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TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

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The Journal of Musan by Best Narrative Director Kim Jungbum in 2011

By **Taemin Kim** from IELI

TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

Tribeca Film Festival is organized in NY every year in April. The festival started in 2011 in Tribeca near Ground Zero and one of the main reasons to organize it is to give new energy and hope, bouncing back from bad memories, according to co-founder of the festival, Robert De Niro. There are two most enjoyable parts of this festival. There is Q&A time for almost every movie so it is going to be really great opportunity to see and talk with

your favorite directors. The other good thing is Drive-in, a big screen installed outside so we are able to see films with fresh air and sky.

The Journal of Musan was the 2009 winner for Best narrative director, Jungbum Kim, who also wrote the script, and acted in the film. It is so nice to have one man show in a movie. Musan is a North Korean defector who wants to have a life in South Korea. His North Korean accent, perfect to be mocked in South Korea, make him treated unfairly.

He practices so hard saying "I can work well" in a South Korean accent so he can have a job but every time employers find out that he is from North Korea it goes back to treat him like a defector not a citizen. This is a unique situation in Korea but I am sure every country has a problem with discrimination.

The Diving Bell and Butterfly was the spotlight film in 2008. This movie is all about Jean-Do who was editor of French *Elle* Magazine. His life totally changes in one moment after getting Locked-in Syndrome. He can only move his left eye to communicate with the world. The film goes back and forth between his past and present and shows connections and differences in his old and new life. The title is metaphor of his body as a diving bell and his memory and imagination as a butterfly.

We are bombarded with Hollywood blockbuster movies everyday and this is a good chance to watch great independent and artistic movies in New York.

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Jacheon International Music Film Festival in Korea

Jacheon is a small city in Korea. From Seoul, Capital of Korea, it takes about two and a half hours to get there. Every August, the whole city changes just for the festival. You can see a lot of performers on the street and one big theater building is only for the festi-

val. The most attractive thing is, since this is a music film festival, that there are tons of concerts every night. There is a stage floating on Chungpung lakeside. It is a good concert hall in the afternoon and evening but at night it changes to a nice night club with famous DJ.

Also, last year, Japanese silent films screened along with live background music. For 2 hours of screening, Sakuhachi, Japanese traditional instrument was played by Raily Lee. Enjoy the festival and astonishing nature in Jacheon.



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To record important information, people have always taken notes, but this takes too much time, and is hard to do when you're in the middle of a conversation or other forms of communication.

Collect, save and straighten out documents

Don't worry about this problem. Here is a solution:

Camscanner is the most powerful and convenient app. With one click of the button, you can record any documents you want.

The most impressive function is that the app detects document edges even if you don't capture the paper horizontally when you take pictures of it.

After recording the documents, Camscanner can not only save them as PDF or JPG files, but also send them by e-mail or fax.



Nextstop



Energetic city, New York!!

We live in New York City, which is the busiest city in the United States. New Yorkers often say time is money. Traffic congestion, crowded streets, and waiting in long lines make people waste time. People get a lot of

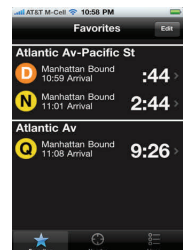
Save your time when you are commuting.

stress from this.

Use your time for better things! Nextstop will give you freedom of time. Whenever you want to know the schedule of the subway, Nextstop will show you what you want to know.

You don't need to shake your

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Qrafter



Have you ever seen this unusual code on the street or on a poster or flyer?

Some people know the meaning of this code. But, many others might not know about this useful item.

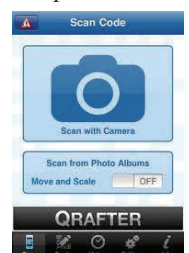
Introduce yourself in a special way.

Here is a new kind of bar code, which is used at groceries, factories, or libraries. It's called QR.

It is developed to make more variation so that people can use it more, such as advertising, hyper-linking certain websites, introducing personal profiles.

Qrafter will help you decode the sign or make your own QR code, which leads people to your website or profile.

Try to access our newspaper website by using this app.



