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Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Festival Organizing Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 1373 ME Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Traditional Cultural Maha Thingyan Festival Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt and Vice-Chairman Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan addressed the coordination meeting of the committee at

Nay Pyi Taw City Hall here this morning.

It was attended by members of the committee deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, the joint secretary and members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, departmental heads, managing directors of Nay Pyi Taw hotels and construction companies and officials.

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt called for pre-

serving Myanmar culture in entertainments and choral dancing while Union Minister U Tint Hsan urged the members to ensure security till the festival is over.

After hearing reports submitted by officials of each subcommittee, Union Minister U Thein Nyunt gave concluding remarks.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 1373 ME Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar Traditional Cultural Maha Thingyan Festival Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt delivers an address at coordination meeting of the committee.

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Coordination meeting for Comprehensive Education Sector Review held



NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—A Coordination Meeting for Comprehensive Education Sector Review was held at Function Hall of Thingaha Hotel here this morning, in the presence of Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, UNICEF resident representative Mr. Ramesh M. Shrestha and officials concerned, members of the steering committee, the

implementation committee, Directors-General of the departments under the Ministry of Education, and distinguished persons.

On the occasion, Union Minister Dr Mya Aye called for cooperation between officials from the education field and donor organizations in fulfilling needs for doing comprehensive educational research tasks; the follow-up plan of the Conference on Development Policy Options (See page 8)

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye addresses coordination meeting for Comprehensive Education Sector Review.

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Thingyan fever



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Sluice gate and dam supplying irrigation water to farmlands for agriculture development in Bago Region



Photo shows storage of water in Khabaung diversion weir.

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Photo shows Paingkyon Sluice Gate.

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In the years beyond 2025

Experts believe that two thirds of global population will face clean water shortage in the year 2025 which is only 13 years from now. In fact, the time of abundant water has ended and a new era of sustainable use of the remaining water resources has just started. Accordingly, countries around the world are finding and tapping new water resources and also new ways to produce clean and safe water.

Generally, Myanmar is rich in water resources as it has a large number of natural watercourses and water-bodies and many of its regions and states get a lot of rain water annually.

But it also has dry regions which value water more than any thing else. Water scarcity is attributable to less development in socio-economy resulting from hindrance in farming as livelihood and vulnerability to diseases due to lack of personal hygiene. In this regard, Myanmar has been tapping its water resources for irrigation, clean water supply and industries. It has been sinking artesian wells, installing river water pumping stations and dams and canals in every possible place.

Recently the country inaugurated Kyeoehn Kyeewa Dam on Mone Creek in Magway Region one of its driest places. The dam is 3280 feet long and 164 feet high with maximum storage capacity of 463,000 acre feet. The facility can irrigate 96,000 acres of farmland and generate 74-megawatt electricity.

Kyeoehn Kyeewa Dam will contribute to supplying drinking water and irrigation water, growing of crops at any seasons, greening environments, protection against flood that occurred in Pakokku Region last year and fire prevention.

The government has been building irrigation facilities like Kyeoehn Kyeewa for effective use of natural watercourses for rural as well as national development and saving country from facing water shortage even in the years beyond 2025.

MFF invites its partner association to attend AGM

YANGON, 3 April—The 13th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation will be held at its hall in Insein Township on 7 April.

The federation has invited entrepreneurs of its partner associations to attend the annual general meeting without fail.—MNA

Directorate of Transport Administration sets registration fees for imported vehicles

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Directorate of Transport Administration under the Ministry of Rail Transportation has set the registration fee of the following vehicles as the percentage of the original price shown against in line with Section (3) of 1964 Vehicle Law, Section (22) (a) and Section (214) (b) of Vehicle Rules for smooth running of imported vehicles and road safety, it is learnt.

- (a) Trucks (Light Truck, Truck, Dumper, Tanker, Refrigerated Van, Box Truck, Crane Truck, Logging Truck, Container Carrier Truck and Tractor Head) 5 per cent
- (b) Passenger vehicle (Bus) (15 passengers and above including the driver) 5 per cent
- (c) Luxury vehicle (Saloon, Jeep, Station Wagon, Pickup, Micro Bus, Van, MPV, SUV)
 - (1) Engine power of 1350 CC and below 50 per cent
 - (2) Engine power between 1351 CC and 2000 CC 80 per cent
 - (3) Engine power between 2001 CC and 5000 CC 100 per cent
 - (4) Engine power of 5001 CC and above 120 per cent

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Union Energy Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received Chief Executive Officer Mr Ajay Khanna and party of Jubilant Energy Company of India at his office yesterday afternoon.

They discussed plans for oil and natural gas exploration for the first time in inland block PSC I of Myanmar, and opportunity for extension for oil blocks in Myanmar due to encouragement of Indian government to the company to put more investment in Myanmar.

The Union minister also received Chairman Mr



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Li Li and party of NPCC Company of the People's Republic of China and discussed exploration work being undertaken in inland block F (Ngahlaingtwin region), progress of works, tests and requirements. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3

April—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received General Secretary of World View International Foundation based in Colombo, Sri Lanka Dr Arne Fjortoft and party, at his office yesterday morning.

Union Minister meets General Secretary of World View International Foundation

The meeting focused on cooperation in disseminating knowledge on environmental conservation and prospect for cooperation in

mangroves conservation in coastal regions.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Sann Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department under

the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun)

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 30 March inspected installation of iron frames and arrival of frames at Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) construction project.

He gave instructions on priority to be given to worksite safety.

On the bank in Malun, the deputy minister inspected completion of earthen work at Malun approach road and construction of box culverts.

Ayeyawady Bridge

(Malun) is rail-cum-road bridge. Its iron frames are produced from Myaungdaga Steel Mill of Myanmar Economic Corporation. One of nine bridge spans has been installed with iron frames.

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Renovated school buildings put into service

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—A ceremony to open buildings at Basic Education Primary School No. 29 in Ward 7 of Patheingyi and BEPS No. 1 in Ward 5 renovated by Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung was held at the schools yesterday morning.

The Region Chief Minister delivered an address. Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung, Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint, Assistant Region Education Officer (Admin) U Ye Myint and Patheingyi Township Administrator U Chit Ko Ko formally opened the school buildings.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspects progress in construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun).—MNA

Livestock breeding development tasks coordinated in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye visited Kawlin, Wuntho, Pinlebu and Bamauk townships in Katha District, Sagaing Region from 27 to 31 March and left instructions on rural development tasks and prevention of animal diseases. On 28 March, he met with fish breeders and fulfilled the needs of supply of fingerlings

and breeding of fish.

On 29 March, the deputy minister met the local people in Nanzar Village in Bamauk Township, gave instructions on preventive measures against recurrence of black leg disease that broke out the previous year and donated cash for regional development and publications for libraries.—MNA

Participation of many parties in Myanmar by-elections "significant step"

Ban Ki-moon

UNITED NATIONS, 3 April—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday congratulated Myanmar on holding successful by-elections on 1 April, stressing the free participation of multiple parties in the polls as an important step forward.

"The Secretary-General congratulates the people, government and political parties of Myanmar for the peaceful and largely orderly manner in which Sunday's by-elections for vacant parliamentary seats were held," said a statement released here by Ban's spokesman. "Candidates from various political parties, including the National League for Democracy (NLD), participated freely in the elections, a development that the Secretary-General believes is another significant step towards a better future for Myanmar."

In the by-elections, 157 candidates from 17 political parties competed for 45 open parliamentary seats. The elections were the first to be held since the current civilian government took office in March 2011. The by-elections were observed by foreign diplomats and United Nations officials based in Myanmar as well as more than 150 invited international observers and media representatives from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its dialogue partners, including the European Union and the United States.

The statement said that Ban wished to acknowledge "the courage and vision" of U Thein Sein, President of Myanmar, that has "made such progress possible." "The Secretary-General takes note of the constructive efforts and positive statements by the government and other key stakeholders, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in the lead-up to and following the by-election," the statement said. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi leads the NLD, the party that won a majority of the available seats.

According to the statement, a UN team was in Myanmar during the by-elections to monitor the voting.

"A UN team has been on the ground since last week, and was able to witness the voting in a number of constituencies," said the statement. Key stakeholders in Myanmar, including political parties, have stressed to the UN team their strong belief that these by-elections are a boost for the ongoing reforms and a very important step towards a more peaceful and democratic future in Myanmar."

The statement added that Ban has called on Myanmar to continue on the path towards peace, cooperation and reconciliation. "The Secretary-General urges the government and all political forces to cooperate and build on the important achievement of the by-election and to consolidate the country's democratic gains," he said. "He also calls on all of Myanmar's stakeholders to redouble their efforts toward genuine national reconciliation and long-term and durable peace."—MNA/Xinhua



US President Barack Obama, (R), and Mexico's President Felipe Calderon (L) hold a joint Press conference in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, on 2 April, 2012. INTERNET

Obama, Mexico's Calderon vow more drug crime cooperation

WASHINGTON, 3 April—Mexican President Felipe Calderon told President Barack Obama on Monday that drug violence would continue unabated in his country unless the flow of American guns is curbed, while Obama promised closer cooperation with Mexico in fighting the narcotics trade. Obama acknowledged a responsibility to quell the US demand for illegal drugs that helps drive narcotics trafficking, and said coordination with Mexico in the fight is becoming better than ever.

responsibility to make sure not only guns but also bulk cash isn't flowing into Mexico, and obviously President Calderon takes very seriously his responsibilities to apply effective law enforcement within Mexico," Obama added. For his part, Calderon acknowledged the political reality that it is unlikely that American gun laws will be tightened amid in the run-up to the 6 November US election in which Obama is seeking a second term in office.

"I understand the internal problems from the political point of view," Calderon told a White House news

conference with Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, also referring to the right to bear arms enshrined in the US Constitution. "But I know that if we don't stop the traffic of weapons into Mexico... then we are never going to be able to stop the violence in Mexico," he said, noting there were around 8,000 gun stores along the US-Mexican border. Mexico wants the United States to do more to reduce the use of illegal drugs by Americans and curb illegal arms shipments as well as cash flow to Mexican gangs. Turf wars between Mexican drug gangs have spread beyond smuggling hot spots along the US border and increasingly brutal violence has sapped confidence in the country's security forces, harming its international standing.—Reuters

"We have a



Afghans transport a boy injured in a bomb blast at the hospital in New Baghlan north of Kabul, Afghanistan on 2 April, 2012.—INTERNET

Six Afghan policemen, two civilians killed in south

KABUL, Afghanistan, 3 April—Insurgents killed six policemen and two civilians in southern Afghanistan in a pair of attacks, including an ambush on a checkpoint after militants allegedly poisoned the officers manning the outpost, authorities said Tuesday.

The Helmand province governor's office said in a statement that "insurgents poisoned" the food at a checkpoint in the Nahri Sarraj district and then attacked the police there late Monday.

Four policemen were killed and two were wounded in the attack. The bodies of two civilians also were found at the checkpoint.

The governor's office did not say whether the dead were killed by poisoning or in the fighting.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi rejected the government's account of the clashes, saying Taliban fighters attacked the checkpoint and seized weapons and a vehicle but didn't poison the police.

"The way they were fighting, it looked like they might have been on drugs.

That's why the police are claiming that we poisoned them," he said. "We didn't."

A government delegation has been sent to the area to investigate.

In neighbouring Kandahar province, two Afghan policemen were killed Tuesday morning when their vehicle ran over a roadside bomb in Shah Wali Kot district, provincial police chief Gen. Abdul Razaq said.

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ASEAN sees Myanmar by-elections as road to regional, global integration

PHNOM PENH, 3 April—ASEAN on Monday described Myanmar's largely successful by-election as an avenue to integration with the regional body and the international community.

ASEAN Secretary-General Surin Pitsuwan told media on the sidelines of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting ahead of the 20th ASEAN Summit Tuesday and Wednesday that the elections showed "strong enthusiasm and support" for democracy in Myanmar.

ASEAN foreign ministers were also invited to the country to see the process of political reform for themselves during the meeting in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh.

"The level of participation was very high and it has taken the country a step closer to irreversible reform. We are watching proceedings very closely and have had our monitors report to us on the quality of the election," he added.

