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Quality of new monsoon paddy strain under test in Myittha Township

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Chief Minister U Ye Myint of Mandalay Region, Mandalay Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han and Minister for Agriculture and Forestry U Myint Than on 21 April made an inspection tour of thriving summer paddy field for 2010-2011 cultivation season at Shwenandaw paddy field of Thila Village-tract in Myittha Township.

The Chief Minister called for progress of growing summer paddy, use of paddy strain from quality monsoon paddy, and test-growing of paddy strain with minimum cultivation cost for

growing new monsoon paddy strain.

They looked into 50 acres of quality paddy plantation of farmer U Kyin Khe at Chaungmagyi agricultural camp in Wetlet Village-tract in Pyawbwe Township and met local farmers.

After inspecting chilli plantations with the use of irrigated water from the artisan well at field No. 166 in Hsuchingon Village of Gwaybinyoe Village-tract, and making discussion with farmers on cotton growing, the Chief Minister looked into Kyeeni Lake, southeast of Yamethin.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Myanmar bags one gold, two silver and two bronze in 2nd Asian Archery Grand Prix

YANGON, 24 April—Myanmar secured one gold, two silver and two bronze in the Second Asian Archery Grand Prix held in Vietiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic yesterday.

Ye Min Swe won one gold medal and Aung Hnein one silver in the 72-arrow men and women (Compound) 50-m event. In the 72-arrow men and women (Recurve) 70-m event, Thin Thin Khaing

secured one silver while the men's team (Compound) clinched one bronze medal with 1885 points and the women's team (Compound) one bronze medal with 1900 points in each compound events.

Myanmar athletes will play individual knocks-out and mixed team events on 24 and 25 April. Team knocks-out event will be held on 26 April.—MNA



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Growers generate more income through extended cultivation of grape in Yamethin



Bunches of grape seen at farm of Ko Min Thein in Ingon Village of Yamethin Township.

Article & Photos: Reporter Nyunt Shwe

Only when agricultural produce can be transported to the market in time, will the products be sold easily. Therefore, the inter-district roads and inter-village roads are essential for transporting crops from the farmlands to the market.

The rural people are enjoying fruits of better transport. On 31 March, I had interviews with some grape growers in Ingon and Alegon village-tracts of Yamethin Township.

In the first interview, U Kyaw Ohn of Ingon Village conducted me round the grape farm where 10 workers were at the farm works. The farm work cost K 800,000 per acre in growing 500 grape plants.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Special projects for greater national development

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, like other global members, is trying its utmost, mobilizing the participation of the people in order that it will not lag behind other countries in development.

Special projects play a key role in scaling up national development. Of the projects, some have begun yielding fruits, some are ongoing, and some in their infancy. Some projects are awaiting the green light to be given according to the conditions.

Addressing the Meeting (1/2011) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee held at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 April to deal with the finishing touches to some projects, the projects under implementation, and the projects that have yet to start, Chairman of the committee President U Thein Sein called for sooner completion of the ongoing projects, standardizing recently-launched projects according to the budgets and in order of priority, implementation of the projects according to the funds but not in haste, and gearing up for some projects.

The projects for speeding up national development will come to fruition if all those responsible use funds expeditiously, work with might and main, minimize loss and wastage, abstain from corruption, take worksite safety seriously, award and promote hardworking staff members, and work in concert in compliance with the instructions of the President.

Myanmar fashion designers attend fashion fair in Thailand

YANGON, 24 April—A 30-member Myanmar fashion designers group led by CEC member of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Secretary of Trade Fair Committee U Myo Thant, at the invitation of Department of Export Promotion under Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, left here on 18 April, to attend Bangkok International Fashion Fair and Bangkok International Leather Fair to be held from 21 to 24 April in Bangkok of Thailand.

CEC member of the federation Member of Trade Fair Dr Thin Nwe Win saw them off at Yangon International Airport.—NLM



Fashion designers seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Bangkok of Thailand.

NLM

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

UHMA successfully sets foot on Ashaemyin-Anaukmyin mountain

YANGON, 24 April—A 39-member of summer expedition team led by Chairman of Universities Hiking and Mountaineering Association U Myo Thant successfully climbed 7752-foot-high Ashaemyin-Anaukmyin mountain which is the highest mountain in Shan State (South) at 12 noon of 17 April. Then, they erected the State's flag and mountaineering team's flag on it.

The team set out from Yangon on 12 April,

and then proceeded to Kintar Dam, Pyadalin Cave, Ywangan Township and Pindaya Township. On arrival at North Shwepahto village in Pindaya Township, doctors and students from University of Medicines, Nursing University and University of Pharmacy included in the team provided medical treatment to 137 local people and donated cash for development of villages.

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16th MGC Golf Open Championships 2011 on 5-6 May

YANGON, 24 April — Under the sponsorship of Myanmar Golf Federation, the 16th MGC Junior Golf Open Championships 2011 will be held at Myanmar Golf Club at Ninth Mile, Pyay Road here on 5 and 6 of May.

The championships are divided into four classes – age 10-12, age 13-15 and age 16-20 in boys' event and age (10-18) in girls' event. Handsome prizes will be awarded to winners.

Junior golfers wishing to participate in the

championships are to enroll at Myanmar Golf Club not later than 2 pm on 3 May.

Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd will mainly sponsor the championships and other co-sponsors are Myanmar Golf Federation, Myanmar Golf Club, companies, organizations and individual donors. For donations, please contact the admin manager at 665531 and for detailed information about the championships, contact Myanmar Golf Club (Ph: 661702 and 665531). — MNA

Myanmar plays volleyball friendlies in PRC

YANGON, 23 April—The selected Myanmar team had eight wins in the 13 volleyball friendlies with the teams of the People's Republic of China in Hebei and Beijing from 8 to 20 April.

The tour of China aims to win victory in the XXVI SEA Games to be held in Indonesia this year, and the XXVII SEA Games to be held in Myanmar in 2013 and to gain

The selected Myanmar volleyball team and Hebei Club national volleyball team in action in Hebei Club in Hebei, China. (Myanmar won 3-0.)—MVF



international experience.

The selected Myanmar volleyball team led by Vice-President of

the Myanmar Volleyball Federation U Thein Win arrived back in Yangon by air on 21 April. It was

welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials of the federation. MNA

Classical songs, dances and traditional musical instruments course opened in Pinyinman

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Music Asiayon of Pinyinman Township and dramatic arts professionals of the township will jointly conduct free basic Myanmar classical songs, dances and traditional musical instruments course from 22 April to 31 May at the township

Music Asiayon in Yawkthwain Ward on Nay Pyi Taw Highway Pinyinman.

The course has been opened since 22 April and enrollment is till 30 April at the asiayon. The course covers singing, piano, violin, xylophone and basic dances.—MNA

Rescued Chilean miner has serious lung disease

SANTIAGO, 24 April—One of the 33 miners rescued from a Chilean mine after being trapped underground for 69 days is suffering from an incurable lung disease that often afflicts mine-workers.

"The tests I had at Chilean Safety Association showed that I have silicosis," Yonni Barrios, 51, told *Las Ultimas Noticias* newspaper.

"It is normally around this age that silicosis is

detected. As it is a progressive illness, I am not sure if I will make it to retirement or if I will die."

Barrios has worked for 30 years down the mines, and during the workers' lengthy ordeal a basic medicine saw him play the role of nurse to the group as they awaited their rescue.

During their long confinement from 5 August to 13 October, he kept medical records on his co-workers and

even administered shots to protect them from infection in the dank, dark underground conditions.

He also gained notoriety as both his wife and his mistress maintained an anxious vigil for him on the surface, during the huge, complex rescue operation.

Silicosis is a serious illness of the lungs caused by lengthy exposure to crystalline silica dust in mines.

Internet



Chilean miner Yonni Barrios (C) is helped by rescuers after being brought to the surface from the San Jose mine, near Copiapo, Chile on 13 October, 2010. Barrios, one of the 33 miners rescued from a Chilean mine after being trapped underground for 69 days, is suffering from an incurable lung disease that often afflicts mine-workers.—INTERNET

Rescuers find rubble at end of collapsed tunnel

MULLAN, (Idaho), 24 April—Rescue efforts have reached a section of a collapsed tunnel where they had hoped to find an Idaho silver miner who has been missing underground for more than a week, a Hecla Mining Co official said Saturday.

But crews using bore holes and probes found only sand and rubble where they had been searching for an open section of mine, said spokeswoman Melanie Hennessey.

Finding collapsed material here could mean

the entire 75 feet of tunnel where 53-year-old Larry Marek had been working has collapsed.

"We would hope not, but that's the indication," Hennessey said.

There still could be open areas elsewhere inside the mine, she said. Crews won't know whether to expect to find voids without more digging. And since there is no way to know for certain Marek's location, search efforts will continue.

"We're still 100 percent focused on rescue efforts," Hennessey said.

Marek and his brother, Mike, had just finished watering down blasted-out rock and ore in an area called Stope 15, which has been mined for 14 years, Hecla said.

Internet



A Lucky Friday miner is positioned at the front entrance of the mine in Mullan, Idaho on 18 April, 2011.—INTERNET

At least 10 die after heavy rain in south Brazil

SAO PAULO, 24 April—At least 10 people were killed in southern Brazil by landslides and other accidents caused by heavy rains, emergency workers said on Saturday.

Eight were killed in landslides that engulfed homes in the towns of Igrejinha and Novo Hamburgo in the southernmost state of Rio Grande do Sul, including three children who were asleep when a tide of mud hit their home.

A man was electrocuted by power lines knocked down by the rainstorm in Sapucaia do Sul and a farmer was killed when a shed collapsed on him.

