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Our Three Main National Causes

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President U Thein Sein leaves for Cambodia to attend 20th ASEAN Summit

President U Thein Sein and party being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and officials on their departure for Cambodia to attend 20th ASEAN Summit.—MNA



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, departmental heads and First Secretary Mrs Tuot Kunthea of Cambodian Embassy in Myanmar at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The President was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and high-level officials.

Other delegation members Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein had already left for Cambodia. **MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party left here by MAI special flight at 9 am today for Phnom Penh of Cambodia to attend 20th ASEAN Summit.

The delegation led by President U Thein Sein was seen off by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing,

Education and Training Department concludes special courses

YANGON, 2 April— Director-General of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs U Myo Hlaing delivered an address at the concluding-ceremony of the special course No. 24 on financial regulations and the course No. 1 for storekeeper-4, held at the central training school of Education and Training Department under the ministry in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, here on 30 March morning.

There were a total of 87 trainees; 56 trainees for the course No. 24 and 31 trainees for the course No. 1. The courses lasted about 6 weeks.

After the concluding-ceremony, the director-general looked around mess and plantation of perennial and seasonal crops.

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Corals ‘could survive a more acidic ocean’

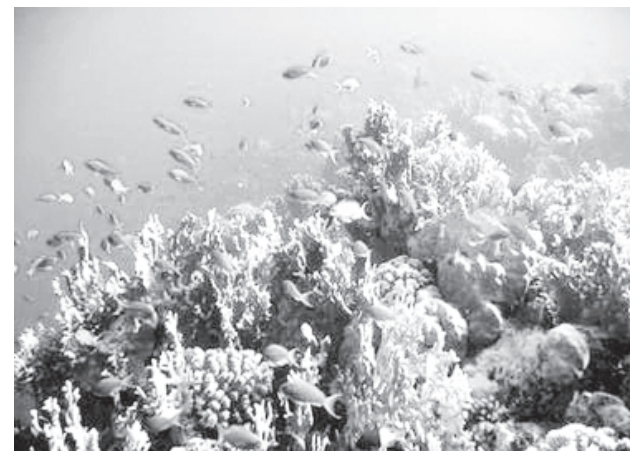
SCIENCE DAILY, 2 April— Corals may be better placed to cope with the gradual acidification of the world's oceans than previously thought—giving rise to hopes that coral reefs might escape climatic devastation.

In new research published in the journal Nature Climate Change, an international scientific team has identified a powerful internal mechanism that could enable some corals and their symbiotic algae to counter the adverse impact of a more

acidic ocean.

As humans release ever-larger amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, besides warming the planet, the gas is also turning the world's oceans more acidic—at rates thought to far exceed those seen during past major extinctions of life. This has prompted strong scientific interest in finding out which species are most vulnerable, and which can handle the changed conditions.

In groundbreaking research, a team of scientists



from Australia's ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, at the University of Western Australia and France's Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement, has shown

that some marine organisms that form calcium carbonate skeletons have an in-built mechanism to cope with ocean acidification—which others appear to lack.

Internet

Dams and reservoirs supplying potable and irrigation water to local national people in Mon State



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PERSPECTIVES

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Develop receptive skills first

With information explosion alongside globalization process, more and more people in non-English speaking countries are learning English that helps them get a well-paid job in every field.

In Myanmar also, English language learning has come into fashion in recent years. We can now see English language classes everywhere, and it is an encouraging sign at a time when our country is beginning to attract foreigners to come and invest because of her significant changes and reforms.

However, we could not have reached a level as expected in our learning English. Indeed, it is not easy to improve all skills of English simultaneously. So, learners usually have a desire to speak English, which is the first impression in an English-speaking work environment. So, most learners go to spoken English classes.

Actually, every language has receptive and productive skills. Receptive skills mean listening and reading whereas productive skills mean speaking and writing. To be able to speak, we need to listen. For example, a child beginning to speak can utter words only after copying them from their parents and those around. Likewise, we have to read to be able to write. There is no writer who does not read. Although every reader may not write, every writer has to read so that he can produce his own writings.

All the four English skills therefore go together. We cannot speak fluently without listening. We cannot write very well without proper reading. Despite the fact that English language classes are mushrooming in the nation, most learners have yet to improve their English. Some language teachers even offer spoken English classes to learners boasting that they will be able to speak within days or weeks, and it is out of the question. To master English, we need to take a proper amount of time, and that also calls for our motivation, hard work as well as teacher quality.

All in all, we, second-language learners, need to improve all the English skills in a balanced way. So, let's try to develop our receptive skills first and productive skills then.

BLOOD DONATED: Montisu Youth Blood Donation Group donated blood at its office on 85th Street in Mahaaungmye Township on 21 February. Officials of Mandalay General Hospital accept blood bottles from the donors.—NLM



Union A & I Minister visits Paletwe hybrid modern paddy farms in Pyinmana Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing together with 20-lecturer group led by Rector Dr Tin Htut of Yezin University of Agriculture, 12 post degree students, and two technicians from Safal Seeds and Biotech Co from India inspected 369-acre Paletwe paddy plantation in Alyinlo Village, Pyinmana Township here on 31 March.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than and Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw discussed establishment of seed zones and determined transformation to mechanized farming.

Rector Dr Tin Htut reported on academic matters and researches and Director-General of Agriculture Department U Kyaw Win on plans for nationwide dissemination of cross-culture paddy cultivation



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views thriving Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation on 369 acres of farmlands in Alyinlo Village of Pyinmana Township.—MNA

methods.

The Union Minister and party then inspected paddy plantations which are believed to yield 200 baskets of rice per acre, 288-acre hybrid rice plant

plantations in Aungchantha Village, Zabuthiri Township and 100-acre hybrid paddy plantation in Tegyigon.

The Union Minister then held discussion on seed

production with Chinese agriculturalists from Sichuan Province at 100-acre modern rice plant plantation in Kyarku Village in Dekkhinathiri Township. MNA

Pyinnya Tazaung observes its 60th Anniversary

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The 60th anniversary of Pyinnya Tazaung was held at Traders Hotel in Yangon this morning.

On behalf of Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu delivered an address.

Daw Aye Aye Thant, family member of U Thant, first chairman of Pyinnya Tazaung Administrative Board, explained academic matters undertaken by U Thant. Chairman of the board U Than Oo explained the purpose of holding the anniversary. Vice-Chairman U Tin Nyo, progress of Pyinnya Tazaung.

Pyinnya Tazaung Magazine has been published for 60 years, beginning January 1952. In commemoration of the Pyinnya Tazaung Magazine, the book "Sayagyi

U Tun Aung who initiated Pyinnya Tazaung" written by U Than Htut (Professor-Retired, Institute of Education) has been published and book "Basic Nature of Education" by Sayagyi U Tun Aung will be published.—MNA

Special session of first Rakhine State Hluttaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Special Session (1/2012) of the First Rakhine State Hluttaw continued for the second day on 30 March, attended by State Hluttaw Speaker U Htein Lin and 44 representatives.

At the meeting, 21

questions were answered, objectives and work plans of the State government's regional project bill-2012-2013 and the principles of budget bill-2012 explained, the two bills discussed and resolutions sought.

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CBM announces adoption of Managed Floating Exchange Rate regime

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) today announced that Myanmar's exchange rate regime has moved from a peg of Ks 8.50847 to the Special Drawing Right (SDR) to a managed floating exchange rate. This announcement came with the results of the first foreign currency auction held in Yangon, Myanmar on 2 April 2012.

From today the value of the Myanmar Kyat will be determined by the financial markets with the Central Bank of Myanmar reserving the right to periodically intervene to mitigate against undue exchange rate volatility and to support the liquidity of the Kyat in the foreign exchange market. The CBM has no predetermined target for the level of the Kyat exchange rate or its trading range. The CBM expects the value of the Kyat to fluctuate with the supply and demand for Kyat in the market consistent with what should be expected in a floating exchange rate regime.

The CBM will hold daily two-way FX auctions (where participants may submit orders to buy and/or sell FX) of US dollars open to FX Authorized Dealer banks. Currently 11 private sector banks hold Authorized dealer licenses and are eligible to participate in the auctions. In due course the three state owned banks

that hold FX authorized dealer licenses will be allowed to participate in the auction along with the private banks.

The cut-off rate in the daily auction will be used as the CBM reference exchange rate for that day's trading. The CBM reference rate will, for the time being, be used to set the mid rate in the retail Thein Phyu market and in the wholesale FX authorized dealer (i.e interbank) market. Actual exchange rates quoted by individual retail Thein Phyu dealers currently may vary between +/-0.8 percent of the CBM reference rate while for wholesale FX authorized dealers the maximum quoted spread is currently +/- 0.3 percent. The Thein Phyu Pricing Committee can reset their mid-rate in the afternoon should market conditions change significantly from the time of that day's auction. As the FX market develops the maximum permitted quoted spreads and the frequency of the two-way FX auctions may change to reflect market circumstances.

The inaugural two-way FX auction received bids for US \$ 640,000 and offers of US \$ 350,000 with a cut-off rate of 818 USD/MMK. The CBM purchased US \$ 40,000 at the cut-off rate to clear the market at 818.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Iraq says death toll for March lowest since 2003 invasion



Iraqi security forces set up checkpoints on streets leading to the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on 27 March, 2012. — INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 2 April — The number of Iraqis killed in violence in March, when Baghdad hosted a landmark Arab summit, was the lowest monthly figure since the 2003 US-led invasion, official figures showed on Sunday. In total, 112 Iraqis — 78 civilians, 22 policemen and 12 soldiers — died in attacks nationwide, according to figures compiled by the ministries of health, interior and defence. The previous low for a month was in

November 2009, when 122 people died.

March's death toll is markedly lower than the figure for February, when 150 Iraqis were killed, and is less than half the toll for the same month a year ago, when 247 people died. A total of 357 people were wounded in violence last month, including 220 civilians, 85 policemen and 52 soldiers. The figures also showed that 30 insurgents were killed and 152 arrested. Iraq's deadliest violence last

month included a wave of attacks on 20 March that rocked 18 cities and towns nationwide, killing 50 people, and wounding 255 others. Crucially, the Iraqi capital played host to a landmark Arab summit, the first to be held in Baghdad since now-executed dictator Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The summit passed largely without violence, though a mortar landed near the Iranian embassy as the meeting of Arab leaders opened on Thursday, and a suicide attack in west Baghdad killed a policeman on Tuesday, when regional economy and finance ministers were meeting. US forces, who led the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein, completed their withdrawal from Iraq at the end of last year. Now, just 157 soldiers remain under the US embassy, charged with limited training of Iraqi forces, along with a marine detachment responsible for securing the mission. — *Internet*

Warning over potential Falklands invasion

LONDON, 2 April — Britain would have to hold its air base on the Falklands unaided for at least a week in the event of another Argentine invasion, a defence pressure group warned Sunday. The UK National Defence Association, which campaigns on military matters, claimed the archipelago was more vulnerable than at any time since the 1982 Falklands War. In a report ahead of the 30th anniversary of the invasion on Monday, the body said Britain would find it difficult to "protect, reinforce or retake" the South Atlantic islands, largely due to the lack of aircraft carrier strike capability.

"Even in the most favourable circumstances... the deployment of additional fighters and a reasonable war-fighting force would take approximately a week," the report said. "In effect, this means that the British garrison would necessarily have to hold Mount Pleasant airfield and its environs for a week before help arrived. "There would be no fighter cover for the landing force and shipping. There is no carrier... There is no question of providing air support using Royal Air Force fighters.

"There are no bases within range. In-flight re-fuelling, given the number of re-fuels required for a round trip of 8,000 miles from Ascension, would be impossible in the face of the

threat posed by the Argentine air force. "The UK would be hard put to protect, reinforce or retake the islands... history could well be about to repeat itself — but this time with a different outcome." Defence Secretary Philip Hammond told *The Times* last week that Argentina's ageing aircraft do not present a military threat. A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "Unlike in



1982, we have a well defended airfield in the Falklands with ground-based air defences, and continue to have the ability to reinforce by air and sea. "People should be reassured by the contingencies that we now have in place compared to 30 years ago. That said, there is no evidence of any current credible military threat to the Falkland Islands." Britain has

held the Falklands since 1833, but Buenos Aires claims the barren islands are occupied Argentine territory. Diplomatic friction between Argentina and Britain has intensified since 2010, when London authorised oil prospecting in the waters around the windswept islands, which are home to less than 3,000 people.

