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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

Thingyan lovers merrily take part in water festival on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day

NAY PYI TAW, 15 April—Today (Maha Thingyan Akyat Day), Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal was packed with merry makers, The Aces band, Yein troupes of ministries, hotels and private companies presenting entertainment to revellers.

In Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, Thingyan lovers, and celebrities merrily took part in Water Festival at Amara Hotel, Max Myanmar Company Hotel, Shwe Myanmar Hotel, Yadana Theinga Hotel, Taw Win Nay Pyi Taw Hotel, Golden Guest Hotel of Shwe Thanlwin Company, Myat Taw Win Hotel of Asia World Company, Thingaha Hotel of Aden Group and Aureum Palace Hotel of Htoo Trading Company.

In Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Hlet Nwe (Kan Kaung) Co Ltd, Happy Time Special, Padaukyoe, KTM and 30 other pandals were also crowded with vocalists and revellers.

In National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), water throwing pandals, entertaining pandals, free meal serving pandals were swarming with revellers from states and divisions. There, Kachin Maha Thingyan water throwing pandal of Htoo Companies Group, and free meal serving pandal of Asia World Family were filled with revellers.

At the National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) water throwing pandal, vocalists performed entertainment with Guardians band.

For public recreation, Golden Flower Co Ltd arranged two luxury cruise boats in the garden.

In Yangon, water throwing pandals of its four districts and wards were teeming with revellers.

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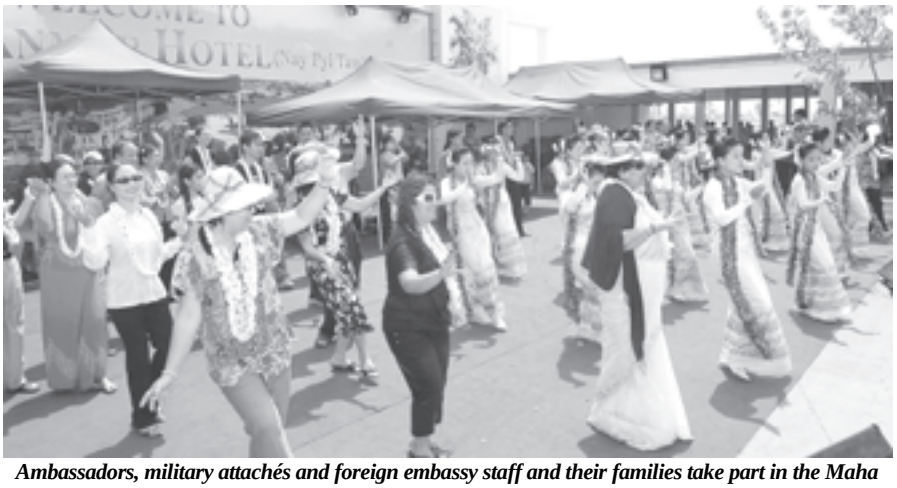
***Yadana Theinga Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone crowded with revellers on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.*—MNA**

Diplomats, military attachés enjoy Traditional Water Festival

NAY PYI TAW, 15 April—The ambassadors, military attachés and embassy staff of the foreign mission and their families led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe today enjoyed water throwing festival at pandals of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal, here.



***Ambassadors, military attachés and foreign embassy staff and their families take part in the Maha Thingyan Festival at Shwe Myanmar Hotel Family Pandal in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.*—MNA**

The Yein troupes of ministries and Amara Hotel and artistes entertained the diplomat team led by Minister U Nyan Win and wife with dances and songs. The diplomats enjoyed the water throwing festival.

They also visited the pandals of Max Myanmar Co, Shwe Myanmar, Myat Taw Win. The Yein troupes and artistes entertained them with dances and songs.

At the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Pandal, the minister, wife and diplomats were welcomed by Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khaing and officials. The Yein troupes and artistes performed entertainment of songs and dances. The minister, wife and diplomats posed for documentary photo.

The Mayor and wife hosted a luncheon to the diplomats and their families at Mingala Hall on the first floor of the Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 16 April, 2010

Keep eyes, ears to weather reports

Today, the World Meteorology Federation and the science organizations around the world are scaling up their campaigns on meteorology for security and comfort of the global family members.

Also in Myanmar, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department under the Ministry of Transport is putting greater efforts into the tasks on meteorology in the public interest. It regularly issues weather forecasts for smooth air and water transport including daily weather reports, short- and long-term weather forecasts, potential river floods and tidal warnings, along with public notices on media services and reminders.

The world sees a great deal of changes in weather forecasts in the Age of IT, which is making dramatic progress, thus calling for more sophisticated technologies and equipment to improve the work efficiency.

Weather reports are issued in the media such as daily newspapers, radio and TV. So, the people, on their part, have to keep their eyes and ears to the reports.

As the department releases weather reports through the media in time, the people should contact the Meteorology and Hydrology Department for comments if they hear rumours about natural disasters and suspicious weather reports.

Donate Blood

People's 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**

Yazudaing bridge No 1 under construction

NAY PYI TAW, 15 April—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected progress in constructing Yazudaing bridge No 1, being situated on Maubin-Yaylekalay-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinekyun road on 12 April.

During his inspection tour, the minister urged officials to strive for the construction of the bridge to meet the set standards and place special emphasis on efficient use of construction materials and worksite safety measures.

The minister and party looked into laying of concrete, steel fixing and construction of the approach road. Yazudaing bridge No 1 is 1955 feet and 9 inches long with 20 feet wide motorway. It has 2 feet and one inch walkway on both sides and can withstand 60 tons load.

MNA

Kamakathwe Ward in Dalla Township gets new library building

YANGON, 15 April — A ceremony to open the new building of Pyithu Alinyaung Library in Kamakathwe Ward, Dalla Township, Yangon South District, constructed with a contribution of K 2.5 million by the State and the public took place on 30 March.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Htay Win, Head of District Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Thaung, Ward PDC Chairman U Tun Lwin and elder U Maung Htoo formally opened the library building.

Then, U Zaw Win Htay made a speech and U Aye Thaung spoke of the need for durability of the library, cultivating reading habit and seeking funds. Later, Township Women's Affairs Organization, IPRD and wellwishers donated periodicals to the library.

MNA

Opening of Pyithu Alinyaung Library in Kamakathwe Ward, Dalla Township, Yangon South District in progress.

IPRD

Revellers joyously partake in Thingyan Festival at central pandal in Kalay of Sagaing Division on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.

NLM

Merry makers taking part in Water Festival in Magway, Magway Division, on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.

NLM

Civilian killed, six wounded in Baghdad bombing

Smoke billows from a residential area in central Baghdad, capital of Iraq, on 14 April, after a bomb explosion near a bridge in central Baghdad .

INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 15 April—A civilian was killed and six others wounded in a bomb explosion at a marketplace in central Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"Our latest report said that one civilian was killed and six others were injured by the bomb explosion in central Baghdad," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The bomb was detonated inside a shop selling sports equipment at a commercial area near the al-Ahrar bridge on the eastern bank of the Tigris River at about 1:45 p.m. (1045 GMT), the source said.

Earlier, the source put the toll at three people injured citing first police reports.

A Xinhua correspondent saw black smoke rising above the area, while ambulances rushed to the site.

Sporadic attacks continue in Iraq more than a month after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.—*Internet*

US drone attack kills four in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 April — At least four people were killed and one was injured on Wednesday when a suspected U.S. drone attacked the northwest Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal agency, local sources said.

Locals said a pilotless U.S. aircraft fired two missiles near Miranshah in North Waziristan near the border with Afghanistan, destroying a vehicle and causing casualties.

Americans have intensified the cross-border strike in Pakistan' s tribal belt where foreign and local militants' networks are believed to exist including the Huqqani network which America blames for violence in Afghanistan.

The U.S. has since long been pressing Pakistan to start military operations in North Waziristan to clear the region from militants' network that would help the U.S. in bringing stability in Afghanistan.—*Xinhua*

Four killed, including two children, in Chicago shooting

CHICAGO, 15 April— A woman and three children were shot to death and two other adults were critically wounded early Wednesday at a southwest Chicago residence, according to media reports.

The children were a 7-month-old boy, a 3-year-old girl and a 16-year-old girl, the Chicago Tribune reported. The fourth victim was an adult woman.