Rescue workers were searching for two missing people believed to have been buried in Igrejinha and were evacuating areas at greatest risk of mudslides.—Reuters

An Iraqi soldier secures the scene of a suicide car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, 18 April, 2011.

Suicide bombers detonated two explosives-packed cars Monday outside Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, killing and wounding several of people, police said.—INTERNET



Six Venezuela kids drown in stream, three adults missing

CARACAS, 24 April—Venezuelan authorities say a stream suddenly swollen by rain water has swept away a family in the country's west. Six children are known drowned and three adults are missing and feared dead.

Gov Julio Leon of Venezuela's Yaracuy state says the family was in a section of the stream Saturday away from populated areas that isn't a designated swimming area.

The governor says that while the weather was good at the spot, heavy rains in the area in recent days have made rivers and streams turbulent.—Internet

Two US soldiers killed in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 April—The US military says two American soldiers have been killed while conducting operations in southern Iraq.

In a statement, released on Saturday, the military says the deaths occurred Friday.

No further details about how they died were released.

The names of the deceased are being withheld pending notification of next of kin and release by the Department of Defence.

The death raises to at least 4,450 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003. That's according to an *Associated Press* count.

Nine US servicemembers taking part in Operation New Dawn, as the Iraq campaign is called, have died so far this month. Most were from non-combat related incidents.—Internet

Two NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 April—Two more NATO soldiers were killed in an explosion in southern Afghanistan on Saturday bringing to four the number of multinational force casualties in a single day, the military alliance said on Sunday.

"Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in southern Afghanistan yesterday," said a statement released here by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

However, the statement did not release the nationalities of the victims, saying "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities." Troops mainly from the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the restive southern Afghan provinces within the framework of ISAF to fight Taliban militants.—Xinhua

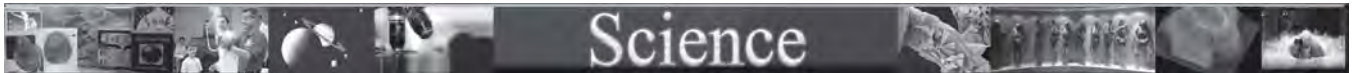
Mourners gather as Indian guru Sai Baba dies

PUTTAPARTHI, 24 April—Sathya Sai Baba, one of India's most famous gurus, died in hospital on Sunday, triggering a global outpouring of grief and tributes from devotees across politics, sport and entertainment. He was 85 and finally succumbed to heart problems after being in a critical condition for more than three weeks, his doctors said. Thousands of Hindu followers massed at the Institute of Higher Medical Sciences hospital where Sai Baba had been treated in his hometown of Puttaparthi, in the southern State of Andhra Pradesh.

Police used barriers to hold back mourning crowds, and appealed for public calm after the death was announced. "Sai Baba is no more with us physically. He breathed his last at 7:40 am and died due to cardio-respiratory failure," a statement from the hospital said. "His body will be kept for public worship for two days on Monday and Tuesday."—Internet



Indian religious guru Sai Baba, pictured here in 1999, greets followers in New Delhi. INTERNET



Science



To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Hubble Space Telescope's deployment into space, astronomers at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Md, pointed Hubble's eye at an especially photogenic pair of interacting galaxies called Arp 273.

INTERNET

Meteor shower approaching peak

LONDON, 24 April— Skywatchers hoping for an impressive astronomical display say the Lyrid meteor shower should reach its peak over the next two days, experts in Britain said.

Astronomers said the Lyrid shower can be fickle but under ideal conditions 10 to 20 meteors an hour may be visible to watchers, the BBC reported on Friday.

Light from the moon, which is in a so-called gibbous phase around the

full-moon period, could hamper observations this year but experts say stargazers should watch in the hours before dawn to get their best views of the meteors.

The source of the shower, known as the radiant, is located near the bright star Vega. The Lyrid shower occurs when Earth passes through a trail of debris left by the comet Thatcher, astronomers say.—Internet

Asian carp found at Wisconsin border

MILWAUKEE, 24 April— While authorities concentrate on keeping invasive Asian carp out of Lake Michigan, the fish are heading into Wisconsin's inland waters, officials said.

A commercial fisherman caught a 27-pound bighead carp Monday just north of the St Croix River's confluence with the Mississippi and contacted the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported.

It was the sixth Asian carp found in Wisconsin-Minnesota border waters since 2003, officials said. "This is not a crisis, but these fish are knocking on our door," said Luke Skinner, Minnesota DNR invasive species supervisor.—Internet

Ariane rocket launches two telecoms satellites

PARIS, 24 April—An Ariane-5 rocket placed two telecommunications satellites into geostationary orbit, the 43rd successive success for the European rocket, Arianespace announced.

The rocket blasted off from the European space centre at Kourou, French Guiana, at 2137 GMT Friday.

The 5.9-tonne United Arab Emirates satellite *Yahsat Y1A* built by Astrium and Thales Alenia Space will supply high definition television to the Middle East, Africa, Europe and South West Asia. The *Intelsat New Dawn* satellite, weighing three tonnes at takeoff, will offer a range of services including telephone and Internet to Africa. It was built by Orbital Sciences Corporation.



This file photo shows the Ariane-5 rocket taking off from its launch site in Kourou.—INTERNET

Arianespace president Jean-Yves Le Gall acknowledged that the launch was three weeks late, after an "aborted" attempt on 30 March.

Internet



Technology

Amazon wrangling with online hosting woes

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 April— Amazon on Friday was still wrangling with troubles at its Web hosting service used by Foursquare, Quora, Reddit and other popular websites.

Amazon EC2 was being slowly restored a day after the onset of disruptive problems, but it may take a while to fully recover, according to updates on the service's online status dashboard.

"When a service that is heavily redundant, like this one is, goes out of band this long, they have a serious problem and they don't have their arms around it," said analyst Rob Enderle of Enderle Group in Silicon Valley.

Websites hosted by Amazon EC2 were sluggish or knocked offline on Thursday and the company has yet to disclose a cause.

"These things are supposed to be incredibly bulletproof so it would take something serious to cause a problem like this," Enderle said of datacenters designed to host websites or software in the Internet "cloud."

"If it was something simple, by now they would have told us what it was."



Internet site of Amazon.com. Amazon on Friday was still wrangling with troubles at its Web hosting service used by Foursquare, Quora, Reddit and other popular websites.—INTERNET

Cloud datacenters such as those at the heart of EC2 are built with redundant systems so loads can be shifted in the event of trouble such as a computer server failing.

A problem disrupting the entire service could range from a flawed update pushed system-wide to sabotage by a disgruntled employee with high-level access to the network, according to Enderle.

Amazon is best known as an online retailer but the Seattle, Washington-based company is also a major provider of cloud-computing services, renting out space on its powerful servers to customers around the world.—Internet

Apple updates iBooks for iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch

NEW YORK, 24 April—Apple has released an update to iBooks, its native e-reading app for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

iBooks 1.2.2 brings with it "a number of important stability and performance improvements." Apple said it "addresses issues playing video included with enhanced books from the iBookstore" and "resolves a problem where some books open with a different font than expected."

iBooks was announced along with the first iPad last spring. It was released for the iPad in April and became available for the iPhone and iPod touch later in the year when Apple rolled out iOS 4.

After Random House adopted the "agency model" for e-books earlier this spring, it became the last of the "big six" publishers to be

included in the iBookstore. Under this sales model, Random House sets consumer prices for e-texts and awards a commission to retailers for each sale. As with other publishing apps, Apple takes a 30 percent cut and awards the remaining 70 percent back to the publisher.

When the iPad 2 was unveiled on 11 March, Apple CEO Steve Jobs opened the keynote with a PowerPoint slide that confirmed Random House's inclusion in the iBookstore.

iBooks 1.2.2 is a minor update. Apple rolled out iBooks 1.2 in December, after which Apple expanded the stores selection, adding more than 100 colour e-books including picture books, children's books, cookbooks, and photo books.—Internet

Sony's portable touchscreen PlayStation is seen in an event in Tokyo on January 2011. Sony on Friday was working to revive its online network that connects PlayStation 3 (PS3) consoles to games, films, and other digital offerings.—INTERNET





Health



Health Tip: Curb snoring with lifestyle changes

Snoring can undermine the quality of sleep — for the snorer and anyone sleeping nearby.

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons lists these lifestyle changes that can help to curb snoring:

- * Try losing weight — even just 10 pounds.
- * Instead of sleeping on your back, try sleeping on your side.
- * Avoid alcohol and caffeine, and don't eat large, heavy meals — particularly within about two hours of heading to bed.
- * Don't take a sedative, which relaxes the muscles in your throat and increases snoring.

Internet



In this 14 March, 2011 file photo, reigning Miss Universe, Ximena Navarrete, of Mexico, holds a news conference in Panama City to promote awareness and prevention of HIV and AIDS.

INTERNET



A baby at a maternity ward. A German baby born after only 21 weeks and five days in the womb has equalled a world record for surviving premature infants, the hospital said Saturday.

INTERNET

Smoking could raise odds for advanced kidney cancer

NEW YORK, 24 April—Smoking increases the chances of developing advanced kidney cancer, the most deadly form of the disease, warn researchers from Duke University Medical Centre.

The investigators examined the smoking histories of 845 people who had surgery for kidney cancer between 2000 and 2009. The group included 164 current smokers, 246 former smokers and 435 people who'd never smoked.

Advanced kidney cancer was diagnosed in about 20 percent of those who had never smoked and 29 percent of both current and former smokers, some of whom had smoked for decades before they kicked the habit.

