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*Korea Tip of the Day*

**Using proper pet-iquette**

BY HYEMIN LEE, STRIPES KOREA

If you decide to bring a pet to or adopt one in Korea, it's important to be aware of essential etiquette and legal regulations regarding pet ownership. Some violations can result in fines. As the population of those raising a pet is increasing, the rules are getting a little stricter. Here are some things to know so you and your furry friend can enjoy your time on the Peninsula.

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**Things to know**

- All pets must be registered to a local office. SOFA status personnel are required to follow base rules.
- When outside, you must use a leash or a pet carrier. Violation of this rule may result in a fine between 200,000 won to 500,000 won. The leash should not exceed 2 meters in length, and the pet carrier must have a lock to prevent escape.
- When outside, be prepared with waste bags and tissues to clean up after your dog. A failure to follow the regulation can result in a 500,000 won fine.
- In multi-unit housing, apartment houses, studio flat and dorms, pets must be on a leash or in a pet carrier.
- Since local housing is mostly apartment-style living, you'll notice there aren't many large dogs around. Koreans are not accustomed to large breeds, so in order to avoid terrifying neighbors, use extra caution when taking your big furry buddy out.

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# When strangers decide to get married

Thirty years ago, I promised to love, honor and cherish a man I really didn't know all that well at the time.

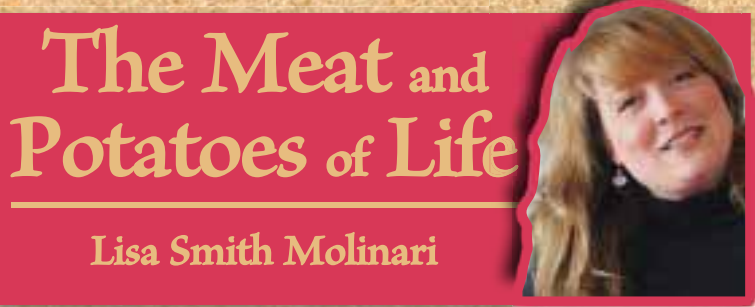
Before we committed ourselves to each other until death, Francis and I were pretty much clueless. We had no idea what kind of husband or wife we might turn out to be. As long as we were in love, we thought, nothing else mattered.

Francis grew up as the son of a neurologist in the affluent Washington, DC, suburb of Chevy Chase, Md. At weekend cocktail parties and crew regattas, his parents chatted with their friends over canapés about politics, world events and their children's prep schools. They drank bottled water before it was trendy and bought their food from overpriced grocery stores. They kept things like capers and pate in their refrigerators, and they drove imported cars.

I was brought up in a town with only one high school, where we thought everyone in the world had two days off for hunting season. To the people of my Western Pennsylvania town, Chevy Chase was a comedian on "Saturday Night Live," and it was perfectly normal to get your water from a well and your meat from the woods. Our refrigerators contained bricks of Velveeta, cans of Hershey's syrup and in the spring, trout with the heads still on. My parents' vehicles were pre-owned, and other than one Volkswagen Beetle, none were imported.

Francis grew up believing that all women throw sophisticated dinner parties at the drop of a hat, while being charming and looking fabulous in the latest styles from Lord & Taylor. He didn't realize that he'd made a lifetime commitment to someone who shops at TJ Maxx and whose idea of a party is opening a bag of Fritos and watching a Steelers game. My poor husband has had to redefine "woman" to include those who, like me, would prefer a hot poker in the eye to the obligatory social events of a Navy wife.

Similarly, I've had to adjust my definition of "man" to include those who don't own anything fluorescent orange. I've had to realize there are men who actually prefer white wine to beer, and that not all men demand space in the garage for a workbench. I've had



to come to terms with the fact that although Francis was in the Navy, he's afraid of tools, guns and knives, and shudders at the mere thought of hooking a worm, much less eating a fish with the head still on it.

I'll admit — I've felt somewhat guilty that I've never fulfilled Francis' expectations of what his wife might be. I've often wished I were more sophis-

ticated.

I've seen self-consciousness in his eyes, too, like the time I had to assemble the barbecue grill because he couldn't understand the instructions, or the time I snorkeled on a beach vacation for four hours alone while he sipped mojitos and read an Oprah's Book Club selection under an umbrella.

If we'd known back then what we know now, would we have eternally promised ourselves to each other before the altar of Graystone Presbyterian Church 30 years ago?

Without a doubt, I say "Yes."

We met while I was sitting on my family's vacation cottage deck, shucking corn. "Lisa, this is Francis," my Navy pilot brother said, "He was our intel guy in VAQ-139 out in Whidby Island." Three nights later, Francis made me laugh at dinner. A spark was lit. We danced to Guns N' Roses' "Knocking on Heaven's Door" which was strangely romantic, then walked to the beach to look at the stars.

When we started dating, the only thing we knew for certain was that neither of us was perfect, but we offered each other something that had been missing in our lives. Unconditional love and approval — intangibles that are psychological, ethereal yet powerful enough to transcend unknown personality quirks and personal histories.

Along the way, I discovered that Francis is fiercely loyal, his love for our family is deep and sincere, and even though he sometimes leaves his underwear on the floor and I contemplate escaping to Mexico to sell coconuts on the beach, he'll always make me laugh.

