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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San attend Buddha Pujaniya of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda, rice offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb— The 11th Buddha Pujaniya of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, was held in conjunction with the rice offering ceremony yesterday morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Also present on the occasion were 45 members of the Sangha including Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, Secretary of the Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemindasami, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer meals, fruits, water and flowers to Maha Muni Buddha Image at eastern archway of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer rice and provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, Chairman of Mandalay Region PDC Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, departmental officials, wellwishers, members of religious associations and local people.

At 5 am, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered meals, fruits, water and flowers to Maha Muni Buddha Image at the eastern archway of the pagoda.

At 5.30 am, a total of 45 members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered meals to members of the Sangha at Sasana Beikman in the precinct of the pagoda.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 21 February, 2011

Personal hygiene: good for your health

Everyone should keep themselves fit and healthy. The Ministry of Health occasionally issues public notices about health care so that we the people can avert possible health hazards caused by seasonal diseases. Basically, people need to read these advices.

Now, summer is setting in, and we are going to lose more water and mineral salt from our bodies, which makes us fatigued and dizzy with high body temperature. To deal with this situation, we need to take a lot of water and rehydrated salt solution. We should avoid taking a bath, shampooing hair and washing face with cold water shortly after we have exposed ourselves to the sun for a long time.

We should take an umbrella, hat, light-coloured or loose dresses to protect ourselves from day-time temperatures. Older people and children should stay in sheltered places with good ventilation.

Health care is everybody's concern. So, we should join hands together in measures for personal hygiene, sanitation, hygienic food and safe water, and honour public notices about health care.

In Myanmar, sanitation and personal hygiene have been on the list of priorities for decades. Preventive measures as well as treatment are important in community health care. We can prevent infected diseases if we care for personal hygiene and keep our homes and compounds clean.

We will, therefore, remain in great shape if we adhere to the practice of keeping ourselves and the things around us clean, have hygienic food only, take garbage system, and obey public notices about health care.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



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

EP-2 Minister attends course concluding ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Myint addressed the concluding ceremony of Basic Proficiency Course (3/2011) for Junior Engineer (2) at the ministry here on 18 February.

Managing Director U Aung Than Oo of Myanmar

Electric Power Enterprise presented completion certificates through the leader of trainees.

The minister presented first, second and third prizes to outstanding trainees. It was attended by 43 trainees.

MNA

230-KV Hlinethaya-Ahlon Power Grid construction site inspected

YANGON, 20 Feb — Director-General U Khin Maung Zaw of Department of Electric Power of the

Ministry of Electric Power No (2) inspected installation of conductor line of 230-KV Hlinethaya-Ahlon Power Grid near Tuchaung village and construction of extended Switch Bay at Hlinethaya Power Station in Hlinethaya Township and River Crossing Suspension No (2) at Ahlon Power Station in Ahlon Township here yesterday.

MNA

Winners of PEP Photo Contest-2011 awarded



MD U Tun Tun awards a winner of PEP Family Photo Contest-2011.

MNA

YANGON, 20 Feb — ceremony of PEP Family Photo Contest-2011 took place at Traders Hotel here this morning.

With the aim of honouring the PEP milk powder customers, the contest was held by Red Horses Industrial Group.

Next, responsible persons presented prizes to winners and donated cash for philanthropic organizations.

Various packets such as 20 gm, 200 gm, 400 gm and 500 gm of PEP Low Fat Skin Milk and PEP Full Cream Milk Powder of various sizes are available at the market. For further information, contact Red Horse Industrial Group (Ph: 01 541124 and 553366). — MNA

Talks on traffic rules given

YANGON, 20 Feb — Police Captain Myint Kyi of Traffic Police Force No (1) of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Corps and party gave talks on traffic rules to faculty members and students and ferry drivers totaling 400 at Technological University in Hlinethaya Township on 16 February.

MNA

IEMS Company Limited to participate in Housing & Building Exhibition 2011

YANGON, 19 Feb — IEMS Company Limited will participate in Housing & Building Exhibition 2011 to be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township here from 3 to 6 March.

Shine Group of Companies, Kaung Myat Zaw Co Ltd, Home Plus, Cool Speed, United Asia Co Ltd, Treasure Place Company, KMD/NCTC, Timberland, Lin Win, Gold Coil, Osim, Sein & Mya, Ocean Glory, Shwebin Ngwebin, Rinnai, Always, Ever Live, K&DL Co Ltd, MNZ, Sin Pauk Trading Co Ltd, Uniteak, Home Distribution Group, Parami Trading Co Ltd, Maruait, K-Company, The One PE Tank, Tractor King, United Lighting and Ngwe Sin Kyal will also take part in the exhibition. For more information, one may dial 09-86-26080.

MNA



Polluted waste water flows into the Ganges river in Kanpur, in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh in January 2010. Global warming could spur the growth of toxic algae and bacteria in the world's seas and lakes, with an impact that could be felt in 10 years, US scientists said Saturday.

INTERNET

Global warming could spur toxic algae, bacteria in seas

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb—Global warming could spur the growth of toxic algae and bacteria in the world's seas and lakes, with an impact that could be felt in 10 years, US scientists said Saturday.

Studies have shown that shifts brought about by climate change make ocean and freshwater environments more susceptible to toxic algae blooms and allow harmful microbes and bacteria to proliferate, according to researchers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

In one study, NOAA scientists

modelled future ocean and weather patterns to predict the effect on blooms of *Alexandrium catenella*, or the toxic "red tide," which can accumulate in shellfish and cause severe symptoms, including paralysis, in humans who eat the contaminated seafood.

"Our projections indicate that by the end of the 21st century, blooms may begin up to two months earlier in the year and persist for one month later compared to the present-day time period of July to October," said Stephanie Moore, one of the scientists who worked on the study.

Internet

US House cuts \$61 B in spending, shutdown looms

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb—Historic spending cuts approved by the US House of Representatives have raised prospects of a government shutdown and ramped up the public relations blame game.

After a marathon floor debate running well past midnight, the Republican-controlled House voted to cut about \$61 billion in government spending. The Barack Obama administration and leaders in the Senate, controlled by Democrats, immediately criticized the move. "The continuing opposition in the House would undermine and damage our capacity to create jobs and expand the economy," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said at a news conference after a Group of 20 meeting in Paris.

The government is presently funded through a stopgap spending measure expiring 4 March, a result of congressional disagreement last year. A shutdown could delay Social Security checks, tax refunds and payments for veterans, Democrats claim.

Internet

Vietnam police blame human error in boat sinking

HANOI, 20 Feb—Vietnamese police say human error was to blame for the sinking of a tour boat in Ha Long Bay that killed a dozen sleeping passengers, including 11 foreign tourists.

Quang Ninh provincial police spokesman Le Thanh Binh said Sunday that the boat's captain and the crew member in charge of the engine have been arrested.

The initial police investigation showed that a valve that allows water to come into the boat to cool the engine was left open while the vessel was anchored for



Rescue crews lift the tourist boat "Dream Voyage" that sank killing 12 passengers the previous day in the waters of Halong Bay in the northeastern Vietnamese province of Quang Ninh, on 18 February.—INTERNET

the night. The engine was turned off, preventing a pump from running to push the water out.

Binh said that by the time the captain and

crew woke up to find the boat filled with water, it was too late. It sank quickly around 5 am Thursday.

Internet

Pakistani troops kill up to 15 militants

MOHMAND, 20 Feb—Pakistani troops killed up to 15 militants after dozens of militants attacked a security checkpoint in a northwestern tribal region on the Afghan border Sunday, a senior government official said.

Troops have killed more than 100 militants in the past month in small-scale operations against militants' strongholds in the Mohmand tribal agency. But militants often melt away, set up strongholds elsewhere or try to return to areas they lost.

About 100 militants attacked a security checkpoint in the area of Ziarat with heavy weapons after midnight, triggering a clash that continued for several hours.

