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Hangul, a Democratic alphabet created for the commoner

BY CHIHON KIM, STRIPES KOREA

October 9 is a South Korean national holiday in honor of the invention of the Korean alphabet, Hangul. A day celebrating the alphabet may seem strange, but for Koreans, the simple and effective native writing system is a source of national pride.

Created by King Sejong in 1443, the alphabet took three years of testing

and perfecting before it was made public in 1446. Before Hangul was invented, the Korean language was written with old Chinese characters with grammatical structures distinct from Korean. Learning complicated Chinese characters required years of education and training, meaning only wealthy, upper class Koreans could learn to read and write. That left the

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Some shopping restrictions lifted at bases

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SEOUL — The U.S. military has lifted monthly commissary purchase limits and eased other restrictions on shoppers at base stores in South Korea.

The new policy, which took effect Sept. 11, also allows even patrons who don't have purchasing privileges to enter commissaries and department store-style exchanges, although they're not allowed to buy anything.

The change came as U.S. Forces Korea, the main command for some 28,500 troops based on the divided peninsula, is trying to make it a more attractive assignment.

However, limits remain as USFK seeks to prevent black market sales of goods sold on base. Alcohol sales, for example, will continue to be restricted.

Authorized shoppers also must show a military ID or ration card at the cash register, according to the new policy that was announced in a Sept. 11 memo signed by Air Force Maj. Gen. Stephen Williams, USFK chief of staff.

"The purchase of duty-free goods and services will only require verification at the point of sale," USFK said.

Servicemembers, their families and other Americans



Signs at the post exchange and Commissary inform shoppers of their updated policies at Camp Humphreys on Sept. 13. Photos by Matthew Keeler, Stars and Stripes

working for the government may shop tax-free in commissaries and exchanges.

But commissary shoppers were previously limited to \$800 for the main sponsor and \$300 for additional family members per month.

The National Military Family

Association applauded the decision.

"We think this is a win for families — especially those with infants and young toddlers. Formula and diapers are expensive — even at the commissary," said Kelly Hruska, the organization's government relations director.

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"By removing the spending limits it allows families to expand their shopping beyond just the basic necessities," she added.

The previous policy had last been updated in August 2013 after the U.S. military faced rampant problems with black-marketeering, including goods purchased from base facilities being resold on the local market.

In one of the most notorious cases, a store manager and a South Korean businessman were convicted in 2003 of smuggling some 62,000 cases of wine and beer through a tunnel dug under a U.S. military housing compound in Seoul.

The new policy stressed that officials will continue to monitor purchases and maintain controls against illegal usage.

"Reasonable security measures shall remain in place to ensure authorized patrons are verified and able to purchase duty-free goods at the point of sale," it said.

Violations may be punishable by the suspension or revocation of privileges and possible disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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The Army and Air Force Exchange Service plans to pull electronic cigarettes and vape products from stores shelves by close of business on Monday, Sept. 30. Photo by Theron Godbold, Stars and Stripes

Exchanges pull e-cigarettes, vape products from shelves

BY SETH ROBSON AND
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The Army and Air Force Exchange Service pulled electronic cigarettes and vape products from on-base store shelves amid safety concerns, officials said.

The move follows a plan announced recently by retail giant Walmart to stop selling the products amid concerns about links to severe lung disease.

The Army Public Health Center warned servicemembers Sept. 12 to avoid vape products after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said vaping may be linked to hundreds of cases of severe lung disease and at least six deaths in dozens of states.

"Until the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health departments to collect information on e-cigarette and vape products is complete ... the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is removing these products from its assortment, effective close of business Sept. 30," AAFES senior

public affairs manager Chris Ward said in an email.

AAFES officials said that electronic cigarettes and vape products constitute a small and falling share of tobacco sales at overseas stores.

Navy officials didn't respond to questions about sales at Navy Exchange stores.

AAFES stores have sold vape products since late 2012, spokeswoman Julie Mitchell said in an email.

In 2018 exchange stores sold \$1.8 million worth of vape products, down 11% from the previous year, she said.

"The category has never been more than 1 percent of tobacco sales for the Exchange," she said.

Vape products sold at AAFES stores include the brands blu and myblu made by Fontem Ventures and Vuse Vibe and Vuse Solo made by R.J. Reynolds, Mitchell said.

"Both manufacturers' products are registered with the [Food and Drug Administration]," she said.

The recent vaping news didn't have the support of servicemembers using the products at designated smoking

areas at Yokota Air Base, the home of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force in western Tokyo.

Airman 1st Class Mathew Betts, of Frenchtown, Mont., said that going to off-base stores isn't an option because Japan doesn't sell vape products containing nicotine. He plans to buy his supplies online.

Senior Airman Isaac Hoke said he took up the habit four years ago and is now addicted.

"I don't really see how they can say it's more dangerous than smoking or [chewing tobacco] ... I think it's a much safer alternative," he said.

Authorities shouldn't ban vaping since it's no more dangerous than using other tobacco products, Hoke said.

Another Yokota airman, Staff Sgt. Domenic Miner, said he vapes for stress relief.

"I understand what they're saying [in the warning] but it's like saying you shouldn't drink or smoke," he said. "It's just one of those things you're going to do."

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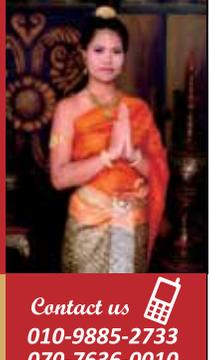
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Cybercriminals target military online to set up imposter 'romance scams'

BY NIKKI WENTLING,
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WASHINGTON – For Staff Sgt. Sherri Vlastuin, Instagram popularity came quickly – and at a price.

Vlastuin, 26, has used the social media network since 2013 to document her life as an Army combat medic at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, her home state. One post – a selfie after her graduation from Air Assault School two years ago – suddenly elevated her page. She has amassed 36,500 followers and is known as an “influencer,” someone who’s established credibility and a high level of engagement online.

She posts about her hikes in Arkansas and Utah, her guldoodle, workouts and duck-hunting trips, and she’s often wearing American flag apparel, Trump regalia or her Army uniform.

Many of those photos have been used by scammers to create imitation profiles to lure unsuspecting people into “romance scams” – a problem on social media platforms, particularly for American servicemembers.

Romance scams are part of a new 200-page report released Tuesday by Vietnam Veterans of America, which has spent the past two years on a study of online trolls and their tendency to target veterans and servicemembers.

Scammers use Vlastuin’s image – and sometimes her name – to develop relationships with Instagram and Facebook users. After being duped, some of them have tracked down Vlastuin’s authentic account and told her they’d been tricked into sending money. Some

expect her to repay them, others seek the same relationship with her that they believed they had with the imposter.

She said she has reported hundreds of the fake accounts to Instagram and Facebook, but they continue to multiply.

“It’s unstoppable,” Vlastuin

said. “No matter how many times I report them, I’m barely making a dent.”

Leveraging trust

Vietnam Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans organization, will send its report, “An Investigation into Foreign Entities Who are Targeting Servicemembers and Veterans Online,” to lawmakers Wednesday. Kristofer to keep servicemembers, veterans and their families safe in cyber environments. The report urges social media networks and federal law enforcement, with support from Congress, to put more focus and resources toward stopping romance scams.

This post in 2017 by Sherri Vlastuin skyrocketed her presence on Instagram. Because of her popularity on the social media network, cybercriminals have used her name and image to imitate her and engage in “romance scams.” Instagram

issues, the timing of their messages and delayed responses, the VVA report states. Many of the cybercrimes tend to originate from Nigeria by a group of scammers who call themselves the “Yahoo Boys.”

The New York Times, citing the FBI, reported there were nearly 18,500 complaints last year from victims of romance scams, with losses exceeding \$362 million. The FBI told the Times that the bureau investigates only a fraction of those reports because the amounts lost – typically a few thousand dollars – are too low.

Reporting the imposters

When her profile first became popular, Vlastuin would find accounts using her name and photos, take screenshots and report them to Facebook and Instagram. As her online status grew, fighting the imitation accounts quickly became a full-time job.

“It would be a big deal to me,” Vlastuin said. “But I would go through them, and after a few hundred of these screenshots, I was like, ‘What am I doing? This is crazy.’”

Even estimating the number of accounts she’s reported would be difficult, Vlastuin said. She guessed it was about 500 accounts between both social media networks. Sometimes it would take weeks or longer than a month, but typically Instagram and Facebook responded by removing the accounts, she said.

Vlastuin has mostly given up reporting them now.

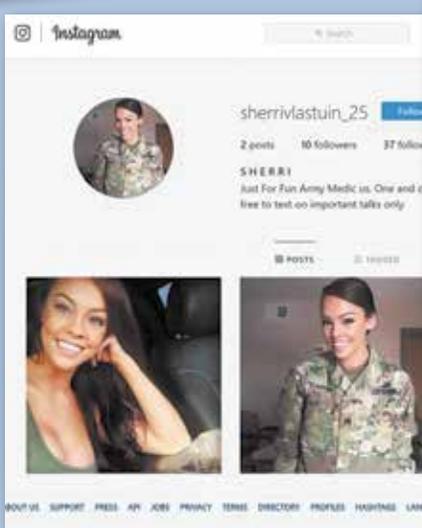
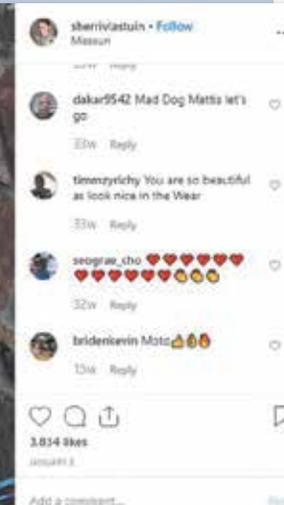
People who have been tricked by the imposter accounts continue to contact Vlastuin daily. About 75% of them figured out they were being scammed before sending money, Vlastuin said.

