



Point of View

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A Tragedy in Itaewon

by JENO SEONG



This year's Halloween would always be memorable to people, not as a happy time of year when everyone gathers to enjoy, but as a time where it brought many people sadness. On October 29, two days before Halloween, many people gathered together in Itaewon, but the number of people exceeded Itaewon's capacity.

Itaewon in Korea is a place where it is full of places for people to enjoy drinks or just go to have some fun. But as more and more people piled upon Itaewon to enjoy Halloween through narrow and short pathways people crushed each other which caused deaths to people. On this day, just on Itaewon, about 100,000 people gathered in the area. People were over-excited to enjoy Halloween since the Covid-19 quarantine measures were also loosened.

As hours went by, people began to realize that there were just too many people there. The population in that area began to become like waves that crushed themselves. It began to grow worse and worse as time reached 10:00 PM: people were tripping and falling on the waves getting cramped on each other. Even if people tried to perform CPR and tried to save as many people as they could, they couldn't; they just had to see them die. It was not just Koreans who had to feel the tragedy, but it was also foreigners who just came to enjoy it but had to take the damage and trauma.

Slower

by JIHOON CHOI

We know that the future
is a world of new features

And we know that those features
are like ambrosia

But I wonder, if those fruits will come fast
fast enough, to be able to save my loved ones

I wish time could go slower,

Slower,

Slower,

Slower,

Until the time I could live
with the ones I loved

forever,

forever

How Do Music Boxes Make Sound?

by HYUNSEO KIM

The first music box was invented in 1770, about 250 years ago. Since the music box has existed for a long time, it has changed its look and how it makes a sound. The first music box was a cylinder disc music box, big and heavy, and looked more like a phonograph. There were many revisions to this music box and now it has been changed into a wind-up music box, which is what most people think about when they talk about music boxes.

Wind-up music boxes are small, light, and easy to carry around. Most wind-up music boxes have a clear sound that vibrates.

The sound of the wind-up music box is made by drums and combs. The drum is the cylinder-shaped part in a music box that rotates, which has little bumps on it, and the comb is a flat part that is right next to the drum. It is like a tail comb (a type of hair brush) without a tail. As the drum rotates, the bumps on the drum hit the comb, and when the comb gets hit it starts to vibrate and creates a sound. The place and distance of each bump determine the tune and beat of the sound.

The tunes of the sounds work similarly. The tune of each key is determined by the length of each tooth on the comb. Each stick of comb has a different length. Longer teeth give lower notes, and short teeth give higher notes. The idea of this is quite similar to how kalimba makes different tunes each time.

A few other things might determine the sound of a music box; one big example is the stability of the box. For a music box to vibrate and make sound properly, it needs to stay on the ground such as a table. If the music box is not on the table, it would not be able to make a clear and loud sound.

Concerning AI Art: An Interview with Mr. Tennant - Part 3

by JIYONG SIM AND SEJIN TENNANT



Image Source: Midjourney

A Christmas Eve with happy people in a city of the United Kingdom, shining with lightbulbs, a big Christmas tree with colorful decorations, oil paint-v 4-ar 16:9 - Credit: Jiyong Sim

AI Art is an unprecedented style of drawing: unlike previous styles of drawing, which are drawn by humans, AIs draw. It has been controversial in the philosophy of mind, aesthetics, ethics, etc. This is the second part of the interview about AI Art with Mr. Tennant, our philosophy teacher, about AI Art. The last part will discuss the application of AI Art and its further developments.

Q: Do you think AI Art can be useful in some ways?

Well, yeah, that saved me hundreds of dollars to generate some for my concept art for my personal project. I've noticed a

website called "medium.com", and they seem to have completely transitioned into using AI-generated images, instead of stock images. [By that, I can save] potentially hundreds of dollars. [...] You know, I never considered myself as an artist, having no artistic meanings, previously; I can now draw an interesting idea [by myself]. [...] I don't know how useful that makes it, but it can give many people opportunities to explore art.

Q: What development is needed for AI Art if there is?

It's not very good at drawing hands. It can't generate an accurate picture of a human hand, yet. But interestingly, it's also the hardest thing for a human artist to draw. But other than that, I think the history of AI Art only goes back to about 2016, I think it was? They started from 64 by 64 pixels (or maybe even smaller than that: 16 by 16?), only generating things like a yellow school bus, and in six years, (you can search in the Midjourney community and look up the images) in a very short amount of time, their developments have been unbelievable. If you were to witness that, I don't think we're able to believe how quickly the technology is progressing.

