltd, Tarmoenye Chantha Tun Wai Tha, Fortune International Co Ltd, Fisca Co Ltd, Myat Mandalar Tun Express Service, Royal Reward Resort Hotel, KKK telephone trading, Myanmar Beer, HAN Golf Master, Nikon Camera, Aurora Wine and Oak Barral Wine.

*MNA*

# NATO troops kill four civilians in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 12 April—NATO-led troops opened fire on a passenger bus in Taleban former stronghold Kandahar province of southern Afghanistan Monday morning, killing four civilians and injuring 18 others, a statement of provincial government issued here said.

"A passenger bus was heading from Kandahar to Herat province this morning at 6 am local time, but the international troops opened fire on the bus killing four people including a woman and a child," the statement said.

It also said that 18 other people were injured in the incident which took place in Jala district.

According to the statement, 12 injured persons were evacuated to an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) hospital in Kandahar air base for treatment, while six others were taken to a hospital in the city.—*Internet*

***Afghan policemen and security personnel stand in front of a burning truck which was set on fire by Taleban insurgents in northern Baghlan province. The truck was carrying supplies for NATO troops on 11 April, 2010.—INTERNET***

***Afghans wounded in a roadside bomb lie on a bed at a local hospital in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday, 11 April , 2010. A bus carrying Afghans working for a US-supported demining group was struck by a roadside bomb in Kandahar province Sunday, killing five workers and wounding 13 others.—INTERNET***

## Roadside bomb kills four, wounds 14 in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 12 April—A roadside bomb struck a vehicle of a de-mining agency in Daman district of Kandahar province, south of Afghanistan Sunday, killing and wounding over a dozen people, a doctor in the Kandahar main hospital said.

"Four dead bodies and 14 injured men have been taken to Mir Wais hospital in Kandahar city, the capital of Kandahar province," doctor Mohammad Irbahim told Xinhua.

All the victims, he added, are Afghans.

Meantime, Governor of Daman district Sarajudin Khan, in talks with Xinhua, confirmed the incident, saying it was a remote- controlled bomb targeted at the vehicle of a de-mining agency at 06:30 a.m. local time. But he could not give the name of the agency.

However, he did not make comment on the casualties, adding investigation is underway.

Khan accused the enemies of peace, a reference to Taliban militants, but the outfit has yet to make comment.—*Internet*

# Car bomb explodes near Britain's MI5 headquarters in N Ireland

LONDON, 12 April— A car bomb exploded Sunday near the headquarters of Britain's MI5 security services in Northern Ireland, news reaching here from Belfast said.

The blast happened after Belfast resumed police and justice powers and a vote on Monday on a new justice minister for the province.

"A device has exploded in a vehicle at the rear of Palace Barracks in Holywood," a police spokeswoman said.

There are no reports of injuries and no one has claimed responsibility for the attack, she added.

The Palace Barracks is a former British army complex which now becomes the MI5 headquarters.

*Internet*

***Friends mourn during a funeral for Hashem Mohammed in central Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, on 7 April, 2010. Hundreds of people are gathering for funerals after bombs ripped through apartment buildings and a market in Baghdad on Tuesday. INTERNET***

# Militancy, conflicts claim 176 lives in Afghanistan over past week

KABUL, 12 April — Continued Taliban-led militancy and conflicts in war-plagued Afghanistan claimed the lives of 176 people including 135 Taliban insurgents, 29 civilians and 12 police over the past one week, spokesman of Interior Ministry Zamaray Bashari said Sunday.

"Some 119 security incidents which indicate four percent higher than the previous week left 177 people including 135 insurgents dead in the past week," Bashari told a press briefing here.

He also said that the incidents left 29 civilians and 12 police officers and soldier dead.

According to Bashari 76 more Taliban had been arrested during the period.

"Some 300 kg of narcotics and over 1200 kg of chemical substance used in manufacturing heroin were also found and destroyed by Afghan National Police over the past one week," he said.

He also said that police in an operation on Saturday found explosive material in a hospital in Taliban hotbed Helmand province.

"Some Afghan and international employees of the hospital had been arrested and investigations is underway to find out who was behind the plot," he said.

*Internet*

# Bomb kills 3 school children in Iraq's Diyala

BAQUBA, 12 April—Three children brothers were killed and their fourth brother was wounded on Sunday in a bomb explosion as they were heading to their school in a rural area in Iraq's volatile province of Diyala in northeast of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

The incident took place in the morning when four brothers aged between seven and 12, were on their way to a local primary school in the Adhaim area, some 60 km north of the provincial capital city of Baquba, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast immediately killed three of the brothers and critically wounded the fourth who has been transferred to a hospital in Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source said.

The father of the four children is a former leader of an Awakening Council group, a government-backed paramilitary group which fought the extremist Sunni militants of Qaida, he said.—*Internet*

***Afghan children scavenge for used items among rubbish on the outskirts of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 11 April, 2010. According to a report released by international organizations, there are more than 60,000 street children in Kabul, though over seven million girls and boys attended to school after Taleban regime collapsed in late 2001.—INTERNET***

*The world's largest copy of Mona Lisa, measuring about 300 sq m, is installed at the Shanghai World Expo, on 11 April, 2010. A total of 999 painters spent four hours finishing such a giant work by ranging and pasting hundreds of 30cm-long, 20 cm-wide small pieces of colors.*
XINHUA

# Iran starts to produce new missile system

BEIJING, 12 April — Iran has started production of an advanced air defense missile system. And a large number will be delivered to the country's armed forces this year.

Iran's Defense Minister, Ahmad Vahidi, says the Mersad missile defense system, can shoot down aircraft, and will upgrade Iran's defense. Iran, has made regular announcements of progress in its military capabilities, and carries out missile tests.

In February, it declared it had officially begun producing two new missiles. This latest announcement comes less than a week after Tehran urged Moscow not to bow to Western pressure, over the sale of a Russian missile defense system to Iran. The system could protect its nuclear facilities from air strikes.

*Xinhua*

# Major fire causes evacuation at US high school

WASHINGTON, 12 April — A high school in Washington D. C. has been evacuated Sunday afternoon after a major fire broke out, with no injuries reported.

A big cloud of smoke billowed from near East Capitol Street, Xinhua reporter witnessed.

According to Washington D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the heavy smoke was caused by a major fire at Eastern Senior High School

Fire department spokesperson Pete Piringer said that a "minimal amount of people" were in the building, which was currently under renovation and those people were evacuated with no injuries reported.

Seventy-five firefighters were called to the scene. Part of the East Capitol Street and 17th Street have been closed to traffic in both directions.The cause of the fire is not yet known.

*Xinhua*

*Cavalry parade is held during the "The Feast of the Youth from Brasov" celebrated in Brasov, some 166 km north of Romania's capital city of Bucharest, on 11 April, 2010. Young men, formed by seven groups of cavalry with their own costume and flag, rode from the mountains and travelled around Brasov, celebrating the spring.—*XINHUA

*The Komsomolskaya Metro Station in Moscow, Russia. The metro station has become one of the landmarks in Moscow partly because it is located at the city's busiest public transportation hub the Komsomolskaya Square. The station opened on 30 January, 1952.—*XINHUA

# China makes progress in artificial propagation of Bactrian camels

HOHHOT, 12 April — Chinese scientists announced they have made progress in artificial propagation of Bactrian camels.

Zhang Li, a researcher with the livestock improvement station in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, said they have succeeded in making the female Bactrian camel to produce three to five ova, instead of only one in normal circumstances, during the period a female Bactrian camel is in heat.

In addition, they have been able to get oosperms out of the female camel, paving the way for embryo transplantation.

Zhang Wenbin, director of Alxa Camel Research Institution, said Bactrian camels can adjust its body temperature by three degrees Celsius in a day and can cope with extreme drought. The gene that determines such performance is considered valuable in bioengin-eering. Alxa League, located in the western part of Inner Mongolia, boasts 80,000 of China's 280,000 Bactrian camels.

*Xinhua*

**All Items from Xinhua News Agency**

# Eurogroup backs Greek aid plan

BEIJING, 12 April— Finance ministers from the Euro Zone's 16 nations have earmarked 30 billion euros in emergency loans to Greece for this year. This comes in addition to at least 10 billion euros from the International Monetary Fund making it one of the biggest multi-lateral financial rescues ever attempted.

