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Korea marks 100th anniversary of Ahn's death

Korea celebrated the 100th anniversary of the death of Ahn Jung-geun on March 26.


Ahn was a Korean *independence fighter. He *assassinated Hirobumi Ito who was Japan's first prime minister at a train station. Ahn was arrested at the scene and later *sentenced to death. He was *executed on March 26, 1910.

A commemorating event was held at the Seoul Plaza in downtown Seoul. Around 2,000 people attended the ceremony including Ahn's family members and government officials. 



Koreans have smaller face than *Westerners

A recent study showed that *on average Koreans have a smaller face than Westerners.

According to the study, the average size of Korean women's face is 371 square centimeters. The average size of Western women is 380 square centimeters. The size of Korean men's face is 419 square centimeters which is also smaller than Western men (453 square centimeters). 

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Truck spills 100,000 dollars on U.S. street

A bag carrying more than 100,000 dollars fell from an armored truck and was scattered over a street in Ohio on March 24. People who witnessed this scrambled for the money, causing a commotion.

With the help of workers at a

nearby flower shop, the police collected the money. Some people also visited the police station and handed in the money. But the police said that they had gathered only about 10,500 dollars by the end of the day.

Russia subway blast kills dozen

An explosion occurred at Lubyanka subway station in Russia on the morning of March 29. According to news reports, the blast killed at least 25 people. They include people who were on the train and those standing on the platform.



LATEST

Another blast

took place at a nearby station a few minutes later. City police spokesman Viktor Biryukov said at least 12 people were killed in the blast which happened at Park Kultury.

Fatty food may be addictive

Scientists have released a study that shows that fatty food can be addictive like drugs. The experiment was done on rats. When the rats ate large amounts of high-calorie foods, they started bingeing and showed signs of addiction. And when the fatty food was taken away and a healthier

food was given, the rats refused to eat it.

"It presents the most thorough and compelling evidence that drug addiction and obesity are based on the same underlying neurobiological mechanisms," said Professor Paul Kenny who led the research.



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한국 안중근 의사 순국 100주년 기념
independence fighter 독립 운동가
assassinate 암살하다
sentenced to death 사형 선고를 받다
execute 처형하다
Koreans have smaller face than Westerners
한국인 얼굴 서양인 보다 작다
Westerner 서양인

on average 평균하여
Truck spills 100,000 dollars on street
트럭 길에 10만 달러 떨어뜨리다
armored truck 장갑차
scatter 흩어지다
cause a commotion 소동을 일으키다
Russia subway blast kills dozen
러시아 지하철역 폭발로 수십 명 사망
blast 폭발

platform 플랫폼
Fatty food may be addictive
지방기 많은 음식 중독성 있을 수도
experiment 실험
high-calorie food 고칼로리 음식
binge 폭식하다
underlying 근본적인
neurobiological 신경생물학적인

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Little mermaid begins China trip



The world-famous little mermaid statue left its home in Denmark and began a trip to China on March 25.

This is the first time the statue has left the European country in her 96-year history. The bronze statue will be on display at the Danish pavilion in Shanghai, where the World Expo begins May 1.

The statue was lifted by a crane and lowered onto a truck at a ceremony. Hundreds of people showed up to witness the event.

The statue, 1.5 meters tall, is one of

Denmark's most famous tourist attractions. Danish sculptor Edvard Eriksen made it to honor fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen.

Some Danish citizens are unhappy with the move. They think it is disrespectful to ship a cultural treasure so far away.

Anne-Marie Henning, 92, said she would miss the mermaid. "I have been coming here for years as I live in the neighborhood. It will feel strange without her," Henning told the Associated Press.

Critics suggested the Danish government send a copy to China instead.

Christopher Bo Bramsen, Danish commissioner-general for Expo 2010, however, rejected the idea. "Why send a copy when you can send the real thing?" he said.

