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Delegation led by Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker leaves for Uganda

YANGON, 29 March—A delegation led by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein left here for Kampala of Uganda to attend the 126th Convention of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) this morning.

They were seen off by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and Secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees Dr Soe Yin and U Maung Toe at Yangon International Airport.

The delegation comprises Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and Chairman of ASEAN Politics and Security Society Committee U Nyunt Tin.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann sees off Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and Amyotha Hluttaw delegation members on their departure for Uganda to attend 126th Convention of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to be held in Kampala.—MNA

Briefing held for diplomats of embassies based in Myanmar and abroad and representatives invited to observe 1st April by-election



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin makes clarification on trip of observers to constituencies in townships of regions and states where by-elections are to be held.—MNA

YANGON, 29 March—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin made clarification on the trip of observers to constituencies in townships of regions and states where by-elections are to be held on 1 April 2012, at the hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here this morning.

It was attended by departmental heads, local and foreign-based diplomats, invited representatives of the UN headquarters, representatives of the ASEAN Chairman, ASEAN countries, partner countries and European Union

and correspondents of foreign countries.

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin made clarification. He said:

The purpose of today's briefing is to provide you with necessary information before you leave for various regions of Myanmar to observe the by-elections to be held on 1st April 2012.

We have already made arrangements for everyone who is eligible to contest in the by-election to take part in

the forthcoming elections. We are ensuring that the elections are free, fair and transparent. Members of the diplomatic corps and specially invited guests will have the opportunity to witness in person that the coming by-elections in Myanmar is free, fair and transparent.

The forthcoming by-elections are to be held for 40 seats for Pyithu Hluttaw, 6 seats for Amyotha Hluttaw and 2 seats for Region Hluttaw, totaling 48 seats.

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PERSPECTIVES

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The future of the rice bowl

Ayeyawady Region the rice bowl and the most populous place in Myanmar is blessed with temperate climate and rich alluvial soil suitable to grow industrial as well as edible crops all year round. The region's numerous natural watercourses also serves as the source of fish and a mode of transport for trade and the sea in the south supplies salt and sea food for export. It is also one of the main contributors to the nation's GDP growth with major towns like Patheingyi, Hinthada, Myaungmya, Bogale, Pyawbwe playing as regional economic hubs.

Conversely, like some other regions and states of the Union, it also has setbacks as a large number of rivers and creeks crisscrossing the region are also hindrances to economic, trade and social sectors bringing total backwardness to some of the outlying areas. Besides, heavy rains during the monsoon form lakes in the lowland areas where boats are the only means of transport and villagers keep cattle at their stilt houses during the time. What's more Cyclone Nargis in 2008, rubbed salt into the wound causing wholesale destruction and human suffering as over 130,000 people perished in the disaster.

But thanks to the former government that built a network of transport links — motor roads, railroads and bridges — all across the Union including Ayeyawady Region and the present government that maintains and even adds extra momentum to the work, roads have become the principal means of transport even in places like Ayeyawady Region, Tanintharyi Region and Rakhine State.

What's more Paybin River Bridge built on Patheingyi-Ngathay Road, which is the No. 11 Road in Ayeyawady Region Road Network Development Project, was commissioned into service recently. Thanks to all the transport facilities, other infrastructural projects like deep-sea ports and denizens that have overcome the worst nightmare of Nargis, the future of the rice bowl looks brighter than ever.

New roads opened in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March — A ceremony to open No. (24) lane in Khemathi Ward, Myitkyina, built by Myitkyina Township Development Affairs Committee of Kachin State was held yesterday. Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai formally unveiled the signboard of the archway.

The road with 2400 feet in length and 12 feet in width was built with K 23.7 million from the township development affairs committee's budget in 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Next, the State chief minister and party looked round Duwa Road and Dukan Road opened in Sitapu Ward. The former was built with K 9.38 million by the DAC and K 3.5 million by public wellwishers while the latter was built with K 5.519 million by the DAC and K 9.021 by wellwishers.

Later, the chief minister inspected China-made construction equipment donated by two wellwishers at Myitkyina Town Hall. —MNA

U Nyunt Hlaing presents his Credentials to ROK President

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—U Nyunt Hlaing, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Korea, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Lee Myung-Bak, President of the Republic of Korea, on 19 March 2012 in Seoul.

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U Kyaw Zwar Minn presents his Credentials to Co-Prince of Andorra

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—U Kyaw Zwar Minn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Principality of Andorra, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mons Joan-Enric Vives Sicilia, Co-Prince of Andorra of the Principality of Andorra, on 13 March 2012 in Episcopal Palace.—MNA

Union Health Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Vice-President Mr Robert L Corcoran and party of US-based General Electric Company at his office at 12 noon yesterday, Dr Andrea Gay and party of WHO at 2 pm and Country Representative Mrs Birke Herzbruch of Malteser International at 3 pm.

In meeting with General Electric Co, they discussed assistance for raising quality of health care and pathological works, training programme, arrangement for reduction of mortality rate due to bad respiratory and hepatitis, control of food and drug and supply of safe water.

At another call, the officials of WHO reported that they witnessed successful undertaking of age-wise measles



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Dr Andrea Gay of the WHO and party.—MNA

vaccination and active participation of the people, promoting of vaccine, availability of vaccines and eradication of measles in 2015.

In meeting with

Malteser International Group, the guests reported on its participation in supply of clean water and control of HIV.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Win

Myint, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department, Deputy Director-General (Public Health) of Health Department, Dr Thein Thein Htay and officials.—MNA



Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar welcomed Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe at the reception to mark 41st Anniversary National and Independence Day of Bangladesh at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 29 March.

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Workshop on anti-human trafficking held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Loikaw Township Anti-Human Trafficking Squad and World Vision held the workshop on prevention against trafficking in person at the hall of Loikaw Township General Administration Department on 22 and 23 March.

It was attended by members of the squad, responsible persons of World Vision, ward/village administrators.

Chairman of the Township Committee for Prevention against Trafficking in Person Township Administrator U Aung Swe made a speech at the workshop.

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Yangon Region Election Subcommission Chairman meets candidates

YANGON, 29 March—Chairman of Yangon Region Election Subcommission U Ko Ko met candidates from political parties contesting in the forthcoming by-elections in Yangon Region at the region government office here this morning and gave instructions on electoral process.

Candidates from political parties held discussions, followed by concluding remark of the Yangon Region Election Subcommission Chairman.

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BRICS nations gird to pressure West over imbalances

NEW DELHI, 29 March— The BRICS group of emerging market nations will look at ways of pressuring the West to redress global economic imbalances amid growing frustration at the pace of change in institutions such as the IMF at a meeting in Delhi on Thursday.

Brazil's Trade and Industry Minister Fernando Pimentel told *Reuters* on the eve of the meeting his country hopes for a summit communicative denouncing what it sees as unfair monetary policies by Europe and the United States.

Other trade ministers from the BRICS group—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa—struck a defiant tone, saying they are not bound by unilateral sanctions against Iran.

The five nations, who collectively account for nearly half the world's population and a fifth of economic output, are expected to announce steps to bring their economies

closer together, including linking their stock exchanges and plans for a joint development fund in the mold of the World Bank.

"We would look to see promises of reforms at multilateral institutions like the World Bank and IMF getting translated into action," a senior Indian official with knowledge of the matter said, adding that India would consult with other BRICS countries during the summit.

The group is often criticized for being too diverse to be effective, but Jim O'Neill, the Goldman Sachs economist who coined the acronym in 2001, said the very fact they meet is a message to the world.

"It is a very powerful reminder to the G7 and the Western powers that they need to get their act together in giving up more space and room in the G20, IMF and World Bank. It serves a really good purpose in that sense," said O'Neill.

Reuters



Brazilian Trade Minister Fernando Pimentel (L-R), Russia's Economic Development Minister Elvira Nabiullina, India's Trade Minister Anand Sharma, China's Minister of Commerce Chen Deming and South African Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davies, shake hands during a group photograph at the BRICS Summit Forum themed "BRICS Partnership for Stability, Security and Growth" in New Delhi on 28 March, 2012.—REUTERS



This 28 Aug, 2011 file photo shows a bicyclist making his way past a stranded taxi on a flooded New York City street as Tropical Storm Irene passes through the city. Global warming-fueled sea level rise over the next century could at least flood 3.7 million people in the US, according to a new method of looking at flood risk published in two scientific papers.—INTERNET

Mumbai, Miami on list for big weather disasters

WASHINGTON, 29 March— Global warming is leading to such severe storms, droughts and heat waves that nations should prepare for an unprecedented onslaught of deadly and costly weather disasters, an international panel of climate scientists said in a new report issued on Wednesday.

The greatest threat from extreme weather is to highly populated, poor regions of the world, the report warns,

but no corner of the globe — from Mumbai to Miami — is immune. The document by a Nobel Prize-winning panel of climate scientists forecasts stronger tropical cyclones and more frequent heat waves, deluges and droughts.

The 594-page report blames the scale of recent and future disasters on a combination of man-made climate change, population shifts and poverty.

In the past, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, founded in 1988 by the United Nations, has focused on the slow inexorable rise of temperatures and oceans as part of global warming. This report by the panel is the first to look at the less common but far more noticeable extreme weather changes, which lately have been costing on average about \$80 billion a year in damage.—INTERNET



A tank team take part in a military parade in New Delhi, in January 2012. India's tank fleet lacks ammunition, its air defences are "97 percent obsolete" and its elite forces lack essential arms, the country's army chief wrote in an explosive letter leaked Wednesday.—INTERNET

India's military weakness revealed in leaked letter

NEW DELHI, 29 March—India's tank fleet lacks ammunition, its air defences are "97 percent obsolete" and its elite forces need essential weapons, the country's army chief wrote in an explosive letter leaked on Wednesday. The letter to the prime minister dated 12 March — widely reported by the Indian media — lists shortcomings of the armed forces in embarrassing detail in a serious blow to the government and the Asian giant's military prestige.

Its publication also ups the stakes in a public battle between army chief General VK

Singh and the government which began with a dispute over Singh's retirement earlier this year. "The state of the major (fighting) arms i.e. mechanised forces, artillery, air defence, infantry and special forces, as well as the engineers and signals, is indeed alarming," Singh wrote in the letter, *DNA* newspaper reported.

The army's entire tank fleet is "devoid of critical ammunition to defeat enemy tanks", while the air defence system is "97% obsolete and it doesn't give the deemed confidence to protect... from the air," he wrote.—INTERNET

Two UN workers, four Shiites killed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 March— Gunmen separately killed four Shiite Muslims and two local UN employees Thursday in Baluchistan, a Pakistani province plagued by Taliban violence and a separatist insurgency, police said.

There were angry demonstrations after the killings of the Shiites, in what police described as the latest sectarian attack in the volatile southwest province.