Internet

View of the air base at Mount Pleasant in the Falkland Islands on 26 March, 2012. Britain would have to hold its air base on the Falklands unaided for at least a week in the event of another Argentine invasion, a defence pressure group warned Sunday.

INTERNET

Somaliland troops and separatists clash, five killed

HARGEISA, 2 April — At least four Somaliland troops and one rebel fighter loyal to the breakaway enclave's secessionists were killed during clashes on Sunday, both sides said. The fighting first erupted in January after the leaders of the northern regions of Sool, Sanaag and Cayn decided to band together into a new state called Khaatumo and declared they wanted to be an independent region within Somalia.

Somaliland's troops

have since clashed with militia fighters loyal to Khaatumo, with reports of dozens of casualties. Somaliland is an internationally unrecognized state that declared independence from Somalia in 1991. The newly declared Khaatumo state is near the border with Ethiopia and is a disputed area that Somaliland seized from Puntland in 2007, though relations between the two territories have improved since.

"Militia loyal to anti-

Somaliland groups in Buhodle and South Sool simultaneously began (fighting) in the early hours of dawn. The army repulsed attacks on both fronts," said Osman Abdillahi, a spokesman for Somaliland's defence ministry. Abdillahi said four Somaliland government soldiers were killed and 10 injured during the fighting. Mohamed Yousouf, a spokesman for the secessionists, said one of their fighters was killed and two were injured. — *Reuters*

Russian plane crashes, kills at least 31

Moscow, 2 April — At least 31 people were killed and 14 were rescued alive from a plane crash in Siberia, Russia's state-run *Itar-Tass* news agency said on Monday, citing a regional Emergency Situations Ministry official. The ATR 72, a twin-engine, turbo-prop plane, with 43 people aboard, crashed some 30-35 km (18-22 miles) from the western Siberian city of Tyumen, Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Irina Andrianova said.

The mid-range plane belonging to Russian airline UTair crashed after taking off

from Tyumen on a flight to Surgut, an oil town further north in Siberia. There were 39 passengers and four crew on board, according to preliminary information, Andrianova said.

Injured survivors were flown to hospital by helicopter after the plane caught fire following the crash, the cause of which was not immediately known, Russian news agencies reported. At least five survivors were in critical condition, state-run *RIA* news agency reported, citing hospital officials in Tyumen, some 1,720 km (1,070 miles)

east of Moscow. UTair has three ATR-72 craft made by the French-Italian manufacturer ATR, according to the airline's website. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Alenia Aermacchi, a Finmeccanica company, and EADS. The crash was the deadliest air disaster in Russia since a Yak-42 plane crashed into a riverbank near the city of Yaroslavl after takeoff on 7 September, 2011, killing 44 people and wiping out the Lokomotiv Yaroslavl ice hockey team.

Reuters



At least 31 people were killed when a passenger plane crashed in Russia's Siberia Region early Monday, emergency authorities said. — INTERNET

Five die, 13 injured in Kansas truck crash

KANSAS CITY, 2 April — Five people died and 13 were injured on Sunday when a large truck equipped as a motor home they were riding in left a rural Kansas freeway and careened into a creek, the Kansas Highway Patrol said. The rig involved in the crash was towing a trailer north on Interstate 35 in Osage County in eastern Kansas when the crash happened Sunday morning, the state patrol said. The vehicle went off the

highway, hit a metal guard rail and then a concrete bridge rail before tumbling down into a creek, the patrol said. The truck landed on its wheels and the trailer ended up in front of the truck. Thirteen people were taken to area hospitals, the patrol said. The cause of the crash remained under investigation. The names of the dead and injured were being withheld pending notification of relatives, the patrol said. — *Internet*

Pakistani boy who burned himself over uniform dies

PESHAWAR, 2 April — Like many in Pakistan, 13-year-old Kamran Khan's family did not have enough money to send him to school. He was such a promising student that a local private school allowed him to attend for free, according to his older brother. Kamran never asked for anything, his brother Saleem Khan said. But last month, he pleaded with his mother for days to buy him a new school uniform, a white shalwar kameez, the loose-fitting shirt and pants worn by both men and women in Pakistan. He was embarrassed that his old one was worn out and patched up.

His mother sympathized with him but repeatedly told him the family didn't have the money. She finally lost her patience a week ago and slapped the boy, according to the brother's account. The youth responded by threatening to kill himself if his parents could not buy him the uniform. Kamran then stormed out of the house, doused himself with gasoline and lit himself on fire. He suffered burns on 65 percent of his body and died of his wounds on Saturday, family and officials said Sunday. He was in an army-run hospital in Punjab Province, but the family could only raise one-tenth of the roughly \$5,500 they needed for his treatment and so he did not get the care he needed. His family had been struggling to get by and provide for their children, even with the school fees waved. Khan's father borrowed money from relatives to buy a work visa to Saudi Arabia four months ago, but has not managed to find a job there, said Saleem Khan. The mother works as a maid.

Internet

Russian anglers rescued as Sakhalin ice floe breaks

Moscow , 2 April — More than 600 anglers stranded on an ice floe in the Russian far east have been rescued. The operation to airlift them off the ice involved 48 people, two helicopters and 11 ships, the emergencies ministry said.

The 675 fishing enthusiasts were carried out to sea when the floe, off the island of Sakhalin, broke free. Fishing through bore-holes on ice-bound waters is a popular winter pastime in Russia. None of the rescued anglers airlifted off the ice floe needed medical assistance, the ministry said in a statement. The ice floe had drifted 500m away from the coast before running aground again.

Taymuraz Kasayev, of the emergencies ministry, said the area's residents had been told to stay away from the ice. "We warned people through the media that going out on to the ice on this stretch of the coastline is extremely dangerous and is not allowed," he told the NTV television channel. One of the rescued anglers, Vladimir Vasilenko, said he had ventured on to the ice floe knowing that the windy conditions might pose

The rescue of Russian fishermen off the coast of Sakhalin Island.
INTERNET



a risk. "The wind was blowing from the shore, and it was clear that something might happen, but people were still going out, so we did too," he said. "It was the excitement, of course. We also heard on the radio that it would be the last chance for fishing on the ice. And so we rushed out to go fishing."

Internet

When dinosaurs roamed, wildfire was a foe

LONDON , 2 April — Fierce dinosaurs may not have had to contend with many predators, but intense and frequent wildfires may have been a real threat during their reign, new research suggests. Wildfires seem to have left their mark on the archeological record in the form of charcoal deposits. The researchers discovered these abundant and widespread

fires by analyzing the amount of charcoal in the fossil record. They created a global database of charcoal deposits during the Cretaceous Period (the period from 145 million to 65 million years ago). Many of these charcoal deposits were associated with beds of dinosaur fossils.

"Charcoal is the remnant of the plants that were burnt and is easily preserved in the

fossil record," study researcher Andrew C Scott, a professor from Royal Holloway University of London, said in a statement. Multiple factors would have fueled these wildfires, which were likely started by lightning strikes. Global temperatures were in general higher than they are today, because of a greenhouse effect in the atmosphere. Higher levels of

oxygen filled the ancient atmosphere, and oxygen fuels fires.

This "was why fires were so widespread," study researcher Ian Glasspool, a curator at The Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, said in a statement. "As at such periods — unlike today — plants with higher moisture contents could burn."

Internet

Japan Inc faces 'tectonic changes': analysts



Japanese electronics giant Sharp's newly appointed president Takashi Okuda announces the company's tie-up with Taipei's Hon Hai Precision as part of a LCD panel tie-up, as Sharp looks to reverse recent losses, at a Press conference in Tokyo on 27 March, 2012.

INTERNET

TOKYO , 2 April — Sharp's announcement that it will team up with Taipei's Hon Hai Precision on a liquid-crystal display deal is the latest example of the "tectonic changes" rippling through hard-hit Japan Inc. Once the world's top makers of home appliances and electronics, Japanese producers have lost much of their lustre as they bleed red ink in the face of a fearsome attack from rising Asian rivals. Top names including Sharp, Panasonic and Sony, which had little trouble staying ahead of US rivals in decades past, "are now exposed to great tectonic changes", Daiwa Institute of Research economist Satoshi Osanai told AFP.

"Japanese manufacturers are facing a structural challenge in making products by themselves," he added. "No matter how sophisticated the technologies they have, Asian rivals with a great price advantage keep catching up." Japanese firms have suffered deep losses, partly due to their unprofitable television units as the strong yen makes their products more expensive abroad and as tough competition from foreign rivals, including South Korea's Samsung, lowers prices. They are also beset by Japan's relatively high cost of labour, electricity, imported fuels and raw materials.

Their own mis-steps

have not helped. Sony, long the mightiest of Japan's post-war champions, is struggling to match the innovation of rivals such as Apple, which has also stolen a march by sewing up a huge range of content. Japan's politicians are also blamed because of the paucity of free trade deals they have managed to sign, while regional powers such as South Korea have aggressively sought pacts that allow their exporters much greater reach. "Asia is taking over the jobs that Japan had long claimed. It is a path that we walked," said Nobuo Kurahashi, analyst at Mizuho Investors Securities.

Internet

IBM's big data challenge: A telescope that generates more data than the whole Internet

WASHINGTON , 2 April — There's a massive telescope on the drawing board that hasn't even started construction yet, but when it's finished in 2024, it'll generate more data in a single day than the entire Internet.

For scientists to ensure they'll be able to handle all that raw information, they need to start working on new computing technologies now. Fortunately, IBM is on it.

The computing giant is collaborating with ASTRON (the Netherlands Institute of Radio Astronomy) to develop the next-generation computer

tech needed to handle the colossal amount of data captured by the Square Kilometer Array (SKA), a new radio telescope that will spread sensing equipment over a span 3,000 kilometres wide, or about the width of the continental USA.

"One of the goals is to search what happened at the time of the Big Bang, 13 billion years ago," IBM researcher Ronanld Luijten told Mashable. "We need to figure out what technology needs to be chosen in order to build this large antenna."

The project is called DOME, and it's challenged to

find a way to capture and process approximately one exabyte every day, which works out to about twice the amount of data that's generated every day by the World Wide Web, IBM says. To do that in a way that doesn't consume a massive amount of energy, IBM will need to develop some entirely new processing architectures before construction on the telescope begins in 2017.

"We need to be very creative," says Luijten. "If we were to use standard servers of today, we'd need millions of them."

Internet

Drones coming to a sky near you as interest surges

BERKELEY, 2 April — Sharp-eyed dog walkers along the San Francisco Bay waterfront may have spotted a strange-looking plane zipping overhead recently that that looked strikingly like the US stealth drone captured by Iran in December. A few key differences: The flying wing seen over Berkeley is a fraction of the size of the CIA's waylaid aircraft. And it's made of plastic foam. But in some ways it's just like a real spy plane.

The 4 1/2-foot-wide aircraft, built by software engineers Mark Harrison and Andreas Oesterer in their spare time, can fly itself to specified GPS coordinates and altitudes without any help from a pilot on the ground. A tiny video camera mounted on the front can send a live video feed to a set of goggles for the drone's view of the world below. "It's just like flying without all the trouble of having to be up in the air," Harrison said. Thousands of hobbyists are taking part in what has become a global do-it-yourself drone subculture, a pastime that's thriving as the Federal Aviation Administration seeks to make the skies friendlier to unmanned aircraft of all sizes.

The use of drones in the US by law enforcement and other government agencies has privacy advocates on edge. At the same time, some DIY drone flyers believe the ease of sending



In this 28 March, 2012, photo, an Arcti Copter 5 drone flies over a waterfront park in Berkeley, Calif. Interest in the domestic use of drones is surging among public agencies and private citizens alike, including a thriving subculture of amateur hobbyists, even as the prospect of countless tiny but powerful eyes circling in the skies raises serious privacy concerns.— INTERNET

cheap pilotless planes and choppers airborne gives citizens a powerful tool for keeping public servants on the ground honest. Drones are the signature weapon of US wars in the 21st century.—Internet

science

Washington monument surveyed for quake effects

WASHINGTON , 2 April — Teams of surveyors have descended on the area around the Washington Monument in recent weeks to search for any minute changes in ground level wrought by the 5.8 magnitude earthquake that rattled huge swaths of the East Coast last 23 Aug. The surveyors with the National Geodetic Survey are equipped with the modern tools that have only increased the accuracy of the centuries-old practice of "leveling," and they are taking measurements that can reveal even sub-millimeter changes.