The mermaid has been subject to many attacks by vandals. In 1964, it was beheaded. A Danish artist claimed he cut off the head and threw it into a lake.

By Kim Min-hee and news reports

Shanghai World Expo 2010



Shanghai will host the World Expo from May 1 to Oct. 31. More than 190 countries have *signed up to participate. The city expects to *draw 70 million visitors, making it the most attended international event of all time.

The Shanghai World Expo will run under the theme of "Better City Better Life." Organizers will also operate the internet portal Expo Shanghai Online.

World Expo is the name given to large public exhibitions held in different parts of the world since the 1851 London Expo. During the event, China hopes to *promote Shanghai as a major economic and cultural center. There will be five main pavilions. *Single day admission will cost 160 renminbi (\$20). 🧒

Shanghai



Shanghai is the largest city in China. Located on the east coast, it is home to more than 18 million people. It occupies an area of 6,340 square kilometers.

Shanghai started out as a fishing and textiles town. But beginning in the 19th century, the city developed into a *commercial center, linking East Asia and the West thanks to its ideal geographical location and accessible port. Today, it is mainland China's center of finance, international trade and science technology.

Most people living in Shanghai are descendants of immigrants from the two neighboring provinces of Jiangsu and Zhejiang.

Shanghai is a *magnet for tourists from around the world. Famous attractions include historical landmarks such as the Bund, Yuyuan Gardens, and Nanjing Road. The city is also known for its skyscrapers, *glamorous night activities and a blend of different cultures. 🧒



Search Light

1) Where is the little mermaid headed to?

- a) Beijing
- b) Copenhagen
- c) Shanghai

2) How many visitors does China expect at the Shanghai expo?

- a) 190
- b) 70 million
- c) 18 million



Word Guide

Little mermaid begins China trip

덴마크 인어상. 중국으로 출발

statue 조각상

pavilion 전시관

crane 기중기

tourist attraction 관광명소

honor 경의를 표하다

disrespectful 실례되는

copy 복제본

vandal

behead

Shanghai World Expo 2010

2010 상해 세계 박람회

sign up 신청하다

draw 끌다

promote 홍보하다

single day admission 1일 입장

공공 기물 파손자

머리가 잘리다

머리가 잘리다

신청하다

끌다

홍보하다

1일 입장

Shanghai 상해

commercial

descendant

magnet

glamorous

상업의

후손

-를 끄는 장소 (사람/것)

화려한

Answer: 1) c 2) b

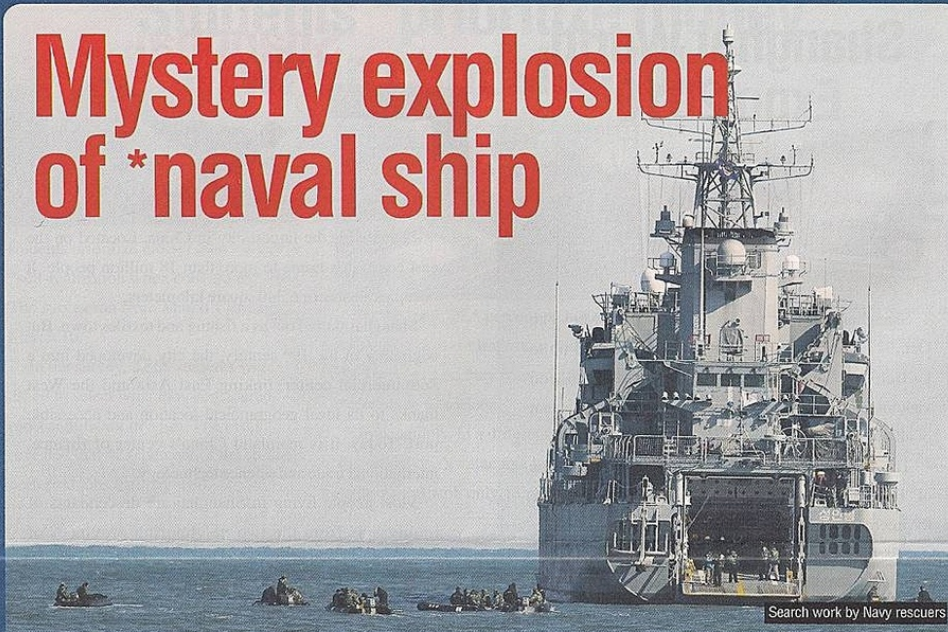
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Mystery explosion of *naval ship