The gunmen, who were on a motorbike, fired at a van carrying members of the minority Muslim community in the Speeni Road neighbourhood of Quetta city, the capital of Baluchistan, police official Jamil Kakar told *AFP*.

"Four people including a woman were killed and seven others were wounded," Kakar said, adding that it appeared to be a sectarian attack.

Afterwards, a policeman was shot dead by Shiite protesters in the Hazara Town neighbourhood of Quetta, where police tried to break up a road block erected by a mob, local police station chief Ameer Mohammad Dasti told *AFP*.

Internet

NATO supply convoy ambushed in west Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 March— Armed groups ambushed a NATO coalition supply convoy in a mountainous area of western Afghanistan, sparking a three-hour firefight in which an Afghan soldier, five Afghan security guards, and 14 attackers were killed, officials said on Thursday.

Najibullah Najibi, a spokesman for the Afghan National Army's western region, said the battle raged on Wednesday along a highway regularly used by coalition supply trucks in Bala Buluk District of Farah Province.

"The fighting was intense and we sent in extra forces,"

Najibi said. There were varying estimates of the number of militants killed. Raouf Ahmadi, a spokesman for the Afghan National Police in the west, said more than 30 militants were killed and 10 others were wounded. Sayed Abdul Wahid, an official of the Arya security company, said his workers who were fighting with AK-47s were overpowered by militants using heavy weapons, including rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns. He said five of his employees were killed and five others were wounded by insurgents who burned three vehicles in the convoy.—INTERNET

200 French troops leave Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 March— Two hundred French troops said goodbye to the war in Afghanistan on Wednesday as part of France's accelerated pullout from the country. In January, French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced a faster-track exit for France, breaking from previous plans to go along with the US-led coalition's plan to withdraw combat forces by the end of 2014.

Sarkozy said France would speed up its withdrawal timetable, pulling out 1,000—400 more than its previous target — of its current 3,600 soldiers by year-end and withdraw all combat forces by the end of 2013. His announcement came a week after four unarmed French troops were killed by an Afghan soldier in Kapisa Province in eastern Afghanistan. The French troops waiting to board their flight out of Afghanistan were not stationed in Kapisa, but in Surobi District, about 45 kilometres (30 miles) east of Kabul. They said they were elated to leave and thought the Afghan forces they left behind were ready to go solo.—INTERNET



French soldiers, part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) prepare for departure at the Afghanistan airport in Kabul, on 28 March, 2012. Some 200 French troops left Afghanistan on Wednesday, the group of soldiers are part of 1000 French troops set to leave the country this year.

INTERNET

Foot find shows prehuman walked same time as Lucy



This image provided by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History shows a bone fragment from a 3.4-million-year-old partial foot recovered during an excavation in Ethiopia.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 29 March—Lucy, it turns out, had company — another prehuman that also walked but spent more of its time in trees. Until now, there was no proof of another human relative living around the same time as the species made famous by the Lucy skeleton. But a fossil discovery reveals there was another creature around 3 million years ago and it gives new insight into the evolution of a key human trait — walking on two legs.

The creature came to light when an international team of researchers unearthed a partial foot in eastern Africa. Like Lucy, it walked upright, but had a grasping foot that it used to climb tree branches. Scientists said it's now clear that various human relatives experimented with upright walking. "This is just another window into solving the problem of how we got from a primitive foot to the modern human foot," said Bruce Latimer of

Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University, who helped discover the fossil remains. Various hominin species have co-existed throughout human evolutionary history, but this is the first sign of another during Lucy's time.

So what was this tree-climbing and ground-dwelling creature? Scientists don't yet know because no skull or teeth have been recovered to make a determination. But it's clear the foot did not come from Lucy's species, *Australopithecus afarensis*. It's rare to find prehuman feet because bones are fragile and don't preserve well.— *Internet*

Super-Earths 'in the billions'

LONDON, 29 March — There could be many billions of planets not much bigger than Earth circling faint stars in our galaxy, says an international team of astronomers. The estimate for the number of "super-Earths" is based on detections already made and then extrapolated to include the Milky Way's population of so-called red dwarf stars. The team works with the high-precision Harps instrument. This is fitted to the 3.6m telescope at the Silla

Observatory in Chile.

Harps employs an indirect method of detection that infers the existence of orbiting planets from the way their gravity makes a parent star appear to twitch in its motion across the sky. "Our new observations with Harps mean that about 40% of all red dwarf stars have a super-Earth orbiting in the habitable zone where liquid water can exist on the surface of the planet," said team leader Xavier Bonfils from the Observatoire



Liquid water is considered essential if a planet is to support life.— INTERNET

des Sciences de l'Univers de Grenoble, France.

"Because red dwarfs are so common — there are about 160 billion of them in the Milky Way — this leads us to the astonishing result that there are tens of billions of these planets in our galaxy alone." The Harps team came up with its numbers after surveying 102 carefully chosen red dwarfs, which are dimmer and cooler than our Sun.

The group found a total of nine super-Earths (which are defined as planets with one to 10 times the mass of the Earth), with two judged to be orbiting inside their stars' habitable zones. Putting all its data together, including observations of stars that did not have planets, the team was able to produce an estimate for how common different sorts of planets are around red dwarfs.— *Internet*

Europe's ATV freighter docks at space station

TOULOUSE, 29 March — Europe's sophisticated ATV space freighter has docked with the *International Space Station (ISS)*. The unmanned robotic craft attached itself to the Zvezda module on the rear of the platform at 22:31 GMT. The ship is delivering new supplies of fuel, food, water, air and equipment to the *ISS*'s astronauts. ATV is totally automatic and used its own computerized systems and sensors to find the station in orbit and make the connection.

At 20 tonnes, the freighter is the biggest ship servicing the station now that the US shuttles have been retired. Mission managers, based in Toulouse, France, oversaw the final manoeuvres but had no need to intervene. Astronauts Andre Kuipers and Oleg Kononenko were inside Zvezda when the vehicle made its final approach. They too stood ready to order the truck to a safe distance if any anomalous behaviour was observed, but the docking proceeded extremely smoothly.



The ATV approaches the rear of the ISS.

INTERNET

In fact, the contact, which occurred over the American Samoas in the Pacific, was so gentle the *ISS* crew reported they hardly felt it. The station's astronauts will need to scrub the air inside the ship before entering. Once given the all clear, the six station residents can start to move the freighter's supplies across into the main body of the 390km-high (242 mile) orbiting post.— *Internet*

Survey: Apple products now in half of all US homes

NEW YORK, 29 March — We all know that Apple has grown over the years to become a company of such enormity that it now has more cash than it knows what to do with. The results of a new survey out this week have revealed the consequences of its success in the consumer market, with half of all households in the US now owning at least one product made by the Cupertino company — that means over 55 million homes with at least one iPhone, iPad, Mac computer or Apple portable media player such as the iPod touch.

And get this — in the next year, 10 percent of those homes currently without an Apple product plan to get one. The CNBC All-America Economic Survey polled 836 Americans by phone between 19 and 22 March, questioning them about spending habits and other financial related areas. It won't come as too much of a surprise to learn that ownership of Apple products appears to be linked to income. The results of the poll revealed that 28 percent of those earning under \$30,000 own at least one Apple product. In



Apple products now in half of all US homes.—INTERNET

comparison, 77 percent of those on more than \$75,000 have an iPhone or some such Apple device.

As for age and Apple-product ownership, the breakdown goes like this: 63 percent of those between 18 and 34 have an Apple device, which is the same figure for the 35 to 49 age group. Moving up the age scale and the percentage falls — 50 percent for the 50 to 64 group. Meanwhile, only 26 percent of those over 65 years of age have succumbed to the lure of Apple's products, with the rest quite possibly thinking of a piece of fruit rather than anything relating to the Cupertino-based company when questioned for the poll. On a regional basis, the survey found there to be more Apple-product owners on the West Coast compared to anywhere else in the country.— *Internet*



Cybercrime: EU's 'best brains' to be enlisted to fight

BRUSSELS, 29 March — The European Commission has announced plans to set up a dedicated centre to fight cybercrime. "[It] will bring together some of Europe's best brains in the field of cybercrime," said Cecilia Malmstrom, European Commissioner for Home Affairs, at a Press conference in Brussels.

Based in The Hague, it will be based alongside Europol, the pan-European police force. The plan is for the centre to be up and running by January 2013. It will be primarily focused on fighting credit card and bank fraud. "As the e-economy grows at a fast pace,

cybercrime is following suit," said Ms Malmstrom.

More than a third of the EU's 500 million citizens bank online, and an estimated \$8tn (£5tn) changes hands globally each year in e-commerce, according to the Commission. While acknowledging it is hard to put a figure on the total cost of cybercrime, Ms Malmstrom cited one study that estimated it to be \$388bn a year worldwide. "Up to 600,000 Facebook accounts are blocked every day, after various types of hacking attempts," she said.

"In 2009, over 6.7m distinct bot infected computers were detected."



Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom: Centre will attract 'best brains' in EU.—INTERNET

The centre will provide logistical support for investigations and become a "focal point" for European-wide initiatives, Ms Malmstrom added. Apart from its remit to fight fraud, the centre will also pay attention

to social networks, online child sexual exploitation and cyber-attacks affecting "critical infrastructures". However, the Commission said its remit would not extend to pursuing individual file sharers.

Internet

Microsoft Windows Messenger blocks The Pirate Bay links



Microsoft would not discuss whether it plans to block other torrent sites' links.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 29 March — Links to The Pirate Bay's website are being blocked from appearing within Windows Live Messenger. Microsoft confirmed it was enforcing the ban in its instant messaging programme after the move was reported by the Torrentfreak website. The software firm signalled that it had acted to combat malware. The Pirate Bay claims to be the world's "largest bittorrent tracker", offering users the

ability to download illegal copies of films, music and software. However, it also hosts magnetic links to lawfully available material — such as music uploaded by unsigned bands — which is also subject to the block.

Users who attempt to add The Pirate Bay links to their messages prompt a warning saying that: "The link you tried to send was blocked because it was reported as unsafe." A statement from Microsoft sent to the BBC said: "We use SmartScreen technology to protect our customers from malicious and unwanted content including phishing, malware and spam. "We block instant messages if they contain malicious or spam URLs based on intelligence algorithms, third-party sources, and/or user complaints. Pirate Bay URLs were flagged by one or more of these and were consequently blocked."

The firm would not comment on whether it planned to block links from other torrent sites. Mark Mulligan, editor of the Media Industry Blog, said the move might be intended to be symbolic. "What is underpinning Microsoft's thinking is that it wants its instant messaging platform to appear safe," he said.— *Internet*

Half of all cancers are preventable



Half of all cancers could be prevented if people just adopted healthier behaviors, US scientists argued on Wednesday.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 29 March— Half of all cancers could be prevented if people just adopted healthier behaviors, US scientists argued on

Wednesday. Smoking is blamed for a third of all US cancer cases and being overweight leads to another 20 percent of the deadly

burden that costs the United States some \$226 billion per year in health care expenses and lost productivity.