His positive views were shared by a host of ASEAN foreign ministers including the Philippines and Indonesia who spoke out in support of the elections.

MNA/Xinhua



This file photo shows NATO soldiers patrolling a remote area in Afghanistan. Twin bomb blasts tore through a local market in northern Afghanistan's Baghlan Province on Monday, wounding 18 people, most of them civilians, according to officials.—INTERNET



Firefighters and Emergency Ministry officers examine the scene of a fire at Kachalovo construction market on 3 April, 2012.—INTERNET

Fire at Moscow market kills 17 migrant workers

Moscow, 3 April—A blaze Tuesday at a Moscow market killed 17 migrant workers who were unable to escape from the metal shed where they were sleeping, the city fire department said. All were citizens of former Soviet nations in Central Asia, spokesman Sergei Vlasov said. Several million migrants from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan have come to Moscow in search of work. Many have found jobs in construction or at the city's sprawling markets, which sell everything from clothes to construction materials.

Vlasov said the fire that broke out at the Kachalovsky market at 5 am. Tuesday tore through an insulated metal shed where the workers slept on bunk beds. The roof collapsed during the blaze,

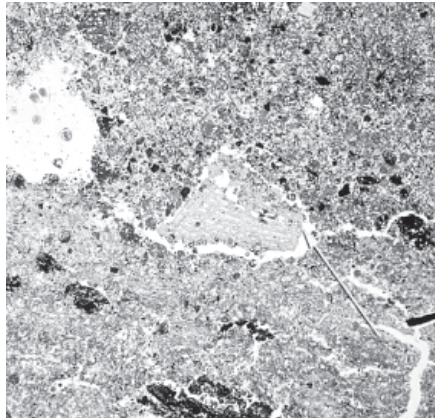
which burned for more than two hours, he said. Investigators were still determining the cause of the fire, but said they suspected it may have started with electric space heaters. A light snow had fallen overnight. Sergei Gorbunov, the fire department chief in Moscow's southeast district, told Russian television that workers were unable to exit through the one door connecting their living quarters with an adjacent storage hangar. He did not say why. Television footage showed that the windows of the blue metal shed were barred and firefighters had pulled away strips of metal sheeting from one wall. Russia has a poor fire safety record. About 12,000 people died last year in fires across the country.

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Our ancestors used fire a million years ago

NEW YORK, 3 April—When did our ancestors first use fire? That's been a long-running debate, and now a new study concludes the earliest firm evidence comes from about 1 million years ago in a South African cave. The ash and burnt bone samples found there suggest fires frequently burned in that spot, researchers said on Monday. Over the years, some experts have cited evidence of fire from as long as 1.5 million years ago, and some have argued it was used even earlier, a key step toward evolution of a larger brain. It's a tricky issue. Even if you find evidence of an ancient blaze, how do you know it wasn't just a wildfire?

The new research makes "a pretty strong case" for the site in South Africa's Wonderwerk Cave, said Francesco Berna of Boston University, who presents the work with colleagues in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. One expert said the new finding should be considered together with a previous discovery nearby, of about the same age. Burnt bones also have been found in the Swartkrans cave, not far from the new site, and the combination makes a stronger case than either one alone, said Anne Skinner of Williams College in Williamstown, Mass, who was not involved in the new study.—Internet



An undated photo provided by Paul Goldberg shows a micrograph of burned bone found at Wonderwerk Cave in South Africa. Scientists said on 2 April, 2012 that they've found the earliest firm evidence of human ancestors using fire; material about 1 million years old in Wonderwerk cave.—INTERNET

Should you pre-chew your baby's food?

NEW YORK, 3 April — The actress Alicia Silverstone got a lot of grief last week after posting a video to her blog in which she is shown "pre-chewing" her baby's food, and offering it to him straight from her mouth. The "Clueless" star's 10-month-old son, Bear, appears to enjoy being fed like a baby bird. "He literally crawls across the room to attack my mouth if I'm eating," Silverstone blogged.

While most people who commented on the video were quick to voice their disgust and vilify the ill-considered whims of celebrity parents, science suggests that "pre-mastication," or the pre-chewing of adult food for infants, is actually a traditional and healthy feeding method. Standard practice among our blender-lacking ancestors, pre-chewing is still the norm in many non-Western cultures. The act exposes

infants to their mothers' saliva, giving them an immune system boost that they can't get from the sterile, pulverized baby food bought in stores. The benefits of pre-chewing have only recently been investigated, but they appear to parallel those of breastfeeding.

Babies start requiring non-milk food in their diets at six months old, but they don't develop the molars they need to chew most foods until age

18 to 24 months. According to research led by Gretel Pelto, an anthropologist at Cornell University, pre-mastication was the solution to feeding infants during this interim period for most of human history, and remains the method used in many cultures today. Rather than being unhygienic, Pelto and many other scientists think the feeding method carries on the immune-system-building process that begins with breastfeeding.

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Gene mapping for everyone? Study says not so fast

WASHINGTON, 3 April—Gene scans for everyone? Not so fast. New research suggests that for the average person, decoding your own DNA may not turn out to be a really useful crystal ball for future health. Today, scientists map entire genomes mostly for research, as they study which genetic mutations play a role in different diseases. Or they use it to try to diagnose mystery illnesses that plague families. It's different from getting a genetic test to see if you carry, say, a particular cancer-causing gene. But as genome mapping gets faster and cheaper, scientists and consumers have wondered about possible broader use: Would finding all the glitches hidden in your DNA predict which diseases you'll face decades later?

Johns Hopkins University developed a model using registries of thousands of identical twins, who despite their shared genes can develop different diseases. They examined 24 ailments, including different types of cancer, heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's. Under best-case scenarios, most people would be told they had a somewhat increased risk of at least one disease, said Dr Bert Vogelstein, a Hopkins cancer geneticist and the study's senior author. But a negative test for most of the rest of the diseases doesn't mean you won't get them. It just means that you're at no more risk than the general population. Those are the findings Vogelstein's team reported Monday in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*. Why? Cancer, for example, typically doesn't result from inherited genes but from mutations that can form anytime, Vogelstein explained.

Many other common diseases are influenced by lifestyle and environment—so you'd still have to eat well, exercise and take the other usual precautions. The study examined just one possible future use of genome mapping. It doesn't mean there aren't other benefits from the effort. Make no mistake: This technology does have huge promise for customizing care for certain people, especially children with otherwise undiagnosed illnesses, said Dr James Lupski of Baylor College of Medicine, who wasn't involved in Monday's study.—Internet



Smart fabric for new soldier uniform

LONDON, 3 April — British soldiers' uniforms could soon use electrically conducting yarn woven directly into the clothing, replacing cumbersome batteries and cabling. The "e-textiles" could provide uniforms with a single, central power source. This would allow soldiers to recharge one battery instead of many and cut the number of cables required in their kit. Surrey-based Intelligent Textiles showcased the lightweight uniform at an event organised by the Centre for Defence Enterprise (CDE).

The company has patented a number of techniques for weaving complex conductive fabrics. "We have built-in conductive

yarns that then take power and data to where it needs to be," Asha Thompson, director of Intelligent Textiles, told BBC News. "One of the problems with conventional cables is that breakages can be catastrophic. What we do here is build in redundancy, so that if the fabric gets cut, damaged or torn, we still have a way of re-routing the data."

The company has received £234,000 from the CDE, which wants to find solutions for reducing the physical and the "cognitive" burden placed on soldiers. Currently, separate batteries may be required for each piece of a soldier's equipment, which adds to their carrying load as well as being costly. This is one reason why a



The advanced uniform could see use by the end of the year.—INTERNET

centralized battery pack is so desirable. In addition, it removes the hindrance of the many wires and cables required in military equipment. These can add weight and can tangle and snag. Soldiers would also be able to recharge or replace one battery instead of many.

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Manchester Royal Infirmary surgeons first to use 3D

LONDON, 3 April — Surgeons at Manchester Royal Infirmary claim to be the first in the UK to use a full 3D projection during an operation. They used the equipment during an operation on John Green, 62, from Openshaw, to remove his prostate. The team wore special glasses in order to view the procedure in 3D. Doctors said the combination of robotic and 3D technologies allows for greater surgical mobility with keyhole techniques. During the operation, a high definition screen carried a 3D image of a hand-held robotic arm developed to carry out intricate surgical techniques.

The arm was used for the first time at Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport last

month. Manchester Royal Infirmary said it hoped the advancement would provide better results at a fraction of the cost of current robotic and imaging techniques. A spokeswoman for the hospital said 3D projection allowed the surgeon to have greater accuracy, "therefore reducing the risks of muscle and nerve damage." She added it would help reduce surgeon fatigue, meaning they would be able to carry out "more operations with even better outcomes." The technology is to be used on a small number of patients before being offered more widely.

Dan Burke, who led the surgery, said he hoped the

technology would become available to many more patients. "We are already excited at the potential this technology has, not just for us but for our many colleagues in the trust performing keyhole surgery. "Ultimately we are aiming for a better patient outcome at a cost that will benefit the NHS." Last month, a patient at Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport became the first in the UK to have his prostate removed using the same robotic hand-held device used in Mr Green's operation. The technology offers a more precise and quicker surgical procedure, as it provides more flexibility than the human wrist.—Internet



The technology is to be trialled on a small number of patients.—INTERNET



A planetarium in England is about to reveal what it sounds like on distant worlds.—INTERNET

LONDON, 3 April — Ever dream of visiting Mars or Venus? The actual trip may be outside your power for most of your body (and outside the

Scientists recreate the sounds of Mars and Venus

government's willingness to fund), but thanks to the work of some English researchers, at least your ears can take the journey.

Using the laws of physics, scientists at the University of Southampton's Institute for Sound and Vibration Research have been able to determine exactly how sound travels on other planets, and how those sounds would be interpreted

by human ears. The scientists then used software to recreate the sounds of distant planets, from the dust storms of Mars to the sound of a methane fall on Saturn's largest moon, Titan.

These sounds, and many more, will be unveiled for the first time at the Astrium Planetarium on 4 April. "At present, planetariums show great images but there is no

real extra-terrestrial sound to accompany them," explains Professor Tim Leighton, leader of the university's sound-imaging programme. "Some use classical music or make up sound. This is the real deal—it's as close as we can get to the real sound of another world until a future probe or astronaut actually goes there and listens to what it really sounds like."—Internet

Cheap device ‘reduces premature births’

LONDON, 3 April — A cheap medical device can dramatically reduce the number of premature births in some at-risk women, according to a team of doctors in Spain. Being born before 34 weeks of pregnancy is linked to a host of health problems. The study, published in the *Lancet*, showed that using a “cervical pessary” reduced the rate in the at-risk group. Doctors said more studies were needed before the technique was used routinely. The authors said 13 million babies were born prematurely every year.

In the trial, doctors were looking at women who had a cervix — part of the lower

section of the uterus - which was shorter than 25mm. These pregnant women are thought to be at a higher risk of an early delivery. The cervix was measured between 18 and 22 weeks into the pregnancy by an ultrasound scan. Of the 11,875 women who took part in the trial, 726 had a cervical length less than 25mm. Half of these women had a pessary, a small ring of silicone, inserted into their cervix.

In the group of women without the pessary, 27% of babies were born prematurely. The rate was six per cent among those fitted with a pessary. Maria Goya, one of the researchers at the

Vall d’Hebron Hospital, said: “Placement of a pessary is an affordable procedure, non-invasive, and easy to insert and remove as required.” The study concluded the pessary was a “reliable alternative for prevention of preterm birth” in a group of at-risk women. Prof Steve Thornton of the University of Exeter, a spokesman for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, said: “The difference in the two groups is pretty amazing.” He said more research was needed to prove that it worked, and to find out if it could help other women at risk of a premature birth. “If this is borne out it could make a big difference,” he added. Drs Steve Caritis and Hyagriv Simhan, of the Magee Women’s Hospital in Pittsburgh, said the findings had “renewed enthusiasm for the cervix as a therapeutic target” in preventing premature births.—*Internet*

Millions of babies are born prematurely each year.—INTERNET



Photo illustration. Skin cancer is on the rise among young adults, according to a US study published Monday that suggests indoor tanning beds and childhood sunburns may be to blame.