A mystery explosion *tore a South Korean naval ship in half in the Yellow Sea at night on March 26.

There were 104 navy sailors in the 1,200-ton *warship named "Cheonan-ham." A total of 58 crewmen were saved soon after the ship went down in waters off Baengnyeong Island.

But 46 were still missing.

The accident will be one of South Korea's worst sea disasters. Seoul officials say there is no *evidence that North Korea attacked the Cheonan.


South Korean Defense Minister Kim Tae-young said a

*drifting North Korean sea *mine planted during the 1950-53 Korean War might have caused the blast.

At that time, North Korea had bought about 4,000 mines from the Soviet Union, and planted about 3,000 in the Yellow Sea.

"We have tried to *remove all of these mines, but it is impossible to completely remove all of these mines," Kim said.

Fourteen navy craft and six coastguard ships were dispatched on March 29 to the site to help rescue work. But no one has been rescued since then despite a major air and sea *search.

The ship's sinking occurred near the *maritime border with North Korea in the Yellow Sea. The area was the site of naval clashes between South and North Korea in 1999, 2002 and 2009. 

By Shin Yong-bae and news reports

What is NLL?


The Northern Limit Line (NLL, 북방한계선) is in the Yellow Sea between South Korea and North Korea.

The line was set by the United Nations at the end of the Korean War (1950-53). While signing a *cease-fire agreement in 1953, the *U.N. Command (UNC) and North Korea established a *Military Demarcation Line (MDL) on land as a border. But the two sides did not extend it to maritime areas. Since then, the NLL has acted as the *de facto *maritime boundary between the two Koreas.

Then the UNC set the current NLL in order to prevent clashes at sea, and notified the "maritime border" to the North later.

But the North rejected the NLL in 1973, drawing up a new sea border that included five islands under South Korea's control at that time. The islands included Yeonpyeong and Baengnyeong islands.

And the North *unilaterally declared that South Korean vessels should obtain its approval before passing the waters around the islands.

Since then, the two countries have criticized *mutually for entering the other side's territorial waters. (News reports) 



Search Light

1) What is the NLL?

- a) maritime border
- b) land border
- c) air border

2) How many crew members were missing in the ship disaster?

- a) 104 sailors
- b) 46 sailor
- c) 32 sailors



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Mystery explosion of naval ship

해군 함정 의문의 폭발

naval	해군의
tear	갈라놓다
warship	전함
evidence	증거
drifting	표류하는
mine	지뢰
remove	제거하다
search	수색

maritime border 해상경계선

What is NLL? NLL은 무엇인가?

cease-fire agreement	휴전 협정
UNC	유엔사령 부
MDL	군사분계선
de facto	사실상
maritime boundary	해상 경계선
unilaterally	일방적으로
mutually	서로

Answer : 1) a 2) b

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U.S. teenagers contribute to economic recovery

The Los Angeles Times reported that U.S. teenage shoppers are returning to the mall and spending more money.

According to the report, Abercrombie & Fitch Co., a popular teenage clothing brand, had an 8 percent sales increase in January compared to the previous year. Sales had been decreasing for 20 months.

Sales of other brands favored by teenagers such as American Eagle, Wet Seal and Aeropostale also increased. Sales rose by 6.5 percent in January



On the other hand, the report also noted that there are teenagers who are careful about spending money. These teenagers look for products that are discounted.

