



What's New With Hancock

In March, Hancock study groups are starting! It will be great opportunity to practice what you are learning in class.



Saint Patrick's Day (March 17) is a national holiday of Ireland. In the U.S.A. it is widely celebrated but is not an official

holiday. Be sure to wear green to class that day!



and award three iPod Shuffles.

The End-of-Quarter Party will be on March 25. Please bring a favorite dish to share! We will also have the Hancock Sweepstakes raffle this

Special Interest: A History of Passover

Passover is a Jewish holiday that will begin at the end of March.

In the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate Passover. Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover not only for much of its symbolism but also for its position on the calendar. This connection has been reinterpreted by Christians as messianic and signs of Jesus.

Nowadays, the most significant observance related to Passover involves the removal of chametz (leavening) from their homes. Passover lasts for seven days (eight days outside of Israel). On the first night of Passover, they have a special family meal filled with rituals to remind them of the significance of the holiday. This meal is called a seder. The last supper was apparently a Passover seder.

The Christian festival of Easter probably embodies a number of converging traditions. The early Christians, many of whom were of Jewish origin, were brought up in the Hebrew tradition and regarded Easter as a new feature of the Passover festival.

Passover begins on the fifteenth day of the Jewish month of Nisan. It is the first of three major festivals. Agriculturally, it represents the beginning of the harvest season.

The primary observances of Passover are related to the Exodus from Egypt after 400 years of slavery. The name "Passover" refers to the fact that God "passed over" the houses of the Jews when he was slaying the firstborn of Egypt.

—Byeong Yong Lee

In the News: *The Compton Cookout*

A party was held Feb. 15 by UCSD students, who called it the "Compton Cookout". They circulated the information on Facebook and they asked guests to dress and act like "ghetto* chicks" among other things. After the party many people who saw the information on Facebook got mad. Over 200 angry students met with the administrators to demand racial tolerance. In my opinion, we must respect all races.

*ghetto=poor area of town

Special Interest: *Hangeul*

Koreans have developed and use a unique alphabet called Hangeul. It is considered to be one of the most efficient alphabets in the world and received a lot of praise from language experts for its scientific design and excellence.

Hangeul was created under King Sejong during the Joseon Dynasty (1392~1910). In 1446, the first Korean alphabet was proclaimed under the name Hunminjeongeum, which literally meant "The Correct Sounds for the Instruction of the People."

King Sejong is considered to be one of the greatest rulers in the history of Korea. His love for the people made him always ready to listen to the voices of the common folk. During his reign, King Sejong always deplored the fact that the common people were not able to read and write, while only the educated were using the complicated Chinese characters to read and write.

He understood their frustration in not being able to read or to communicate their thoughts and feelings in written words. King Sejong felt

great sympathy for the people. As a wise ruler strongly dedicated to national identity and cultural independence, he was eager to get the solutions cooperating with Jiphyeonjeon, which is an academic research institute.

What he created was an alphabet that was uniquely Korean and easily learnable, considering it accessible and usable for the common people. Thus, the Hunminjeongeum was born.

In the preface of its proclamation, King Sejong stated as follows: "Being of foreign origin, Chinese characters are incapable of capturing uniquely Korean meanings. Therefore, many common people have no way to express their thoughts and feelings. Out of my sympathy for their difficulties, I have invented a set of 28 letters. The letters are very easy to learn, and it is my fervent hope that they improve the quality of life of all people."

The statement shows the essence of King Sejong's dedication to cultural independence and commitment to the welfare of the people.

THE LOW-DOWN ON WHAT'S UP

Charles Gounod's 'Romeo & Juliet'
March 13, 16, 19, 21
Civic Theatre
sandiegotheatres.org

Legally Blonde, The Musical
March 30 & 31, 7 pm
Civic Theatre
sandiegotheatres.org

Matchmaker Live: Patti Stanger
March 13, 8 pm
Balboa Theatre
sandiegotheatres.org

Band of the Irish Guards/The Royal Regiment of Scotland
3/7/10, 2 pm & 7 pm
Balboa Theatre
sandiegotheatres.org

Flower Fields Ranunculus Tours
March 1 - May 9, \$9-\$18
Flower Fields of Carlsbad
Flowers abound at this yearly display of color in North County.

shamROCK St. Patrick's Day Block Party
March 17, \$20-\$25
The Gaslamp Quarter hosts a brilliant outdoor musical block party to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The party includes plenty of live music, dancing, and of course, green beer.

