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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

General Min Aung Hlaing attends Graduation Dinner of 114th Intake of Officers Training School of Defence Services (Army)

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing attended Graduation Dinner of the 114th Intake of Officers Training School of Defence Services (Army) at Military Appointment Hall of the Officers Training School in Bahtoo Tatmyo at 6.30 pm yesterday.

It was also attended by Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Kalaw Station Commander, the Bahtoo Station Commander, the Commandant of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School, senior military officers, graduate officers and their relatives.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing attends graduation dinner of 114th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School.
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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greeted graduate officers.

The general and party then had dinner together with graduate officers and their relatives.

After the dinner, the general and party *(See page 8)*

Water melon in Shan State with sweet taste and at cheap price

Article & Photos: Than Myint (Hsihseng)

The hot season is conveying heat from March to April this year.

To be able to resist hot weather, most of the people eat cold foods. Water melon is a natural cold and succulent fruit that is preferable for the people in summer.

Water melon with sweet flavor and fragrance helps the consumers resist hot and dry weather in the summer. Nature of water melon relieves kidney and urine diseases and complaints of feeling dizzy and sick and tiredness.

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Local growers sell water melons of their farms at Myoma Market in Hsihseng.

Myat Yadana library in Zeyathiri Township opened

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—The opening of the newly built Myat Yadana rural library was held in conjunction with the donation of publications at Maudaw Village in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District on 2 April.

The library was constructed with the contributions—K one million by the government, K 1.5 million by Embassy of the People's Republic of China, K 500,000 from the township all-round development fund and K 900,000 by villagers.

Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut, Director (Production) U Aye Kywe, Zeyathiri Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun and Village Administrator U Tun Myint presented cash and publications donated by Myanmar Library Foundation to officials.

This was followed by the opening of the library. It is a one-storey 27 x 23 feet facility with brick wall and CI sheet roof.—*MNA*

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 10 April, 2011

Tatmadaw always at the service of people

The Passing out Parade of the 114th Intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School was held at the parade ground in Bahtoo Tatmyo on 8 April, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing.

In his address, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services said, "The Armed Forces must obey military and civic rules, regulations and laws more strictly. Every battalion and Tatmadawman will be trained to be equipped with five basic skills."

Today, the Tatmadaw is being built as a strong, capable and modern patriotic one. The Tatmadaw is being equipped with the military capability, the organizational capability and the administrative capability to become reliable one for the State and be respected by the international community.

Myanmar, being a Union, is home to various national races. All the national races are residing in the nation in unity and amity through thick and thin by forging the Union Spirit. The Tatmadaw formed with the beloved sons of the national races are discharging duties in their respective regions to serve the interest of the national people as part of efforts to forge the Union Spirit.

The Tatmadaw side by side with the national people safeguarded the country against internal and external destructive elements both in the independence struggles and in the post-independence period. It also thwarted the attempts to drive a wedge among the national brethren living in friendship and amity. The Tatmadaw averted the attempt of super powers to hegemonize the country as well. Moreover, the Tatmadaw is discharging State defence duty, training duty and public welfare task as three main tasks.

In building a strong, capable, modern and patriotic Tatmadaw which will reflect the dignity of the State, and safeguard the peaceful, modern and developed nation, the Tatmadawmen are the major human resources. The Tatmadawmen including the graduate officers are to try their best for continuously serving the interests of the State and the people in accord with the noble and fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

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**

A&I Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

Agriculture and Irrigation Minister U Myint Hlaing receives Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Cong Phung.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Vietnamese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung at the minister's office at 2 pm on 7 April.

They discussed collaborative tasks for promoting agricultural sectors of the two countries. *MNA*

Rail Transportation Minister visits Nay Pyi Taw Station

Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min inspects Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April— Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min on 7 April morning, together with Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Thant Shin, inspected cleanliness of Nay Pyi Taw Station and gardening in its yard and assisted in running special trains for Thingyan. The minister also greeted the passengers at the station.—*MNA*

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt addressing the first work coordination meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Council.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Council holds 1st work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April— The first work coordination meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Council was held at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw Council Office here on 8 April evening.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt attended the meeting and gave instructions on tasks to be carried out in accordance with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speech of the President on 30 March, the President's speech to heads of Union level organization and members of Union level organization at the President House on 31 March and the President's speech to persons of Union level organization, Region/State Chief Ministers and Deputy Union Ministers on 6 April.—*MNA*

Eight years of hell under occupation

Baghdad and other Iraqi cities are experiencing a wave of attacks targeting security forces, along with public places and religious sites. Despite the stiffened security measures, terrorists remain capable of conducting their deadly operations.

*A man walks outside a house destroyed in a suicide bomb attack in northern Baghdad's Shaab district..—*INTERNET

The occupation of Iraq continues not just through the actions of US occupation forces and mercenaries (private security contractor), but also through a number of punitive measures that are used against Iraqis in order to secure compliance with US policy.

A powerful anti-American Shiite cleric threatened to reactivate his feared militia if American soldiers remain in Iraq beyond this year, after a US offer to keep troops on if they are needed.

Muqtada al-Sadr issued a statement to his followers on the eight anniversary of US occupation calling for violent action against US forces. He accused "the occupation" of inciting panic, corruption and unrest among Iraqis.

"What if the invasion forces will not leave our lands?" al-Sadr asked in the statement, which was read at the protest by his aide Salah al-Obeidi.

"What if the US forces and others stay in our beloved lands? What if their companies and embassy headquarters will continue to exist with the American flags hoisted on them? Will you be silent? Will you overlook this?"

"No, no America. No, no America," the crowd shouted in reply.

Killing field

A US force conducted an air drop operation on a village in al-Huweija District and raided some houses, killed a physician and arrested his brother.

Eleven people were killed in separate gunfire and bomb attacks across the country on 9April. The number of civilians killed in various attakcs mounted to 99000 since2003.

File photo shows A general view of the site of a truck bomb attack outside the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad.
INTERNET

*An Iraqi mother mourning the death of her children.—*INTERNET

Women under threat

Iraqi women have to face control measures such as checkpoints and segregation walls on a daily bases. In Baghdad alone there are 140 checkpoints and 50 areas divided by concrete wall with entry and exit checkpoints where security forces subject women to harassment, humiliation and sexual abuses in addition to depriving them of freedom of movement and access to work, hospitals and colleges.

*An Iraqi man attends to an injured boy.—*INTERNET

Unemployment crisis spreads in Iraqi

Unemployment fuels crime, and since 2003 Iraqi's job market has been struggling to cope from the ravages of war. It's a problem that can only deteriorate as inflation bites and the cost of living rises. It is worth mentioning that the increasing number of the unemployed since 2003 has increased the rate of crime too. With the lack of job opportunities, jobless youngsters with high ambitions would do anything for money.

Internet

*File photo shows Iraqi civil defence personnel inspect a damaged building after a bomb attack in central Baghdad. At least 36 people were killed in a series of car bombs detonated at three well-known hotels in downtown Baghdad, police said.—*INTERNET

Science

US space shuttle Endeavour sitting on her on launch pad 39A at Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, before her last flight in March 2011. A successor for the 30-year-old shuttle programmes is not officially expected before 2015, but NASA's chief technologist has admitted it could be a decade before an American space capsule carries astronauts again.—INTERNET

NASA, Europe redraw Mars mission plan

GREENBELT, 9 April—US and European space planners say they're looking at flying just one rover to Mars in 2018 instead of the tandem mission of two rovers originally planned.

In the original proposal, one rover would have investigated below the surface with a drill while the other collected interesting rocks for later return to Earth, the BBC reported Thursday.

Cost concerns have prompted NASA and the European Space Agency to consider combining these roles into a single vehicle.

The modified proposal was discussed between the partners in California and subsequently received broad support from ESA member states in a meeting Thursday.

The new rover would be larger than either of the vehicles in the original concept, known as ExoMars (ESA) and Max-C (NASA).