According to the chief industry analyst at NPD Group, teenager consumption has increased 6 to 8 percent compared to last year. NPD Group is a market research firm.

"Clearly teens are leading the charge when it comes to the recovery," the analyst said.

By Yeom Min-a (mina@heraldm.com)

from the previous year.

The report explained that teenage shoppers tend to spend their money impulsively. This is because unlike their parents, they do not have the burden of paying debt, bills and mortgages.

Impulsive buying

Impulsive buying is when a shopper buys products that were not on his or her shopping list. The shopper buys the product not because they need it, but because they want it.

Some reasons they buy: The product is on sale or the consumer is tempted by the salesperson. Products that shoppers



buy impulsively vary from small products such as confectioneries to big items such as a car.

When shoppers get home, they may regret buying the product. Retailers sometimes take advantage of impulsive buying through promotions and other events.

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<p>U.S. teenagers contribute to economic recovery 미국 10대들 경제 회복에 기여</p> <p>recovery 회복</p> <p>clothing brand 의류 브랜드</p> <p>impulsively 충동적으로</p> <p>burden 부담</p>	<p>debt 빚 부채</p> <p>bill 공과금</p> <p>mortgage 대출</p> <p>discount 할인</p> <p>analyst 분석가</p> <p>consumption 소비</p>	<p>Impulsive buying 충동 구매</p> <p>tempt 유혹하다</p> <p>confectionery 과자류</p> <p>regret 후회하다</p> <p>take advantage of ~을 이용하다</p>
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Dangers of 'Werther effect'

From September through October of 2008, four Korean entertainers took their own lives. One was actress Choi Jin-sil, whose death deeply shocked the nation. She had been Korea's iconic figure for two decades.

Many suicide reports followed in the months after the deaths. Experts cited this phenomenon as the Werther effect, also known as copycat suicides.

Now, almost a year and a half after Choi's death, experts and police fear that the recent death of actor and singer Choi Jin-

young might yet again trigger another wave of the Werther effect. Choi Jin-young is the younger brother of Choi Jin-sil.

What is the Werther effect?

The Werther effect is when people follow or mimic the suicide of a famous person. Many studies have shown that the suicide of a celebrity or socially influential person can deeply affect an ordinary person. Supposedly, people could become pessimistic and depressed when someone they consider a role model commits suicide.

The term "Werther effect" came from the novel "The Sorrows of Young Werther," written by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Published in 1774, the novel is about a young man named Werther who ends up killing himself.

"The Sorrows of Young Werther" instantly became very popular throughout Europe. At first, the novel was just seen as a *sensation that caused a trend known as "Werther-fieber," or Werther fever. Young European men dressed like Werther in the novel and young women dressed like the female character.

But later, this trend became more serious when young people started copying Werther's suicide method described in the novel. As a result, the book was *banned in several places across Europe.

In 1974, an American sociologist named David Phillips *coined the term "Werther effect." It was to describe the *cluster of copycat suicides triggered by suicide reports released by the media. Phillips found that there was a link between suicide reports of famous people and *subsequent suicides.

American actress Marilyn Monroe and Japanese musician Hideto Matsumoto are two examples of this link.



Research showed that shortly after Marilyn Monroe's death in 1962, the suicide rate jumped 12 percent. In 1998, Matsumoto, the lead guitarist of X Japan, committed suicide. His death led to three copycat suicides

by his fans. Furthermore, about 60 fans at his funeral *fainted and ended up hospitalized.

Similar incidents took place in Korea as well. One month after the death of actress Lee Eun-ju back in 2005, the suicide rate in Seoul jumped 2.5 percent from 0.84 people a day to 2.13 a day. After actor Ahn Jae-hwan was found dead in his car in 2008, several people mimicked his suicide method.

The nation is currently going through distress, not only because of Choi's death but because of the sunken Navy ship in the Yellow Sea last week. Experts worry that this turmoil might *aggravate the Werther effect. They advise people keep a close watch on friends to prevent any copycat suicides.