Euro Zone ministers gave Greece the nod to borrow from the bloc's member governments and the International Monetary Fund at significantly below current market rates. But only if market funding dries up.

Eurogroup chairman Jean-Claude Juncker said, "The amount to be paid by the members of the Euro Zone in the first year will be 30 billion euros. This will be contributed to and co-financed by the IMF. The amount for subsequent years will be decided at a later date, depending on how Greece's financial situation develops."

*Xinhua*

# Plane disaster not to endanger Polish economy

WARSAW, 12 April — The Polish economy will not be endangered after the death of Lech Kaczynski and other senior officials in a plane crash on Saturday, a senior official said here on Sunday.

*Xinhua*

*Workers pick tea-leaves at a tea garden in the suburb of Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 11 April, 2010. Kenya's tea production for the first quarter rose by more than 50 percent recorded in the same period last year. Good rains experienced in tea growing areas since the beginning of 2010 boosted Kenya's tea production.—*XINHUA

# No Chinese aboard ship hijacked by Somalia pirates

BEIJING, 12 April — The Chinese maritime authority said on Monday that no Chinese was found aboard the ship hijacked by Somalia pirates on Sunday near Seychelles.

After contacting its counterparts in European Union, the Chinese Marine Search and Rescue Center (CMSRC) learned there were 26 crew members on the St. Vincent and Grenadines flagged cargo ship, or RAK AFRIKANA, which were hijacked in the Indian Ocean waters near Seychelles. They are Indian, Pakistan and Tanzanian, the CMSRC said on its website.

On Sunday, regional maritime officials in Kenya said all the 23 crew members on the ship are Chinese.

The ship is heading toward Somali at a speed of 12 kilometers an hour, CMSRC said.

*Internet*

# Sale of chives banned in E China's Qingdao

BEIJING, 12 April — Food safety authorities in Qingdao, an open coastal city in eastern China's Shandong Province, have temporarily halted the sale of Chinese chives after seizing almost 2 tonnes of pesticide-tainted chives last week.

Nine residents have reportedly been poisoned after eating toxic chives this month.

The patients complained of headache, nausea and diarrhea after consuming dishes that contained chives at a local fast food restaurant, Monday's China Daily quoted the local Qilu Evening News as saying.

All of them were poisoned by organic phosphorus, a highly toxic pesticide, officials from the Qingdao Health Supervision Bureau said.

She said the poisoning symptoms appeared 15 minutes after she had the dish.

*Xinhua*

# At least 10 injured in Chinatown fire in New York

NEW YORK, 12 April —At least six firefighters, one emergent medical service worker and three civilians were injured early Monday when fighting a major fire which broke out late Sunday in Chinatown in New York City, fire official told Xinhua.

The blaze was first reported in a six-storey apartment building near Grand and Forsyth Side streets shortly after 10 p.m. EDT and a seventh alarm called about midnight EDT, the fire official said. Additional calls for manpower and equipment were being made up to midnight.

Fire was first reported on lower floors but later reports had fire "through the roof" and firefighters evacuating the building. The blaze spread to an adjacent apartment building in the heavily occupied area in lower Manhattan, the central New York City.

The type of injuries reported was not immediately known, but firefighters had been rescuing people from the building's upper floors before abandoning the structure to the flames.

*Xinhua*

***Pupils with folk dress perform traditional dance in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 11 April, 2010.***
XINHUA

# Somali pirates hijack cargo ship near Seychelles

NAIROBI, 12 April —The European Union naval force says Somali pirates have hijacked a cargo ship west of the island nation of the Seychelles.

Commander John Harbour said he did not know the nationalities of the crew members onboard the St. Vincent and Grenadines-flagged Rak Afrikana.

Harbour said the ship appeared to be experiencing engine problems at the time it was hijacked early Sunday. EU forces have been dispatched to investigate.

International naval forces have stepped up their enforcement of the waters off East Africa in an effort to thwart a growing pirate trade.

Experts say piracy will continue to be a problem until an effective government is established on Somalia's lawless shores. The country has not had a functioning government for 19 years.—*Xinhua*

***A wushu fan practises on a main street in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 11 April , 2010. An eight-kilometer-long street in Buenos Aires was closed on Sunday to provide play ground for citizens during an event to mark the World Health Day.***
XINHUA

***Madonna and her daughter Lourdes Leon attend the premiere of 'Nine' at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.***
INTERNET

# Strong earthquake shakes Spain

MADRID, 12 April — A magnitude-6.2 earthquake shook Granada, Spain on Sunday without immediate report of any casualties and property damages, according to US. Geological Survey (USGS).

The quake struck at 12:08:10 am. local time (220810 GMT) with a depth of 616.7 KM at an epicenter 25 km southeast of Granada, Spain.

*Xinhua*

# Chile suffers 5.0-magnitude aftershock

SANTIAGO, 12 April —A quake aftershock measuring 5.0 degrees on the Richter scale shook southern Chile region Maule on Sunday, without reports of damage or injury, in what experts say an aftershock from Feb. 27's deadly quake.

The earthquake's epicenter was 35 kilometers (km) deep and around 92 km north of Maule's capital Talca, according to the US. Geological Survey. Talca is around 300 km south of Chile's capital Santiago.—*Xinhua*

# 7.1-magnitude hits Solomon Islands

SEDNEY, 12 April — A 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck the Solomon Islands on Sunday, the US. Geological Survey reported, quoted by Australian Broadcasting Company.

It said the quake's epicenter was 52 km deep, 97 km southwest of the Solomon Islands' Kira Kira in the Pacific Ocean. It hit at 8:40 pm. local time, .

But so far, no tsunami warning has been issued and there are no reports of casualties available.

*Xinhua*

# Six drown, 10 missing as boat sinks in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 12 April —Six persons drowned and 10 others went missing in a mechanized boat sinking in the Maskata river Sunday night after it was caught in a rough weather in Bangladesh' s Barisal district, 169 km south of capital Dhaka, police said Monday.

An official told Xinhua by phone that the mechanized boat was carrying around 35-40 passengers sank in the river as it was caught in a stormy weather and strong current of the river.

Six bodies were recovered by the local rescuers late Sunday night.He said the rescuers are searching for the missing persons. The rest passengers swam to shore.—*Xinhua*

# Smartphone maker Palm is for sale

BEIJING, 12 April—Smartphone maker Palm Inc is to sell itself and is soliciting bids as early as this week, Bloomberg reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the situation.

Palm, creator of the Pre smartphone and developer of WebOS phone software, is working with Goldman Sachs Group Inc and Qatalyst Partners to find a buyer, the agency said.

Economic Daily News in China's Taiwan said on Friday that HTC Corp, the world's No. 5 smartphone maker, has "opened discussions about an intent to acquire" Palm.

China's Lenovo Group Ltd. has also looked at the company and may make offers, according to the report.

Palm, which has a market value of 870.8 million U.S. dollars, has been falling on hard times lately with disappointing sales of the Pre and Pixi phones.

This year, the company's stock had plunged over 60 percent till last week when its shares surged 32 percent on speculation that the Sunnyvale would get a takeover bid.—*Internet*

***Palaeontologists show a model of a flying reptile named Nemicolopterus crypticus during a news conference at the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro, The toothless flying reptile lived in gingko forests that existed some 120 million years ago in present China. With a windspan of 10 inches (250 mm), the species is one of the smallest pterosaurs known to date.***
***Internet***

***Indian wrestlers during a training session in New Delhi on 7 April, Far from the hype that surrounds India's wealthy professional cricketers, a group of young men learn to wrestle in mud pits, hoping their skills may one day lead to fame and glory.—INTERNET***

# Japan's money stock up 2.6% on year in March

Tokyo, 12 April— A key measure of the amount of money available in Japan rose by 2.6 percent in March when compared to the same month a year earlier, statistics released by the Bank of Japan (BOJ) showed on Monday.

Money stock figures released by the BOJ showed that M2, a measure that combines cash currency in circulation and deposits throughout the nation, stood at 766 trillion yen (8.21 trillion dollars) in March. The measure is made using data from all banks in Japan and combines the amount of money held by corporations, individuals and local governments. In February, M2 stood at 763.5 trillion yen (8.19 trillion dollars).

