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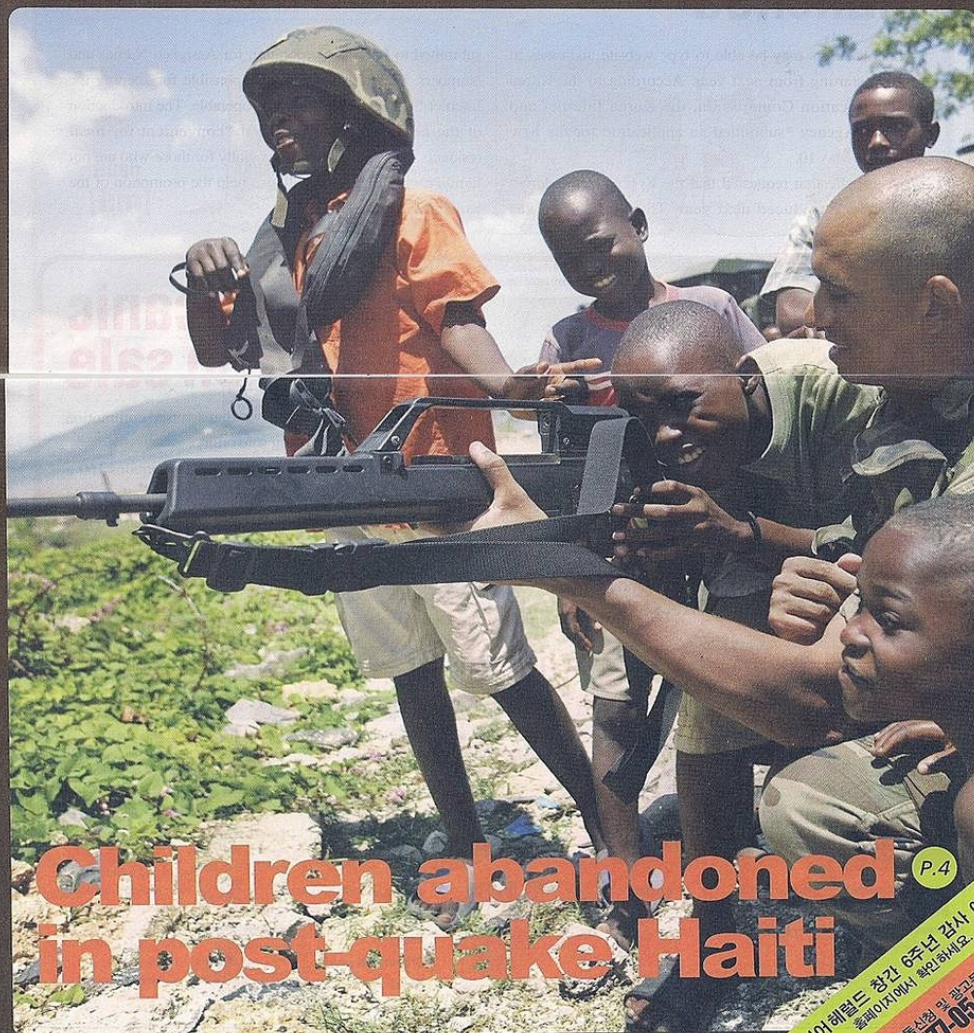
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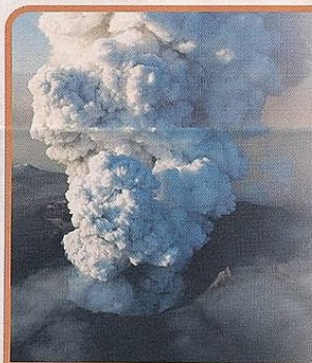
Korean Internet address to be launched

Internet users may be able to type website addresses in Korean starting from next year. According to the Korea Communication Commission, the Korea Internet and Security Agency submitted an application for the new service on May 10.

The application requested that the Korean Web address system be introduced next year. The application was



submitted to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. This organization is responsible for keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. The introduction of the new system will make it convenient for local residents to use the Internet, especially for those who are not familiar with English. It will also help the promotion of the Korean language.



Iceland volcanic ash on sale

Ash from Iceland's volcanic eruption that caused commotion at airports around the world is being sold online.