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Search Light

1) Who coined the term "Werther effect"?

- a) David Phillips
- b) Ahn Jae-hwan
- c) Marilyn Monroe

2) Which Korean singer and actor recently committed suicide?

- a) Choi Jin-sil
- b) Choi Jin-young
- c) Lee Eun-ju

3) When was the novel "The Sorrows of Young Werther" published?

- a) 1974
- b) 1880
- c) 1774



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Dangers of "Werther effect"

베르테르 효과의 위험

phenomenon	현상
copycat	모방한
trigger	유발하다
mimic	흉내를 내다
ordinary person	일반인
pessimistic	비관적인

sensation	선풍
ban	금지하다
coin	새로운 어구를 만들다
cluster	디딤
subsequent	차후의
faint	기절하다
aggravate	악화시키다

Answer: 1) a) 2) b) 3) c

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Comets: Rocketing *masses with *fuzzy tails

NEWS

Russia OKs Korean space food

South Korean-made food products designed for *consumption in space have won *certification from a Russian laboratory.

Recently, 10 types of specially prepared food and a beverage received the certification from the Institute of Biomedical Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IBMP).

Russia's IBPM and the U.S. NASA



are the only agencies that can check and certify foods and drinks *bound for space.

The approved foods include fried kimchi, pumpkin soup, bulgogi and bibimbab.

Drinks such as green tea and red ginseng tea passed IBMP *requirements.

The word "comet" comes from a Greek word that means 'hairy one.'

A comet sometimes looks like a star with a hairy tail. But a comet is not a star. Like the Moon, a comet has no light of its own. A comet shines from the sunlight bouncing off it. Like the Earth, a comet goes around the Sun, so it may appear again and again.

But if a comet isn't a star, what is it?

Some scientists think that a large part of a comet is ice. The rest is bits of iron and dust and perhaps a few big chunks of rock. When sunshine melts the ice in a comet, great clouds of gas go streaming behind it. These clouds make the bright fuzzy-looking tail.

Long ago when there were no streetlights and the air was very clean, everyone could see the comets. Unlike the stars that shone every night, comets seemed to appear quite suddenly. So people thought that they would bring bad luck such as floods, hungry times, or sickness.

Edmond Halley, who lived over 200 years ago, discovered about 24 different comets. One that keeps coming back was named for him because he figured out when it would return. Halley first saw it in 1759, and it reappeared in 1835, 1910, and 1986. The next time it comes near the Earth will be in the year 2060.

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DID YOU KNOW?

American author Mark Twain was born in 1835 on a day when Halley's Comet could be seen in the sky. Just as he predicted, he died when Halley's Comet was again seen in the sky, in 1910.



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Russia OKs Korean space food
러시아 한국 우주음식 승인
consumption 소비
certification 공인, 증명
bound for 로 향하는
requirement 요구사항

Comets: Rocketing masses with fuzzy tails
혜성
mass 덩어리
fuzzy 희미한
melt 녹이다
streetlight 가로등
discover 발견하다



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If Halley's Comet came around in 1759, 1835, 1910, and 1986, about how many years does it take to appear?

Answer: Earth. Halley's Comet generally comes around every 76 years though sometimes it takes just 75.

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Kim Yu-na finishes *runner-up at World Championships

Olympic gold medalist Kim Yu-na won a silver medal at the World Figure Skating Championships in Turin on March 27.

The 19-year-old Kim received an *overall score of 190.79 after Mao Asada of Japan, who received 197.58. Finland's Laura Lepisto won bronze with 178.62.

"It's been a difficult season. I'm now happier than after the Olympics," said Kim.

"Like all skaters, I have been looking forward to the end of the season before it




gets started. "Regardless of the result, I'm pleased that I have managed all the difficulties."

Kim received the highest free skating

program score of 130.49 among 24 skaters, making a dramatic comeback to soar to second place from seventh.