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tanning just as much or more as they did way back in the ‘80s.” Although the current study did not focus on reasons for the increase, Brewer said other researchers have found that people who use indoor tanning beds — a five billion dollar a year industry — are 74 percent more likely to get melanoma than non-tanners. Jennifer Stein, a dermatologist at New York University Langone Medical Center, agreed that indoor tanning is a likely culprit.—*Internet*

Skin cancer on the rise among young adults

NEW YORK, 3 April — Skin cancer is on the rise among young adults, according to a US study on Monday that suggests using indoor tanning beds and failing to protect against childhood sunburns may be to blame. Between 1970 and 2009, the rate of melanoma among women increased eightfold and quadrupled among men, according to Mayo Clinic experts who studied all medical records for 256 people in a county in Minnesota over that timespan. However, death rates from melanoma fell during the same period,

suggesting that early interventions may be helping to save some lives, said the researchers. And while the results of the small study may not be representative of the entire United States, lead investigator Jerry Brewer, a Mayo Clinic dermatologist, sounded the alarm about what he called a “dramatic rise in women in their 20s and 30s.” “There is no such thing as a healthy baseline tan,” Brewer said. “Even though young people have more of an understanding of the detrimental effects of tanning they are still not changing their behavior and they are



Flying car gets closer to reality with test flight

WASHINGTON, 3 April — Flying cars aren’t just science fiction anymore. Woburn, Mass.-based Terrafugia Inc said on Monday that its prototype flying car has completed its first flight, bringing the company closer to its goal of selling the flying car within the next year. The vehicle — dubbed the Transition — has two seats, four wheels and wings that fold up so it can be driven like a car. Last month, it flew at 1,400 feet for eight minutes. Commercial jets fly at 35,000 feet.

Around 100 people have already put down a \$10,000 deposit to get a Transition when they go on sale, and those numbers will likely rise after Terrafugia introduces the Transition to the public later this week at the New

York Auto Show. But don’t expect it to show up in too many driveways. It’s expected to cost \$279,000. And it won’t help if you’re stuck in traffic. The car needs a runway. The flying car has always had a special place in the American imagination. Inventors have been trying to make them since the 1930s, according to Robert Mann, an airline industry analyst who owns RW Mann & Co in Port Washington, NY.

But Mann thinks Terrafugia has come closer than anyone to making the flying car a reality. The government has already granted the company’s request to use special tires and glass that are lighter than normal automotive ones, to make it easier for the vehicle to fly.

The government has also temporarily exempted the Transition from the requirement to equip vehicles with electronic stability control, which would add about six pounds to the vehicle. The Transition is currently going through a battery of automotive crash tests to make sure it meets federal safety standards.—*Internet*



This 23 March, 2012 photo provided by Terrafugia Inc shows the company’s prototype flying car, dubbed the Transition, during its first flight. The vehicle has two seats, four wheels and wings that fold up so it can be driven like a car, and flew at 1,400 feet for eight minutes during the test. Commercial jets fly at 35,000 feet.—INTERNET

Asia stocks rise on positive US factory report

BANGKOK, 3 April — Asian stocks rose Tuesday, lifted by a positive report on US manufacturing, but shares in Japan sank as a strengthening yen hurt the country’s powerhouse export sector. Benchmark oil hovered below \$105 per barrel. The dollar fell against the yen but held steady against the euro. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng rose 0.4 percent to 20,603.95, South Korea’s Kospi added 0.8 percent to 2,045.79 and Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 gained marginally to 4,330. But Japan’s Nikkei 225 index fell 0.6 percent to 10,050.75, as a strengthening yen threatened to cut into the profits of exporters that depend heavily on overseas sales.

Mainland China markets are closed for public holidays. On Monday, the US Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, said that its index of manufacturing activity rose to 53.4 in March

from 52.4 in February. Wall Street rose after the report was released. In Asia, confidence in the global economy sent investors trolling for bargains. “The Hong Kong market already dropped for four straight days, so today it is a technical rebound,” said Linus Yip, a strategist at First Shanghai Securities in Hong Kong.

The US report offset signs of weakness in China’s services sector. The China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing said Tuesday that the non-manufacturing sector’s Purchasing Managers Index rose 9.6 points from February to 58 points for March. Readings above 50 indicate an industry is expanding. But Dariusz Kowalczyk of Credit Agricole CIB in Hong Kong said the result was below expectations and points to a cooling off in the services sector. The index typically rises strongly in March after Chinese New Year holidays.—*Internet*

Apple’s iPad tops Consumer Reports’ list despite heat issue

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 April — Apple Inc’s new iPad topped Consumer Reports’ list of tablets despite the influential watchdog’s having earlier stoked doubts about the latest iteration of the best-selling tablet by saying it threw off more heat when used heavily. The widely followed group that

reviews a broad range of services and products — including electronics and cars — said on Monday it conducted additional tests on a number of tablets running Google Android software, including Samsung’s Galaxy Tab 10.1, and found higher temperatures common and not a cause for concern.

Consumer Reports also confirmed the iPad’s battery slowly discharged when “Infinity Blade II” — an intense video game -- ran at full screen brightness, even when plugged in. It cited the higher power-demands of a faster graphics processor as well as a high-end “Retina” display. “The problem was limited to times when the device was playing a demanding game with the screen fully bright,” it said. Consumer Reports

triggered widespread debate across the Internet two weeks ago after publishing initial test results that suggested the new iPad, which comes with 4G capability, threw off much more heat than its predecessors. The non-profit group initially found the new iPad reached temperatures of 116 degrees Fahrenheit (47 Celsius) after 45 minutes of running an intense action game. That meant it was hotter by up to 13 degrees Fahrenheit than the previous model under similar conditions. But in a later round of tests, the results of which were released later on Monday afternoon, the group said that, at maximum brightness on a 90-degree day, the iPad topped out at 122 degrees Fahrenheit at its hottest spot after running an intense action game for 45 minutes.—*Reuters*



Apple Inc’s latest tablet computer, the new iPad, (R) and its predecessor, the iPad 2, are pictured with a thermal camera in Berlin on 22 March, 2012. — INTERNET





Paingkyon Sluice Gate supplying irrigation water to over 30,000 acres of farmlands in Kawa Township, Bago Region.

Sluice gate and dam supplying irrigation water to farmlands for agriculture development in Bago Region



Photo shows Paingkyon sluice gate.

Facts about Paingkyon sluice gate

- * Valves of sluice gate (6x12=37)
- * Feeder channel and inlet channel measuring 17000 feet
- * Overflow of drain is 850 feet long.
- * It can benefit over 30,000 acres of farmlands.
- * It is built at the mouth of Paingkyon Creek and Bago River confluence.



Khabaung diversion weir.

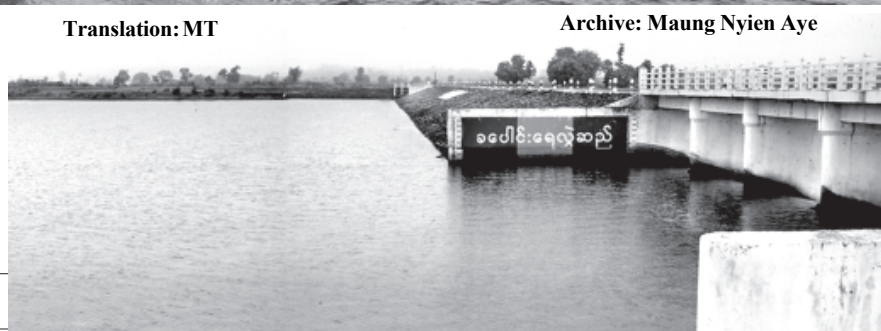
Facts about Khabaung diversion weir

- * it is of RC type measuring 25 feet in height and 150 feet in width.
- * Right canal is 14.40 miles long and left canal, 15.50 miles long totalling 29.9 miles.
- * It can benefit 40,000 acres of farmlands in Toungoo Township and 60,000 acres of farmlands in Ottwin Township.

Translation: MT

Archive: Maung Nyien Aye

Photo shows storage of water in Khabaung Diversion Weir.



Pit bulls in Philippine dog fights to be put down

MANILA, 3 April—Dozens of pit bulls rescued from a dogfighting ring in the Philippines will be put down starting Tuesday by animal welfare activists who say there are no facilities to rehabilitate them and prevent them from again being used in underground arenas.

In three separate raids late Friday, police arrested eight South Koreans suspected of running illegal online gambling operations in which players outside the Philippines bet on dogs fighting at a clandestine compound south of Manila in Laguna Province.

Some of the roughly 300 dogs rescued on Friday had been rescued from a similar facility in nearby Cavite Province in December, said activist Anna Cabrera of the Philippine Animal Welfare Society. She said the dogs were “recycled” — adopted by people who sold them back to the suspects to continue fighting. “That is a fate worse than death,” she said. Two of the suspects arrested last week had been apprehended in the December raid but had posted bail, police Chief Inspector Renante Galang said.

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Body of missing Alaska barista believed found

ANCHORAGE, 3 April — The body of a missing 18-year-old barista was found in a lake on Monday, almost two months to the day she was last seen on a surveillance camera video being led away from the coffee shack where she worked, Anchorage Police Chief Mark Mew said. A body believed to be that of Samantha Koenig of Anchorage was recovered by a forensic dive team from Matanuska Lake north of the city, Mew said at a Monday evening news conference. City police, state troopers and FBI agents spent hours at the lake scene earlier in the day. The state medical examiner will conduct an

autopsy, which will include verification of identity, he said. “Investigators believe Samantha died within hours of her abduction,” Mew said, adding the investigation is ongoing.

“Investigators further believe the person responsible for Samantha’s death acted alone, and we are confident that we have that person in custody,” Mew said. The only man who has been listed by Anchorage police as a “person of interest” in the abduction of Koenig was arraigned 27 March in federal court in Anchorage on a fraud charge, shortly after being returned from Texas, where he was arrested.—Internet

Thingyan fever

Tin Maung Than

We are travelling on the road passing through Meiktila plain, a vast stretch of mostly flatland with no mountain or mountain ranges in sight till reaching the horizons. Only few trees and some groves of bushes grow naturally on this dry area which now sees a gigantic greening plan covering a network of irrigation facilities supplying water for crops, tree plantations, regeneration projects, farms and the local people.

The plan in fact is for sustainable development of the multiple sectors and the environment of the plain home to a large number of people living in villages or towns big and small engaging in various kinds of businesses to earn their living or to stay wealthy. The plain is famous all over Myanmar for its business, trade and production activities, its important location in the central part of the country and the Meiktila Lake which is a significant topographical character in Myanmar literature and an important water storage and supply facility throughout history.

The plain saw real action during the World War II, maybe the first ever major tank battle between the two rival armies – one the British army and the other the Japanese Imperial Army – on Myanmar soil. Sherman tanks of the British army and Type 95 Ha-Go light tanks and 16 Type 97 Chi-Ha medium tanks of the Imperial Army battled against each other for control of the militarily strategic position during their Myanmar campaign.



Every activity whether implementing a project with the help of machinery light and heavy or in battling against enemy using mechanized troops need fuel as all machines run on it. They need a large amount of fuel as these machines are gas guzzlers. But my article is not about the heavy machines with high fuel consumption, but about my car that we are riding on our journey to Wundwin a town in the northern part of the plain. We start our trip from our home in the compound of the News and Periodicals Enterprise in Zeyathiri to the town where two NPE staffs make a solemn promise to each other for a new journey into life sharing joys and sorrows and overcoming difficulties together forever both making a declaration "Till death do us part".

The car we are riding is not a gas guzzler. It's a Japanese-made Honda Ac-

cord. When it is at its fifth speed the car goes fastest and burns least fuel carrying us conveniently all along the trip till reaching the destination. So, we don't need to fill gas during our up-trip to Wundwin famous for its weaving industry producing cotton sarongs of beautiful designs and patterns for both man and woman of all ages.

