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Stephen Hawking says aliens may exist

Stephen Hawking, a British *theoretical physicist, said that aliens may exist. Hawking is one of the most famous scientists in the world.

Hawking appeared in a documentary aired on the Discovery Channel. According to Hawking, aliens may exist not just on planets. He suggests that they may exist in the center of stars or could even be *floating in space.


Hawking also said that if aliens came into contact with Earth, they could *harm us. "If aliens visit us, the outcome would be much as when Columbus landed in America, which didn't turn out well for the Native Americans." 

Nation pays last respect to lost sailors

Citizens paid their last respects to the *deceased sailors of Cheonan.

*Memorial altars were set up nationwide, while the government declared April 25 to 29 as the national mourning period. Portraits of the 46 crew members were displayed at memorials.

President Lee Myung-bak also visited the memorial set up in Seoul Plaza and paid his *condolences on April 26.

A joint funeral of the sailors was held on April 29 at the naval base in Pyeongtaek. 



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Olympic gymnastics champion passes away

Natalia Lavrova, a two time Olympic gymnastics gold medalist, died in a car accident on April 23.

According to a local police spokesman, the car that Lavrova was riding in collided with another car near Penza, a region in Russia. Lavrova died on the spot with her sister who

had been driving.

The 25-year-old Russian won a gold medal at the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Olympic Games. She retired as an athlete at the age of 21. After retiring, she had been working as a trainer at the Russian training center and with the Russian rhythmic gymnastics team.



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Hospitals communicate with patients through Twitter



Hospitals in South Korea have started to communicate with their patients through Twitter. Asan Medical Center and Kyunghee University Medical Center are utilizing Twitter well.

The two hospitals are uploading news related to people's health, giving tips on taking care of the body and news about the hospitals. Kyunghee

University Medical Center also plans to have health consultations with patients through Twitter.

By using Twitter, it has given a positive image to the hospital. And through communication, hospital staff are able to give more satisfaction to patients.

Word Guide

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Olympic gymnastics champion passes away 올림픽 체조 챔피언 사망: "spokesman 대변인 *die on the spot 즉사하다 *retire 은퇴하다
Hospitals communicate with patients through twitter병원 트위터로 환자들과 소통: *utilize 활용하다 *health consultation 건강 상담 *satisfaction 만족감

France moves to ban full-face veil

Selma, 22, wears the niqab in a park in Brussels, April 22.

AP-Yonhap News



Afghan women in burqas

Reuters-Yonhap News



Two veiled women walk in a street in Paris April 21.

AFP-Yonhap News

Should a person be punished for wearing a veil while driving a car?

A French woman, 31, was in early April. The police fined her 22 euros *on the grounds that she risked safety of herself and others by wearing a Muslim veil while driving.

The woman protested. "I didn't commit any *infraction," the Associated Press quoted her as saying at a press conference on April 23. "I see just as well as you. I have driven like this for nine years. I've not had any problems."

The incident drew wide media attention as it happened at a time when the French government is trying to introduce a ban on wearing full-face veils in public

places.

Under the proposed bill, wearing the niqab, also sometimes called burqa, in any public place, including on streets, in markets and in shops, would be illegal. Those who disobey could be fined up to 750 euros.

The full veil "hurts the dignity of women and is *unacceptable in French society," French president Nicolas Sarkozy was quoted as saying in the New York Times.

In France, wearing a full-face veil is also associated with *fundamentalist *strains of Islam.

France has the biggest Muslim immigrant population in Western

Europe, estimated at 5 million. But only about 2,000 are known to currently cover their faces.

Legal experts, however, think such a ban would be *unconstitutional and could be *overturned in court.

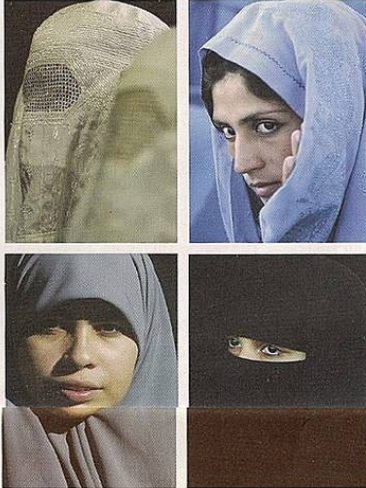
The sentiment is shared by others around the world.

"We're clearly against the proposed ban. If it becomes law, it will mean Belgium and France are *restricting the rights of Muslim women to fulfill their religious *obligations," Amidhan, chairman of the Ulema Council, Indonesia's top Islamic Body, told AFP.



*By Kim Min-hee and news reports

Types of Islamic veils



This combination of pictures shows Muslim women wearing various types of Islamic veils, a burqa (upper left), a chador (upper right), a niqab (lower right) and a hijab (lower left).

