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True patriotism

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

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

President U Thein Sein leaves for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos to pay State visits



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing.

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NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—At invitations of President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang, His Majesty King of Cambodia Preah Bat Samdach Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni and President of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by members of the delegation, left here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International at 8.30 pm today to pay State visits to the three nations.

The delegation led by President U Thein Sein was

seen off by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Union ministers, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the chief of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads and officials from Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian missions in Myanmar at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The President was accompanied by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs

Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental high-ranking officials.

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Health infrastructures built in Chin and Shan States to provide health care services to national races in those regions

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UEC Chairman meets chairmen and members of sub-commissions

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PERSPECTIVES

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Opportunity cost

In economics, an opportunity cost means that, in order to do one thing, you must give up something else (those something else's are the opportunity costs). If, for example, you spend time and money going to a movie, you cannot spend that time at home reading a book, and you cannot spend the money on something else. If your next-best alternative to seeing the movie is reading the book, then the opportunity cost of seeing the movie is the money spent plus the pleasure you forgo by not reading the book.

Opportunity cost comes into play in any decision that involves a tradeoff between two or more options. It is expressed as the relative cost of one alternative in terms of the next-best alternative. Opportunity costs are often overlooked in decision making. People incur opportunity costs with every decision that is made. When you decided to read this perspective, you gave up all other uses of this time. You may have given up a few minutes of your favorite television program or a phone call to a friend, or you may have even forgone the opportunity to invest or earn money.

An opportunity cost only considers the next best alternative to an action, not the entire set of alternatives. So, we must take it into consideration in decision making. Like that economic theory, we have a number of alternatives in our daily life. Among several choices, we must pick the best and most suitable one for our future life.

Deputy H & T Minister receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung received Director Mr Arai Haruo and Manager Mr Kitazaki

Yuichi of Dai Ichi Kotsu Sangyo Inc headquartered in Fukuoka District of Japan and Managing Director Mary Saw of MOA Travels and Tours

Officer refresher course conducted by INRD

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The Deputy Director Level Refresher Course No 1/2012 at the Ministry of Immigration and Population was held at the hall of the Yangon Region Immigration and National Registration Department in Yangon

yesterday morning. Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win explained implementation of Moe Pwint-2 Plan, census of local traveling, preparations for national census and purpose of the

Planning and Implementation (Officer Level) Course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The Planning and Implementation (Officer Level) Course No. 4/2012 was opened at the hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein stressed the need to draw the National Plan in combination with the regional plans and sector-wise plans. He urged them to join hands with local authorities, townsenders, people and departments concerned in collecting the data in respective

regions. It is necessary to draw the National Plan including human resources development, rural development and poverty alleviation, township plan and village plan for all-round development of social economy, he said. He noted that region/state, district and township organizations are to be formed for drawing the plans, and it is necessary to assess the implementation of the collected data.

Altogether 211 township planning officers are attending the course.

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Plan on ASEAN Region Production and Raising Market Competitiveness discussed



NAY PYI TAW, 21 March—Under the leadership of the Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, the coordination meeting on Plan of ASEAN Region

Production and Raising Market Competitiveness was held at the meeting hall of the ministry this afternoon.

The meeting discussed tasks of Myanmar for formation of 15 work committees to implement the plan in establishment of the

ASEAN Economic Community, preparation for ASEAN Chairmanship of Myanmar in 2014, readiness of Myanmar economic sector for emergence of ASEAN Economic Community in 2015 and tasks for market competitiveness.

The attendees decided to draw the monthly work plans.

It was attended by deputy ministers of respective ministries, directors-general and managing directors, officials and representatives of UMFCCI.—MNA

Co Ltd at the ministry here yesterday evening.

The discussed matters related to taxi transportation for tourists.

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ESCAP transportation ministers meet in Bangkok

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Transportation ministers' meeting of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) was held in Bangkok of Thailand from

12 to 16 March, attended by representatives from Asian and Pacific countries.

Reps from Myanmar Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Thant Shin and General Manager U Kyi

Aye attended the meetings—senior officials' meeting and transportation ministers' meeting. Deputy Minister U Thant Shin discussed development of Myanmar's transportation sector.—MNA



Township head of Yangon City Electric Supply Board U Tun Tun, deputy staff officer of Township General Administration Department U Thiha and officials concerned inspected fire preventive measures in Taikkyi Myoma Market on 19 March. MYANMA ALIN



Deputy Construction Minister U Soe Tint views Pauk-khaung-Toungoo Road section. (News reported)

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India to induct nuclear submarine early April

NEW DELHI, 20 March— In a major boost to its underwater strike capabilities, India will induct its Russian-built nuclear-powered submarine, Nerpa, in the first week of April.

Nerpa, which will be rechristened INS Chakra, is scheduled to arrive at its home base of Visakhapatnam in the first week of April and is expected to be commissioned formally into the Indian Navy by Defence Minister A K Antony on 5 April, Defence Ministry officials told *Press Trust of India* here Monday.

The submarine will be on a ten-year lease under a deal expected to be worth over US\$920 million, they said.

An Indian crew had set sail with the Akula II class vessel to India in the end of

January. After the INS Chakra joins the naval fleet, it would be for the first time in more than two decades that the Indian Navy would have a nuclear attack submarine.

This will also propel India in the elite league of six nations operating nuclear submarines. India is also working on development of indigenous nuclear submarines of the Arihant class. The first submarine, INS Arihant, was launched for sea trials recently and is expected to start operational patrols by the end of this year. The Navy will have three submarines of this class by the end of this decade. India already possesses or is in the process of developing a family of nuclear-capable missiles including the Agni

series, Prithvi variants, naval missile Dhanush, and



submarine-launched Sagarika. Meanwhile, the Navy will commission the Admiral Gorshkov aircraft carrier on the Navy Day on 4 December this year in Russia.

A submarine surfaces during naval drills.
INTERNET

22 killed in drug violence in south Mexico state

ACAPULCO, 20 March— Gunmen ambushed and killed 12 police officers who had been sent to search for the bodies of 10 people whose severed heads were found in southern Guerrero state, authorities said Monday.

Guerrero state police spokesman Arturo Martinez said six state and six local officers were killed Sunday night on a road leading out of the town of Teloloapan. Another 11 officers were wounded. The attack on the officers occurred as they were traveling in six patrol pickups and searching for the bodies of seven men and three women whose severed heads were dumped outside the town's slaughterhouse earlier

Sunday, Martinez said. The heads were left with a message threatening the La Familia drug cartel, whose home base is in neighbouring Michoacan State.

Teloloapan is near the area shared by both Guerrero and Michoacan states and known as Tierra Caliente for its steamy weather.

The region is a violent, mountainous zone that has been used by drug traffickers to grow marijuana and opium poppies for years. It has been plagued by drug violence in recent years as drug gangs fight to control the area. Authorities say La Familia has been severely battered in the fighting.

Soldiers have been sent to the area but that hasn't stopped gunmen from killing priests, politicians, police chiefs, or anyone else who gets in the way.

Two years ago, nine police officers were kidnapped in Teloloapan when they were investigating the death of a man in the village of El Revelado. The bodies of eight of the officers were found days later. Six had been dismembered. One was found alive.

More than 47,000 people have died in drug violence nationwide since President Felipe Calderon began a crackdown on drug cartels in December 2006.—*Internet*

Sarkozy puts region on highest alert after school attack



Nicolas Sarkozy.—INTERNET

PARIS, 20 March— French President Nicolas Sarkozy said on Monday he was putting the country's southwestern region on its highest terror alert level after a shooting at a Jewish school in Toulouse left four dead.

Sarkozy said the same

gunman had attacked the school and last week shot three paratroopers, that it was "obvious" Monday's attack was anti-Semitic and he was suspending his re-election campaign until at least Wednesday.

Speaking after meeting of top security officials, Sarkozy said "exceptional security measures" would be taken in the Midi-Pyrenees region and that it was being put on "scarlet" terror alert, the highest possible level.

He said riot police units and national gendarmes

would maintain security in the region "as long as this criminal has not been found".

"There are already 120 investigators in Toulouse. With the prime minister, I have asked the interior and defence ministers to go to Toulouse. The interior minister will coordinate the investigation and stay in place for as long as it takes," Sarkozy said.

The moves came after a killer shot dead three children and a teacher at a Jewish school Toulouse and police said the same gun and scooter had been used last week in the

murders of three French paratroopers in the same area.

"We know that it is the same person, the same weapon that killed the soldiers, the children and the teacher," Sarkozy said, adding: "The anti-Semitic motive seems obvious." "This odious act cannot remain unpunished. All means, absolutely all means available, will be committed to neutralise this criminal," he said.

Sarkozy also said he was temporarily putting aside his campaign for re-election in an April-May presidential vote.

"I am suspending my participation in the election campaign at least until Wednesday," he said.

Officials have said all three of the killed soldiers were of North African descent and at least two were Muslims. Sarkozy said he would on Tuesday meet representatives of France's Jewish and Muslim communities.

"I will meet them together, so that we can together say that all of France is at their sides," he said.

Internet

Peru cancels British ship visit over Falklands

LIMA, 20 March— Peru canceled a visit by a British navy frigate in solidarity with Argentina's claims over the Falkland Islands. The decision underlines Peru's support for Argentina over the south Pacific archipelago, known locally as the Malvinas, Foreign Minister Rafael Roncagliolo told the official news agency *Andina*. The British frigate *Montrose* was set to dock in Lima's port of Callao on Thursday for a friendly visit.

Roncagliolo said the visit was canceled as part of an agreement with the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) supporting Argentina. Foreign ministers from the 12 UNASUR nations on Saturday urged Britain to discuss the sovereignty of the islands with Argentina, "in line with United Nations resolutions." The British embassy in Lima said it "lamented" that Peru had canceled the invitation, noting that the Peruvian government had the chance to raise the issue with Foreign Office Minister Jeremy Brown, who was in Lima on Friday. Argentine troops seized the islands on 2 April, 1982, only to be routed by British forces 74 days later.—*Internet*



An Afghan policeman stands guard near the wreckage of a NATO helicopter that crashed inside a house in Kabul on 16 March, 2012.—INTERNET

Iraqi security forces inspect the site of a bomb attack in Hilla, 100 kilometres south of Baghdad, on Tuesday.
REUTERS



BAGHDAD, 20 March— At least 26 explosions struck cities and towns across Iraq on Tuesday, killing at least 49 people and wounding more than 200, despite a massive security clampdown ahead of next week's Arab League summit in Baghdad. It was Iraq's bloodiest day in nearly a month, and the breadth of coordinated bombs in more than a dozen cities showed an apparent determination by insurgents to prove that the government cannot keep the country safe ahead of the summit. Iraq is due to host the meeting for the first

Explosions across Iraq kill at least 49

time in 20 years and the government is anxious to show it can maintain security following the withdrawal of

US troops in December. according to Jamal Mahdi, a Kerbala health department spokesman.

"The second explosion caused the biggest destruction. I saw body parts, fingers, hands thrown on the road," 23-year-old shop owner Muradha Ali Kadhim told Reuters.