On our return trip back home, we need to fill some gasoline. We see a lot of private filling stations all along the road, hoping to find the one selling gas at a price lower than any one of its rivals. Then we see one and stop there to fill gas. The good part is that young male and female staffs are so polite and hospitable, but the bad part is that they do not have gasoline which they call the white fuel. They only have another kind of fuel they call octane or the red one apart from diesel. And when we stop at three more

private filling stations, they too have no gasoline left and only octane is available. One of the staffs tells us that gasoline supply will come only after Thingyan holidays. Station staffs suggest us to use octane as a substitution. We do not want to use octane as our car engine is designed to run with gasoline. Besides running on octane will cause damage to the engine and weaken its power in the long run. So we keep on finding a filling station that still has gasoline left to sell.

In the end, we find one where gasoline is available, but at a much higher price. But we decide to fill as we know that such things always happen whenever Thingyan is just around the corner. It is usual that prices of essential commodities like fuel, rice or cooking oil go up high or they are in short supply when the water festival is drawing nearer and in some years they never go down again even after the annual holidays. So, we Myanmarers are accustomed to it. Every year when the water festival comes, Thingyan fever is always high among youths who want fun, older people who search Dhamma, government employees who love holidays, artistes who entertain the public and the businessmen who take it as an opportunity for self interest. So, Thingyan is a win-win festival bringing happiness to youth, serenity to older people, relaxation to employees, satisfaction to artistes and profits to businessmen. Every one enjoys the festival.

A pleasant Thingyan and a very happy New Year to all!

Cultivation of Paethwe hybrid paddy strain educated to farmers



PYAPON, 3 April—Talks on cultivation of special yield Paethwe hybrid paddy strain on model plot and the agricultural technological course No. 4/2012 was held at the agricultural educative farm in Kyonta Village of Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region on 21 March morning.

Deputy Head of Agriculture Department U Hla Wai, Assistant Director of District Agriculture Department U Kyaw Win and Township Administrator U Hla Htay made speeches.

Head of Township Agriculture Department U Maung Maung Thwin demonstrated 90-day

Paethwe paddy plant and explained its quality. Officials participated in the discussions.

It was also attended by members of District and Township Agricultural Promotion Committees and trainees of agriculture and land survey courses, and local farmers.—*Myanma Alin*

village-tracts in the township. The township medical officer replied to queries raised by those present.

Myanma Alin

Age-wise measles vaccination 2012 talked in Singu

SINGU, 3 April—A talk on age-wise measles vaccination 2012 was held in Singu Township of Mandalay Region at the hall of General Administration Department in Singu on 15 March.

Chairman of the Town-

ship Health Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Sai Maung Lu made a speech.

Afterwards, Head of Township Health Department Dr Than Myint explained programmes of vaccination at focal points of

Microfinance works clarified in Magway

MAGWAY, 3 April—A ceremony to clarify facts about microfinance institution, organized by Microfinance Institution Supervisory Committee, was held at the hall of

Experiences in region Hluttaw recounted

THONZE, 3 April—The experiences in region Hluttaw was recounted at Yadana Win modern cinema in Thonze of Thayawady District in Bago Region

(West) on 25 March.

Thayawady Constituency representative U Maung Maung recounted the experiences of Hluttaw. Next, Region Minister for Finance

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and Revenue U Myint Lwin Oo discussed matters related to the works and replied to queries raised by those present.

Myanma Alin

Health knowledge, anti-human trafficking disseminated

KAWTHOUNG, 3 April—Jointly organized by Kawthoung District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and District Women's Affairs Organization, the talks on health knowledge and prevention against trafficking in person was given at the hall of Women's Vocational Training School in Kawthoung of Taninthayi Region on 21 March.

Chairperson of District MCWSC and WAO Daw



Cho Cho Thein delivered an address.

Afterwards, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw San San Thi of District General Hospital gave talks about health knowledge and in-

charge of the Township Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad Police Captain Rolin, about matters related to prevention against trafficking in person.

Myanma Alin

Magway Region Internal Revenue Department in Magway on 16 March morning.

Secretary of the Microfinance Institution Supervisory Committee Managing Director U Htein Lin of Myanmar Microfinance Institutions Inspection Enterprise explained rules and regulations of the microfinance institutions in detail and replied to queries raised by those present.—*Myanma Alin*

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Sr	Name	CSCNo	Constituency	Party/ independent
Sagaing Region				
1.	Daw Khin Himwe Lwin	5/MaKaNa(Naing) 003265	Minkin	National League for Democracy
Taninthayi Region				
2.	Daw Tin Tin Yi	6/MaAhRa(Naing) 079523	Kyunsu	NLD

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Sr	Name	CSCNo	Constituency	Party/ independent
Sagaing Region				
1.	Dr Myint Naing	5/KaBaLa(Naing) 005338	No.3	National League for Democracy
2.	U Tin Mya	5/WaThaNa(Naing) 017229	No.7	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Shan State				
3.	U Sai San Min	13/LaRaNa(Naing) 009895	No.3	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party

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**Coordination meeting for
Comprehensive Education...**

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with Special Reference to Education and Health, held in the mid February, and he stressed that the steering committee and the

implementation committee had already been formed to implement comprehensive educational research tasks, mentioning necessities to carry out the tasks by dividing them into 12 sub-sectors.

After that, Mr. Ramesh M. Shrestha extended greetings. Those present posed for the documentary photo.

Director-General U Bo Win of Educational Planning and Training Department tabled reports on 0 draft TOR for CESR, and those present participated in the discussion.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe and UNICEF resident representative Mr. Ramesh M. Shrestha.

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**Sagaing Region Chief
Minister inspects
Thaphanseik Dam,
hydropower generation**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye on 30 March afternoon met locals of Thityabin Village, presented assistance to fire victims in Wingon Village of Yinnabin Township and inspected Basic Education Post-Primary School and rural health centre of Nyaunggaing Village.

On 31 March, the Region Chief Minister met local

farmers in Tingokkyi Village of Kanbalu Township and inspected construction Htangan-Karboe earthen road and inflow of water at Kindat Dam.

He viewed generation of hydropower, main spillway and inflow of water at Thaphanseik Dam, construction of X-ray room of Kyunhla People's Hospital and dredging of silt at Kindat Dam canal.—MNA

**Self-reliant generator
launched in Falam**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— The supply of self-reliant small-scale hydropower plant was launched in Mankhen Village of Falam Township, Chin State, on 29 March afternoon.

Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo switched on the generator.

State Minister for Electricity and Industry U Ciint Lyan Paung unveiled

the stone inscription to mark the launch of the generator.
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Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo launches the generator in Mankhen Village of Falam Township.—MNA

**Special
session of first
Rakhine State
Hluttaw
continues for
third day**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— The special session 1/2012 of the first Rakhine State Hluttaw continued for the third day at 10 am yesterday, attended by Speaker of the Rakhine State Hluttaw U Hein Lin and 39 representatives.

The representatives discussed the amendment proposal for Regional Plan

Corporation Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the ministry, here, at 11 am yesterday. They discussed cooperation in exploration of



**Union Mines Minister receives North
Petro-Chem Corporation of China**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received a delegation led by Chairman Mr Li Li of North Petro-Chem

Bill of Rakhine State Government for 2012-2013 fiscal year and sought the decision from the Hluttaw, held discussions on amendment proposal for the Rakhine State Budget Bill 2012 and sought the decisions of the Hluttaw, discussed the proposal

urging the State Hluttaw to form the Committee for Reviewing Flag, Seal and Traditional Costume of Rakhine State submitted to the Hluttaw on the first day and sought the decisions.

The third day session came to an end at 2 pm.
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**Bago Region Chief Minister
views process of free medical
treatment for eye patients**

YANGON, 3 April— Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win yesterday paid a close attention to the process of free medical treatment given by Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and IBTC Company for eye patients, and provided the patients with cash assistance at Bago People's

Hospital. Under the supervision of the Health Department, the free medical treatment was provided by Bago Region government.

It was reported that a total of 484 eye patients from Bago and Thayawady Districts will be provided the treatment from 2 to 5 April.
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**Donate
Blood**

First Under-23 Men's Futsal Tournament to commence on 2 April in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 3 April—The First Under-23 Men's Futsal Tournament, organized by Mandalay Region Football Federation, will be held at Shwemantaung Sports Ground in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay beginning 2 April.

Those wishing to take part in the tournament must be residents in Mandalay

Region and must submit citizenship scrutiny cards.

The players from football clubs and reserved clubs registered at Myanmar National League 2012 will not be allowed to take part in the tournament.

Each Futsal team must be formed with one manager, one coach and 12 players, totalling 14, and it must have

endorsement of the respective wards and departments concerned.

Each Futsal team must pay K 20,000 as fee for the tournament.

The first prize winning team will be awarded K 500,000, the second prize winning team K 300,000 and the third prize winning team K 200,000.—*Kyemon*

Yangon Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal to present newer entertainments



YANGON, 3 April—Arrangements have been made to organize the Yangon Mayor's Maha Thingyan Festival 1373 ME in line with the Myanmar traditional culture.

The Mayor's Pandal is being decorated with Bagan ancient cultural works and better and magnificent designs created by Staff Officer U Nyunt Aung of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture and engineers of Engineering Department (Building) of Yangon City Development Committee.

In the previous years, the pandal of the mayor was constructed with

measurements of 84 feet long and 32 feet wide. This year, the pandal is being built with the measurements of 94 feet long and 43 feet wide with the decorations of 60 items of Bagan era handicrafts. The background creation will be depicted with silver bowl and flowers of Gum-kino plants, said engineer-in-charge of the pandal construction U Saw Naing.

The artists will present traditional dances and Yein troupe dances to the local people at the mayor's pandal in the morning and in the morning during the period of Maha Thingyan Festival. In the evening, the artists will perform Anyeint, Myanmar

songs and modern songs to the audiences. At night, the pandal will be decorated with LED electricity and colourful slides.

A plan is under way to open the Mayor's Pandal of Maha Thingyan Festival 1373 ME in the morning of Thingyan Akyo Day with the presentation of artistes from motion picture, music and theatrical drama layers to the people.

The cultural troupes of various national races from the Ministry of Culture will entertain the people with traditional cultural dances so as to be the Mayor's Maha Thingyan Festival grander. *Kyaw Soe*

Water throwing pandals allowed at 44 places in Maha Thingyan Festival

YANGON, 3 April—Yangon City Development Committee allows water throwing pandals to be built in 44 places in the municipal area of Yangon at the Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival 1373.

The committee will levy new rate of water supply for the pandals.

The water throwing pandals are allowed to build their structures at 20 places along the ringroad of Kandawgyi, three on Saya San Road, two on Sethmu-1 Road, nine on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, one on Bogoyoke San Street, three on Ahlon Road and two

on Parami Road.

With regard to water supply, the pandals on the ringroad of Kandawgyi must take water from Kandawgyi, and those of Pyay Road, Parami Road and Kaba Aye Pagoda Road to take water from Inya Lake. The remaining pandals are to take water from tubewells, and pipelines of Hlawga, Phugyi, Gyobyu and Ngamoeyik reservoirs.

The rate of water supply is set for Kandawgyi and Inya Lake K 220,000 per three-inch diameter pipelines, for tubewells and Hlawga, Phugyi, Gyobyu and Ngamoeyik reservoirs

K 80,000 per 1.5-inch diameter pipeline and K 120,000 per two-inch diameter pipeline. *Kyaw Soe*

Thongwa Township facilitated with YaungchiU library



THONGWA, 3 April—A ceremony to open YaungchiU Library was held in Nyaunglaybin Village of Sabeichaung Village-tract in Thongwa Township of Yangon South District in Yangon Region on 23 March morning.

At the ceremony, Thongwa Township Administrator U Kyaw Thuang, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Tin Tin Htwe and Village-

tract Administrator U Thein Oo cut the ribbon to open the library.

At first, the Township Administrator explained the durability of the library, and the Head of Township IPRD raising of reading skills and protection of the library.

Afterwards, officials accepted 100 books donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation, 100 books by the Township Administrator, 100 books by Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs

Organization Daw Ma Nyo, K 100,000 and books and publications by Sabeichaung Village-tract administrator and family and K 50,000 and books by U Maung Myint and family (Shwekyar Rice Mill).

The 24 feet long, 24 feet wide and seven feet high building of the library was constructed at a cost of K 1 million by the State and K 1 million by village people.

