

## Korea doggedly wooing tourists 'Friendly, but they eat too much'

**United Press International**  
SEOUL, South Korea — The government ordered all dog meat restaurants and snake shops closed in central Seoul before thousands of American travel agents arrive for a convention in late September, officials said today.

It was the first time a citywide ban was imposed on the restaurants.

In Korean tradition, dog meat and snakes are believed to supply good health and increased sexual desire.

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NEW YORK — How do foreign tourists view Americans these days?

One group, after a month-long tour, was agreed that we are friendly — but eat too much.

The group of 29 from South Africa had glimpsed a good portion of the United States in a coast-to-coast bus tour and were interviewed as they headed home. For most, it was their first visit to this country.

What they saw, many said, was far different from what they expected, after watching at home such TV shows as "Dallas" and "Magnum."

"We expected the people to be six foot six inches tall and bigger than life. We found out they are ordinary people, just like us," said Ken Oakley, a quality control engineer from Johannesburg.

But if Americans weren't all six-foot-six, the travelers said they did find them large in another way.

"Americans are fat! Everywhere we went they were always

eating," said Embre Gouws, of Cape Town. "Even your food portions here at restaurants are quite large, more than the average person needs."

New York also was a bit overpowering on first sight.

"Our first day here we felt like getting into bed and putting the covers over our faces, the city was so big. Now, because everyone has been so friendly, we are used to the bigness and feel like we own the place!" said Maryna Strauss, of Cape Town.

"We could not comprehend the vastness of it all unless we came to see for ourselves," said her psychiatrist husband, Dr. Clive Strauss.

The group's tour took them through the Midwest to California and back by way of Florida and Washington, D.C.

"We were amazed at the diverse climates and land shapes. We had snow, then 24 hours later we were getting scorched by 110 degree weather in Death Valley," said Dr. Strauss.

"We were overwhelmed by the Grand Canyon. We have canyons in South Africa, but they wouldn't be the filling in a tooth compared to this one."

Strauss said she was impressed

by the orderly, efficient way large crowds of people were handled at Disneyland in California and at the White House tour.

"Nobody jumped queue even once or tried to be pushy," she said.

"We thought the cabbies in New York were especially helpful and friendly," said Strauss.

But some group members were shocked by the derelicts in New York City, sleeping on park benches and in subway entrances.

"We saw this one poor man without any shoes on and his clothes tattered. I think it is shocking and your government should do something to help those people," said Robert Bowen of Bloemfontein.

Her husband, owner of a shoe repair factory, also said they were surprised to see so many drunks on the streets.

Bowen said American scenic sights were nice, but the Cape in South Africa was more beautiful than all of Miami.

Tour guide Robert Brouwer said most of the group liked the West coast better than the East.

"They were impressed more with California than anywhere

else," he said.

He said many South Africans are taking holidays in the U.S. this year. "I am booked up to guide several groups all through November."

Group members were bemused by people here saying they are "stuffed" after a meal. In South Africa the word "stuffed" has a very different meaning.

"You don't go into a store and ask for a stuffed animal, either," said Jan Woods of Johannesburg. "You ask the clerk for a 'soft animal.'"

Sharon Nunes, also of Johannesburg, said Americans were a much more outgoing people than she had expected.

"People here are much more open. Women walk down the streets in skinny bras (bikini tops). If you did that in South Africa, people would stop and stare at you. But we don't worry about that happening because most people there are too conservative to ever do that anyway!"

Group members said they were pleasantly surprised by American food.

"We thought the fast food restaurants were amazing. They

had your food ready for you before you could reach in your pocket to get the coins to pay it with," said Strauss.

U.S. television also made an impression.

Oakley said the medium had been available in South Africa for only six years and most programming is American.


"Your television is incredible. You have so many shows to choose from" his wife, Fran, said. "But I didn't like having 'adverts' every few minutes. TV shows a few ads, but they don't disrupt the middle of a program."

Mr. and Mrs. H. Vermeulen of Cape Town said their complaint was the noise of cities. "We weren't used to sirens and horns. It was hard on the ears, quite hard," Vermeulen said.

Vermeulen said a noticeable difference was amount of activity in U.S. cities on Sundays. "That's the when all our shops close and families have time to get together. In America, Sunday seems to be the day when everyone tries to go out to eat."

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## Texas lawyer climbs the ranks

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AUSTIN — Sarah Weddington evolved at breakneck speed from a West Texas preacher's daughter to the attorney who convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to legalize abortion.

A decade after the landmark 1973 abortion ruling, Weddington shows no signs of slowing her quick advancement through the world of state and national politics.