AFP-Yonhap News

There are many kinds of veils worn by Muslim women to cover their faces.

The origin of veils dates back to ancient Mesopotamia where they were used as a protection against heat. But some Muslims believe it is a requirement for all women according to the Quran as a way to cover themselves around men they do not know.


Veils differ in looks according to region or religious *inclination. To name a few, there is the burqa, niqab, hijab, chador and shayla.

According to Wikipedia, the two most common forms of Muslim veils are the half-niqab and full-niqab.

Half-niqabs cover the nose downward and are held on with elastics or ties. Full-niqabs cover from the forehead down and have an opening for the eyes.

Burqa are the kind that are now *controversial in France, although French people use the term burqa or niqab *interchangeably.

Burqa is the most *concealing of Muslim veils. It covers the entire face and body, leaving just a *mesh screen for the eyes. Under Taliban rule, it is *compulsory for women to wear these.

Chador, or tchador, also covers the body from head to toe, but leaves the face open. 



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| 1. Why was the French woman fined? | 2. Where will wearing the veil be banned if the bill is passed? | 3. What do legal experts say about the proposed ban? |
| a) because she was driving too fast | a) in private meetings | a) it has legal grounds |
| b) because she was wearing a veil while driving | b) at home | b) it will probably pass into a law |
| c) because she was driving without a license | c) in all public places | c) it is unconstitutional |



Word Guide

France moves to ban full-face veil 프랑스 얼굴을 가리는 베일 착용 금지할 듯 *on the grounds that~ ~의 이유로 *infraction 위반 *unacceptable 수용할 수 없는 *fundamentalist 근본주의자 *strain 요소 *unconstitutional 헌법에 위배되는 *overturn 뒤집다 *restrict 규제하다 *obligation 의무

Types of Islamic veils 베일의 종류: *inclination 성향 *controversial 논란이 많은 *use interchangeably 같은 의미로 쓰다 *concealing 감추는 *mesh 그물망

*compulsory 의무적인

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

Korean climbs into record books

Korean climber Oh Eun-sun reached the top of Annapurna on April 27, becoming the first woman to have *scaled the world's 14 highest mountains. Annapurna is one of the most *deadly Himalayan peaks.

The 44-year-old reached the top of the 8,091 meter mountain at 6:15 p.m. With Oh were two sherpas and two television crews who broadcasted Oh's final steps live.

Oh left Camp Four – 7,000 meters up the mountain – at 5 a.m. to head to

the top. The final ascent took 13 hours of *life-threatening conditions. Annapurna has claimed the lives of dozens of climbers over the years.

Live TV footage showed the climber planting the Korean national flag on the summit, and waving to the camera.

"I am so happy and thank you," Oh said and repeated her thanks to

supporters. "I'd like to share this moment with everyone."

The climber is said to have carried throughout her journey a photograph of Ko Mi-young. Ko was also trying to climb the 14 peaks when she died last year while *descending from Nanga Parba.

"If I become the one to have stood on 14 peaks, I will share the moment with Ko," Oh had said earlier.

Eighteen climbers conquered all 14 8,000-meter peaks before Oh. Italian

Reinhold Messner was the first person to do so in 1986. No woman had achieved the feat.

Oh was once quoted as saying: "I don't know why no female has managed it. I suppose it is down to women's position in the world, which is still not the same as men's."

Oh's historical achievement,

however, was somewhat *dampened by the news that two Korean climbers were missing in Nepal's Himalayas while three others were hospitalized with severe frostbite.

The group led by climber Kim Hong-bin suffered an accident due to bad weather conditions while climbing the 8,163 meter Manaslu on April 24, according Nepal's Foreign Office.

The search for the two missing climbers – identified by their last names Yoon and Park – has begun, but no

signs of them have been found, Seoul's Foreign Ministry said.

Meanwhile, Oh's rival Edurne Pasaban of Spain, who climbed Annapurna recently, is *making an assault on her 14th peak, the 8,027 meter Shisha Pangma, in Tibet.

By Oh Kyu-wook (596story@heraldm.com)



Oh Eun-sun reacts after reaching the top of Annapurna.

Yonhap

Who are the sherpas?



If you were following Oh Eun-sun's *arduous journey to the top of Annapurna on TV, you might have noticed two men accompanying her.

They are sherpas.


Sherpas are an ethnic group who live high in the Himalayas. They are originally from Tibet. Initially, they used to make a living as *yak herders and traders.

Sherpas work as guides and *porters for mountaineering expeditions in the Himalayas, particularly Mt. Everest. They show the way to the top and also take photos when climbers

make it to the summit.

Sherpas are born climbers for many reasons. They are familiar with the local terrain and because of their origin, they seldom suffer from *altitude sickness. They are also known for great stamina.

However, sherpas are different from professional climbers since they climb to make a living. They can also use oxygen masks.