Spotlight on New Students

Mr.Essa Althani

When I looked at him for the first time, I thought he was of the royal family of U.A.E. He has already stayed in the U.S.A two times and just got married last year. On his honeymoon he went to San Diego, Alaska, Canada and San Francisco for around 25 days. After his honeymoon, he has definitely decided to come to study in San Diego because of the wonderful weather. He is going to study web design for 3 years at SDSU and will go back to his country to work for his father's company. He gives you some tips about practicing Islam. First, they must pray five times for Allah every day. Second, they have a religious ceremony called Ramadan which means they cannot eat anything all day for one month. Lastly, he doesn't eat pork and doesn't drink any alcohol ever. Incidentally, I found out that his wife is of the royal family of U.A.E!

Song Yun Sub

Song Yun Sub is from Korea. He is 23 years old and he is a student in Kathy's class. He lives with his older sister. He came to San Diego to enter the university. He will stay in San Diego about 5 years. He likes San Diego weather.

Shoko Tsujino

Shoko Tsujino is from Kyoto, Japan. She has taught yoga for 2 years. When she was 20, she started to learn yoga. The reason why she is learning English is that she wants to teach foreigners, because she has an international license to teach yoga. She has stayed here for 11 months; she will stay 1 more year. When she came here, she couldn't understand her host family. She had troubles. But now she studies hard, she enjoys her life. She can teach you yoga. If you want to contact her, come to Thea's class.

Da Hee

Da Hee is from Korea. She came to San Diego with her husband. She likes chatting with friends. She will stay here 5

years. She has been to 10 countries. If you are interested in foreign countries, please go to Kathy's class. She would like to chat with you.

Jung ah Lee

Jung ah Lee is from Seoul, Korea. She came to San Diego with her family in January 2009. She started on February 1st. Her family will stay in San Diego for 5 years. She recommends Universal Studios (she has been there 7~8 times) and Sea World (she has been there 10 times). She likes San Diego because the weather is good and it is safe here. She likes this school. You can meet her in Thea's class.

William Abreu

Look at this guy. He gave me three surprises this week. First of all, he looks very young, but he has three children who are 19, 18 & 8 years old. The second surprise is that he wants to speak English pretty well and so he decided to take an adventure to come to San Diego. Finally, he promised that he will show us his traditional dances with our classmates. He plans to go back to his city, Maracaibo, on March 16th and will come back to us around the middle of April. If you want to know tips for touring Venezuela, please visit the Pico Bolivar mountains with Pabellon Criollo. This is a typical food in Venezuela. If you want to know more about Venezuela, visit Willie in Thea's class.

Hae Ree

Hae Ree Huh is from Korea and worked for a bank. In 2007, she decided to go to the U.S. to study English for one year. While she was in the States, she met a great guy. After she left him to go back to Korea, he wanted to marry her. So, he went after her to Korea and proposed to her with a one-karat diamond ring. Finally, they got married last year and she moved to San Diego. She would like to become a successful career woman and we believe she will.

A Traditional Korean Game: 3-6-9

I would like to introduce a kind of Korean game that is named 3-6-9. Almost all Koreans may know this game because it is very popular.

Anyone can play this game when you know numbers and have your hands. The player says 1, 2 and then just clap your hands. When you have counted on the third count, sixth count, and ninth count, you don't say the number.

This game has no limit to the number of persons playing in the group. Someone starts and says "One," the next person should say "two" and the third person should clap their hands without saying the number and keep playing in the order of numbers, even if someone gets it wrong.

The important thing is when the numbers are 30, 60, and 90, you don't say the number. Just clap! But when you come to the numbers 40, 70, and 100, you clap and say the number.

Second of all, everyone must remember when there are two of the numbers in whatever combination of 3, 6, or 9, such as 33, 63, 99, etc., you should clap your hands twice.

Let's try to play this game. It would be fun.

—Eugene

Humor at Hancock

When I arrived in San Diego, I went to Starbucks for the first time. I felt tense because I had to speak English. When I went into the Starbucks, they asked "How is it going today?" but I thought they asked "How did I get here" so I answered "Oh I walked here." Next, someone asked "What do you want: coffee or tea?" so I answered "One Ice coffee please." I began to feel more confident because I understood the question so well. After that they asked, "What is your name?" but I thought they asked about the size of the drink. I answered "Venti size." They laughed at me, so I felt like crying. —Mingyu Kim