Myanma Alin

Free health care given to villages in Indaw Township



MAWLU, 3 April—Head of Katha District Health Department Daw Thin Lwin and specialists arrived at the station hospital in Mawlu Model Village in Indaw

Township of Sagaing Region on 24 March morning.

They were welcomed by the Region Hluttaw representative, the village administrator, departmental

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officials, Indaw Township Medical Officer Dr Maung Maung Pyay, the doctor of Mawlu Station Hospital and nurses.

The specialists performed free medical treatment and health care services at the station hospital. Under the arrangements of the Township Administrator, the village administrator, social organizations, the township medical officers and the station doctor, the specialists provided health care services to over 450 patients.—*Kyemon*

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued to eligible people in Kyauktan Township

YANGON, 3 April—According to Moe Pwint-2 Plan of Yangon South District Immigration and National Registration Department,

Head of Township INRD U Ko Ko Naing and staff went a field trip to Shwepyauk Village-tract of Kyauktan Township for making

citizenship scrutiny cards and households registration on 22 March.

Region Hluttaw representatives U Tun Hla Shwe and U Myo Myint of Kyauktan Township, Deputy Director of Yangon South District Immigration and National Registration Department U Kyi Win and Township Administrator U Kyaw Zeya gave encouragement to the works of staff.

They issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 75 eligible persons and made household registration to 79 persons. In implementing Moe Pwint-2 Plan, they issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 347 persons. *Township Immigration*



Officials of Yangon Region Poverty Alleviation Committee handed over K 11.25 million loans to Shanchaung Village-tract Loan Supervisory Committee of Hlinethaya Township on 25 March.—*MYANMA ALIN*

S Korean held for girlfriend's 'live octopus' death

SEOUL, 3 April—A South Korean has been arrested for allegedly killing his girlfriend who was initially believed to have accidentally suffocated



A file illustration photo of an octopus. A South Korean has been arrested for allegedly killing his girlfriend who was initially believed to have accidentally suffocated while eating a live octopus, according to a prosecutor.

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while eating a live octopus, a prosecutor said on Tuesday. After an investigation lasting many months the suspect identified only as Kim was

formally arrested for murder last Friday, prosecutor Lee Geon-Tae at Incheon city, west of Seoul, told AFP. Kim would be charged within the next 10 days, he said.

"He's still denying the charge... we believe enough evidence has been collected to charge him," the prosecutor said without elaborating. The suspect, now 31, checked into an Incheon motel with his girlfriend in April 2010 after buying two live octopuses from a local restaurant. The man later called reception to say his girlfriend had collapsed and stopped breathing after eating one of them. She was taken to hospital but died 16 days later due to brain damage.

Her family initially believed the 24-year-old woman surnamed Yoon suffocated after a tentacle was found stuck in her throat. Her body was later cremated.

But Yoon's father later discovered the daughter had signed up for a life insurance policy a week before her death, with Kim as the beneficiary.

The story came to light after a TV station last year aired an interview with the father, who in September 2010 had asked prosecutors to investigate Kim. Incheon police reopened the case and questioned Kim, who collected 200 million won (\$189,400) in insurance money but denied any involvement in Yoon's death.—Internet



Julian Schnabel's "Untitled" is displayed for sale at the Seoul Auction in Hong Kong on 3 April, 2012. Auctioneers in Hong Kong have sold 10 paintings seized from a South Korean bank that collapsed last year amid a corruption scandal to raise \$2.4 million to help repay depositors. The paintings included works by American Schnabel and noted Chinese artists Zeng Fanzhi and Zhang Xiaogang.—INTERNET

Japan holds off on decision to restart reactors

TOKYO, 3 April — Japan needs more time to decide whether to restart two offline nuclear reactors, the trade minister said on Tuesday, as concerns about a summer power crunch vie with safety worries in the wake of last year's Fukushima crisis. Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda will meet three cabinet members on Tuesday to discuss restarting the reactors, but will not make any immediate decision, Trade Minister Yukio Edano, who holds the energy portfolio, told reporters.

"Safety should be ensured to avoid massive leaks of radioactive materials as occurred in the Fukushima crisis even if an earthquake and tsunami that exceed past expectations occur," Edano told reporters. "We should also obtain the understanding of local communities in that regard." All but one of Japan's 54 reactors have been shut, mostly for maintenance checks, over the months since the disaster at Tokyo Electric Power Co's Fukushima plant, triggered by a huge tsunami in March 2011. The remaining reactor is set to be closed for maintenance on 5 May.

Kansai Electric Power Co's No 3 and No 4 reactors at Ohi nuclear plant in Fukui prefecture, western Japan, are the first to have passed government-imposed, computer-simulated stress tests, a necessary step before any restart. Energy markets are keen to know when the Ohi reactors will go back on line.

Their restart could reduce imports of liquefied natural gas equivalent by about 2 million metric tonnes (2.21 million tons) a year.—Reuters



Workers conduct measurements inside the primary containment vessel at Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO)'s tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant No 2 reactor in Fukushima prefecture, northern Japan, in this handout image taken and released by TEPCO on 27 March, 2012.—INTERNET



People gather on Paseo de la Reforma avenue, after they evacuated from the buildings after an earthquake in Mexico City on 2 April, 2012. A strong earthquake struck southwest Mexico on Monday.—INTERNET

Aftershock shakes Mexico, no injuries reported

MEXICO CITY, 3 April — Mexico was shaken on Monday by what officials described as the strongest aftershock yet from a powerful earthquake that killed at least two people and destroyed thousands of homes late last month. Officials said there were no immediate reports of serious damage or injuries from the quake, which the US Geological Survey initially reported as a magnitude of 6.3, but later downgraded to a 6.0.

Office towers rocked back and forth for several seconds in the center of Mexico City after the quake at 12:36 pm (17:36 GMT) Monday afternoon and workers evacuated their buildings and gathered in the street. The quake was barely perceptible in some other parts of the city. Mexico's seismological service described it as the strongest of at least 280 aftershocks since the 20 March quake. Some were barely noticed, while others shook buildings throughout south and central Mexico. Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard said via Twitter that no major damage had been reported by helicopter overflights of the city and public transport and other services were functioning normally. Interior Secretary Alejandro Poire also said on Twitter that he had received no immediate reports of significant damage. The US Geological Survey said Monday's aftershock had its epicenter in southern Mexico near the border of Guerrero and Oaxaca states, very close to the center of the strong quake on 20 March.—Internet

Colombia guerrillas free captives held 12 years

VILLAVICENCIO, 3 April — Colombia's main rebel group on Monday freed what it says were its last 10 military and police captives, returning the men to their families after at least 12 years spent in jungle prisons. The release of the six police and four soldiers highlighted efforts to seek peace talks by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, Latin America's oldest and most potent guerrilla band, which has been weakened by Colombia's US-backed military.

Flown from a jungle rendezvous aboard a loaned Brazilian air force helicopter emblazoned with the Red Cross logo, the freed captives waved jubilantly. They were escorted from the Super Cougar helicopter by nurses to awaiting relatives for reunions behind closed doors. Some jumped for joy on the tarmac. Pets accompanied some of the men: a peccary, a monkey, two small birds. A few wore the Colombian flag over their shoulders. All looked newly shaven.

Their loved ones were overjoyed. "I shouted! I jumped up and down!" said Olivia Solarte when got first word her 41-year-old son,

police officer Trujillo had been freed. He'd been held since July 1999. The group was flown to Bogota where other relatives were waiting along with obligatory hospital stays for medical checks. The rebel group, known as the FARC, had announced Monday's liberation on 26 Feb in tandem with a halt in ransom kidnappings as a revenue source.—Internet



Army sergeant Robinson Salcedo Guarin, centre, accompanied by medical personnel, walks with two birds perched on his shoulder upon his arrival at an airport after being released by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in Villavencio Colombia, on 2 April, 2012.—INTERNET

US police name suspect in Oakland college shooting

OAKLAND, 3 April — A man believed to have shot dead seven people and injured three others at a California college has been named by police as 43-year-old One Goh. Oakland police chief Howard Jordan said the gunman had opened fire in a classroom at Oikos University. The suspect, a former student at the college, surrendered at a supermarket in near by Alameda City. Oikos University is a private

religious institution offering courses in theology, music and nursing. Armed officers swarmed the college after Monday's mid-morning



Mayor of Oakland Jean Quan: "This is the kind of incident that hurts a whole community"—INTERNET

attack. Five people were pronounced dead at the scene and two others died in hospital. Bodies covered with tarpaulin were laid outside, and TV footage showed wounded people emerging from buildings. Mr Goh is believed to be an Oakland resident, Mr Jordan said during Monday evening's Press conference. He estimated it would take a few days "to put the pieces together", adding: "We do

not have a motive." The gunman had opened fire throughout the building, leaving a "very bloody scene", he told reporters. "Officers found several victims throughout the classroom, throughout the building," he said.

"There were several people hiding in locked buildings, locked doors behind desks, as you can imagine, very frightened, very scared.—Internet

A girl suffering from cancer rests inside the children's ward at the Cancer Centre Welfare Home and Research Institute in Kolkata on 16 March, 2012.—INTERNET



LONDON, 3 April—In a nondescript suburb south of London, tucked away behind a big hospital, Paul Workman and fellow scientists are celebrating victory in the

Chasing cheaper cancer drugs

"World Cup" of cancer drug research for their work in discovering a stream of new medicines. But the win is bitter-sweet. One of the new

drugs behind the coveted prize from the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) has been deemed too costly to use in state-run British hospitals like

the one next door.

It is a stark example of the pricing crisis now facing cancer medicines across the globe. In developed and developing countries alike, patients and governments are struggling to pay for modern drugs that are revolutionizing cancer care but may cost tens of thousands of dollars a year for each patient. "It's very frustrating," says Workman, who heads up the drug discovery unit at the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR), which is funded in large part by charities. What is needed, he believes, is a new model that takes advantage of the highly specific nature of modern targeted therapies to slash drug development

timelines and costs.

In the long term, Workman is convinced that will happen. But for the moment the world is caught in a pinch point as global drug companies put sky-high price tags on cancer medicines in a bid to recoup development costs for drugs aimed at a relatively small number of cancer sufferers. The strains are growing—whether in Europe, where austerity has savaged healthcare budgets, or in the United States, where out-of-pocket costs can bankrupt patients, or in the developing world, where price tags of around \$5,000 for a month's drug supply are simply out of reach.

Reuters



Palin, Couric.—INTERNET

Sarah Palin vs Katie Couric: 'Today' counters 'GMA' with guest co-host, surprise 'legend'

WASHINGTON, 3 April—Katie Couric's triumphant return to daytime television just got a little more interesting. Couric, who is filling in this week for Robin Roberts as a co-host on "Good Morning America," will have an unlikely competitor in her old "Today" show chair: Sarah Palin.

NBC announced on Saturday that Palin—whose infamous 2008 interview with Couric on CBS was one of her vice presidential campaign's lowest moments—would be the co-host of the show on Tuesday, promising the former Alaskan governor would "reveal a different side of her."

"Today" is also cranking up the Peacock promotional machine for the surprise appearance of a yet-to-be-revealed "legend" on Monday—both moves aimed at blunting ABC's Couric coup. But Couric and Palin won't be the only women vying for morning viewers this week. On Monday, Oprah Winfrey is scheduled to be a guest on "CBS This Morning"—the first time the former Queen of Daytime has appeared on the show since her best friend, Gayle King, signed on as co-host.—Internet

Police seek father who chained up son

PHNOM PENH, 3 April—A teenager who skipped school to play online games was chained by the neck to a power pole by his irate father.

Police say the boy's 40-year-old father fled the scene, in the north-western Battambang Province about 180 miles north-west of Phnom Penh. The motorbike taxi driver is now wanted on child abuse charges.—Internet

DBS to pay \$7.2 billion for Indonesia's Bank Danamon

SINGAPORE/JAKARTA, 3 April—DBS Group Holdings, Southeast Asia's biggest bank, has agreed to pay \$7.24 billion for Indonesia's Bank Danamon, offering a 52 percent premium for a middle-ranking lender with high funding costs, raising questions on the price. The takeover, Asia's fourth-largest financial services deal, would make Singapore-based DBS the fifth-biggest lender in Indonesia, one of the region's hottest markets where bank penetration is low and annual loan growth runs at 20 percent. However, Danamon has lower returns on equity than some of its peers and a heavy exposure to auto financing, an area vulnerable to recently announced policymakers' steps to curb excessive lending in Southeast Asia's largest economy.