A suspect, believed to be a relative, was taken into custody several miles away about 90 minutes after the shootings, police said.

The two wounded people — an adult female and an adult male — were in critical condition at a local hospital, authorities said.

The shooting, which police said was possibly domestic-related, happened about 4:25 a.m. in a brick bungalow in the Marquette Park neighborhood on Chicago's southwest side.

Internet

Iraqi police gather around the vehicle of Arkan Ali Mohammed. Iraq's interior ministry said Arkan — a senior officer from a counter-terrorism unit — and a Sunni imam were killed in separate attacks in Baghdad.

INTERNET

Five militants killed in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 April —Pakistani security forces killed five militants in an attack in Orakzai tribal region, northwest of the country, local TV channel reported Thursday.

Security forces used helicopters and heavy artillery and targeted compounds of militants in Shereen Darra of Lower Orakzai Agency, the private TV Express reported.

They have secured important heights in the area and have also seized arms and ammunition.

Troops have taken control of most areas of the agency and are advancing towards Upper Orakzai Agency, army sources said.

Security forces backed by gunship helicopters have killed over 300 Taleban militants so far in Orakzai since late March when the army launched a fresh offensive in the agency to flush out Taleban.

Internet

Officials say 9/11-style plot in Iraq foiled

BAGHDAD, 15 April—Iraqi and US security officials say Iraqi forces have foiled an al-Qaida in Iraq plot for a 9/11-style attack to hijack airlines and fly them into Shiite holy shrines.

Two senior Iraqi officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday they have arrested two men allegedly linked to the plan, which shut down the airport in Najaf for days and Baghdad airport for hours last week.

Two senior US intelligence officials in Washington confirmed the plot but said it's doubtful the alleged plotters were very far along in their planning — or even had the ability to carry it out.

The officials say the plan was aimed at re-igniting sectarian violence.

All spoke on condition of anonym-ity because the investigation is ongoing.

Internet

Afghan children work in a poppy field in the area of Karez-e-Sayyidi, Helmand province, on 14 April , 2010.

INTERNET

China Qinghai quake death toll rises to 589

Rescuers work on the debris of a local vocational school after a quake in Yushu County, northwest China's Qinghai Province, 14 April, 2010. About 589 people have died after a 7.1-magnitude earthquake hit Yushu early on Wednesday.—INTERNET

QINGHAI, 15 April—The death toll of China's Qinghai 7.1-magnitude earthquake rose to 589 as of 1:20 a.m. Thursday, according to the local quake-relief headqu-arters. The headquarters have dispatched relief work groups respectively in charge of rescue, quake survivors' daily life, detecting aftershocks and health and disease control.Jia Yingzhong, Party secretary of the Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture called for all local cadres to make all-out effort in rescue and relief work. Those who fail to do the job will be sacked immediately, he said.

Internet

Shanghai longest river tunnel to open for Shanghai Expo

SHANGHAI, 15 April— The first phase of Shanghai's longest river tunnel has been completed construction and will start operation Thursday, two weeks before the Shanghai Expo opens on May 1.

The Longyao Road river tunnel, 4.04 km long, starts from the intersection between Shilong road and Longwu road in Xuhui district, goes under the Huangpu River and ends at Chengshan road in Pudong district.

The first phase of the tunnel — the section between the intersection in Xuhui district and Jiyang road in Pudong district — took 25 months for construction, said a spokesman with Shanghai Construction Group, builder of the tunnel.The Expo site, covering 5.28 square kilometers, spans across the Huangpu River and the tunnel would be a major channel for passengers getting from one side of the river to the other, said the spokesman.Shanghai Expo 2010, with the theme "Better City, Better Life", will run from May 1 to Oct. 31 and is expected to attract 70 million visitors.

Xinhua

Chinese President Hu Jintao (2nd R) poses for a group photo together with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during the first formal meeting of BRIC leaders in Yekaterinburg, Russia, on 16 June, 2009.XINHUA

"East Wind, Rain" premieres in Beijing

***A Portrait of Star Fan Bingbing in A Huge Red Dress.* XINHUA**

BEIJING, 15 April—A portrait of star Fan Bingbing, wearing a huge red dress, has just been released in advance of the premiere. According to the costume designer, this extreme colour aims to emphasize the pain of Fan's character in the film. With a length of 5 metres, the dress was too large to transport by elevator. The cast and crew had to carry it down the stairs to get it outside.

In the film, Fan Bingbing plays a spy during WWII. In order to fulfill her mission and keep the organization's information secret, she sacrifices herself.

Director Liu set the film, which takes place in Shanghai, before and after the attack on Pearl Harbour. The Shanghai of 1941, as presented in the movie, is filled with spies working for different countries and organizations. An Ming, a Chinese agent, works undercover as a pianist in a local pub. He decodes the "East Wind, Rain" message and tries to pass on the information. Director Liu plays An Ming.The film will hit cinemas on 21 April this year.

Xinhua

Australian air force plane breakdown during flight

CANBERRA, 15 April—Two landing gear doors have separated from the body of Australian air force plane during a training mission over state of Victoria, Australian Associated Press reported on Wednesday.

At the time of the incident, the plane was airborne in the Royal Australian Air Force's East Sale Training Area, about 12 kilometers southwest of Heyfield.

"Loss of parts from aircraft during flight is unusual and is currently under investigation by Air Force," the Defense Department said in a statement.

Recovering the parts would help investigators establish why they dislodged, and the public was urged not to touch the doors should they find them, spokesman of the Defence Department said.Heyfield is a town in Victoria, 206 kilometers east of Melbourne.

Xinhua

A man takes photos of a peony in the sleet in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province, on 14 April, 2010. A sleet hit Luoyang on Wednesday.—XINHUA

Hungarian police arrest American sought on child porn charges

BUDAPEST, 15 April— Hungarian police have arrested an American man sought for the alleged possession and distribution of child pornography, local media reported Wednesday.John D. Clark III, age 56, had been sought by the FBI and Interpol for allegedly possessing child pornography and distributing the images on the internet, said Police Major Jozsef Nahalko.

Clark, Nahalko said, apparently had been living in Hungary and working as an English teacher for at least a year before his arrest.

Nahalko said that Clark, who was arrested Tuesday, had worked in a Budapest school where his students spotted his photo on FBI website. They did not report their finding immediately, giving Clark the chance to learn that he had been recognized and disappear, Nahalko said.

Police arrested Clark after getting a tip concerning his location from one of his neighbors.

Hungarian police have notified the FBI and turned Clark over to Interpol for extradition to the US.

Xinhua

A model presents a creation of traditional Indonesian battik in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 14 April, 2010.—XINHUA

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

***A car suffers engine failure on a flooded street in Sanaa, capital of Yemen, on 14 April, 2010. A heavy rain hit the low rainfall Sanaa on Wednesday, causing flooding on the streets.* XINHUA**

Alleged Tiger Woods' mistress arrested

BEIJING, 15 April — Tiger Woods' alleged mistress, Jaimee Grubbs, 24, was arrested on Wednesday suspicion of driving on a suspended license in West Hollywoodfor.

West Hollywood Sheriff's Sgt. Shawn Ruda told PEOPLE that Grubbs had a 26,000 dollar warrant for not clearing up the first citation and bail for this latest arrest will be 2,500 dollars.

"She'll have to pay both amounts if she wants to be released," Ruda said.

It was Grubbs's second time being caught for the offense, having been cited for the same crime on 4. Feb.

Xinhua

Japan's Honda Motor gives a demonstration of the company's prototype model of a new electric motorcycle called the "EV-neo" at the company's research and development center in Wako, suburban Tokyo. The company said it initially plans to target domestic business customers such as pizza delivery services.

INTERNET

Suspected Somali pirates flown to the Netherlands

NATHERLANDS, 15 April—The Dutch Defense Ministry says a military transport plane has picked up 10 suspected Somali pirates arrested at sea and is flying them to the Netherlands to await transfer to Germany.

The pirates were arrested April 5 by Dutch special forces marines who slid down ropes from a helicopter to recapture the seized German container ship MV Taipan.

The pirates hijacked the ship earlier in the day about 500 miles (800 kilometers) east of Somalia.