However, every decade that a former smoker was smoke-free led to a 9 percent reduction in the risk for advanced kidney cancer. Quitting smoking, the researchers emphasized, does reduce the likelihood of developing advanced kidney cancer.

Former smokers who had not smoked for at least 20 years had a 22 percent risk for developing advanced kidney cancer, just slightly higher than the 20 percent risk for those who'd never smoked.

Internet

New Zealand scientists find link between pregnancy diet and fat offspring

WELLINGTON, 24 April—New Zealand scientists have helped find a link between a woman's diet during pregnancy and her child's chances of becoming fat.

Professor Peter Gluckman, who led the New Zealand and Singapore arms of the study, said the study proved the path to obesity, diabetes, or heart disease started before a child was born.

"It's a major breakthrough... Frankly, it's the biggest, most important finding I've ever made as the result of 15 years' work," he told New Zealand news agency NZPA.

Findings revealed a mother's diet during pregnancy could alter her child's DNA, through a process called epigenetic change, which could lead to her child putting on extra weight later in life.

"Now we know that mothers who don't eat balanced diets during pregnancy — their babies are at greater risk," he said.

The international study found there was something in a women's diet, particularly during the first third of a pregnancy, that was of crucial importance.

The study had produced the first data that quantified a link between events before birth and the chance of obesity but researchers found the mother's size and the child's weight at birth had no bearing on that link.

Xinhua



Business



German retailer to double outlets in China

BEIJING, 24 April—German retailer Metro Cash & Carry International said it plans to double its outlets in China in the next four years.

"We want to expand in the 35 cities in which we already have a presence to increase our current network. However, as China is very homogeneous in terms of economic development, we are focusing on three very prosperous areas: The Bohai Bay area, the Yangtze River Delta and the Pearl River Delta," said Tino Zeiske, president of Metro

Jinjiang Cash & Carry Co Ltd, China Daily reported Saturday.

"We've also noticed that the western part of China is growing faster than before," Zeiske said.

By 2015 the company expects to have 100 outlets in China.

"If Chinese people have more money to spend, they will have a choice (of products). And, as for Metro, we will be able to offer our professional customers more competitive products by providing differentiated solutions," he added.

Internet



A reclaimer is seen at a giant iron ore mine. Global miner Rio Tinto has settled a long-running dispute over Guinea's huge Simandou iron ore field, with the West African nation agreeing to take a stake of up to 35 percent.—INTERNET

MOFCOM adopts produce measures to expedite sales

BEIJING, 24 April—In response to the recent sluggish sales of over-supplied vegetables, China's Ministry of Commerce is adopting measures to expedite sales of seasonally-impacted agricultural products.

MOFCOM says it will strengthen monitoring of the vegetable market, and provide better guidance to farmers. It will also set up a wider sales platform by expanding distribution channels.

Meanwhile, the ministry will also create sales opportunities for short-term vegetable stock. China's Ministry of Agriculture has also unveiled a vegetable price index at China's major vegetable production hub in Shandong Province.

The ministry expects the index will help farmers ward off the impact of price fluctuations.

Xinhua



A Rolls Royce Phantom is seen here on display at the Beijing Auto Show near the capital's airport, in April 2010. An extra-long Rolls Royce and the fastest ever Ferrari road car made their debut at the show as dozens of luxury car makers lined up to woo super-rich consumers in the world's biggest market.—INTERNET

Dongfeng Motor's net profit down in Q1

BEIJING, 24 April—China's homegrown automaker Dongfeng Motor said Sunday that its net profit fell 2.41 percent year on year to 210.69 million yuan (32.34 million US dollars) in the first three months of 2011.

However, net profit belonging to its parent company rose 2.17 percent to 190.48 million yuan during the period, the company said in a statement filed with the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The leading Chinese automaker attributed the net profit decrease to rising costs such as consumption taxes for its sports utility and multi-purpose vehicles which together saw a 65.22-percent year-on-year surge in sales, the statement said.

Also, the market value of stocks held by the company decreased 424.74 percent, or 1.04 million yuan, from January to March, it added.

In addition, it received less government subsidy in the first quarter of the year with the subsidy down 1.9 million yuan from the same period of 2010, it said. Meanwhile, the company's revenues rose 19.6 percent year on year to 5.43 billion yuan from January to March as its sales rose 17.73 percent during the period, it noted.—Xinhua

Treat depression to boost diabetes self-care

ANN ARBOR, 24 April —Treating diabetes patients' depression boosts their overall health, according to a new study.

It included 145 people with type 2 diabetes and depression who received a year-long depression intervention that included 12 weeks of cognitive behavioral therapy over the phone, followed by nine monthly booster sessions. They also took part in a walking programme.

They were compared to a control group of 146 diabetes patients with depression who received usual diabetes care.

At the end of the year, depression symptoms were in remission for 58 percent of the patients in the intervention group and 39 percent of those in the control group, said the researchers at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and the University of Michigan Health System.

The intervention programme also led to lower blood pressure, an increase in walking of about four miles a week and improvement in general quality of life.

However, most patients already had good blood

sugar control at the outset of the intervention, so A1C levels, a measure of blood sugar control, did not drop.

The study appears online ahead of print in the journal *Medical Care*.

Depression and diabetes often go hand in hand, and depression can be a major problem for people with diabetes because it makes them less likely to follow their medicine schedule or exercise programme, the researchers explained.

"Depression is a common, treatable issue for many people who have diabetes," said study lead author John Piette, a senior research scientist at the VA and professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School, in a university news release.

"Unfortunately, most busy clinics cannot provide the level of intensive care these patients need. This study shows that telephone-delivered counseling can improve patients' access to effective depression care, improve their cardiovascular health and get them moving again," he added.

Internet



Babies are seen at a baby crawling race in Hong Kong, south China, 24 April, 2011. The race was held in a shopping mall where the participating babies headed toward the finish line and their fathers.—INTERNET

East China city prepares for Mother Love Cultural Festival

JINAN, 24 April—Authorities in Rushan, a city in east China's Shandong Province, are busy selecting the theme song for the 4th China Mother Love Cultural Festival, an annual festival that will fall on 8 May this year. The local government of Rushan designated the second Sunday of May as the day for the festival honouring motherhood, which is on the same day with the western Mother's Day, and the festival has been observed by the city for three consecutive years.

Co-organized by the Women's Federation, the Department of Culture, and the Department of Tourism of Shandong Province, the festival will feature a series of activities, including a photography exhibition, cultural forums, and the opening and foundation laying ceremonies for the Mother Love Culture Square and Mother Love Culture Museum.

The festival will also be a platform for foreign trade and international economic cooperation in the fields of new energy, new materials, information technology, biological technology, agriculture and tourism. More than 60 companies from different countries and regions have registered to participate in trade negotiations during the festival, organizers said.—Xinhua



Farmers walk with their camels carrying watermelons toward a market on the banks of river Ganges in the northern Indian city of Allahabad 24 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Police officer dies in single-vehicle crash

SHERMAN OAKS, 24 April—An off-duty Los Angeles police officer died in a hospital of injuries sustained in a single-vehicle crash Saturday, authorities said.

The officer, whose identity was not released pending family notification, was driving his Ford F-150 at 3:20 am when the truck veered off the right shoulder of the southbound Ventura Freeway near the Van Nuys Boulevard off ramp and struck a metal guardrail, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

"The rail penetrated through his vehicle, struck him and he was ejected," California Highway Patrol Officer Ed Jacobs told the *Times*, adding the officer was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash.

The officer was transported to Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Centre, where he was pronounced dead at 6 am, Los Angeles Police Department officer Gregory Baek told the newspaper.

The cause of the accident was being investigated.

Internet



A one-horned rhinoceros cub stands in Kashara Chitwan National Park, some 200km southwest of Kathmandu. The number of rhinos living wild in Nepal has risen above 500 for the first time since a civil war that led to rampant poaching of the endangered animals, the government says.—INTERNET

Wal-Mart tests online grocery delivery in California

CHICAGO, 24 April—Wal-Mart Stores Inc has begun testing an online grocery delivery service in San Jose, California, a company spokesman said on Saturday.

The world's biggest retailer had been rumored to be considering dipping its toe into online grocery delivery for the past few years.

The "Walmart To Go" test allows customers to visit Walmart.com to order groceries and

consumables found in a Walmart store and have them delivered to their homes, the spokesman said.

Products include fresh produce, meat and seafood, frozen, bakery, baby, over-the-counter pharmacy, household supplies and health and beauty items.

No other details were immediately available.

The online grocery business has proven difficult to succeed in

given the perishability of fresh food and the industry's small profit margins, analysts have said. If WalMart decides to stay and expand in the online grocery delivery business, its competition would include Peapod and Amazon Fresh.

Walmart's US grocery business generated about \$140.6 billion in sales last year, up 2.1 percent from the previous year, according to a recent media report.—Reuters



People look at a crime scene where three women were found brutally murdered at a beauty parlor in the resort city of Acapulco on 23 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Five women brutally murdered in Mexico beach resort

MEXICO CITY, 24 April—Five women, all apparently connected to a beauty parlor, were found brutally murdered in the Mexican beach resort of Acapulco on Saturday morning, state police said.

The semi-naked and bound bodies of two women and a 14-year-old girl were discovered in the salon in the early hours of Saturday morning. All three had their throats slashed. Police later found the corpses of another two women with cut throats dumped in the streets. Mexican media said both victims worked at the beauty parlor. No motive was given for the killings. Acapulco, famed in the 1960s as a glamorous haunt for Hollywood

stars, has been convulsed by drug violence in recent months as powerful cartels battle for smuggling routes, prompting the United States to warn tourists against visiting the downtown centre of the resort. Mexican officials have been anxious to downplay the impact of the violence on tourism, one of the country's main foreign exchange earners, pointing out that the number of visitors arriving in Mexico has continued to rise in recent years.