Read more of Lisa Smith Molinari's columns at: [themeatandpotatoesoflife.com](http://themeatandpotatoesoflife.com) and in Lisa's book, *The Meat and Potatoes of Life: My True Lit Com*  
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# PET-IQUETTE: Follow local rules

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## No-pet zones

- National parks don't allow pets to enter except service dogs.
- Many beaches may have restrictions on pet entry. Certain coastal areas like Dadohae Sea, Hallyeo Sea, and Taean Coast are designated as national parks, where pet entry is legally prohibited. Even in non-national park beaches, there may be signs prohibiting pets during the summer vacation season (July to August). If you plan to swim with your dog during the summer, it's recommended to check if the beach is pet-friendly. Some dog-friendly beaches include Ggotji Beach in Taean, Myeongsa Beach in Geoje Island, and Gwangjin Beach in Yangyang.
- Most local parks are good places to take a pet for a walk, but some parks and playground have signs prohibiting pets.
- Also, most restaurants, cafes, and many convenience facilities don't allow pet entry unless it's a service dog. So it's important to check before going to specific places with your pet.

## Restrictions regarding dangerous dog breeds

- American Pit Bull Terriers, Tosa, American Staffordshire Terriers, Rottweilers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and mixed-breed dogs with these breeds are categorized as the five dangerous dog breeds in Korea.
- For these breeds, you must use a muzzle as well as a leash when taking them outside. Violation can result in a 3,000,000 won fine.
- The following areas restrict the entry of the dangerous dogs: kindergartens, nurseries, elementary schools, special schools for disabled children, facilities for the elderly, facilities for the disabled, children's parks and children's play facilities.

## Off-leash pet playgrounds near the base

Check out these pet playgrounds near US bases where your pets can freely run and make some friends! Proof that your dog is registered is required. Please note that some of parks may restrict the entry of the five dangerous dog breeds.

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### ■ Modumaru in Agro-Ecological Park near Camp Humphreys

- **HOURS:** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov.-Feb.)  
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Mar.-Oct.)
- **ADDRESS:** 1033, Sukseok-ri, Oseong-myeon



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### ■ Ichung Leports Park near Osan Airbase

- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
(Closed on Mon. and holidays)
- **ADDRESS:** 149 Janganut-gil, Pyeongtaek-si



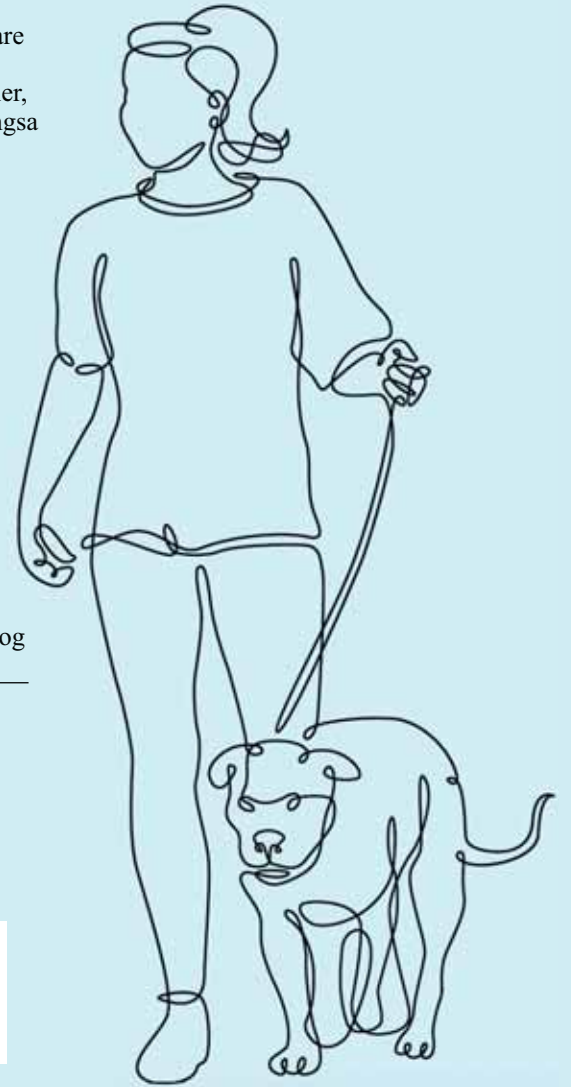
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### ■ Dongnak Park near Daegu

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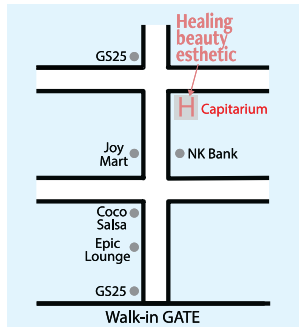
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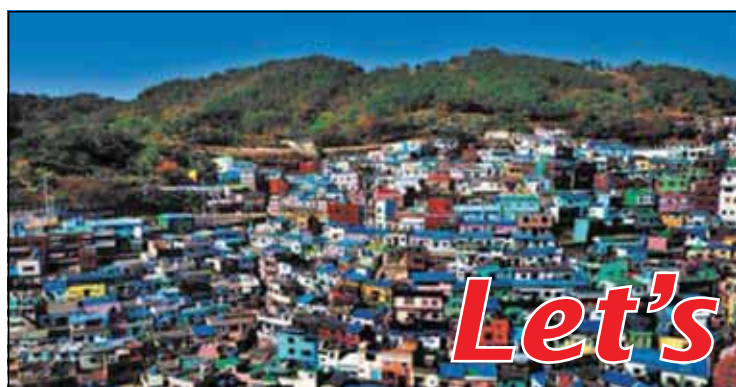
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# Family fun at Gasan Supia in Daegu

BY HYEMIN LEE,  
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**G**asan Supia is a garden theme park known for its beautiful pink muhly that bloom each fall. The park is within driving distance from the bases in Daegu and offers year-round enjoyment. Gasan Supia has many activities for the entire family, including gardens featuring a variety of flora, a craft workshop center, an art gallery and more. There's even an alpaca farm where you can see and feed the curious creatures up close.