"The security forces are stupid because they always gather at the site of an explosion and then a second explosion occurs. They

become a target."

Blasts also struck in the capital, in Baiji, Baquba, Daquq, Dibis, Dhuluiya, Kirkuk, Mosul, Samarra and Tuz Khurmato to the north, in Falluja and Ramadi to the west, and Hilla, Latifiya, Mahmudiya and Mus-sayab to the south. Police defused bombs in Baquba, Falluja and Mosul. Most of the blasts targeted police checkpoints and patrols.

MNA/Reuters



Security forces prepare to tow away a destroyed car after a car bomb attack outside the fortified academy near the Interior Ministry headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq recently. A suicide bomber detonated his car as a group of police recruits left their academy in Baghdad, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.

INTERNET



Three-quarters of all teens now texting and 63% of all teens exchange text messages daily, according to a report by Pew Research Center.

INTERNET

Texting smartphone teens growing in US

WASHINGTON, 20 March—Teenagers in the United States are texting more than ever before, and they are more likely as well to have a smartphone in their hands, according to a survey released Monday.

On average, youngsters aged 12 to 17 sent 60 text messages on a typical day in 2011, 10 more than they did two years earlier, the Pew Internet and American Life Project found. Older girls were the most enthusiastic texters, sending 100 texts a day, Pew said. Boys sent exactly half that number, or 50 text a day, but even that was higher than the average of 30 texts they sent per day in 2009.

“When asked generally about how they communicate with people in their lives — not just about their friends, but about

all kinds of people — teens point to text messaging as the dominant daily mode of communication,” it said.

Pew also said 23 percent of the 799 youngsters who took part in its telephone survey in the continental United States in April through July last year had a smartphone, such as an iPhone or a BlackBerry.

Seventy-seven percent had a cellphone of some kind or another — little changed from 2011 but far above the 44 percent who owned cellphones in 2004.

Suburban white teenagers with parents who had at least a high school education, living in homes with a total income of more than \$75,000, were more likely than others to have a cellphone, the Pew researchers found.—*Internet*

Microsoft says no new Xbox coming anytime soon



Don Mattrick, president of Interactive Entertainment Business for Microsoft, speaks at the Microsoft Xbox global media briefing during the E3 gaming convention in Los Angeles, on 6 June, 2011.—*INTERNET*

NEW YORK, 20 March—Microsoft says it’s not coming out with a new Xbox gaming console anytime soon.

Some video game players had hoped that Microsoft Corp would unveil an upgrade at the E3 Expo in June, a big, yearly video game conference in Los Angeles where game makers show off new wares and titles.

Microsoft Corp said on Monday that it won’t be discussing new Xbox hardware at the event. Rather, it plans to focus on games, music and other entertainment for the Xbox 360, which came out in 2005.

Nintendo Co will be showcasing the Wii U, the successor to the Wii. Unlike the Xbox 360 or the PlayStation 3, the current Wii doesn’t offer high-definition graphics, so it’s in greater need of an upgrade.

Microsoft’s stock fell 40 cents to \$32.20.—*Internet*



Space tech helps create safer automobiles

PARIS, 20 March—A thin foil sensor developed to detect the pressure on a spacecraft’s wings during re-entry is now helping build safer cars, European researchers say.

German automaker Volkswagen is using the flexible “space foil” as a super-thin and accurate sensor to measure every deformation sustained by cars during crash tests, a release from the Paris headquarters of the European Space Agency reported.

In the early 1990s, European engineers turned to “piezoelectric” foil, intended for spacecraft use, because regular instruments were too bulky and added too much drag.

Piezoelectric materials can convert physical effects such as vibration and pressure into minute

electric pulses, making them ideal as extremely lightweight sensors able to cover an entire surface without distorting the results by adding drag.

VW was attracted to the material because the space sensors would solve a problem encountered in crash tests: sensors on cars are often destroyed upon impact, making it difficult to collect highly accurate data throughout the crash process.

The thin, flexible piezoelectric sensors are simply applied to the car’s surfaces and move with the metal as the car crashes rather than being destroyed by the impact.

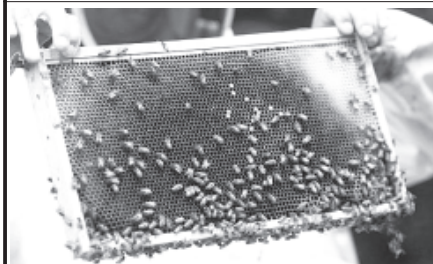
“We wanted to know at which moment which parts of the car are deformed,” VW engineer Jens Weinrich said. At the end of each



A new sensor was developed for ESA based on super-thin piezoelectric materials that have a special property that converts physical effects like vibration and pressure into minute electric pulses.—*INTERNET*

strip, a thin, flexible printed circuit board records the electrical impulses created by the mechanical deformations.

“We wanted not just qualitative, but also quantitative results,” Weinrich said. “We wanted to know where it folded, and how much it folded.”—*Internet*



Die-offs of honeybees critical for pollinating food crops — part of so-called colony collapse disorder — is linked to an insecticide, a US journal reports.—*INTERNET*

Insecticides linked to honeybee die-offs

WASHINGTON, 20 March—Die-offs of honeybees critical for pollinating food crops — part of so-called colony collapse disorder — is linked to an insecticide, a US journal reports.

Researchers from the University of Padua in Italy writing in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology* say the springtime die-offs have been linked to technology used to plant corn coated with insecticides.

In some parts of Europe where farmers use the technology to plant seeds coated with so-called neonicotinoid insecticides, widespread deaths of honeybees have been reported since the introduction of the technique in the late 1990s, they said.

Such insecticides are

among the most widely used in the world, popular because they kill insects by paralyzing nerves but have lower toxicity for other animals.

Scientists said they suspected the bee die-offs might be due to particles of the insecticide made airborne by the pneumatic drilling machines used for planting that forcefully suck seeds in and expel a burst of air containing high concentrations of particles of the insecticide coating. They found that honeybees that flew through the emission cloud of the seeding machines used in mid-March to May corn planting were dying.

Future work on the problem should focus on a way to prevent the seeds from fragmenting inside the pneumatic drilling machines, the researchers said.

Internet



Park wants to display more dino tracks

HARTFORD, 20 March—Dinosaur tracks in Connecticut uncovered in 1966 but reburied in 1976 to protect them from the elements should be seen once again, state geologists say. Dinosaur State Park near Hartford displays 600 footprints from the Jurassic period under a dome, but the 1,500 additional footprints not seen in 36 years should also be uncovered and made available for public viewing, they argue.

They want to unearth the buried tracks and enclose them in a protective, permanent shelter for inspection by scientists and the public. “There’s been a whole generation of scientists who have never looked at them,” Dinosaur State Park Director Margaret Enkler told The Hartford Courant. “The number of people who have seen the full trackway is getting smaller and smaller.”

Enkler and her colleagues are making their case this week before the northeastern section meeting of the Geological Society of America in Hartford. Dinosaur State Park, listed as a Registered Natural Landmark by the US Department of the Interior, draws about 50,000 visitors a year. “The Connecticut Valley is literally a treasure trove of Jurassic Age fossils,” geologist Nicholas G McDonald said.

Uncovering the buried footprints could renew interest in the park, he said, and the larger trackway would offer field experience for younger scientists and science educators.

“There really is a need today as an educator to get away from the computer. So much science now you do on your laptop, and the thing that turned me onto geology was being outdoors,” he said.—*Internet*



Dinosaur tracks.—*INTERNET*

Planets are particular about orbits

TUCSON, 20 March—Planets forming around stars tend to pile up at certain distances, creating some crowded orbits while other regions remain empty, US astronomers say.

Some orbital zones around new stars tend to attract numbers of giant planets and computer simulations suggest the reason may be high-energy radiation streaming from the stars, they said.

The radiation creates gaps in the protoplanetary disks of gas and dust swirling around young stars in a process called photo-evaporation, where ultraviolet light and other high-energy photons from the star heat the disk material.

Supercomputer models reveal “that the final distribution of planets does not vary smoothly with distance from the star, but instead has clear ‘deserts’ — deficits of planets — and ‘pileups’ of planets at particular locations,” study co-author Ilaria Pascucci at the University of Arizona told SPACE.com

Giant planets migrate inward, dragged by protoplanetary material falling toward the star, but one they encounter a gap cleared by photo-evaporation they stop their inward movement, taking up a stable orbit around the star, she said.—*Internet*



Scientists in Singapore have uncovered the reason some patients are resistant to some cancer drugs.—INTERNET

'East Asian gene' resistant to cancer drugs

SINGAPORE, 20 March—Scientists in Singapore have uncovered the reason some patients are resistant to some cancer drugs. They pin it down to a particular gene in people of East Asian descent. The team, led by researchers from Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, has discovered that about 15 percent of East Asians display this gene. It is estimated some 14,000 newly-diagnosed leukaemia and lung cancer patients each year will carry the gene variant.

But the scientists found they could overcome the problem by adding a new class of drugs to current therapies. Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School senior vice dean Patrick Casey said: "This discovery allows one to begin to match appropriate medications to patients very quickly." The next step is to bring the new discovery to clinical trials.—Internet

Prostate, baldness drugs to include cancer warning

TORONTO, 20 March—Health Canada is warning that two popular medications used to treat baldness and enlarged prostates may put men at an increased risk of a serious form of prostate cancer, known as high-grade prostate cancer.

The agency warned Monday that finasteride and dutasteride can increase the risk for high-grade prostate cancer, an aggressive type of prostate cancer that grows and spreads more quickly

than low-grade cancers. The warning comes after Health Canada reviewed two large international clinical trials that, ironically, were designed to provide evidence to support using finasteride and dutasteride to prevent prostate cancer.

Health Canada advised doctors and the public Monday that high-grade prostate cancer is rare, "and the increased risk seen with finasteride and dutasteride drugs is still considered very



Avodart, a commonly used drug for shrinking enlarged prostates, may help slow the growth of prostate cancer tumours.—INTERNET

small."

Nevertheless, the agency said that new warnings about the risk are now being added to the labels for finasteride and dutasteride products.

Internet



Philippine experts eyes sponges, snails to produce new drugs

MANILA, 20 March—Philippines researchers are studying marine microorganisms in sponges that may lead to the production of new drugs for tuberculosis, pneumonia and other infectious diseases, and snails that could provide anti-pain agents, according to the Philippine Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Researchers from the Marine Science Institute (MSI), University of Philippines have isolated microorganisms associated with sponges and are currently confirming their anti-infective properties or ability to combat infections. The team was led by Gisela Concepcion, UP's Vice President for Academic Affairs.

This is part of the programme called Pharmaseas Marine Drug Development Programme which was funded by Department of Science and Technology—Philippine Council for Marine and Aquatic Resources Research and Development (PCMARRD).

Another achievement of the Pharmaseas programme is the discovery of anti-pain drugs from the venom of turrid snails. Anti-pain drugs are important in the treatment of cancer and other debilitating illnesses.

Gisela said it will take some time to apply their research findings to the production of drugs.