Spreading drug violence that killed more than 15,000 people last year has prompted foreign governments to issue a number of travel warnings for parts of Mexico.—Reuters

District News in Brief

Fry shrimp released into creek

KYAUKPYU, 24 April—Fisheries Department and Myanmar Trawlers Association are making concerted efforts for increasing water resources in Myanmar waters and developing fishery industry.

Responsible persons released 1.5 million seawater fry shrimp into Ngalepway Creek in Pyaukpyu on 14 March.—Kyemon

Fire drill practised in Ottwin Township

OTTWIN, 24 April—Fire drill was held for taking fire preventive measures at No. 69 Sawmill in Bawigon Village of Ottwin Township on 28 March.

Responsible persons demonstrated use of fire extinguishers.—Kyemon

100 acres of summer sesame irrigated

ZIGON, 24 April—Zigon Township is striving for achieving edible oil sufficiency in promotion of agriculture sector in 2011.

Local farmers cultivated 100 acres of summer sesame with the use of irrigated water.—MNA

Knowledge about traffic rules given in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 24 April—Talks on traffic rules and on fire preventive measures were held at the town hall in Toungoo on 2 March.

Officials disseminated people with knowledge about traffic rules, pedestrian rules and fire preventive measures.—Kyemon

Sanitation tasks carried out in Pyay Township

BAGO, 24 April—Police members and their families from Bago Region (West) Police Force, district and township police forces actively participated in sanitation tasks at Nawin police avenue in Pyay Township on 26 March.

Officials supervised the sanitation tasks. Kyemon

Rural area of Mindat Township facilitated with iPstar

MINDAT, 24 April—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications launched iPstar phones in Kyonam Village of Mindat Township on 23 February.

iPstar communication device can be installed with four telephones.—District IPRD

Air Kanbawza spreading wings over Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Air Kanbawza Airline, the latest air travel service in Myanmar, launched its service on 2 April, providing Yangon-Myeik-Yangon flight and Yangon-NyaungU-Mandalay-Heho-Yangon flight.

In May, the airlines is prepared to run further inbound flights to Tachilek, Kengtung, Taunggyi, Putao, Kawthoung, Sittway, Thandwe, Mawlamyine and Kalay as well as outbound flights.—MNA



AUXILIARY FIRE BRIGADE MEMBERS TRAINED: Officials train auxiliary fire brigade members from five wards at the fire prevention course conducted in YeU on 5 April.—MYANMA ALIN

Growers generate more income through...

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He explained cost and profit of the grape farm. As grape fruit can be produced once four months, the farmers can get benefits in two seasons despite facing loss and damage in the rainy season.

I visited the grape farm of Ko Min Thein in Alegon Village. Bunches of grape covered all the places of farm. Ko Min Thein said that he was growing 340 grape plants and explained procedure of growing grape saplings, nurturing them and feeding fertilizer. He further explained picking up of grape at eighth or ninth month. He said that it is necessary to water at the farm and weed the plants three-four times a month.

Moreover, he explained the grape plants are to be sprayed for prevention against pests.

He recounted his experience on picking up of



Farmer U Kyaw Ohn and workers at a grape farm in Ingon Village.



Cardboard boxes with four viss each of grape being loaded onto truck.

grapes, packaging system with cardboard boxes containing four viss of grape, transport of fruits to merchants in Yangon and sending of grape to Yangon, Mandalay, Magway, Pyay, Bago and Mawlamyine by car.

I have learnt that grape is transported from the farms to Yamethin Township by car through inter-village roads. Moreover, merchants from Pyawbwe, Meiktila, Ywadan and Shwedah buy grape by car.

Ingon and Alegon village-tracts cultivate No. 3 brown strain of grape whereas Shwedah, Ywadan and Lebyintha village-tracts grow Chun, Chun Shwewah, Chun Shweni (pink), Balakkwin, Balakkwet, Baybalet and Wine strains of grape.

Due to extended cultivation of grape in the region, local farmers can see higher living standard in their socio-economic status.

Translation: TTA

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Special projects—guarantees of brighter future of nation and people (1)

Kyaw Ye Min

As every country across the world is striving for their development, our country is also making utmost efforts for gaining development momentum similar to that of others and catching up the developed world. A government under the duty of the State is responsible for sticking to the principle: "The motherland must always have achievement". It is obvious that the newly-constituted government upholding the above-mentioned principle is striving for development of the nation and prosperity of its citizens.

It is known to all that despite having plenty of water, land and natural resources, our country lagged behind in development due to various reasons. It is therefore necessary to undertake nation-building tasks with added momentum so as to catch up with the neighbouring countries by tapping human resources and natural resources in an effective way. While other countries are working as usual, we all are to make earnest efforts ten times. Only when nation-building tasks are to be added with momentum, can the nation and the people enjoy fruits of development speedily.



Aerial view of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 in Ayeyawady Region.



Goktwin Road on Mandalay-Hsipaw-Lashio-Muse Asian Highway between Mandalay and Hsipaw.

Within two or three years, the new government has planned to complete the construction of motor roads, bridges, railways, airports and hydropower projects that have not been completed in the time of the Tatmadaw government. The earlier these projects complete, the earlier the people will enjoy benefits.

All the people were delighted by the news about the coordination meeting (1/2011) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee on 22 April. At present, development indication of the nation is going up due to the development in all aspects. Indeed, the special projects are playing an important role in fulfilling the requirements of the nation in all corners, serving the long-term interest.

Some projects for development of the nation such as dams, river water pumping, hydropower plants, strategic railway networks and strategic road networks need great investments and much time, they are to be included in the list of special projects and

implemented under the supervision of the Union Government.

As special projects will mainly contribute to modernization and development of the nation, it can be said that all the projects are pillars for the new nation. Therefore, all the people are to join hands with the new government for gaining greater achievement in implementing the special projects.

Nowadays, Myanmar has secured the unprecedented development in the transport sector. All the people have easy access to various parts of the nation from the north to the south and from the east to the west. Thanks to construction of road network, there are 11018 miles long earthen and gravel roads, 10343 miles long asphalt roads, totalling 21361 miles compared with 8092 miles long earthen and gravel roads and 5543 miles long asphalt roads totalling 13635 miles in 1988. Moreover, the nation has 6620 under-180 feet long bridges and 463 above-180 feet long bridges at present compared with 3305 under-180 feet long bridges and 198 above-180 feet long bridges in 1988. It can be seen that the road and bridge sector has achieved remarkable progress.

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Photo shows a rig at Yedagun natural gas block at offshore Taninthayi.

Special projects— guarantees of brighter future...

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According to the meeting of the Special Projects Implementation Committee, the Ministry of Construction has planned to implement 19 more projects. These projects are construction of Putao-Yabbawt-Khaunglanphu road, Sagaing-Sheinmaka-Myitkyina road, Kyunhla-Chatthin-Kawlin road, Kani-Mingin-Taungdwinchaung road, Malun-Sissano-Yenanma-Kanton road, Myebon-Kantha-Kapaing new road, Bandoola-Maungtaw-Angumaw road, Mongnawng-Mongsan(Monehsan) new road, Karli-Mongsan(Monehsan)-Mongshu road, Mongpan-Monehta-Monehtaw road, upgrading of Muntegwin-Kyitaung-Nay Pyi Taw ring road, ongoing implementation of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Project, construction of Thekkeithaung River Bridge on Labutta (Kyaukphalay)-Ottwin-Hteiksun road, building of Paunglaung River Bridge (Nay Pyi Taw) on Nay Pyi Taw ring road, construction of Machanbaw Bridge on Putao-Machanbaw-Nagmon road, construction of two above-180 feet long bridges on Myebon-Kantha-Kapaing road that links Myebon and Yangon-Sittway road in Rakhine State, building of four bridges on



Technical Training Centre (Mandalay) that turns out skilled workers.

Ponnagyun-Yathedaung road in Rakhine State, construction of four bridges on Kyauktaw-Paletwa road in Rakhine State, and building of Yaw (Kantwin) bridge on Chauk-Seikpyu-Pakokku road in Magway Region. As these new bridge projects are located in various regions of the Union, it is sure that these facilities on completion will contribute much not only to speedy and smooth transport of respective regions and the whole nation but also to socio-economic development of the people.

The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will implement two main projects. With the aim of contributing to improvement of living standard of the people and enhancement of social and economic sectors and ensuring smooth communication for regional administration and natural disaster preparedness works, telecommunication works are extended annually. As a result, the telephone density has risen to 5 per cent across the nation. As a plan is under way to extend 30 million GSM mobile phone lines within five years, it is good news for the nation and the people. On completion of the five-year project, Myanmar will have 50.6 per cent of telephone density. A State-owned satellite will be launched for uplifting the capability of communication and information sector and for acquiring the aerospace technology. As such, it will be vigorous efforts for higher capability of future communication and information sector.

In realizing one of four economic objectives of the State "Building the modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy", it is necessary to place emphasis on undertaking the main task to establishment of a modern industrialized nation. As the State will build the nation to be an industrialized nation in the long run, the special projects submitted by the Ministry of Industry-2 are the most important for the aim of the nation.

The Ministry of Industry-2 has planned to implement the project to manufacture 1000 sets of Automobile Mould & Die, Jigs & Fixture per year in order to produce spare parts locally for vehicles with momentum and the projects for manufacturing 10000 sets of various types of axles and spare parts for light trucks, medium trucks, heavy trucks, super trucks and commercial vehicles, and arrangements are being made for implementation of the projects in Ywatha region of Myingyan Township. As the State on its part takes responsibility for undertaking the heavy industries that the private sector cannot carry out, the farsightedness and goodwill of the new government for the future of the nation are the most valuable.

