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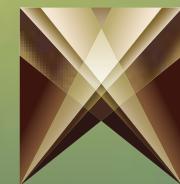
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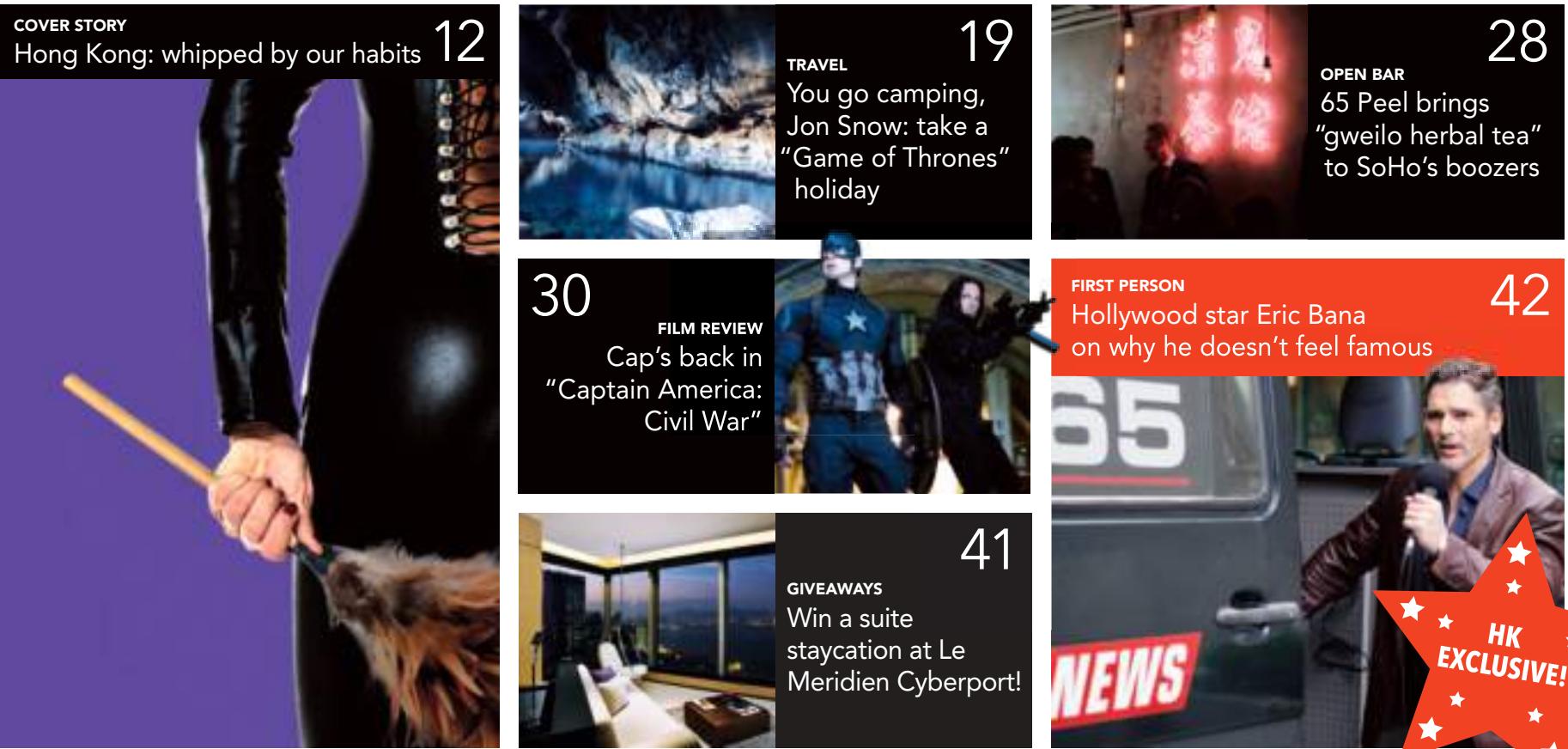
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Cry, Cry, CY

The CY Leung left luggage saga is STILL grinding on, with CY having to reject accusations this week that he had made an airline worker cry during a phone conversation. We doubt he reduced a grown-ass adult to tears in this particular instance. But here's 15 things that CY might do to make us cry—for better or for worse.

1. Call us on the phone and reveal that he's not angry with us for criticizing him, he's just disappointed.
2. Take candy from us when we were babies.
3. Destroy the final tree in the forest, causing us to weep a single tear.
4. Pepper-spray us, "for the lolz."
5. Tell us to cut onions for his mirepoix, while he did the easy carrots and celery. Selfish.
6. Kick us really hard in the gonads.
7. Drive us to madness, leaving us raging into a typhoon as we shed our clothes and yell his name into the indifferent universe.
8. Kill our entire family, cook them into a stew and feed them to us. To add insult to injury, he'd underseason the stew.
9. Adopt a puppy; kick the puppy.
10. Tell that joke about the pan-democrat, the pro-Beijinger and the Chief Executive that always leaves us in tears.
11. Buy us groceries when we're feeling really broke and emotionally vulnerable.
12. Take us drinking, get us maudlin drunk as we regret all the paths not taken in life.
13. Write a masterful short story published in The New Yorker, a searing tale of guilt and regret that penetrates to the very core of our souls and leaves us sobbing on the kitchen floor.
14. Lead us through a method acting masterclass in which he teaches us to reach deep into our own traumas to bring out the true pain of our characters.
15. We're having just the worst day and we get home in an awful mood, but then CY is there stirring a pot of chili con carne with Miles Davis on the radio. He feeds us and gives us a soothing back rub until our emotions just bubble over. What. A. Man.

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HOME



Mr. Know-It-All's

— Guide to Life —

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

How did we tell the time before digital watches? — Rain Man

The noonday gun might be the city's best-known timekeeping device, but it wasn't the official one. In fact, for 48 years the job of keeping time fell to the Hong Kong Observatory, who did it not to the sound of a gun—but to the drop of a ball. And not just any ball: they used a *time ball*.

No, it isn't a euphemism. In fact it's an amusingly literal name for this little sphere of Hong Kong history. It's exactly what it sounds like: A large ball mounted on a pole. Every day at 12:50pm the time ball would be raised to the top of the pole; and at 1pm precisely (as determined by the Observatory) it would drop down the pole, signaling the hour to the entire city. That enabled the mariners in the harbor to set their chronometers for another 24 hours. This was vitally important, because knowing the time at sea gives you your longitude—and knowing your longitude stops you from running into rocks.

The city's first time ball was actually on a ship: HMS *Victor Emmanuel* hosted the time ball from 1882 to 1885. Afterwards, a new 6-foot-diameter ball was mounted some 84 feet above sea level at the now former Marine Police Headquarters in Tsim Sha Tsui, where Heritage 1881 stands now. Every day (except for Sundays, and when the Observatory guys fell ill) the time ball dropped to mark another day. The building which housed the time ball was recently renovated, complete with replica ball.

In 1908 the time ball was moved to Blackhead Point in Tsim Sha Tsui East, which was the highest point on the

entire peninsula. It was mounted on the top of a signal tower to increase visibility next to the typhoon warning system, and 1928 an extra story was added to the tower, thanks to the increasing height of buildings around it. But it wasn't until the end of June 1933 that the time ball was finally decommissioned and scrapped: The rise of radio had rendered the ball obsolete. The signal tower fell into disrepair.

The tower was finally restored in 1978, and it stands still at Blackhead Point in the middle of Signal Hill Garden. In the past, the tower soared above Tsim Sha Tsui, a beacon broadcasting the time to the city. Nowadays, it's dwarfed by the skyscraping towers and apartment blocks which surround this little green slice of the past. Progress pushes us up and on—and who needs to stop and tell the time, when you're only ever rushing forward?



Nice balls: The signal tower at Blackhead Point

Photo: Hong Kong Observatory

My Perfect
HK

This week in My Perfect HK:
Mother's Day is this Sunday,
May 8. Take the time to let your
mom know what a special person
she is. Sure, you may not always
see eye-to-eye: But who does?
Book a brunch for all the family,
or maybe cook her favorite meal.
Broke? Got a mom overseas? No
worries. Just give her a call and let
her know you're thinking of her.
Happy Mother's Day, mom!

Letters

"His brain. Is full of worms."

Noodlegate

In an online story, we discussed CY Leung's claim that a family of five could live on \$9,000 per month by eating instant noodles (published April 27). Our readers weren't impressed...

He should try it for one month and it should be filmed like the Kardashians

Kat Jun

If he's out on the street, many people will throw him some fruits, so he can feed his family with rotten fruits 🍏

Dev Vandal

Is everybody in power here fucking incompetent? Politicians, CEO's, it just about seems that anybody with a degree of power or authority lack any sort of human empathy and are completely oblivious to those around them.

Alexander Pinna

If you ate instant noodles with luncheon meat every morning, you would probably cut your life short by a couple of years which means money saved. #Result

Andrea Lo

This man baffles me every time he opens his mouth. Height of uselessness 😐

Rita Thapa

No regard for the health of the people! One of the struggles with low wages is eating healthy which is essential to being able to work hard and efficiently to provide for oneself and family. Not to mention the little ones would need proper nourishment as well.

Winnie Chung

I just don't understand how a CE can advise his citizens to accept poverty instead of improving the city...

Maggie Cheung-Man

biggest joke of the century wtf 🤦‍♂️🤦‍♂️🤦‍♂️ would be funny if it wasn't some people's reality

Abigail Mattingly

"Sir, they can't even afford plain rice!"
"Why don't they have cup noodles?"

Wai Ching Liu

Which instant noodle company is sponsoring him?

Ying Perrett

Let them eat cup noodles #marieantionette

Paula Mackay

He is really stupid or got no brain at all. His brain. Is full of worms.

Lim Ck

This guy needs better PR staff

Wing Lun Au

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THE WEEK



Thursday 5/12

Strut Your Stuff

Get ready for a summer of style: **Runway** is your one-stop shop to stock up on a new summer wardrobe. It's a fashion extravaganza with runway shows spotlighting the hottest new Hong Kong brands and a fashion bazaar to snap up the best of this season's trends.

6-10pm. **The Hive Studios, 6/F, Cheung Hing Industrial Building, 12P Smithfield Rd., Kennedy Town.** \$100 from runway.pelago.events

Friday 5/6

Hit Boiling Point

Since helping found the Boiler Room, one of the world's most respected underground music shows, DJ **Thris Tian** has established himself as a man with the golden ear. He's played with the likes of Jamie XX, James Blake, Erykah Badu and Q-Tip: Don't miss his session at Studio.

From 11:30pm. **Studio, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central.** Free.

Saturday 5/7

Maker's Market

Hidden Truffles and HK Hub have teamed up again for their **Artisanal Summer Bazaar** to bring you unique gift inspirations, organic goods, home décor and stylish fashion and accessories. They'll also teach your kid how to be a mini-maker with a clock-making workshop, plus plenty more craft activities.

11:30am-8pm. **The Space, 210 Hollywood Rd., Sheung Wan.**

Sunday 5/8

Treat Her Like A Lady

It's Mother's Day: treat mom to something special.

The **Langham's high tea** offers Guerlain-inspired sweet treats, and their mom's day special includes a Guerlain gift set and 45-minute facial treatment.

2:15-6:30pm. **Palm Court, The Langham, Hong Kong, 8 Peking Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui.** 2132-7898. \$598 for two.

Monday 5/9

Mix Up Your Monday

Got those Monday blues? We're gonna make it a lot better. For our 25th birthday, we're giving you a month to pop into any of our partnering bars in LKF and sample \$25 drinks. Come celebrate with us!

Through May 31. Register at promotions.hk-magazine.com/25years

Tuesday 5/10

Panda Park

It's **Lovely Panda Month** at Ocean Park! Go visit your fuzzy pals An An, Ying Ying and Le Le. Ocean Park is offering promotions for admission and 30 percent off panda merch, with a portion of the sales going to their conservation foundation.

Through May 31. **Ocean Park, Southside.** \$385 per person, with up to 25 percent discount if your name contains the letters P, A, N, D, or A.



Wednesday 5/11

Save the Dolphins

With only a few dozen Pink Dolphins left, there's never been a more urgent need to save them. Hit up the **Save the Dolphins Charity Event** at Lily and Bloom to help raise money for the Hong Kong Dolphin Conservation Society.

6-10pm. **Lily & Bloom, 5/F and 6/F, LKF Tower, 33 Wyndham St., Central.**

Friday 5/13

Dealing in Art

The **Affordable Art Fair** is back in town, proving again that fine art isn't just for the one percent. Expect TED talks, art tours, special projects from international artists and an exhibit of home-grown talent.

Through May 15. **Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.** \$80-100 from affordableartfair.com



Saturday 5/14

Make Julia Child Proud

Grab a wicker basket and a cute barrette and hit the **French Traditional Market** at Stanley. You can stock up on all kinds of French delicacies, from fresh seafood to pâté and more. Grab a bottle of fine Alsatian wine, a baguette and some brie and take your picnic à emporter.

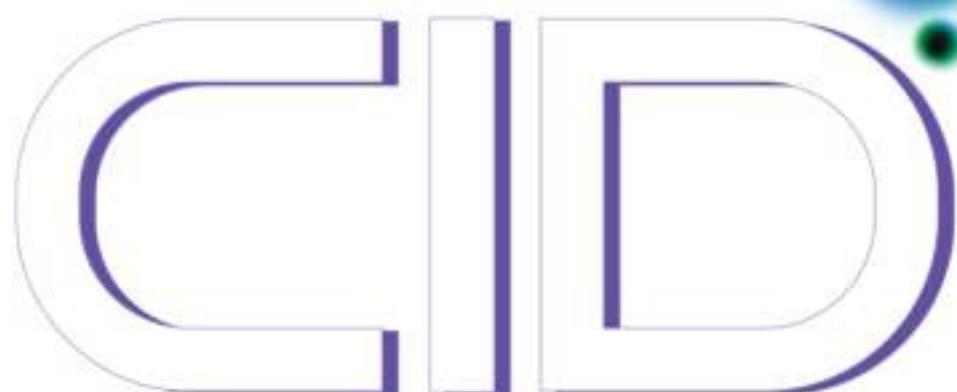
11am-6pm. **Murray House, Stanley Main St., Stanley.**

A photograph of three people at a social gathering. A woman in a blue dress is on the left, a woman in a white top is in the middle, and a man in a vest is on the right. They are all smiling and holding glasses. A red banner on the right says "Free Booze & Food!". A red starburst on the left says "Coming Up".