Xinhua

NetZero to launch free wireless broadband service



This product photo provided by United Online Inc, shows the NetZero 4G Stick. The NetZero 4G Stick supports one a single laptop or netbook through via USB.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 20 March—It's like the '90s never left: Billy Crystal hosted the Oscars. Internet IPOs are back. And NetZero is returning with free Internet service —only this time it's wireless.

United Online Inc announced Monday that it will offer free wireless Internet service under its NetZero brand, the one that started the free dial-up phenomenon in 1998. The company is backing up the plan with TV, print and online advertisements.

There are plenty of catches with the free plan. United Online isn't offsetting its costs by making users look at advertising, as it did with its original offer of free dial-up Internet access. The "free" users will be money-losers for the company, United Online Chairman and CEO Mark Goldston said. That means United Online is using the free plan as a way to lure customers with the hope of upselling them to paying plans, which start at \$9.95 per month.

To take advantage of the offer, consumers will need to buy a \$50 antenna stick that plugs into a laptop, or a \$100 "mobile hotspot" that allows any Wi-Fi equipped device to connect to the Internet. United Online will be selling the devices on the NetZero website. The free accounts are limited to 200 megabytes of data per month—enough for some email and Web surfing, but little else. Half an hour of full-screen streamed video will eat up the whole month's allotment. By comparison, AT&T Inc's cheapest wireless data plan costs \$14.95 per month for slightly more data—250 megabytes per month—but that plan is only available for tablets with built-in cellular modems.—Internet

Wendy's takes No 2 spot from Burger King

NEW YORK, 20 March—Wendy's has dethroned Burger King as the country's second biggest hamburger chain.

Wendy's edged out Burger King in US sales volume for the first time last year since Wendy's was founded in 1969, according to a report by the food industry research firm Technomic Inc that's set to be released next month.

Wendy's had sales of \$8.5 billion in 2011, compared with \$8.4 billion for Burger King. McDonald's remained far larger than both with \$34.2 billion in sales.

The figures are based on Technomic's estimates of system-wide sales at franchise and company-owned restaurants, rather than corporate revenue, which includes fees from franchise operators. Worldwide, Burger King still has far more



This 29 Jan, 2012 photo, shows signage promoting breakfast is at a Wendy's restaurant in Culver City, Calif.—INTERNET

restaurants than Wendy's and remains the second biggest hamburger chain behind McDonald's.

Both Burger King and Wendy's have struggled in recent years to keep up with the growth of McDonald's, which has managed to keep prices low through the recession, while also introducing a new menu items and remodeling restaurants. Sales are up 26 percent in the past five years at McDonald's, up 9 percent at

Wendy's and flat at Burger King, according to Technomic.

Burger King has been reevaluating its business since it was acquired by investment firm 3G Capital in 2010.

The privately held company that's based in Miami recently retired its mascot "The King" last year and launched a new advertising campaign focused more on food.

Internet

New iPad sales top 3 million: Apple

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 March—Apple announced on Monday that 3 million new iPads have been sold since its launch last Friday.

"The new iPad is a blockbuster with 3 million sold—the strongest iPad launch yet," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Marketing. "Customers are loving the incredible new features of iPad, including the stunning Retina display, and we can't wait to get it

into the hands of even more customers around the world this Friday."

"We had a record weekend, and we are thrilled with it," Apple's chief executive officer Tim Cook said earlier Monday at a conference call to announce a dividend and stock buyback programme.

The third generation iPad is now available in 12 countries and regions, and will be available in 24 more this Friday through the Apple

online store, retail stores and some authorized sellers.

The new Apple tablet is the company's first 4GLTE-capable device, featuring Retina display, HD camera and faster processors. So far, the device got mostly

Apple's new iPads.

INTERNET



positive reviews from gadget reviewers and customers.

Xinhua



Snowmelt floods hundreds of households in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 20 March—Recent snowmelt and heavy rains have flooded 578 houses and led to the evacuation of 300 people in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, local authorities said Monday.

A total of 335 people from three counties in the Kazak autonomous prefecture of Ili have been

relocated since the flooding occurred on 17 March, said officials with the prefecture committee of the Communist Party of China.

No human casualties have been reported so far. However, the flooding had killed 687 heads of livestock and submerged 8,070 mu (538 hectares) of farmland as of 7 pm on Sunday, officials said. An emergency response

plan was activated and the situation has been brought under control, officials said.

The prefecture, which the Ili River runs through, is located in northwestern Xinjiang, and may be susceptible to more flooding due to heavy snowfall last winter and the recent rise in temperature, according to local meteorological stations.—Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao pays a visit to Luzhuang Village of Beiwudu Township in Wuyang County, central China's Henan Province, on 17 March, 2012. Wen made an inspection tour in Linying County and Wuyang County in Luohe of Henan from 17 to 18 March. XINHUA



Members of Moiseyev Dance Ensemble perform during a road show in Budapest, capital of Hungary, on 17 March, 2012.—XINHUA

Dusty weather to shroud northwest China

BEIJING, 20 March—A cold front will bring dusty and windy weather to most regions in northwestern China over the coming three days, according to the forecast issued by the national observatory on Tuesday.

The cold front will also cause temperature drops of 6 to 8 degrees Celsius in some parts of Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, Gansu Province, Qinghai Province and Inner Mongolia autonomous region during the period, the National Meteorological Centre said.

Temperatures in some of these regions will fall by 10 to 12 degrees Celsius, while some areas will experience sandstorms or snow, the observatory said.

Meanwhile, southern parts of China are set to experience light or moderate rains in the upcoming few days. Some areas, including southern parts of Chongqing municipality, central parts of Anhui and Jiangsu Provinces and northern parts of Jiangxi Province, will see heavy rainfall of up to 70 millimetres in 24 hours.—Xinhua

Six hikers swept away by avalanche in Norway

OSLO, 20 March—Six hikers, possibly French, were swept away by an avalanche in northern Norway on Monday, a local police chief told AFP.

"Around 2:30 pm (1330 GMT), we were informed that an expedition of 12 people had been taken by an avalanche. According to initial, unconfirmed information, six of them were carried away by the avalanche and they could be French," Tromsø police chief Tor-Einar Eilertsen said. "We have scrambled significant resources to try to find them," he added.

Rescue workers and several helicopters were rushed to the avalanche site, which according to local media was on the Sorbmegaisa mountain in the Kaafjord municipality.

According to Eilertsen, the expedition team was equipped with radio transmitters which could aid the search.

Avalanches are common in Norway at this time of year as blocks of snow and ice begin crumbling under the first rays of spring sun.—Internet



Mini-tornado rips through Australian city

SYDNEY, 20 March—A mini-tornado tore through the northeastern Australian city of Townsville on Tuesday, ripping roofs off houses and causing severe damage to the power system, emergency service officials said.

The Queensland State Emergency Service said it had received dozens of calls for help, with nine people needing treatment, mostly for cuts and abrasions. "Early this morning a mini-tornado tore through the suburb of Vincent resulting in 25 to 30 houses being damaged. Some have lost their roofs," a spokeswoman told AFP.

Meteorologists, who said the freak storm could not officially be called a tornado as there was no funnel, recorded winds of up to 111 kilometres per hour, leaving thousands of homes without power. One resident told Sky

News that when the storm hit it sounded like "a jet taking off". Another said it was like "being in a washing machine".

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, who faces being thrown out of office in state elections this weekend, said it was a frightening experience for the people affected. "It appears to be something akin to a mini-tornado. It has taken roofs off houses and there's a lot of vegetation down and that's caused enormous damage," she said.

She added the suburbs of Vincent, Pimlico and Gulliver had been affected, with heavy rain continuing to fall into the exposed interiors of roofless homes.

"These are very heavily populated areas of Townsville so there's no doubt that a lot of people have had a very scary

experience this morning."

The town was officially declared a disaster area, which allows victims access to cash grants for rebuilding and other support and provides for the defence force to be called in to help if needed.

Photos posted on Twitter and other social media

showed widespread destruction with Vincent resident Beth Simmons telling ABC radio the storm lasted about 20 minutes.

"Suddenly one of my windows flung open. When I went to shut it, the other one flung open and broke on my arm," she said, adding that she sheltered in the bathroom as the storm raged.—Internet



An image grab taken from a broadcast by ABC TV on 20 March, 2012 shows the damage caused by a devastating mini-tornado which tore through the Australian city of Townsville.—INTERNET

India to start work on stalled nuclear plant



Tamil Nadu's chief minister Jayalalitha. INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 20 March—The southern Indian State of Tamil Nadu on Monday gave the green light for work to start on a massive nuclear power station stalled for months amid protests over safety concerns, a report said.

Tamil Nadu's chief minister announced the decision to begin work on two 1000-megawatt nuclear reactors in Koodankulam with Russian help following an approval by the state cabinet, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

"In accordance with the cabinet

decision, immediate steps will be taken (to start the commissioning) of the plant," PTI quoted Chief Minister Jayalalitha, who uses only one name, as saying in a statement.

Work on the project was stalled last September following mass protests by villagers and activists over safety concerns. Jayalalitha urged political parties and protesters not to disrupt the project, which will tackle the state's severe power shortages.

Russian Ambassador to India Alexander Kadakin last month voiced his country's frustration over the delays.

"We cannot allow our scientists to remain idle endlessly. For months together, they are without work," Kadakin said.

Other protests have also thrown into disarray plans to build a power plant in the western state of Maharashtra.

India last month froze the assets of three non-profit groups it alleged were diverting foreign aid funds to fuel the anti-nuclear protests.

Nuclear energy has been a priority for India since 2008 when then US president George W. Bush signed into law a deal with New Delhi that ended a three-decade ban on US nuclear trade with the country.

Since then, France, Russia and private US and Japanese firms have been locked in fierce competition to sell new reactors to India.

Internet

WWII artillery shells found in NE China

HARBIN, 20 March—Four artillery shells discarded by Japanese troops around the time of World War II have been found in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, local police said Tuesday.

The shells, about 18 cm in length, were unearthed 2 meters underground at two construction sites on 7 and 8 March in Qiqihar city's Tiefeng district, said an officer with the district's police station. Following an investigation, experts confirmed the shells were left by Japanese troops, and they have relocated the shells to a safe site for final destruction.

Qiqihar was the headquarters of the Japanese Kwantung Army's No 516 and No 526 troops equipped with chemical weapons during World War II.

On 18 Sept, 1931, Japanese forces attacked the barracks of Chinese troops in northeast China's Shenyang, Liaoning Province, marking the beginning of the Japanese invasion and occupation that lasted 14 years.

After the Japanese army was defeated in 1945, they buried a large quantity of chemicals weapons, shells and bombs underground.—Xinhua

Health infrastructures built in Chin and Shan States to provide health care services to national races in those regions



Haka General Hospital in Chin State (upper) is a health facility providing health care services to local national races in the region, and the out-patient department of the general hospital (left).



Archive: Maung Nyein Aye

Translation: TLA

Tachilek General Hospital opened in Shan State (East) is a health infrastructure now providing health care services to local people in border areas.



- * Measures are being taken for improvement of health sector in Chin State and Shan State, while striving for development of regions in those states that lagged behind in development in the past.
- * In providing health care services to national races in the states, priority is being given to opening of new hospitals and upgrading of hospitals already in place.

