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Plastic Smoothie Terrorises Couple

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Image Source: MBN News

A couple in their 20s who were eating Cafe Cozy chocolate smoothie at Sejong University branch suffered an accident due to plastic debris. As a result, the couple suffered gastrointestinal bleeding, and the wife suffered a miscarriage. It is reported that this incident occurred when a plastic bottle was accidentally inserted while preparing a chocolate smoothie.

After the accident, the owner of the Sejong University branch visited the hospital and claimed that the plastic pieces were digestible and not dangerous if swallowed. However, this claim is in dispute with the victims, and the owner refused to pay additional compensation and instead offered 1 million won.

The representative of Cafe Cozy headquarters directly apologized for this incident and offered consolation to the victims, while also suggesting measures to prevent future incidents. He also announced that he would notify the franchise agreement of its termination and introduce a prevention manual to all branches.

The victims suffered from grief and guilt after losing their child, and the day after the miscarriage was confirmed, they received an unexpected call from a reporter who expressed interest in an interview. However, it turned out that the reporter in question was an acquaintance of the owner of Cafe Cozy.

This incident increased consumer awareness of safety and hygiene, and highlighted the importance of quality control for cafe franchises and restaurant companies. Accordingly, relevant authorities and organizations are expected to conduct an investigation into this incident and prepare measures to prevent similar accidents.

Israel and Palestine War

by JULIE SONG



Image Source: Yonhap News

Before talking about the war, the outbreak of their war was because of the partition between Israel and Palestine on May 14, 1948. Palestine was never independent from Israel. So they started the war just because they wanted to be independent from Israel. Palestine was marking the bomb that would explode secretly even the government didn't know.

Palestine attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, by setting off the bomb. With the start of the bomb, Palestinians invaded Israel and they randomly captured ordinary citizens and took them hostage. The Israel army heard that their families and friends would die the moment they attacked, so they did nothing but do their best to defend citizens. Moreover, the militants attacked military posts, kibbutzim (collective farms), and music festival venues, killing 1,400 people, mostly civilians, and taking hostages and taking them to the Gaza Strip.

The US is trying to help Israel by sending tanks, guns, and other weapons to get the money, and Iran is trying to help Palestine as well. Even though Israel is much stronger than Palestine, due to hostages' capture and threat with hostages, Israel couldn't do anything with them, and could not attack. 2,100 or more are dying on average a day. For the death of citizens without measures, the reporter of ViaKorea reports like this; "On the night of the 9th, the Israeli military instructed the residents of Gaza to provide safe shelter, food, drinking water, and other supplies. According to the United Nations, more than 263,000 people have left their homes so far. The Israeli military has also urged residents to leave Gaza. But the Rafah border, the only border between Gaza and Egypt, has been closed as of the 11th, leaving Gaza and there is no way out of Gaza". The war is still going on, and nobody knows what will happen next.

The Problem of Generation Z

by CIERRA BAE

Generation Z was born from 1997 to early 2000, and is currently active in society as office workers, college students, and young people. This generation has a high understanding of digital technology and the Internet, and access to information and content, but Generation Z has a number of problems. Their social perception, low birth rate, and tendency to quit the company easily are having a lot of adverse effects on society.

The growth background of Generation Z, who grew up with strong support from their parents, seems to have a strong individualistic tendency. Someone says 'selfish', but for Generation Z, individualism is defined as 'taking care of myself'. The characteristics of Generation Z with a clear voice soon lead to a desire for active communication. I have no qualms about communicating with people next to me, as well as asking for feedback from my workplace, company, or CEO. I value personal privacy here.

Generation z is extremely negative about marriage and childbirth, apart from economic conditions. In particular, the low birth rate problem is the most serious in the world in Korea, but the reason why Generation Z does not give birth has to do with individualism. I'm negative about sacrificing myself for someone that's not my life, but I'm negative about sacrificing myself as someone's spouse and someone's parent. This is in contrast to parental duties until previous generations.

The strong and unfair tendency of individualism is that the MZ generation, which does not tolerate this, often catches at least one minor thing and threatens their superiors to report that they have been bullied, abused, or sexually harassed within the organization, including the workplace. Some pointed out that the MZ generation is significantly less adaptable and patient than the previous generation, producing another absurdity and disrupting the hierarchy in the workplace by using the previous generation as a weapon or demanding excessive behavior. The MZ generation was born at a time when the era of globalization was wide open due to the development of information and communication technology, and because they are familiar with foreign cultures and have frequently experienced overseas travel, the standard of illusion and value is higher than that of the older generation.