They were transferred Wednesday from the Dutch frigate HMS Tromp in Djibouti and were being flown to a military air base in the southern Dutch city of Eindhoven.

Germany has issued a European arrest warrant for the men and plans to prosecute them.

Internet

Turkish police seize large amount of heroin

ANKARA, 15 April— Turkish police impounded 225.5 kg of heroin in four separate operations in the country on Wednesday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

In the southeastern province of Gaziantep, police found 72 kg of heroin in a lorry and detained the driver, said the agency.

In another three operations in the eastern Van Province, police confiscated 153.5 kg of heroin and 78.2 kg of hashish and detained six people, said the report.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.

Internet

Court expert says 'Nazi guard' ID card authentic

MUNICH, 15 April — The SS identity card of 90-year-old alleged former Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk is "authentic," an independent expert told his trial in Germany on Wednesday.

"You couldn't reproduce something like this, even with state-of-the-art machinery," expert Anton Dallmayer told the court in Munich, after comparing the card with three others believed to be genuine.

"In conclusion I would say that distinguishing features on the ID card in question match those on the other ID cards, and that therefore all in all it can be considered as authentic."

The SS identity card of 90-year-old alleged former Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk.

In what is set to be one of the last cases of its kind, Demjanjuk has been on trial since November, charged with helping murder 27,900 people at the Sobibor death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1943.

With no witnesses able to say they could remember Demjanjuk, the ID card is the prosecution's only piece of concrete evidence it says links him to Sobibor. Demjanjuk denies the charges and says the document is a forgery.

Internet

A visitor looks at a statue representing King Akhenaton at an exhibition in Paris. The Supreme Council of Antiquities has said that a toe belonging to the father of famed boy pharaoh Tutankhamun has been returned to Egypt nearly a century after it was stolen.

INTERNET

Singapore public urged to immunize with new influenza vaccine

SINGAPORE, 15 April —Experts in Singapore on Wednesday urged the country's public to use a new three-in-one vaccine against influenza, which will be available late April.

According to Channel NewsAsia reports on Wednesday night, local experts said that this is because the old vaccines do not work well against new circulating influenza strains.

"Unfortunately, old vaccinations cannot protect against potential circulating new strains and that's why we have a new composition in the coming vaccine production," said Professor Leo Yee Sin, clinical director of the country's Communicable Disease Center.

Leo added that there is a good long time period for people to consider to go for vaccination as the coming vaccine production has exactly the same composition as the year-end production.

Every year, the World Health Organization will predict the three influenza strains which are predominant. Manufacturers will then produce new vaccines based on the predictions.

This time round, the three predictions are the pandemic H1N1 strain, a new H3N2 strain, as well as influenza type B.

This means it is more cost-effective to use the new vaccine in protecting against influenza strains as opposed to the pandemic H1N1 vaccine ordered by the country's Health Ministry.

With the new vaccine, the old stockpile will not be adequate in protecting the public against influenza. Last year, the Health Ministry ordered 1.3 million doses of the pandemic H1N1 vaccine.

Xinhua

File photo shows a skydiver from Salzburg of Austria performs aerial acrobatics on the plane at the height of 2000m at Styria, south of Austria.

INTERNET

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Chinese "Readers' Digest" to launch electronic edition

LANZHOU, 15 April—China's most popular magazine, known as the Chinese version of "Reader's Digest," will launch its first e-book version in May in a drive to expand its circulation, its publisher announced Wednesday.

The twice-monthly Duzhe ("Readers"), which sold an average 4 million copies of each edition last year, would be available to owners of electronic readers, said Peng Changcheng, general manager of Readers Publishing Media Co. Ltd..

"The launch of an e-book version of our magazine is an innovative attempt to further develop our brand and to appeal to a wider range of consumers," Peng told *Xinhua*.

The display price and subscription rate of the e-book version, which would be sightly smaller than the traditional A4 size of the magazine, had yet to be finalized, Peng said.

The magazine, founded in March 1981 in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province, is China's best-selling magazine, carrying articles on culture, life and inspirational topics, similar to "Reader's Digest" in the United States. In 2004, "Readers," which is published only in Chinese, developed its overseas market and began selling in North America, Europe and Australia.

Internet

Chinese chupacabra mystery solved

BEIJING, 15 April—As reported by the Global Times on March 29 this mystery beast resembling a chupa-cabra, upper, is seen shortly after its capture in a village in Suining, Sichuan Province.

A chupacabra ("goat-sucker"), is a legendary, fearsome and possibly mythical beast said to inhabit parts of the Americas and Puerto Rico, but not China nor anywhere in Asia. Following the Global Times report, the Daily Telegraph in England claimed to have interviewed a Chinese hunter in Sichuan Province who said creature resembled a bear that had been changed from a human, just as in a Sichuan local legend. However, the mystery is solved. Kong Huazhen of the Daying Forestry Dep-artment, Sichuan rece-ntly announced that the mystery creature is an albino civet cat with a skin disease and "we have let it go."

Internet

A Tokyo Agriculture and Technology (TAT) University postgraduate student is seen demonstrating the new power-assist suit for elderly agriculture workers, developed by TAT professor Shigeki Toyama. The power assist suits are said to reduce the user's physical effort by about 62 percent.

INTERNET

Tomb of ancient scribe unearthed in Egypt

CAIRO, 15 April—The Egyptian antiquities chief says the elaborate tomb of an ancient royal scribe has been unearthed.

Wednesday's statement says the intricately decorated tomb and coffin of Ken-Amun, who was the overseer of the royal records during the 19th Dynasty (1315-1201 B.C.) was found near Ismailia, 75 miles (120 kilometers) east of Cairo.

Internet.

NZ man at strip club leaves baby in car

Police arrested a man for leaving his 1-year-old baby in a car unattended during the early hours while he watched strippers at a nightclub in New Zealand's capital, and have placed the boy in welfare agency care.

A passer-by called police after seeing the sleeping baby in a car parked near the Mermaid Strip Club in Wellington about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Police took the baby to hospital and arrested the father, 42, after he was located in the club, Inspector Simon Perry said. The man faces a charge of leaving a child under 14 without reasonable supervision, Perry said.

The Child, Youth and Family agency has custody of the baby for five days while it works with the baby's relatives to decide on his future, agency deputy chief executive Ray Smith said.

New Zealand's commissioner for children, John Angus, said leaving a child alone in a car at night was an "extreme form of neglect."

Drunk horseman rides into crowd on Mule Day

A Middle Tennessee horseback rider was jailed after being charged with running into a crowd of people at the Mule Day festivities in Columbia. The man, 32, was charged with two counts of reckless endangerment and public intoxication.

According to The Daily Herald of Columbia, witnesses told investigators that the man rode the horse Saturday into a restricted area that had been closed to animal traffic at the county park and was asking pedestrians for beer. A Maury County sheriff's report said the man dismounted and then attempted to get back on, spooking it.

Two people were then hit by the horse, and one required hospital treatment. Bond was set at $10,500.

News Album

At the opening ceremony of a sports meeting of a university in southwest China's Chongqing, two young men dress themselves as characters in the film "Avatar". The two students are supposed to be escorts of the flag-bearer for a college of the university.

Photo taken on 10 April , 2010 shows an inside looking of the Tanzanian Museum in the African Joint Pavilion in the EXPO Park in Shanghai, east China. The joint pavilion, which includes 43 individual museums of African countries, finished its exhibiting arrangement on Tuesday.

Georgia man arrested twice in day on drug charge

Albany authorities did a double take when they arrested a man twice on the same drug charge in one day. Authorities said a man, 26, was charged with possession of marijuana around noon on Friday after police pulled him over during a routine traffic stop. He was sent to the Dougherty County Jail and released on bond four hours later.

But Bill Berry of the Albany-Dougherty Drug Unit says police soon received a tip that the man was trying to set up a drug deal. He said the suspect was arrested again at 6:30 p.m. Friday after authorities found him with two ounces of marijuana on him and charged a second time with possession of the drug.This time, though, Berry said he stayed in Dougherty County Jail with no bond.