The 200-bed Loilem Specialist Hospital in Loilem District, Shan State (South) was opened with the aim of providing health care services to local people in the region.



UAE to make camel milk ice-cream

ABU DHABI, 20 March —In a first of its kind, a leading producer of dairy products in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is planning to introduce a new variety of ice cream created from camel milk.

The Al Ain Dairy said it will be the first such product made out of camel milk in the UAE, and also in flavours hitherto unavailable in conventional ice cream.

“We have spent a lot of time creating flavours that we feel are different and most importantly not available in the market,” said Abdullah Saif Al Darmaki, chief executive officer of Al Ain Dairy. Camel milk, which is slightly saltier than cow’s milk, is an integral part of the traditional Arabian diet.

The milk has numerous health benefits that are

often reported in scientific and health researches.

Al Darmaki said the technology for making camel milk ice cream was exactly the same as that made from cow’s milk.

“But we wanted to do something completely different, which is why we have invested in new technology to produce a range of camel milk ice creams in niche flavours,” he said.

The ice cream will be produced with pure camel milk, with no additives.

Four flavours have been created for the ice cream and Al Darmaki hoped they will attract people. He said both UAE citizens and expatriates enjoy ice cream in four flavours — dates, saffron, caramel and chocolate.—*Internet*

California girl, 8, killed by falling tree

ARNOLD, 20 March —A towering pine tree fell following northern California’s weekend snowstorm, landing on a house and killing an 8-year-old girl inside, authorities said. Hailey Verzani’s body was found in her bedroom in her family’s Arnold residence about 6:30 am Sunday, pinned between the 100-foot-tall tree and her bed, KTXL-TV, Sacramento, reported.

“The whole house is torn up. It’s awful,” said a cousin, Kim Christopher. Ebbetts Pass District Fire Chief Dave Baugher said firefighters had to use

rescue equipment to secure the tree before being able to remove the child’s body.

The third-grader’s mother, Lindsey Jacoby, and her mother’s boyfriend escaped without serious injuries.

Relatives said they had noticed the big tree was leaning and could fall, but since it was on a neighbour’s property they didn’t know what to do about it. “We just didn’t know it was going to fall on her like that,” Christopher said.

Internet

UEC Chairman meets chairmen and members of sub-commissions

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye yesterday met with chairmen and members of Mon State Election Sub-commission, Mawlamyine District and Township Sub-commissions at Aung San Hall of Mon State General Administration Department.

First, the Chairman of the Union Election Commission extended greetings. Chairman of the Mon State Election Sub-commission U Thein Tun Aye reported on preparation for successfully holding the by-election, Chairman of the District Sub-commission U Khin Tun on tasks being carried out for the by-election and Chairman of Township Sub-commission U Htay Lwin on work preparations.

The Chairman of the UEC gave instructions on holding free and fair by-election.—MNA

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister meets locals in Maubin Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung together with Region Minister for Transportation U Than Tun made an inspection tour

of Maubin Home for the Ages on 18 March morning. Afterwards, the Region Chief Minister paid homage to ancient Sakyar Muni Hsutaungpyae bronze image

in Kyonesot Village in Maubin Township and then greeted local people.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects roads and bridges works

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, on 17 March, inspected Pyay-Okshitpin road, Okshitpin-Batye-Yaynantha-Ngathaingyoung-Yaykyi-Tonegwa-Kankalay (Pathein-Monywa road section-1) and construction of conduits.

After that, he also looked into Paybin river-crossing bridge on Pathein-Ngaputaw road to be opened soon, tarmacking of Pathein-Ngaputaw road and Thekel Creek bridge.

MNA

Development of fish breeding educated in Taikkyi Township



TAIKKYI, 21 March—The talks on development of fish breeding was held in Okkan-Shansu Village of Taikkyi Township in

Yangon Region on 16 March morning. Staff Officer Daw Aye Aye Thein of Fresh Water Research Unit, Staff Officer

Daw Maw Maw Than of Fish Disease Branch and staff members gave talks on development of fish breeding industry and prevention against death of fish in high temperature.

They then inspected quality of water at fish ponds.

In the afternoon, the official team inspected the application on fishery breeding and production of Nay Lin and Sons Company established by U Aye Lwin in Gawt Village-tract.

Myanma Alin

Bago Region WAO chair reach out to local Chin damsels

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Chair of Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw May Thu, Chair of Pyay District WAO

Daw Bauk Nan, the chair of Padaung WAO and party met local Chin national damsels in Kyweye village in Talotebin village-tract in

Padaung Township on 16 March. They participated in a symposium and observed the making of traditional costumes.—MNA

ASEAN integration workshop held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—A workshop was held in Myat Taw Win Hotel here this morning under programme of Section (2) of ASEAN Integration Initiative.

Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ASEAN Secretariat office and New Zealand delivered speeches and posed with those present for documentary photo.

A total of 25 trainees from nine ministries are attending the workshop which continues till 22 March.

MNA

Union CPT Minister undertakes regional development tasks in Myaing Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—"Education plays an important role in human resource development of a country. So, local people are urged to nurture their offspring to be qualified human resource," said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun in meeting with officials,

townselders, local people, teachers and students at Hsinswe village of Myaing Township, Magway Region on 18 March.

After that, wife of the Union Minister donated uniforms for the teachers and wellwishers, cash for education fund. Then, he attended the opening ceremony of rural health care

centre (branch) in Theetone village and a ceremony to present permit of opening middle school (branch) from post-primary school by Ministry of Education in Nyaunggon village. Afterwards, he inspected construction of road and completion of tube well in Hannaungthoebin village in Alekan village-tract.—MNA

Conference on Media Development in Myanmar continues for second day

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MNA



YANGON, 20 March—The Conference on Media Development in Myanmar, jointly organized by the Ministry of Information and UNESCO, continued for the second day at Chatrium Hotel, here, this morning.

Director-General U Ye Htut of the Information and Public Relations Department and Leader of DW-AKADEMIE's Media Development Dr Helmut Osang presided over the conference.

International Director Mr Johan Romare of Fojo Media Institute of Linnaeus University submitted the paper "Formal journalism education versus on the job capacity development and why training often fails", Media Trainer U Ye Naing Moe "Capacity building for journalists in Myanmar-

major challenges, needs and opportunities", and Chairman of Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC) of the Philippines Mr Ramon P Tuazon "Towards a competency-based continuing education programme for Myanmar journalists" and replied to the queries.

Next, Media Trainer U Ye Naing Moe and Director Mr Johan Romare of Fojo Institute presided over the conference. Member of International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) Executive Committee, Asia/Pacific Mr Christopher John Warren read the paper "Shaping Journalism-how journalists work together", Founder and Managing Director U Soe Myint of Mizzama Media "Collective Responsibilities of different media stakeholders in strengthening democratic transition" and Regional Director Mr Oren Murphy of Asia, Interview "Rights and Ethics of the journalists in democratic transition and replied to the queries.

After that, U Tin Maung Than of Myanmar Egress and Director Mr Muhammad Amir Rana of Pak Institute for Peace

Studies, Islamabad chaired the conference. Director Mr Eric Soulier of Mediterranean Region and Asia, Canal France International-(CFI) read the paper "Can media help building durable peace and development? The CFI experience in Africa, Middle East and Asia", Writer and Adviser Editor U Soe Thein (Maung Wun Tha) of the People's Age Journal "On-going peace negotiations in Myanmar and the role of media", and Regional Director Ms Johanna Son of InterPressService-Asia Pacific "Reporting Development and Public Journalism in the Context of Peace building" and replied to queries raised by those present.

Executive Director Mr Jesper Hojberg of International Media Support and Adviser for Communication & Information in Asia, UNESCO Ms Susanne Ornager presided over the conference. Ms Lyndal Barry of Pyoe Pin Program, Myanmar and Chief Editor U Thiha Saw of Open News Weekly journal discussed matters related to the conference, and it came to an end in the evening.

MNA

Shwe-U Min Pagoda festival held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—To mark Shwe-U Min Natural Cave Pagoda Taboung Festival in Pindaya Township, Shan State, volleyball competition, Sepak Takraw competition, greasing pole contest and traditional cane ball competition were held at the foot of Pagoda, on 3-8 March. Chairman of Leading Body of Danu Self-administered Zone U Htoo Ko Ko, Secretary U Soe Naing, departments and sports fons enjoyed it.

MNA

EP-1 Minister inspects Yenwe Hydropower plant

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min inspected inflow of water, storage of water and maintenances of sluice gate, running of hydropower plant, swift yard and tail-race channel in Yenwe Dam in Kyaukdaga Township in Bago Region yesterday. He gave instructions on giving training to become skilled workers and maintenances of turbines for running at full capacity. Yenwe Hydro power plant with installed capacity of 25 Megawatt can distribute 123 million KW hours yearly to the State's power grid. —MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Chinese, Japanese guests

YANGON, 20 March—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received Vice-Chairman Mr Zhu Longsheng of Jiangsu Province People's Congress Standing Committee and party at the hall of Yangon Region Government at 9 am this morning. They discussed cooperation between Yangon Region and Jiangsu Province. Also present at the call were Speaker of Yangon Region U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and Region Hluttaw representatives. Likewise, the Region Chief Minister received Civil Infrastructure Adviser Mr Masahiko Suzuki to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and party at his office at 11 am and discussed cooperation in development of Yangon. Also present at the call were Yangon Mayor Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Forestry and Energy U Kyaw Soe and Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint.—MNA

Old bomb kills three workers in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—While clearing the old iron wares, an explosion killed three workers at Naing Soe Paing-2 Foundry in Ward H in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay at 11 am yesterday. The blast occurred at Naing Soe Paing-2 Foundry in Block (Na Na 23/B) on Thakin Pho Hla Gyi Road between 68th and 69th Streets in Ward H of Pyigyidagun Township at 11 am yesterday. In their inspections, the local authorities and security officials found two old artillery shells with gunpowder, six assorted artillery shells without gunpowder, three old mortar shells with propeller without gunpowder, one old shell with a cap, six assorted old shells without gunpowder, one old projectile to be bombed from the aircraft and two old bullets, one six-pound hammer and old iron wares near the dead persons. The authorities concerned provided necessary security measures to the foundry. File was opened for the case.—MNA



HEALTH KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATED: A ceremony to hand over the building of rural health centre was held in conjunction with the talks on health knowledge at the building of the center in Tawwi Model Village in Nyaunglebin Township on 29 February. Township Medical Officer Dr Win Shwe Win broadens horizon of the local people with knowledge about HIV, AIDS, TB and malaria diseases.—MYANMA ALIN

Mon State Chief Minister meets local people in Kyaikto, Bilin, Thaton

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint on 18 March paid homage to Hmeshindaw Pagoda in Kyaikto. At the township General Administration Department, he met departmental personnel, townsenders and members of social organizations, and then inspected Township Hospital. In Bilin Township, he looked into Alulay Village Basic Education High School and Sasana Beikman. He also met local people at Thuwunna Hall in Thaton. —MNA

Third regular session of first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The third regular session of the first Taninthayi Region Hluttaw continued for the fourth day this morning, attended by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw U Htin Aung Kyaw and 27 Hluttaw representatives. The Hluttaw replied to five questions, approved the regional plan bill for 2012-2013 fiscal year, replied to two proposals and approved them. —MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee Chairman meets JICA judicial consultant

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat received Senior Judicial Consultant Mr Naoshi Sato of JICA Myanmar Office at No. 1 Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Building in Hluttaw Complex here this morning. They exchanged views on judicial affairs. The meeting was also attended by members of the bill committee and officials of Hluttaw Office. —MNA

Kumudra Library gives services to local readers in Pyapon

PYAPON, 21 March—A ceremony to open Kumudra Library was held in conjunction with the books and furniture donation and the setting up of trust-fund for the library in Thameinhntaw Theingon Village of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region on 15 March morning.