One proposal is that the new vehicle would be built in Europe and carry a mix of European and US instruments while NASA would provide the launch rocket and a "mothership" to carry it to Mars.

Internet

Asteroid shadows Earth's orbit

ARMAGH, 9 April—British scientists say Earth has a celestial follower, an asteroid discovered moving in roughly the same orbit our planet occupies.

However, worries about a collision are unnecessary, researchers at the Armagh Observatory in the United Kingdom said in an article in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.*

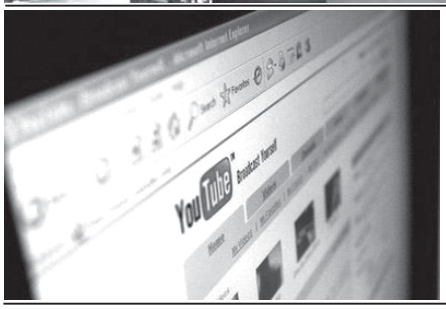
Computer models reveal that for the foreseeable future the asteroid, 2010 S016, will stay at least 12 million miles away from Earth, AAAS ScienceMag.org reported Friday.

The asteroid, which is probably between 200 and 400 yards across, moves in a horseshoe-shaped path that sometimes carries it to the far side of the sun.

Its orbit has been stable for at least 250,000 years, the models reveal, and will likely remain so for at least 200,000 years into the future.—*Internet*

This photo released 22 May 2002 shows the atmospheric phenomenon over a wing of the new station that NSF is building at the South Pole. The new station, adjacent to the existing station, will replace the aluminium dome that has housed NSF's scientific facilities since the 1970s.
INTERNET

Technology



The YouTube website is displayed on a computer screen. YouTube on Friday added a stage for live events as the world's leading video-sharing website continued its effort to woo viewers away from television programming.
INTERNET

Software helps disabled use computer mouse

SEATTLE, 9 April—US computer scientists say a free software programmes can help people with motor disabilities who have trouble using a computer mouse.

The Pointing Magnifier, developed by researchers at the University of Washington, combines a large area cursor with visual and motor magnification, reducing need for fine, precise pointing, a university release said Friday.

Running on Windows, the software replaces the normal cursor with a large, circular cursor the user places over the target area of the screen and then clicks. The Pointing Magnifier then magnifies everything under that circular area until it fills the screen, making even tiny targets large. The user then clicks with a point cursor inside that magnified area, acquiring the target.

Although the Pointing Magnifier requires two clicks, it's much easier to use than a conventional mouse, which can require many clicks for someone with a motor disability to connect with a small target.

"It's less expensive to create computer solutions for people who have disabilities if you focus on software rather than specialized hardware, and software is usually easier to procure than hardware," said Jacob O Wobbrock, an assistant professor in the university's Information School.

Internet

YouTube adds stage for live events

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 April—YouTube on Friday added a stage for live events as the world's leading video-sharing website continued its effort to woo viewers away from television programming.

YouTube Live launched online at youtube.com/live, letting people subscribe to watch shows or events streamed by the Google-owned operation's partners.

A "Digitour" performance by top YouTube musicians was schedule for live streaming at 7:00 pm (0200 GMT Saturday).

YouTube planned to gradually roll out a test version of a platform that would allow established video contributors with accounts in good standing to stream their own real-time shows.

YouTube has live-streamed concerts, sporting events and interviews in the past on an intermittent basis.

The Live platform would make real-time programming a standard part of the service.

"The goal is to provide thousands of partners with the capability to live stream from their channels in the months ahead," product manager Joshua Siegel and product marketing manager Christopher Hamilton said in a blog post.

More than two billion videos are viewed daily at YouTube, which has been gradually modifying its service to get people to spend more time at the website and less time staring at television screens.

Internet

A mine sweeping robot demonstrates its abilities to find "mines" during 6th RoboCup Iran Open 2011 Competitions in Teheran 7 April, 2011.
INTERNET

Health

Scouts takes part in a Tai Chi class on Brownsea Island, southern England, in 2007 as a part of the Centenary of the Scout movement. British scouts are giving their age-old motto "be prepared" a new twist with the launch of education classes in a bid to tackle the country's high rates of transmitted diseases.—INTERNET

Vegetarian diet linked to lower cataract risk

NEWYORK, 9 April—Eating less meat and more vegetables is tied to a lower risk of cataracts, a British study says.

In a large dietary survey that followed people for as long as 15 years, researchers found that about three in 50 meat eaters had cataracts, compared to about two in 50 vegans and vegetarians.

The results translated to a 30 to 40 percent lower cataract risk among vegetarians and vegans compared with the biggest meat eaters.

"People who don't eat meat have a significantly lower risk of developing cataracts," said Naomi Allen, an epidemiologist at the UK's University of Oxford who coauthored the study.

A cataract occurs when the lens of the eye becomes cloudy, blurring vision. They're more common in older people, and more than half of Americans either have cataracts by the time they're 80 or have had surgery for them, according to the National Eye Institute.

The British findings do not mean that people should necessarily become vegetarians to avoid getting cataracts, Allen told *Reuters Health*.

The study does not prove that eating meat promotes cataracts. Eating a lot of vegetables might be protective, for instance - some past research has linked certain nutrients in plant foods to a lowered risk of cataracts.

Reuters

Health Tip: Storing breast milk

Expressed breast milk can be frozen for later use. The Nemours Foundation says it's important to use sterile bottles or hard plastic cups with tight caps, or "nursing bags" that are specially designed to store breast milk.

The containers should be labeled with the date they were frozen. And fresh milk should never be added to milk previously stored. The foundation adds these suggestions:

* When filling the container, leave about an inch of room to allow the milk to expand as it freezes.
* If you store the milk in a freezer compartment within a refrigerator, it can be stored for as long as twoweeks.
* When storing in a self-contained freezer, you can store breast milk for as long as four months at 0 degrees Fdhrenheit.
* Store the milk at the back of the freezer, rather than in the door where it may occasionally begin to thaw.
* Don't refreeze breast milk that has been thawed. Use it within 24 hours of thawing and refrigerating.

Internet

A family, which survived the on 11 March quake and tsunami, watch a television programme over their mobile phone at an evacuation centre suffering from power cuts following aftershocks in Shichigahama town, Miyagi Prefecture.
INTERNET

Business

This file photo shows a Nissan Leaf electric vehicle being assembled at a company's plant.
INTERNET

Nissan makes temporary production cuts in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 9 April—Nissan Motor Co plans to close for up to 15 days its two assembly plants in Mexico because of a shortage of parts from Japan after the 11 March earthquake and tsunami, the company said.

The Japanese auto maker on Friday said its plant in Aguascalientes would suspend activities from 11-26 April, while the plant in Cuernavaca would stop work between 18-24 April.

The reductions will mean 12,500 fewer vehicles produced, the company said, adding that it hopes to make up for the reduction later in the year.

About eight percent of the parts used in Mexico come from Japan. Toyota, General Motors and Chrysler also have announced production cutbacks in North America as because of the shortage of parts from Japan.—*Internet*

Banks to post profits, but loan growth elusive

CHARLOTTE, 9 April,—Investors looking for loan growth and surging revenues at the biggest US banks, including Citigroup Inc (CN) are likely to be disappointed by first-quarter earnings.

Banks have been generating most of their profits in recent quarters from dipping into money they previously set aside to cover bad loans.

Those reserve reductions make sense if credit losses are stabilizing, which seems to be the case.

But banks cannot reduce their loan loss reserves forever and at this point profit growth must come from making more money from loans and generating more fees, analysts said.

Boosting interest income from loans is tough when the interest rates at which banks lend are so low and loan demand is still tepid. Fee income, meanwhile, is being threatened by future regulatory changes.

"The revenue line will be key, that's what most investors will be focusing on," said Jason Ware, senior equities analyst at Albion Financial Group. The Salt Lake City-based wealth manager oversees $650 million in client assets.