The two men who were with Oh accompanied the climber on six of the 14 highest peaks. 



1. How many people before Oh had climbed the 14 highest peaks?

- a) 14
- b) 18
- c) 8,000

2. What dampened Oh's historical achievement?

- a) News that two Korean climbers were missing
- b) Ko Mi-young's death
- c) Bad weather

3. Which mountain will Oh's rival Edurne Pasaban climb next?

- a) Annapurna
- b) Shisha Pangma
- c) Makalu



Word Guide

Korean climbs into record books 한국인 등반 기록 세우다 *scale (아주 높고 가파른 곳을) 오르다 *deadly 생명을 위협하는 *life threatening 생명을 위협하는
 *descend 내려오다 *dampen (감정, 반응의 기세를) 꺾다, 약화시키다 *make an assault on (힘들거나 위험한 일에) 도전하다
 Who are the sherpas? 셰르파는 누구? *arduous 몹시 힘든, 고된 *yak herder 야크 목자 *porter 짐꾼 *altitude sickness 고산병

Answer : 1) b 2) a 3) b

U.S. unveils new \$100 banknote

The *U.S. Treasury revealed the new design of the \$100 banknote during a ceremony held on April 21.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and *Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke explained the changes made to the banknote.


The new bill was redesigned to prevent the flow of *counterfeit money. Geithner said that the best technology available has been *incorporated to stay ahead of counterfeiters. The U.S. \$100 bill is the most counterfeited note in the world and the most *circulated note outside the United States.

The redesigned banknote includes a blue 3-D security ribbon which has



images of tiny bells and 100s that changes and moves when the banknote is *tilted. The *Liberty Bell in an *inkwell is also shown on the front part of the note. The color of the bell changes from copper to green when the note is tilted.

Benjamin Franklin will still be seen on the front side of the bill and *Independence Hall in Philadelphia will remain on the back.

The new banknote is expected to be circulated in February next year. Until then the U.S. government will educate the public inside and outside the United States about the changes. 

By Yeom Min-a and news reports

U.S. banknotes

The United States currently issues seven *denominations of banknotes. They are the \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills.

The phrase "In God We Trust" is included on all American banknotes and coins. All banknotes have a portrait of a *historical figure on the *face of the note. Most are former




presidents.

The only two non-presidents are Alexander Hamilton, who appears in the \$20

note and Benjamin Franklin, who is featured in the \$100 note. Hamilton was the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. Franklin was a leading politician and *diplomat who was one of the *Founding Fathers of the United States.

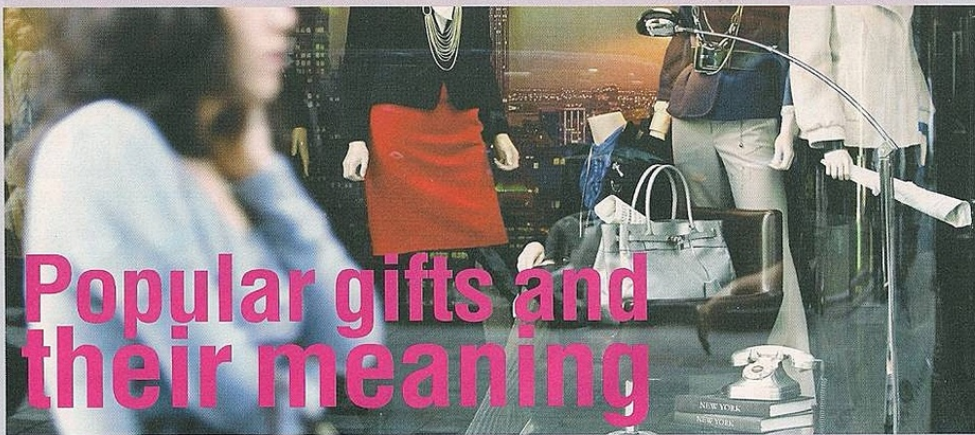
Other figures are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson and Ulysses S. Grant, who are seen on the \$1, \$2, \$5, \$20 and \$50 notes, respectively.

The back side of the notes include historically significant symbols and buildings such as the *Great Seal of the United States, Lincoln Memorial, U.S. Treasury and the White House. 

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

Word Guide

U.S. unveils new \$100 banknote 미국, 100 달러 신권 공개 *U.S. Treasury 미국 재무부 *Federal Reserve 연방 준비은행 *counterfeit money 위조 지폐
 *incorporate 포함하다 *circulate 유통 되다 *tilt 기울다, 젖히다 *Liberty Bell 자유의 종 (1776년 7월 8일 미국 독립 선언이 공포되었을 때 울린) *inkwell 잉크통
 *Independence Hall 독립기념관
 U.S. banknotes 미국 지폐 *denomination 액면가 *historical figure 역사적 인물 *face 앞면 *diplomat 외교관 *Founding Father of the United States
 미국 헌법 제정자 *Great Seal 국새



Gifts of all types are *exchanged throughout May because this is a month of many special holidays and *observances.

