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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein receives US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives a delegation from the United States of America led by Senator Mr. James Henry Webb at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.
MNA

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a US delegation led by Senator Mr. James Henry Webb at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and departmental heads.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on promotion and strengthening of relations between Myanmar and the US, opportunities for cooperation in the economic sector and other sectors and ongoing process for the internal politics and peace making in Myanmar.—*MNA*

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (9-4-2012)

Maungtaw	(2.40) inches
Myeik	(0.98) inch
Falam	(0.71) inch
Sittway	(0.63) inch
Putao	(0.39) inch
Haka	(0.39) inch
Paletwa	(0.39) inch

Wunyu and Madae Dams built to help boost agricultural production in Magway Region

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Thingyan Melodies

Than Daing Kaung (Meiktila)

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In this on 9 Nov, 2011 file photo, singer Keith Urban performs during the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

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Lee Westwood of England hits his tee shot on the fourth hole during final round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012.

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Do away with bribery and malpractices

Rules of moral conduct are to be found in every religion. They may resemble other codes of conduct to a greater or lesser degree depending on the teacher or religion system from which they originated. Usually they comprise lists of actions from which to abstain, implying that any actions not covered by the prohibitions are permissible.

In Buddhism, a good example is afforded by the Five Silas or the Five Precepts, namely to abstain from taking the life of sentient beings, to abstain from taking possession of anything that has not been given by its owner, to abstain from sexual misconduct, to abstain from lying or evil speech, and to abstain from intoxicating drinks which are the primary cause of negligence.

These Five Silas are the basic principles of Buddhism best known to most people.

Observing the Five Silas can also help us avoid Lobha (greed), Dosa (aversion) and Moha (delusion) which are born in the heart as defilement and, in turn, bringing about the absence of shame or dread of evil.

Observing the second Sila, taking possession of anything that has not been given by its owner or stealing, all the State service personnel are to avoid bribery, malpractices, misconduct and other irregularities to keep pace with changes taking place in the nation.

Service personnel who are responsible for the national development should be loyal to the State, should zealously perform their duties and should strictly observe the Sila or moral conduct. Only then, will they be able to keep pace with the changes.

Ambassador U Aye Khaing presents his Credentials to Nepalese President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—U Aye Khaing, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Dr Ram Baran Yadav, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, on 30 March 2012 in Kathmandu.—*MNA*

U Tin Win appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Thailand.—*MNA*

Union Minister urges government employees to show honesty

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun called on government employees to fulfill their quotas in development of the country with right attitude, excellent performance and comprehensive services at 2011-2012 fiscal year Performance Review at the auditorium of the ministry this afternoon.

He also urged the service personnel to serve the people honestly.

Weaknesses of the ministry in the previous fiscal year would be reviewed and plans that could contribute to meeting and exceeding economic objectives of the State would be drawn up at the session, he said.—*MNA*

Deal signed for fiber cable network construction

***Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and International Telecommunication Holdings Limited (ITHL) ink agreement for building fiber cable network.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs inked agreement with International Telecommunication Holdings Limited (ITHL) for building fiber cable network this morning at the ministry.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister U Tint Lwin, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, MPT Managing Director U Eikdi Hla, heads of divisions, the ITHL chairman and officials and guests.

The managing director said MPT would cooperate with Singapore-based ITHL which has many experiences in China and Cambodia to build Optical Fiber Cable Network for better telephone connection and swift internet data flow. The chairman of Global and ITHL introduced his company.

The MPT managing director and the chairman of Global and ITHL signed the deal, exchanged documents and posed for documentary photo.

MNA

Union Education Minister inspects proposed construction site of new MUFL building

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye met the in-charge rector, the pro-rector and heads of departments at Mandalay University of Foreign Languages yesterday afternoon.

He called on the faculty members to improve themselves in order to cope with the current age, to nurture reliable human resources, to do their bits for emergence of good governance and clean government, to learn constantly and to be loyal to the State.

The Union minister inspected the site chosen for the construction of new school building.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye meets rector in-charge, pro-rector, faculty members at hall of Mandalay University of Foreign Languages.*—MNA**

Shan State Chief Minister attends opening of concrete road

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Opening ceremony of Bogyoke concrete road in Tachilek of Shan State took place at the arch of the road yesterday morning. It was attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

The Chairman of Tawdarwin Construction Co explained the purpose of donation and State Minister for Development Affairs U Tu Maung spoke words of thanks. After that, the State Chief Minister presented certificates of honour to the construction co chairman and the executive of State Development Affairs Committee.

The State Development Affairs Minister, the company chairman and the National Convention delegate opened the road.

The 4.18 mile-long road was built by Tawdarwin Construction Co at a cost of K 4 million.

MNA

Talks on danger of fire given

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—A talk on fire preventive measures was held in conjunction with the fire drill at the main workshop (Pyinmana) of Engineering Department of Myanma Timber Enterprise on 6 April morning.

General Manager (Engineer) U Aung Hsan gave a talk and Assistant General Manager (Engineer) U Nay Win explained preparations for prevention against danger of fire.

Workers participated in the fire drill.

MNA

Iran opposes A-bomb, Ahmadinejad tells Japan ex-PM

TEHERAN, 9 April — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stressed to visiting former Japanese Premier Yukio Hatoyama on Sunday that Teheran opposes nuclear weapons, his official website reported. "The Islamic Republic of Iran is fundamentally opposed to the atomic bomb and weapons of mass destruction," Ahmadinejad told Hatoyama. "Iran and Japan can exert a common effort to create a world without atomic weapons ... Difficult but humanitarian efforts will win in the end."

Japan is the only country ever to have suffered a nuclear attack, its cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki being targeted by the United States at the end of World War II. Hatoyama's presence in Iran was an issue of contention in Japan, after Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Genba reportedly requested he not make the trip Prime Minister Yoshihiko Nodahe has also expressed concerns over Hatoyama's visit, fearing it could undermine the Japanese government's efforts for international coordination, Japanese media reported.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stressed to visiting former Japanese premier Yukio Hatoyama on Sunday that Teheran opposes nuclear weapons, his official website reported.— INTERNET

The visit came at a tense time, with Iran facing off against much of the West over its nuclear programme. The United States and its allies fear Iran is seeking nuclear weapons capability, something Teheran denies. Talks between Iran and the five permanent UN Security Council members and Germany are due to be held starting Friday, in a country yet to be agreed.

Hatoyama was quoted as telling Ahmadinejad: "International trust-building and respecting regulations are important part of the world community which should be seriously pursued." Ahmadinejad said Iran was "ready for negotiations" and had unspecified "practical suggestions for the upcoming meeting."— *Internet*

Iraq says terrorist cell dismantled

BAGHDAD, 9 April — Iraqi security forces have arrested members of an al-Qaeda-linked militant cell responsible for deadly attacks and robberies in Baghdad, a police official said on Sunday. Lt Col Nimir Sultan Halan, the head of a police intelligence unit, said that the dismantled 25-person cell belongs to Ansar al-Islam, a radical Sunni Arab group linked to al-Qaeda. He did not say when the actual arrest took place.

Ansar al-Islam had previously threatened to attack the Arab League summit in Baghdad and any political or business officials associated with it. The summit, held last month, was almost violence-free. Halan said the cell was behind robberies on money exchange companies in the capital that were used to financially support the group. "The families of the victims have filed lawsuits against the arrested members who will stand trial," he added. Iraqi authorities seized several bombs and pistols fitted with silencers as part of the operation, he said.

Handcuffed suspects seen in the federal police headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 April, 2012. Iraqi officials say they have arrested a ring of insurgents allegedly involved in attacks in Baghdad.— INTERNET

Meanwhile, a rare explosion in the northern city of Irbil wounded one person Sunday.

The attack was caused by a bomb stuck to a car, said the city's police chief, Brig Gen Abdul-Khaleq Talaat. Irbil is in Iraq's largely peaceful Kurdish Region, 217 miles (350 kilometres) north of Baghdad.

The region has generally been free of the bombings and shootings that have plagued the rest of Iraq. Violence has ebbed in Iraq, but Sunni insurgents still launch occasional attacks to challenge the Shiite-led government.— *Internet*

A woman wearing a survival blanket leaves the area of a building accident, in Pierrefitte, north of Paris, on 8 April, 2012. — INTERNET

Al-Qaeda-linked terrorist leader killed in Afghanistan: ISAF

KABUL, 9 April—Another al-Qaeda-linked terrorist leader was killed in an operation conducted by Afghan and NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) forces in northern Afghan province of Faryab, the ISAF said on Monday.

"An Afghan Special Operations Unit and coalition troops killed a senior Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) leader during an operation in Almar district, Faryab province, earlier this week," the ISAF said in a statement.

The IMU is a terrorist organization closely linked to al-Qaeda and the Taleban. It conducts insurgent attacks in the northern region of Afghanistan.

The killed IMU leader named Osmani Sahib "was one of multiple IMU members killed in an exchange of fire that resulted from the insurgents' attempt to attack the combined Afghan and coalition force during the operation," it said.

"Osmani was recently promoted to replace Makhdum Nusrat, the former highest ranking IMU insurgent in Afghanistan, after Makhdum was killed during an operation by an Afghan special unit supported by coalition troops" in Shirin Tagab district of Faryab province on 26 March, the statement added.

In addition, the security force captured an insurgent facilitator along with another insurgent, and destroyed several AK- 47s and bomb-making materials, according to the statement.

Afghan forces and ISAF troops have intensified cleanup operations throughout the post-Taleban country recently. Over 460 insurgents have been killed and more than 930 others detained in the country so far this year, according to the Afghan Interior Ministry.

The Afghan government and the United States signed an agreement in Kabul on Sunday to allow the Afghan forces to take the lead in the controversial night raids, a tactic that the coalition says is critical in the fight against the Taleban.

Internet

6-year-old dies in France floor collapse

PARIS, 9 April — French officials say a floor has collapsed in a building where an Easter religious ceremony was being held, killing a 6-year-old and seriously injuring four other people.

The collapse occurred Sunday afternoon at a two-story house used by an evangelical group for religious ceremonies in Stains, a town near Paris.

Local officials say a 2-year-old child and a 42-year-old woman are in critical condition, and around 30 other people are slightly injured.

Officials say that number could rise as about 100 emergency workers continue to work at the scene. Between 100 and 150 people, mainly from the Haitian community, were in the building's second floor when it collapsed beneath them during a Mass.—*Internet*

'Please get us out of here': trapped Peru miners wait it out

LIMA, 9 April — It could take two or three more days to rescue nine miners trapped since Thursday in a mine in southern Peru, a top official said Sunday, as one of the miners begged "please, get us out of here." Oscar Valdes, cabinet chief to Peru's President Ollanta Humala, told journalists that an engineer working on the rescue operation said it could be delayed for "two to three more days" due to fresh collapses inside the Cabeza de Negro mine, about 325 kilometres (202 miles) south of Lima.

The miners have been trapped 250 metres (820 feet) underground in a horizontal tunnel since Thursday when a shaft collapsed. The nine, aged 22 to 59 and including a father and son, were not injured and remain together. They were being supplied with oxygen, water and soup through a metal tube that they also use to communicate with rescue workers. Some were able to speak with relatives who are staying near the mine at an improvised camp of about 80 people that also includes police, firefighters and other miners. While their health was generally sound, some of the miners were suffering from anxiety, not unusual for the emergency situation and its risks. "We are depressed. Please, get us out of here," begged Jacinto Pariona in a trembling voice from the back of the area where he was trapped with his colleagues.

