

MOVIES

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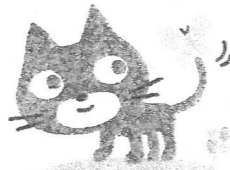
February 22 ~	Alita: Battle Angel	English
March 1 ~	Green Book	English
March 8 ~	The Mule	English
March 15 ~	Captain Marvel	English / Dubbed
March 22 ~	Bumblebee	English / Dubbed
March 29 ~	Dumbo	English
April 12 ~	Halloween R15+	English
April 12 ~	Hunter Killer	English
April 19 ~	Shazam!	English
April 25 ~	Marvel Avengers: Endgame	English

Information Service

Internet: <http://niihama-aeonmall.com>

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A Hint for Your Life

How to Deal Propane Gas in Case of Earthquake

(from Ehime Shimbun December 26, 2018)

Once a large earthquake occurs, city gas service stops, but propane gas cylinders equipped at each house can be put back into use quickly after the quake. If you use propane gas, you should know how to check, reset, and restart it in an emergency.

The first priority is to secure your safety. After the tremor subsides, close the gas tap and turn off the gas at the main valve. In case of an earthquake larger than intensity 5, a safety device in the gas meter will automatically shut off the gas.

Keeping in mind aftershocks, check for equipment damage and gas leakage. After safety is confirmed, push the reset button on the gas meter. Then you can use the gas again. You must confirm that the air is clear if the ventilator has stopped due to a power outage.

ONE POINT JAPANESE

しん ことば
"新"がつく言葉

A: ^{ひつこ}引っ越しの ^{にもつ}荷物は もう ^{かたづ}片付きましたか。
Hikkoshi no nimotsu wa mō katazukimashita ka.
(Have you finished moving all your things?)

B: はい、やっと ^{かたづ}片付きました。Hai, yatto katazukimashita.
(Yes, I've finally finished.)

A: ^{しんせい}新生活の ^{じゅんび}準備は? Shinseikatsu no junbi wa?
(How about preparations for your new life?)

B: ^{たり}足りない ^{もの}物があるの、これから ^か買いに ^い行きます。
Tarinai mono ga aru node, korekara kai ni ikimasu.
(There are still some things I need, so I'm going out to buy them now.)

A: じゃあ、ついでに ^{しょくじ}食事しませんか。Jā, tsuide ni shokuji shimasen ka.
(OK, then while you're at it, shall we get something to eat?)

B: すみません、今日は ^{まよう}サークルの ^{しんにゅうせい}新入生歓迎会があるの...。
Sumimasen, kyō wa sākuru no shinnyūsei kangūkai ga aru node...
(Sorry! Our club has a freshman welcome party today...)



A: ^{ことし}今年の ^{しんにゅうしやいん}新入社員は ^{なんにん}何人? Kotoshi no shinnyūshain wa nannin?
(How many new employees are there this year?)

B: ええと、^{しんせい}新卒が ^{さんにん}三人、^{てんしよく}転職が ^{ひとり}一人です。
Eeto, shinsotsu ga sannin, tenshoku ga hitori desu.
(Let's see... there are 3 new graduates and a mid-career recruit.)

A: わあ、^{しんしゃ}新車ですか。カッコいいですね。
Wā, shinsha desu ka. Kakko ii desu ne.
(Wow! A new car? Cool!)

B: ^{ちゅうこし}中古車ですよ。^{しゅうしよく}就職祝いに、^{ちち}父が ^か買って ^{くれた}んです。
Chūkoshu desu yo. Shūshoku iwai ni chichi ga kattekuretan desu.
(It's a used car. My father bought it for me to celebrate my new job.)



A: 4月1日に ^{しんげんごう}新元号が ^{はっぴょう}発表されますね。
Shigatsu tsuitachi ni shin gengo ga happyō saremasu ne.
(On April 1st, the new era name will be announced.)

B: しんげんごう? Shin gengo? ("Shin gengo"?)

A: ^{あた}新しい ^{げんごう}元号の ^{こと}ことです。^{しょうわ}昭和とか、^{へいせい}平成とか...。
Atarashi gengo no koto desu. Shōwa toka, hēsei toka...
(It's the new era name, like Showa, Heisei, etc.)

B: ^{こんげつ}今月から ^か変わる ^んんですか。Kongetsu kara kawarun desu ka.
(Will it change after this month?)

A: いいえ、^{じつさい}実際に ^{つか}使われるのは ^{ごがつ}5月1日 ^かからです。
Iie, jissai ni tsukawareru nowa, gogatsu tsuitachi kara desu yo.
(No, actually it will be used beginning on May 1st.)