The seasonal events at the park also make it worth visits throughout the year. In the summer, they have a swimming pool to cool off in and in the winter, spend the day sledding.

Please note that bringing outside food and pets is prohibited. There are restaurants and cafés in the garden for your convenience.  
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## Things to know

**ADDRESS:** 105, Hakhadeulan 2-gil, Gasan-myeon, Chilgok-gun

**HOURS:** 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Only paid areas are closed on Mon)

**PHONE:** 054-971-9861

**TICKETS**

■ **ADMISSION:** 8,000 won (Includes access to the themed gardens)

■ **PACKAGE PASS:** 12,000 won–15,000 won (Admission plus access to one of paid areas: art gallery, Alpaca Land, craft experiences, and the rail sled area.)

If you want to enjoy multiple areas, choose one of the package passes. Purchasing tickets through Naver can get you a 25% discount.



NAVER MAP  
TICKET



## Things to do

■ **Capturing photos with seasonal flowers**

The garden is famous for its diverse seasonal flowers and plants, including cherry blossoms in spring, sunflowers in summer, and cosmos and pink muhly in autumn. In particular, several gardens beautifully boast pink muhly grass fields, so make sure to snap photos with these beautiful backdrops.

**RECOMMENDED COURSE TO ENJOY FLOWERS:** Sky Garden, Ground Café, Summer Cypress Garden, Red Clay Garden, Pink Muhly Hill, and Sunset Hill



Garden. Photos by Gasan Supia

■ **Exploring the Dinosaur Garden**

The garden's vivid, life-sized dinosaur statues of Tyrannosaurus and Brachiosaurus never fail to amaze children. There are numerous photo spots and a sand playground where kids can enjoy excavating to find dinosaur bones and fossils hidden in the sand.



Dinosaur Garden.

■ **Playing with alpacas**

In Alpaca Land, you'll encounter these adorable creatures freely roaming the farm. It's a beloved destination by children, as they can feed and pet alpacas. Please note that there is a separate entrance fee. You can either purchase the Alpaca package pass (13,000 won) or pay an additional entrance fee (5,000 won).



Alpaca Land.

■ **Enjoy unlimited rail sledding**

You can enjoy unlimited rides on the fun rail sleds when purchasing a rail sledding package pass (15,000 won.) It's a great spot for kids. If you don't purchase the rail sledding package pass, an additional fee of 10,000 won will be required for access to the rail sledding area.

If you plan to visit Alpaca Land and the rail sledding area together, it's recommended to purchase the rail sledding package pass and pay 5,000 won for Alpaca Land separately.

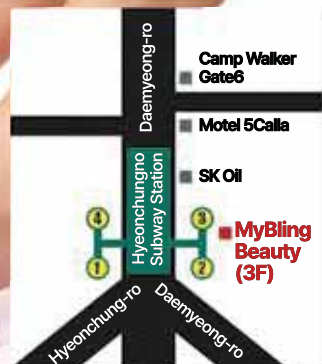


Rail sledding.

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**DIRECTIONS:** 58, Hoam-gil, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do. About an hour's drive from Pyeongtaek.

**TIMES:** The visitor center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Mondays and national holidays.

**COSTS:** No admission to walk around the temple; however, a two-day, one-night stay is 70,000 won; one-day temple-life experience is 50,000 won; traditional cooking class is 30,000 won.

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**S**udosa Temple in the countryside beyond Pyeongtaek city affords an opportunity to glimpse enlightenment in a historic setting.

Sudosa was built in A.D. 852. According to legend, a Buddhist monk named Wonhyo achieved enlightenment after a life-changing event at the temple. The tale is carved on a stone wall there.

After taking shelter in a cave during a rainstorm, Wonhyo was struck with thirst. He grabbed the closest cup-shaped object he could find, which he believed to be a gourd, and drank the water inside.

However, when the rain dissipated, he realized that his shelter was an ancient tomb. The conveniently placed gourd was none other than a skull filled with water.

Wonhyo was at first disgusted by the macabre cup. But then he considered his mind's ability to shape its reality. The water he drank had quenched his thirst, after all. In this way, he achieved enlightenment.

Visitors need not drink from a skull cup to appreciate the beautiful setting and temple itself.

Two menacing stone warriors, Narayeon Geumgang and Miljeok Geumgang, glare down at visitors at the temple entrance. They are manifestations of a protective bodhisattva, a person on the path toward Buddhahood.

Brave the fierce stare of the guardians and you'll find the temple grounds are a feast for the eyes. Vibrant paint covers its walls. Feel free to enter the temple, but first remove your shoes and don the slippers provided.

The monks of Sudosa Temple teach regular classes on making traditional temple foods like rice and soup. Unfortunately, the monks don't speak English. The fee



The monks of Sudosa Temple in the South Korean countryside teach regular classes on making traditional temple foods like rice and soup.

is 30,000 won, or about \$22.17. For another 70,000 won, guests may stay the night and experience monastic life.

The visitor center also contains a small museum with friendly, English-speaking staff.

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The tale of Wonhyo is carved on a stone wall on the grounds of Sudosa Temple.

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Hyemin and her sister, Jian, in front of DDP Fashion Mall.

Photo by Hyemin Lee, Stripes Korea

# Exploring Dongdaemun Fashion Town

BY HYEMIN LEE,  
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If I had to choose one place to recommend to my foreign friends for shopping, I'd say Dongdaemun.

