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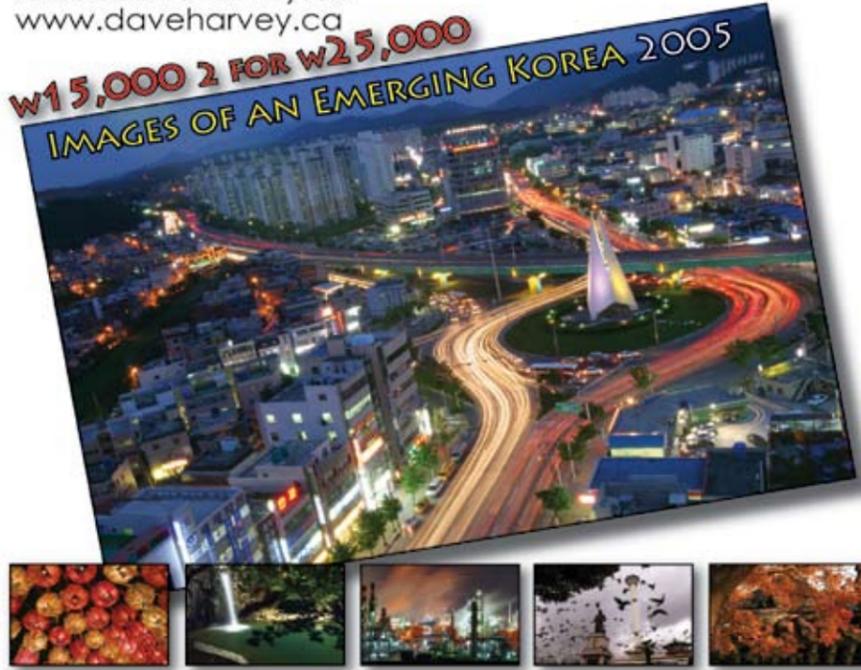
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Well here you have it: the very best, the worst and most bizarre of Ulsan, voted on and chosen by you, our readers.

This issue is our way to wrap up 2004 and look forward to 2005. Being that this time of year is generally a time for reflection, I'd like to extend a special thanks to all the contributors to the Ulsan Pear - without you this paper could never have gotten off the ground. Your words, photos and cartoons have all helped make the Ulsan Pear one of the finest expat publications on the Peninsula.

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I look forward to working with all of you in 2005.

Happy Holidays,

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# I DON'T LIVE IN ULSAN ANYMORE

Reflections of time spent in the Industrial Capital of Korea

BY MIKE WEBER  
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I don't live in Ulsan anymore. So I talk with people all the time who've never been there, and they invariably want to know, "What's Ulsan like?"

I always reply without hesitation: "Ulsan has an excellent foreigner community."

This month's issue focuses of the best of Ulsan, and the survey results no doubt highlight some on the city's finer points. But the survey fails to acknowledge the singular best aspect of Ulsan. It's the people themselves that make this city great.

I've heard it said by many of us before. The people here actually do things. The true spirit of foreigners in Ulsan is one of activity, adventure, and creation.

The expats of Ulsan are on

the frontline of the perpetual war against boredom and the mundane. We absolutely refuse to give into the attitude that says "There's nothing to do in this town." If fun doesn't land in our laps, we make it ourselves.

For any foreigner, there's a balance to be struck between re-creating the life that you led before and embracing the culture that you are immersed in.

*The true spirit of foreigners in Ulsan is one of activity, adventure, and creation.*

Many of the expats here have found a happy medium in that they are true to the lifestyle they know and love while still enjoying the opportunities that are unique to Korea.

Ulsanites are not shy about eating still-moving squid, learning Hangul,

drinking soju. . .the list goes on.

We have all held onto to the identity of our former countries, while never being afraid to change and experience new things.

In our home countries, we were rugby players, writers, runners, actors, rock climbers and musicians. In Ulsan, we are still all of these things. No one has compromised their identity.

Rather, we have grown. We are all more than we were when we arrived.

Some of us have found love, some freedom, some independence. All of us have found an experience unlike anything we could have had if we had stayed in our home countries.

Some of us are here for year. Some of us have been here, and will be here, for much longer. Regardless of the length of our stays on this peninsula, we all have found a community that would make any time abroad worthwhile.

Against all laws of economy, this community consistently gives more than it takes. Regardless of your level of involvement, being a member of the Ulsan community is something that everyone should be proud of.

When someone asks me what I miss about Ulsan, it's not any building, or part of town, or bar. What's the "Best of Ulsan?" Hands down, it's the people.

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# HHI TAKES ON THE WORLD

A look at the biggest, baddest shipyard in the world - sitting right in our backyard.

BY JOEL BURSLEM  
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Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) is a behemoth that straddles just over 1000 acres of seafloor in Ulsan. In the unlikely event that you haven't figured out it where this monster sits, just head east and look for the gargantuan orange 'Goliath' cranes that punctuate the horizon.

HHI is deserving of special mention in this month's Pear, not only as a Best of Ulsan but also as one of the best in the world.

With nine dry docks, HHI's shipbuilding division builds the biggest, baddest, most massive vessels afloat today. Everything from crude oil tankers, bulk carriers, containerships and high-tech gas carriers to Korean Navy warships and submarines.

But that's not all.

HHI also builds offshore oil rigs, shore cranes, robotic systems, diesel engines and construction equipment. Even nuclear power plants.