The nation's M3 money supply, which adds together M2 with institutional money-market funds, short-term repurchase agreements and other larger liquid assets, rose by 2.0 percent when compared with a year earlier, and stands at 1,063.1 trillion yen (11.4 trillion dollars).M1, which consists of money in circulation as well as demand deposits grew by 1.0 percent to 487.9 trillion yen (5.24 trillion dollars).As the government and Bank of Japan try to tackle the nation's poor conditions for business, stimulus measures, deflation and a reluctance on the part of businesses to invest has led to more money circulating in the economy in recent months.

*Internet*

# Nine-year-old boy sets sport fishing record in the Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO, 12 April—Jack MacCluskey, a mere 9 years old, became the youngest fisherman to catch all species billfish during the Dominican Republic's Royal Slam competition, local press reported on Sunday.

MacCluskey's achievement is the entry requirement for the Slam, which takes place off the coast of resort city Cape Cana. Because of the extensive travel it involves, only 100 people worldwide have achieved the target, which took MacCluskey 10 months.

The nine fish species are the spearfish, the swordfish, the black marlin, the striped white marlin both the Pacific Ocean and Atlantic Ocean versions of blue marlin and sailfish.

He completed his record this weekend by capturing two fish in two nations: a swordfish off the Florida Keys in the United States and a striped white marlin off the coast of Cape Cana in the Dominican Republic. MacCluskey breaks a record set by Wes Davis, who was 10 when he set the record.

***A man shows an octopus before it is eaten alive at a seafood restaurant in the Queens borough of New York where a group of adventure eaters meet to dine on exotic and bizarre foods.***

# Live octopus? Cricket kebabs? Let's eat

Ben Raisher watches as the writhing octopus on his plate has its tentacles clipped with giant shears, then squirms in amber sesame oil like a pile of bisected earthworms.

With a deft pinch of his chopsticks, the wriggling, still-alive limb is in his mouth and down his throat.

Raisher, 28, smiles. It is what brought him to his local food adventure club, one of a handful of groups from New York to San Francisco dedicated to dining on exotic and bizarre foods.

The iron-stomached champions of New York City are the Gastronauts, who meet monthly to feast on foods many would not consider, such as pig hearts and intestine in vinegar, goat kidneys or sauteed lamb's brains.

"Nothing's off the table," says co-founder Curtiss Calleo, who grew up in Austria and Italy and wants to bring Old World curiosity to New York palates. "Any restaurant worth its salt has sweetbreads or tongue or pork bellies. There's a food renaissance going on."

***Visitors admire more than 600 miniature clay figures of farmers working inside a giant bowl - 4 meters in diameter! - at a museum in Shouguang, Shandong Province. The bowl is symbolic of farmers' daily life and labor providing food for the nation.***

## News Album

# Deadly jellyfish invade British waters

Billions of highly venomous jellyfish are swarming into Britain's coastal waters for the first time recently.

It is thought to be caused by a recent temperature rise and currents change in the northeast Atlantic sea, according to a study published in the journal Biology Letters Monday. The lethal mauve stingers — Pelagia noctiluca in Latin — are tiny but can cover hundreds of thousands of square miles in one "bloom." They are normally found in the Mediterranean and Caribbean. The creatures can devastate fish farms and in one recent case 100,000 salmon were killed.

People bathing in British waters are in no grave danger at present, according to Richard Kirby, a research fellow at the University of Plymouth.

*A pair of glasses used to view 3D images is seen next to a Sharp Corp 3D Touchscreen LCD panel at its unveiling ceremony in Tokyo on 2 April, 2010.* INTERNET

# Astronauts take 2nd spacewalk, overcome stiff bolt

CAPE CANAVERAL, 12 April — Spacewalking astronauts had to pull out a hammer and pry bar while attaching a big, new tank full of ammonia coolant to the International Space Station on Sunday, successfully driving in a stiff bolt after two frustrating hours.

The 215-mile-high action unfolded on the 40th anniversary of the launch of Apollo 13.Making their second spacewalk in three days, Rick Mastracchio and Clayton Anderson banged and pulled and shoved, with no success, on the stuck bolt. They undid the good bolts and jostled the 1,700-pound, refrigerator-size tank in case it was misaligned. Finally, after they maneuvered the tank from a different angle, the troublesome bolt slid into place.

"You got to be kidding me!" shouted Anderson."Did it go in?" astronaut Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger asked from inside."Yes, yes. You got to be kidding me," Anderson replied. "It is in there." Then he paused for effect. "Now what do we do?"As he turned the 6-inch bolt a dozen times, Anderson urged, "Come on, baby. Get on there. Yeah, get 'er done.

The astronauts inside kept urging the spacewalkers to take a break and rest their hands. But they insisted they weren't too tired. Nevertheless, Mission Control put off the fluid line hookups for the tank and a few other chores, saying they could be completed in the third and final spacewalk Tuesday.Even with that, the spacewalk ran long at 7 1/2 hours. By then, the two were beat.

Shuttle Discovery's commander, Alan Poindexter, urged his two crewmen to "take it slow and easy" as they headed back inside. And Metcalf-Lindenburger promised them a good dinner. Anderson, a Nebraskan, got a hankering for corn — and steak — after Metcalf-Lindenburger complimented him with a baseball term.

*Internet*

# 'Doctors said I would never play bass guitar again'

WASHINGTON, 12 April—Bass guitarist Phil Blake looks back at a savage attack as a defining moment in his career.

He was shot in the leg with an air rifle and slashed in the head and arm with a meat cleaver in an unprovoked attack.

But despite the assault three years ago leaving him unable to move two fingers on his left hand, the bass guitarist with the three piece band Redtrack says he looks upon it as a positive experience.

"There is no way I would ever want to turn back time and not make it happen," he said. "I just don't have that way of thinking.

I have gone from strength to strength.

"At the time I was not really sure what I would be doing with my life, but having the ability to perform music taken away from me just makes me realise how much it was my dream

I was on my way to a party when three guys came up behind me. They asked me the time and I got my phone out to tell them the time.

"One of them pulled out a meat cleaver and one of the other guys pulled out an air rifle.

"As I ran away the guy with the air rifle shot me in the back of the leg so I turned around and grabbed him by the scruff of his neck.

"And the guy with the meat cleaver then hit me with it. I put both arms up above my head to defend it and he hit my arm. I got knocked to the ground and then stumbled and I ran to safety."—*Internet*

*Phil Blake*

# Charlie Sheen says two and A Half Men could end

NEW YORK, 12 April—Charlie Sheen has stoked speculation that his hit sitcom Two And A Half Men could end, saying that if the current series is the last, "so be it".The actor issued a statement after US press speculation that he was demanding a higher salary to continue his role as libidinous bachelor Charlie Harper. Two And A Half Men is the top-rated sitcom in the US Sheen's salary is around $825,000 (£536,665) per episode

He pleaded not guilty to menacing, criminal mischief and assault in a pre-trial hearing last month. The charges stem from an alleged altercation with his wife, Brooke Mueller Sheen, on Christmas Day 2009.At the time, she told police Sheen had put a knife to her throat and threatened to kill her.

She has since said she wants the charges dropped. Reports surfaced earlier this month that Sheen wanted a salary increase before signing up for an eighth series of Two And A Half Men. Unnamed sources quoted in the US media said he was seeking as much as $1m (£650,000) for every episode of the show.

But in a statement released to People magazine on Friday, the actor said: "All of the numbers reported in the press are false. "Claims from 'inside sources' regarding offers from the studio as well as my salary, on their best day, are without merit."

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***Arizona Diamondbacks Wives organization members Alicia Webb, left, and Ginsey Boyer take care of 'Ginger' as the puppy is one of several animals up for adoption 'Adopt A Pet At The Park' event Sunday,on 11 April 2010, in Phoenix.***—INTERNET

# Microsoft, Adobe to release important security patches

BEIJING, 12 April — Microsoft is to issue 11 security bulletins on Tuesday to fix 25 vulnerabilities in Windows, Microsoft Office, and Exchange. The patches also coincide with a major release of security updates from Adobe Systems.

According to an advanced notification released by Microsoft, the double-digit security bulletin, which will be released by the company on April 13th, 5 out of 11 security updates have been labeled as 'Critical' and are related to remote code execution affecting Microsoft Windows. Five other vulnerabilities have been categorized as 'Important' and affect Windows, Office and Exchange, whereas one update is 'moderate' and relates to spoofing in the Windows OS.