The ash is being sold as a souvenir. A jar that contains 160 g of ash costs about \$40. Sofus Gustavsson, one of the sellers, said that he got the idea after his friend asked for some ash. "I thought there must be thousands of people out there who want to remember what happened." Gustavsson plans to donate all his profits to a charity group.

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Korea applies to host 2022 World Cup

South Korea is attempting to host its second World Cup by applying for the 2022 competition.

The 2022 World Cup Bid Committee submitted an application to host the 2022 soccer event on May 12. Korea is expected to compete with the United States, Japan, Qatar and Australia.

The countries that will be hosting the 2018 and 2022 World Cup will be announced on Dec. 2 this year.

Korea successfully co-hosted the 2002 World Cup together with Japan.



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Nuts lower cholesterol level: study

Studies have showed that eating plenty of nuts reduces the level of cholesterol and makes you healthier. This applies to nuts such as walnuts, almonds, pistachios, hazelnuts, macadamias and peanuts.

Around 600 people ate 67 g of nuts a day on average for three to eight weeks.

As a result, their average cholesterol level dropped by 5 percent. And the level of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) fell by 7.4 percent.

Nuts also reduce the amount of triglyceride. Triglyceride is a blood fat that is related with heart disease.

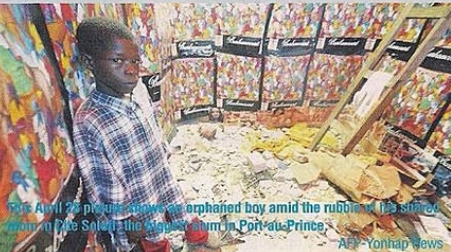
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Korean Internet address to be launched 한글 인터넷 주소 도입: *submit 제출하다 *secure 안전한 *interoperable 상호 정보 교환이 가능한 *convenient 편리한 간편한
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Children abandoned in post-quake Haiti



Children work next to U.S. military carrying a portable energy plant, at a camp for earthquake displaced people in Port-au-Prince on May 7. AP-Yonhap News



Port-Au-Prince, Haiti: An orphaned boy amid the rubble of his home in the Soleil slum in Port-au-Prince. AP-Yonhap News

Four months after the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti, rescue organizations are expressing growing concerns over the plight of children, as they are increasingly getting abandoned by their parents.

News reports said orphanages set up by international rescue groups are swelling with children – many families are abandoning their children in the hope that these organizations will give them a better life.

Life was difficult in this impoverished Caribbean country even before the quake. Some hard-pressed parents would leave their children at orphanages where they would be guaranteed to receive at least one meal a day. Child trafficking has also been a serious problem in this country.

But in the aftermath of the Jan. 12 earthquake, which reduced its capital to rubble, caused over 200,000 deaths and has displaced over 1.3 million,

problems have worsened. Humanitarian groups fear affected children face an even grimmer future as the government infrastructure has collapsed and law-enforcement agencies are mostly absent.

Aid workers say that in many cases, parents have their children pose as orphans in order to be accepted at facilities, many of which offer solid meals, activities and even psychological counseling.

“These children have won the jackpot to get to be here,” the Associated Press quoted American Mary Kate saying at an orphanage in Haiti. Kate, an Indiana-based psychologist, has volunteered her time to help children there.

“If I was living in a tent, I too would try to get my child here,” Kate said.

Some parents are anguished as they consider giving up their children for adoption.

Nadine Jean-Baptiste, 35 years old and HIV-positive, lost her husband in the earthquake. An American couple has expressed interest in adopting her 2-year-old daughter Christine.

“I love my child. Giving her away is not my wish,” Jean-Baptiste told AP. “But I have nothing to feed her. I have no choice but to give her away.”

Meanwhile, some Haitian orphans, with nowhere to go, are ending up in slums, such as Cite Soleil, the biggest slum in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, and turning to gangs for security and community. They commit hold-ups and burglaries at night.

Despite aid flowing in from around the world, observers say Haiti needs long-term attention. In the short term, aid workers are fearful of the approaching hurricane season. They also say rape is a serious problem and fear infectious diseases could break out.

By Kim Min-hee and news reports

Haiti

Haiti occupies the western part of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola, which it shares with the Dominican Republic. The island was explored by the Spanish starting in 1492.

