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# Our man Max at the DMZ in Korea

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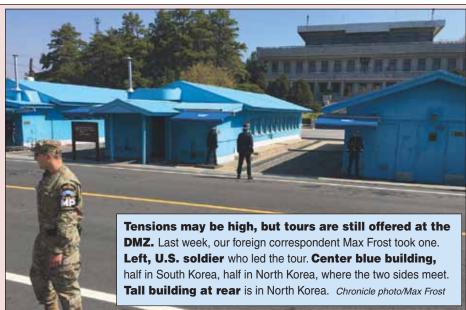
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Following a surprisingly dull two weeks in Japan, we were ready to be somewhere new. We had tickets booked to go to South Korea, but political developments over the preceding week put our plans in jeopardy.

North Korea was prepping for a nuclear test. The U.S. was threatening to retaliate against such a provocation. Chinese troops were moved to the North Korean border. Japan discussed plans to evacuate its citizens from the south.

News reports said North Korea had 20,000 artillery pieces and even nuclear bombs ready to attack Seoul.

My girlfriend Kira and I waited in Japan, unsure of whether or



not to follow through with our plans to go to South Korea.

Twelve hours before our scheduled flight we decided we would still go.

Four days later we stood at the Korean border being stared at by a stone-faced, gun-toting North Korean soldier, an hour's drive from my new favorite city, Seoul.

#### **Businesses offer DMZ tours**

There are businesses in Seoul that offer tours of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that separates North and South Korea.

It was something we knew we had to do.

We booked our tour over a

month in advance in order to go with the top-rated company, and it did not disappoint.

After our tour bus arrived at the DMZ, we were joined by an American soldier.

After a quick presentation on the history of the DMZ, we headed to the Joint Security Area (JSA), which sits in the middle of the DMZ, half in North Korea, half in South Korea.

This portion of the trip had been cancelled for most other groups for security reasons, but our tour, thankfully, went on.

Under the American soldier's guidance, we toured the JSA. He

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## **New day** at Hiland as son, 30, takes reins

### **By Gordon Woodworth**

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On Jan. 1, Ivan Flores purchased Hiland Park Country Club in Queensbury from his father, Rafael. In April he opened

a modest new restaurant called The Heron at Hiland.

opens The **Heron at** "I've been in the family Hiland business since I was 10," Mr.

Flores, 30, told The Chronicle.

"I took over the business officially on January 1st, and the new restaurant has been our focus ever since."

He said they're serving 30 meals on a typical Saturday night. "We are limited by our kitchen, which is very small," he said. "We're trying to keep it

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**Ivan Flores** 

### **Landmark wall** shows age; City sets repairs

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The historic, massive stone retaining wall that runs down Glen Street hill beneath

**Retiree Ed** 

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the J.E. Sawyer building is showing its age, and Glens Falls plans repairs.

Valla: It's aggres-That wall ing worse doesn't owe us

anything, but we owe it a little