Internet

People work in a collapsed mine to rescue trapped miners in Ica, Peru, on 7 April, 2012.—INTERNET

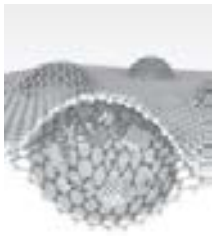
Afghans, US sign deal on night raids

KABUL, 9 April — The US and Afghanistan signed a deal Sunday giving Afghans authority over raids of Afghan homes, resolving one of the most contentious issues between the two wartime allies. The majority of these raids are nighttime operations in which US and Afghan troops descend without warning on homes or residential compounds searching for militants. The raids are widely resented by Afghans, and President Hamid Karzai had repeatedly called for a halt to all night raids by international forces. He said for months that they would have to stop before he would sign a much-anticipated pact governing the long-term US presence in Afghanistan.

Both countries have said that they wanted that bigger deal signed before the NATO summit in May, so the night raids agreement announced Sunday makes hitting that deadline possible. Karzai has argued that night raids by international troops make civilian casualties more likely and that US soldiers are disrespectful in the way they conduct the operations. The US military has said such operations are essential for intelligence gathering and for capturing Taleban and al-Qaeda commanders.Sunday's deal appeared to be a compromise: a panel of Afghan security officials get authority to decide what raids will take place and US forces still play a large part in operations, including entering Afghan homes if needed. The Americans also now have an Afghan partner that will be held equally to account if there are civilian casualties or allegations of mistreatment.

The resolution of this dispute is a key step toward finalizing the long-term "strategic partnership" to govern US forces in Afghanistan after the majority of combat forces leave in 2014. The long-term pact is seen as important for assuring the Afghan people that they will not be abandoned by their international allies.—*Internet*

Graphene windows' clearer focus



Pockets formed in the graphene sheets allowed the team to study liquids at higher resolution.
INTERNET

LONDON, 9 April—The carbon-based material graphene can help scientists study liquids more clearly with high-power microscopes. Details of the advance are reported in *Science* journal. Graphene can form a clear "window" to see liquids at higher resolution than was previously possible using transmission electron microscopes. Liquids had been difficult to view at the same resolution as solids because these microscopes require the liquids to be encapsulated by some material.

Traditionally, silicon nitride or silicon oxide capsules, or liquid cells, have been used. But these are generally too thick to see through clearly. Now, Jong Min Yuk at the University of California, Berkeley, and colleagues have shown that pockets created by sheets of graphene can be used to study liquids at clear, atomic, resolution using transmission electron microscopes (TEMs). The researchers used their new graphene-based liquid cell to study the formation of platinum nanocrystals in solution.

With this technique, the team of scientists was able to observe new and unexpected stages of nanocrystal growth as it happened. They noted how the crystals selectively coalesced and modified their shape. Graphene consists of a flat layer of carbon atoms tightly packed into a two-dimensional honeycomb arrangement. Because it is so thin, it is also practically transparent. The unusual electronic, mechanical and chemical properties of graphene at the molecular scale promise numerous applications.—*Internet*

About Andromeda galaxy

***A mosaic view of the Andromeda galaxy created from 10 Galaxy Evolution Explorer images* — INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 9 April — The Andromeda Galaxy (/ ænÈdrRmYdY/) is a spiral galaxy approximately 2.6 million light-years (2.5×1019 km) from Earth in the Andromeda constellation. It is also known as Messier 31, M31, or NGC 224, and is often referred to as the Great Andromeda Nebula in older texts. The Andromeda Galaxy is the nearest spiral galaxy to our galaxy (Milky Way), but not the closest galaxy overall. It gets its name from the area of the sky in which it appears, the Andromeda constellation, which was named after the mythological princess Andromeda.

The Andromeda Galaxy is the largest galaxy of the Local Group, which also contains our galaxy (Milky Way), the Triangulum Galaxy, and about 30 other smaller galaxies. Although the largest, the Andromeda Galaxy may not be the most massive, as recent findings suggest that the Milky Way contains more dark matter and could be the most massive in the grouping. The 2006 observations by the Spitzer Space Telescope revealed that M31 contains one trillion (1012) stars: at least twice the number of stars in our own galaxy, which is estimated to be 200–400 billion.

The Andromeda Galaxy is estimated to be 7.1×1011solar masses. In comparison a 2009 study estimated that the Milky Way and M31 are about equal in mass, while a 2006 study put the mass of the Milky Way at ~80% of the mass of the Andromeda Galaxy. The Andromeda Galaxy and the Milky Way are expected to collide in perhaps 4.5 billion years.

At an apparent magnitude of 3.4, the Andromeda Galaxy is notable for being one of the brightest Messier objects, making it visible to the naked eye on moonless nights even when viewed from areas with moderate light pollution. Although it appears more than six times as wide as the full Moon when photographed through a larger telescope, only the brighter central region is visible to the naked eye or when viewed using binoculars or a small telescope.

Internet

Study ties oil, gas production to Midwest quakes

NEW YORK, 9 April — Oil and gas production may explain a sharp increase in small earthquakes in the nation's midsection, a new study from the US Geological Survey suggests. The rate has jumped six-fold from the late 20th century through last year, the team reports, and the changes are "almost certainly man-made." Outside experts were split in their opinions about the report, which is not yet published but is due to be presented at a meeting later this month.

The study said a relatively mild increase starting in 2001 comes from increased quake activity in a methane production area along the state line between Colorado and New Mexico. The increase began about the time that methane production began there, so there's a "clear possibility" of a link, says lead author William Ellsworth of the USGS. The increase over the nation's midsection has gotten steeper since 2009, due to more quakes in a variety of oil and gas production areas, including some in Arkansas and Oklahoma, the researchers say. It's not clear how the earthquake rates might be related to oil and gas production, the study authors said. They note that others have linked earthquakes to injecting huge amounts of leftover wastewater deep into the earth. There has been concern about potential earthquakes from a smaller-scale injection of fluids during a process known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, which is used to recover gas. But Ellsworth said Friday he is confident that fracking is not responsible for the earthquake trends his study found, based on prior studies.

Internet

science

Webby Awards voting opens 10 April, winners announced 1 May

NEW YORK , 9 April — The 16th annual Webby Awards, "the Internet's highest honor" according to the *New York Times*, announced this week that nominees will be revealed on 10 April and comedian and actor Patton Oswalt (Young Adult, Ratatouille) will host the ceremony and hand out the spring-like trophy on 21 May. The coveted international prize for the Internet's best in websites, interactive advertising, online film and video, mobile and apps, the Webby winners will be announced on 1 May and the ceremony follows on 21 May on the last night of New York City's Internet Week.

More than 10,000 entries came from over 60 countries for the 100 categories. The success of the event can be measured in the number of media impressions for voting on nominees, which has doubled over the last couple of years from 750 million to two billion hits on the website. Voting for the Voice Awards will open to fans on 10 April and close on 26 April. In addition, winners are awarded a Webby by the International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences, which selects the nominees. These Web industry experts include the head of the Huffington Post site Arianna Huffington, mobile phone inventor Martin Cooper and Twitter co-founder Biz Stone.

For the first time, the 2012 Webbies show will be live-streamed on www.webbyawards.com, an appropriate move considering the award. An app to watch the webcast on iPhones and iPads is available free at iTunes.—*Internet*

***The 16th annual Webby Awards will be given out 21 May.*— INTERNET**

TECHNOLOGY

Transition completed a successful test flight on 23 March this year at Plattsburgh International Airport.
INTERNET

NY Auto Show: World's first 'sky-worthy' car

***Cliff Allen of Terrafugia explains what makes the vehicle unique.*— INTERNET**

NEW YORK , 9 April — US company Terrafugia has put on display a prototype car that is licensed to fly as well as drive, at the New York International Auto Show. It is the first vehicle in the world to have met both the standards of the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), according to Cliff Allen, Vice President of Sales at Terrafugia. This makes it the first "street legal aeroplane", he said. Known as the Transition, the versatile vehicle has two seats, four wheels and retractable wings.It is expected to be available next year, with a price tag in the region of $279,000 (£176,300)

The vehicle currently has an experimental certificate from the FAA, meaning the company has permission to fly it in US airspace for test purposes. The company hopes in time it will gain a light sport aircraft licence. The hybrid vehicle completed its first successful test flight at Plattsburgh International Airport near Montreal in Canada last month. A retired US Air Force test pilot took the maiden voyage - after volunteering his services."

We are very fortunate to have found him," said Dr Samuel Schwegart, an engineer at Terrafugia working on the project. The vehicle flew at 1,400 feet for eight minutes.—*Internet*

Google by numbers: 100 million active Google+ users, 350 chrome users, 800 million YouTube users

NEW YORK, 9 April — After a year at the helm of one of the biggest internet companies in the world, Google CEO Larry Page has penned an open letter recapping the year gone by, outlining his goals for Google's future and detailing numerous figures. Google, like many other technology companies, is typically coy about releasing figures but Larry Page has provided a nice snapshot of the company to date. He revealed that 350 million people now use web-based email app GMail and that its web browser Chrome is "growing fast" with over 200 million users to date.

"In 2006, when Google acquired YouTube, we faced a lot of skepticism," said Page. "Today, YouTube has over 800 million monthly users uploading over an hour of video per second." He emphasized Android's growth saying that "mobile innovation has never been greater" and added that "850,000 devices are activated daily through a network of 55 manufacturers and more than 300 carriers."

Internet

***Eric Schmidt, Larry Page and Sergey Brin in Google's self-driving car.*— INTERNET**

How to make the perfect hard-boiled egg

WASHINGTON, 9 April — At first glance, hard-boiled eggs seem easy to make - just throw them in water and boil. While that sounds good in theory, chances are you won't get that perfectly cooked egg and easy-to-peel shell. We've nailed down the steps you need to take to have egg-cellent hard boiled eggs in no time.

1. Use older eggs. Yup, you heard that right. In Harold McGee's book,"On Food and Cooking," he says that the shells peel easily after several days of refrigeration due to the pH level of the albumen. If all you have are fresh eggs, McGee suggests adding 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda to the cooking water.

2. Start with cold water. Place eggs in a single layer at the bottom of a pan. Starting with cold water keeps the eggs from cracking; make sure that the water is about 1 inch above the eggs. Add a pinch of salt to the water to help make them easier to peel.

3. Bring to a boil for a few seconds, then cover for 12 minutes. Once the water has boiled on medium heat, turn off the heat and cover the eggs. They should be done after 12 minutes. To test the eggs, open one to make sure you have the desired consistency. Another test is to spin the egg on a table. Cooked eggs with spin quickly while uncooked eggs will spin slowly due to their liquid contents.

How to make the perfect hard-boiled egg.
INTERNET

4. Place the eggs in ice water. Shocking the eggs in ice water stops them from continuing to cook. Once they are cool, remove them from the pan.

5. Peel them under cool running water. This makes the shelling easier if you're not decorating the eggs.

Internet

Cell phones and cancer: Critics say kids risk brain tumours

WASHINGTON , 9 April — Scientists are calling into question a study published last year that failed to find a link between cell phone use and brain tumours in children and teens. They say the study actually shows that cell phone use more than doubles the risk of brain tumours in children and adolescents. The concerns come from the Environmental Health Trust, a group whose stated mission is to promote awareness of environmental issues they believe are linked to cancer. In July 2011, the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* published the first study on cellphone use and risk of brain tumours in children and adolescents, which was conducted by researchers at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. The scientists interviewed children and teens in Norway, Denmark, Switzerland and Sweden about their cell phone use and also collected cell phone records for a portion of them. Of the children studied, 350 had been diagnosed with brain cancer and 650 of them were healthy.