Ah, La Vie en Rose

Happy Wednesdays at the Jockey Club gets the French May treatment this month, with delectable French cuisine, plenty of wine and live performances. There's also the chance to dress up and take home a cash prize. Best of all: sign up with us and you get admission, food and drink for free. *Bonne chance, mes amis!*

May 18, 6-10pm, **Happy Valley Racecourse.** Free admission, drinks and food at promotions.hk-magazine.com/hw-frenchnight



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Last Week In Reality

SAT 23

Too Good To Be True A 92-year-old man has just withdrawn cash from a bank in Sham Shui Po when a woman in her 30s approaches and offers to have sex with him. They agree on a \$100 transaction and head to a nearby motel, where the woman asks the man to take a shower first. Just as he is about to rinse the soap off, the man discovers that the woman is trying to run away with his \$4,000 gold ring and \$8,000 in cash. He chases after her, but slips, falls and hits the back of his head in the hallway. A motel employee calls the police and the old man is sent to hospital for treatment. An investigation is underway.



SUN 24

Missing The Point A photo uploaded to Facebook goes viral: a Taste supermarket employee is pictured wiping off oranges taken from a box of what appears to be moldy oranges and placing them on display. When the person who took the photo asks the employee why she was allowed to do this, the employee replies, "You'll have to ask for permission to take photos here." The incident has been reported to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

MON 25

Desperate Measures An online forum post goes viral: A woman is heading home from work with her boyfriend and tells him she needs to go to the store to buy some tissue paper because they are running out at home. Her boyfriend tells her not to, and takes her to a McDonald's restaurant instead, where he asks an employee for a large stack of napkins. He smiles and tells his girlfriend, "See? Money saved." The woman says she has started to have second thoughts about marrying him.

TUE 26

Divine Intervention A restaurant owner is taking a cigarette break outside his Wan Chai eatery. He lights a cigarette with a lighter. He detects the smell of gas, but shrugs it off and places the lighter back into his shirt pocket, which contains another lighter. He hears a strange noise and his pocket bursts into flame. He struggles to remove his flaming shirt, and his brother jumps in to help. The man is sent to hospital for treatment on his burned chest, neck and right hand. He says he is seriously considering giving up smoking.



WED 27

Gender Equality A photo of a banner by Or Sin-yi, member of the North Branch of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, goes viral. The banner reads "Happy Mother's Day" in Chinese and "Happy Fathers' Day" in English. Or denies that there has been a mistake, and says that the banner serves as a reminder that Fathers' Day should be valued, too.



THU 28

Shop Til You're Dropped A truck driver and his two colleagues are delivering goods to a Wellcome supermarket in Tuen Mun. A Wellcome employee finds their behavior suspicious and suspects them of stealing from the store, and calls the police for help. The police arrive and find \$430 worth of goods which they suspect have been stolen, including snacks and sanitary pads. The driver is arrested on suspicion of theft.

FRI 29

Bedside Manner A tearful 28-year-old woman tells the press about being forced to buy an \$8,000 hair removal treatment package after her beautician tried to sell her the package while she was lying on a bed undergoing a hair removal procedure on her genitals. The woman says she bought the package because she wasn't wearing any underwear and wanted to get it over with. She was refused a refund the next day.



Quote of the Week

"I have been working closely with X, Y, Z and T in your Department, I hope they take me from a different perspective."

University of Hong Kong associate professor and social activist Petula Ho quotes an email from new Equal Opportunities Commission Chairman Alfred Chan. Ho, who has been critical of Chan's appointment, characterized the name-dropping email as threatening. She'd called for him to step down to "save sexual minorities in Hong Kong."

Talking Points

We read the news, so you don't have to.

Taxis Get Even More Annoying

A number of taxi groups have applied to the Transport Department to approve **fare hikes ranging from \$2-4**. If the government approves the application, it would **raise flag falls to \$24 for red taxis and \$21 for green and blue cabs**. The taxi groups have also applied to **increase the rate at which the meter jumps**. For the first time, they have also applied to shorten meter increases when a taxi is not moving, from 60 to 45 seconds. They're also hoping to increase the surcharge for luggage and pets from \$5 to \$6. Richard Tsoi, spokesman for the Coalition to Monitor Public Transport and Utilities, said that "**it's unreasonable to punish passengers** by making them bear a greater burden when the cab is stationary."

Our take: If we say yes, will they finally agree to cross the harbor?

California Fitness Called Out

For the first time ever, the Consumer Council has criticized a gym chain for "deploying intimidating and misleading sales practices." In 2015, the **Council received 296 complaints against California Fitness, involving some \$8.5 million worth of complaints**. The highest single figure was \$570,000. In its statement, the Council described how California Fitness staff would **take ID cards and credit cards under the guise of free trial membership, but hold on to them until customers signed contracts**. The Council is calling on the government to mandate a cooling-off period to safeguard consumers. The Council's statement comes soon after **two California Fitness staff were arrested at a Mong Kok center for allegedly forcing a customer to spend \$10,000 on a membership contract**.

Our take: You know a gym is doing something wrong when even CrossFit starts to sound like a good idea...



Illustration: Elaine Tang



Street Talk

Think jade jewelry belongs in your grandma's jewelry box? Think again. 25-year-old design graduate **Eddy Tam Ho-yin** is the founder of jade jewelry brand Little Jadeite. He spices up the traditional stone with contemporary designs and surprising materials. He tells Sophia Lam why he's determined to keep this classic gem alive in Hong Kong, whatever the cost.

HK Magazine: How did the idea of contemporary jade jewelry come about?

ET: Before I started Little Jadeite last year, I did a social experiment at PMQ: I set up a stall, displayed a few pieces of unpolished jade, and asked people how much they would pay for them. In the end, no one quoted a high price. That's when I realized: without all the effort and artistry, jadeite is nothing more than a piece of stone.

HK: Of all the precious stones, why jadeite?

ET: The funny thing about jadeite is that the more you wear it, the more translucent it gets. It's not magic—it gets glossier by absorbing the oil from our skin. Conversely, it dulls when you stop wearing it. It's like it has a life of its own.

HK: Jade jewelry is everywhere in Hong Kong. What makes yours special?

ET: Hongkongers and jade go way back. During the Chinese Civil War, many jade merchants fled to Hong Kong and took refuge on Canton Road, which is where you'll find the largest jade market in the city. Jade was all the rage during my parents' days. But nowadays people think jade jewelry is old-fashioned. I'm breathing new life into the art form, by incorporating brass into my jewelry to give my designs a younger look. It cost me a few stones to get it right!

HK: But why take the risk with this "old-fashioned" craft?

ET: It was a tough call. I think only one in 10 design graduates would choose a career based on a traditional craft. I mulled over the idea for two months before making up my mind to do it. I feel somewhat obliged to continue the legacy of local craftsmanship. Maybe this has to do with my father's trade too—he's actually a jade carving master. Hong Kong is starting to lose its craftsmen and soon everything will be imported if we don't do anything about it. That's why I started Little Jadeite—with less than \$4,000 in my bank account. I also had to invest in my tools, so that meant living on cup noodles!

Want to see Eddy in action? Visit facebook.com/LittleJadeiteHK to arrange a tour of his studio: Room 801, 8/F, Hang Pont Commercial Building, 31 Tonkin St., Cheung Sha Wan. All products are made to order.



I tried selling pieces at lunar new year fairs, but my income was unpredictable. Luckily my dad has been very supportive. Most of my knowledge of jade came from him. I may not make a lot of money, but at least I'm doing my part to preserve a piece of Hong Kong.

HK: Do you work alone?

ET: My girlfriend Nana doubles as my business partner. She does all the administrative work. She's pretty organized. I guess it's common for girlfriends to help out because most business start-ups like mine wouldn't have the money to actually hire somebody. We met during my Final Year Project presentation and we started going out straight away. Nana was also the one who talked me into starting Little Jadeite. She said I would definitely regret it if I didn't.

HK: Do you think Hongkongers have an eye for design?

ET: Hong Kong people have grown used to a ready-made kind of aesthetics: They don't have time for the stories behind the products they're using. When you know how much effort goes into the things you're using, you see things in a different light. People tend to think that designers are supposed to be "cool" and that it's all about being stylish. But in reality, we product designers are no more than technicians with a bit of creativity.

HK: You're a good-looking guy—why did you choose such a low-profile occupation?

ET: Some of my relatives have asked me the same question. The thing is, I've always been an introvert, so I feel more at ease working behind the scenes. Besides, people come here for my designs, not my face.

HongKabulary



Delugion (dəlū:dʒn), n.

The mistaken belief that the weather's going to get better any day now, instead of raining for the next four months.

"I'm so tired of these wet, gray spring days. I can't wait for summer!"

"You really think it's going to be less damp in summer? You're laboring under a delugion, friend."

Blowing Water

吹水 (*chui sui*), v. Cantonese slang. To chat, bullshit.

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"SELLING SALTED DUCK EGG"

"To have died." Traditional euphemism for death, originating from burial practices involving burying someone with a salted duck egg or with charcoal and ash, which is used to brine duck eggs.

QUIRK CITY

From queues to cameras to superstitions and stairphobias, Hong Kong's full of curious obsessions and weird habits, says **Adam White**

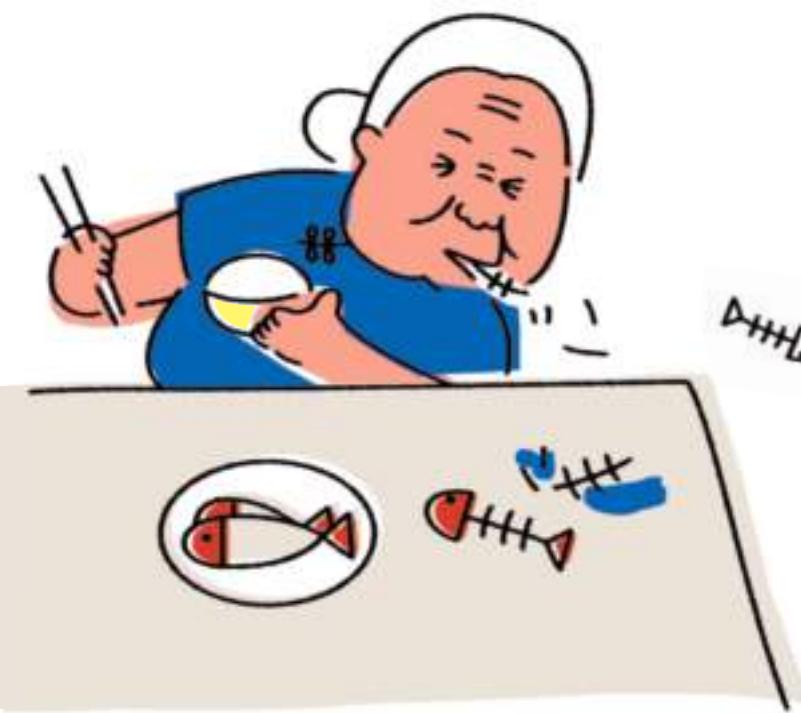


TUTOR TIME

You haven't had a Hong Kong kid until they've been so overeducated that you've replaced all of the blood in their veins with knowledge and Grade 8 level piano skills. Between the extra tutors, the music lessons, the Kumon and the actual school work, it's a wonder any of us ever became socially competent individuals.

CARTOON COMESTIBLES

There's Pikachu fried rice, Hello Kitty cafes, dishes themed after Gudetama, the slothful egg... The city loves its cartoon cuisine. Shame most of it isn't very good.



BONE TOWN

Any delicious Hong Kong feast is bound to entail plenty of bones, from ribs to fish bones to all those complex little bits inside chickens' feet. But where to put all that unwanted calcium? Spit it straight onto the table, obviously. If you're very polite, you'll put down a newspaper first so it's easier to scoop up afterwards.

GIVING FACE

It's true that face masks started nobly: They were donned during SARS to prevent the spread of the virus. But since then face masks have become a Hong Kong trademark, a unique symbol of the city. The reasons behind them are still noble: To wear a face mask to work says, "I'm sick and I don't want you to catch what I have." It's courtesy. Now if only it was easy to breathe in them...

FADFINDERS

Hongkongers are amazing at always leaping onto the next food fad. From matcha to shaved ice to frankly weird uses for egg puffs, we're going to be there in droves.



SLR SAR

Pretty much literally every man in Hong Kong over the age of 16 has a DSLR, and takes it to unremarkable places to take unremarkable photos. Inexplicably, they all seem to have girlfriends who are willing to pose for them, too. Go figure.



QUEUEING FOR EVERYTHING

We doubtless got it from the British, who have a longstanding love of queuing for stuff. But Hongkongers are fundamentally incapable of seeing a line of people and not joining the back of it, even if they've no idea what it's for. Things the city has gone nuts over queuing for in the past include: Snoopy dolls, new bank notes, iPhones, cookies, sneakers, restaurants, bags of rice, milk powder, school places and limited edition stamps. And then of course, there's the next-level queuing: Sending your grandmother or your helper to queue for you, until you swan in at the last moment to claim your undeserved prize.

TALKING TURKEY

THE CAMERA EATS FIRST

No matter what. No matter if it's haute cuisine or a plate of French toast. No matter how integral it is that you eat your food warm. Nope. Plan for 15 minutes of cooling cuisine, and the Michelin-starred chef weeping in the corner.

WEIGHT FOR IT

Weight is one of those things that Hongkongers are fundamentally unashamed to discuss openly. There is NOTHING more Hong Kong than greeting someone with a comment about their weight. "Wow! You're thinner!" or "Wow! You're fatter!" are both acceptable opening gambits, regardless of truth or self-consciousness. And nothing solves (or exacerbates) a body image problem faster than a meal with your Chinese aunties.



How to have a food-based conversation in Cantonese that means absolutely NOTHING.

CHINESE	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH (LITERAL)	English (Actual)
喂，食咗飯未呀？	"Wai, sik jor fan mei ar?"	"Hi! Have you eaten rice yet?"	"Hello."
食咗。嘩，你瘦咗喎。	"Sik jor. Wahhh, nei sau jor wor."	"I have already eaten. Wow, you have lost weight."	"Hello."
多謝，得閒搵你飲茶啦！	"Dor jeh! Dak haan wun nei yum cha laa!"	"Thank you! When we are both free, I'll look you up to go have dim sum together."	"Goodbye."



STAIRPHOBIA

We'll never take the stairs when there's a lift available, even if it's just to scale a single story. What about all those six-floor walkups, you ask? They're all rented to expats who dream of having a rooftop and haven't thought about the sweaty, messy reality.

