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Dongduk Women's University Controversy

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Students from Dongduk Women's University strongly oppose the university's push to convert to a co-educational school. Dongduk Women's School was initially built to provide more chances for women to gain experience in various aspects, free from male-centered culture and perspectives. As its identity was to advocate women's rights and leadership as a member of society, students are greatly enraged by the fact that it might accept male students as well and no longer secure its identity. Even though the school claimed that nothing had been confirmed yet and that co-educational school was just one of the many ideas for the school's development and to increase competition, the students are anxious because the school hasn't been communicating sufficiently with students when making important decisions.

The protest against the co-educational school started on November 11th, when students occupied the school building, staged a sit-in, and refused to take classes. Hundreds of department jumpers were left on the street as a demonstration of strong disapproval using the identity of a group. As it strengthened the sense of community among students, it also encouraged other students' active participation in driving changes. The student council held a meeting on the 20th and conducted a poll

regarding the potential transition of Dongduk Women's University to a co-educational institution. Approximately one-third of the student body, about 1,973 students, participated in the vote. Among them, 1,971 students opposed coeducation, while two abstained from voting. No votes were cast in favor of the proposal.

Meanwhile, university authorities announced their intention to take legal measures in response to violent incidents arising from student protests. They emphasized that the estimated damages caused by the students amount to approximately 5.4 billion won and stated that the students would be held accountable for those.

What to Know about Project 2025: A Recipe for Disaster

by SEJIN TENNANT



Image Source: npr

Following the recent election and former president Trump's victory, many have started to wait for Trump's inauguration and his proposed plans to spring into action. Many know his official plan; Agenda 47, yet there is another plan, considered far more of a danger to people's freedoms and rights.

Project 2025 is a 900-page agenda made by the Heritage Foundation, a conservative group. This book creates a detailed plan regarding a rapid change in the federal government and the US, to fit the president (specifically Donald Trump) with more executive powers, allowing them to control more of the government and reshape the federal government. Many people

argue that this plan would give too much power to one side of the political spectrum, leaving a large imprint for years to come.

Some of the policies listed in the book include the potential elimination of the Department of Education (page 319, mandate of Leadership), which poses a significant threat to many students actively pursuing an education. They also plan on denying student loan access to students at schools that provide in-state tuition to “illegal immigrants”(page 200, Mandate of Leadership), and cutting the funding for the Head Start program, which helps children from impoverished families by providing them with financial support.

The book also proposes many other policies, with issues including climate change, where they would remove restrictions to prevent greenhouse gas emissions, as the book stated that the idea of climate change was a method to “control people”. It is also stated in the book that they would dismantle NOAA (page 674, Mandate of Leadership) or the National Organization of Atmospheric Administration, which helps predict weather conditions such as hurricanes, flash floods, or storms.

Immigration is mentioned in the book a multitude of times, where they would state their plans to radically change immigration policies. They plan to crack down on illegal immigrants by detaining, arresting, and then deporting them. They said that they would also increase the legal immigration applications, and if a person wanted to skip waiting time, they would have to pay even more, while also mentioning an increase in the price of letting foreign people seek asylum.

Because of the heavy backlash faced online, Trump had to deny any association with the organization and their book, stating that he never heard of the plan, although many of his close friends and allies are involved in the makings of the book. Many people fear the implications of this plan, as the plan has yet to unfold.

Dodgers Win World Series Over the Yankees

by BRIAN CHOI



Image Source: Los Angeles Times

On October 30, 2024 the Los Angeles Dodgers were crowned World Series Champions after winning the series 3-1 against the

New York Yankees. This World Series was historic for multiple reasons. First, it was Shohei Ohtani’s first ever championship in his first ever playoff appearance. Second, it was the Dodgers first 162 game season World Series title since 1988. Third, it was between the two most popular teams in the sport. Finally fourth, adding on to the previous one, it was the first since 1981 where the Dodgers and Yankees would meet in the fall classic.