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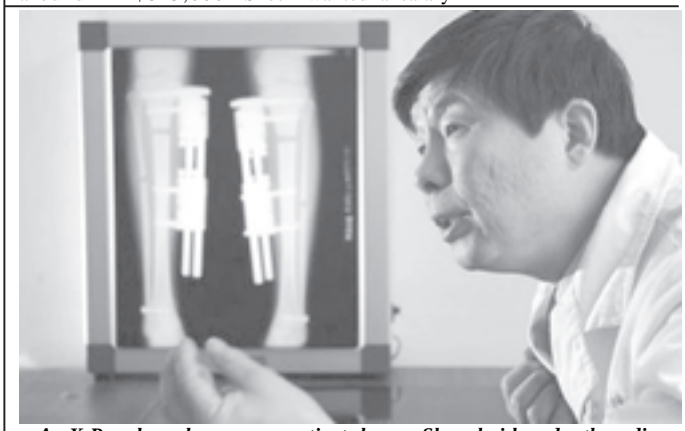

***An X-Ray shows braces on a patients legs as Shanghai-based orthopedic surgeon Bai Helong describes the procedure of cutting into the legs of patients who want to be taller.***—INTERNET

# Myanmar sees country's 238th...

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projects are being implemented after the cyclone Nargis. A total of 134 bridges, large and small, spanning the four rivers, will be built on the 10 road construction project. The whole country has seen 238 bridges with 180 feet and above in length, including the newly built one. Forty nine bridges have been built in Ayeyawady Division alone. There were 1344 miles and 5 furlongs of roads in the division before Nargis but there have now been 1570 miles and 1 furlong, the minister added.

Nyaung Creek Bridge is of reinforced concrete type. It is 260 feet long and 24 feet wide and has 60 tons of loads.

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***Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint formally opens Nyaung Creek Bridge.***

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***Photo shows Nyaung Creek Bridge in Kangyidaunt Township.***

**MNA**

# Insein Township WJA visit Bissano Ancient City

YANGON, 12 April—A group led by Vice-Chairman U Bo Kyi (Dr Bo Thanmani-Taung-dwingyi) of Insein Township Writers and Journalists Association observed Bissano Ancient City and Museum on 3 April.

They met Taungdwingyi Township WJA members at Model Kindergarten in Taungdwingyi.

At the ceremony, Insein Township WJC donated K 0.2 million to Taungdwingyi Township Information and Public Relations Department.

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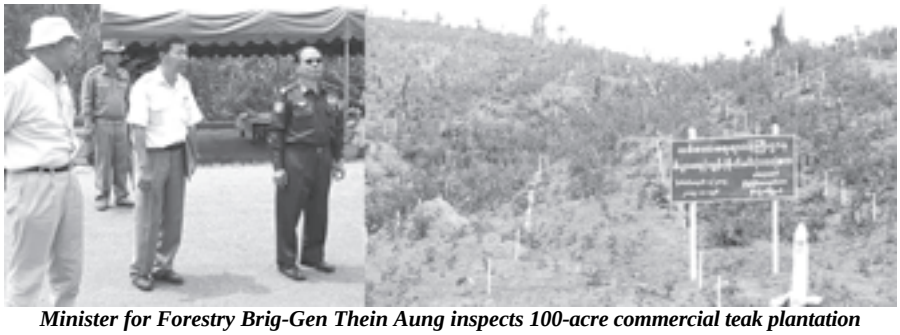
***Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opens new earth road and bridge between Thagara and Hmantaung Tawya at opening ceremony held at the archway of the road.***

**(News on Page-16)**—MNA

# Forestry Minister tours Shan State (East)



***Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects 100-acre commercial teak plantation (2009) in Namlontaung.***—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 April—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected No (1) rafting jetty in Tachilek on 9 April.

The following morning, he visited Haungleik Nursery and No (2) rafting jetty in the same town. On arrival at Tachilek Forest Department, he heard reports on forest reserves, protected forests, and plantations by officials.

At the meeting with service personnel, the minister called for hard work to achieve the objectives. He inspected the 100-acre commercial teak plantation (2009) in Namlontaung protected forest in Mongphyat Township.

Yesterday morning, he had a meeting with staff of the Logging Department for Kengtung, Shan State (East), and called for hard work to meet the objectives.

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# F&R Minister arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw

*Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attends ASEAN Finance Ministers' Retreat Session.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 April—Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun yesterday arrived back here after attending ASEAN Finance Ministers' Retreat Session and 14th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting held in Nanjing of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 7 and 8 April.

The minister on 7 April met Singaporean Finance Minister Mr Tharman Sharmugaratnan and cordially discussed bilateral interests in financial and monetary issues between the two countries.

The minister together with finance ministers of ASEAN member countries attended ASEAN Finance Ministers' Retreat Session at VIP Lotus Room of Vinpearl Resort & Spa. The meeting focused on financial and monetary policies to be exercised in reducing the damages beset by climate change in ASEAN member countries, participation of ASEAN in G-20 Summit 2010, involvement of multi countries in Chiangmai programme, and setting up a training school for ASEAN affairs in Malaysia.

On 8 April, the minister attended ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting at Ball Room 1 of Vinpearl Resort & Spa. Before the meeting, the ministers had a documentary photo taken.

The meeting was open with a speech by Vietnamese Finance Minister Mr Vu Van Ninh.

ASEAN Deputy Secretary General Mr Pushpanathan Sundram, Chairman of the ADB Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, Managing Director of the World Bank Mr Juan Jose Dabaub, Deputy Managing Director of International Monetary Fund Mr Shinohara Naoyuki and ministers of ASEAN member countries took part in the meeting.

The ASEAN Deputy Secretary General submitted the last step of ASEAN surveillance process and ASEAN economic community blueprint.

The ministers signed Second Protocol to Amend the Protocol Governing the Implementation of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature. And they put on record of Road Map for Financial and Monetary Integration of ASEAN, ASEAN+3 Finance Cooperation and ASEAN Finance Cooperation and gave follow-up instructions.

In the evening, press conference was held after the ministers issued joint declaration.

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# Dry regions get help even from beneath the Earth

**Article & Photos: *Tin Than Win (IPRD)***

*Photo shows water pouring out of an artesian well.*

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diametre piplelines. The surplue water is being stored at nine square acres lake, south to the village, to be irrigated to 250 acres of monsoon paddy and six acres of summer paddy."

Grandpa U Chit Pyay, 73 years old, said, "Our village constituted with 320 households is home to 2227 people. The artesian well is sufficient for three monasteries, one post primary school, the dispensary and 320 water taps of the households. We suffered water scarcity in the past. In the past, we carried water from the sandbank of Shwelinpan Creek, one mile north of the village, by bullockcart. We also carried water from Mu River, 1.5 miles east of the village. In 1983, the rural water supply department sank tubewell in the village. We bought one barrel of water per K 150 to K 200. Due to some problems at the operating process, the tube-well could not pump the water in 1988."

*Grandpa U Chit Pyay of Taunghmwa Village.*

He continued, "In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, U Kyaing San Shwe and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Sein and family cost for sinking four artesian wells, and so, we can use the sufficient water in our village. In my childhood, most of the villagers including I drank water from Kandawgyi Lake due to lack of knowledge. So, we suffered leprosy and epidermic diseases. Now, we have escaped the problems of water and sufferings of diseases."

He added, "Now, we all thank the government for sinking the wells because they need not to carry water from the creeks and rivers in the hot sun. I dare to say one who does good deeds will get better."

I saw utilization of water from the tap at all the houses of Taunghmwa Village. Saying goodbye, I proceeded to Tawhla Village.

Deputy Director U Tin Maung Win of DWRU said, "The department sank one artesian well each in Tawhla Village, No, 2 ward and No. 3 ward of Ayadaw with the contribitions of wellwishers U Kyaing San Shwe-Dr Daw Khin Win Sein and family of Yangon. The well in Tawhla Village was sunk on 20-3-2010 and completed on 10-4-2010. The 1300 feet deep artesian well pours out 10000 gallons of water per hour. The water from the well is being supplied to one monastery and 450 local people of 70 households through water pipelines. The surplus water is being irrigated to 25 acres of monsoon paddy and 20 acres of summer paddy in addition to Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton and monsoon sesame plantations last year."