Kim has won two bronzes and one gold in world championship tournaments since her debut in 2007.

Her teammate Kwak Min-jung missed two jumps and earned 73.01 points in free skating to finish 22nd, with 120.47 overall. 

Son Ye-jin acts her age



Photo: MBC

Nine years have passed since Son Ye-jin debuted as an actress. But in most of her work, she has been given the role of a character older than her real age. In a new MBC series on Wednesday and Thursday called "Personal Taste" (개인의 취향), she plays a character the same age as herself.

"I don't look old, but I have tried to show the *serious side of me. I think that is why I selected characters that were older," said Son at a press conference.

This is the also the first time Son will play a non-serious character. In "Personal Taste," she is a 29-year-old *easy-going and *clumsy furniture designer. "It is the most comical, *ridiculous and lovely character that I have been," said Son.

Son's character is *spontaneous, and this sometimes causes problems. Her room is very untidy and she is described as a very lazy person, although she does not realize it.

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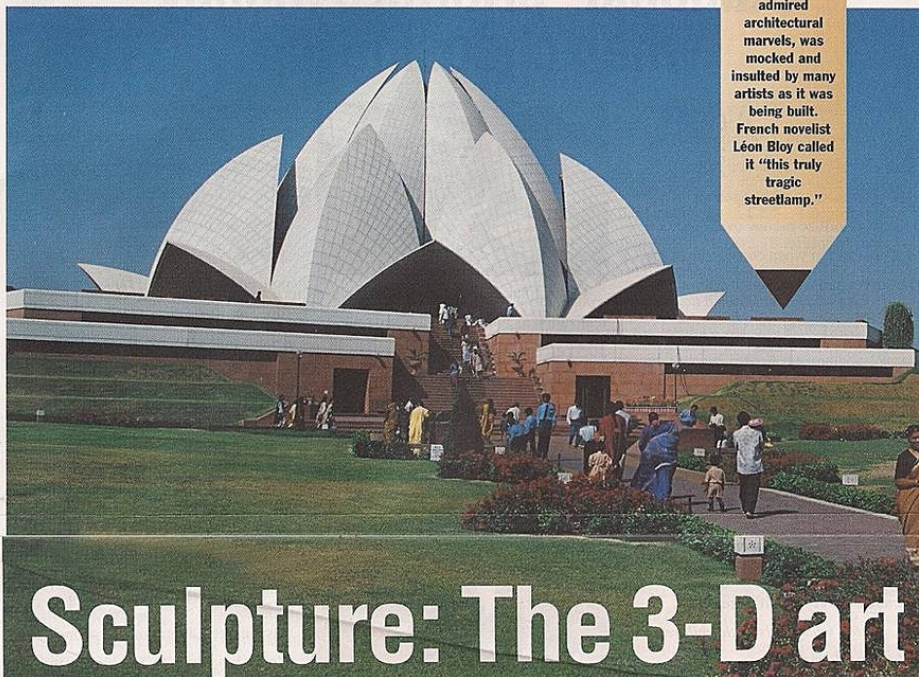
Kim Yu-na finishes runner-up at World Championships
김연아 세계선수권대회에서 2등
runner-up 차점자, 2등
overall 전체
regardless of 관계없이

Son Ye-jin acts her age
손예진 나이에 맞는 역할을 하다
serious 진지한
easy-going 털털한
clumsy 어리버리한
ridiculous 우스꽝스러운
spontaneous 즉흥적인

Sculpture: The 3-D art
조각-입체예술
three-dimensional 3차원적인, 입체적인
welding 용접
texture 질감
abstract 추상적인

DID YOU
KNOW?

The Eiffel Tower in Paris, one of the world's most admired architectural marvels, was mocked and insulted by many artists as it was being built. French novelist Léon Bloy called it "this truly tragic streetlamp."



Sculpture: The 3-D art

Sculpture is a *three-dimensional visual art. Paintings, drawings, and photographs are all two-dimensional, or flat. Sculptures are most often shaped by carving, molding, or *welding materials.