FIRST CLASSED

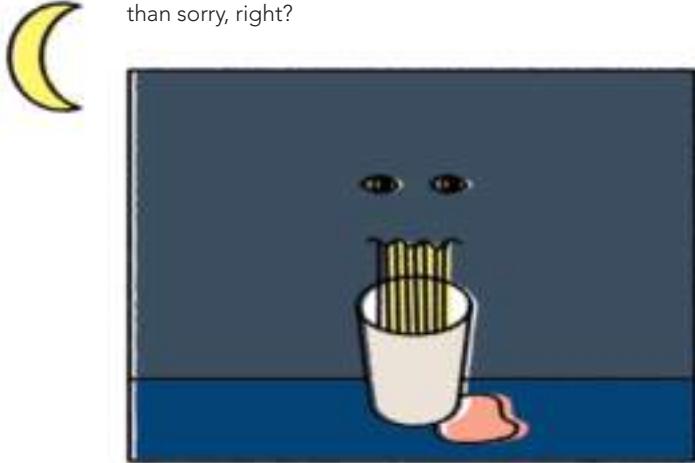
Hongkongers absolutely need to come first. Top global IQ, freest economy, most densely populated island (well, second-most)—sure. But also pulling out before you when you're just trying to get in lane, having to get the new gadget before you, having to be better than China at ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING... our competitive scramble to be top of the heap is a double-edged sword.

INSTATOURISM

The alternative to toting around a DSLR is traveling for two hours to get to an impossibly beautiful deserted spot in the Northeastern New Territories, just to take a single Instagram photo before leaving. You can watch the Likes roll in on the East Rail on the way home.

SPIRIT LEVELS

Even the most rational, level-headed Hongkonger will take the time to keep the spirits happy. Whether it's burning paper money Gucci bags for our ancestors or leaving a bit of food out for the hungry ghosts, the general mantra is: better safe than sorry, right?



INSTANT GRATIFICATION

Instant noodles aren't just a convenient snack in a busy age. No, they're a way of life. Are you the kind of baller who'll pay extra for Nissin noodles over regular no-frills brands? Or are you more of a 7-Eleven noodle snacker? Either way, an instant noodle, slurped up almost as quickly, is a genuine joy.

QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

Another legacy of SARS: Regular disinfection of lift buttons. If we're not all getting horrible communicable diseases from our shared use of public transport, we're probably not getting them from a shared-use lift button. Then again, maybe it's just all that disinfection that's protecting us. Can you afford to take the chance?

GOLDEN OLDIES

The city has a crazily active elderly population. Take the wiry 70-year-olds springing like mountain up the Wilson Trail as you hyperventilate in the background. Or the grannies who walk backwards around the park, beating their cupped palms against themselves to boost circulation. We're exhausted (and bruised) just watching.



WHITE IS RIGHT

You always want what you can't have. Westerners spend their days basking in UV rays for dark, tanned skin. Asians, on the other hand, are addicted to developing a translucent paleness. Helping them: *mei bak* (美白) "beautiful white" products, which act to remove melanin pigment from the skin. It's getting to the point where you can barely buy cosmetics in Hong Kong which don't bleach the skin in some way. Good if you've always wanted to be a clown: Not so great if you're just trying to hide that hangover at work.

OPPA HOPPERS

There's no better way to chart the global waning of Japan and rise of its neighbor than the vicissitudes of Hong Kong tastes. Big in Hong Kong right now: Korean everything. Korean drama, Korean Fried Chicken, Korean pop, Korean makeup, Korean fashion, the Korean habit for putting cheese on/in everything and serving it with a tall cold beer... actually, we're beginning to see the point now.



CLOSE SESAME

Hong Kong needs to talk about its lift etiquette. Repeatedly jabbing the "call lift" button does not, in fact, make it come faster. And slamming your finger as quickly as possible into the door close button, as three other people in your line of sight sprint for the lift, is NOT good manners.

RAD AND TRAD

Tradition matters, in very precise amounts. For example, going vegetarian on the first and 15th days of each month of the Chinese calendar, because... Well, tradition, right?

PLATING UP

Who looks at their brand new luxury Toyota Alphard tycoonmobile and says, "I know what I need to make this purchase complete. A license plate that says something *really super stupid*"? Yet the city is full of vanity plates, from the bright yellow Ferrari with PIKACHU plates to Deborah Hung's bright pink Bentley, license plate DEBORAH, to the Merc that simply says BANKER. But our favorite will always be the most simple and elegant of them all: the taxi that says TAXI. Mister cab driver, we salute you.



MODEL PROBLEMS

"This brand new phone? Oh, it's pretty much identical to the last one I had. But it's newer, so I HAD to have it." And you wonder why the city's second hand phone market is thriving...

BRAND MANAGEMENT

We love to recycle—in some cases. Just been to Watsons to pick up ointments for an unsexy skin condition?

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FLOWER POWER

Here's a typical conversation between couples:

Wife: Mary got a bouquet of roses from her boyfriend for her birthday.

Husband: Actually, I don't know why girls love flowers that much.

Wife: All girls love flowers. Each kind has a specific meaning. Roses represent romance, baby's-breath represents purity, lilies mean eternity...

Husband: But they wither so easily...

Men will always use the short life cycle of flowers as an excuse. But in this day and age, there are so many ways to preserve these beautiful blooms and transform them into different lovely products. Here are four of our picks:

An Gao Fa Chi (A.G.F.C.) ▲

Colleagues and graphic designers Dingding (玎玎), Fishball (魚旦) and Jen turned their love of DIY workshops into a business when they got together to establish **AGFC** in May 2014. "An Gao" is Chinese for how the flowers are preserved, while "Fa Chi" means "flower addict." You'll find dainty accessories here, such as necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings and more, but what sets AGFC apart is that they use a resin adhesive as a preservative, which is very rare in Hong Kong. This captures the freshness and shape of the blooms more accurately and naturally. You can custom-make your own products by providing your own flowers, and AGFC can also teach you to DIY your own keepsakes.

facebook.com/an.gao.fa.chi

Hahahaflorist

Former food journalist Becky Ho turned her hobby of floral design into a full-time job after getting married, and soon gained a huge following online for her designs. At **Hahahaflorist** she mainly provides floral arrangement services for weddings and events, but she also aims to merge flowers into different lifestyle products, from phone cases to cushions to eco-friendly bags. Now she's gone a step further and combined her love of food and flowers, by stocking floral jam, chocolates and cookies—which come in delicious flavors such as lavender, rose, green tea and Earl Grey tea, all beautifully decorated with edible flowers flown straight from Japan.

Shop D02A, Lab Concept, Queensway Plaza, 93 Queensway,
hahahaflorist.wix.com/hahahaflorist

MF by Miss Fleurs

Owner "Miss Fleurs" opened up **MF by Miss Fleurs** on January 1 last year. She specializes in products that incorporate dehydrated and preserved fresh flowers, such as clutch bags, phone cases and more. We love the "Story of Forever" collections, a set of products that combines delicate preserved flowers with flowers crafted from leather.

Available at CARFT Store,
Shop B, G/F, 13 Cleveland St.,
Fashion Walk, Causeway Bay; and
Shop 302, 3/F, K11, 18 Hanoi Rd.,
Tsim Sha Tsui, mfbymissfleurs.com



Oneshandmadethings

Model and actor Leanne Ho was bowled over when she discovered dried floral arrangements on a trip to Taiwan a few years ago—so she started learning how to make them herself. Reception was good online, and so she opened her own business in 2013. At **Oneshandmadethings**, Ho sells dried flower arrangements that can stay in pristine condition for at least five years, as well as pressed flower accessories such as mobile phone cases and necklace pendants. Looking for something unique for your loved one? You can bring in your own chosen blooms to be dried, and you can press them into any item of your choice. It's a fantastic way to preserve flowers—and your precious memories.

Shop 239, 2/F, Causeway Place,
2-10 Great George St., Causeway Bay,
oneshandmadethings.com





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ESCAPE ROUTES

ALL MEN MUST FLY

Sex, violence and stunning scenery are the three trademarks of "Game of Thrones," back on our screens this month. As season six kicks off, we explore some of the most travel-worthy filming locations in the Seven Kingdoms.

Season 1 Winterfell/The Iron Islands: Northern Ireland

The crumbling 18th century farmyard of **Castle Ward** provided the historical backdrop for the citadel of Winterfell. Here, we've seen the Stark boys practice archery—and the Boltons hang skinned corpses from the walls. Alternatively the steep, isolated ruins of **Dunluce Castle** in the North double for the harsh Iron Islands, home of House Greyjoy.

Explore like a Stark... with **Game of Thrones Tours** (\$451), which will take you down the muddy roads of the Stark bannermen and through the ruins of a 12th-century Cistercian abbey where Robb Stark was crowned "King in the North," or north to explore the cold, hard Iron Islands and the legendary Giant's Causeway. gameofthronestours.com



Dunluce Castle, home of House Greyjoy

Season 2 King's Landing: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Remember the fateful Battle of the Blackwater at the end of Season 2? GoT fans will find it hard to forget the scene in which eerily green wildfire set fleets ablaze. This epic battle scene was actually shot in **Dubrovnik**, with its medieval city wall providing the perfect stage setting for King's Landing. Take a stroll through the intricate maze of forts and towers along the stone wall while gazing at the brightly colored rooftops of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Live like a King... at the **Hotel Bellevue**, which offers a "Discover King's Landing" package. Starting from \$3,153 per night, the package includes a private guided tour through the shooting locations within the Old Town of Dubrovnik.

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Season 3 Slaver's Bay: Morocco

Follow Daenerys Targaryen in her slave-freeing quest through mountainous and sandy Morocco. Travel to **Essaouira** in the west (Astapor in GoT)—this UNESCO World Heritage fortified seaport is where we cheered as Daenerys released the Unsullied, an army of eunuch slave-warriors. Next, it's a six-hour ride southeast to **Aït Benhaddou**, the clay city where Daenerys continued her conquest of Slaver's Bay. The fortified castle, now home to only four families, has been sitting on a caravan route in the Sahara since the 17th century.

Live like a Targaryen... at the **Auberge Bagdad Café**. It may not be a five-star hotel, but this cozy B&B boasts exemplary Moroccan hospitality and probably the best tagine in town.

\$318 per night, book on expedia.com

The Shooting Game

We asked New Zealand actor **Joe Naufahu**, who plays newcomer Khal Moro on "Game of Thrones," about his favorite places to film on the series.

"Spain was an amazing shooting location and I was fortunate enough to spend time in a couple of beautiful Spanish towns—Olite and Almeria. We visited a wonderfully quaint winery in Olite and stayed at the most exquisite boutique hotel there. Almeria was equally beautiful—I was amazed at the architecture and the warmth of the locals."



Photo: Irvin Rivera

Season 4 The Eyrie/Beyond the Wall: Iceland

The cast filmed a major part of season four in Iceland's **Thingvellir National Park** during summer, where Arya went on her little adventure to the Eyrie: Tramp across the countryside and soak in the natural beauty of **Lake Thingvallavatn**. Remember Jon Snow's steamy sex scene in the cave in season three? While the passion may have been acting, the steam was certainly real. **Grjótagjá**, where they shot the scene, is a cave with a naturally formed thermal spring, thanks to volcanic eruptions in the late 70s. It's the perfect secluded spot—turns out Jon Snow did know something after all.

Ride like a Stark... with the horses at the nearby Skógarhólar horse camp. There are two riding trails in the park, both of which take you through majestic scenic spots.

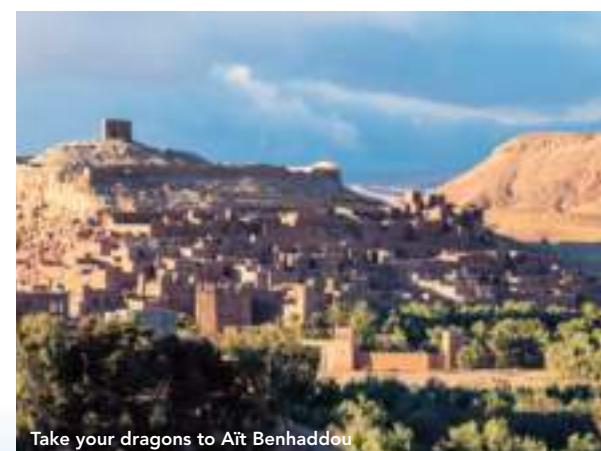
thingvellir.is/plan-your-visit/horseback-riding

Season 5 Dorne: The Alcázar, Seville

When golden-haired Jaime Lannister ventures into Dorne to rescue his daughter-slash-niece, we are introduced to the magnificent Water Gardens of the House Martell, covered with geometric ceramic tiles in a riot of rich colors. You can retrace Jaime's steps at the **Alcázar Palace** in Seville, where the Water Garden scenes were filmed. This UNESCO World Heritage Site boasts stunning Moorish architecture—wander in the plush gardens or marvel at the gold domed ceiling inlaid with thousands of tiny mirrors.

Live like a Lannister... at the grandiose **Alfonso XIII** hotel, where the cast actually stayed during the shoot. With its baroque-style courtyards and ornate arches, the hotel is named after the Spanish king who banqueted in one of its extravagant halls in 1929.

\$3,226 per night, grandluxuryhotels.com



Take your dragons to Aït Benhaddou

Photo: Flickr



Take the Kingsroad to the ancient city of... Dubrovnik? (Photo: Nathan Hadley via Flickr)

Sweet Stalks

There's no better way to make the most of seasonal produce this month than savoring the sweet, mild flavor of white asparagus. **Leslie Yeh** seeks out where to hunt down this spring delicacy before the season's up.



▲ Old-World Elegance

Hugo's classic dining room and exceptional service makes it one of our favorite weekend destinations to escape the crowds. Their white asparagus menu presents the "edible ivory" in thoughtful combinations such as the white asparagus salad with langoustine, cauliflower, fennel and black truffle vinaigrette (\$355); the white asparagus with herbs, sautéed Atlantic monkfish and potato in meunière sauce (\$595); and the white asparagus risotto with morel, stuffed French quail and arugula in port wine jus (\$595). To enjoy it on its own, opt for the steamed white asparagus (\$330) with just a dash of brown butter to coax out the flavor.

Lobby, Hyatt Regency, 18 Hanoi Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 3721-7733.

From Port to Port

White asparagus flown in from Provence is grilled to retain a crispy crunch while revealing a mild, tender center in three new dishes at seafood bistro **Le Port Parfumé**. The first features escargots with white asparagus in an herbed butter sauce (\$200), while the second stars risotto topped with grilled stalks for a creamy, veggie-driven combo (\$220). For more of a protein hit, try the white asparagus with Bayonne ham and 63-degree sous vide egg, topped off with a classic Béarnaise (\$250).

Through June 16. Shop C, 6-10 Kau U Fong, Central, 2824-3898.