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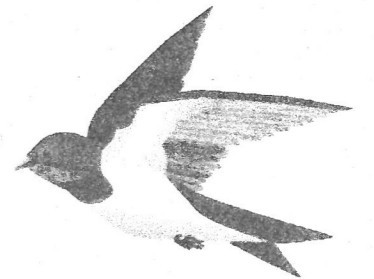
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Making a new step ahead

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Everyone has their own perception about the definition of life. For me personally, life is all about falling and it is the cycle that goes around until the end. Remember when you were small and you were trying to walk? You started at the very beginning, trying to stand up and get your balance, but you couldn't walk straight. And then you started taking your first steps, trying to walk slowly, but couldn't keep balance and fell. You kept falling and falling, crying in pain again and again, but at that time, you never thought to give up and stop learning to walk. You just kept trying without fear. You kept trying with a very cute step, until you could walk on your own and then run, cycle and other things.

Just imagine if you gave up because you kept falling and you couldn't bear the pain anymore. Would you be able to walk now? The same is true of life. You keep falling, literally failing exams, being bullied in school, not making friends, not getting into your first-choice school or university, bad colleagues, stressful workplace and much more. But those things will actually teach you to keep taking small steps in order to find success. No one achieves their success without "hard" days. Ask anybody who has become successful if they have ever failed at any aspect of their journey. But you are the one who determines from which perspective you are going to look, positive or negative.

Remember Thomas Edison's failures when he tried to create the light bulb and what he said. "I have no failure. I've just found 1000 ways that didn't work". Failure is the word that most people dread. Everyone wants to be successful, liked and admired. But that dreaded "F" word always pops up. Failure. This experience is strong enough to make you want to quit and start a new life. But when you are trying to recover from that failure, to get up to make a new step after falling down, there will be always someone who will hold your hand, help you until you are able to stand up on your own. The same goes for life. There will be always someone for you, your parents, family, friends, teachers. They will be there for you, but not forever.

Life is about your own choices. You choose how to live your life. Even when you keep falling, never mind, just collect the courage and start taking another new step, because you are the one who is going to live your life. Failure is the best thing that ever happened to you. It helps you grow, learn, and develop.

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Information in English & Chinese on the Web

***What's New?**

***How to sort garbage and trash**

Visit  <http://www.city.niihama.lg.jp>

Clair:*Multilingual Living Information

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengorev/en/index.html>

April Events

★ Spring Cultural Festival at Niihama Bunka Center

<Performing Arts>

4/6(Sat.)13:00~ Koto, Japanese Folk Songs, etc

4/7(Sun.)13:00~Japanese Drum, Western-style dance, etc

4/14(Sun.)14:00~ Niihama Brass Band Performance

4/20(Sat.)13:00~ Koto, Japanese Songs, etc

Fee: Free

<Art>

4/13(Sat.)~4/21(Sun.) 9:30~17:00

4/21(Sun.) 9:30~15:00 4/15(Mon.) is closed.

Exhibition: Japanese-style paintings, Photographs, Calligraphy, Tanka, Haiku, Senryu, Ceramics, Carvings and Sculptures Fee: Free

<Akagane Tea Celemony>

4/13(Sat.) 10:30~15:00 Fee: ¥250

Place: Akagane Musium Art Studio

For further information: TEL 0897-65-1554



★Ehime Sun-sun Story Opening Festival

Date: 4/20(Sat.) 9:30~16:00

Place: Yamane Park

After the opening ceremony, you can enjoy catching mochi, Taiko floats, Taiko Festival Performance, local dishes and special products.

Ehime's mascot character will perform.

For further information: TEL 0897-56-1300

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Hit Product This Year

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"Shake hands", "Sit down", "Look at me". Last January, the new dog-like robot "Aibo" was released by Sony. It continues to grow cleverer, learning how to behave in ways that make its master glad to use the state of the art AI. The return of the product, which once had taken the world by storm, after twelve years, became the talk of the town, and 20,000 Aibos have already been sold within half a year in spite of the high price of ¥213,840.

It has been unobtainable due to production shortage, forcing Sony to expand their production line. The new Aibo is equipped not only with AI, but also with other leading edge technologies such as the most advanced camera and sensors which help it understand its surroundings. It is said that Aibo recognizes the emotions of its master by reading their facial expressions and measuring the force of hand stroking.

The largest change is that it has obtained communication ability. The intelligence data of all Aibos nationwide is to be collected via the Internet, and transferred to every Aibo as collective intelligence, so that every Aibo becomes cleverer. For instance, if a master is delighted by a behavior of an Aibo, the same behavior pattern is to be shared by all Aibos.

As for shape and design, it appears more realistically dog-like than previous ones. Moving forward, it is expected that Aibo's heeling effects will be applied to the medical and nursing fields. Some private residential homes have already introduced Aibos.

The easiest way to prevent this from happening is to fasten brackets (such as an L-shaped metal bracket) to the piece of furniture and the wall with a screw and tension rod. You can buy them at home improvement stores or online. If you have elevated items that could fall down, you should move them to a lower position or fasten them.

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