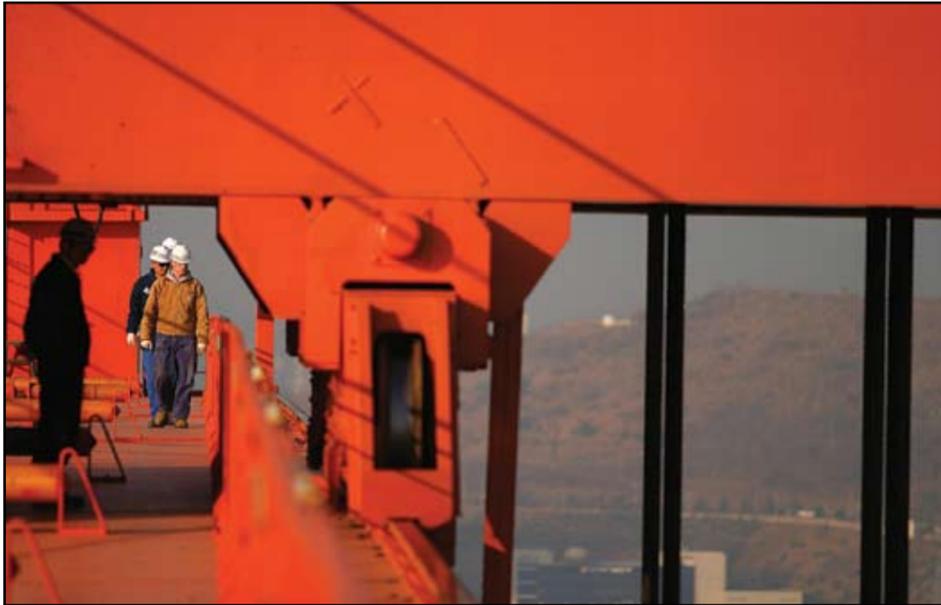


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In fact, they have their fingers in so many different pies at one time; it's hard to keep track of it all.

Looking down on the yard from atop one of the orange monsters, you can't help but feel awed

by the scale and scope of the activity underfoot.

The complexity and magnitude of each project are

true testaments to the expertise of the teams that put the hulking beasts together, everyone from the



PHOTO: DAVE HARVEY

designers, engineers and foreign supervisors right down to the guys cutting and welding the steel plates.

2003 was a banner year for HHI. It received a record-breaking US\$9.8 billion in new orders and pumped

out almost 70 ships. That works out to a rate of more than one ship a week.

It installed the largest gantry crane in the world (1,500-

tons) and set a new Guinness Book world record by lifting a 12,000-ton structure.



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All of these are impressive feats and there's no reason why in 2004, HHI can't surpass them.

HHI is unquestionably a dominant presence in Ulsan and whether it directly impacts you or not, there's a reason that this town is nicknamed "Hyundai City."

Through its various subsidiaries and foundations, Hyundai runs high schools, department stores, hotels and one of the best hospitals in the

country. It also owns the local K-League franchise, the Hyundai Tigers.

With over 25,000 full-time employees and thousands more employed through subcontractors, it's pretty safe to say that without HHI, Ulsan wouldn't be what it is today.

All of HHI's accomplishments are more than enough to earn it its title of "Global Leader" and a place in our Best Of issue. [joel@burslem.ca](mailto:joel@burslem.ca)



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It was the Hyundai Group's late enigmatic chairman Chung Ju-yung whose vision propelled the company into shipbuilding.

Despite having no experience, no capital and no technology, in March 1972, Hyundai started construction on an empty stretch of beach in Ulsan to build what would become the world's largest shipyard.

Hyundai Heavy Industries was formally established in December 1973 and, only two years after ground had been broken, the first ships floated out of the dry docks in 1974.

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# THE BEST, WORST AND MOST BAFFLING OF ULSAN 2004

The pens are dry, the pencils are useless nubs, and your eyes are probably still crossed from filling out our admittedly lengthy survey, but the results are in. Here you go: the best, worst, and just plain confounding of the strange little city we live in.

## A LITTLE TASTE OF HOME

BY CORLEEN GALLINGER  
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Have you been craving those comforting foods and dishes from home, but have despaired at finding the required ingredients? Do you long for reasonably priced cheese that tastes like cheese?

Well, despair no more. The Compound Shop has been voted as one of the best places to buy foreign food in this month's Pear and since the poll was taken, the shop has IMPROVED.

The day-to-day interactions are now the responsibility of two friendly and helpful foreign ladies.

Located on the top floor of the Foreigners' Compound Clubhouse, the shop is open Tuesday and Friday nights from 5:15 to 8:00pm.

The shop specializes in obtaining items that you just cannot find easily in Ulsan. If they don't have it, request it and they will endeavour to find what you desire.

The foodstuffs the shop stocks vary immensely: boneless legs of lamb, Kraft Macaroni and Cheese, and for those readers from the U.K. – Branston Pickle (which is a real coup, as their factory in Sussex burnt to the ground at the end of October).

Cheese has been available weekly – 1 kg blocks of Cheddar (which froze nicely and sliced without crumbling when I tried it) and Gouda for a reasonable ₩12,000, as well as Gavin's sausages and Scotch pies.

The shop is also taking orders for Christmas turkeys (cut off date December 14).



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**Best Western Food Restaurant & Sunday Brunch**  
Paul Mullett @ Korean Union Cafe, Bangeojin

So, if your cravings and desires for that little taste of home have gotten the better of you, make your way over to the Compound Shop and see what they have to offer. Stop by frequently!

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## TIRED OF RICE? EPICUREAN DELIGHTS AWAIT

BY EILEEN KEAST  
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It may not be the most picturesque "hidden treasure" of Ulsan, but the bakery supply store in Byeong Yeong is without a doubt one of the best finds that I have made in Ulsan.

Located in an unpromising-looking building on the Bukbu Beltway, the bak-

ery supply store, as well as stocking unsurprising items like cooking pans, icing tubes and industrial-sized sacks of flour, also has one of the best selections of hard to find imported foods this side of Costco Daegu.