Grandpa U Tha Tun, 74 years old, expressed his feeling that he had carried water from Kantha well, one mile from the village before sinking the artesian well; and he thanked wellwishers U Kyaing San Shwe-Dr Daw Khin Win Sein and family for their donation to the funds of sinking artesian wells.

At present, artesian wells were sunk in Leinhla, Ainglya, Shwedwingon, Parami, Ywathit and Okshitgyi villages of Ayadaw Township. Thanks to arrangements of the government, concerted efforts of the local authorities and donations of wellwishers, a lot of dams, reservoirs and river water pumping stations have been built in the arid regions. Likewise, the residents of Ayadaw Township are happily smiling for utilization of water at artesian wells donated by wellwishers.

**Translation: TTA**

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*Local people collecting water at an artesian well of Ayadaw Township.*

# Hollywood mourns Munchkin actor

NEW YORK, 12 April—Hollywood has said goodbye to actor Meinhardt Raabe, who played the Munchkin coroner in The Wizard Of Oz.Flowers were laid on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame star dedicated to the 124 Munchkin actors, after Raabe died in Florida on Friday, aged 94.

Playing the coroner, he was one of nine Munchkins to have had a speaking part in Oz, pronouncing the Wicked Witch of the East "most sincerely dead".The actor, who was 1.37m tall, was one of the last surviving Munchkins.

When the troupe's star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame was unveiled in 2007, there were only seven left - most in their 80s and 90s.Raabe attended the ceremony, dressed in a huge hat with a rolled brim, as seen in the film.

*The actor was one of 124 Munchkins in the film* —INTERNET

He delighted fans by reciting his most famous line: "As coroner I must aver, I thoroughly examined her. And she's not only merely dead. She's really most sincerely dead."The actor's caregiver, Cindy Bosnyak, said he died in hospital on Friday.

He had complained of a sore throat at his retirement community before collapsing and going into cardiac arrest."He had a headful of hair at 94 and he remembered everything every day," she said."To me he was a walking history book, very alert."

Raabe was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1915, and was a member of the Midget City cast at the Chicago World's Fair in 1934.

He used the money from this and other apearances to pay his way through University, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration.

He married Marie Hartline, who worked for a vaudeville show called Rose's Royal Midget Troupe, in 1946. She died in a car crash in 1997. Raabe was injured in the same accident.—*Internet*

# Dead in Italy train derailment

ROME, 12 April— Eleven people were killed and 20 others injured, five seriously, when a landslide derailed a train in northern Italy Monday, according to Italy's Civil Protection office.

The train derailed about 9 a.m. (3 a.m. ET) at Castelbello, near the northern city of Bolzano, in the East Alps region, officials said. The incident took place where tracks cross a narrow gorge, police said earlier.

Rescue operations are ongoing, and the number of deaths and injured could change, Italian Transport Minister Altero Matteoli said.

The train was a small diesel train with two carriages, traveling on the Val Venosta line. The railway is one of the region's newest, inaugurated in 2005.

The most probable cause of the landslide is a broken irrigation pipe, said Thomas Widmann, head of the transport department for the local government. The mud from the slide entered the train's cars, suffocating the passengers, he said. More than 200 rescuers were on the scene.

The train came to rest when it reached the trunk of two big trees, according to a local journalist. One of the carriages was left hanging over the Adige River.

*Internet*

*Pedestrians pass by a giant inflatable mouse near the Empire State Building in Manhattan of New York, the United States, on 1 April , 2010. Some construction workers placed the giant inflatable mouse here on Thursday.*
INTERNET

*Chinese commuters walk past a mobile phone advertisement in Shanghai on 14 April , 2005.*
INTERNET

# Asian markets mostly higher on Greece bailout plan

SINGAPORE, 12 April— Most Asian stock markets rose Monday after European countries offered a major loan package to Greece, which is struggling to avoid a debt default.Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average jumped 1.1 percent to 11,322.52, Indonesia's benchmark index gained 0.8 percent and Australia rose 0.7 percent.The finance ministers of the 15 eurozone nations agreed Sunday to offer euro 30 billion ($40 billion) in loans to Greece this year if Athens asks for the money.

The promise — filling in details of a March 25 pledge of joint eurozone-IMF help — was another attempt to calm markets that have been selling off Greek bonds in recent days.

Malaysia rose 0.6 percent, Hong Kong added 0.2 percent while South Korea dropped 0.7 percent and China slid 0.6 percent.South Korea's central bank raised its 2010 growth forecast Monday to 5.2 percent from a previous estimate in December of 4.6 percent as exports and domestic demand grow."Korea is experiencing a broad-based recovery as companies undertake new investment," Nomura said in a report.

Thailand's benchmark index plunged 4.3 percent Monday after 21 people died Saturday in clashes between the army and anti-government protesters.

*Internet*

# Shakira visits Haitians living in tent camps

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 12 April— Hip-shaking Colombian pop star Shakira is meeting with Haitian earthquake survivors living in makeshift camps and she says she is searching for suitable land to build a school for needy children.

Arriving Sunday, the singer waved to onlookers and greeted infants living on a Haitian golf course that has turned into a sprawling makeshift camp for 50,000 quake survivors.Her Barefoot foundation provides nutrition to more than 6,000 children in Colombia, and she is member of the ALAS foundation that advocates for children across Latin America.

Shakira was greeted by actor Sean Penn, who is providing humanitarian aid at Haitian refugee camps. The two stars spoke about challenges confronting Haiti since the January 12 disaster.

*Internet*

*Colombian singer Shakira laughs while embracing a child at the Petionville Golf Club.*
INTERNET

# "Date Night" reigns at weekend North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 12 April —The weekend box office turned out to be a tight race between a 3-D blockbuster and a comedy newcomer vying to be the top dog, with the latter edged its gigantic foe out with a slightly more number of ticket receipts.

According to estimates released by North America box office authority, 20th Century Fox's "Date Night" is expected to be the champion of the billboard, garnering 27.1 million US dollars in movie theaters in Canada and the United States. The comedy, casting Steve Carell and Tina Fey as a NYC couple who steal a dinner reservation on a night out, prevails on Tina Fey's award-winning performance and reputation as one of America's best entertainers.—*Xinhua*

# Tina Fey and her Palin impression return to 'SNL'

NEW YORK, 12 April— Tina Fey reprised her impression of Sarah Palin on "Saturday Night Live" while hosting the NBC sketch comedy show Saturday night.

It was Fey's first performance as the former Alaska governor since her iconic impressions during the 2008 presidential campaign when Palin was the Republican vice presidential candidate.

Fey appeared as Palin in a sketch introducing a mock "Sarah Palin Network," satirizing Palin's entry into media.

Palin recently launched the program "Real American Stories" on Fox News Channel and will soon begin production on "Sarah Palin's Alaska," an eight-part series for TLC.

Appearing as Palin in a leather jacket with an American flag pin, Fey introduced a lineup of shows like "Tea Party Wheel of Fortune" (the puzzle read "Obamar is a terrist"), "Are You Smarter than a Half-Term Governor?" and "30 Main Street," a parody of her own "30 Rock."

Other fake shows included "Hey Journalist, I Gotcha," in which Palin re-edited interviews to make it look like her interviewers — like CBS' Katie Couric — were "woefully unpre-pared."

Also touted was a spinoff starring husband Todd Palin (played on "SNL" by cast member Jason Sudeikis) as a renegade police officer transferred from Alaska to New York.

*Internet*

***In this photo provided by NBC Universal, actors Tina Fey and Steve Carell appear on NBC's 'Today' show .***

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# Researchers identify secrets to happiness, depression among oldest of old

SCIENCEDAILY,12 April — Researchers from Iowa State University's gerontology program have helped identify what predicts happiness and long life in centenarians, as well as what causes depression in 80-somethings and above.In a study of 158 Georgia centenarians, the researchers found that past satisfaction with life — even if it's simply recalling isolated career accomplishments — is the key to happiness in our oldest years.