"We have the capacity to unshackle these businesses," Chief Executive Piyush Gupta said in Jakarta on Monday, briefing investors and media on his first major deal since taking over as boss of DBS in late 2009. He said the DBS would use its balance sheet to cut Danamon's funding costs and unleash its potential—and also break DBS' perception as a low-margin, mature-market bank. "What this deal does for us is changing DBS from being 11 percent in high-growth markets to 33 percent exposure to high-growth markets," Gupta added. But the price—\$6.2 billion (\$4.93 billion) in shares and the

rest in cash—surprised some investors. DBS is also buying most of Danamon from Singapore state investor Temasek Holdings, also a major shareholder in DBS.

Internet



People walk in the lobby of a DBS Bank building in Singapore, in this 7 Nov, 2008 file picture.

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Long-awaited restoration of Leonardo masterpiece delights critics in the Louvre

PARIS, 3 April—A much-disputed face-lift given to Leonard da Vinci's final masterpiece was unveiled to the public at the Louvre in Paris yesterday.

The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne has been restored to what may be its original 16th-century colours. Although the restoration provoked controversy when it began last year, most French art critics and members of the public appeared delighted with the sparkling result yesterday.

One critic, Vincent Noco of the *Liberation* newspaper, said that the "meticulous restoration" provided a powerful argument for the cleansing of other Leonardo works in the Louvre—including the Mona Lisa itself. In an exhibition lasting until 25 June, visitors to the Louvre can compare the painting with the Leonardo "cartoon" from the National Gallery in London, which has been allowed to



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leave Britain for the first time since it arrived in the 18th century.

Both masterpieces, brought together for the first time in 500 years, show the infant Jesus on the lap of the Virgin Mary, under the loving gaze of his grandmother, Saint Anne. In the painting, unfinished at Leonardo's death in 1519, Jesus is cuddling a lamb.—Internet

ICC prosecutor courts Hollywood with Invisible Children

LOS ANGELES, 3 April—The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court threw his weight behind Invisible Children, the group behind the viral hit "Kony 2012" video, in Los Angeles this weekend, promoting the group's initiative to Hollywood insiders. An intimate group of film directors, producers and actors gathered in the home of "Independence Day"

director Roland Emmerich on Saturday evening for a dinner party dedicated to Luis Moreno-Ocampo, chief prosecutor for the world's first permanent war crimes court.

The prosecutor used the opportunity to introduce attendees to Jedidiah Jenkins, Invisible Children's Director of Ideology, and encourage them to support online video activism. "I love Invisible Children. I love them,"

Moreno-Ocampo told *Reuters* after hugging Jenkins at the dinner. "Their video is making a huge change in stopping Joseph Kony, I believe." Kony, accused of terrorizing northern Uganda for two decades, is wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes. He is accused of abducting children to use as fighters and sex slaves and is said to like hacking off limbs.

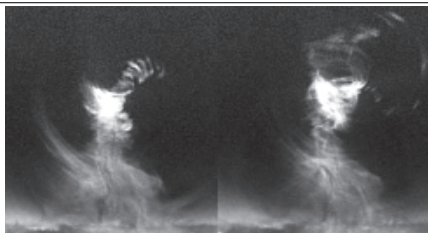
Moreno-Ocampo and Jenkins met after the court indicted Joseph Kony in 2005, and Moreno-Ocampo has mentored Jenkins and other members of Invisible Children informally over the years. The "Kony 2012" video sparked criticism over what some called its misleading and oversimplified portrayal of current events in Uganda. The organization took another hit when its founder, Jason Russell, suffered a public meltdown in March that doctors described as a brief psychotic breakdown.—Reuters

Supermassive swirling solar tornado five times the size of Earth

NEW YORK, 3 April—Tornadoes can be absolutely devastating here on Earth, costing billions of dollars yearly in property damage. But even the most severe of Earthly tornadoes has nothing on this behemoth: Scientists have recently discovered a massive supertornado on the surface of the Sun five times bigger than our own planet.

The swirling gas was discovered by NASA's Solar Dynamic Observatory satellite in September 2011. News of the tornado's existence was presented to the National Astronomy Meeting 2012 today in England. Clocking in at 186,000 miles per hour, the speeds of this tornado absolutely dwarf those of a storm on Earth. Terrestrial storms don't exactly get as hot as this tornado either: The solar storm's temperature ranges between 90,000 and 3.6 million degrees Fahrenheit.

While scientists have viewed large solar tornadoes in the



We're not sure your standard tornado shelter will keep you safe from this one.—INTERNET

past, this one is easily the biggest ever observed.

The cause of the storm is believed to be the twisting of the Sun's magnetic field. A video of a similar storm is available below.

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Small plane crashes into Fla shopping centre

DELAND, 3 April — A small experimental plane sputtered and crashed in flames into a supermarket at a Florida shopping centre on Monday evening, injuring five people and sending frightened shoppers running from the store, authorities said. Several people in the Northgate Shopping Centre in Deland dialed 911 around 7:20pm to report the twin-engine aircraft had plunged into the complex, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office said. Callers said the plane showed signs of trouble moments before it plunged and hit the roof of a supermarket of the Florida-based Publix chain.
"A twin-engine experiment aircraft has crashed into the roof of the Publix supermarket," Deland Police Sgt Chris Estes told *The Associated Press* by telephone. "Publix is the only structure to suffer any damage." But he said all the businesses in the complex were closed to make way for

emergency crews. He said the plane had taken off from a nearby municipal airport in Deland, a Florida city about 20 miles west of Daytona Beach.
The police spokesman added that three people had suffered severe burns and two others had moderate burns but he didn't elaborate on how many injuries were suffered on the ground or aboard the aircraft.
However, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office said a pilot and a passenger from the plane were airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Centre. Spokesman Gerardo Morales later confirmed to AP that two people had been airlifted there, but he declined to identify them or discuss their injuries. Marleny Arevalo, a manager at a nearby Taco Bell fast food restaurant, said she didn't hear or see the crash but customers entering the outlet reacted with shocked looks moments afterward.—Internet

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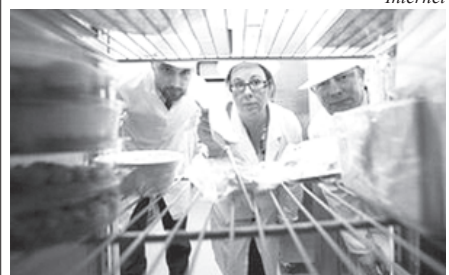
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London 2012: Olympic food to be checked by elite squad

LONDON, 3 April — Ten top food safety inspectors based in Olympic venue cities are to ensure British food is safe for the Olympics. The elite food safety squad has been picked by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) to ensure all food sold, cooked and eaten during London 2012 is safe.
The team will carry out extra inspections on food businesses around Olympic venues and training camps in the run-up to and during the Games.
It will help raise awareness of food hygiene for businesses and consumers. As part of the FSA's Play It Safe campaign, aiming to raise awareness of food safety, the team will carry out increased hygiene inspections of food outlets to ensure that all food sold, cooked and eaten during the Games is safe.
Food businesses that do not make the grade on inspections will be given one-to-one training to ensure they are aware of, and follow, food hygiene regulations.
Where public health is deemed to be at risk, the FSA said "tough enforcement action" would follow. "We have so much fantastic food to showcase to Games visitors, and we want food business owners to ensure that everything they sell is the best it can be," said Sarah Appleby, head of enforcement and local authority delivery at the FSA.



The FSA hopes the Food Safety Squad will help raise awareness of good food hygiene.—INTERNET



Passenger lands plane with Wis pilot unconscious

STURGEON BAY, 3 April — An 80-year-old woman was able to successfully land a twin-engine airplane in northeastern Wisconsin after her husband became unconscious at the controls and died. Door County Sheriff Terry Vogel says the dispatch centre was told just after 5 pm Monday that a Cessna about 6 miles south of Sturgeon Bay had declared an emergency. The pilot, an 81-year-old man from the Sturgeon Bay area, had suffered a medical emergency and was unconscious. His wife, who was the passenger, was flying the plane.
A certified pilot was able to fly alongside the plane and coach the wife. Just after 6 pm, her right engine ran out of fuel and lost power. She was able to land at Door County Cherryland Airport. The wife suffered minor injuries. Her husband was pronounced dead.—Internet



Unbelievable! Two-headed animal worldwide.

Sixth-graders find sunken treasure

A group of sixth-graders scooping trash out of a California lake discovered sunken treasure, including rings, coins and brooches. Richard Bailey, executive director of the Lake Merritt Institute, said the students from the St Paul's Episcopal School in Oakland were pulling trash out of Lake Merritt Thursday when a girl discovered two bags that were too heavy for her pull out with her net, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported on Monday.

Bailey said he waded into the water and retrieved the 15-pound bags, which turned out to contain coins, rings, brooches, necklaces, bracelets, medallions, candlesticks and silverware. Bailey said he believes the valuables may have been stolen, as one of the bags was labeled "Wells Fargo," and he has reported the find to police.

The sixth-graders, who have been working at the lake on a weekly basis, said the bags were the most exciting discovery they have made while cleaning.

"We find a lot of stuff, a lot of tennis balls and things, but no, never that," said sixth-grader Mara, whose parents asked for her last name to be withheld. "It was basically the best thing we ever found in there."

U2's Bono, The Edge invest in Dropbox

NEW YORK, 3 April—Bono and The Edge, who make up half of a little band called U2, have invested in Dropbox, according to a tweet by the cloud storage start-up on Monday.

The company, which raised a \$250 million investment around this past October, tweeted a photo of the two musicians with co-founders Arash Ferdowsi and Drew Houston.

"@Dropbox is excited to welcome Bono & The Edge as investors. Thanks for the support and look forward to great things!" Dropbox tweeted.

Various reports value Dropbox at well more than \$1 billion. Bono has made major investments in technology companies through Elevation Partners, a private equity firm he co-founded that has invested in companies such as Facebook, Palm and Forbes.—INTERNET

Bike Snob returns with 'The Enlightened Cyclist'

NEW YORK, 3 April—"The Enlightened Cyclist" (Chronicle Books), by Eben Weiss: "The Enlightened



In this book cover image released by Chronicle Books, "The Enlightened Cyclist: Commuter Angst, Dangerous Drivers, and Other Obstacles on the Path to Two-Wheeled Transcendence," by Eben Weiss, is shown.—INTERNET

Cyclist" aspires to be a kind of bible for bicycle commuters, who will read it, laugh, weep and identify with almost every detail.

It's also the kind of book that motorists and pedestrians should read but probably won't, either because they just don't care and/or because they just outright hate cyclists.

Author Eben Weiss understands this.

"It's hard to be truly compassionate if you don't know what it feels like to be disliked," he writes. "Cyclists do not have this problem, because nobody likes us. Drivers think we're smug dorks who slow them down, pedestrians think we're deadly scowflaws, and neither of them has much trouble imagining a world without us."

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April Fools: Sidewalk lane for texters

The Philadelphia mayor's office got in the spirit of April Fools' Day by announcing the creation of a cellphone user lane on a city sidewalk.

Andrew Stober, a spokesman for the Mayor's Office of Transportation, said the April Fools' joke was meant as a tongue-in-cheek way to raise awareness about the dangers of walking while distracted by text messages, the *Philadelphia Daily News* reported on Monday.

"This approach let us really engage people and have a conversation and get people talking about it," he said.

The prank announcement Sunday said a stretch of JFK Boulevard near City Hall would have a special lane for people using their phones while walking.

"More Philadelphians than ever before rely on mobile technology to do business and stay in touch with family and friends. We need to accommodate them," Mayor Michael Nutter said in the fake Press release.

Club changing 'Food Stamp Friday'

An Alabama nightclub manager says he's working on a name-change for a "Food Stamp Friday" event offering a price break for patrons on government assistance. The manager of the Rose Supper Club in Montgomery said the event, promoted by a local rapper who will be performing at the club Friday, will still take place if the artist agrees to change the name, WSFA-TV, Montgomery, reported on Monday.