Dongdaemun, a place where you can see both the traditional and contemporary sides of Korea, is home to the popular Dongdaemun Fashion Town, known as the country's shopping mecca and the center of fashion.

With 32 shopping malls, a vast array of markets, and 30,000 stores in all, you can find most any kind of fashion item, clothing and souvenir in Fashion Town. It's a fun, exciting place full of energy that locals and foreigners flock to. And whether you are a night owl or an early bird, you can shop anytime of day or night at this shopping paradise. Seriously, many places open late in the evening till 5 a.m. or later. And don't worry, there are plenty of restaurants open at all hours and street vendors are everywhere selling their delicious treats.

However, I don't think many foreigners experi-

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SEE PURPLE MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

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ence the real value of this area. Many just buy a couple of items at overcharged prices, try some street food and then head home. That's it. Because the town is so large, it can be overwhelming to come up with a wise shopping trip plan, even for locals like me.

So, I'm going to show you how to enjoy this area, find bargains and set up a shopping itinerary in advance. So, what are you waiting for, keep reading!

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## How to get there

### BY SEOUL METRO

Line 1,4 Dongdaemun St. Exit 6-9

### BY CAR

#### SEONGDONG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARKING

SEE BROWN MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

If you don't mind walking 8 to 10 minutes, I recommend using this parking lot. It's the cheapest in the area and has plenty of spots. However, if you plan to shop at malls, parking at one can be a better option. Please check the address and fee of each mall in this article.

■ **COST:** 2,400 won an hour



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## What to bring

- Bring both cash and credit card. Some wholesale shops only accept cash.
- Wear comfortable shoes and carry a backpack if you plan to buy many items.
- Download Kakao Map or Naver Map so you won't get lost.



KAKAO MAP



NAVER MAP

## Shopping malls vs. markets

Before I tell you where to shop, I'll quickly break down the differences between malls and markets in the area.

### RETAIL SHOPPING MALLS

SEE GREEN MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

These are like the shopping malls you find in the States selling items at normal retail prices. They have luxury interiors, brand shops, restaurants, food courts, and big parking lots. The shopping malls often hold fashion shows, music and dance performances in front of them since this district is known as a fashion mecca.

■ **HOURS:** 10 a.m.-midnight.

### WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MARKETS

SEE RED MARK ON THE MAP ON PAGES 8-9

They mostly sell items at wholesale prices to any type of shopper, so it's a place where you should try to buy items at bargain prices.

■ **HOURS:** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. or 8 p.m.-12 p.m. (Mon-Sat)

## Dongdaemun Night Market Shopping Guide

Dongdaemun Night Market is known as the most important place for fashion in Korea. The dealers here sell products in bulk at wholesale prices to retail vendors from all over Korea and other countries. You can look around and take in the unique scenes of Korea's fashion industry, but also do some shopping of your own! Many of the dealers sell single items to individuals. Believe me, it's a fun place to watch people and take in the hustle and bustle of the fashion industry and buy some fashionable clothes for yourself!

The best way to plan your shopping trip is by visiting the Dongdaemun Tourist Information Center, which closes at 1 a.m., first. The center's staff can help you choose which of the sections you should put on your list for some great shopping.

Ready to hit the ground running? Check out the guide next and start your trip to the night market from Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 and head toward Sinpyeonghwa Fashion Town. Exploring this fascinating district requires some walking, so make sure to wear comfortable shoes and to make time to grab some great street food while you're there!



■ **HOURS:** 10 p.m.-5 a.m. (Closed from Friday morning and reopen Sunday night)

### WHAT'S THERE

- **WOMEN'S CLOTHING:** Kwanghee Fashion Mall, Hello apM, apM, Belpost, Nuzzon, The OT, Studio W, Desingers Club, DDP Fashion Mall, Techno
- **MEN'S CLOTHING:** Kwanghee Fashion Mall(B1), Hello apM (4th floor), apM(5-6th floors), Belpost (3rd floor), Nuzzon(3rd floor), Studio W (4-5th floor), Team 204 (4-5th floor)
- **PLUS SIZE:** The OT (B2/Women), Studio W (4-5th floor/Men)
- **CHILDREN'S CLOTHING:** Elysium, Team 204 (3rd floor)
- **SHOES:** Dongdaemun Shoe Wholesale Market, Team 204
- **BAGS:** Nampyeonghwa Market
- **CLOTHING & FASHION ITEMS:** Jeil Pyeonghwa Market, Pyeonghwa Market, Sinpyeonghwa Fashion Town, Dongpyeonghwa Fashion Town



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# Shopping in Dongdaemun

## Wholesale & retail markets

### 1 Dongdaemun Shopping Complex

This is paradise for those who love crafts and making their own clothes and accessories.

- **ITEMS:** Clothing materials, fabrics, accessories subsidiary materials, cutting supplies, sewing thread, yarn, handicrafts, curtain material, bedding, beads, traditional costumes (hanbok) and more.
- **HOURS:** 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Closed: Sunday)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8-9 or 272 Jongno, Jongno-gu



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### 2 Dongdaemun Shoe Wholesale Market

- **ITEMS:** shoes
- A dong: All kinds of shoes, from low-priced to high-quality handmade ones for men and women.
- B dong: Shoes for children and woman.
- C dong: Fashionable shoes, mostly for women.
- D dong: Women shoes and pet shops selling fish, birds and rodents.
- **HOURS:** 2 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Mon-Fri) / 2 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Sat)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 319 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu



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### 3 Nampyeonghwa Market

- **ITEMS:** All kinds of bags and purses, from low-priced to high-quality ones.
- **HOURS:** Midnight - 12 p.m. (Closed: Fri, Sat)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 282-10 Jangchungdan-ro, Jung-gu