So what is white asparagus?

White asparagus is asparagus that hasn't been exposed to any sunlight and so contains no chlorophyll, the pigment which normally makes the asparagus green. In addition to its pale white color, the stalks are generally more tender and mellow in flavor, with a subtle sweetness that's more dominant than its green counterpart. It can also be more fibrous and nutrient-dense, and is prized by chefs all around the world as a gourmet ingredient, mostly due to its delicate flavor and rarity.



▲ Pink and White

Pop down to the Harbour Grand to sample the best of white asparagus at **Le 188° Restaurant & Lounge**. Known for its stunning vistas and classic European dishes, Le 188° has taken the combo of salmon and asparagus as the base for their new menu, with dishes including salmon and asparagus croquettes (\$210), Norway salmon with white asparagus puree and duck foie gras (\$480), salmon and white asparagus bisque (\$160), and char-grilled fillet of Scottish salmon with grilled asparagus (\$480). Once you've fulled up on salmon and asparagus, end with one of the restaurant's creative desserts—which are thankfully asparagus-free.

41/F, Harbour Grand Hong Kong, 23 Oil St., North Point, 2121-2693.



▲ Snowy Whites

Tender and sweeter in flavor than traditional green asparagus, the prized whites are given a two-Michelin-starred treatment at **Wagyu Takumi**, with the spring-inspired menu featuring white asparagus in an assortment of delicate preparations. The meal starts with a white asparagus salad topped with white asparagus powdered ice, and moves on to an appetizer of poached white asparagus in smoked butter with iberico ham. For the main course, chef Mitsuru Konishi combines white asparagus with French blue lobster in a red wine vinegar sauce for a Japanese- and French-inspired multi-layered composition.

\$1,980 for an eight-course tasting menu. Shop 1, G/F, The Oakhill, 16 Wood Rd., Wan Chai, 2574-1299.



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▼ Spring in Bloom

Manned by executive chef Nicolas Boutin, chic French restaurant **Épure** is getting in on the produce of the season with a new menu co-created by guest chef Michel Portos. The tasting menu flows through a mélange of balanced flavors and textures, with white asparagus making a star appearance in the second course—a stunning creation which features a twist on deviled eggs with a pinch of Espelette chili to tingle the palate. The rest of the menu is an ode to the season, with fava beans, tomatoes, artichokes and purple carrots singing of spring.

\$1,488 for six courses, \$1,788 for eight courses (plus two desserts). Shop 403, 4/F, Ocean Centre, Harbour City, 17 Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 3185-8338.

DINING

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY



Variety is the spice of life at Upper Modern Bistro's brunch

New Modernism

Upper Modern Bistro (6-14 Upper Station St., Sheung Wan, 2517-0977) has recently welcomed new chef de cuisine Julien Cadiou on board: And if the tastefully revamped brunch menu is anything to go by, we hope he's here to stay. The brunch menu (\$390 per person, Sat-Sun 11:30am-3pm) excites from the get-go with a dizzying array of starters to share: The marinated bigeye tuna bursts with bold, citrusy flavors, while the foie gras brûlée is creamy under a thin torched sugar ceiling. The mussels and oysters taste straight from the ocean, and the pop of salmon roe on top of the avocado guacamole is a cheeky nod to Japanese cuisine. Choose from hearty mains such as the roasted Finland pork loin and 88-day-reared free-range chicken, as well as more rustic dishes like strozzapreti pasta with mushroom and lobster sauce. The brunch ends with a platter of nine mini-desserts to share, covering the spectrum from hot to cold, sweet to citrusy, and crumbly to crispy.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Lobster Central ★★★★☆

Shop E, G/F, 50 Stanley St., Central, 3565-6725.



We were seriously mourning the lack of a decent, affordable lobster roll in Hong Kong until we got try Lobster Central. It may not be the most gourmet option in town, but it hits all the right notes.

■ **HIT** The small shack on Stanley street offers narrow counter seating and pretty straightforward décor, but let's get to the heart of the matter: the lobster roll (\$138). Fresh lobster is the star of the show, with a supporting cast that holds up its end nicely too: a generous amount of lobster meat is stuffed into a buttered and grilled bun, with a light mayo dressing brightened with oregano,

celery salt and a squeeze of lemon. Lobster roe is mixed in for a bit of contrasting texture and color. Of the two other rolls on offer—a crab roll and a shrimp roll—the crab (\$118) came a close second to the lobster, with only the crab claws used for sweet and succulent meat mixed in with mayo and generously piled on the bun—we're salivating just thinking about it. The sides are also fantastic: \$38 for a hefty portion of sweet potato fries, \$48 for a rich and creamy lobster bisque, and \$78 for 100g of crab claws.

■ **MISS** The shrimp roll (\$88) paled in comparison—just a handful of shrimp tossed in mayo and sprinkled with seasoning, although we commend them on the huge portion, which is good value for money.

■ **BOTTOM LINE** A simple, fuss-free seafood shack that's solved our lobster roll woes. Hurrah!

Open Sun-Wed 11am-8pm; Thu-Sat 11am-9pm. \$

Ratings

★ Don't go ★★ Disappointing ★★★ We'll be back ★★★★ We'll be back—with friends ★★★★★ You MUST go

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Moonshine's whole fried chicken

Buenos Aires Steak Club

It can't be easy to say goodbye to your baby... unless you're Black Sheep Restaurants and have the anatomy of a hydra: cut off one head and two more grow in its place. Following the launch of Belon and Maison Libanaise—both instant hits with the SoHo dining crowd—the group has come full circle, and is replacing its first restaurant Boqueria with **Buenos Aires Polo Club** (7/F, LKF Tower, 33 Wyndham St., Central), a refined Argentinian steakhouse. The new space will pay homage to the golden era of Buenos Aires and specialize in Argentinian grilling, with a menu helmed by exec chef Felipe Lopez. Expect to find plenty of Argentinian beef, Argentinian wines, and a distinctly masculine theme from rich woods to vintage equestrian antiques and a sleek selection of steak knives. We can't wait to dig in—expect it to open in the middle of this month.

Good Moonshine Rising

On a recent trip to **Moonshine & The Po' Boys** (4 Sun St., Wan Chai, 2776-2668), we rolled out with renewed faith in Hong Kong's southern food scene, after stuffing our faces with seafood, fried chicken and baby back ribs. The team behind Po' Boys serves up the real deal here—and the prices are well within reason, from \$250 for a platter of flavor-packed baby back ribs with a Jack Daniels and peach bbq sauce, to \$150 for crispy pork belly and \$250 for a whole fried chicken which got us ripping apart the crispy-battered wings, thighs and legs true caveman-style. We suggest coming in numbers so you can take advantage of the two monster mains: a bone-in tomahawk with bourbon jus (\$680) and the Cajun-style bayou bucket (\$980 half, \$1,480 whole) brimming with fresh king crab legs, tiger prawns, clams, mussels, andouille sausage, sweetcorn and new potatoes.

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Knead ★★★★☆

Sandwiches/salads. 28 Jervois St., Sheung Wan, 2851-7778.



Hong Kong has a sore lack of good sandwich joints. Either the bread's bad, the ingredients are crappy or it's covered in mayo—often all of the above. Enter so-hot-right-now Sheung Wan sandwich joint Knead, which aims to deliver great sandwiches at great prices.

■ **HIT** Salads start at \$63 and sandwiches start at \$55, which includes your choice of bread as well as one "main" filling of meat/fish/cheese and two additional "sides." You get a sheet of paper on which you tick what the combination you want—additional mains are \$12 each, sides are \$6 each—but for the unimaginative, there's a wall with a list

of delicious-sounding suggestions. We went for a combination of sandwiches—sorry, salads, maybe next time—from the roast beef with goat's cheese, beetroot, and avocado on a ciabatta-esque "Turkish bread," to a beef brisket with brie and sun-dried tomatoes in a baguette. We can't judge the flavor combinations as we came up with them, but as a rule the ingredients were fresh and fantastic and the bread was superb. All washed down with a few beers from Hong Kong's own Gweilo brewery (\$40), we left as satisfied sandwich adventurers.

■ **MISS** In the evening, service was very friendly but definitely on the slow side—we're hoping it's a whole load faster during the lunch rush.

■ **BOTTOM LINE** Great, affordable sandwiches packed full of delicious fillings: Knead's finally scratched our sandwich itch.

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Reviews are based on actual visits to the establishments listed by our super-sneaky team of hungry reviewers, without the knowledge of the restaurants. Reviews are included at the discretion of the editors and are not paid for by the restaurants. Menus, opening hours and prices change and should be checked. New restaurants are not reviewed within one month of their opening. Reviews are written from a typical diner's perspective. Ratings are awarded in accordance with the type of restaurant reviewed, so the city's best wonton noodle stall could earn five stars while a fancy French restaurant could be a one-star disaster.



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Shanghai Street

Once the most prosperous street in Kowloon, Shanghai Street still has some magic up its sleeve. More than two kilometers of unique kitchenware and trinkets line this thoroughfare that extends from Mong Kok to Jordan. With its old-school shophouses and its quirky colorful stores, this street characterizes all that's best about Kowloon. Compiled by Danielle Harris and Jack McCormack

1

Kang Ming Glass Shop (鏡明)

This 80-year-old shop has everything you could possibly want to hang on your wall without having to venture into Ikea. It's a great place to buy a mirror or a classical Chinese-style painting, get a picture framed or maybe even pick up some koi fish (if it's in the window, it's for sale, right?).

111 Shanghai St., Jordan, 2384-4392.



2

Roca

Pop in for a quick bite or take a load off at Roca, which is famed for its "30-cent Wonton Noodles"—so named because in the 60s, that's what a bowl cost. These days they're more like \$35, but that's inflation for you.

164 Shanghai St., Jordan, 6738-7116.



3

Wujuenong Tea Company

If the hectic buzz of Shanghai Street has you feeling drained—or you're just itching to get your tea on—stop by Wujuenong Tea Company, which sells Yixing clay tea sets and bricks of fermented and delicious bo lei (pu'er) tea—and make sure to snap a pic of their four-foot-tall tea-leaf pyramid.

188 Shanghai St., Jordan, 2264-8884.



4

Mandala Arts Trading Co.

Break from the monotony of typical jewelry and antiques stores to visit Mandala. This South Asian art and jewelry store boasts Buddhist artwork, singing bowls and also jewelry made in Nepal, Tibet and India. We couldn't help but pick up a few new rings and bracelets.

195 Shanghai St., Jordan, 2781-1500.



From Station to Shanghai

On March 19, 1909 the name "Shanghai Street" was born. Before then, the thoroughfare was named "Station Street," after the Yau Ma Tei Police Station located on the corner of Public Square Street. In the 1900s the government began renaming Kowloon's streets after areas of China that traded with the city. It made sense that the rich, bustling Station Street was named for the equally prosperous Shanghai—and it also helped to remove confusion with Upper Station Street in Sheung Wan. The renaming killed two birds with one stone, propagating the idea of Hong Kong's economic strength—and stopping people from getting lost, as well.

Check back next week for more awesome things to do on Shanghai Street!



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Comedy – Gabriel Iglesias Live in HK

One of America's most successful stand-up comedians, Gabriel Iglesias #Fluffy, will bring his live show Gabriel Iglesias #FluffyBreaksEven to Hong Kong on June 8. One of the biggest and most recognizable comedians, Gabriel Iglesias has used his irreverent, animated comic stylings and "Fluffy" persona to bring laughter and joy to millions of people. Don't miss his first-ever live performance right here in Hong Kong.

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Sarah Kane's "4.48 Psychosis"

Theatre du Pif will stage British playwright Sarah Kane's masterpiece "4.48 Psychosis" with three local talented musicians. "4.48 Psychosis" was completed by Kane a few months before she committed suicide. The title refers to a specific point in time, just before dawn, when Kane, who was a victim of chronic insomnia and depression, used to frequently wake up. Statistically, the early morning hours are a time at which many suicides are committed.

May 12 – 15, Hong Kong Cultural Centre Studio Theatre
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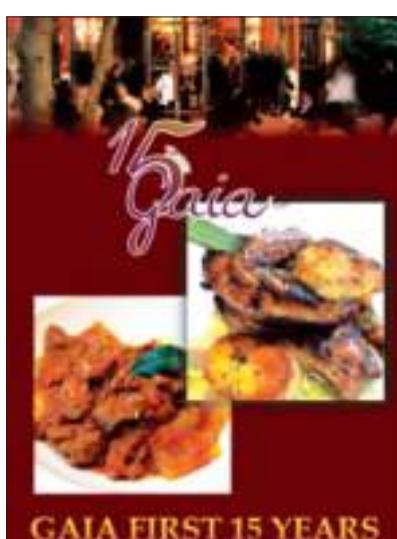


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Swan Lake On Ice
After their 2012 tour of "The Nutcracker," the Imperial Ice Stars are back in Hong Kong with another performance of a Tchaikovsky classic. Swan Lake On Ice features breathtaking aerial gymnastics, flying sequences, and even pyrotechnics—on ice, natch. Through May 8, various times. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$345-945 from urbtix.hk.



Bliss: An Electro-Hip Hop Piece
Anthony Egéa's new dance performance takes place on a night out clubbing, and it combines a dizzying range of styles and dances, all set to an electro and hip-hop beat. Volar, better up your game. May 13-14, 8pm. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$180-380 from hkticketing.com.

Concerts



Jazz Duet by Baptiste Trotignon & Minino Garay

French jazz pianist Baptiste Trotignon and Argentinian percussionist Minino Garay have a string of accolades as soloists, but since the beginning of their collaboration in 2011 they've set the French jazz world aflame with their acoustic sets, delivering killer ballads, jazz and Argentinian tango. They're bringing their cool piano and hot Latin percussion to the Hong Kong stage for Le French May. May 12, 8pm. Theatre, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$180-380 from urbtix.hk.

Metro Vocal Group: No Borders

A capella has swept the world, and it's probably the fault of "Glee" and "Pitch Perfect." Four-man aca-semble Metro Vocal Group will be hitting Hong Kong as part of their Asian tour, bringing with them aca-rangements of hits by Bruno Mars and Lady Gaga, and even some Chinese pop songs. Get excited: it's going to be aca-amazing. May 25, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$150-500 from urbtix.hk.

Classical

The Philadelphia Orchestra

From Philly to Hong Kong, the renowned Philadelphia Orchestra is in town for two nights. The program includes Brahms' Symphony No. 2 and Beethoven's String Quartet in F minor "Serioso." We're hoping for a teamup with the HK Phil, so it'll be an HK-Philly-HK-Phil gig. May 19-20, 8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$300-1,250 from urbtix.hk.

