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Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 22nd day One bill submitted and approved, reports read out

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The 22nd Day session of Pyithu Hluttaw was held at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 1.10pm today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 371 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, one bill was submitted and approved and reports read out.

The foreign expenditure bill sent by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments was accepted on 25 April and the date of discussion of this bill will be announced. Those wishing to make a proposal to discuss the amendments made by Amyotha Hluttaw are to send the bill they want to amend with the exact para, sub-para and subject not later than at 1 pm on 28 April.

Next, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint submitted a bill on revocation of foreign relations act and Bill Committee member U Khin Maung Shwe read out a report of the committee regarding the bill.

The Hluttaw approved the bill as it is to revoke an act which is not in conformity with the current situation and the bill committee remarked that the act should be revoked and the representatives decided it was not necessary to make any amendments to the bill.

Then, Bill Committee member Dr Soe Moe Aung read out a report of the committee regarding the 2012 basic education bill submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee on 25 April.

Today's session ended at 2.50 pm and the date of 23rd session will be announced.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives seen at the 22nd day third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.

MNA

'Cannibal' shrimp in US waters a worry

WASHINGTON, 26 April (UPI) — An invasion of giant "cannibal" shrimp into America's east coast and gulf coast waters appears to be getting worse, U.S. governmental researchers say.

Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Thursday sightings of massive Asian tiger shrimp, which can eat their smaller shrimp counterparts, were 10 times higher in 2011 than in 2010.

"And they are probably even more prevalent than reports suggest, because the more fisherman and other locals become accustomed to seeing them, the less likely they are to report them," Pam Fuller, a USGS biologist, told CNN.

Native to Asian and Australian waters, the tiger shrimp, which can grow to 13 inches long, have been seen in coastal U.S. waters from North Carolina to Texas.

Tiger shrimp can be eaten, Fuller said.

"They're supposed to be very good. But they can get very large, sorta like lobsters," Fuller said.

Internet



Yadanarbon MNL Club to play qualifier in Thailand



File photo shows Yadanarbon MNL team which is going to play a qualifier in Thailand.

MYANMA ALIN

YANGON, 26 April—Yadanarbon MNL Club, which are trying their best to win championship in 2012 MNL Cup, will be playing a qualifier in Thailand during the recession before second rounds.

It will play the qualifier against three football clubs of Thai Premier League on 28 April, 1 May and 3 May. Yadanarbon MNL Club will leave 27 April and arrive back on 5 May. It comprises club owner Dr Sai Hsan Tun, eight-member group of manger and coaches totalling 22. The club includes the players who have registered MNL Cup except Thet Naing and Ye Zaw Htet Aung, who are in the Myanmar U-22 team undergoing training in the Republic of Korea and goalkeeper Zaw Zaw Naing, who is in injury.

Myanma Alin

Power supplied for public convenience despite a surge in power use

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Recently, the national power demand has surged due to an increase in number of electric power users and State-owned and private factories and workshops, and use of air conditioners and refrigerators because of high temperatures, apart from longer hour operation of ice factories. The demand has thus hit 1890 megawatts while actual supply power stands at 1500 megawatts.

The increased demand in electric power has to be eased with alternate power supply since April. Now, electric power is being supplied to urban townships in Yangon Region round the clock while townships of other regions and states including Mandalay District are divided into three groups with each group under six-hour power cut alternately. Electric power is being supplied systematically to enable the people to use more electricity under such measures as power cut-off of river water pumping stations from 5 pm to 11 pm, alternate power supply to industrial zones which are divided into two groups—one from 7 am to 12 noon and another from 12 noon to 5 pm and power cut-off of both from 5 pm to 11 pm, power cut-off of all industries including foundries and workshops in wards from 5 pm to 11 pm. General maintenance has been carried out on machines for increased power supply and the alternate power supply is just temporary and arrangements are underway to provide more electricity soon, announced the Ministry of Electric Power No.2.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Don't be a free rider

In economics, a free rider (or freeloader) is someone who consumes a resource without paying for it, or pays less than the full cost. The term free rider comes from the example of someone using public transportation without paying the fare. If too many people do this, the system will not have enough money to operate. Another example of a free rider is someone who does not pay his or her share of taxes, which help pay for public good that all citizens benefit from, such as roads, water treatment plants, and fire services.

We have been hearing a lot more these days about free riders. Like other countries, Myanmar faces free rider problem. Free-riding would cause a loss to people as well as to the country. Myanmar sees a lot of reforms since the current government takes office. Myanmar is now on the right track to the democracy. In line with the democratic practices, we should pay our share of taxes. Only when not only entrepreneurs but also citizens pay their share of taxes, the government can operate its functions properly.

People should not consider the taxes imposed on them as burden. We all must keep in mind that paying taxes is serving the country's duties. We must show our civic responsibilities by paying income taxes right in accord with the revenue law. So, each and every citizen must try not to be free rider.

Responsible personnel and donors pose for photo next to an ambulance which is donated to Mandalay GEC Hospital on 2 March, 2012, in Mandalay.—TUN HLA AUNG (MDY)



Study: Antarctic ice melting from warm water below

WASHINGTON, 27 April — Antarctica's massive ice shelves are shrinking because they are being eaten away from below by warm water, a new study finds. That suggests that future sea levels could rise faster than many scientists have been predicting. The western chunk of Antarctica is losing 23 feet of its floating ice sheet each year.

Until now, scientists weren't exactly sure how it was happening and whether or how man-made global warming might be a factor. The answer, according to a study published on Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, is that climate change plays an indirect role — but one that has larger repercussions than if Antarctic ice were merely melting from warmer air.

Hamish Pritchard, a glaciologist at the British Antarctic Survey, said research using an ice-gazing NASA satellite showed that warmer air alone couldn't explain what was happening to Antarctica.—*Internet*

Wagamani Village in DaikU Tsp gets 16-bed station hospital

YANGON, 27 April—A 16-bed station hospital was commissioned into service in Wagamani Village of DaikU Township yesterday, officially opened by Moekaung Monastery Yadana Theingi DaiukU Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotika Bhivumsa of Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region, Bago Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Kyaw Oo and head of Region Health Department Dr Nay Myo Ohn.

Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win unveiled the stone plaque of the hospital and looked round hospital and staff-quarters. He then explained regional development efforts and rural health care services of the Region government.

The Region Chief Minister also attended the opening of Wagamani Village Basic Education Middle School (Branch).—*MNA*



Educative talks on fighting against TB is in progress in Palengweyaung Ward in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay, on 6 March.—TUN HLA AUNG (MDY)

Workshop on Business Cooperation and Investment in Livestock, Animal Feed and Fishery Sectors held

YANGON, 27 April—Workshop on Business Cooperation and Investment in Livestock, Animal Feed and Fishery Sectors, jointly organized by Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and ARDC, Global Agriculture Policy Institute of the Republic of Korea, was held at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township, here, on 25 April, with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye.

At the workshop, five papers—two from Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, two from Myanmar Fishery Federation and one from Livestock Federation—were submitted. Korean entrepreneurs who attended the workshop will visit soft craft breeding pound and fish and prawn processing factory in Yangon, fish breeding pound in Nyaungdon Township, Naungghnabin multi-purpose agricultural and livestock breeding camp in Hmawby Township in order to observe the potentials for investment and economic cooperation.

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Mysterious skin disease in central Vietnam identified

HANOI, 27 April — According to Quang Ngai provincial health department, the mysterious skin disease which left 19 dead among the province is identified. Fourteen out of 26 blood samples from patients with a mysterious skin disease in Vietnam's central province of Quang Ngai (some 730 kilometres south of the capital Hanoi) have tested positive for the Rickettsia Virus, said Pham Hong Phuong, director of Quang Ngai provincial health department, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported on Wednesday.

The virus is transferred from animals to people by lice or fleas. So far, 172 people have been infected with the virus and 19 victims in the province's rural communes have been reported dead.—*Xinhua*

MYANMAR GAZETTE

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Department
(a) U Than Aung	Director-General Revenue Appellate Tribunal Ministry of Finance and Revenue
(b) U Khin Maung Win	Managing Director Hydropower Generation Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power No.1
(c) U Htay Aung	Director-General Arid Zone Greening Department Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry

2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Pro-Rector (Academic) Daw Khin Kyi Pya of University of National Culture and Fine Arts (Mandalay) of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture as rector of the same department on probation from the date she assumes charges of her duties.

First day session of First Shan State Hluttaw Special Meeting (1/2012) held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The first day session of First Shan State Hluttaw Special Meeting (1/2012) was held at meeting hall of the Shan State Hluttaw on 25 April, attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lone Hsai and 127 Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, regional project bill for 2012-2013 fiscal year was submitted and approved, 14 bill amendment proposals on the 2012 Shan State Budget Bill were submitted, the approval of the Hluttaw was sought and confirmed, the approval of all the 2012 Shan State Budget Bill was submitted and approved, measures taken in a year as to social affairs were submitted, the approval of the Hluttaw as to the appointment of minister for planning and economics was submitted, and announcement of the submission of the new name was made, and the special meeting ended at 1.30 pm.—*MNA*

Second day session of First Shan State Hluttaw Special Meeting (1/2012) successfully concluded

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The second day session of First Shan State Hluttaw Special Meeting (1/2012) was held at the meeting hall of the Shan State Hluttaw on yesterday morning, attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lone Hsai and 127 Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, formation of projects implementing committees at different levels was read out, the proposal of the Hluttaw as to the continued assigning the duties of State Legislative Affairs Committee, State National Races Affairs Committee and State Hluttaw Representatives Scrutiny Committee was sought, the approval of Hluttaw as to the allowance of expenses of Hluttaw representative attending the meeting according the fixed rate was sought, announcement on any proposals over village wood plantation bill submitted by Shan State Government may be sent to the Hluttaw not later than 30 May 2012 was made, and the special meeting came to an end at 10.45 am.

MNA

EU may lift sanctions against Myanmar: Bulgarian FM

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 27 April—The recent European Union (EU)'s announcement to suspend part of the sanctions against Myanmar was hoped to pave the way for reaching a full-lifting of the sanctions and help the country to smooth the transition process, said Bulgarian Foreign Affairs Minister Nickolay E Mladenov. Mladenov, who is in Brunei attending the 19th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting, said in an interview with *Brunei Times* published on Friday that his country supports the suspension of sanctions against Myanmar and expressed hope that the next step of full-lifting of sanctions could be determined.

"We've supported the suspension of sanctions on Myanmar and I hope this is a first step until we can reach a point of which all sanctions can be lifted," said Mladenov. In regards to development assistance provided by the EU, the Bulgarian foreign minister said that a support package up to 150 million euro (198 million US dollars) is now being put on the table for Myanmar. According to a statement of the European Commission last February, the fund assistance is meant to support various development sectors such as

health, education, agriculture and aid uprooted people in 2012-2013.

The EU earlier decided to suspend restrictive measures against Myanmar except an arms embargo.

The 27-member bloc will also open an office in Yangon when EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who is also attending the ASEAN-EU meeting, visits the country from 28 to 30 April. In a separate interview, the Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa said that the announcement on EU suspension of sanctions against Myanmar was hoped as the beginning of a full-lifting.

"The step by the EU to suspend sanction against Myanmar is a positive development but we wish to see eventually this be made permanent," he said. The ASEAN Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan said the issue on Myanmar was causing tension between the relations of the two blocs for a long time even before Myanmar joined ASEAN membership in 1997. "And since then it has been an issue with all the dialogue partners, particularly the EU," he said.— *Xinhua*



Police officers escort a vehicle carrying the family of Osama bin Laden, in Islamabad, Pakistan on 26 April, 2012. A van carrying the three widows and children of Bin Laden has left the house where they have been staying in Islamabad and is en route to the airport, from where they will be deported to Saudi Arabia, officials and witness said. — *REUTERS*

Bin Laden's family deported from Pakistan to Saudi Arabia

ISLAMABAD, 27 April—The family of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, killed almost a year ago by American special forces in a military town in northwest Pakistan, left Pakistan for Saudi Arabia early on Friday morning, the family lawyer told *Reuters*. The move ends months of speculation about the fate of the three widows and 11 children, who were detained by Pakistani security forces after the 2 May raid. "Yes, they're being deported to Saudi Arabia," said Aamir Khalil, the family lawyer. "It is a special flight."

The jet took off at around 1:30 am (2030 GMT) for Saudi Arabia, according to local TV channels. Its destination in the kingdom was not known. At the house in Islamabad where the family were being held, a white minivan pulled up to take them to the airport. The women refused to enter the van with a crush of media around it, so officials covered its windows with plastic sheets.

The Ministry of the Interior, which was responsible for the family, issued a statement saying it had "passed orders for the deportation of 14 members of OBL family in pursuance of the Court orders". "The family was kept safe and sound in a guest house ... They have been deported to the country of their choice, Saudi Arabia, today," it added. Earlier this month, a court sentenced the women to 45 days in prison for entering Pakistan illegally. It ordered their deportation after the end of the prison term, which began on 3 March when they were formally arrested.— *Reuters*

India successfully launches spy satellite RISAT-1

NEW DELHI, 27 April — India Thursday successfully launched its home-made remote sensing spy *Radar Imaging Satellite (RISAT-1)* from the spacecraft of Sriharikota in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh,

sources said. The spy satellite would be used for disaster prediction and agriculture forestry as well as for defence purposes. The satellite has been made by scientists at Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). It was launched using Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

It can acquire data at C-band and capable of observation on all weather, day and night conditions. "This is not only the first radar imaging satellite to be built by India but this is the heaviest remote-sensing satellite built by the ISRO. Besides, it is the heaviest satellite to be put in orbit by the PSLV," said an Indian official earlier this week. "RISAT-1 weighs 1858 kg. The satellite's propulsion system will then be used to take it to the final orbit at an altitude of 536 km," said ISRO spokesman S Satish.