Haiti is the world's first black republic. Its 8.7 million people are of African *descent. Spanish settlers brought Africans to the island to use as slaves. But they *revolted and won independence in 1804 after a century of French colonial rule. Given this history, French is widely spoken here along with the Haitian Creole.

Haitian culture is a mixture of French, African elements, and native Taino, as well as a little Spanish. Its art and music, which bear both European and African influences, are regarded highly around the world.

Although it used to be a major sugarcane producer, Haiti



is today one of the poorest countries in the world. About 80 percent of its people are poor. Only 40 percent of the population have access to health care. AIDS/HIV is a major health concern as well.

On Jan. 12, Haiti was struck by a magnitude 7.0 earth-quake, the country's worst in over 200 years. The *epicenter of the quake was only about 15 kilo-meters southwest of the capital Port-au-Prince.

Deforestation has also caused major floods in Haiti in the past.

The country has been *plagued by political unrest throughout its history. Observers say it will take massive international aid to rebuild Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake.



1. Why are parents in Haiti abandoning their children in orphanages?

- a) Because they do not want to raise more children
- b) Because they think their children will be better fed
- c) Because they think their children can work there

2. What do some Haitian youth who end up in slums do?

- a) They commit crimes
- b) They build churches
- c) They do volunteer work

3. What are aid workers fearful of in the short term?

- a) Hurricane season
- b) The global financial crisis
- c) Earthquakes



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Children abandoned in post-quake Haiti 아이티 지진 후 부모들이 아이 버려 *catastrophic 비극적인 *swell with ~ ~로 가득하다 *impoverished 빈곤한

*hard-pressed 쪼들리는 *child trafficking 아이들의 인신매매 *displace (살던 곳에서) 쫓겨나다 *grimier 더 암울한 *pose as ~ ~로 행세하다 *win the jackpot

수지 맞다 *anguished 고통에 찬 *hold-ups 총기 강도 (행위) *burglaries (집 등을) 털다

Haiti 아이티: *descent 혈통 *revolt 반란을 일으키다 *epicenter 진원지 *plagued by ~ ~에 시달리다

Answer: 1) b 2) a 3) a



Music touches hearts of Sorok residents

The power of music was brought to Sorok Island, a secluded colony for sufferers of Hansen's disease off Korea's southwestern coast, when Britain's renowned Philharmonia Orchestra performed Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 on May 5.

Hundreds of patients battling the disease seemed to forget their hardships, albeit temporarily, while listening to the Destiny Symphony the musician wrote while struggling to overcome his sudden deafness.

The London-based orchestra, which was led by Russian virtuoso Vladimir Ashkenazy, also played the national anthem during the hour-and-a-half performance at the Sorokdo National Hospital. About 600 patients with the disease are cared for at the hospital.

A special performance by veteran pop singer Cho Yong-pil further enlivened the event for the patients, who have led an isolated and repressive life for decades due to the

social stigma and prejudice for the disease.

Scores of dignitaries, including Prime Minister Chung Un-chan, British Ambassador Martin Uden and Minister of Special Affairs Joo Ho-young, participated in the event held at the state-run hospital in Goheung County, South Jeolla Province.

"I hope that this performance will serve as an opportunity to stamp out discrimination and prejudice against patients with Hansen's disease at home and abroad, and help people correctly understand the disease," said Chung in his congratulatory address.

The rare event was the first humanitarian project of the Lady R Foundation, which was established in July 2009.

The foundation was created by the widow of the 3rd Viscount Rothermere, widely known as Vere Harmsworth, a media tycoon who owned the British newspaper the Daily Mail and other

papers. The couple tied the knot in 1933 and Harmsworth suddenly died of cardiac arrest five years later. The Dowager Viscountess Rothermere, who has the Korean name Lee Jeong-shun, is a Korean born in Osaka, Japan.

Since 1916 when Korea was under Japanese colonial rule (1910-45), Sorok Island has served as a shelter for patients with Hansen's disease. The government policy of forcibly segregating the afflicted on the island ended only in 1963, some 18 years after the country was liberated from Japan.

In May last year, then Prime Minister Han Seung-soo offered an official apology to the sufferers on the remote island. A bridge also finally opened to connect the island to the mainland in September last year.

According to the Korean Hansen Welfare Association, the total number of Hansen's patients in Korea stood at 13,734 as of Jan. 1. Their average age is 69.