Many people give and receive gifts without thinking about their meaning. They think it is okay to buy anything as long as they have something material to give. But one thing you should keep in mind is that some gifts have meanings in them.

What are the most popular gifts for the special days of May and what meanings do they have?

Children's Day - May 5th

Gifts commonly given out on Children's Day are video games, cell phones, electronic devices, toys and clothes. Compared to children in the 80s and 90s who normally preferred robots or dolls, today's highly *computer-literate children demand gifts much more technological.

Parents' Day - May 8th

The gift most commonly given out on this day is flowers, carnations to be more specific. Older students usually buy baskets of nicely decorated carnations at flower shops, but many of the younger students make their own paper carnation with *origami paper. Whether it is just one carnation or a basket full of carnations, thank you cards accompany the flowers. Ties and handkerchiefs are popular gifts given out to parents as well.

Teacher's Day - May 15th

Popular teacher's Day gifts include ties, handkerchiefs, cosmetics, towel sets, perfumes and department store gift cards. Department store gift cards are convenient because they work like money at department stores. Picking a gift can be a pain sometimes, especially if the teacher is *picky, so it is much easier to get a gift card instead.

***Coming-of-Age Day - May 17th**

Unlike the other days, a combination of three gifts is associated with this particular day – roses, perfume and a kiss. Of course other gifts can be given, but the teenagers who are finally turning into legal adults want to be given the three-gift combination to mark the end of their *adolescence. Other gifts the newly turned adults desire include digital cameras, MP3 players, smartphones, clothes and money.

Couples' Day - May 21st


The history of Couples' Day does not go back too far. The day unofficially began in 1995 when a *pastor and his wife celebrated this day in hopes of strengthening *harmony within the family. Celebrated among married couples to *rekindle old feelings and realize the importance of their *significant other, this day became a legal observance in 2007. Popular gifts are flowers, jewelry, clothes, cosmetics and overseas trips.

Here are some popular gifts and their meanings. This may help you make a wiser decision when shopping for gifts.



Chocolate: "Our love is sweet" or "I love you."
 Gloves: "I want you to be friendlier to me" or "I want you to be more honest with me."
 Necklace: "I want to become one with you."

Mirror: "Understand me" or "Accept my feelings towards you."
 Handkerchief: "Goodbye."
 Ring: "You're mine."
 Shoes: "Run away from me."
 Key ring: "I want to give you luck."
 Diary: "Please treasure all our dreams forever."
 Book: "I want you to have more spare time."
 Ballpoint pen: "I want to engrave your name in my heart."

Photo album: "Let's *reminisce our memories forever."
 Rose: One rose means "friendship" and three roses mean "love."
 Gum: "I want to have a *long-term relationship with you."
 Doll: "Hug me" or "Look at the doll and think of me every day."
 Scarf: "I think we're going to break up."
 Watch: "I want to be with you."
 *Fountain pen: "I wish you success."
 Wallet: "You're more valuable to me than money."
 Lipstick: "I want to kiss you."
 Earrings: "I want to know all your secrets." 

By Yoo Bo-iam (bolamyoo@heraldim.com)



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| 1. When is Coming-of-Age Day celebrated? | 2. What is the meaning of a ring as a gift? | 3. Which one is not one of the three gifts given on Coming-of-Age Day? |
| a) May 5 th | a) "Understand me." | a) Perfume |
| b) May 21 st | b) "Goodbye." | b) Blouse |
| c) May 17 th | c) "You're mine." | c) Kiss |

Word Guide

Popular gifts and their meaning 인기 선물들과 그들의 의미: *exchange 교환 *observance 기념일 *computer-literate 컴퓨터 사용에 능한 *origami 종이 접기
 *picky 까다로운 *Coming-of-Age Day 성년의 날 *adolescence 청소년기 *pastor 목사 *harmony 화합 *rekindle 다시 불려일으키다 *significant other 중요한 다른 한 사람 *reminisce 추억하기 *long-term 장기적인 *fountain pen 만년필

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

Junior Herald 6th Anniversary



What are The Junior Herald's former student reporters doing now?
To celebrate the paper's 6th anniversary, we wanted to report an update news on the former student reporters. Four students who worked actively during their term were asked to share their thoughts on their past experience with The Junior Herald.

Junior Herald changed my life

My experience as a Junior Herald reporter was special for me in many ways. At first, I applied for this chance to merely fill my curiosity on what it would be like to be a reporter. But as time went by, I found myself using all my passion, struggling to produce pleasing articles.