Wu Chun-hei Plays Suona and Guan

Settle in for a night of traditional Chinese instrumental music. Suona and guan virtuoso Wu Chun-hei plays a variety of pieces to highlight these two unique Chinese reed instruments. The program will also include pieces played on the guzheng (the plucked instrument), dizi (bamboo flute), bass guan and more. May 22, 8pm. Theatre, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, 2268-7321. \$120-160 from urbtix.hk.

Michel Dalberto Piano Recital

With over 40 recorded albums to his name and an official claim to being the only living pianist to have recorded the complete piano works of Schubert, French pianist Michel Dalberto is the real deal. He brings his expertise to the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall stage, where he'll be playing selections from Franck, Debussy, Fauré and Ravel. May 6-7, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$140-340 at urbtix.hk.

Stephen Hough Piano Recital

British pianist and composer Stephen Hough is one of the few living musicians to have been awarded a MacArthur "Genius Grant." He returns to Hong Kong to debut his own piece, "Third Sonata," and plays selections from Schubert, Liszt and Franck. May 30, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$80-580 from urbtix.hk.

Narek Hakhnazaryan Cello Recital

Hailed as one of the finest cellists of his generation,

Narek Hakhnazaryan makes his Hong Kong debut for Le French May. The recital program comprises pieces from some of the (musically) dreamiest of French composers, including Fauré, Debussy and Saint-Saëns. May 10, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$80-480 from urbtix.hk.

Swire Denim Series: Charlie Chaplin's Gold Rush

Everyone's favorite tramp gets the HK Philharmonic treatment for the second time. Watch Chaplin get up to all sorts of hijinks in snowy gold country, accompanied by a live soundtrack played by professional musicians. Stick around after and enjoy a post-concert party with the players at Deli & Wine. May 13-14, 8:15pm. Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, hkphil.org. \$80 from urbtix.hk.



Comedy

2 Tall 2 Skinny Stand-Up

The Fringe Upstairs is about to get a belly full of laughs thanks to two of Hong Kong's leading local comedians. Chris Musni and Gus Tate will each deliver two half-hours of their own brand of observational comedy: No small feat in a town of five-minute-long joke sets. May 13-14, 8pm. Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$100 from hkticketing.com.

Dance



I, Carmen

Spanish flamenco artist María Pagés returns to Hong Kong with a new take on the classic tale of "Carmen." But instead of the original story's femme fatale, this retelling reflects the real lives and feelings of ordinary women. May 27-28, 8pm. Auditorium, Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Rd., Sha Tin. \$180-450 from urbtix.hk.

La Partida

Flamenco dancer Adrian Santana returns to Hong Kong for a one-night performance of his new show, "La Partida" ("departure"). Santana depicts his personal experiences of both Spain and Asia, through the medium of dance. Performing in collaboration with both Spanish and Hong Kong dancers and musicians, this is looking like one multicultural passion-fest. May 14, 8pm. Y-Theatre, Youth Square, 238 Chai Wan Rd., Chai Wan. \$280-450 from ticketflap.com.



Theater

Tiddler And Other Terrific Tales

Kids will love this rollicking journey through farm, sea and jungle, which brings to life colorful characters from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's best-selling books "Tiddler," "Monkey Puzzle," "The Smartest Giant in Town" and "A Squash and a Squeeze." Presented by the award-winning Scamp Theatre, "Tiddler and Other Terrific Tales" should bring a grin to the faces of audience members young and old. May 6-8. Performances at 11am, 2pm and 4:30pm. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai, 3128-8288. \$195-435 from hkticketing.com.



4.48 Psychosis

The play "4.48 Psychosis" was completed just months before its British playwright Sarah Kane's suicide, and was performed shortly thereafter. Her suffering resulted in a true-to-life interpretation of clinical depression that's now performed globally. Don't miss Bonnie Chan's self-directed performance at Theatre du Pif. May 12-15, 8:30pm. Studio Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$160-240 from urbtix.hk.

Japanese erotic photos?
looks amazing!
let's go: tiny.cc/hk-shikijo

Exhibitions



Affordable Art Fair 2016

Fine art doesn't have to be exclusive to the upper crust. The Affordable Art Fair isn't just a place to pick up pieces on the cheap(er): It's also an opportunity to discover new artists on the up-and-up. The fair features a salon by TEDxHong Kong which includes talks by the Connor Brothers, Cath Love and other prominent artists, as well as talks and seminars for newbie art buyers, and a Young Talent Hong Kong exhibition which spotlights homegrown talents. May 13-15. Grand Hall, HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, affordableartfair.com. \$80-150 from hkticketing.com.



Mayumi Hosokura, "Untitled," 2009-2011 (Image courtesy of amia, and Blindspot Gallery)

7-Paperholic at Oi!

Oi! Gallery has invited seven Hong Kong artists to share their North Point-inspired thoughts and impressions in paper form. This unique exhibit showcases paper as an artistic medium, from pulp painting to paper installations. Through Jul 24. Oi!, 12 Oil St., North Point.



A Singular Life: Calligraphy and Art by Yeh Shih-Chiang

Yeh Shih-chiang has devoted his life to Zen Buddhism and creating art. After apprenticing with the master artist and revolutionary Gao Jianfu, he moved to Taiwan before the Chinese Civil War and lived his life in solitude and inner cultivation, only to emerge again as one of the country's master calligraphers and ink, oil and watercolor painters. This new solo show at Hanart TZ Gallery celebrates his truly singular life and works. Through Jun 4. Hanart TZ Gallery, Room 401, Pedder Building, 12 Pedder St., Central, hanart.com.

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NIGHTLIFE

OPEN BAR 65 PEEL

The Buzz: In Chinese, 65 Peel is called “何蘭正,” which punningly translates to “really f**king awesome.” 65 Peel aims for that goal, with a gastrobar concept that combines made-in-Hong Kong beers with masterfully created bar bites.

The Décor: It's all about the bare concrete look in this surprisingly large space. Half of it is occupied by high tables and bar stools, while two large tables take up the other half of the room. Exposed filament bulbs shine overhead, and one wall is occupied by a pink neon sign which reads 鬼佬涼茶, or “gweilo herbal tea”—Canto slang for beer.

The Drinks: This gastropub is all about celebrating Hong Kong's craft breweries, with 12 locally brewed beers on tap. Everything comes in a 450ml serving for \$80. It's not the cheapest beer in town—but this ain't your standard Heineken. We powered through as much of the draft menu as we could manage, starting with a Lemongrass IPA from Mak's Brewery—floral and light, not too bitter for an IPA but with an excellently subtle lemongrass finish. The Wheat Lover Weizen from the Lion Rock Brewery was fruity but also much more malty than usual, lending some valuable body to the brew. Young Master Ales is one of our favorite breweries, and their The Mood in the Spring Saison was crisp

and grassy, with some cereal afternotes that kept us sipping. Their Rye on Wood Ale was complex and caramelized, aged in rye whiskey barrels for a woody aroma. We finished up with a couple of eminently sessionable ales: the Kowloon Bay amber ale and Black Kite's IPA. The consistent high quality of these locally brewed beers is a testament to the city's developing craft beer scene—we can't wait to see what's next.

Why You'll Be Back: 65 Peel is no slouch in the kitchen. Check out the crisp deep-fried prawn and Iberico pork wontons, served with a caramelized, ginger-infused sweet and sour dipping sauce (\$98). The large plate of tiny deep-fried prawns (\$110) are small enough to pop straight into your mouth. Definitely get the tender, M6 wagyu beef cubes in a fresh green peppercorn sauce, sprinkled with garlic flakes (\$148). We also got a preview of an Asian take on a lobster roll—lobster chunks in a Vietnamese marinade, with hollandaise and coriander inside a yau za gwai donut. Stick around for “happy hour”—when the bar manager rings the bell hanging from the ceiling, everyone gets a drink on the house. **Adam White**

65-65A Peel St., Central, 2342-2224, facebook.com/65peel



Clubs

DJ Revolution:

Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike

Electro nuts all better sit down, because DJ legends Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike are hitting up AsiaWorld-Expo. They're number 1 on DJ Magazine's list of top 100 DJs—but you already knew that, didn't you? May 20, 8pm. Hall 10, AsiaWorld-Expo, Hong Kong International Airport, Chek Lap Kok, \$580-900 from hkticketing.com.



Lil Jon at Pacha Macau

As the saying goes: Turn down for what? May 13, 9pm. Pacha Macau, Studio City, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, MOP350 from pachamacau.com/en/events.



Disclosure

Guy and Howard Lawrence, aka the brothers behind British house/electro duo Disclosure, are hitting up Hong Kong this summer for the first time ever. Twice nominated for a Grammy and loved for their pop collabs with stars like The Weeknd, Lorde and Sam Smith, you can bet tickets will be selling like electro hotcakes. Aug 12, 8pm. Hall 10, AsiaWorld-Expo, Chek Lap Kok, \$580-880 from hkticketing.com.

CID at Zentral

Following the February release of his latest remix EP “Love is Blind,” Grammy-winning producer CID comes to Hong Kong for the first time. Support provided by resident DJs Yin, Tak and Kazu. May 12, 11pm. Zentral, 4-5/F, California Tower, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central, \$250 from fatsoma.com/hkclubbing.com, \$300 at the door; both include one drink.



The Cozy Boyz

Part of the ASAP mob tour—that's ASAP Rocky's DJ brethren—ASAP Snacks and ASAP Lou, together known as the Cozy Boyz, will be bringing—what else—cozy dance R'n'B tunes to Play. Mmmm, comfortable. May 7, 10pm. Play, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central.

Volar Presents: Pete Tong

Electro geeks, get your dancing legs ready. British DJ icon Pete Tong, known for revolutionizing dance music (and Cockney rhyming slang), makes his Volar debut. May 6, 10pm. Volar, B/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, \$350 from ticketflap.com/buzzconcepts, entry before 12:30am with two drinks, thereafter with one drink; \$400 at the door before 12:30am, \$450 thereafter, both with two drinks.



Fly Presents Slax Trax

2nd Anniversary with Janette Slack

Hot off a collab with Cantopop superstar Sandy Lam, international DJ Janette Slack celebrates her second year back in Hong Kong this May, supported by Darryl Griggs, Too Much, DJ Cyrus and Charlie Kwenta. May 14, 10pm. Fly, G/F, 24-30 Ice House St., Central. \$300 at the door with two drinks and two shots.



Nightlife Events

Mermaid Night

Wan Chai seafood hotspot Fishsteria teams up with Cliché Records for a mellow drinks night aimed at the ladies for \$18 first cocktails, where you'll be serenaded by live violin and chill beats by DJ Miya. \$278 gets you three signature cocktails, \$588 gets you a dozen oysters and a bottle of Chablis wine, while \$1,288 gets you a bottle of Louis Roederer bubbly and a dozen oysters. May 11, 8pm. Fishsteria, G/F & 1/F, 109-111 Queen's Rd. East, Wan Chai, \$278-1,288.

Rosé Revolution

Rosé lovers can get their fix of pink bubbly on Mother's Day weekend at the return of the Rosé Revolution, a rosé wine festival. Sip from 25 different types of rosé from international winemakers, wash it down with a sausage sizzle barbecue on the lawn, and do it all over again. Groups of four can get in on a yum cha group ticket offer, and VIP ticketholders get a premium rosé cocktail as well as VIP lounge access. May 7, 1-7pm. The Garden, Whisky@Stables, 1/F, Hullett House, 1881 Heritage, 2A Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, \$200-450 from ticketflap.com/roserevolution2016hk; \$1,800 for four for dim sum and rosé at Loong Toh Heen with access to Rosé Revolution.

Rum & Bass Season Opener 2016

It's officially sweaty weather, which also means it's finally junk season in Hong Kong. What better way to cool off than at the first Rum & Bass party junk of the season? Two junks will be hooked up to hold 100 party people, pumping DJ tunes featuring Charlie Kwenta and Bump DJs J Smythe and Zelazowski, free-flow booze—with rum cocktails from Rummin' Tings—and waterslides! May 14, 10am. \$750 from rumandbass.pelago.events or by bank transfer, contact 6010-3770 for more info.



DJ Revolution Presents: Don't Let Daddy Know 2016

The legendary Don't Let Daddy Know DJ festival, which came to Hong Kong shores last year, hits our sister SAR this summer and leaves yet more fathers in the dark. While this season's lineup is still yet to be announced, past superstar headliners have included Steve Aoki, Skrillex, Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike and more. Better snap up those tickets quick... Jul 1, 8pm. Studio City Event Center, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$650 early bird before May 8, \$850 thereafter from hkticketing.com.

Ozone 5th Anniversary Party: Ozone in Wonderland

The tallest bar in the world is celebrating its fifth anniversary this May with a lavish Alice in Wonderland themed affair, complete with beats from Ozone resident DJs and awesome cocktails. Are you willing to go down the rabbit hole? May 7, 10pm. Ozone, 118/F, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, free entry. Dress code: Alice in Wonderland.



Gigs

Soul Sisters at Grappa's Cellar

Kicking off its spring concert season, the Hong Kong Women's Choir will be singing for a good cause, bringing on a soulful a cappella and accompanied performance at Grappa's Cellar for a three-course dinner show. Funds raised will go towards family literacy advocates Bring Me a Book Hong Kong, and also to buy instruments to facilitate healing for women and girls supported by the women's welfare group The Sisters of the Good Shepherd. There'll also be a charity lucky draw for the chance to win prizes. May 28, 7:30pm. Grappa's Cellar, B/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, \$500 early bird before May 1 from thkwc.org; \$528 from ticketflap.com. Doors open 6:30pm.

Happy Hours



Mak Mak \$30 Happy Hour

Lost and thirsty in the Landmark? Head to Mak Mak for \$30 Singha beers or house wines, which come with complimentary Thai chili peanuts at the bar. Daily, 5-8pm. Mak Mak, Shop 217A, 2/F, Landmark Atrium, 15 Queen's Rd. Central.

Champagne & Japanese Canapés Happy Hour at Dragon-i

D-i bites just got even fancier at their latest weekday Happy Hour offering, which includes a pairing of Japanese canapés with free flow Perrier Jouët Grand Brut for \$388. Wed-Fri, 5-9pm. Dragon-i, U/G, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central.

Nightlife Events



Haig Club Cocktails

Always wanted to be just like David Beckham? At least now you can drink like him. Resto-bars China Tang, Island Tang and Kowloon Tang have launched a series of special cocktails using Haig Club, the single grain whisky endorsed by Beckham himself. Think revamped classics like the Haig Fashioned (\$130 at China Tang) a take on the Old Fashioned with creme de cassia and orange bitters, or summer thirst quenchers like the fruity Passion Tang (\$100 from Kowloon Tang). China Tang, Shop 411-413, 4/F, Landmark Atrium, 15 Queen's Rd. Central; Island Tang, 2/F, The Galleria, 9 Queen's Rd. Central; Kowloon Tang, Shop R003, Roof, Civic Square, Elements, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon.