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Sorok Island

Sorok Island is *synonymous with the sufferings of Korean patients of Han-sen's disease.

The island's *association with Hansen's disease began in 1910 when Protestant missionaries began a retreat center for sufferers there. In 1916, the Japanese, then Korea's colonial rulers, reopened it as a special hospital and used the island to isolate those *stricken with the disease.



to have children, while some of them were experimented on medically.

Even after the Japanese rule ended in 1945, hardship continued as the Korean government kept the segregation policy and strong social prejudices did not *diminish.

Public understanding of Hansen's disease, however, has markedly improved over the years and now the island, blessed with beautiful beaches, receives more than 100,000 visitors a year.

Life of the patients under the Japanese rule was repressive and often *brutal. The patients, whose numbers reached about 6,000 at its peak, were forced to do harsh labor for Japanese war efforts. They were also not allowed

Last year, a bridge also finally opened to connect the island with the mainland. The current population is less than 1,000, comprising mostly of patients and hospital staff.



1. What physical condition was Beethoven trying to overcome when he wrote Symphony No. 5?

- a) Hansen's disease
- b) Blindness
- c) Deafness

2. What did the organizers of the concert on Sorok Island hope to achieve?

- a) To bring as many dignitaries to the island as possible
- b) To get rid of social prejudice against patients with Hansen's disease
- c) To increase the number of concerts on the island

3. When did the segregation policy against Hansen's patients end?

- a) 1916
- b) 1963
- c) May last year



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Music touches hearts of Sorok residents 음악 소록도 주민들의 마음을 달래다 *secluded 남들과 거의 접촉을 하지 않는 *colony 작은 마을 (부락)
 *Hansen's disease 한센병 *repressive 억압적인 *stigma 오명 *dignitary 고위 관리 *stamp out 근절하다 *media tycoon 언론계의 거물
 *cardiac arrest 심정지 *segregate 분리하다 *afflicted (병을) 앓고 있는
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Answer: 1) c 2) b 3) b



Korea's food prices 4th highest in OECD



Korea's food price inflation in March ranked fourth-highest among Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member countries. According to the OECD March *price trend report, the price of food rose 0.2

percent in the OECD on average, compared to the same month last year. Korea recorded the fourth highest growth with a 2.7 percent rise. Turkey (11.2 percent), Iceland (6.8 percent) and Mexico (6.4 percent) were ahead of Korea.

Food prices in Korea were a lot higher on average than in other OECD countries – 13 times higher on average.

Out of the 30 OECD member countries, only 13 showed a decrease in food prices. These countries include Ireland, Finland, Portugal, Spain, Greece and Czech Republic.

Chile was *excluded from the report because it officially became the 31st member country on May 7.

The OECD's average prices of goods in March increased by 2.1 percent. And the average prices of goods in Korea increased by 2.3 percent.

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

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development was established in 1961 and is *headquartered in Paris. The OECD *Secretary-General is Angel Gurría and the official languages are French and English.

The organization first started with 20 countries, but it now has 31 members. South Korea became a

member country in 1996. Excluding Chile, Mexico, Poland and Turkey, all the member countries are high-income economies and *developed countries. The excluded four countries are described as upper-middle income economies.

The OECD promotes economic growth and contributes to the growth of world trade. It also boosts employ-

ment, raises *living standards, maintains financial stability and assists in other countries' economic development.

The organization is known to be one of the world's largest and most *reliable sources of *comparable statistics and economic and social data.

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



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Korea's food prices 4th highest in OECD 한국 식품 물가 OECD 중 네번째로 높다 *price trend 물가 동향 *exclude 제외하다

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development 경제협력개발기구(OECD): *headquartered in~ ~에 본사가 있는 *Secretary-General 사무총장

*developed country 선진국 *living standard 생활 수준 *reliable 신뢰할 수 있는 *comparable 비교할 만한

Hand lotion vs. face lotion



Most of you probably put on lotion after washing your face and hands to keep them *moisturized. But what many fail to do is check what type of lotion you are using. You might be rubbing face lotion on your hands or *vice versa, thinking that all types of lotion have the same effect, with no real reason to *distinguish between them.

But if that were the case, it would be unnecessary for manufacturers to produce lotions designed for specific areas of the body.

Face and hand lotions are produced for different purposes. They are designed to function in a specific way. There are three main differences between the two types of lotion, and you should be aware of the reasons why they should be used separately.