"As we had information about the possible attack, our troops were fully prepared and up to 15 militants were killed in the retaliatory attack," government official Maqsood Khan told Reuters.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in suicide bomb attacks across Pakistan since the army stormed a militant-run mosque in capital Islamabad in 2007.

Reuters



File photo shows Afghan fire fighters try to control a fire burning NATO fuel trucks in Jalalabad following a bomb attack last November.—INTERNET

Death toll in Afghanistan bank raid rises to 38

KABUL, 20 Feb — The Afghan government has put the death toll at 38 from a brazen weekend attack in which five suicide bombers dressed in security force uniforms stormed a bank in the eastern part of the country.

Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary said Sunday that 21 of those killed were Afghan security forces, including many waiting to collect their pay at the local branch of Kabul Bank where the attack occurred shortly before noon Saturday in the eastern city of Jalalabad. The 17 other victims were civilians.

A total of 71 people, mostly civilians, were injured in the attack, he said. "Five armed suicide bombers entered the Kabul Bank building and started shooting," Bashary told reporters at a news conference in Kabul. "The incident happened while Afghan security forces were there to get their monthly salaries. That is why the casualties were so high."

Since no one is allowed inside the bank with weapons, none of the Afghan policemen or soldiers collecting their pay had weapons to defend themselves.

Internet

Australian soldier and Afghan interpreter killed

CANBERRA, 20 Feb—An Australian soldier and an Afghan interpreter have been shot dead by militants in Afghanistan, bringing Australia's death toll from the conflict to 23.

Australia's defence chief, Air Marshall Angus Houston, told reporters Sunday that 21-year-old Sapper Jamie Ronald Larcombe and the interpreter, whose name has not been released, were killed while on patrol in the Mirabad Valley in Uruzgan Province Saturday night.

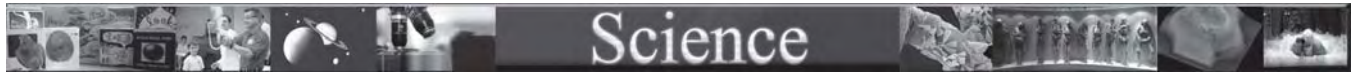
Australia has 1,550 troops in Afghanistan, the largest force provided by any country outside NATO and the 10th largest overall.—Internet



Smoke rises from a bank in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 19 Feb, 2011.

INTERNET





Science

Cosmic census finds crowd of planets in our galaxy



This 6 Aug. 2010 photo shows the Milky Way above wind turbines near Lake Benton and Hendricks, Minn. Scientists have estimated the first cosmic census of planets in our galaxy and the numbers are astronomical: at least 50 billion planets in the Milky Way.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb—Scientists have estimated the first cosmic census of planets in our galaxy and the numbers are astronomical: at least 50 billion planets in the Milky Way.

At least 500 million of those planets are in the not-too-hot, not-too-cold zone where life could exist. The numbers were extrapolated from the early results of NASA's planet-hunting Kepler telescope.

Kepler science chief William Borucki says scientists took the number of planets they found in the first year of searching a small part of the night sky and then made an estimate on how likely stars are to have planets. Kepler spots planets as they pass between Earth and the star it orbits.

So far Kepler has found 1,235 candidate planets, with 54 in the Goldilocks zone, where life could possibly exist. Kepler's main mission is not to examine individual worlds, but give astronomers a sense of how many planets, especially potentially habitable ones, there are likely to be in our galaxy. They would use the one-four-hundredth of the night sky that Kepler is looking at and extrapolate from there.—*Internet*

Scientist finds Gulf bottom still oily, dead



This 1 Dec. 2010 photo provided by the University of Georgia, made from the submarine Alvin, shows a dead crab with oil residue near it on a still-damaged sea floor about 10 miles north of the BP oil rig accident.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb—Oil from the BP spill remains stuck on the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, according to a top scientist's video and slides that she says demonstrate the oil isn't degrading as hoped and has decimated life on parts of the sea floor.

That report is at odds with a recent report by the BP spill compensation

czar that said nearly all will be well by 2012.

At a science conference in Washington Saturday, marine scientist Samantha Joye of the University of Georgia aired early results of her December submarine dives around the BP spill site. She went to places she had visited in the summer and expected the oil and residue from oil-munching microbes would be gone by then. It wasn't.

"There's some sort of a bottleneck we have yet to identify for why this stuff doesn't seem to be degrading," Joye told the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual conference in Washington.

Her research and those of her colleagues contrasts with other studies that show a more optimistic outlook about the health of the gulf, saying microbes did great work munching the oil.

"Magic microbes consumed maybe 10 percent of the total discharge, the rest of it we don't know," Joye said, later adding: "there's a lot of it out there."

The head of the agency in charge of the health of the Gulf said Saturday that she thought that "most of the oil is gone."

Internet

Scientists building largest antimatter trap ever

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb—Creating matter's strange cousin antimatter is tricky, but holding onto it is even trickier. Now scientists are working on a new device that may be able to trap antimatter long enough to study it.

Antimatter is like a mirror image of matter. For every matter particle (say an electron, for example), a matching antimatter particle is thought to exist (in this case, a positron) with the same mass, but an opposite charge.

The problem is that whenever antimatter comes into contact with regular matter, the two annihilate. So any container or bottle made of matter that attempts to capture antimatter inside would be instantly destroyed, along with the precious antimatter sample one tried to put inside the bottle.—*Internet*

Technology

Robots created by Japanese professor Hiroshi Ishiguro, of Osaka University, are presented during a conference at the National University of Engineering in Lima, on 17 Feb.

INTERNET



Smaller iPad 3 (bigger iPod Touch?) to get Retina display, says analyst

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb—The second-generation iPad hasn't yet been announced. But already, rumoured details of an "iPad 3" have begun circulating. The speculation continues today, with Apple Insider reporting that the iPad 3 will be smaller than the current 9.7-inch iPad — and could even be considered a "larger iPod touch." The new device, says a "connected industry expert," will also sport a high-resolution "Retina" display, similar to the screen of the iPhone 4.

Apple Insider's informant is none other than Concord Securities analyst Ming-Chi Kuo, who correctly predicted last May that the iPhone 4 would sport the 960×640 resolution Retina display and come loaded with twice the RAM of the iPad.

Internet

Sprint signs up for BilltoMobile's carrier billing service

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb—Carrier billing service BilltoMobile said Friday that it has signed a deal with Sprint, providing Sprint users the ability to bill purchases directly to their Sprint wireless bill.

BilltoMobile has previously signed agreements with AT&T and Verizon, and the company claims that it already serves 190 million US customers, and now a total of 240 million with the addition of Sprint. Since 2000, BilltoMobile claims that it has processed \$4 billion in payments.

Direct carrier billing, as the name implies, simply means that customers who buy from merchants that use the BilltoMobile payments system can charge the transaction to the user's wireless bill, without having to divulge credit-card information to an intermediary. The advantage? Additionally, it aggregates any and all mobile purchases onto a single mobile bill. In this case, as a direct mobile billing gateway provider, BilltoMobile has already negotiated the exchange of payment information with Sprint.

Internet

Timelapse Pro adds music, Twitter to stop-motion movies

NEW YORK, 20 Feb—iPhone users who dream of creating their own Rankin/Bass-style stop-motion animated movies have new tools at their disposal, thanks to a major upgrade to Timelapse Pro.

Version 3.0 of the offering from German developer Drahtwerk features a redesigned user interface, and now lets you add DRM-free music from your iPod library to stop-motion movies, then share those movies via Twitter and FTP. The upgrade also adds full support for iOS 4, including the ability to export movies to the camera roll and iTunes' shared folders feature. There's also new support for the iPhone 4's flash, front camera, and Retina display.