The hardest part for me was selecting appropriate topics that readers at my age would be interested in. To find suitable topics, I naturally paid close attention to the news, and even some happenings around me that could turn out to be a good for The Junior Herald.

Every time I completed an article before deadline, I felt a sense of accomplishment. But of course, the best part was seeing my article published in the newspaper with my name on it. It was special to have my article read by many

readers in a renowned newspaper.

After finishing the term as a Junior Herald reporter, I felt some meaningful changes take place inside me. Realizing that society is not something apart from me – it is deeply connected to my own life – I felt the importance of paying attention to social issues and getting involved in them. This led me to apply to work at the official English journal in my university, The Yonsei Annals. I have been learning a lot here and my experience at The Junior Herald has been a great help.

I thank The Junior Herald for giving me a great opportunity and hope it prospers all the more.

By Baek Jae-yeun





Herald's tradition of raising young talent

I am Kim You-sik, known as Erik to my American friends. I am in grade 12 at my high school, St. John's High School, which is located in Massachusetts in the United States.

My graduation is approaching quickly. I will soon be involved in the complicated process of choosing a college. My family and I decided to apply to U.S. and Korean colleges. In fact, the enrollment terms are in conflict, so I decided to defer my U.S. university enrollment to the spring semester of 2011, and I plan to apply to Korean colleges during the summer. The school I decided to enroll in the United States is Indiana University, Bloomington, which many Korean students might know. Although I am currently very satisfied with my U.S. college choice, I would like to attend a Korean university because I stayed in the United States for a long time. As a Korean citizen, I think building up relationships and spending more time in my own country is quite necessary for my future.

Before I talk about my future goals, I would like to talk about my time as a student reporter. My older sister, who worked as a newspaper reporter then, first introduced me to The Junior Herald student reporter program. I had not been very interested in reporting or journalism before, but that soon changed.

In the summer of 2008, I was selected to be a Junior Herald student reporter. During the one-year period, I wrote one article per month. These article topics widely varied from how to study English to the global economy. I had to write these articles when I was in grade 11, a critical point of my high school years, so it was challenging. Journalism requires various spectrums of information and persuasive writing skills. This experience of working as a student reporter allowed me to become aware of many international events and improve my writing skills.

My goal is not only to become a dentist like my father, but to also influence the entire medical profession. I would like to enlarge my field of view to a global scale and make an impact on other nations, as well as Korea. My experience as a student reporter was the first step towards my goal.

As my goal is to influence the world, I hope The Junior Herald becomes an organization that also stretches out widely towards the world. I hope the Junior Herald tradition of raising young talent is preserved throughout the future, so it can contribute to the development of our society.

By Erik Kim



Challenge yourself to become student reporters

"Wow, has it really been six years?" That was my first response when I found out that it was the sixth anniversary of The Junior Herald. Indeed it has been six years, and it has been six great years. The Junior Herald really has a lot

to celebrate. In those six years, The Junior Herald has established itself as the leading English newspaper for teens in Korea. Congratulations Junior Herald, and I expect even greater achievements in the future.

I still remember working as a Junior Herald student reporter two years ago. I was young, enthusiastic, and slightly immature. I blush when I read my old articles. Now I am in high school, attending Hankuk Academy of Foreign Studies. In retrospect, I realize that thanks to my experience as a Junior Herald student reporter, I was able to hone my English skills, which was a great help in all of my studies.

As a student reporter, I remember writing articles about my interests and hobbies, like classical music and science, as well as current events. Back then, I had considerable pride in all of my work, and I put in a lot of effort. The time I spent researching, writing and proofreading had a considerable impact on me. The biggest influence was that my perspective on journalism has changed.

Prior to working as a Junior Herald student reporter, my idea of a journalist was simply a person who reports things, or people who shove microphones in celebrities' faces. However, I realized that it was possible to express my own ideas and opinions through the pieces I sent in. This allowed

me to view newspapers and journalists from a completely different point of view. They were no longer just a medium of information; they were a medium of highly refined opinion and ideology. After my year as a Junior Herald reporter, my interest and respect for journalism increased.

While my interest in journalism rose, my goal to be a scientist has not changed. After I graduate high school, I hope to major in aircraft engineering. Of course, my future goal and journalism do not appear to be related. However, I am positive that my experience with journalism will eventually be of great help to me in my future career.

I cannot express in words the gratitude I have for The Junior Herald. Well students, I urge you to challenge yourself to become Junior Herald student reporters. Perhaps it will help you become a great journalist in the future.

Happy birthday, Junior Herald!

By Hong Sa-bin



Junior Herald a rewarding experience

Back when I was a sophomore, I was determined to become a journalist. Fortunately in 2008, I was briefly given a chance to write articles for The Junior Herald and watch and assist The Junior Herald staff at work. Although my interests have now shifted towards human biology, as a senior in Seoul International School, I must say the experience at The Junior Herald was truly a rewarding experience.