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### 4 Jeil Pyeonghwa Market

- **ITEMS:** All types of women's clothes and fashion items (shoes, bags, accessories and more).
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed: Sunday) / Night Market: 8 p.m. - 5 a.m. (Closed: Fri, Sat)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 13 Majang-ro, Jung-gu



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### 5 Pyeonghwa Market

- **ITEMS:** Fashion items (scarfs, hats, bags, belts, socks and more), umbrellas, clothes for middle-aged men and women.
- **HOURS:** 10 p.m. - 6 p.m. (Closed at 6 p.m. on Sat and reopen at 10 p.m. on Sun)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8 or 274 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jung-gu



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### 6 Sinpyeonghwa Fashion Town

- **ITEMS:** Socks, underwear, pajamas, stage costumes, clothes for men and women.
- **HOURS:** 9 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed: Weekends)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 7 or 298 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jung-gu



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### 7 Dongpyeonghwa Fashion Town

- **ITEMS:** Socks, underwear, pajamas, clothes for men and women.
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Closed: Weekends)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 4-7 or 318 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jung-gu



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## Recommended shopping



## Retail shopping malls

### 1 Migliore

Most products in this mall are trendy fashion clothes and items for youth. Although this is a shopping mall, Migliore has similar types of shops to wholesale & retail markets, so prices are reasonable and you can try to bargain with store staff.

- **ITEMS:** Trendy fashion items, accessories for youth and casual, fashion clothes for women and men.
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m.-2 a.m. (Closed: Monday)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 2,4,5 Dongdaemun History & Culture Park Station Exit 14 or 263, Jangchungdan-ro, Jung-gu
- **PARKING:** 3,000 won per hour.

Once you purchase something at a shop, you'll get a coupon for 30 minutes free parking. You can use a total of 6 coupons (3 hours).



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Migliore

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Nampyeonghwa Market

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# Recommended shopping places

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Dongdaemun/ Seoul

### Underground shopping centers

#### 1 Cheonggye 6-ga Underground Shopping Center

- **ITEMS:** Clothes, shoes, bags, fashion items (hats, watches, accessories).
- **HOURS:** 10:20 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed: Last Monday of every month)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8



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#### 2 Dongdaemun Underground Shopping Center

- **ITEMS:** Hanbok, beddings
- **HOURS:** 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Closed: Tuesday)
- **ADDRESS:** Inside of Line 4 in Dongdaemun Station Exit 8



Dongdaemun Shopping Complex

Photo by Korea Tourism Organization

### Wholesale street market

#### 1 Sunday Market

It's the cheapest wholesale market in the area. There is no official name for this street, so people usually call it Sunday Market, which makes sense because it's only open on Sundays! Items that weren't sold at wholesale prices to online malls or indoor markets are sold here. Most items here are extremely affordable, ranging from 1,000 won to 10,000 won! This is a great place for bargain hunters! It's so much fun shopping here!

- **ITEMS:** Fashion items (hats, accessories, scarf, watches, socks, belts), bags, shoes, pet clothes & toys, clothes for all ages, jackets, coats, vintage clothes, bedding and more.
- **HOURS:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Only Sunday)
- **ADDRESS:** In front of Kwanghee Fashion Mall



KWANGHEE SHOPPING MALL  
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#### 2 Doota Mall

This mall is known for luxury brand stores, designer shops, interesting stores, good restaurants and food court. You'll be able to check out the latest fashion trends at this mall.

- **ITEMS:** Fashion accessories, casual, fashion and sports clothes, souvenirs and more.
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m. - Midnight (Closed: National holidays only)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8 or 275 Jangchungdan-ro, Jung-gu
- **PARKING:** 4,200 won per hour (2.5 hours of free parking with total purchases over 100,000 won)



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Doota Mall

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Migliore

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#### 3 Dongdaemun Hyundai City Outlet

Like Doota Mall, it also has a lot of brand shops and good restaurants. They sell a lot of brand products at discounted prices and hold many seasonal sale events.

- **ITEMS:** Fashion accessories, casual, fashion, sports clothes and more
- **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. (Closed: National holidays only)
- **ADDRESS:** Line 1,4 Dongdaemun Station Exit 8 or 20, Jangchungdan-ro 13-gil, Jung-gu
- **PARKING:** An hour is free and a purchase of 10,000 won gives you another hour of free parking.



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Hyundai City Outlet Dongdaemun

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## ● Shopping in Dongdaemun



# Tasty street food at Gwangjang Market

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**G**wangjang Market is one of the largest and most famous markets in Korea. Located about 10 minutes away from Dongdaemun Fashion Town, it's a great place to grab a snack after shopping.

You can sample all kinds of Korean street food here and also shop for Hanbok and vintage clothing. This is a popular destination for foreigners because it's a great example of a Korean traditional market and the atmosphere really gives off a local flavor, and I mean that literally.

If you really want to get your fill, check



out Mukja Golmok, a famous street food alley with so many types of delicious Korean food. The prices are low and it's just so much fun testing all the goodies with your family and friends.

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## Take an eating tour of Mukja Golmok

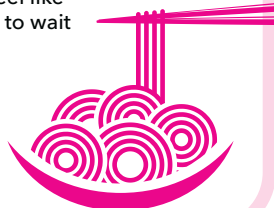
- 12 pieces of salmon sushi = 10,000 won (\$7.0)
- Gimbap + Green bean pancake + Tteokbokki (red rice cake) = 11,000 won (\$7.7)
- Pork dish = 7,000 won (\$4.9)
- Banquet noodles = 5,000 won (\$3.5)
- Fried tofu rice balls = 3,000 won (\$2.1)

**Total cost = 36,000 won (\$25.1)**

This feast fed 4 people!