Face lotion is designed to serve more than just one purpose. The foremost important function of a face lotion is to moisturize the face. After that, it is supposed to have the effect of cleansing. Face lotions contain cleansers that help get rid of *excess oil. What happens is that after the lotion is *applied, facial oil and the lotion itself get rinsed off the skin within a short period of time. You might think that your skin could get dry if that happens, but natural oil *exudes from the pores protecting it from *adverse external conditions.

Whereas face lotion moisturizes and cleanses at the same time, hand lotions are there to only moisturize. The skin on your face *excretes a necessary amount of natural oil. But the skin on

your hands doesn't do that, so hands tend to be drier.

Think about it – you rarely hear of a person having “oily hands.” Because of this, hand lotion is thicker than face lotion to effectively moisturize the dry areas of the hands, such as the *palm and *knuckles. Hand lotions are also designed to stay on longer, with a *residue that remains even after washing.

If hand lotions are used on the face, they could *clog the pores and cause skin problems such as *acne.

The last difference between hand and face lotion is the *formula used. Both types contain nutrients that are meant to take care of the needs of the respective areas. Face lotions have nutrients that help maintain a smooth



*complexion and control oil excretion. Some others have the effect of tightening the skin for a younger-looking appearance, while some whiten the skin to make it look clearer.

Skin on different parts of the body is

different. Each area of the body works differently and needs distinct elements that suit it. Therefore, you have to use the appropriate type of lotion according to maintain healthy skin.

Remember, there's a reason why

some lotions are called "face lotion" and some "hand lotion."

By Yoo Bo-lam (bolamyoo@heraldm.com)



1. Which of the following is not a function of face lotion?

- a) Moisturizing
- b) Opening skin pores
- c) Cleansing

2. How is a hand lotion different to a face lotion?

- a) It is thicker
- b) It moisturizes the skin
- c) It contains nutrients

3. What do the pores of facial skin naturally exude?

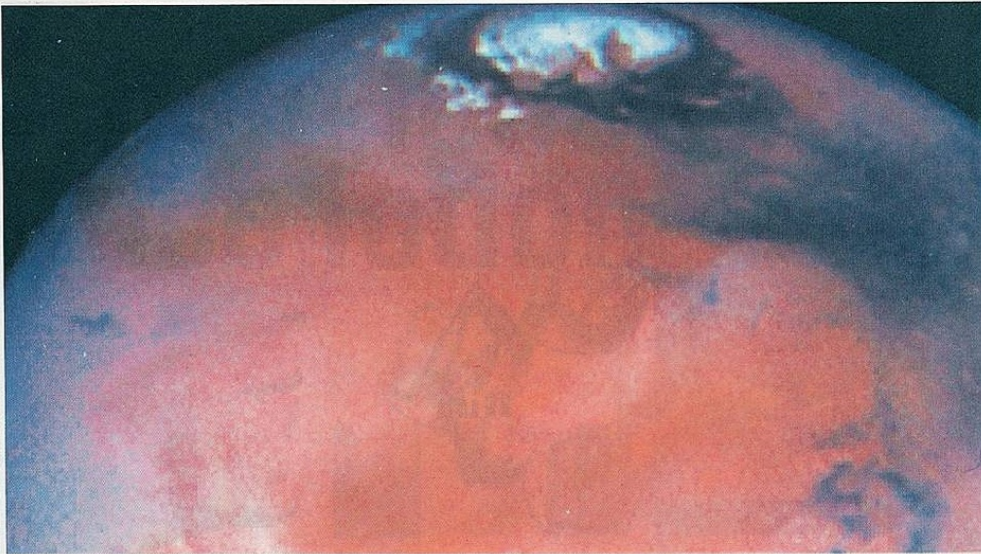
- a) Saliva
- b) Ear wax
- c) Oil



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Hand lotion vs. face lotion 핸드로션 대 얼굴로션: *moisturize 촉촉하게 하다 *vice versa 반대로 *distinguish 구별하다 *excess 지나친 *apply 바른다
 *exude 흘리다 *adverse 불리한 *excrete 분비하다 *palm 손바닥 *knuckle 손가락 관절 *residue 잔여물 *clog 막히다 *acne 여드름 *formula 제조법
 *complexion 안색

Answer: 1) b 2) a 3) c



The red planet


Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun. It is named after the ancient Roman god of war. Since the planet is red in color, it is also called the "red planet."