***Peter Martin (right), director of Iowa State's gerontology program and a professor of human development and family studies, shares a laugh during a research session with local centenarian John Persinger.***

INTERNET

"The past is the best predictor of the future, so you're not going to turn your life around at 85 or 90," said Peter Martin, director of Iowa State's gerontology program and a professor of human development and family studies (HDFS), who collaborated on both studies. "But it's also good to know that past accomplishments and the happiness that you had — looking back at your past — carries you through these very last years."—*Internet*

# Rarest of the rare: list of critically endangered species

SCIENCEDAILY , 12 April—The Wildlife Con-servation Society released a list of critically enda-ngered species dubbed the "Rarest of the Rare" — a group of animals most in danger of extinction, ranging from Cuban crocodiles to white-headed langurs in Vietnam.The list of a dozen animals includes an eclectic collection of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Some are well known, such as the Sumatran orangutan; while others are more obscure, including vaquita, an ocean porpoise. The list appears in the 2010-1011 edition of State of the Wild — a Global Portrait.

Threats to each species vary widely. In the case of the vaquita, fishermen's nets are catching them and inadvertently causing them to drown. Meanwhile, the Grenada dove — the national bird of the small island nation — has been severely impacted by habitat loss. Other species suffer from illegal trade, as in the case of the ploughshare tortoise.

"The Rarest of the Rare provides a global snapshot of some of the world's most endangered animals," said State of the Wild Kent Redford, director of the Wildlife Conservation Society Institute. "While the news is dire for some species, it also shows that conservation measures can and do protect wildlife if given the chance to work."

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# First airship harbor opens in Tokyo

TOKYO, 12 April—A ceremony to celebrate the opening of Japan's 3rd airship harbor was held in Tokyo's Harumi district on Saturday.

The harbor was built on a site where the Tokyo metropolitan government eventually hopes to hold the Olympic Games.

Invited guests enjoyed a 40-minute flight on Nippon Airship's 75-meter-long "Zeppelin NT", which will be anchored to a 12-meter pole.

The airship can reach a height of 500 meters which will offer a clear view of Tokyo Sky Tree, Japan's tallest structure under construction.Regular service will start on Sunday.

The use of airships for filming and data transmission in the event of emergencies, such as earthquakes, is being considered, as they are capable of staying aloft for extended periods of time.

The company operating the airship says the harbor's central location enhances convenience for users. It says it hopes the airship will be used in the event of emergencies to quickly load people and equipment.

*Internet*

***American actress Jaime Elizabeth Pressly is seen before the Evander Holyfield versus Francois Botha heavyweight bout at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada on 10 April, 2010.***

INTERNET

**Beware of Fire**

***The Przewalski's horse is starting to rebuild its numbers after being re-introduced into the wild.***

INTERNET

***Mallard duck with fifteen ducklings. Researchers have identified the genetic detector that allows ducks to live, unharmed, as the host of influenza.***

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## First aid 'could save thousands'

LONDON , 12 April — A wider knowledge of simple first aid techniques could save thousands of lives each year, the St John Ambulance charity has said.

It is focusing a new campaign on five health emergencies which account for 150,000 deaths each year in England and Wales.

These include heart attacks, choking and severe bleeding.

***First aid knowledge is much higher in other European countries.*** INTERNET

The charity is offering a free pocket which it feels will boost the survival chances of many more patients.

It believes that if confident first aiders were present on more occasions, many lives would be saved.

This view is backed by the World Health Organisation, which also says "bystander first aid" can make a difference and should be encouraged.

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## Australia to prosecute over Barrier Reef ship crash

SYDNEY , 12 April — Those responsible for a Chinese ship running aground on the Great Barrier Reef and leaking oil will be prosecuted, Australian authorities say. Transport Minister Anthony Albanese said the vessel was clearly on an unlawful route and compensation would be sought for the spill."We'll be throwing the book at those responsible," Mr Albanese said.

In a separate case, three men have been charged with steering their cargo ship through a restricted area of the Reef.The men, from Vietnam and South Korea, will appear in an Australian court on Monday, accused of taking their coal carrier on an unauthorised route through one of the world's most valuable marine wildlife reserves.

It is alleged that their vessel, the MV Mimosa, was not registered with the Reef Vessel Tracking System and failed to respond to attempts by the authorities to establish contact.

If found guilty, the men could face a maximum fine of more than A$200,000 ($205,000).

*Internet*

## Internet child health advice 'wrong'

LONDON , 12 April — Typing your child's medical problem into Google is unlikely to deliver much in the way of good advice, UK researchers have said.

The Nottingham-based team used the search engine to find UK-based advice on five common issues, including breastfeeding and autism.

Only about 200 of 500 sites offered correct information, Archives of Disease in Childhood reports. Government-run sites were the only completely reliable source, they found.

It is now estimated that 70% of UK households have access to the internet, and increasingly, parents are turning to search engines for a second opinion — or even a sole one — on medical matters.

Many doctors, however, are concerned that the huge quantity of information and advice is at best unreliable, and in some cases misleading or even dangerous.

***Many people use the internet to find health information.*** INTERNET

One earlier study looking at advice for children with a fever found only three out of 22 sites visited gave information which matched current "best practice" guidelines.

The researchers from Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust tested this by typing key words from commonly-asked questions into Google, restricting results to UK-based sites only.

*Internet*

## Apple to blossom into 3D with glasses patent

NEW YORK , 12 April — When patent number 20100079356 was published on the US Patent and Trademark Office website at the beginning of this month, it was assumed that it was an April Fool joke. But now it appears that plans for Apple to develop electronic spectacles that will allow the wearer to watch 3D films on the move are more rooted in reality than it at first seemed.

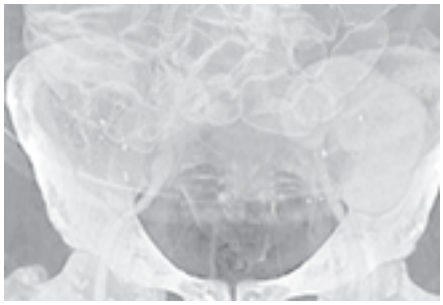
If the spectacles are indeed in development they will revolutionise the way films can be enjoyed on Apple's major products — the iPod, iPhone and iPad.The document shows how users would slot their iPod or iPhone into the head-mounted gadget. A lens in the glasses then projects the image so that it can be viewed comfortably.—*Intrnet*

## Scientists hail 'revolutionary' kidney gene find

EDINBURGH, 12 April — The identification of 20 genes which could help explain the causes of kidney disease could one day "revolutionise" treatment, researchers say. Chronic kidney disease affects about one in 10 adults and can require dialysis or even an organ transplant. The genes identified by the international team of researchers control kidney functions such as filtering waste from the blood.

Experts said the Nature Genetics study was "a great breakthrough". Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a long-term condition in which the kidneys progressively lose their function.People tend not to notice symptoms, which can include swollen ankles and hands or blood in the urine, until the condition is advanced.

It is linked to ageing — about one in five men and one in four women aged between 65 and 74 will have some degree of CKD.—*Internet*



***Chronic kidney disease causes the organs to function less effectively.*— INTERNET**

# Simple memory test may detect early Alzheimer's

OHIO, 12 April— A researcher has developed a brief memory test to help doctors determine whether someone is suffering from the early memory and reasoning problems that often signal Alzheimer's disease.

In a study in the journal *Alzheimer Disease and Associated Disorders*, neurologist Dr. Douglas Scharre of Ohio State University Medical Center reports that the test detected 80 percent of people with mild thinking and memory problems. It only turned up a false positive — wrongly suggesting that a person has a problem — in five percent of people with normal thinking.

In a press release, Scharre said the test could help people get earlier care for conditions like Alzheimer's disease.

"It's a recurring problem," he said. "People don't come in early enough for a diagnosis, or families generally resist making the appointment because they don't want confirmation of their worst fears. Whatever the reason, it's unfortunate because the drugs we're using now work better the earlier they are started."

The test can be taken by hand, which Scharre said may help people who aren't comfortable with technology like computers. He's making the tests, which take 15 minutes to complete, available free to health workers at *www.sagetest.osu.edu*.

"They can take the test in the waiting room while waiting for the doctor," Scharre said.

"Abnormal test results can serve as an early warning to the patient's family," added Scharre. "The results can be a signal that caregivers may need to begin closer monitoring of the patient to ensure their safety and good health is not compromised and that they are protected from financial predators."