As the editor-in-chief for Seoul International School's Yearbook Committee, I found observing and following the staff members of The Junior Herald to be helpful in understanding the importance of deadlines and in honing my writing skills.

It was indeed difficult, especially in the beginning, as I was not used to deadlines. Yet the process of finding creative, interesting angles, especially suited for youths,

was actually interesting; it was a crucial aspect in creating a favorable final product, which is why I wrote articles related to students such as the Facebook craze. I felt I gained a year worth of experience as I came back to my school's yearbook class with much more confidence and enthusiasm.

For now, I am heading to Cornell University as a human biology major, but I would never have come this far without the skills I learned from journalism. All the interpersonal and writing skills can be applied in any situation, which is why I am grateful I got to know and write for The Junior Herald.

Thank you Junior Herald, and happy anniversary!

By Hannah Kim





DID YOU KNOW?

Some scientists think that an unusual positioning of the planets Venus and Jupiter may have been the bright Star of Bethlehem reported at the time of Jesus Christ's birth.

NEWS

123 new species found on Borneo



Conservationists have found 123 new species on the island of Borneo, according to a report released on April 22. The new discoveries include a frog without lungs, a frog that flies and a flame-colored snake.

Borneo is the world's third-largest

island and is shared by Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei. It is considered one of the world's most valuable places for biological diversity and one of the last undiscovered frontiers in that field.

It is also one of the world's only two places where three mammals – rhinos, elephants and orangutans – coexist.

The discoveries are the result of an exploration that began in February 2007. Named "Heart of Borneo," the project is aimed at protecting the 220,000 kilometres of rainforest on

Borneo and is backed by the World Wildlife Fund as well as the three countries that share the nature-rich island.

"The challenge is to ensure that these precious landscapes are still intact for future generations," the WWF said in the report.

Some interesting finds include a frog that breathes through its skin, a frog that flies and changes its skin and eye color, and a snake that has bright orange, almost flame-like, neck coloration.



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A morning and evening star



Magellan space probe being launched by the space shuttle Atlantis in 1989.

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Venus is the second planet from the Sun. It is *named for the Roman goddess of love and beauty, perhaps because it shines so brightly. It sometimes appears brilliantly in the western sky as the "evening star" and brightly in the *predawn eastern sky as the "morning star."

Although Venus is the planet closest to Earth, it is difficult to study because it is completely covered by thick layers of clouds. Venus' *dense cloud layers do not allow much sunlight to reach the planet's surface. They do, however, help keep the surface very hot. So do the planet's active volcanoes. The temperature on the Venusian surface reaches about 860°F. The highest clouds, by contrast, have a daily range of 77° to -236°F.

Of all the planets, Venus is closest to Earth in size. In fact, Earth and Venus were once regarded as sister planets. Some scientists have suggested that Venus could support some form of life, perhaps in its clouds. Humans, however, could not breathe the air there. Several *spacecraft have visited and sent back information about Venus, beginning with Mariner 2 in 1962. The immensely powerful Hubble Space Telescope has also provided considerable data about the planet.

Scientists have learned that the surface of Venus is marked with hundreds of large *meteor *craters. These craters suggest that since it formed, the surface of Venus has changed in a different way from Earth's surface. Earth has only a few large craters that are easy to recognize. Venus is different from Earth in another way, too. It hasn't got a moon.

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123 new species found on Borneo 보르네오에서 새로운 생물체 123종 발견:

*flame-colored 불꽃 같은 빛깔의 *biological diversity 생물학적 다양성

*undiscovered 발견되지 않은 *rainforest 열대 우림 *intact 온전한 *coloration (생물의) 천연색

A morning and evening star 금성: *name for~ ~의 이름을 따서 명명하다 *predawn

동트기 전(의) *dense 빽빽한, 짙은 *spacecraft 우주선 *meteor 유성, 별뿔별 *crater

분화구, 큰 구덩



1. Why was Venus named for the Roman goddess of love and beauty?

- a) because it shines so brightly
- b) because it looks like a heart
- c) because it is closest to Earth

2. What is the surface of Venus marked with?

- a) caves
- b) meteor craters
- c) stars

Answer: 1. a 2. b

Triathlon race slated for May in Seoul



A major triathlon competition will take place in the Yeouido district in Seoul from May 8-9.

Organized by the International Triathlon Union, the Dextro Energy Triathlon will be the biggest triathlon to be held in Korea. It will bring in some of the world's top triathletes, including 2008 Beijing Olympic medalists Jan Frodeno (men's gold), Simon Whitfield (men's silver), Emma Snowsill (women's gold) and Emma Moffatt (women's silver).

On May 8, some 134 elite athletes will



compete for \$150,000 and points they can count toward *qualifying for the Olympics. About 1,500 amateurs are expected to participate in the May 9 event.