Spring in Brooklyn



WRITTEN BY NORIKO

HOURS & ADMISSION

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden

\$5, Students with a valid ID

Tue-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sat, Sun 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



The Brooklyn Museum

\$5, Students with a valid ID

Mon, Tue Closed

Wen 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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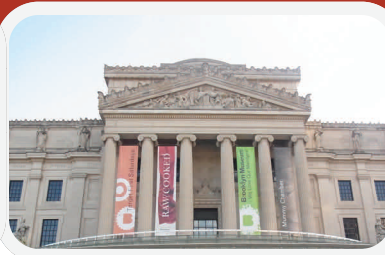
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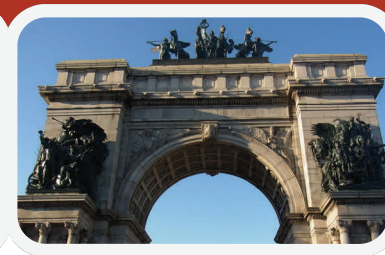
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The Brooklyn Botanic Garden



The Brooklyn Museum



Grand Army Plaza

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden: 2012 Sakura Matsuri

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN TO BROOKLYN? HOW ABOUT THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN? IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE YET, YOU ARE MISSING A BIG OPPORTUNITY. IN GENERAL, WINTER MIGHT BE NOT GOOD FOR SIGHTSEEING IN THE GARDEN, BUT THINK ABOUT IT, THE BEGINNING OF SPRING IS COMING PRETTY SOON. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO

MISS A CHANCE, YOU'D BETTER CHECK ABOUT 2012 SAKURA MATSURI. THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL STARTING APRIL 30TH AT THE PARK. YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU GO WHEN THE TREE ARE IN FULL BLOOM, USUALLY FOR THREE DAYS IN THE SEASON.

WHEN DO SAKURA BLOOM? ACTUALLY, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT IT. I GUESS THE MO-

MENT SHOULD COME THE MIDDLE OF APRIL, BECAUSE THIS WINTER IS MUCH WARMER THAN USUAL. GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE TO CHECK STATUS OF THE TREES. SPRING IS ABOUT TO COME! GO OUT AND DON'T MISS SAKURA BLOSSOM!

<http://www.bbg.org/discover/cherries/>

The Brooklyn Museum: Target first Saturday

HAVE YOU EVER DONE CLUBBING IN A MUSEUM? IT SEEMS TO BE STRANGE, DOESN'T IT? WE CAN ENJOY A FANTASTIC CLUB AT TARGET FIRST SATURDAY FOR FREE ON EVERY FIRST SATURDAY. NOT ONLY THIS BUT THERE ARE ALSO SOME ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS BALLET PERFORMANCES, ARTIST TALKING, BANDS PLAYING AND SO ON. THEY PROVIDE SUCH HIGH QUALITY PERFORMANCES THAT YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT IS FREE.

The Brooklyn Public Library: English Conversation Group

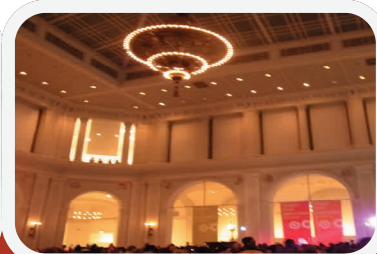
I ASSUME THAT MANY IELT STUDENTS SEEK MORE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH WITH NATIVE SPEAKERS. ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP IN BROOKLYN LIBRARY COULD MEET THESE STUDENTS' DEMANDS. THEY PROVIDE AN OCCASION WHICH PEOPLE CAN PRACTICE ENGLISH WITH CASUAL CONVERSATION FOR FREE, MOREOVER, COMPLICATED REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, SO JUST SHOW UP IN THESE CLASSES WHEN YOU CAN TAKE PART. YOU CAN CHECK THE SCHEDULE ON THE WEBSITE AT THE BELOW.

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

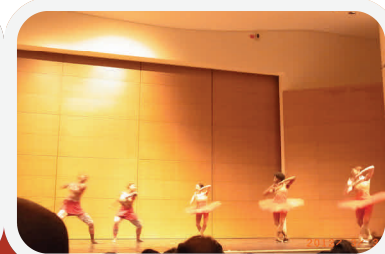
Sakura Trees in The Brooklyn Botanical Garden



The club in the museum



A ballet performance in the museum





Written by Masumi

Let's do yoga together!



BENEFITS OF YOGA

Today, yoga is known by many people in the world. As you know, yoga started in India a very long time ago. Yoga is Sanskrit and means connecting everything. In the city, most people are busy and tired and don't care about others. Sometimes people even don't care about themselves.

Yoga gives us a lot of benefits, such as physical flexibility, strength, muscle tone, pain prevention, better breathing, mental calmness, stress reduction, body awareness.

In addition, you might learn about connecting with your body and with a broader community. Why not try yoga?