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Captain America: Civil War ★★★★

(USA) Action. Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo. Starring Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan, Daniel Brühl. Category IIA. 148 minutes. Opened Apr 27.

The saving grace of the "Captain America" series is that it's always been a little more grown-up than the rest of the Marvel Universe. It takes its protagonist and throws him into World War and Cold War-style setups, with atmospheres of paranoia that seem almost out of place in the mostly sunny Marvelverse—a place where by and large, a single big baddie does a naughty thing and has to be shown the error of his ways, fist first.

But "Captain America" movies take the simplistic, certain morality of its protagonist and hurl it at the wall again and again until he has to bend instead of break. He's a more complex hero than you'd expect, and "Civil War" is a more complex movie—even if we have the most fun when we're watching two superheroes beat the crap out of each other.

The setup: Captain America and Co. are superheroing away in Lagos when a job goes wrong and a bunch of innocents get killed. That's when the governments of the world (finally) start paying attention and think: "Hang on, we've got a group of extrajudicial hyperpowered heroes running around the world dispensing justice as they see fit. We should probably get a handle on these semi-intelligent weapons of mass destruction."

Guilt-tripped by a death that's on his hands, technocrat Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is all for checks and balances in the team. But Captain America (Chris Evans) isn't quite so convinced. As the avatar of American freedom, his politics are essentially libertarian: get your hands off my superpowers. And when Cap's friend Bucky Barnes (Sebastian Stan)—better known as the brainwashed killing machine the Winter Soldier—is suspected of bombing a UN meeting, the lines are drawn:

Cap and friends on one side, Iron Man and chums on the other. Meanwhile in the background, the unassuming Helmut Zemo (Daniel Brühl, "Inglourious Basterds") is pulling strings, crashing our heroes against each other.

Despite the name, "Civil War" isn't all that much of a Captain America flick: it's more of an ensemble piece in the vein of an "Avengers" film, with a roll call of most of Marvel's B-list superchaps—Scarlet Witch, Vision, Black Widow, Hawkeye etc. "Civil War" really succeeds when it's playing off of its superheroes against each other—it's the only franchise in the world where you can use eight movies' worth of development to inform how your character behaves and interacts with the world around him. Used right, these vignettes become a wonderfully powerful way to tell a story.

But that strength also means that the film's just not quite so much fun when this isn't going on. The superhero team-up is so unashamedly enjoyable that the climax of "Civil War" actually comes at the end of its second act—when the superheroes all face off against each other. It's fast, witty and entertaining. Come the final showdown, we get a colder, more clinical fight: more grown up, less... comic book.

Does "Civil War" ask grown-up questions about the use and abuse of power? Perhaps a little. But it's hardly a philosophical masterwork, either. Iron Man is driven by guilt and anger, while Captain America has learned his lesson: loyalty to friends beats loyalty to nations. Still, when the punching starts we can mercifully leave all that behind and settle our differences—fist first. **Adam White**



Coming Soon

Bad Neighbors 2

(USA) If you saw the first "Bad Neighbors" and thought to yourself, "Man, that was phenomenal, but I really want to see that again, but with sorority sisters and Lisa Kudrow for some reason!" then congratulations: Christmas has come early this year for you, weirdo. Opens May 12.

Chongqing Hot Pot ▾

(China) What begins as a bank heist by four amateur robbers turns into a labyrinthine tour through subterranean Chongqing, a trip down memory lane, a damsel in career-distress, and a showdown with the real pros. This screwball caper stars Bai Baihe ("Go Away Mr. Tumor") and Chen Kun ("Let the Bullets Fly"). Opens May 12.

The Inerasable

(Japan) Keeping with Japan's tradition of slow-burning, bone-rattling horror films, "The Inerasable" follows a novelist as she investigates the case of a student who hears strange noises coming from an empty room in an otherwise perfectly ordinary house. Opens May 12.



The Lobster

(Ireland/UK/Greece) In a city in the ambiguous future, single people are given 45 days to find a partner or they're forced to turn into animals and are released into the wild. It is in this chaos that newly arrived David (Colin Farrell) has to get over his former love and start anew. Also stars Rachel Weisz and John C. Reilly. Opens May 12.

Money Monster

(USA) Economic disparity is the theme of this Jodie Foster-directed suspense film. A financial TV presenter (George Clooney) is taken hostage by blue-collar viewer (Jack O'Connell, "Unbroken") who lost all his money on a bad tip. Features Julia Roberts and a soundtrack by Bruce Springsteen. Opens May 13.

Opening

Book of Love

(China) In the second installment of the phenomenally successful "Beijing Meets Seattle" franchise, the two leads Tang Wei and Wu Xiubo reprise their roles as star-crossed lovers—but this time they live in Los Angeles and Macau, respectively. Will they or won't they get together in the end? They probably will, but certainly not without some high-flying skyline porn. Opens May 5.

The Himalayas

(South Korea) Two South Korean mountaineers (played by Jung Woo and Kim In-kwon) are lifelong trekkers who must scale Everest to retrieve the body of a stranded teammate under ever more forbidding circumstances. Opens May 5.



Continuing

10 Cloverfield Lane

(USA) This loose sequel to 2008's "Cloverfield," herds Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Goodman and John Gallagher Jr. into a post-apocalyptic bunker and dares them to consider an outside world where everyone is dead. A valiant effort with a lackluster ending, this thriller keeps you at the edge of your seat without blowing you away. ★★★

45 Years

(UK) After 45 years of marriage, Kate and Geoff Mercer (Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay) get a letter in the mail reminding them of a long-ignored fact from the past, and their relationship begins to take on a different tone.

The Boy

(USA/China/Canada) Old tropes die hard for a reason, and that reason is that people will never not be freaked out by three things: dolls that come to life, mysterious messages on the wall written in blood, and deadpan British children. Horror veteran William Brent Bell ("Stay Alive," "The Devil Inside") directs this thriller starring Lauren Cohan ("The Walking Dead") as a nanny to an English family's porcelain doll, which goes, inevitably, from weird to murderous.

Captain America: Civil War
(USA) See review, above.

Microbe & Gasoline

(France) In this French-language film from Michel Gondry ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "The Green Hornet") two awkward teen boys in Versailles decide that the solution to all their teenage hardships is to build a car out of a lawnmower engine and a few planks and hit the road. Stars the always lovable Audrey Tautou. Opens May 1.

My Mother

(Italy) In "Mia Madre," a movie director on the verge of a nervous breakdown must balance her hectic life with her mother's illness and daughter's adolescence. This Italian film features John Turturro as a pain-in-the-neck American actor. Opens May 5.

The Propaganda Game

(Spain) With the guidance of Alejandro Cao de Benós, the only foreign employee of the North Korean government, director Alvaro Longoria delivers a unique and surprising documentary all about how information is manipulated—both inside and outside North Korea. Depicting the DPRK with a rarely seen playfulness thanks to interviews with unreliable narrators, Longoria leaves us with a distinct feeling of unease. Opens May 5 at the Broadway Cinematheque. ★★★★



Race

(Canada/Germany/USA) Jesse Owens was one of the greatest American athletes, an African-American runner from Alabama who set three world records at the age of 26 and went on to win four gold medals in the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin—during the rise of Nazi Germany. This biopic is an exciting journey from start to finish, but absurdly unearned optimism makes it an awkward and dissatisfying watch. Opens May 5. ★★

The Dressmaker

(Australia) Tilly Dunnage (Kate Winslet) is a couturier in the 50s who returns to her provincial Australian childhood home to take care of her ailing mother. Having been accused of murder as a child and exiled at an early age, she's back to find the truth and get revenge on her accusers, armed with... a sewing machine?





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Hardcore Henry
(Russia/USA) Video gamers won't know what to do with their hands when they sit down to watch "Hardcore Henry," a first-person-shooter movie filmed almost entirely on a GoPro worn like a mask on Henry—a newly resurrected cyber-soldier with no memory of his past life. A cool idea, but it's more like watching someone play "Call of Duty" than a good movie. ★★

In the Room
(Hong Kong/Singapore) Billed as Singapore's first erotic movie, "In The Room" spans six decades and centers around a single room in a Singaporean hotel and its various inhabitants: Six couples of all orientations and backgrounds. Stars Josie Ho as brothel madam who's all about the female empowerment.



The Kid from the Big Apple
(Malaysia/Hong Kong/Singapore) A lot of people will recognize this story of an assimilated, second-generation Asian kid who goes back to the old country and deepens her cultural awareness of her roots. Stars legendary Shaw Brothers veteran Ti Lung as a conservative grandfather and Malaysian newcomer Tan Qin Lin as Sarah, the kid in question.



"Dawn," Sundance Short Film Festival

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Sundance Short Film Festival

The Sundance Institute and the Metroplex have teamed up to bring a selection of Sundance Film Festival's shorts to the city between April and June. The first program is a selection of Sundance Award-winning shorts, the second includes fiction and doc shorts, and the third program features a compilation of Sundance animated shorts. Sundance is also holding a short film competition for Hong Kong residents: Grand prize is \$30,000 and a visit to the 2017 Sundance Film Festival in Utah. Apr 20-Jun 26. The Metroplex, G/F, E-Max, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay. \$75 at metroplex.com.hk.

Le French May Cinema Program: Utopias

Le French May has found inspiring ways to inject a little French soul into all sorts of arts, presenting unique plays, exhibits, and concerts. It's no surprise that they're also shining a light on France's cinematic tradition: This year, their cinema program is presenting 15 films, with the theme "Utopias." Highlights include award-winning animated fantasy thriller "April and the Extraordinary World" starring Marion Cotillard, and black comedy "The Brand New Testament," in which an exceedingly grumpy God lives in a run-down Brussels apartment. May 10-31. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St., Yau Ma Tei; Pacific Place, 1801, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, 2388-0002. cinema.com.hk. \$85 for screenings at Broadway Cinematheque + \$8 handling fee for online or phone bookings. \$95 for screenings at PALACE ifc & AMC Pacific Place + \$10 handling fee for online or phone bookings.

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TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): Your ability to accomplish magic is at a peak, and will continue to soar for at least two more weeks. And when I use that word "magic," I'm not referring to the hocus-pocus performed by illusionists like Criss Angel or Harry Houdini. I'm talking about real feats of transformation that will generate practical benefits in your day-to-day life. Now study the following definitions by writer Somerset Maugham, and have faith in your ability to embody them: "Magic is no more than the art of employing consciously invisible means to produce visible effects. Will, love, and imagination are magic powers that everyone possesses; and whoever knows how to develop them to their fullest extent is a magician."

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): According to author Vladimir Nabokov, the Russian word means "a dull ache of the soul, a longing with nothing to long for, a sick pining, a vague restlessness." Linguist Anna Wierzbicka says it conveys an emotion that blends melancholy, boredom, and yearning. Journalist Nick Ashdown suggests that for someone experiencing *toska*, the thing that's yearned for may be "intangible and impossible to actually obtain." How are doing with your own *toska*, Gemini? Is it conceivable that you could escape it—maybe even heal it? I think you can. I think you will. Before you do, though, I hope you'll take time to explore it further. *Toska* has more to teach you about the previously hidden meaning of your life.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): "Gandhi's autobiography is on my pillow," writes Cancerian poet Buddy Wakefield. "I put it there every morning after making my bed so I'll remember to read it before falling asleep. I've been reading it for 6 years. I'm on Chapter 2." What's the equivalent phenomenon in your world, my fellow Crab? What good deed or righteous activity have you been pursuing with glacial diligence? Is there a healthy change you've been thinking about forever, but not making much progress on? The mood and the sway of the coming days will bring you a good chance to expedite the process. In Wakefield's case, he could get up to Chapter 17.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): In the 16th century, European explorers searched South America in quest of a mythical city of gold known as El Dorado. Tibetan Buddhist tradition speaks of Shambhala, a magical holy kingdom where only enlightened beings live. In the legends of ancient Greece, Hyperborea was a sunny paradise where the average human life span was a thousand years and happiness was normal. Now is an excellent time for you to fantasize about your own version of utopia, Leo. Why? First, your imagination is primed to expand. Second, dreaming big will be good for your mental and physical health. There's another reason, too: By envisioning the most beautiful world possible, you will mobilize your idealism and boost your ability to create the best life for yourself in the coming months.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): "Anytime you're going to grow, you're going to lose something," said psychologist James Hillman. "You're losing what you're hanging onto to keep safe. You're losing habits that you're comfortable with, you're losing familiarity." I nominate these

thoughts to serve as your words of wisdom in the coming weeks, Virgo. From an astrological perspective, you are in a phase when luxuriant growth is possible. To harvest the fullness of the lush opportunities, you should be willing to shed outworn stuff that might interfere.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): On Cracked.com, Auntie Meme tells us that many commonly held ideas about history are wrong. There were no such things as chastity belts in the Middle Ages, for example. Napoleon's soldiers didn't shoot off the nose of the Sphinx when they were stationed in Egypt. In regards to starving peasants, Marie Antoinette never derisively said, "Let them eat cake." And no Christians ever became meals for lions in ancient Rome's Colosseum. (More: tinyurl.com/historicaljive.) In the spirit of Auntie Meme's exposé, and in alignment with the astrological omens, I invite you to uncover and correct at least three fabrications, fables, and lies about your own past.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): Poet Charles Wright marvels at the hummingbird, "who has to eat 60 times his own weight a day just to stay alive. Now that's a life on the edge." In the coming weeks, Scorpio, your modus operandi may have resemblances to the hummingbird's approach. I don't mean to suggest that you will be in a manic survival mode. Rather, I expect you'll feel called to nourish your soul with more intensity than usual. You'll need to continuously fill yourself up with experiences that inspire, teach, and transform you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): "Anybody can become angry," said Greek philosopher Aristotle. "That is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way, that is not within everybody's power and is not easy." I'm pleased to inform you, Sagittarius, that now is a time when you have an exceptional capacity for meeting Aristotle's high standards. In fact, I encourage you to honor and learn all you can from your finely-honed and well-expressed anger. Make it work wonders for you. Use it so constructively that no one can complain.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): To celebrate your arrival at the height of your sex appeal, I'm resurrecting the old-fashioned word "vavoom." Feel free to use it as your nickname. Pepper it into your conversations in place of terms like "awesome," "wow," or "yikes."