Drug Issue in South Korea

by DAHEUN LEE

South Korea is a country with strict regulations and guidelines against drugs. South Koreans are not allowed to do any drugs both domestic and abroad. However, there is a significantly high increase in the rate of drug related crimes and many

people are suffering from the addiction and the withdrawal effect of it. According to The Supreme Prosecutors' Office, drug offenders increased from 14,123 to 18,395 over five years, which is nearly 30 percent.

Most of the drugs are distributed and spreaded in the clubs located in Gangnam. Many foreign students and club owners sell drugs due to its high demand and profit.

There was an incident in April, 2023. The suspects tricked teenagers that the drink will boost up their concentration while it actually contained methamphetamines that could severely affect their health. There was another incident recently, where a famous actor was suspected for illegal drug use in several places in Gangnam. He was forced to be dropped from every drama and show he was in. There are much more crimes and incidents related to illegal use of drugs, and through this, we can infer that South Korea has serious drug issues and that they are increasing and increasing over time. We should all be more aware and understand how drugs can ruin our life at once so easily.

Why is the Keyboard not in alphabetical order?

by ADEN LEE



Image Source: Apple

We type the keyboard on every Macbook, iPad, iPhone, or other. The keyboard helps list characters and type them by pressing or touching the keys, but there is something interesting. Why are all keyboards not in alphabetical order? Is it because the inventor choose them randomly?

In the 1800s, Christopher Scholes (1819-1890) invented the typewriter. If they touched the buttons in the typewriter, the key would stamp to the paper. but some people typed too fast that they got the typewriter keys stuck. So he spread out the frequently used keys to the corner to make fewer errors. And he made a keyboard layout system "QWERTY". But later, Antonin Dvorak made the keyboard layout "DVORAK" which is more efficient. But the "QWERTY" was more popular and so we use the "QWERTY" system now.

Chance of getting heads in a coin toss: one-third?

by JIHOON CHOI

The Sleeping Beauty Experiment marks a debate that went for two decades. The experiment goes like this: The experimenter will make the sleeping beauty fall asleep on Sunday, and there will be a coin toss. If the coin comes out heads, the sleeping beauty will wake up one day after(Monday). If the coin flipped was tails, the sleeping beauty will wake up on Monday, but will have to fall asleep again to wake up on Tuesday. The experiment ends on Wednesday. Everytime the sleeping beauty wakes up, she will lose previous memories(such as not being able to remember that she ever woke up). Furthermore, a question will be asked; "What is the probability that the coin came up heads?"

Two varying answers come out, $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ (called halfers or thirders). At first glance, $\frac{1}{2}$ might be the rational thought. But thinking about it, one-third also seems right. The logic is that there are three outcomes, Monday-heads, Monday-tails, Tuesday-tails. Two of these outcomes are caused by tail flips, and only one by heads. So thirders will think that since only one of three outcomes are caused by heads, the probability that heads coming up is closer to one-thirds. Halfers, as you may have guessed, would say a fair coin has a probability of 0.5, 50%. The number of outcomes does not matter; just that a coin would be 50% head and 50% tails.

The answers actually depend on the wording, or pre-beliefs. Both answers are correct, just that it differs by the interpretation of the question. The insight of this problem can give a new perspective to seeing possibilities.

Advantages of Reading

by LAYLA YOON

1. Improve Our vocabulary and accumulate knowledge

When we read books, we can read various words that we have not seen before. We can learn the words as much as we read. Also, we can improve our writing and speaking ability based on vocabulary. Especially when we read a novel, we have to analyze the characters and try to understand them. As we analyze, we can improve our analytical skills and memory.

2. Help prevent diseases

According to a research result of an English university, we can decrease 68% of our stress by just reading for 6 minutes. In addition, we can prevent a variety of diseases like Alzheimer, because as mentioned above, we exercise our brains through

reading. There is even a 30% difference in memory loss rate between people who read and who do not. It's the same we train our bodies through exercise to get immunity.

3. We Can Expand Our Perspective

We can see various experiences by reading books. We can meet lots of people and their thoughts, values, and situations. By reading various people and situations, we can have the ability to understand people and situations that are completely different from us and then we can grow up on our own.