For instance, up to three quarters of US lung cancer cases could be avoided if people did not smoke, said the article in the US journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

Science has shown that plenty of other cancers can also be prevented, either with vaccines to prevent human papillomavirus and hepatitis, which can cause cervical and liver cancers, or by protecting against sun exposure, which can cause skin cancer. Society as a whole must

recognize the need for these changes and take seriously an attempt to instill healthier habits, said the researchers.

"It's time we made an investment in implementing what we know," said lead author Graham Colditz, an epidemiologist at the Siteman Cancer Centre at the Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis, Missouri.

Exercising, eating right and refraining from smoking are key ways to prevent up to half of the 577,000 deaths from cancer in the United States expected this year, a toll that is second only to heart disease, according to the study.

Internet

Self-checking won't spot testicle cancer



Photo illustration of men walking through the City of London.—INTERNET

LONDON, 29 March — Celebrity appeals for British men to check their testicles to detect early signs of cancer are a waste of time and possibly harmful, an opinion piece published by the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* says. Singer Robbie Williams and the Leicester Tigers rugby team are among those who have lent their names to a campaign for men to be "testicle aware," just as women are encouraged to look for dangerous lumps in their breasts.

jewels" as "well-meaning whimsy, with the potential to do harm." "There is no good evidence that routine testicular self-examination is of any benefit," he writes. "The chances of discovering something significant from routine self-examination of the testicles are minuscule. At least 50,000 men would need to examine themselves for 10 years to prevent one death."

Internet

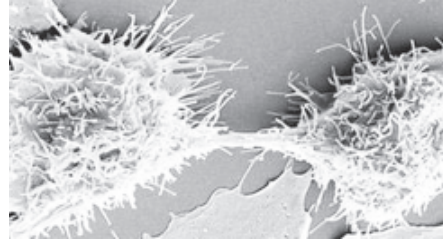


But in a personal view published in Thursday's *BMJ*, Doctor Keith Hopcroft, a general practitioner in the southeastern county of Essex, lashes the invitation for a man to "grope his gonads or caress his crown

Cancer: 'Book of knowledge' published

LONDON, 29 March — The first volume of a "book of cancer knowledge" has been published, which scientists say will speed up the search for new cancer drugs. The "encyclopaedia" details how hundreds of different cancer cells respond to anti-cancer agents. UK, US and European researchers say the data, published in *Nature*, is a step towards tailoring cancer medicine to a patient's genetic profile.

A cancer charity said the work would help in testing new cancer drugs. Cancer cells grown in the laboratory are an essential tool in cancer research. Hundreds of different cell lines exist, allowing scientists to study the effect of new cancer drugs on the human body. Now, a team at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute near Cambridge and various cancer institutes around the world have released two papers cataloguing data on hundreds of cancer cell lines.



Cells from a cancer line known as HeLa.—INTERNET

The UK team, working with colleagues in the US, Paris and Switzerland, screened more than 600 cancer cell lines with 130 drugs, identifying genetic signatures linked with drug sensitivity. Already clues are emerging that could be of benefit to patients, including the discovery that a rare bone cancer in children (Ewing's sarcoma) appears to be vulnerable to certain drugs.— *Internet*

Foxconn owner Hon Hai to buy stake in struggling Sharp



Sharp has seen price declines affect its LCD business. INTERNET

TOKYO, 29 March—Hon Hai Group, the owner of Apple supplier Foxconn, is to invest 133bn yen (\$1.6bn; £1bn) in the Japanese electronics maker Sharp. The tie-up is designed to boost Sharp's LCD (liquid crystal display) business, which has been losing money. The deal comes as the company faces stiff competition from Chinese and Taiwanese companies. Sharp has forecast a net loss of 290bn yen (\$3.8bn; £2.2bn) for the year ending 31 March.

"The market surrounding the electronics industry is becoming severe," Sharp said in a statement on Tuesday when the deal was announced. "We believe that

timely action is necessary to tackle these changes in the market." Sharp said it plans to sell a 9.9% stake to Hon Hai Group for 66.9bn yen. Hon Hai and its founder Terry Gou also plan to buy a 46.5% stake in Sharp Display Products, a joint venture between Sharp and Sony located at Sakai, for 66bn yen.

Analysts said that this would benefit Sharp which has struggled with weaker demand for its LCD units. "This is positive for Sharp as it will allow them to share the current deficit at the Sakai plant," said Kazuhara Miura from SMBC Nikko Securities in Tokyo. Sharp said in its forecast in February that bigger-than-expected price declines in LCD colour televisions and solar cells, and the overall global economic slowdown, were putting

pressure on earnings.

Shares in Sharp rose 15.15% on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Wednesday hitting a daily limit, after which the stock was suspended from trade. The stake sale is expected to benefit both of the companies. Sharp is expected to benefit from the cashflow and its manufacturing costs are likely to come down. Hon Hai is likely to receive more contract manufacturing orders from Sharp.— *Internet*

Lloyd's of London sees loss after natural catastrophes

LONDON, 29 March—The insurance market Lloyd's of London has announced a loss for 2011, saying it was its worst year for catastrophe claims. It lost £516m in 2011, compared with a pre-tax profit of £2.2bn in 2010. It incurred net claims of £12.9bn in the year, including £4.6bn of catastrophe claims.

Catastrophes during the year included flooding in Australia and Thailand, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and the earthquake in New Zealand. "Make no mistake, 2011 was a difficult

year for the insurance industry," said Lloyd's chief executive Richard Ward. "I am disappointed that, given the exceptional level of catastrophes in 2011,

insurance rates have not responded more positively."

Lloyd's of London is a market, in which syndicates meet brokers and agree to take on particular risks.— *Internet*



There were big claims from the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March.—INTERNET

Exclusive: Hawker Beechcraft readies bankruptcy filing

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, 29 March—Hawker Beechcraft Inc, the aircraft manufacturer owned by Goldman Sachs Group Inc's private equity arm and Onex Corp., is preparing to file for bankruptcy protection in the next several weeks, according to several people familiar with the matter. Hawker, which was



A pilot stands by his plane, a Hawker Beechcraft T-6C Texan II, during the second day of the Dubai Airshow on 14 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS

bought by the private equity firms in 2007 for \$3.3 billion, is negotiating a prearranged bankruptcy with its largest lenders, which include Centerbridge Partners, Angelo Gordon and Capital Research & Management, these sources said on Wednesday.

Hawker and Onex declined to comment. Goldman Sachs and the lenders were not immediately available for comment. The sources declined to be named because they were not authorized to speak to the media. Centerbridge, a New York-based investment firm focused on leveraged buyouts and distressed investments, is the biggest lender, these sources said. These lenders would also likely provide debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing to allow Hawker to continue to operate in bankruptcy, one of the sources said.

One of the sources also said the DIP financing is currently expected to be less than \$500 million, but cautioned the number has not been finalized and could change. Goldman Sachs Capital Partners, the bank's private equity fund, and Canada's largest buyout firm, Onex, bought Raytheon Aircraft Co from Raytheon Co in early 2007, at the height of the buyout boom, and renamed it Hawker Beechcraft.— *Reuters*





Michael Bloomberg, mayor of New York City, attends the announcement ceremony of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize in Singapore, on 21 March, 2012. The New York City won Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2012.
XINHUA

TV hacking claims pile pressure on James Murdoch

LONDON, 29 March—A British lawmaker is to demand that the UK television watchdog probe new hacking claims against News Corp, piling more pressure on BSkyB Chairman James Murdoch, whose fitness to own a broadcast license is already under scrutiny.

A BBC Panorama documentary broadcast on Monday alleged NDS, a pay-TV smartcard maker recently sold by News Corp for \$5 billion, hired a consultant to post the encryption codes of ITV Digital, a key rival of the then Sky TV, on his website. Widespread piracy after

the online publication of the codes contributed to the 2002 collapse of ITV Digital, which had been set up by the parties that later formed ITV, Britain's leading free-to-air commercial broadcaster, in 1998.

BSkyB, now Britain's dominant pay-TV broadcaster, is 39 percent owned by News Corp. Murdoch sits on NDS's board. NDS said in a statement: "It is wrong to claim that NDS has ever been in the possession of any codes for the purpose of promoting hacking or piracy."

News Corp said: "NDS has consistently denied any wrongdoing to Panorama and we fully accept their



News International Chairman James Murdoch (front L), and his father Rupert Murdoch, are seen appearing before parliamentarian in London in this 19 July, 2011 file photograph.—REUTERS

assurances." Regulator Ofcom is already investigating both Murdoch and News Corp in the light of new evidence emerging from probes into

phone and computer hacking and bribery at the News of the World tabloid, which News Corp shut down last July.

Reuters

French shooting case shows counterterrorism limits

WASHINGTON, 29 March—Mohamed Merah, the French gunman who killed Jewish children and French soldiers and then died in a firefight with police this month, was hardly an unknown quantity to intelligence and law enforcement officials on both sides of the Atlantic.

Merah made two trips to Afghanistan between 2010 and 2012, and was detained by US forces during the first. He had a record of moderately serious criminal activities in France. He was even interviewed by France's domestic spy agency, the Central Directorate for Domestic Intelligence, or DCRI, in November 2011, following his trips to South Asia. With so many red flags, how was he able to roam the streets freely—and assemble a formidable cache of weapons—in France?

US officials have declined to say why Merah was detained in Afghanistan or what happened to him then, although at some point he was sent back to France.

US officials certainly had enough intelligence about his visits to militants in Afghanistan to put him on the "no fly" list, the most restrictive of a set of US databases designed to monitor



An undated and non-dated frame grab from a video broadcast on 21 March, 2012 by French national television station France 2 who they claim to show Mohamed Merah, the suspect in the killing of 3 paratroopers, 3 children and a rabbi in recent days in France.—REUTERS

and control potentially dangerous suspects.

Being on that list, Merah would have been barred from boarding planes that take off and land in the United States, as well as aircraft that overfly US territory. Merah's case is just the latest to demonstrate the limits of intelligence gathering and analysis, and the use of that information against potentially, but not actively, violent suspects living in a democratic society, say current and former US and European officials and private experts on counter-terrorism policy.

"The ability of Western law enforcement or intelligence services to prevent terrorist attacks from fellow citizens who have settled back home without

acting on their intent to attack is fraught with complications and limitations," said Juan Zarate, a former senior adviser on counter-terrorism issues to former President George W Bush.—Reuters

Wife of US soldier says he would not have harmed children

WASHINGTON, 29 March—The wife of a US Army sergeant accused of killing 17 Afghan civilians this month said she does not think her husband could have carried out the massacre as he was like a child himself and would not have harmed children.

Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, a decorated 38-year-old veteran of four combat

tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, was charged last week with 17 counts of murder for killing eight adults and nine children and six counts each of assault and attempted murder for attacking two other adults and four children.

Karilyn Bales, speaking publicly for the first time since the 11 March shootings in Afghanistan's Kandahar

Province, told NBC's "Today" show she had recently spoken to her husband twice, but did not directly ask him if or how he was involved. "I just don't think he was involved," she said in the interview. "This is not him. It's not him."

"He seemed a bit confused as to where he was and why he was there," she said. She said Bales, who is

return to Havana for the next round. He said this week's treatments have been the first of five rounds.

Chavez has said the radiation treatments are intended to prevent any new cancer threat after a surgery last month that removed a second tumor from his pelvic region. He had another tumor removed from the same location in an earlier operation in June.

He said that on Wednesday, his friend and mentor Fidel Castro came to visit with him after seeing Pope Benedict XVI. Chavez said he and Castro took a ride around Havana together, and Castro showed him some farmland where agricultural research is being carried out.—Internet



In this photo released by Miraflores Press Office, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez attends a meeting with his cabinet ministers in Havana, Cuba, on 27 March, 2012.—INTERNET

being held at Leavenworth military prison in Kansas, was a great father who would not have harmed children.

"He loves children. He's like a big kid himself... I have no idea what happened ... but he loved children, and he would not do that it's heartbreaking." Karilyn Bales said her husband's latest mission seemed more intense than his past tours, but there was no question that he was mentally and physically cleared to deploy.

Reuters

Firefighters battle 15 forest fires in Spain



A fireman stands surrounded by smoke from a fire burning near the village of Castrelo do Val, in Ourense, northwestern Spain, on 27 March. Over 500 firefighters backed by planes and helicopters battled 15 wildfires on Wednesday in the region.—INTERNET

MADRID, 29 March—Over 500 firefighters backed by planes and helicopters battled 15 wildfires Wednesday in Spain's northern Cantabria region amid hot dry conditions that fuelled them, the regional government said.

Eight water-dropping aircraft were deployed to fight the largest blaze near the town of Corrales de Buelna, a statement said. The region has suffered over 150 wildfires since Friday which have burned over 650 hectares

(1,600 acres).

"Today was a day of high temperatures, of weak winds that changed direction frequently and low air humidity. No change in weather conditions is expected over the coming days," the statement said.

Spain is struggling through its driest winter since the 1940s, according to the national weather office. Crops have dried up and the familiar summer fires have come months early.

Internet



People visit the 7th Harbin Spring Auto Show in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 21 March, 2012. The week-long auto show kicked off on Tuesday, showcasing some 400 vehicles of brands worldwide.—XINHUA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends opening of asphalt concrete road

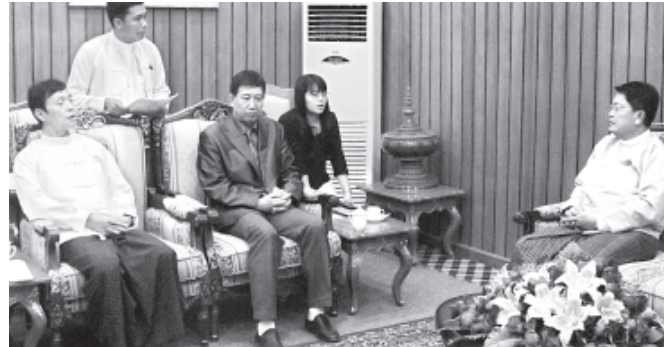
YANGON, 29 March—A ceremony to inaugurate Taynuyin avenue asphalt concrete road was held in Mayangon Township this morning, attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe.

Yangon Mayor Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin and Road Committee Chairman U Thant Zin formally opened the road.

The asphalt concrete road was 3600 feet long and 22 feet wide with 5200 feet long road pavement and 3000 feet long drains. The construction tasks cost about K 50 million contributed by Taynuyin Avenue families.

The Region Chief Minister received Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yaron Mayer and Mr Israel Teriblum and party of Mekorot Co of Israel at his office this morning and discussed economic cooperation.—MNA

Union H&T and Sports Minister receives Executive Director of Beijing-based Company Introduction HA HA Group



NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan met a delegation led by the Executive Director Mr Li Jianhan of Beijing-based Company Introduction HA HA Group, at his office here this morning. At the call, they discussed business in hotel and tourism, road works, banking and gem showroom.—MNA

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan receives Executive Director Mr Li Jianhan of Beijing-based Company Introduction HA HA Group.—MNA

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Nantkyan Reservoir in Lashio Township of Shan State (North) distributing potable water and irrigation water to local national races people in the region.

Dams and reservoirs providing national races people in Shan State with both irrigation water and drinking water



Monyin Dam in Namtu of Shan State (North), a source of potable and irrigation water for local people.



Lashio Township in Shan State (North) gets sufficient irrigation water from Humon Reservoir round the year.



Kalaw man-made cold spring in Kalaw Township of Shan State (South) satisfies thirst and hunger of the local people, supplying clean drinking water and sufficient irrigation water. The spring is well known for its clean and fresh water.

Translation: HKA

Briefing held for diplomats...

(from page 1)

Unfortunately, by-elections for three Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies in Kachin State will not take place on 1st April due to security reasons. Therefore, we are now holding elections for 45 seats on coming Sunday.

Those seats are three Pyithu Hluttaw seats and two Amyotha Hluttaw seats in Sagaing Region; two Pyithu Hluttaw seats in Taninthayi Region; four Pyithu Hluttaw seats and one Amyotha Hluttaw seat and one Regional Hluttaw seat in Bago Region; five Pyithu Hluttaw seats and one Amyotha Hluttaw seat in Magway Region, ten Pyithu Hluttaw seats in Mandalay Region; one Pyithu Hluttaw seat in Mon State; six Pyithu Hluttaw seats in Yangon Region; one Pyithu Hluttaw seat and one Amyotha Hluttaw seat in Shan State; five Pyithu Hluttaw seats, one Amyotha Hluttaw seat and one Regional Hluttaw seat in Ayeeyawady Region. In total, there are 37 Pyithu Hluttaw seats, six Amyotha Hluttaw seats and two Regional Hluttaw seats for which by-elections will be held.

The election for the remaining three Pyithu Hluttaw seats in Kachin State will be held when the security situation allows us to do so.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is now practicing the multi-party democracy practices in line with Article 7 of the State

Constitution. The Union Election Commission is supervising and overseeing the holding of the elections to be free, fair and impartial.

Diplomats and the specially invited guests are free to travel to any constituency and witness the process of elections without constraint except for the prohibition contained in the election law. You may also carry out documentary filming and news reporting apart from being prohibited from doing so within the polling station. You are requested to fill up the form which will be distributed at the end of this briefing and indicate the constituency you would like to observe so that we can coordinate and assist you in case of any difficulty that you might occur during your travel and also for your security. It is not compulsory to fill-up the form; it is up to your desire whether you wish to fill-up the form or not.

I would now like to highlight some provisions of the Election Law regarding the polling station. Election Rule 39 (A) guarantees the free, easy and secret voting for all eligible voters. In accordance with Rule No. 48 the responsible officer of polling station must ensure the rule of law at the polling station, that the election is free and fair and the systematic entry into the polling station. From the beginning of voting until the end, only authorized persons, such as members of the polling

station, eligible voters, police or security personnel assigned by the local election commission, members of the commission and sub-commission, candidates of respective constituency, their representatives and their assigned assistants are permitted to enter the polling station. If the eligible voter is illiterate or blind, one of his or her parents, spouse, offspring or sibling are allowed to accompany the voter in order to assist him or her in accordance with the law. Apart from those persons, nobody else is allowed to enter the polling station.

Moreover, observers should also keep in mind the provisions of Chapter 13 of the Election Law. Article 60 prohibits disturbance to voters who come to the polling station to cast his or her vote. Article 61 prohibits on the day of election, canvassing for votes or discouraging people not to vote within the radius of 500 yards of the polling station. Article 63 prohibits the entry into the polling station without the permission of the polling station officer. Article 64 also prohibits making fraudulent accusations against the election process.

Apart from entering the polling station which is in accordance with the election law, you can watch the whole process of voting from outside of the voting station. You can witness the process of counting ballots after the voting from outside of the polling station. You can meet

political parties, their representatives and public, but such act must not interfere with their voting. You can watch counting of the votes, but this must not interfere with the proper discharge of the duties of the various levels of the election commission and staff of the polling station. Secrecy of voting must also not be disturbed.

Observers need to be impartial regarding ideology and political party. I request all of you to refrain from any behavior or speech which could be interpreted as showing support or opposition to a political party or a candidate. You can watch the whole process of voting from the beginning of the voting time till the end and also the counting of votes.

We will distribute a booklet on the code of conduct for the observer.

If you have any comments or suggestions after this mission, you can send it in writing to the Union Election Commission through diplomatic channel.

Expenses incurred during the by-election observation tour for travelling, accommodation and meals are to be borne by you. We will closely coordinate with the authorities concerned of the respective States and Regions to facilitate your visit.

At the end of this briefing, you can also book for air-tickets and hotel at the respective counters. There are two counters for air-ticket and

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointments of following heads of service organizations on expiry of one year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Tin Myo Kyi	Director-General Union Government Office
(b) U Min Zaw	Director-General President Office

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Soe Hlaing	Director-General Agricultural Mechanization Department Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
(b) Dr Lin Aung	Director-General Budget Department Ministry of Finance and Revenue

one counter for hotel reservation opened for your convenience.

In conclusion, I would like to request you to respect the sovereignty of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and fully abide by the rules and regulations laid down by the Election Commission and authorities of the polling station. And I would also like to inform you that the Union Election Commission has the authority to withdraw the permission of the observer, to any person who does to abide by the existing laws and regulations promulgated by

the Union Election Commission regarding the by-election.

In conclusion, I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all of you and the respective government which has sent you to personally observe the by-election to be held on the 1st of April in Myanmar, and I wish you a pleasant stay in Myanmar.

Officials distributed the booklet on the code of conduct for the observer to the attendees.

Later, the Union Minister replied to queries raised by diplomats and observers.—MNA

Union Attorney-General receives UNDP officials



Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin receives Democratic Governance Practice Leader Ms Pauline Tamesis of Asia-Pacific Regional Centre of UNDP from Bangkok.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin received a delegation led by Democratic Governance Practice Leader Ms Pauline Tamesis of the Asia-Pacific

Regional Centre of UNDP in Bangkok at the credentials hall of the Attorney-General's office, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Director-General

U Myint Win of the Union Attorney-General Office, Directors Daw May Thi Lin, Daw Htoo Htoo Ngwe and officials. They had a cordial discussion on legal affairs.