The "Food Stamp Friday" promotion raised criticism from some who said offering \$5 admission to patrons who show their "food stamp card" glamorizes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme. "I just don't understand how they are promoting this without anyone saying anything about it," local resident Stephanie Pope said.



Singer Bono of the band U2 walks at the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu in Cuzco, on 25 February, 2012.—INTERNET

Sony group offers to sell catalogues to get

EMI unit

BRUSSELS, 3 April—A Sony-led group has offered to sell several music catalogues which generated 15 million euros (\$19.9 million) in royalties last year to win EU approval for its planned buy of record label EMI's music publishing business, two people familiar with the matter said on Monday.

Sony, with Blackstone Group, Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Development Co, Raine Group and music and film mogul David Geffen, trumped rival BMG in the bidding for EMI Publishing last year.

The consortium submitted its proposals to the European Commission last week and the EU watchdog has set an 19 April deadline for a decision.

The group has proposed selling the Virgin UK, US and

Europe catalogues, which are part of EMI Music Publishing, Sony's own famous music publishing catalogue, and some of Sony and EMI's recent hits, the people said.

They said the divestment offer was only for Europe and that both Sony and EMI would retain the catalogues for the rest of the world. The Commission has given three

parties until Monday to respond to the group's proposals, they said.

A spokesman for Sony in New York declined to comment.

Sony is now the fourth biggest player in music publishing, behind Vivendi's Universal Music Group, EMI and Warner Music.

Reuters



A man enters EMI offices in west London on 18 August, 2010.—REUTERS

News Album



Lucky people that escape from death's talons: 00Polar bear attacked woman in Berlin Germany.

High-speed chase ends with a kiss

A California couple who led police on a high-speed motorcycle chase surrendered after running out of gas but not before one final kiss, authorities say.

The couple led police on a more than 100-mile chase on Sunday before surrendering when their motorcycle ran out of gas, *North County Times*, Escondido, Calif, reported.

The chase began when the driver, Gabriel Barajas, 48, failed to pull over for a traffic stop for speeding in Newhall about 1:45 pm, Oceanside-based California Highway Patrol officer Jim Bettencourt said.

Stacy Veronica, 49, Barajas' passenger, was not wearing a helmet during the chase, which reached speeds up to 95 mph.

The chase ended about 8 miles north of Oceanside, Bettencourt said.

Barajas and Veronica engaged in a final kiss before they were taken into custody for resisting arrest. Barajas was also charged with evading officers, Bettencourt said.

Patti Smith to release new album

NEW YORK, 3 April—Patti Smith's 11th studio album, "Banga," which she recorded in New York, is set for release this June, Columbia Records announced.

Due out 5 June, the CD will be the punk rock icon's first collection of original material since 2004, when she made her Columbia Records debut with "trampin."

"April Fool," featuring Tom Verlaine, the first single from "Banga," became



Patti Smith's 11th studio album, "Banga," which she recorded in New York, is set for release this June, Columbia Records announced. The photo is from a performance in New York on 12 Nov, 2010.

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available digitally on Sunday.

Other featured guests on the CD include Jack Petruzzelli, Smith's son Jesse Paris. "Inspired by Smith's unique dreams and observations, 'Banga's' poetic lyrics are a reflection of our complex world—a world that is rife with chaos and beauty," the record label said in a news release. "Praised for her storytelling abilities, Smith has crafted an album that captures a wide range of human experience."

INTERNET

Redknapp sets Spurs top-four target

Manager believes five wins will guarantee UEFA Champions League football

LONDON, 3 April — Tottenham Hotspur boss Harry Redknapp believes his side will qualify for next season's UEFA Champions League if they can record five victories between now and the end of the season. Spurs claimed their first victory in six Barclays Premier League matches on Sunday as two Emmanuel Adebayor goals and another from Rafael van der Vaart secured an impressive 3-1 victory over Swansea at White Hart Lane. The win puts fourth-

placed Tottenham level on points with north London rivals Arsenal and five clear of fifth-placed Chelsea, with only seven matches left in the campaign. "I would take five [wins] now," said Redknapp. "If we get five we will have Champions League football next year I'm sure of that. "It is hard to call where the results are going to come and who against and that is what makes it interesting. "We would love to get third - I would love to finish above Arsenal if I can. If we get Champions League

football we will all be delighted again. "That is the key really, that is what we want—Champions League football next year at Tottenham."

Tottenham travel to Sunderland on Saturday before matches against Norwich City, Queens Park Rangers and Blackburn Rovers. "It's going right to the wire," added Redknapp. "We've got some massive games coming up, but that's what it's about. "We've got to keep winning and picking up points. You can't afford to slip up." Redknapp also insisted that he was never overly concerned with his side's dip in results over the last few weeks. "I don't worry about that, I don't go home at night thinking we have not won for five games," he added. "I just know we have been playing well and we have been playing well every week. We played great at Chelsea last week, fantastically at Bolton in midweek and played great against Manchester United." — *Internet*



Emmanuel Adebayor scored with two headers as Tottenham Hotspur defeated Swansea.— *INTERNET*

In-form Barcelona alert to Milan danger

BARCELONA, 3 April — Barcelona have clicked into form at just the right time, according to striker Pedro Rodriguez, but he feels they need to be wary of an AC Milan away goal in Tuesday's Champions League clash.

The reigning champions did not have it all their own way in the first leg of their quarter-final tie at the San Siro last week where a defensively strong performance from Milan kept Barca's prolific forward line at bay and the match ended 0-0. It guarantees a highly-charged Nou Camp for the second leg where Barcelona are favourites having already finished above the current Serie A leaders in the group stage of the competition.

But a goal for Milan would make it difficult. "This is the most important game up to now in the season and hopefully we will do enough to qualify for the semi-finals," said Pedro. "It's going to be a tough game and we cannot be too confident against Milan because they have

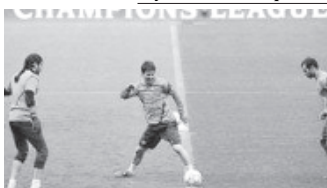
great players. We will see what happens and hopefully with the help of the fans it will work out well.

"We are going through our best spell of the season. We are confident and physically strong which is necessary at this key point and we will try and win everything and then see where we end up. "Even if we are dominating the game against Milan we cannot relax because they can score a goal at any moment and they are not an easy side to beat."



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic (C) trains with Alessandro Nesta (L) and midfielder and Massimo Ambrosini (R) at the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 2 April, 2012.— *INTERNET*

Barcelona players train at the Camp Nou stadium ahead of their match against AC Milan. — *INTERNET*



International Sports



Juventus' defender Leonardo Bonucci celebrates after scoring during the serie A match Juventus against Napoli on 1 April, in Juventus stadium. Juventus pair Bonucci and Alessandro Matri have signed contract extensions keeping them at the club until June 2017, the club said Monday.— *INTERNET*

Juve pair sign contract extensions

JUVENTUS, 3 April — Juventus pair Leonardo Bonucci and Alessandro Matri have signed contract extensions keeping them at the club until June 2017, the club said on Monday. Centre-back Bonucci had joined the Old Lady of Turin from Bari in June 2010 while Matri was acquired from Cagliari in January 2011.

The news comes just a few days after full-back Paolo De Ceglie also signed an extension for a further five seasons. Bonucci scored the opening goal in Sunday's 3-0 Serie A win over Napoli to close Juve's gap on league leaders AC Milan to just two points. Matri is the club's top scorer this season with 10 goals in 26 league games.

— *INTERNET*

Leverkusen goalkeeper Adler returns from injury

MUNICH, 3 April — Almost 11 months after his last Bundesliga appearance, Germany goalkeeper Rene Adler is set to make his comeback on Wednesday for Bayer Leverkusen's reserves in Germany's fourth division. The 27-year-old lost his place in the Germany team with a rib injury just before the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and in his absence, Bayern Munich's Manuel Neuer has become Joachim Loew's first choice.



Almost 11 months after his last Bundesliga appearance, ex-Germany goalkeeper Rene Adler, set to make his comeback on Wednesday for Bayer Leverkusen's reserves in Germany's fourth division.— *INTERNET*

A knee operation in July 2011 then cost Adler his place in the Leverkusen team and, in his absence, 20-year-old Bernd Leno has played in 27 of the 28 league matches to have taken place so far this season. Having regained full fitness, Adler will make his comeback for Leverkusen's second team at home to VfL Bochum's reserves. His last competitive game was on 14 May. "It is a super thing for Rene, that he is finally fit and can play," said Leverkusen's reserve team manager Dirk Dreher. "And it is great that we can offer him a stage to play on." — *Internet*

Late win helps Man Utd open gap at top

Antonio Valencia and Ashley Young earn dramatic win for United at Blackburn

LONDON, 3 April — Blackburn Rovers 0-2 Manchester United. Two goals in the last 10 minutes saw Manchester United beat Blackburn to move five points clear at the top of the Barclays Premier League. Blackburn looked to have frustrated the visitors, who enjoyed plenty of possession but struggled to carve out too many clear-cut chances until Antonio Valencia broke the deadlock with an angled drive in the

81st minute. United substitute Ashley Young then made sure of the victory that sees them extend their lead over rivals Manchester City when he turned smartly in the box and fired home. Javier Hernandez had twice gone close in the first half, while Blackburn pair Junior Hoilett and Marcus Olsson were both denied by smart saves from United keeper David de Gea. — *Internet*



Winger Antonio Valencia got the first goal for Manchester United at Ewood Park.— *INTERNET*

Highest-ranked American, Fish, out of Davis Cup

MONTE CARLO, 3 April — Hours after losing his most recent match, Mardy Fish woke up in the middle of the night feeling ill and immediately went to be checked by a doctor. He saw



Mardy Fish returns the ball to Juan Monaco, of Argentina, during the Sony Ericsson tennis tournament on 29 March, 2012, in Key Biscayne, Fla.— *INTERNET*

another doctor the next day, too, and the diagnosis was fatigue. Told he needed to rest, and citing what the US Tennis Association called a "minor health scare," the No 9-ranked Fish pulled out of this week's Davis Cup quarterfinal between the United States and France in

Monte Carlo. "We don't want to get exactly into what the symptoms were. He didn't feel normal. He said, 'Hey, something's wrong here.' He was concerned about it," Fish's agent, John Tobias, said in a telephone interview on Monday. "His body got out of whack, caused by a number of different variables... (but) they ruled out any potential long-term issues."

Late on Monday, Fish wrote on his Twitter page: "Thanks all for the nice messages. Resting comfortably with family. Hope to be back out there soon." Fish, the highest-ranked American, lost 6-1, 6-3 on Thursday to Juan Monaco in the quarterfinals of the Sony Ericsson Open at Key Biscayne, Fla. The 30-year-old Fish appeared to be fine physically and said afterward he would have preferred more taxing conditions for the afternoon match.— *Internet*

France's Monfils to miss Davis Cup contest vs US

PARIS, 3 April — Gael Monfils will miss France's Davis Cup quarterfinal against the United States because of an abdominal injury. The French tennis federation said on Monday that coach Guy Forget will soon name his replacement for the 14th-ranked Monfils. The matches at Monte Carlo Country Club start Friday.