Xinhua

Bomb kills three US service members in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 April — Officials say three American service members have been killed in a bomb attack in eastern Afghanistan.

The NATO military coalition said in a statement that three international service members were killed in the blast Thursday. The alliance did not provide further details.

A US official said that all three were Americans. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the information had not yet been publicly released.— *Internet*



An Iraqi soldier patrols in Baquba in 2009. A suicide car bombing near a cafe followed by another bomb attack inside it killed eight people and wounded 18 north of Baquba in central Iraq, police said. *INTERNET*

Twelve killed in Iraq bombings

BAGHDAD, 27 April — A suicide car bombing near a cafe and another bomb attack inside it killed eight people in central Iraq on Thursday, while bomb attacks in Baghdad killed four others, security officials said. The suicide bomber attacked a cafe in the village of Garma, north

of Baquba in Diyala Province, police Lieutenant Colonel Ahmed al-Karkhi said.

A second bomb exploded inside the cafe as the casualties were being carried out, Karkhi said, putting the toll from the two blasts at eight dead and 18 wounded. A car bomb exploded on Thursday afternoon in the Hurriyah area of north Baghdad, killing two people and wounding nine, an interior ministry official said. A medical source at Kadhimiyah hospital said it had received two bodies and 12 wounded. And a bomb targeted an Iraqi army patrol in Sadr City in north Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 13, the ministry

official said.

Thursday's bombings come after a wave of apparently coordinated bombing and shooting attacks in seven different provinces across Iraq killed 38 people and wounded more than 170 on 19 April. Twenty-three civilians, 10 police, three members of an anti-Qaeda militia and two soldiers were killed in dozens of attacks, including 14 separate car bombings, 13 other bomb attacks and three suicide bombings. Al-Qaeda's front group the Islamic State of Iraq claimed the 19 April attacks in a statement on the Honein jihadist website the following day.— *Internet*

Official: Afghan soldier kills US service member

KABUL, 27 April — An Afghan soldier fatally shot an American service member and a local interpreter in southern Afghanistan, officials said on Thursday, the latest in a string of attacks against US and other foreign forces by their Afghan partners. In the east, meanwhile, three US service members were killed in a bomb attack, according to NATO and a US official. The official confirmed the nationalities on condition of anonymity because the information had not yet been publicly released. Further details were not immediately available.

In the insider attack in southern Kandahar Province, an Afghan soldier opened fire with a machine gun from atop a building, killing a US soldier and an Afghan interpreter and wounding three other coalition service members before he was gunned down, a senior US defence official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release details. The US military officially confirmed only that a man wearing an Afghan army uniform turned his gun on coalition service members late Wednesday, killing one. The incident was under investigation, the military said.

Since the beginning of the year, there have been at least 16 such attacks against American and other international troops. The US-led coalition is trying to mentor and strengthen Afghan security forces so they can lead the fight against the Taliban, and foreign troops can go home by the end of 2014. That mission, however, requires a measure of trust that has been repeatedly undermined by the deaths of coalition troops at the hands of their Afghan partners.

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Tea art performance in the Crowne Plaza Beijing Sun Palace. — *XINHUA*

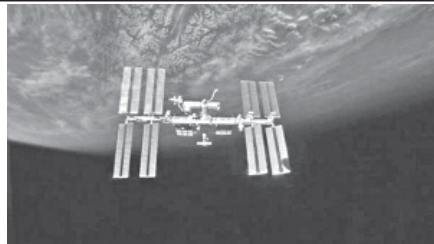
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Smokey the Bear to visit space station

MOSCOW, 27 April—A US astronaut in Russia preparing to travel to the International Space Station says he's picked Smokey the Bear as the mascot for his crew.

NASA astronaut Joseph Acaba, in Moscow preparing for a 15 May launch, said he planned to take a toy Smokey to the ISS to hang inside the orbiting lab as a weightlessness indicator, *RIA Novosti* reported.

Acaba said he hopes having Smokey, the mascot of the United States Forest Service, as a passenger on the ISS would help raise public awareness of the dangers posed by forest fires. Smokey will serve as crew mascot for Acaba and his Russian crewmates Gennady Padalka and Sergei Revin when they blast off from the Baikonur launching site in Kazakhstan.—*Internet*



Spacecraft 'peels back' asteroid's surface

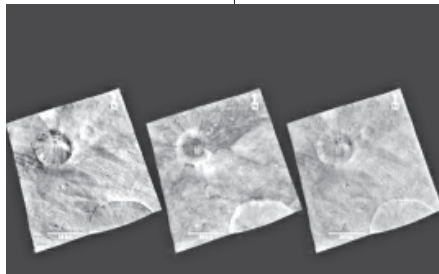
VIENNA, 27 April—The Dawn spacecraft revealed details about the asteroid Vesta, including surface composition and clues to its internal structure, scientists said in Austria.

An analysis of the Dawn data was presented Tuesday at the European Geosciences Union meeting in Vienna, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. reported.

Visual and infrared imaging of Vesta show a variety of surface mineral and rock patterns, researchers said, providing insights into the giant asteroid's composition and allowing them to identify material that was once molten below the asteroid's surface.

Researchers said the images show breccias — rocks fused during impacts from space debris.

"Dawn now enables us to study the variety of rock mixtures making up Vesta's surface in great detail," Harald Hiesinger, a Dawn participating scientist at Munster



These composite images from the framing camera aboard NASA's Dawn spacecraft show three views of a terrain with ridges and grooves near Aquilia crater in the southern hemisphere of the giant asteroid Vesta.

INTERNET

University in Germany, said. "The images suggest an amazing variety of processes that paint Vesta's surface."

The findings suggest the surface of Vesta is anything but static, researchers said.

"These results from Dawn suggest Vesta's 'skin' is constantly renewing," Maria Cristina De Sanctis of Italy's National Institute for Astrophysics in Rome said.

Internet

Printable, low-cost solar cells developed

LOS ANGELES, 27 April—US researchers say nanotechnology can create an ink that conducts electricity and will allow cheap, stable solar cells to be printed on clear surfaces.

Scientists at the University of Southern California said nanocrystals just 4 nanometres in size—more than 250 trillion could fit on the head of a pin—can float in a liquid solution, so "like you print a newspaper,

you can print solar cells," USC chemistry Professor Richard L. Brutchey said.

While liquid nanocrystal solar cells are cheaper to fabricate than single-crystal silicon wafer solar cells, they haven't been as efficient at converting sunlight to electricity.

In the past organic molecules were attached to the nanocrystals to keep them stable and to prevent them from sticking together but the

molecules also insulated the crystals, hampering the conducting of electricity.

Brutchey and USC postdoctoral researcher David H. Webber developed a new surface coating for the nanocrystals that not only works well at stabilizing them but also actually builds tiny bridges connecting the nanocrystals to help transmit current, a USC release reported Wednesday.

As a low-temperature

process, it could lead to solar cells that can be printed onto plastic instead of glass without issues with melting, creating flexible solar panels that can be shaped to fit anywhere, the researchers said.

"While the commercialization of this technology is still years away, we see a clear path forward toward integrating this into the next generation of solar cell technologies," Brutchey said.

Internet



Pieces of plastic debris found in the oceans are smaller than many people think. Most are measured in millimetres.—INTERNET

Technology can help older drivers

NEWCASTLE, 27 April—Scientists in Britain say technology could help keep older drivers on the roads longer, reducing their driving risks and improving their confidence.

Researchers at Newcastle University said they have created an "emotionally intelligent" electric car that can monitor drivers' concentration, stress levels and driving habits.

Scientists said the modified Peugeot car, equipped with a host of devices from eye-tracking goggles to biometric technology to monitor heart rates and cardiovascular health, is a step towards technologies that will improve confidence in drivers over 65 and keep them safely on the road for longer, *The Independent* reported.

"We have to accept that, as we get older, our reactions slow down and this often results in people avoiding any potentially challenging driving condition and losing confidence in their driving skills," project leader Phil Blythe said.—*Internet*

GPS could be tsunami warning tool

VIENNA, 27 April—GPS systems near an earthquake could determine magnitude and location in just over 3 minutes, allowing early tsunami warnings, German researchers say.

For submarine earthquakes that can generate tsunamis, the warning time for coastal areas is very short, said scientists at the German Research Centre for Geosciences, GFZ, who analyzed GPS data from the Fukushima earthquake of 11 March, 2011, in Japan.

"On the occasion of the Fukushima earthquake, we analyzed data from more than 500 GPS stations and showed that a correct estimate of the magnitude of M=9.0 and of the generated tsunami could have been possible in just 3 to 4 minutes after the

earthquake," Andrey Babeyko told a meeting of the European Geosciences Union in Vienna.

The GPS shield concept was initially developed for a tsunami early warning system developed by GFZ on behalf of the German Federal Government for Indonesia, he said.

Such a system could have given a timely warning in Fukushima, he said.

"The application on the data sets of the catastrophic earthquake of 11 March, 2011, shows again what potential a GPS shield has in tsunami early warning systems," Babeyko said.

"A GPS shield could be a useful tool for all regions with earthquake/tsunami risks."

Internet

Bees affected by selenium pollution

RIVERSIDE, 27 April—Honeybees' foraging behavior and survival could be impacted by the chemical element selenium at polluted sites, US scientists say.

Although selenium in very low concentrations is necessary for the normal development of insects—and humans—it becomes toxic at only slightly higher concentrations, researchers at the University of California, Riverside, said.

In many Pacific Rim countries and near coal-fired power plants worldwide, selenium occurs most often in soluble forms, such as selenite, which can be taken up by plants that then incorporate the element into their nectar and pollen that the bees gather, the researchers said.

Bees feeding on these food sources can inadvertently take in significant amounts of selenium, researchers said.

"Nature has not equipped bees to avoid selenium," entomology Professor John T. Trumble said in a university release. "Unless the rates of concentrations of selenium were extremely high in our experiments, the bees did not appear to respond to its presence."

Bees that had been fed selenate in the lab were less responsive to sugar (as sucrose), which interfered with their foraging behavior.

"The selenium interfered with their sucrose response," researcher Kristen R. Hladun said. "Such bees would be less likely to recruit bees to forage because they wouldn't be stimulated to communicate information about sucrose availability to the sister bees."

Also, forager bees that were fed selenium in moderate amounts over a few days in the lab died at a significantly younger age, the researchers said.—*Internet*

More plastic in ocean than thought

SEATTLE, 27 April—Research on how much plastic litters the oceans may vastly underestimate the true amount because it only looks at the surface, a US researcher says.

University of Washington oceanographer Giora Proskurowski said he was on a research cruise in the Pacific Ocean and noticed the water surface was littered with tiny bits of plastic—until the wind suddenly picked up and the plastic "disappeared."

Taking water samples

from 16 feet he discovered the wind was pushing the lightweight plastic particles below the surface.

The finding suggests data collected from just the surface of the water commonly underestimates the total amount of plastic in the water by an average factor of 2.5, a university release reported Wednesday.

"That really puts a lot of error into the compilation of the data set," Proskurowski said.

Proskurowski and his

study co-authors have developed a simplified mathematical model to match historical weather data, collected by satellites, with previous surface sampling to estimate more accurately the amount of plastic in the oceans.

"By factoring in the wind, which is fundamentally important to the physical behavior, you're increasing the rigor of the science and doing something that has a major impact on the data," Proskurowski said.

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Climate right for Asian mosquito to spread in N Europe

PARIS, 27 April—The climate in northwestern Europe and the Balkans is becoming suitable for the Asian tiger mosquito, a disease-spreading invasive species, scientists said on Wednesday.

The warning comes from scientists at the University of Liverpool, northwestern England, who say the two

regions have been having progressively milder winters and warmer summers. These temperate conditions favour the mosquito, which gained a foothold in Albania in 1979 and is now present in more than 15 countries on Europe's southern rim.

"Over the last two decades, climate conditions

have become more suitable over central northwestern Europe — Benelux, western Germany — and the Balkans," they said.

At the same time, drier conditions in southern Spain have made that region less welcoming for the insect, they said. The Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*), a native of tropical and subtropical areas of Southeast Asia, can transmit viruses that cause West Nile fever, yellow fever, dengue, St Louis and Japanese encephalitis and other diseases.

In 2005-6, it caused an outbreak of chikungunya, a disease that attacks the joints, on the French Indian Ocean island of Reunion.

A year later, it unleashed an outbreak of chikungunya in the Italian province of Ravenna. In 2010, it was fingered as a transmitter of dengue virus in France and Croatia.—Internet



Employees of EID Mediterranean (Public Service Operator in Humid Zones) spray insecticide in La Gaude, southern France, during a mosquito eradication operation.—INTERNET

Problems of rich world's young spreading to poorer countries

PARIS, 27 April—Obesity, boozing and other lifestyle risks facing teenagers in the rich world are spreading fast to counterparts in poorer countries, a probe published on Wednesday in *The Lancet* said.

"The high-income world has been grappling with a rising tide of risks for non-communicable diseases, including the problems of obesity, physical inactivity, alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug use," it said. "That tide is now overwhelming many low and middle-income countries who have yet to bring in measures to control the problems of injury, infectious disease and maternal mortality in this young age group."

The medical journal published a study of health problems facing the world's 1.8 billion adolescents, the biggest tally of this age group in human history.

It defines this term as young people aged 10 to 24, at which the brain is considered to have reached physical maturity. The risks facing young people are many, but often are poorly understood and undocumented, said the review.