In one message she received last month, an Instagram user told her, “Your Instagram image is being abused. I am also the one who almost suffered.”

She previously replied to each person who messaged her, apologizing they were tricked. Sometimes, though, they would want the same relationship with her that they had developed with the scammer.

“It’s kind of hard, trying to explain to them that I don’t owe them anything,” Vlastuin said. “I say, ‘I’m sorry. I understand you’re a victim in all of this, but so am I.’”

Vlastuin has notified her unit and her Judge Advocate General officer about the problem, but no one has been able to do anything,



One of many imposter accounts on Instagram in which the users pose as Vlastuin. Instagram

Vlastuin has become popular on Instagram over the past two years. She wants to use the social media network to inspire young women, but cybercriminals using her photos to engage in “romance scams” have made Vlastuin consider deleting her online presence. Instagram



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Scammers tend to pose as veterans and servicemembers in romance scams for the same reason, Goldsmith said.

“The American people are generally trusting of servicemembers,” he said. “They’re taking advantage of America’s trust in us.”

In addition, military service can be used as an excuse for scammers’ connectivity

she said.
 The U.S. military is aware of the problem of cybercriminals posing as servicemembers in romance scams. Kim Joiner, a deputy assistant to the secretary of defense, told The New York Times her team works with Facebook to remove imposters.

“The problem is identifying them,” Joiner told the Times. “Once we identify them, I’m very satisfied with how Facebook reacts.”

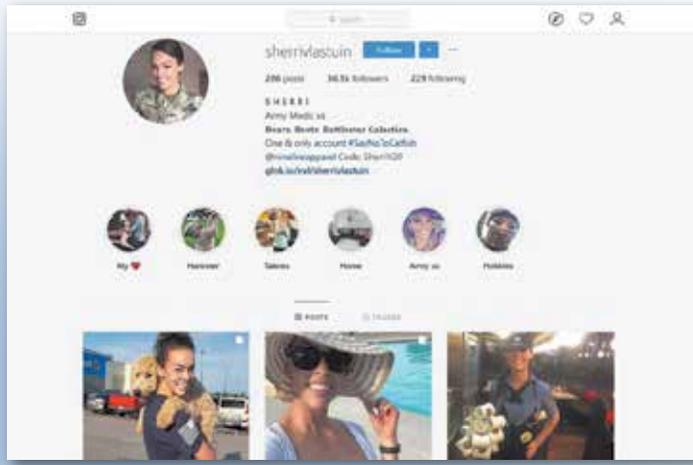
Pretending to be another person is against Facebook’s community standards and Instagram’s terms of use. Facebook, which owns both social media networks, has recognized that servicemembers and veterans are more likely than other users to be targets of impersonations.

The company works with the Department of Defense, as well as Blue Star Families and USAA, to help generate awareness about the issue and offer tips on identifying and reporting imposter accounts.

A Facebook spokesman said the social media network is also developing a new detection tool that would spot and remove accounts that look like some of the most frequently impersonated servicemembers and veterans, but the tool is still in the early stages of testing.

“Imposter accounts affect real people, and we remove these accounts when we

“Imposter accounts affect real people, and we remove these accounts when we discover them.”
 – Facebook spokesman



Vlastuin has garnered more than 36,500 followers on Instagram. Instagram

discover them,” the spokesman said. “We’ve invested heavily in strengthening our technology to keep them off our services and we work with law enforcement to prosecute scammers. That job is not finished, and we are committed to sharing our progress.”

Weakening perception

The issue has received attention from Capitol Hill. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., an Iraq War veteran and lieutenant colonel in the Air National Guard, is battling his own imposter accounts. He sent a letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg in July, calling his attention to cybercriminals posing as servicemembers.

“I am increasingly concerned by the prevalence of so-called ‘romance scams’ initiated or perpetrated via Facebook,” Kinzinger wrote. “I am particularly concerned with the pernicious efforts to impersonate current or former military personnel to gain the trust of unsuspecting users and ultimately convince them to transfer money.”

Besides financial harm on behalf of those tricked into sending money, the impersonated servicemembers are victims of stolen identities and stolen valor, Kinzinger wrote.

At times, the situation is embarrassing for Vlastuin. When people she knows search for her online, hundreds of pages appear, some of them with sexual

or other explicit descriptions.

“They look at it, and it has inappropriate stuff on it, and it’s just kind of embarrassing to think somebody would think that was me,” she said. “I’ve found multiple profiles where people I know were following that profile and not my real one. They probably think that’s me posting.”

Goldsmith predicts more dangerous outcomes – the potential to weaken the national perception of veterans and servicemembers.

“If every time you get a friend request from someone wearing a uniform your assumption is that they’re a foreign entity, that’s not good for anyone,” he said.

Quitting social media and

deleting her Instagram page often occurs to Vlastuin, especially because of the effects on her friends and family. Cybercriminals will use photos and stories of her mother, her niece and her friends. She’s stopped including other people in her posts.

Every time she creates a post, Vlastuin wonders whether it has any value other than being used to impersonate her.

She hopes to use her account, and her large number of followers, to inspire young women. In the message accompanying her post about graduating Air Assault School – the one that skyrocketed her Instagram fame – Vlastuin wrote, “I never thought that I would attempt this school, simply because I didn’t think I was physically capable of getting past even the first day and because I am absolutely terrified of failure. Looking back, I can’t help but wonder how many times this fear has held me back from things I could have potentially been great at.”

“I want to be there for young girls who want a role model, and I want to motivate people,” Vlastuin told Stars and Stripes. “I don’t feel like I’m accomplishing that with the way it’s going right now. It seems like I’m posting a picture just for it to be stolen.”

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Seasonal foods to eat this fall

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Seasoned blue crab

For each of Korea's four distinct seasons, a different set of foods takes center stage in Korea's culinary scene. Autumn marks the season of three of the nation's most popular kinds of seafood: blue crabs, jumbo shrimp (prawns), and gizzard shad. Plump blue crabs are cooked in savory soup or steamed, while gizzard shads are enjoyed either raw as sashimi or grilled. Succulent and fleshy prawns are also great eaten raw or grilled, and the most common method for eating prawns in Korea is to peel them and dip them in a vinegar and red chili-pepper sauce.

On land, the best fall seasonal foods include flavorful and nutritious pine mushrooms and sweet persimmon. Pine mushrooms come in stewed, grilled or steamed dishes. They are great with beef or abalone. Persimmons are particularly sweet in the fall and are widely enjoyed as a dessert item. The dried version, called gotgam, is dried under the autumn sun and in the wind; it has a different texture from the fresh, undried version.

Fall foods are best in terms of taste and nutritional value when they are eaten in season. Enjoy some of these nutritious fall foods as the cooler weather sets in.

Blue crab
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Marinated blue crab

Blue crabs are in season in spring and autumn. The abundant, creamy roe of the pre-spawning female crabs are best enjoyed in the spring, while the flaky, plump meat of the male crabs is a delicacy best enjoyed in autumn. Crabs are prepared in a variety of ways and can be made into spicy



Blue crab soup

crab soup with vegetables and other seafood, or it can also be steamed, shelled, and eaten plain. Another delicacy is gejang, or raw crab marinated in soy sauce or red chili-pepper paste sauce. Prepared in any form, freshly-caught crabs are a true seafood lover's delight.

Not only are blue crabs tasty, but they are also packed with nutrients. The crab's shell contains calcium and chitin and the meat has an abundance of essential amino acids and vitamins. In Korea, blue crabs are known to be effective in the prevention of geriatric diseases and aid in alcohol detoxification.