[So], whatever developments are needed, I can't imagine them taking very long.

Q: What is a field that AI can be applied to, in the future, like AI Art? (But unrelated to art)

AI in general, it's hard to imagine a field in that AI is totally unrelated to art. Well, [maybe], for me, concept art for TV script I'd written, I could think more about the stories and characters after using the AI Art. So, [AI Art can be] any field of creativity, although that is connected to art, as well.

Qatar or Qat_ar?

by JIYONG SIM

Qatar is the country that hosts the FIFA World Cup 2022. It is usually pronounced as /'kæta:/ or /k'ta:/, etc. in American English. In the official logo and the official poster, the spelling of Qatar is written as something like Qat_ar. There is no exact reason, provided by experts or FIFA, but one possible reason is that it followed the original Arabic pronunciation, such that the original pronunciation is something like /'qa'ta:/ or /'Ga'ta:/. This also applies to other Arabic-to-Roman words, such as the spelling of the Quran, because it is also sometimes spelled as Qur'an. However, the spelling of videos of the World Cup on the FIFA website is written as Qatar. Thus, another assumption can be that what is written on the logo is just calligraphy.

It Feels Better at Home

by HYOUNGBIN KOH

The Golden State Warriors have had their worst road start since 1989. They are currently 0-8, and if they lose twice more, they will tie with the worst record in their franchise history.

Although the franchise star, Stephen Curry, scored an astonishing 50 points (season-high), their most recent loss came in Arizona to the Phoenix Suns, with a score of 130-119. They seek to have their first road win against the Houston Rockets, who are currently in 15th place in the Western Conference and 30th in the league.

This has been a disappointing start for the defending champions, as they sit in 11th place in the Western Conference. The Warriors have been projected to make another run for a title, but it seems unlikely as of the moment, as they are not even in the play-in tournament for the playoffs.

They have been surrounded by controversy and bad news such as fights between teammates, losing their assistant coach, and the loss of key role players.

However, there is some good news:, as they are 8-1 at home, having the second-best home record in the league. They seek to improve their home record against the Clippers and Jazz in the following week.

Overall Summary of the 2022 KBO Season - Teams that have failed to make the Postseason

by HAYDEN LEE

“Kwanghyun Kim throws; Jiyeong Lee hits! And the game is over! The king is back, and they are finally on the throne after 4 years! SSG lands on their first championship! From day 1 of the 2022 season until the last day of the season, the champion’s name is the SSG Landers!”

With the final call declaring SSG Lander’s Championship, the 2022 Shinhan SOL KBO league marked an end. All 10 teams are now preparing for the stove league, but in the meanwhile, I would like to write a brief summary of each team’s seasons. This is part 1 of the series, where we will discuss the teams that failed to make the postseason.

10th place, Hanhwa Eagles: 46 wins, 2 ties, 96 losses. 10th in wRC+ (Batting), 10th in ERA (Pitching)

While the competition for the postseason was crazy, the Eagles were peaceful, as they placed last with a big difference from the 9th, just as usual. Honestly, I can’t predict how long they are going to tank. The only hope they have for now is the two pitchers they selected with the first pick, who throw fastballs above 160 kph and are constantly building their farm. But, they have literally done this for at least 10 seasons now. Even with the highest picks, they weren’t able to create a superstar. The future seems dark, but they do have a bit of light shining from their highest picks in the previous season, just like in the past 10 years. (Of course, this is excluding the 2018 season where they have reached the postseason with 3rd place)

9th place, Doosan Bears: 60 wins, 2 ties, 82 losses. 7th in wRC+, 8th in ERA

Finally, the Bears have fallen off from their 7-year streak of reaching their finals, dropping to 9th place. To be fair, this should have occurred a few years ago, based on their cash balance that limited their investment to players. They have literally sent so many franchise players that there is a meme of creating the national team squad with the players that left the team through free agency. Although they were able to sign with some of their franchise players, either they were getting older or doing way worse than before. With the Korean GOAT of baseball (Seung-yeop Lee) being the new manager, this team is now in a situation of going two paths: rebuilding, or somehow being a contender by using a lot of money.