The treasures available to the kimchi-fatigued epicure include western staples like frozen tortillas and pie shells, Mexican chili beans,

chickpeas, butter beans, and huge chunks of frozen chocolate.

If you're a fan of South East Asian foods, the store stocks everything from vermicelli noodles and rice paper wrappers to fish sauce, and even has those easy three minute packages of Pad Thai for the less culinary ambitious.

Look carefully in the back freezer, and you'll find star anise, packages of what looks tantalizingly like underground garam masala, pine nuts, cashews, and walnuts.

Some items, like imitation lemon juice and capers (available in one kilo jars!), are repeats of what you can find anyway, at a lower price, in the "waygook food" aisle at WalMart or Homeplus.

would otherwise have to travel to Seoul or Costco for, are well worth it.

To find the Bakery Supply shop: From the Byeong Yeong Homeplus head towards the Bukbu Beltway.

Turn right, and it will be on your right, about 500 meters up the road and just before the first pedestrian crossing.

Watch out: it looks kind of like an automotive repairshop, so be might be tempted to go right past it on your first try.

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Sea Penis



PHOTO: DAVE HARVEY

**Best Place to Get Vegetarian Food**  
Bakery Supply Store, Byeong Yeong Dong

## Food and Drink

**Best Western Food Restaurant:**  
First Place: Korean Union  
Second Place: Outback Steakhouse

**Best Pace to Get Imported Food:**  
First Place: Wal-Mart  
Honorable Mentions: Costco (Daegu)/ Tombstone/Foreigners' Compound store

**Best Butcher:**  
First Place: That one near Ilsan Beach  
Honorable Mention: The boy at Aram Mart

**Best Bakery:**  
First Place: Paris Baguette (many locations)  
Honorable Mention: The one near the Foreigners' Compound

**Best Vegetable Market:**  
Any outdoor market!  
Stop buying crap vegetables at inflated prices in the department stores.

**Best Pizza:**  
First Place: Domino's  
Second Place: Pizza Etang

**Best Chicken:**  
First Place: Kyochun Chicken  
Second Place: Koba Chicken

**Best Korean Dish:**  
First Place: Bibimbap  
Second Place: Tong Su Yook

**Strangest Korean Dish:**  
First Place: Sea Penis  
Second Place: Bundaeggi

**Best Place to Go for Sunday Brunch:**  
First Place: Korean Union  
Second Place: Dunkin Donuts  
Honorable Mention: Ulsan Grand Park & bring your own picnic

**Best Place to Get Vegetarian Food:**  
First Place: Vegetarian Restaurant by Homeplus  
Second Place: "Yeah, right."  
Honorable Mention: The bakery supply store

**Best Korean Alcoholic Beverage:**  
First Place: Dong dong ju  
Second Place: 50 Seju ('Oh Shit Seju')

**Best Korean Beer:**  
First Place: Cafri  
Second Place: Hite  
Honorable Mention: "As if..."

**Worst Korean Beer:**  
Winner: Hite

**Best Korean Non-Alcoholic Drink:**  
First Place: Aloe juice  
Second Place: Pocari Sweat

**Best Cup of Coffee:**  
First Place: (TIE) Jaive in Mugeo-dong/  
Java at Lotte Cinema  
Second Place: J.T.'s house

**Best Korean Product Name:**  
First Place: Coolpis  
(A cousin to Pocari Sweat)  
Second Place: FullOPain  
(Ibuprofen knock-off)  
Honorable Mention: Dong Tuna

## Nightlife

**Best Korean Nightclub:**  
First Place: New Concert  
Second Place: Mool  
Third Place: Concert

**Best Foreigners' Bar:**  
First Place: (TIE) McKenzie's/Tombstone

**Best Live Music:**  
Ulsan University's Friday nights (Mugeo-dong)/  
Red October (Bangeojin)

**Best Place to Meet Foreigners:**  
First Place: Ultimate Frisbee  
Second Place: Tombstone

**Best Place to Go After a Night Out:**  
First Place: "Home"  
Second Place: Sauna

## Travel and Tourism:

**Best Hiking:**  
First Place: Gajisan  
Second Place: Munsu

**Best Outdoor Recreation Activity:**  
First Place: Climbing on Munsu  
Second Place: Hash Runs

**Best Beach**  
Winner: Jinha

**Best Temple**  
First Place: Tongdo-sa  
Second Place: Seoknam-sa  
Honorable Mention:  
"Temple of Doom"

**Best Weekend Getaway:**  
First Place: Busan  
Second Place: Seoul

**Best of Ulsan's 12 Scenic Sites**  
Winner: Pareso Popo (Waterfall)

**Worst of Ulsan's 12 Scenic Sites:**  
First Place: Petroglyphs. They're underwater.  
Honorable Mention: Munsu Stadium



Best Korean Product Name



# JEFF YOUNG: SITTING HIGH IN THE SADDLE

An exclusive interview with one of the new owners of Tombstone Bar

BY MATT WURDEMAN  
THE ULSAN PEAR

You'll know him by his warm smile, beer belly, incredibly short shorts, and the ability to circular breathe whilst talking. Sticking with the best of Ulsan theme, I decided to interview the nicest guy in Ulsan: 8-year Ulsanite Jeff Young.

If you don't know him already, make a point to get to know him. I had no questions prepared because I knew that with Jeff being the most tangential speaker I know, the interview would take care of itself.

**Why did you come to Korea?**

The perennial question. I came to Korea to get away from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

**I believe you.**

It's very true. One of my friends is an alcohol smuggler.

**Can I print this?**

I had to get out because the RCMP was going to start asking me questions and they were questions I really didn't want to answer. So I sent 10 resumes out and got ten job offers, and looked for the one that said 'mountains.'