Moreover, a plan is under way to open the Industrial Training Center with the assistance of the Republic of India for fulfilling the requirement of industries and turning out the skilled workers. At present, four technical training centers are opened in Hsinde, Mandalay, Thagara and Pakokku that turn out about 750 skilled workers yearly. Thanks to one more training center, the number of industrial skilled workers will increase in the future to be able to shape the new industrialized nation.

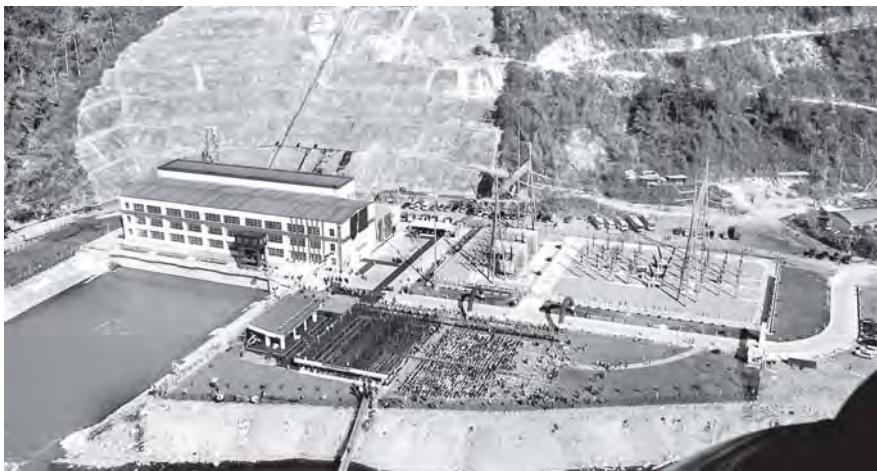
The energy sector is one of the sectors securing the good prospects for future State economy. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy will join hands with North Petro-Chem Corporation Ltd (NPCC) of the People's Republic of China for exploration and production of oil and natural gas in inland block F (Ngahlaingwin region), with SNOG Pte Ltd and UPR Pte Ltd of Singapore for exploration and production of shale in Mepalay region of Kayin State, with Korea Myanmar Development Co Ltd (KMDC) and Brilliant Oil Corporation Pte Ltd (BOC) of the Republic of Korea for exploration and production of oil and natural gas at block A-5 and block A-7 at offshore Rakhine State, block M-15 and block M-16 at offshore Taninthayi. Furthermore, a plan will be implemented for renovation of Petrochemical Plant (Thanbayagan).

As the electric sector is essential for shaping the new nation we aspires, it is obvious that the State is making relentless efforts for improvement of electric sector. Up to March 2011, Myanmar has 3285.9 megawatts installed generating capacity in total to generate 18765 million kilowatt hours yearly. A total of 32 power plants—17 hydropower plants under control of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and 15 gas power plants under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2—are generating 3285.9 megawatts. Moreover, a total of 67 projects—14 projects to be implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, nine by private companies and 44 through foreign investments—will generate 45378.5 megawatts. As such, the electric power sector is totally reliable for the future nation.

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Translation: TTA



GSM station at 7th-Mile in Kawthoung.



An aerial view of Tarpein-1 Hydropower Plant in Momauk Township of Kachin State.

New technology improves fuel cells

LOS ALAMOS, 24 April—US researchers say they've developed an inexpensive substitute for expensive platinum that's been a stumbling block to widespread use of hydrogen fuel cells.

Los Alamos National Laboratory scientists say eliminating the need for platinum — currently costing almost \$1,800 an ounce — in fuel cells that convert hydrogen and oxygen into electricity could bring the price down for the environmentally friendly devices that might replace current power sources in everything from personal data devices to automobiles, a Department of Energy release said Thursday.

The Los Alamos researchers have developed non-precious-metal catalysts using carbon and inexpensive iron and cobalt instead of platinum that have yielded high power output, good efficiency and longevity, the release said.

"The encouraging point is that we have found a catalyst with a good durability and life cycle relative to platinum-based catalysts,"

Los Alamos researcher Piotr Zelenay said. "For all intents and purposes, this is a zero-cost catalyst in comparison to platinum, so it directly addresses one of the main barriers to hydrogen fuel cells."

Internet



Tourists are seen in front of the ancient Colosseum in Rome, capital of Italy, on 21 April, 2011. The city of Rome turned 2764 Thursday after its legendary foundation by Romulus in 753 BC.

XINHUA

Japan advisor says nuclear threat receding

TOKYO, 24 April—The Japanese prime minister's special advisor on the nuclear crisis says the immediate risk of a major radiation leak from the Fukushima power plant has receded, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

The government could not say the situation had been completely stabilised at the plant, but after studying the possibility of severe deterioration Tokyo was comfortable with the current evacuation policy, Goshi Hosono told the paper in an interview Saturday.

"There is no way Tokyo or Kyoto will come into harm's way," said Hosono, Prime Minister Naoto Kan's special advisor on management of the nuclear crisis. The atomic plant, where reactor cooling systems were knocked out, has been hit by a series of explosions and leaked radiation into the air, ground and sea in the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl 25 years ago.

The government last week imposed a no-go zone 20 kilometres (12 miles) around the plant, giving legal weight to an existing exclusion zone over fears of the effect of long-term exposure to radiation on residents.

More than 85,000 people have moved to shelters from areas around the plant, including from a wider 30-kilometre zone, where people were first told to stay indoors and later urged to leave.

Hosono said radiation levels in the damaged reactors had to be lowered before work would be carried out and they had to find ways to process water contaminated with radiation from efforts to cool the reactors and spent fuel rod pools.

Workers have dumped thousands of tonnes of low-level radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean, to the concern of neighbouring countries worried about contamination of the marine environment.—Internet



In this photo taken on 17 April, 2011, part of the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant overlooks a graveyard and farmland in Futaba, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan.—INTERNET

Australian bitten after taunting shark

SYDNEY, 24 April—An Australian teenager who was taunting a shark with a dead fish ended up getting bitten on the heel, according to reports. The 17-year-old was airlifted for surgery after being attacked by the one-metre (three foot) reef shark near the west coast city of Carnarvon late Saturday, the Royal Flying Doctor Service said.

Witnesses said the teen was dangling a fish he had caught to try and attract the reef shark in shallow water and was bitten after being knocked over by a wave. "(There were) heaps of people on the beach, heaps of kids in the water, so it was pretty silly really, feeding sharks when there were kids about," one witness told ABC Radio. Reef sharks are not considered particularly aggressive but have been known to attack if provoked.

Sharks are common in Australia but fatal attacks are rare, with only 53 deaths in the last half-century, according to the Australian Shark Attack File. Most recently, a surfer and wakeboarder were savaged by sharks in separate incidents north of Sydney last month.—Internet



A reef shark is pictured in this file photo. An Australian teenager who was taunting a reef shark with a dead fish ended up getting bitten on the heel and airlifted for surgery, according to reports.

INTERNET

Ex-Sony chief, 'father of the CD', dies

TOKYO, 24 April—Former Sony president Norio Ohga, who helped transform the music industry with the development of the compact disc format, has died at the age of 81, the company said.

The music school graduate served as president from 1982 to 1995 and led the electronics manufacturer to become an entertainment empire with a portfolio encompassing music, movies and computer games. He died on Saturday of multiple organ failure, Sony said.

"By redefining Sony as a company encompassing both hardware and software, Ohga-san succeeded where other Japanese companies failed," said Sir Howard Stringer, current Sony chairman, chief executive and president. "It is no exaggeration to attribute Sony's evolution beyond audio and video products into music, movies and game, and subsequent transformation into a global entertainment leader to Ohga-san's foresight and vision." Along with development of the CD format, Ohga led Sony's negotiations in 1968 with CBS Corp, which resulted in creation of CBS/Sony Records, now Sony Music Entertainment.

His decision to purchase Columbia Pictures in 1989 cemented Sony's position as an entertainment conglomerate. He also designed the Sony corporate logo and promoted PlayStation game console. Ohga's career with Sony began in 1953, when the company's co-founders Masaru Ibuka and Akio Morita made him a consultant while he was still studying music at the Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music. Under Ohga's leadership, Sony revolutionised the music industry with the CD format in 1982, co-developed by Royal Philips Electronics.

During the development, Ohga, a passionate baritone singer, pushed for the 12-centimetre format with 75 minutes of recording capacity to fit Beethoven's Ninth Symphony without interruption.—Internet



Former Sony president Norio Ohga (pictured in 2002), who helped transform the music industry with the development of the compact disc format, has died at the age of 81, the company said. The music school graduate served as president from 1982 to 1995 and led the electronics manufacturer to become an entertainment empire with a portfolio encompassing music, movies and computer games.

INTERNET

Belarus gains valuable experience from Chernobyl disaster, official says

MINSK, 24 April—Belarus has learned a lot through dealing with the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster over the past 25 years, a Belarusian official told *Xinhua* in an interview.

This experience has allowed Belarus to resolve many accident-related issues and problems, such as providing safe living conditions, rehabilitating contaminated land and tapping the socioeconomic potential of affected areas, said Anatoly Zagorski, first deputy head of the Department on the Liquidation of the Consequences of the Catastrophe at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, the Belarusian Emergencies Ministry.

Since the disaster happened almost 25 years ago on 26 April, 1986, Belarus has done a lot to resettle victims, establish a regulatory framework, develop advanced radiation detectors, and set up radiation-control divisions, he said.