Mars is half the size of Earth. Its thin air is made up mainly of carbon dioxide and other gases, so we wouldn't be able to breathe it. And the Martian surface is much colder than Earth's is. Two small moons, Phobos and Deimos, orbit Mars.

The first spacecraft to fly close to Mars was Mariner 4, in 1965. In the 1970s two Viking spacecraft landed there, and in July 1997 Mars Pathfinder set down. These efforts sent back from Mars soil sample reports, pictures, and other data, but no proof of life.

Because of similarities between Mars and Earth, however, scientists think there could be some form of life on Mars. Like Earth, Mars has ice caps at both poles. But its ice caps are composed mostly of solid carbon dioxide, or dry ice. Liquid water has not been seen on the surface of Mars. However, billions of years ago there may have been large lakes or even oceans on Mars.

Also like Earth, Mars has different seasons. Mars takes 687 Earth days to go around the Sun once. This means its year is almost twice as long as ours. But since it spins on its axis once every 24 hours and 37 minutes, its day is just about the same. Despite being small, Mars has the largest volcano in our solar system, Olympus Mons. It stands about three times higher than Earth's highest point, Mount Everest, and covers an area just a bit smaller than the entire country of Poland.

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World's biggest beaver dam



The photo shows the world's biggest beaver dam in Northern Alberta, Canada. Yonhap News

Photographs were released May 5 of the world's biggest beaver dam, which was found in Northern Alberta. It is so big, the dam is visible from space.

The dam, which lies in a *remote corner of Wood Buffalo National Park, stretches 850 meters.

Park officials say the dam lies so deep in the forest, that there are no roads or navigable streams leading to

it. Jean Thie, a Canadian environmental scientist, located the dam using satellite images and Google Earth.

The dam has been there at least since the 1970s, according to old satellite images from that period. It also appears beavers aren't done with its construction yet.

Beavers are the only mammals other than human beings who make their

own living structures. Beavers have a natural instinct to build dams in running water to secure still, deep water in order to protect themselves against *predators and to float food and building materials.

Large beaver dams have been discovered before, but not quite as big as this one. According to AFP, beaver dams in Canada average 10 to 100 meters long.

"They are *remarkable water engineers," Thie told the Edmonton Journal.

Boston University *natural science professor Busher said the size is "unbelievable."

About the beaver's construction skills, Busher said, "We don't know if they are thinking: 'I'm going to stick this branch in this position.' When we look at it, it does look very sophisticated, they'll have branches *intertwined and so on."

By Kim Min-hee and news reports



1. Which is not true about the location of the beaver dam in Alberta?

- a) It lies deep in the forest
- b) There are roads and navigable streams leading to it
- c) It is in a remote corner of a national park in Canada

2. What kind of natural instinct do beavers have?

- a) To live in parks
- b) To build dams
- c) To navigate streams



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The red planet 붉은행성 *thin 산소가 희박한 *carbon dioxide 이산화탄소 *orbit ~ ~의 궤도를 돌다 *ice cap 빙원 *spin 돌다 회전하다 *axis 축
World's biggest beaver dam 세상에서 가장 큰 비버 댐: *remote 외진, 외딴 *predator 포식자 *remarkable 놀랄 만한, 놀라운 *natural science 자연 과학
*intertwine 엮다



Lonely landscapes

DID YOU KNOW?

Xia Gui and his fellow artists used a dramatic kind of brushwork called "ax stroke." It was named this because it looked like the chop mark of an ax on wood.

Xia Gui is known today as one of China's greatest masters of landscape painting. He painted rapidly, using short, sharp strokes of the brush. Most of his landscapes were done in shades of black, but a few had light washes of color added to them.

Xia was probably official court painter to either the emperor Ningzong or the emperor Lizong (or maybe both). That means he would have lived about the end of the 12th century to the beginning of the 13th century.

Together with his friend and fellow artist Ma Yuan, Xia founded the Ma-Xia school of painting. This group followed a tradition of very simple landscape painting, with little happening in the landscape and few details. By showing only selected features, such as mountain peaks and twisted trees, they aimed to create a feeling of unlimited space and quiet drama. The Ma-

Xia school had a great influence on later artists.