AWARENESS

Although I wrote about some yoga benefits, most of all I recommend that you can be aware of yourself. It's easy to say, but it's not easy to understand your body and mind. If you aren't aware of yourself, you will never change.

Awareness is the most important thing in our life. We can be aware of superficial but how can we become more deeply aware? Only through a gentle discipline.

When you begin doing yoga, you might not feel any great changes, but don't worry. Eventually you will feel its powerful effects.

JAPANESE YOGA

I have trained doing the Japanese yoga for about ten years. Of course, this yoga is based on yoga from India. However, Japanese yoga is customized more Japanese culture like Japanese martial arts.



One is called "Shin-shin toitsu-do" in Japan. It means the way of mind

and body unification. It was founded by Tempu Nakamura. He was the first person to bring yoga to Japan.

The other is called "Oki-do yoga". This is organized by Masahiro Oki. Oki is his surname.



Oki-do-yoga, his philosophy is mixed, based on Indian yoga, Chinese yin-yang principles and Japanese Zen tradition.



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NEW YORK STYLE

There are many yoga studios in NYC and you can choose many yoga styles. If you like relaxing yoga, you can take the class called "restorative". If you want harder yoga like an exercise, you could take the class called "power yoga". Also if you are pregnant, you can take a prenatal class. If you want to have a lot of sweat, you can go to Bikram, this studio always provides doing yoga in the room hot temperature around 105 degrees.

SAVE MONEY

Have you ever heard of the yoga passbook? This is over 425 passes for the yoga, dance and pilates mat in many studios throughout NY. You can buy a one book. You The price is \$75+ tax each pass book. If you buy three books, you pay \$115+ tax and you can get free one book! Go to this website "American Health and Fitness Alliance" or call "212-808-0765"



Bubble Tea

BY CHLOE

My name is Chloe , I'm from Taiwan . Taiwan has a lot of yummy food .

I 'd like to introduce one of the popular drinks in Taiwan .



I recommend one of my favorite drinks from Taiwan. It's called "Bubble Tea." Nowadays the drink has become famous .

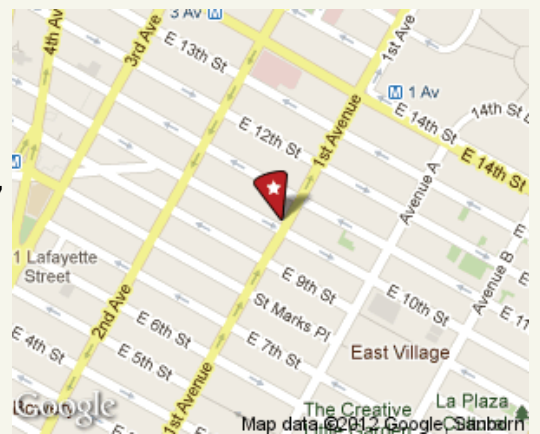
Let me introduce what bubble tea is. The drink is milk mixed with black tea and some Tapioca "bubbles." Today bubble tea comes in so many flavors. Like green tea latte ,chocolate or strawberry , also you can add jam, jellies, red bean or green bean, and pudding.

At first bubble tea was not famous at all. It originated in the city of Taichung in Taiwan and started becoming popular in 1980. Even though bubble tea sounds easy to make, actually it takes a lot of time and special processes.

In NY, I always buy bubble tea to soothe my feelings, because it can remind me of my hometown. Even though its easy to gain weight , but every time I drink, I always feel happier . I think it is the best drink in the world. If you've never drunk bubble tea, you should try one !



Of course there are a lot of bubble tea shops in New York . I'd like to recommend my favorite, **Kung Fu Tea**. The location is 241 East 10th street NY .



Looking Beyond Sources.

by Filippo Calabresi
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In the absence of real or realistic sources, our points of view tend to fall into mindless prejudices. Among the countless black holes in the media's universe, the *Iran question* is one of the largest.

I have had different meetings with Iranians via email and personally. I was never interested in biographical data, but in people's stories. Due to the involvement of the previous generation (parents or grandparents) in the fight against the Ayatollah's regime, lot of them left the country and were born abroad. From every single one I hear a criticism of "President", Muhammad Ahmadinejad. People point out that Ahmadinejad is not the guide of any *open minded, well-educated and Western Iranian*. These groups of people are better known as the young militants of the *Green Movement*, a movement of protest against the regime, that since the sham election of 2009 asks for the resignation of President Ahmadinejad.