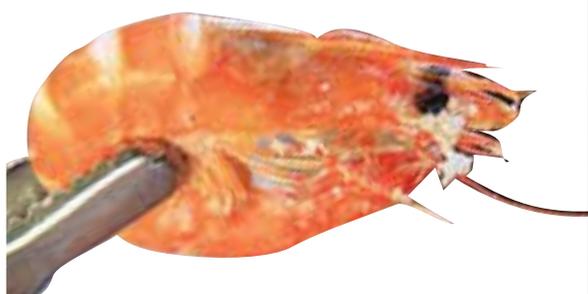
Jumbo prawns
A feast for the eyes & palate



Deep-fried jumbo prawns

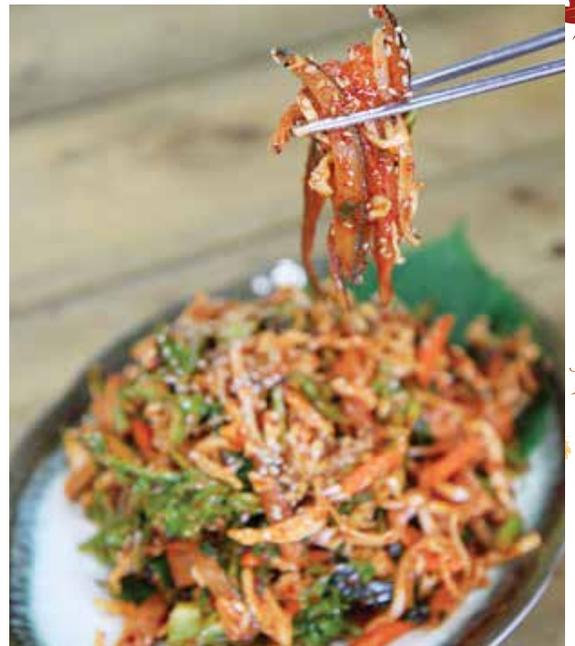
Jumbo prawns are a mouthwatering fall specialty to even those who don't generally eat seafood. Those caught at sea are not easy to find outside local fishing areas, as these short-tempered crustaceans die quickly after they're caught. Compared to farmed prawns, jumbo prawns caught at sea have longer antennas, thicker shells, and chewier meat.

You can eat them boiled, steamed, or fried, but for a fuller flavor, heat a large pot, sprinkle it with coarse sea salt, and cook the live prawns for about 10 minutes until they turn crimson. Prawns are savory and do not taste "fishy," so they can be eaten as is without any sauce. If you prefer more seasoning, try dipping the prawns in a mixture of red chili-pepper paste and vinegar. Instead of throwing away the left-over shrimp heads, re-cook them for an extra crispy and delicious treat.



Grilled jumbo prawns

Gizzard shad
Soft flesh and bold flavors



Gizzard shad sashimi

In the fall, gizzard shads store up plenty of nutrients for the long, cold winter; meaning they are packed with healthy oils and plenty of flavor. The best months to eat these delicious fish are between late September and mid November. Larger gizzard shads are higher in fat, so make sure to pick a fish over 15cm to enjoy the fish's true taste.

There are many ways to cook and eat gizzard shads. Slices of raw gizzard shads taste best when wrapped in lettuce and seasoned with chili and garlic sauce. The spicy taste of a seasoned gizzard shad platter mixed with various vegetables and condiments is also a local favorite. However, the best way to cook gizzard shad is to take a whole fish, score it lightly, salt it, and put it on the grill. There's no need to debone it, so it is ready to be eaten as soon as it is done.



Grilled gizzard shad

Pine mushrooms

Small in size but big in flavor

Pine mushrooms are considered the best among the hundreds of types of edible mushrooms in Korea. They only thrive on live pine trees and are harvested in autumn. Pine mushrooms are referred to as diamonds in the forest for their high nutritional value and efficacy. The mushroom is great for preventing geriatric diseases and protecting the stomach. More than anything, it is known for its cancer prevention qualities.

Pine mushrooms are expensive as they cannot be grown commercially, but must be collected in their natural environment. Despite the high price tag, it is in great demand thanks to its delicate flavor and nutritional value. The mushroom can be sliced and grilled over a light fire, but it is more commonly cooked with other ingredi-



Wild pine mushroom

ents. For example, it can be cooked with other vegetables in a soup, or it can be added to rice. When it is cooked along foods like abalone or beef, it is fortified with minerals and proteins, turning into a great stamina health food.

Persimmon

A sweet and healthy dessert



Persimmon dessert

Persimmon is a major autumn fruit in Korea. Depending on the level of processing, it is called by different names: hongsi refers to persimmon ripe to a color of yellow-orange or dark red-orange with no astringent taste; gotgam is persimmon peeled and dried under the sun and the wind; and bansi is seedless persimmon. Persimmon is high in vitamins A, B, and C, and minerals. In Korea, a common saying is, "Just stand under a

persimmon tree and you are sure to get healthy." The fruit is particularly good for the skin and for getting over a hangover. The fruit is also highly effective for stopping diarrhea-related symptoms, so most advise against consuming persimmons in large quantities to prevent blockage.

Freshly picked persimmon can have an astringent flavor. But over time, it will ripen and become sweet, and its color will transition to a deep orange. This fruit is mostly eaten as is without cooking. Hongsi can be frozen and eaten in shaved form or like ice cream. It is also enjoyed as a jam or in a salad.

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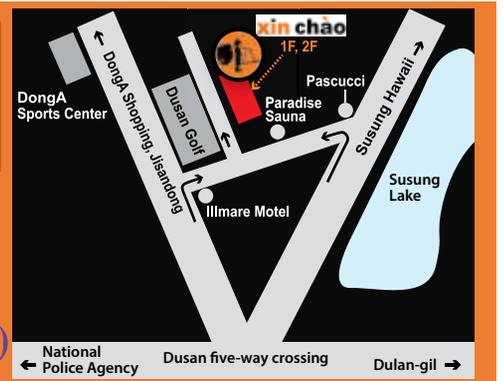
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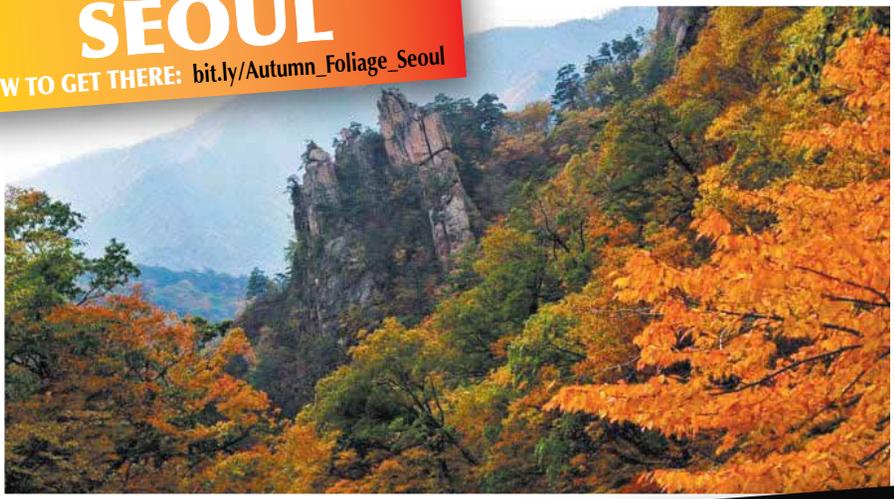
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Autumn has arrived! Korea is starting to cover itself with beautiful orange, yellow, and red leaves! There are so many places that you can go to enjoy this awesome season, and here is a list of the top destinations in Korea.

SEOUL

HOW TO GET THERE: bit.ly/Autumn_Foliage_Seoul



Seoraksan National Park

BEST TIME TO VISIT: Sept. 27 - Oct. 16

Home to the third highest mountain in Korea, Seoraksan is a great place to see the autumn foliage. Blessed with dramatic mountain peaks, unique rock formations, and gorgeous valleys, Seoraksan is stunning year-round, but the autumn views are truly spectacular. By mid-October, most of the hiking trails should be covered in deep red and yellow leaves!

If you are planning to visit, here are some great tours for you to check out!

- **Seoraksan National Park & Wondae-Ri birch tree forest 1 day tour from Seoul**
How to get there: bit.ly/Seoraksan_Wondae_Ri
- **Seoraksan National Park & Naksansa Temple 1 day tour**
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- **Seoraksan National Park hiking tour**
How to get there: bit.ly/Seoraksan_Hiking_Tour



Naejangsan National Park

BEST TIME TO VISIT: Sept. 17 - Nov. 3

Another popular autumn foliage destination in Korea is Naejangsan National Park. The park is particularly famous for its vivid crimson foliage, 600-year-old nutmeg trees, and waterfalls. There are two famous Buddhist temples at Naejangsan National Park, Baekyangsa Temple, and Naejangsa Temple. The tree-lined path from the Hiking Information Center to Naejangsa Temple, densely packed with 108 trees, offers a breathtaking canopy of colorful autumn leaves!