The building of the library was built with the contributions of the State and the local people. The ceremonies took place in front of the village library and at Kyunchaunggyi Dhammayon of Tawlon Monastery.

At first, Pyapon Township Administrator U Hla Htay, Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department U Zaw Min, Staff Officer of the District IPRD U San Win (Rtd) and Village Administrator U Okkar formally opened the library. Wellwishers donated books, publications, furniture to the library and cash to its fund. —Myanma Alin

Billows of Smoke

Every change is inevitable. So too was communism in Eastern Europe. And the wave of economic reform throughout the region followed opening up new markets. One was for tobacco giants like Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds and Britain's B.A.T. Industries. One industry chairman said, "This is one of the most exciting times that I have seen in the tobacco business for the last 40 years", and he wasn't exaggerating. If you had ever ducked into a café in Warsaw, Prague, Budapest or Moscow, you would find the place always smoke-clogged. More than 160 million smokers light up 700 billion cigarettes annually. Nowhere is larger than this tobacco trade outside of China.

Than Daing Kaung (Meiktila)

The biggest prize was the former Soviet Union. In July 1992, R.J. Reynolds became the first foreign tobacco company to manufacture in Russia. Competition was stiff. In the following September, Philip Morris made an agreement with local authorities to construct its own 100 million factory in St. Petersburg to produce 10 billion cigarettes a year.

Some health officials worry that the sophisticated Western-inspired advertising would push more people to take up the habit. In fact, they should have. Hungarian and Czechoslovakian males have the two highest reported death rates from cancer among 48 countries. Smoking related

diseases are blamed for short life spans throughout the old Soviet bloc.

Tobacco's free ride will not last. The anti-smoking movement is starting to find its feet. The Polish city of Krakow took the first step. A controversial Law passed in 1992 prohibited smoking in public places such as schools, stadiums, hospitals and municipal buildings the first person to be caught was the Chief of the municipal police, who was fined for puffing in his office.

Such a case was found in our school several years ago. Our Headmistress, Daw Thein, was very strict. She ordered the school must be tobacco-free. When one teacher saw the Headmistress's son smoking a cigarette, she reported it to Daw Thein. The Grade 10- student was beaten severely at the assembly.

"National discipline starts at the school", my Headmistress told me.

Shwegyin plans to conduct cultural course

SHWEGYIN, 20 March—A ceremony to seek Ovadakatha for opening of the first township cultural course in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region was held at Pinyinna Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Shwegyin on 28 February noon. Hsinyon Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Mandala gave an Ovadakatha. Col Kyaw Naing of the local station, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung and Commander of Township

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Police Force Police Captain Khin Maung Win donated 500 copies of teacher's guide book and townselder U Maung Pon K 600,000.

Township Education Officer U Ohn Myint accepted the donations.

Myanma Alin

Monastic education school building put into service in Madauk



MADAUK, 20 March—In commemoration of the 79th birthday of Panngweyon Tawya Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region, a ceremony to open the new building of

No. 6 Monastic Education School was held in the compound of old Panngweyon Tawya Monastery on 15 March morning.

Panngweyon Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumana-bhivamas, Lecturer Sayadaw of Panngweyon Tawya Monastery Bhaddanta Sobhana, Township Administrator U Thihan Soe, Township Education Officer U Ye Lwin, Chairman of Township Writers and Journalists Association Dr Myint Than, Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Paing, wellwishers Captain Khin Win (Rtd)-Daw Mu Mu,

U Tin Aung Soe-Daw Khaing Wah Wah, Staff Officer U Myint Wai of Myanmar Radio and Television of Yangon, Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Hla Kyi and Myoma Ward 1 Administrator U Mya Thein formally opened the new building.

It was 90 feet by 30 feet one-storey building. The road to the school is 350 feet long and five feet wide concrete facility. The refectory is 56 feet by 25 feet facility; and the wire mesh fencing, archway, iron gate and 120 feet long brick wall were donated by wellwishers.

Myanma Alin

Stake driven for construction of rural library in Machanbaw Township

MACHANBAW, 20 March—A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Shewam Library was held at the plot for the library in Namkham Village-tract of Machanbaw Township in Kachin State on 5 March morning.

Staff Officer U Aung Kyaw Tun of District Information and Public Relations

Department, Township Administrator U Nan Zae Phon Hsam, Village-tract Administrator U Khau Khun Htin Hsan and responsible persons drove stakes.

The library building will be 24 feet long, 14 feet wide and 12 feet high with corrugated iron sheet roofing, to be constructed with the contribution of the State.—Aung Kyaw Tun

Feedbacks invited to improve postal delivery system

MANDALAY, 20 March—Feedbacks difficulties and smoothness are being collected from customers who get express mail service and postal delivery services of post offices under the Directorate of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and

Telegraphs at respective communication centres in Yangon and Mandalay.

The feedback sheets are to be sent to the Directorate of Telecommunications (Head Office) to be able to provide better postal delivery services to the customers.

Kyemon



CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: In line with Moe Pwint-2 Plan, Head of Hopin Sub-Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Thant Zin and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens in Inlay Village of Hopin Sub-Township of Kachin State on 8 March.—TOWNSHIP IPRD

Myanmar Job Fairs 2012 kicks off

YANGON, 20 March—Myanmar Youth Entrepreneurs Association organized the opening of Myanmar Job Fairs 2012 on the first floor of UMFCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon Region on 17 March morning.

Chairman of the association Dr Win Sithu extended greetings.

Yangon Region Minister for Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo delivered an address. Yangon Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Soe Min, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of

Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and Chairman of Myanmar Youth Entrepreneurs Association Dr Win Sithu cut the ribbon to open the fair.

The Myanmar Job Fair was aimed at meeting the job hunter youths at single gather point, creating greater number of job opportunities and directly connecting enterprises and companies saving time and money.

The fair comprising 50 booths lasted up to 18 March from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

As a separate programme, the talks on human resources development will be held at 3 pm daily, and Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet and cartoonist Aw Pi Kyel will give talks.

Myanma Alin

Thakayta Township issues citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens



YANGON, 20 March—Staff Officer U Min Naung and staff of Thakayta Township Immigration and National Registration Department made a field trip to the wards.

On 13 March morning, they carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards under Moe Pwint-2 Plan at Ananda Thukha Dhammayon in East Ward 6 in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region.

Director of Yangon Region Immigration and National Registration Department U Ye Tun Oo, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Zaw Win Naing and Township Administrator U San Min supervised issuance of CSCs to eligible citizens.—Myanma Alin

Inter-village bridge rebuilt in Mawlu region



MAWLU, 20 March—Shwelaytan Bridge linking Theyintar Village and Kuseikkhokaung Village of Mawlu region in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region has been rebuilt on 26 February.

The 171 feet long and 15 feet and nine inches wide bridge was built at a cost of K 6.12 million.

Its clearance is 20 feet high.—Myanma Alin

Educative traffic rules talked in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 20 March—Shan State Directorate of Road Administration (Taunggyi) organized the talks on traffic rules and the vinyl poster show at the cultural course of Minkyauung Pariyatti Monastery in Kanauk Ward in Taunggyi on 8 March.

Inspector-II U Zaw Ko Ko Pe of the department gave talks on facts for motorcycle and road users and IP Myint Aung of Traffic Police Section, on dangers in car accidents with the use of projector. Later, the officials distributed pamphlets to the attendees.—Myanma Alin



MLF invites donation for cash, books

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

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

Rural people in Kalay Township get easy access to reading

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The new building of library namely Pyinnya Yaungchi was put into service in front of the new building in Santha (West) Village of Htaukkyant Village-tract in Kalay Township of Kalay District on 11 February morning.

Sagaing Region Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Than, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Yi and Staff Officer U Dai

Chint Pao of Kalay District Information and Public Relations Department formally opened the building.

At the donation ceremony, Sagaing Region Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Than donated K 15,000, Deputy Commissioner U Nyi Nyi Htwe of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U

DISTRICT NEWS

Khin Maung Yi and U Kyaw Hsan Lwin K 10,000 each, the village administrator K 30,000, Head of Township IPRD U Nyi Nyi Zaw, Myanmar Libraries Foundation 250 books, U Myint Win, U Po Cho and U Myint Lwin-Daw Than Than Aye family (Power Restaurant) of Htaukkyant Village various sorts of journals to the library.

Village-in-charge U Sam Keim accepted the donations.

The library building was constructed at a cost of K 1.9 million with the contributions of local people.—District IPRD

Summer cultural course commences in Kyauktan



YANGON, 20 March—Jointly organized by Kyauktan Township Information and Public Relations Department of Yangon South District and

Kyauktan Township Young Men's Buddhist Association, the summer cultural course was opened at Nyana Theikdi Hall of Aye Zedi Pariyatti Monastery in

Kyauktan on 5 March. Ovadaçariya of Township YMBA Aye Zedi Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abbot Bhaddanta Pañāsami gave an Ovada-katha.

Next, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Myint Ngwe explained the purpose of opening the training course.

The training course comprised basic Buddhist culture, Basic English course and art subject that lasted two weeks.

Township IPRD



CASH DONATED: In commemoration of the birthday of Sayagyi U Ngwe Tun, Sayagyi U Ngwe Tun (retired Township Education Officer)-Daw Khin Aye Aye family of Aungchantha Housing on East Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township of Yangon donated K 200,000 to the funds for construction of the hall of Kyauktan Home for the Aged recently. Chairman of the Home U Tun Hla Shwe and Manager U Myint Aung accept the cash donation.—Township IPRD

Age-wise vaccination of measles to cover children the whole nation

YANGON, 20 March—As the age-wise vaccination of measles will be undertaken across the country in March, the Ministry of Health urged that all the ministries, governments of regions and states, departmental organizations and social organizations related to the

health sector are to participate in their respective sectors in the programme.

The programmes for age-wise vaccination of measles will be carried out from 22 to 31 March.

Although the children from nine months to five years have received measles vaccination recently, they can get once more vaccination this time.

As a result, the children will have higher immune efficiency against measles disease and they will possess capabilities to prevent the outbreaks of disease.

The Central Committee was formed for achieving success in process of age-wise measles vaccination.

The Central Committee has the functions to adopt the work policies, strategies, supervise tasks of the respective subcommittees and fulfill the requirements so as to implement the better supplement vaccination programme.

It was reported that their programmes will be disseminated to the people through posters and TV programmes.

Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED: The training course for Kawa Township Election Sub-Commission of Bago Region and Ward/Village-tract Sub-commissions was conducted at the meeting hall of Kawa Township General Administration Department on 25 March. Chairman of Bago Region Election Sub-commission U Win Maung delivers an opening address.—TES



Monyo Township gets new building of village library



NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The opening ceremony of Bawa Alinyaung Library took place in Myaukkokkon Inwin Village in Myaukkokkon Village-tract of Monyo Township in Bago Region on 22 February morning.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Sanda Lin, Myaukkokkon Village-tract Administrator U Win Naing Tun and Library Committee Chairman U Tin Soe formally cut the ribbon to open the library.

After that, wellwishers donated books, publications and furniture to the library. Head of Township IPRD Daw Sanda Lin, on behalf of Myanmar Libraries Foundation, donated 400 books, six wellwishers five chest boards worth K 259,000, Ananta Myitta Karuna Foundation 20 fibre chairs worth K 44000 and one eight feet long table worth K 25,000.

The building of the library is 25 feet long, 20 feet wide and 12 feet high. It was donated by Ananta Myitta Karuna Foundation.—Township IPRD

Illegal two-digit lottery seller seized in Wundwin

WUNDWIN, 20 March—According to the gambling eradication plan, Wundwin Township Police Force searched the house of U Htay Oo in Gon Village of the township on 16 March.

The authorities seized documents on gambling and K 38600 as wagers on sales of

illegal two-digit lottery in the presence of the witnesses.

Commander of Wundwin Township Police Force Captain Khin Zaw opened the file Pa 60/2012 against U Htay Oo at Wundwin Police Station under Sections 15(a)/16 (a) of Gambling Act.—Kyemom



GSM SIM cards sold in seven townships of Rakhine State

SITTWAY, 20 March—Under the supervision of Rakhine State government, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and IGE Company jointly put GSM SIM cards on sales as of 14 March.

With the aim of ensuring

smooth telecommunications, a total of 9900 GSM SIM cards are being sold to the local people in Sittway, 2700 cards each in Kyaukpyu, MraukU, Thandwe, Yanbye, An and Taungup at the same time.

Myanma Alin



Follow-up news on fire

MEIKTILA, 20 March—With regard to follow-up news on midnight fire of Meiktila, it started from the stove fire of a house on Yadana Street in Yadana Manaung Ward of Meiktila. The fire left 44 family

members homeless. In last couple of days, the majority of fire broke out in some townships due to wire shock. Due to negligent fire, the local people sorrowfully lost their property.—Myanma Alin

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SEA ZENITH VOY NO (-)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA ZENITH VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W-(1) 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING
CO LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV LONG THINH STAR VOY NO (02/17)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV LONG THINH STAR VOY NO (02/17) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-(3) 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S RK SHIPPING & TRADING
PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (139)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (139) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (4) 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING
CO LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV PHILIP VOY NO (009)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHILIP VOY NO (009) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (111)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (111) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (297)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (297) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.3.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**South African police to communicate better
with public**

PRETORIA, 20 March—Police in South Africa will take steps to improve communication with the public to ensure communities are updated on the work they are doing, state-run news agency *BuaNews* reported.

This was agreed to at a meeting between Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa and acting National Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Nhlhla Mkhwanazi.

According to the

ministry, when a member of the public reports a case, some police officers take down statements but do not give updates on investigations to complainants, particularly in areas where progress has been made such as arrests or sentencing of a criminal. Such lack of communication leads to the impression that police are not effective, the ministry said. "To correct this, communication and interactions are going to be improved at police station

level because that is where investigators interface directly with the public," it said.

This will be done as part of an ongoing training of police officers, particularly through community forums as well as directly with crime victims.

The officials also agreed that monitoring of police stations needed to be reviewed to allow communities to get involved in the process. "Police station commanders must attend community policing forums regularly and must be known within the communities which they are policing," the ministry said. The meeting also reflected on the need for police to work towards more convictions.

"Policing in South Africa must now be taken to a higher level, we need to move beyond arrests. What will build confidence in the justice system is when police secure more convictions. To secure convictions, we would need better-trained investigators who present watertight cases in courts," the minister said.

Internet



Smoke rises from the Zhongcai Mansion in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 18 March, 2012. Fire fighters try to extinguish the flames after a fire broke out at the mansion around 3:00 pm local time on Sunday. The casualties of the fire is unknown by far.—XINHUA



China's first private plane 4S shop opens in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province.—INTERNET

**Three die in Colombian plane
crash**

BOGOTA, 20 March—Three people were killed when a small plane hit power lines and crashed in Colombia's Santander Province, police said.

The Cessna 182 took off Saturday from the petroleum port of Barrancabermeja and

hit some power lines, Santander police chief Col Jose Rafael Silva said.

One of the victims was a former mayor of Barrancabermeja, which is in north-central Colombia, and the other two occupants were businessmen.—*Internet*

**Newly married Pakistani cop,
wife robbed**

ISLAMABAD, 20 March—A policeman who was returning home with his wife after their marriage was robbed at gunpoint in Pakistan's Punjab Province, a media report said on Monday.

The incident took place in Gujranwala Town when the policeman and his wife were headed home after their wedding, *Geo News* reported. The groom's vehicle was stopped and cash and jewellery was snatched from the couple as well as other guests.—*Internet*

**Six dead in
China building
collapse**

KUNMING, 20 March—Six people have been confirmed dead and nine others injured in a building collapse in southwest China's Yunnan Province on Monday, local authorities said on Tuesday.

Search and rescue work ended Tuesday morning after rescuers located all the 15 construction workers trapped in the debris, according to a press release from the Dali City committee of the Communist Party of China. It said five of the survivors were in critical conditions and the other four suffered slight injuries.

The building, a steel structure in Xiaoguanyi village of Xiaguang Township in Dali, toppled at 1:38 pm on Monday. The local government sent more than 2,500 people to join the rescue work, which lasted for more than 10 hours, according to the document. The collapsed building was an illegal structure built without a construction permit, and local authorities had asked its builders to suspend construction on 15 March, said Zhao Hui, the city's publicity chief.—*Xinhua*

US man buried under mound of pinto beans dies

A 56-year-old man was killed when he was buried under a 20-foot (six-metre) mound of pinto beans at a warehouse in eastern Colorado where he worked, police said.

Raymond Segura Jr was pronounced dead at the Brush, Colorado, facility of the Kelley Bean Company after efforts to reach him alive were unsuccessful, Morgan County Undersheriff Dave Martin said.

"We moved several tons of beans to get to him," Martin said in a telephone interview.

Martin said emergency personnel were summoned to the site at 11:30 am on reports of a worker trapped in a pile of loose pinto beans.

Martin said dozens of rescue workers and even four inmates from the county jail spent an hour digging through a mound of the legumes to get to the trapped worker, but he was dead when crews reached him.

Segura had worked at the warehouse for between 12 and 15 years, Martin said. The cause of the accident, how the victim became trapped and the exact cause of death are under investigation.

News Album

'Jersey Shore' to start filming on 6th season

LOS ANGELES, 20 March—MTV says it's bringing "Jersey Shore" back for a sixth season, with expectant mom Snooki as part of the action. MTV said Monday that Production will begin this summer in Seaside Heights, NJ, and all of "America's favorite housemates" will return.

That includes Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, who's engaged and expecting her first child.

MTV declined to offer specifics on how big a part Snooki will play in the show about hard-partying Italian-American friends.

Polizzi and Jenni "JWoww" Farley are filming a "Jersey Shore" spinoff. Another show spinoff, "The Pauly D Project," debuts on 29 March.

"Jersey Shore: The Reunion" airs at 10 pm EDT Thursday, and MTV promises the drama of the past season "comes to a head," during the get-together.—*Internet*

Man takes tutu pics for breast cancer

A New York photographer said his wife's bout with breast cancer inspired him to pose in a tutu in locations including Italy and New York's Times Square.

Bob Carey said he first took a picture of himself wearing a tutu as a joke when he finished a ballet-related project in 2003 and the joke became a full-blown project later in the year when his wife, Linda, was diagnosed with breast cancer, *The New York Daily News* reported on Monday. "Bob is not like a lot of men," Linda said. "He's not afraid to put himself in a vulnerable spot."

Carey, who said the project helped him "cope" with Linda's illness, said he

has since posed wearing nothing but the tutu and a pair of pink shorts in locations including Atlantic City, NJ, a Delaware ferry, New York's Times Square and Italy.

Carey said he is hoping his Web site, thetutuproject.com, will gather enough donations to collect the photographs into a book. He said the book would raise funds for breast cancer research.



"My wife really wants to inspire other women," he said. "She's been doing this for eight and a half years now. She's really a miracle."

Bob Carey is hoping to raise funds for breast cancer research through his photos which can be purchased through his website, thetutuproject.com.

Stolen ambulance driven more than 40 miles

Someone stole an ambulance from outside a hospital in Atlantic City, NJ, and drove it to a bar about 40 miles away, police said.

Atlantic City police Detective Edward Riege said the ambulance was stolen early Sunday from the emergency room entrance at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Centre. Investigators used a Global Positioning System tracker to follow the stolen vehicle, *the Press of Atlantic City* reported. Riege said the man stopped at Larry's Bar in Millville, more than 40 miles from the hospital, before abandoning the ambulance nearby. He said investigators are working to identify the suspect.



In this file photo, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi poses for a portrait in New York. MTV says it's bringing "Jersey Shore" back for a sixth season, with expectant mother Snooki part of the action.—INTERNET

Celine Dion recovering from inflamed vocal chords

LAS VEGAS, 20 March—Singer Celine Dion says she is recovering from a virus that caused an inflammation of her vocal chords and is planning to return to the stage in Las Vegas soon. Dion said in a statement Monday that she received good news last week during a follow-up examination with her doctor in Los Angeles.

She says she should be fully recovered by mid-April. That's when she hopes to start recording songs for her new English and French albums.

Dion announced last month that she was cancelling her shows at Las Vegas' Caesars Palace until 9 June because of her illness.

The singer of romantic odes including "My Heart Will Go On" and "It's All Coming Back to Me Now" returned to Caesars Palace a year ago for a three-year engagement.



Internet **Singer Celine Dion**



Actress Kate Hudson and musician Matthew Bellamy.
INTERNET

Report: Hudson and Bellamy not married

NEW YORK, 20 March—A source close to Kate Hudson says the Hollywood actress has not married singer Matt Bellamy, despite a remark made by Hudson's mom, film star Goldie Hawn.

Hudson and Bellamy, who are engaged, welcomed their first child, a son, last year.

Hawn sparked wedding-bell buzz when she told Britain's *Evening Standard* newspaper: "When my daughter Kate married an English rock star it didn't worry me. All that matters is that the relationship is a good one."

But a source close to Hudson told *US Magazine.com* Hawn didn't mean Hudson and Bellamy were literally married.

The insider pointed out Hawn has been with her partner, actor Kurt Russell, for decades and refers to him as her husband, even though they have never wed.

Internet

Tia Carrere gets the boot on 'Apprentice'

NEW YORK, 20 March—Actress and singer Tia Carrere was fired on the latest edition of "The Celebrity Apprentice" in New York.