Monfils started experiencing pain during practice on Sunday and an MRI test showed a lesion on his left oblique muscle. He will need to rest for 15 days. The French team includes Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Julien Benneteau and Michael Llodra. The US or France will face the winner of the quarterfinal between Spain and Austria.— *Internet*

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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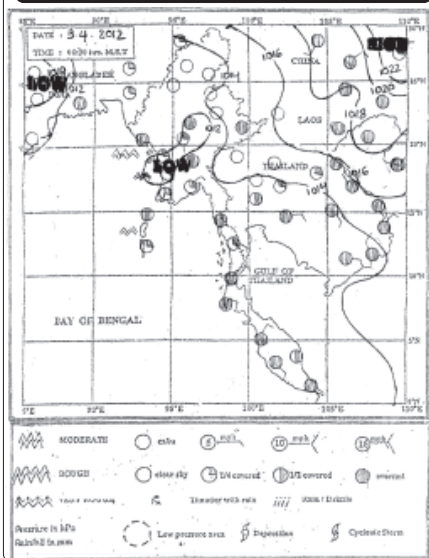
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- Architectural Heritage on the Platform of Shwedagon Pagoda
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- Unforgettable Beauty of Pyin Oo Lwin
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- News
- Produces Of Myanmar (Kachin Traditional Knife)
- News
- Thingyan Songs & Dances
- News
- A Famous Festive Feature (Shwe Ma Daw Pagoda Festival) Part-1
- Myanmar Movie "The Concealed Love"

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(4-4-2012)(Wednesday)

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:40 am**
2. Nice and Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
3. Health Programme
- 8:20 am**
4. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 8:35 am**
5. International News
- 8:45 am**
6. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 4:00 pm**
7. Martial Song
- 4:15 pm**
8. Teleplay (Argi)
- 4:35 pm**
9. Dance of National Races
- 5:35 pm**
10. Song for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:40 pm**
11. ASEAN Programmes
- 6:20 pm**
12. Traditional Boxing
- 7:05 pm**
13. Documentary
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
15. Korea NG Award
16. TV Drama Series
17. Myanmar Video Feature

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 4th April, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/05	19/06	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	30/30	17/62	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kapin	30/02	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	28/82	12/24	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
5	Upper Sgawing	34/93	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sgawing	31/88	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
7	Taintharyi	35/95	23/71	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	36/97	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	38/100	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
10	Mandalay	34/93	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	35/85	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	36/99	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	32/90	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	28/82	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	15/59	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	36/97	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	38/100	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	36/97	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today
During the past 241 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay Region and Shan States, isolated in lower Sgawing, Bago, Yangon and Taintharyi Regions, Chin and Mon States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (5°C to 17°C) above April average temperatures in Upper Sgawing Region and Kayah States, (2°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Mohna (41°C), the noteworthy amount of Nyaung-U (Airport) (1.57) inches, Nyaung-U (Yoram) (0.97) inch, Nyaung-U (Pyin Oo Lwin) (0.43) inch, Loikaw (1.22) inches, Pyawbwe (0.93) inch, Pindagang (0.93) inch and Nyaung-U (0.35) inch.

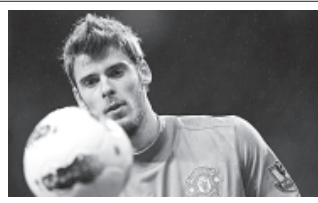
Bay Inference
Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea
Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Taintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days
Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Rules of microfinance clarified in Letpadan

LETPADAN, 3 April—Bago Region Microfinance Institution Development Work Committee held a clarification on microfinance institutions at the hall of the General Administration Department in Letpadan Township on 27 March. Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Myint Lwin Oo stressed the need to operate microfinance institutions for the township in line with the prescribed law and directives. The ceremony was attended by officials of region and township level departmental officials, members of the board of directors of cooperative societies that are operating microfinance institutions, ward and village-tract administrators and officials of Myanmar Finance Co Ltd. *Myanma Alin*



Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea.
INTERNET

De Gea resolve impresses Ferguson

LONDON, 3 April — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has praised the mental resilience of goalkeeper David de Gea as the Spaniard prepares to face Blackburn Rovers again. When Blackburn upset the odds to beat United at Old Trafford on New Year's Eve, de Gea was blamed for Grant Hanley's winner and was subsequently left out for four games. He might have remained on the sidelines at the Premier League leaders and reigning champions if Anders Lindegaard had not suffered an ankle injury in training but is now making a case to be named first-choice keeper. The Spain Under-21 international, who made an excellent injury-time save to keep out a free-kick from Chelsea's Juan Mata upon his return, is set to be between the posts again when United play Rovers at Wood Park on Monday. A win for United would send them five points clear at the top of the table. Ferguson compared de Gea's fortitude to that of Rovers manager Steve Kean who, having suffered a torrent of abuse and calls for his resignation from his own supporters earlier in the season, has now led Blackburn to a position where they have a fighting chance of avoiding relegation. "It's similar to what we were saying about Steve Kean," said Ferguson. "He got a grip of it and stood up as a man. The area where he (de Gea) has been criticised was the aerial ability in the box. He should have dealt with the last corner against Blackburn better."—Internet

OBITUARY

Dr. TUN THIN (Aged 90 Years)
B.A. (Hons.) (University of Yangon)
M.A. (University of Michigan)
Ph.D. (Harvard University)
Commissioner of the Census (Retd.)
Professor/Head of the Department (Retd.), Economics Department
Director (Retd.), the Central Statistics and Economics Department
Director (Retd.) Asian Department, the International Monetary Fund.

Dr. TUN THIN, aged 90, son of U Myit and Daw Thein and brother of U Ba Zin-Daw Nyunt Yi, died on 29-3-2012 in Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A. and cremated in U.S.A on 31-3-2012.

He leaves his wife Mya Saw Shin (Molly), daughter Khin Win Thin - Htin Aung, sons Kyaw Mya Thin - Yin Yin Myint Aung and Win Thin - Lisa Carrie Cohen, and seven grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed by all who loved him.
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Sugar Ray Leonard wants Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight

LONDON, 3 April — Boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard has implored Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao to fight, for the sake of their own legacies. Mayweather and Pacquiao are widely considered to be the two best pound-for-pound boxers on the planet but have been unable to negotiate a deal. "More than damaging to boxing, it's damaging to their legacy," Leonard told BBC Sport. "This is for history, for people to say 'I remember when'. It's beyond money." Plans for a fight between Mayweather, the American who has won world titles at



five weights between super-featherweight and light middleweight, and Filipino Pacquiao, the first eight-weight world champion, fell through in 2010 when Pacquiao rejected his opponent's demand for random drug-testing in the build-up to the bout. There have been repeated attempts to renegotiate the fight in the intervening months, but to no avail. American great Leonard fought in the sport's last golden era, alongside fellow hall of fame fighters Wilfred Benitez, Roberto Duran, Tommy Hearns and Marvin Hagler. The five men fought a virtual round-robin tournament through the course of the 1980s, making the failure of Mayweather-Pacquiao all the more frustrating for Leonard. *Internet*



GIFTS PRESENTED: School concert was held at Pre-Primary School of Social Welfare Department in South Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region on 22 March. Principal Daw Phyu Pyar presents gifts to the children of the school.—MYANMA ALIN

MR to run Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Yangon-Mandalay special up/down trains in Thingyan

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—For the convenience of passengers, Myanmar Railways will run Special Thingyan trains on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon section and Yangon-Mandalay section during Thingyan periods. On 5 April, one down-train runs to Yangon from Mandalay Station. From 6 to 8 April, two trains—one down-train and one up-train—run per day from Yangon to Mandalay.

Yangon-Mandalay up-train leaves Yangon Station at 4 pm and arrives in Mandalay Station at 8.40 am the next morning and Mandalay-Yangon down-train, Mandalay at 4 pm and at Yangon at 8.15 am the next morning.

For the convenience of passengers including staff and their family in Nay Pyi Taw during the Thingyan period, two special Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon trains run on

10 April in addition to Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon No. 32 and No. 8 down-trains. No. 1 down-train leaves Nay Pyi Taw at 7:30 pm and arrives in Yangon at 5 am the next morning. No. 2 down-train leaves Nay Pyi Taw at 8:30 pm and arrives in Yangon at 6 am in the next morning.

For the post-Thingyan period, one special train will run from Yangon to Mandalay on 18 April; two special trains, from Yangon

to Mandalay on 19 and 20 April; one, from Mandalay to Yangon on 21 April as above-mentioned times.

Two special trains will run Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw on 22 April in addition to 31-up train and 7-up train. No. 1 special up-train will leave Yangon at 7 pm and arrive in Nay Pyi Taw, at 4.30 am in the next morning and No. 2 special up-train, Yangon at 8 pm and in Nay Pyi Taw at 5.30 am in the

next morning.

The stations at which Yangon-Mandalay Thingyan Special (Up/Down) trains will stop are Bago, Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw and Thazi. Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Thingyan Special (up/down) trains will stop at Toungoo, Bago and Toegyauk-kalay stations. MR has announced that runs of special trains will stop from 11 to 17 April. —MNA

Corrigendum

Please read 'Chief of the Air Staff of the Bangladesh Air Force Air Marshal Shah Mohammad Ziaur Rahman, ndc, fawc, psc' instead of 'Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing' appeared at Line 18, Column 2, on the back page of this daily issued on 3 April, 2012. Error is regretted.—Ed

Myanmar Traditional Kite Beauty and Kite Contest kicks off

YANGON, 3 April—Under the supervision of Sports and Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Sports, the 8th Myanmar Traditional Kite Beauty and Kite

Contest 2012, with the sponsorship of Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation, was held at Football Training Ground in Kyaikkasan Sports Grounds of Sports and Physical

Education Institute (Yangon) in Tamway Township this morning.

President of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation U Khin Maung Tun made an opening speech.

The contest will last till 8 April.—MNA

US beats Brazil 3-0 in women's Kirin Cup



CHIBA, Japan, 3 April—Carli Lloyd, Shannon Boxx and Amy Rodriguez scored to give the United States a 3-0 victory over Brazil in the three-team Kirin Cup on Tuesday.

Lloyd picked up a loose ball off a Christie Rampone free kick in the 18th minute and scored from close range. Boxx doubled the lead just five minutes later with a header off Lauren Cheney's free kick.

Daiane Menezes, left, of Brazil and Amy Rodriguez of the United States fall on the ground while battling for the ball during their Kirin Challenge Cup women's friendly soccer match in Chiba, east of Tokyo on 3 April, 2012.

INTERNET

Substitute Rodriguez completed the scoring in the 83rd, slotting home a loose ball off a free kick by Cheney. The game started four hours earlier than scheduled because heavy rain and strong winds were forecast to hit Chiba.—Internet

Eto'o drops case against Barca for 3 million euro payout

BARCELONA, 3 April—Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o has dropped his legal case against Barcelona after having demanded three million euros he said was owed from his transfer to Inter Milan in July 2009, the Spanish club said on Tuesday.

"Barcelona would like to make public their thanks to Samuel Eto'o for his willingness to bring this contentious issue to an end," the European champions said in a statement. "He was one of the greatest goal-scorers in the club's history."

The Cameroon forward, who is now with Russian Premier League Anzhi Makhachkala, went to Inter as part of a swap deal with Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Swede Ibrahimovic, now with AC Milan, cost Barca a fee of 46 million euros while Eto'o was valued at 20 million euros.

Eto'o had based his demand on Spanish Players Union (AFE) rules, whereby a player has the right to claim 15 percent of any transfer fee. Barca's legal services countered by saying the AFE ruling was



Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o.

only applicable to transfers between Spanish clubs.

Reuters

Why some animals live longer than others

SCIENCE DAILY, 3 April—Scientists at the University of Liverpool have developed a new method to detect proteins associated with longevity, which helps further our understanding into why some animals live longer than others.

The team looked at the genome of more than 30 mammalian species to identify proteins that evolve in connection with the longevity of a species. They found that a protein, important in responding to DNA damage, evolves and mutates in a non-random way in species that are longer-lived, suggesting that it is changing for a specific purpose. They found a similar pattern in proteins associated with metabolism, cholesterol and pathways involved in the recycling of proteins. Findings show that if certain proteins

are being selected by evolution to change in long-lived mammals like humans and elephants, then it is possible that these species have optimized pathways that repair molecular damage, compared to shorter-lived animals, such as mice.

The study, led by Dr Joao Pedro Magalhaes and postgraduate student, Yang Li, is the first to show evolutionary patterns in biological repair systems in long-lived animals and could, in the future, be used to help develop anti-aging interventions by identifying proteins in long-lived species that better respond to, for example, DNA damage. Proteins associated with the degradation of damaged proteins, a process that has been connected to aging, were also linked with the evolution of longevity in mammals.

Internet



Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (3-4-2012)

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)	(1.57)inches
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Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)	(0.43)inch
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Pyin Oolwin	(0.95)inch
Pinlaung	(0.39)inch



Emmanuel Adebayor scored with two headers as Tottenham Hotspur defeated Swansea.

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