A cook sprinkles salt on fries at a cafe in the Frietmuseum in Bruges on 27 Sept. 2011. Older adults with salty diets may have an increased risk of suffering a stroke, a new study suggests. The new findings strengthen the case for heavy salt intake as a stroke risk factor, according to Dr Francesco P Cappuccio, of the University of Warwick in the UK, who wrote an editorial published with the study in the journal *Stroke*. Researchers found that of close to 2,700 older, mostly minority adults, those who got well above the recommended sodium intake were nearly three times as likely to suffer a stroke over 10 years as people who met guidelines recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA).—REUTERS

Walmart vows to fix controls after scandal

BENTONVILLE, 27 April—Walmart Stores Inc said it had beefed up internal controls to ensure it obeyed laws banning US companies from bribing foreign officials to secure business.

At the same time company Vice Chairman Eduardo Castro-Wright, who oversaw Walmart's Mexico business when the subsidiary allegedly paid more than \$24 million in bribes to speed permits for new-store openings, resigned from the MetLife Inc board Tuesday for what the insurer described as "personal reasons."

Castro-Wright, who has not spoken publicly since *The New York Times* published the bribery allegations Sunday, said in a letter to MetLife Chief Executive Officer and Chairman Steven Kandarian he was resigning due to "recent events that will require my immediate and personal attention."

Internet



Walmart's Mexico subsidiary allegedly paid more than \$24 million in bribes to speed permits for new-store openings.—INTERNET

Gold climb continues

NEW YORK, 27 April—Gold prices made modest gains Thursday with the dollar index virtually flat. The index that measures the greenback against six major currencies on a prorated scale fell 0.01 percent to 79.07 on the International Exchange.

Gold prices climbed for the seventh consecutive trading session, adding \$15.10 on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange to reach \$1,657.40 per troy ounce.

Silver gained 70 cents to reach \$31.30 on the exchange.

The euro fell to \$1.3214 from Wednesday's \$1.3217, while the British pound rose to \$1.6173 from \$1.6163.

Against the Japanese yen, the dollar fell to 81.04 yen from 81.32 yen. The dollar was at 7.7598 Hong Kong dollars from 7.7604. The dollar rose to 0.9853 Canadian dollars from 0.9833. The Australian dollar rose to \$1.0384 from Wednesday's \$1.0353.—Internet

Bernanke warns Fed cannot stop US debt crisis

WASHINGTON, 27 April—Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Wednesday warned Congress that he would be unable to stem a US debt crisis if lawmakers fail to act get their fiscal house in order.

Using uncharacteristically terse language, Bernanke said it was vital for fiscal authorities to realise both the scope of the problem and the Fed's inability to manage it alone.

"The size of the fiscal cliff is such that there's I think absolutely no chance that the Federal Reserve could or would have the ability whatsoever to offset that effect on the economy," he said.

Three years after the financial crisis the Federal Reserve is still using many of the few tools at its disposal to help the economy.

"It's imperative for

Congress to give us a fiscal policy that achieves two principal objectives," Bernanke said, pointing to long term fiscal sustainability and sustaining short-term growth.

With the US hurtling toward November presidential elections, many fear that the country's rival parties in Congress will be unable to come together to prevent automatic tax hikes and spending cuts at the end of the year. Bernanke described that eventuality would put the recovery at risk.

"I am concerned that if all the tax increases and spending cuts that are associated with the current law and which would take place absent any Congressional action were to occur on January 1st, that would be a significant risk to the recovery."—Internet



Picture shows a man putting his cigarette out in a pub in Duisburg, western Germany.—INTERNET

They include deaths from road accidents, which are the biggest single cause of death among adolescents, from suicide or teen motherhood, and illness caused by the AIDS virus and substance abuse. Globally, South Africa has the highest rates of recorded adolescent mortality, according to the inquiry.

Deaths among adolescent males in South Africa are eight times higher than in rich countries. Among females, the rate is 30 times higher.

Among 27 rich countries, the highest mortality rate was in the United States, mainly due to violence and road accidents, followed by New Zealand and then Portugal.

The safest country in the rich league was Singapore, where the adolescent death rate was just a third that of the United States, followed by the Netherlands and Japan.—Internet

Health Tip: Help prevent a pulled muscle

A pulled muscle, especially involving the thigh, is a common injury among runners and people who play basketball, hockey or football. And while the injury can't always be prevented, there are factors that increase your risk.

- * The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says you're more likely to pull a muscle if:
- * You have tight muscles that haven't been properly stretched or conditioned.
- * You have muscles that work together, such as the quadriceps and hamstrings, but one muscle in the tandem is weaker than the other. This is known as muscle imbalance.
- * You have a fatigued muscle that is no longer able to properly absorb energy when you run or play sports.

Internet



A visitor looks at a variety of handicrafts made of rattan during Jakarta International Handicraft Trade Fair 2012 (INACRAFT 2012) at Jakarta Convention Centre, Indonesia, on 25 April, 2012.—XINHUA

US to remove 9,000 Marines from Okinawa

WASHINGTON, 27 April — About 9,000 US Marines stationed on the Japanese island of Okinawa will be moved to the US territory of Guam and other locations in the Asia-Pacific, including Hawaii, under a US-Japan agreement announced on Thursday. The move is part of a broader arrangement designed to tamp down tensions in the US-Japan defence alliance stemming in part from opposition in Okinawa to what many view as a burdensome US military presence.

It also reflects a desire by the Obama administration to spread US forces more widely in the Asia-Pacific region as part of a rebalancing of US defence priorities in the aftermath of a decade of war in the greater Middle East. The agreement was outlined in a joint statement issued on Thursday night by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defence Secretary Leon Panetta and their Japanese counterparts.

Citing an "increasingly uncertain security environment" in the Asia-Pacific region, they said their agreement was intended to maintain a robust US military presence to ensure the defence of Japan. "Japan is not just a close ally, but also a close friend," Panetta said in a separate comment. "And I look forward to deepening that friendship and strengthening our partnership as, together, we address security challenges in the region."

The joint statement made no mention of a timetable for moving the approximately 9,000 Marines off of Okinawa. It said it would happen "when appropriate facilities are available to receive them" on Guam and elsewhere. Under the new agreement, about 10,000 Marines will remain on Okinawa, which has been a key element of the US military presence in Asia for decades. The US also has a substantial Air Force presence on Okinawa. — *Internet*



In this 17 Dec, 2009 file photo, a military transport plane takes off from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Ginowan, Okinawa, Japan. About 9,000 US Marines stationed on the Japanese island of Okinawa will be moved to the US territory of Guam and other locations in the Asia-Pacific, including Hawaii, under a US-Japan agreement announced on 26 April.

INTERNET

KFC ordered to pay \$8.3 million to Australian girl



Fast food giant Kentucky Fried Chicken has been ordered to pay Aus\$8 million (US\$8.3 million) to an Australian girl who suffered severe brain damage and was paralysed after eating a Twister wrap. — *INTERNET*

SYDNEY, 27 April — Fast food giant Kentucky Fried Chicken has been ordered to pay Aus\$8 million (US\$8.3 million) to an Australian girl who suffered severe brain damage and was paralysed after eating a Twister wrap. Monika Samaan was seven when she suffered salmonella encephalopathy — a brain injury linked to food poisoning that also left her with a blood infection and

ordered KFC to pay the girl Aus\$8 million in damages plus legal costs. In a statement, the family's lawyer George Vlahakis said they were relieved the battle was over. "Monika's severe brain damage and severe disability has already exhausted the very limited resources of the family," he said.

"Monika is now a big girl and they are finding it increasingly difficult to lift her and to look after her basic needs as well as look after Monika's younger siblings. "The compensation ordered is very much needed. KFC have to date been determined that Monika does not receive a cent." Last week KFC indicated it will appeal the decision but is yet to do so. During the trial, Justice Stephen Rothman said the chicken became contaminated "because of the failure of one or more employees of KFC" to follow proper preparation rules, which he described as "negligent".

Internet

Cambodia launches campaign to reduce child malnutrition

PHNOM PENH, 27 April — Cambodia on Friday launched a campaign to promote complementary feeding for children of 6-24 months, aiming at ensuring young children can receive adequate nutrition from the combination of baby food and breast milk. Speaking at the launch, Eng Huot, secretary of state at the Ministry of Health, said that based on a study in 2010, 40 percent of under five-year-olds had chronic malnutrition (stunted), 11 percent are acutely malnourished (wasted) and 28 percent are underweight.

"Malnutrition in children is still one of serious public health problems and one of the main causes of child mortality in Cambodia," he said. He said that the campaign will contribute to improving the nutritional status of Cambodian children by increasing the rate of appropriate complementary feeding practices of infants and toddlers. "It is to educate mothers and caregivers to feed their young children with multi-ingredient rice porridge several times a day to support their physical and cognitive development," he said.

Khun Sokrin, director of the National Centre for Health Promotion, said that the campaign will be conducted in nine selected provinces including Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Svay Rieng, Stung Treng, Battambang, Pursat, Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Cham. — *Xinhua*

Jellyfish-like organisms shut down California power plant

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 April — The workers of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant received a very slimy surprise this week when they discovered hoards of jellyfish-like creatures clinging to the structure, leading to the shutdown of the plant. The organisms, called salp, are small sea creatures with a consistency similar to jellyfish. The influx of salp was discovered as part of the plant's routine monitoring system, according to Tom Cuddy, the senior manager of external and nuclear communications for the plant's operator, Pacific Gas & Electric.

"We then made the

conservative decision to ramp down the affected unit to 20 percent and continued to monitor the situation," Cuddy said. "When the problem continued, we made another conservative decision that it would be safest to curtail the power of the unit." The salp were clogging the travelling screens in the intake structure, which are meant to keep marine life out and to keep the unit cool. "Safety is the highest priority," Cuddy said. "We will not restart the unit until the salp moves on and conditions improve. No priority is more important than the safe operation of our facility."

The plant consists of two units. Unit 1 was shut down previously because of refueling and maintenance work and will not be functional for several weeks. Now that Unit 2 has been shut down because of the influx of



Jellyfish-Like Organisms Shut Down California Power Plant. — *INTERNET*

Chinese archaeologists restore over 50 Buddha statues

SHIJIAZHUANG, 27 April — Chinese archaeologists have finished restoring over 50 Buddha statues from thousands of fragments unearthed in north China's Hebei Province, an archaeological researcher said on Thursday.

"The restoring task is arduous, as it involves complicated procedures to protect the statues' colouring, reinforce their gold foil and join their pieces together," said Dr He Liqun, a researcher with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

He said his team created a detailed restoration plan based on the original features of the statues, adding that more statues are expected to be restored using the unearthed components.

A team of archaeologists from the CASS and the Hebei Provincial Institute of Cultural Heritage in January unearthed 2,895 Buddha statues and statue fragments in Yecheng, a 2,500-year-old ancient city located in what is now Linzhang county, according to He.

The Buddha statues,

mostly made of white marble and blue stone, are believed to date back to the Eastern Wei and Northern Qi dynasties (534-577).

The archaeological finding is thought to be the largest of its kind since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. The city of Yecheng, built during the Spring and Autumn period (770 BC-476 BC), served as the political center during the Three Kingdoms period (220-280) and the Northern Dynasty period (386-581).

Xinhua

Japanese Emperor visits Tokyo Sky Tree ahead of opening

TOKYO, 27 April — Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited Tokyo Sky Tree, the world's tallest stand-alone communications tower, on Thursday ahead of its opening to the public, the Imperial Household Agency said. The

imperial couple viewed the sight of Tokyo on the 450-metre second deck after hearing an explanation about the 634-metre tower, according to the agency.

The operator of Tokyo Sky Tree initially extended the invitation to the emperor

in March, but the emperor's health condition at that time was not good after his heart surgery in February. Tokyo Sky Tree complex, the capital's new tourist attraction, will officially open on 22 May.

Xinhua

salp, the plant has ceased all production. Even with the Diablo Canyon plant out of commission, PG&E has pledged to continue production using other sources of power so that customers are unaffected by the closure. "We've had salp clinging to the intake structure before, but nothing to this extent," Cuddy said.

Internet

Promises to Youth Remain Unfulfilled, New Report Says Donor Investments in Population and Reproductive Health Programmes Far Short of Commitments

UNITED NATIONS, New York, 23 April, 2012—Urgent action is needed to protect and fulfill young people's human rights, particularly their right to sexual and reproductive health. Only then would they be able to fully contribute to the development of their countries, according to a new United Nations report.

In a world of 7 billion people, 1.8 billion are between 10 and 24 years old. Almost all of them live in the developing world. While considerable progress has been made in sound national youth policies in recent years, these policies often lack the necessary investments or are not mainstreamed into national policy agendas, according to Monitoring of Population Programmes, Focusing on Adolescents and Youth, submitted by the United Nations Secretary-General to the 45th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD).

"Many assume that all young people have access to information, that most are likely to stay in school, that they postpone entry into the labour force until they finish a degree of education and that they delay marriage and childbearing for when they are ready," said Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. "However, this is not true for all adolescents and youth across the world. In fact, many of these issues are still a major

challenge for the majority of young people in developing countries."

Young people continue to face poverty, high unemployment, inadequate education, poor health and violence, says the report. Millions of girls lack access to sexual and reproductive health services to avoid unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions and sexually transmitted infections. As a result, an estimated 3 million unsafe abortions took place in developing countries among girls aged 15 to 19 in 2008.

"The need to invest in young people is more urgent than ever," said Dr. Osotimehin. "Now it is time to action."

Unmet need for modern contraception remains at historically high levels, says the report. A study shows that more than 60 per cent of adolescent men and women in four sub-Saharan countries did not know how to prevent pregnancy, and more than one third did not know how to obtain contraceptives. As a result, 41 per cent of all new HIV infections are among those aged 15-24, and 3,000 young people are newly infected every year.

