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April Calendar of Events

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April 7th—Huntington Gardens

Enjoy a beautiful day at the Library Gardens. Tickets are only \$ 2. Don't miss it!

April 8th— Yummy lunch with Natalya

Join Natalya and Rachel for a yummy lunch at a famous Japanese Restaurant. We leave school at 12.40. Don't be late. Price: about \$ 12

April 15th—Movie time with Suzanne

Do you want to improve your English in a fun way? Watch a movie with our teacher Suzanne!

April 16th—Soccer Practice with Erber

Are you a soccer fan? Practice with Erber every Saturday at Almansor Park.

April 20th— trip to the Grove with Rachel

GROVE! What an amazing place filled, with music, tourists, yummy food, great shopping and so much more! Don't miss it!

April 23d—Soccer practice with Erber

Go Erber! Go Erber!

April 29th— Hiking at Chantry Flats Waterfall.

Do you enjoy exercising and having fun at the same time? Then let's go hiking with lovely Andrea! Wear comfortable shoes and clothes, grab a lunch box and let's get going!

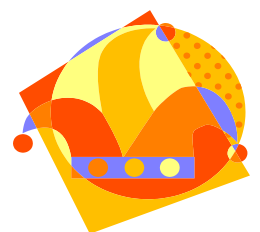
April 30— Soccer Practice with Erber

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April Fool's Day

By Tom Saengkrajai

April Fool's Day is celebrated on April first every year. On April Fool's Day, people try to have fun by playing different kinds of tricks on each other. Some people play practical jokes. For example, you might put salt instead of sugar on the coffee table for your parents, or even change the alarm clock so that they wake up earlier or later than they planned. Or you might tell a shocking lie. For instance, you might say "Mom, I'm pregnant," or "Dad, I'm quitting school and going to Spain." After you play a joke, don't forget to say "April Fool's." Then they will realize they've been fooled. But all of it is generally done in a spirit of fun and doesn't cause any real harm.



Mission Possible: Dating and Getting Your Girl

By Keisuke Segawa

Spring is coming. Where should we go on the weekend? My friends from Japan visited Los Angeles two weeks ago. At first I was reluctant to take my friends anywhere because I don't have my own car, and I had to rent a car. However, after we finished our short trip that day, I realized that I enjoyed myself even more than my friend did. I think this itinerary would be great for a date in Los Angeles. All you need is a car to drive around for a day.



Santa Monica (12pm - 2pm)

Santa Monica is located on the Westside of Los Angeles. Local people and tourists come together at Santa Monica Beach everyday. There are some shops, restaurants, and a small theme park on the Santa Monica Pier. Also, Bubba Gump Shrimp is a popular seafood restaurant based on the film "Forrest Gump". If you go for a walk to the 3rd Street Promenade, you can enjoy shopping at many types of stores.

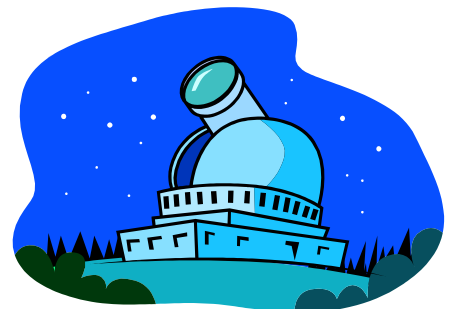
Farmer's market and The Grove (4pm - 6pm)

Farmer's Market is one of the big markets in Los Angeles, offering fresh food and cooking equipment, among other things. There are many stalls where we can enjoy foods from different countries, and I ate some doughnuts for an afternoon snack. I suggest you take a rest here. The Grove is an outdoor shopping mall designed to look like an old city. It is located next door to Farmer's Market. We also enjoy seeing all the buildings lit up at night. Now, your date will get more romantic.

Griffith Park and Japanese restaurant "Yamashiro" (at night)

Griffith Park, near North Hollywood, is the biggest city park in the U.S. The Griffith Observatory is one of the most popular attractions in the park, and the night view from the observatory is breathtaking. Afterward, you can have dinner at Yamashiro, a Japanese fusion restaurant on the hill close to Griffith Park. The restaurant was built based on a Japanese castle with huge Japanese garden. In addition, scenes from the films "The Last Samurai" and "The Memoirs Of Geisha" were shot there. Be sure to make a reservation, because the restaurant is always crowded.