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Development tasks inspected in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Chief Minister U Tha Aye of Sagaing Region on 24 March inspected replacement of wooden post with concrete post at 100-foot bailey bridge on Teza-Kalewa Road in Kalewa Township, construction of Nattaga Creek Bridge near PyindawU Village and extension of Hsegyi Bridge in Kalay Township and tarmacking of Bo Kwam Bi Road in Khammyo Ward of

Kalay and construction of the city hall in Kalay.

On 25 March, the Region Chief Minister attended the inauguration of Anawrahta self-reliant asphalt road in Taungzalat Ward of Kalay.

The Region Chief Minister met local people after donating cash to medical trust fund of Mingin People's Hospital.—MNA



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye inspects construction of Nattaga Creek Bridge in PyindawU Village of Kalay Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 29 March —The 60th anniversary of the Ministry of Culture was marked at the ministry here at 4 pm today, with an opening address by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win, Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture, heads of offices of the ministries and personnel of the Ministry of Culture.

In his opening speech, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said anniversaries are marked with two objectives. The first objective is to review the work of the previous year and have more strong points and fewest weak points. Not only the ministry but also individual departments and staff members can achieve more success if they do so.

The second objective is to praise and award outstanding staff so that a highly competitive spirit can be developed among the personnel. So, the ministry and its personnel are to try to have that spirit.

The Union Minister added that he recognizes the best efforts of all departments of the ministry in performing their duties. Such efforts also included the successful holding of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and the Myanmar traditional cultural performances at the conclusion of SEA Games in 2011.

Among the tasks to be carried out in 2012-2013 fiscal year are preparations to ensure that Myanmar is on a par with other ASEAN countries in holding the opening and concluding ceremonies of SEA Games in 2013, holding of respective national race traditional cultural contests in states, plans to start the salvage of Dhammazedi Bell, efforts for three ancient cities to be included in the list of the world ancient cultural heritages and building of Bagan Ancient Cultural Region into National Archaeological Park.

The Union Minister continued to say that efforts for ancient cities to be included in the world ancient cultural heritages need to be made in accordance with the national policy of the State and the principle of UNESCO. In carrying out the tasks, it is necessary to enlist the strength of own department as well as that of the State.

In serving the interests of the nation and the people, the government is working for socio-economic development of the people, improvement of trade and investment and other

Efforts for ancient cities to be included in world ancient cultural heritages need to be made in accordance with the national policy of State and principle of UNESCO



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan speaks at 60th Anniversary of Culture Ministry.—MNA

development tasks in line with the constitution. In doing so, coordinated efforts have to be exerted with outlook and careful consideration in order to overcome difficulties and challenges, said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister presented pre-New Year cash assistance for staff under the ministry through respective departmental heads.

He also presented prizes to first prize winner in Myanmar traditional Htamane contest Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department, the second prize winner Fine Arts Department and the third prize winner National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay). The Union Minister, Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win and Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin awarded the outstanding staff.

Director-General of Archaeology, National Library and Museum Department U Kyaw Oo Lwin, Director-General of Historical Research Department Daw Nanda Hmoon and in-charge Rector of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) Daw Khin Kyi Pyar presented research paper awards and outstanding trainee awards.

Lecturer (Myanmar) of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) Dr Kyaw Min spoke words of thanks on behalf of the staff.

Artists from the Fine Arts Department entertained with traditional dances.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted those present at the ceremony.

MNA

Dy Construction Minister looks into maintenance of roads



Deputy Construction Minister U Soe Tint inspects Magyikan-Hngatawsan-Kyaikhtaw road in Kawhmu Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint on 27 March inspected maintenance of Hlinethaya-

Twantay Road and Magyikan-Hngatawsan-Kyaikhtaw Road in Kawhmu Township of Yangon Region.

He met local people at Basic Education High School in Kyaikhtaw Village in the township.

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Union Mines Minister meets Chinese, Singaporean businessmen

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received a business delegation led by Chairman of Tracific Pte Ltd from Singapore at his office here yesterday.

Likewise, Vice President Mr Liu Jie of Poly Mining Co Ltd from China and party paid a call on the Union Minister the same day.

They held discussions on procedures for exploration of minerals, non-ferrous

metals, lead, zinc and coal deposits, potentials for cooperation and investments, application of advanced technologies and environmental conservation works.

MNA

UMFCCI President meets Belarusian Dy Industry Minister

YANGON, 29 March—A 12 member-delegation led by Deputy Minister of Industry of the Republic of Belarus Mr. Prima Vitally met President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, the Vice-Presidents and members at the UMFCCI office, here, on 21 March. Both sides cordially discussed

promoting cooperation on producing vehicles and industry sectors, signing MoU, holding discussion, cooperating agriculture and fertilizer sectors and industry sectors.—MNA



Take Fire Preventive Measures

UMFCCI President U Win Aung and party hold talks with Belarusian Deputy Minister of Industry Mr. Prima Vitally and party.—MNA

Global Education Show 2012 launched



YANGON, 29 March— With the aim of enhancing learning opportunities, quality and health sector and penetrating education and health services into the people on a wider scale, the Global Education Show 2012 including Health & Beauty 2012 was opened at Tatmadaw Convention Hall

on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township on 23 March morning, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Managing Director U Thet Lwin Shwe of IEMS Company Ltd and Managing Director U Tin

Maung Win of International Language Business Centre formally opened the show.

Arrangements have been made to give talks of scholars from universities daily.

The show was held from 23 to 25 March from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

Myanmar Alin

ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED: The age-wise measles vaccination was launched at Basic Education Primary School No. 1 in Latha Township of Yangon Region on 22 March. Chairperson of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thuang Mya presents gifts to a child after viewing vaccination works.—MYANMA ALIN



Children provided measles vaccination in Taikkyi Township



TAIKKYI, 29 March— The age-wise measles vaccination campaign 2012 was launched at Myoma

No. 6 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Ohthan Ward of Taikkyi Township on 22 March morning.

After the launching ceremony, health staff injected measles vaccines to children from nine months to five years under the supervision of the Township Medical Officer.

A total of 47 health staff and volunteer teams gave measles vaccination to 23861 children in the age-wise group arranging from nine months to five years at 369 gathering points in Taikkyi Township from 22 to 31 March.

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ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED: The age-wise measles vaccination was launched at the regional clinic of Health Department in Kyauktada Township on 22 March. Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Zeya, Head of Township Health Department Daw Theingi Myint and Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Phyo Phyo Myint and party inject anti-measles vaccine to children. MYANMA ALIN

Mini-marathon and track & field contests organized

YANGON, 29 March— Organized by the Ministry of Sports, the Yangon Region men's and women's mini-marathon (20-km) race and track & field contest were held at the sports ground in Yangon Command Headquarters in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region on 23 March morning.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thuang Htaik launched the mini-marathon race.

The athletes actively participated in the marathon race along the route from Khayaybin Junction, Yangon-Pyay Road, Htaukkyant Road and No. 3 Highway and finished at the sports ground of Yangon Command Headquarters.

After that, Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin



presented K 700,000 for the first prize to Thin Thin Yu, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thuang Htaik K 300,000 for the second prize to Nway Nadi Soe, Deputy Commissioner U Nay Lin of Yangon North District General Administration Department K 200,000 for the third prize to Hnin Hnin Oo. Officials awarded the remaining winners.

Altogether 11 athletes—79 men and 22

women—participated in the mini-marathon race.

A total of 121 men and women athletes competed in the trials and final matches of men's and women's 100-m, 200-m and 400-m races, javelin, long jump, shot put and discus events at the sports ground of Yangon Command Headquarters.

Later, officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department, the Mingaladon Township Administrator and officials of Myanmar Brewery Ltd awarded the respective winners.—Myanmar Alin

Crime reduction talks given in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 29 March—As the crime free month has been designated from 1 to 21 March in Ward 3 of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region, talks on crime prevention was held at the hall of the Township Administration in the township on 15 March morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Thihan Soe made a speech. Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Aung gave talks on crime reduction, Police Captain Tin Aye of Bago Region Special Anti-Drug Squad on disadvantages of narcotic drugs, SIP Aung Naing of Bago Region Traffic

Police Force on traffic rules, IP Maung Maung Win of Bago Region Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad and Nyaunglebin Township Police Station Commander IP Thet Nwe Oo on matters related to penalties. The attendees viewed documentary photos and wall-magazines.—Myanmar Alin

KENBO Junior Golf Championship wraps up

YANGON, 29 March— Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series, KENBO Junior Golf Championship, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation with the sponsorships of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd and Aung Kanbo Trading Co Ltd, was held at Myanmar Golf Club (9th-Mile) on Pyay Road in Yangon on 22 and 23 March.

After the fourth round, the prize presentation ceremony followed. General Manager U Nyi Nyi Aung of

Aung Kanbo Trading Co Ltd presented the fourth prize to Phu Nadi Khaing with 197 strokes, the third to Mya Phu Thwin with 185, the second to Wint Phu Nadi Aung with 179 and the first prize to Phu Pwint Yati Khaing with 176 in the women's event.

He also presented the prizes to winners in the U-10 boys' event.

Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Aung Kyi awarded the third prize to Min Sit Thway with

170 strokes, the second prize to Pyae Min Shein with 163 and the first prize to Phone Pyae Chan Han with 153.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thuang Htaik presented the first prize to Thiha Htay with 147, the second to Ye Htet Aung with 149 and the third to Aung Myint Htwe with 152 in the U-15-20 men's event.—Myanmar Alin



Farmers who fully repaid agricultural loans honoured



KYANGIN, 29 March—A ceremony to honour the farmers who fully repaid agricultural loans for 2011-12 monsoon paddy by Ayeya Kyangin Paddy Cultivation Co Ltd was held in conjunction with the loan

disbursement for reclamation of farmlands in 2012-2013 at AyeyaU Hall in Kyangin on 17 March.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Hla Khaing and Region Minister for

Development Affairs UKyaw Win Naing delivered addresses.

At first, Township Administrator U Soe Than and General Manager U Kyaw Soe of the company explained the purpose of honouring the farmers and plans to disburse loans to them.

They presented the honest farmer award to the winners and gave loans for reclamation of farmlands in Betye Village-tract to the farmers.

On behalf of the farmers, the chairman of Shwe Phwint Phyto Farming Production Cooperative Syndicate and the village administrators who won the awards in donations for regional development spoke words of thanks.—*Myanma Alin*

Cash donated to funds for meals of examinee monks

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—The cash donation for holding the Pahtamabyan Examination was held in Basic Education High School No. 1 in Pinyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 9 am on 26 March.

The ceremony was attended by Township Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, the Chairman Sayadaw of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and members, and supervisor Sayadaws.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung Than handed over K 5,612,200 for the meals of 627 members of the Sangha who will sit for religious examinations at first, second and third levels in 2012 donated by Nay Pyi Taw Council, Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee and Township General Administration Department to Chairman of the Township Religious Association U Hla Myint.