"The question everyone has is 'Where does the top line go from here?'" he said.

Reuters

Google seals ITA deal but antitrust review looms

WASHINGTON, 9 April—The Justice Department approved Google Inc's purchase of ITA Software with stiff conditions on Friday, and left the door open to a larger probe into whether Google manipulates search results to hurt rivals.

The decision, which allows Google to expand into the online travel market, comes as new CEO Larry Page revamped the company's management structure in a bid to accelerate efforts in social networking, mobile and other key businesses.

The Justice Department blessed Google's $700 million deal with the ticketing software company. Google promised to license the software for five years, to continue to upgrade it, and to establish firewalls to protect ITA clients' intellectual property.

The ITA buy is part of an acquisition and hiring spree as Google aims to ensure its online services stay on top as Internet surfers go mobile and turn to services like the wildly popular Facebook.

Now, US antitrust regulators will turn to the question of whether to open a formal antitrust probe into allegations that Google, the world's No 1 Internet search engine, manipulates search results, a source told *Reuters* on Friday.—*Reuters*

Surfboards lean against a wall at the Google office in Santa Monica, California, 11 October, 2010.
INTERNET

Over 70 houses burnt in slum area in Karachi, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 April— Over 70 houses were burned to ashes following a huge fire breaking out Saturday afternoon in a slum area in Pakistan's largest industrial City of Karachi, reported local Urdu TV channel Duniya.

According to the local media reports, the fire broke out at around 3:00 pm local time in a slum area located at the Korangi Dhai area which is about one hour drive from the downtown of the city.

Cause of the fire is not known yet. At least one woman was confirmed injured in the fire.

Five fire engines have rushed to the site following the report of the fire. Local media reports quoted fire fighters as saying they have basically brought the fire under control.—*Xinhua*

***The Greek-owned oil tanker Equator is seen docked at Marsa el Hariga oil terminal in Tobruk on 6 April, 2011.*—INTERNET**

Somali pirates free Greek supertanker

ATHENS, 9 April— Greek authorities said Friday that Somali pirates released a Greek-flagged supertanker captured two months ago off the coast of Oman, while the EU's anti-piracy force say another ship in the same region was hijacked.

The EU Naval Force said that at least 10 pirates boarded the German-owned *MV Susan* on Friday off East Africa only 35 miles (55 kilometers) south of Oman's coast. The vessel was heading to Sudan from Mumbai, India.

The ship had a crew of 10 — six Filipinos and four Ukrainians.

Meanwhile, Greece's Merchant Marine Ministry said that according to the shipowning company, the *Irene SL* and its 25-member crew had been released unharmed and the ship was heading to the port of Durban in South Africa.

It did not say whether a ransom had been paid.

Somali pirates had captured the ship and its cargo of 266,000 tons of crude oil on 9 Feb, about 230 miles (370 kilometers) east of Oman. *Internet*

Southwest Airlines mechanics work near a Boeing 737 on a tarmac in Yuma, Ariz, on 6, April, 2011, after patching a large hole in the jetliner that made an emergency landing in southwestern Arizona last week.
INTERNET

Boeing 737s around the world face new scrutiny

PHOENIX, 9 April—The crown prince of Thailand has one. So do the presidents of Peru and Chile. The Chinese Air Force relies on it, as do airlines in Russia, Indonesia, Australia and Romania.

The *Boeing* 737 is a workhorse of international aviation. And the accident in which the roof of a Southwest Airlines jet ripped open 34,000 feet over Arizona has brought scrutiny to the hundreds of older-model 737s around the world that could be similarly vulnerable because of tiny, hard-to-find stress fractures in the aluminum skin.

The planes will now be subjected to repeated examinations as the problem revealed by the fuselage crack on the Southwest flight resonates through the world's 737 fleet for years to come.

Many of their owners are now giving the planes a closer look after what happened 1 April in Arizona when a 5-foot section of the fuselage tore apart and forced pilots to make an emergency landing at a desert military base.

Light-headed passengers were banged around the cabin and had to quickly put on overhead oxygen masks as pilots made a rapid descent.

The incident has forced airlines and governments around the world to take swift action.

The governments of Japan, Indonesia, South Korea and others ordered airlines to beef up inspections. Scandinavian airline SAS is performing similar checks on some of its 737s. *Internet*

***In this 16 April, 2010 file photo, Gary Niemeyer finishes planting 1,550 acres of corn on his farm in Auburn, Ill.*—INTERNET**

US corn reserves expected to fall to 15-year low

ST LOUIS, 9 April—Rising demand for corn from ethanol producers is pushing US reserves to the lowest point in 15 years, a trend that could lead to higher grain and food prices this year.

The Agriculture Department on Friday left its estimate for corn reserves unchanged from the previous month. The reserves are projected to fall to 675 million bushels in late August, when the harvest begins, or roughly 5 percent of all corn consumed in the United States. That would be the lowest surplus level since 1996.

The limited supply is chiefly because of increasing demand from ethanol makers, which rose 1 percent to 5 billion bushels. That's about 40 percent of the total crop.

But the increase didn't alter the agency's overall estimate, mostly because livestock producers are expected to scale back their corn purchases. The Agriculture Department estimated that demand from livestock producers fell 1 percent to 5.15 billion bushels.

Crops prices rose about 1 percent to $7.67 during morning trading, shortly after the report was released. The price of soybean rose 1 percent to $13.80 a bushel. Wheat was virtually unchanged at $7.76 a bushel.

Corn prices affect most products in supermarkets.—*Internet*

Nitrite, perhaps in milk, kills three Chinese children

BEIJING, 9 April—Official media say three children have died from nitrite poisoning after drinking milk from two dairies in northwestern China. Thirty-five others, mostly children, were sickened and are being treated.

The website of *Pingliang News*, a City government newspaper in Gansu Province, said Friday one of the patients is in critical condition.

It said the dairies have been sealed off while their managers are investigated.

A staffer surnamed Huang at the City's news office says authorities have asked food and health experts to determine the source of the nitrite.

In 2008, six children died and hundreds of thousands were sickened after drinking milk containing melamine, which raises nitrogen levels, making milk appear richer in protein. *Internet*

72 bodies at burial site as Mexicans seek missing

MATAMOROS, 9 April—Pablo Cote dialed his father's cell phone for 24 hours after he failed to return from a business trip to San Fernando, a town near the US border where the body count from 10 mass graves rose to 72 on Friday.

Finally a strange man answered: "Stop bothering me. He doesn't have this phone anymore. If you keep bothering me, you'll see what happens."

Though he had yet to identify the body, Cote said his father's driver's license was recovered in one of the graves as people across Mexico contacted authorities in search of the disappeared, including dozens who vanished from buses as they crossed the same part of northern Mexico headed to the United States. Federal authorities said they are holding 14 people — 12 men and two women — as suspects in the second mass killing in violent Tamaulipas state, the scene of a massacre of 72 migrants last August.

The federal Attorney General's Office said there was evidence that most of the suspects belonged to the Zetas drug gang, the same group blamed for the August massacre.—*Internet*

Map of Mexico locating the town of San Fernando. At least 59 bodies have been found on a ranch in Mexico's northern state of Tamaulipas on the US border, coinciding with massive protests against drug violence the government has failed to stem.
INTERNET

Make Myanmar culture known to the world
Take innovative measures without infringing original styles

YANGON, 9 April—Tasks of the Ministry of Culture are formidable, subtle and vital for the nation and the people; the government is striving for preserving traditional culture and customs and flourishing them in the nation and among the people; and as a national duty, efforts are to be made for perpetuity of cultural heritage being preserved by forefathers, Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan pointed out in meeting with officials of the Ministry of Culture of Yangon Region at the National Museum (Yangon) this morning.