The participants will start off by swimming a 1.5 kilometer course in the Han River, followed up with 40 kilometers of cycling around Yeouido and finish off with a 10 kilometer marathon run, also around Yeouido.

The Seoul race will be the second in the seven Dextro Energy Triathlon series. The first took place in Sydney, Australia on April 11.

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Tae-yeon leaves radio show



Girls' Generation's leader Tae-yeon said her goodbyes to listeners of MBC "Tae-yeon's Best Friend" on April 25. Tae-yeon had been the host of this show for two years.

She first *co-hosted the show together with Super Junior's Kangin in 2008. But Kangin left the show last April, and since then she had been leading the show alone.

On the last day, all the members of Girls' Generation appeared in the first half of the show. Listeners and celebrities also sent recorded messages to say thank you and to *encourage her.

As a last surprise from staff, she also

received a voice mail message from actor

Kang Dong-won. Tae-yeon has referred to Kang as her *dream boy several times.

Towards the end of the show, Tae-yeon shed tears after hearing a song that her fans sang for her. They sang Girls' Generation's "Forever" (영원히 너와 꿈꾸고 싶다). As her final words, she said that she will return some day.

Tae-yeon left the show to *concentrate on Girls' Generation's Asia tour and *overseas activities. She will also be appearing in the musical "Midnight Sun."

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



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Triathlon race slated for May in Seoul **참인 경기 서울에서 5월에 열릴 예정** : *triathlete 트라이애슬론 선수 *quality (대회에 출전할) 자격을 알다
Tae-yeon leaves radio show **태연 '친한친구' 떠나다** : *co-host 공동 진행하다 *encourage 격려하다 *dream boy 이상형 *concentrate 집중하다 *overseas activity 해외 활동
The modern Michelangelo **현대의 미켈란젤로** : *publicly 대중앞에 *ordinary 평범한 *human form 사람의 모습 *mold 본뜨다 *cast in- ~로 주조하다
*duplicate 복제하다



The modern Michelangelo

DID YOU KNOW?

One of Rodin's most important sculptures, "The Gates of Hell," was actually used as the doors of an art museum. Within it are many smaller sculptures. Many of them were early versions of what became some of Rodin's finest works.

The French sculptor Auguste Rodin was interested in art even as a boy. At age 10, he started drawing. By the time he was 15, Rodin had discovered the art of sculpture.

Rodin started out working for building decorators. He made decorative designs for the outsides of buildings. Later, Rodin became a sculptor's assistant. He worked with the sculptor A.E. Carrier-Belleuse.

In 1864, at age 24, Rodin *publically showed his first major sculpture, "The Man with the Broken Nose." The official art critics of the time did not like it. They believed art should be about beauty. To them, Rodin's sculpture was about something "ugly" and *ordinary.

At age 35, Rodin went to Italy to study the work of the famous painter Michelangelo. He learned a great deal about the *human form. His work began to look even more realistic. It seemed to be full of movement and

drama.

When he was 37 years old, Rodin sculpted "The Age of Bronze." It was so unusual and realistic that people said he must have *molded it on a real person! After years of struggle, Rodin finally had become known as a great sculptor.

Rodin's sculptures were usually *cast in bronze or carved from marble.

The bronze pieces could be *duplicated many times, using an original piece that was molded in clay.

The piece that Rodin is probably best known for is his statue "The Thinker," shown in the photo here. Like almost all of his sculptures, it shows a person in a natural, everyday pose. But Rodin's work seems to show a reality and truth that people may not have noticed before. Many people still find that his work symbolizes the things that we all experience and feel. 🎧

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Children's Day gifts top sales

Five major holidays including Children's Day and Parents' Day are celebrated in May. The holidays are celebrated with nice dinners and family quality time. But certainly the exchange of gifts is the best part of all.

According to a report by GSeShop, Children's Day sales have been the highest amongst the five special days.


GSeShop launched a special gift *promotion for Children's Day, Parents' Day, Teacher's Day, Coming-of-Age Day and Couples' Day. At the end of the promotion period, sales of each special day were analyzed. The sales of



Children's Day gifts were *in the lead.


Parents' Day came in second and Teacher's Day, Coming-of-Age Day and Couples' Day trailed.

This year's sales increased 70 percent in the *quantity of orders and 360 percent in total sales compared to last year.

"Despite the economic downturn, expensive brands for children's school items that were well over 100,000 won sold very well," GSeShop manager of children's department Park Jae-hyun told Yonhap news agency. 

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Most recognized game character

 Video games existed long before you were born. It is highly likely that you might not know any of the games that were popular decades ago. You are probably familiar only with the video games and their featured characters that are popular in your generation.

Who do you think is the most *recognizable video game character to people of all ages?