Geodesy (pronounced gee-ODD-uh-see) is the science that measures the Earth's changing shape, gravity field and orientation in space. It also pinpoints positions on the planet's surface in relationship with each other. "It's probably the second most important science, next to physics,

because literally everything is about place," said Dave Doyle, the NGS' chief geodetic surveyor and the man who had suggested the survey even before the 2011 Virginia-centered earthquake shook the nation's capital..

Although the area around the National Mall had been leveled, or surveyed, 17 times since the Washington Monument was completed in 1884, typically they were only "surveys of opportunity," as Doyle put it, conducted when a major project was under way. Since much of the area is built on sand and gravel landfill, Doyle decided it was high time the area was monitored regularly, once every few years. "You've got millions of pounds sitting on top of this soil that can move," he told OurAmazingPlanet. Doyle was sitting in front of his office computer, drafting a memo describing his idea, when the earthquake struck.—Internet

TECHNOLOGY



Dick Yu (C) leads participants in "laughter yoga" in a park in Hong Kong, in February. The 35-year-old trained hypnotherapist set up Hong Kong's first laughter club in 2007, after he discovered the concept of laughter yoga — made popular as an exercise routine by Indian physician Madan Kataria in 1995.— INTERNET

Long use of any hormones poses cancer risk

CHICAGO, 2 April — New research suggests that long-term use of any type of hormones to ease menopause symptoms can raise a woman's risk of breast cancer. It is already known that taking pills that combine estrogen and progestin — the most common type of hormone therapy — can increase breast cancer risk. But women who no longer have a uterus can take estrogen alone, which was thought to be safe and possibly even slightly beneficial in terms of cancer risk.

The new study suggests otherwise, if the pills are used for many years. It tracked the

health of about 60,000 nurses and found that use of any kind of hormones for 10 years or more slightly raised the chances of developing breast cancer. "There's a continued increase in risk with longer durations of use and there does not appear to be a plateau," said study leader Dr. Wendy Chen of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Internet



Childbirth takes longer now than 50 years ago

WASHINGTON, 2 April — Many tasks can be tackled more quickly now than 50 years ago, but delivering a baby naturally it seems is not one of them, according to a US government study. Compared with the 1960s, US women have in recent years spent two to three hours longer in labour, according to researchers at the US National Institutes of Health, who said the findings suggest doctors may need to rethink the definition of "normal" labour. The extra time is spent in the first stage of labour—the longest part of the process, before the "pushing" stage, according to findings published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Mothers are different as well. On average, they're older and weigh more, and their newborns are bigger too. "But even when we take these changing demographics into account, labor is still longer," said lead researcher Katherine Laughon, at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Though Laughon said the study wasn't able to fully address the potential reasons for the difference, one partial explanation may be epidural pain relief, which is far more common now than 50 years ago. Epidurals are known to slow labor down by about 40 to 90 minutes.



A pregnant woman receives an ultrasound during a prenatal exam at the Maternity Outreach Mobile in Phoenix, Arizona Outreach.— INTERNET

The findings were based on two government studies done decades apart. One, between 1959 and 1966, included about 39,500 women who delivered a full-term baby, while the other tracked more than 98,000 women who had a full-term baby between 2002 and 2008. All of the women had a spontaneous labour—that is, not induced. When it came to length of labour, first-time mothers in recent years typically spent 2.6 hours longer in the first stage, compared with their counterparts in the 1960s. The difference dropped to two hours with women who had given birth before.—*Internet*

A Ford logo on the front of a truck at the 2009 New York International Auto Show on 9 April, 2009.

INTERNET



US automakers expect sizzling sales for March

DETROIT, 2 April — US auto sales are expected to continue at a strong pace in March, capping the best quarter in four years for new vehicle purchases as the

overall US economy improved and new car buyers found easier financing. The strong first quarter in the US market could temper the impact of weak auto sales in Europe, where both General Motors Co and Ford Motor Co have lost money.

"The strong US data should help support first-quarter earnings and potentially offset any greater than expected softness in Europe," RBC Capital Markets analyst Joseph Spak said in a research note. On average, 34 analysts surveyed by Thomson

Reuters expect March sales to hit an annualized pace of 14.75 million vehicles. That would be up from 13.3 million a year ago but down from 15.1 million in February.

Strong sales in March would be the most convincing evidence yet this year of a sustained recovery in the US auto sector. Analysts said unseasonably warm weather last month drew out American car shoppers. The rise in gas prices to near \$4 coupled with high used car prices also prompted some consumers to buy new vehicles earlier than planned.—*Reuters*

Temporary outage of Visa card network on Sunday

WASHINGTON, 2 April—A technical problem affecting the Visa network barred some people around the United States from using their credit and debit cards for about 45 minutes on Sunday, the company said. The outage was caused by a recent update Visa has made to its system, said Visa Inc spokeswoman Sandra Chu. She said Visa had trouble processing some transactions as a result, but the system is operating normally now.

Chu said the problem Sunday was unrelated to the security breach potentially affecting Visa and MasterCard customers that was reported Friday by credit card processor Global Payments Inc. The outage occurred from around 2:40 pm to 3:20 pm EDT, a person from a major bank said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because bank employees were not authorized to speak publicly. Visa had notified the banks that are members of its network of the problem.

Consumers and merchants reported having Visa cards rejected on Sunday. At the Shoot Smart gun range in Fort Worth, Texas, manager Jared Sloane said credit and debit transactions stopped working early in the afternoon. Sloane said a few customers walked out when told they could only pay with cash or check, but otherwise the problem wasn't yet much of a disruption. Shoot Smart said problems with transactions were persisting at about 6:40 EDT. Chu said Visa's system was fully up and operational.—*Internet*



A technical problem affecting the Visa network barred people from using their credit and debit cards for about 45 minutes on 1 April, 2012, the company said.— INTERNET

Asia stocks mostly up as China manufacturing rises

BANGKOK, 2 April—Asian stock markets rose Monday after a Chinese survey showed that manufacturers in the world's No 2 economy boosted production for a fourth straight month. Japan's Nikkei 225 index gained 0.8 percent to 10,163.59 despite businesses remaining pessimistic in the central bank's latest "tankan" survey. South Korea's Kospi added 0.2 percent to 2,017.89 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.1 percent to 4,341.20. Benchmarks in Indonesia and Singapore also rose.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.7 percent to 20,419.84. Markets in mainland China are closed for a public holiday. Chinese manufacturing gained momentum for a fourth straight month in March, helped by a recovery in the auto, tobacco and electronics sectors, though analysts said conflicting data suggest lingering weakness. The state-affiliated China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing said Sunday that its purchasing managers index, or PMI, rose 2.1 points to 53.1 in March, up from February's 51.0 and January's 50.5. A reading above 50 signifies expansion.

A rise in new factory orders suggests a recovery in some industries, though a second set of data, from HSBC, said that after adjusting for seasonal factors, its PMI index for China for

March was 48.3, down from 49.6. HSBC's index, which tends to reflect trends in the export sector more strongly than the official index, has remained below 50 for five straight months, and recorded its lowest average reading in three years in the first quarter, HSBC said. Analysts at Credit Agricole CIB in Hong Kong said called the official reading on China manufacturing "surprisingly upbeat" and said set the stage for a strong week in stock markets.

"Investors will watch PMI readings from other regional economies, including Korea, Taipei and India. If they also improve, the story of Asia regaining momentum ... would provide more lasting support for markets," Credit Agricole said in a report. The data from China boosted Australia's raw materials sector, whose fortunes are largely tied to Chinese demand. BHP Billiton, the world's largest mining company, jumped 2.3 percent. Fortescue Metals Group gained 1.7 percent. Rio Tinto Ltd rose 1.6 percent.—*Internet*



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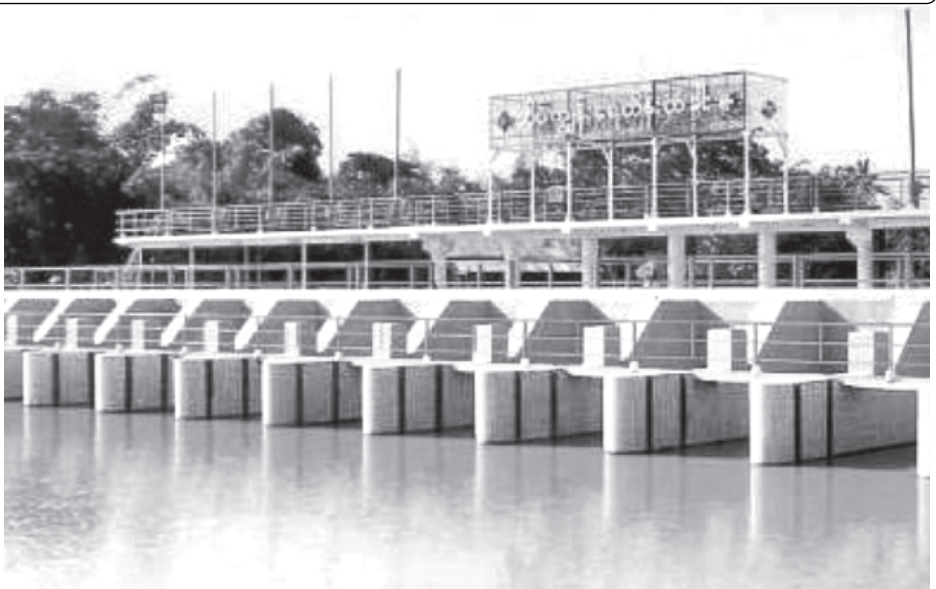


Wapa Dam in Thaton of Mon State supplying potable and irrigation water to local people.

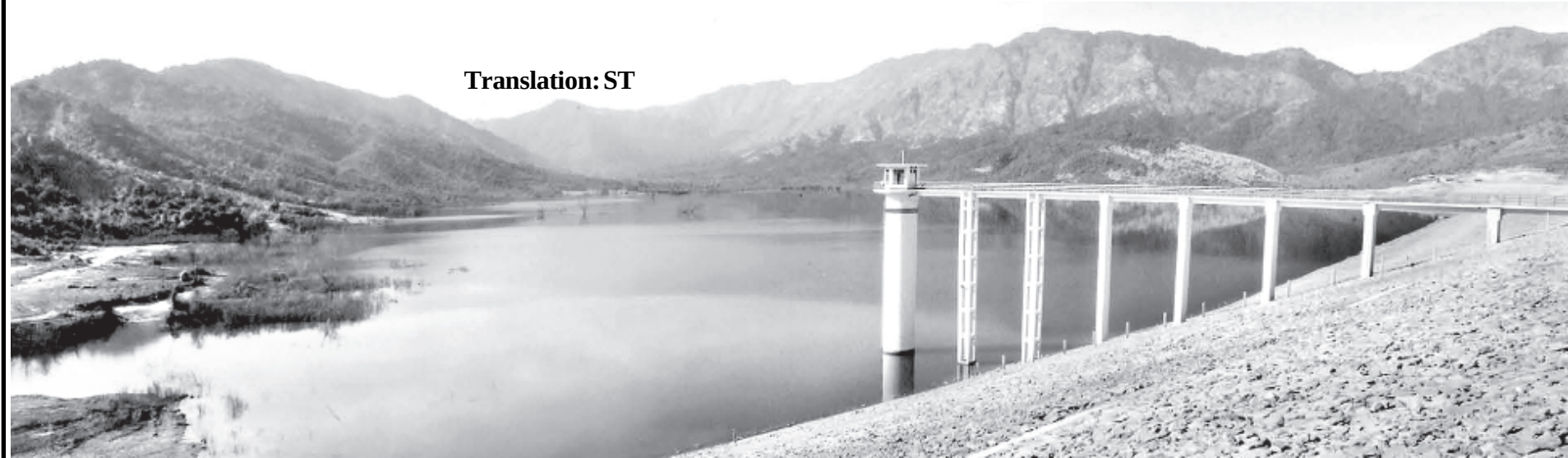
Dams and reservoirs supplying potable and irrigation water to local national people in Mon State



Yinnyein Sluice Gate, one of the irrigation facilities built so as to develop the agricultural sector of Mon State, facilitating the cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy as well as beans and pulses.