Information and Culture Minister U Kyaw Hsan views display of Royal Lion Throne in National Museum (Yangon).—MNA

The minister said that due to rapid development of information and communication technology across the world, political, economic and social changes and developments of various countries viz the globalization has developed and fostered momentum.

Especially, he noted that due to technology development and financial strength of developed nations the concept of cultural unification was to change into westernization. There-fore, the people need to have media resistance in the information sector as well as cultural resistance. Hence, the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been organized annually with the aim of preserving traditional culture and customs and flourishing fine cultural heritage across the nation. Moreover, National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and (Mandalay) and State Schools of Fine Arts are contributing to conservation and promotion of traditional culture and fine arts, he said.

He said that it is necessary to urge the national people to cherish and observe traditional culture and customs and strive for dissemination of cultural heritage, traditions and customs to the world.

As part of efforts to undertake the tasks, officials, researchers and artistes of the Ministry of Culture are to hold the paper-reading sessions and workshops to be able to take innovative measures without losing the main theme, he said. The minister said that the said tasks are to be carried out by the ministry in cooperation with outside scholars and non-governmental organizations.

He added that officials of the Ministry of Information concerning the motion picture and music worlds are to coordinate with officials of the Ministry of Culture. Moreover, it is necessary to promote professionals engaged in the performing arts world and help increase the number of audience who enjoy performance of the artistes, he noted.

Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, Rector in-charge of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) U Kyaw Oo, Director of Historical Research Department U Tin Aung Soe introduced those in charge of the branches under the Ministry of Culture in Yangon Region to the minister. Director U Thaung Win of the National Museum (Yangon) reported on opening of the museum and its functions.

After attending to the needs, the minister viewed the book shops of the Historical Research Department, Myanmar Epigraphy and Calligraphy Showroom, souvenir shops, Royal Lion Throne Showroom, Yadanabon Period Showroom on the ground floor, Royal Regalia Showroom, Myanmar Prehistoric and Proto-historic Showroom and the Natural History Showroom on the first floor. The National Museum is being kept open from 10 am to 4 pm daily except Monday, Tuesday and gazetted holidays. Admission is K 500 per head for adult, K 250 for child and US$ 5 for foreigner.

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Information and Culture Minister U Kyaw Hsan views exhibition of Yadanapon Period in National Museum (Yangon).—MNA

ABE to conduct diploma courses

YANGON, 9 April—Ever Up Human Resources Institute will open the diploma courses recognized by London-based the Association of Business Executive (ABE), beginning May.

Teachers from Australia, the USA, the UK, Japan and India and experienced teachers from ABE will give training to the trainees in diploma, higher diploma and graduate diploma courses with the use of teaching aid.

For further information, contact Ever Up Human Resources Institute at Room 402 of MGW Tower on Bo Aung Kyaw Street in Botahtaung Township, Tel: 256523 and 09-73175137.

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enjoyed performance of Myawady Music Band, Myawady Anyeint Troupe, Defence Services (Army) Combat Training School (Bahtoo) and Officers Training School of Defence Services (Army).

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Commerce Minister calls for participation of private sector to boost trade, export

YANGON, 9 April— Minister for Commerce U Win Myint held a meeting with responsible personnel of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Regions and States, brothers Associations and brokers at UMFCCI in Lanmadaw Township here this morning.

At the meeting the minister called on the associations for making their active collaboration with the UMFCCI to boost smooth trading and export and smooth flow of commodity.

At the meeting hall of Directorate of Trade of Yangon Region, the minister met officials concerned of Myanmar Citizen Bank and Myanma Inspection and Test Service and other ranks of Directorate of Trade, Border Trade Department and Myanma Agricultural Prodice Trading, and attended to their needs.—*MNA*

***Minister for Commerce U Win Myint meets members of UMFCCI, region and state commerce and industry associations, brother associations and border trade association, and departmental officials.*—MNA**

Health Minister visits Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed)

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin urged health staff to work in unison for better public healthcare service in his visit to Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed) yesterday morning.

The minister called on the medical superintendent, doctors and health staff to make the public understand that the State had set up fully-furnished modern hospitals across the nation and sharing treatment expenses with the patients. He then inspected hospital equipment and medical equipment and attended to the needs.— *MNA*

Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin visiting Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed). **MNA**

Bago Region Chief Minister inspects townships, Intagaw Industrial Zone

***Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win inspects Intagaw Industrial Zone in Bago Region.*—MNA**

YANGON, 9 April — Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win met departmental personnel at Nyaunglebin Township Administrator Office on 5 April. Township Administrator U Thi Han Soe and departmental personnel submitted reports to the chief minister.

On arrival at Ottwin, he met Ottwin Township Administrator U Naing Win Zaw, departmental personnel and staff and left necessary instructions.

The chief minister visited Intagaw Industrial Zone in Bago Township yesterday and heard report submitted Head of Industrial Zone U Khin Maung Win. He called for producing new products, expanding market, selling agricultural machinery at reasonable price, inviting new investments, ensuring jobsite safety. He inspected Aluminum wire factory, ball bearing workshop, wheel workshop, radiator workshop and tractor engine factory.

MNA

Law officers urged to work dutifully, honestly

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Union Attorney-General Dr. Tun Shin urged law officers to keep discipline, systematic office work, goodwill and honesty in work as part of efforts for shaping the clean government and good governance.

In meting with law officers and employees of law offices in Nay Pyi Taw District at the Nay Pyi Taw District Law Office today, Dr. Tun Shin also stressed the need to serve national interest dutifully as the Union Government has emerged in accordance with the State Constitution.

Before the meeting, Dr. Tun Shin, together with Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, inspected law offices in Nay Pyi Taw District.

MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Electric Power No. 2 Minister inspects construction of towers across Hline River

Minister U Khin Maung Soe inspects construction of towers for 230 KV power grid across Hline River.—MNA

YANGON, 9 April—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe inspected construction of towers across Hline River for 230 KV Hlinethaya-Ahlon power grid this morning.

The minister heard reports on ongoing tasks and inspected round the construction site on Strand Road in Ahlon Township here.

MNA

Monywa University, Monywa Institute of Economics inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Minster for Education Dr Mya Aye yesterday met with rectors, faculty members of Monywa University and Monywa Institute of Economics.

At Monywa University, the minister looked into the correction of exam papers and called for correcting the exam papers righteously and safety of exam papers.—*MNA*

Plumber and water pump operator-5, electrician-5 courses conclude

YANGON, 9 April—The plumber and water pump operator-5 and electrician-5 courses of the Ministry of Construction concluded at the central training school (Thuwunna) yesterday evening with an address by Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint.

The four-week courses were attended by 38 trainees.—*MNA*

No. 3 BEHS in Thanlyin Tsp inspected

U Nyan Tun Oo talks to teachers as he visits computer room of No. 3 BEHS in Thanlyin.—DISTRICT IPRD

YANGON, 9 April—Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration U Nyan Tun Oo of Yangon Region inspected classrooms and computer room at No. 3 Basic Education High School in Thanlyin, Yangon South District here today.

There, he met education staff and officials.

MNA

Water melon in Shan State with sweet taste...

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Fruit of water melon is in two colours with green and striped design covers. Flesh of fruit is red or yellow. Two species of fruits can give sweet taste and cold flavor to the consumers.

Water melon can be used as summer food as well as its seeds can be dried to sell them as roasted water melon seeds to the people all the year round.

Plant of water melon is of vine species. Its fruits are bigger than it. Water melons are one and a half or two feet diameter. Water melon with nutritious and sweet flavor is the best food for the people in summer.

In the past, water melon was cultivated in Delta region of the lower Myanmar and alluvial lands in cold season. At present, water melon plantation can be seen in Shan State. One acre of water melon plantation can produce 300 fruits. Therefore, the local growers can earn extra income in the summer through cultivation of water melon.

Saplings of water melon seen in the farm in first week of January.

Local farmers in Hsihseng Township of Shan State (South) making preparations for cultivation of water melon in second week of December.