Most people thought this would be a highly contested series between both teams going back and forth until Game 7. On paper, the Dodgers were the stronger team but they had a series of problems that held them back. To start off, the Dodgers had only three starting pitchers going into the post season with the rest of the rotation getting injured towards the end of the season. On top of that, their star player Shohei Ohtani – who would eventually win the National League MVP unanimously – was underperforming during the playoffs, and their first baseman Freddie Freeman was playing through an ankle injury. On the bright side, the Dodgers have one positive for them: a changed atmosphere. What I mean by this is that a lot of people – including Dodger fans – thought their season was over once they saw that the Dodgers’ Postseason Roster only consisted of three starters and were down 2-1 to their rival San Diego Padres in the Division Series. But, to everyone’s shock the Dodgers came back to win Game 4. It was a bullpen game for the Dodgers, it was an away game for the Dodgers, it was also an elimination game for the Dodgers, but the Dodgers miraculously won that game. Game 4 might as well have been the deciding game since after seeing the Padres getting shut out by 8-0 at their home, everyone knew the Dodgers won that series because they had set the tone. To no one’s surprise, the Dodgers won Game 5 and beat the Mets in the Championship Series and secured a ticket to the World Series where the Yankees were waiting for them.

Remember how I mentioned that Game 4 against the Padres set the tone for the entire series? Well Game 1 of the World Series shattered the hopes and dreams of Yankees Fans around the world. The winner couldn’t be decided in nine innings and it went to extras. In the top of the tenth inning, the Yankees scored a run thanks to a bobbled play by Dodgers shortstop Tommy Edman and everyone thought the game was over. Was the Dodgers beating the Padres just luck? Was their injury packed roster finally showing its limits? Was the Dodgers about to choke again in the playoffs like they always do? All these narratives seemed true since the Dodgers were one out away from losing the game but luckily for them, their Lord and Savior Freddie Freeman rose to the occasion.

Shohei Ohtani popped out on the first pitch by an incredible catch by Alex Verdugo and the Yankees didn’t want their left-handed pitcher Nester Cortes to face a righty Mookie Betts so they intentionally walked him to face a fellow lefty Freddie Freeman. You see, if this was a normal situation then it would have not been a big deal. Freeman was a former MVP, in order words, he knows how to hit both left and right handed pitchers but as mentioned above, he was dealing with an ankle injury and that worried fans. Bases loaded, two outs, one run game, and the bottom of the tenth. Nestor Cortes throws his first pitch to an injured Freddie Freeman.

Boom.

On the first pitch he sees, Freeman absolutely demolishes the pitch and launches a walk off grand slam in the world series. Safe to say, this set the tone for the entire series. The Dodgers took a 3-0 lead and eventually beat the Yankees in Game 5 in the Bronx and Freddie Freeman was named World Series MVP.

Tyson vs Paul: Aftermath

by DANIEL CHEON



Image Source: SPORTS NOW

Tyson and Paul fought last week on November 16th, 2024; With the outcome of the fight being Jake Paul winning via points, with there being no KOs or much exchange of punches. The results of the fight were very boring which contradicted the fans' expectations. The battle between Tyson and Paul was "hyped" majorly by social media and especially Netflix, with there being many posts online on the countdown towards the day of the fight and even a show that was on Netflix dedicated solely to gaining engagement for the fight. Mike Tyson also slapped Jake Paul on the day before the fight during their faceoff, adding much more to the supposed "all out" boxing match.

The fight wasn't just any normal bout but it was a cultural moment with each fighter symbolizing a different generation of boxing, those two fighters clashing meant two eras clashing, with an old school boxing legend whose legacy is great and a rising pro boxer of the current generation. With all of this attention and the fight being delayed a significant amount, fans were expecting a lot from the fight. However, on the day of the fight, there were many complaints with one of the reasons being Netflix streaming issues, this was due to numerous fans around the world attempting to log in at the same time, with just the amount of viewers for the fight breaking multiple world records. Now for the actual fight, (spoiler: it was not an exciting match) in the first two rounds people could see glimpses of the old Tyson in the ropes, with him weaving through several of Jake's punches and attempting to start combinations of his own, none really landed, though. During the middle rounds, nothing changed much, and Tyson seemed exhausted at the few rounds nearing the end of the fight.

At the end of the fight, Jake gave Tyson a bow, showing his respect. The match seemed to end heartwarmingly, but for the fans, it didn't. They compared Mike Tyson's training footage

with the actual fight and determined that it was vastly different, and they claim that the fight was scripted, which seems like a reasonable interpretation. The fights before Tyson vs Jake were much more heated and entertaining, so the fans' disappointment when comparing those fights was very high.

Some people defend Tyson since he is nearing 60 and the fact that he was even able to compete 8 rounds is an outstanding achievement, which isn't wrong. It is most reasonable to assume that a 60-year-old man fighting a man in his prime age is an unfair fight, but the very name "Mike Tyson" could be the thing that made an undeterminable outcome possible.