- **Naejangsan Mountain Autumn Foliage & Jeonju Hanok Village 1 day tour**
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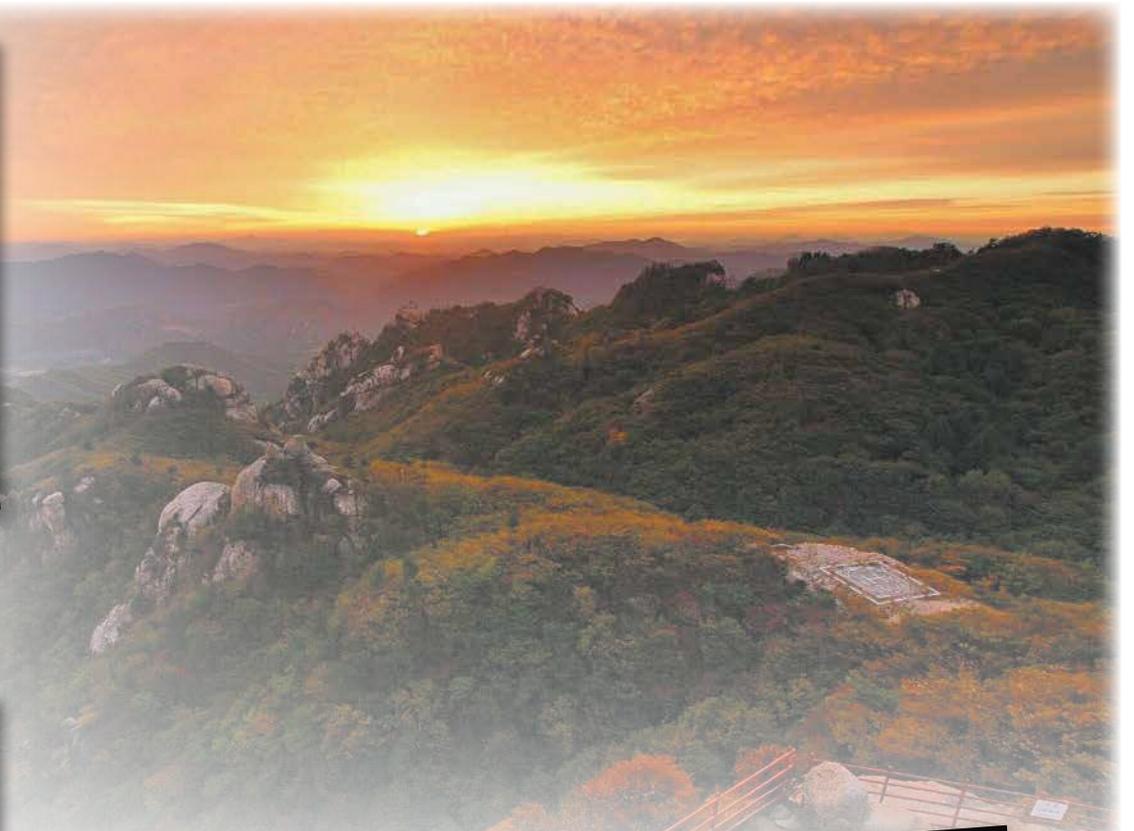
Odaesan National Park **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Oct. 1 - Oct. 14**

Known for its beautiful thick forest of fir trees, Odaesan National Park was used as a location of the hit Korean drama, "Goblin," starring by Gong Yoo and Kim Go-eun. The nearby Woljeongsa Buddhist Temple, located in the valley east of Mount Odaesan, founded in 643, is another stunning site to take in the autumn foliage.



Daedunsan Provincial Park **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Sept. 19 - Oct. 25**

A home to many different temples for you to visit, Daedunsan Provincial Park has been known for the grandiose rock peaks of Macheonda Summit. It also has lush trees filling the area along with strange rocks. Don't miss the view from a hanging bridge called Geumgang Guremdari!



Songnisan National Park **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Oct. 15 - Oct. 30**

Songnisan National Park has deep valleys and many natural monuments that attract many hikers and tourists. Upon visiting, you can find the largest temple in Korea called Beopjusa but wait that's not all! You can also find Cheongdongmireukbul which is the largest buddah statue in the world! Seoul has other great tours and festivals available for you to check out!

- **Autumn Foliage 1 day tour (Seoul <-> Vicinity)**
How to get there: bit.ly/Autumn_Foliage_Seoul_Vicinity
- **DMZ & Haneul Park Silver Grass Festival**
How to get there: bit.ly/DMZ_Haneul_Park
- **Mindungsan Mountain Silver Grass 1 day hiking tour**
How to get there: bit.ly/Mindungsan_Silver_Grass
- **Incheon 1 day tour from Seoul (Autumn Foliage tour option)**
How to get there: bit.ly/Incheon_Day_Tour

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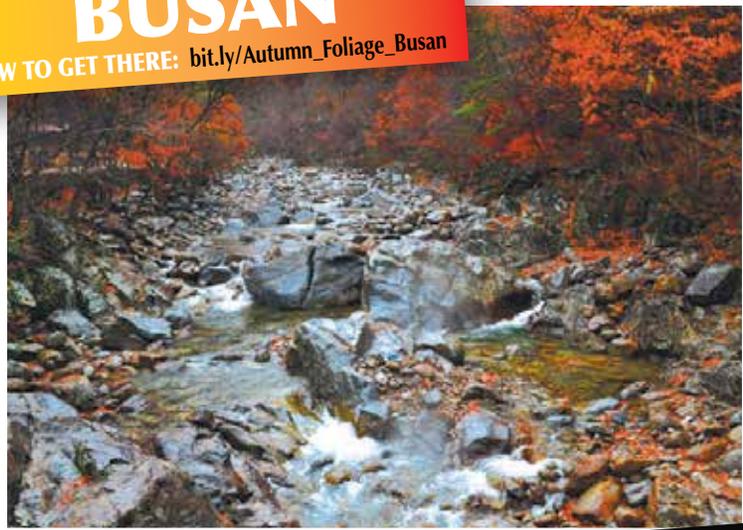


FOLLAGE: Fall for these autumn gateways

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BUSAN

HOW TO GET THERE: bit.ly/Autumn_Foliage_Busan



Jirisan National Park **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Oct. 11 - Oct. 22**

Looking for a leaf-peeping getaway from Busan? Head out to Jirisan National Park, Korea's oldest and biggest national park, home to the second tallest mountain in South Korea, Jirisan (1915m). Famous for its wild beauty and vibrant fall colors, Jirisan National Park is one of the most popular foliage destinations near Busan. The drive from Busan to Jirisan takes about two hours, which is close enough for a day trip. One of the best viewing spots in Jirisan is the Baemsagol Valley, a 9-km long valley with small streams and rock beds set against a backdrop of vibrant fall colors.



Gayasan National Park **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Oct. 14 - Oct. 27**

Gayasan stands tall with the highest peak at 1,430 meters above sea level! Gayasan is known to give you one of the best views in the country! One of the features at Gayasan is the Yongmun Falls and Hongnyudong Valley, which has 380 different species of plants and 100 species of birds and other wild animals.



Juwangsan National Park **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Oct. 28 - Nov. 1**

Juwangsan is the third largest rocky mountain in the country. Though it might be comparably smaller, that makes it a great spot to take a walk around following the trails and valleys that lead up to the waterfalls! Juwangsan National Park is an impressive tourist site due to not only its autumn foliage but also the waterfalls, caves and temples.



Palgongsan National Park **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Oct. 18 - Oct. 26**

Admire the autumn leaves on the trees lining the 16.3km-long trail that runs through Palgongsan National Park! Located in the outlier of the Taebaek Range in the southeastern part of South Korea, it attracts many tourists all around the year. Make sure to see what the big deal is about with this magnificent place.

If you are planning to visit Busan, check out the tours below for something more!

- **Autumn Foliage 1 day tour (Busan <-> Vicinity)**
How to get there: bit.ly/Autumn_Foliage_Busan_Vicinity
- **Gyeongju Autumn Foliage 1 day tour from Busan**
How to get there: bit.ly/Gyeongju_Autumn_Foliage
- **Busan Pink Muhly Habitat Fields & Gyeongju Historic Sites 1 day tour**
How to get there: bit.ly/Busan_Pink_Muhly

JEJU

HOW TO GET THERE: bit.ly/Autumn_Foliage_Jeju_Vicinity

Hallasan Mountain **BEST TIME TO VISIT: Oct. 15 - Oct. 30**

One of the must-visit places, Jeju Island also has a beautiful Autumn foliage destination as well! Hallasan Mountain has majestic cliffs, steep slopes, interesting rock formation and more! The hiking trails around the Hallasan Mountain is also a great place to visit if you are in Jeju Island!



Yeomirang guest house



Gunsan is a trip back to the Japanese colonia

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Night stroll in Jangmi-dong

If you're stationed at Kunsan Air Base, you may have noticed that only 30 minutes from the gate you'll find interesting buildings that look a little different from those around the peninsula. As Korea has removed signs and buildings from the Japanese colonial rule (1910-1945), Kunsan (or Gunsan, it's official name) has preserved some of these symbols of the past.

Some of Gunsan's colonial buildings are now museums or guest houses, which draw in young people who want a closer look at these interesting sites. Gunsan's renaissance-style city center is great spot for strolling and exploring. kim.chihon@stripes.com

Check it out

On a late Friday evening, I headed straight to the harbor near my guest house. Some of museums in the area offer free evening admission, so I enjoyed checking out the exhibits and the sights in Jangmi-dong District.

I recommend visiting the Japanese-style store on the 3rd floor of the Modern History Museum. The life and customs of Korean families are highlighted inside. The faded flyers written in Japanese and old Japanese songs brought the replica homes and buildings to life.

Located a couple of doors down from the Modern History Museum, the Modern Architecture Museum (old bank of Joseon) has a display of the commode used by a Japanese great landlord. Ironically, this was the most extravagant and luxurious toilet that I have ever seen and was an eyeopener when compared to the facilities of Korean farmers during the Japanese colonial period.

Behind the old Joseon

bank, there were five or six food trucks offering a wide variety of options - from sweet waffles to steak - catering to the young crowd. I chose Doncrush, a food truck serving up the popular kimbap, or Korean sushi roll. I picked a pork belly kimbap made of lettuce, radish slices, and green onion (4,000 won or \$3.35) for my dinner. The outdoor venue was even showing a Korean film on a screen

for free. Dinner and a movie! Signs of Japan's former rule were also apparent on the water. Floating platforms used as piers to load rice are now lit up with colorful LED lights. With the nice early fall weather and night scene, the stroll was a great way to relax and end the night.