Some of you might have guessed Nintendo's Mario, since he has been in the game industry for a long time. Video games featuring the famous little *plumber are still sold everywhere. But



Mario was *edged out by yet another popular character.

According to the 2010 Gamers' Edition of the Guinness Book of World Records, the most recognizable video game character is Namco's Pac-Man. About 94 percent of American consumers recognize the yellow *retro

icon.

In case you do not know who Pac-Man is, it is a round, yellow creature with its mouth open. There are many *spin-offs of the game nowadays, but in the original Pac-Man game, the creature *roams around a *maze eating *pellets and fruits while trying to stay away from ghosts.

Pac-Man was first developed in Japan in 1980. It was then released and distributed in U.S. *arcades, becoming a sensation. The character appealed to both males and females regardless of age, and therefore became an icon of the 1980s.

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Children's Day gifts top sales 어린이날 선물 매출 가장 높다: *promotion 기획전 *in the lead 앞서있다 *quantity of order 주문량

Most recognized game character 사람들이 가장 많이 알아보는 게임 캐릭터: *recognizable 알아볼 수 있는 *plumber 배관공 *edged out 밀려났다 *retro 복고풍의

*spin-off 파생상품 *roam 돌아다니다 *maze 미로 *pellet 알갱이 *arcade 오락실



Dig into Baghdad



On April 23 there was a chain of explosions in a densely populated area of Shiite Muslims.

The blame was placed on Sunni extremists. After the March elections in Iraq, tension between the two groups has been high. More casualties and violence have occurred within the last month.

In the Muslim world, there are two main groups: Shiite Muslims and the Sunni Muslims.

The main reason behind increasing violence is the new formation of the government. The Sunni extremists, which include Al-Qaeda, are attempting to threaten their primary

opponents who are the Shiite Muslims. The April 23 car bomb and four other bombs have led to the death of 69 Shiite Muslims.

Such conflict between the two sides has been around for thousands of years. Whether or not only the pure generation of the last Muslim prophet can be the next leader is the main difference between the two sides' beliefs. This is why it is so hard to reunite the two sides of the Muslim World.

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Stress



Stress can be very harmful to the body. People can get stressed anytime.

We can get rid of these harmful stresses in many ways.

Firstly, we can get rid of stress by reading books. While reading books, you can get forget your worries. But this may not work for everyone.

Secondly, we can listen to music to release our stress. Calm or fun music can be a really good way to release our sadness or anger. However, this may even make people's sadness worsen.

Thirdly, exercising can be a good way to release stress. We might lose stress by running on a treadmill or punching a boxing bag.

Fourthly, we can turn to song. If we yell very hard, it would feel very refreshing. Now in my opinion, this solution is perfect because a good yell or cry can be a really great way to release our stress.

By JH Student Reporter Oh Hyung-june



Where big is beautiful

As the world continues to value thinness as essential to a woman's beauty, we sometimes forget that somewhere across the world the very opposite may hold true. In Mauritania, where a quarter of the entire population is obese, women are force-fed to be fat.

This peculiar cultural value roots back to Mauritania's early history; ancient Moors of the region valued a plump, and therefore healthy, wife, which also signified the wealth of the husband in feeding his family. This is not exclusive to only Mauritania as many other cultures value obesity, however the practice of force-feeding cannot be found outside Mauritania. One in 10 females is overweight in a country without a single fast food restaurant.

Similar to diet pills and extreme workouts, the Mauritians have conceived of many different methods of fattening up their girls, from as early as the age of 4. The most common practice is called gavage or leblouh, a term for rigorous force-feeding. Under these practices, eating can hardly be considered pleasurable; whether the girl is force-fed by her family or by an "eating camp," she is forced to consume innumerable servings of food that range up to 16,000 calories. This is more than 10 times the calorie intake that is recommended for an average 12 year old girl.



Force-feeding has become an industry in itself. Aminetou Mint Elhacen, the director of a force-feeding camp in the Sahara Desert, earns about \$155 for each girl she receives for a three month intensive fattening session. She disciplines her girls to eat all the food allocated to them; if they do not eat, they are beaten, and if they vomit, they are forced to eat the vomit. By the end of the three months, the girls return to their hometowns plump, desirable, and ready for marriage.

Another method of quick and harmful weight gain comes from pills. Unlike diet pills, most weight-gain pills were not specifically designed for weight-gain, and contain side effects that could physically impair the user. Regardless, women visit their local pharmacies and ask to purchase these drugs, hopeful to gain weight quickly to become desirable.

Despite all of these efforts, doctors warn of the dangers of extreme weight gain, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and depression to name a few. Government attempts to combat the culturally-ingrained view of beauty has alleviated the situation, even if slightly. This trend of force-feeding has begun to die out in cities, a sign that awareness of the issue has begun to spread.



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