### Tips

- Purchase food at places that show prices on the menu or have price tags.
- Don't finish your meal in one place. Try snacking at least two different places or more. That's the best part of this tour!
- You'll see a few places with a lot of people standing in long lines. They are obviously good places to try, but that doesn't mean they are the only good places. All the food in the alley is really good, so don't feel like you always have to wait in line.



Mukja Golmok(먹자골목) is a Korean phrase that literally means "Let's Eat Alley".

- Mukja (먹자): Let's eat
- Golmok (골목): alley

### Things to know

- **ADDRESS:** Line 1 Jongro 5-Ga Station Exit 7-8
- **Food Market (1F):** 9 a.m.-11 p.m. (Every day)
- **Hanbok Market (1F-2F):** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Mon-Sat)
- **Vintage Shops (2F):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Mon-Sun)



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# Dongdaemun Toy and Stationery Street

## Toy street a kids' paradise

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If you love toys or have some youngsters running around the house, you'll really want visit Dongdaemun Toy and Stationery Street.

You'll see the most toys you've ever seen in your life. And, most importantly, you'll be able to buy them at unbelievably low prices! It is really the perfect place to buy gifts for the holidays.

I love wandering this street because it reminds me of my childhood. During the Christmas season as a child, I desperately prayed to get the gifts I wanted.

"Jesus, Buddha, Allah, whoever listens to me, please tell Santa to give me a princess play set or kitchen play toys," I pleaded. "I've been a good kid!"

At the time, Korea was in the midst of a big financial crisis, which brought economic woes to my country. My family suffered through some tough times, just like most Koreans did. Because of that, I could never tell my parents to buy me such big toys, so I secretly prayed to all the gods I knew every night before Christmas. Looking back, it is a funny and sad memory.



Dongdaemun Toy and Stationery Street literally brings me back to that age. I feel so happy, and I just want to buy all the toys I sought as a child.

This special street will bring a lot of excitement to not only children but also grown-ups. For your children, it will be the ultimate toy hunt. For you, it will remind you of some special childhood memories.

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### Make a pact with your children

If you plan to bring your children shopping, I recommend making a deal with them on how many toys they can get or how much money can be spent. Everywhere on this street, you will see excited children urging their parents to get more toys and dragging them from store to store. That will be you and your child. I guarantee it. So, make a pact with them before you hit the street.

### More than stationery!

In Korea, stationery shops not only sell basic stationery, but also accessories, kitchen appliances, home decorations, toys and much more.

#### TYPES OF TOYS

There are tons of cute, fun toys, including figures of movie heroes and famous animation characters, Legos, Korean dolls, costumes, and so many more.

#### SOUVENIRS

Each shop has some Korean-style items that can be good souvenirs: traditional fans, soju glasses, key rings, pens, steel spoons and chopsticks sets, stationery and more.

### Things to know

■ ADDRESS: Line 1,6 Dongmyo Station Exit 6 or 21-1, Jongro 52 gil, Jongro-gu

■ HOURS: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Every day)



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## POP QUIZ



Last Lesson

In a recent Speakin' Korean, I introduced you to numbers. If you are going to go shopping and use won, then you better know your Korean numbers. So, I wanted to give you a little quiz to test your knowledge. Don't worry, we'll do a short review first, and the answers will be on the bottom of the page. Try not to cheat!

### KOREAN NUMBERS (SINO) REVIEW

#### 1 1-10,000

1: Il (일) 2: I (이) 3: Sam (삼) 4: Sa (사) 5: Oh (오)  
6: Yuk (육) 7: Chil (칠) 8: Pal (팔) 9: Gu (구) 10: Sip (십)  
100: Baek (백) 1,000: Cheon (천) 10,000: Man (만)

#### 2 Let's practice how to count from 1 to 9,999

\*You don't have to say il (one) on numbers less than 100,000 (sip man)

- 1,000: Cheon
- 5,100: Oh cheon baek
- 32,500: Sam (3) man (10,000) I (2) cheon (1,000) oh (5) baek (100)
- 76,400: Chil (7) man (10,000) yuk (6) cheon (1,000) sa (4) baek (100)
- 99,999: Gu (9) man (10,000) gu (9) cheon (1,000) gu (9) baek (100) gu (9) sip (10) gu (9)

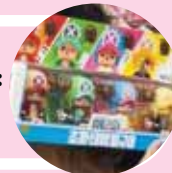
### Quiz time!

In the popular Seungjin Stationery Shop, which is loaded with cool toys, souvenirs and stationery, the price is not marked on the items. If you want to check the price, you'll need to scan the barcode.

How much is it?: Eolmayeyo? (얼마예요?)

Take a look at the prices for the merchandise below. Write down how you say it in Korean or say it out loud, then take a look at the answers below to see if you got it right.

1. Tony Tony Chopper: 21,000 won



4. Dragon Ball: 86,000 won



2. Princess Tiara: 7,000 won



5. Traditional Korean Fan: 15,000 won



3. Korean Hanok Lego: 36,000 won



Answers: 1. I man cheon won; 2. Chil cheon won; 3. Sam man yuk cheon won; 4. Pal man yuk cheon won; 5. Man oh cheon won

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● Shopping in Dongdaemun

# Tips for shopping at wholesale markets

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I've been to a lot of wholesale markets in Korea. And, even for a local like me, it can be intimidating. So, here are some pointers that should help you find the perfect item at a perfect price. And remember, this should be fun!