Food trucks



Kimbap



Street art mural



Lera



Old Japanese 18th Bank Gunsan branch

Hirotsu House: Japanese-style house of Sinheung-dong

In the 1930s, Gunsan was called “the Japanese city” because more than half of the population was Japanese. The city’s Shinheung-dong neighborhood was where the most affluent Japanese lived. Today, the House of Hirotsu still stands and is the most famous home in the area.

The home is known for the beautiful Japanese-style gardens on its grounds. Hirotsu, a wealthy merchant the home is named after, owned the house and ran the grain shop. This two-story home was constructed in a unique mix of architectural styles from old Japan’s Heian and Shogun eras and has six rooms and a living room.

What’s unique is that the Japanese-style building

is equipped with Ondol, a Korean heating system that heats the floor. Despite its designation as a registered cultural asset, there is no English info and its interior is also no longer open to the public.

ADDRESS: 17 Guyeong 1(il)-gil, Sinheung-dong, Gunsan
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
CONTACT INFORMATION: 1330 Travel Hot
LINE: +82-2-1330

Either way, the gardens, complete with artificial ponds and stone pagodas, are worth a visit.

Nearby is Yeomilang Guest House, a new structure modeled after Japanese 1930s architecture. The Yeomilang has a garden which is open to the public with free admission and makes for a nice stop for cup of tea in nice surroundings. Check out any of the numerous neighboring teahouses for a cup of Korean tea.



Kunsan modern history museum



Floating platforms



Hirotsu house

Take a trip down memory lane
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Wibongham Ship

Take a trip down memory lane

Early the next morning, I headed to the Jinpo Maritime Theme Park, very close to the museums I visited the night before. The only reason I visited the park was to see the retired Wibong warship (LST-676) on display at the park, which is the same model as the landing ship (LST-678) I worked on while I served in the Korean Navy. I still remember when my fellow sailors and I were dispatched to the Wibong for about a week when our ships were at anchor to avoid a typhoon in 2003.

the warship, just as I did as a sailor, but unfortunately, all the doors to the deck were locked. My trip down memory lane was foiled.

As I walked out of the park, I noticed a greyish rice storage building next to the old railroad tracks. Gunsan, adjacent to the fertile rice fields, which, coincidentally is the only place to see the horizon in Korea, was once the key port for export of the rice to Japan. The open field and storage building near the harbor were always filled with piles of rice sacks during Japan's occupation. Locals now preserve this area as a symbol of the exploitation of rice.

JINPO MARITIME THEME PARK
ADDRESS: 32 Naehang 2-gil, Jangmi-dong, Gunsan
WIBONG WARSHIP ADMISSION: 1000won
OPERATION HOURS: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AUCTION 196
ADDRESS: 196 Haemang-ro, Jangmi-dong, Gunsan
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OPERATION HOURS: 1-9 p.m.

Even though parts of the ship were converted into showrooms, the berthing area, bathrooms and mess decks remained remarkably in their original condition. I wanted to take a short break on a shady deck under the big gun of

If you interested in antiques, visit AUCTION 196, a shop located right next to the rice storage building. The antique shop holds an auction every Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p.m. Anyone can attend and buy unique items.

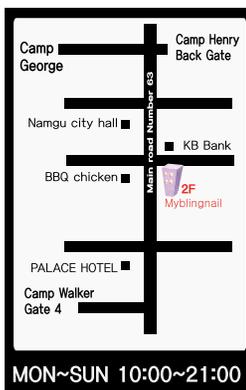


Dongguksa Temple

More than 500 Japanese temples were built across the country during Japanese rule, but, surprisingly, only Dongguksa Temple remains in its original condition. When I stepped into the temple, I saw a magnificent main hall with a roof shaped like a helmet of samurai. The temple with its Edo period architecture is only about 100 years old and the layout is fairly simple.

This temple did not have any Dancheong, a traditional Korean pattern used in wooden buildings. The condition of preservation was so good that I felt as if I was visiting a temple in Japan. The contrast between the white walls and black frame along with the surrounding grounds made for an unforgettable sight. You can also take a walk in a bamboo grove behind the temple.

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Girinseoung (restaurant)

A 10-minute walk from Dongguksa Temple, Jilin-seong restaurant specializes in spicy jajangmyeon and jajang bob. Jajangmyeon (or jjajangmyeon) is a very popular Korean-style Chinese noodle dish topped with a thick black sauce made of boiled beans, diced pork and veggies. And jajang bob is a rice dish that comes with the same black sauce. Girinseoung also serves up a different pepper jajangmyeon, which is the traditional rice with black sauce but with a big, green hot pepper.



When it comes to spicy food, I always think that I can handle it without a problem. Their pepper jajangbob rice (9,000 won), however, was way too spicy! My mouth and lips were on FIRE! The hot

pepper flavor was overpowering, and I couldn't taste anything else. I barely finished my plate of food, and I saw many of visitors unable to finish their spicy noodles or spicy rice dishes. If you think you can handle it, Girinseoung is the place for you!

They don't accept customers when they run out of ingredients. I was the last customer of the day. So, if you want to try this crazy spicy food, I recommend you get there as early as you can.

At other restaurants in the area and around the peninsula, you will also find a variation of this dish called samsun jajangmyeon. Noodles in black sauce with a lot of seafood and a little bit of pork make up the meal, making it perfect for seafood lovers.

Okay, but is it Gunsan or Kunsan?

In the past, maps were labeled Gunsan as Kunsan, in the same manner that Busan was marked down as Pusan using the McCune-Reischauer system. Kunsan was changed to Gunsan after the romanization was revised. According to the National Institute of Korean Language, "Gunsan" is a standard notation Korea and all the public offices across the country are following the current romanization. The U.S. military still calls the city outside the gate Kunsan, so it matches up with the its air base's name.

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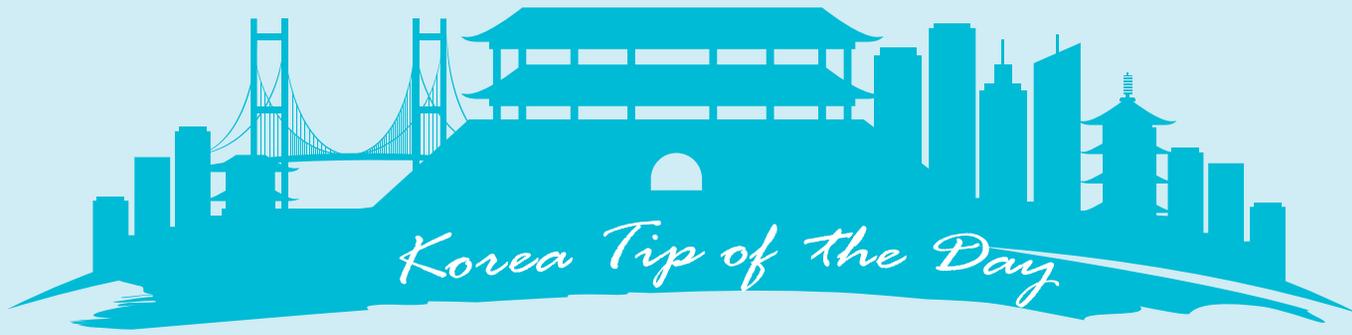
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How to handle a car accident in Korea

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A car accident can happen anytime, anywhere and it happens to even the most careful of drivers. After a collision, you may be scared or confused, so this tip can help you to ensure your safety and protect your rights.

So, you're in a fender bender, what now? Turn on your hazards, just like you would in the States. If possible, move your car over to the shoulder. Traffic experts also recommend opening the trunk once in a safe place as another way to warn drivers behind you. And, don't forget to bring out those emergency triangles – those are mandatory!

Up until about two years ago, there were strict laws about the distance from the accident and where to place the triangles. To avoid secondary accidents, the rules were changed in 2017 allowing

for drivers to place the triangles at the distance where they will not compromise their safety. You can also use emergency flares to warn other drivers to steer clear of the accident.

After you have taken all these necessary steps, vacate the vehicle and stand behind the guardrail. Then call the police by dialing 112 or emergency service at 119. You also need to call the military police so they can conduct their own investigation as well assist you as needed.

Don't forget to notify your insurance provider and do not speak to the other driver's insurance company until you have spoken to your own.

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rest of the population illiterate. Seeking to eradicate illiteracy amongst common Koreans, King Sejong launched his ambitious project. Hangul's original name was "Hunminjeongeum," which translates to "a set of proper sounds for the education of the entire nation."

Despite his good intentions, King Sejong's Hangul faced strong opposition with subjects and scholars fiercely debating its creation.

The simple writing system, they feared, would lead to the loss of aristocratic privilege and power. It was considered a danger by the noble class and dismissed as the letters of women and children. The opposition by the aristocracy against the new writing system continued after King Sejong's death, which hindered the widespread use of the alphabet for a long time.

It was not until 450 years after its creation that Hangul was finally designated as the official writing system of Korea. However, hangul would suffer another obstacle during colonial rule when Japanese would become the official language on the peninsula. In the 1940s,

learning hangul and media in hangul was banned, which even led to the incarceration of Korean linguists.