While one fruit of water melon sent from the lower Myanmar is sold at K 1000-K1500 at Taunggyi water melon market, shopkeepers at Hsihseng market and other markets sell local water melons at the prices of K 300 to K 500 per fruit to the consumers.

In fact, any crops can be cultivated on a manageable scale at any place to be able to increased income. At present, water melon can be planted in Shan State to supply the local consumers with sweet flavor and cheap price.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin: 9-4-2011

Photo shows magnificent Uppatasanti Pagoda on Uppatasanti Hill, two miles and four furlongs northwest of Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw District.

A jade Buddha image being kept in cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda.

Magnificent Uppatasanti Pagoda…

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ceremony was held on 28-7-2006 and umbrella was hoisted atop the pagoda on 7-3-2009, lay cornerstones on 8-2-2007, put religious objects into the reliquary, put religious objects into the mile reliquary and erect the pivot, put religious objects into the upper reliquary and hoist umbrella atop the pagoda on 7-9-2009, diamond orb and pennant-shaped vane atop the pagoda on 9-3-2009 and offer bowl and golden robes an consecrate the Buddha image on 9-3-2009.

Interior of the cave of the pagoda is decorated with Myanmar handicrafts and 24 booths of the Buddhology Museum with marble sculpture works. Each marble sculpture work is 16 feet long, 11 feet wide and 17 inches thick.

As significant points, no encircled Zedi, prayer hall and Dhammayon were built on the platform of the pagoda. The 73 feet high cave of the pagoda can accommodate 10,000 people. In the cave of the pagoda, four 3.5 feet high jade Buddha images are being kept for public obeisance.

One 108 feet high banner post is located at southeast corner in the precinct of the pagoda, and four stairways and four archways, the victorious land, two lifts, the platform, the walls and the retaining walls were constructed for magnificence of the pagoda.

The Gandakuti chamber and seven-tired building, Withongama ordination hall, Çetiyapala Sankyaung, four halls for the Sangha, Sasana Maha Beikmandaw, museum, Pitakat chamber, archive building, office of Pagoda Board of Trustees, chamber of Shin Uppagutta, Malini Mingala Lake and garden of Bo Tree are decorated with 10 types of Myanmar handicrafts.

People can observe lovely nature of Baddawady and Yadana Nandawady, the fifth and the sixth White Elephants found from Rakhine State in the precinct of the pagoda.

The 31 acres of field is constructed beside Yazahtani Road south of the pagoda so as to organize the Buddha Pujaniya of Upptasanti Pagoda yearly.

On every fullmoon day of Tabaung, the ceremony to confer religious titles on the recipients is held at Sasana Maha Beikmandaw. After that, the rice offering ceremony took place around the circular road of the pagoda.

All Buddhist people including members of the Sangha are striving for ensuring perpetual existence of Buddha Sasana. Emergence of Uppatasanti Pagoda is an evidence of the government for flourishing of Buddha Sasana and its perpetuity.

Thanks to power and glory of Uppatasanti Pagoda, all the national people will enjoy fruits of unity, peace, durability, development and modernity in addition to rewards of religious field in the new Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin: 18-3-2011

Sasana Maha Beikman decorated with modern Myanmar architectural works.

Photo shows Shin Uppagutta Chamber and Malini Mingala Lake.

Massive pumps heading to damaged reactors in Japan

One of the world's largest concrete boom pumps, from Putzmeister America, is loaded onto a Russian Antonov An-124 cargo jet at the Los Angeles International Airport on 8 April, 2011.
INTERNET

ATLANTA, 9 April — A massive Russian cargo plane roared into Atlanta on Friday to pick up one of the world's largest concrete pumps, which has been retrofitted to pour water on a Japanese nuclear power plant stricken by an earthquake and tsunami.

The 190,000-pound pump designed by Wisconsin-based Putzmeister America Inc comes mounted on a 26-wheel truck. Its extendable boom can reach more than 200 feet, and can be operated two miles away by remote control, making it possible to shoot water into hard-to-reach places at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Japan. If necessary, the pump could also entomb a damaged nuclear reactor in concrete. After a 1986 disaster, Putzmeister sent 11 pumps to pour concrete over parts of the Chernobyl nuclear plant in Ukraine.

"Our whole company feels hopeful that our equipment can be used to make a difference in helping solve the problem," Putzmeister America CEO Dave Adams said while watching the plane arrive.

Japanese authorities have struggled to cool the plant's reactors after a 11 March earthquake and tsunami knocked out its backup cooling systems. The facility has been rocked by explosions, spewed radiation and may have suffered a partial meltdown of its nuclear fuel.—*Internet*

Israeli emergency workers are pictured at the site where two trains collided near the Netanya railway station on 7 April, 2011. Two trains collided near the City of Netanya in central Israel early Thursday, with dozens of passengers injured. —XINHUA

Travellers should get measles vaccine

ATLANTA, 9 April— Measles was declared eliminated in the United States in 2000 but health officials say it is still present in the world so risk of the disease persists.

Officials of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention say in a report that measles has been imported among US residents returning from foreign travel and among foreign visitors to the United States.

"In the first two months of 2011, seven cases of measles were reported among 6-23 month US infants who travelled abroad and four of these children were hospitalized due to severe measles-related complications. The risk of complications or death from measles is highest among young children," the CDC's Morbidity and *Mortality Weekly Report* says. "All seven of these infections and the associated complications were potentially preventable through adherence to vaccination recommendations endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices."—*Xinhua*

Toshiba 'could decommission Japan reactors'

TOKYO, 9 April — Reactor maker Toshiba has told the government it could decommission four stricken units at Japan's crippled nuclear plant in around 10 years, a report said.

The time frame is around two-thirds of that needed to dismantle the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in the United States after a 1979 incident in which part of a reactor core melted.

The company, one of two that makes reactors in Japan, submitted the proposal to Tokyo Electric Power (TEP-CO), the operator of the radiation-leaking Fukushima plant, and to the government, news agency *Kyodo* reported, citing unnamed sources.

Toshiba believes it can use expertise gained by its US subsidiary, Westinghouse Electric, in the aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident to hasten the process at Fukushima, *Kyodo* said.

"According to the proposal, it will take about 10 years to remove the fuel rods in the containers and the spent nuclear fuel rods in the storage pools from the four reactors, to demolish various facilities there and to improve soil conditions," *Kyodo* said.
Internet

An aerial view shows the quake-damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant, seen in the Japanese town of Futaba, Fukushima prefecture. Reactor maker Toshiba has told the government it could decommission four stricken units at Japan's crippled nuclear plant in around 10 years, a report said.—INTERNET

BP buys part of Mississippi Gulf barrier island

HOUSTON, 9 April — Oil giant BP has closed a deal to buy part of the Mississippi Gulf barrier island for the purpose of expediting cleanup of the islands after the BP oil spill, local media reported Friday.

BP bought a section of Cat Island last week from the Boddie family, which owns a large area of the island, and the price of the purchase was not revealed, according to local TV channel WLOX. "The purchase of this section of Cat Island is in keeping with BP's commitment to preserve and protect the environment, ecology, and historical significance of the Mississippi barrier islands for future generations," the company said in a statement obtained by WLOX.

BP spokesman Ray Melick also told the newspaper *The Sun Herald* that the purchase will help it expedite cleanup of the islands in the wake of the BP oil spill.

The Deepwater Horizon oil rig, leased by BP, exploded off the Louisiana coast on 20 April last year and unleashed the worst oil spill in US history.—*Xinhua*

In this frame grab from video released by ABC News/Good Morning America, Aidan Elliott, 8, and his mother, Mandy Elliott, appear on ABC's 'Good Morning America,' on 6 April, 2011, in New York.
INTERNET

Colorado police pepper-spray misbehaving boy, 8

DENVER, 9 April—The staff at the Colorado elementary school said no one could calm 8-year-old Aidan Elliott.