8th place, Lotte Giants: 64 wins, 4 ties, 76 losses. 8th in wRC+, 9th in ERA

Dae-ho Lee’s wish of winning a championship with the Lotte Giants is officially over. The Lotte Giants were at the



Artwork by Yul Sung

bottom half of the rankings, just like the last couple of years. Their last postseason appearance was in 2017, the first year when Dae-ho Lee came back from the Seattle Mariners. And after that season, the Giants started to go downhill. After their starting catcher (and basically their only catcher) Min-ho Kang left for the Lions, although the Giants got additional FAs, they still weren't able to produce meaningful results. Their starters were a big mess, and although their outfield was one of the best, their infield constantly changed players. (Excluding Dae-ho Lee, who would also count as a designated hitter) As Busan is one of the largest baseball cities in Korea, they were able to get decent rookies from the regional picks, but it is a fact that most of them are not meeting their expectations (Only Donghee Han, the starting 3rd baseman seems to follow his potential as a power hitter). In 2020, they were even able to get the best pitcher, batter, and catcher in the same draft. Are the coaches a problem? Is their method of raising players wrong? Perhaps that might be true, but it is confirmed that their best batter is going to retire, therefore the Giants need a significant result from their farm.

7th place, Samsung Lions: 66 wins, 2 ties, 76 losses. 6th in wRC+, 7th in ERA

Disappointing performance compared to last year's 3rd place. It seems like Samsung finally went through its dark years after 2015, but apparently, it was not. Ja-Wook Koo who signed a 5-year extension did significantly worse than last year, and Seung-hwan Oh, the closer, is definitely getting older, as shown by an increase of over 1 in his ERA and FIP (field independent pitching). However, they had the best foreign players possible (side note: the KBO allows each team to sign 3 foreign players, with 2 replacements possible during the season). Pirela was going off crazy, Buchanan was Buchanan like the past 3 years, and Suarez performed very well. However, the problem for them would be the new "foreign player salary cap," where each team is only allowed to spend a maximum of \$ 4.6 million for all 3 players. Samsung is about to go over that cap, with the current combined salary of \$ 3.9 million. With all the players aside, Samsung is currently changing almost all of its coaching staff to prepare for the 2023 season. Will they spend money on free agency? Will they trade? Was Koo's or Oh's or all of the other player's regression a fluke season? We don't know, but it doesn't seem all dark for the Lions as they also have a strong youth core consisting of Ji-chan Kim, Hyun-jun Kim, and a couple of other high picks.

6th place, NC Dinos: 67 wins, 3 ties, 74 losses, 4th in wRC+, 5th in ERA

The Dinos, on the other hand, may not have the brightest future. Sure, they found some young players such as Ju-won Kim and Ho-Cheol Seo. But, because of the drinking party that the players had during the COVID pandemic causing suspensions, they weren't able to do well this season, as the 4 players that were out were all starters. And, the main issue they have for the offseason is free agency. Their starting catcher (and Korea's best catcher right now), Yang Eui-ji, is once again expected to receive a large contract, no matter what team he goes to.

Including him, NC Dinos currently has 7 free agents, where nearly all of whom are important pieces of the team. With the new salary cap system out in 2023, the GM would have to work out a way to deal with the competition they will face.

Some teams would like to stay in the lower half of the rankings to have higher picks. Yet it may be still risky as not all rookies open their potential to the fullest. Some teams would be aiming to reach a higher position next year. But, the analysis of the next 5 teams will show how difficult it may be to compete for that high position.

The Finals Are Coming

by JIYONG SIM

All right, the finals are coming.
It's one of the most painful times of life.

('nother thing: AP, by the way.)
It's gonna be you versus you strife.
You'll find yourself struggling a lot,
With brain mixed with all the information:
"What's the definition of 'plot'?",
"What's derivative and integration?"

All the things you know're combined to
Confuse your body and your brain system.
But think again. There will be
Answers and solutions for all of them.

Just think easily. You got this.
Just think positively. You can do it.
Just try everything you can do.
Don't give up what you're doing. Never quit.

Think what the old Stoics were saying:
Amor fati (wait, that's Friedrich Nietzsche!)
And some French quotes like c'est la vie.
These things might sound like obvious cliché.

But they remind you to regain
Hopes. These finals are nothing compared to
AP exams. Reviewing again
And again can help you to get them through.

All right, the finals are coming.
It's one of the most painful times of life.
But I believe you can do it.
Later, when it ends, let's have a high five.