Township GAD

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Norwegian Ambassador and party meet UMFCCI officials



YANGON, 29 March—Thailand-based Norwegian Ambassador Mrs Katja Chr Nordgaard and Minister-Counsellor Mr Arne Jan Flolo met Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Hla Maung Shwe of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and General Secretary Dr Myo Thet and Joint General Secretary U Myint Zaw at the office of the federation in Lanmadaw Township, here on 19 March morning.

They discussed progress of current economic sector, jointly conducting of human resources development and external organizations, exchanging of technology for development of Myanmar's future education sector,

arrangements of Norwegian energy entrepreneur delegation to Myanmar in May, investment opportunity and sharing and cooperation in information and communication technology.—*UMFCCI*

Vocational training courses conclude in Muse

MUSE, 29 March—The basic domestic science course No. 34 and the advanced tailoring course No. 31 concluded at Women's Vocational Training School of Education and Training

Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs in Muse on 23 March morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Moe Hein of Muse District General Administration Department made a speech.

Myanmar CP Open Tennis Championships wraps up

YANGON, 29 March—Jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Tennis Federation, the final matches of the Myanmar CP Open Tennis Championships took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, on 23 March afternoon.

The championship was sponsored by Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd.

Officials presented first prize medals and cash awards to Shoon Le Wai in the girls' under-10 singles event, Ye Mann Zaw in the boys' under-10 singles event, Ma Htet Htet Aung in the women's under-12 singles event, Hsan Zarni Ko in the boys' under-10 single event, S Kyin Nyin Thein in the women's under-14 singles event, Phyto Thu Lwin in the men's under-16 singles event, Zaw Hsan Oo in the men's under-16



singles event, and Khin Maung Win and Chit Su Yi duo in the mixed doubles open event.

Vice-President of Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd Mr Phong Tron gave the first prize to duo Phyto Min Than and Min Min in the men's doubles open event, the second prize to Khin Maung Win and Tu Tu Ja and joint third prizes to Win Myint and Christopher duo and Myo Lwin Oo and Win Naing Oo duo, and the first prize to Phyto Min Tha, the second to Aung Kyaw Naing and joint third prizes to Min Min and

Aung Ko Oo in the singles event.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented cash awards and joint third prize to Military Engineering team and Excellent Club, the cash awards and second prize to Ministry of Defence and the cash award and first prize to Petronas Club in the inter-club event, and championship trophy to the first prize winning team.

Myanma Alin

Dangers of electricity, fire talked in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 29 March—Yangon City Electricity Supply Board makes field trips to schools and markets for safety of electricity danger.

On 21 March morning, the township electrical engineer of Mingaladon Township and in-charge of Yangon North Zone Fire Brigade U Aye Kyaw gave talks on safety from dangers of electricity and fire at the administrative office of the Mingaladon Development



Market. Together with officials of the market administrative office and market elders, they

inspected use of electricity, fire tank and systematic keeping of hoses at the market.—*Myanma Alin*

Women's discussions organized by Bago Region WAO

PYAY, 29 March—Chairperson of Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw May Thu and members, Chairperson of Pyay District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Bauk Nan and members, the chairperson of Padaung Township WAO and members met local Chin female nationals in Kyweye

Village of Talokpin Village-tract in Padaung Township on 16 March.

The chairperson of Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization made a speech. Chin national women presented membership applications.

The chairperson of the region Women's Affairs

Organization presented brochures to the WAO members and uniforms to them.

Next, they held talks with Chin national women.

Later, the observed production of Chin traditional costumes and traditional wares.

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**APEC summit facilities
in Vladivostok to be completed
in 3 months**

VLADIVOSTOK, 29 March—The construction of all facilities for this year's meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum must be completed within the coming three months, a Russian official said on Wednesday.

However, the construction requires consolidated efforts, Russian Minister of Regional Development Viktor Basargin said when he opened a meeting of the Coordination Council on Development of Vladivostok as Centre of the International Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region. The 2012 APEC summit will be held on the Russkiy Island in Russia's Far East City of Vladivostok in early September. The authorities have planned to build more than 40 facilities for this event, including new roads, bridges, and infrastructure facilities, and 32 of them have already been completed.—Xinhua

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In this photo taken and released on 27 Aug, 2010 by Japan's Justice Ministry, the trapdoor where a condemned criminal is to stand is marked with a red double square on the floor in an execution room at Tokyo Detention Centre when the local media are allowed a rare tour of Tokyo's main gallows in a bid to create more public awareness about capital punishment. Three death row inmates in Japan were executed by hanging on 29 March, 2012.—INTERNET

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A Japanese fishing vessel swept away by tsunami in 2011 has been spotted approaching the west coast of Canada. Following pictures are the top ten well-known "ghost ships" in the world.

INTERNET



Japan hangs three in 1st executions since 2010

TOKYO, 29 March—Three death row inmates in Japan were executed by hanging on Thursday, the country's first executions in more than a year and a half.

The men were reportedly hanged in three different prisons. One was convicted of ramming a car into a train station and then knifing people nearby, killing five, in 1999. The second killed two people in 2001 and the third killed three in 2002.

Justice Minister Toshio Ogawa confirmed the executions in a news conference, saying that the punishment is supported by the public. He did not provide details, and all major Japanese media quoted anonymous Justice Ministry officials for details on who was executed.

The executions were Japan's first since July 2010. Capital punishment is usually ordered only for inmates convicted of multiple murders. Japan has 132 death row convicts, which is near its highest level since World War II.

Japan, along with the United States, is one of the few industrialized countries that still has capital punishment. All executions in Japan are carried out by hanging.—Internet

Man saws off own foot to continue receiving unemployment benefits

It sounds like the plot of a boring "Saw" film, but it's apparently all-too-real.

An unemployed Austrian man cut off his own foot with a mitre saw so he could continue receiving jobless benefits.

Hans Url, a 56-year-old from Mitterlabill, then took the foot and cooked it in the oven so doctors could not reattach it.

"The planning was meticulous," Franz Fasching, a police spokesman, told the *Daily Mail*. "[Url] waited

until his wife and his adult son had left the house and he was alone. He then switched it on and sliced off his left foot above the ankle—throwing it in the fire so it would not be possible to reattach it before he called emergency services."

He "then made his way to the garage where he called emergency services and waited for them to arrive."

Url was airlifted to a hospital in Graz, where he was put in an artificial coma so doctors could stabilize him.



The circular saw used by Url.

"The foot was too badly burned to reattach," a hospital spokesman said. "All we could do was seal the wound. He had lost a lot of blood—he almost died on the way to hospital."

Dad makes 12-year-old son hold 'I'm a thief' sign on street corner

Twelve-year-old Jose Gonzalez isn't having much fun on his spring break. But his father hopes it will be a week the Denver-area youth will never forget.

The *Denver Post* reports that after Joseph Gonzalez found out that Jose had stolen \$100 from a cousin's wallet, he forced his son to stand on a downtown street corner holding a sign that reads, "I am a thief. I took money from a family member. Don't give me money."

"He's a good kid," Gonzalez told *Post* reporter

Electa Draper. "This is the first time he's done something like this. I hope it will be the last."

On first glance, the punishment sounds like an effective, old school punishment that will likely bring nods of approval from many readers, myself included. But it seems a bit extreme that Jose, who has never been in trouble with the law, is being required to hold the sign for up to 10 hours in a single day. It sounds a little bit like an exaggerated disciplinary lesson out of Amy Chua's "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother."

"The taking-responsibility part is cool, but the rest of this is not cool," Florida psychologist James Huysman told the paper.

"This is about shame. In the old days, we used to just shame people, hang signs around their necks in public."

Huysman said Jose is too young to gain any "insight" from the punishment.

"I think it's, like, fair," Jose says in the video. "I was kind of mad but sad at the same time because I thought I was gonna be embarrassed a lot."

But his dad isn't worried about any psychological scars or the public notoriety gained from Jose's punishment. "Nah, he's only 12 years old," he said. "Everybody makes mistakes at that time in their life. It's about being corrected."

In addition to making his son hold the sign, Joseph took Jose to his school, where he made him admit his theft to school officials and a police officer.

Tallest man in US gets \$25,000 for shoes

A Minnesota man believed to be the tallest in the United States said donations to his Web site will allow him to buy a new pair of special shoes and then some. Igor Vovkivinskiy of Rochester, a college student who stands at 7 feet, 8 inches tall, said the 15 foot surgeries he has had in the past three years make it difficult for him to walk without shoes offering proper support. He said he was told by officials at Reebok a pair of size 26 shoes would cost \$15,000 to have specially made, WCCO-TV, Minneapolis,

reported on Wednesday.

Vovkivinskiy, who came to the United States from Ukraine as a child, said his friends recommended he start a Web page to solicit donations to go toward the special shoes and he received more than \$25,000 since WCCO-TV aired a story about his plight on Monday.

"Thank you so much kind people of Minnesota! Thank you people for your kindness, generosity, outpouring of support," Vovkivinskiy wrote in an online post.

News Album

Winehouse family to get her \$4.66 million fortune

LONDON, 29 March—Records show Amy Winehouse left an estate worth 2.94 million pounds (\$4.66 million) after her death last year.

The 27-year-old soul diva was found dead in bed on 23 July at her London home. Probate documents showed on Wednesday that she left behind assets totaling more than 4.25 million pounds (\$6.7 million), with 2.94 million pounds (\$4.66 million) remaining after debts and taxes.

Since Winehouse did not leave a will, the money will go to her parents. The documents list father Mitch Winehouse as administrator of the singer's estate. Nothing



A painting 'Amy' by British artist Johan Andersson is seen hanging at a pub in central London on 23 August, 2011.

INTERNET

goes to her ex-husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, whom she divorced in 2009.

Winehouse shot to fame with her 2006 album "Back to Black," but struggled for years with drug and alcohol abuse. An inquest found she died of accidental alcohol poisoning.—*Internet*

India launches first Bollywood 'Walk of Fame'

MUMBAI, 29 March—Often accused of ripping off plot lines from Hollywood, it was perhaps only a matter of time before India's Bollywood launched its own "Walk of Fame" in the style of Los Angeles' iconic boulevard.

Indian cinema's "Walk of the Stars" was officially opened on Wednesday on a seaside promenade in the Bandra District of Mumbai, the country's entertainment capital — the first of two competing projects under way in the city.

Like the Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, Mumbai's new pathway will bear handprints and signatures of numerous actors — along with a

handful of life-size brass statues depicting some of the Indian greats.

From one of Bollywood's acting dynasties, movie star Kareena Kapoor was the main guest at the launch in a nearby hotel, where she unveiled a statue of her legendary grandfather, the late Raj Kapoor, sitting on a bench.