He had just thrown a TV and chairs and was now trying to use a cart to bust through a door to an office where teachers had taken some young students for safety.

They called the police. The officers found him with a foot-long piece of wood trim with a knife-like point in one hand and a cardboard box in the other. "Come get me, f——," he said.

When they couldn't calm him down, one squirted Aidan with pepper spray. He blocked it with the cardboard box.

A second squirt hit the youngster in the side of the head, and down he went, according to an account of the 22 Feb standoff in a police report first obtained by KUSA-TV.

Aidan and his mother went on national talk shows on Wednesday to say using pepper spray on an unruly 8-year-old was too much.

Police and officials at Glennon Heights Elementary in Lake-wood, Colo, say it could've been worse.—*Xinhua*

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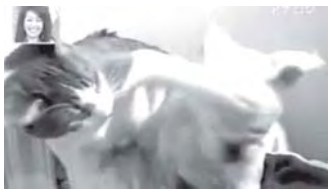
In the battle of the pets, cat delivers knockout blow with a punch to a nosy pug

CANBERRA , 9 April — It's the age-old fight: Which is better? Cats or dogs? Well, if you're a cat person it would appear you've backed the winning team, as a video doing the rounds on the web shows a feline with a powerful left hook. A cat and a dog are cosied up on a cushion when the pup gently noses the cat, since nicknamed Tyson for reasons that will become clear.



A nosy pug pushes it too far with Tyson the cat, prompting a series of mean left hooks.— INTERNET

Tyson doesn't like it so he takes a swipe. He follows up with another slap to the dog's face before delivering the knockout blow, sending the poor dog flying. The clip, which has its own soundtrack and sound effects, has racked up several hundred thousand views on YouTube and was shown on a Japanese TV show.TV in Japan is notorious for strange ideas and bizarre games in its quest for constant entertainment.

Internet

Shopping may offer exercise and companionship.—INTERNET

Shopping 'may improve health'

LONDON, 9 April — Shopping prolongs life, at least for the over 65s in Taipei, according to research. Even after adjusting for factors like physical and mental infirmity, men and women who shopped daily lived longer than those who shunned retail therapy, say scientists. Shopping may provide companionship, exercise and an opportunity to maintain a healthy diet, they report in the *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*.

A leading UK expert said the findings "made sense" since shopping involves physical activity, social interaction and keeping mentally active. In the study, published online in the academic journal, researchers led by Dr Yu-Hung Chang of the Institute of Population Health Sciences, Taipei, studied nearly 2,000 men and women aged 65 and over who lived in their own homes.—*Internet*

Bronx Zoo picks name for escaped Egyptian cobra

NEW YORK, 9 April — New York's Bronx Zoo has found a name for the cobra that escaped from her pen and was discovered six days later: Mia. The name, selected in a public poll, is identical to the American acronym used to refer to soldiers "missing in action".

The winning name was nominated 222 times and received 27% of the more than 59,000 votes cast, the zoo said. The 20in (50cm) adolescent Egyptian cobra was discovered in good health in the zoo's reptile house last week. The zoo's reptile exhibit is to be reopened on Saturday, when Mia will make her first public appearance. Runners-up in the name stakes included Subira, Amaunet, Cleopatra and Agnes.

Internet

The snake became somewhat of a media celebrity during her six days in hiding.— INTERNET

New warning on Arctic ice melt

LONDON, 9 April — Scientists who predicted a few years ago that Arctic summers could be ice-free by 2013 now say summer ice will probably be gone within this decade. The original prediction, made in 2007, gained Wieslaw Maslowski's team a deal of criticism from some of their peers. Now they are working with a new computer model — compiled partly in response to those criticisms — that produces a "best guess" date of 2016.

Their work was unveiled at the European Geosciences Union (EGU) annual meeting. The new model is designed to replicate real-world interactions, or "couplings", between the Arctic ocean, the atmosphere, the ice and rivers carrying freshwater into the sea. "In the past... we were just extrapolating into the future assuming that trends might persist as we've seen in recent times," said Dr Maslowski, who works at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

"Now we're trying to be more systematic, and we've developed a regional Arctic climate model that's very similar to the global climate models participating in Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessments," he told BBC News. —*Internet*

The researchers are now working with a new computer model for Arctic ice.— INTERNET

Drinking over the limit 'raises cancer risk'

LONDON, 9 April — Drinking more than a pint of beer a day can substantially increase the risk of some cancers, research shows. A large Europe-wide study in the British Medical Journal found that one-in-10 of all cancers in men and one-in-33 of all cancers in women are caused by past or current alcohol intake. For alcohol-related cancers, one-in-three in men and one-in-20 in women are caused by any excessive drinking.

Many people do not know that drinking alcohol can increase their cancer risk.— INTERNET

The Department of Health said it was taking action to target drinking. Cancer charities say people should limit their drinking to lower the risk. The study calculated that in 2008, current and past drinking habits were responsible for about 13,000 cases of alcohol-related cancer in the UK, out of a total of 304,000 cancer cases. Previous research has shown a link between alcohol consumption and cancers of the oesophagus, liver, bowel and female breast. When alcohol is broken down by the body it produces a chemical which can damage DNA, increasing the chance of developing cancer.This research found that individuals who drank more than two standard drinks a day for men and one drink a day for women were particularly at risk of A standard drink contains about 12g of alcohol, which is equivalent to a 125ml glass of wine or a half pint of beer. —*Internet*

Camera catches abuse of elderly woman

PHILADELPHIA, 9 April — Aides at a US assisted living facility assaulted and mocked a half-naked dementia patient as the elderly woman struggled to flee her room and escape the torment, according to evidence captured by a hidden camera.

The woman's family had left a clock containing the hidden camera in the woman's room after officials at the Quadrangle Assisted Living Facility in suburban Philadelphia dismissed their complaints, instead pointing to the victim's dementia, authorities said on Friday.—*Internet*

France's Laurent Helewa poses with his invention, a toilet kit, during the opening day of the 39th International Exhibition of Inventions, on 6 April in Geneva. The French have been credited with inventing the bidet and popularising pissoirs or public urinals, and now they can add the biodegradable and portable toilet to their name.

Need a toilet urgently? Unfold one in a minute

The French have been credited with inventing the bidet and popularising pissoirs or public urinals, and now they can add the biodegradable and portable toilet to their name. Frenchman Laurent Helewa designed the lightweight, easy to construct and carry toilet after Hurricane Katrina, when thousands of displaced people were crammed into a stadium for a week, with hardly any access to facilities.

"It's a taboo subject, but necessary in case of natural disasters," he told *AFP* at the annual International Exhibition of Inventions in Geneva, pointing to the earthquakes in Japan and Haiti that displaced tens of thousands of people.

"The first problem is to have access to a toilet. Because if not, people will do their business wherever, and you end up with epidemics such as cholera," said Helewa, who is a doctor.

Weighing about two kilogrammes (4.4 pounds), his invention is essentially a piece of cardboard that folds into a boxed seat in a minute, and comes with plastic bags that each contain an absorbent pad to soak up liquids.

Helewa, who gamely climbed atop a sample, claimed that the heavy-duty version is able to withstand a weight of 200 kg and usage of 20 hours a day, after it was tested by four armies.

The French invention is among more than 1,000 creations showcased by inventors from 45 countries at this week's inventions fair in Geneva.

Deer, goose make unlikely pair in Buffalo cemetery

An unusual springtime friendship between a deer and a nesting goose appears to have blossomed inside a cemetery in Buffalo, NY For the past week or so, the deer has been standing near an urn where the goose has taken up residence, positioning itself between the urn and any passing car or foot traffic.

Craig Cygan noticed the unlikely pair during his regular patrols with his goose-chasing border collies. He says there is no mate around the goose and he believes the deer has taken over the job of protecting the nest.