The Breaches From the KFA(Korea Football Association)

by MINSEOP CHIN

South Korea's sports ministry has called for the suspension of the Korea Football Association(KFA) chief Jeong Monggyu for breaking the KFA's own rule during his recent reign. The most well-known to the football fans were the rules broken over the controversial hiring of current Korean National Team coach Hong Myeong-Bo and his predecessor Jurgen Klinsmann. Due to the audit probing the organization's recruitment of the two managers Hong Myung-Bo and Jurgen Klinsmann, it literally sparked repercussions of accusations for favoritism.

During the press conference that happened a few months ago when Jeong admitted that although the hiring process was not perfect, he refuted the statement of himself breaking the rules during the process. In addition, manager Hong Myeong Bo has also emphasized that his appointment was not the result of preferential treatment by the KFA. However, the audit's findings last month has shown that KFA president Jeong Mong Gyu has violated several association's rules during the hiring process of both managers despite having no authority to do so. In addition to this, the audit also investigated future financial and administrative neglect. If they actually manage to detect additional neglect from the KFA, Jeong Mong Gyu's spot will be in an emergency and his future spot will be highly in doubt.

The ministry has overall demanded that Jeong should be suspended from duty related with the KFA and face appropriate disciplinary actions within a month alongside other officials intermingled with this incident. The ministry described Jeong's action saying they had wrongfully incapacitated the National Team Committee, an advisory body responsible for recruiting coaching staff.

Canada's First Bird Flu Case: Teen Hospitalized in Critical Condition

by ALEX KIM

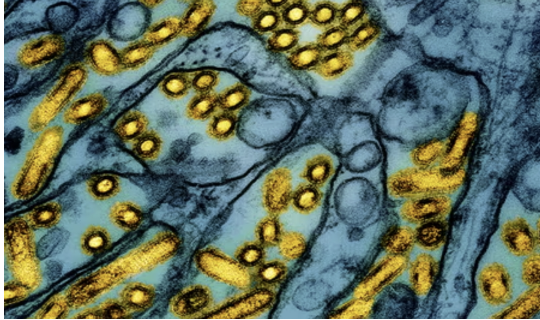


Image Source: The Guardian

Recently, Canada's first case of H5 avian influenza virus that was locally acquired was by a teenager and according to health officials, is experiencing critical conditions including difficulty breathing. On November 2, the teenager went to the emergency room, due to symptoms that were common conditions for respiratory illnesses (fever & cough). The teen was later sent home but soon returned due to deterioration in the teen's condition. Provincial health officer Bonnie Henry stated that the teen had received a positive test for H5 avian influenza. Individuals who had contacted the teenager received a negative test, and all individuals received Tamiflu, which is an anti-viral treatment. However, this wasn't Canada's first H5 avian influenza virus case.

In 2014, a Canadian citizen passed away due to contracting the H5 avian influenza virus, commonly known as bird flu, after returning from China, as there were fatal infections of bird flu in China. This makes sense as bird flu was first identified in China in 1996, but for the first time, the H5 avian influenza virus was found in farm animals in North American regions. With recent discoveries of animals infected with bird flu, Henry noted that younger people are more likely to develop severe illnesses from the H5 avian influenza virus because their immune systems had less exposure to influenza viruses.

So, what is the H5 avian influenza virus? Bird flu, or H5 avian influenza virus, is a highly contagious virus that commonly affects birds but can rarely infect humans. It spreads through contact with infected birds, their droppings, or contaminated environments and can lead to severe respiratory illness in humans. Even though not much has been found about the H5 avian influenza virus, it is still crucial to understand the risks and transmission methods of bird flu to minimize its impact on people.

Why Your Heart Needs You to Move: The Link Between Sitting Too Much and Heart Disease

by ANNA PARK

As a student, it is inevitable to sit and study all day. However, new research suggests that sitting at your desk all day may put you at greater risk for heart disease. Generally, we know that sitting too much is bad for our health. However, there were no previous studies that told us sufficient information about its danger. This study from a doctor at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston emphasizes the importance of avoiding excess sitting.

Researchers got data from nearly 90,000 people who wore an accelerometer for a week and compared their sedentary and active time with later diagnoses of conditions related to cardiology. The result showed high sedentary time was associated with greater risks of heart failure, atrial fibrillation etc. The data was also able to show a general guideline for sitting, which was to avoid sitting more than 10.6 hours a day.