The app doesn't just let you take a series of pictures to create stop-motion movies; it adds to the process with an "integrated viewer" that lets you line up your next shot with a previous photograph in order to create a smoother movie.—*Internet*



A new application of a EPI Life mobile phone is displayed at the 3GSM World congress in Barcelona. EPI Mini version with a smaller receptor that links via Bluetooth connection to your smartphone, is due for launch soon in Spain and France.—INTERNET



A worker watches milk fill container at a Chinese dairy farm. China has pledged to halt use of leather protein in food production, saying the potentially harmful substance is being added to some products in the country's latest concern over safety.—INTERNET

Weight loss surgery may cut knee Osteoarthritis pain

NEW YORK, 20 Feb—Losing weight can help reduce the amount of pain experienced by obese people with knee osteoarthritis, researchers say.

The new study included 24 obese adults, aged 30 to 67, with knee osteoarthritis who underwent weight loss surgery (bariatric surgery). The patients' knees were assessed before surgery and at six and 12 months after surgery.

Patients who lost an average of 57 pounds within six months of having bariatric surgery showed significant improvements in knee pain, stiffness and physical function, the investigators found.—Internet



Health

Views on pitchers' elbow surgery called 'disturbing'

SAN DIEGO, 20 Feb—Many young baseball players, parents and coaches have serious misconceptions about the causes of pitching-related elbow injuries and the benefits of having a common elbow procedure called Tommy John surgery, according to a new survey.

Ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction is the medical term for the surgery, named after former Major League pitcher Tommy John, the first professional athlete to successfully undergo the procedure.

"Despite the recognized risk of pitch type and amount of pitches, nearly a third of those we surveyed did not believe pitch counts were a risk factor for injury," the survey's lead author, Dr Christopher Ahmad of Columbia University's Center for Shoulder, Elbow and Sports Medicine, said in a news release from the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine.

"Even more disturbing was the fact that a quarter of players and coaches thought that a pitcher's performance could be enhanced by having a Tommy John surgery," Ahmad said.

He and his colleagues surveyed 189 players, 15 coaches and 31 parents.

They described as alarming their finding that 51 percent of high school players believed elbow surgery should be performed even if a player doesn't have an injury, with the sole goal of improving performance.

Internet

Elderly women on bone drugs may live longer

NEW YORK, 20 Feb—While bone drugs have gotten a bad rap in the media recently, experts hope mounting evidence of benefits may convince patients not to shun the medicines. This month, Australian researchers published the latest report to hint that elderly women who take bisphosphonates - as the bone drugs are known - live longer than those who don't get treatment.

Out of every hundred women in their study, three who were not taking bone

drugs died every year, compared to less than one of those who were on the drugs. Although the findings don't prove the bone drugs actually boost longevity - it's possible that women on treatment are generally healthier, for instance - they fit with earlier studies.

"To me, this was good news," said Dr Ethel S Siris, who heads the Toni Stabile Osteoporosis Centre at Columbia University in New York and was not involved in the study.—Internet

Diners eat snake soup at the She Wong Lam in Hong Kong. There is little concrete evidence of Chinese medicine's effectiveness as a flu killer, but many in the city and across China swear it works.

INTERNET



Business

China's Huawei 'in London Underground phones bid'



File photo shows an underground station entrance in central London.—INTERNET

LONDON, 20 Feb—Chinese technology giant Huawei is offering to install for free a mobile phone network worth £50 million on the London Underground train system in time for

the 2012 Olympics, a report said Sunday.

Huawei is presenting the offer worth the equivalent of \$80 million as a gift from one Olympic host nation to another, reported the *Sunday Times* newspaper, without citing its sources.

The company would reportedly install mobile transmitters along the ceilings of tunnels so that travellers can make and receive calls for the first time while underground.

Mobile operators including Vodafone and O2 have agreed to pay for the installation work, while Huawei hopes to earn income in maintenance fees, according to the report.—Internet

BHP CEO sees high iron ore price for up to two years

MELBOURNE, 20 Feb—Top global miner BHP Billiton's (BHP AX)(BLT L) chief executive sees iron ore prices staying strong for as long as two years, and is confident the company's profit margins will remain robust, even as costs escalate.

Marius Kloppers was bullish on the near-term outlook for iron ore prices due to supply constraints, with India not exporting and rivals having held back investment in new capacity during the global

financial crisis.

"But what I can say is there are certain products in our portfolio, particularly in iron ore which looks very, very good over the next three, six and nine months," Kloppers said on Australian television in an interview recorded after the company reported a record first-half profit of \$10.7 billion.

"Simply put, over the next 12, 18 months, perhaps two years, there's not a substantial amount of new capacity coming

on, and it's more an issue of the supply side rather than the demand side," he said. His counterpart at rival Rio Tinto (RIO AX)(RIO L) was more specific a week ago, forecasting that tight supplies would keep iron ore prices high in the near term, but prices would fall below \$100 a metric ton from current record highs around \$190 a metric ton when mine expansions are completed in 2014 and 2015.

Reuters

Rolls-Royce to unveil electric car next month

LONDON, 20 Feb—The first electric-powered Rolls-Royce car will be unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show on 1 March, the luxury vehicle maker announced on Sunday.

The one-off Phantom 102EX, to be fully electric-powered, will

then go on a global tour taking in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and North America, according to the Goodwood, England-based company.

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars said it wants to test opinions and reactions from owners, enthusias-

ts, members of the public and the media.

"While there are no plans to develop a production version, as one of the company's EX models it will serve to begin a dialogue with existing owners and stakeholders, posing as well as answering

questions of its audience," the company said.

These include the car's ability to deliver an acceptable range between re-charges and to operate in extreme weather conditions, it said.

Internet



A picture supplied by Rolls-Royce Motor Cars of the grill of its new electric car, the Phantom 102EX.—INTERNET

Pale Township to witness network of inter-village roads

Byline: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Hla Moe (MNA)

Sounds of the bulldozers at the construction site in Pale Township, Sagaing Region, are a sign of improvement of the socio-economic status of residents.

Previously, the villages in Pale Township had only distant relations with each other due to poor transport. In particular, some parts of the villages on the highlands of Pontaung Mountain range had no roads, and walking was the only means of transport.

In 2010-2011, nine inter-village roads stretching 29 miles in total are being built to form a network in order to improve transport, education, health care and socio-economic life of local people. They are

the Township Peace and Development Council and departments concerned. The building of those inter-village roads is now in full swing thanks to the aegis of Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan who takes into consideration development of Pale Township despite always working to a tight schedule, and free service with bulldozers by Shwe Taung Co.

So far, Ayechantha-Thitkyitaing road (four miles and three furlongs), Thitkyitaing-Hsebyin-Thekkeikyin road (two miles and four furlongs) and Thitkyitaing-Kyawtaw road (two miles) have been built. Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Letpan road (six miles) is underway.

Owing to the newly-

built roads, locals in the northern part of the hilly region in Pale Township can travel to and from Wetky Station Hospital and Wetky Basic Education High School through Falambin Road or Myaukyama Dam Road; Pale-Gangaw Road through Wetky and Leigan villages; and the villages on Falambin-Hsebaung Road.



Pale Township PDC Chairman U Aung Kyaw Soe.

My heart was filled with rejoicing when I saw the newly-built inter-village roads coping with a stream of vehicles such as bikes, motorbikes, motorized trailers and cars.

According to my first-hand knowledge, the development of transport, education, health care and social affairs is like a dream for the 23,971



U Kyaw Than, 64, of Kyetyin Village.

residents of the villages on Thandaung-Zeiktaunt-Mayin-Banbwe-Khintha-Ayechantha-Thebyinkyeyi inter-village road, Sityin-Taungyin-Hsegyi-Banbwe-Mayin-Khintha inter-village road, Wetky-Lepulin-Khayu-Wanbe U-Gyat-Indaingtha-Kyawtaw-Thitkyitaing inter-village road, Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Paukpinchawk-Nganchaung-Pepin-Yaygyaw-Letpan inter-village road, and the villages in Myaung Township.

U Kyaw Than, 64,



Grandma Daw Gyan Tin of Gaungbwa Village.

involved in the project."