Seikkyun Sluice Gate near Seikkyun Village in Thaton Township, Thaton District, Mon State, supplying water for growing monsoon and summer paddy.



Translation: ST

As networks of irrigation facilities are being built in Mon State like in other states and regions, Kataik Dam near Kataik Village in Paung Township is one of those facilities to enable local people to engage in cultivation in all weathers.

Australia targets Americans to fill skills shortages

CANBERA , 2 April — Australia unveiled measures Monday targeting Americans as it looks to fill a jobs shortage in the resources sector during a boom time for the industry thanks to demand from China and other parts of Asia.

Surging commodities exports to Asia helped Australia avoid a recession during the global downturn and the government has a massive pipeline of investments but it is struggling to find enough labour.

Skills, Science and Research Minister Chris Evans said the demand for skilled workers was likely to peak over the next three to five years, and the United States had the supply to fill the gaps.

The announcement comes with unemployment in the United States remaining at a painfully high 8.3 percent — despite a recent run of improvement in the jobs market — as the economy struggles to recover from the financial crisis. —Internet

The world’s largest display manufacturer, Samsung display is launched

SEOUL , 2 April — Samsung Display Co, Ltd, a global leader in display panel technologies and products, announced today that it has been officially launched as a new corporation, spun off from Samsung Electronics. Samsung Display held its inauguration ceremony yesterday and will begin business operations in earnest after carrying out incorporation registration on 3 April.

Donggun Park, executive vice president and head of the former Samsung Electronics’ LCD Business was elected CEO of Samsung Display. The company, which recorded 22.7 trillion KRW (approximately 20 billion US dollars) in annual revenue in 2011 as Samsung Electronics’ LCD Business, became the world’s largest display manufacturer overnight, based on its 20,000 employees and five production facilities worldwide.—Internet

Myanma Tea Culture

By **TKK**

Either in busy big towns or sleepy small ones in Myanmar, crowded teashops, big or small, tidy or shabby are common scenes among other landmarks. Since dawn after dusk, you can see different ages of people sitting there chatting in groups or gazing alone. Tea has long been everyday beverage of all social classes and is an inseparable part of life here in Myanmar.

Myanma tea culture is often misunderstood as wasting time by people

atmosphere is filled with fragrance of flowers and sounds of small bells from pagodas. In spite of some changes in lifestyle of Myanmar people, alcohol and drug abuse is still regarded forbidden.

Teashops are a form of relaxation here in Myanmar. No KTV, no bars, no clubs, teashop is just enough for Myanmar people for rest and relax. So many stories has a teashop, romantic, happy, amusing or familiar. A teenager waits his to-be-girlfriend at teashop to see her going to work or col-

brave man, a slap or a kiss, who knows?

A husband waits for his wife coming back from market. There are also the men like him talking the hind legs off a donkey, sipping sweet tea and green tea alternatively biting fired snacks. Wide-ranging topics from international affairs to premier league clubs, the breadwinners discuss or strictly speaking argue without a pause.. They are the real decision makers of international issues. So busy that they have no time to manage the household budget, a very basic everyday chore. Meat is pricey but vegetables are good for health. Let housewives choose themselves measuring their purses.

Pensioners, after taking a walk for morning exercise, sit at teashop with beloved grandchild. Walking hand in hand with grandchild and answering questions of inquisitive little boy is somewhat inexpressible pleasure for them. One may boast the IQ of his bright grandson while another is talking the world of his chubby little granddaughter. They try to excavate the surviving remains missing the memorable days. It is time to abandon the odds and ends of life and devote in religion in search of peace and extinction of sufferings.

Teashops also are information centres. No journals, no internet, just one sit and you can cover the world news. But international news are not so interesting and hot as your neighbours' gossips. Almost everything starts here from teashop—great ideas,



A set of green tea kettle and cups depicting Myanmar traditional tea culture.

marriage, and communal activities. Youths discuss here for their future with each other. They share and exchange their experiences and knowledge with each other. Of course, sometimes their talks deviate from self-improvement plan as beautiful girls walk past the teashop.

Friends gather at teashop. Families have breakfast at teashop. Couples date at teashop. It has been deeply rooted in life of Myanmar people. Have a tea break after long-hour tiring work, and refresh your mind, you can concentrate better. Sipping tea at teashops means far more, you can meet new friends or develop new contacts there or perhaps win a business deal. The environment is a little bit noisy but relaxing and comfortable. It is no doubt one of the dominant aspects of the traditional life of Myanmar people.

But in rural areas, people usually drink green tea,

almost one cup after another all the day. The central Myanmar is made of arid regions. Sipping green tea helps people sweat to regulate their body heat. It is ideal to drink green tea to hide from the burning heat of scorching sun. There is a saying in Myanmar, "Drinking green tea can bring you auspiciousness and power to conquer." Sitting under the shade of old large trees after the lunch break, farmers look their farms in pleasure as leaves are waving, rice plants swaying in the breeze. No hurry, no worries, no struggle, no trouble, no big dreams, life is very simple.

The elders often gather around a tea tray and have a cozy chat for communal activities such as donation to the monastery and weddings. There lies the pulse of Myanmar tea culture. Just one teapot and three or more tea cups is enough to drink, none other

accessories. It is simple, random and not complicated like China or Japan. In rural areas, tea is generally the first thing offered to household guests, accompanied by Myanmar traditional snacks such as sweet jaggery.

In addition, pickled tea leaves are also a national delicacy. It is usually eaten with crispy fried beans, roasted peanuts, roasted sesame seeds, fried garlic chips and tomato slices. In the monarchical period, when the two arguing parties want to settle a dispute, they eat pickled tea leaves in front of the arbitrator, which means bury the hatchet and be friends again.

Tea, sweet or green and Myanmar people are closely intertwined. It is our culture, one of intangible cultural heritages of Myanmar people. We love it and are the real tea drinkers.



Green tea and pickled tea leaves salad perfectly combine to leave a wonderful taste on your tongue.

from other countries. Myanmar is a Buddhist nation and the life of its people is always entwined with Buddha's teachings. In the mornings and evenings, the

lege. Maybe just a glance is enough for him to let her enter his dreams. As he is reluctant to chase her, his lads would aid and abet him giving her love letter. Just be

Installation of GSM-UMTS system launched in Kyaukse



KYAUKSE, 2 April—According to the implementation of the GSM-UMTS extension project of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, a ceremony to launch the GSM-UMTS system was held at

Kyaukse Auto-Exchange in Mandalay on 28 March morning.

Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Than Soe Myint, Region Hluttaw

representative U Aung Myint Than of Kyaukse Township, Region Manager U Kyaw Swa Thwin of Mandalay Region Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, the deputy commissioner of Kyaukse District and departmental officials and responsible persons of Asia Mega Link Co Ltd that is cooperating with Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in implementing the project.

Region Ministers U Kyaw Hsan and U Than Soe Myint and Director Daw Aye Aye Aung of Asia Mega Link Co Ltd cut the ribbon to install GSM-UMTS system.

Kyemon

OG specialists leave for Malaysia to attend training course, workshop



YANGON, 2 April—With a view to promoting the gynaecological endoscope surgery, a team comprising Associate

Professor Dr Daw Thin Thin Aung, Associate Professor Dr Daw Khin May Thin, OG Specialist Dr Daw Kyin Kyin San,

Assistant Lecturer Dr Daw Cherry Khaing, Assistant Surgeon Dr Daw Ei Shwe Sin and Assistant Surgeon Dr Daw Phyu Phyu and Assistant Surgeon Dr Daw Mya Pwint Phyu of Myanmar OG Surgeons Association left Yangon International Airport on 29 March to attend the endoscope surgical course and the workshop to be held in Malacca of Malaysia on 30 March.

The training course and workshop will be supervised by Chairman of Malaysian OG Surgeons Association Dr S Selva.

Kyemon

Workshop on Inlay Lake Conservation Project held



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun delivers an address at workshop on launch of Inlay Lake Conservation Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun addressed the workshop on launch of Inlay Lake Conservation Project, jointly organized by Forest Department of the ministry and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at the head office of the department this morning.

Following climate change, water level of Inlay Lake

reached the lowest level in 50 years, he said. Five-year plan of Inlay Lake sustainability and environmental conservation will be implemented from 2010 to 2014, he added.

According to the minister, Inlay Lake sustainability and environmental conservation committee had been formed with related ministries, regional authorities and local people.—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends hospital opening ceremonies in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye unveiled the signboard of upgraded 50-bedded Monywa Traditional Medicine Hospital on 30 March morning. Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Sagaing Region Hluttaw Speaker U Thin Hlaing and Head of Region Traditional Medicine Department U Kyaw Swe formally

mally opened the hospital.

The deputy minister, the region social affairs minister, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Win Myint Aung, the director of Traditional Medicines Department and donors formally opened the extended wards. The region chief minister sprinkled scented water on the inscription.

The deputy minister, the region minister

and Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Oo formally opened 200-bedded extended wards of Monywa People's Hospital. The region chief minister unveiled the signboard of the hospital and sprinkled scented water of the inscription.

The region chief minister and the deputy minister also attended ceremony to handover the hospital wards to the Ministry of Health.

try of Health.

The region chief minister and wellwishers made donations to the hospitals.—MNA

44th SEAFDEC Council Meeting kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The opening session of 44th Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC) Council Meeting, hosted by Myanmar, was held at Myat Tawwin Hotel here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye delivered an opening address.

Deputy Director-General of Malaysian Fisheries Department Haji Ismail bin Abu Hassan extended greetings.

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Director-General of Fisheries Department U Khin Ko Lay presided over the meeting. Directors-general of the Fishery Departments from 10 ASEAN countries and Japan and Singapore, council directors, high-level officials, officers from SEAFDEC Secretariat and four divisions, FAO and ASEAN Secretariat local NGOs and observers attended the meeting.—MNA

Dy EP-1 Minister attends international water resources conference in Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myint Zaw, accompanied by Director-General of Hydropower Implementation Department U Maw Tha Htway and four members, attended Fourth International Conference on Water Resources and Renewable Energy Development in Asia (Asia 2012) organized by The International Journal on Hydropower and Dams from 25 to 27 March in Chiang Mai of Thailand.

The deputy minister also attended sideline paper reading session.

Scholars from 44 countries attended the conference and paper reading session where 93 papers on hydropower were submitted.

Fifteen-member Myanmar delegation attended the events and paper on "Design and Construction Aspect of the Upper Paunglaung RCC Dam" was submitted.

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Raising reading habit, book donations held in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—A ceremony to donate books and publications organized by Shan State Information and Public Relations Department was held at the city hall in Lashio on 28 March.

Officials awarded the winners in the reading, essay and extempore talks contests

held in villages of Lashio Township. Deputy Speaker of the Shan State Hluttaw U Sai Hkam Hmat, State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myo Tun and officials accepted 150 books donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation, 500 books by IPRD, 25 TVs, 17 EVDs, 34 radios and 1350 books by

wellwishers.

At the ceremony, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (Lashio), State Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department, families of District Forest Department and Myawady news crew donated cash for daily newspapers for one year to six villages.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye addresses opening of 44th Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC) Council Meeting.—MNA

Students take scholarship exams

YANGON, 30 March — Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein visited Kyauktada Township Basic Education High School, BEHS Nos.6&2 in Botahtaung Township and

BEHS No.1 in Lanmadaw Township, where students were taking examinations for scholarship.

Similarly, In-charge Director-General U Aung Chain of No.3 Basic

Education Department and officials inspected marking of exam papers for scholarship within a day-time at BEHS No.4 in Ahlon Township, BEHS No.4 in Mayangon Township and BEHS No.3 in Kamayut Township. — MNA

Publications donated for village libraries in Myeik District

At the event, Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Thein Lwin, Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo and officials concerned presented prizes to the outstanding students who won in the essay contest

and quiz.

Then, the Ministry of Information contributed publications to a total of 10 village libraries and the region government, a total of 5 village libraries.

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Names of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives...