Like the darkest hour is just before the dawn, Hangul Day was designated an official holiday in 1949 following liberation from Japanese rule after the end of the World War II.

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Did you know?
The 14 consonants in Hangul are made to represent how your oral cavity is shaped as you voice them.

Celebrating Hangul Day

There are no large celebrations during Hangul Day, instead many Koreans usually enjoy the day off. Some people may also go on a short outing with friends and family. When Hangul Day approaches, news reporters crank out many stories on the corruption of Hangul by the rise in use of foreign words.

The concern is the overuse of English and often its use mixed improperly with Korean. You'll find examples of this everywhere in the country, from schools to government offices. I've seen many Hangul slogans and festival names aimed at locals written, unnecessarily, in the way English sounds.

In this era of globalization, linguistic purism should be avoided, but for elderly locals unfamiliar with English, the slogans and festival names are difficult to understand.

Hangul Day is a day to remind Koreans of the misuse of foreign words and of the humble beginnings of Hangul to encourage literacy among the masses.

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I Doll Look

I Doll Look specialize in selling clothing for idol dolls. Since opening its first store in Hongdae in February 2018, it has expanded to a branch in Seomyeon, Busan as well as an online store. Various clothes and accessories designed for 15 and 20 centimeter-sized dolls are available for purchase such as outfits, hats, bandanas, sunglasses, masks, shoes and more. The styling corner can help you dress your doll to the nines with looks such as all-in-one, a coordinated look from head to toe, or the weekly look. Photo zones throughout the store make it possible for you to dress up your doll and take cute photos to your heart's desire. Unfortunately, dolls are not available for sale at I Doll Look.



ADDRESS: 74, Hongik-ro 6-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
DIRECTIONS: Walk approx. 5 min from Hongik Univ. Station (Seoul Subway Line 2), Exit 2
OPERATING HOURS: 11:00-21:00
INQUIRIES: +82-70-7721-6065 (Korean only)
WEBSITE: www.idolllook.co.kr (Korean only)

Palette

Palette, on the basement floor of the Lotte Department Store Young Plaza in Myeong-dong, welcomes visitors to a new world of K-pop. This K-pop cultural space offers all the needs of a K-pop fanatic from music, digital movies and photos, objet, exhibitions, to live social media broadcasting and interviews. It's easy to lose track of time roaming around this large store full of idol related items; the most popular section is the Curating Goods Shop. Goods categorized by artists as well as Palette-exclusive goods, artist curation goods, brand collaboration items and more can be found here. To add to the excitement, the store offers interactive experience programs such as the Interactive Artist Wall, where you can write customized text above your favorite artist's photo that animates to the movement of the surroundings.



ADDRESS: B1F, 67, Namdaemun-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul
DIRECTIONS: Walk approx. 5 min from Euljiro 1(il)-ga Station (Seoul Subway Line 2), Exit 7
OPERATING HOURS: 11:30-21:30, closed days vary by Lotte Department Store

SMTOWN COEX Artium

If you are a fan of SM entertainment, this is a must-visit attraction. Located next to Starfield COEX Mall, SMTOWN in COEX Artium is a cultural art space dedicated to SM Entertainment artists. From Welcome Stage on the first floor to the gift shop, museum, café, VR Experience Hall and more, this six-floor building is full of things to see and do. Be sure to stop by for a souvenir at the gift shop on the second floor, which is always full with visitors looking for goods of their favorite artists such as EXO, Red Velvet, Sulli and more. The museum on the third floor is also worth a look as you can see and touch outfits and prized possessions of SM artists, an experience you can't find anywhere else.



ADDRESS: 513, Yeongdong-daero, Gangnam-gu, Seoul
DIRECTIONS: Walk approx. 10 min from Samseong Station (Seoul Subway Line 2), Exit 6
Operating hours: 11:00-21:00
* SMTOWN Museum 11:00-20:50 / SMTOWN Theatre hours vary by performance
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- SMTOWN Museum: Adults 18,000 won (Pre-reservation online 16,200 won)
- SMTOWN Theatre: Varies by season and performance, check the official website for more info
Inquiries: +82-1670-6330 (Korean only)
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withDRAMA

WithDRAMA, located on the main street of Sinsa-dong Garosu-gil Road, is a must-stop shop for many foreigners. Located on the second floor of Lotte El Cube, a world of idol goods opens up with CDs, cheer sticks, figurines, artist signatures and more. The most popular items in the store are the goods of TWICE and DAY 6. With two off-line stores at Lotte El Cube Garosu-gil Branch and Yongsan I-Park Mall Living Park, be sure to take home some of your favorite artists' goods.

ADDRESS: 2F, 22, Apgujeong-ro 12-gil, Gangnam-gu, Seoul
DIRECTIONS: Walk approx. 15 min from Sinsa Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 8
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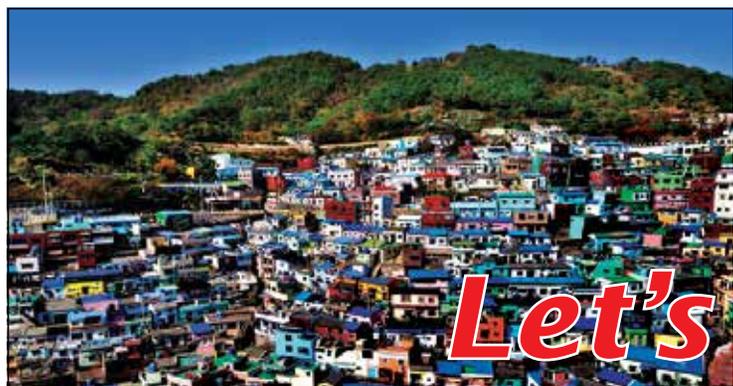
SP-Factory

Located in Hongdae, SP-Factory specializes in EXO dolls and related clothing and accessories. With clothes fitted for 15 and 20 centimeter-sized dolls, various minimal but unique concept clothing can be found. From leather pants and rider's jackets to suspender pants, earrings, and ribbons, you can dress up your EXO doll in your favorite costume. If you want to dress your doll in a traditional Korean style, choices of hanbok sets and accessories are also available. Visitors can save money by shopping during seasonal discount events. For all inquiries, sending a direct message using Instagram or Twitter is recommended as there is no phone within the store.



ADDRESS: 6F, 31, Wausan-ro 21-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul
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Hoengseong Hanu Festival



DATE: Until Oct. 6
LOCATION: Areas around Seomgang River in Hoengseong-eup

INTRODUCTION:
 Every year, a hanu (Korean cattle) festival takes place in Hoengseong county, where the climate and the environment are said to be perfect for raising cattle. The festival attracts a large number of people, who come to try Hoengseong hanu beef at affordable prices as well as deodeok (mountain bellflower), another specialty of Hoengseong. In addition to food sampling, the festival holds diverse agricultural experience programs.

TRANSPORTATION:
Express/Intercity Bus
 Take an express bus to Wonju Intercity Bus Terminal. Upon exiting the terminal, take Bus 2 bound for Hoengseong. Get off at Hoengseong Chukhyeop 4-way Intersection.
HOME PAGE
www.happyhanwoofestival.com (Korean only)

Gangneung Coffee Festival



DATE: Until Oct. 6
LOCATION: Gangneung Green City Experience Center e-zen

INTRODUCTION:
 The Gangneung Coffee Festival held its first event in 2009 as part of a project in making Gangneung a city of coffee. The festival celebrates the emerging coffee culture of Gangneung-si, which in recent years has welcomed in famous coffee chains and artisan coffee shops. The festival celebrates the scenic city's past and present culture with a variety of coffee-related events such as exhibitions, photo exhibitions, coffee-making and coffee bean-roasting experience programs. Coffee entrepreneurs can also sign up for on-site seminars about the coffee industry.

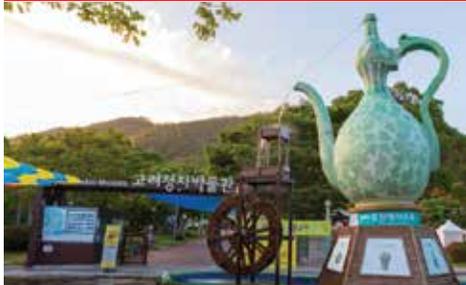
TRANSPORTATION:
 ■ To Gangneunghang Port
 1) From the Gangneung Intercity / Express Bus Terminal, take Bus 221. Get off at Anmok (the last stop) and walk to the festival grounds (10-min walk).
 2) From Gangneung Station, take Bus 223 to Anmok (the last stop).