Most of Xia's surviving works are album leaves. These were usually square-shaped. They were occasionally glued onto fans. The paintings were done on silk, mainly in shades of black ink. Each landscape showed distant hills in the upper left corner and a closer view of land in the lower right corner. In the center, groups of trees reach into the empty space all around.

The empty space was always an important feature of Xia's work. Xia was also a master at composing works on the hand scroll.

These are rolls of paper that are viewed by unrolling the scroll from one end to the other, then rerolling the scroll as you view it.

The effect is like a continuous imaginary journey through the scenery of nature.

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Bayern Munich target Park transfer: rumor

Park Ji-sung of Manchester United is *linked to transfer rumors sending him to Bayern Munich, which is ready to offer the British club 7 million pounds (\$10.5 million), the British newspaper Daily Mail reported on May 7.

The 29-year-old *winger, who moved from PSV Eindhoven to Man U in 2005 on a \$6 million fee, has a contract until 2012.

But the club's worsening financial problems and manager Alex Ferguson's desire to rebuild his squad could *trigger the midfielder's *departure, according to the paper.

Park's agency JS Limited, however, said



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they had not heard anything from the German club.

"I think it's just a rumor. And it is very unlikely that he would leave Manchester," a JS Limited spokeswoman told The Korea Herald.

As of May 6, the Korean midfielder has

made only 25 appearances this season, but he scored his three goals against strong teams: Arsenal, Liverpool and AC Milan.

Park revealed earlier that he hopes to end his career at Old Trafford. "Man U is the world's best club. There is no reason to move to any other team," he told the local media last month.

"I want to lift the Champions Cup trophy as a United player."

"If the club takes care of me and keeps me playing, I want to *stick with them as long as I can," he added.

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Japanese novel made into musical



"Midnight Sun" Sejong Center for the Performing Arts

"Midnight Sun" (태양의 노래), a Japanese novel that has been made into a movie and drama in Japan, is now being performed in Korea as a musical.

The *setting of the story takes place in a small town in Japan. This town is usually very quiet, but when summer arrives the town comes alive. Surfers and tourists come to enjoy the beach.

A girl named Kaoru, who suffers from a *rare skin disease, lives in this town. She cannot go out during the daytime, so the only time she leaves the house is at night. She goes to sing in front of a train station, even though

there are hardly any people.

Kaoru falls in love with Koji - a boy she sees every morning outside her window. Koji loves surfing and enjoys the hot sun. Kaoru sings a song about Koji and one evening he *coincidentally hears her. The two *fall for each other, but a happy ending does not await them.

The musical is being shown at the Sejong M Theatre until May 29. Tickets costs from 30,000 won to 50,000 won. For more information call (02) 399-1772.

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Lonely landscapes 외로운 풍경화 : *shade of~ ~색조의 *light washes 안함 색의 알은 막 *court painter 궁정화가 *unlimited 무한정의 *distant 먼 *hand scroll

투루미리 *unroll 펼치다

Rumor says Bayern Munich target Park transfer 박지성, 뮌헨 이적설 : *linked to~ ~와 연관되다 *winger (축구 등의 스포츠에서) 옆에서 뛰는 선수 *trigger 촉발시키다 *departure 떠날 *stick with~ ~에 머물다

Japanese novel made into musical 일본 소설 뮤지컬로 공연 : *setting 장소 *rare 흔하지 않은 *coincidentally 우연히 *fall for~ ~에게 흠뻑 반하다

Korean youth unhappiest in OECD

Korean children and teenagers are the least happy with their lives among OECD member countries. This *conclusion was drawn from a comparison between a local survey result and research on OECD member countries released by UNICEF.

Recently, 5,437 students from grade 4 to grade 12 were surveyed on their *satisfaction with life. The survey was conducted by a university research lab and the Bang Jeong-hwan Foundation.

In the survey, only 53.9 percent of the students responded that they were satisfied with their lives. This is a *startling result. It is a decrease from last year's 55.5 percent and 30.9 percent below the OECD average of 84.8 percent. Whereas Korea had the largest number of dissatisfied children, the



Netherlands had the largest number among the OECD, with 94.2 percent.

Korean youngsters said they feel unhealthy (26.5 percent) and feel they do not belong anywhere (18.3 percent), the highest in the OECD. About 16.7 percent said that they feel lonely, trailing Japan's 29.8 percent.