In the study, 254 people aged 59 and older took the test. Of those, 63 underwent an in-depth clinical evaluation to determine their level of cognitive ability.

*Interent*

***A photograph of Poland's late President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria is surrounded by candles and flowers near the presidential palace in Warsaw on 11 April, 2010.***
**INTERNET**

# Beijing adopts staggered working hours to ease traffic pressure

BEIJING, 12 April — Beijing began Monday adjusting working hours for about 810,000 workers to alleviate the city's traffic jams.

According to a notice issued by the municipal government, Beijing's party and government departme-nts, state-owned enterprises (SOEs), institutions and social groups should operate from 9 am to 6 pm since Monday, rather than from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. as before.

China's central state organs in Beijing, schools, hospitals and large shopping centers would not alter their working hours, the notice said.

From 20 July to 20 September in 2008, Beijing's SOEs, institutions and social groups were ordered to adjust their working hours to ensure a smooth traffic during the Summer Olympics.

Beijing now has been packed with more than four million cars.

*Xinhua*

***Workers build a barrier in front the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, on Sunday,11 April, 2010, in preparation for Nuclear Security Summit.—INTERNET***

***Villagers wait to get drinking water at Jiaolong Village in Wangmo County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 10 April, 2010. As severe drought has ravaged China's southwest region since last October, leading to serious drinking water shortage of local human beings and livestocks, the local police managed to build kilomeres long water pipe to help solve the problem.—INTERNET***

# E. coli kills young boy, hospitalizes three others in US

BEIJING, 12 April—A four-year-old boy in a daycare center died after being infected by E. coli. Three other children were hospitalized in Vancouver, Washington, according to media reports Sunday.

The first case was reported March 19. But the Clark County health officials decided to close the center until April 2 out of concern that other parents who used the facility could take their children to different day cares and risk exposing others. The daycare will remain closed until the staff can pass two consecutive tests for the bacteria.

The three surviving children are recovering at home. The other 22 children and 4 adults from the center have been tested for E. coli. Six were found positive, but they have not developed any symptoms as of yet.

Officials detected the strain as E. coli O157:H7, which can cause kidney failure in young children and the elderly. E. coli O157:H7 is typically transmitted through ground beef, unpasteurized milk or produce. However, person-to-person transmission can be a problem in day-care settings or nursing homes.

*Internet*

# British fighter jets chasing UFO?

BEIJING, 12 April — A mystery cameraman has filmed two British fighter jets pursuing what looked like a UFO, according to media reports.

The dramatic 30-second video clip, which is believed to have been taken from a West Midlands service station car park in Britain, had drawn millions of hits on the Internet.

"This is one of the best videos I've seen. It could be a new drone - that might explain the military jets," the Sun quoted expert Nick Pope, who probed UFO sightings for the Ministry of Defence.

*Internet*

***Photo taken on 2 April, 2010 shows exterior wall, decorated with colorful tiles, of the South Korean Pavilion, which at EXPO park in Shanghai, east China. The 2010 Shanghai World EXPO welcomes its 20 days counting down on Sunday.***
**INTERNET**

# Chinese shares edge down on weak heavyweights

BEIJING, 12 April — Chinese equities edged down on Monday, led by weak financial and property heavyweights. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index on the Shanghai Stock Exchange closed at 3,129.26 points Monday, down 0.51 percent, or 16.09 points.

The Shenzhen Component Index on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange closed at 12,399.2 points Monday, down 155.92 points, or 1.24 percent, from the previous close. Combined turnover stood at 313.4 billion yuan, up from 244.72 billion yuan on the previous trading day.

*Internet*

# SPORTS

## AS Roma take the top spot from Inter Milan

***Roma defeated relegation-threatened visitors Atalanta 2-1 to depose Inter Milan as league leaders who drew 2-2 at Fiorentina .— INTERNET***

ROME, 12 April—AS Roma took a big step forward in their drive for a surprise Serie A title on Sunday when they beat relegation-threatened visitors Atalanta 2-1 to take the top spot from champions Inter Milan. Mirko Vucinic's and Marco Cassetti's first-half goals put Roma on 68 points, one more than Inter, who drew 2-2 at Fiorentina on Saturday as their domestic form falters under the stress of reaching the Champions League semi-finals.

Third-placed AC Milan's title hopes diminished after they slipped four points off the pace with five games to go despite coming from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at home with Catania thanks to Marco Borriello's double.

*Internet*

## Mickelson wins Masters and gets long embrace

AUGUSTA, 12 April—Phil Mickelson soaked up a scene he knows all too well as he climbed the steep hill toward the 18th green at Augusta National to claim another green jacket. Only when he rapped in one last birdie for a three-shot victory did this Masters get even better. Standing behind the green — as always — was his wife, Amy, with her long blonde hair and easy smile, their three children at her side.

She had not been on a golf course since being diagnosed with breast cancer 11 months ago, and had stayed in bed most of the week."I wasn't sure if she was going to be there," Mickelson said. A week of roars gave way to tears as they hugged for the longest time.

*Internet*

***Phil Mickelson is hugged by caddie Jim Mackay after winning the Masters golf tournament in Augusta.—INTERNET***

## Chela shocks Querrey to end ATP victory drought

HOUSTON, 12 April—Juan Ignacio Chela won his first ATP title in more than three years on Sunday as he toppled third-seeded American Sam Querrey 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 at the US Men's Clay Court Championships. The unseeded Argentinian turned up the heat in the second set as he pulled away from Querrey for his fifth ATP title and his first since he beat Carlos Moya for the crown in Acapulco in March 2007.

***Juan Ignacio Chela***

Chela sealed the victory when Querrey belted a service return over the line. Querrey, ranked 25th in the world, hit 19 winners to just two for Chela in the opening set. By the end of the second frame, however, Chela was swinging freely and matching Querrey winner for winner.—*Internet*

## Marseille move two points clear after thrashing Nice

PARIS, 12 April—Marseille remained on course for a first French championship in 18 years after thrashing south coast neighbours Nice 4-1 on Sunday to move two points clear at the Ligue 1 summit. Ivory Coast winger Bakary Kone put the hosts ahead three minutes before half-time and Stephane Mbia headed home from a corner in the 52nd minute, with Lucho Gonzalez the supplier on both occasions.

Mathieu Valbuena made it 3-0 in the 71st minute, lifting the ball over David Ospina with the outside of his right foot from Mamadou Niang's lay-off, before Souleymane Diawara converted another Lucho corner with a towering header. Emerse Fae claimed an injury-time consolation for Eric Roy's side. —*Internet*

***Olympique Marseille destroyed south coast rivals Nice 4-1 at home to move two points clear at the Ligue 1 summit. Auxerre took the second place after a 1-0 win at Nancy.— INTERNET***

## Ferguson says United title challenge slipping away

BLACKBURN, 12 April—Sir Alex Ferguson admits Manchester United's hopes of securing a record-breaking fourth successive Premier League title are slipping away after their goalless draw at Blackburn. Sunday's result left United one point behind leaders Chelsea, having played a game more than the Blues, who will open up a four-point gap if they beat Bolton at home on Tuesday.Ferguson's side travel to neighbours Manchester City next weekend and have just four matches to overhaul Chelsea, forcing their manager to all but concede the title.

***Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson***

It has been a miserable week for Ferguson and United, who bowed out of the Champions League against Bayern Munich on Wednesday.

*Internet*

## Schalke 'too soft' to win German title, says Magath

BERLIN, 12 April—Schalke 04 coach Felix Magath all but conceded the German title race on Sunday, claiming his team were "too soft" to win the Bundesliga. Magath was speaking 24 hours after watching his players' tame capitulation in a 4-2 loss to relegation-threatened Hanover, a defeat that left them two points adrift of leaders Bayern Munich who drew 1-1 with Bayer Leverksuen.

"We're not too bad to be crowned champions, we're simply too soft," Magath told Sport1 television. He added: "We haven't shown the required winning mentality. We lost confidence in ourselves after the defeat to Bayern (last week)." Appointed last June Magath denied that his comments were designed as a disingenous ploy to lull Bayern into believing their nearest rivals had given up the chase. He had employed similar tactics last campaign before guiding his then club Wolfsburg to the 2009/10 title.