Daw Nyo of the same village said, "Previously, transport was poor in our hilly villages. Going on foot or by bullock cart was the only means of transport. We hardly went to hospital even if we were sick because the hospital was difficult of access. But, now everything is all right because of inter-village roads."

Damsels from the village said, "While we were at school, transport was very poor. We had



Daw Nyo of Gaungbwa Village.



Photo shows progress of Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Letpan Inter-Village Road.

Thitkyitaing-Hsebyin-Thekkeikyin road, Ayechantha-Thitkyitaing road, Thitkyitaing-Kyawtaw road, Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Letpan road, Hnawgan-Zabarzei-Kaingdwin road, Ingyinzu-Letpugan road, Mwedon-Nyaunggon road, Pale-Pakokku-Ayegon road, and Myaukpadaukkon-Paukthapha-Sibin road.

Initially, it was planned to build the roads only with labour under the supervision of



Photo shows progress of Ayechantha-Thitkyitaing Inter-Village Road.

from hilly Kyetyin Village said, "We (villagers) are all happy with Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Letpan inter-village road. That is like a dream. Previous to the road, I had to hire four men whenever I had to get a rice bag to my home in the rainy season. Never in my wildest dream did I think we could go here and there by motorbike and by car in my region. Therefore, not only the villages in our region but also the villages in Myaung Township are in a transport of delight. So, we don't know how we can thank enough the government, Minister U Kyaw Hsan, departments and Shwe Taung Co."

Grandma Daw Gyan Tin from Gaungbwa Village said, "Transport has improved here and our village has seen a lot of changes. Now, we can go to downtown Pale Township in a short time. I thank all who were

to go to school on foot, which took us a long time. It was worse in the rainy season. Now, we have all got our degrees. But, our juniors are lucky. Inter-village roads have been built, so they can go to school by bicycle or by motorbike. We are very happy with it."

In like manner, many local peoples from hilly villages expressed their heartfelt thanks for the roads.

Project Director U Zaw Min Oo of Shwe Taung Co said, "Our company is undertaking Sagaing-Monywa-Shwebo road section with BOT system. We have provided free service with a bulldozer since December 6, 2010 for sooner completion of inter-village roads. Some staff members from our company contribute to the project.

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Pale Township to witness...



Project Director U Zaw Min Oo of Shwetaung Company: "We'll continue to render assistance till the construction of nine inter-village roads completes."



Girls of Gaungbwa Village: "While we were at school, transport was very poor. Our juniors are lucky. Inter-village roads have been built, so they can go to school by bicycle and by motorbike. We are very happy with it."

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I supervise construction tasks occasionally. We will keep providing free service till the nine inter-village roads stretching 29 miles in total."

"Chairman of Pale Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Soe made further clarification to the plan to build inter-village

roads, arrangements made by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, free service given by the company, and progress in building inter-village roads.

The government is implementing the five rural development programmes for equitable development between rural and urban areas. The

development of rural areas is like a dream if compared with that in the past.

Now, 'motorbikes, motorized trailers and cars have been in place of bullock carts and bikes by means of transport in rural areas. Far-flung areas are now in the process of being transformed from conventional to mechanized farming by using power-tillers and modern equipment. They have improved their agricultural farming from

single-cropping to double and triple cropping patterns. So, they get on with their businesses. And they have seen inter-district roads apart from inter-village roads.

Pale Township will soon get nine inter-village roads thanks to the assistance rendered by Minister U Kyaw Hsan, supervision of tasks by

Roads to be built for development of Pale Township

Sr.	Road	Length		Benefited village	House hold	Popu-lation	Number of school
		miles	fur- longs				
1.	Ayechantha-Thitkyitaing	4	3	Thandaung, Zeikhtaunt, Mayin, Banbwe, Khintha, Ayechantha, Thebyingye Sityin, Taungyin, Hsegyi, Banbwe, Mayin, Khintha	1189	8271	
2.	Thitkyitaing-Hsebyin-Thekkeigyin	2	4	Wetkya, Lebalin, Khayu, WanbeU, Jap, Indaingtha, Kyawtaw, Thitkyitaing	1035	8165	
3.	Thitkyitaing-Kyawtaw	2	-	Kyetyin, Gaungbwa, Paukpinchaw, Ngangyaung, Pebin, Yaykyaw, Letpan, and villages of Myaing Township	1134	7589	
4.	Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Letpan	6	-	Zabazei, Kaingdwin, Hnawgan	957	6147	
5.	Hnawgan-Zabazei-Kaingdwin	3	-	Ingyinzu, Letpukan	246	2708	
6.	Ingyinzu-Letpukan	5	-	Nyaunggon, Hmweton, Nwaku, Minywa, and villages in Myaing Township	642	3159	
7.	Hmweton-Nyaunggon	2	4	Pale-Ayegon	853	5850	
8.	Pale-Pakokku-Ayegon	1	-	Myaukpadaukkon, Sabin, Peginma, Gyobin, Thabyeyay, Kantha, Aungtha, and villages in Myaing Township	1011	7157	
9.	Myaukpadaukkon-Paukthapha-Sabin	2	-		666	5773	
Total		28	3		7733	54765	

the Township Peace and Development Council and departments concerned, and altruistic contribution made by Shwe Taung Co. When the project is completed, 54,765 people of 7733 households will be able to travel to and from other villagers with convenience, and they will enjoy better socio-economic status.

In 2009-2010, Pale Township witnessed eight inter-village roads:

Ywanaung-Chinpyit road, Pale-Leingon road, Kangyi-Magyeegwa-Nyaunggon road, K u k k o g o n - Nweshaukywa road, Hihne-Zeeyinywa road, Pale-Gangaw-Thayet road, Kyaythahmya-Khawthanti-Thidin-Kangyi road and Pale-Gangaw-Kyunbagon road. So, when the nine inter-village roads project is completed, the township will see a network of inter-village

roads.

On my way home, I happened to visualize that the township will have a promising future. It is very kind of the government, the minister, departments concerned and well-wishers to make wholehearted contribution to the project. So, the region will be able to bring about more and more human resources.

Translation: MS



A car running along Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Letpan Inter-Village Road.



Kyetyin-Gaungbwa-Letpan Inter-Village Road being built by Shwetaung Co with the use of heavy machinery.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party receive Five Precepts from Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.

MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San attend Buddha Pujaniya ...

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At 8.30 am, Vice-Senior General Maung

ciation U Tin Aye.

Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd U Aung Ko Win, wife Daw Nan Than Htwe and Chairman of the Association U Tin Aye sprinkled scented water on the ambulance.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife and party viewed the ambulance.

Next, the rice offering ceremony followed.

Dr. Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife donated offertories to the Sayadaw.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commanders,



Wellwishers, departmental personnel and local people donate rice and provisions to members of the Sangha.—MNA



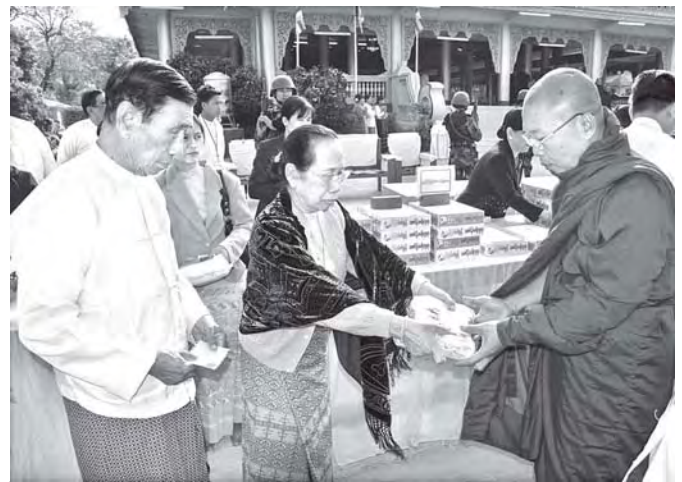
On behalf of Ayeyawady Bank Family, Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd U Aung Ko Win and wife Daw Nan Than Htwe hand over an ambulance to Shwesigyi Social Welfare Association Chairman U Tin Aye.—MNA

Aye and wife attended the ceremony to hand over an ambulance by Aye Mya Soe Foundation to Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda So-

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife and party, wellwishers, departmental personnel, social organizations and local people offered rice

the Minister for Education, townselders, wellwishers and officials presented provisions to members of the Sangha.