This research showed the link between heart disease and sitting, but there is another reason why sitting too much is bad for your health. It is because sitting prevents muscle movement. Muscles are very important for regulating blood sugar and fat levels in the blood. Therefore doing some workout can give muscles the stimulation they need to do their jobs. Unfortunately, the result suggested a workout at the end of the day doesn't necessarily make up for the problems caused by long sitting. It is shown from the findings that physical activity is not sufficient to neutralize the harmful effects of sitting.

Then what should we do to prevent sitting for a long time? It is recommended to get up and walk around for a few minutes every half hour or when finishing one task before moving to the next.

If you are reading this while sitting for a long time, stand up and walk for a bit and stretch yourself. Then, you will be much further away from heart disease.

"Asians are good at math!"

by JIHOON CHOI

To most of us, the familiar saying "Asians are good at math" might sound like a compliment. It might also be deemed as a harmless joke, and we often say it or hear it without knowing its true meaning. But not only is the myth a false stereotype, it also dehumanizes the general Asian population, and imposes negative traits that harms other people.

To give an overview of the negatives that come with this title, we can talk about stereotypical mathematicians in general. They are introverts, savants, weirdos devoid of emotions. Of

course, this is very false but the implication could be carried on to Asians. In one of the episodes in *Family Guy*, the main character pulls out an Asian kid for his test, using him as a calculating machine. This satirical example and many others show how Asians are often seen as machines, androids that lack critical thinking. Others also say that Asians lack creativity, although they are seen to outperform most countries in creative problem solving.

So how did this idea evolve in the first place? Asians were perceived to be “model citizens”; they were “submissive”, and “less likely to revolt”. This contrasts to the stereotypical Average American trait of being independent, and outspoken. It seems to praise the Asian population’s traits, but has a hidden message that implies Asians are “foreigners”, and thus different. This evolved into the “Asians are good at math” stereotype, thus amplifying this divide, treating them as “machines” as said earlier.

Some people might still say, look at the test scores! Though Asian countries rank top at math score rankings like the PISA, it must be acknowledged that many other Asian countries do not. It is a stereotype that Asians are good at math. Also, surprisingly, reading scores are high in Asian countries. But we don’t have stereotypes that talk about how “Asians are good at reading”.

There are many theories out there that try to explain why Asians are “good at math”. Some say mandarin is related to the base-10 counting system, others say rice growing requires hard work and precision so Asian countries are good at math. But we know that they are just not true.

Because of this stereotype that Asians are “model citizens”, and are “good at math”, many Asians immigrants studying abroad are facing different treatments, which often leads to pressure. To reduce the fabricated lies and the harmful consequences that come with it, instead of advocating a false title, we should abandon it, and stop its usage.

Original Land?

by IDAM SUH

There are mainly two wars worldwide now: the Russia-Ukraine war and Israel-Palestine war. They are similar at a point that one of the reasons for the war is who owned the land originally. However, how can we define the land as originally owned by someone or country in modern society? The case of the Israel-Palestine war will be mentioned in this article.

Around 4000 years ago, Jews moved to the land, which is known as Israel/Jerusalem today. Jews first fought for what they think is their land when they came back to where they lived from Egypt.(Jews went to Egypt because of years of famine.) After that, the land was conquered by many empires such as Roman, Babylonian, Persia,etc. So, the movement of Jews continued for a long time. The majority of Jews moved to Europe, but they had been discriminated against by Europeans especially

because of christianity. Christianity believed that Jews made Jesus die. To avoid this discrimination, Jews people moved to East Europe/Russia.

After a few more conflicts, Jews and Arabs had a conflict. To win the war, Britain promised with both Arabs and Jews to let them establish their own country in Palestine. This caused the conflict between Arabs and Jews.

Judging land as the original land of a certain country is significantly related to the history of the land. Also, it would be heavily influenced by one’s perspective. As it becomes a controversial topic of original land, how would you define what country owned originally in the modern world?

Armed Group Kidnaps Central Bolivia’s Military Base

by GEON GO

On November 1, 2024, an armed group of supporters of former President Evo Morales in Bolivia, took control of a military base near Cochabamba. They captured over 200 military personnel, seizing weapons, and ammunition. The local news of Bolivia showed the soldiers with their heads restrained, surrounded by members of the armed group. The utilities such as water and electricity, were cut off by the group, adding pressure to the situation. This incident follows weeks of protests and road blockades led by Morales’ supporters, who are demanding an end to a criminal investigation again.