Out of 46,450 square kilometers of land that were contaminated by the fallout, 16,350 square kilometers can be used again, Zagorski said.

Belarus did not set itself the goal of making all the contaminated lands usable again, but pursued the socioeconomic rehabilitation of these areas as a major part of the programme that aims to eliminate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, the official added.—Xinhua

Letters trace Civil War for writer's forebears



This 5 April, 2011 photo shows Dr Bowman Bigelow Breed with a pipe in an 1861 photograph at Camp Essex, Md, next to letters written to his wife Hannah during the Civil War while he served as a surgeon in the Union Army. Their 'precious letters' which managed to survive the ravages of time and several family fires would total nearly 1,000 by war's end.

INTERNET

BOSTON, 24 April — Alone in his hotel room after a solemn dinner with his brother, the newly enlisted Army surgeon took up pen and paper to make the first installment on his promise.

"I have a few moments," he wrote to his wife, just 10 miles up the coast in Lynn. "I am in such a whirl that I can hardly think much less

write."

Just four days earlier, on 12 April, 1861, Confederate artillery had fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbour, igniting the Civil War.

On 15 April, President Abraham Lincoln issued an urgent appeal "to all loyal citizens," seeking 75,000 volunteers to quell the rebellion. The very next day, Dr

Bowman Bigelow Breed my great-grandfather was on a train south, bound for Boston, and for war.

Bowman and my great-grandmother, Hannah, vowed to write to each other every day, "if only a line." And they kept their promise as well as one can during a time of war.

Except for brief furloughs and the few months when she would join him at one of his postings, they were apart from the fading echo of those first cannon shots in South Carolina until an assassin's bullet ended Lincoln's life four years later.

Their "precious letters," as each called them, would total nearly 1,000 by war's end. Having survived the ravages of 150 years and several family fires, they were doubly precious to me.

Internet

FAA falls short on plan to aid fatigued workers



In this 24 March, 2011 file photo, a passenger jet flies past the FAA control tower at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 24 April — The Federal Aviation Administration told a government watchdog nearly two years ago that it was prepared to let air traffic controllers sleep or rest during work shifts when they weren't directing aircraft. It still hasn't happened.

When the FAA proposed new limits on airline pilots' work schedules to prevent fatigue last year, it rejected its own research recommending that pilots be allowed to take naps during the cruise phase of flight typically most of a flight when the plane is neither climbing nor descending so that they are refreshed and alert during landings. And an FAA committee that has been working for several years on new work rules to prevent fatigue among night-shift airline mechanics has made little progress, said one committee member. Allowing naps during breaks on overnight shifts was dismissed as a nonstarter. In a 24/7 industry like aviation, fatigue is a fact of life. Managing work schedules to minimize fatigue can make the difference between life and death.—Internet

Research says heavier models encourage obesity

BEIJING, 24 April—New research suggests that banning size zero models from catwalks to promote a healthier ideal of beauty may actually make people's eating habits even worse.

According to the research carried out at the University of Bologna, increasing the average size of models could mean the weight that many people aspire to will also increase.

The authors argue that increasing the size of models on the catwalk will alter the ideal weights of a wide section of the female population.

The research suggests that for most people, seeing slimmer models on the catwalk acts as an incentive to stay trim.—Xinhua



A zoo keeper holds baby orangutan Boo, a 9-month-old orphan, as it plays with a toy during a presentation at the Madrid Zoo & Aquarium on 14 April, 2011. Boo, the first orangutan born at the zoo, has been adopted by a female orangutan and is bottle fed by one of the keepers, according to the zoo.

INTERNET



Matteo Ferrari, left, and his brother Marco, right, react while riding the 'Sling Shot' one of four new Coney Island rides, on 20 April, 2011 in the Brooklyn borough of New York.—INTERNET

Earth quickly managed ancient CO2

WEST LAFAYETTE, 24 April—Earth may be able to recover from rising carbon dioxide emissions faster than previously thought, US researchers studying prehistoric climate events say.

Scientists at Purdue University say when faced with high levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide and rising temperatures 56 million years ago, Earth increased its ability to pull carbon from the air. Earth and atmospheric sciences

Professor Gabriel Bowen said this led to a recovery that was quicker than predicted by many current models of the carbon cycle, though still on the order of tens of thousands of years, a university release reported Thursday. "We found that more than half of the added carbon dioxide was pulled from the atmosphere within 30,000 to 40,000 years, which is one-third of the time span previously thought," Bowen said.

Internet

Singaporeans say plan to fine owners for pet peeing going too far

SINGAPORE, 24 April —The management at a condominium in Singapore plans to fine pet owners for answering the call of nature in common areas — even outdoors, but

some residents said the plan was going too far.

The management of Faber Crest condominium sent out a notice to residents on Tuesday saying it plans to impose a fine

of 200 Singapore dollars (160 US dollars) on owners whose pets are caught urinating in common areas, local daily *Straits Times* reported on Saturday.

Xinhua

Australia's university student number grows

CANBERRA, 24 April—The Australian Federal Government on Saturday released new figures showing the number of students at Australian universities has grown by an average of 10 percent over the last two years.

About 50,000 additional undergraduate students enrolled in universities across the country in the last two years.

The university with the biggest growth is the Australian Catholic University, with a 36 percent increase, followed by the University of Canberra and the

University of the Sunshine Coast.

The University of Western Australia had an 11 percent increase, and its vice-chancellor Professor Alan Robson said the increase in numbers has intensified competition between the universities.—Xinhua

A penitent from the Los Santos Varones Union Mortaja brotherhood carries a lantern during a procession in La Laguna, Tenerife in Spain's Canary Islands, on 21 April, 2011. Hundreds of Easter processions take place around the clock in Spain during Holy Week, drawing thousands of visitors.

INTERNET



1st Anniversary In loving memory of Rev. Fr. Singa Rayar

Great benefactor and inspirational guru Eucharistic Celebration will be held on 27 April 2011 (Wednesday) at 9:00 am at St. Mary's Campus, Kyauktan.

Deeply remembered by
Servite Sisters
Madona Province, Myanmar



British grandmother rescued off cruise ship is being treated in hospital.— INTERNET

Police and coast guard to investigate botched rescue

LONDON, 24 April — A seriously sick grandmother was dropped into the chilly Norwegian Sea as rescue workers took her off a cruise ship. Janet Richardson, 73, spent several minutes treading water after Norwegian coast guard officers let her stretcher slip as they were evacuating her from a cruise ship, her husband, George, said.

The sea was a few degrees above freezing at the time. Mrs Richardson spent a week in intensive care and remains in hospital in England. "She's not getting any better," Mr Richardson said yesterday. "The stretcher went into the water and she fell into the water, too, as she was not strapped in. "She had a lifejacket on and I could see her swimming, treading water and trying to stay afloat." Passenger Colin Prescott

said Mrs Richardson was in the water "for the best part of eight minutes".

"I'm surprised she survived, because I know how cold it was on deck and that water would have been a lot colder," Mr Prescott said. Mrs Richardson, from Penrith, in northern England, was taken to a hospital in the Norwegian town of Bodo before being flown to hospital in the UK. She is being treated for her original illness, which involved internal bleeding, and complications caused by her plunge. — Internet



Girls in UK are 'biggest teenage binge drinkers'

LONDON, 24 April — British girls are the biggest teenage binge drinkers in the Western world, a report has revealed. Statistics show that 50pc of 15 year olds have been drunk at least twice — almost double the 29pc average of other developed countries.

Girls also drink more alcohol in the UK than their male counterparts, with only 44pc of 15-year-old boys admitting being intoxicated on two or more occasions.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) figures were published in a new report entitled 'Through the Looking Glass', commissioned by the think tank Demos.

Internet

A model displays body painting during a Make-up Show held in Dalian, on 19 April, 2011. The week-long show, kicked off on 18 April, is set to showcase the latest makeup fashion.—XINHUA

French police on Friday found the car of a man suspected of murdering his family after tracing his bank card to the South of France, where the vehicle was discovered. The man's wife and four children were found buried at their home in Nantes.

INTERNE



Police find car of man suspected of killing family

NANTES, 24 April — Police hunting a father suspected of shooting dead his wife and four children and burying them in the garden turned their attention southwards on Friday after his car was found. Officers made the gruesome discovery

of the corpses in the northwestern town of Nantes on Thursday, but switched the hunt to the Riviera, 770 kilometres (480 miles) south after tracing the use of the suspect's bank card.

The suspect withdrew cash in Roquebrune-sur-Argens outside Frejus a week ago, and on Friday police found the missing car, a metallic blue Citroen C5, outside a hotel where he is now thought to have stayed on 14 April. Forensic investigators were at the scene, a small town in the Var region, in which the family had once lived in the 1990s before moving north to Brittany.—Internet

A pair of black bear cubs play at a zoo named Qingdao wild animal world in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 22 April, 2011. The cubs, abandoned by their mother, were eventually given names as "Ying Qiao" and "He Sui" on Friday.

XINHUA



Termites devour 10m rupees at bank

NEW DELHI, 24 April — An army of termites munched through 10 million rupees (£137,000) in currency notes stored in a steel chest at a bank, police in northern India said on Friday.

The bank manager discovered the damage when he opened the reinforced room in an old bank building on Wednesday. "It's a matter of investigation how termites attacked bundles of currency notes stacked in a steel chest," said Navneet Rana, a police officer.