Child marriage is still widespread, with 30 per cent of women aged 15 to 19 in least developed countries are married or in union. Up to 60 per cent of sexual assaults are against girls under age 16, and more than 3 million girls worldwide are at risk

of female genital mutilation or cutting every year.

The report concludes that the Programme of Action of the 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the key actions for its implementation "are still an unfinished agenda for young people in most regions of the world."

"The ICPD Programme of Action provides direction about the policies, programmes and resources that are needed to support adolescents and youth, and countries have reaffirmed and strengthened this direction in many intergovernmental agreements since the ICPD," said Dr. Osotimehin. "However countries still have much to do to fulfill the rights and aspirations of young people."

An estimated \$65 billion was needed in 2010 for population and reproductive health programmes adopted at Cairo, including those that help young people. One third of this amount, about \$21.7 billion, was supposed to be invested by donors. However, a recent Secretary-General's report shows that donor assistance, which has been increasing steadily over the past few years, is slowing down and still falls far short of the commitment of \$21.7 billion. That assistance, which was \$10.6 billion in 2009, increased slightly to \$10.7 billion in 2010, and is projected to reach \$11.4 billion in 2011 and \$11.9 in 2012.—UNFPA

"Friends"

"No man is an Island". Man is a social animal, he must have friends. For the world we live in to be happy, warm and live-worthy we must have friends. A man cannot live just by himself isolated, lonely and friendless. If we have good friends we are very lucky. We will be able to live happily, with successful and meaningful lives.

In this day and age, when everyone is rushing about so busy in their work, struggling to make ends meet, we have no time to just "sit and stare," enjoy the beauties of nature around us or to take interest in others. Sometimes we don't even have the time to pick up the phone and reach out to our loved ones to show that we care. We don't have time to spare, take interest in others and make friends. I am a person who doesn't make friends easily but I value those who are already my friends. In the world around us there are good friends as well as "fair-weather friends". Good friends are those who will help us in our times of need. That is why there is a saying "A friend in need is a friend indeed". In our time of need, a good friend will stand by you and help you in every way he or she can. A good friend will understand our difficulties, listen to our troubles and share not only in your success but stand by you in times of failure. A good friend will extend a helping hand when you are down. A good friend will never be envious or jealous of your good fortune. Good friends are like a good tonic; they give you strength and energy and make you strong and confident.

Khin Aye Kyu

On the other side of the coin are the fair-weather friends who are just with you in your sunny, prosperous and successful days, enjoying what you can give and leaving you when you are in need. Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them. A true friend is one who walks in when others walk out. It is important to differentiate who are what kind of friends. True friends are like diamonds – precious and rare, false friends are like autumn leaves found everywhere. But to have good friends you yourself must be a good friend. You must be a good listener. You must not only give your own views and opinions. You must understand. You must be optimistic and never look down and make fun of others.

Far back during our school days, we used to keep autograph books where our friends write down some advice or whatever they like. Most frequently I would find words like "Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver the other is gold". This shows the value of good friends. The value that grows with time and age. Like antiques, the value grows with age. Old friends are the most sincere and are quite priceless. You would think the most important things in life are money, status and honours you achieve but sometimes the most important thing in life is when you are just somebody's friend.

May you be blessed with many true friends.

Publishers hope for e-books success

BEIJING, 27 April—When the first e-book readers appeared in the late 1990s, technology experts predicted a great future for the digital publishing industry, arguing that the development could provide a sea change in the way people consume literature. The United States currently dominates the sector in terms of popularity and, therefore, revenue, and many in China are now wondering why the country's publishers have taken so long to embrace the world of digital publishing.

As defined by the

General Administration of Press and Publication, digital publishing output includes e-books, e-newspapers, digital magazines and online ads. In 2001, the total output of the digital publishing industry accounted for 105 billion yuan (\$16 billion), according to GAPP's figures.

Although that figure appears large, the reality is that currently e-readers are low on the list of people's priorities. In 2011, 1 million Chinese people owned an e-reader, far fewer than the

number in the US where there are 12 e-readers or eight tablet computers for every 100 people. However, while most Chinese publishers still cling to their traditional business model, a few pioneers have entered the e-book market, even though it's far from mature.—Xinhua

Although many young people like to use Apple's iPad, or read e-books, the publication of e-books still has a long way to go in China.
XINHUA



First coord meeting of Electric Communication Technological Commercial Work Committee held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The first coordination meeting of Electronic Communication Technological Commercial Work Committee was held at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, Yangon, addressed an opening speech by Chairman of Electronic Communication Technological Commercial Work Committee Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tint Lwin.

Secretary of the work committee Director-General U Khin Maung Thet of Directorate of Telecommunications explained work tasks to attendees. Those responsible persons from respective organizations made discussion on conditions of work tasks.

Also present at the meeting were departmental personnel, the chief engineers, Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association and IT professions.—MNA

Spanish researchers discover molecule which spreads HIV

MADRID, 27 April — Spanish researchers on Wednesday announced that they have discovered the molecule in HIV which is responsible for the propagation of the AIDS virus in the human body.

Leader of the research team Javier Martinez-Picado explained that his team had found the molecule which allows the AIDS virus to travel like a "Trojan horse" and invade dendritic cells, which are those responsible for activating the body's immune system. The discovery opens the door to the development of a new family of drugs to halt the spread of the virus and hopefully, the development of a vaccine.

Director of the IrsiCaixa AIDS Research Institute Bonaventura Clotet said that the discovery would help develop a more efficient response from the immune system, although it will need around 10-15 years before a product able to block the vital molecule can be developed, tested and placed on the market, given that work is still in an early stage.

Xinhua

Union Construction Minister meets guests from Sakura Residence and Samsung C & T Corporation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received a delegation led by Managing Director Mr. Hitoshi Tani of Sakura Residence at his office here yesterday.

The meeting focused on matters relating to more investments in Myanmar to be made by Sakura Residence in collaboration

with the Ministry of Construction.

At 6:30 pm on that day, the Union Minister held a meeting with Director, Legal Cheryl Lim Li Li of Samsung C & T Corporation. They discussed matters relating to making investments in construction projects such as infrastructures, roads and bridges in Myanmar.

MNA

Union F & R Minister calls for classy banking system

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The 138th meeting between Banks Supervisory Committee and Myanmar Banks Association Executive Board took place at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister called for classy banking system, underscoring the need for the adjustment of foreign banking services. The Union Minister demanded urgent preparation for future competition with international banks, revealing the main objective of the monetary sector as creation of job and increased incomes of the people through financial stability and convenient paying system.

In conclusion, the Union Minister called on the Myanmar Banks Association to provide banking services to customer satisfaction while aiding the economic development of private sector, urging the banks moving forward with sustainable development concept.—MNA

Basic firefighting course opens in Pyinmana



NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—Basic firefighting course No. 4/2012 was opened at Pyinmana Township Fire Service Department with a view to improving the firefighting skills of Fire Brigade members of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday.

The course opening ceremony was attended by member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Pyinmana Township In-charge Col Myint Aung Than, Township Administrator U Kyaw Tint, Police Major Than Myint,

Head of Township Fire Service Department U Ko Soe, ward administrators and departmental officials. A total of 50 trainees are attending the course which will last up to 7 May.

MNA

Sepak Takraw course for coach, referee/jury opens

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan addressed the opening of Sepak Takraw course for coach and referee/jury at the State Sports Training Hall here today. In his speech, the Union Minister said the course was the first of its kind in Myanmar to be conducted by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation.

He then stressed the need for the trainees to learn the rules and procedures of ISTAF and to be familiar with the international marking system. He then called for concerted efforts to win gold medals deservingly.

The course that will last up to 30 April is being attended by 32 trainees from regions and states.—MNA

Union Energy Minister holds discussions with guests from Vietnam, Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received a delegation led by Vice President Mr. Vu Quang Nam of Petrovietnam Company of Vietnam at his office here yesterday evening.

Both sides held discussion about progress of oil and natural gas explorations at Mottama Offshore Plot No. M-2, as well as permission of Petrovietnam Company to play a part in carrying out the necessary tasks for the explorations.

The Union Minister held a meeting

with a delegation led by CEO Mr. Anon Sirisaengtaksin of PTTEP Company in Thailand. The meeting concentrated on progress of Zawtika Project at Mottama Offshore Plot M-9, plans to be carried out, involving itself in inland oil explorations, and programmes for techniques for petroleum economic development to be shared by PTTEP Company.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung, Director-General and Managing Directors.

MNA

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister attends harvest of Palethwe hybrid paddy in Dawei

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko accompanied by region level departmental officials attended a ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid

paddy strains of farmer U Aung Kyaw Min in Kyaukmaw Ward in Dawei on 25 April. He then met with the local farmers of the villages and viewed the harvest of paddy with

combined harvester.

The Palethwe hybrid paddy strain nurseries were established on 31 December and 166 baskets of paddy per acre were produced.

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Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko attends a ceremony to harvest Palethwe strain of hybrid rice in Kyaukmaw Ward, Dawei.

MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister meets Malaysian Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation

YANGON, 27 April—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received Malaysian Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation Datuk Seri Dr. Maximus John Ongkili and party at the office of Yangon Region government this morning.

Both sides discussed matters relating to mutual cooperation.

It was attended by region minister for Finance

and Revenue Daw San San Nwe, region minister for Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo and region minister for social affairs Dr Myint Thein.—MNA

Region Chief Minister inspects regional development in Myitta Sub-township

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko met departmental staff and townsenders, at General Administration Department in Myitta Sub-township of Dawei Township yesterday morning, and fulfilled the requirements.

He also attended to the needs of the schools while inspecting No. 3 Basic Education Primary School in Hindru Chaung Village, Taungthone Lone BEMS (branch), primary school in Kyaukmetaung Village and BEMS (branch) in Pakayi Village.—MNA



A demonstration on preventive measures against fire in PyinOoLwin Township by Fire Prevention Supervisory Committee and PyinOoLwin District Fire Service Department in progress on 5 March.
TUN HLA AUNG (MDY)

Ward library opens in Kyimyindine Township



YANGON, 27 April—A ceremony to open Yadana Alinyang Library was held at Alatchaung Ward in Kyimyindine Township of Yangon West District on 8 April.

Alatchaung Ward Administrator U Tin Soe explained the purpose of opening the library, Chairman of the Library Committee U Aung Than Oo acceptance of books and

publications and Staff Officer Daw Phyu Phyu of District Information and Public Relations Department durability of the library.

Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thu Zaw of District General Administration Department, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Kyi Kyi Mar of Kyimyindine Township Constituency, Township Administrator U Kyaw Ye Thway and Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Phyu Phyu of District IPRD formally opened the library.

Myanma Alin

Communal ordination and novitiation held in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 27 April—The opening ceremony of 35th seven-day meditation course was held in conjunction with the communal ordination and novitiation at Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha in Phayagyi Monastery of Mawlamyinegyun on 12 April.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Htay Maung, Chairman of Monastery Board of Trustees Dr Hla Han and Chairperson of Hitakari Women's Yogi Association Thiri Thudamma Theingi Daw



Shwe Sein formally opened the ceremony.

A total of 250 members of the Sangha and Yogi attended the seven-day

meditation course. Next, a total of 65 men were ordained and 17 boys initiated into novice.

Myanma Alin

Number of catching fish declines in Sittoung River



Photo shows a fisherman in Sittoung River, engaging in catching fish and water products.

YEDASHE, 27 April—Sittoung River flowing from the north to the south for many years benefits cultivation of paddy and other crops along its banks and water transport of local people.

Moreover, Sittoung River is one of the reliable livelihood areas for fishermen.

Some fishermen said that they catch lesser number of fish in the river due to change of water course, silting and building of sandbanks and overheat. In the past, they

could catch lobsters and various sorts of fish and sometimes larger fish weighing over 10 viss.

At present, the fishermen

are facing lesser number of catching fish, so they are now interested in doing other businesses.

Kyemon

Progress in sinking of tube-well inspected in Thazi

THAZI, 27 April—Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Moe Myint Thein, U San Tun and Executive Officer U Kyaw Naing of Township

Development Affairs Committee on 15 March inspected progress of sinking tube-well, water pump station and water tanks in Okkyin Village of Thazi Township.

DISTRICT NEWS

It was a two-inch diameter tube-well and it was sunk into 300 feet deep. The tube-well pumps out 1200 gallons of fresh water per hour.—Kyemon

Clarification on taxation made in Hpa-an

HPA-AN, 27 April—A clarification on income tax, commercial tax, rules and regulations, and notifications issued by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was made at the hall of Hpa-an Township Internal Revenue Department of Kayin State on 6 April.

Kayin State Minister for Finance and Revenue U Saw Win Htein gave a speech. Director U Win Myint of Internal Revenue Department discussed matters related to revenue.

It was attended by Head



of Kayin State Internal Revenue Department U Khin Maung Win, the head of Hpa-an Township Internal

Revenue Department and staff and tax payers of Hpa-an.—Internal Revenue Department

RESPECTS PAID TO AGED: The 63rd respect paying ceremony of Zaygyi, Talai, Ngagyawpho and Ohbo wards of Kyimyindine Township was held at Maha Ponnyawpakara Dhammayon in the precinct of Maha Thakymuni Pagoda in the township on 17 April. MYANMA ALIN



Talks on prevention against bird flu discussed

SAGAING, 27 April—Sagaing Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department held a talk on avian influenza at the hall of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department on 2 March morning.

Assistant Director of District LBVD Dr San Manug and 48 livestock breeders attended it.

