

THE STORIES

Nov 1 A Dinosaur with a Message

A dinosaur walks into a meeting at the United Nations. Everyone is scared. People start to scream, but the dinosaur doesn't attack anyone. He goes up to the front of the room and starts to make a speech. This dinosaur's name is Frankie, and he has come to talk to us about climate change. Dinosaurs used to walk on the Earth, but now they aren't here anymore. They are extinct. Frankie tells us that we could become extinct like him if we don't stop climate change. He says that we still have a chance to make things better after the pandemic. Frankie is only CGI (a computer graphics image), but his message is real. You can watch the video called "Don't choose extinction" on YouTube.

Nov 2 News as It Happens

I got a message from someone in a LINE group at 12:30 last Saturday afternoon. He sent a picture of Saitama Stadium 2002. He was there to watch the Levain Cup (the J.League Cup) final. He is a big Nagoya Grampus fan, and his team was playing Cerezo Osaka. We sent him messages supporting Grampus and waited. At 3:05 p.m., we got another picture of the Grampus fans standing and waving. His message read, "Grampus are the champions!" He was happy, and so was I. I'm not a big soccer fan, but I like it when my local team wins. It's also fun to get sports news as it happens!

Nov 3 How Many More Awards Will He Get?

At the end of the regular MLB season, Ohtani Shohei had a pitching record of 9 wins and 2 loses. On top of that, he hit 46 home runs. He also liked to steal bases. In fact, he even stole home base against the Yankees in September! Is there anything he can't do? I don't know, but the season is now over, and it's the time for awards. Three magazines have named Ohtani Player of the Year. His fellow players love him, too. He got the Players Choice Award for the MLB player of the year and the American League Outstanding Player of the Year. It's not over. He still has a chance to win two more big awards in November. How many more awards will he get?

Nov 4 Sensitive to the Cold

The seasons are changing, and it's getting colder. This is the time of year when I notice a difference between me and my wife. I wear long sleeve shirts and light jackets, but she is still wearing T-shirts. That's because I am sensitive to the cold. I have to be careful not to catch a cold at this time of year. My wife doesn't have this problem. She likes the cool

weather and never seems to get sick. In the summer, things are different. She is sensitive to the heat and can't sleep when it's really hot. I like the heat and can sleep anytime anywhere.

Nov 5 Readers' Corner: Why Did They Appear?

It's getting cold, and it has become more and more like autumn everywhere. Insects are starting to get ready for winter. There are some big caterpillars living in a tree in my small garden. One day, a neighbor came to talk to us about them. The tree is quite tall, and I was supposed to trim the upper part this winter. I decided to do it on the weekend. As my wife and I were reading the newspaper one morning, a surprising thing happened. Birds that we'd never seen before showed up one after another in our garden. I couldn't understand why so many birds appeared, so I watched them for a while. One of the birds had something in its beak. It was a caterpillar.

THE QUESTIONS

1. Who walked into the United Nations meeting? A dinosaur.
2. What did he want to tell humans? "Don't choose extinction."
3. What news did I get from someone on LINE? Nagoya Grampus won the Levain Cup.
4. Which team did they beat? They beat Cerezo Osaka.
5. How many magazines named Ohtani Player of the Year? Three magazines.
6. Why was Ohtani chosen? Because he is a great pitcher and home run hitter/a two-way player/a great player.
7. What am I sensitive to? You're sensitive to the cold.
8. Who can sleep anytime anywhere, me or my wife? You can.
9. Where were the caterpillars living? In a tree in the reader's garden.
10. Why did so many birds come to his garden? To eat the caterpillars.