Some are formed by making a cast – that is, by pouring a liquid in a mold and letting it harden.

Sculpture, like other arts, is often made to express thoughts or feelings. People who look at it might respond with thoughts or feelings of their own. Because it can have shape and *texture, sculpture may appeal to our sense of touch.

Some sculptures are realistic. Until the middle of the 20th century, most sculpture was meant to look like some person or thing. The giant stone faces on Easter Island, like much traditional sculpture, may have been meant to honor gods or heroes. Other famous realistic sculptures include

Michelangelo's "David" and Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker."

Some modern sculptures may be *abstract. This means they only hint at an object or an idea. They may not look like people or things you would recognize. These sculptures try to communicate a pure feeling or idea.

Sculptures come in all sizes, shapes, textures, and materials. Sculptors may use soft materials such as clay, wax, or wood or harder materials such as stone or metal. Sometimes the materials are not even meant to last. One artist makes sculptures out of milk!

The modern sculptor Alexander Calder made sculptures that hang in the air. He called these "mobiles," which means "moving things." Another modern sculptor, named Christo, makes sculptures by wrapping such things as bridges, buildings, and even small islands in fabric and plastic.

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Students *prioritize money when choosing job

What do Korean students look for in a job? According to a survey conducted by an educational institution called Visang Education, middle school students prioritize money over *honor or *self-realization when considering a job. The survey ran from March 1 through March 10.


In the survey, 2,869 students were asked to select what they considered most significant in a job. The result revealed that 42.6 percent of the students preferred jobs that pay well.



Of the total, 21.5 percent picked self-realization as most important and only 10.5 percent said they wanted jobs that *contribute to society.

Interestingly, in a different question that asked one's value in a job, money ranked third with only 13 percent.

Excitement and *aptitude was selected the highest with 24.7 percent. Happiness and health trailed with 23.6 percent.

As for desired profession, teacher (15.9 percent), doctor (7.5 percent), government official (4.4 percent) and policeman (4 percent) ranked among the top. This made clear that today's middle school students were indirectly affected by the economic crisis and high unemployment rate as they seemingly prefer job *stability and *security. 

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A doctor is one of the most popular professions among students. There are many different types of doctors who specialize in very specific areas.

A doctor who deals with children is called a pediatrician.

A doctor who deals with mental health is called a psychiatrist.

A doctor who deals with pregnancy and birth is called an obstetrician.

A doctor who deals with teeth is called a dentist.

*A doctor who deals with the *bladder is called a urologist.*

A doctor who deals with the eye is called an optometrist.

A doctor who deals with the heart is



Doctor

called a cardiologist.

*A doctor who deals with the brain and *nerves is called a neurologist.*

A doctor who deals with skin is called a dermatologist.

People want to become a doctor for various reasons. Some want the job thinking it pays well. Some want to

become a doctor because it is a highly respected profession. Others want to *sincerely help patients. Whatever the reason may be, becoming a doctor is not easy and requires a lot of responsibilities. You also have to keep in mind that doctors work long hours.

If you have decided on a profession, the most important question is: Do you truly have passion for the job? Think of the reasons why you want to follow a certain career. It is more important to desire a job for the passion, not for the *perks that follow it. Remember the saying "Don't follow money, but let money follow you."

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Word Guide

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학생들 직업을 택할 때 돈을 우선시한다

prioritize 우선순위를 매기다

honor 명예

self-realization 자아실현

contribute 기여하다

aptitude 적성

stability 안정

security 보장

Doctor 의사

bladder 방광

nerve 신경

sincerely 진심으로

perk

(급료 이외의) 특전



My treasure



When people think of treasures, they think of pirates, the sea and buried chests of gold. But I dig deeper than that. I dig through my timeline to watch myself grow from a young child, to what I am now. The treasures I keep with me are video tapes I have of me growing up.