Head of Township LBVD Dr Kyaw Thin explained raising bio-security at poultry farm being undertaken on a commercial

scale and prevention against bird flu. He urged local breeders to cooperate with the Township LBVD.

After that, he presented vaccines against bird flu to the breeders and replied to queries raised by those present.—Kyemon



SPORTS COURSE CONCLUDES: The summer Wushu course concluded at Basic Education Primary School No 4 in Kamayut Township on 9 April. Headmistress Daw Mya Mya Win gives a speech and trainees demonstrates their skills.—EDUCATION

Repayment of loans honoured in Kyangin

KYANGIN, 27 April—Ayeya Kyangin paddy company honoured the farmers who fully repaid loans of monsoon paddy cultivation for 2011-2012 fiscal year, at Ayeya U Hall of Kyangin on 17 March.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Planning and

Economic U Hla Khaing and Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing made speeches.

Kyangin Township Administrator U Soe Than and General Manager U Kyaw Soe of Ayeya Kyangin Paddy Company Ltd reported on purpose of honouring the

borrowers and procedures of disbursement.

After that, they presented prizes to the farmers who repaid loans fully for their honesty and loans to spending it on reclamation of farmlands in Betye Village of Kyangin Township.—Kyemon



India monsoon seen normal in boost to farmers

NEW DELHI, 27 April — India's monsoon rains, crucial to the country's farmers and growth in Asia's third-largest economy, will be normal for a third straight year, the weather office has forecast. The annual rains, which sweep across the subcontinent from June to September, are key to prosperity in rural areas where two-thirds of India's 1.2 billion population live. "It will be a

normal monsoon this year," Earth Sciences Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh told a televised news conference late Thursday in New Delhi, adding rainfall was expected to be 99 percent of the long-term average.

India gets 60 percent of its precipitation from the rains and a bad monsoon can spell financial disaster for its 235 million farmers, many of them

smallholders eking out a living. The country suffered a devastating drought in 2009. The eagerly awaited forecast marked a rare piece of good news for the Congress-led government, reeling from a spate of corruption scandals, a stumbling economy and stubborn inflation.

The government is hoping that a good monsoon will help keep a lid on food prices, whose surge has hit hardest India's hundreds of millions of poor, the Congress party's biggest supporters, and also help economic growth pick up. While agriculture's share of India's nearly \$2-trillion economy has shrunk to around 14 percent from 30 percent in the early 1990s, the rains are still vital to its fortunes. Rural spending accounts for over 50 percent of domestic consumption and a failed monsoon hits demand for everything from fridges to cars. — *Internet*



A woman walks with an umbrella as monsoon clouds cover part of the sky in India in 2011. India's monsoon rains, crucial to the country's farmers and growth in Asia's third-largest economy, will be normal for a third straight year, the weather office has forecast. — *INTERNET*

ASEAN enhances patent examination cooperation programme

JAKARTA, 27 April — The ASEAN Patent Examination Cooperation (ASPEC) programme will now operate in the English language in all participating ASEAN IP Offices, a Press statement from the ASEAN Secretariat said here on Friday. The enhancement, announced by the Heads of ASEAN Intellectual Property (IP) Offices, was part of a regular review of the ASPEC

programme at the recent Special ASEAN Working Group on Intell—ectual Property Co—operation Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand in November 2011.

Launched in June 2009, the ASPEC programme provides for the sharing of search and examination results among the participating ASEAN IP Offices. This would reduce duplication on the search and

examination work, thereby facilitating applicants in obtaining corresponding patents faster and more efficiently. As one of the programmes to achieve one of the Strategic Goals of the ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Action Plan 2011-2015, the ASPEC programme aims to foster "a balanced IP system" that takes into account the varying development levels of ASEAN member states and differences in institutional capacity of their IP Offices.

This will enable them to deliver timely, quality, and accessible IP services to meet the needs of users and generators of IP in the region. Under the ASPEC programme, patent examiners are able to develop their search criteria or strategy

more quickly, reduce searching time, and swiftly understand the claimed invention. Patent examiners are also able to have access to information and assessment of prior art found in specific technical databases, local databases, and databases in other languages, which the examiner might otherwise not have access to.

The ASPEC programme will benefit entrepreneurs, small and medium-sized enterprises and inventors in individual ASEAN member states to obtain patents on their innovation in the region. Following this review, all documents submitted for the purpose of the ASPEC programme at any participating ASEAN IP Office will be in the English language. — *Xinhua*

Australia drought-free for first time in a decade



This file photo shows sheep searching for feed on a dry and dusty property in rural New South Wales, in 2010. Australia said it would be officially drought-free next week for the first time in more than a decade, providing relief for struggling farmers. — *INTERNET*

CANBERRA, 27 April — Australia said it would be officially drought-free next week for the first time in more than a decade, providing relief for struggling farmers. The exceptional dry period, brought on by an intense El Nino weather pattern, sent many of those who work the land to the wall, but Agriculture Minister Joe Ludwig on Friday said an end was in sight.

When he lifts the last two Exceptional Circumstances declarations — which provide subsidies to hard-up farmers — in two areas on Monday, the vast island continent will officially no longer be in drought. "The extended period of drought, which made things tough for many on the land, is finally over," Ludwig said. "The seasonal outlook is brighter than it has been for many years and the improved conditions are a welcome reprieve for farmers across Australia." Australia, with climate zones ranging from the tropical to the alpine, is characterised by extremes. Its sheer size, location and the fact that it is surrounded by oceans make it especially vulnerable to the El Nino phenomenon and its cousin, La Nina. — *Internet*

Nine dead, 36 injured in SW expressway accident

KUNMING, 27 April — Nine people were killed and 36 others injured, including eight seriously, after a coach veered off an expressway section in southwest China's Yunnan Province late Wednesday night, local authorities said on Thursday. The 44-seat sleeper coach had 46 people on board including two drivers, when the accident happened in Nanhua County, Chuxiong Prefecture, at around 11:30 pm Wednesday. Local authorities confirmed that there were two toddlers under three years old on the coach.

All the injured were sent to two local hospitals and none of them were in life-threatening conditions. Only one passenger was uninjured in the accident. The source said the coach owned by Baoshan Transportation Corp was en route from the



The destroyed bus at Chuxiong Yi autonomous prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province. Nine people were killed and 36 others injured, including eight seriously, after a coach veered off an expressway section here late Wednesday night. The 44-seat sleeper coach had 46 people on board including two drivers, when the accident happened in Nanhua County, Chuxiong Prefecture, at around 11:30 pm on Wednesday. — *XINHUA*

provincial capital of Kunming to Tengchong, a scenic spot in Baoshan City bordering Myanmar, when it bumped on the expressway guardrail on a viaduct linking two expressways and plunged by over 10 metres to the ground.

Luo Guangqiang, a 49-year-old who lives near the viaduct, said he was waken up by a huge bang at midnight. "When I rushed out, I saw a bus turned over under the viaduct," he said. "Many people were

screaming for help and there were also cries from children." Soon more than 40 villagers like Luo and his son arrived at the site to help and later another 80 fire fighters and medical staff joined the rescue.

"It was dark and I could not move while being pressed by others. Later one local villager pulled me out," recalled 25-year-old passenger Yan Zike. An investigation into the accident is under way. — *Xinhua*

US FDA approves new drug for advanced soft tissue sarcoma

WASHINGTON, 27 April — The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday approved Votrient to treat patients with advanced soft tissue sarcoma who have previously received chemotherapy. Soft tissue sarcoma is a cancer that begins in the muscle, fat, fibrous tissue, and other tissues. Votrient is a pill that works by interfering with angiogenesis, the growth of new blood vessels needed for solid tumors to grow and survive.

A rare cancer with many subtypes, soft tissue sarcoma occurs in about 10,000 cases annually in the United States.

More than 20 subtypes of sarcoma were included in the clinical trial which has led to the approval of Votrient. According to the FDA, the most common side effects in Votrient-treated patients were fatigue, diarrhea, nausea, weight loss, high blood pressure, decreased appetite, vomiting and headache. — *Xinhua*



Samsung Electronics' notebook computers are displayed at its showroom in Seoul, South Korea, on 27 April, 2012. Samsung Electronics Co, the world's largest consumer electronics firm by revenues, on Friday reported a record-high profit as strong smartphone sales helped mask a drop in semiconductor and TV profit. Net profit amounted to 5.05 trillion won (\$4.46 billion) for the fiscal quarter ending on 31 March, compared with 2.78 trillion won a year earlier. — *INTERNET*

Vietnam to contribute 14,000 tons of rice to regional rice reserve

HANOI, 27 April — Vietnam will contribute 14,000 tons of rice to the ASEAN+3 Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR), together with other regional countries to enhance the quick response capacity of the block when supply and production are affected by natural disasters in order to maintain price stability in those countries.

The decision comes from Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Vu Van Ninh when he approved Vietnam's participation to an APTERR agreement on Thursday, the local Vietnam News reported on Friday. Accordingly, the Vietnamese Ministry of

Agriculture and Rural Development and Ministry of Finance will implement the agreement by contributing 14,000 tons of rice to the regional reserve.

Under the APTERR agreement, a total of 787,000 tons of rice will be provided to the reserve, with Myanmar contributing 14,000 tons, Thailand 15,000 tons, Indonesia and the Philippines 12,000 tons each, Malaysia 6,000 tons, Singapore 5,000 tons, and Brunei, Laos and Cambodia 3,000 tons each, while China, Japan and South Korea will contribute 300,000 tons, 250,000 tons and 150,000 tons, respectively. — *Xinhua*

Chinese authorities destroy illegal publications ahead of World IP Day

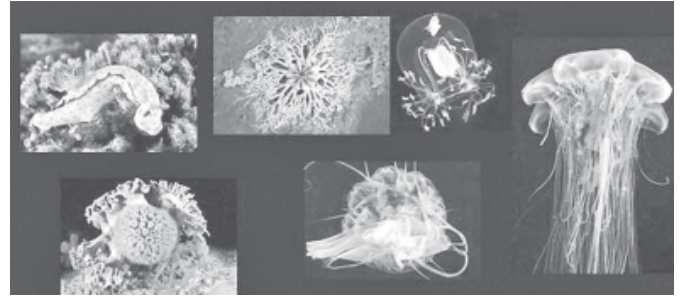
BEIJING, 27 April — Authorities across China on Tuesday destroyed more than 29 million copies of pirated publications and other illegally produced documents ahead of World Intellectual Property Day which falls on 26 April.

The destruction of the documents, which took place in 31 provinces, municipalities

and autonomous regions, was intended to demonstrate China's resolution in cracking down on the infringement of intellectual property rights (IPR), as well as the distribution of pornography and other forms of illegal publishing, according to officials.

Sun Shoushan, deputy head of the General

Administration of Press and Publication, said in a speech that China has consistently stood for protecting IPR and fighting piracy. Official figures indicate that authorities confiscated more than 38 million unauthorized publications and investigated more than 7,800 related cases between April 2011 and March this year. — *Xinhua*



Get up close with a fantastic array of marine life and make amazing discoveries about the inhabitants of our aquatic world. — *XINHUA*

Iconic sailing ship rises from ashes on banks of River Thames

LONDON, 27 April — A historic merchant ship used to carry tea between Britain and China is set to reopen on Wednesday as a stunning museum on the banks of the River Thames in central London. The Cutty Sark, built in 1869 in Scotland, is to be ceremonially reopened by Queen Elizabeth II. The museum will open to the public on Thursday. The iconic tea clipper has been a permanent fixture in a drydock in Greenwich, a beautiful suburb of London with strong naval connections, for nearly six decades. However, the ship was badly damaged in a fire in May 2007, when a charitable trust that looks after the ship began a major renovation project.

"When the fire struck, we had already removed everything that you can see behind us, the deck furniture and the masts, and we had also removed the hull planking down to the waterline," said Richard Doughty, director of the Cutty Sark Trust. "But nevertheless the fire caused a huge amount of damage."

We lost all three decks. "The repairing work later cost 50 million British pounds (80.7 million US dollars)." "What we have ended up with though is not a replica," he said, adding "What the visitor can see when they come on board the ship are the wrought iron frames and the timber hull planks that sailed to the South China Sea. This is still very

much the Cutty Sark."

"Talking with *Xinhua* about the ship's history, Doughty said the ship built as steam for going to China to bring back tea had represented the very best and the most glamorous of its type." It is very much the latest flowering of a type of ship called the Clipper, because it could literally go very fast," he said. "She is in fact an extreme clipper and is one of the very few that survived into the 20th century," he added. By 1922, the Cutty Sark, the epitome of grace and beauty, was the only surviving clipper ship, according to Doughty. "She is almost like a yacht," said Doughty, "she could travel very fast even with a cargo."

The ship was able to

bring back wool from Australia to London in mere 67 days, overtaking steam ships of the day, Doughty explained. He believed there is more to the ship's iconic status. "I think above all it is because she epitomizes the age of sail — hundreds of years of development of the sailing ship are invested in this vessel."

The ship is now standing in its drydock by the edge of the Thames, its tall masts visible for miles around as a reminder of the age of sail which turned London into one of the most vibrant and powerful cities in the world.

The new display at the Cutty Sark includes the largest collection of merchant ship figureheads — the carved wooden figures traditionally placed at the prow of sailing vessels large and small — in the world.

Xinhua

School children create largest human London 2012 Logo

LONDON, 27 April — A giant human London Olympic logo covering 1,800 square metres was created by 2012 school children at Collingwood College in Camberley, Surrey, on Tuesday.

The youngsters were joined by Olympic rower Debbie Flood, Britain's Olympic trampoliner hopeful Amanda Parker, LOCOG deputy chairman Keith Mills and 1948 Surrey Olympic torchbearer Austin Playfoot.