(from page 16)

Sr.	Name	CSC No.	Constituency	Party/ independent
20.	U Ohn Kyaing	12/ThaGaKa(Naing) 012453	Mahaaungmye	NLD
21.	U Win Htein	12/AhSaNa(Naing) 168963	Meiktila	NLD
22.	U Kyaw Thiha	9/MaMaNa(Naing) 077993	PyinOoLwin	NLD
Mon State				
23.	Daw Khin Htay Kywe	10/KhaHsaNa(Naing) 015339	Mawlamyine	NLD
Yangon Region				
24.	Daw Aung San Suu Kyi	CE-073966	Kawhmu	NLD
25.	Daw Phu Phyu Thin	12/UKaTa(Naing)108850	Mingala	NLD
			Taungnyunt	
26.	Dr May Win Myint	12/MaRaKa(Naing) 010275	Mayangon	NLD
27.	U Phyto Min Thein	12/DaGaTa(Naing)058578	Hlegu	NLD

28.	Dr Myo Aung	12/DaGaMa(Naing)008620	Dagon Myothit (Seikkan)	NLD
29.	Daw Su Su Lwin	12/BaHaNa(Naing)055094	Thongwa	NLD
Shan State				
30.	Dr Daw Than Ngwe	13/TaKaNa(Naing)010529	Kalaw	NLD
Ayeyawady Region				
31.	U Win Myint	14/DhaNaPha(Naing)006348	Pathein	NLD
32.	U Sein Win	13/NaSaNa(Naing)002264	Maubin	NLD
33.	U Mann Johny	14/KaPaNa(Naing)009068	Myaungmya	NLD
34.	U Kyaw Myint	14/ZaLaNa(Naing)038244	Myanaung	NLD
35.	Daw Myint Myint San	12/LaMaTa(Naing)012212	Wakema	NLD

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Nay Pyi Taw

Announcement No. 18/2012

11th Waxing of Tagu, 1373 ME

(2 April, 2012)

Announcement of names of Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives

According to announcements of respective Region and State Subcommissions that the following persons were elected in first Amyotha Hluttaw by-elections held on 1 April, 2012, under Section (49) Subsection (b) of Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, these persons are announced as Amyotha Hluttaw representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies shown against each.

Sr.	Name	CSC No.	Constituency	party/ independent
Bago Region				
(1)	U Min Oo	7/PhaMaNa(Naing)023682	No. 7	National League for Democracy
Magway Region				
(2)	U Aung Kyi Nyunt	10/KhaHsaNa(Naing)013116	No. 4	NLD
Ayeyawady Region				
(3)	U Thein Swe	14/PhaPaNa(Naing)003761	No. 10	NLD

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Nay Pyi Taw

Announcement No. 19/2012

11th Waxing of Tagu, 1373 ME

(2 April, 2012)

Announcement of names of Region Hluttaw Representatives

According to announcements of respective Region and State Subcommissions that the following persons were elected in first Region Hluttaw by-elections held on 1 April, 2012, under Section (49) Subsection (b) of Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law, these persons are announced as Region Hluttaw representatives of Region Hluttaw constituencies shown against each.

Sr.	Name	CSC No.	Constituency	party/ independent
Bago Region				
(1)	U Myo Khaing	7/KaWaNa(Naing)000495	Kawa (2)	National League for Democracy
Ayeyawady Region				
(2)	Dr Hla Myat Thway	12/KaTaTa(Naing)014517	Yekyi (2)	NLD

Sd/Tin Aye
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Taxation matters clarified in Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Chin State Internal Revenue Department held a clarification on taxation matters at the office of Haka Township Internal Revenue Department in Haka Township on 28 March morning.

Chin State Minister for Finance and Revenue U Nan Zamon delivered an address.

It was also attended by Head of Chin State Internal Revenue Department U Soe Nyunt, Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Ngun Thaung, departmental personnel, merchants and entrepreneurs.

The heads of state and township Internal Revenue Departments explained matters related to taxation to those present.

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NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein extended a warm welcomed to Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh Air Marshal Shah Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, fawc, pac, together with the Guard of Honour at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion together with Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat

Hein were Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Brig-Gen Than Lwin of Toungoo Station and senior military officers.

The Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh and party were accompanied by Air Officer Commanding Bangladesh Air Force Base Bashar, Air Commodore M Naim Hassan, fawc, psc, senior military officers of Bangladesh Air Force and

Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein warmly welcomes Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh

the Bangladeshi Military Attaché to Myanmar.

On arrival at the welcoming ceremony by car, the Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh, was warmly welcomed by the Commander-in-Chief (Air) in front of Zeyathiri

Beikman.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and the Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Next, the Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh introduced his entourage to the Commander-in-Chief (Air). The Commander-in-Chief (Air) also introduced his entourage to the Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein and Chief of the Air Staff of Bangladesh Air Marshal Shah Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, fawc, pac of Bangladesh Air Force taking salute of the Guard of Honour.—MNA

Damaged medicines, foodstuffs, cosmetics destroyed in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 2 April—Mandalay City Development Committee is striving in shaping Mandalay City as hygienic city.

The committee cooperates with the Food and Drug Administration of the

Ministry of Health checked supermarkets and markets not to import and sell unregistered medicines, low quality medicines and damaged pharmaceuticals at the market.

The committee also seized all damaged

medicines of the market and destroyed them.

At 9 am on 10 March, a ceremony to destroy medicines, foodstuffs, personal goods, various sorts of cosmetics, spices, foreign-made biscuits, various items of snacks, soft drinks, bottles of Pseadoephedzine medicine was held at Kyanigan Cemetery in Patheingyi Township.

These goods were worth K 6,065,470. Workers of the Sanitation Department of Mandalay City Development Committee and staff of Mandalay Region Health Department participated in incineration of the seized goods.

It was supervised by the Mandalay Mayor.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

Children injected measles vaccine in Toungoo

TOUNGGOO, 2 April—The age-wise measles vaccination was held at the administrative office of Ward 8 in Toungoo on 23 March.

Nurse Daw Khin Khin Hlanig and party injected over 70 children from nine

months to five years old from the ward.

The work was supervised by Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Gyi Maung of Traditional Medicine Hospital and Head of District Health

Department Dr Khin May Thwin.

In Toungoo Township, the age-wise measles vaccination was campaigned in 23 wards to inject vaccine to 17805 children from 22 to 31 March.—*Myanma Alin*

Thanlyin Township observes World TB Day 2012



YANGON, 2 April—The ceremony in commemoration of the World TB Day 2012 was observed at Shin Saw Pu Hall in Thanlyin on 26 March afternoon.

Deputy Commissioner USai Thaw Win of the District General Administration Department made a speech.

Deputy Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr Wai Mar Mar Tun read the message to the World TB Day sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein. Head of District Health Department Dr Nilar Soe read the address to be delivered by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at the ceremony to mark the World TB Day.

Leader of the District TB Control Project Dr Daw Mya Moe explained facts about tuberculosis disease.

Later, those present viewed round the booth of the World TB Day.

Myanma Alin



Stake driven for construction of village library in Ponnagyun

PONNAGYUN, 2 April—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Kundali Gama Youth Life Alinyaung Library was held in Nadaungkya Village of Ponnagyun Township of Rakhine State on 27 March morning.

The library founder

drove stakes for the library. Next, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Aung, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Hla Baw Thu, Village administrator U Ba Yin and township departmental officials laid cornerstones for

construction of the new building.

At the ceremony, librarian U Thein Tun Aung accepted books and publications donated by Ashin Adiçca of Yangon and township level departmental personnel.

Myanma Alin

Maungdee Creek Bridge commissioned into service in Labutta



LABUTTA, 2 April—A ceremony to insugurate Maungdee Creek Bridge was held in Maungdee Village-tract of Ngapudaw Township on 23 March morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Aye Maung Kyi of Labutta District General Administration Department made a speech.

Maungdee Village administrator U Tun Tun Aung reported on construction of the bridge.

Member of the bridge construction committee U Kyi Shein read the financial report for the bridge. A local people spoke words of thanks for construction of the bridge.

At first, the deputy commissioner of the district, wellwisher ShwenanU Gold Shop owner U Khin Oo of Labutta Township, Executive Officer U Tin Htay of Labutta Township Development Affairs

Committee and Village administrator U Tun Tun Aung cut the ribbon to open the facility.

The bridge was built at a cost of K 5,119,850 as capital donation presented by the wellwisher and K 3,297,075 contributed by the local people.

The facility is 57 feet long, 10 feet wide and 10 feet high reinforced concrete bridge.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

New executives elected at Artistes and Artisans Asiayon

YANGON, 2 April—The Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon (Central) and election of new executives was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road in Yangon on 29 March.

It was attended by Chairman of the Asiayon U Thaug Han and executives, and artistes from various arts across the nation.

On behalf of the chairman, Vice-Chairman Artist U Thant Sin (a) Hla Tin Tun and on behalf of the patrons, Patron Artist U Mya Han made speeches and read their respective reports.

After elections, Artist U Maung Maung Hla Myint, Secretary U Ni Po Oo and new executives were elected for the second four-year terms.

MTAAA

Second mass sports activity trophy handed over

KYONPYAW, 2 April—A ceremony to hand over the

second prize in the most activity trophy in December mass sports the whole nation in 2011 to Kyonpyaw Township Sports and Physical Education Committee was held at Ayeya Min Hall in Kyonpyaw on 16 March.

Chairman of Township Sports and Physical Education Committee Township Administrator U Thein Sein made a speech. Technical Officer U Tin Htut handed over the trophy to the Township Administrator.

Myanma Alin

Labutta launches age-wise measles vaccination



LABUTTA, 2 April—The age-wise measles vaccination 2012 for the whole township of Labutta in Labutta District of Ayeyawady Region was campaigned on 22 March morning.

The ceremony was held in Ward 7.

Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner U Aye Maung Kyi of District General Administration Department, Dr San Shwe Win of World Health

Organization, Medical Superintendent Dr Sein Hlaing of District General Hospital, Commander of District Police Force Police Major Win Kyi and Township Administrator U Bo Bio Min Thaik, district and township level departmental personnel and members of social organizations participated vaccination of measles to the children.

They then presented snacks to the children.

Myanma Alin

Drive Safely

Airlines urge review as UK air passenger duty rises by 8%



Every air passenger will now have to pay more in duty when they fly.
INTERNET

LONDON, 2 April — Air passenger duty (APD) has risen by 8%, as announced by the government in the Autumn Statement last year. For short-haul flights, the tax has increased from £12 to £13. For long-haul flights of more than 4,000 miles, it has gone up from £85 to £92.

In light of the increase, airlines called on the Treasury to review the impact on “hard working families”. A Treasury minister said the majority of passengers will only pay an extra £1 as a result of the rise. Also as of 1 April, corporation tax in the

UK falls by 1% to 24%. The changes in APD will also see it extended to private business jets for the first time.

In a joint statement the bosses of Easyjet, British Airways owner IAG, Ryanair and Virgin Atlantic said the increase would “hit millions of hard-working families and damage the wider economy”. “We urge [Chancellor] George Osborne to make APD the first tax to be examined under the Treasury’s new review of the wider impacts of taxation on the economy,” they said. They added that further planned rises in the

tax before 2016 would mean a family of four paying £500 in tax to fly economy class to Australia. In 2005, they said, the same family would have paid £80.

Sir Richard Branson, who owns Virgin Atlantic, told the BBC increasing the tax might put some people off visiting the UK. “Tax is all very well when it’s not actually costing the country money and I think it’s getting to a stage where it’s actually going to cost the country money,” he said.

The business group the CBI has also called for a lower rise in APD.

The government defended the rise by saying it had frozen APD last year. “Most passengers pay only a pound more on their flights as a result of the rise,” said Economic Secretary to the Treasury Chloe Smith.

Internet

World landmarks dimmed for Earth Hour

LONDON, 2 April — Hundreds of world landmarks from Berlin’s Brandenburg Gate to the Great Wall of China went dark Saturday, part of a global effort to highlight climate change.

Earth Hour, held on the last Saturday of March every year, began as a Sydney-only event in 2007. The city’s iconic Harbor Bridge and Opera House were dimmed again this year. Australia is among the first countries to flick off the light switches each year; in New Zealand, Sky Tower in Auckland and the parliament buildings in Wellington switched off two hours earlier; Tokyo Tower was also dimmed and in Hong Kong, buildings along Victoria Harbour also went dark.

All the events take place at 8:30 pm local time. The WWF, the global environmental group which organizes the event, said the number of countries and territories participating has grown from



About 5000 candles arrange to a globe lights in front of the Brandenburg Gate prior to the landmark switched off the lights to mark ‘Earth Hour’ in Berlin, on 31 March, 2012. — INTERNET

135 last year to 147 this year. “Global warming is a big issue,” said Rudy Ko, of Taiwanese environmental group Society of Wilderness. “Everybody can help reduce the problem by turning the lights off.”