Taxi
 Take a taxi from Gangneung Bus Terminal to Gangneunghang Port (20min).
HOME PAGE: www.coffeefestival.net (Korean only)



HAPPENINGS OFF BASE FESTIVALS

Gangjin Celadon Festival

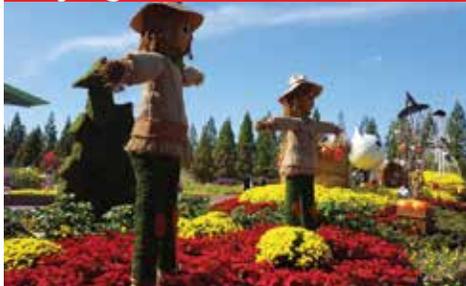


DATE: Until Oct. 9
LOCATION: Areas of Gangjin Goryeo Celadon Kiln Site, Daegu-myeon, Gangjin-gun

INTRODUCTION:
 Gangjin is thought to be a must-visit place for exploring the southern provinces as it houses varied historical cultural assets. Gangjin Celadon Festival offers diverse firsthand experience related to Gangjin area. Gangjin County operates an exhibition and sales hall of celadon and holds a giveaway event to promote the excellence of Goryeo celadon and activate the sale of celadon. The festival was chosen as one of the best festivals in Korea by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

TRANSPORTATION:
Bus
 Take a bus from Seoul Nambu Terminal to Gangjin Bus Terminal. From Gangjin Bus Terminal, take a local bus bound for Goryeo Celadon Porcelain Kiln.
Taxi
 Approx. 20 min from Gangjin Bus Terminal
HOME PAGE
www.gangjin.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Goyang Autumn Flower Festival



DATE: Until Oct. 13
LOCATION: Goyang Ilsan Lake Park
INTRODUCTION:
 With autumn flowers peaking in the garden and flower art work in the indoor exhibition hall, visitors can take in the autumn feeling to the fullest with various performances, flower market and traditional experiences.

TRANSPORTATION:
Subway
 Jeongbalsan Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 2. Walk for approx. 5 min to arrive at Ilsan Lake Park.
Bus
 ■ Get off at Lake Park Bus Stop. - Bus No. 33, 88A
 ■ Get off at Lake Park Management Office Bus Stop.

- Intercity Bus No. 3000
 - Airport Bus No. 7300, 7400
HOME PAGE: www.flower.or.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Anmyeondo Beach Shrimp Festival



DATE: Until Oct. 13
LOCATION: Baeksajang Port, Changgi-ri, Anmyeon-eup, Taean-gun

INTRODUCTION:
 Anmyeondo Beach Shrimp Festival is held in Anmyeondo Port, an area home to wild tiger prawns. Tourists and residents can enjoy various programs like the opening ceremony, celebrating performance, fireworks, and hands-on programs including shrimp-catching, mudflat exploration, and tourists' talent contests as well.

TRANSPORTATION:
Bus
 From Seoul Express Bus Terminal or Nambu Bus Terminal, take a bus to Taean. From Taean Bus Terminal, take a bus to Anmyeon-eup.
HOME PAGE: www.taean.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Seoul International Dance Festival



DATE: Until Oct. 20
LOCATION: Seoul Arts Center CJ Towel Theater, Sogang University Mary Hall Grand Theater, CKL Stage, Korea Cultural House KOUS

INTRODUCTION:
 SIDance (Seoul International Dance Festival) is a regular international festival, hosted by Seoul Section of CID-UNESCO (president: LEE Jong-Ho). It is made through close tie and collaboration with government organs such as Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Seoul City, and Seoul Foundation for Arts and Culture, as well as foreign governments and embassy of each country stationed in Korea. After elected as the executive director AAPAF (Association of Asian Performing Arts Festival) in 2004 and as co-president in 2006, it now represents Korean art scene, positioning as a representative performance art festival in Asia. By doing so, SIDance aims to

foster exchange between dancers and performances, organizes co-production and tour and performs perfectly as a leading entity of cultural exchange. Moreover, by collaborating with international performance art festivals, such as Mexico Festival International Cervantino, France Festival Montpellier Dance, Singapore Arts Festival, etc., it is also taking the role of spreading out the excellence of Korean performance art throughout the world.

TRANSPORTATION:
Bus
 Seoul Arts Center
 1. Nambu Bus Terminal Station (Subway Line 3), Exit 5. Take the shuttle bus or Bus No. 4429 to Seoul Arts Center.
 2. Seocho Station (Subway Line 2), Exit 3. Take Bus No. 11 to Seoul Arts Center.
 3. Yangjae Station (Subway Line 3), Exit 1. Take Bus No. 17 to Seoul Arts Center.
Subway
 Sogang University Mary Hall
 Sinchon Station (Subway Line 2), Exit 6. Walk about 5-min to Sogang University.
HOME PAGE: www.sidance.org (Korean, English)

Mindungsan Eulalia Festival



DATE: Until Nov. 10
LOCATION: Mindungsan Mountain area, Jeongseon-gun, Gangwon-do

INTRODUCTION:
 The Mindungsan Eulalia Festival takes place in the Mindungsan Mountain area. Some of the events held include weekend mountain climbing, talent contests, Arirang singing contests, eulalia music concerts, a Mindungsan Gate ball competition and eulalia photo exhibition. Hands-on programs at the festival include a local food program, post card sending, mountain horseback riding and much more.

TRANSPORTATION:
Train
 - Take a train from Cheongnyangni Station to Mindungsan Station (Mugunghwa Line).
 - Exit Mindungsan Station and follow Mureung1-ro Street for about 1.5 km (or take a cab) to reach Jeungsan Elementary School where the trail going up to the mountain starts.

Bus
 ■ From Dong Seoul Bus Terminal, take an intercity bus heading to Jeungsan.
 ■ From the bus stop, follow Mureung1-ro Street for about 1.5 km (or take a cab) to reach Jeungsan Elementary School where the trail going up to the mountain starts.
HOME PAGE: www.jeongseon.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Jarasum International Jazz Festival



DATE: Oct. 4 - Oct. 6

LOCATION: Area of Jaraseom Island in Gapyeong

INTRODUCTION:

The Jarasum International Jazz Festival is held every October on the beautiful Jaraseom Island in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do. During the festival, world-famous jazz artists come together to delight audiences with the smooth vibes of live jazz.

As a Green Life Honorary Ambassador, the festival is also passionate about environmental protection. In order to share the external growth with the community, the festival holds Gapyeong Band Contest, publishes Gapyeong Restaurant Guidebook, and produces Jazz Makgeolli and Jazz Wine made from the region's products.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus

Take an intercity bus to Gapyeong. - It is a 10 min walk from Gapyeong Intercity Bus Terminal.

Train

Gapyeong Station (Gyeongchun Line). - It is a 15 min walk from Gapyeong Station.

HOMEPAGE: www.jarasumjazz.com (Korean, English)

Station.

HOMEPAGE: jieaf.com (Korean, English)

Itaewon Global Village Festival



DATE: Oct. 12 - Oct. 13

LOCATION: Itaewon Special Tourist Zone

INTRODUCTION:

The Itaewon Global Village Festival, held every fall, brings together a fun mix of Korean traditions and foreign cultures and stands out as one of the most internationally diverse celebrations of Seoul. It is indeed a fantastic multicultural event where people learn about and experience different cultures. A range of events take place during the festival beginning with an opening ceremony, K pop performances, and traditional dance from home and abroad as well as the Global Food Festival which runs throughout the weekend.

TRANSPORTATION:

Subway

Itaewon Station or Noksapyeong Station (Seoul Subway Line 6).

HOMEPAGE: www.itaewon.or.kr (Korean only)

Sanjeonghosu Lake · Myeongseonsan Mountain Eulalia Festival



DATE: Oct. 12 - Oct. 27

LOCATION: Sanjeonghosu Lake area

INTRODUCTION:

Sanjeonghosu Lake · Myeongseonsan Mountain Eulalia Festival is held in the area of Sanjeonghosu Lake. Programs include the opening ceremony with performances from famous artists as well as events, cooking competitions, hands-on programs, exhibitions, sales booth and many more.

TRANSPORTATION:

Taxi

Approx. 35 min from Pocheon Intercity Bus Terminal.

HOMEPAGE: www.pocheon.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Naganeupseong Folk Culture Festival



DATE: Oct. 18 - Oct. 20

LOCATION: Naganeupseong Fortress area

INTRODUCTION:

Naganeupseong Folk Culture Festival is held in Naganeupseong Folk Village, Historic Site No. 302, featuring various programs that allow visitors to experience traditional folk food, gugak performances, circus acts and many more. There will also be historical events such as Baekjungnori (polk play), a recreation of the fortress construction, a horseback parade, and many other events.

TRANSPORTATION:

Express/Intercity Bus

From Central City Bus Terminal, take an express bus bound for Suncheon Bus Terminal.

Local Bus

Take a bus bound for Naganeupseong Fortress.

Taxi

Approx. 20 min from Suncheon Bus Terminal or Suncheon Station

HOMEPAGE: www.suncheon.go.kr/nagan (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Grand Chrysanthemum Festival



DATE: Oct. 18 - Nov. 3

LOCATION: Hampyeong Expo Park

INTRODUCTION:

Grand Chrysanthemum Festival started in the autumn of 2004. Various chrysanthemum art pieces create a

beautiful autumn ambience while the festival grounds are filled with diverse programs.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus

From Seoul Central City Terminal, take a bus to Hampyeong Bus Terminal. From Hampyeong Terminal, it is a 10min-walk to the festival venue (Expo Park).

Train

From Yongsan Station, take a train to Hampyeong Station.

- Take Bus 100 or a taxi to the festival venue.