- Take time to look around and compare prices from at least 2-3 different places. You'll be surprised at the difference in prices between vendors.



- Most stores/vendors don't have changing rooms, so make sure you really look over the clothing. (Note: You can quickly try something on over your shirt or short pants.)

- Business hours vary from store to store depending on the vendor's plans and the weather.

- Try to visit the market way before closing time.



A lot of stores start closing 2-3 hours earlier than the regular closing time.

- There are imitation products, so be cautious!

- Don't take it personally when some vendors behave aggressively. They act the same whether you're a foreigner or Korean. Some yell at people trying to take a picture of their products, while others only welcome retail vendors or shoppers buying items in bulk. Just shrug it off and move on.



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## How to haggle



At wholesale markets, a lot of products are sold at incredibly low prices. And on top of that, haggling is a part of the wholesale and traditional market culture. So, if you do it right, you can bring the prices even lower. Even if you don't, it's still a lot of fun! Here are some situations that are ideal for haggling!

- When a vendor tries to get your attention before you enter their store or attempts to sell you specific items, they more than likely are offering it to you at a "foreigner price." In such cases, don't hesitate to haggle. Show them you aren't an easy person to rip off!
- While looking around a few stores, you'll get a rough idea of pricing on specific products. If you think a vendor offers a higher price than others, try to haggle.
- When you buy multiple items, especially in bulk from one store, it's a perfect time to haggle.



Jian was happy to get a purple jacket for 5,000 won!



## Speakin' Korean

BY HYEMIN LEE,  
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Eolmayeyo?

### 1 Sentence (formal & conversational)

\*Using "yo" makes a sentence formal.

\*Using "an" in front of verb and adjective makes a negative sentence.

"How much is it?" = Eolmayeyo? (얼마예요?)

"Please give to me / I'll take it" = Juseyo (주세요)

"Please do it for me" = Hae-juseyo (해주세요)

"Please give me a discount" = Kkakka-juseyo (깎아주세요)

"I'll buy it" = Salgeyo (살게요)

"I won't buy it" = An-salgeyo (안 살게요)

"Can I try on? (Only for clothes)" = Ib-eo bwado dweyo? (입어봐도 돼요?)

"Can I try on? (Only for shoes)" = Sinuh bwado dweyo? (신어봐도 돼요?)

### 2 Vocabulary

- Igeo (이거) = This
- Jegeo (저거) = That
- Gachi (같이) = Together
- Jogeum (조금) = A little bit

### 3 Prepositions

- Rang (랑) = And, with (or as with)
- Man (만) = Only

### Follow my lead

Don't be afraid, it'll be fun speaking Korean while shopping & haggling!

"Igeo-rang jegeo gachi eolmayeyo?"  
(How much for all?)

"I man I cheon won ieyo"  
(22,000 won)

"Jogeum-man kkakka juseyo"  
(Can I get a little discount?)

"I man won man juseyo"  
(Give me just 20,000 won)



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If you ask politely, the chance of getting a discount will increase. Say "Jogeum-man" to make a sentence more polite.

"Can I get a little discount?"

= Jogeum-man kkakka juseyo (조금만 깎아주세요)

If "kkakka" is hard to say, using the English word "discount" with "hae-juseyo" will work.

Jogeum-man discount hae-juseyo (조금만 디스카운트 해주세요)

### Peaceful name

The name of many old wholesale markets is "Pyeonghwa." It's because they were built right after the Korean War. It shows how much South Koreans wished for the peaceful reunification of the peninsula at that time.

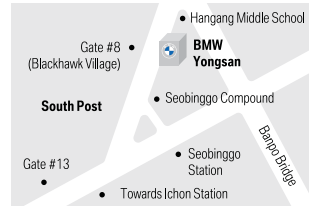
- Pyeonghwa (평화): Peace
- Tongil (통일): Reunification

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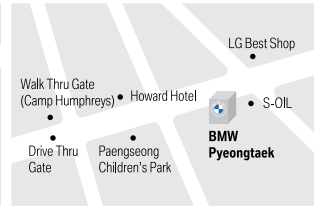
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# Spice up your rice bowl with fried kimchi

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**K**imchi-bokkeum-bap, or Kimchi fried rice, is an easy, quick-fix recipe, making it a popular dish to have in a snap. Consisting of primarily fermented kimchi and other ingredients like greens and protein you have in the fridge, you'll soon have a delicious meal in no time. This recipe is a great way to clear out your fridge and will be great even if your only ingredients are rice and kimchi.



- PREP TIME: 10 minutes
- COOK TIME: 10 minutes
- TOTAL TIME: 25 minutes
- DIFFICULTY: Easy
- SERVINGS: 2

VIEW VIDEO!



## INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup chopped fermented kimchi
- Cooked rice (400g)
- 1 green onion sliced (optional)
- Sausage 60g (optional)
- Spam 30g (optional)
- Oil for stir-frying
- 1/3 tbsp sugar (optional)
- 1/3 tbsp soy sauce (5g)
- 1/3 tbsp red chili powder (5g)
- 1/4 small onion diced (optional)
- 1 tbsp parmesan cheese powder or 2 tbsp Mozzarella Cheese (optional)
- 1/2 sheet of laver sliced (optional)
- 3 - 4 tbsp juice from kimchi (water is also okay)
- 1 pinch of ground sesame seeds (optional)
- 1/2 tbsp sesame oil (optional)

## DIRECTIONS

- 1** Cut all veggies and meat into bite-sized pieces and set them aside.
- 2** Chop up kimchi into small pieces and set it aside.
- 3** Heat oil over medium-high heat, stir-fry the veggies and sausage (or ham) until slightly browned.
- 4** Over medium heat, add soy sauce, chopped kimchi, sugar, and chili powder into a pan. (Add juice from kimchi (or water) only if the ingredient in the pan gets too dry)
- 5** Stir fry them until the kimchi slightly turns soft.
- 6** Turn off the stove. Add rice and broke the clumped rice up.
- 7** Over medium-high heat, sauté them together for about 3 to 4 minutes more. Add sesame oil, parmesan cheese powder and remove it from the heat.
- 8** Put a fried egg on top of it and sprinkle with ground sesame seeds and sliced laver. Bon appetite or 잘 먹겠습니다 (Pronounced: jal meok-ke-sse-um-nida)!