Massive fireball reported across Midwestern sky

Authorities in several Midwestern states were flooded on Wednesday night with reports of a gigantic fireball lighting up the sky, the National Weather Service said. The fireball was visible for about 15 minutes beginning about 10 pm, said the National Weather Service in Sullivan, Wisconsin, just west of Milwaukee.

"The fireball was seen over the northern sky, moving from west to east," said the NWS in the Quad Cities area, which includes parts of Iowa and Illinois.

Tapeworm brain infection 'serious health concern'

Taenia solium

SCIENCEDAILY, 15 April— Tapeworm infections of the brain, which can cause epileptic seizures, appear to be increasing in Mexico and bordering southwestern states, Loyola University Health System researchers reports.

Mexico, up to 10 percent of the population may have the infection, neurocysticercosis. While many people never develop symptoms, neurocysticercosis nevertheless "remains a serious health concern, especially among the poor," Loyola researchers wrote in the journal *Neurological Research*.

Their article is among several articles in the journal's April issue that describe neurological infections in Latin America. Guest editor is Dr. Jaime Belmares, assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.

Neurocysticercosis is caused by a tapeworm found in pigs called *Taenia solium*. A person can get infected with the parasite by eating undercooked pork. That person then can excrete tapeworm eggs. The contamination spreads through food, water or surfaces contaminated with feces. A person can become infected, for example, by drinking contaminated water or putting contaminated fingers in the mouth.

Neurocysticercosis is most common in poor rural communities in developing countries with poor sanitation and hygiene and where pigs are allowed to roam freely and eat human feces.

Once inside the stomach, the tapeworm egg hatches, travels through the bloodstream and ends up in the muscles, brain or eyes. The worm, which can grow to more than one-half inch long, becomes enveloped in a fluid-filled cyst. Cysts in the muscles generally don't cause symptoms.

Internet

A NASA Global Hawk robotic jet sits in a hangar at Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., on 13 April, 2010. The Air Force turned over to NASA three Global Hawks, which were designed for military reconnaissance but equipped with science sensors for conducting atmospheric research over the Pacific. The space agency will use them for unmanned, long-duration, autonomous research flights.
INTERNET

Geraniums could help control devastating Japanese beetle

SCIENCEDAILY, 15 April—Geraniums may hold the key to controlling the devastating Japanese beetle, which feeds on nearly 300 plant species and costs the ornamental plant industry $450 million in damage each year, according to scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

The beetle, *Popillia japonica Newman*, can feast on a wide variety of plants, including ornamentals, soybean, maize, fruits and vegetables. But within 30 minutes of consuming geranium petals, the beetle rolls over on its back, its legs and antennae slowly twitch, and it remains paralyzed for several hours. The beetles typically recover within 24 hours when paralyzed under laboratory conditions, but they often succumb to death under field conditions after predators spot and devour the beetles while they are helpless.

ARS scientists have discovered that geraniums could be useful in helping control the Japanese beetle, a costly pest that feeds on nearly 300 plant species.—
INTERNET

ARS entomologist Chris Ranger at the agency's Application Technology Research Unit in Wooster, Ohio, is working on developing a way to use geraniums to control the beetles.

Internet

Cat brain: a step toward the electronic equivalent

***A cat can recognize a face faster and more efficiently than a supercomputer. That's one reason a feline brain is the model for a biologically-inspired computer project involving the University of Michigan.*—INTERNET**

SCIENCEDAILY, 15 April— A cat can recognize a face faster and more efficiently than a supercomputer. That's one reason a feline brain is the model for a biologically-inspired computer project involving the University of Michigan.

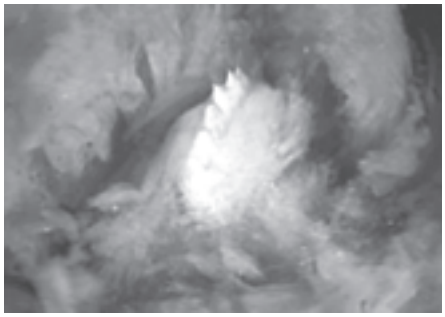
U-M computer engineer Wei Lu has taken a step toward developing this revolutionary type of machine that could be capable of learning and recognizing, as well as making more complex decisions and performing more tasks simultaneously than conventional computers can.

Lu previously built a "memristor," a device that replaces a traditional transistor and acts like a biological synapse, remembering past voltages it was subjected to. Now, he has demonstrated that this memristor can connect conventional circuits and support a process that is the basis for memory and learning in biological systems.—*Internet*

Only known living population of rare dwarf lemur discovered

SCIENCE DAILY, 15 April—Researchers have discovered the world's only known living population of sibree's Dwarf Lemur, a rare limur known only in eastern Madaascar. The discovery of approximately a thousand of these lemurs was made by Mitchell Irwin, a Reseach Associate at Mc Gill University, and colleagues from the German Primate Cente in Gotingen Germany; the University of antananarivo in Madagascar; and the University of Massachusetts.

The species was first discovered in Madagascar in 1896, but this tiny, nocturnal dwarf lemur was never studied throughout the 20th century. Following the destruction of its only known rainforest habitat, scientists had no idea whether the species still existed in the wild—or even whether it was a distinct species. The study will be published in the current issue of the Phylogenetics and Evolution.—*Internet*



***This single jaw of Tyrannobdella rex was taken with a stereomicrograph and showing large teeth. Scale bar is 100 micrometers.*—INTERNET**

The new T. Rex: a leech with an affinity for noses

SCIENCEDAILY, 15 April— The new T. rex has ferociously large teeth lining a single jaw. But its length is less than 2 inches. Tyrannobdella rex, which means tyrant leech king, is a new species of blood sucker that lives in the remote parts of the Upper Amazon. Although its regular host remains unknown, it was discovered three years ago in Perú when a 44.5 millimeter leech was plucked from the nose of a girl who had recently been bathing in a river. The new species, described in PLoS ONE, has led to revising the group of leeches that has a habit of feeding from body orifices of mammals.

"Because of our analysis of morphology and DNA, we think that Tyrannobdella rex is most closely related to another leech that gets into the mouths of livestock in Mexico," says Anna Phillips, a graduate student affiliated with the American Museum of Natural History and the first author of the paper.—*Internet*

Thingyan lovers merrily...

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Revellers participated in Maha Thingyan Water Festival at pandals of private companies of national race entrepreneurs. Water throwing pandal of Shwe FM family and Myanmar International TV was packed with merry-makers who enjoyed performances of artistes and tasted free foods at the pandal.

East Shwegondine, Kaba Aye Pagoda, U Chit Maung and Pyay Roads, and downtown Yangon were filled with Thingyan lovers.

Devotees were doing meritorious deeds at pagodas, temples and monasteries in Yangon. Free foods were offered to all in wards and houses in an accord with Myanmar Tradition.

Mandalarian Thingyan lovers, preserving fine tradition of Myanmar, celebrated Maha Thingyan Akyat Day happily with organized manners.

Celebraties entertained the merry-makers at Mandalay Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal on 26th Road where was crowded with revellers. Among the spectators, the mayor and wife enjoyed the performances.

The Mandalarian Thingyan lovers moved to Mandalay Hill and Kuthodaw Garden in Mandalay and U Pein Bridge in Amarapura Township in the afternoon, avoiding the risk of high temperature.

Pandals in Amarapura Township were also filled with revellers who gathered there to enjoy entertainments of artistes.

In the evening, decorated floats were

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***Ambassadors, military attaché and embassy staff of foreign missions in Myanmar participate in Maha Thingyan at Pandal of Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on Thingyan Akyat Day.*—MNA**

Ambassadors, military attaché and embassy staff of foreign missions in Myanmar enjoy performance of Yein troupes at Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal on Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

Celebrities entertain merry-makers with songs at National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

***Nay Pyi Taw Fountain Garden packed with merry-makers on Thingyan Akyat Day.*—MNA**

Thingyan lovers merrily...

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scrutinized at the Mandalay Mayor's Pandal where the celebrities performed Thingyan songs and dances. Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and wife Daw Moe Thida, guests and Thingyan lovers watched the performance of the artistes and decorated floats.