Cornell University wildlife expert Paul Curtis says deer and geese usually don't pay any attention to each other.

Forest Lawn Cemetery officials are trying to arrange for a webcam so the curious can check in on the nest.

A deer watches over a goose nesting in an urn in a cemetery in Buffalo, NY, on 7 April, 2011.

News Album

Snake emerges from second-hand chair

A Virginia man said he was shocked when a boa constrictor emerged from a chair that had recently been given to him by a friend.

Barrett Edwards of Richmond said he was watching TV Wednesday morning when he got up from the chair to use the bathroom and returned to find the snake coiled atop a vent, WTVR-TV, Richmond, reported Thursday.

Edwards called 911 and police arrived to trap the snake in a pillow case. Investigators said they believe the snake had been hiding in the coils of the chair since before it was given to Edwards.

Bob Dylan set for first-ever Vietnam show

Bob Dylan (right) performs with his band onstage at The Worker's Gymnasium in Beijing on 6 April.
INTERNET

HANOI, 9 April—Legendary American musician Bob Dylan, whose songs became anthems of the 1960s anti-Vietnam War era, blows into Ho Chi Minh City on Sunday for his first-ever concert in the communist nation.

While the symbolism is stark for members of the West's ageing "counter-culture" generation, many in youthful Vietnam have never heard of the man who wrote "Blowin' in the Wind" and other songs of protest and struggle.

"I don't know who he is," said Tran Trung Duc, 21, a Hanoi IT student.

Dylan's music helped to shape a Western generation that was in conflict with authority.

But about half of Vietnam's population is under the age of 30 with no memory of the years of war with the United States.

"They don't have any political connection with the era in which Bob Dylan became famous," said Chuck Searcy, a Vietnam War veteran who has lived in the country since 1995.

Dylan will play in Vietnam's largest and most-westernised city, the former Saigon, as part of an Asia-Pacific tour marking 50 years since his first major performance on 11 April, 1961.

Internet

Visitors watch a 3D movie on a TV screen on 4 April in Cannes, southern France, during the MIPTV, one of the world's largest broadcasting and audio-visual trade shows to be held until 7 April.
INTERNET

Paris Hilton won't return borrowed jewels?

NEW YORK, 9 April—Paris Hilton is holding $60,000 of jewelry that does not belong to her and should give it back, a new lawsuit contends. German insurer Allianz has sued the celebrity socialite, saying she has ignored several attempts to recover the borrowed jewels. According to an 6 April complaint filed in a New York state court, Hilton borrowed the jewelry in 2007 from the Manhattan jeweler Damiani, promising to store it in a safe or vault when she was not using it. But Allianz said the gems sat unguarded on a closet shelf in Hilton's unlocked Los Angeles mansion when they and some $2.7 million worth of other jewelry were stolen in a 19 December, 2008, burglary while Hilton attended a Hollywood party.—*Reuters*

Paris Hilton poses at the 2011 Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards in Los Angeles, California 2 April, 2011.
INTERNET

Slowly but surely, television seen moving to 3D

CANNES, 9 April—Three-dimensional television is growing at a slower than expected pace, but industry experts remain optimistic that it will reshape the way the world watches the small screen.

The number of 3D TV channels will break the 100-channel barrier by 2014, according to market research group In-Stat, with sports, the arts, big music events and movies set to spearhead growth.

"When we said three years ago that 3D would be a success, people criticized us," said Vincent Teulade, a Paris-based technology and media consultant at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, at the MIPTV trade show that ended Thursday.

"But 3D has arrived and it is known by the mass market."

Between 50 to 70 percent of Hollywood's box office income now comes from 3D movies, thanks in part to the higher ticket prices charged by cinemas to view them, Teulade noted.—*Internet*

Man Utd march on as Fulham beaten

Manchester United's striker Dimitar Berbatov (C) scores the opening goal of their English Premier League football match against Fulham at Old Trafford in Manchester. Manchester United won 2-0. **INTERNET**

MANCHESTER, 9 April— Manchester United moved to within touching distance of a record 19th league title after a 2-0 win over Fulham at Old Trafford on Saturday.

Dimitar Berbatov opened the scoring in the 12th minute with his 22nd goal of the season before Antonio Valencia made it 2-0 as United opened up a 10-point lead at the top of the table after an eighth win in 11 league games.

Rio Ferdinand was not involved in the 16 while keeper Edwin van der Sar, Javier Hernandez and Michael Carrick were among the substitutes.

Fulham has lost on all seven visits to Old Trafford since their last victory at the venue in 2003, but the mid-table visitors quickly settled as they twice tested United's stand-in keeper Tomasz Kuszczak in the opening exchanges.The Polish stopper kept out Gael Kakuta's 20-yard drive in the opening minute before Kuszczak made an even smarter save to deny Moussa Dembele in the sixth minute.

United had not had an effort on goal when Bobby Zamora was presented with a great opportunity to give Fulham the lead after the ball deflected into his path inside the United penalty area.

However, the England international was unable to keep his composure and lashed the eighth minute effort high and wide when he should have at least tested the keeper.

It was to prove a costly miss. Four minutes later United were ahead as Berbatov demonstrated why he is the Premier League's top scorer.There was certainly a touch of good fortune as replays showed the striker may have been off side, but there was no disputing the fact that Berbatov finished well from eight-yards after collecting a pass from the lively Nani.

Internet

Woe for Wolves as Everton cruise to win

LONDON, 9 April— Wolves' battle against relegation suffered a setback on Saturday as Everton scored their biggest Premier League win of the season in a 3-0 victory at Molineux.

First-half goals from Jermaine Beckford, Phil Neville and Diniya Bilyaletdinov secured all three points for Everton, who remain in seventh spot after extending their unbeaten run to six matches.

But the defeat left Mick McCarthy's Wolves rooted in the relegation mire, with the midlands club second from bottom with only six games remaining.

Wolves hopes of securing a vital three points were snuffed out in the opening 45 minutes, Everton storming into a 3-0 lead at the break.

After soaking up early Wolves pressure, Everton went ahead against the run of play on 21 minutes, when Beckford ghosted into the near post to meet a Leon Osman cross with a glancing header.

Internet

Everton striker Jermaine Beckford, seen here in January 2011, scored in the 3-0 victory over Wolves at Molineux Stadium. Everton scored their biggest Premier League win of the season to dent Wolves' battle against relegation

Tottenham Hotspur 3-2 Stoke City

Tottenham Hotspur's Rafael van der Vaart in action against Stoke City's Glenn Whelan

INTERNET

LONDON, 9 April— Tottenham Hotspur returned to winning ways against Stoke City at White Hart Lane.

Harry Redknapp's decision to keep faith with Peter Crouch paid off as the striker scored twice against Stoke to give Tottenham their first victory in almost two months.

Despite his costly dismissal against Real Madrid, the England striker started the match and took only 10 minutes to open the scoring with a well-taken header before Luka Modric made it 2-0.

Crouch added his second after Matthew Etherington had pulled one back for Stoke but Kenwyne Jones smashed one in off the bar to make it 3-2 just before the break.—*Internet*

No 1 Wozniacki rallies to win in 3 sets

CHARLESTON, 9 April— Yanina Wickmayer found out for herself why top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki keeps advancing at the Family Circle Cup. "In every match, she finds a way to get out of it and beat her opponent," Wickmayer said. "That's most important." Wozniacki rallied from a first-set loss and 4-2 down in the final set to defeat Wickmayer 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 on Friday to move into the semifinals.

It was another tight match for Wozniacki, who needed to two tiebreakers a day earlier to beat Barbora Zahlavova Strycova. In this one, Wickmayer looked like the steadier player, winning points with deep forehands and pushing Wozniacki all over the court. Wickmayer kept the pressure on in the second set as she took a 3-1 lead against the Dane.—*Internet*

Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark

West Ham's Cole accused of improper tweets

LONDON, 9 April — West Ham striker Carlton Cole has been accused of improper conduct by England's Football Association on Friday for tweets about Ghana fans made during England's exhibition. The Football Association said Cole has until Wednesday to respond to the charge.