The July paper concluded that the data showed no link between cell phone use and brain tumours and "argues against a causal association" between the two. In a letter published today in the journal, the Environmental Health Trust said the interpretation of the study's results was flawed and contained several statistical errors. Lloyd Morgan, a senior research fellow at the Environmental Health Trust and one of the authors of the letter, called the study "sloppy" and said the data reported in the original study actually shows that children who used cell phones had a 115 percent increased risk of brain tumors over those who did not. "There's every indication that this study actually found that children have a doubled risk of brain cancer," Morgan said. "For them to just state that we don't think there's a problem is, for me, quite mystifying." Messages to the journal and the authors of the original study asking for comment were not returned. The authors of the original study do note some limitations of their work, including that a relatively small number of children were studied. They also wrote that they could not "rule out the possibility that mobile phones confer a small increase in risk."

International concern over the potential health risks posed by cell phones has gone on for years. In May, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancre put the devices in the same category as lead and engine exhaust, citing the possibility that longterm exposure to cell phone radiation could have longterm health effects. Roughly 30 studies so far have failed to draw a conclusive link. — *Internet*

Gene discovery may move personalized stomach cancer treatment forward

WASHINGTON , 9 April — An international team of researchers has identified hundreds of new genes that are mutated in stomach cancer, in a finding they say could lead to treatments tailored to the genetic make-up of individual stomach tumors. Stomach cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death worldwide and kills more than 700,000 people a year, according to the World Health Organization. Treatment is often difficult and unsuccessful. In the United States, less than one-quarter of stomach cancer patients survive more than five years after diagnosis.

"Until now, the genetic abnormalities that cause stomach cancers are still largely unknown, which partially explain the overall poor treatment outcome," said the study's senior author, Dr Patrick Tan, an associate professor in the Cancer and Stem Cell Biology Programme at Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, in a Duke University Medical Centre news release. Tan, who leads the Genomic Oncology Programme at the Cancer Sciences Institute of Singapore, and colleagues from the National Cancre Centre of Singapore used DNA sequencing technology to analyze tumor and normal tissue from stomach cancer patients. They identified more than 600 genes that were previously unknown to be mutated in stomach cancer.

Further analysis revealed that two genes — FAT4 and ARID1A — were mutated in 5 percent and 8 percent, respectively, of stomach cancers. In some patients, portions of the chromosome containing the two genes were missing.—*Internet*

Tesla Motors expects to see revenues triple this year.— INTERNET

Abu Dhabi sells stake in Tesla electric car firm

ABU DHABI , 9 April — State owned power supplier Abu Dhabi National Energy (TAQA) has sold its 7% stake in US electric carmaker Tesla. TAQA, three-quarter owned by the government, said it made a profit of $113m (£71m) on the sale. Tesla was founded in 2003 and its best car is the 2008 Tesla Roadster, which is sold in 32 countries.

The company, which also has part shares owned by carmakers Daimler and Toyota, has seen its 2010 share listing price of $10 double since then. Tesla expects to become profitable in 2013 and envisages a tripling of revenues this, helped by July deliveries of its premium electric car, the Model S. Abu Dhabi's TAQA said it had sold the 7.3 million shares transferred to it by the Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority in late 2010.

It said it had "admiration for Tesla's vision, technology and products", but that the carmaker was a non-core investment for the body. The emirate remains the largest shareholder in Daimler through its sovereign wealth fund Aabar Investments.

Internet

Looking on the bright side of inflation

WASHINGTON, 9 April— Sometimes a little bit of inflation is not such a bad thing. In the United States, prices starting to creep upward shows the deep wounds from the credit crisis are slowly healing and the US economy is well on the road to recovery. The evidence is scattered but it also shows up in some national reports. Consumer inflation, after stripping out volatile food and energy prices, has edged upward over the past year and now is running just above the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target.

Workers' pay is nudging higher as the labour market gradually improves. Hourly earnings have grown at an average annual rate of 2 percent since last May and posted a 2.1 percent gain last month, up from a 1.8 percent pace a year earlier. Home prices in a few cities, including Miami and Phoenix, have started to climb, the latest Case-Shiller index showed, even as the overall index fell. In the Washington area, some realtors say competition has heated up, bringing multiple bids and quick sales.

Businesses in New York and small firms are reporting shortages of skilled labour, especially for technical positions. The New York ISM found in March that 20 percent of purchasing managers were having problems hiring. The National Federal of Independent Businesses said almost one third of its firms surveyed in February had few if any qualified applicants to fill vacancies. This could push up wages in these sectors. The amount of slack in the economy also appears to be lessening, the Federal Reserve staff said in minutes last week from the March central bank meeting. When there is lots of unused capacity in the economy, price slashing is common. If demand holds up, the narrowing of the output gap could give companies some extra pricing power.

Internet

A bank employee counts US hundred dollar notes.
INTERNET

Container ships are pictured at Tokyo port. Japan swung back to a current account surplus in February after suffering a record deficit in the previous month, according to official data.— INTERNET

Business

Japan swings back to current account surplus

TOKYO, 9 April—Japan swung back to a current account surplus in February after suffering a record deficit in the previous month, according to official data. The surplus in the current account, the broadest measure of trade with the rest of the world, stood at 1.18 trillion yen ($14.4 bn), the finance ministry said.

The latest reading was 30.7 percent lower than a year earlier but largely in line with a 1.15 trillion yen surplus tipped in a poll of economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires and the *Nikkei* business daily. The country logged a record 437.3 billion yen deficit in January due to lower exports and higher energy costs. That was Japan's first deficit since January 2009, when the country posted a then-record shortfall of 132.7 billion yen at the height of the global financial crisis. Japanese exports have been inching higher on the back of a recovery in the United States, a positive sign for an economy heavily dependent on overseas demand for growth. The current account measures the value of a country's imports and foreign investments against the value of its overseas income such as exports of goods and services.— *Internet*

US helps Pakistan search for 135 buried in snow

ISLAMABAD, 9 April — The US sent a team of experts Sunday to help Pakistan search for 135 people buried a day earlier by a massive avalanche that engulfed a military complex in a mountain battleground close to the Indian border. At least 240 Pakistani troops and civilians worked at the site of the disaster at the entrance to the Siachen Glacier with the aid of sniffer dogs and heavy machinery, said the army. But they struggled to dig through some 25 metres (80 feet) of snow, boulders and mud that slid down the mountain early Saturday morning.

Pakistani army spokesman Gen Athar Abbas said Sunday evening that it was unclear whether any of the people who were buried are still alive. At least 124 soldiers from the 6th Northern Light Infantry Battalion and 11 civilian contractors are missing."Miracles have been seen and trapped people were rescued after days ... so the nation shall pray for the trapped soldiers," Abbas said in an interview on Geo TV.

Pakistani Army Chief Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani visited the site Sunday to supervise rescue operations. The US sent a team of eight experts to Islamabad to provide technical assistance, said the Pakistani army. Pakistan will consult with the team to determine what help is needed to expedite the rescue operation.— *Internet*

In this photo released by Inter Services Public Relations on 8 April, 2012, Pakistan's army chief Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, centre, gestures during his visit to avalanche incident site in Siachen, in northern Pakistan.— INTERNET

British soldier injured in Afghanistan blast dies in UK

LONDON, 9 April — A British soldier has died in hospital in Birmingham from injuries sustained in an explosion in Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) says. The soldier from The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish) had been injured on 3 February. The MoD said his family had been present when he died at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The death takes to 408 the number of UK troops killed in Afghanistan since military operations began in 2001. Task Force Helmand spokesman Major Ian Lawrence said: "Sadly, I must report that today a soldier from The Queen's Royal Hussars has died of wounds sustained in an IED (improvised explosive device) strike on 3 Feb , 2012.

"The thoughts and condolences of everyone serving in the Task Force are with his family and friends." The MoD said the soldier's family had asked for a period of grace before more details were released.— *Internet*

Game Group entered administration in March 2012 but found a buyer for its remaining stores.—INTERNET

Shop failures cost 10,000 jobs in first quarter—Deloitte

LONDON, 9 April — The number of retailers entering administration in the first quarter of this year was up 15% on the same period last year, according to research. Consultants Deloitte says 69 firms failed during the three-month period, compared with 60 a year earlier.

"The number of job losses that came as a result of these administrations was almost 10,000 out of the 22,000 employed by those companies," it said. Among the firms hit were Past Times, Peacocks, Game, La Senza, and Blacks. Meanwhile, the administrations figure for the first quarter was up by 64% on the previous quarter, when 42 retailers entered administration.

"Whilst the quarterly rent day often sets the timing for the insolvency, a significant trigger in a number of recent administrations is that many retailers have too many marginal stores," said Lee Manning, restructuring services partner at Deloitte. "As online retailing continues to grow whilst overall spending is weak, the fixed costs and poor performance of some stores drag on the overall business."

And he said job losses at firms entering administration were much higher than a year previously. Mr Manning also said that to remain competitive, some retailers would have to rethink their business models "to be nimble and adaptable to changing consumer trends". In total, the number of firms entering administration, excluding retailers, in the first quarter of the year saw a fall of 10% on 12 months before, from 497 to 447. "Whilst conditions undoubtedly remain tough, the year-on-year decline is a positive indicator and gives a glimmer of hope that some industries are potentially over the worst," said Mr Manning. — *Internet*

7-year-old boy tied to Alaska arson fires

JUNEAU, 9 April — A 7-year-old Juneau boy has admitted setting five arson fires over a little more than four months, according to fire officials in Alaska's Capital. Juneau fire marshal Dan Jager tells the Juneau Empire (http://bit.ly/Hr6wKe) that the boy caused about $1,000 in damages by setting fires in restrooms at Harborview Elementary School and the Terry Miller Legislative Building, plus a downtown grass fire and two fires at a Fred Meyer store. The boy's name was not released.

"He won't be going to jail," Fire Chief Richard Etheridge said, but the case will be forwarded to probation officers at the Johnson Youth Centre. The boy told fire officials during interviews Wednesday that he set the small fires with a lighter he found. There was no immediate indication of why, Jager said, but the incidents were dangerous."He has no idea how big the fires could have gotten," Jager said. "He could have gotten hurt, and other people could have been hurt because some of those buildings were occupied. Being that age, I don't think he understood the magnitude of what could have happened."

The boy's grandmother is his legal guardian. She was surprised to learn her grandson was playing with fire, Jager said. "It definitely got her attention, and I think she's going to be a big help making sure that the boy understands what he's doing," Jager said.

A surveillance camera at the legislative building recorded the boy entering and exiting the bathroom at the time of the fire. A maintenance worker extinguished the fire and did not call for assistance but contacted police and submitted video footage.

Internet

Arrests after body found in Southampton industrial bin

LONDON, 9 April — Three people have been arrested on suspicion of murder after a body was discovered in an industrial bin in Southampton. The body was found by firefighters tackling a fire in a bin on the Empress Road Industrial Estate early on Sunday.

Two men, aged 28 and 25, and a 20-year-old woman, all from Southampton, were arrested in the city. Hampshire Police said they were trying to identify the victim but could not yet say if the body was male or female. A post-mortem examination was being carried out, the police said.

Thomas Lewis Way was closed near the junction with Empress Road after the body was found at about 03:00 BST. Det Insp Simon Baker said: "We are making urgent inquiries to identify the body." The detective said he was unable to say whether the victim was male or female, their age or how badly burned the body was and said the condition of the body was "hampering" the identification.

The bin has been removed as part of the investigation and a fingertip search of the area was being carried out. Hampshire Police have appealed for information from anyone who witnessed any suspicious activity in the area.—*Internet*

***Police were called to the industrial estate early on Sunday.* INTERNET**

The MS Balmoral sets sail for the Titanic memorial cruise from Southampton, England, on 8 April, 2012. Nearly 100 years after the Titanic went down, a cruise with the same number of passengers aboard is setting sail to retrace the ship's voyage, including a visit to the location where it sank. — INTERNET

Cruise ship to retrace voyage of Titanic

LONDON, 9 April — A cruise carrying relatives of some of the more than 1,500 people who died aboard the Titanic nearly 100 years ago set sail from England on Sunday to retrace the ship's voyage, including a visit to the location where it sank.