November School Events

by **JI WON WOLCOTT, JIYONG SIM, JENO SEONG,**

AND HYUNSEO KIM

CPR Training with ICS Medical Club

In November, we had CPR training in order to be prepared for incidents such as the incident that happened at Itaewon. All middle and high school students learned how CPR is very important to save people who need CPR. Also, we learned that if we see a person who has a heart attack we have to save them in golden time which is 5 minutes. We must press 100-120 times in 1 minute which is very difficult to do by itself so we need 2-3 people to save one person. Now we learned that we don't need to do artificial respiration, we just need to press their chest. Lastly, we learned about AED that are very helpful to save a person with a heart attack. If we use AED it will have more chances to save the person and we can find it in a big public place. It will be good to know where AED is. We had time to experience CPR, it was very hard to do 100-120 times in 1 minute. It was a good opportunity to learn CPR. Thank you to the ICS Medical Club and the doctors and nurses of Nasaret International Hospital.

Thanksgiving 2022

During lunch on the 24th, we had a special lunch of students bringing what to eat and sharing those like a buffet. To prevent overcrowding while getting the food, SAC picked the order of grades randomly. The order was the 11th, 12th, 10th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade, respectively. We all enjoyed the lunch and were full until the sex education, which was about half or one hour later. We had a good experience sharing food, talking about who brought what food, etc.

Sex education

In the afternoon of November 24th, we had a sex education for all middle and high school students. Sex education had a short nonsense quiz before starting it, so we could laugh and warm up the atmosphere. Students talked in groups about what word appears when they think about the word "sex". After that, we talked about how we should love ourselves and others, then shared compliments to each other. After that, we discussed self-confidence and how to increase it.

Faculty VS Students Soccer game

2022-12-02 the Faculty of ICS and Students of ICS had a soccer game as an event match. The Middle schoolers and Highschoolers had their best students chose in order to go against the ICS Faculty team. For the students team Roy, Jay,

Samuel, Robert, Joe, Livingstone, Justin, Ryan Moon, and Alex was their members. For the Faculty team Mr. Roe, Mr. Murphey, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Collins, Mr. Baker, Mr. Earnest, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Delis, and Ms. Yang, were their members. The game ended by the students winning from a score of 7 to 3. Samuel scored twice, Roy scored 4 times, Jay scored once, and from the teachers Mr. Roe, Mr. Tennant, and Mr. Morgan was able to score once each.

BOOK REVIEW:

The Wings by Yi Sang

by YESEONG LEE



“Have you ever seen a stuffed genius?”

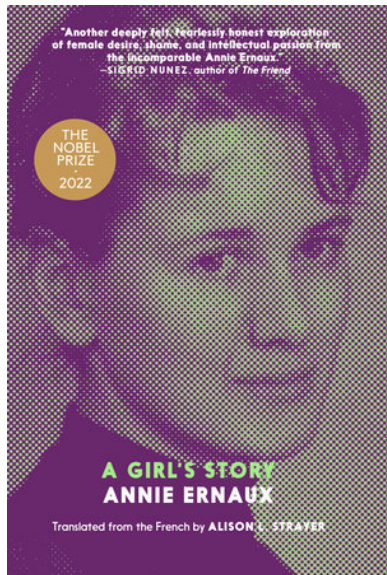
Yi-Sang, who opened modern Korean literature under Japanese rule, showed his life with his ex-wife and a genius who was under Japanese pressure in his novella, *The Wing*. He lived with his wife, who often went out and brought many guests. While she was staying with her guests, he had to stay in his room quietly. One day he was shocked by his wife, which made him take six sleeping pills on purpose causing him to sleep for a long time. He returned home and saw what he should not. He went to the roof of the Mitsukoshi Department store and wanted to shout “Wings, spread out again! Fly. Fly. Fly. Let me fly once more. Let me fly once more.”

This story starts by explaining the narrator himself. It plunges readers into the narrator's deep darkness. This story also reveals the somber situation at that time: the narrator symbolizes Koreans who are colonized by Japan; his wife symbolizes a country, Korea, and the guests symbolize the Japanese, who took over Korea. The ending can look like suicide, but it is not. Wings are a symbol of freedom, and it means the narrator, the stuffed genius, got unstuffed. The narrator did

not fall off the roof. It shows the independence of Koreans or Korean intellectuals from Japan. This novella's ending is great because it is hopeful while looking very dark.

BOOK REVIEW: *A Girl's Story* by Annie Ernaux

by JIYONG SIM



“When I go back over the corridor scene, little by little, the girl in the middle becomes depersonalized, is no longer me or Annie D”

Annie Ernaux, the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2022, reminisces about when her childhood, Annie Duchesne, a proud but innocent girl, went to a summer camp in 1958. She dates the coach of the camp and gradually becomes dominated by the coach. She starts to lose her innocent mind and becomes nothing but a corrupted girl of desire.