Several reasons are attributed to the

unhappiness felt by Korean youngsters, but the biggest *stressor turned out to be school work. Physical appearance and *conflict with parents followed. The main concern males had was their height, whereas girls were concerned with their weight.

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Birds that fly backwards

All birds, no matter the species, can fly forwards. But one bird species can fly forwards, upside down, sideways and even backwards: the hummingbird.

Hummingbirds are one of the most *extraordinary birds in the world because of the way they can fly. Unlike other birds that only get the power to fly on the *downstroke, hummingbirds

have the strength to fly on the upstroke as well. Typical birds can only lift themselves up because they have weak upstroke muscles, but hummingbirds have strong chest muscles that allow them to fly in all directions.

Besides their flight power, hummingbirds have very *flexible shoulders, which allow them to *rotate

their shoulders almost 180 degrees. Also, these tiny birds *flap their wings about 50 times per second, making them spend a *tremendous amount of energy on motion. For that reason, hummingbirds have to feed themselves every 10 minutes to have their energy *restored.

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Korean youth unhappiest in OECD 한국 아이들 행복지수 OECD국가들 중 꼴찌 : *conclusion 결론 *satisfaction 만족 *startling 아주 놀라운 *stressor 스트레스 요인 *conflict 충돌
Birds that fly backwards 뒤로 나는 새 : *extraordinary 기이한 *downstroke 위에서 밀어올리는 움직임 *flexible 유연한 *rotate 회전하다 *flap 팔익거림 *tremendous 엄청난 *restore 회복시키다



Why the Lakers?

My favorite team in the NBA, the U.S. men's professional basketball league, has always been the Los Angeles Lakers. Having won four championships in the last decade, this team has become feared by its opponents, but has brought times of joy for dedicated fans such as me. With 30 teams in the NBA, my friends ask, "Why the Lakers?"

The success of the Lakers has made my friends assume that I am a fair-weather fan. They make that assumption, but I know that that reason is false. The Lakers did not always have success, and they were not always the team to beat. At certain times, they were even at the bottom, not even making it into the playoffs. But when they were in last place, I still loved the team.

I was born in Los Angeles, California in 1994 and have grown up to gain passion for the sport. Watching TV, I began to

love my home team as any other individual would. On top of that, my favorite player, Kobe Bryant has been a loyal Laker his whole career. Dedicated and determined, I began to pick up styles in which he plays the sport. Still on the Lakers, he has brought the team up from nothing. His attitude has given me respect to the team even more.

The Los Angeles Lakers will always be my favorite team regardless of what their win-loss percentage is. I have grown up and this team became part of my life. Always, I will remain loyal to the victorious colors of gold and purple.

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Newspaper program proves its worth

Since adopting the Herald NIE program back in 2006, the Busan Bukgu Herald School has helped many students improve their English.

At first, the newspaper program was not easily accepted by the students, the school's principal Youla said.

But continued efforts over the years have shown reading newspapers to be helpful in improving students' English *proficiency, while broadening their understanding of the world.

Now the students are not only adjusting to the program, but enjoying it as well.

"I questioned if students could effectively learn English from newspaper articles. Most parents and students don't understand the program well," Youla said. "However, I trusted the program since The Korea Herald has a great reputation in the field ... NIE is a very *systematic and effective program that provides interesting and current articles for students who are uninterested with the typical English program," she added.

The NIE program has also proven its effectiveness in students entering competitive specialized high schools.

Over the course of four years, many students attending Busan Bukgu Herald School have had success entering Foreign Language High Schools and Science Schools. Fourteen of its students passed the examinations for these schools in 2009 alone.

Jung Na-won, a student who entered Busan Foreign Language High School this year, thinks that the NIE program helped her broaden her *horizons. Jung said she finds *debating and essay writing using newspaper articles very helpful.

"When I first went to Herald School, I only wanted to improve my English. In the beginning, I doubted the NIE program. However, my English skills gradually improved. I dreamed about entering a foreign language high school. The program gave me the opportunity to acquire knowledge in current events," Jung said.

By JH Team



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Newspaper program proves its worth 신문으로 공부하기 가치를 증명하다 : *proficiency 숙달 *systematic 체계적인 *horizon 시야 *debate 토론