The Titanic Memorial Cruise, carrying the same number of passengers — not including crew — as the *Titanic* did, cast off from Southampton, where the doomed vessel left on its maiden voyage.

The 12-night cruise will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the White Star liner. Waving passengers crowded the decks as the ship prepared to set sail, many dressed in period costumes as first-class passengers, crew members, steerage passenger and stewards.

Graham Free was dressed as an Edwardian gentleman and described his excitement for the cruise as he waited to board. "I have been a fan of the Titanic since I was nine years old and this cruise is the closest you are going to get to it," said the 37 year old.

"The trip has cost a considerable amount, but I wanted to do it." Fellow cruiser Carmel Bradburn, 55, who lives in Australia, described herself as "fanatical" about the Titanic and struck back at accusations that retracing the doomed voyage is in poor taste. "I don't think the cruise is morbid.

It's like saying Gallipoli is morbid or commemorating the (Crimean) war," she said. "Remembering those who died is not morbid."—*Internet*

Photo shows Wunyu Dam.

Wunyu and Madae Dams built to help boost agricultural production in Magway Region

Wunyu Dam

- **It was built over Wunyu Creek near Kazunma Village in Seikpyu Township in Pakokku District.**
- **The facility has 2300 ft in length and 28 ft in Height.**
- **It has 2400 acre feet of storage capacity.**
- **It can irrigate 345 acres of farmland.**
- **The dam contributes to greening of its environs.**
- **Thanks to the dam, farmers in the region could extensively grow summer paddy and gram.**

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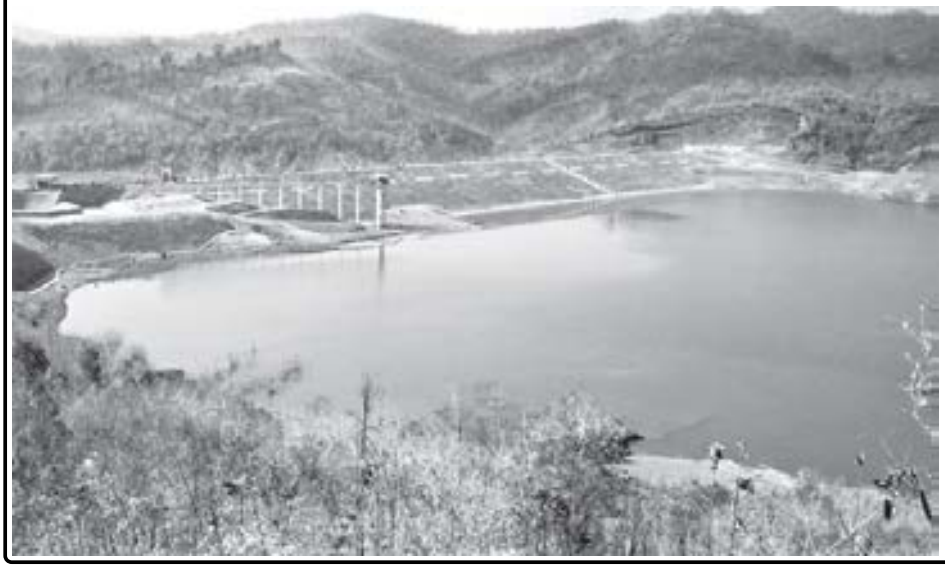

Madae Dam

- **It was built near Gyobin Village in Kanma Township of Magway Region.**
- **The dam built on Madae Creek has 76 square miles of watershed area. It is of earthen type.**
- **It has 155 ft high and 1920 ft long. The embankment of the dam is 1200 ft long.**
- **Irrigating 4000 acres of farmland in Kanma Township, the dam contributes to the greening of its dry surroundings.**
- **On 4000 acres of farmlands irrigated by the facilited, farmers could opt monsoon paddy, monsoon sesame and green gram as the first crop.**
- **Summer paddy and beans and pulses becomes the second crop in the region.**
- **Even as the third crop, summer paddy could be cultivated on 700 acres of farmland.**
- **It increases cultivation capacity by 218 per cent.**

MWEA holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 9 April—The Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association held its 17th Annual General Meeting at Sedona Hotel, here, on 30 March morning.

Founder of the association Adviser and Patron retired professor of the Institute of Economics Daw Yi Yi Myint made a speech. Chairperson of the association Daw Wah Wah Tun extended greetings. Secretary of the association Daw Hnin Wai read the executive report and financial adviser Daw Khin Yu Htay, the financial report.

Executives and members of the association presented gifts and cash to the patron and advisers.

Vice-Chairperson of the association Daw Hla Wady spoke words of thanks.

MWEA

Union level peace making group hosts dinner in honour of KNU peace makers

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — To mark the eternal peace, Union level peace making group of the Union Government hosted a dinner in honour of the Kayin National Union-KNU which has offered peace talks to the Union Government at the invitation of the government at Sedona Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

The dinner was attended by Union Ministers U Aung Min, U Soe Thein, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Zaw Min, U Khin Yi from Union level peace making group, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Yangon Region ministers, Kayin national race organizations, representatives of the KNU led by Secretary-General of Kayin National Union-KNU Naw Si Poe Yar Sein and General Saw Mutu Sae Poe and peace negotiators of the both sides. First, Union Minister U Aung Min and Naw Si Poe Yar Sein spoke words of thanks.

At the dinner, Kayin national vocalists entertained them with songs and on behalf of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Union Minister U Soe Thein presented computers, solar-powered lamps, Union Minister U Aung Min souvenirs and 10 sets of Sky Net receivers to representatives of the KNU.

They also had a group photo taken at the dinner.

MNA

***Member of Union level peace making group Union Minister U Aung Min presents gifts to Secretary-General of Kayin National Union-KNU Naw Si Poe Yar Sein.*—MNA**

Union Construction Minister inspects road and bridge works

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April— Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected Sethsan Bridge construction site being built by Special Group (3) of bridge construction on Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpai-Ahmar road and Thakan Bridge construction site on Bogale-Sethsan road in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

Then, the Union Minister proceeded to 3553-ft-long Bogale river-crossing bridge construction site being implemented by Special Group (5) of Bridge construction. After hearing the report presented by deputy superintending engineer on the bridge, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.

After that, he inspected the construction of Kalagyi Creek bridge on Bogale-Pyapon road, Kyoneku bridge construction site, damaged road on Pyapon-Dedaye road section and the maintenance of Twantay bridge on Twantay-Hlinethaya road.

On arrival at Seikkgyi – Khanaungto suspension bridge construction project, he coordinated essentials and inspected bore piles. He called for timely completion of earth works of approach road and meeting set standards.—*MNA*

Myanmar delegation attends 126th IPU Assembly

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—The 126th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly held in Kampala of Uganda on 5 April passed the resolution to admit Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of Myanmar to the international organization of parliaments headquartered in Geneva of Switzerland.

Leader of Myanmar Hluttaw delegation Deputy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Mya Nyein spoke works for thanks for reaffiliation to supporters in governing council and executive committee to unanimously admit Myanmar to IPU as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw made bid for IPU membership with the resolution made on 16 March, 2012. He also thanked Members of Parliament from various countries. He also vowed to establish friendly relations with international parliaments under IPU statutes.

Speaking at plenary session of the second day assembly on 2 April, the deputy speaker explained about emergence of Hluttaws in Myanmar under the constitution unanimously ratified by the people, strides for developing discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy system, international support, developments in political, economic and social sectors, and MPs elected by the people serving the people as per motto of the Hluttaw "People's voice is Hluttaw's voice; People's desire is Hluttaw's desire; People's expectation, Hluttaw's implementation".

Myanmar delegation met IPU Secretary-General Mr Anders Johnson on 31 March and 2 April, Ugandan Parliament Speaker Ms Rebecca Kadaga on 3 April, IPU President Mr Abdelwahad Radi on 4 April, and delegation of the United Kingdom on 5 April. In meetings, they frankly discussed matters related to MPs capacity building measures and inter-parliamentary cooperation.

The opening session of the assembly was held on 31 March evening. Ugandan President General Museveni and Ugandan Parliament Speaker Ms Rebecca Kadaga delivered opening speeches. The message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon was read out.

Myanmar delegation is composed of Deputy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Mya Nyein, Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Politics and Security Committee U Nyunt Tin. The delegation arrived back on 8 April.

MNA

Working committees to work for boosting socio-economy in Yangon Region

YANGON, 9 April — Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe stressed the need for collecting correct data for drawing plans for promoting socio-economy in the region.

During the meeting for organizing working committees for drawing and implementing plans and collecting socio-economic data in Yangon Region at Yangon Region Government office today, the Region Chief Minister gave a green light to collect socio-economic data in townships, wards and villages in the region to organize the working committees for drawing and implementing plans for socio-economic development and urged the departments concerned to assist in the work.

Afterwards, Head of Yangon Region Planning Drawing Department U Myo Nyunt reported on arrangements for setting up the region, district and township working committees and conducting training on collecting data. The Yangon Region Economic and Planning minister and departmental officials took part in the discussion.— *MNA*

Drive safely

Workshop on Myanmar-Thai freight business held

UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win extends greetings at Myanmar-Thai Freight Business Workshop.

MNA

YANGON, 9 April— Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the office of Thai Economic Counselor to Myanmar and Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association jointly organized a workshop on various sectors in Myanmar-Thai freight business held at UMFCCI's office here on 6 April.— *MNA*

Literary talks held in Loikaw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Organized by bookworms in Loikaw of Kayah State, the literary talk was given at Kandayawady City Hall in Loikaw from 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm on 4 April.

Writers Chit Naing (Psychology), Myinmu Maung Naing Moe and Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk) gave literary talks. It was attended by over 500 audiences.

MNA

Thingyan Melodies

Than Daing Kaung (Meiktila)

Thingyan song, 'Shar-bon-daw Minthagyi' written by Kyaw Myint Thu woke me up. Today is the 7th April and the water festival is just a week away. As I was sitting at a tea shop, the business of buying and selling goods went on around me in the market place more or less as usual. Just then, U Htoo, a friend of mine, approached me and said, "You know some of choral dancing groups and pavilions that stand for Thingyan Contest, I hope."

"Yes, they all are good," I replied. Pointing to the mohinga shops nearby, I added, "And they all have competitive pressure, just like those food shops."

In some parts of Myanmar, mohinga, rice noodles with gravy may be females' stuff, but not in my native town. Cup after cup, people of all ages gobble more mohinga than anyone else anywhere.

It is not much of a surprise, then, "No Two" the town's second largest mohinga shop recently came under attack from two competing shops. For these food shops, competition makes both economic and gastronomic scene. The new comers' pursuit of regular customers is symptomatic of a wide-ranging desire to buy their way into the local community. When asked whether the three food shops are too closely lining up the area, the market officer has a ready riposte; "It would have been a bit difficult operating protectionism in the market where everyone has the acquisitive habits. Moerover, competition is inevitable in everything win or lose, hearts should not quits."

However, when I returned from the market place, it was with ambivalence. Passing a pavilion I saw twenty young girls working up a choral dancing. The leaders of the dancers who were talking and teasing each other were no other than rival mohinga shop owners. It was they who joined hands to form the choral dance.

True, then I realize that Thingyan songs and melodies, which Myoma Nyein, Mandalay U Ba Thein, Myoma U Paw, Myoma U Bo Khin and many other have written since 1938, always bring peace and love to everyone.

Thingyan is our national heritage which brings the Myanmar people, rich or poor, far or near always together when everyone takes part in the festival, and it is no exaggeration to say that enjoyment and memories of Thingyan would linger a life time. Let the water festival begin.