In the past 10 years, she has been a three-term Texas state legislator, first woman general counsel to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a top adviser to former President Jimmy Carter. She now heads a 19-member staff in the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations, dividing her time between Austin and Washington.

Weddington was 27 when she argued the Roe vs. Wade abortion case before the nation's

highest court. It was the first contested legal case for the former high school English teacher from Abilene.

"It was a feeling of great responsibility," she said. "I felt I was there to represent thousands and thousands of other people."

"In some ways, it was very appropriate that it was a young woman addressing the court. If it had been a man in his 60s, he could have argued it as well from a technical point of view. But I don't think he could have argued it as well from a position of understanding the impact of pregnancy upon a woman's life."

The notoriety gained from the court case helped Weddington in her first venture into politics in 1972, when she won her first term in the Texas House. During her third term, she

was asked by the Carter administration to become the first female general counsel of the USDA. A year later, she was Carter's special adviser on women's issues.

Weddington points to her Methodist upbringing and her experience as a "preacher's kid" as direct influences on her decision to enter politics.

"Some writers have said that, to be a leader, you have to be willing to feel different," she said. "I always felt different because I wasn't asked to do a lot of things other kids did because I was a preacher's kid."

"Daddy preached the gospel of Christian social concern. It was a gospel that said each of us has a responsibility to care about what happens to other people. That, in part, translates into my politics, because politics is to me a way of expressing care and

concern about other people. After graduating from Abilene at 19, Weddington took high school English for a year and worked as a clerk in the Texas Legislature before entering law school.

The Roe vs. Wade case came up the next three years, and she was followed by six years in the Texas House. It was during that time as an adviser to Carter that she found herself once again involved full time in issues of interest to women.

She proudly recalled being one of three advisers who approved the appointments of many women and minority federal court judges. She claims Carter was the first president to place a substantial number of women in high governmental positions.

"I think Carter set the standard in treating women well, making them a part of his administration," she said. "It is a contrast between Carter and President Reagan, that has largely created the gender gap."

Despite her ventures into national politics during the Carter administration and in her recent Washington job, Weddington predicts her political future lies in Texas where people are much more positive about the future.

"Austin is a place where the spirit is enthusiasm and confidence," she said. "Washington is a place where the spirit is one being under siege."

She said she would serve State-Federal Relations director until 1986, when Gov. Mark White's first term of office ends, and then hope for a key appointment from the governor. An elected state office would seem a logical next step.

"Politics to me is the most exciting, challenging feeling being involved in something that matters that I can envision," Weddington said. "There's nothing more rewarding in my sense of feeling that you really have made a difference. I love it."

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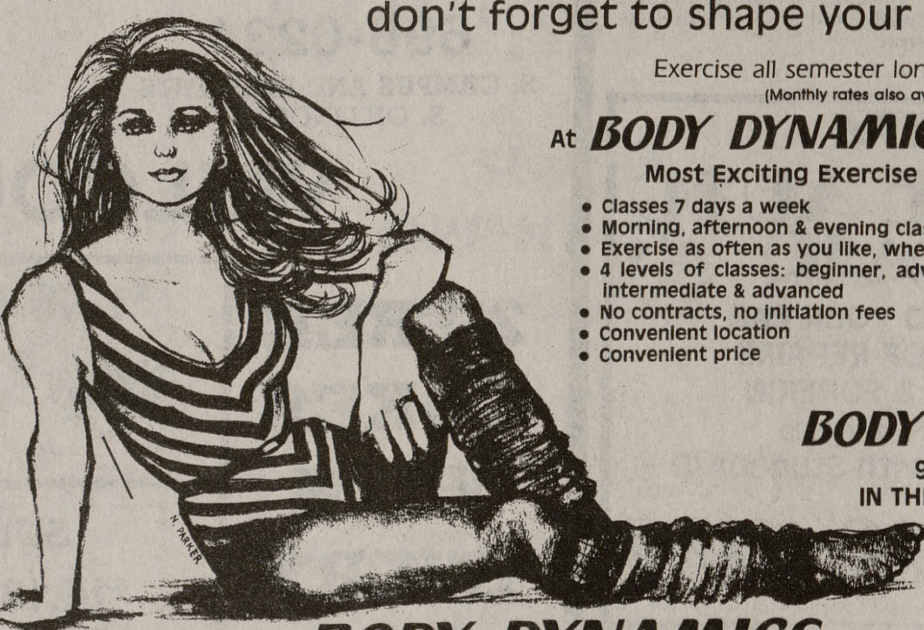
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