Secretary Sayadaw



Wellwishers offer rice and provisions to members of the Sangha.—MNA

cial Welfare Association.

On behalf of wellwisher Ayeyawady Bank Family, Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd U Aung Ko Win and wife Daw Nan Than Htwe handed over the ambulance to the association through Chairman of the Asso-

and provisions to 45 members of the Sangha.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party cordially greeted the wellwishers.

At 10.10 am, the ceremony to share merits gained for all donations took place at Sasana Beikman.

Chairman Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Khemindasami delivered a sermon. The congregation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife shared the merits gained.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party offered meals to the Abbots.

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The rice and provisions offering ceremony at Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region in conjunction with the 11th Buddha Pujaniya in progress.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San pay homage to Bhamo Monastery Sayadaw in Mandalay



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San paying homage to Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo Monastery Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and officials, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San visited Bhamo Monastery in Mahaaungmyay Township in Mandalay this morning.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party offered alms, fruit, flowers, water, light and joss sticks to lacquer Buddha Image being kept at the monastery and paid homage to the Image.

Next, they paid respectives to and presented provisions to members of the Sangha led by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa of Bhamo Monastery.

Then Vice-Senior General Maung Aye asked about the monastery and viewed around the monastery. —MNA

Industry-2 Minister visits Thagara Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein today inspected manufacturing of 6V 128ZC, 8V 128ZC and 12V 128ZC engines at No. 14 General Heavy Factory, Mini-Excavator at No. 15 General Heavy Factory and 2000 KW

Francis Turbines and Generators, Boiler and 300 KVA Generators at No. 26 General Heavy Factory in Thagara Industrial Region of Bago Region.

While in Thagara Industrial Region, the minister looked into con-

struction of Heavy Diesel Engine Production project that will manufactures 2200-2700 HP Diesel Engine and 6200-7000 HP Diesel Engines and stressed the need to make earnest efforts for carrying out construction tasks. —MNA

41st ISR Cycling Competition 2011 commences

YANGON, 20 Feb — The opening ceremony of 41st Inter-State/Region Cycling Competition 2011 was held in Cycling Training Ground in Thingangyun Township here yesterday morning, with an opening address by Joint General -Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee

Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department (Lower Myanmar) U Naw Taung on behalf of the MOC Chairman Minister for Sports.

A total of 10 teams will participate in the game to be held from 19 to 25 February. —MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San pay respects to older persons at respect-paying ceremony to the aged of over 85 years in Kanbalu.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife view...

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Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed eye operations performed

by professors and eye specialists.

The team of specialists led by eye specialist Lt-Col Yu Pa

Aung of No.2 Defence Services General Hospital (500-bed) of Yangon and the specialist team led by Health Department Deputy Director-General Dr Kyee Myint, eye specialist Prof U Than Aung and Prof U Mya

Aung in cooperation with region, district and township level health staff members gave treatment to eye patients at Kanbalu Township People's Hospital from 11 to 18 February. Successful eye

operations were performed on 4457 eye patients, 429 patients who had undergone major eye operations, 238 patients who had received minor eye operations and 2521 patients eyeglasses.

paid respects to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party.

Then, Chairman of the foundation Minister Dr Chan Nyein explained facts about the scholarship programme. First year student of Mandalay University of Medicine Maung Hein Htet Soe of Ward-4 in Kanbalu Township spoke words of thanks.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party visited Maha Shwesigyi Pariyatti Monastery where they paid homage to Presiding Abbot Bhaddanta Açara and looked into condition of the monastery.

MNA



Medical and Technological University students of Kanbalu Township who secured scholarship award of Aye Mya Soe Foundation pay respects to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.—MNA



Myanmar Archery team achieve five gold and one silver

YANGON, 20 Feb — Myanmar clinched five gold and a silver in 2011 First Asian Round Robin Archery Competition for World Ranking being held in Bangkok of Thailand on 18 and 19 February.

Gold medals for Myanmar Archery Team

were secured by men's team in men's compound (70-metre) team league with 2011 points; by Aung Hnein in women's compound single (70-metre) league and by women's team in women's compound (70-metre) team league with

1948 points while bronze medal was clinched by Ye Min Swe in men's compound single (70-metre) league on 18 February. Men's team and women's team won golds in each compound team knock-outs yesterday. The Myanmar Archery Team continues to play single knock-outs and mix teams games today and tomorrow.

MNA

Vice-Chairman of Aye Mya Soe Foundation U Thin Hlaing hands over an ambulance for Kanbalu Township People's Hospital (100-bed) to Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Shoon.—MNA

Nepal's growing middle class takes to the malls

KATHMANDU, 20 Feb—When the first indoor shopping complex opened in Nepal's ancient capital Kathmandu in the 1980s, it was such a novelty that visitors had to be shown how to use the escalator.

Few residents of the city, celebrated for its rich cultural heritage and historic palaces, had ever shopped anywhere except the centuries-old bazaars that still do a brisk trade in everything from spices to saris.

Three decades on, a huge rise in land prices in and around the capital and growing remittances from Nepalese migrant workers are fuelling a retail boom that has seen Adidas, Nike and Levi's open their first stores in the country.

Rukeen Maharjan, 21, works in his family business selling handicrafts to tourists. But in his spare time, he goes to one of Kathmandu's dozen or so malls to shop for clothes and catch up with friends.

"It is so much easier to shop when you have all these branded goods under one roof," he tells *AFP* in the Kathmandu Mall. "It's often cheaper than shopping on the street, it's convenient because you don't have to worry about finding a parking space and it's where young people like to hang out." Nepal remains one of the world's poorest countries. The World Bank puts the average annual income at just \$440 a head and economic growth has slowed in recent years, constrained by political uncertainty and chronic fuel shortages.—*Internet*



Nepalese pedestrians walk through a shopping mall in Kathmandu. City Centre, which opened in 2009, is the most upscale of the malls, with shops selling designer sunglasses and Western clothing brands. There is also a multiplex cinema and a food court serving Thai and Japanese dishes.

INTERNET

Nabucco pipeline still in limbo

VIENNA, 20 Feb—With construction of the EU's ambitious Nabucco gas pipeline slated to begin in less than a year, huge question marks remain over its financing and the actual supplies of gas it is supposed to transport.

The aim of Nabucco is to bring gas from central Asia to Europe, bypassing Russia and Ukraine where repeated squabbles over prices have in the past left the 27-nation European Union without vital supplies of gas, sometimes in mid-winter.

Nevertheless, the consortium that will build and operate the major new energy corridor has yet to sign a single contract with any of a number of potential supplier countries.—*Internet*



(From L) EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, prime ministers Gordon Bajnai of Hungary, Werner Faymann of Austria, Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, Sergei Stanishev of Bulgaria and Emil Boc of Romania at the Nabucco Gas Pipeline signing ceremony in 2009.—*Internet*

Leaders wary of eurozone competitiveness pact

WARSAW, 20 Feb—Central European states have given a cool reception to a Franco-German proposal for a eurozone competitiveness pact, pointing to the risk of a two-speed Europe, even though few are in any rush to adopt the single currency.

Leaders of the 17-member eurozone will hold a special Brussels summit on 11 March on the proposed pact aimed at reinforcing policy coordination at a time when the bloc is battling a debt crisis.

The move has raised eyebrows among the 10 EU members who are not yet a part of the euro club and have not been invited to attend the summit.

This is particularly the case in Poland, Central Europe's heavyweight.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk has warned against the proposed pact "leading to a return to a two-speed Europe."