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Hlaingbwe

HLAINGBWE, 9 April—A ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible citizens was held at Basic Education Primary School in Pakkyaw Village of Hlaingbwe Township in Kayin State on 23 March.

Director of Kayin State Immigration and National Registration Department U Thaung Zaw and officials presented the cards to eligible local people individually.

Township Immigration

Hailstones drop in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 9 April—At about 3 pm on 6 April, clouds from west and southwest passed over Mandalay and its surrounding areas and it became heavy rain with strong winds.

When it was raining, hailstones of two millimeters sizes dropped and the rainfall reached about five millimeters.

Due to strong winds and heavy rains, branches of trees fell down on the roads. Workers of Mandalay City Development Committee have cleared debris on the roads.

Thiha Ko Ko-Mandalay

YCDC plans to supply water to townships in Thingyan

YANGON, 9 April—Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee has made arrangements for supply water to Yangon during the period of Maha Thingyan Festival.

Water will supplied to Tamway, Mingala Taungnyunt, Pazundaung and Botahtaung townships on 13 April (Akya Day), 15 April (Akyat Day), 15 April (Akyat Day) and 16 April (Atet Day) round the clock in addition to Yangon General Hospital and other important areas.

Moreover, the water will be distributed to Kyauktada, Pabedan, Latha, Lanmadaw, Bahan and Dagon townships from 7 am to 11 am and 3 pm to 6 pm. Kyimyindine and Sangyoung townships will be supplied water from 7 am to 10 am.

Mingaladon, Insein, Mayangon, Yankin, Kamayut, Hline, Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Thingangyun, Thakayta, Dawbon, Dagon Myothit (North), (South) and (East) townships can get water as usual water supply programme.

As of 17 April (Myanmar New Year Day), all the townships can get water usually.

If there needs emergency repairing of water pipelines, may contact workers of water/sanitation section assigned at respective township Development Affairs Committees. If not, anyone may seek help from Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee, Tel: 249655, 243550, 382989, 382990 and 660340.

Kyemon

FIRE DRILL EXERCISED: ***Namtu Township Administrator U Nyunt Ngwe, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Hsan Min, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Win Thaung, Township Electrical Engineer U Aung Myint Toe, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Shwe Win supervise participation of workers of DAC and fire brigade members in fire drill.***
TOWNSHIP GAD

Strong winds destroy houses, buildings in Kyangin

KYANGIN, 9 April—Heavy rains and strong winds suddenly hit various areas of Kyangin Township in Ayeyawady Region at 4.15 pm on 4 April.

In the incident, a total of 15 houses collapsed in Yenantaung (East) Village and Ayechan Marlar Village, two houses in Kwinyagyi Village, one house in Kyitaungkwin Village, two houses in Gwaytaukkon Village and six houses in Yengan Village, totalling 26.

Moreover, strong winds blew roofs and house walls of about 25 houses from these villages. In addition, one rice mill, one Dhammayon and Yengan Village Basic Education Primary School (Branch) were also destroyed.

Local authorities of Kyangin Township, members of Fire Services Department and auxiliary fire brigade, departmental personnel, the administrator of Yenantaung Village and party distributed rice to 105 family members from 26 households and other aids.

There was no casualty of human and cattle, it was learnt.

Kyemon

TAXATION EXPLAINED: ***A ceremony to explain matters related to taxation organized by Bago Region Internal Revenue Department was held at Kanbawzathadi Hall in Bago on 5 April. Director U Win Myint of the department explains notifications on taxation, rules and regulations amended by Ministry of Finance and Revenue.—KYEMON***

MLF invites cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

DISTRICT NEWS

Application to be submitted for taking water from Mandalay moat

MANDALAY, 9 April—Any group can pay K 50,000 each to Water and Sanitation Department of Mandalay City Development Committee so as to take water from Mandalay moat and lakes during the period of 1373 Maha Thingyan Festival.

Action will be taken against the groups using water from the moat without permission under the MCDC Law.

It was reported that warning has been issued not to use water from the fire taps, action will be taken against them under law.

Thiha Ko Ko-Mandalay

Fire preventive measures taken in Wakema

WAKEMA, 9 April—An official team inspected Myoma Market in Wakema whether there were sales of fuel at the shops or not with the aim of ensuring the market free from danger of fire, on 29 March morning.

The inspection team comprised Head of Township Fire Services Department U Tin Maung Win and members, Assistant Director U Kyaw Myo Aung of Township Development Affairs Committee and members of the market committee.

Kyaw Sein (Wakema)

New building of library opened in Aunglan

AUNGLAN, 9 April—A ceremony to put new building of Thuta Yeikmon library into service was held in Kyiyatkon Village of Aunglan Township, Thayet District, on 27 March.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Win and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Win made speeches.

Departmental personnel and local people donated books and publications to the library.

The new building of the library was opened by Magway Region Hluttaw representative U San Lwin, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Win and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Win.

Township IPRD

DISTRICT NEWS

TRAINNIG COURSE CONCLUDES: ***Bago Region Internal Revenue Department conducted the Revenue Management Computerization Multiplier Course No. 2/2012 on 28 March. Head of Bago Region Internal Revenue Department U Tun Tun Aung gives a concluding remark.*—TOWNSHIP IRD**

Colour photo contest for Maha Thingyan on 16 April

MANDALAY, 9 April—Mandalay City Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival Organizing Leading Committee will hold the colour photo contest.

Each contestant may submit four 10x14 inches sizes of digital photos or film photo.

The entries may be submitted to Mandalay Daily, not later than 8 am on 16 April (Atet Day).—*Kyemon*

Members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association leave for Thailand

Two members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Thailand.

YANGON, 9 April—Members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Daw Htet Htet Win and Daw Thazin Htet Htet left here by air on 2 April morning to attend the Meeting of the ASEAN Youth Leadership Organization to be held in Bangkok of Thailand.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Leader of Organizing and Development Group Daw Aye Aye Nyunt and Executive Dr Yu Nwe Win of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association.

Myanma Alin

Maha Thingyan Golden Cup Golf Tournament 11-14 April

YANGON, 9 April—PyinOoLwin Golf Club will hold the 54th Maha Thingyan Golden Cup Golf Tournament at PyinOoLwin Golf Course from 11 to 14 April.

The tournament is classified as gold, silver and bronze inter-club event, singles' scratch event, 0-15 senior event, women's event and PyinOoLwin Championship event.

Gold class for qualification of the golders is designated from 0 to 12 handicaps, silver class 13-18 handicap, bronze class 19-24 handicap. Each club can be formed with four members. Best strokes of three golfers from each team will be counted for the scratch event. In the singles' event, every golfer is to take part in the competition through handicap system.

The tournament will be sponsored by KM Golf Centre as main sponsor, Han Golf Masters, MK Fashion, Feel Restaurant, Hotel PyinOoLwin, Lucky Drinking Water, Shwe Nan Htaik Construction, Point sunflower, Myanmar Beer, KBZ Bank, Fortune Group Co Ltd, Shwe Thabye Co and Panhope Duwa Co as co-sponsors.

Those wishing to take part in the tournament may enlist at the club and wishing to sponsor the tournament may contact office of PyinOoLwin Golf Club, Tel: 085-22382, Manager U Tun Tha Zan, Lt-Col Khin Maung Htwe, Tel: 09-2031905, Lt-Col Thant Zin Ohn, Tel: 09-204479, Major Ye Htet, Tel: 09-49265029, U Kyaw Htay Ko, Tel: 09-2044075 and U Myo Thant, Tel: 09-91041497.—*Kyemon*

Measles vaccination given to children in Ottwin

OTTWIN, 9 April—A ceremony to launch age-wise measles vaccination campaign was held in Ottwin Myoma Market Ward in Ottwin Township of Bago Region on 22 March morning.

First, Township Administrator U Kyaw Shwe, Head of Township Health Department Dr Myo Min and departmental personnel, members of social organizations attended the ceremony.

The officials gave measles vaccination to children from nine months to five years old.

So far, Ottwin Township has injected measles vaccine to 18312 children.

Myanma Alin

Fire preventive measures taken in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 9 April—Chanayethazan Township Fire Prevention Supervisory Committee of Mandalay Region is carrying out tasks of talking about danger of fire and inspecting fire preventive measures and taking action against those who broke disciplines with momentum.

On 28 March, the officials of the committee met entrepreneurs of robe and eight requisites shops at Eindawya Pagoda in Thiri Hayma Ward.

Officials demonstrated on putting out of fire with the use of foam.

Shop owners participated in the fire drill. Later, officials inspected systematic keeping of fire extinguishers at the shops.

Myanma Alin

New roads commissioned into service in Shwegu

SHWEGU, 9 April—A ceremony to inaugurate U Pon Nya Road and Nga Htin Nge Road as Sanpya Road Section-3, built by Shwegu Township Development Affairs Committee for 2011-2012 fiscal year, were held in Shwegu of Kachin State on 28 March morning.

Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Win Naing and Executive Officer U Khin Aung Ni of Township Development Affairs Committee formally opened the road.

At the ceremonies, the Township Administrator and the Pyithu Hluttaw representative made speeches.

The executive officer of the Township Development Affairs Committee explained matters related to the new asphalt road.

The newly-opened asphalt road is 12 feet wide and 1595 feet long built at a cost of K 16,540,000.

Myanma Alin

Prizes awarded for raising reading habit

PINLEBU, 9 April—With the aim of developing school libraries and village libraries and raising reading habits in Pinlebu Township of Katha District in Sagaing Region, the prize presentation of raising reading habit and book donation was held at U Aung Myat Hall of Basic Education High School in Pinlebu on 28 March.

Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association U Htwa Maung (Maung Lun Myaing-Pinlebu) made a speech.

Next, Staff Officer U Cho Maung of Katha District Information and Public Relations Department explained the purpose of the ceremony.

Officials awarded winners in the primary level poem recitation, middle and high school level essay and extempore talks contests.

They donated books to the school library and village libraries and then awarded Pyinnya Alin Library of Hsaingyagyi Village and Bawa Mee-ein Library in Phonegyi Village.

Myanma Alin

Tulsa Chief of Police Chuck Jordan: ''I want to say to the perpetrator...'We're coming for you'''
INTERNET

Tulsa police launch manhunt after shootings kill three

TULSA, 9 April — Authorities in Tulsa, in the US state of Oklahoma, have launched a manhunt after a series of shootings which police say may have been hate crimes. Five attacks took place within hours of each other on Friday, killing three and critically wounding two others, within a three-mile (5km) radius. All the victims were black and police say there are searching for a white male in connection to the attacks.

Community leaders have tried to calm fears of further attacks. The police said they were searching for a white man driving a white pick-up truck, who was seen in the area of three of the shootings. The BBC's Jonathan Blake says the crimes have shocked people living in a relatively quiet part of north Tulsa, and that there is a fear that the killer may strike again. Our correspondent says detectives are hoping for people to help them, but that many in the community do not trust the police.

Tulsa police chief Chuck Jordan said they were investigating whether the attacks were hate crimes, after investigators earlier said the incidents were linked. The FBI has joined a task force set up to investigate the killings, he said. Jack Henderson, a city councillor for the district where the attacks occurred, urged people to come forward with information." This is Tulsa, Oklahoma. We should have the ability to stand out on your porch anytime, day or night, that you want to, to walk down the street, day or night.

"And the only way that this person is going to be brought to justice is we need some leads."A 49-year-old was the first killed at about 01:00 local time (06:00 GMT) on Friday. Minutes later the gunman approached two other men and asked for directions before shooting them. They survived but later two more were shot dead nearby.