The money was put in the chest in January. Termites had damaged bank furniture and documents in the past. The police have registered a case of negligence against bank officials in Barabanki, a town 20 miles southwest of Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh state capital. In India, police register a case before opening an investigation.— Internet

Needles found in food at Ontario store

LISTOWEL, 24 April— A Canadian supermarket was shut down for more than a day after needles were found in meat, fruit and vegetables, officials say. Employees at Food Basics in Listowel, Ontario, spent Friday examining food items and checking for signs of additional tampering, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported. The store was expected to reopen on Saturday.

Police have released few details about how many needles were discovered or where exactly they were. They urged shoppers who have food from the store to check it carefully before using it. Metro Ontario Inc, which owns Food Basics, would not comment on the tampering, CBC said. Listowel is in a rural area in southwestern Ontario between Detroit and Toronto.—Internet

Woman, 56, charged in police killing

EUGENE, 24 April—A 56-year-old woman who allegedly shot and killed an Oregon police officer during a traffic stop was charged on Saturday with aggravated murder. Chris Kilcullen, 43, who had been a police officer in Eugene for 12 years, was killed Friday in nearby Springfield, KMTR-TV reported. Springfield police are leading the investigation.

Cheryl Dawn Kidd was being held in the Lane

County Jail, KVAL-TV in Eugene said. Springfield Police Chief Jerry Smith said Kidd led police on a high-speed chase on back roads before she was arrested. A candlelight vigil was planned Saturday for Kilcullen at city hall in Eugene, KMTR said.— Internet

Salzburg's government will now decide whether to proceed with the restitution.

INTERNET

Nazi-looted Klimt 'to be returned to owner's grandson'

VIENNA, 24 April — An Austrian museum is set to return a Gustav Klimt painting to the grandson of its original owner, a victim of the Nazis during World War II. Litzberg on the Attersee is thought to be worth up to 30m euros (£26m), experts from the Museum of Modern



Arts in Salzburg said.

It is believed the 1915 work was seized from Amalie Redlich after she was deported in 1941 and killed. Georges Jorisch, an 83-year-old living in Montreal, is Redlich's only heir. Under a 1998 restitution law, Austria has returned some 10,000 paintings confiscated by the Nazis to the descendants of their former owners.

The local assembly of Salzburg province has still to approve the restitution yet the handover is expected to go ahead. "The conditions for a return of the painting to Amalie Redlich's rightful heirs have been fulfilled," said Salzburg deputy governor Wilfried Haslauer. "Therefore I will recommend that the Salzburg government return the artwork to Georges Jorisch."— Internet

Home Depot Canada bans pets

Home Depot announced domestic pets will no longer be allowed in its Canadian stores after a customer's dog bit off the tip of a greeter's nose.

Home Depot Canada said Thursday the policy change, which will not affect US stores, was "the best decision for the shopping enjoyment and safety of all customers," the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported Friday.

The store chain said certified assistance dogs will still be allowed in the stores.

The policy, which takes effect 16 May, comes after Gloucester, Ontario, Home Depot greeter Anna Riel, 39, was bitten by an elderly woman's Shih Tzu while working at the store 15 April. Riel said she required reconstructive surgery after the incident.

Cooked-up phone claim brings S Korea prison term

A South Korean who cooked his mobile phone in a microwave and then claimed compensation from the maker Samsung Electronics was Friday jailed for one year for extortion.

The 28-year-old surnamed Lee received about five million won (\$4,500) in compensation from Samsung after claiming his phone exploded while being charged.

"Lee swindled Samsung out of compensation by capitalising on the company's reluctance to ignore consumers' complaints," the court said in a verdict quoted by Yonhap news agency.



A Samsung flag flies in Seoul. A South Korean who cooked his mobile phone in a microwave and then claimed compensation from the maker Samsung Electronics was Friday jailed for one year for extortion.

Hot dog champ's 'Wall of Fame' pix removed

The Major League Eating Organization said six-time hot dog eating champion Takeru Kobayashi's photo was removed from the New York "Wall of Fame."

Officials said a photo of Kobayashi, a six-time champion of Nathan's Famous July Fourth International Hot Dog Eating Contest, was removed from the wall at Nathan's Famous on Coney Island and will be replaced by a picture of another competitive eater, the *New York Daily News* reported Friday.

"The wall has been changed a few different times," organizer Richard Shea said. "And they were all great eaters at the time." A representative from Major League Eating said Kobayashi's name remains on the wall. Kobayashi was arrested after storming the stage at last year's event. He had not been allowed to participate due to a dispute with the organizers.



Six-time champion Takeru Kobayashi of Japan waves to the crowds as he is introduced before the start of the Nathan's Famous hot dog contest held in Coney Island on 4 July, 2007 in New York City.

NYC cabbie drives 2 guys across US — for \$5,000

A New York City cab driver has racked up the fare of a lifetime.

Mohammed Alam is being paid \$5,000 to drive a pair of friends to Los Angeles. The trio left Saturday night and had reached Las Vegas by Thursday.

Investment banker

John Belitsky, of Leonia, NJ, tells the *New York Post* that the idea was hatched during a birthday celebration for Dan Wuebben of Queens.

Belitsky said they wanted to do something "magical." When they decided on a cab ride to California, they found Alam at LaGuardia Airport and brokered the deal.

NewsAlbum



Movie stars Jackie Chan and Zhang Ziyi (L) arrive on the red carpet for the opening ceremony of the first Beijing International Film Festival at the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing, capital of China, 23 April, 2011. The six-day event, for which Jackie Chan and Zhang Ziyi were invited as image ambassadors, kicked off here Saturday.

XINHUA

1st Beijing international film festival kicks off

BEIJING, 24 April—The First Beijing International Film Festival kicked off Saturday, rolling out the red carpet for more than 100 world-famous actors and directors at the National Centre for the Performing Arts.

Kung Fu star Jackie Chan, Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi, "Lion King" director Rob Minkoff and Darren Aronofsky, director of the Oscar-winner movie "Black Swan", are among those attending the red-carpet entrance ceremony.

The festival, to run till next Thursday, has scheduled activities including screening of films, forums, film marketing discussions and film concerts.

The festival is organized by the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) and Beijing Municipal Government.

The event seeks to provide a platform for world filmmakers and film festival chairmen to discuss industry development, for film buyers and sellers to share business opportunities, and also for foreigners to learn more about Beijing, said Li Chunliang, chief of the Beijing branch of SARFT. Zhang Huijun, president of the China Film Academy, said the world had a glimpse of Chinese culture in Hollywood movies such as "Kung Fu Panda" and "Mulan", while the festival provides a vital opportunity for the world to learn more.—Xinhua

Lohan quickly released from jail in theft case

LOS ANGELES, 24 April—The day unfolded all too familiarly for Lindsay Lohan: a court hearing, a jail sentence, a quick release. The starlet appeared before a judge Friday for the fourth time in nearly a year and was sentenced to 120 days for violating her probation by taking a designer necklace. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner said she thought the actress had intentionally taken the \$2,500 necklace from an upscale Venice store and shown poor judgment in not trying to return it until police became involved.

Internet

Classic Hong Kong ghost film remade 24 years later

HONG KONG, 24 April—When "A Chinese Ghost Story" hit movie screens in 1987, it wowed audiences with its novel plot of man falls for female demon in an ancient Chinese setting. The unlikely couple played by late Hong Kong superstar Leslie Cheung and actress Joey Wang quickly became a classic romance, and two sequels followed, as well as an



Hong Kong actor Louis Koo, left and actress Kara Hui attend the movie premiere of their latest movie 'A Chinese Ghost Story' in Hong Kong, 23 April, 2011.

INTERNET

animated movie.

Twenty-four years later, Hong Kong director Wilson Yip has reimagined the love story for a wider audience with a new cast, a new plot twist and modern special effects.

While the original was released during the heyday of Hong Kong cinema, the remake is largely targeted at the lucrative mainland

market, where censors once averse to superstition are now more open to supernatural-themed productions. The 1987 version, directed by veteran filmmaker and action choreographer Tony Ching, takes inspiration from "Strange Stories from a Chinese Studio," Qing Dynasty writer Pu Songling's famed collection of ghost stories.—Internet

Lindsay Lohan arrives with her lawyer, Shawn Chapman Holley, right, for a preliminary hearing, 22 April, 2011, at LAX Courthouse in Los Angeles.—INTERNET



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Dalglish salutes hat-trick hero Rodriguez

LIVERPOOL, 24 April—Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish saluted Maxi Rodriguez after his hat-trick helped Liverpool to a 5-0 victory against Birmingham at Anfield.

Rodriguez's impressive early opener was followed by Dirk Kuyt's seventh goal in his past six Premier League games to set Liverpool on their way. The Argentina midfielder completed his treble with two fine finishes after the break and there was a



Liverpool's Maxi Rodriguez (R) scores his third goal during their English Premier League match against Birmingham City at Anfield in Liverpool.—INTERNET

late fifth from Joe Cole.

Liverpool remain sixth, four points behind fourth placed Manchester City, and this encounter added further weight to the idea that Dalglish can return the Reds to the summit of the English game. —Internet

Torres may be benched despite first Chelsea goal

LONDON, 24 April—Fernando Torres has been warned he is not guaranteed a starting spot despite finally scoring his first Chelsea goal in the 3-0 victory over West Ham. Torres netted in the 84th minute, 10 minutes after he appeared as a second-half substitute to end a 733-minute goal-drought in his 14th appearance for the club he joined in January.

Blues manager Carlo Ancelotti admitted the goal came as a relief and believes it will give the striker the

confidence to finally kick-start his Stamford Bridge career following his British record £50 million move from Liverpool.—Internet



Chelsea's Fernando Torres scores during their English Premier League match against West Ham United at Stamford Bridge in London.—INTERNET

Arsenal's title bid in tatters after Bolton defeat



Arsenal's Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas (L) and Bolton Wanderers' English defender Paul Robinson compete during the English Premier League football match between the Bolton Wanderers and Arsenal, at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton. Bolton won 2-1.