Yes. Beautiful, clean, mountainous Ulsan, there we go.

**So you came here for two years, but you've been here for seven?**

Going on 8 now. Reasons?

Of course I met a beautiful lady. Very fortunate, I met Mrs. Young, at the time she was Hee Jung Lee.

**Was she your student?**

No she was not my student, she was a teacher in an Ucheewon with me. I walked in to this art class and there was this girl wearing a tanktop and Daisy Dukes and had the most incredible stomach I've ever seen. That was the future Mrs. Young right there.

We were friends for four or five months, and she spoke "Hello" and "Goodbye" - that was it. We had a lot of dictionary dates, you know, her dictionary versus my dictionary, trying to figure things out. Had our first kiss in a bar called 'Tombstone.'

**No shit.**

Believe it or not - first table to the left of the door, that was where our first kiss was.

When I was here originally, I didn't expect to be staying so long, but I met a beautiful woman and Hee Jung has always been there for me.

**So why did you buy Tombstone?**

Well we'd talked about it over the years, but it's always been one of those things that never got past the drunken discussion stage.

I really wanted to be involved in the business of providing products to foreigners.

It was quite reasonable, so we kicked the idea around for a few weeks, and it ended up that myself, Mark Brown and Andy Fawcett bought Tombstone, and the rest is history.

**Any advice for newbies?**  
Lots of advice - basically you've got two choices when you come here.

You can embrace it, embrace the new culture, embrace the inherent contradictions in Korean society which are there at every turn; you can roll with the punches and have a great time. Or, you can complain that it's not home, they don't have this, they don't do this, etc.

You've got to go in full. There are ways to get help, you're not alone. That was one of the reasons Tombstone came about, to offer help.



PHOTO: DAVE HARVEY

Best Foreigner's Bar & Place to Meet Foreigners  
Jeff Young @ Tombstone Bar, Mugeo-Dong

A friend of mine, Mark and his girlfriend, Lisa, who is an excellent translator, met with the bar owner at Tombstone and she gave me an idea of what the price was.

We've all been here a long time, we can answer your questions. We want to provide a little bit of home for you.

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# A COMPUTER GEEK'S EL DORADO

BY FIN MADDEN  
THE ULSAN PEAR

Stranger places I am sure there are, but I haven't yet traveled that far. This town has been described as the place that logic forgot, and some days that's not hard to believe.

When computer shopping the first words heard are 'Go to Seoul'. However, Seoul is busted. Busan, while nearby, is a city of five million people and there should be ample places to buy a computer. There aren't.

There are many computer stores, yes, but seemingly none of them are interested in actually selling their computers. It's possible that it was a language barrier, but generally a two inch stack of cash transcends most barriers. If Seoul and Busan are out, is it possible that there is decent computer

shopping in Ulsan? The answer is yes.

Ulsan provides an excellent location for computer shopping, and, possibly the strangest computer shopping experience in the world.



The Parking Garage, Sam San Dong

PHOTO: DAVE HARVEY

Formerly 'THE' place to buy computers in Ulsan was Techmart across from Walmart. Well, Techmart sucks.

Ulsan's new technology mecca is 'The Parking Garage'. Imagine a parking garage hidden behind the hardware street, converted into a computer mart. Two levels of

stores are accessible by car, scooter or foot. Each store specializes in different components, brands or accessories.

From complete systems to high end video cards to completely useless crap, this is THE place to

shop...just not on a Sunday.

After weeks of stalking I finally captured an individual who could answer all of my questions about this place.

*What was your impression of the parking garage?*

Initially it was confusing, some of them don't

build computers, some are networking and some are just parts. I was looking for Alfred's place and I couldn't find it, the first one I tried had cases in the window, I figured, if they had cases, they would make computers.

They brought out a checklist of every component that I needed and they asked me questions about pricing and speed, and they picked out what I wanted. Really, it's a cookie cutter custom computer.

The guy made my computer in

a day, and the next day I was gonna take a taxi, but the guy refused and drove me home. He gave me free cables, free ram, free CDRs and some other techie crap.

*Would you go back to find upgrade parts or accessories?*

Absolutely, I would go back to the same guy, I like to build a relationship with service providers, because that way you get better prices.

*Did you park directly in front of the store, or did you have to walk far?*

I had to walk 12 feet.

*Were you tired?*

Slightly fatigued, but you do what you have to do.

The Parking Garage is a excellent combination of a great selection of stores and as little walking as possible. To find the Parking Garage start at Lotte Cinema, walk past the bus stations at the lights. Head up the street (which is the hardware street) until you see a parking garage. Voila, 'the Parking Garage'! [finmadden@yahoo.ca](mailto:finmadden@yahoo.ca)

## Shopping and Entertainment

*Best Cell Phone Store*  
Winner: LG

*Best Outdoor Store*  
Winner: The one by Taehwa bridge



Best Outdoor Store - Dave Harvey photo

*Best Women's Clothing*  
First Place: Hussy  
Honorable Mention:  
Girls' School Uniform Shop

*Best Men's Clothing Store:*  
First Place: Bbull in Samsandong  
Second Place: Muta Zone in Shinae

*Best Place for Cheap Clothes:*  
First Place: Underground by the old Koreana Hotel in Shinae (Old Downtown)

*Best Camera Equipment Store*  
Winner: Camera Mart

*Best Electronics Store*  
Winner: Sony Store

*Best Computer Store:*  
First Place: The parking garage by Lotte Department Store  
Second Place: Alfred Hitchcock computers

*Best Music Store:*  
Winner: SKC at Lotte Cinema

*Best Selection of DVD's:*  
First Place: SKC  
Second Place: WalMart

*Best Place to Hang Out On a Sunny Day:*  
First Place: Ulsan Grand Park  
Second Place: Daewangam