Helyn Clack, Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Community Services and the 2012 Games, said: "Thousands of children created a slice of Olympic

history right here in Surrey."

The children were beaming with excitement as they took to the sports field to create the giant London 2012 logo.

"It's going to be the most exciting year of sport this country has ever seen and events like this encourage more young people to get active."

It may even inspire the next generation of Olympic and Paralympic athletes." Surrey is hosting the men's and women's Olympic cycling road race events on the opening weekend of the Games (28 and 29 July) and the Olympic road cycling time trials on 1 August.

Xinhua



People visit coloured sculptures of terracotta warriors in the China Town of Vancouver, Canada, on 24 April, 2012. Some 30 ancient Chinese style sculptures of terracotta warriors started to be displayed on the streets in Metro Vancouver from 24 April to October, to raise money for charity. — *XINHUA*

Chicago soybeans surge while corn drops

CHICAGO, 27 April — Chicago corn and wheat saw downward momentum or none at all in trading Tuesday, while Chicago soybeans sharply rose thanks to continued reports of a small South American harvest. The most active corn contract for July delivery declined 4.5 cents, or 0.73 percent, to close at 6.08 dollars per bushel. July wheat was unchanged from Monday, settling again at 6.325 dollars per bushel. July soybeans sharply rose

24 cents, or 1.67 percent, to close at 14.65 dollars per bushel.

Soybeans recovered from Monday's losses, pushing the July contract to a new high. Soybeans are now more than 60 cents higher than last week's lows. Continued reports of a smaller South American soybean crop fueled trading Tuesday, as South American production estimates are increasingly revised down. Also, talk that Argentina

could reduce the crush pace and temperatures around Buenos Aires fell below freezing levels further lent support to the US crop. Despite the jump, soybeans still settled more than six cents off the day's high, as stagnation in the other grains markets pulled the market back slightly. Corn ended the day down slightly, despite a report of strong export sales.

As rumors of a Chinese tender had driven the corn

market up Monday, some analysts could have expected the confirmation to help corn end higher Tuesday. However, after an early rally following the sale that pushed corn to levels not seen since 13 April, corn lost momentum and ultimately ended the day down. Wheat ended the day unchanged, seeing both positive and negative forces. While an upcoming cold weather forecast helped support for wheat, continued reports of a fast planting pace provided some pressure. — *Xinhua*

Apple quarterly results exceed expectations

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 April — Apple on Tuesday released quarterly sales and earnings results that both surpassed analysts' expectations.

In its fiscal 2012 second quarter ending 31 March, the company raked 39.2 billion US dollars in revenue, an increase of nearly 59 percent from 24.7 billion dollars in the same period a year earlier.

Net profit was 11.6 billion dollars or 12.3 dollars per share, nearly doubled when compared with numbers in the year-ago quarter of 6 billion dollars or 6.4 dollars per share.

Analysts had expected

Apple to report earnings of 10.04 dollars per share on revenue of 36.81 billion dollars, according to a consensus estimate by Thomson Reuters. The company benefited from consumers' strong demands for its iPhone and iPad products.

Apple sold 35.1 million iPhones and 11.8 million iPads during the quarter, representing unit growth of 88 percent and 151 percent year on year, respectively. "We're thrilled with sales of over 35 million iPhones and almost 12 million iPads in the March quarter," Tim Cook, Apple's

chief executive officer, said in a statement.

"The new iPad is off to a great start, and across the year you're going to see a lot more of the kind of innovation that only Apple can deliver," he added.

Apple's results are being closely watched by the market as there were concerns on whether the company could keep the momentum to deliver better-than-expected numbers to satisfy investors.

Apple's shares on Tuesday rose more than 6 percent in after-hours trading following the earnings announcement.

Xinhua



Pedestrians and vehicles are seen at a crossroad in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 24 April, 2012. Local meteorologic authority has issued an orange alarm for thunderbolt and a blue alarm for torrential rain. — *XINHUA*

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELPHINUS VOY NO (316) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.4.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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John Tsang (R), financial secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, attends the gala premiere of Thailand's first Hong Kong Film Festival, in Bangkok, Thailand, on 26 April, 2012.—XINHUA

S Korean cattle suspected of foot-and-mouth disease tested negative

SEOUL, 27 April—Results of a close examination on a suspected case of foot-and-mouth disease at a cattle farm in Mungyeong, about 190 km southeast of Seoul, turned negative, local media reported on Thursday. The results of the examination involving one of 17 cattle at the farm have come back negative, according to Yonhap news agency.

The Ministry of Food,

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries conducted the examination after the cow showed signs of possible foot-and-mouth infection on Wednesday. South Korea killed more than 3 million cattle and pigs because of the outbreak of the contagious disease last winter, which was the fifth of the kind since 2000 and the most devastating.

Xinhua

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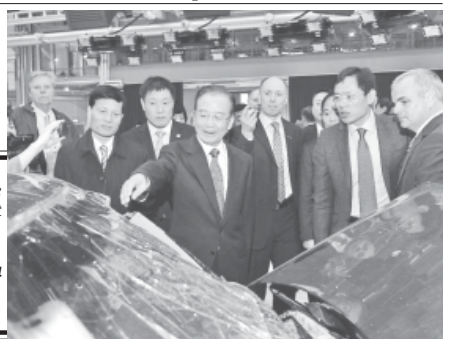
As the wharves and warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 1st MAY 2012 (World Workers Day) and 5th MAY 2012 (Fullmoon Day of Keson) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

Russia launches Proton-M rocket carrying Arab satellite

Moscow, 27 April—A Russian Proton-M rocket has successfully carried a United Arab Emirates telecommunications satellite into outer space, Russia's federal space agency Roscosmos said. The rocket lifted off with the Yehsat B1, a commercial and military satellite, from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan at 2:18 am Tuesday Moscow time (2218 GMT on Monday).

The six-ton Yehsat 1B, built by the UAE's Al Yah Satellite company, was equipped with Ka-band transponders for commercial and military communications. The satellite has a service life of 15 years. The Proton-M launch was the fourth this year and the 376th in total.—Xinhua

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (C) checks a vehicle after viewing a crash test at the headquarters of Volvo Cars Corporation in Gothenburg, Sweden, on 24 April, 2012.
XINHUA



Premier shocked by deadly sawmill explosion in British Columbia

VANCOUVER, 27 April—Premier of Canada's British Columbia Christy Clark said on Tuesday that she was shocked by the fatal explosion at a sawmill that had left one died and 24 injured in the northern part of the province.

The explosion occurred at Lakeland sawmill in Prince George at about 9:45 on Monday night. The BC

Coroners Service has confirmed that one worker has died following the explosion and fire at the mill.

The worker was one of 25, who were working in the sawmill when it exploded in a giant fireball, said the BC Coroners Service, adding that he was taken to University Hospital of Northern BC, but died there about 5:30 am on Tuesday.

"Like all British Columbians, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the explosion and fire at Lakeland Mills in Prince George," said the premier in a statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families impacted, particularly with the family of the worker who did not survive this terrible incident."—Xinhua

Plane given all-clear after brief quarantine in US

CHICAGO, 27 April—A plane from Detroit was given the all-clear at Midway Airport in Chicago on Thursday after it was quarantined for about two hours on a runway, reported ABC News, quoting Delta Airlines as saying. Fire and ambulance crews met the plane on the runway after reports of a medical emergency, which led to the quarantine. The Chicago Department of Public Health confirmed that it was working with the Centre for Disease Control to figure out the situation. Details of the emergency have not been released.—Xinhua



Baby elephants are fed with milk in front of visitors at the Elephant Orphans established by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in the suburb of Nairobi, Kenya, on 26 April, 2012. A total of more than 20 baby elephants orphaned by ivory poachers or natural disasters live here. Employees take good care of them until they get independent life ability and then will set them free to the wild.
XINHUA

Man complains flight attendant woke him

An Arizona man filed a complaint with police saying a flight attendant "rudely" woke him up by tapping his knee with a magazine.

Kevin Johnson, 37, told Indianapolis Airport police he was sleeping on a chartered Million Air flight as it taxied to the gate Sunday morning, when the flight attendant struck him on the knee to wake him up, *The Indianapolis Star* reported on Monday. Johnson said he was "rudely interrupted" by the flight attendant, whom he could not identify.

Officer Ricky Seconds wrote in the police report that Johnson "had no physical signs of injury, no complaint of pain and no paralysis from the magazine."



A child collects Easter eggs in a park during an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest Easter egg hunt in Brussels on 8 April, 2012.

Cow breaks record for producing most milk

Smurf, a cow on a dairy farm near Ottawa, has broken the Guinness World Record for most milk produced in a lifetime, its owners said.

The 15-year-old Holstein has produced more than 57,000 gallons of milk — and is still producing — at a farm in Embrun, Ont, the Ottawa Citizen reported on Monday. That works out to more than enough milk for an 8-ounce glass for every person in Ottawa.

"For us, it's kind of like winning the Stanley Cup," says Eric Patenaude, a sixth-generation dairy man who works at the farm.

Eric Patenaude said good health is the key to Smurf's lactating success. Smurf will deliver her 11th calf in May and she's never developed any lactation, fertility or foot trouble like other cows her age.

"She's a trouble-free cow," Eric Patenaude said.

Louis Patenaude, Eric's uncle, said when most cows reach the end of their lactation life cycle, they're shipped out to be butchered, but not Smurf.

"They end up being ground meat, sausage and baloney and whatever cuts of meat they do with older beef," Louis said. "When she dies, she'll be buried on our farm."

Web site: 6A the perfect plane seat

Scotland-based flight comparison site Skyscanner said its poll indicates airline passengers consider 6A to be the best seat on a standard aircraft.

The Web site said its poll of more than 1,000 airline passengers found many riders valued being able to sit near the front of the plane while others preferred the middle of the aircraft, making Row 6 the perfect compromise. The site said passengers

also liked having window seats, making 6A the most sought-after location on the aircraft.

"Frequent flyers have also reported that the left-hand side of the plane is best as the windows are off centre, allowing for wall space to lean on," said Sam Baldwin, travel editor for Skyscanner. "I just hope that the low-cost carriers don't find out that there is such demand for seat 6A and start charging a premium for it!"

Ancient erotic vase found in Bulgaria

The director of the National History Museum in Bulgaria said an ancient Greek vase depicting an "unconventional" sex scene was unearthed in a coastal town.

Bozhidar Dimitrov, director of the National History Museum in Sofia, said the vase was discovered by archaeologists working along the fortified wall of Sozopol, along the coast of the Black Sea, the Sofia Echo reported on Monday.

"There is a strong erotic scene on the vase, which unfortunately was discovered in several fragments. There are several naked young boys and girls, having sex in some unconventional way. Such a scene is found for the first time on the territory of our country," Dimitrov said. "The scene is a rarity. We have thousands of vases found here, but this is the first one with such a scene on it. We have seen similar items in Greece."

Experts said the work appears to have been made by the Artist of the Running Satyr, a prominent artist of the period around the 6th and 7th centuries BC.

News Album

'Tuskegee' still No 1 on album chart

LOS ANGELES, 27 April—Lionel Richie's "Tuskegee" is No 1 on the US album chart for a second week, Billboard.com reported Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Jason Mraz's "Love Is a Four Letter Word," followed by Adele's "21" at No 3, Train's "California 37" at No 4 and One Direction's "Up All Night" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Nicki Minaj's "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded" at No 6, Gotye's "Making Mirrors" at No 7, Future's



Singer Lionel Richie arrives at the 47th annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on 1 April, 2012.

INTERNET

"Pluto" at No 8, Bonnie Raitt's "Slipstream" at No 9 and Luke Bryan's "Tailgates & Tanlines" at No 10.

Internet

Bowen, Burrell to host Billboard Awards

LOS ANGELES, 27 April—"Modern Family" co-stars Julie Bowen and Ty Burrell are to serve as hosts of the 2012 Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas, ABC said Wednesday.

The network will air the prize presentation, which is to take place on 20 May in the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

"We are thrilled to have television's favourite Emmy Award-winning couple as our hosts for this year's Billboard Music Awards," Richard D Beckman, chief executive officer of Prometheus Global Media and one of the awards show's producers, said in a statement. "Ty and Julie have captured the hearts of



Julie Bowen attends the "Last Night I Swam With a Mermaid" Earth Day event at the Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica, California on 22 April, 2012.—INTERNET

America with their on-screen chemistry and humour—and we look forward to having them bring that magic to the Billboard Music Awards."

Internet

Cheryl Cole too busy for love

LONDON, 27 April — Singer Cheryl Cole says she just wants to focus on her career and doesn't have time for a new relationship.

"I'm not interested in dating, I'm too busy with my record. Nobody's calling my name though," she told BBC Radio.

The 28-year-old also revealed she doesn't enjoy drinking alcohol because she hates having to deal with hangovers and her only vice these days is some occasional junk food, reports contactmusic.com.

"I'm a proper lightweight."



Singer Cheryl Cole

It's so overrated alcohol, it really is. I'm not the one for hangovers. I do like a glass of red wine, my vice is that I love chocolate. A little bit is good for you," she said.

"I'm a great cook, I make a great banana cake with nutella and I love an In-N-Out Burger with fries with the animal cheesy sauce," she added.

Internet

Al Pacino injures eye on film set



Al Pacino at the Regency Village Theatre in the Westwood section of Los Angeles on 6 November, 2011.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 27 April—Actor Al Pacino was treated for an eye injury he sustained while filming a gunfight with co-star Christopher Walken in Los Angeles, the *New York Post* said.