Ko said children should invite their parents “to turn the lights off, go out, go to the parks to do some exercise, and enjoy some family time instead of watching TV or play video games.” In Europe, 5,000

candles were lit in the form of a globe in front of Berlin’s Brandenburg Gate before city officials switched off the monument’s lighting.

More than 230 monuments and major gathering points in Paris were expected to dim lights for an hour—including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe, as well as fountains and bridges over the Seine.

Internet

Gas flare at oil platform ‘extinguishes itself’

ABERDEEN, 2 April — The flare on the crippled North Sea oil platform at the centre of a gas leak has extinguished itself, the oil company Total has confirmed. All workers had been removed from the Elgin installation, 150 miles off Aberdeen, earlier in the week. The company said the evidence that the flame was out came from over flights and from vessels close to the exclusion zone. The leak has been ongoing since last Sunday.

A Total spokesman said: “We received the first indication that the flare may be out at 12:07 yesterday from our first surveillance flight of the day.

“The news was then reaffirmed at 16:36 following our second flight of the day.

“We received what we consider final confirmation at 08.20 this morning, when our sea vessels on location reported no further flare activity through the night.”

Scottish Environment Secretary Richard Lochhead said: “Now that the flare is no longer burning, a key factor relating to this incident has hopefully now been removed from calculations. “However, we

will continue to work through the Government Interest Group to assist Total in addressing the remaining risks as effectively as possible and bring forward an effective, safe solution.” He added: “The Scottish government recognises Total’s ongoing surveillance of the Elgin Platform throughout the incident and we ask that new developments continue to

be shared. “We remain in close contact with Total, DECC, Marine Coastguard Agency and Health and Safety Executive during this time and will continue to monitor the environmental situation in the surrounding area.” On Friday, Total UK’s managing director Phillipe Guys said the company had not found any evidence of human error.

The company believes the leak is coming from a rock formation above the main reservoir, at a depth of 4,000m. It had insisted there was no risk the flare would ignite the gas cloud beneath the platform.— Internet

The leak at Elgin platform, 150 miles off Aberdeen, had been ongoing since Sunday.
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(L-R) Alena Leonova of Russia, Carolina Kostner of Italy and Akiko Suzuki of Japan celebrate on the podium during the medal ceremony at the women’s free skating event at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Nice on 31 March, 2012. — INTERNET

Figure skating-Kostner ends Italy’s wait, champion Chan booted

NICE, 2 April — Canadian Patrick Chan crashed so hard during his free program on Saturday that an hour later he was still holding an ice pack to his bruised body.

It was a scene all too familiar to Carolina Kostner but the Italian finally ended a decade of disappointment as she and Chan were crowned champions at the world figure skating championships on Saturday.

Kostner has long been the standout female skater in Europe, winning four continental titles in the last six years, but is equally known for some spectacular meltdowns. None was more painful than the one she suffered a hop, skip and jump away from the French Riviera at the 2006 Turin Winter

Olympics, when she became the butt of jokes in her country after falling on practically every jump she attempted.

On Saturday, she finally won the title on her ninth attempt with a career-best score of 128.94 in the free skate to give her a total of 189.94 as she became the first Italian woman to win the global title. “Being here reminded me so much of Torino but this time I was determined to make amends,” Kostner told reporters.

The 25-year-old beat her closest rival, Russian Alena Leonova, by more than five points, while Japan’s Akiko Suzuki trailed in third with 180.68. “I just wanted to skate my best, straight from my heart,” added Kostner. She was true to her word.

Internet

‘Scary Spice’ wants to become an Aussie

LONDON, 2 April — Former Spice Girl Melanie Brown says she is considering turning her back on Britain to become an Australian citizen. The singer, 36, has spent much of the past 18 months commuting between London, Los Angeles and Sydney and



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recently made Australia her permanent base. She is a judge on the hugely popular talent show “X Factor Australia”.

“I would love to become an Australian citizen,” she told Sydney’s *Sunday Telegraph*, adding that her 13-year-old daughter was at a local school and doing well. “I’ve set up shop here. We are all really happy and settled. Hopefully you are going to want me here for a long time.” Brown, or Mel B, made her name as “Scary Spice” in the massively popular 1990s group Spice Girls, which also featured Victoria Beckham, wife of English footballing superstar David Beckham.

Internet

Truckers driving on Class A drugs to ‘relieve boredom’

LONDON, 2 April — A culture of Class A drug taking is common among some drivers working in the UK road haulage business, say industry insiders. Truck drivers are resorting to cocaine, speed and ecstasy to help keep themselves awake on long journeys. Drug testing firms say to have 10% of drivers in an haulage firm test positive for drugs was “not unusual”. Road safety minister Mike Penning insists Britain’s roads are among the safest in the world.

One lorry driver speaking to the BBC’s 5 live Investigates programme, who works for a major international haulage

company, claims he regularly sees drivers use ecstasy, cannabis, speed and cocaine to relieve the boredom of lengthy shifts. The highly experienced driver has tried to raise the issue with managers at his firm but says nobody wants to take responsibility and tries to pass the buck to another department.— Internet



Tests carried out by drug testing firms for hauliers suggest around 1 in 10 drivers take drugs.
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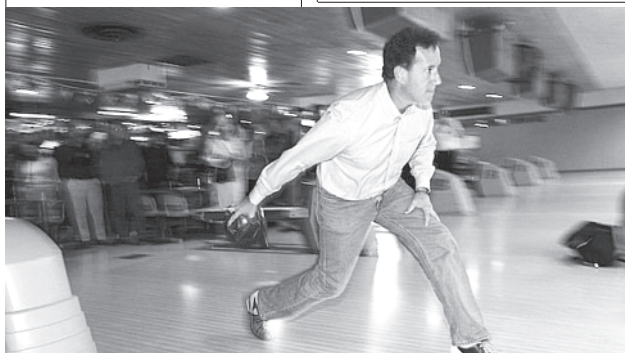
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Rick Santorum bowls at a bowling alley in La Crosse, Wis. — INTERNET



Teen bowling champion offers bowling tips to Rick Santorum: 'You can definitely tell he doesn't do it for competition'

CHILTON, 2 April — Rick Santorum has visited a different bowling alley every day during his weekend campaign swing through Wisconsin, but this time, he had some competition. Tyler Buechel, a high school bowling champion whose father owns the alley where Santorum played on Sunday, was on hand when the candidate arrived.

Buechel joined Santorum on the hardwood, and while Santorum's not a bad amateur bowler, the kid schooled him. "I've been bowling for 13 years and I'm 15," Buechel, who lives with his family above the bowling alley, told *Yahoo News*. "I started when I was two and a half." As for Santorum's bowling skills, Buechel said he could use some more practice. "You can definitely tell he doesn't do it for competition," he said. — *Internet*

Motor home crash kills five in northeast Kansas

YNDON, 2 April — A motor home headed to Minnesota has crashed in northeast Kansas, killing five people. The Kansas Highway Patrol said the northbound Freightliner motor home was carrying 18 people and pulling a trailer when the driver lost control at 9 am Sunday on Interstate 35.

The *Kansas City Star* reported that the motor home crashed into a ravine. Trooper Don Hughes said the victims included adults and children. He said he didn't know how many people were injured. The crash is under investigation and the names of the victims weren't immediately released. — *Internet*

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Football turns to helmet technology to tackle head injuries

BOSTON, 2 April — As Americans grow more aware of the risk of brain injury tied to football—the country's most popular sport—players and coaches are experimenting with the latest technology in a bid to make the game safer. Advances in training have led to bigger, faster players who have made the high-impact sport more dangerous, particularly at the college and professional level.

Football fans have witnessed devastating instances of concussion-related brain damage and even death in players as young as high-school age. They include 16-year-old Ridge Barden, 16, who collapsed

after a hit in a game in Phoenix, New York last October and later died at a hospital. Such grim examples have spawned the first major efforts to redesign the football helmet since the 1950s, along with new rules for playing the game. The largest US helmet manufacturers, as well as independent designers, are testing novel ways to cushion big and small blows to the head, or to provide immediate relief in the minutes after a major injury.

Gordon Powers, the coach of the Model High School football team in Rome, Georgia, saw how important it was to do more to protect players two seasons ago. He



A worker assembles a Xenith football helmet at the company's facility in Lowell, Massachusetts on 26 March, 2012.

INTERNET

was sending more team members to the bench who were showing signs of concussion. "We were losing a lot of players that couldn't play in the game on Friday night," Powers recalled.

Internet

One-year-old Calgary girl plunges five storeys after leaning on window screen

CALGARY, 2 April — A one-year-old girl in Calgary has been seriously injured after falling out a fifth-floor window. Police say the girl was in her bedroom on Sunday morning in an apartment. The window was open and they say she was leaning on the screen. The screen gave way and the girl fell to the ground below.

Police say she was rushed to hospital in critical condition. They say her condition was later upgraded to serious but stable. Investigators say it was an accident and that no charges are planned. Police say their victim's assistance unit is helping the girl's parents, along with the assistance of provincial social services. — *Internet*



Officials work the scene of a Minnesota-bound motor home on 1 April, 2012 in a ravine off Interstate 35 in northeast Kansas. — INTERNET

Vic man ‘still moving’ after declared dead

A driver mistakenly declared dead in a Melbourne car wreck was still moving when he was laid out for the coroner and wrapped in plastic, a tow truck driver who was at the scene says. Trevor Oliver says the 30-year-old man was left in the car for up to an hour before State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers removed his body. “The SES got the body out of the car and placed him on the side of the road and wrapped him in plastic,” Mr Oliver told Fairfax Radio.

“For another 40 minutes after, the driver continued to move, which was alarming everybody. “It was when the coroner turned up to pick up the body that they went to put the body in the back of the coroner’s van and the coroner and the SES volunteers noticed that the body was still warm and had a pulse.” The 30-year-old Hawthorn man was trapped in his Porsche which had been in a collision with a four-wheel drive near Bacchus Marsh, west of Melbourne, about 2am (AEST) on Sunday. Two Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) paramedics declared the man dead.

They were later called back to the scene and treated the



The man should have been transferred to an ambulance.

man before he was taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital in a life-threatening condition. Ambulance Victoria regional manager Simon Thomson could not explain how the paramedics concluded that the man was dead, despite having a “ cursory discussion” with them on Sunday night. “Paramedics use a process to assess whether someone has died or not. We’re not clear of the exact circumstances on this occasion,” he told reporters on Monday.

Fossils show pre-historic fish coupling

In an Aussie first, preserved 380 million-year-old fish fossils from Western Australia’s Kimberley Region are the earliest examples of males engaging in intimate sex with a female. The male of the placoderm species had unusual bony claspers, or paired fins, which enabled them to insert sperm into the female partner. Dr John Long,

a paleontologist based at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County in the US, said that unlike other pre-historic fish, these Aussies got physical to reproduce.

“Well, you know we’ve been a nation of not very romantic blokes and someone had to start it,” the scientist originally from Australia told AAP on Monday. The

preserved fossils were found at the Gogo site, in Western Australia, in 2005. Placoderms died out 350 million years ago at the end of the Devonian period but for 70 million years they were the most prolific life form on earth. Their style of romantic sex was happening some 200 million years before the arrival of mammals.

“It must have been

enjoyable or they wouldn’t have done it, or they would have become monks,” Dr Long said. “These fish were copulating. It was the beginning of love, if you want to define love that led to courtship. “We know for sure these things had intimate ways of mating,” Dr Long, the vice-president of research and collections at the American museum, said the fossils had perfectly preserved embryos.

News Album

Blind dog rescued from trash pile gets its eyesight back and a new home

When they found the dog, she was blind in both eyes and reportedly had the worst case of fleas they had ever seen. Throughout the video, you get to watch the dog, which they named “Fiona,” experience a miraculous recovery. After a nationwide fundraising and awareness effort, Fiona was able to receive an expensive surgery that restored vision to one of her eyes.

Fiona has since been adopted and her rescue video has become something of a hit on the Web. Here’s another video chronicling her recovery. This video was taken before she was adopted and includes scenes of Fiona wearing an unbearably adorable Santa hat.