European budget commissioner Janusz Lewandowski, a fellow Pole, recently echoed him. "We are almost on the path of a two-speed Europe," Lewandowski said commenting on the proposed eurozone pact.

Countries which have not yet joined the eurozone "must try to keep the door open, to be part of the decision-making mechanisms," he said on a recent visit to 2007 EU entrant Bulgaria.

"After being integrated, we cannot tolerate being excluded once again because the eurozone is constructing some kind of internal structure," he added.—*Internet*

Japan's Ozaki wins Yokohama marathon

YOKOHAMA, 20 Feb— The 2009 world silver medallist Yoshimi Ozaki of Japan broke away in the last three kilometres to win the Yokohama women's marathon.

The 29-year-old, running against her compatriot Remi Nakazato and Marisa Barros of Portugal, put on a spurt after passing the 38km (23.6-mile) mark, crossing the finishing line in two hours 23 minutes 56 seconds, on Sunday.



The 2009 world silver medallist Yoshimi Ozaki (pictured) of Japan broke away in the last three kilometres to win the Yokohama women's marathon, on Sunday.

INTERNET

Nakazato finished second in 2:24:29 and Barros third in 2:25:04. "I thought about nothing but winning the race. I didn't think about my time until the end, but I clocked a very good time, so I'm happy about it," said Ozaki, who qualified for the world championships in August in South Korea.

"I was able to run comfortably, because I was running just behind the three pace-setters. I planned to spurt in the last two kilometres, but my coach told me to 'go for it now' so I did.—*Internet*

Portugal's state deficit drops by 58.6% on year

LISBON, 20 Feb —Portugal's state deficit fell by 58.6 percent last month year-on-year, Prime Minister Jose Socrates said Saturday, as his government's measures to clean up the debt-riddled economy took effect.

The central government's deficit, which excludes local and regional administrations as well as social security costs, amounted to 281.8 million euros (\$383 million), against 680 million euros in January last year.

"The deficit's very clear reduction

is a good start overall for the year," the Socialist premier said during a visit to northern Vila Real. Official and more detailed results will be published Monday.

"The most important issue for the economy is to ensure its financing and that our international commitment to reduce our deficit will be respected," he added, although Portuguese borrowing costs have surged recently, making it harder for the government to finance itself.—*Internet*

Overseas Filipino Workers sit in Manila International Airport near posters warning against becoming drug couriers. Three convicted Philippine drug smugglers, including two women, Friday saw their executions in China postponed.

INTERNET



NOTICE

Notice is here—by given that the Annual General Meeting and the election for the new council members of the Yangon Golf Club will be held on Sunday 27th February, 2011 at the Club House premises at 10:00 hours. All members are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Managing Member
Yangon Golf Club

Chemical is found to block hair loss

LOS ANGELES, 20 Feb — US researchers studying how stress affects gastrointestinal function say they may have found a chemical compound that induces hair growth. Researchers from UCLA and the Veterans Administration doing stress studies with mice say the chemical was found to block a stress-related hormone associated with hair loss, *ScienceDaily.com* reported on Thursday.

“Our findings show that a short-duration treatment with this compound causes an astounding long-term hair regrowth in chronically stressed mutant mice,” said Million

Mulugeta, a professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. “This could open new venues to treat hair loss in humans through the modulation of the stress hormone receptors, particularly hair loss related to chronic stress and aging.”

Internet



Grief lingers ... Patricia Ford and Kara Duncan

Yale scientists build ‘anti-laser’

NEW HAVEN, 20 Feb — US researchers have announced the development of the world’s first “anti-laser,” a device that can absorb and cancel out a laser beam. Scientists at Yale University say the silicon-based device can absorb an incoming laser beam entirely, converting its light to heat energy, the BBC reported on Thursday. The technology could lead to a new generation of supercomputers using light rather than electrons, the researchers say.

The anti-laser device can focus two laser beams of a specific frequency into an optical cavity made from silicon, trapping the incoming beams of light and causing them to bounce around

until all their energy is dissipated in the form of heat. Changing the wavelength of the incoming light switches the anti-laser on and off, creating an optical switch that could be the basis of a very fast optically-based computer.

Using silicon to create the anti-laser means optical

components could be manufactured using current technology, researchers say, since the material is already widely used in computing. One thing the anti-laser will not do is create a “shield” against a high-power laser weapon, the researchers say.

Internet

Hibernating bears studied in unprecedented detail

WASHINGTON, 20 Feb — Five bears have been the subject of the most detailed hibernation study ever undertaken in animals of their size. Researchers reporting at the AAAS meeting in Washington say the bears’ metabolism drops to just 25% of its normal level

— much more than their drop in body temperature would suggest.

The bears remain in a state of reduced metabolism even weeks after awakening. The research may in time inspire new techniques that could prove useful in emergency medicine. Hibernation is widely held to be a means for animals to reduce their energy use during the coldest seasons.

The body temperatures of small mammals drop to near-freezing levels, with metabolism dropping in some cases to just 2% of normal rates.— *Internet*



Traditional lasers rely on gain mediums to produce beams of coherent light.— *INTERNET*

Prison for killer car crash mother

EAST MAITLAND, 20 Feb — A mother of five will spend at least eight years in jail after killing two teenagers — including her 13-year-old nephew — and maiming two others in a 210km/h car crash. Belinda Duncan, 37, stood stony-faced in East Maitland District Court on Friday as Judge John North sentenced her to a maximum 12 years for two counts of manslaughter and three counts of aggravated dangerous driving causing grievous bodily harm.

But the victims’ family and friends did not

hold back, bursting into tears and yelling for the sentence to be increased. Ricky Duncan’s son Jayde — Belinda Duncan’s nephew — was killed instantly when the car smashed into trees, split in two and burst into flames. “My son got life, all of the rest of us have got a life of pain,” Mr Duncan said outside the court.

Internet



File photo of US talk show queen Oprah Winfrey and students cutting the ribbon at the official opening of her Leadership Academy for Girls School in South Africa in 2007.— *INTERNET*

Dead baby found at Oprah Winfrey’s South African boarding school

JOHANNESBURG, 20 Feb — A dead newborn baby was found at Oprah Winfrey’s girls school in South Africa, local daily *The Times* reported on Saturday.

According to police, a 17-year-old student at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls gave birth to a child on Wednesday and disposed of the body at the school, located 25 miles (40 km) south of Johannesburg.

Police are not sure if the newborn was killed or died of natural causes. “Yes, the girl gave birth to the baby at the school, but we can’t confirm what happened to it.

A case of conceal-

ment of death is being investigated,” police captain Shado Mashobane told the newspaper.

According to the Afrikaans-language newspaper *Beeld*, the dead newborn was found in a plastic bag filled with bloodied clothes. Police would not confirm the re-

port. The \$46 million school was opened by Winfrey in January 2007 “to nurture, educate and turn gifted South African girls from impoverished backgrounds into the country’s future leaders,” according to a description on the school’s website.

Internet

Celtic prepared for Rangers challenge

GLASGOW, 20 Feb — Kris Commons says there will be no hint of complacency from Celtic as they prepare for their Scottish Premier League clash with Old Firm rivals Rangers on Sunday. The Glasgow giants clash for the second time in two weeks following their

2-2 draw in the fifth round of the Scottish Cup at Ibrox at the beginning of the month.

Celtic are on a 16-match unbeaten run which stretches back to November and has helped them move five points clear of Rangers at the top of the SPL, although Walter Smith’s men have two games in hand. Commons, who signed from Derby in the January transfer window, says manager Neil Lennon will not allow his players’ standards to drop.— *Internet*

Jetstar changed their mind on the cost-saving decision to install non-reclining seats.
INTERNET



Passenger anger at Jetstar’s non-reclining seats

SYDNEY, 20 Feb — Jetstar passengers getting uptight about being upright have won a reprieve after the airline reversed a cost-saving decision to install non-reclining seats. The move comes as Qantas mainline is also reversing a decision about seats and dropping plans to put a middle seat in business class on its A330s.