HOMEPAGE: www.hampyeong.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Masan Gagopa Chrysanthemum Festival



DATE: Oct. 26 - Nov. 10

LOCATION: Masan Fishery Market (In front of Jangeo-geori) / Areas of Cheong-dong and Odong-dong

INTRODUCTION:

Since its inception in 1960, chrysanthemum farming in Changwon (Masan) has proliferated, accounting for 13% of chrysanthemum farming nationwide. Masan has suitable requirements for soil, warm temperature, and cutting-edge technology for growing chrysanthemums. Masan Gagopa Chrysanthemum Festival has been held since 2000 to promote the excellence of Masan's chrysanthemums and enhance the market.

TRANSPORTATION:

Local Bus

Take Bus 703 from Masan Express Bus Terminal and get off at Jeil Girls' High School.

Cross the street, and walk 250m towards the harbor.

HOMEPAGE: www.changwon.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

NOTE: Festival dates and info subject to change.

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Jeju International Experimental Arts Festival



DATE: Oct.9 - Oct. 20

LOCATION: Jeju Tamnara Republic, Seogwipo Cultural Battery Station, Hyeopjae Beach, Chuidaseon Resort, Hongik Jeju Hotel

INTRODUCTION:

Jeju International Experimental Art Festival (JIEAF) is an annual festival that hosts exhibitions, performances, and art forums at various locations on Jeju Island. As the only international experimental art festival in Korea, the festival attracts both international and domestic artists who wish to release their creative energy and ideas in forms of experimental performances and artworks.

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Off Route Fest 2019

Seoul, Oct. 5 & 6, Nanji Han River Park, 99,000 won (1-day Entrance Ticket), 149,000 won (2-day Entrance Ticket).

2019 Cjangwon K-POP World Festival

Seoul, Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Changwon Stadium, 100,000 won.

Grand Mint Festival 2019

Seoul, Oct. 19 & 20, noon, Olympic Park, 99,000 won (1-day Pass), 158,000 won (2-day Pass).



Concerts

Jeon Dong Seok

Seoul, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., Oct. 5, 6 p.m., Blue Square IMarket Hall, 88,000-99,000 won.

Hwang Chi Yeul

Jeju, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., Oct. 6, 4 p.m., Jeju Int'l Convention Center Tamna Hall, 99,000-121,000-143,000 won.

Kim Na Young

Seoul, Oct. 5, 6 p.m., Oct. 6, 5 p.m., White Waves Art Center White Hall, 88,000-99,000 won.

Lee Seung Chul

Gyeonggi-do, Oct. 5, 6 p.m., Goyang Aram Nuri Arts Center, Aram Operahouse; Cheonan, Oct. 12, 6 p.m., Cheonan Arts Center; Jeonju, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., Sori Arts Center of Jeollabuk-do, 66,000-88,000-110,000-143,000 won.

AB6IX

Seoul, Oct. 7, 8 p.m., Kyung-Hee University Grand Peace Palace, 22,000 won.

Seo Kang Jun

Seoul, Oct. 12, 6 p.m., Universal Arts Center, 44,000 won.

Show Me The Money 8 Concert

Busan, Oct. 19, 3 p.m., Busan KBS Hall, 88,000 won.

Shin Hye Sung

Seoul, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., Oct. 20, 5 p.m., Kyung-Hee University Grand Peace Palace, 77,000-121,000-143,000 won.

Um Yu Min Pub

Seoul, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., Oct. 27, 3 p.m., Sejong University DeaYang Hall, 90,000-120,000-140,000 won.

BTS

Seoul, Oct. 26, 27 & 29, 6:30 p.m., Jamsil Olympic Stadium, 110,000 won.

Rachael Yamagata

Seoul, Oct. 27, 6 p.m., YES24 LIVE HALL, 99,000-110,000 won.



Sekai No Owari

Seoul, Nov. 2, 6 p.m., Olympic Park Olympic Hall, 99,000-110,000 won.

New Hope Club

Seoul, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., YES24 LIVE HALL, 77,000 won.

Generation Axe

Seoul, Nov. 23, 6 p.m., YES24 LIVE HALL, 110,000-132,000 won.



Kazumi Tateishi Trio

Gwangju, Dec. 7, 5 p.m., Gwangju National Center for Culture Arts Theater 2, 55,000-66,000 won; Cheongju, Dec. 8, 5 p.m., Cheongju Art Hall, 44,000-55,000-66,000 won; Suwon, Dec. 13, 8 p.m., Gyeonggi

Arts Center, Small Performance Hall, 55,000-66,000 won; Seoul, Dec. 14 & 15, 5 p.m., Mapo Arts Center Art Hall MAC, 44,000-55,000-66,000 won; Seoul, Dec. 18, 8 p.m., Seoul Arts Center - IBK Chamber Hall, 44,000-55,000-66,000 won; Incheon, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., Bupyeong Arts Center, The Grand Theater, 44,000-55,000-66,000 won; Busan, Dec. 22, 3 & 7 p.m., Haeundae Cultural Center Maritime Hall, 55,000-66,000 won.



Bon Iver

Seoul, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., YES24 LIVE HALL, 111,000 won.

Queen + Adam Lambert

Seoul, Jan. 18, 7 p.m., Jan. 19, 6 p.m., Gocheok Sky Dome, 110,000-121,000-154,000-176,000-187,000 won.

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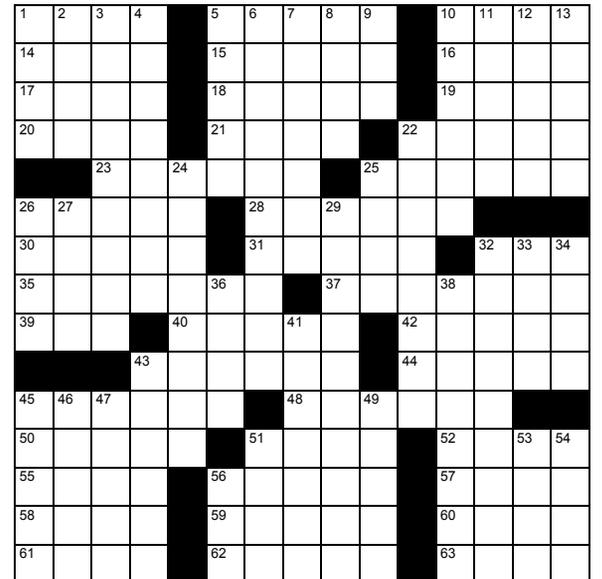
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Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Sidewinder sound
- Smart-mouthed
- Lends a hand
- Social starter
- "The Republic" writer
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Kind of mark
- Bold poker bet
- Stick up for
- Funeral pile
- Figure skater Johnny
- Cuban dance
- Periphery
- than-life
- Element no. 5
- Demand
- Jennifer Garner series
- Trip planner's aid
- Dandy dresser
- Secure with straps
- Pizzeria herb
- Lawn starter
- Colorful parrot
- Done to death
- The Louvre, e.g.
- Gypsy's deck
- Secure
- Temporary teacher
- Full of chutzpah
- Novelist Mae Brown
- Bit of rain
- Cheat
- Biblical length
- Like some beds
- Slender musical instrument
- Assign
- States further
- Take care of
- Bopper lead-in
- For fear that



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|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Pitch-black | 36 Diluted art medium | 47 Prey grabber |
| 3 Cooked in a wok | 38 Type of seizure | 49 Like some remarks |
| 4 Detour route, often | 41 Within earshot | 51 Ann of true crime |
| 5 Breed, as salmon | 43 Like the Lone Ranger | 53 Racetrack figures |
| 6 Loyalty | 45 Brothers' keeper? | 54 Dennis, to Mr. Wilson |
| 7 Most noticeable | 46 "Survivor" team | 56 Alley prowler |
| 8 Awaken | | |
| 9 "Silent Night" adjective | | |

Answers to Previous Crossword:

G	O	A	T	A	R	G	O	S	C	A	L	D		
R	U	B	Y	N	O	U	N	P	O	L	I	O		
A	T	O	P	T	O	Y	S	A	N	G	S	T		
N	E	M	E	S	I	S	L	A	C	T	A	T	E	
T	R	I	S	E	C	T	A	L	E	E				
				N	E	W	S	D	U	O	N	A	P	A
S	P	A	T	E	S	I	G	N	T	B	A	R		
O	R	B		R	O	U	G	H	E	N	L	I	T	
D	O	L	E	W	R	I	T	O	M	E	N	S		
A	P	E	X	N	E	T	P	R	O	S				
				P	O	E	T	A	R	M	L	E	S	S
C	A	T	A	R	R	H	M	I	S	D	A	T	E	
A	M	E	N	D	I	B	I	S	O	M	A	N		
S	E	N	S	E	N	O	G	O	V	E	I	N		
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팔 (arm)

Language Lesson

No.

Aniyo.

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy

Edited by Margie E. Burke

7	5	3		8				
	9	2	7					
		6			9			
9	6							
3				8				1
			9	5		7		
			2		7		1	
	1					2		7
					9			4

HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Previous Sudoku:

1	5	7	6	4	8	3	2	9
8	3	2	1	5	9	6	7	4
9	6	4	2	7	3	5	8	1
3	7	9	5	8	2	4	1	6
5	2	1	7	6	4	8	9	3
6	4	8	3	9	1	7	5	2
7	1	3	8	2	6	9	4	5
4	8	6	9	1	5	2	3	7
2	9	5	4	3	7	1	6	8

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