*Best Rainy Day Activity:*  
First Place: Pellet gun wars  
Second Place: Scrabble



Best Rainy Day Activity:  
Pellet Gun Wars - Dave Harvey photo

*Best Church:*  
First Place: Ulsan International Ministry Center

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**Best Korean TV Show:**  
Winner: "Dinner Plate Norae Bang"

**Best Korean Movie:**  
First Place: "Old Boy"  
Second Place: "Chingu"  
Honorable Mention: "Taegukgi"

**Best Korean TV Channel:**  
First Place: OCN  
Second Place: Starcraft Channel

**Best Korean Pop Group/Singer**  
Winner: Se7en



**Worst Korean Pop Group/Singer:**  
First Place: All boy bands  
Second Place: Se7en



## Best of the Bangs

**Best DVD Bang:**  
Winner: Any place without sticky seats

**Best Norae Bang:**  
Winner: Ting Ting (by Canta Napoli in Shinae)

**Best Room Salon:**  
Winner: the one by the Romeo and Juliet love motel in Samsandong

**Best Soju Bang:**  
Winner: The one in Dal Dong with the apple sign.

**Best Bathhouse:**  
Winner: Family Spa behind Homeplus

**Best Board Game Bang:**  
Winner: Club Alice in Shinae

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## FRIEND (2001) 친구

Director:  
Kwak Kyung-taek.  
Starring:  
Yoo Oh-sung  
Chang Dong-gun

This month I was going to review the movie that was voted the best; however, when 'Old Boy' was voted number one, I decided that re-running the review that I had already done might be just a little bit lazy. So I decided to do a review on one of the other films voted in. 'Old Boy' was definitely our winner though and I highly recommend you rent and watch it!

'Chingu' is one of the films that everyone used to talk about. Though it has been overshadowed by some of the more recent block busters, as one reviewer stated: "You could hear the rumbling several weeks before it was released, and then when Friend hit the screens, it lived up to its hype."

'Chingu', or 'Friend' was made in 2001, by Director Kwak Kyung-taek. It tells the story of four friends growing up in Busan in the 1970s, whose

friendships, while formidable when they are



young, are put to the test as the boys get older.

The story is based on the director's own life and friends, and he is represented in the movie by the character Sang-taek.

The boys go through the trials and tribulations typical of going to school in the authoritarian system of the 1970s. Their experiences there shape and mould them into the men they become.

The story centers mostly on the two characters who end up joining gangs and becoming part of the mob. They start out

working together but one of them decides to join a different gang during a low point in his life.

The movie examines the relationship between friends under trying circumstances and examines how far friendships will go when put to the test.

One of the things that distinguished this movie when it came out was its cinematography.

It is one of the most beautiful Korean films of the



last four years, showing a Busan made up of vistas that look like paintings, and captures the simple beauty that can be found in shattering glass.

Its plot also has the potential to shock due to its unexpected and surprising climax.

(SPOILER: Chingu's climax is especially bloody, so if you're of a sensitive disposition, you may wish to turn away. -ed.)

Even today, the movie is still a film festival favorite around the world and is definitely worth seeing.



'Chingu' is one of the films that made the rest of the international film festival community stop and take notice of Korean cinema.

While I have to admit that watching this movie on a Sunday afternoon while I was still nursing a headache from the

night before might not have been the best idea, as I found the movie to be slower moving than I had hoped. However, the quality of the dialogue, the talent of the two main actors, and the depth of the story, make this a gangster film worth watching.



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Best Bath House:  
Family Spa, Byeong Yeong Dong - Dave Harvey photo...

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In an effort to better profile our suspects we asked them the following questions:

1. How long have you been in Korea?
2. How long do you intend to stay?
3. What were you doing in your previous life?
4. What is the best part of living in Ulsan?
5. What is the worst part of living in Ulsan?
6. What has been the biggest challenge of living in Ulsan?



Colin, 26,  
Brisbane, Australia

1. 1.5 years
2. Another year
3. Student
4. Ulsan is big enough to have everything but it's not too spread out The foreigners are friendly too.
5. Besides the air?
6. Not as 'foreigner friendly' as other big Korean cities.



Rob, 29,  
Brockville, Ontario, Canada

1. 4 years
2. Not sure (at least 1 more year)
3. Student
4. The freedom
5. Cultural differences
6. Difficultly integrating into the culture.



\_\_\_\_\_, 20,  
Vladivostok, Russia

1. Over 2 years
2. No idea
3. Student
4. My Friends
5. Korean mindset
6. Living illegally - finding jobs, living.



Jody, 30,  
Detroit, Michigan, USA

1. 1 year, 3 months
2. When saved money quota is met.
3. Teaching English in Tokyo
4. Everyday is a new adventure
5. Sub-standard mentality
6. Culture shock



Colleen, 24,  
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

1. 2.5 weeks
2. At least a year
3. Student/part time work
4. Bath houses
5. Views of women
6. Language/everything



Joy, 26,  
Texas, USA

1. 5 months
2. 1 year
3. Teaching abroad
4. Bath houses
5. Views of women
6. Surviving

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE PERSONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ULSAN PEAR OR YOUR NEAREST DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT.

THE ULSAN PEAR

## Miscellaneous

*Best Neighbourhood (Dong):* Mugeo Dong

*Sketchiest Neighbourhood (Dong):* Daun Dong

*Best Place to Find Free Furniture:*  
Any big apartment complex on a Sunday.

*Best Escape from Korean Life:*  
First Place: The compound pool.  
Second Place: Headphones

*Most Useful Korean Phrase:*  
"Maekju han byeung juseyo." (One beer please.)  
"Wha jang shil odi-e?" (Where's the bathroom?)  
"Baek-in anirasuh?"  
(It's 'cause I'm not white, isn't it?)  
"Jul." (Talk to the hand/Whatever.)