The takeover has heightened political tensions in Bolivia, as Morales’ supporters argue that the charges against him, including abuse and human trafficking, are politically motivated. President Luis Arce’s government has condemned the armed group’s actions and hinted at possible intervention if the group does not leave peacefully. The lengthened battle has already caused a lack of fuel and food supplies in central Bolivia, disrupting daily life. If the situation continues, it could lead to more fights between the military and protesters, further increasing the divide between Morales’ supporters and Luis Arce’s government.

This incident brought tension to South American countries, terrorizing the citizens. Luis Arce’s government and the neighboring countries have criticized the protestors as a ‘violent armed group’ and warned them to leave immediately, but even with the government’s warning the protestors kept their seat and stood still. Attention is focused on how the government and the military will solve this situation.

After an Unexpected Climate Change, Global Warming gets more Risky

by YEJILIM

Recently in South Korea, the weather center has expected approximately 10 centimeters of snow to pile up in Seoul on November 26 to 28. However, the most snow piled up was about 28 centimeters. Not only the heavy snowfall but recent weathers have brought confusion to many citizens, but it is difficult to just dismiss this incident as a 'miss report' of the Korea weather center.

Kim Byung-gon, a professor of air environment science, analyzed 51 cases of snowfall from 2014 to this year, and the average amount of snowfall per hour was 1.1 ± 0.9 centimeters. But during this heavy snowfall, it snowed at a maximum of 5cm per hour. Experts are saying that the temperature rise of the ocean due to global warming is the main reason.

The first cause of heavy snow is the 'hot West Sea'. At the current moment the temperature of the West Sea is 12 to 15 degrees, 1 to 3 degrees higher than usual. This summer when the heat wave happened, not only did the temperature of the land increase but also the temperature of the ocean. The temperature of the West part of the ocean was higher than the East than last year.

When it snowed heavily this year, the cold air of 40 degrees below zero passed over the hot West Sea. The sea train, the temperature difference between seawater and the atmosphere, was around 25 degrees, and considering that the average sea train is 19.1 degrees in 51 snowfall cases from 2014 to 2024, the sea train was quite large. When the cloud zone develops in the sun train, the larger the sun train, the better the cloud zone develops. And that is the reason why this year there has been more snow than usual.

Are You Really Safe Online?

by HANNAH YI

The internet is a crucial part of our lives nowadays. From contacting one another to accessing information about various kinds of research—billions of people are online every day, every year. However, as the online world continues to grow, so do the risks of getting hacked or scammed.

So the question is, are you really safe online? The answer is no. Although kids and older people are more vulnerable to scams and hackers, it really doesn't matter whether you are a child, teen, or adult—it is easy to fall for malicious schemes. As the AI industry expands, hackers and scammers easily trick people using deepfake photos, videos, or audio files. Another rising

issue is personal data collection. Most websites and apps collect personal data to provide personalized ads and observe your behaviour. However, many companies were recently exposed for selling consumer data to a third party without the user's content. Because of this, you are constantly being exposed to danger.

In order to protect yourself and your data, you must be aware of your online behaviour. For example, posting pictures of yourself or releasing your personal information to strangers can potentially result in identity theft, threats using deepfake, and personal information leaks. Pressing links from a suspicious source or selecting easy passwords such as '123456789' can make you an easy target for hackers and scammers.

Food Shortage in Palestine

by IRENE KIM

The nation of Palestine is suffering from food shortages as Israel continues their military operations up the north. Especially with the cold approaching, food is in vital need. Famine has also been reigning the lands, and people have ended up desperate for food, for both themselves and their families. Due to this, some of the only source of food available for them are the breads in some of the remaining bakeries. However, the only food source has caused problems of its own kind.

In central Gaza these problems are at their highest. Due to the massive crowd gathered around the bakery, incidents of crowd crushes have also arisen. On November 30th, in central Gaza, one woman and two children were crushed to death while waiting in the line. One of the victim's fathers, Al-Laban, talked about how suddenly the incident happened.

The father had just told his 17-year old daughter to buy some bread, when she was swept away whilst waiting in the women's queue and found dead later. "Where did she go? How did she get in? How did she leave? I don't know. I only found her when they brought her dead. I have no idea what happened," Al-Laband said.

The issue of gradually better organized armed looting is also becoming a problem, where three women were also shot dead, earlier this week, also while waiting for their turn. The United Nation's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs also recounted the increase of organization in the said looting.

Although there are so many people in need of bread, it has been found that the remaining bakeries are facing severe supply shortages. People wait in line for hours upon hours, only to get nothing in the end. "Bread is a lifeline for many families – often the only food they can access. Now, even that is slipping out of reach," a recent tweet said.