From the day I was born, my parents have filmed many moments and spent countless hours taping me. Everything from my first word and first steps to the time I entered school is on



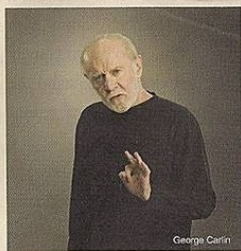
film. I do not remember anything that happened back then, but watching these videos shows me the great love and compassion my parents gave to me throughout my life.

What makes these tapes so valuable to me is the fact that these memories cannot be recreated. No one has the ability to rewind time and replay events to relive the moments you cherish. That is what makes them memories. Being able to watch these moments that cannot occur again makes these tapes so precious. They become something much greater than diamonds or money. They become priceless treasures.

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Dreams



Many people share the same dream as me when I say that I want to make an impact on society. People contribute to the society by playing a role in our working class world. Some people want to be doctors, while others want

to be teachers. I wanted to be an editor, with my own little column to channel my private thoughts to the world.

When I was young I wrote stories. And I wanted to write as a career until my eventual retirement. But as time passed, I grew more ambitious. I wanted my thoughts to be distributed on a periodical basis. I did not want the world to forget me. I wanted to leave some kind of legacy in such a fast-paced society.

Take George Carlin as an example. He was not really a comedian, but more of a commentator on life. He had some of the most radical thoughts ever, but he voiced his opinions for a living. His shows garnered so much attention that he became recorded in a court case on the freedom of speech of the press. He may have passed away, but his legacy lives on in the hearts of thousands of citizens across the world. People have been touched and deeply rooted to his words, which are forever floating around in transcriptions and DVDs.

Perhaps role models like the aforementioned George Carlin impacted me. But regardless, my dream still stands.

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Teacher evaluations a stepping stone for quality education

Helen Keller overcame her disability and built up her dreams with the help of a teacher, Anne Sullivan; Plato was influenced by his teacher, Aristotle. Over time, teachers have played a big role in helping students mature academically. Students could adapt what they learned to real life, and could utilize lessons as stepping stones to accomplish their dreams.

However, these days, schools are not the primary place students acquire knowledge. With mistrust in public education, students and parents have started to engage in private education. According to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, teacher evaluations are beginning in all primary and secondary schools. Theoretically, it could lead to a decrease in private education spending, and become a catalyst for teachers to teach students with passion.

Closely regarded, the teacher evaluation system could be beneficial in terms of lowering private education spending. The government is emphasizing that reducing private education spending is necessary, and is putting its strategies into practice. Students do not engage in private education without good cause; in fact, private education is costly. The reason lies in the distrust of public education and teachers.

Of course, there are some teachers who put much effort into teaching students. However, teachers who present out-of-date knowledge still exist. Even though students are dissatisfied with these teachers' teaching methods, they have no means to express them. The teacher evaluation



system would help students express their opinions freely. By being evaluated, teachers would work hard to improve their teaching styles and contents, which could lead students and parents to trust public education more.

Not only that, the teacher evaluation system would be a catalyst for teachers to apply themselves closely to their fields of study. Over time, especially in Korea,

a job as a teacher has been favored by many people,

not only because of internal motivations, but also because they can earn a sense of accomplishment. Teachers also, due to external factors such as stability of the occupation, have a reliable income and do not have to worry about being fired. These factors have led some teachers avoiding improving themselves with self-study. It is true that a student's priority is to study, and a teacher's priority is to teach. However, teachers should study in order to convey accurate knowledge and to help students understand the materials more effectively. Teacher evaluations would motivate teachers to prepare more for their lessons.

Whether teacher evaluations should be put into practice has been a hot potato issue for some time, and it is finally being implemented. The teacher evaluation system would benefit both teachers and students; teachers would be motivated to prepare for their lessons, and of course, students would be able to trust public education and study harder. Teacher evaluations could definitely be a stepping-stone for more quality education in South Korea.

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