*Best Answer to the Question "Uhh... Russian?":*  
"Fuck you, I'm not a woman."

*Best/Worst Cross-Cultural Misunderstanding:*  
Thinking crotch/ass grabs are good homosocial fun.

*Best Konglish Sign:*  
"Gland Opening"  
"Hussy" (women's clothing store)

*Best View of Ulsan:*  
First Place: From Munsu mountain.  
Honorable Mention:  
From the airplane home.



Night View from Munsu Mtn. - Jason Teale photo

*Best Hidden Treasure:*  
First Place: The waterfalls (Pareso Popo)  
Honorable mention: "corn on my pizza."

*Best Souvenir of Korea:*  
Ceramic poop.  
"Be the Reds" t-shirt.  
Soju.  
STD's

*Worst Smell:*  
First Place: Outhouses by the Taehwa soccer fields.  
Second Place: Bundaeggi  
Honorable Mention: "my drains."



Warm Bundaeggi - Bennett Ho photo

# THE QUEST CONTINUES...

Our caffeine-crazed hero schools his taste buds to see if they jive with our survey results

BY JASON TEALE  
THE ULSAN PEAR

So this being the Best Of issue, why not write on what I know best: coffee.

The recipe for coffee is simple; grind up come coffee beans grown in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country and no doubt picked by children at gun point. Pour hot water though the grinds, drink the liquid that falls through.

It seems that the Korean version of this is to use dehydrated crap mixed with sugar and cancer-causing coffee "whitener" served in tiny cups from vending machines placed in the most random and obscure locations imaginable.

Oddly addicting, this mixture of diarrhea and coffee-like substances is just not the same as the aromatic black substance that has so encapsulated my life.

Make a note that this is not another plug for some weird coffee shop or anything. This is a search for purely for the best cup of coffee in Ulsan, at least according to my tastes.

Also, I had to justify a few days of hard caffeine abuse as "research" to all of those who caught me shaking from coffee shop to coffee chop.

I divided the categories into two sections: coffee flavored coffee for the devotees of the non-Star buck's generation and espresso coffee for all of those who have embraced the SUV-driving/poetry reading/ black horned-rimmed glasses wearing side of us all.

Coffee flavored coffee was judged by its non-"instant" coffee-nes and over all taste.

Special points were added if it didn't contain that bowel relieving annoyance that sends you running to the bathroom after just one sip.

Espresso coffee was judged on the overall flavor and amount of foam or whip cream used to cover up the fact that you just paid 3 bucks for an ounce of coffee and a cup of foam.

**The Coffee Flavored Coffee Winner:**

The Dunkin' Original

Yup the name says it all. Nothing but coffee, something close to cream and sugar in this cup. This is about as close to home coffee shop style coffee that Ulsan has to offer.

Make a note that if you don't like the cream and sugar in coffee, the American style is the same. I chose this one because it seems that most "drip coffee" in Ulsan has been

infected with hazelnut virus. I am pretty sure that most places that serve drip coffee are just mixing in instant stuff because it all tastes like crap to me... and hazelnuts.

The Original has all the coffee attributes that I love. It's served in cups the size of small trash cans at near magma-like temperatures from a pimple-faced college student.

**The Espresso Coffee Winner:**

La Scala's Café Mocha

The runner up would be: your own home. With Home Plus selling coffee makers for 10,000 won and Java coffee selling some pretty damn good beans (if you are willing to pay the price), then why leave the security of your shoebox apartment? Make it yourself.

So then I started looking for the extra flourishes. from each of the servers. With a cross-hatched drizzle of chocolate on top to complete the package instead of the standard sprinkle of brown cocoa, La Scalla's took it.

**The Espresso Coffee Winner:**

La Scala's Café Mocha

It is pretty hard to lump all of these different tasting coffees into one category and then choose which one is best. Then again most places make them all the same any way.

I mean really; a shot of espresso and steamed milk... cappuccino... "plopp" chocolate sauce... café mocha.

The runners up in this category were everywhere else because god damn it, they really were all the same!

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La Scala Coffee Shop

PHOTO: JASON TEALE

**Worst Korean Trend:**  
First Place: Couples wear  
Second Place: Long pointy shoes.  
Honorable Mentions: Acid washed jeans, "thinking they can rap," 80's fashions.

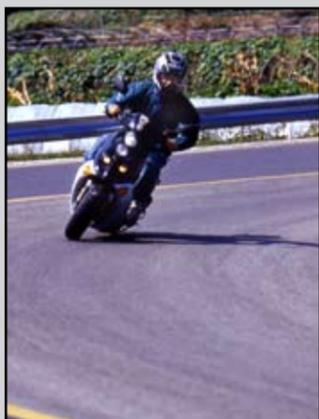
**Best/Worst Ajumma Job:**  
First Place: Bathroom piss mopper  
Second Place: "Scavenjumma"