Frequently, from an informal discussion on the topic, I discover that Iranians living abroad stay up to date through the use of social media. This is the closest I can come to learning about the effect of the Western media on the expatriate culture of Iranians. I learned that people (we) cannot read certain truths in the newspapers; moreover, that real events are recounted into a sort of computerized virtual circle. Everyone shares news, sensations; each person in their exile's country. Doctors, engineers, computer programmers, mathematicians who are forced to live away to chase the alleged dreams of democracy. These people are the ones who died, the one who are in jail just waiting for execution; only for their dreams of democracy. The common opinion that made people hope and

smile, is that the fundamentalist nightmare is near to end - "*Through its culture, Iran will rise*". One product of modern Iranian culture could be considered Ashgar Farhadi, director of "A Separation", the recent Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film. "*I'm happy because while words of war, intimidation and aggression are exchanged among politicians - says the director - the name of Iran is evoked with its glorious cultural tradition. A rich and ancient culture, which was buried under the heavy dust of politics and the media. I offer this award with pride to the people of my country, a nation that respects all cultures and all civilizations and repudiating the hostility and resentment*". The new generation is well painted by Farhadi. It is composed of Westernized people who intellectually support the *green cause* from their homes in London, Paris or New York. A new class made of people who claim the power of culture, outside of history and politics, which is hoping for an Iran ready to share the Western values.

" The paths of culture and art have



The curiosity to investigate the *Westernization* of some Iranians led me to another meeting, one with professor Yvonne Groseil, teacher of the Graphic Novel course at the International English Language Institute at Hunter College. "What does this have to do with Iran and the Iranians", you may ask. The reason is that she teaches and analyzes *Persepolis* (*Persepolis. Histoire d'une femme insoumise*), title of a historical and autobiographical comic book, as well as a critically acclaimed movie. It is a work by Marjane Satrapi, native of Tehran and

a witness to the troubled process that transformed Iran from a monarchy into a theocratic republic, passing through the Islamic Revolution. She is essentially one of the daughters of the progressive ideas, and one that has happily embraced Western culture.

Again, the initial theme of the discussion - reactions from the students (many Iranians attending the course) on the topic "Islamic Iran" - ends shortly. "It never happened," says the professor, "to hear fundamentalist criticisms of Satrapi's work in my classes." She continues saying she never even knew about the kind of frightening Arabs that have figured so prominently as caricatures in Western media.

So, where does the cliché such as "Muslims are terrorist" come from? After a cursory analysis of the two previous anecdotes, the association *Iranian - Islamic Fundamentalism - terrorist*, seems to be a mere product of the media's imagination. In turn, the media itself is blinded by the rubbish served up by the current political class; furthermore, it is too busy relaying the sad and depressing level of political discourse rather than more substantive topics. The same political system takes advantage of people's ignorance of the Middle East, its history and its characteristics, a system that relies on a school structure that provides extremely poor historical and political notions, which inadvertently makes people fall into simplistic beliefs. A system that, through myths, continues to export cultural, socio-economical and political imperialistic democracy, shattering any kind of political and cultural distinctions.

"The search for truth is an adventure by means of which time is transformed into history"

The Historian's Craft, Marc Bloch.

The days which cannot be forgotten

Azeri Turks



This map shows the historical range of the Azeri Turks.



The worst day for the Republic of Azerbaijan was the day of Khojaly on February 26th in 1992. Arman troops killed unarmed civilians, including women and children. The person who recorded this was Cengiz Mustafa-

FEBRUARY 26, 1992 TRAGEDY OF ONE NIGHT

Persons murdered	613
Including:	
Children	63
Women	106
Aged men	70
Burnt alive	3
Tortured to death	56
Unrecognised corpses	11
Children with both parents lost	25
Families murdered completely	8
Captive and missing whose fates remain unknown	155
Persons subjected to tortures	1275



A War with 20 years of history

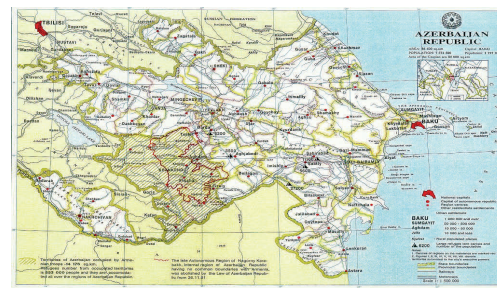
What are the reasons that countries become enemies and start to fight? Why do people kill each other and destroy the history of enemy countries? There are 3 most important reasons for answering these questions: First geographical position, second ethnic excess in the region and last one is geographical resources. 20 years ago because of these reasons Armenia started a war with Azerbaijan in the Caucasus region. The two main reasons were geographical position of Nagorno-Karabakh and the resources which are in Karabakh. When the war began it was terrible for both sides, but much damaged received Azerbaijan because Russia helped Armenia in this war for territory and the Azeri people were alone. 230,000 Armenian people from Azerbai-