The East Coast actors were shooting a scene for the crime caper "Stand Up Guys" Monday when Pacino got

hurt and was treated by medics on the set, the *Post* said.

No other information about the injury or exactly how it happened was immediately available.

Set for release next year, the movie stars Pacino, 72, and Walken, 69, as con men trying to get their gang back together.

Internet



Jack White at the Los Angeles Film Festival Los Angeles on 19 June, 2009.

INTERNET

Jack White composing 'Lone Ranger' score

LAS VEGAS, 27 April—Hollywood producer Jerry Bruckheimer says Jack White is composing the score for the upcoming adventure flick, "The Lone Ranger."

The movie stars Armie Hammer as the titular hero and Johnny Depp as his loyal sidekick, Tonto. It is set for release next May.

The White Stripes and Raconteurs musician is to write, produce and perform the music for the film. This will mark White's first big-screen, score-composition effort although he has written and performed songs that appeared on movie soundtracks, *E!* News said.

"We're going to have a little rock n' roll score, and I can't wait to hear his rendition of the 'William Tell Overture,'" Bruckheimer said at CinemaCon, a convention for film critics and theater owners, in Las Vegas.

"We have the classic elements, the big white hat for the Lone Ranger, though he's not wearing his blue suit. But he has his black mask, and he has silver bullets, and of course he has his horse Silver. Everything else is slightly different."

Internet

Bobby Brown pleads no contest to DUI

LOS ANGELES, 27 April—R&B star Bobby Brown was fined \$390 and ordered to attend a 90-day alcohol-education programme after pleading no contest to DUI, officials in Los Angeles said.

US Magazine.com reported an attorney entered the plea on the 43-year-old New Edition singer's behalf Wednesday.

Brown was sentenced to three years' probation and a day in Los Angeles County jail but he received credit for time served and will not spend any more time behind bars, the Web site said.

Brown was arrested 26 March after police pulled him over for driving while talking on his cellphone. Police said he appeared intoxicated and



Bobby Brown arrives in the press room at the 2008 CMT Awards at the Curb Event Centre at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee on 14 April, 2008.—INTERNET

failed a field sobriety test.

Brown's ex-wife, singer Whitney Houston, accidentally drowned in a hotel bathtub the month before Brown's arrest. She was 48 when she died after years of drug abuse.

Internet

Shearer backs Rooney to challenge goal record

Legendary striker believes Man Utd star could get close to his 260 Premier League goals



Alan Shearer has tipped Wayne Rooney to challenge his record Premier League goal tally.— INTERNET

LONDON, 27 April — Former Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United striker Alan Shearer says he believes Manchester United's Wayne Rooney could challenge his record goal mark one day. Shearer notched 260 goals in the Premier League before retiring in 2006, with Andrew Cole the second-top goalscorer on 187. Rooney, 26, has 143, and Shearer says the England striker is the player most likely to be able to get close to his phenomenal tally.

"I really think Wayne could challenge that 260-goal mark," Shearer told a BBC Radio 5 live programme celebrating the Premier League's 20 Seasons Awards

on Wednesday. "If he continues in the rich goalscoring form he's in right now, I think he'll get close. "Wayne hasn't always looked like a natural goalscorer, but then I struggled for regular goals in the first few years of my career too, and he's still only 26. "If he can steer clear of serious injuries — I had three which cost me more than two years of my career — for the next few years, he's definitely got a chance."

Shearer and Rooney are contenders to be named in the all-time Premier League Fantasy Team of the last 20 years, with both men among the 10 nominated strikers. The greatest players, managers and

moments from the past 20 years will all be acknowledged in the 20 Seasons Awards, with five to be decided by a public vote and six by a panel of experts. Fans will help decide who wins the awards for Best Goal, Best Match, Best Save and Best Celebration, and you can also come up with your all-time Premier League Fantasy Team from a shortlist of 80 players.

A panel of leading football figures, journalists and commentators will decide who wins the Best Player, Best Manager, Best Team, Best Season and Most Memorable Quote categories, as well as helping to pick the final Fantasy Team.

The 41-year-old Shearer is also up for Best Player, but he believes that particular prize should go to one of two Manchester United legends. "I'm delighted to be on the list of course, and it was a great privilege to play with and against so many great players in the Premier League," added Shearer.

"It's a tough question to answer, about the Best Player in Premier League history, but to my mind it would have to be a choice of two men: Ryan Giggs or Paul Scholes.

Internet

Bilbao vs Atletico in all-Spanish Europa final

BARCELONA, 27 April — Fernando Llorente set up two goals, then scored in the 88th minute to give Athletic Bilbao a 3-1 win over visiting Sporting Lisbon on Thursday night and a 4-3 aggregate victory that set up an all-Spanish Europa League final against 2010 champion Atletico Madrid.

Markel Susaeta scored in the 17th minute for Athletic and Ibai Gomez in the second minute of first-half stoppage time, just after Ricky van Wolfswinkel had tied the score in the 44th. American defender Oguchi Onyewu dressed for Sporting but did not get into the match.

Adrian Lopez scored in the 60th minute, boosting Athletic to a 1-0 win at Valencia and a 5-2 victory in the home-and-home, total-goals series. Valencia midfielder Sergio Canales had to be taken off the field on a stretcher in the 58th minute after apparently injuring the same right knee that had him sidelined for six months this season because of torn ligaments. "We knew the injury to Canales would be a blow for them," said Atletico coach Diego Simeone, who won the 1998 UEFA Cup with Inter Milan. The final is 9 May final at Bucharest, Romania.

While Chelsea and Bayern Munich spoiled an all-

Spanish Champions League final by eliminating Barcelona and Real Madrid this week, Bilbao made sure Spain will win Europe's second-tier club competition for the fourth time in seven years. "This is incredible. It's the first time that I have wanted to cry on the pitch while I'm still playing," said Llorente as his teammates celebrated with their fans. "This is beyond words. This is the best!"

Bilbao, which eliminated Manchester United and Schalke, will play its first European final since losing the 1977 UEFA Cup to Juventus. "We made history tonight, and I hope we can continue to do so in the final, which I hope we can win because these players and these fans deserve it," Llorente said. Bilbao will play Barcelona in the Copa del Rey final on 25 May.— Internet



Athletic Bilbao's Fernando Llorente celebrates after scoring against Sporting during their Europa League second leg semifinal soccer match at San Mames stadium in Bilbao northern Spain, on 26 April, 2012.

INTERNET

German side Bayern sign defender Dante until 2016

BERLIN, 27 April — German record champions Bayern Munich have signed Monchengladbach defender Dante Bonfim Costa Santos for four years, the club said on Thursday. Former Monchengladbach defender changed sides as he joins German record champions and UEFA Champions League finalist FC Bayern Munich for four years. "Bayern Munich is one of the three or four biggest clubs in the world. At Bayern I have the chance to play at the highest level and to win titles. I'm now 28 years old thus I would like to take this step in my career," Dante said.

The Brazilian defender joined Monchengladbach in 2009 to score eight goals in 91 official matches. "We are pleased that Dante comes to Bayern. He is a very good and

high profile footballer, who will support us to reach our objectives in the next four years," Bayern sports director Christian Nerlinger said. The Bavarians reinforce their team following a year without Bundesliga title. However, they still have the chance to win the Champions League title with the final on home soil against Chelsea at Allianz Arena 19th of May.— Xinhua



Dante Bonfim Costa Santos

Neymar vows to revenge after Santos shock defeat

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 April — Santos striker Neymar has vowed to seek revenge after Bolivar's shock 2-1 victory over the defending Copa Libertadores champions in La Paz on Wednesday. Neymar was subjected to a hostile reception from home fans, some of whom hurled fruit and stones at the 20-year-old. During the second half he fell to ground clutching his jaw after being struck by an orange while taking a corner kick. The Brazil international forward said he was already looking forward to the return match in Brazil on 10 May.

"This isn't over yet," Neymar said. "There is going to be a return match in the Vila (Belmiro stadium). They're going to see." Santos coach Muricy Ramalho was furious by the treatment of his players and called for tighter security measures by the South American confederation (Conmebol). "They throw bananas and stones — and we can't complain because Conmebol doesn't do anything about it," Ramalho said.

Xinhua

Duke, Tringale share Zurich Classic lead

AVONDALE, 27 April — Ken Duke and Cameron Tringale topped the Zurich Classic leaderboard at 7-under 65 on Thursday, leaving defending champion Bubba Watson six strokes back at TPC Louisiana in his first tournament since winning the Masters. Tringale birdied the final four holes and finished the round with eight birdies and a bogey. Duke had seven birdies in a bogey-free round. Both players are winless on the PGA Tour.

"My game felt really nice for quite some time and don't know how to explain it," Tringale said. "Just playing



Ken Duke acknowledges the gallery after sinking his putt on the 18th green during the first round of the Zurich Classic golf tournament at TPC Louisiana in Avondale, La, on 26 April, 2012.

INTERNET

with a little confidence and it goes a long way in this game. ... When I had chances to make birdies I was making them and made a couple 20-footers as well. So, turned into a good day." Steve Stricker, Ernie Els, Daniel Chopra and Chris Stroud were a stroke back at 66. Ben Curtis, the Texas Open winner Sunday in San Antonio, was another shot behind along with John Rollins and Jason Dufner.

Webb Simpson, a playoff loser last year in the event, had a 68. Watson had four birdies and three bogeys in his 71. Watson, playing the back nine first, was 2 over through the first seven holes. He birdied the par-5 18th and followed with three more birdies and a bogey on the front nine. "I'm very exhausted, tough trying to play golf today," said Watson, who took a two-week break after the Masters. "I can't hit a full swing yet. I knew I needed to be here being the defending champ for the local fans. So I'm here, but mentally I'm not there." Second-ranked Luke Donald opened with a 73.— Internet

International Sports



Jennifer Rosales, came alive with five back-nine birdies to join Lindsay Wright, Caroline Hedwall and Katie Futcher atop a crowded leaderboard in the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic.— INTERNET

Wright, Rosales among four sharing LPGA lead

MOBILE, 27 April — Jennifer Rosales came alive with five back-nine birdies to join Lindsay Wright, Caroline Hedwall and Katie Futcher atop a crowded leaderboard in the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic. The quartet were tied for the lead on five-under par 67, with another eight players right behind them on 68. The Philippines' Rosales, who won the most recent of her two LPGA Tour titles in 2005, was even through nine before her late surge on the par-72 The Crossings course. Rosales is playing her first LPGA tournament of the season. After finishing 124th on the money list last year she has limited tour status.

She said she'd enjoyed her off-season activities,

including scuba diving, and was trying not to put too much pressure on herself. "Actually, you know what? It's better not to expect anything," Rosales said. "I just came out here and wanted to play and see this weekend. ... Actually, today was an easy day for me. I hit most of the fairways and greens. I only missed I think a green today. My putting was very good today." Futcher briefly took sole possession of the lead at six-under through 17 holes, but dropped back into a tie with a bogey at her last hole, the par-four ninth. Both Australia's Wright and Sweden's Hedwall played without a bogey. "It feels like it's kind of target golf and I like that," Hedwall said.

Internet

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(28-4-12 09:30 am ~ 29-4-12 09:30 am) MST

- ☐ News
- ☐ Lifestyle of Toddy Palm Climbers
- ☐ News
- ☐ Stream of Songs
- ☐ News
- ☐ Reflections of Taungoo Period (Part-2)
- ☐ News
- ☐ Aureum Palace Resort
- ☐ News
- ☐ Culture Stage
- ☐ Mythical Antelopes & Old Spirit Ogres
- ☐ News
- ☐ Your Shopping to Youth Empowerment
- ☐ News
- ☐ Secret Palaces for Yummy Food (Episode-2)
- ☐ A Visit To Kayah State (Part-I)
- ☐ News
- ☐ Strong and Stylish Pokokku Slippers
- ☐ Let's Savour Strawberry Milkshake
- ☐ Myanmar Movie "Due to this True Hatred"

MYANMAR TV

(28-4-2012) (Saturday)

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:40 am

2. Nice & Sweet Song

8:25 am

3. Documentary

8:35 am

4. International News

11:00 am

5. Martial Song

11:25 am

6. Game For Children

1:35 pm

7. Delicious Dishes

4:35 pm

8. Teleplay (Health)

5:10 pm

9. International Science News

5:40 pm

10. Beautiful "ASEAN"

6:40 pm

11. Celebrity and Dinner

7:00 pm

12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

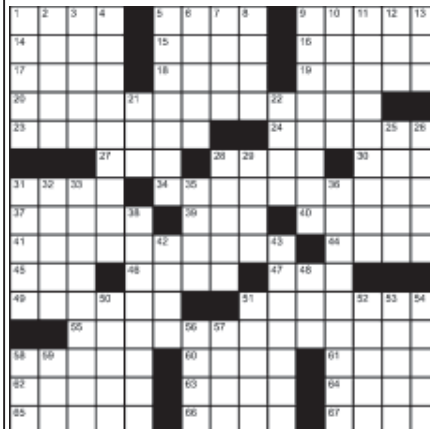
13. News

14. Cartoon Series

15. Gitadagale

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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. After-bath powder
5. Big loser's nickname?
9. Fools
14. "I had no ___!"
15. Had on
16. Lyric poem
17. Litter member
18. Auspices
19. Asian short-horned goat

Down

20. Place of residence
23. Leaf apertures
24. Getting on in years
27. Absorbed, as a cost
28. French door part
30. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
31. "When it's ___" (old riddle answer)
34. One with a thick skin