## Transportation

**Best Place to Buy a Motorcycle/Scooter**  
Winner: Mr. Goh, Ulsan Motorcycle

**Best Scooter:**  
Winner: Exceed

**Worst Scooter:**  
First Place: Fin's  
Second Place: Trans Up



Fin on his bike - Dave Harvey photo

**Best Korean Car:**  
Winner: Tico

**Worst Korean Car:**  
Winner: Tico

**Most Dangerous Intersection:**  
First Place: Taehwa Rotary  
Second Place: "Outside"

## Health

**Best Hospital/Clinic:**  
First Place: Dr.Im's  
Second Place: Dr.Kang's in Nammok

**Best Hospital/Clinic for Women:**  
Winner: MS Women's Hospital in Mugeo Dong

**Best Dentist:**  
First Place: The one on the main strip in Dal Dong  
Second Place: Park Jun Hae

**Best Place to Buy Condoms:**  
First Place: Overseas  
Second Place: "What size?"

**Worst Disease Acquired in Korea:**  
First Place: Princess Disease  
Second Place: Pink eye in both eyes!

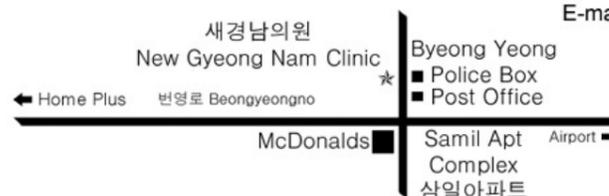
**Best Acupuncturist/ Traditional Doctor:**  
First Place: Dr. Kim in Taehwa Dong (see last issue)

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# ulsan sports

## FLICKING DISCS DOWN BY THE TAEWHA

BY FIN MADDEN  
THE ULSAN PEAR

The Taehwa river holds a secret, and a dirty one at that. (*and we're not talking about its outhouses... -ed.*) It's not something people like to talk about. Some aren't proud of it at all. If you ask them, they will blanche and turn away.

Few are proud, and those who are, are quite loud. It's not a sport of kings, or of Beckhams or Gretzkys. This is a game for the common folk, with no dreams of turning pro, or semi-pro.

The sport is frisbee - the Europeans do scoff, until they've played a half. It

sounds like a child's game, a sunny afternoon at the beach. Certainly, it is not a game that requires skill and determination...or is it?

Down by the Taehwa, almost everyone is a virgin, out for their first time on the pitch. But the rules are basic, and so are the veterans.

Skills required are catching, throwing and running. There are no balls to kick, or fight over. No sexual metaphors to ponder.

The USLUTs (Ulsan Saucer Launching Ultimate Team) has played away games in Busan and Daejeon as well as hosting the first Annual Ulsan Frisbee Tournament last spring, that saw fully grown

adults from across the country chasing a plastic disc across the Taehwa's fields.

During the winter months, we play every Sunday at 3 o'clock, and during the summer, at 4 o'clock

All games are held on the Taehwa bridge soccer pitches.

Everyone is welcome, and everybody plays. We play every weekend, no matter what the weather, no matter how cold nor how hot. There are other teams throughout the Peninsula, and even a league in Seoul.

So get off the couch, come on down and learn to flick your disk like the rest of us.

See you Sunday!  
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**USLUT**  
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Every Sunday, 3pm  
**Riverside at Taehwa Rotary**  
New players always welcome  
**Ulsan Saucer Launching Ultimate Team**

### And finally, some categories our readers submitted:

**Best Hangover Cures:**  
Ramyun with Tylenol  
Kimchi Chigae  
Not getting one.

**Best Event:** Scooter Inferno

**Best Cell Phone Dangly:**  
Little people in various sexual positions.

**Best Ground Coffee:** Java (*thanks J.T. -ed.*)

**Cheapest Ground Coffee:**  
WalMart (*thanks again J.T. -ed.*)

**Best Konglish T-Shirt Slogans:**  
First Place: "I wish my boyfriend was as dirty as his dirtbike"  
(only available in men's sizes)  
Honorable Mentions:  
"Carm Down! Everything will be ok!  
Tlavellers, pluk up courage!"  
"Booby: Spring is Booby's favorite season."  
(across the front of a girl's t-shirt)



**Worst Korean Trend: Couple Wear** - Jason Teale Photo

Thanks to everyone who participated!

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## DID SOMEBODY SAY HASH?

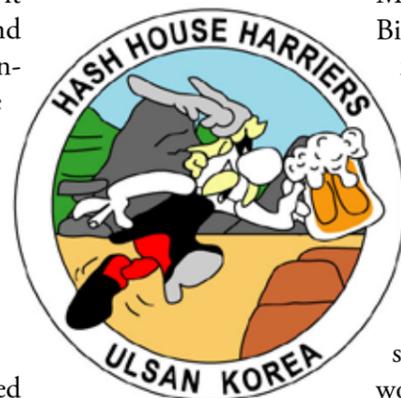
BY "CANDO"  
CONTRIBUTOR

You may have heard about this little group called the Hashers. Rumour has it they get up bright and early on Sunday mornings to run through the forest and drink beer.

You may also think they must be slightly bent if that's their idea of fun.

Hashing is often described as "A Drinking Club with a Running Problem", and today there are approximately 1,700 Hashes run in over 180 countries. No matter where you travel,

hash clubs around the world share a common love for physical activity, good times and most importantly, beer.



The Ulsan Hash House Harriers started in 1988 and recently organized the Ulsan Grand Hash as part of HHI's Autumn

Festival. The group runs bi-weekly on Sundays starting at 10:00am from the Hyundai Foreigner's Compound in Bangeojin. Mipo Hashes (Big Boy/Big Girl) Hashes are run monthly too.

Hashes are suitable for everyone. New members (including families) are welcome any time and it's a great way to see parts of Ulsan you wouldn't normally see!

For more information about the Ulsan Hash House Harriers check out our web site at: <http://ulsanhash.blogspot.com>

# THE WANDERERS RETURN TO ULSAN

BY JOHN BUCKLEY  
THE ULSAN PEAR

Wonshot Wanderers, Ulsan's Premier Soccer team, is made up of ex-pats from all over the world.

We began as a footballing entity in April 2002. Many young, fit waygooks were yearning to be given a ball and a yard of grass.

While a lot of talking had been done by many, the two responsible culprits for dragging the boys and girls of Wonshot from the bar stool to the football pitch were Chris Hogan and John Buckley.