How Does a Pedometer Work?

by SIOH PARK



Image Source: Amazon

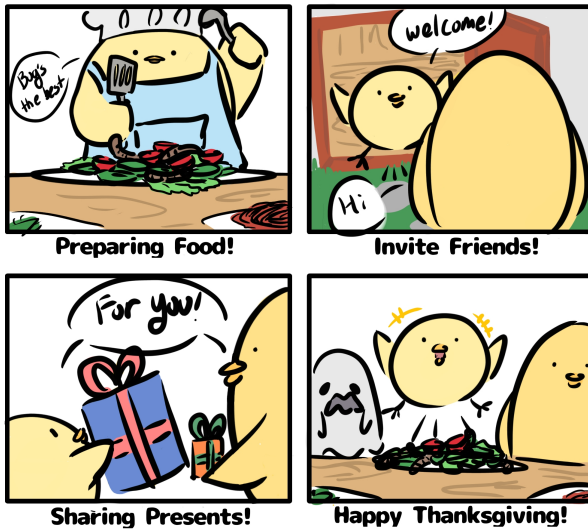
Pedometer is a device which measures people's gait. It helps people to know how much they walk or run per a certain period of time, and for the most of the time, it is accurate. So, how does this device measure people's gait so accurately?

Pedometer has a lot of forms such as a watch, app, device, etc; even though the appearance and shape of them are different, they usually work with similar methods. In the cases of watches, the sensor mainly works for measuring the gait. There are limits to the method of estimating the number of steps based on arm movements, so recently, the heart rate sensor located in the area in contact with the wrist is used as an additional use. Blood flow changes depending on the movement of the heart, and these changes in blood can be detected through light reflection. If existing acceleration sensors are used along with sensors that measure vital signs such as pulse or breathing, more accurate data can be extracted.

On the other hand, forms like applications and devices, use the built-in sensors of the smartphone to count the steps. The pedometer applications are not as accurate as the watches since the accuracy of the sensor depends on the quality of the smartphone.

To analyze it, both devices use specific sensors for measuring peoples' footstep. This motivates people to exercise such as running, jogging, etc. By using a pedometer, it would be easier to build healthy daily routines.

CHICK-CHICK'S Thanksgiving



Artwork by Hyunseo Kim

High Hopes for La Lakers

by MINSEOP CHIN

Last season, the NBA team which LeBron James is currently in, the La Lakers, had a horrifying season last year. Due to a horrible start last season, the original manager Frank Vogel was sacked and was replaced by Darvin Ham. After Darvin became the manager, he was able to manage the team well and reached the semifinals of the playoffs.

However, due to the lack of guards which can carry the ball to the opponent's side and to shoot the ball from the 3 point area except for LeBron James, Lakers weren't able to pass the Denver Nuggets, who were the champions of the playoffs. This season though, is different. The Lakers have signed Gabe Vincent, former Miami Heat guard, for free. He was one of the principals with Jimmy Butler and Bam Adebayo who led Miami Heat to the playoff final. They've also signed the PF taurean prince who was meant to be a backup, but showed immediate effect during the preseason. The original members also are one of the points for the Lakers. Austin Reaves, who was a promising young guard last season but due to lack of experience, he also made some turnovers during the semi finals which led to the opponent's goal. However, this season, he has stepped up once more and rarely made any mistakes during the pre-season. In addition, D'Angelo Russell, who has been criticized for missing open chances during the semi finals, have re-signed with lakers this season. Many fans were doubtful about this decision due to the horror show he has displayed. However, the performance he's shown us during preseason is different. Showing average of 17 points with just playing for approximately 20 minutes per game. Therefore, due to these upgrades this season for the La Lakers, and as a Lakers fan, I give high hopes for the La Lakers this season.

Hangzhou Asian Game

by JAY JIN



Image Source: Reuters

In the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games Men's soccer, Korea won the gold medal and they won the Asian game soccer three in a row. In the finals, Korea won Japan with a score of 2-1. In the first half, Jeong Woo-Yeong scored the first goal with a heading, and in the other half, Young Wook Cho put a great goal in front of the goalie and ended the game. They beat 45 teams and got the trophies for South Korea. Because of that result, many Korean people felt their country's pride. Furthermore, we topped first place in the group stage and won despite being behind which was even more awesome. Thank you to the Korean soccer players and the most important thing is an unbroken heart.