You and your girl can't help getting together if you follow this itinerary. For the rest of time, how you get closer to your girl depends on you. Do what you can, and you will be successful! I forgot to tell you one thing. Please take a GPS navigator with you. If you don't, you might not make it out of Alhambra. Good Luck!



Warm Lights in the Darkness

By Mika Osakabe



On March 11th, huge disasters happened suddenly in Japan. Many kind of disasters occurred in a few days. First, the earthquake, which was the 4th biggest in the world, struck Japan. Second, a horrible tsunami, in which the entire city perished, hit Japan. Third some places were covered with fire because of the other disasters. Finally, serious nuclear problems occurred. Japan is often hit by earthquakes, so Japanese people were prepared. However, this disaster was unimaginable. A number of people suffered. Japan was covered with darkness, fear, sadness, and, unrest.

In the months before the earthquake, I had often dreamed about earthquakes and explosions. Those were horrible dreams. I was very scared. But at the end of those dreams, I saw beautiful stars in the night sky.

This disaster is a big tragedy. But in the darkness we see many warm lights. For instance, in Japan people have been helping each other. People don't cut in line when they are waiting to buy something they need or take a train. When the trains stopped, people had to go home on foot. One man walked for 4 hours. On the way, a stranger, who knew many people had to walk a long way, gave him a hot drink with a smile.

After the earthquake, one child told her mother, "Mom, you don't need to be scared. After the earthquakes I'll follow you to my grandpa's house!"

Another child said, "When earthquakes occur, I will protect my sister!" One girl three-year-old girl brought her mother many coins.

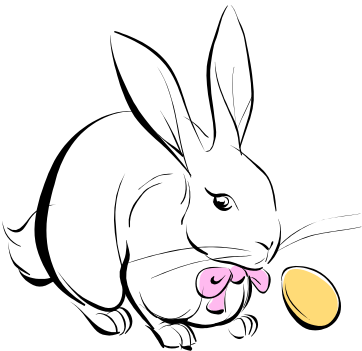
"What are you going to do?" her mother asked. "I'll give each coin to each crying person." There are many little heroes.

In addition, many countries have supported Japan, helped Japan, and prayed for Japan! We appreciate those countries. Many people have donated to Japan. Japan is encouraged by their support.

This is a golden opportunity for realizing love. Like my dream, a beautiful light shines in the darkness. It's time for us to smile and bring light to each other. I hope this tragedy will unite all the countries as one, and all over the world, we will have peace. Let's do that for the suffering people. I will do my best

Easter

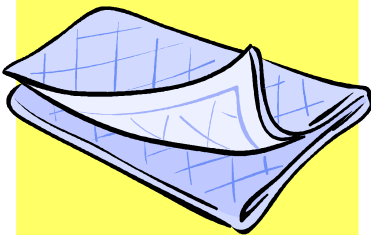
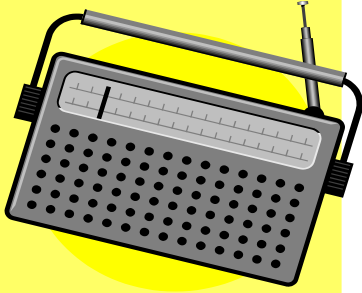
by Julia Jiao



Easter is a Christian Holiday. It is on April 24th this year. Christians will go to church on this day. It's really a fun day for women and girls, because they can wear fancy Easter dresses in pastel colors like pink and yellow. It's also a cheerful day for kids. They dye eggs, go on Easter egg hunts, and receive baskets full of candy and toys from the Easter bunny.

Earthquake Preparedness

By Naoki Yokochi



A few days ago, Japan was damaged by a terrible earthquake. It was the worst in Japanese history. Japan has a lot of small earthquakes, so most Japanese people are prepared for them. I'll tell you what you need to have in your house in case of an earthquake.

First, water and food are essential. You definitely can't survive without them. I believe that water is the most important thing. You also need something to eat. I recommend instant food like cup noodles. It's easy to cook with only water. I don't recommend vegetables, fish or anything that needs to be cooked in the microwave, because you might not be able to use electricity or gas.