"We're all nervous," said one resident, 52-year-old Renaldo Works. "I've got a 15-year-old, and I'm not going to let him out late. People are scared. We need facts." "You don't want to be a prisoner in your own home," he said.— *Internet*

Venezuela's Chavez returns to Cuba for more treatment

CARACAS, 9 April — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has returned to Cuba for a third round of radiotherapy to treat a recurrence of his cancer. President Chavez announced his departure from Caracas in a Twitter message sent from the airport."Heading for Havana with faith in Resurrected Christ. We'll keep living and keep winning!"President Chavez had surgery in February to remove a second tumour from his pelvic area. The President told Venezuelans he was returning to Cuba for more treatment after an emotional plea for his life at an Easter mass.

Speaking through tears in his hometown of Barinas, he asked Jesus to give him more time because he had "things left to do". "Give me your crown, Christ, give it to me, I will bleed, give me your cross, a hundred crosses, but give me life, because I still have things left to do for the (Venezuelan) people and for the homeland," he said during Thursday night's mass.

He later said it had been "a spontaneous, sentimental thing" brought about by the presence of his family next to him at the mass.

"My mum gave me her hand with such tenderness, and Dad gave me his... and because of this, tears rolled down my face", he said.

The exact nature of President Chavez's cancer has not been disclosed, fuelling rumours that his health may be worse than officially stated.

Internet

Mr Chavez said he was overcome with emotion when his parents held his hands during an Easter mass.—INTERNET

Gazans fire two rockets into Israel; no injuries

JERUSALEM, 9 April — Militants in Gaza have fired two rockets into Israel a day after Israeli airstrikes injured two Palestinians in the coastal territory.

Israeli police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the rockets landed in open areas near the Gazan border early Sunday and did not cause injuries.

The exchange shows cracks in the shaky cease-fire that Egypt brokered to stop a barrage of rockets and air strikes between Israel and the Gaza Strip last month.

Militant groups in Gaza frequently launch rockets into Israel but rarely inflict casualties.

There are many small factions, and cease-fires reached by some does not mean others abide by them. Another rocket landed Thursday in the southern Israeli city of Eilat near the Egyptian border. Israel says it was fired from Egypt.

Internet

Tents cover the entrances to tunnels used for smuggling goods along the Gaza-Egypt border, near the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, on 6 April. Two Palestinians were wounded by a rocket fired by an Israeli drone while riding a motorcycle in Rafah on the Gaza Strip on Saturday, Palestinian security sources told AFP.
INTERNET

Alaska's largest city breaks seasonal snow record

ANCHORAGE, 9 April — A spring snowfall has broken the nearly 60-year-old seasonal snow record of Alaska's largest city. Inundated with nearly double the snow they're used to, Anchorage residents have been expecting to see this season's snowfall surpass the record of 132.6 inches set in the winter of 1954-55. The 3.4 inches that fell by Saturday afternoon brings the total to 133.6 inches. National Weather Service meteorologist Shaun Baines said forecasters don't expect more than an inch of additional accumula-tion.

Before a dumping of wet snow Friday, none had fallen since mid-March, and the seasonal measure hovered at 129.4 inches, or nearly 11 feet. The halt gave residents a chance to clear their snow-laden roofs and city crews an opportunity to widen streets squeezed by mountains of snow. Extreme weather has hit not only Alaska. It's also struck the lower 48, where the first three months of 2012 has seen twice the normal number of tornadoes and one of the warmest winters on record.

Two different weather phenomena — La Nina and its northern cousin the Arctic Oscillation — are mostly to blame, meteorologists say. Global warming could also be a factor because it is supposed to increase weather extremes, according to climate scientists. Even by Alaska standards, Anchorage has been walloped by snow.

City snow removal crews have worked around the clock to clear roadways and haul more than 2.5 million cubic yards of snow to the city's six snow disposal sites, which are close to capacity. Maintenance and operations director Alan Czajkowski says that volume would almost fill the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. That's not even counting the loads disposed of by state crews.

Internet

Two Gazans hurt in Israeli drone hit: security sources

RAFAH, 9 April—Two Palestinians were wounded by a rocket fired by an Israeli drone while riding a motorcycle in Rafah on the Gaza Strip on Saturday, Palestinian security sources told *AFP*. Medical services in Gaza said the two, who were not identified, were in moderate condition. The Israeli military confirmed the attack, which it said targeted militants who were about to launch rockets at Israel. Israeli "aircraft thwarted a rocket launch in the southern Gaza Strip," a military spokeswoman told *AFP*.

Last month, a chain of Israeli air strikes and Palestinian rocket salvoes started when Israel killed Zuhair al-Qaisi, head of the Gaza-based Popular Resistance Committees, prompting other militant groups to fire rockets. Palestinians in Gaza fired more than 310 rockets at Israel, and Israeli war planes carried out dozens of air strikes, killing 25 people, among them 14 members of Islamic Jihad.

Internet

Disaster fund to encourage new solutions

LONDON, 9 April—The Department for International Development is to announce a fund this week to encourage new solutions to assist after natural disasters. Examples of the kind of projects it will support include an app to help reunite missing families, and using satellites to produce quick maps. Others are radio stations and mobile networks which are quick to set up. The move follows predictions that the number of people affected by disasters will rise to 375 million by 2015.

The BBC's International Development Correspondent, David Loyn, said: "Among the first people that Britain now sends in response to earthquakes, such as in Haiti, are map-makers, who, working alongside fire officers camping in the rubble, quickly print maps from satellite images, so that rescuers know where to go. "It is this kind of 21st century technology that the government wants to encourage with new funding."

Our correspondent says the innovation the DfID is looking for is not all computer-based. The fund will assist the development of buckets that can be filled with clean water and sealed, and lightweight collapsible wheelchairs. With the world expected to face more natural disasters in the years to come, affecting many more people than before, International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell said the response had to improve - and harnessing new technology was one part of the solution.

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Survivors of the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan were given smartcards to assist with food aid handouts.— INTERNET

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AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

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Murder charge over Jacob Woudstra stabbing in Hastings

SUSSEX, 9 April — A man has been charged with the murder of a 17-year-old boy stabbed in the chest in East Sussex. Jacob Woudstra was stabbed near the Shah pub in Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, on Thursday. Adam Skilton, 42, of Wilton Road in Bexhill, has been charged with murder and perverting the course of justice.

Wesley Long, 34, of High Street, Hastings, is also accused of perverting the course of justice. Both will appear before Hastings magistrates on Monday. A 31-year-old man from Rye, who was arrested on suspicion of murder, and a 19-year-old Hastings man, arrested for violent disorder, have been released on bail pending further inquiries.—*Internet*

Flowers and tributes have been left at the scene of the stabbing in Mount Pleasant Road.
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Artists make a serpent statue out of bamboos, at the Wat Phnom Pagoda, which is located in Wat Phnom Park, in Phnom Penh on 9 April, 2012. Cambodians will celebrate the Khmer New Year from 13 to 15 April to mark the beginning of the Year of the Dragon.
INTERNET

Father dies trying to rescue son off Cornwall coast

London, 9 April — A 60-year-old man has died after falling into the sea as he tried to save his son in north Cornwall. His son, 27, fell into the sea as they fished from the beach at Tregardock near Delabole on Sunday morning. The father threw him a lifebelt, but as he was pulling him to safety, another wave washed him into the sea, said coastguards. Both men were picked up by a lifeboat but the father was later pronounced dead. His son was taken to the Royal Cornwall Hospital at Treliske. His condition is unknown.

The victim's son is being treated in hospital after the incident at Tregardock.
INTERNET

Devon and Cornwall Police said the men, who were from Cornwall, were visiting family in the area. "The two men were in the water for about 30 minutes before being rescued," a spokesman said.—*Internet*

High-tech wallpaper resists earthquakes

German researchers say they've developed "seismic" wallpaper that can hold a masonry wall together to keep it from crumbling or falling in an earthquake. Scientists at the Institute of Solid Construction and Construction Material Technology at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology used stiff, high-strength glass fibers woven together to form a strong elastic covering, with the fibers running in four directions to distribute energy evenly when the walls are shaking, Deutsche Welle reported.

The special wallpaper is adhered to walls with a flexible, soft adhesive made from water and a large amount of polyurethane beads. After the adhesive penetrates the masonry the water evaporates and the beads strongly anchor the material to the wall, the researchers said.

The seismic material was tested on a replica house in an earthquake simulator. "Because of the earthquake wallpaper, we were unable to make the building collapse," researcher Mortiz Urban said. The wallpaper will start going into commercial production this year, researchers said.

***Golden snappers are considered a delicacy in some Asian cultures.*— INTERNET**

Rare golden snapper fish sold for $38,000 in Bangladesh

A Chinese businessman has paid $38,000 (£24,000) for a rare golden snapper fish caught on Thursday in the port city of Chittagong, fish traders say. The unidentified businessman from Hong Kong bought the 37kg (82lb) fish "for its tasty bladder and succulent flesh", seller Jahangir Saudagar told *AFP*. He bought the fish at an auction before selling it on to the businessman.

Only about four snappers — considered a delicacy — are caught in the Bay of Bengal every year, experts say. Mr Saudagar, who works at a fish market near Chittagong, bought the fish from fishermen returning from the Bay of Bengal late on Wednesday. "I continued to bid until everyone else gave up because I knew I could sell this fish on at (a high) price," Mr Saudagar said.

Three children, two adults attack by pit bulls

Five people, including three children were bitten by pit bulls that escaped from a house in Virginia Beach, Va, officials said. The children were bitten by the dogs as they played in Scarborough Square Park on Friday, *The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot* reported. An adult was hurt as they tried to fend off the animals and the dogs' caregiver was also bitten, said Detective Tonya Borman, a police spokeswoman.

For one of the children, 9-year-old Michael Jones, it was the second attack within weeks, the newspaper said. "This is the second time this has happened in six weeks," said the boy's mother, Tara Matthews. "The first bite should've been the last bite." The other two children were 7-year-old son Jamari Love and his sister, Da'Shawna Bailey, 12.

Jamari required plastic surgery and required more than 100 stitches to close his wounds. "I don't want any more kids to be hurt," said Markivia Bailey, the children's mother.

10-year-old gives birth

A 10-year-old Colombian girl gave birth to a healthy baby girl, doctors said. The mother, only identified as a young girl from Manaure, delivered her daughter, who weighed 5 pounds, by Caesarean section, ABC News reported on Friday." The baby's head needs to come through a bony outlet. But in a young girl, the pelvis may not be ready or big enough to deliver a baby," said Dr Kimberly Gecsi, an OB/GYN at UH Case Medical Centre in Cleveland.

Doctors said the girl is from a member of the Wayuu people, an indigenous tribe in northern Colombia. The age of the father is unknown. "We've already seen several cases [of pregnancy] in girls of the Wayuu ethnicity," said Efrain Pacheco Casadiego, director of the hospital where the girl gave birth. "When in fact [the girls] should be playing with dolls, they are having to care for a baby. This is shocking."

News Album

Carly Rae Jepsen tops UK singles chart

LONDON, 9 April — Canadian singer Carly Rae Jepsen has shot to the top of the UK chart with her single Call Me Maybe after becoming an internet sensation. The former Canadian Idol contestant sold 100,000 singles in a week after a viral video showing Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez dancing to the track received 31 million YouTube views.

***Carly Rae Jepson finished third in Canadian Idol in 2007.*— INTERNET**

Call Me Maybe has been a No1 in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Jepsen only came third when she competed in Canadian Idol in 2007. Holding firm at two in the chart was Sean Paul's She Doesn't Mind.

Gotye rose two places to three with his former number one hit Somebody That I Used To Know while Nicki Minaj fell one place to four with Starships.

Last week's number one, Chris Brown's Turn Up The Music, fell to five. And further down the chart, there was a surprise re-entry for The Script's hit from 2008, The Man Who Can't Be Moved, at number 18.