Rakhine State celebrated the Thingya Akyat Day at Central Pandal in Sittway and other pandals.—*MNA*

Thingyan lovers at a pandal on East Shwegondine Road in Yangon on Thingyan Akyat Day.—MNA

A celebrity presents entertainment to revellers on Latha Street in Yangon on Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

Water throwing pandals in downtown Yangon swarming with revellers on Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

Crowds of revellers gathering around southern moat at the corner of 66th street and 26th street in Mandalay on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

Revellers crowding on Kandawgyi ring road in Mandalay on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.—MNA

Merry-makers merrily take part in Water Festival in Sittway of Rakhine State on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.—MNA

Expose and ward off destroyers of Thingyan beauty with public force

Kyaw Ye Min

It was Maha Thingyan Akyat Day, a summer afternoon on the 15th of April 2010.

Yangon was lively with the beauty of the traditional water festival, the whole city reverberating with the sound of funs, laughs, songs and music of the pandals and merry-makers.

At that time, bad news occurred. "Three bombs went off in Kandawgyi!" "People were killed! There were cries, tears and blood all around the scene! It was like hell! What a brutal act! It's so sorrowful! Parents are grieving for their dead or injured children! Why even in Thingyan? So cruel and evil is the crime!"

Suddenly, the bad news had tarnished the beautiful image of Yangon Maha Thingyan. I felt absolutely shocked to hear the news visualizing the scene of confusion and blood with so much sadness in heart. Imagine, how worried would be the parents about the children enjoying the festival? I fully sympathize with them.

As for Myanmar people, Maha Thingyan is one of the most significant and sublime seasonal festivals. It is a traditional festival Myanmar people value, cherish and enjoy most. It is also the most joyful occasion. And this is a common knowledge.

As the happiness is at its height so also is the religious solemnity during the festival. It is also a religious occasion where people do meritorious deeds in accord with Buddhist faith. Thingyan marks the end of the old year and the start of a new year. People try to wash away impurities of the old year with Atar or Thingyan water and enter the New Year together with lots of pious deeds. It is a cultural heritage of the Myanmar people who wish the entire World peace and prosperity and health and happiness with the belief that the pleasant Thingyan water brings loving kindness and good omen.

Attacking those participating in the traditional Thingyan happily and peacefully with the bombs is an insult to the people. It is an inhumane act. Because of such subversive acts, we the people abhor and loath the terrorist insurgents.

In addition to merry-making, dances and songs, people free birds and fishes, serve food to others free of charge, take Sabbath practise vipassara. They bathe and manicure the aged and wash their hair. It is an auspicious time people choose to do only the meritorious deeds. These are all the significant characteristics of Thingyan valued and cherished not only by Myanmar but also by the world.

In view of a nation or a race, it is an auspicious occasion with new strengths for the whole nation as we hope that progress and success will come in the new year after passing through and overcoming all difficulties and hardships of the old year. This is why the Maha Thingyan is an important traditional festival which is significant and noble for our nation and people.

In this Maha Thingyan Festival respected not only by Myanmar but also by the world, the government set 10 days for the Maha Thingyan holiday in order that every Myanmar citizen could take part in the festival freely and peacefully. This is the most significant point of the Thingyan Festival, compared with other seasonal festivals.

If one is really a Myanmar citizen, one loves the Thingyan and feels happy on this occasion. It is natural that when the Thingyan nears, we are completely obsessed with it. No matter where we are, we like to go back to our home and place when the Thingyan nears. We try as much as possible to go come home to happily participate in our traditional Thingyan. Myanmar and the Thingyan are inseparable. And it is true that we never try to weaken the spirit of loving the Thingyan.

However, the image of the charming Myanmar traditional Maha Thingyan has been stained with three bombs that exploded in a row among the public taking part in the festival peacefully and innocently. According to sources, the bombs went off in front of a water-throwing pandal on the Kandawgyi ring road, killing 8 people and injuring 170 others. How disgusting it was to see and hear the incident! It is a sheer tragedy. How cruel it was of terrorist groups to damage even the Maha Thingyan Festival we Myanmar people regard as noble. How cold-blooded were they to massacre the innocent people taking part in the festival happily and peacefully with grudge and hatred.

In reality, attacking those participating in the traditional Thingyan happily and peacefully with the bombs is an insult to the people. It is an inhumane act. Because of such subversive acts, we the people abhor and loath the terrorist insurgents. On the one hand, we are mourning the causalities of innocent people and on the other, we abhor a group of brutal terrorists.

Terrorist insurgents usually hide themselves in disguise among the people. We cannot identify the terrorists easily. This is why they are brazenly committing subversive acts by sliding into the crowds of ordinary people in disguise.

Indeed, terrorist insurgents usually hide themselves in disguise among the people. We cannot identify the terrorists easily. This is why they are brazenly committing subversive acts by sliding into the crowds of ordinary people in disguise. All the people need to be vigilant against it, and are to pay attention to expose the destructionists, who are making attempts to undermine peace and stability and development of the State, and to thwart their destructive acts. It is important that only when all the entire people conscientiously participate in the preventive measures against the destructive acts, will success be achieved completely wording off terrovists in a short time. Moreover, it can be said that it is an important duty for ensuring security of lives and property of the entire people.

Such terrorist attacks were merely intended to tarnish the Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival and intentionally insult the public. Therefore, the people are to be vigilant against the danger of destructionists and to help expose them. In order to arrest the terrorists who insulted the public, tarnished the image of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival and killed or wounded over 170 innocent people in the incident, I would like to urge all the entire Myanmar people to dutifully help expose the terrorists and to inform the authorities if they find anything suspicious in time.

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Translation: TMT+ST+TTA

Bomb blasts kill eight, injure 170

YANGON, 15 April—A series of three bomb blasts occurred in front of X_2O pandal on Kandawgyi ring road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, at about 3 pm today, leaving eight dead and 170 innocent merry-makers — 125 men and 45 women — injured.

It was reported that those hearing the bad news found the incidents absolutely repugnant as such terrorist attacks in Thingyan Festival were merely intended to tarnish Myanmar traditional culture, and insult the public; that the injured were rushed to Yangon General Hospital; and that those responsible are trying to expose the bombers. Authorities later today announced that revellers in various regions

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***The injured being rushed to hospitals with the help of officials.*—MNA**

Bomb blasts kill…

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around the nation including Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay are to remain vigilant against potential atrocities, to help expose terrorists and to inform authorities if they find anything suspicious as terrorists in disguise stay among ordinary people to commit destructive acts.

MNA

***Officials providing necessary assistance to bomb blast victims at Yangon General Hospital.*— MNA**

***Officials clearing the scene in front of X_2O Pandal in Mingala Taungnyunt Township after the bomb blast.*— MNA**

Japanese whale meat 'being sold in US and Korea'

LOS ANGELES, 14 April— Scientists say they have found clear proof that meat from whales captured under Japan's whaling programme is being sold in US and Korean eateries.

The researchers say they used genetic fingerprinting to identify meat taken from a Los Angeles restaurant as coming from a sei whale sold in Japan.

They say the discovery proves that an illegal trade in protected species still exists.

Whale meat was also allegedly found at an unnamed Seoul sushi restaurant.

Commercial whaling has been frozen by an inter-national moratorium since 1986.

But a controversial exemption allows Japan to kill several hundred whales each year for what is termed scientific research.—*Internet*

***US prosecutors filed charges against the owners of a Californian restaurant.*—INTERNET**

Aspirin can reduce migraine symptom pain, review says

Oxford, 14 April— Taking an aspirin can reduce the pain of a migraine headache within two hours for over 50% of people, research says.

The results come from a Cochrane Systematic Review using data from 13 studies.

Researchers found that a single dose of aspirin also reduces nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light or sound - other symptoms of a migraine.

But experts stress aspirin can cause side effects and some people will still need to rely on migraine medication.

In the review, which looked at the data from 4,222 participants, researchers found that severe or moderate migraine headache pain was completely relieved in one in four people.

This happens within two hours, by taking a single dose of 900-1000mg aspirin alone.

In comparison, one in 10 had complete pain relief taking placebo.

And for one in two people, the headache pain was reduced to no worse than mild pain, compared to one in three taking placebo.

Researchers also found that a combination of aspirin plus an antiemetic, which stops people feeling sick, was particularly good at reducing the migraine symptoms of nausea and vomiting. Although it did not produce any greater pain relief.