Placoderms are depicted mating in what once was a giant lake in southern Australia.

Lambert, Shelton big winners at country awards

LAS VEGAS, 2 April—It was a night for married couples at the Academy of Country Music Awards on Sunday as husband and wife Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert won several honours and a couple of country music fans married during the show. The show spanned the years of country music with 22-year-old sensation Taylor Swift winning the top honour, entertainer of the year, and audience members paying tribute to bluegrass legend Earl Scruggs, who died last week in Nashville at age 88.

“I am so amazed that the fans keep doing such incredibly nice things for me. I just want to hug them all the



Blake Shelton accepts the award for male vocalist of the year at the 47th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 1 April, 2012.— INTERNET

time and thank them for everything—it really blows my mind,” Swift told reporters backstage about the award, which fans vote for. But Shelton and Lambert, who married last year, were the big

winners, taking home three trophies between them including best male vocalist for him and two trophies for her, female vocalist and album of the year for “Four the Record.”

Shelton, who co-hosted the programme, seemed genuinely surprised, saying he’d been waiting in the wings and hadn’t even been thinking of the award when his name was called. “I didn’t see that coming, at all,” he said. “It’s amazing.” Accepting her trophy for “Four the Record,” Lambert called her albums her “babies.” “That’s why I wake up in the morning,” she said.

Reuters

Adam Sandler comedy “Jack and Jill” sweeps Razzies

LOS ANGELES, 2 April—Adam Sandler has set another dubious record, this time in the realm of the 32nd annual Golden Raspberry Awards, as the comedian took home Sunday 10 awards including the worst film and worst actor and actress. Sandler, who entered the contention with a record 11 nods as a frontrunner for the ceremony, also known as the Razzies, won the two top honours for his cross-dressing comedy “Jack and Jill,” making the film the first of its kind to have ever swept every category in the event’s 32-year history.

The awards were handed out on Sunday night in Santa Monica, California, in recognition of the worst Hollywood films and filmmakers in 2011. The 2011 comedy also garnered seven other dubious honours including worst remake, rip-off or sequel, beating out other nominees including “Bucky Larson: Born to be A Star,” “New Year’s Eve,” “Transformers: Dark of the Moon” and “Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I.” Actor Al Pacino, David Spade and Dennis Dugan were named as worst supporting actor, actress and director, respectively. —Xinhua



Miranda Lambert, winner of the awards for album of the year for “Four the Record” and for female artist of the year, poses backstage at the 47th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 1 April, 2012.— INTERNET

Taylor Swift wins ACM entertainer of the year

LAS VEGAS, 2 April — Taylor Swift won her second consecutive entertainer of the year award at the Academy of Country Music Awards on Sunday night, just 24 hours after she was saluted by first lady Michelle Obama for her charity work on The Kids’ Choice Awards. Even by Swift’s lofty standards, it was an outstanding weekend — though tempered with a little melancholy. After hugging her way to the stage, she took a moment to say hello to Kevin McGuire and his family. McGuire, a high school football player and Swift fan who has cancer, was to have been Swift’s date to the

awards, but he was hospitalized and couldn’t make it.

“He’s not here but I promised him I would give him a shoutout,” Swift said of the Somerdale, NJ, resident. The 22-year-old Swift becomes just the second woman to win the award twice after Carrie Underwood accomplished that feat before Swift. She beat out an all-male field that included Kenny Chesney, who was shut out at the awards after leading all nominees nine. Miranda Lambert, Jason Aldean and Kelly Clarkson were the night’s top winners with two awards apiece.



Taylor Swift accepts the award for entertainer of the year at the 47th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards on 1 April, 2012 in Las Vegas.— INTERNET

Swift did not perform but was an oft-acknowledged presence. In the monologue co-hosts Reba McEntire and Blake Shelton wondered about that rumored date with Tim New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow.—Internet

“The Hunger Games” continues to rule North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 2 April—“The Hunger Games” stayed atop the North America box office chart this weekend, garnering 61.1 million US dollars in ticket receipts which successfully helped the latest Lionsgate actioner to fend off a pair of new films.

Widely regarded as the real first big blockbuster of the year, “The Hunger Games” saw its sales at 4,137 locations in the US and Canada dropped by 60 percent, a dramatic slide for the independent filmmaking firm’s tentpole film. However, the film continued drawing moviegoers including the Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his family to theaters across the region, thanks to its excellent word-of-mouth and aggressive marketing in the leadup to the 23 March release.

The Gary Ross film, which stars Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth, is on track for 251 million dollars

in ticket stubs during 10 days of exhibition. A pair of films, Warner Bros/Legendary Pictures’ 3D action fantasy sequel “Wrath Of The Titans” and Relativity Media’s Snow White comedy “Mirror Mirror,” have failed to dethrone the Lionsgate blockbuster.

Xinhua



The poster of “The Hunger Games”.
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Dalglish admits struggling Liverpool have problems



Liverpool’s manager Kenny Dalglish, seen here during their English Premier League match against Newcastle at St James’ Park, in Newcastle upon Tyne, on 1 April. Newcastle won 2-0.— INTERNET

LONDON, 2 April — Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish has accepted there are problems within his side after they slumped to a sixth defeat in seven Premier League matches at Newcastle United. But the 61-year-old Anfield great has insisted he will stay calm in a bid to get the Reds back on track ahead of

their FA Cup semi-final date with Merseyside rivals Everton on 14 April.

Dalglish will have to make do without goalkeeper Pepe Reina for that game after the Spain international was sent off in the closing stages of the 2-0 defeat at Newcastle’s St James’ Park on Sunday. It was a troubled afternoon for Liverpool, who ended up with former Newcastle defender Jose Enrique in goal and saw another ex-Magpie, striker Andy Carroll, direct his frustration towards his boss before disappearing up the tunnel after his second-half substitution.

Dalglish, whose side face Aston Villa at Anfield on Saturday and travel to Blackburn Rovers before their Wembley clash with Everton, said his players had to use their frustration to their advantage.

“We’ve got to try and remain calm and sort out the problems that we have to get ourselves back to the way that we want to be playing,” said Dalglish of a Liverpool team who’ve already won the League Cup this season.—Internet

Redknapp ready for Champions League place battle

LONDON, 2 April — Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp is expecting the battle for Champions League places to go right to the end of the English Premier League season. Tottenham’s 3-1 win at home to Swansea left them level on points with third-placed local rivals Arsenal and occupying the fourth and final spot on offer to English clubs. Importantly, Sunday’s victory at White Hart Lane also saw them pull five points clear of nearest pursuers Chelsea and Newcastle with seven games left.

“It’s going to be tight,” Redknapp said. “I wouldn’t write Chelsea off, I wouldn’t write Newcastle off - they’ve done a miracle as well - and Arsenal obviously are there. “It’s going to be interesting but that’s what football is about. That’s what supporters want — they want excitement. It’s going to be a great end to the season,” added Redknapp, the favourite to succeed Fabio Capello as England boss.

Tottenham were 1-0 up at half-time thanks to Rafael van der Vaart’s early opener before Gylfi Sigurdsson, on loan from German club

Hoffenheim, equalized for Swansea. But Spurs secured a first league win in six games thanks to late headers from striker Emmanuel Adebayor, on loan from title contenders Manchester City. “I thought we were fantastic first half,” said Redknapp. “The players did everything we asked — pressed and closed and had all the chances really.—Internet



Tottenham Hotspur’s Gareth Bale, seen here in action during their English Premier League match against Swansea City at White Hart Lane in London, on 1 April.— INTERNET



Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland holds the trophy aloft after her victory over Maria Sharapova of Russia in the women’s final of the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida, on 31 March, 2012. INTERNET

Radwanska beats Sharapova to win Miami title

KEY BISCAYNE, 2 April — Poland’s Agnieszka Radwanska used her wits to defeat world number two Maria Sharapova 7-5, 6-4 to win the Sony Ericsson Open final on Saturday and once again deny the Russian. Sharapova has now lost all four finals she has featured in at the Miami tournament and all three she has played in this year.

Radwanska’s victory was her second of the year following a triumph in Dubai and her ninth WTA title, arguably her most valuable one. “I’m just very, very happy that I have been able to play my best tennis since the beginning of the year. Let’s hope that I can continue,” said Radwanska, who is aiming this year to push for a first grand slam title. “I will never be able to serve like Maria but I try different things and mix it up,” she added.— Internet

Yoo edges Kim in playoff for Mission Hills title

RANCHO MIRAGE, 2 April — South Korea’s Yoo Sun-young rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to beat compatriot Kim In-kyung and win the Kraft Nabisco Championship on Sunday.

Yoo, who tied Kim at nine-under-par 279 after 72 holes, birdied the par-five 18th at Mission Hills Country Club



Yoo Sun-young of South Korea. INTERNET

in Rancho Mirage, California, to claim her first major title.

Kim squandered a chance to win the first

women’s major of the year in regulation when she missed a one-foot par putt at the final hole.—Reuters

Novak Djokovic wins Key Biscayne for 3rd time

KEY BISCAYNE, 2 April — Two boys stood on the top row of the stadium, beautiful Biscayne Bay at their back and the world’s best tennis player down below, as they waved a sign in his support. “Djokovic in the house,” it read.

From the youngsters’ remote perch, Novak Djokovic looked like a tiny figure, yet he still loomed large.

The top-ranked Djokovic won his third Sony Ericsson Open title Sunday, holding every service game to beat Andy Murray 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Djokovic improved to 20-2 this year and 90-8 since the start of 2011. He didn’t lose a set in six rounds at Key Biscayne. “I’m playing at the peak of my form ... the best

tennis that I have played,” Djokovic said. “I have to use that as much as I can.” He also won the tournament in 2007 and last year. Only six-time champion Andre Agassi has more men’s titles at Key Biscayne.

Mulling how to celebrate his latest trophy, Djokovic said he might violate his gluten-free diet. “I cannot guarantee anything,” he said with a laugh. “I think I deserve a fresh bagel.”

It was Djokovic’s first championship since he won the Australian Open in January for his fifth Grand Slam title and third in a row. Now begins the clay season culminating with the French Open, the only major Djokovic has yet to win.

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Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, returns a shot from Andy Murray, of Great Britain, during the men’s singles final match at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament on 1 April, 2012, in Key Biscayne, Fla.—INTERNET



Tiger Woods, arrived at the Masters confident and fit on Sunday, playing a practice round over Augusta National’s front nine in advance of Thursday’s start to the first major of the year.— INTERNET

Tiger confident upon arrival at Augusta

AUGUSTA, 2 April — Tiger Woods arrived at the Masters confident and fit on Sunday, playing a practice round over Augusta National’s front nine in advance of Thursday’s start to the first major of the year. Woods, a four-time Masters champion and 14-time major winner, snapped a US PGA win drought of 2 1/2 years one week ago with a victory at Bay Hill. Now he hopes to end a major title drought dating to the 2008 US Open.

“Physically I’m fine,” Woods told the Masters website. “I feel great, no aches

and pains.” Woods, who also played Augusta National’s front nine the week before winning at Bay Hill, has won at least once in a season before each of his prior Masters’ triumphs. But Woods has not won a Masters title since 2005.

“The whole idea is to get your game together and have it going the way you want at the time you want,” Woods said. “There are four times a year you want to be playing your best and this is one of them.” Woods, chasing the all-time record 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus, has shared fourth each of the past two years at the Masters, coming back in 2010 after a layoff over his infamous sex scandal.

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much for his stance two days earlier that it would be tough for anybody opening outside the top four to win on a course that typically features infrequent passing. Power showed it could be done by making up ground with the help of tire strategy and swift work on pit road.

He started on the faster alternate red-striped tires instead of the more durable black. “We started on black tires when everybody started on red, and then went to red when everyone was on black,” Power said. “That got us a couple of spots. And then just good stops and good strategy calls put me out in clean air so we could use our speed to make some passes.

“It was a very good team effort, an absolute team effort to put ourselves in position to win, which I did not think was possible this morning.” It was the second straight win for Chevrolet and Team Penske, which also is 3 for 3 at Barber Motorsports Park.