The Irish band have received a sales boost after their singer Danny O'Donoghue's appearances as one of the four star coaches on new BBC One talent show The Voice. The band's album The Script, also from 2008, has re-entered the album chart at number 31.

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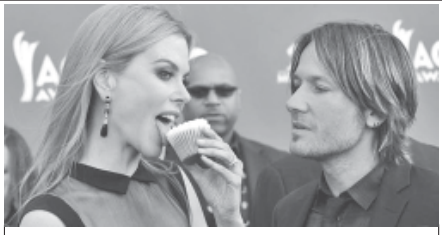

***Actress Nicole Kidman and her husband, singer Keith Urban arrive at the 47th annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on 1 April, 2012.*— INTERNET**

Loud and clear: Urban enjoys benefits of surgery

NASHVILLE, 9 April— Worried he might lose some of his singing ability, Keith Urban actually emerged from his surgery to remove a polyp and a nodule from his vocal cords with benefits he never imagined. "I think if a footballer in their 40s was given their knees back like they were in their early 20s, that's kind of how I feel right now," Urban said. "It's an extraordinary feeling of freedom."

Thousands of fans will get to hear the results for themselves when the Australian country music star takes the stage during the All For The Hall benefit Tuesday at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. It's one of the handful of times Urban has sung in public since his surgery late last year.

Urban says he had issues with his vocal cords for years, but they were never serious enough to address. When a polyp developed, though, he began to have troubles with his voice. He had to push hard to reach the notes he used to hit even just a few years ago and he began to lose his falsetto, a key ingredient in his best songs.

All that changed almost immediately after the surgery and Urban has been working with a vocal coach to strengthen his voice. He recently performed a 90-minute set at the Houston Rodeo, putting himself through a successful workout that showed no ill effects from the surgery.

***In this on 9 Nov, 2011 file photo, singer Keith Urban performs during the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Urban emerged from his surgery to remove a polyp and a nodule from his vocal cords with benefits he never imagined.* INTERNET**

"I don't have to push the pedal down to 70 mph to reach those notes anymore," Urban said. The surgery also freed Urban in other ways. He found that his songwriting changed with his voice and he began imposing limits, something no writer wants to do.

For instance, on his last album "Get Closer" he eliminated those falsetto hooks at the ends of choruses that drive his fans crazy. "I already feel that this next album, the thrust and the pull as a songwriter is to talk more about some of my stories, personal stories, beyond my relationship with my wife (actress Nicole Kidman) and subjects that I've never really tapped into that much," Urban said.

"So I think getting my voice back has sort of been a metaphor for finding my voice more so as well as an artist, broadening it, really, to the things that I want to write about and I feel ready to write about that I guess I haven't in recent years. "

Internet

Glenn Close to get NAB award

WASHINGTON, 9 April — US actress Glenn Close will receive yet another honor — the National Association of Broadcasters' Service to America Leadership award in Washington.

The stage, television, and film artist who most recently captured an Oscar nomination for her performance in "Alfred Nobbs" is being recognized for her efforts to help remove the stigma of mental illness, broadcastingandcable.com reported on Thursday.

The 11 June black tie dinner and awards ceremony will also honor Service to America Community Awards for Radio and Television, Service to America Television Award and Service to Children Radio and Television Awards.

The Service to America Awards are presented every year by the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to reinforcing the future of broadcasting through a commitment to education and to advancing excellence in the diversity and community service efforts of the industry, the NABEF's Web site said.

Internet

Barbra Streisand won't sing at Obama's LA fund-raiser

LOS ANGELES, 9 April— Barbra Streisand is still backing President Obama's re-election campaign, but she won't be singing for the president on his next fund-raising stop in Southern California. Published reports had suggested that the singer — who has lent her lungs to Democrats dating back to John F Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson — would entertain at a 10 May event to be hosted by DreamWorks Animation's Jeffrey Katzenberg. Party officials have set a $2 million goal for the event.

But a source close to Streisand told TheWrap that she will not be performing.

Streisand sang at a fund-raiser for Obama at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in 2008, when the president went on to take in $2.8 million from the entertainment industry. The support from Hollywood has dropped off, to $1.5 million in 2011, but party officials hope the election season kick-starts the fund-raising efforts.

Vice President Joe Biden will open the re-election campaign's next Southern California tour with a $2,500-a-head party in Santa Barbara on 20 April.—*Internet*

***Actress and singer Barbra Streisand arrives for "A Decade of Difference: A Concert Celebrating 10 Years of the William J Clinton Foundation" at the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood, California on 15 October, 2011.* REUTERS**

(From L) Real Madrid players Marcelo, goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas, Raul Albiol and Pepe watch as the ball is deflected during the Spanish league match against Valencia at Santiago Bernabeu stadium on 8 April, 2012 in Madrid.
INTERNET

Real lead cut to four with Valencia stalemate

SANTIAGO, 9 April — Stuttering Real Madrid have Barcelona breathing down their necks after their La Liga lead was cut to just four points following a 0-0 draw with third-placed Valencia on Sunday. Real started well with Cristiano Ronaldo hitting the post early on, but they were unable to maintain the impetus and Valencia also hit the woodwork in both halves through Ricardo Costa and Tino Costa. Karim Benzema was denied by a double save from keeper Vicente Guaita as Real pressed late on but Valencia also had their chances with Jordi Alba denied in a one-on-one with keeper Iker Casillas.

Real have now drawn three of their last five games in the league and face a crunch few weeks where they play derby rivals Atletico Madrid and tackle Barcelona in El Clasico. "It was a game where we had chances to score right to the end, we had the support of the fans and now we continue forward with our four-point lead," said Real assistant coach Aitor Karanka. "We are happy with the way we are playing and are looking forward to the next game. We are confident in the project and that has not changed."

Valencia coach Unai Emery felt that his side could have got more from the game. "It is difficult to play at the Bernabeu with Real Madrid playing well and very strong so we knew that we had to follow our strategy of keeping the ball and counter-attacking," he said. Champions Barcelona have hit form at the right time with their 4-1 victory over 10-man Zaragoza on Saturday their ninth in succession.

Internet

Wigan's Martinez furious after Chelsea's offside goal

LONDON, 9 April — Wigan Athletic manager Roberto Martinez did not mince his words after Chelsea beat his relegation-threatened side 2-1 at home on Saturday thanks in part to a clearly offside opener from Branislav Ivanovic. With six game left to save their Premier League status, the dropped points could prove to be crucial for the second-bottom side. "I'm really disappointed that we couldn't get what the players deserved today. I felt that we stopped Chelsea from playing most of the time," the normally mild-mannered Martinez told Sky Sports before turning to the controversial goal.

"It is not something you want to see in football because they are not even difficult decisions. The linesman had a horrific day, unfortunately against us. It's a real shame and there is a feeling of injustice amongst my players. "I've seen a very mature side, a side that can go anywhere in the Premier League," he added, trying to find positives for the relegation run-in where they next host leaders Manchester United on Wednesday. Martinez later told the BBC his side had been robbed and the linesman had put in a "disgusting" performance.

Wigan players surrounded the officials to remonstrate but, despite most of the Stamford Bridge crowd knowing it was offside, the goal stood and Chelsea's push for third spot and an automatic Champions League berth next season gathered pace. Mohamed Diame equalised for the visitors but Juan Mata's scrappy last-minute winner sealed victory for Chelsea, who reached the Champions League semi-finals in midweek. Chelsea's interim boss Roberto Di Matteo had some sympathy for Wigan, who are in the drop zone on goal difference.

"I think they were unlucky not to get something from this game," the Italian said.

Reuters

Chelsea's interim manager Roberto Di Matteo (R) and Wigan Athletic manager Roberto Martinez stand on the touchline during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 7 April, 2012.
INTERNET

Big John targets French Open surprise

MONACO, 9 April — John Isner is developing such a strong affection for claycourt tennis that he is emerging as a dangerous outsider for the French Open. Isner steered the United States into the Davis Cup semi-finals at the weekend, beating Gilles Simon and then Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in four sets on the famous clay courts of the Monte Carlo Country Club. France had been warned of the 26-year-old's ability after Isner defeated Roger Federer, also on clay, in February's first round 5-0 Davis Cup whitewash of Switzerland.

USA's John Isner hits a return to France's Jo Wilfried Tsonga during their Davis cup tennis match quarter final on 8 April, 2012 in Monaco.
INTERNET

Just for good measure, Isner has also beaten world number one Novak Djokovic this year in the semi-finals of the Indian Wells Masters albeit on a more familiar hard court. "I like playing on clay," said Isner. "I played three of my best matches this year, my best wins have come on clay. It's a surface I enjoy playing on and a surface I feel I can do very well on."

His big, power game has been at home on Europe's notoriously slow clay courts — in his 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 5-7, 6-3 win over Tsonga, he fired down 16 aces and unleashed 56 winners. France and Switzerland may have been stunned by 6ft 9in (2.06m) Isner's claycourt prowess, but not USA captain Jim Courier, who knows his way around the gruelling, slow surface, winning back-to-back French Opens in 1991 and 1992.

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Lee Westwood of England hits his tee shot on the fourth hole during final round play in the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012.
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Westwood again flirts with glory but falls short

AUGUSTA, 9 April — Lee Westwood once again flirted with the Masters title on Sunday but his final round 68 proved not quite enough and he was left ruing his putting over the four days of the tournament. Westwood shot the same fourth round tally as winner Bubba Watson and went one better than play-off runner-up Louis Oosthuizen but, despite going four-under on the back nine, had to settle for tied for third, two strokes adrift.

And the Englishman had no doubt what had cost him the chance of a first major. "The story of the week is you have got to putt well to win the Masters and I haven't putted well," he said. "I came out and missed a two footer on the third inexplicably and that is not the kind of thing that will give you confidence for the rest of the round," said Westwood, referring to an early bogey.

"So I didn't really make that many putts. The longest I made was ten foot on 18. I made a good one at the right time, but that's not really good enough," he said. Westwood has now had seven top three finishes in major championships since 2008, including his runners-up spot at the 2010 Masters behind Phil Mickelson.— *Reuters*

Tearful Watson wins Masters in playoff

AUGUSTA, 9 April — Bubba Watson conjured a miraculous par from pine straw to become only the third left-hander to win the Masters with an emotional playoff victory over Louis Oosthuizen at Augusta National on Sunday. The American clinched his first major title with a two-putt par on the second extra hole, the par-four 10th, where South African Oosthuizen bogeyed after ending up just short of the green in two and failing to get up and down. Both players had ended up well right off the tee, Oosthuizen gaining a fortuitous bounce off a tree before playing his second shot from the first cut of rough.

Although the long-hitting Watson ended up deep in the tree line, he had an avenue to the green and struck a superb high draw off the pine straw with a gap wedge for his ball to settle 10 feet from the pin. After Oosthuizen had chipped up 15 feet past and narrowly missed his par putt coming back, Watson had the luxury of two putts for victory. His birdie attempt slid past the cup but the 33-year-old from Bagdad in Florida gathered himself and tapped in for victory before embracing his caddie.

"I never got this far in my dreams," a teary-eyed Watson said in the Butler Cabin before being helped into the revered green jacket by last year's Masters champion Charl Schwartzel of South Africa. "I got in these trees, hit a crazy shot that I saw in my head and somehow I'm here talking to you with a green jacket on. "It's a blessing," Watson added, after joining fellow left-handers Phil Mickelson (2004, 2006 and 2010) and Canadian Mike Weir (2003) as Masters winners..— *Reuters*

Bubba Watson of the US (L) waves while wearing his green jacket after winning as Augusta National Golf Club Chairman William Porter Payne (R) applauds after the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 8 April, 2012. — INTERNET

PSG edge out Marseille to rekindle title hopes

PARIS, 9 April — Paris Saint Germain rekindled hopes of a first French league championship success in 18 years on Sunday after squeezing past old rivals Marseille 2-1 at the Parc des Princes. The three points moved the big-spending capital club level on 63 points with Montpellier at the top of Ligue 1 - although the Parisians have played a game more.