Around 20,000 Ghana fans were in Wembley Stadium for the 1-1 draw on 29 March.

Cole wrote on Twitter during the game: "Immigration has surrounded the wembley premises! I knew it was a trap! Hahahaha. The only way to get out safely is to wear an England jersey and paint your face w/ the St George's flag!"Cole, who is black, apologized and tweeted: "It was a joke & its not even racist." Cole was not involved in the match.

He made the last of seven England appearances in March 2010.

Internet

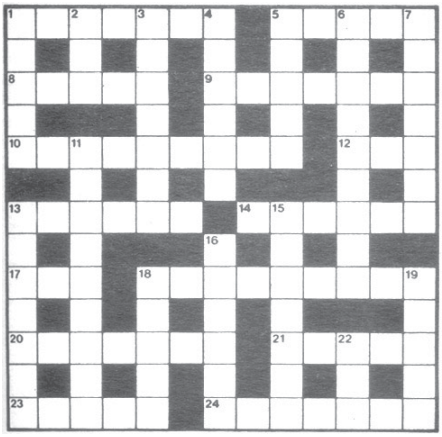
Edwards again wins Nationwide race at Texas

FORT WORTH, 9 April— Carl Edwards knew Kyle Busch was charging hard. What he almost didn't see was the car that would change the Nationwide race at Texas Motor Speedway. Edwards and Busch were running 1-2 on lap 88 when Tim Schendel's car blew a right front tire and shot up the track, basically splitting the front-runners. He barely scraped the back of Edwards' car, but was right in front of Busch, who had nowhere to go and hit him full force.

"Just sheer luck of timing, the car ended up missing us and caught him instead," Edwards said.—*Internet*

SPORTS

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Foaming wave
5 Raise anchor
8 Unrelenting
9 Diversity
10 Constant
12 Service charge
13 Traduce
14 Misgivings
17 Curve
18 Puritan
20 Hero of Wagnerian opera
21 Perch
23 Fish basket
24 Faithfulness

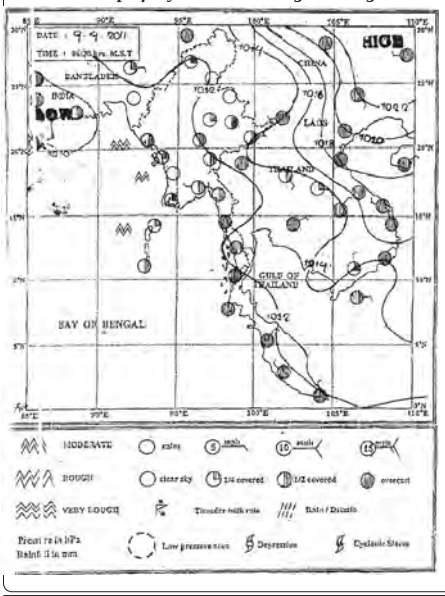
DOWN

1 Foundation
2 Before
3 Realm
4 Disclose
5 Get the better of
6 Indescribable
7 Tomboys
11 Producing desired result
12 Severe
15 Neat
16 Smoke-stack
18 Honey-badger
19 Song
22 Lubricate

Saturday 9th April 2011
Barclays Premier League

Wolves	0	-	3	Everton
Blackburn	1	-	1	Birmingham
Bolton	3	-	0	West Ham
Chelsea	1	-	0	Wigan Athletic
Man Utd.	2	-	0	Fulham
Sunderland	2	-	3	West Bromwich
Tottenham	3	-	2	Stoke

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 9th April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Chin States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C) and Magway (41°C).

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 8-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 9-4-2011 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 9-4-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)

Maximum temperature on 8-4-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 9-4-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-4-2011 was (59%). Rainfall on 9-4-2011 was Nil.

Rainfall on 9-4-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (5.71) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (1.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (3) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 9-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 10th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers as likely to be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Chin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. 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 Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-4-2011: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Japan's Nishikori routs Fish in Houston

HOUSTON, 9 April — Rising Japanese star Kei Nishikori demolished American number one Mardy Fish 6-3, 6-2 in the quarter-finals of the US Clay Court Championship.

The 21-year-old Nishikori on Friday did not face a single break point in the match as he ousted the top seed from the tournament in stunning fashion. Nishikori will face Pablo Cuevas of Uruguay in Saturday's semi-finals. Cuevas beat third-seeded Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 1-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-3.

World number 61 Nishikori hit one ace and five double faults but won 96 percent of first serve points in his first career meeting against Fish.

"I was hitting good returns," Nishikori said. "That's one of the things I did great today. I played good enough to beat him and played good clay court tennis.""I don't think he played great today, he was missing a lot," Nishikori added.

Despite recently being crowned US number one, Fish has had a mixed year, making two semis in Delray Beach and Memphis but losing in the second round of both the Australian Open and at Indian Wells.—*Internet*

***Rising Japanese star Kei Nishikori (pictured in January) demolished American number one Mardy Fish 6-3, 6-2 in the quarter-finals of the US Clay Court Championship. The 21-year-old Nishikori on Friday did not face a single break point in the match as he ousted the top seed from the tournament in stunning fashion.—*INTERNET**

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(10-4-2011) (Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* New Democratic National in New Era
* News
* A Short Trip with Wayne
* News
* Thingyan Songs and Dances
* News
* Today's Efficient Youth ''Thingyan Festival''

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Offering 9900 Light at Prominent Pagdas
* News
* A Short Trip with Wayne
* News
* Thingyan Songs and Dances
* News
* Today's Efficient Youth ''Thingyan Festival''
* News
* The Thrones of Myanmar Sovereigns
* Progressive Images of rakhine State
* News
* The Thrones of Trip 2010 (Yangon - Nay Pyi Taw - Mandalay)
* News
* Music Gallery
* News
* Easily Cook & tasty Dishes ''Sour Soup with fish Head''
* Myanmar Movie "Mommy's Girls"

Myanmar TV

Sunday,
10 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am
6. (38) Phyar Mingalars

8:05 am
7. Dance of Thin Gyan Festival

8:20 am
8. "Teleplay" (Health)

8:30 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Dance of Thin Gyan Festival

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival

11:20 am
3. Round Up of the Week's International News

11:30 am
4. TV Drama Series

12:30 pm
5. Golf Magazine(TV)

12:50 pm
6. Myanmar Movies

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal 2011 (Live) (Nay Pyi Taw FC Vs Manaw Myay FC)

5:45 pm
2. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm
6. Tamyethnar Takwestsar

7:00 pm
7. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. Cartoon Series
12. Teleplay
13. Yinhlaingkhatthan Taythihan (Song Competition)

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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

Magnificent Uppatasanti Pagoda for public obeisance

Article: *Tin Htwe (MNA);* **Photos:** *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

Museum, Pitakat and Archive Building decorated with magnificent traditional designs seen at Uppatasanti Pagoda.

Uppatasanti Pagoda was magnificently built with contributions of the government and the people to enable Nay Pyi Taw to have characteristics of capital and the Myanmar and global people to have cumulative meritorious deeds. It is a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda in 325 feet in height for public obeisance in Nay Pyi Taw.

Uppatasanti Pagoda was built on Uppatasanti Hill, two miles and four furlongs northwest of Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw District. The venue for the pagoda was chosen under the Ovada of Monywa Bawdi Tahtaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhadanta Narada and Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Saddiya of Ponnya Neinmitayama Shwethuwun Monastery of Thingangyun Township.

Six relics of Gotama Buddha conveyed from India, one tooth relic each from Sri Lanka and China were enshrined at the pagoda.

The pagoda is located at an altitude of 519.761 feet on 157.19 acres of land. The ground breaking

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Significant day temperatures

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Magway	**(41°C)**