Carrere was eliminated from the business-themed competition series after the team she led lost its challenge in Sunday night's episode.

Still competing this season are comedian Arsenio Hall, rocker Dee Snider, one-time "Incredible Hulk" star Lou Ferrigno, magician/comedian Penn Jillette, "American Chopper" star Paul Teutul Sr, pop singer Debbie Gibson, comedienne Lisa Lampanelli, former Miss Universe Dayana Mendoza, singer and actress Aubrey O'Day, actress and model Patricia Velasquez and "Real

Housewives of New Jersey" star Teresa Giudice.

Already eliminated from the show are radio host Adam Carolla, "Star Trek" actor George Takei, IndyCar icon Michael Andretti, author Victoria Gotti and supermodel Cheryl Tiegs.

The last person standing will receive a \$250,000 check to be given to a designated charity.

Internet



Actress Tia Carrere

Gloriana singer Tom Gossin gets engaged



Tom Gossin of the band Gloriana

NASHVILLE, 20 March—Tom Gossin of the country band Gloriana is engaged to longtime girlfriend Jamie Moffett. He announced the engagement during a hometown show in upstate New York. His publicist,

Denise Carberry, confirmed the news.

Gossin popped the question 1 March on the couple's 10-year anniversary. He says in a statement that the timing couldn't have been more perfect since they were with close friends on their anniversary. Gossin says he more perfect since they were with close friends on their anniversary. Gossin says he more perfect since they were with close friends on their anniversary. Gossin says he more perfect since they were with close friends on their anniversary.

Gloriana also includes Gossin's brother, Mike, and Rachel Reinert. A fourth member, Cheyenne Kimball, abruptly left the group last July. The band's hits include "Wild at Heart" and "How Far Do You Wanna Go."

Internet

Paltrow denies she had ghostwriter for cookbook

NEW YORK, 20 March—Actress Gwyneth Paltrow took to Twitter to deny a *New York Times* report saying she used a ghostwriter for her cookbook "My Father's Daughter."

The *Times* last week ran an article called "I Was a Cookbook Ghostwriter," featuring a picture of the cover of Paltrow's cookbook with a caption that said, "Gwyneth Paltrow's ghostwriter is Julia Turshen."

The newspaper reported Turshen is "writing a second cookbook with Gwyneth Paltrow after their collaboration on 'My Father's Daughter.'" But Paltrow objected to the article, caption and use of photo in a weekend tweet.—*Internet*



American actress Gwyneth Paltrow



Alisa Kleybanova of Russia celebrates her victory against Shahar Peer of Israel during their Madrid Open tennis match on 2 May, 2011.—REUTERS

Kleybanova returns to the court after cancer battle

KEY BISCAYNE, 20 March—Alisa Kleybanova says she will bring a whole new approach to her tennis career when she returns to tournament action on Tuesday after a ten month battle with cancer. The Russian was in the top 20 and tipped to rise higher in the game before she was diagnosed with stage two Hodgkins lymphoma after the Italian Open last May. After undergoing chemotherapy in Italy, the 22-year-old is now ready to restart her career as a wild card at the Sony Ericsson, where she faces Sweden's Johanna Larsson in the first round. "I don't want to think about rankings, I just want to be on the court and feel good. I just want to be myself," she told reporters. "I have a huge motivation to just live at 100 percent, every day of my life." Kleybanova, who has won twice on the WTA tour, said she had been suffering excessive fatigue and flu-like symptoms for some time before medical tests produced the shocking news. *Reuters*

Venus Williams relaunching fashion line, planning Grand-Slam themed ranges

WASHINGTON, 20 March—Venus Williams is relaunching her EleVen by Venus Williams clothing line designed for on and off court, with a range inspired by the French Open, Wimbledon, Summer Olympics and US Open. The tennis star originally launched EleVen for US store Steve & Barry's, although the chain went into liquidation in 2008. She has since partnered with brands including Ralph Lauren and Gilt Group, and the relaunch of EleVen is set to feature items such as a tournament dress, classic flutter skirt and tank tops for women and polos and V-necks for men. Distribution will be aimed at specialty and department stores. The sportswoman will bring her personality to the range, with some styles having messages handwritten from Williams such as "Bring It," and "Oh & Oh, Beat 'Em". Venus's sister Serena has a long-term sponsorship deal with Nike, and earlier this year collaborated with the sports giant on a capsule collection in honor of the 36th anniversary of Black History Month. Venus hopes to see other tennis players wearing the range on court though. "That would be amazing. That's definitely our goal going forward. Our next step is to show other players wearing it," she told WWD. *Internet*



US tennis player Venus Williams

International Sports

Osvaldo boosts Roma Champions League hopes

ROME, 20 March—Roma gave their outside hopes of a top-three finish in Serie A a shot in the arm on Monday night with a 1-0 win against Genoa thanks to an early strike from Pablo Daniel Osvaldo.

The Argentine — returning to the side after a two-match ban — scored what proved to be the only goal of the game in the third minute to take Roma clear in sixth place with 44 points.

Luis Enrique's side are now four points behind city rivals Lazio, who lie third, and three adrift of both Napoli and Udinese. Genoa, meanwhile, are 14th with 33 points, seven clear of the relegation zone,

after what was their seventh match without a win. Roma got off to the perfect start as they

sought to build on last weekend's victory at Palermo, with Osvaldo turning away

from Marco Rossi and firing past Sebastien Frey into the far corner of the net for his ninth goal of the season. They dominated the game after that, but were unable to add to their lead, with substitute Bojan Krkic in particular guilty of a glaring miss late on.

But Genoa squandered the two outstanding chances that came their way, Fernando Belluschi being denied by Maarten Stekelenburg from close range in the first half and Rodrigo Palacio hitting the bar from just six yards out after the break. The Giallorossi now travel to face Serie A leaders AC Milan on Sunday. *Internet*



AS Roma's Argentinian forward Pablo Daniel Osvaldo (C) celebrates after scoring during the Italian Serie A football match Roma vs Genoa at Olympic stadium in Rome.—INTERNET

Ishikawa joins US PGA Tour for rest of season



Japan's 20-year-old golf sensation Ryo Ishikawa, pictured on 16 March, has accepted special temporary membership on the US PGA Tour for the remainder of the 2012 season, the tour announced on Monday. *INTERNET*

TOKYO, 20 March—Japan's 20-year-old golfer sensation Ryo Ishikawa has accepted special temporary membership on the US PGA Tour for the remainder of the 2012 season, the tour announced on Monday.

Ishikawa's runner-up showing at the Puerto Rico Open on 11 March gave him \$582,471 in only six PGA

starts, boosting him beyond the \$411,943 he needed to qualify for an exemption to join the series for the rest of the year. The move gives Ishikawa unlimited sponsor exemptions for 2012. Previously, as a non-tour member, he was limited to a maximum of seven sponsor exemptions and 12 PGA events.

While Ishikawa will not earn points toward the season-ending US PGA playoffs as a special member, he will have the chance to earn full membership for 2013 if his prize money total is among the top 125 players for the full 2012 season. Ishikawa, who missed the cut at last weekend's Transitions Championship, will play in this week's Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill after earning eligibility by being among the top 50 in world rankings as of last week. *Internet*

Tiger looks solid in return at Tavistock Cup

ORLANDO, 20 March—Tiger Woods made his return from a left Achilles tendon injury at the \$2.15 million Tavistock Cup on Monday, joining Justin Rose in a nine-under par 63 four-ball pairing for Team Albany.

Eight days after withdrawing with tendon tightness from the final round of the World Golf Championships event at Doral, Woods teed off in the 36-hole challenge between rival clubs, open only to club members and invited guests.

Showing no apparent limp, Woods opened with back-to-back birdies, added two more before the turn, hit an approach at 10 to five feet before Rose birdied and pitched from a bunker within inches from the cup for a birdie at 11. Woods and England's Rose combined for 10 birdies with a lone bogey at the par-4 16th in the better-ball format of the exhibition event, which matches six-man teams of PGA players from Isleworth, Albany, Lake Nona and Queenwood.—*Internet*



Tiger Woods of the USA and the Albany Team on the range during the first day of the 2012 Tavistock Cup at Lake Nona Country Club in Orlando, Florida. *INTERNET*

Ronaldo interested by top Brazilian football job



Former football star Ronaldo, member of the Brazil 2014 FIFA World Cup organizing committee, is embraced by a fan after visiting Mario Filho "Maracana" stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 2 March. Ronaldo has registered his interest in becoming president of the country's football federation.—*INTERNET*

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 March—Former Brazil star Ronaldo, a member of the local

organizing committee of the 2014 World Cup, on Monday registered his interest in becoming president of the country's football federation.

"I would like to begin my political career in football. I want to become a football politician," he was quoted as saying in an interview in the Folha de Sao Paulo daily.

Ricardo Teixeira, who led the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) since 1989, stepped down this month and also resigned his post as head of the organizing committee. His 22-year stewardship of CBF was marred by controversy, with repeated calls for his resignation amid allegations of financial irregularities in Brazil and abroad. His deputy Jose Maria Marin has taken over.—*Internet*

Fabrice Muamba improving, said to be speaking

LONDON, 20 March—Bolton says player Fabrice Muamba is able to recognize his family and respond to questions two days after collapsing during a match from cardiac arrest.

The Premier League club said Monday in a statement that the 23-year-old midfielder remained in intensive care but was "now able to breathe independently without the aid of a ventilator." The statement adds that he "has also been able to recognize family members and respond to questions appropriately." Muamba's friend, Curtis Codrington, says the family told him the player was speaking "minimal words in English and French, which is better than nothing." *Internet*



Bolton Wanderers' Fabrice Muamba lies on the pitch after collapsing before being stretchered off as Tottenham Hotspur's Louis Saha, right, and referee Howard Webb, left, react for medical staff to come onto the pitch during the English FA Cup quarterfinal soccer match between Tottenham Hotspur and Bolton Wanderers at White Hart Lane stadium in London, on 17 March, 2012. *INTERNET*

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(21-3-12 09:30 am ~ 22-3-12 09:30 am) MST

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- Sharing Experience and Aid for the Road to Development (Part - I)
- News
- Sharing Experience and Aid for the Road to Development (Part - II)
- News
- Kid's Talent
- News
- Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay
- News
- Mass Measles Campaign 2012
- News
- Songs for you
- The Ceremony of the Testimony To CRPD
- News
- Travel To The Southern Part of Shan State "Kalaw"
- News
- How to cast vote?
- Myanmar Movie "Beyond Love"

MYANMAR TV

(21-3-2012) (Wednesday)

- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:40 am 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am 3. Cultural Dances
- 8:25 am 4. Songs in honour of (67th) Anniversary Armed Forces Day
- 8:40 am 5. International News
- 3:15 pm 6. AFC Cup 2012 Group Stage Football (Live) (Ayeyawady United (Myanmar) Vs Kelantan (Malaysia))
- 5:15 pm 7. Musical Programme
- 5:30 pm 8. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:45 pm 9. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 8:00 pm 10. News
- 11. Talk Of the Political Parties
- 12. Korea NG Award
- 13. TV Drama Series
- 14. Myanmar Movies



TRAFFIC RULES EDUCATED: In-charge of Tachilek District Traffic Police Force Sub-Police Inspector Than Zaw Lin and party broadened horizon of traffic users for riding motorcycles on 7 March.
MYANMAALIN

Meiktila plans to provide measles vaccination to children

MEIKTILA, 20 March— Under the supervision of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health, Meiktila Township Health Department will carry out age-wise measles vaccination from 22 to 30 March.