Co-author of the study, Sheena Derry, who works in pain research at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, said the use of aspirin would not be an effective therapy for everyone with acute migraine attacks.—*Internet*

Many migraine sufferers choose to use over the counter medicines.

INTERNET

A customer shops at the TerraCycle Green Up Shop in New York, on 13 April, 2010. The shop features TerraCycle's full line of over 100 products literally made from common waste materials such as chip bags, food wrappers, yogurt cups, glue bottles and writing instruments.

XINHUA

NASA spacecraft successfully passes Saturn's moons

LOS ANGELES, 15 April—NASA's Cassini spacecraft completed its double flyby this week, swinging by Saturn's moons Titan and Dione with no maneuver in between, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said Monday.

The spacecraft has beamed back stunning raw images of fractured terrain and craters on Dione, a moon that had only been visited once before by Cassini, the JPL said in a press release. Cassini obtained fewer images of Titan than expected as an unexpected autonomous reset occurred during the flyby, but the cameras were reset before reaching Dione, which was the primary target on this double flyby, according to the release. Cassini had made three previous double flybys and another two are planned in the years ahead. The mission is nearing the end of its first extension, known as the Equinox Mission. It will begin its second mission extension, known as the Solstice Mission, in October 2010, the release said.—*Xinhua*

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MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1014)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1014) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 17.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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***A ferry at the port of Dover. A British man accidentally left his ageing mother-in-law in a Dover ferry port car park and only realised half way across to France, police said.—*INTERNET**

***All flights from Scotland have been grounded as a precaution.—*INTERNET**

Dust from volcano closes airports

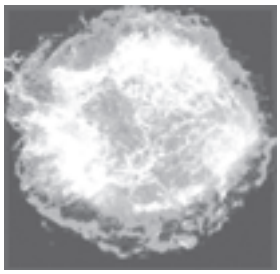
GLASGOW, 15 April — All flights to and from Scotland's airports have been grounded as a plume of volcanic ash drifts across much of northern Europe. Dust from the eruption in Iceland presents a serious risk to aircraft. Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow airports have been shut and five EasyJet flights due to depart from Stansted Airport were cancelled.

Search and rescue helicopters are still able to fly as long as they do not need to rely on instruments. A BAA spokeswoman said: "Following advice from the Met Office, the National Air Traffic Service (NATS) has introduced restrictions to UK airspace this morning as a result of volcanic ash drifting across the United Kingdom from Iceland.

"These measures currently affect Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow airports which are closed but may also affect other parts of the UK later today."Passengers intending to fly today are asked to contact their airline for further information and should expect disruption in the coming hours."—*Internet*

Burnt-out neutron stars retain sparks of life

EDINBURGH, 15 April — It all started so well – fast cars, faster women, smashing up hotel rooms. But like many a young rock star, eventually neutron stars "crash and burn". Things start to cool, that pulsar beat doesn't hit the right note and they're washed up on the outer edges of universe showbiz.



***The cooling of this neutron star has given astronomers a new insight into its life.—* INTERNET**

But all is not lost. Two space scientists, dubbed the "Simon Cowells of astronomy," are set to reveal today that neutron stars may have career-saving, untapped hidden depths. Dr Wynn Ho of the University of Southampton and Dr Craig Heinke, of the University of Alberta, Canada, will share observations of the youngest-known neutron star's cooling over the past decade, at the National Astronomy Meeting 2010 annual conference in Glasgow this week.—*Internet*

Mother left in car park as couple head off to France

DOVER, 15 April — A couple alerted police at one of Britain's busiest ports after accidentally leaving their elderly mother behind in a car park at Dover while taking a ferry trip to France. The pair made an urgent call to the Port of Dover Police after discovering midway across the Channel that their relative was still sitting in the vehicle in the multi-storey car park.

Officers managed to locate the woman and gave her a drink, before her flustered relatives, who are thought to be from Merseyside, returned to collect her around four hours later. The incident warranted a special mention in the Port of Dover Police's monthly report for March.

The document reads: "And finally, an unusual telephone request for assistance was received in the Police Control Room from a couple who were on board a ferry that had just left Dover advising that they had forgotten that their elderly mother was still in their car that they had parked in the multi-storey car park ahead of their day trip.—*Internet*

Scientists to create babies with three parents

LONDON , 15 April — 'What we've done is like changing the battery on a laptop'. Babies with three biological parents could be conceived within three years as a result of research that could stop children from inheriting severe diseases. Scientists at Newcastle University, in England, have grown human embryos after merging DNA from two fertilised eggs, with a technique that could soon be used to prevent serious genetic disorders that affect 100 children in Britain a year.

The aim is to correct faulty "cellular batteries", mitochondria, which can cause fatal heart, liver, neurological and muscle conditions, by replacing them with healthy ones from a donated embryo. A child would inherit genetic material from three parents. The mother and father would supply 99.8pc of its DNA, with a small amount from another woman, the mitochondrial donor.

Internet

***A model (R) touches the face of a humanoid robot called "Geminoid-F" (L) at a Press conference in Osaka. Japanese researchers said they have developed a humanoid robot that can laugh and smile as it mimics a person's facial expressions.—*INTERNET**

'Scaffolding' for cells may help fix brains

LONDON, 15 April — It may soon be possible to repair damage to the human brain by reactivating stem cells within the body that can grow on specially constructed "biological scaffolding" inserted into the brain, scientists say. The hope is that the brain could be regenerated in the same way that tissue can regrow in animals such as salamanders and fish where nerves are capable of repairing themselves in the same way the human body can repair skin or bone.

Mike Modo, of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, said that medical scaffolds made of synthetically made biological materials inserted into the brain could provide the structural framework for naturally existing stem cells to repair damaged regions caused by strokes or trauma. "If we have damage to the brain, we are trying to put biomaterials in there to provide a structure for these cells to attach and to start forming connections between each other and eventually, hopefully, to regenerate the tissue that has been lost," Dr Modo said.—*Internet*

Online sites win journalism firsts at Pulitzers

NEW YORK, 15 April— ProPublica, in an historic first for online journalism, won a coveted Pulitzer Prize on Monday for investigative reporting about controversial deaths at a New Orleans medical centre following Hurricane Katrina.

The chronicle of decisions by doctors caring for patients stranded by the flood, written by Sheri Fink of ProPublica in collaboration with The new york times magazine, marked the first time an online service won a top journalism award given annually by the Pulitzer Prize Board at Columbia University.

The nonprofit ProPublica is considered by some to be a new model for journalism as struggling for-profit outlets have fewer resources to put towards investigative reporting. The Times magazine published the Hurricane Katrina piece.

"This is something we're going to see more of in the years ahead as there's more and more collaboration of news entities when it comes to enterprise journalism," Sig Gissler, administrator of the prizes, said in announcing the winners.

In another online first, www.sfgate.com, the website of the San Francisco Chronicle, won for editorial cartooning. The award for the animated cartoons by Mark Fiore marked the first time an Internet-based entry won in that category.

Internet

China National Offshore Oil Corporation's (CNOOC) oil rig in China's Bohai Sea.
INTERNET

Shell gets key Alaska permit for Beaufort drilling

ALASKA, 15 April— Royal Dutch Shell Plc has been granted a long-awaited federal air-quality permit the oil company needs to conduct exploratory drilling this year in Alaska's Beaufort Sea, government officials said late on Friday.

The US Environmental Protection Agency issued the permit to Shell to cover air pollutants emitted from the drill ship and fleet of support vessels that the company plans to mobilize to drill two exploratory wells on leases 16 to 22 miles offshore from Alaska's northern coast.

The Beaufort Sea permit — which Shell has been seeking for nearly four years — was granted a week after the EPA issued a similar permit for the company's planned drilling operations this year in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwestern cost.

The permit requires Shell to use technological advances, ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel and to commit to other protective measures, EPA officials said in a statement.

"This permit ensures that exploration and drilling will occur in a way that protects air quality," Rick Albright, director of the air, waste and toxics issues for EPA's Seattle regional office, said in a statement.

The Beaufort permit is an important milestone, a Shell spokesman in Anchorage said, after the company spent $84 million on its Beaufort Sea leases and intends to drill prospects there called Sivulliq and Torpedo that are known to contain hydrocarbons.