Secondly, supplies are very important. I think it is easy to forget to prepare them. You need blankets and a portable stove. When you escape to an evacuation center, the floor might be cold. You might have to camp. You also might have to stand line at a restroom. Toilet paper, sanitary protection and underwear are important things. After the Kobe earthquake, many mothers were not able to give their babies breast milk. They were so upset and shocked. If you have a baby, you should have powdered milk and diapers.

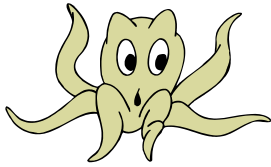
You will also need to get information from a radio, TV or cell phone. I recommend that you find out about the situation and how big the earthquake is. You should have a portable, battery-operated radio. A hand-crank radio is even better, because there may be power outages.

Finally, you need to be mentally prepared for an earthquake to happen at any time. If an earthquake happens, you may get upset and panic, even if you don't think you would now. I recommend deciding on a waiting point with your family beforehand, in case you can't reach them. If an earthquake happens, you should keep cool. Be prepared and have no regrets!

For more information about preparing for an earthquake, visit:

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit>.





For Adventurous Eaters

By Yvonne Aritonang

Bored with the food you eat every day? Need some new variety or taste? Maybe you should try some of these bizarre delicacies from all over the world. I should warn you, though; they're pretty weird but rather delicious!

Sannakji is a delicacy from South Korea. It's a baby octopus still wiggling alive on your plate, dipped in herbs and oils. How do you eat it? Well you just chug it down your throat. But oh, by the way, you can suffocate and die because that baby octopus will use its tentacles to cling to your throat as you try to swallow it.

Balut is a food found in the streets of The Philippines. It's inexpensive, high in protein and rather shocking looking. Balut is a fertilized duck or chicken egg with an almost-developed embryo inside. It is boiled and eaten in the shell. Some may say its delicious, while others may say it's...interesting.

Criadilla, or bull's testicles, are a tasty treat in Argentina. They are fried, roasted with veggies or just grilled with a spicy sauce. But if you know what you're eating, you may find it hard to swallow.

Tiet Cahn is a soup from Vietnam, and it's basically fresh goose blood with some ginger and vegetables. Sometimes peanuts are sprinkled on top. It only takes 15 minutes to prepare, and it is believed that people who cook and eat it will receive inner strength.

Kopi Luwak is the most expensive coffee in the world, and it comes from Indonesia. Why is it so pricey? Well, it's because it comes from the poo of a small mammal called the Civet. The animals gorge on only the ripest beans and excrete the partially digested beans, which are harvested by human beings for sale. It costs about \$120 to \$600 USD per pound, and is sold mainly in Japan and United States.

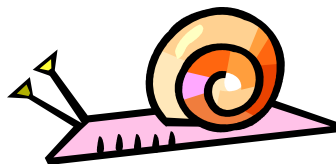
Casu Marzu is not the average cheese you eat every day. This delicacy is from Italy, and it is know as the walking cheese. It is a rotten cheese with maggots living in it, allowing the cheese to decompose. How does it taste? Well, it's strong-smelling, spicy, and creamy, but it can be too toxic for human consumption.

Hakarl is an Icelandic delicacy and served during the mid winter festival, Thorrablot. It is made of rotten shark's meat. The meat is left to decay in a large hole with coarse gravel for 8 weeks to a few months, and it is served uncooked just like sushi.

Escargot is a delicacy which the main entrée is a garden snail in garlic and butter sauce eaten on special occasions in France. It's chewy, and some say it tastes like chicken.

Stink Head is a traditional delicacy in Alaska, and it's actually a fermented salmon head. The heads of kin salmon are buried in the ground in fermentation pits covered with plastic or wooden barrels for weeks until they decompose. This delicacy can be dangerous for your health, because it can cause botulism.

A-Ping or fried tarantula is a delicacy from Cambodia. It is perfected with salt, sugar, oil, and garlic. It similar to crickets or scrawny chicken. It's crispy on the outside and gooey on the inside.



April Word Search

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