It will reconfigure those new planes already delivered in a new 2-3-2 layout to the more user-friendly 2-2-2 arrangement. About a dozen Airbus A320s were delivered to Jetstar with seats that would not recline, an idea pioneered by European low-cost carrier Ryanair to reduce the initial cost of seats and save money on maintenance.

Jetstar did not advertise the change but passengers were quick to notice, particularly on longer flights, and complain. One regular Jetstar passenger told *The Australian* that cabin crew had described it as a “multi-million-dollar stuff-up” that had put staff under additional pressure. “The stink has been astronomical,” he said.— *Internet*



A road sign on the Bruce Highway south of Mackay in January 2011 warns speeding drivers about the consequences of not slowing down. An Australian hamlet has changed its name to "SpeedKills" to encourage drivers to slow down after a leap in road deaths.

Welcome to SpeedKills, please drive carefully

An Australian hamlet has changed its name to "SpeedKills" to encourage drivers to slow down after a leap in road deaths.

The community of Speed, population 45, has made the switch for a month, while local farmer Phil Down was also temporarily renamed Phil Slow Down at a ceremony on Friday.

"I'm happy to humiliate myself for that cause," he told AAP news agency.

"I had no hesitation mostly because we think the campaign is a good initiative."

The changes are part of a safety campaign in the southeastern state of Victoria after rural road deaths shot up by about 25 percent last year.

'Who are you?' - Dhoni stumped by own team

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni embarrassingly forgot the name of one of his own players at the toss for Saturday's World Cup opener against Bangladesh on Saturday.

Dhoni was stumped by TV interviewer Ravi Shastri as they stood in the middle at the Sher-e-Bangla stadium when the name of omitted left-arm pace bowler Ashish Nehra escaped him.

"(Ravichandran) Ashwin, (Piyush) Chawla, (Suresh) Raina and.... one other guy won't play," smiled Dhoni, after being asked to name his team line-up.

Nehra had been suffering from a sore back.



Indian hold Indian national flags and a picture of Indian cricket team captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni after a special prayer organized to seek blessings for the victory of Indian cricket team in the Cricket World Cup at the Haji Ali shrine in Mumbai.

Guten tag, mate: Austria, Australia in mail mix-up

One is a landlocked, mountainous country in Europe; the other is a vast, island continent in the southern hemisphere. But it seems some people still confuse Austria and Australia.

In the latest sign of collective dyslexia about the countries, Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd admitted he sometimes gets his Austrian counterpart's post, and vice versa.

"Yes, we do occasionally get each other's correspondence because the rest of the world doesn't know about the extra syllable," Rudd said, during a visit by Austria's Michael Spindelegger.

It is not the first time the countries, which are thousands of kilometres (miles) apart but separated by just two letters when written down, have been muddled up.

During November's G20 meeting in Seoul, a model of Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard appeared in Sound of Music-style traditional Austrian dress, before being hastily replaced.



A post box, seen at Vienna Airport in Austria. In the latest sign of collective dyslexia about the countries, Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd admitted he sometimes gets his Austrian counterpart's post, and vice versa.

Neeson's 'Unknown' wins weekend with \$21.8M debut



In this film publicity image released by Warner Bros. Pictures, Liam Neeson is shown in a scene from, 'Unknown.' INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 20 Feb—Liam Neeson has proven himself a known quantity again at the box office.

Neeson's thriller "Unknown" debuted as the No 1 movie with \$21.8 million, following in the footsteps of his 2009 action hit "Taken," according to studio estimates Sunday.

Another action tale, "I Am Number Four," opened at No 2 with \$19.5 million.

"Unknown" stars Neeson as a botanist who awakens from a coma to find his wife claims she does not know him and that another man has taken his identity.

"I Am Number Four" stars Alex Pettyfer as an

alien refugee on Earth who develops superpowers to battle the evil invaders that destroyed his planet.

The weekend's other new wide release, Martin Lawrence's comedy "Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son," was No 5 with \$17 million.

Internet

Rossini's 'Armida' revived at Metropolitan Opera

NEW YORK, 20 Feb—It took 193 years for Rossini's "Armida" to make it to the Metropolitan Opera but only nine months for its first revival. Soprano Renee Fleming and five of the six tenors who sang in last spring's production

premiere returned Friday night. Given the time to work together, the cast sounded and appeared more comfortable than when the staging debuted.

Fleming sang the role of the sorceress at the 1993 Rossini Festival



In this 14 Feb, 2011 photo released by the Metropolitan Opera, Renée Fleming is seen in the title role during a dress rehearsal of Rossini's 'Armida,' at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, on 14 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Banksy welcome at Oscars, but will he show?

LOS ANGELES, 20 Feb—The question that's kept Oscar observers guessing since nominations were announced last month — Will Banksy show up? — remains unanswered. But the motion picture academy says the bad-boy British street artist is more than welcome to attend.

The elusive graffiti star is up for best documentary feature for his directing debut, "Exit Through the Gift Shop." Since he prefers to hide his face, it has seemed unlikely he would reveal himself before half a billion viewers worldwide on Hollywood's biggest night. Even in his own film, he appears in shadows, wearing a hoodie and with his voice altered to make it unrecognizable. While publicists for the movie and for Banksy himself declined to comment as to whether he'll be at the Kodak Theatre with the rest of the nominees on 27 Feb, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says it would be happy to see him.—Internet

in Pesaro, Italy, and repeated it in a concert performance at Carnegie Hall three years later. The Bel Canto coloratura is not the most natural fit for her voice, but she sings it convincingly and was more relaxed than last spring, leading to a more breezy feeling throughout.

Armida's appeal to Fleming is evident, given her waves of love, anger and pride. She dominates the stage for much of the nearly four hours.

Internet



In this 16 Feb, 2011 photo, a worker takes down a billboard poster allegedly tagged by the graffiti artist Banksy on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles. INTERNET



Everton's defender Phil Jagielka (L) clashes with Chelsea's striker Didier Drogba (R) during their FA Cup fourth round replay football match at Stamford Bridge in west London.—INTERNET

Ancelotti wants Euro glory to salvage season

LONDON, 20 Feb—Carlo Ancelotti insists success in the Champions League can salvage Chelsea's season after their hopes of winning the FA Cup for a third successive season ended with a penalty shoot-out defeat against Everton. Ancelotti's Cup holders crashed out 4-3 on pen-

alties after drawing 1-1 with Everton in Saturday's fourth round replay at Stamford Bridge.

With Chelsea currently lie 12 points behind Premier League leaders Manchester United, the Blues - who are not even certain to finish in the top four - now have to win the Champions League to avoid finishing the campaign empty-handed.

Internet

Bayern brush off Mainz to go second

BERLIN, 20 Feb—Defending champions Bayern Munich went second in the Bundesliga on Saturday night with a 3-1 win at Mainz, while league leaders Borussia Dortmund went 13-points clear with a 2-0 win over St Pauli.

Germany striker Mario Gomez, the league's top scorer, completed Bayern's rout with his 18th goal in 21 league games with a late strike after midfielders Bastian Schweinsteiger and Thomas Mueller had put Bayern ahead.

Mainz's Tunisia striker Sami Allagui scored a late consolation goal for the hosts, but Bayern warmed-up for Wednes-



Bayern Munich's defender Philipp Lahm (L) and Mainz' striker Petar Sliskovic fight for the ball during their German first division Bundesliga football match in the southwestern German city of Mainz.—INTERNET

day's Champions League last 16 game at holders Inter Milan with a win.