"I think people should come to actually dance with the stars. Some stars that are not here today with us, we can get to dance with them, touch them, feel them and actually realise what they were".—*Internet*



Indian Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor, pictured November 2011, was the main guest at the launch of India's "Walk of the Stars".

INTERNET

Bad boy Sheen on a comeback—starring as himself

LOS ANGELES, 29 March—A year after his public meltdown, Charlie Sheen is returning from Hollywood's purgatory with a flourish, appearing in two commercials ahead of a new TV show this summer — all playing off the bad boy image that got him in trouble in the first place. Sheen's return to TV after being fired in March 2011 from his sitcom "Two and a Half Men" is currently playing out in TV ads for satellite company DirecTV and



Presenter Charlie Sheen announces the winner of the award for outstanding lead actor in a comedy series to actor Jim Parsons for television series "The Big Bang Theory" at the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on 18 Sept, 2011.—*REUTERS*

carmaker Fiat in which the 46-year-old star displays his trademark smirk and even extols the virtue of "house arrest" after racing the Fiat 500 Abarth through the halls of a mansion.

"Heis who he is, and we're not going to change that," said his long-time manager Mark Burg, who plotted a series of TV appearances last year he now refers to Sheen's "mea culpa tour".—*Reuters*

"The Hunger Games" soundtrack tops Billboard chart



The Regal Cinemas is seen during the opening night of "The Hunger Games" in Los Angeles, California on 22 March, 2012.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 29 March—"The Hunger Games" official soundtrack shot to the top of the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday, following the film's record-setting opening weekend.

"The Hunger Games" soundtrack sold 175,000

copies last week, according to Nielsen SoundScan and is the first film soundtrack to debut at No 1 since Michael Jackson's concert film "This Is It" topped the chart following his sudden death in 2009.

Produced by country musician T-Bone Burnett, "The Hunger Games: Songs from District 12 and Beyond" album features songs by Taylor Swift, Arcade Fire, Miranda Lambert, Maroon 5 and The Civil Wars.

The soundtrack's lead single "Safe and Sound," by Swift and The Civil Wars, was released in December as the film started gaining buzz, and clocked in at No 30 on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart.—*Reuters*

Banjo innovator, music pioneer Earl Scruggs dies at 88



Legendary banjo player and musician Earl Scruggs poses as his star is unveiled on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood as former honorary mayor of Hollywood Johnny Grant (L) strums Scruggs' banjo, on 13 Feb, 2003.

INTERNET

NASHVILLE, 29 March—Banjo innovator and bluegrass legend Earl Scruggs, a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, died on Wednesday at a Nashville hospital at age 88.

He had been in failing health for some time, according to his son, Gary Scruggs, who played bass guitar with his father. Talking about his father's death, he said with a cracking voice: "He's 88 and it's a slow process."

A four-time Grammy winner, Scruggs was perhaps best known in popular culture for "The Ballad of Jed Clampett," the theme song for "The Beverly Hillbillies" television programme, and for "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," a Flatt & Scruggs classic which was used in the 1967 classic film, "Bonnie and Clyde."

While he dabbled in all forms of music, and was at home in the company of all creative musicians, he was among the first to popularize what his former boss, Bill Monroe, referred to as bluegrass music.

After breaking with Monroe, Scruggs and his guitar-playing friend, Lester Flatt, formed Flatt & Scruggs with the Foggy Mountain Boys.

Reuters

Dalglish retains hope over Adam injury

Liverpool manager says midfielder could still play again this season



Liverpool midfielder Charlie Adam suffered a knee injury in the match against QPR last week. — INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 29 March — Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish says midfielder Charlie Adam may still be able to play again for the club this season. Adam, 26, limped out of the 3-2 defeat at Queens Park Rangers on 21st March with a knee ligament injury and was forced out of the 2-1 reverse at home to Wigan Athletic last weekend. But

Dalglish has rejected reports that Scottish international Adam will not play again this campaign.

"We know Charlie has strained knee ligaments but we still don't know how long he will be out," Dalglish told the club's official website. "He hasn't had an operation and as it stands he's not having one. It's only been a week

since he did it. He needs to rest it for another 10 days or so and then he will be reassessed. "We'll see how he is then and we'll be in a better position to know when he will be back playing. "We haven't ruled him out for the rest of the season. We're just waiting to see how he progresses."

As well as Adam, Liverpool are also dealing with injuries to Craig Bellamy, Martin Kelly, Daniel Agger and Glen Johnson. Dalglish added: "They are all making progress. They are all training to various degrees and we will monitor them throughout the week. "If they're ready to play they will come back into our plans for Sunday." Liverpool lie seventh in the Barclays Premier League table and they travel to sixth-placed Newcastle United on Sunday. — *Internet*

Man City forward Sergio Aguero determined to win Barclays Premier League this season

MANCHESTER, 29 March — Manchester City forward Sergio Aguero has insisted the club will battle until the end to try to win this season's Barclays Premier League title. City have been top of the table for most of the season but have faltered recently in winning only one of their last three League matches, which has allowed rivals Manchester United to take a three-point lead. There are still eight matches left this campaign, including the Manchester derby at the Etihad Stadium on Monday 30th April, and Aguero says his side will not give up in their pursuit of a first Barclays Premier League crown.

"Why wait until next season if we can win it now?" Aguero told the club's official website. "I can promise you that we'll be fighting until the very end. We all want to make it and though it won't be easy,



Manchester City forward Sergio Aguero has made a big impact in his first season in England. — INTERNET

we believe we can win the Premier League this season. "Winning titles is about never giving up and we will never give up.

I want to win it this season and then many more with City after that." Aguero has had a superb first season in England after completing his move from Spanish side Atletico Madrid last summer.

The 23-year-old Argentine has played a key role in City's push for the title, scoring 17 goals in 27 League appearances, and says he

feels completely settled at the club. "I was able to adapt quickly to the team and to the Premier League," he said. "That was all due to my teammates, the club and especially the fans. "We have had a great season but there is so much more to come from this team.

"I've been told we've broken historic records and that's already an achievement. I've also learnt it's important to respect our progress an on-going process."

Internet

Weary Venus Williams loses at Key Biscayne

KEY BISCAINE, 29 March — Venus Williams sagged in the wooden changeover chair as if it were a cushy recliner, her head tilted back, her tank on empty. She rose slowly to play the final two games and lost both, but grinned as she walked to the exit, perhaps



Venus Williams returns a shot from Agnieszka Radwanska, of Poland, during the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament, on 28 March, 2012, in Key Biscayne, Fla. — INTERNET

because she was headed for a well-deserved rest.

Weary after winning three consecutive three-set matches, Williams was eliminated Wednesday by Agnieszka Radwanska in the quarterfinals of the Sony Ericsson Open, 6-4, 6-1. "It was disappointing not to be able to feel my best today," Williams said.

"I was able to keep it close in the first set and try different strategies, but it was definitely a mental battle, and today I didn't conquer the mental part of it."

In the men's quarterfinals, No 2-seeded Rafael Nadal continued his bid for his first Key Biscayne title by beating No 6 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. His opponent Friday will be 2009 champion Andy Murray, who overcame an upset stomach and early deficit to beat No 9 Janko Tipsarevic 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. — *Internet*



Federico Macheda joined Queens Park Rangers on loan in the January transfer window. — INTERNET

Macheda returns to Man Utd

LONDON, 29 March — Queens Park Rangers' on-loan striker Federico Macheda has returned to Manchester United for treatment on an ankle injury which is set to end his season.

The 20-year-old picked up the injury during his spell in London and is now back at his parent club to continue his rehabilitation.

Macheda made three Barclays Premier League appearances for Manchester United this season before joining QPR on 2nd January to become Neil Warnock's first signing of the transfer window. Warnock was sacked six days later and with

the likes of Djibril Cisse and Bobby Zamora being signed by new boss Mark Hughes, Macheda found his first-team opportunities limited.

He made three League appearances as a substitute during his time at Loftus Road. "It is expected that the problem will sideline the young striker for the rest of the campaign," read a Manchester United statement.

Macheda joined United from Italian side Lazio in 2007 and has also had a loan spell at Sampdoria. — *Internet*

Virtue-Moir take lead at figure skating worlds

NICE, 29 March — Ice dance Olympic champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada took the lead after the short dance programme at the figure skating world championships on Wednesday, relegating defending champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White into second place. Virtue and Moir, who clinched the worlds and Olympic double two years ago, posted a score of 72.31 points. Their American archrivals scored 70.98.

"We are happy about our performance," Virtue said. "We feel very strong and much more confident now for the free dance." At this year's Grand Prix final, Davis and White won, but Virtue and Moir bounced back to win last month's Four Continents — beating the US pair for the first time since

the 2010 worlds. "We (are) big rivals with Meryl and Charlie," Moir said.



Canada's Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform in the Pairs Ice Dance Short programme during the 2012 World Figure Skating Championships in Nice, southeastern France. — INTERNET

"We are happy with our score and now we are just excited about the free dance, this is our programme."

Virtue and Moir are poised to win their world title back heading into Thursday's free, but the Americans are determined to stop them.

Internet

Double bonus for Schwartzel at Houston Open

HUMBLE, 29 March — South African Charl Schwartzel has two good reasons to be happy competing at this week's Houston Open in Humble, Texas, as he prepares for his Masters title defence the following week. Not only does the 27-year-old love the par-72 layout at the Redstone Golf Club but he enjoys the added benefit of a course that is set up to provide similar conditions to Augusta National for the season's first major.

"It's always one of my favorite events, and not because it's the week before the Masters," Schwartzel, who stormed to his first major title with a four-birdie finish at Augusta National last year, told reporters at Redstone on Wednesday. "The way they set up the golf course, it's known to be very good



South Africa's Charl Schwartzel

practice for Augusta but I just like the golf course as it is. It's just a bonus that they do set it up very similar (to the Masters)."

Schwartzel tied for third at the 2010 Houston Open and has produced good form this season with two top-five finishes in his first four starts on the PGA Tour. "I know when I play at my best that I can compete with the best," said the South African, who made a brief preparatory trip to Augusta National last week. "That's what I work towards."

Reuters

Bartoli ends Azarenka's winning streak

KEY BISCAINE, 29 March — France's Marion Bartoli ended world number one Victoria Azarenka's streak of 26 straight wins with an impressive 6-3, 6-3 victory at the Sony Ericsson Open on Wednesday. Seventh-seed Bartoli moves into the semi-finals where she will face Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska, a 6-4, 6-1 victor over Venus Williams.