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Will Power, of Australia, jumps after he won the IndyCar Series’ IndyCar Prix of Alabama auto race at Barber Motorsports Park on 1 April, 2012, in Birmingham, Ala. INTERNET

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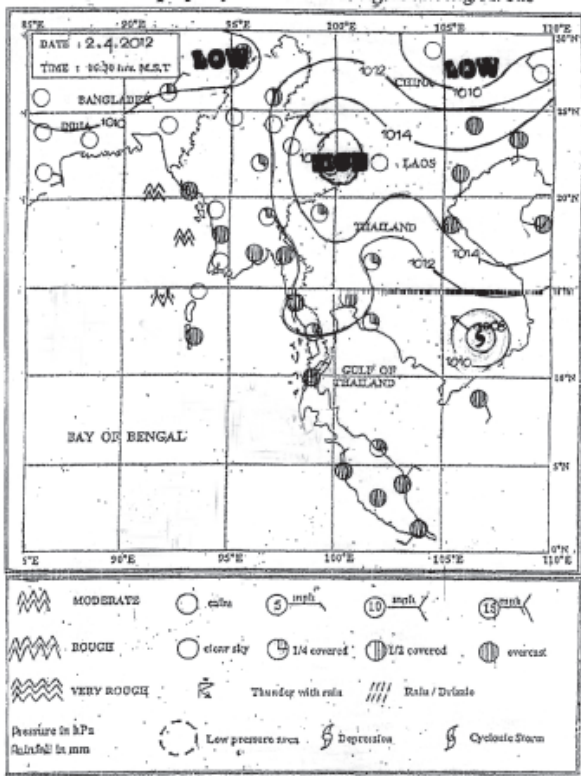
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(3-4-2012) (Tuesday)

- 7:00 am
1. Metta Bawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagi
- 7:50 am
2. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
3. Song of Yester Years
- 8:20 am
4. Dance of Thin Gyan Festival
- 3:15 pm
5. AFC Cup 2012 Group Stage Football (Live) (Yangon United (Myanmar) & Home United (Singapore))
- 5:25 pm
6. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Business Management)
- 5:50 pm
7. Song Programme
- 6:35 pm
8. Sweet Melody
- 7:50 pm
9. A Ngar Gat Myanmar Pyi (Rain Moe, Ko Ye, Su Pan Htwa, Wine Su Kaing Thein, Su Mon)
- 8:00 pm
10. News
 11. A Ngar Gat Myanmar Pyi (Rain Moe, Ko Ye, Su Pan Htwa, Wine Su Kaing Thein, Su Mon)
 12. Bakery World

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 3rd April, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	31/88	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayin	38/100	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	28/82	10/50	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	36/97	21/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	37/99	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	37/99	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	39/102	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	38/100	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	37/99	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	32/90	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	30/86	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	12/54	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	38/100	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today		During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Eastern Shan and Kayah States, (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Minbu (40°C)			
Bay Inference		Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.			
State of the Sea		Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.			
Outlook for subsequent two days		Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar areas.			

Hirvonen stripped of Rally of Portugal win



Finnish driver Mikko Hirvonen celebrates his victory in the 2012 Portugal Rally in Faro on 1 April, 2012. He was later stripped of his victory when the clutch on his factory Citroen was deemed illegal, leaving Ford's Mads Ostberg to celebrate his maiden triumph.—INTERNET

FARO, 2 April — Mikko Hirvonen was stripped of his Rally of Portugal win when the clutch on his factory Citroen was deemed illegal, leaving Ford's Mads Ostberg to celebrate his maiden triumph.

Hirvonen, the runner-up in the 2011 world championship, had been celebrating his first win as a Citroen driver, and 15th

overall in his career, after finishing 1min 51.8sec ahead of Ostberg.

The win had also put the Finn on top of the overall championship standings. But stewards later deemed the car's clutch to have breached technical regulations and excluded Hirvonen from the race classification.

A Citroen spokesman said that the team recognised the infringement but that the punishment was "disproportionate" and, as a result, they would appeal.

The decision also meant that world champion Sebastien Loeb, Hirvonen's teammate at Citroen, retains the overall lead in the championship despite the Frenchman having failed to finish the race.

Loeb has a four-point lead over Petter Solberg and 16-point advantage over Hirvonen. Ostberg, 24, was sixth in the championship in 2011, having claimed a modest two podium places.

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CSC ISSUED: Citizenship scrutiny cards were issued to eligible persons at Basic Education High School in Hlaingbwe Township on 19 March. Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Min Thu Aung hands over 242 cards for students to Headmistress Daw Hla Hla Myint.

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

Loans disbursed to needy people in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 2 April—With the aim of ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation, a ceremony to disburse microfinance by Yangon Region Government to local people at the administrative office of Hlinethaya Township on 23 March.

Chairman of the Township Loan Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Htein Soe explained the purpose of disbursement and presented K 33,750,000 to 11 loan supervisory committees of wards and villages.

The officials of the respective supervisory committees disbursed the loans to the local people again.

Myanma Alin

Bayern untroubled by busy schedule

BERLIN, 2 April—Bayern Munich will be unaffected by their hectic schedule when they meet Olympique Marseille in a Champions League quarter-final second leg on Tuesday, according to sports director Christian Nerlinger. Buoyed by a 1-0 Bundesliga win over Nuremberg on Saturday that marked their seventh consecutive victory in all competitions, the Bavarians are looking to knock out

Marseille after opening a 2-0 lead in last week's first match in France.

"We have our fate in our own hands in all three competitions," said Nerlinger of the chase for a Bundesliga-German Cup-Champions League treble that could feature eight games in less than four weeks.

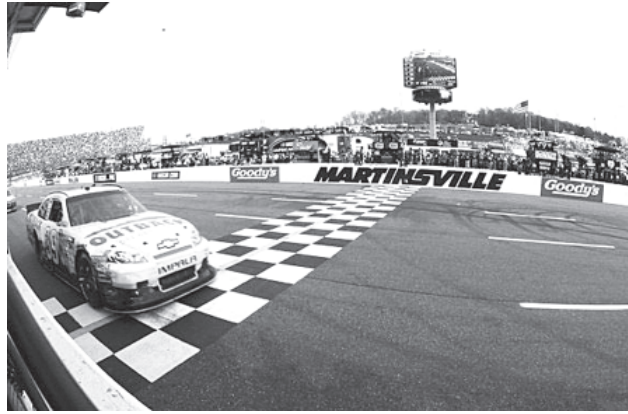
"I have faith in the team. They have shown they can adapt to this rhythm of a game every three days and

they are in good physical shape."

Bayern are already through to the German Cup final and are three points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund in the Bundesliga. The Munich team, looking to reach the Champions League final to be played in their own stadium in May, will be without suspended midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger on Tuesday after he was booked in Marseille.

Six Bayern players—including Thomas Mueller, captain Philipp Lahm, Toni Kroos and David Alaba—know a yellow card will put them out of the first leg of a likely semi-final against Real Madrid who are 3-0 up on APOEL Nicosia of Cyprus. "Our starting position is very good," said Lahm. "If we play our game with the same focus then we will not be threatened at all on Tuesday."

Reuters



Ryan Newman crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race on 1 April, 2012, in Martinsville, Va.—INTERNET

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Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chief of the Air Staff of the Bangladesh Air Force

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April— A goodwill delegation led by Chief of the Air Staff of the Bangladesh Air Force Air Marshal Shah Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, fawc, pcs paid a call on Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

Also present at the call together with Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Htay Win of the Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein and senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief and the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command. The Chief of the Air Staff was accompanied by Air Officer Commanding Bangladesh Air Force Base Bashar, Air Commodore M Naim Hassan, fawc, psc officers from Bangladesh Air Force and the Bangladeshi military attaché to Myanmar.

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that he strongly believed that goodwill visit of the Bangladeshi Chief of Air Force to

Myanmar would strengthen further amity between two armies. Exchange visits of army leaders from both sides showed that there were friendships between two countries. He was very heartening to see more strengthening of relationships between two countries and of amity between two armies. Myanmar would coordinate some border disputes. He was very happy to see personal friendships between two countries due to exchange visits of both leaders. He assumed that cooperation between the two countries would be successful.

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that he took pride for exchanging goodwill visits of both sides. Bangladesh would make more multi-cooperation between two countries in the future. Myanmar was sharing border with Bangladesh and same climate conditions. In addition, both countries were located under one umbrella and like brothers.

According to the history of Myanmar-Bangladesh relation since last 150 years, Bangladesh always remembered that Myanmar government and people had extended helping hand to Bangladeshi war victims. Myanmar was the earliest country which recognized Bangladesh as an



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Bangladeshi delegation led by Chief of the Air Staff of the Bangladesh Air Force Air Marshal Shah Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, fawc, psc at Zeyathiri Beikman.—MNA

independent country when Bangladesh set up on 16 December, 1971. Taking a look back at the history, there had been amity between two countries. Bangladesh remembered Myanmar's helps from Bangladesh's struggles for independence to date and thanked Myanmar government and people. In addition, Myanmar Air Force

had helped him a lot. Bangladesh would like to promote cooperation as air forces of both sides were in brotherhood. Bangladesh home to more than 160 million people thanked for food aids of India and Myanmar. Bangladesh would like to make cooperation in protecting against illegal business in the territorial waters of both sides. The

period his paying visit to Myanmar was a historic time for Myanmar, and he strongly believed that it would be success.

After the meeting, Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and the visiting Chief of the Air Staff exchanged gifts and had documentary photo taken.

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Names of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives announced

According to the announcements of the respective Region and State Sub-commissions in line with Section 49 Subsection (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law that the following persons were elected in the first Pyithu Hluttaw By-elections held on 1 April 2012, those persons are announced as Pyithu Hluttaw representatives of the constituency shown against each.

Sr	Name	CSC No	Constituency	Party/independent
Nay Pyi Taw				
1.	Daw Sanda Min	12/BaHaNa(Naing) 082556	Zabuthiri	National League for Democracy
2.	U Naingngan Lin	12/UKaMa (Naing) 176389	Dekkhinathiri	NLD
3.	U Phyo Zeya Thaw (a) Zeya Thaw	12/LaThaNa(Naing) 017142	Pobbathiri	NLD

4. U Min Thu	9/MaKaNa(Naing)079772	Ottarathiri	NLD
Sagaing Region			
5. U Khin Maung Thein	5/SaKaNa(Naing)073772	Sagaing	NLD
6. Daw Khin San Hlaing	5/WaLaNa(Naing)078461	Pale	NLD
Taninthayi Region			
7. U Aung Soe	6/ThaRaKha(Naing)005069	Launglon	NLD
Bago Region			
8. U Aung Soe Myint	7/TaNgaNa(Naing) 009515	Toungoo	NLD
9. U Sein Tun	9/WaTaNa(Naing) 081074	Htantabin	NLD
10. U Kyaw Min	7/LaPaTa (Naing) 026607	Letpadan	NLD
11. U Myint Oo	7/ThaNaPa (Naing)051123	Thanatpin	NLD
Magway Region			
12. U Paik Ko	8/PaKhaKa(Naing) 017111	Pakokku	NLD
13. Dr Aung Moe Nyo	8/PaPhaNa(Naing) 004573	Pwintbyu	NLD
14. U Myint Thein	8/KhaMaNa(Naing) 005637	Magway	NLD
15. U Myint Aung	8/MaMaNa(Naing)013146	Myaing	NLD
16. U Toe Shwe (a) U Tin Htay Aung	8/RaSaKa(Naing) 005249	Yesagyo	NLD
Mandalay Region			
17. Daw Khin Thanda	9/TaTaU (Naing) 075358	TadaU	NLD
18. Dr Zaw Myint Maung	9/AhMaRa(Naing) 059490	Kyaukpadaung	NLD
19. U Paw Khin	9/MaKhaNa(Naing) 025063	Natogyi	NLD

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Tottenham Hotspur's Gareth Bale, seen here in action during their English Premier League match against Swansea City at White Hart Lane in London, on 1 April.



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Prizes awarded to winners in essay, poem, extempore talks

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April— A ceremony to present prizes to the readers in raising the reading habit and to donate books was held at the Dhammayon in Kinpunchaung Village of Kyaikto Township, Mon State, at 9 am on 25 March.

Pa-O National Races Affairs Minister of Mon State U Khun Pe Mya, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Nyi Nyi

Tun and officials presented prizes to the winners in essay, poem and extempore talks contests.

After that, officials handed over 1250 books on general knowledge and various subjects worth K 500,000 donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation to Village Administrator U Kyaw Thura Hlaing.

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