Internet

Donaire stops Montiel to take bantamweight titles

LAS VEGAS, 20 Feb—Filipino fighter Nonito Donaire stopped Mexico's Fernando Montiel in the second round to take the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Organization bantamweight titles. Donaire on Saturday took a right to the head from the champion,

then immediately countered with a devastating left to the head that sent Montiel crumpling to the canvas. Montiel rose to continue and Donaire rushed over to land a left and a right before referee Russell Mora stopped the fight after two minutes and 25 seconds of the second round.—Internet

Manchester United's defender Wes Brown (R) celebrates with striker Bebe (L) after scoring during their FA Cup fifth round football match against Crawley Town at Old Trafford in Manchester.—INTERNET



Inter title charge rolls on over Cagliari

ROME, 20 Feb—Inter Milan's title charge gained momentum on Saturday as the champions squeezed past Cagliari 1-0 to close the gap on leaders AC Milan.

Inter's bitter city rivals can push their lead over their neighbours back out to five points with victory on Sunday at Chievo but the nerazzurri's ninth win in 11 league games en-

sured they kept up the pressure ahead of their Champions League clash with Bayern Munich on Wednesday.

Centre-back Andrea Ranocchia scored the only goal of the game in contentious manner as he appeared to be offside. Inter coach Leonardo admitted the champions had struggled to get through this game.—Internet



Inter Milan's forward Houssine Kharja (L) fights for the ball against Cagliari's midfielder Davide Biondini during their Serie A match in San Siro stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Baddeley sneaks past Couples and into lead

LOS ANGELES, 20 Feb—Fred Couples was starting to show his age Saturday at Riviera. He hit a poor wedge, knocked a putt over the back of the green and turned a potential birdie into bogey on the 10th hole to slip three shots behind Aaron Baddeley in the Northern Trust Open. Then came a pounding rain as Couples approached the toughest stretch of the course, and the 51-year-old with an aching back braced

for the worst. "I was thinking, 'What am I going to shoot on the back nine, 40?'" Couples said.

Internet



Fred Couples reacts after a birdie putt fails to drop on the third green in the third round of the Northern Trust Open PGA golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles on Saturday.—INTERNET

Raonic, Roddick reach Memphis ATP final

MEMPHIS, 20 Feb—US top seed Andy Roddick reached his 50th career ATP final by downing Juan Martin del Potro 6-3, 6-4 in a showdown of former US Open champions at an ATP and WTA indoor tournament in Memphis. Roddick will try to capture his 30th career ATP crown on Sunday against Milos Raonic, a 20-year-old Canadian wild card entrant and the hottest player on tour after winning last week at San Jose in only his eighth ATP event.



US top seed Andy Roddick

"To play in the final of 50 tennis tournaments as a professional is a pretty big number," Roddick said.—Internet

Injuries overshadow Marseille victory

PARIS, 20 Feb—Marseille beat Saint-Etienne 2-1 to go second in Ligue 1 on Saturday, but suffered a damaging setback when in-form striker Andre-Pierre Gignac went off injured in the second half. Goals from Lucho Gonzalez and Loic Remy saw the defending champions close to within three points of leaders Lille — who visit Montpellier on Sunday — after an occasionally fractious encounter at Stade Velodrome.

Gignac set up Lucho for the opener but then left the field with a groin injury and the club confirmed he will not be able to play against Manchester United in Wednesday's Champions League last 16 first leg match.

Internet

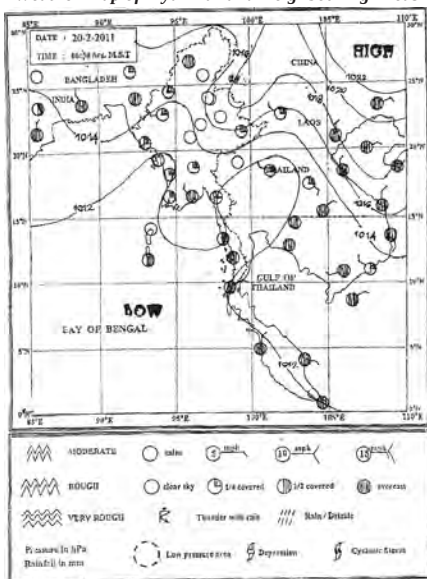


Olympique Marseille's forward Andre-Pierre Gignac is evacuated by medics during their French L1 football match against Saint-Etienne at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 20th February, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Northern Shan and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (4°C) above February average temperature in Rakhine and Mon States and (5°C) below February average temperature in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and about February average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were Haka (1°C) and Pinlaung (5°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 19-2-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 20-2-2011 was 63°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-2-2011 was (74%). Rainfall on 20-2-2011 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 19-2-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 20-2-2011 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-2-2011 was (54%). Total sunshine hours on 19-2-2011 was (10.1) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 20-2-2011 was (Nil) at Mingaladon,

Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (1.97) inches at Mingaladon, (1.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 19-2-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 21st February 2011: Light rain are possible to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State and weather is partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-2-2011: Partly cloudy.

Black County derby ends in a tie

LONDON, 20 Feb—Carlos Vela's injury-time goal earned West Brom a vital point from a fiercely-fought Black County derby against Wolves at the Hawthorns.

Jamie O'Hara's curling shot at the end of a lively but disjointed first half had looked sure to win it for Wolves.

Marc-Antoine Fortune wasted a great chance and Jonas Olsson had a header cleared off the line as West Brom seemed destined not to score.

But at the death Vela followed up a Wayne Hennessey fumble to earn a draw.

The visitors barely had time to pause for breath before West Brom's next chance, as Odemwingie knocked the ball down into the path of Fortune just six yards out, with only Hennessey to beat - but he failed to connect with the ball, letting the visitors off the hook in embarrassing fashion. Olsson was the next to try his luck with a header which left Hennessey stranded, but

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Sunday 19th February 2011.

West Brom's Carlos Vela celebrates after scoring late equaliser.

Jarvis was on the far post to head the ball off the line.

The Welsh keeper was called into action again when he used his knees to block substitute Vela's deflected shot.

Wolves almost snatched a second goal when Tamas came within inches of putting Kevin Doyle's cross into his own net, but the longer the game went on without a second goal, the more inevitable Wolves' victory looked. But in injury time, substitute James Morrison's shot was blocked but not held by Hennessey, and Vela was quickest to react and earn his side a valuable point.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(21-2-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (21-2-11 09:30 am ~ 22-2-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar Handicrafts
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Signing MoU for HR Development
- * Delicious Htamane Delicacy of Tabotwe
- * News
- * Take Relaxation and Knowledge at Safari Park
- * River Flowering Upstream

Oversea Transmission

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- * River Flowering Upstream
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie Impact "Mutual Affection"
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Transportation)
- * A Safe Haven: Mandalay Kandawgyi Garden
- * News
- * Myanmar Fashion Show of Successive Eras
- * Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of Anawrahta
- * Thanakha, a Myanmar Cosmetic
- * Myanmar Movie "As her real son"



Monday,
21 February
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
2. Morning News

7:30 am

3. Dhamma Puja Song
4. Nice & Sweet Song

7:40 am

7:50 am

8:00 am

5. Health Programme

8:10 am

6. Dance Of National Races

8:20 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:30 am

8. Cute Little Dancers

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:25 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:40 pm

4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) First Year (Myanmar)

4:55 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:15 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:30 pm

8. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. World's Stars (Part-12)
17. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife view surgical operation on eye patients at Kanbalu Township People's Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Feb — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, accompanied by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and officials, arrived by helicopter in Kanbalu, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region, on 18 February morning.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin and



Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San view eye operation.—MNA

departmental officials.

In the afternoon, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife visited Kanbalu People's Hospital (100-bed) to attend a ceremony to hand over an ambulance donated by Aye Mya Soe Foundation to the hospital.

First, Vice-Chairman of Aye Mya Soe Foundation U Thin Hlaing and Executive orthopaedist Dr Khin Maung Win handed over the ambulance for the

hospital to medical superintendent Dr Tin Shoon.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party inspected the ambulance. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and Minister Dr Chan Nyein presented sun glasses and medicines to the patients who had undergone eye operation. Then, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforted the patients.

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Pale Township to witness network of inter-village roads

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