This memoir, in detail, illustrates Ernaux herself 50 years before. It is surprising that she remembers most of the past in detail, and also that she is bold about her shameful past. It is also interesting that Ernaux distinguishes Annie into three different characters – Annie who is in the camp, Annie who tries to escape from the dominance, and Annie who writes every development of herself past – which concludes the Girl's story.

It is a great book because Ernaux boldly discovers her faults and argues for the independence of women from men's desires. And also, like in the other books by Ernaux, the real-world elements, such as books by famous French authors like Simone de Beauvoir, Hugo, and Gide, made it more interesting to read and focus on the story. Trying this book can be a fun experience to find familiar French authors and Ernaux's unique style of writing.

BOOK REVIEW: *Silverwing* by Kenneth Oppel

by GEON GO

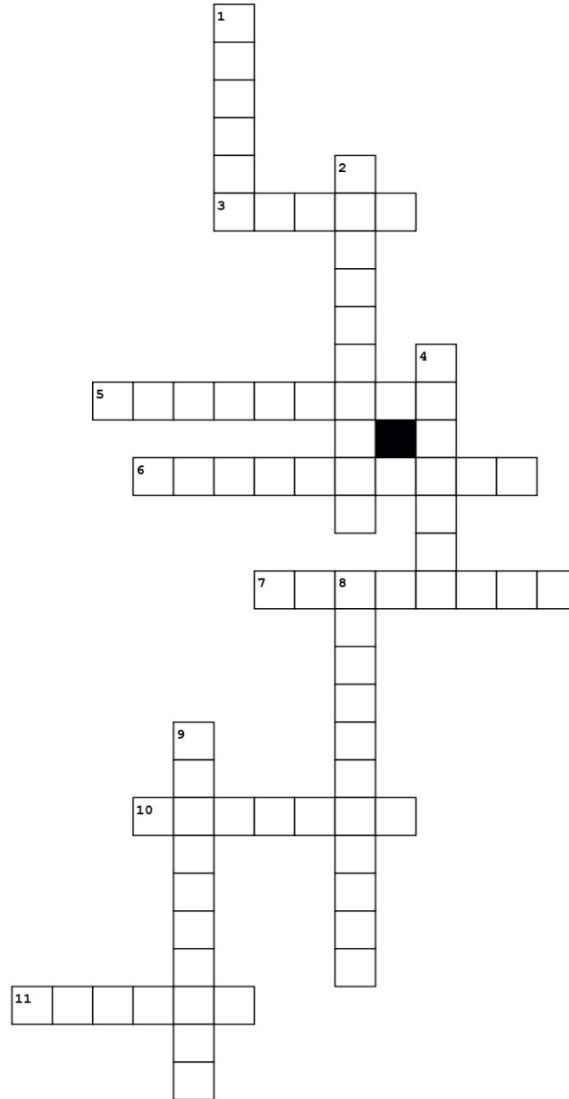


Silverwing is a book about a bat Shade and its adventure of finding his family and other bats. One night, cannibal bats named Goth and Thorbb came to Silverwing's shelter and started destroying everything. Most silverwings got killed by those bats and only a few fled away to their new home. Shade was not in that moment, so when he came back, everything was destroyed and gone. Shade was special than other silverwings because he could find other bats with sound waves. This book is about Shade finding his family and defeating Goth and Throbb.

The Silverwing book series is a series of novels by Kenneth Oppel about the adventures of a young bat named Shade. There are a total of 4 Silverwing book series and all four books were published between 1997 and 2007.

I read this book about 3 or 4 years ago but I still remember it. This book is childish, but it is still fun and interesting. The characters and story are fine and it is easy to understand even if you're not good at English.

AP Crosswords



Across

3. AP Chemistry: The number of valence electrons an aluminum has
5. AP World History: The exchange of slaves, crops, animals, diseases, etc. between the Old and the New World (_____ Exchange)
6. AP Environmental Science: The element cycle that doesn't have a gaseous state
7. AP Statistics: What is standard deviation squared?
10. AP Psychology: The lobe where Phineas Gage got damaged
11. AP Biology: In RNA, Guanine = Cytosine, and Adenine = ?. What is ?

Down

1. AP English Literature: A poetry style with 14 lines and one stanza
2. AP Microeconomics: The fall in total surplus that results from a market distortion
4. AP Physics C M: Another name for Newton's first law of motion ("Law of _____")
8. AP Human Geography: Groups with distinctive identities coexist within the same state boundaries, sharing strong feelings of collective identity
9. AP Calculus AB/BC: The slope of the tangent line to a point on a curve