Internet

Former "The Tonight Show" host Conan O'Brien performs at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene, Ore., on 12 April, 2010.
INTERNET

Michelle McGee says "sorry" to Sandra Bullock

Sandra Bullock holds her Oscar for best actress in "The Blind Side" as she arrives with her husband Jesse James (L) at the 2010 Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, California on 7 March 2010.
INTERNET

BEIJING, 15 April — The tattoo model Michelle "Bombshell" McGee apologized to Oscar winner Sandra Bullock in a interview with AUSTRALIAN TV show Today Tonight Tuesday.

It was all started when McGee gave an interview to In Touch Weekly and talked publicly about her affair with Jesse James.

McGee said she understands what Bullock is "going through." "She must be hurt, devastated, upset, embarrassed," she adds. "I'm sorry for her embarrassment and pain. I do feel really bad about it."

"I want to give her a heartfelt apology," McGee said. "I'm sorry for her embarrassment and her pain. I do feel really bad about it." She'd like to tell Sandra, "I'm sorry all this is public."

Moreover, McGee blamed Jesse James for claiming he was separated from Bullock. "I feel like I was duped just as much as Sandra was. I feel like I was lied to just as much as she was," she said. "If Jesse was upfront with me in the beginning, we wouldn't be in this situation."—*Internet*

Two dead after stabbing rampage near S China school

BEIJING , 15 April— A mentally ill man went on a stabbing rampage after students left a nearby elementary school, killing a second grader and an elderly passer-by and wounding five others, a government web site said Tuesday, in the second random attack on schoolchildren in three weeks.

The attack on Monday afternoon in Hepu County of southern China's Guangxi region happened not long after classes were dismissed at the Xizhen Elementary School, according to a statement on the web site of Beihai city, which oversees Hepu.

The attacker, whom the official XINHUA NEWS AGENCY said was about 40 years old, was about a quarter-mile (400 meters) away from the school, chasing people and stabbing them. He was detained by police after the attack, XINHUA said, but gave no other details, such as his name or motive.

The wounded included two elementary school students, a younger child not yet in school and two other passers-by, the Beihai statement said. They were hospitalized and one was in serious condition.

The attacks come after a crime that shocked China on March 23, when a former medical worker stabbed eight children to death as they stood outside the gates of their elementary school in southern Fujian province. Zheng Minsheng reportedly said in court that he had been rejected by a woman and treated unfairly by her wealthy family, and admitted to "killing" the children.

Internet

Mexican army says ex-cop caught unloading pot load

TIJUANA, 15 April— A former police officer in the Baja California city of Rosarito has been detained along with another man while allegedly unloading marijuana from a boat on a beach.

The Mexican army says Mario Herrera Sanchez was caught by soldiers as he and an 18-year-old suspect unloaded 82 pounds (37 kilograms) of marijuana. It says they also had two pistols and a small amount of cocaine.

An army statement released Monday says Herrera Sanchez worked for the Tijuana-based Arellano Felix cartel and is suspected of having carried out killings, kidnappings, drug trafficking and attacks on police.—*Internet*

Apollo 13 crew member Captain James A. Lovell, Jr. poses for the media during a 40th Anniversary reunion of the moon mission in the Shoot for the Moon exhibit at the Adler Planetarium, on 12 April , 2010, in Chicago.
INTERNET

SPORTS

Champions-elect Rangers held by 10-man United

DUNDEE, 15 April—Rangers may have to wait longer than they would like to wrap up the Scottish Premier League title after being held to a 0-0 draw by 10-man Dundee United on Wednesday.

If Walter Smith's team had beaten United they would have been able to claim the championship with another victory over Hearts on Sunday, but they now need Celtic to drop points against Hibernian 24 hours earlier for that to happen.

The Ibrox club are 11 points clear of second placed Celtic and are certain to retain the title, but they will be disappointed not to have killed off United at Tannadice after Mihael Kovacevic's second half dismissal.

Internet

Rangers coach Walter Smith, Rangers may have to wait longer than they would like to wrap up the Scottish Premier League title after being held to a 0-0 draw by 10-man Dundee United on Wednesday. **INTERNET**

Wozniacki advances in Charleston amid rash of retirements

CHARLESTON, 15 April—Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, coming off a triumph at Ponte Vedra Beach on Sunday, held off Czech Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, 6-4, 6-1, in her Family Circle Cup opener. Wozniacki was down a break and trailing 3-4 in the opening set, but broke back to level the frame.

The world number two from Denmark then held serve in a game that went to deuce three times, and broke again to pocket the set.—*Internet*

O'Neill concedes defeat over Champions League bid

BIRMINGHAM, 15 April—Martin O'Neill admits Aston Villa are almost certain to miss out on a place in the Champions League after being held to a 2-2 draw by Everton.

O'Neill's team created a host of first-half chances but needed a late own goal from Everton defender Phil Jagielka to salvage a point at Villa Park on Wednesday.

Villa have now drawn six of their past seven Premier League matches at home and they lie seven points behind fourth placed Manchester City with five games to play.

The result didn't do much for Everton's hopes of qualifying for the Europa League either.

O'Neill said: "Maybe a point did not suit either team in terms of our respective aspirations, Everton in terms of European football and ourselves in terms of something higher.—*Internet*

Aston Villa's John Carew (centre) and Everton's Sylvain Distin compete for the ball during their Premier League match at Villa Park in Birmingham. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. **—INTERNET**

We've blown title bid, says Wenger as Spurs beat Arsenal

LONDON, 15 April—Arsene Wenger conceded Arsenal's Premier League title dreams had been shattered by their 2-1 defeat to north London rivals Tottenham.

Wednesday's loss at White Hart Lane leaves Wenger's side six points adrift of leaders Chelsea with just four games remaining and while the Gunners manager insists his team will not give up the fight, he accepts that realistically their chance has gone.

Having clawed their way back into contention on several occasions during the season, Wenger believes his young side's lack of maturity ultimately cost them dearly against the top teams.

"We lost a game we couldn't afford to lose in the title race and that shows we are not mature enough," he said.

"If you want to win the title this is the kind of game you can't lose.—*Internet*

Tottenham Hotspurs Danny Rose (centre) celebrates scoring his goal against Arsenal with teammates Benoit Assou-Ekotto (left) and Tom Huddlestone during their Premier League match at White Hart Lane in London. Tottenham won 2-1. **INTERNET**

Wigan remain in trouble after Portsmouth stalemate

WIGAN, 15 April—Wigan remain in the relegation dogfight after being held to a 0-0 draw by already-relegated FA Cup finalists Portsmouth at the DW Stadium on Wednesday.

Roberto Martinez's side are five points clear of the Premier League's bottom three but still have tough fixtures to play and may live to regret failing to defeat under-strength Pompey.

Just four days after securing a second FA Cup final appearance in three years, Pompey boss Avram Grant made eight changes to the team that beat Tottenham in the semi-final on Sunday and was only able to name four substitutes.

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Wigan's Spanish manager Roberto Martinez, Wigan remain in the relegation dogfight after being held to a 0-0 draw by already-relegated FA Cup finalists Portsmouth at the DW Stadium on Wednesday. **—INTERNET**

Dementieva to spearhead Russian Fed Cup team against US

MOSCOW, 15 April—Russian Fed Cup and Davis Cup skipper Shamil Tarpishchev named on Wednesday his squad for the Fed Cup semi-final with the United States on 24-25 April.

Elena Dementieva, who is currently sixth in the WTA rankings, will spearhead the injury-depleted Russian team in the clash against the hosts.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, 30th in the world, Yekaterina Makarova and Alla Kudryavtseva, who are 62nd and 78th in the WTA rankings respectively, were also selected.

"Too many of our leading players are injured," Tarpishchev said.

Internet

Brilliant Barca crush Depor to go six clear in Spanish league

MADRID, 15 April—Barcelona followed up their impressive win over Real Madrid five nights ago with a convincing 3-0 home win over Deportivo La Coruna on Wednesday to go six points clear of Real at La Liga summit.

After scoring against Real, winger Pedro Rodriguez was on the scoresheet again with a fantastic second half strike from 45 yards out in the pick of the goals after Bojan Krkic had opened the scoring on the quarter hour mark. Yaya Toure netted the other goal in a comfortable night for the champions.