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AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19): When he was a boy, Mayan poet Humberto Ak'ab'al asked his mother, "What are those things that shine in the sky?" "Bees," she answered mischievously. "Every night since then," Humberto writes, "my eyes eat honey." In response to this lyrical play, the logical part of our brains might rise up and say, "What a load of nonsense!" But I will ask you to set aside the logical part of your brain for now, Aquarius. According to my understanding of the astrological omens, the coming days will be a time when you need a big dose of sweet fantasies, dreamy stories, and maybe even beautiful nonsense. What are your equivalents of seeing bees making honey in the night sky's pinpoints of light?

PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20): "Sometimes, a seemingly insignificant detail reveals a whole world," says artist Pierre Cordier. "Like the messages hidden by spies in the dot of an i." These are precisely the minutiae that you should be extra alert for in the coming days, Pisces. Major revelations may emerge from what at first seems trivial. Generous insights could ignite in response to small acts of beauty and subtle shifts of tone. Do you want glimpses of the big picture and the long-range future? Then be reverent toward the fine points and modest specifics.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): "Silence is not silence, but a limit of hearing," writes Jane Hirshfield in her poem "Everything Has Two Endings." This observation is apropos for you right now. There are potentially important messages you're not registering and catalytic influences you can't detect. But their apparent absence is due to a blank spot in your awareness, or maybe a willful ignorance left over from the old days. Now here's the good news: You are primed to expand your listening field. You have an enhanced ability to open certain doors of perception that have been closed. If you capitalize on this opportunity, silence will give way to revelation.

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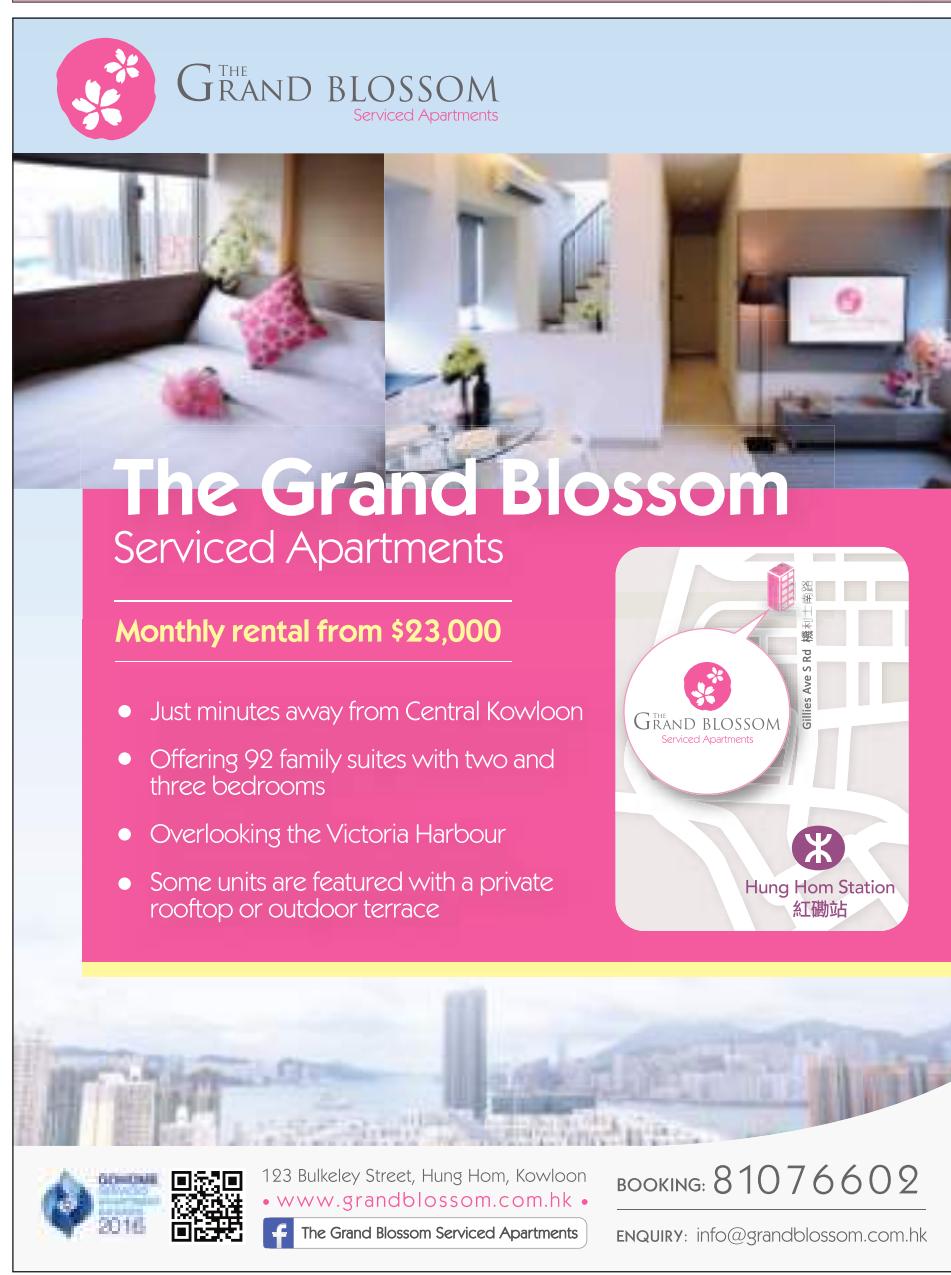
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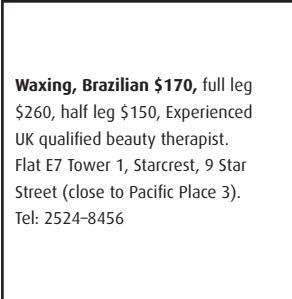
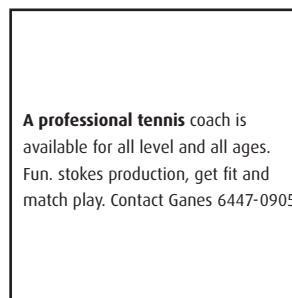
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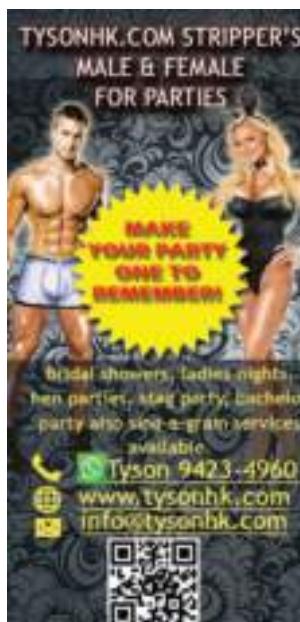
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Dan Savage

I'm a 31-year-old straight woman. I have a good job, great friends, and average attractiveness. I've dated close to 30 men at this point, and I can't wrap my head around this: I've never had a boyfriend or dated anyone for more than a couple months. It's really starting to wear on my self-esteem. I don't believe anything is wrong with me, but the more time goes on, the more I think I have to be doing something wrong. The guys ghost me or things fizzle out or we're not at the same point in our lives. This is particularly true for one guy I've remained friends with (common social circle) who is struggling with his career, though things are still awkward because it's clear there's still something there. Another area of concern: I'm still a virgin. Catholic guilt resulted in me being a late bloomer, with my first kiss at 21. Once I got more into dating, my low self-esteem coupled with the fact that I've basically decided I want to be in a monogamous committed relationship with a guy before having sex, relationships just never happened. I don't have unrealistic expectations that I'll marry the first dick that sticks itself into me—but I've waited this long, so I'm not going to jump into the sack with just anyone without knowing that I can at least trust them. The only guy I really do trust is Somewhat Depressed Guy, but propositioning him could further complicate our already awkward friendship. Is something wrong with me, and what the hell should I do?

- What's Wrong With Me?

I get variations on the first half of your question—is something wrong with me?—all the time. But it's not a question I'm in a position to answer, WWWM, as I would need to depose a random sampling of the guys you've dated, interrogate your friends, and grill you under a bare lightbulb for a few days to figure out what's wrong with you.

And you know what? Nothing could be wrong with you. You may have pulled the short straw 30 times in a row, and you just need to keep getting out there and eventually you'll pull a guy who won't ghost or fizzle on you.

As for the second half of your question...

What the hell should you do? Well, gee.

What you've been doing hasn't worked, WWWM, so maybe it's time to do something else. Like fuck some dude on the first date. Or if that's too drastic, fuck some dude on the second date. Or better yet, go to Somewhat Depressed Guy and say: "I don't think you want a relationship right now, and I'm not sure I do either. But I like you and trust you, and I could really use your help with something..."

While the commitment-and-monogamy-first approach has worked for some, WWWM, it hasn't worked for you. And being a virgin at 31 isn't boosting your self-esteem. There are lots of people out there who jumped in the sack and did a little dick-sticking with people they barely knew but had a good feeling about. The jumping/sticking/dicking approach doesn't always lead to committed and/or monogamous relationships, but it can and it has and it does.

Somewhat Depressed Guy might be somewhat less depressed if he was getting some, you might have higher self-esteem if you finally got some, and dispensing with your virginity might make dating after you part ways—if you part ways with him (you never know)—seem a lot less fraught.

I'm a virgin in my late 20s. I'm not waiting until marriage, just for the right person. I've dated enough and had enough fun to continue being a happy, normal, socially competent guy, much to the disbelief of my various knuckle-dragging, vagina-blinded pals. I've been dating this gal for a few months. She's special—we have tons

of chemistry and she cares about me. We had a brief conversation about my lack of sexperience when we first started dating, and she was very cool about it. I really like this girl, but I'm not sure yet if she's the future Mrs. Me. I am a worrier (thanks, mom!), and I find myself thinking that if I share this with her and somewhere down the road we end up breaking up, she's going to be even more devastated because I shared my first time with her. Am I just having silly virgin worries? Not only am I concerned about her feelings if things don't work out, but I'm also concerned that I might become vagina-blinded—that I might immediately tell this girl I want to spend my life with her just because she's having sex with me only to find myself a few years down the road feeling trapped. What should I do?
- Very Indecisive, Really Gettin' Naughty

You should fuck this girl already—provided, of course, that this girl wants to fuck you.

You could wind up saying things you come to regret or have to walk back—her vagina might be that bedazzling—but that's an unavoidable risk, and not one that's unique to virgins. The right vagina, ass, face, skill set, or bank balance can blind a fucker with decades of experience. The only way to avoid vagina-blindness—or ass-blindness, etc.—is to never have sex with anyone. And I don't think you're interested in celibacy, so stop freaking out about the risk that you'll imprint, duckling-like, on the first vagina your pee-pee sees the inside of.

You must also eliminate "sexperience" from your vocabulary, VIRGN, as it's equal parts cloying and annoying.

I've been with my boyfriend for more than a year. He's the first person I've had sex with. Four times now while we were having passionate sex, he has slipped out of my vagina and accidentally penetrated me anally. That shit hurts, and I can't help but cry. I know he feels super guilty each time. I love sex, but I'm kind of scared every time we have it now. We've engaged in a little anal play before, and I wasn't really a fan. But I'm not adverse to the idea of using a butt plug. Do you think this would work? Surely other people have this problem too, right?

- Wrong Hole, Anal Torment

My own personal sexperience with anal led me to doubt claims of accidental anal penetration, WHAT, as anal penetration always required focus, precision, and proper breathing techniques—in my own sexperience. But listeners of the Savage Lovecast schooled me in Episode 340, and I'm now convinced that accidental anal penetration is something too many women have sexperienced. (Do you see how annoying that is, VIRGN?)

A strategically deployed butt plug sounds like a sexcellent solution to the problem, WHAT, but get yourself a plug with a wider-than-usual base to prevent your boyfriend's misdirected cock from pushing the plug, base and all, all the way in you (ouch) or his misdirected cock from sliding in alongside the plug. (If you hate single penetration, you'll really hate double penetration.)

If the problem persists even with a plug—if your boyfriend's cock is constantly slamming into the plug in a way that you find uncomfortable—a thumbtack glued to the base of the plug will inspire your boyfriend to be more focused and precise.

And speaking of the Savage Lovecast, we're coming up on our 500th episode, which is a significant milestone for this relatively new genre/platform/doohickey. If you're not already listening, find it here: savagecast.com. And a big thanks to Nancy Hartunian, the Lovecast's producer since Episode 1, and to the tech-savvy, at-risk youth who pushed me to start podcasting before it was cool.

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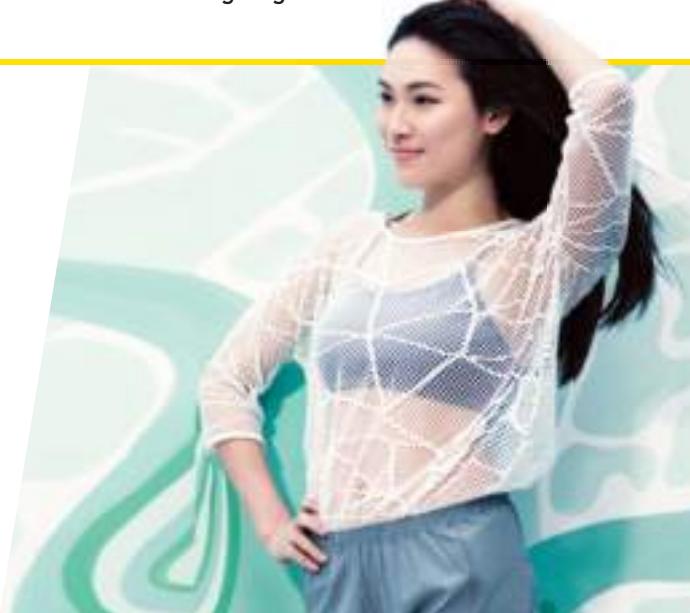
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Starbucks - Hoi Kwong St.
Starbucks - Kornhill Plaza
Starbucks - Taikoo Shing
The News Room
Yo bago
Yo mama

NORTH POINT/ FORTRESS HILL

Thai Delight Restaurant & Bar
Tamarind
The Charterhouse Causeway Bay
The Doghouse
The Flying Pan
The Hive
The Queen Victoria
The Tonno
The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
The Wanch
The White Stag
VIM Pilates Studio
Xperience
Yo mama