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# Stripes Sports Trivia

**SAY MY NAME!** Horse racing fans everywhere waited a long time for me. Not since Affirmed in 1978 had a horse taken all three legs of the Triple Crown. Then I came along. My Egyptian-American owner and I did it with relative ease, despite my name being misspelled. Who am I?

**Answer**

American Pharoah

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# Beautiful Places To Travel in Yeongwol



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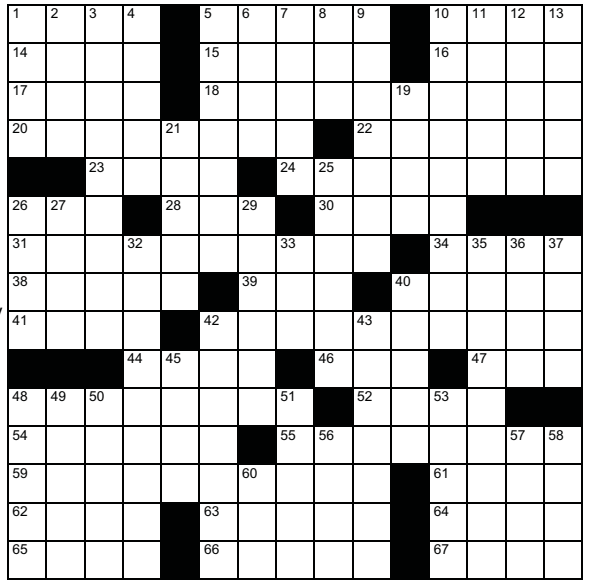
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## Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Christian's "Ford v Ferrari" co-star
- 5 Present occasion
- 10 Flower stalk
- 14 Bounce back
- 15 Strong dislike
- 16 Tuesday treat?
- 17 Large amount
- 18 Vegas' Park MGM, previously
- 20 Guaranteed
- 22 Caning need
- 23 Panache
- 24 Drops a hint
- 26 "Elementary" actress
- 28 Grocery carrier
- 30 Soothsayer
- 31 Safe to swim in
- 34 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 38 Potbelly, for one
- 39 Convent dweller
- 40 Islamic text
- 41 Sharpen a knife
- 42 Type of camp
- 44 Ceremonial act
- 46 Windsor, for one
- 47 Freudian topic
- 48 Repairs the wall
- 52 Diner dish
- 54 Alternative word
- 55 Compromise
- 59 It often replaces human labor
- 61 Run the show
- 62 The Bee Gees, e.g.
- 63 Prey grabber
- 64 Computerphile
- 65 Diplomacy
- 66 Fluid buildup
- 67 Part of G.M.T.



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- 4 Beach accessory
- 5 Small, as a fee
- 6 Nostril wrinkler
- 7 Middling poker pair
- 8 Studio shout
- 9 Came into view
- 10 Officer's quarters, at sea
- 11 Fruity desserts
- 12 Striking success
- 13 Mars has two
- 19 Parakeet keeper
- 21 Aesop piece
- 25 Early online forum
- 26 Luxurious
- 27 Very fond of
- 29 Artillery unit member
- 32 Go farther than intended
- 33 Egyptian boy king
- 35 Kid's backyard retreat

- 36 Astronaut drink
- 37 Not taken in by
- 40 Work with dough
- 42 Say again
- 43 "Love on the Brain" singer
- 45 Big-ticket
- 48 Chris of "The Magnificent Seven"

- 49 First lady after Hillary
- 50 Room at the top?
- 51 Subway entrance
- 53 Antidote
- 56 Motel offering
- 57 Dog parasite
- 58 Spore producer
- 60 Youngest Lincoln

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

C	R	A	G	L	I	A	R	E	D	E	M	A
H	I	R	E	O	N	C	E	P	E	N	A	L
O	V	E	R	A	S	E	A	I	N	T	R	O
M	A	N	M	A	D	E	C	A	T	S	E	Y
P	L	A	I	N	C	A	T	C	H	E	R	
				C	O	N	T	R	I	T	E	T
C	A	N	I	N	E	M	O	R	T	G	A	G
A	G	E	D	S	C	O	N	E	O	I	L	S
R	E	C	E	P	T	O	R	S	T	O	N	E
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				A	R	A	G	O	R	N	A	N
A	R	R	A	I	G	N	A	P	R	I	O	R
R	E	I	N	S	I	D	L	E	G	L	A	D
M	A	N	G	E	A	N	O	A	H	O	S	E
S	P	E	E	D	L	A	G	S	T	R	E	S

## DID YOU KNOW?



For Korean, a scrub down at public baths is very common and you'll see some staff (taemiri or sesinsa) scrub down customers at any public bathhouse.

Hangul of the week

목욕탕  
Mokyoktang (Bathhouse)

## Language Lesson

Did you take a bath?

Mokyok hae-sseoyo?  
(목욕 했어요?)



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## SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy

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### 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.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

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	3			2				
	6		4	9				
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