Florida Man Tries to Cross Atlantic in Hamster Wheel

by SHINE LEE



Image Source: BBC News

On August 28th, Reza Baluchi, a man from Florida, was arrested trying to run a "human-powered hamster wheel" across the Atlantic Ocean trying to get to London. It was said that Baluchi was 70 miles off Georgia, headed near Hurricane Franklin when officers found him during a "manifestly unsafe voyage." He then had a three-day standoff with the authorities until he was arrested on August 28th. When officers tried to get Baluchi off the vessel, he "threatened to blow himself up"

and at one point the Coast Guard officers contacted the Navy to find out the location of the bomb. However, the bomb was later revealed that it was not real.

This was not the first time that Baluchi was found by the authorities trying to cross the ocean on a human-powered vessel. Back in 2014, Baluchi was found by the Coast Guard 70 miles off Florida in an inflatable bubble, attempting to run around the Bermuda Triangle.

The Controversial Ending of Attack on Titan

by BRIAN CHOI



Image Source: Hindustan Times

Ten years ago, the anime series Attack on Titan was aired and no one could have imagined how big this series would turn out. The success of this show can be traced back to the brilliant writing and storytelling of the author Hajime Isayama. The plot twists from this show are absolutely insane and extremely well-planned. From Eren joining the Survey Corps to being the leader of the Yeagerist. From the shows being about fighting titans to a philosophical dilemma. These are just some examples of the plot twists this show brought to its viewers throughout the years. Another factor of this show's success is the lack of information which makes the viewers keep on wondering and theorizing on what is the truth behind it. The unknown identity of the Titans suggests there is something more about them than being mindless creatures roaming around the Earth and the Ackermans' superstrength shows that there is something special about their genetics. Fans have theorized about things like this over the years and made them tune in every week to see if their theories were correct.

But this masterpiece of a show is finally coming to an end and there have been numerous controversies surrounding it but it is mainly due to the production. WIT Studios have been responsible for creating the very first season of the show so it was a surprise to many people when MAPPA announced that they will be taking over for the production of Attack on Titan: The Final Season. And so far, it does not seem like they are doing a very good job. MAPPA said the show would be released in early 2020 but the production got delayed due to

the coronavirus pandemic. This of course is reasonable but there were no excuses for what happened next. After releasing The Final Season, MAPPA soon released The Final Season Part II in 2021, and followed up with The Final Season Part III, Part I in 2022, and The Final Season Part III, Part II in 2023. MAPPA have claimed that 2023 would mark the end of this series but many fans have already left the beloved series and say MAPPA ruined it because they did not think about the ending beforehand.

So, is Attack on Titan really coming to an end? Will MAPPA bring an end to this masterpiece or drag on the show for another year? The fans that are still here to the very last are all eager to see the real ending of the show. Or even better, can MAPPA miraculously save this series by creating a new ending that will make everyone forget how badly they botched the production of this series? All these questions would be answered this November.

Life of Pi

by GEON GO

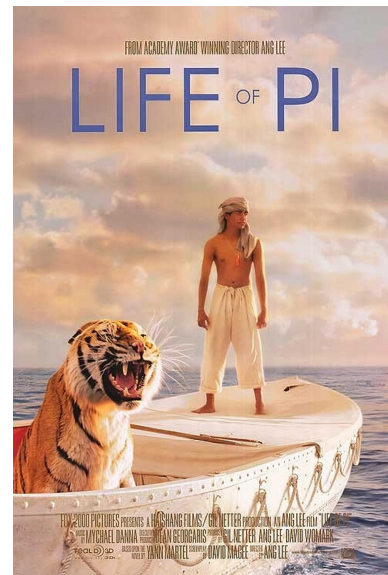


Image Source: IMDb

Life of Pi book was first published on September 11, 2001, and the movie in 2012. This main story is about the life of a teenage boy named Pi. Pi was a normal kid who was working on the ship, cleaning and helping the ship's work. Pi was a very intelligent boy, his father was a zookeeper and Pi was also interested in animal psychology. Pi believed that animals have souls like humans, so Pi treated animals as friends and talked to them. One day, because of his father's recommendation, Pi decided to board a ship that transports animals to other countries. There were many animals in the small cage, Pi was very surprised and felt excited to see all those animals he hadn't seen before. A few days later after Pi boarded the ship, a message came from the captain that the storm was coming. The storm

was too strong and the ship lost its control, the ship started to drown. Pi had to escape too, but he couldn't get out of the ship. Animals were escaping from the cages, Pi grabbed one of the animals and got out of the ship. All he had was a lifeboat and a tiger, lost in the middle of the ocean.