PSG, who ended the game with ten men after a late red card for Mohamed Sissoko, made the ideal start as Jeremy Menez put them into the lead after just six minutes following good work by Brazilian Nene, who cut in from the left and set up a chance which Menez fired past Steve Mandanda. Ghanian Andre Ayew got the equaliser after 59 minutes but PSG reacted straight away and two minutes later Alex Costa bagged his second goal for the Parisians. The swift advantage was a boon for a PSG side on edge after last week's 2-1 loss at Nancy, which meant a first league defeat under coach Carlo Ancelotti.—*Internet*

Marseille's French midfielder Mathieu Valbuena controls the ball during the French L1 football match Paris vs Marseille, at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris.
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International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(10-4-12 09:30 am ~ 11-4-12 09:30 am) MST

- News
- Rakhine Traditional Water Festival (Water Throwing Festival)
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- Amazing World
- News
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- News
- Sweet & Dreamy Taste
- News
- Topic on Journal "Alluring Myanmar's Rattan Product"
- News
- India Product Show
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- News
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7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta

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2. Nice and Sweet Song

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3. Dance of Thingyan Festival

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5. AFC Cup 2012 Group Stage Football (Live) Ayeyawady United (Myanmar) & Navibank Saigon (Vietnam)

5:15 pm
6 . Dance of Thingyan Festival

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6:50 pm
8. Sing A Song

7:00 pm
9. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
10. News
14. Bakery World
15. India Drama Series

Small bomb damages Greek reform ministry

ATHENS, 9 April—A small makeshift bomb exploded on Monday outside a branch of a Greek ministry tasked with cutting 150,000 public sector jobs by 2015, causing damage but no injuries, police said.

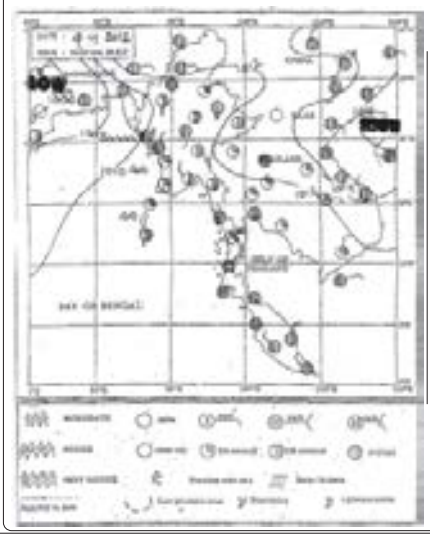
Windows were smashed and desks and computers were damaged in the blast at the Administrative Reform Ministry building. A car was also damaged in the explosion. "There was no warning call and the risk of someone being injured was big, as the building is centrally located," said a police official who declined to be named. The bomb was made of at least five gas canisters, police said. The ministry is tasked with reforming Greece's bloated public sector, a key demand by the country's international lenders.

The attack was the second in under a week. A similar bomb exploded at the office of former Prime Minister Costas Simitis on Tuesday last week. Greece's coalition government, led by technocrat Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, denounced that attack as an attempt to destabilize the country ahead of national elections expected on 6 May. Gas canister attacks on police and businesses are frequent in Greece.

***A man walks in front of a damaged Administrative Reform ministry building in Athens on 9 April, 2012.*—REUTERS**

Small bomb attacks against politicians have risen since the country adopted harsh austerity measures under the terms of two successive bailouts by the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.—*MNA/Reuters*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 10th April, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	27/81	18/64	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	30/86	16/60	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayin	37/99	22/72	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	22/72	10/50	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25/77	18/64	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Tanintharyi	37/99	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	39/102	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	20/68	Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	29/84	13/55	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	15/59	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	18/64	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	38/100	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	39/102	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	24/75	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 widespread in Chin Sate, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State, scattered in Bago Region, shan snd Rakhine States, isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Tanintharyi Regions, Kayah and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Region and stage. Day temperature were (3°C) above April average temperatures in Eastern San, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Northern shan and Kayah States, (3°C) to (5°C) to (7°C) below April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (4°C), Chauk (4°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw (2.40) inches, Myeik (0.98) inch, Falam (0.71) inch, Sittwe (0.63) inch, Putao, Hakha and Paletwa (0.39) inch each.
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, Southeast and West Central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squall with moderate to rough Seas are likely at time off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach(30) to (35)mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Hot spring of Nawngkhio attracts visitors

NAWNGKHIO, 10 April—The hot spring in Seikphu Village, 18 miles north of Nawngkhio, Kyaukme District of Shan State (North), is thronged with visitors for taking a bath.

The water of hot spring relieves some diseases such as hypertension, stroke, headache, and itch of body.

The visitors from here and there take a bath at the hot spring.—*Myanma Alin*

MEASLES VACCINATED*: Age-wise measles vaccination was held at 11 wards and village-tracts in Hsipaw Township of Shan State (North) on 27 March under supervision of Hsipaw Township Health Department. At Taungmyo Ward administrative office, Dr Nan Kyi Pya Aung and party inject measles vaccination to children from nine months to five years old.*—MYANMA ALIN

Everton 4-0 Sunderland

Prize Gueye sparks rout

LONDON, 9 April—After a dour first period, Magaye Gueye broke the deadlock when he smashed in the rebound after Simon Mignolet pushed away Leon Osman's drilled shot.

Steven Pienaar and Osman made sure of the points with identical curling shots in quick succession. Substitute Victor Anichebe added a fourth with a late deflected effort.

Toffees boss David Moyes clearly had one eye on his side's date with Liverpool at Wembley on Saturday, making five changes and leaving Leighton Baines, Tim Cahill and Nikica Jelavic out of his squad entirely. The last time Moyes rested players ahead of a cup tie, it was for a Merseyside derby before his side's quarter-final against the Black Cats, and it created a storm of controversy when the Reds won 3-0. His selection this time is unlikely to bring any complaints from Toffees fans, especially as his side still picked up their third win in their last four league games without meeting much resistance from the visitors.

Everton had dominated from the start but, until Gueye's goal, they lacked a cutting edge in the absence of Jelavic, who has scored five goals in his last eight games. Just 90 seconds later, it was 3-0, with Osman popping up in the same place to fire another curling shot past Mignolet and into the net via the post. A miserable afternoon for Sunderland was completed when, only three minutes after he had replaced Fellaini, Anichebe's strike hit Jack Colback and looped past the helpless Mignolet.—*Internet*

Newcastle 2-0 Bolton

King Arfa lifts Toon closer to top four

LONDON, 9 April—Hatem Ben Arfa produced a finish of pure class to set Newcastle on their way to a fifth successive Barclays Premier League victory. On an afternoon when the Magpies turned in a faltering display in front of their expectant fans, the Frenchman capped a fleet-footed 73rd-minute run with a cool finish to fire his side back into fifth place, for a few hours at least. Papiss Cisse made sure of the points with his 10th goal in nine games with seven minutes remaining as Bolton were left to rue second-half saves by Tim Krul from Chris Eagles and Mark Davies.—*Internet*

Hatem Ben Arfa produced a finish of pure class to set Newcastle on their way to a fifth successive victory.

Blast kills 12 in southern Somalia market

MOGADISHU, 9 April—At least 12 people died in a bomb attack in Somalia on Monday targeting Somali and Ethiopian troops in a busy market in the southern city of Baidoa, witnesses and officials said.

It was the second blast in the country in barely a week.

Last week, a female suicide bomber killed six people, including two top sports officials, in the theatre near the presidential palace in Mogadishu.

The attack on Monday was the deadliest since Ethiopian and Somali troops captured Baidoa, about 250 km to the southwest of Mogadishu, from al-Qaeda-linked al Shabaab rebels in February.

Al Shabaab claimed responsibility for the latest attack.

"We planted a remotely controlled bomb in Baidoa market.

We targeted the Ethiopian and the Somali troops.

About three of them died," Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, spokesman for al Shabaab's military operations, told *Reuters*.

Musab said government soldiers had killed a number of civilians after opening fire following the blast but the regional governor has denied the accusation.

Witnesses said the explosion happened outside a butchery.—*Reuters*

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—A delegation led by US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party, paid a call on Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 1.15 pm today.

Present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, the director-general of Hluttaw Office and officials. Mr. James Henry Webb was accompanied by the Charge d' Affaires ai of US Embassy to Myanmar and officials.

At the call, they exchanged views on promoting amity between Hluttaws of both countries, boosting multi-sectoral cooperation through transparency and Hluttaw affairs.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives a delegation led by US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meets US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb and party, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 2 pm today.

Present at the call together with the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker were Chairman of Monetary and Customs Affairs Committee U San Tun, Chairman of Women and Child Affairs Committee Dr Mya Oo, Chairman of International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo and officials from Hluttaw Office. The US Senator was accompanied by the Charge d' Affaires ai of US Embassy to Myanmar and officials.

The Speaker explained undertakings of Hluttaws, successful holdings of the by-elections and current reform process and progress. Both sides had a cordial discussion on promoting mutual ties between two countries.

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***Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives a delegation led by US Senator Mr. James Henry Webb at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building.*—MNA**

Summer basic baseball training course wraps up

YANGON, 9 April—The summer basic baseball training course 2012 concluded at the baseball ground of Myanmar Baseball Federation at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Kyaikkasan Grounds) in Tamway Township yesterday morning.

Trainees demonstrated their skills.

Secretary of the federation presented certificates and prizes to the trainees.

Later, Baseball League of Myanmar Baseball Federation kicked off there.

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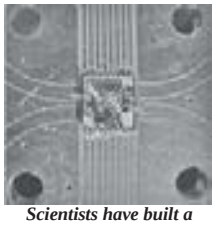
Quantum computer built inside a diamond



Scientists have built a quantum computer in a diamond, the first of its kind. The chip in the image measures 3mm x 3mm, while the diamond in the center is 1mm x 1mm.

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DELFT, 9 April— Diamonds are forever—or, at least, the effects of this diamond on quantum computing may be. A team that includes scientists from USC has built a quantum computer in a diamond, the first of its kind to include protection against "decoherence" — noise that prevents the computer from functioning properly.

The demonstration shows the viability of solid-state quantum computers, which — unlike earlier gas- and liquid-state systems — may represent the future of quantum computing because they can be easily scaled up in size. Current quantum computers are typically very small and — though impressive — cannot yet compete with the speed of larger, traditional computers.

The team's diamond quantum computer system featured two quantum bits (called "qubits"), made of subatomic particles.

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Tottenham lose ground in race for third place

Anthony Pilkington gave Norwich the lead at Spurs as Paul Lambert's side continued impressive Premier League form.

LONDON, 9 April— Tottenham Hotspur stumbled in their pursuit of a third place Premier League finish and an automatic Champions League slot next season when they were upset 2-1 at home by Norwich City on Monday. Midtable Norwich had a host of penalty claims turned down yet still plugged away for a memorable victory to leave Spurs on 59 points, two adrift of third-placed Arsenal, having played 33 games, one more than their north London rivals.

Newcastle United marksman Papiss Cisse scored his ninth goal in 10 matches as his side joined Tottenham on 59 points with a 2-0 win at home against Bolton Wanderers, Hatem Ben Arfa scoring the opener with a stunning 60-metre run.

Everton's 4-0 hammering of Sunderland lifted them to 47 points in seventh and put more distance between them and Liverpool who are on 43 points with a game in hand.

Reuters