It was a seventh successive league win for Barca who are six points clear with six games left although Real Madrid can close back to within three points with a win at Almeria on Thursday.

Internet

Barcelona's forward Pedro Rodriguez celebrates after scoring against Deportivo Coruna during their Spanish League football match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barca won 3-0. **—INTERNET**

Mbia extends Marseille title lead, Bordeaux hopes fade

PARIS, 15 April—A late goal by Stephane Mbia boosted Marseille's hopes of a first French title since 1992 on Wednesday as they edged Sochaux 1-0.

As Marseille could end up with two trophies this season, Bordeaux, the team they beat in the League Cup final, hopes of retaining their league crown were almost extinguished with a 2-1 defeat by relegation-threatened Le Mans.

Marseille lead second-placed Auxerre by five points with four matches remaining, while Bordeaux - who only a month ago had the possibility of winning three trophies this season - are nine points adrift with a game in hand.—*Internet*

Marseille's midfielder Stephane Mbia (R) reacts after scoring a goal during the French L1 football match Sochaux vs Marseille at the Auguste Bonal stadium in Montbeliard, eastern France. Marseille won 1-0. **—INTERNET**

Platini hits out at free-spending European clubs

BRUSSELS, 15 April—UEFA president Michel Platini on Wednesday slammed the free-spending attitude of European football clubs, notably in the English Premier League, which he claims is destroying the sport.

And the former France international said the only way to save the sport was to return to old-fashioned economics of not spending more than you earn.

"Everywhere that football was managed in a fashion of unbridled liberalism, its financial health is threatened," Platini told the European Union's Committee of the Regions.

"In many cases, professional clubs, the property of private investors, have had to beg aid from local authorities or regions to avoid bankruptcy."—*Internet*

In this 11 April, 2010 photo, John Poniske holds a board game piece at his home in Waynesboro, Pa.

INTERNET

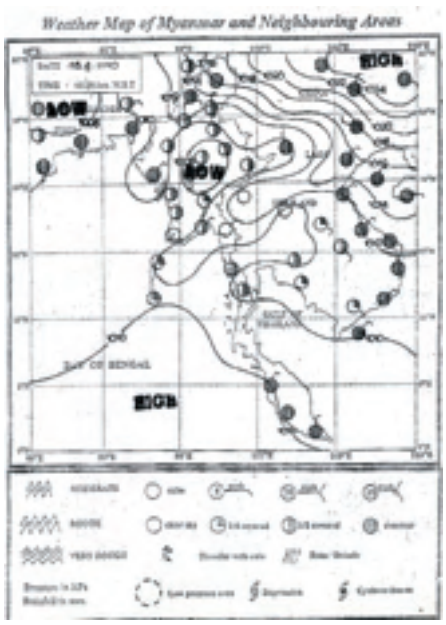
Fan of Serbian Soccer Club Shot During Brawl

BELGRADE,15April— Serbian police say a fan of soccer club Red Star Belgrade has been shot and seriously wounded in a brawl during a match against a rival club.

Police say 21-year-old Igor Vrelic was shot in the abdomen during a local match between Red Star and OFK Beograd late Wednesday.

The incident did not interrupt the game, which Red Star later won.Doctors said Thursday that Vrelic is in stable condition after undergoing surgery.

Serbia is experiencing a surge in fan violence. Last September, extremists fatally beat a French Toulouse fan ahead of a Europa League match in Belgrade.—*Internet*



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (16-4-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (16-4-10 09:30 am ~ 174-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Thingyan Water Festival
* News
* Myanmar Thingyan Festival (Yangon)
* Thingyan Songs & Dances
* Myanmar New Year Water Festival
* News
* Thingyan Songs & Dances

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
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* News
* Myanmar Thingyan Festival (Yangon)
* Thingyan Songs & Dances
* News
* Mon Traditional Thingyan Rice
* Thingyan Songs & Dances
* News
* Thingyan Songs & Dances
* Myanmar Movies "Love was born"

Myanmar TV

Friday, 16 April View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အဂ္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊တေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆို မျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:55 am
5. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

8:15 am
6. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

8:40 am
7. International News

8:45 am
8. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

4:25 pm
3. Song of National Races

4:30 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

4:45 pm
5. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

4:50
6. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

5:15 pm
7. Musical Programme

5:30 pm
8. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

6:40 pm
12. ရန်အောင်နှင့်ချစ်သော သကြိန်

7:05 pm
13. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

7:30 pm
14. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း မာယာတံတိုင်း' (အပိုင်း-၂) (ဒွေးညိုမင်းလွင်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ချမ်းသာကြည်စိုး)
19. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (နေရဲမာန်) (အပိုင်း-၂)

WEATHER

Thursday, 15th April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining aeras. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Rakhine States, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Shan and Chin States, Sagaing , Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44.0°C), Minbu and Magway (43.5°C)each, Monywa, Mandalay and Aunglan (43°C) each .The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.28) inch and Putao (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-4-2010 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 15-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-4-2010 was 65%. Total sun shine hours on 14-4-2010 was (10.0) hours.

Rainfall on 15-4-2010 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 (6) mph from West at (21:30) hours MST on 14-4-2010.

Bay Lnference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay Bengal

Forecast valid until evening of 16th April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

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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

Use natural fertilizer to prevent environmental pollution

Byline: *Singu Soe Win;* Photos: *Phyo Sithu (Insein)*

A pile of bags of natural fertilizer ready for sale.

Development tasks of Bago are significant and bewitch our news hunters' mind to observe. We there made a study of water supply system, beautifying the town and remanufacture of valuable natural organic fertilizer from wastes and rubbishes.

Bago is composed of 31 wards. Due to tourists observing ancient historic pagodas, ancient palace (Kambawza Thadi) and museums, and standing at a short distance from Yangon, Bago is swarming with people daily.

It is reliable that the Township Development Affairs Committee is forging ahead with plans for requirements of Bago busying itself with daily visitors and locals.

Water is obtained by damming Thephyu creek flowing from Bago Yoma and collecting rains. Then it was stored in Kandawgyi Lake about five miles northwest of the town, from which the water is supplied to downtown Bago through water pipelines.

Existence of water supply system of Bago has passed many decades, supplying water to 12 wards, 59 lakes, 42 emergency taps, 52 public water posts and 1296 private water posts through 18-, 14- and 12-inch diameter pipeline as of 1924.

Deputy Director of Bago Development Affairs Committee U Tun Myaing said, "Daily water requirement of Bago is 1,542,000 gallons. More than one million gallons of water are being supplied daily to 31 wards. There is no need to worry any longer about water for Mazin Dam about three miles west of Bago has been translated as reserve water source."

Chief Engineer of Bago DAC U Aung Kyaw Lu and Assistant Engineer U Lay Lwin explained that the Township DAC had tarmacked on 24 roads and built an earth road, five rural roads and one tarred road. And one bridge had been constructed and two were under construction. After 1988, Bago sees 11 tarred roads, three gravel roads, 97 fine earth roads and 293 earth roads.

As to beautifying the town, downtown roads, the road section of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Kyunthaya car pack were decorated with pedestrian way, neat and tidy, which is 42,800 feet long.

Chief Inspector of Township DAC U Zaw Lwin explained rubbish collection system to us.

He continued, "Apart from easily decaying rubbish like leaves and papers, the rest like plastic and glass are to be buried. We first splash easily decaying rubbish with EM micro-biotic liquid and then discard them for about six months to get organic natural fertilizer."

We together with Deputy Director U Tun Myaing, and Chief Engineer U Aung Kyaw Lu observed organic natural fertilizer workshop, rubbish tanks and seasonal plants with the use of the organic fertilizer.

It is admirable and nice of Bago Township DAC's efforts to produce such environment-friendly fertilizer from wastes. The best endeavours of the Township DAC creating lovely environment are the epitome of other townships.

Bago District possesses abundant paddy plantations. As young paddy sapling growing method has been introduced in the region, local farmers are in need of using low-cost organic natural fertilizer to improve their living standards and to prevent environmental pollution

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Translation: ZZS

(Myanma Alin: 13-4-2010)

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