Bartoli played with aggression and confidence from the outset to take the game to Azarenka, who appeared short of inspiration and heavy on her feet. The Frenchwoman produced a superb cross court return to break and go 4-3 up in the second set—the decisive blow which finished off the Belarussian's resistance. "I just went out on the court full of belief in myself," said a delighted Bartoli, who



Marion Bartoli of France (L) shakes hands with Victoria Azarenka of Belarus after defeating her in their women's singles match at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida on 28 March, 2012. — REUTERS raised her arms aloft in delight at beating the top seed. — *Reuters*



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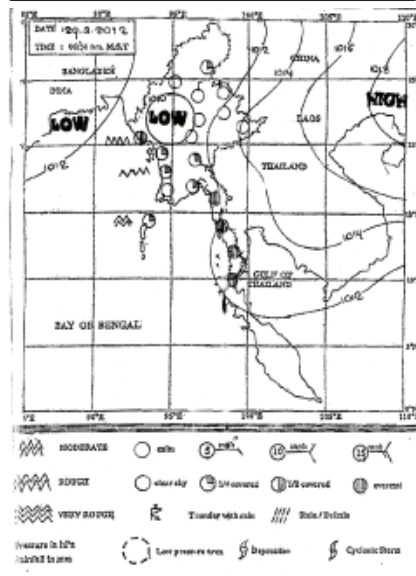
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- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am**
3. Health Programme
- 4:05 pm**
4. Song Of National Races
- 4:30 pm**
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Chemistry)
- 4:50 pm**
6. Myanmar Language
- 5:20 pm**
7. Telepaly (Drugs)
- 5:45 pm**
8. Sports Highlight
- 6:15 pm**
9. Weather Report
- 8:00 pm**
10. News
 11. Just For Lauhgs (Gags Asia)
 12. Song Lovers

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 30th March, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	17/63	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
2	Kayah	36/97	17/63	Partly cloudy	
3	Kayin	40/104	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
4	Chin	27/81	11/52	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
6	Lower Sagaing	41/106	20/68	Partly cloudy	
7	Tamuthayi	38/100	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
8	Bago	38/100	22/72	Partly cloudy	
9	Magway	41/106	22/72	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	39/102	22/72	Partly cloudy	
11	Mon	39/102	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60(%)
12	Yangon	39/102	22/72	Partly cloudy	
13	Rakhine	33/91	22/72	Partly cloudy	
14	Southern Shan	32/90	16/61	Partly cloudy	
15	Northern Shan	33/91	12/54	Partly cloudy	
16	Eastern Shan	35/95	17/63	Partly cloudy	
17	Ayeyawady	39/102	23/73	Partly cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	41/106	21/70	Partly cloudy to cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	39/102	22/72	Partly cloudy	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	39/102	22/72	Partly cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon and Tamuthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above March average temperatures in Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, (6°C) above March average temperatures in Chin State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Meehlaung (0.12) inch.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.



VEHICLES CHECKED: Deputy Head of Pyay District Directorate of Road Administration U Myo Myint Than and party of Bago Region check vehicles at the junction of Nawade Bridge in Pyay on 20 March with a view to declining traffic accidents.—MYANMA ALIN

Milan hold Barca to goalless stalemate

MILAN, 29 March—Pep Guardiola said his Barcelona team will need to score at least two goals at the Camp Nou next week if they are to oust AC Milan and reach the Champions League semifinals. The Italian and Spanish champions played out a 0-0 draw at the San Siro here on Wednesday, leaving next week's quarter-final second leg finely poised.

And having failed to snatch an away goal to take back to Catalunya, the Spaniards' boss is worried that one goal at home won't be enough. "I think we have to score more than one to go through and we'll try to do that," he said. "Scoring away gives you a lot, but they were lucky because they didn't even get one free-kick around

the box or a corner. "They're a very strong team and I imagine one goal won't be enough.

"The (Nou Camp) pitch will be better, it will be faster and I hope we'll play well." Like Arsenal's Arsene Wenger in the previous round, Guardiola was particularly critical of the San Siro pitch, which gets played on twice as much as most grounds as it's shared by Milan and city rivals Inter. "Like us UEFA want a spectacle but if you don't have the conditions it's difficult and you have to overcome the pitch's condition," said Guardiola.

"It's not Milan or Inter who are the problems because I'm sure they want to play on a good pitch, it's



AC Milan's goalkeeper Christian Abbiati (L) attempts a save as Barcelona's Lionel Messi (R) races for the goal during the Champions League quarter-finals match at San Siro stadium in Milan. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

the stadium's you had offered me a problem." Although they failed to score, Guardiola insisted that a draw away from home is a good result. "At the beginning of the season if

you had offered me a Champions League quarter-final with a 0-0 draw away I would have signed for it, and even more so against Milan," he said.—Internet

Summer cultural course 25 April-4 May

YANGON, 29 March—Under the arrangement of the Pagoda Board of Trustees of Maha Thakya Atula Manaung Ngahtetgyi Pagoda in Bahan Township of Yangon Region, the third summer cultural course will be held at ancient Daw Thawt prater hall on the platform of the pagoda from 25 April to 4 May.

The course will be conducted between 8 am to 11 am daily. The children from nine to 15 years old may attend the course. Those wishing to attend the course may contact the Pagoda Board of Trustees, Tel: 01-542177.—Myanma Alin



Gomez and Robben sink troubled Marseille

MARSEILLE, 29 March — Bayern Munich took control of their Champions League quarter-final against Marseille with a 2-0 win at Stade Velodrome on Wednesday that condemned OM to an eighth defeat in nine matches.

With Steve Mandanda suspended, Marseille coach Didier Deschamps chose to field third-choice goal-keeper Elinton Andrade but the move backfired in the 44th minute when the Brazilian allowed Mario Gomez's shot to slip beneath him.

The 32-year-old was making his first appearance since January 2011 and he was beaten again by Arjen Robben in the 69th minute as Bayern took a commanding grip on the tie ahead of next Tuesday's return leg.

"We realised our objective by winning here without conceding any goals," said Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes. "Marseille play emotional football, so it was very important for us to get this result tonight."

It was a sixth consecutive success for Heynckes' side, whose thoughts may already be turning to a likely semi-final showdown with Real Madrid for the right to reach the 19 May final at their own Allianz Arena stadium.

Deschamps was left to rue the timing of Bayern's opener. "I think that until the (first) goal, we'd done things pretty well," he said.—Internet

Rocket explodes as Baghdad Arab summit begins

BAGHDAD, 29 March—A rocket exploded on the edge of the fortified Green Zone in the Iraqi capital on Thursday, where an Arab League summit attended by nine heads of state was taking place, a senior security source said.

The rocket was fired despite a security clampdown in Baghdad, where 100,000 extra security forces have been deployed, streets closed and a curfew imposed on vehicles.

"The blast happened close to the Iranian embassy. The windows of the embassy have been shattered, but there are no casualties," the source told Reuters.

Two more rockets hit the western district of Washash and Rahmaniya in central Baghdad, the source said.

Iraq is hosting the Arab League summit for the first time in 20 years and is keen to show its neighbours it can maintain security following the withdrawal of US troops in December, nine years after the invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.

MNA/Reuters

Goodwill delegation led by Malaysian Prime Minister and wife heads home

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—The goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak and wife Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor, who visited Myanmar at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, left here for Malaysia by special flight at 2.45 pm today.

The goodwill delegation led by the Malaysian Prime Minister and wife was seen off by Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein and wife Daw Aye Aye, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and wife Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Tin Latt and wife Daw Htway Htway Mya, the Malaysian ambassador to Myanmar and wife, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and staff of Malaysian embassy at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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Union Industry Minister U Soe Thein and personnel see off Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak and wife Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

Plan to honour monks who passed Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Examination

NAY PYI TAW, 29 March—A ceremony to confer certificates to the monks who passed the 64th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination organized by Ministry of Religious Affairs will be held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, at 8 am on 19 May.

The Religious Affairs Department invited the members of the Sangha who

passed the exam to arrive at Otarakuru Hall on Kaba Aye Hill at 3 pm on 18 May.

Provisions will be offered to members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, one Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida, two Mula Abhidhammika, two Dighanikaya Kovida, four DighaBhanaka, two Vinaya Kovida, 27 Vinaya Dhara, 10

Ubhatovibhanga Kovida, 44 Ubhato Bhivamgadhara, totalling 293 members of the Sangha including 93 who passed the exams. Those wishing to make cash and kind donations in advanced may dial 660766 of Director-General U Myo Tun of Religious Affairs Department, 652794, 664578 and 664465 of examination centre.

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Hluttaw candidates to submit lists of election expenses

Hluttaw candidates who will be running for by-election to be held on 1st April 2012 will have to bear election expenses in accord with the provisions of respective Hluttaw election rule Chapter (13). They therefore are to systematically compile and send lists of election expenses to Nay Pyi Taw/District Sub-commission concerned as prescribed by the index (a) of the commission directive (3/2010) within 60 days from the date Region/State Sub-commission concerned announces Hluttaw representatives elected from respective constituencies.

Hluttaw candidates representing political parties and independent representatives have the duty to put forward lists of election expenses whether they are elected or not in by-election. If they fail to do so, they may be declared disqualified in accord with Hluttaw Election Law Section 88 (c).

The forms of index (a) of Directive (3/2010) of the Union Election Commission dated 16-9-2010 were already carried in the 18-9-2010 issues of the dailies.

Union Election Commission

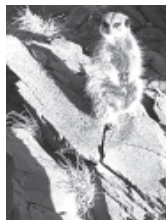
Fossil Raindrop Impressions Imply Greenhouse Gases Loaded Early Atmosphere

SCIENCE DAILY, 29 March—In ancient Earth history, the sun burned as much as 30 percent dimmer than it does now. Theoretically that should have encased the planet in ice, but there is geologic evidence for rivers and ocean sediments between 2 billion and 4 billion years ago.

Scientists have speculated that temperatures warm enough to maintain liquid water were the result of a much thicker atmosphere, high concentrations of greenhouse gases or a combination of the two.

Now University of Washington researchers, using evidence from fossilized raindrop impressions from 2.7 billion years ago to deduce

atmospheric pressure at the time, have demonstrated that an abundance of greenhouse gases most likely caused the warm temperatures.—*Internet*



A meerkat perches atop rocks bearing the fossil impressions of raindrops that fell in South Africa 2.7 billion years ago.

New Layer of Genetic Information Helps Determine How Fast Proteins Are Produced

SCIENCE DAILY, 29 March—A hidden and never before recognized layer of information in the genetic code has been uncovered by a team of scientists at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) thanks to a technique developed at UCSF called ribosome profiling, which enables the measurement of gene activity

inside living cells — including the speed with which proteins are made.

By measuring the rate of protein production in bacteria, the team discovered that slight genetic alterations could have a dramatic effect. This was true even for seemingly insignificant genetic changes known as "silent mutations," which

swap out a single DNA letter without changing the ultimate gene product.—*Internet*



The structure of a ribosome.



Nantkyan Reservoir in Lashio Township of Shan State (North).

Man City forward Sergio Aguero determined to win Barclays Premier League this season



Macheda returns to Man Utd