This was a feat of no little consideration at the time. Except for a brief four-month hiatus at the end of 2003, the Wonshot Wanderers have been on the road ever since.

Luckily, at the beginning of 2004 Gareth Copley happened to be around.

He resurrected WSW, both energetically and effectively.

Being involved with WSW is just one blast and provides an outlet of expression which has brought so much fun into so many way-gook lives.



PHOTO: DAVE HARVEY

They are the envy of every other team around. It's not the winning or the losing but the way we play the game plus the friends and foes we make along the way that makes it so special to be a Wonshot Wanderer.

Our club motto is 'Non habemus esse perfetto adesse in hoc squadra. Sed eunart habemus.' ('We don't have to be perfect to be in this team. But we do have to try.')

The Wonshots mission statement is and always has been to serve the Waygook soccer community of Ulsan with pride and passion.

We want to provide a quality example of individual and team excellence on the field and off it. To demonstrate the highest character, appreciation and respect for our game, teammates and opponents. And fi-

nally, to provide enjoyment and entertainment to whomever we play against or wherever we play them. This best sums up the intentions of its founding members.

Our Achievements to date:

Dec 2004 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Busan International League

June 2003 - Winners of Busan International Cup

July 2002 - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Dajeon International Peace and Culture tournament.

# WHO YA CALLING UGLY?

BY CHRIS DUNN  
THE ULSAN PEAR

The Ulsan Ugly Playboys are the newest sporting team to hit the fields of Ulsan.

The team has entered a number of tournaments over the last 3 months and has developed into one of the stronger team in the foreigner rugby community of Korea.

Rugby in Ulsan has developed in leaps in bounds. Originally the team started with about five guys running around the pitch throwing the ball backwards. We now have 17 guys who are regularly joining us on the field to play classic social rugby.

We have also quickly found that it is not just the southern hemisphere guys who play but there is many from non rugby playing countries who help make our team a success.

Our competitors come from all parts of the country. We regularly play against Busan, Daegu, Seoul, 2 US military teams, as well as the many Korean university teams.



PHOTO: DAVE HARVEY

Very recently our team joined forces with Daegu and Busan to form the Southern Barbarians as a representative team. This has been very successful and we are planning on taking this team on the road to major tournaments in Manilla, Thailand, Cambodia, Guam, and Japan.

Asia offers some of the best social rugby in the world and it is great that

we can be a part of this. Our team could never have come together without the hard work and ideas from the staff at Benchwarmers. They have helped to us become a vital part of the Ulsan sporting teams. If you are interested in joining our club or being part of antics email [ulsanrugby@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ulsanrugby@yahoo.co.uk) or check out [www.ulsanrugby.bravehost.com](http://www.ulsanrugby.bravehost.com)

## EVENT CALENDAR

Where you can find what's happening, who's meeting and who to talk to about anything in Ulsan.

### SOCIAL

**CHRISTMAS FORMAL DINNER-** Dig out your nice threads and celebrate the Holidays with Champagne and turkey and DJs until the wee hours. Saturday, December 18th at 9:00pm at Foreigners Compound Clubhouse. More info: [mrbarham@yahoo.com](mailto:mrbarham@yahoo.com)

**MEET THE PEAR 'BOOZE CROOZE'**- Your chance to tell us what you really think of this rag. Support our advertisers and join the staff and writers of the Ulsan Pear for an all night pub crawl. Saturday, January 8th starting at 7:00pm. More info: [finmadden@yahoo.ca](mailto:finmadden@yahoo.ca)

### ARTS

**HAE KOM PLAYERS-** The Hae Kom Players' production of "A Christmas Carol" will be performed at 7pm on December 18 at Hyundai High School in Bangeojin. More info: [sokoredfury@yahoo.com](mailto:sokoredfury@yahoo.com)

**SPANISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP-** All levels are welcome. For anyone who wants to learn or just want to brush up on their Spanish skills. Every Saturday, 5pm at Sabors in Mugeo-dong. More info: [sokoredfury@yahoo.com](mailto:sokoredfury@yahoo.com)

**WRITERS' GROUP-** Every other Wednesday (Dec. 8, 22). Share your work, critique, be heard or just listen at McKenzie's at 11pm. More info: [sokoredfury@yahoo.com](mailto:sokoredfury@yahoo.com)

### SPORTS

**HASH HOUSE HARRIERS-** Every second Sunday (Dec. 19, Jan. 2) the drinking group with a running problem meets at the foreigners' compound in Bangeojin. More info: [blakegc@attglobal.net](mailto:blakegc@attglobal.net)

**RUGBY-** The Ulsan Ugliers meet most Sundays to play touch rugby. Matches happen on the shores of the Taehwa river. More info: [ulsanrugby@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ulsanrugby@yahoo.co.uk)  
[www.ulsanrugby.bravehost.com](http://www.ulsanrugby.bravehost.com)

**SOCCER-** The Won Shot Wanderers are back and playing various teams around the city. We are now in a Busan league. More info: [wonshotwanderers@hotmail.com](mailto:wonshotwanderers@hotmail.com)  
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**STREET HOCKEY-** Hockey in Korea? A number of people play in the Taehwa-dong area, sticks are available. More info: [benchwarmersbar@yahoo.com](mailto:benchwarmersbar@yahoo.com)

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE-** New players always welcome, Ultimate Frisbee is played on the riverside by the Taehwa hotel every Sunday **NOW AT 3pm**. More info: [usluts@yahoo.com](mailto:usluts@yahoo.com)

If you have any events you would like listed here, let us know: [info@ulsanpear.biz](mailto:info@ulsanpear.biz)

## COMIC CORNER

What is the best thing about having to spend the holidays in Ulsan?



... Christmas comes 14 hours earlier! Happy Holidays!

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