37. Using the soft palate
39. Appear
40. Tartan trousers
41. It may be pulled (2 wds)
44. "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
45. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
46. Moving vehicles
47. Abbr. after a comma
49. Public building for lectures
51. Tombstone inscription
55. Containing symbolic representation
58. Student getting one-on-one help
60. "Once ___ a time..."
61. Radar image
62. At attention
63. "How ___!"
64. Shoestring
65. Catalogs
66. A Swiss army knife has lots of them
67. Nestling falcons

9. Discharge of trainee during training period
10. Defeat
11. Heavy doorway curtains
12. Tokyo, formerly
13. Clinch, with "up"
21. Dracula, at times
22. Like old recordings
25. "The ___ of Kilimanjaro," short story
26. "Siddhartha" author
28. Ancient Scotland inhabitants
29. A chip, maybe
31. Be of use
32. Peanut butter and ___
33. Sets apart for a special purpose
35. Chemistry Nobel Otto
36. Having potential to be constructed
38. Small streams
42. Charades, e.g.
43. Complains
48. ___-tac-toe
50. Bumper sticker word
51. Chip away at
52. Put to rest, as fears
53. Fold of skin
54. Exaggerated publicity (pl.)
56. Expert
57. Sonata, e.g.
58. ___ el Amarna, Egypt
59. Altdorf is its capital

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 28th April, 2012

S. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	19/66	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(50%)
2	Kayah	36/97	23/70	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
3	Kayah	41/106	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
4	Chin	25/77	16/61	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(50%)
5	Upper Sagaing	36/96	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(50%)
6	Lower Sagaing	44/111	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
7	Tanintharyi	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(50%)
8	Bago	40/104	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
9	Magway	46/115	28/84	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
10	Mandalay	43/109	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
11	Mon	39/102	26/82	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
12	Yangon	41/106	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
13	Rakhine	34/93	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
14	Southern Shan	38/98	26/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
15	Northern Shan	34/93	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
16	Eastern Shan	35/95	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
17	Ayeyarwady	39/102	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	43/109	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	41/106	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	43/109	27/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(50%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kayah State, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay Regions and Kachin State and isolated in Bago, Tanintharyi Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (°C) below April average temperature in Kachin State, (°C) to (°C) above April average temperature in Sagaing and Magway Regions, Northern Shan and Eastern Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayah States, (°C) to (°C) above April average temperature in Southern Shan and Chin States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chak (46°C), Maittha and Myaw (44°C) each, Magway, Myingyan and Nyang-U (43°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (1.13) inches, Mawlaik (0.72) inch, Bawlaik (0.31) inch, Putan, Machanbar and Mawlaik (0.28) inch each.

Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea and partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

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

Outside the sea: Likelihood of slight decrease of day temperatures in Upper northern Myanmar areas.

Lohan to attend White House Correspondents' dinner

LOS ANGELES, 27 April—Lindsay Lohan is going to Washington - and no, it's not to testify before Congress against the overly aggressive and intrusive tactics of paparazzi.

The "Mean Girls" actress will appear at this Saturday's White House Correspondents' Association Dinner.

She will attend the event, which each year merges humor and politics, with her attorney, Shawn Holley, as guests of Fox News personality Greta Van Susteren and her husband, John Coale, the actress's publicist told TheWrap.

Lohan will be in good company at the annual event; according to Politico, other celebrities expected to attend include George Clooney; Steven Spielberg; "Hunger Games" stars Josh Hutcherson and Elizabeth Banks; Sofia Vergara and her "Modern Family" castmates Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Julie Bowen and Eric Stonestreet; "Homeland" star Claire Danes and Charlize Theron.

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" host Jimmy Kimmel will headline the event this year, taking over from last year's featured speaker, "Saturday Night Live" funny man Seth Meyers.



Lindsay Lohan

Lohan, who recently had her formal probation stemming from a DUI arrest dropped after successfully completing a regimen of community service and therapy sessions, has been upping her profile of late.

Earlier this week it was announced that she'll star as screen legend Elizabeth Taylor in Lifetime's upcoming biopic "Liz & Dick."

Internet

Murray falls to Raonic in Barcelona

BARCELONA, 27 April—Fast-rising Canadian Milos Raonic showed off his claycourt credentials again on Friday with a 6-4-7-6 defeat of world number four Andy Murray in the last eight of the Barcelona Open.

Raonic, who beat Spain's Nicolas Almagro on Thursday, slammed down 14 aces on his way to victory and a semi-final against either Dave Ferrer or Feliciano Lopez.

Chasing a third title of the year, the 21-year-old took the initiative in the first set, attacking at every opportunity, and held off a Murray fightback at the end of the second set to record one of the best wins of his career. Murray managed just one break of the mighty Raonic serve, when the Canadian led 5-4 in the second set only to wobble badly when serving for victory. The tiebreak raced away from the Briton though as Raonic forged 6-1 ahead. Murray saved two match points but struck a lame shot into the net as Raonic closed it out.—Reuters



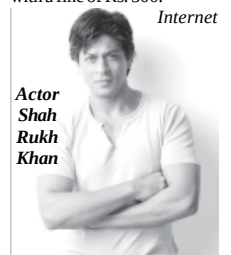
Britain's Andy Murray hits a return to Colombia's Santiago Giraldo during their Barcelona Open tennis match on 26 April, 2012. REUTERS

Shah Rukh Khan summoned by Jaipur court for smoking in public

NEW DELHI, 27 April—The additional chief judicial magistrate (ACJM) court in Jaipur has summoned Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan for smoking in the stadium during an IPL match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals. The Kolkata Knight Riders owner was caught smoking in public on 8 April in the Saiwai Man Singh Stadium. Anand Singh Rathore, director of Jaipur Cricket Academy, had filed a complaint against him.

"Smoking publicly is banned in Rajasthan since 2000. However, Shah Rukh Khan was smoking publicly in front of thousands of

spectators. The actor was broadcast live while smoking on the TV channel which was showing the match," said lawyer Nem Singh Rathore who filed the complaint on behalf of Rathore. If found guilty, SRK can easily get away with a fine of Rs. 500.



Actor Shah Rukh Khan. Internet

B2C Exhibition and Sales 2012 to be held in Seoul

YANGON, 27 April—Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand from ten ASEAN countries will attend Business to Consumer Exhibition and Sales 2012 organized by ASEAN-Korea Center to be held in Shinsegae Department Store in Seoul of the Republic of Korea from 6 to 12 June.

ASEAN-Korea Center used B2B (Business to

Business) pattern in the previous exhibitions and now introduces B2C pattern (Business to Consumer) this year. Two qualified companies from Myanmar will be chosen to attend it and their round-trip air tickets and accommodation, will be born.

At the exhibition, handicrafts, home decoration materials, home appliances,

cotton wears and fashion collection will be on show. Interested companies may enquire at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) (Exhibition Department) and International Trade Promotion Division of Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce.—MNA

Hlawga Park to be opened on May Day

YANGON, 27 April—Hlawga Park opens daily from 8 am to 5 pm. For public relaxation and recreation, its opening time will be extended to 6 pm on 1 May (Workers' Day).

MNA



Pigeons navigate by recording information about Earth's magnetic field, using certain brain cells as a sort of biological compass.—INTERNET

Pigeons have a 'compass' in their brains

WACO, 27 April—Pigeons navigate by recording information about Earth's magnetic field, using certain brain cells as a sort of biological compass, US scientists say. The finding gives insight into how many birds can migrate thousands of miles, flying day and night, even when the sun or stars are obscured by clouds, the researchers said.

Two researchers at Baylor College of Medicine have solved a central part of the mystery of how the birds accomplish such feats, identifying specific cells in a pigeon's brain responsible for sensing and orienting the magnetic field. Researchers

Le-Qing Wu and David Dickman identified a group of cells, or neurons, in the brain stem of pigeons that record both the direction and the strength of the magnetic field, *The New York Times* reported Thursday. Wu and Dickman found the birds' orientation determined which neurons were active, as each neuron was tuned to respond to signals from one direction while also registering the strength of the magnetic field. The researchers say there is evidence the information the cells are recording is coming from the inner ear, but that "is still something we want to pursue," Dickman said.

Internet

World number one Azarenka reaches Stuttgart quarters

STUTTGART, 27 April—World number one Victoria Azarenka moved into the Stuttgart indoor tournament quarter-finals on Thursday after Germany's Andrea Petkovic retired with an ankle injury while trailing 6-2 4-4.

Azarenka will face in-form Mona Barthel of Germany for a spot in the last four.

The Belarusian top seed grabbed a break with the opening game but missed an easy volley to hand a break back in the fourth game.

She then proceeded to break the German, back for her first WTA tournament after a back injury ruled her out for almost four months, to take the first set 6-2.

The second set initially followed a similar pattern with Azarenka breaking in the first

game courtesy of a stunning double-handed backhand down the line before being broken straight back.

Petkovic looked set to give her opponent a tougher time but badly twisted her ankle as she tried to hit a forehand at 4-4. "It's such a tough situation and the ankle right away blew up," said Azarenka in a court-side interview. "I hope she recovers soon because she is a great player. Andrea is one of the players who is tough mentally, she is a great fighter," she said.

German Barthel kept up her spectacular form this year with a 6-3 6-1 demolition of world number seven Marion Bartoli to book her spot in the last eight and notch her first career victory over a top-10 player. "It was one of the best



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus returns a shot to Marion Bartoli of France in their women's singles match at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida.—REUTERS

matches of my life," said Barthel, who won her maiden WTA title in Hobart in January. "I was immediately able to put her serve under pressure. It's great to have won my first match against a Top 10 player. It's something special." World number five Sam Stosur avenged last year's semi-final defeat by Julia

Goerges, beating the German 6-2 2-6 6-3 to set up a quarter-final against world number two Maria Sharapova. Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova also advanced with a comfortable straight-sets victory over Italy's Francesca Schiavone and China's Li Na beat Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan 6-4 6-4.—Reuters

Barcelona says coach Pep Guardiola is leaving

BARCELONA, 27 April—Fast Barcelona president Sandro Rosell says coach Pep Guardiola will not continue as coach of the Spanish team after this season.

Guardiola's contract ends at the close of the season and the former player has rejected Barcelona's offer to extend his deal. The 41-year-old coach has led Barcelona to 13 trophies since taking over at the beginning of the 2008-09 season, including two Champions League crowns and three Spanish league titles. Guardiola's decision Friday ends a difficult week for the team, which fell to Chelsea in a Champions League semifinal after a loss to Real Madrid that likely will cost it a fourth straight Spanish title. Guardiola's last game in charge will be the Copa del Rey final against Athletic Bilbao on 25 May.—Internet



In this 27 May, 2009 file photo Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola is thrown in the air in celebration, at the end of the UEFA Champions League final soccer match between Manchester United and Barcelona in Rome.

INTERNET



Actress Jennie Garth (R) and her daughter Luca Bella Facinelli arrive at Nickelodeon's 25th annual Kids' Choice Awards in Los Angeles, California on 31 March, 2012. REUTERS

Jennie Garth to play Nancy Grace book character

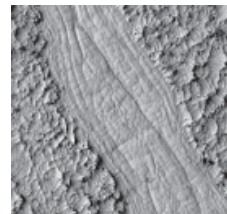
LOS ANGELES, 27 April—Pardon us if we don't see the resemblance: "Beverly Hills 90210" alum Jennie Garth has signed on to star in "Nancy Grace's Eleventh Victim," an adaptation of Grace's semi-autobiographical debut novel.

Garth will play Atlanta assistant district attorney Hailey Dean, whose fiancé is murdered. Then she wins the conviction of a serial killer (Clint Burrell Cruise, in the tradition of serial killers with three names) and moves to New York City to begin a new career as a therapist.

In Grace's novel, "The Eleventh Victim," Dean's therapy patients become victims of a murderer who operates much like Cruise did. Dean, somehow unaware that Cruise had been freed from prison after an appeal, becomes the suspect in the murders. Grace, whose fiancé was murdered when she was 19 and who worked in the Atlanta district attorney's office as a prosecutor who specialized in serial killer cases, will act as an executive producer on the movie with Ted Bauman and Josh Sabarra. Garth, who, like Grace, is a "Dancing With the Stars" alum, is also currently starring in a new CMT reality series - "Jennie Garth: A Little Bit Country"—which follows her family's move from Los Angeles to a working farm.—Internet

Student researcher spies odd lava spirals on Mars

This undated NASA image shows lava coils on Mars. Lava flows carved valleys on Mars, US scientists said amid a long-running debate over whether water or volcanoes formed part of the red planet's landscape.—INTERNET



LOS ANGELES, 27 April—A researcher has spotted lava flows shaped like coils of rope near the equator of Mars, the first time such geologic features have been discovered outside of Earth.

These twisty volcanic patterns can be found on Hawaii's Big Island and in the Pacific seafloor on our planet. While evidence for lava flows is present in many places on Mars, none are shaped like this latest find.

"I was quite surprised and puzzled when I first saw the coils," Andrew Ryan, a graduate student at Arizona State University, said in an email.

The biggest surprise? The largest Martian lava spiral measured 100 feet across — bigger than any on Earth. It is further evidence that Mars was volcanically active recently — geologically speaking within the past 20 million years.

For more than a decade, scientists debated whether this maze of valleys near the Martian equator was sculpted by ice or volcanic processes. As part of a class project last year, Ryan analyzed about 100 high-resolution photos of the region snapped by the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, which has been photographing the Martian surface since 2006. One evening, while taking a second look at the images, Ryan zoomed in and noticed the lava coils. He counted 269 spirals ranging from 16 feet to 100 feet across. Ryan said he was not surprised the features were overlooked in the past since they blended in with the terrain. The coils looked strikingly similar to Hawaiian lava flows, leading Ryan to conclude that lava — not ice — was the driving force.—Internet