"Measles vaccination will be injected to 23155 children from nine months to

five years old from 14 wards and 379 villages in the township at the Yanmyoung ward administration office (temporary vaccination centre) during the designated period," said an official of the Township Health Department.

Kyemon

Tevez in frame for City, Chelsea without Terry

LONDON, 20 March— Carlos Tevez could make his return for Manchester City as they aim to revive their Premier League title hopes on Wednesday at home to a resurgent Chelsea, who will be without captain John Terry.

The 28-year-old Tevez is back in training after patching up his differences with the club and manager Roberto Mancini said the Argentine

striker could be involved as a substitute.

Mancini's side have seen Manchester United open up a four-point lead at the top of the table and Tevez's availability would be a boost to their dream of winning the English title for the first time since 1968.

"There is a possibility (of a place on the bench)," Mancini told reporters on

Tuesday. "He is getting better but I don't think Carlo can have more than 25-30 minutes.

"A player like Carlo needs to play but for 90 minutes it is impossible. But if he can play 30 minutes, after 45, then in three or four games he could have 90 minutes easily.

"Tomorrow we will decide. We want to know the situation with the players."



Manchester City's Carlos Tevez smiles during a training session at the club's Carrington training complex in Manchester, northern England on 14 March, 2012.
REUTERS

Barcelona out to close gap on leaders Madrid

BARCELONA, 20 March—Barcelona take on Granada at the Camp Nou on Tuesday, knowing a win will take them to within five points of Real Madrid and pile the pressure on the leaders before they go to Villarreal on Wednesday.



Barcelona's players celebrate during the Spanish league football match Sevilla FC vs FC Barcelona on 17 March, at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Sevilla.

A last-minute Santi Cazorla free-kick allowed Malaga to come away from the Santiago Bernabeu with a point on Sunday and saw Madrid's seemingly unassailable lead over Barcelona at the top of La Liga trimmed to eight points.

Suddenly, there is a glimmer of hope for the reigning champions, despite Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola pouring cold water on suggestions that his side could still win the title after their 2-0 victory away to Sevilla on Saturday.

"We will not rest any of our players and there has not been a game we have not gone out to win," he said. "But forget the title, we will not win it," he added. Yet, there are 11 games still to play, including a "clasico" at the Camp Nou towards the end of April — and Guardiola's players are not giving up just yet.

"Guardiola is entitled to his own opinion, he always talks with sense but we'll continue to compete, you have to ask him why he continues to say what he says," Dani Alves said, even before Madrid's slip-up against Malaga.—Internet

Tevez has not played for City since refusing to warm-up during City's Champions League clash with Bayern Munich in September—after which Mancini said he would never play for the club again.

He was fined six weeks wages for a subsequent unauthorised absence but after withdrawing an appeal against the club's disciplinary measures, he has since apologised and has scored for the reserves as he recovers his match fitness.—Reuters

Barca 'seal Neymar move for 2014'

BARCELONA, 20 March—Barcelona have sealed a deal which would see talented young Brazilian striker Neymar join the Spanish club in 2014, Cadena SER radio reported.

The report claimed the Catalan giants have already paid 14.5 million euros (\$19 million) of the total 58-million-euro transfer fee to the 20-year-old's Brazilian club Santos.

"According to several reliable sources Barca have already paid a quarter of the 58 million euros to Santos to guarantee the transfer of the player," Cadena SER claimed, adding that the date for his transfer was after the World Cup in Brazil in 2014.



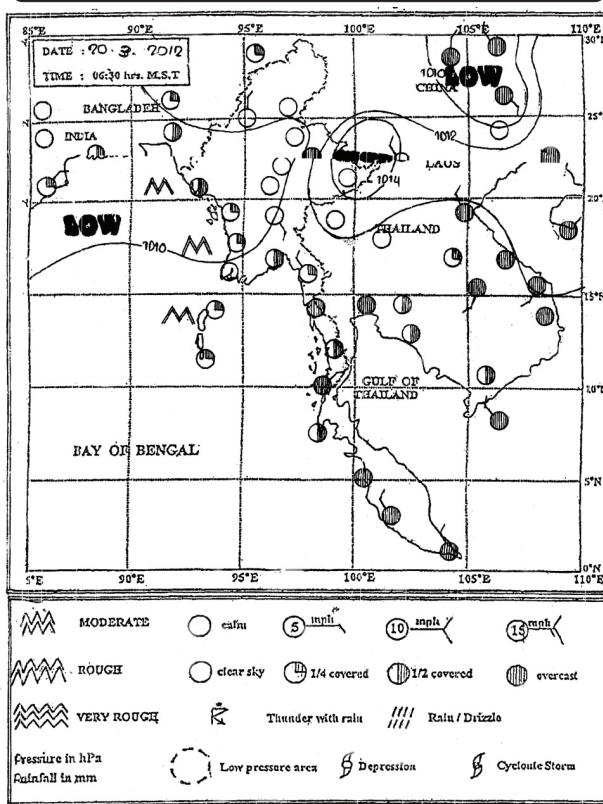
Neymar takes a tumble during Sunday's match between Santos and Sao Paulo at Morumbi stadium.

The report added that the decision to seal the deal was taken by the player and his father against the wishes of his agent Wagner Ribeiro.

Neymar is considered the future star of Brazilian football and has been targeted by several European clubs, including Barcelona's rivals Real Madrid.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 21st March, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	16/61	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
2	Kayah	32/90	12/54	Generally Fair Weather	
3	Kayin	37/99	20/68	Partly cloudy	
4	Chin	25/77	08/46	Generally Fair Weather	
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	18/64	Partly cloudy	
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	18/64	Generally Fair Weather	
7	Taninthayi	36/97	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
8	Bago	35/95	22/72	Generally Fair Weather	
9	Magway	37/99	22/72	Generally Fair Weather	
10	Mandalay	35/95	21/70	Generally Fair Weather	
11	Mon	35/95	22/72	Partly cloudy	
12	Yangon	36/97	22/72	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	32/90	21/70	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	27/81	12/54	Generally Fair Weather	
15	Northern Shan	29/84	09/48	Generally Fair Weather	
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	12/54	Generally Fair Weather	
17	Ayeyawady	36/97	21/70	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	37/99	18/64	Generally Fair Weather	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	21/70	Generally Fair Weather	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Southern Shan and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Mandalay Region and Eastern Shan State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Mimu (42°C) and Chauk (40°C).

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for 23rd Day Session

Principle and basic factors of 2012 Union Budget Bill discussed



Those present seen at 23rd day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the 23rd day session at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 516 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

Member of the Joint Bill Committee Defence Services Personnel Representative Col Hla Tun reported on findings and remarks of the Joint Bill Committee on the

Union Budget Bill 2012.

Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun submitted the proposal on the 2012 Union Budget Bill at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and U Thein Yi of Htantabin Township Constituency supported the proposal.

As the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for discussing the bill, the Hluttaw approved it.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency

No. 4, Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkham Constituency, U Soe Thein of Kalewa Constituency, U Hsai Paung Nup of Shan State Constituency No. 12, U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency, U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No. 10, U Tha Sein of Kyauktaw Constituency, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No. 1, U Khin Maung (a) U Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constituency No. 3, Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 6, Dr Win Myint of Hline Constituency and U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency participated in the discussions on principle and basic factors of 2012 Union Budget Bill.

Next, respective Union Ministers replied to the discussions on principle and basic factors of the bill. Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun explained budget allocation to Self-Administered Zones, reduction of tax rate and preparations for levying tax on a wide scale; Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min inspection of recruitment and sharing of profits of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd; Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay estimated expenditure of the ministry for 2012-2013 fiscal year and creation of more job opportunities for the citizens in state projects; Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye extended construction of school buildings and more appointment of teachers; Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin spending of allotted fund on extended construction of buildings at Universities of Medicine, hospitals and rural health centres in 2012-2013 fiscal year and purchase of medicines for cost-sharing health care system.

Today's session ended at 4 pm, and the 24th day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

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Froch: Give Bute respect

NOTTINGHAM, 19 March—Carl Froch has paid tribute to Lucian Bute for putting his IBF super-middleweight title on the line in Froch's home town of Nottingham.

"He's not often fought out of his hometown so to put his title on the line in my backyard he's either very confident or very stupid."

Froch will once again enter the ring against elite level competition on May 26 following his successful stint in the World Super Six Series over the past few years.

The 'Cobra' lost the Super Six final against Andre Ward but the former WBC champion gets another chance to win a portion of the world title against the unbeaten Bute, a Romanian-born Canadian who rarely fights outside of Quebec.

"It's great to be back in Nottingham - it's been too long," said Froch. "I am so pumped up for the fight and I've got to give Lucian Bute credit.

"I've given him stick in the past for not fighting the top opposition, he didn't enter the Super Six but he beat who

was put in front of him.

"He's not often fought out of his hometown so to put his title on the line in my backyard he's either very confident or very stupid - I think he's very confident and he's the champion, so why not be confident.

"I'm coming into the fight on the back of a loss, and when I did that after the Kessler defeat I was so tuned in to beating Arthur Abraham and it was a whitewash - and that's how I feel about this fight.

"I've got a lot of respect for Lucian - he is a top level athlete and so am I, there's no needle between us and there doesn't need to be, as the fight speaks for itself."

Internet



Carl Froch (L) and Lucian Bute met at Monday's press conference.
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Kyaungtawyar-Inndaung-Pwintbyu gravel road opened

NAY PYI TAW, 20 March—Hailing the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the opening ceremony of Kyaungtawyar-Inndaung-Pwintbyu gravel road was held at the arch of the road in Pwintbyu Township in Minbu District of Magway Region on 19 March, formally cut the ribbon by Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Aung Naing, Director U Maung Maung Aung of Region Development Affairs Committee and donor Daw Khin Phyu Win, wife of Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung.

Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe pressed the button and opened the road.

The 7 miles long and 10 feet wide road was built at a cost of K 38 million and Pwintbyu Township Development Affairs Committee gave machinery assistance to it.

The region chief minister inspected Kyeoohn-Kyeewa Dam Project in Pwintbyu Township and Paletwe hybrid summer paddy strain in farmer educative 10 acres farm in Sitaw Village.—MNA

'East Asian gene' resistant to cancer drugs



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Space tech helps create safer automobiles

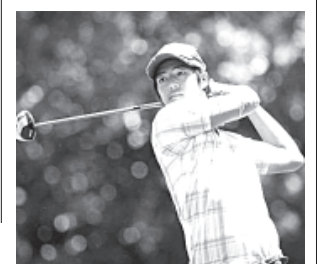
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Ishikawa joins US PGA Tour for rest of season



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