LONDON, 24 April — Arsenal blew their last chance to get back in the Premier League title race as the Gunners were beaten 2-1 at Bolton on Sunday.

Arsene Wenger's side needed a victory at the Reebok Stadium to have any chance of catching Manchester United, but Daniel Sturridge put Bolton ahead and Tamir Cohen headed a last minute winner after Robin van Persie's equaliser.

Arsenal's first defeat in 17 league games leaves them nine points behind

leaders United with only four games to play and their hopes of a first trophy since 2005 are over for another year.

Once again Arsenal were punished for their defensive frailties as Sturridge put Bolton ahead in the 38th minute.

Gary Cahill out-jumped Gael Clichy to head goalwards from a corner and the ball may have crossed the line before Samir Nasri cleared, but Sturridge was

on hand to head home for his seventh goal since joining on loan from Chelsea.

Bolton should have increased their lead straight after half-time when Sturridge won a penalty with a theatrical fall after minimal contact from Johan Djourou.

But Kevin Davies's tame spot-kick was saved by Wojciech Szczesny and Arsenal equalised two minutes later as Van Persie fired in from the edge of the penalty area.

In the process Van Persie set a new Premier League record as the Dutch forward has now scored in seven successive away games.

Yet Arsenal wasted a host of chances to take the lead and Bolton took advantage when Cohen got in front of Djourou to power a header past Szczesny in the 90th minute.

Internet

Full Barclays Premier League Table

Pos:	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	34	39	73
2	Chelsea	34	37	67
3	Arsenal	33	32	64
4	Man City	32	20	56
5	Tottenham	33	8	55
6	Liverpool	34	12	52
7	Everton	34	5	47
8	Bolton	32	3	43
9	Newcastle	34	1	41
10	Sunderland	34	-10	41
11	Aston Villa	34	-12	41
12	West Brom	34	-15	40
13	Fulham	33	1	39
14	Stoke	33	-3	39
15	Birmingham	34	-17	38
16	Blackburn	33	-14	35
17	Blackpool	34	-22	34
18	Wigan	34	-23	34
19	Wolves	33	-20	33
20	West Ham	34	-22	32

Inter Milan's Leonardo coy over future

ROME, 24 April—Inter Milan coach Leonardo refused to be drawn on his future beyond the end of the season after his side staged a remarkable comeback to beat Lazio 2-1 on Saturday.

The win moved them up to second but they still trail leaders and city rivals AC Milan by eight points

with just four games left.

It has been a largely disappointing season for the team that won every-



Inter Milan coach Leonardo

thing a year ago, with Rafael Benitez dismissed in December as the team lay eighth and 13 points off top.—Internet

Messi sets 50-goal mark as Barca stay eight clear

MADRID, 24 April—Argentine superstar Lionel Messi on Saturday became the first player to score 50 goals in a Spanish season as Barcelona and arch-rivals Real Madrid both triumphed ahead of their mouth-watering Champions League duel. Messi reached his latest landmark when he found the target three minutes from time in his team's 2-0 win over Osasuna as Barcelona maintained their eight-point lead at the top of La Liga.

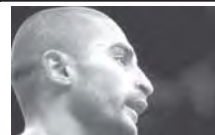
He had already equalled the previous best mark of 49 goals scored by Real Madrid legend Ferenc Puskas when he netted in the 1-1 draw against Real last weekend. Now Messi has 31 goals in the league and nine in the Champions League after finishing with seven in the King's Cup and three in the Spanish Supercup.

Internet

Darchinyan defeats Perez in boxing clash

LOS ANGELES, 24 April—Former two-division world champion Vic Darchinyan has claimed a five-round technical decision over former International Boxing Federation bantamweight title holder Yonhy Perez.

Armenian-born Australian southpaw Darchinyan rattled Colombia's Perez in the first round and sent him to the canvas in the second.



The former two-division world champion Vic Darchinyan. INTERNET

The fight ended when an accidental

head butt cut Perez over the left eye in the fifth round, with Darchinyan leading 50-44 on all three judges' cards.

Ringside doctor Paul Wallace stopped the fight moments after examining the profusely bleeding gash.

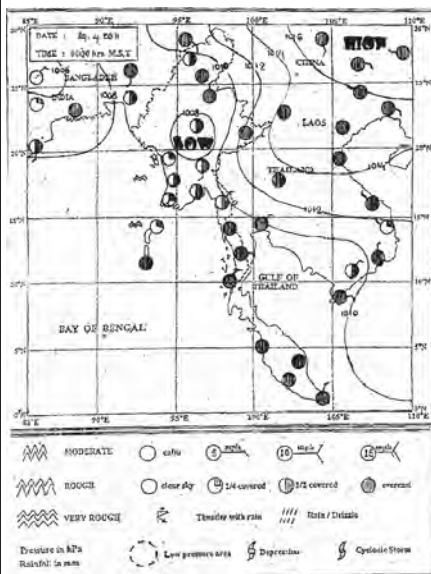
Internet

SPORTS

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 24th April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
 During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Chin States, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and Kayah State, isolated in Magway Region, Rakhine and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States, (5°C) below April average temperatures in Mandalay Region and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Aungmye, Zaungmye, Theinzayethar and Bawlake (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (1.46) inches, Dawei (1.37) inches, Hsipaw (0.90) inch, Sinphayun (0.67) inch, Myeik and Myawady (0.55) inch each, Lashio and Monywa (0.51) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 23-4-2011 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 24-4-2011 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-4-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 24-4-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 23-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum

temperature on 24-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 24-4-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 24-4-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (6.10) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (3.86) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (12) mph from Southwest (23:30) hours MST on 23-4-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southeast Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 25th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Sagaing Region, Shan and Chin States, scattered in Magway, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and isolated 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 rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Vinokourov rules out coalition to beat Gilbert

LIEGE, 24 April—Defending champion Alexandre Vinokourov has ruled out a concerted effort in the peloton to stop race favourite Philippe Gilbert from winning Liege-Bastogne-Liege.

However the Kazakh said he would not turn the Belgian down if prompted to go on the attack late in the 255.5 km epic.

"If he goes, I'm not going to sit in his wheel. I will ride with him and at the end may the best man win," said Vinokourov, who is set to compete in his final edition of 'La Doyenne' as he heads towards retirement.

Internet

Carl Edwards celebrates with his guitar trophy after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series Nashville 300 auto race on 23 April, 2011, in Lebanon, Tenn.— INTERNET

Edwards holds off Kyle Busch to win Nashville 300

GLADEVILLE, 24 April—Carl Edwards was coming in for his post-race news conference when a race official remarked that he now has enough guitars to start a band.



Edwards certainly hit all the right notes Saturday to capture his fifth career victory at Nashville Superspeedway, holding off Kyle Busch to win the Nashville 300 and receive another of the guitars given to winners at the track. "We'll need a drummer," Edwards joked.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (25-4-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (25-4-11 09:30 am ~ 26-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * National Races from Shan State "Gon Shan and Li Shan"
- * News
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- * From The Union Highway to Forever Friendship
- * News
- * Straw Embossed Painting
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * MIS Myanmar International School
- * News
- * Shopping at the Departmental Store and Supermarket
- * Myanmar Movies "Misdeed"



**Monday,
25 April
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:20 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

7:50 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:05 am

7. Teleplay (Forest)

8:20 am

8. Song Of National Races

8:30 am

9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:15 pm

3. Dance Of Variety

4:30 pm

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

4:40 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Psychology)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:15 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:30 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. World's Stars

18. 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

Tasks to green Myingyan Township under way



Mandalay Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han views progress of tasks being undertaken by Myingyan Township Development Affairs Committee.—MNA

MANDALAY, 24 April—Mandalay Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han accompanied by officials looked into tasks of Myingyan Township Development Affairs Committee on 22 April.

At the township Development Affairs Committee, the minister heard the report on tasks of Township DAC presented by Executive Officer U

Aye Myint and officials of the committee.

The minister viewed nurturing of shade and flowering plants at the district nursery of the committee, and maintenance of water bowsters and garbage vans. The minister gave instructions on extended cultivation of shade and flowery plants for greening Myingyan and maintenance of vehicles.

NLM

Copies of citizenship scrutinization cards, household registration certificates issued to quake victims

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—A ceremony to renew copies of citizenship scrutinization cards and household

registration certificates for quake victims in Kyakuni village, Mongkoe village-tract, Tachilek Township,

Shan State, took place at rehabilitation camp in Kyakuni village this afternoon.

Head of District

Immigration and National Registration Department, Deputy Director U Win Htein and Township Head presented 34 copies of the cards and 137 certificates the ceremony.—MNA

Nadal beats Ferrer to win sixth Barcelona Open

BARCELONA, 24 April — Rafael Nadal beat David Ferrer 6-2, 6-4 in their second all-Spanish final in two weeks to claim his sixth Barcelona Open title on Sunday.

The top-ranked Spaniard chalked up his 29th straight match at the clay court event when the fourth-seeded Ferrer hit his backhand wide.

It was Nadal's 45th career ATP title and his second consecutive trophy after beating Ferrer at Monte Carlo in straight sets on April 17.

Nadal triumphed at Barcelona from 2005-09, including finals victories over Ferrer in the 2008 and '09, before sitting out the last year's edition.

The 24-year-old Nadal became the first player to win two tournaments six or more times—he has won Monte Carlo seven times—in the tour's Open era.—Internet



Rafael Nadal with his sixth Barcelona Open trophy.—INTERNET