CAUSEWAY BAY

18 Grams
A La Maison
Aluminium
Brechts Circle
Brookfield Global Relocation Services HK Ltd.
Brunch Club & Supper
Buddy Bar & Café
Café Corridor
Café Rivoli
CitySuper
Classified (Tai Hang)
Crowne Plaza Hong Kong
Causeway Bay – Connections
Dickens Bar
Englishtown
Fleur de Sel
Hotel Pennington
Inn Side Out
Isabella Bistro & Bar
Island Seafood & Oyster
Jrink
Lanson Place
Little Burro
Mackie Kitchen
Madame Foster Deli
Mau I Business Centre Ltd - Eton Tower
Mau I Business Centre Ltd - Radio City
Mini Hotel Causeway Bay
Mr. Steak
Otto Restaurant & Bar
Outback Steakhouse
Page One
Roof Bar
Rouge
Starbucks - 50 Leighton Rd.
Starbucks - Causeway Bay Plaza 2
Starbucks - Hysan Place
Starbucks - Lee Garden 1
Starbucks - Tin Hau
Starbucks - Tiung Lo Wan Rd.
Starbucks - Windsor House
The Herbivores
The Sky Bar
The Warren
Watson Wine Cellar
Wired Café
W's Entrecote
Yo mama

AP LEI CHAU/ ABERDEEN

Aberdeen Marina Club
Alisan Fine Arts Limited
Bowls Café Limited
Flex HK
GCX
K Academy (English Language Learning Centre)
Movie Express
Tequila Kola
TREE
Shambala/ Café Piatti
Sift
Spring Workshop
Starbucks - Marina Square
Starbucks - One Island South
Y.Art Education

REPULSE BAY/ TAI TAM/ STANLEY

Beachside Bookstore
Classified (Stanley)
Chez Patrick Deli - Stanley
El Cid Caramar
Hong Kong International School
King Ludwig Beer Hall
Lucy's
Mini Hotel Stanley
Ocean Bay
Park N Shop - Parkview
Pickled Pelican Stanley
Pizza Express
Seafront
Smuggler's Inn, Stanley
Spices
Starbucks - Stanley Plaza
Taste
The American Club
The Boat House
Victoria Recreation Club

TSIM SHA TSUI

Agnes b Café Harbour City
Agnes'B Café SG
Assembly
Barista Caffe
Bistro on the Mile
Bombay Dreams
Bricklane - 2 Blenheim Avenue
Bricklane - 17-23 Minden Avenue
Brotzeit
Burger Republic
Carpaccio Pasta Pizza Vino
Castros Bar
CitySuper
Crema
Cucina - The Marco Polo HK Hotel
Delaney's
Eatside Tavern
Eaton Hotel
El Cid
Fatt's Place
Finds
Grand Central Bar and Grill

Gateway Apartments

Gaylord Indian Restaurant
Greyhound Café
Harbourside Restaurant
Hotel Icon
Jimmy's Kitchen
Joa Ristorante
K11 Art Mall
Kowloon Cricket Club
Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel & Deli Kool
La Villa Restaurant & Bar
Langham Hotel Main Street Deli
Lobby Cafe - Sheraton Hotel
Mega Hospitality Intl
Morgan Stanley
Namo
Ned Kelly's Last Stand
Nomads
Outback Steakhouse - TST Centre
Pacific Club
Page One
Papi
Pierside Bar, The Royal Pacific Hotel and Towers
Pizza Express - 35 Ashley Rd.
RA Restaurant & Lounge
Regal Kowloon Hotel
Ritz Carlton - Concierge
Ruth's Chris
Starbucks - 102 Austin Rd.
Starbucks - Albion Plaza
Starbucks - China HK City
Starbucks - Elements
Starbucks - Empire Centre
Starbucks - Gateway Arcade
Starbucks - Harbour Crystal Ctr.
Starbucks - I Square
Starbucks - K11
Starbucks - Knutsford
Starbucks - Mirror Tower
Starbucks - Ocean Terminal
Starbucks - STAR HOUSE B/F
Starbucks - The Sun Arcade
Stormies
Swindon Books
Tequila Jack's
The Doghouse
The Grand
The Swiss Chalet
Tiffanys New York Bar
Triple O
W Hotel
Weinstube
Wired Café
Wooloo Mooloo

JORDAN/YAU MA TEI/MONG KOK

18 Grams
Berliner Olympian City 3
Broadway Cinematheque
Colour Brown Coffee
Englishtown
Hotel Stage
Kadoorie Hill
Langham Hotel
Langham Place Hotel Coffee Shop
Madera Hotel
Park N Shop - Olympian City
Pink Coffee
Royal Plaza Hotel
Starbucks - 3 Jordan Rd.
Starbucks - Bank Centre Mall
Starbucks - Liberte Place
Starbucks - Nathan Hotel
Starbucks - New Kowloon Plaza
Starbucks - Olympian City 2
Take Two Brunch Coffee
The Olympian Hong Kong
White Noise
Zoo Records

SHATIN

Baptist University
Citysuper
Courtyard by Marriott Sha Tin
Crown Relocations
Starbucks - Fortune City One
Starbucks - New Town Plaza L1

SAI KUNG

Bacco
CC Café
Chez les Copains
Classified
Duke of York Pub
Firenze
HEBE ONE o ONE
Italiano's
Park N Shop - Clear Water Bay
Pepperoni's
Piccolos
Pizzeria La Gondola
Starbucks - Sai Kung Chan Man St.
Starbucks - The HKUST
The Bottle Shop

OTHER NEW TERRITORIES

Discovery Park
Englishtown
King's Belly
Mr Steak
Park N Shop - Hong Lok Yuen
Red Alert Airsoft Sports
Starbucks - Citywalk
Starbucks - Luk Yeung Galleria
Starbucks - Metroplaza
Starbucks - Tai Po Market MTR Station
Starbucks - Trend Plaza

LANTAU

Berliner German Bar & Restaurant
Café Duvet
Dymocks
Marriott Skycity
Park N Shop - Discovery Bay
Regal Airport Hotel Zentro Garden
Starbucks - Airport T2
Starbucks - Airport T1
Starbucks - Citygate
Zentro Garden

KOWLOON TONG

Amaroni's
Baptist University
Baptist University Student Union
City University Student Union
Dan Ryan's
Page One
Park N Shop
Pizza Express
Starbucks - Festival Walk
Starbucks - HKBU

HUNG HOM

Open University Student Union
Sav Hotel
Starbucks - MTR Hung Hom
Starbucks - The Laguna Mall
Starbucks - Whampoa Site 5
Waterfront Bar & Terrace

KOWLOON BAY/ KWUN TONG/ KOWLOON CITY

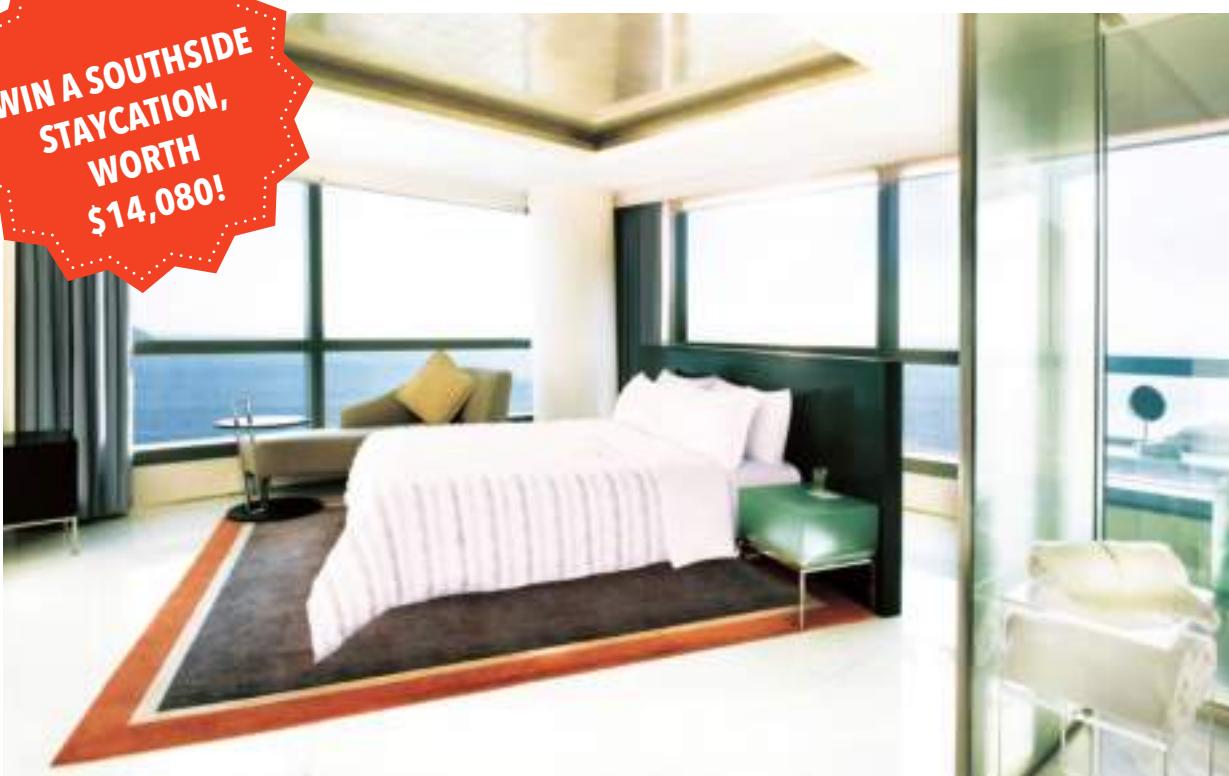
Bespoke
Englishtown
Forfar
Happy Corner Cakes Cookies Gallery
Headstart Group Limited
Kubrick
Oliver's Super Sandwiches
Pentahotel Kowloon
Starbucks - EMax
Starbucks - Megabox L6
Starbucks - Millennium City 1
Starbucks - One Kowloon
Starbucks - Telford Plaza 1

HK GIVEAWAYS

Mayday, Mayday: We've got prizes that are too good to be true this month.

It's time to get ready for the summer and we've got a fabulous staycation at Le Meridien Cyberport, as well as stylish workout clothing from Pure Apparel. Get entering now!

WIN A SOUTHSIDE STAYCATION, WORTH \$14,080!



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Wanna explore all that's cool in the Southside? Here's how.

In this and the next two issues, you'll find an *italicized* word in the main Spotlight page article. Once you've got all three, include them in a paragraph of no more than 30 words about what you'd do with a staycation at Le Meridien Cyberport. Go to hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways to submit your entry before 10am on May 23, 2016.

Good luck! The winner will be announced on May 27.

Win stylish work-out clothing from Pure Apparel!

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Want to win? Go to hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways and tell us your funniest gym story—no gym selfie necessary.

Submit your entry **before 10am on May 16, 2016**. Winner will be announced on May 20.

Good luck!

WIN ACTIVWEAR WORTH MORE THAN \$5,000!

Congratulations to the winners of our Flash Giveaways!

Alexander Verge, today's your lucky day because you've just won a wonderful **two-night staycation at East Hong Kong**, valued at \$14,800! We love your acrostic poem:

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Congratulations also to Julius Bolinas, Wu Yip-hung, Steve Lau, Jie Gao, Janet Ng, Deepak Daswani, Tina Li, Alex Jone, Suraj Sajnani, Andrew Morris, Kitty Wu and William Ho for winning **dining vouchers** to **Alfresco Lane's** five lovely restaurants for a laid-back weekend brunch. Enjoy!

WE HAVE WINNERS!



FIRST PERSON



"I've never really felt that famous."

Hollywood actor **Eric Bana** is Australia's homegrown hero. Starting out in sketch comedy, Bana rose to fame in "Black Hawk Down" and "Hulk," before garnering accolades for his lead role in Steven Spielberg's "Munich." He's made a return to comedy with straight-to-Netflix movie "Special Correspondents." He sits down with Justin Heifetz and talks about keeping it real and why he's always wanted to visit Hong Kong.



I was born and raised in Melbourne and I've never lived anywhere else.

I do feel very Australian—my parents are European originally, but they're both very Australian as well.

I don't know what it's like to be an expat—it's never really tempted me.

I'm married and have kids—it's pretty normal. I've got two big teenagers and a lot of cars and motorcycles.

I don't do a lot of movies—I'm not one of those people who can go from one film to the other.

I came to the business quite late and I can't imagine just going from film set to film set to film set. I'd go insane.

My background is in comedy. And whether I'm a funny guy? It depends on who you're with. If you're with other comics it all tends to feel funnier.

When you're around a lot of boring people the last thing I want to do is make them laugh.

Working with [co-star] Ricky Gervais and getting a chance to work opposite someone whose work you've admired for a long time—you have to pinch yourself to remember that you're actually in the scene with him, not at home watching him on TV.

That was a hell of a lot of fun.

A movie that goes straight to Netflix multiplies the feedback by about 10,000.

In the first 48 hours of "Special Correspondents" being on Netflix,

I got texts and emails from friends and family who had already seen the film.

That would normally take one to five years. Being aware of a film, intending to see it, and then not seeing it—that's worth zero.

To invert that and have a situation where you're somewhat aware, desire to see it and then just see it—that's the future.

Normally you have to work so hard to make people aware of your film, and then they'd put in the effort of going to the cinema.

But here, it's being delivered how they want, when they want. It's my first experience with that kind of model.

I don't feel more under the microscope with so many people watching the movie. I'd feel under a microscope if they were right outside my house.

Being in comedy, I didn't feel weird about the plot of the movie [faking a story about a coup in Ecuador].

I don't apply a lot of moralistic constraints to film, comedy in particular.

There've been plenty of examples of people lying about reporting, lying about where they are, lying about what they've done, lying about what they've seen.

I can't complain [about journalists]. Sometimes it gets tricky when you're doing a lot of foreign stuff with language barriers, but nothing has been overly awkward.

I haven't properly been to Hong Kong. I've only passed through in transit.

It's a place I need to investigate. I've got a couple of buddies who spend a lot of time there.

I hear it's fantastic. I hear the food's amazing.

I read [lots of scripts] and I never know what I'm going to do until I read it. So if something's great and it's a comedy, I'll do it. If it's a drama I'll do that.

At the end of the day, the material wins out.

I'm reading right now, working out what to do next.

It's always a fun time when you don't know where you're going to be or what you're going to be doing.

When it comes to fame, I'm way off the grid. I'm definitely an introvert, and living here in Melbourne facilitates that for sure.

If I weren't acting I'd be a microbiologist—no, I'd be a mechanic.

When I'm not working I play with cars and motorcycles. It's what I've always done.

I've never really felt that famous. I don't know if it's because of living here, but it's never been a huge issue for me.

I think if I did nothing but work on films that would be different.

I'm not a bitter and twisted famous person: I have a pretty good time.



NEED TO KNOW...

In "Special Correspondents," Eric Bana plays a famous radio journalist who covers a fake revolution in Ecuador from a New York restaurant, helped by his inept technician (Ricky Gervais). Watch it now on Netflix: netflix.com/hk



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