*Internet*

## More than 20,000 watch as Texas Stadium dynamited

IRVING, 12 April—More than 20,000 people gathered at tailgate parties and other spots Sunday to watch fireworks go off one last time over Texas Stadium before a ton of dynamite lit up the Dallas Cowboys' long-time home and brought it to the ground.

***Texas Stadium is imploded on 11 April, 2010 in Irving, Texas.—INTERNET***

The building known for the giant hole in its roof — "so God can watch his team," according to local lore — was demolished in a planned implosion set off by the 11-year-old winner of an essay contest. The Cowboys played 38 seasons in Texas Stadium, winning five Super Bowls during that time. The local landmark also was home for the world famous Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders.—*Internet*

## Kim's talent, not his accessories, stand out

AUGUSTA, 12 April—It used to be hard to see anything but Anthony Kim's brashness in the glare of that rhinestone-studded belt buckle. On Sunday, all anyone noticed was his prodigious talent.

Kim made a late charge at the Masters on Sunday, playing a four-hole stretch in only 12 shots to get within two of the lead. But, playing four groups in front of Phil Mickelson, he ran out of holes. Stashed away in the locker room by Masters officials and hoping for a playoff, Kim could only watch as Mickelson birdied 15 to secure his third green jacket.

Still, Kim's 65 was the best score of the tournament and earned him third place. At 276, he was four strokes behind Mickelson and one behind Lee Westwood.—*Internet*

## Holyfield stops Botha in eighth round

LAS VEGAS, 12 April—Former four-times heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield stopped South African Frans Botha in the eighth round to win the World Boxing Federation title in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Holyfield, 47, floored the 41-year-old Botha with a right early in the eighth and although the South African was able to get to his feet, referee Russell Mora later stopped the fight The fight was Holyfield's first in Las Vegas since 2003. He improved to 43-10-2 with 28 knockouts.

*Internet*

***Evander Holyfield of the US (L) punches Francois Botha of South Africa during a heavyweight fight at Las Vegas.— INTERNET***

***3000 carnations are displayed at the Sony building on 1 April, 2009, in Tokyo, Japan. Carnation production in Japan started in 1909 when a florist brought seeds back from the United States.*—INTERNET**

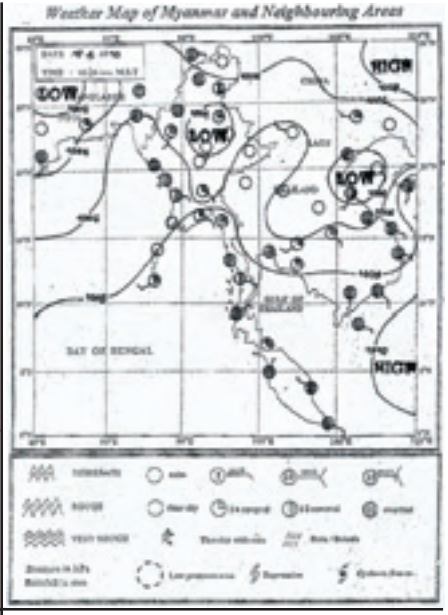
## Four hurt in grenade blast in southern Philippines

DAVAO, 12 April — Four people were hurt in grenade blast in the latest election-related violence in the southern Philippines, the police said on Monday.

A grenade threw by unidentified men exploded inside a gymnasium in the township of Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay Province on Sunday night during a campaign rally of local politicians for the upcoming May election, said provincial police commander Senior Superintendent Federico Castro.

Castro said three of those injured in the attack were children. "We have dispatched our men to hunt down the perpetrators," he added.

*Xinhua*

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**(13- 4-2010)(Tuesday)**

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| Local | - (09:00am~11:00am) MST |
| Oversea Transmission | - (13-4-10 09:30 am ~ 14-4-10 09:30 am) MST |

**Local Transmission**
* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Working and Living Myanmar (Gifts)"
* News
* Documentary "The Land of Pagoda"
* Thingyan Songs & Dances
* News
* A Visit to Mandalay
* Thingyan Songs & Dances

**Oversea Transmission**
* Opening
* News
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* News
* Auspicious and Traditional Thingyan
* News
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* Topic on Journal "Youth, Scholarship & Opportunities"
* News
* Thingyan Songs & Dance
* Myanmar Movies "The Moon Born From the Sun"

Myanmar TV

**Tuesday, 13 April**
**View on today**

**7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:15 am**
2. အင်္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလဲ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

**7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

**7:30 am**
4. Morning News

**7:40 am**
5. ခါသကြိန်အဆို၊အကများ

**7:50 am**
6. Nice and Sweet Song

**8:00 am**
7. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာတေး

**8:10 am**
8. Songs of Yester Years

**8:20 am**
9. Song of National Races

**8:30 am**
10. ခါသကြိန်အဆို၊အကများ

**8:40 am**
11. International News

**8:45 am**
12. ခါသကြိန်အဆို၊အကများ

**4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song

**4:10 pm**
2. ခါသကြိန်အဆို၊အကများ

**4:25 pm**
3. မိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း

**4:35 pm**
4. ခါသကြိန်အဆို၊အကများ

**4:50 pm**
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်)

**5:05**
6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

**5:10 pm**
7. "ဇီဝဒါနသွေးလှူကြစို့"

**5:20 pm**
8. The Mirror Image of The Musical Oldies

**5:30 pm**
9. ရင်မှာစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်

**5:45 pm**
10. ခါသကြိန်အဆို၊အကများ

**6:00 pm**
11. Evening News

**6:15 pm**
12. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**
13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

**6:40 pm**
14. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

**7:10 pm**
15. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

**8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "ကျန်စစ်မင်း" (အပိုင်း ၂) (လူမင်း၊ မေသန်း၊ပန်းဖြူ၊ ထက်ထက်မိုးဦး၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-လူမင်း)

## WEATHER

### Monday, 12th April, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Shan State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (45°C), Monywa, Myingyan, NyaungU and Chauk (44°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 11-4-2010 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 12-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-4-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 11-4-2010 was (9.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Totalrainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 10-4-2010.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the West Central. Bay, South Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 13th April 2010:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas.Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-4-2010**: Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-4-2010:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-4-2010:** Generally fair weather.

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

## People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

# New earth road and bridge in Yedashe Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division put into commission

NAY PYI TAW, 12 April—New earth road and bridge constructed by the Ministry of Construction between Thagara and Hmanhtaung Tawya in Yedashe Township in Toungoo District of Bago Division was opened at the archway of road in Setthwa village this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened the road and bridge by cutting a ribbon. And the commander unveiled the signboard of the road and bridge, and had a documentary photo taken together with those present on the occasion.

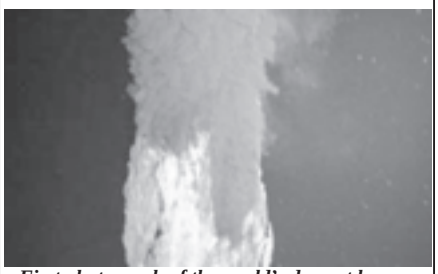
Next, the commander and the minister inspected those transport facilities in a car.

The new road which can be used in all seasons, is 8700 feet long and 20 feet wide.

*MNA*

*Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min unveils the signboard of new earth road and bridge between Thagara and Hmanhtaung Tawya in Yedashe Township of Bago Division.*—MNA

## World's deepest known undersea volcanic vents discovered



*First photograph of the world's deepest known 'black smoker' vent, erupting water hot enough to melt lead, 3.1 miles deep on the ocean floor.*
INTERNET

SCIENCEDAILY 12 Apr—A British scientific expedition has discovered the world's deepest undersea volcanic vents, known as 'black smokers', 3.1 miles (5000 metres) deep in the Cayman Trough in the Caribbean. Using a deep-diving vehicle remotely controlled from the Royal Research Ship James Cook, the scientists found slender spires made of copper and iron ores on the seafloor, erupting water hot enough to melt lead, nearly half a mile deeper than anyone has seen before.

Deep-sea vents are undersea springs where superheated water erupts from the ocean floor. They were first seen in the Pacific three decades ago, but most are found between one and two miles deep.

*Internet*

## Significant day temperatures

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| Minbu | 45°C | NyaungU | 44°C |
| Myingyan | 44°C | Chauk | 44°C |