Posted by Ibrahim Mehdiyev

jan, and 800,000 Azeri people from Armenia have been displaced as a result of the conflict. Thousands of people died in Karabakh and were moved from their own territory. Even today more than 5,578 Azeri people who are missing. More than 200,000 people were killed by Armenian soldiers. More than one million people have lost their home, money all their savings in Karabakh. Even today people are dying along the border and a lot of families are losing their sons and fathers. A Russian-brokered ceasefire was signed in May 1994 and peace talks, mediated by the OSCE Minsk Group, have been held ever since by Armenia and Azerbaijan. We hope that war will end and people will start to live their life without being afraid that somebody will come and take their homeland.

Important facts about war between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

1. On 25 January 2005, for example, PACE adopted a controversial non-binding resolution, Resolution 1416, which criticized the "large-scale ethnic expulsion and the creation of mono-ethnic areas" and declared that Armenian forces were occupying Azerbaijan lands.
2. On 14 May 2008 thirty-nine countries from the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution which called for "the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all Armenian forces from all occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Almost one hundred countries, however, abstained from voting while seven countries, including the three co-chairs of the Minsk Group, Russia, the United States and France, voted against it.



WHAT AWAITS YOU IN THE U.S.?

Learning English in the U.S. is an incredible opportunity that a lot of people all around the world yearn to do. Why people have yearned to come here either to learn English or to study college is the America's great education and good advertisements about education vision in the world. My name is Mehmet Sezer from Turkey and I am at the level 7 in I.E.L.I classes of Hunter College. I want to illuminate about the negative side of being in the U.S as a foreigner

First of all, you might get culture shock, which occurs when a person move from one social environment to the other, in the first 4 or 5 months. First thing that people from other countries might be surprised is that men do not kiss each other when they first meet. On the other hand for example in Turkey, not kissing each other while you are shaking hand of another men shows that you try keeping distance.

The second problem is that you have to part from your family. Especially, when it's your first time living apart from them. You need to do laundry, cook foods, clean the home up, and to do dishes. This might not sound that hard for some people but I strongly believe that everybody has missed their family greatly, especially people who took care of you in your home country. For example, I really miss my grandmother while I am doing the laundry.

In conclusion, you came here for your goal. The only thing that I can advise you is do not give up your beliefs and give any chance to a few bad conditions change your mind to give up your future for a little problems. Do your best to reach your goals. Go out and talk with people. Finally do not forget that suffering on the way that goes to victory is sacred.



SOMEONE ELSE'S TRASH YOUR TREASURE.



SECOND HAND SHOPPING

Our new generation has gotten to a point where our globalized world makes information so easy to get. Huge brands like Zara, H&M and Levi's are everywhere you go; as a result, smaller clothing stores have had to shut. These big brands produce vast amounts of clothing for the market. The result of this is that we are losing individuality. In fact, we all look the same. It has happened to everyone to go somewhere and see another person wearing the same outfit. Consequently, young people who are tired of looking the same as others started shopping in second hand stores, flea markets and recycling their grandmother's wardrobe. This new tendency has some great advantages; First, this is like industrialization in reverse. Furthermore, it is an ecological initiative; if I don't want a shirt anymore I can go and sell it to a vintage store or exchange it for one I prefer. Therefore, these massive brands are not going to produce as many clothes because people are shopping in second hand stores. Second, people have the opportunity to get unique items. This way individuals feel they can put together their own style. Actually the big brands are copying the style of old looking clothes because of their attraction to many people.

New York is packed with second hand stores and every Sunday in certain areas during nice weather flea markets take place in the streets or parking lots. Some good options are the Hell's Kitchen flea market on 39th Street between 8th and 9th Avenue another good one is located on Columbus Avenue between W. 76th and W. 77th Streets on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. They are both open every Sunday and Saturday from 10 AM to 5:30 PM .One more option for those who prefer to rest during weekend days: In

Williamsburg there are some good vintage or second hand stores such as Beacon's Closet situated at 88 n. 11th street. Also there's a interesting store named Buffalo Exchange at 504 Driggs Avenue.

I'm from Colombia and when I first came here this seemed strange, but now, I love it.
- V.R.