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The September Bucket List

20 things you must do in September.

1. Finally get around to unsubdividing your flat.
2. Join Ashley Madison, the world's premier site for meeting other desperate bros.
3. Introduce trace amounts of lead in your drinking water, so you build up a tolerance for the next health scare.
4. Have an uncomfortable dream about Regina Ip, Ronny Tong and a vat of iced milk tea.
5. Befriend a Legco politician. Dump 'em at the end of the month.
6. Write the Great Hong Kong Novel. Maybe the Great Hong Kong Short Story. The Great Hong Kong Facebook Post, at least.
7. Geomance your colleagues. Everything's better with feng shui friends.
8. Spend 20 minutes considering switching careers. Look up how expensive it is to do an MBA. Cry.
9. Visit Mong Kok, have a great time, say "we really should come to Mong Kok more," never go again.
10. Infiltrate a Hong Kong localist group, start conversations about how cool Guangzhou is these days.
11. Take CY Leung dancing. The man is evidently in need of a lustful tango.

12. Build up an illegal milk powder trading empire tin by tin, until your personal foibles and the authorities finally catch up with you, like some kind of a lactic "Scarface."
13. Now that he's come out of the woodwork, tweak Donald Tsang's bow tie like you always wanted to. Tweak!
14. Go to Lan Kwai Fong and trip up the most Allan Zeman-looking man you see (unless he's actually Allan Zeman)
15. Meet Louisa Mak, the newly crowned Miss Hong Kong. Be rude about her tiara.
16. Gaze upon the full moon during the Mid-Autumn festival through the charming glow of extraordinary amounts of industrial pollution.
17. Pound a box of mooncakes (traditional lotus seed variety) in one go. Power through subsequent cholesterol-based heart palpitations, like a lunar boss.
18. Support the Chinese stock market by stealing the identity of Alibaba CEO Jack Ma and buying more China.
19. Wait it out until October in your secret underground bunker (tycoons only).
20. Occupy Central, again. This time things will be different. Right?

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Mr. Know-It-All's Guide to Life

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

This month everyone's burning "Hell Money" in the streets.

Where does this come from? – Paper Boy

Hungry Ghost Month is the seventh month of the lunar calendar, this year falling between August 14 and September 12. Over the month you'll see the streets alight with joss paper, offerings burned to our ancestors. After all, if your civilization invents paper—and paper currency—you're going to find things to do with it.

Joss paper dates back to around the mid-200s AD. They were paper representations of goods or coinage, intended as offerings to the dead. Paper currency itself first appeared in China, between the 7th and 11th centuries.

Add 'em together and you get "Hell Money."

The name "hell" is an approximation most likely added by Christian missionaries. The "hell" is actually the *dei yuk*, the underworld where Yun Wong, the ruler of the dead, judges the souls of those who appear before him. It's not a place of permanent suffering, but rather a place to "burn off" your bad karma until you can be reborn on a higher plane.

But hell ain't free. Money talks, even in the afterlife. Greeks and Romans were buried with a coin to pay for passage through the underworld: In the Chinese afterlife, money can be used to shorten or escape punishment—or even buy luxuries.

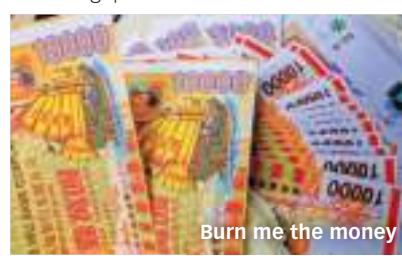
A question: Why are the denominations on Hell Money so high? After all, Hell Notes are a fiat currency, meaning that they're not backed by a tangible commodity but instead derive their value from being backed by the Bank of Hell, which you'll see on the reverse of almost every note. Presumably the Bank of Hell is a state-backed institution providing currency to the whole of the afterlife, and as such can control the value of its notes.

While Hell Money started off roughly equal to its earthly equivalent when first introduced in the late 1800s, over the years the units have increased exponentially. Nowadays Hell Money is available in the tens of thousands and the millions. One theory is that it expanded to keep pace with China's own hyperinflation during the 1940s and never declined, even after the Chinese economy was brought back under control.

It's evident that the economy of the afterlife isn't pegged to the RMB. But the problem is there's no cooling mechanism built into the Hell Money economy. In the afterlife either inflation is rampant, or the cost of unliving ridiculously high. But with the supply of Hell Money to the afterlife governed by the amount of paper burned in the living world, we hit a precarious bottleneck of faith and veneration. The only way the Bank of Hell can keep up with demand is by issuing larger and larger bills.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Hell has to back its ever-inflating currency—unless the administration of the afterlife is willing to put up with riots in the labyrinths of hell as the undead find themselves unable to afford the luxuries they've become accustomed to.

The truth is, the Bank of Hell is too big to fail. The only thing that we can do is to keep burning that Hell Money, in ever-increasing quantities...



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Opera House (Under Construction)

Photo by Hans Leo Maes



Your voices, united in anguish:

"I was like drunk when I went to the Peak haha"

Hopewell Springs Eternal

Mr. Know-It-All's history of the Hopewell Centre asked readers if they knew about the pool on the roof of the skyscraper, and its appearance in a music video or two [Aug 21, Issue 1110]. Our Facebook fans had a few more spots.



Also on the cover of Fugazi's End Hits.
I miss HK!

Paul Schedlich

I miss HK, been there
Hopewell and as well as the Peak I was like drunk when I went to the Peak haha

Kai Kai

During its construction which lasted for years, it disturbed my classes in school. And during one typhoon attack, the steel ball of a crane at the construction site swung into the flat next door to it.

Fat Mui

If I'm right didn't it feature in a BA ad showing somebody lounging in it to the song 'Up on the roof', about 92/93?

Ben Zabulis

That's an amazing fact. Did you know there's a tram on the Peak?

Neil Taylor

Ice Ice Ronnie

Some Facebook fans of our interview with Ronnie Cheng, founder of liquid nitrogen ice cream parlor Lab Made ("First Person," Aug 28, Issue 1111):

Wow! What a cool story!!

Melissa Chow

What an enterprising man! Such a pleasure reading the piece.

Pearly Chhabra

Swap Shop

Our interview with Ren Wan, co-founder of swapping platform JupYeah ("Street Talk," Aug 28, issue 1111), gained the site at least two more fans:

I like this and am the newest member!

Margot Looman

Thanks for sharing. Just signed up too, great idea

Sharmali Streatfield

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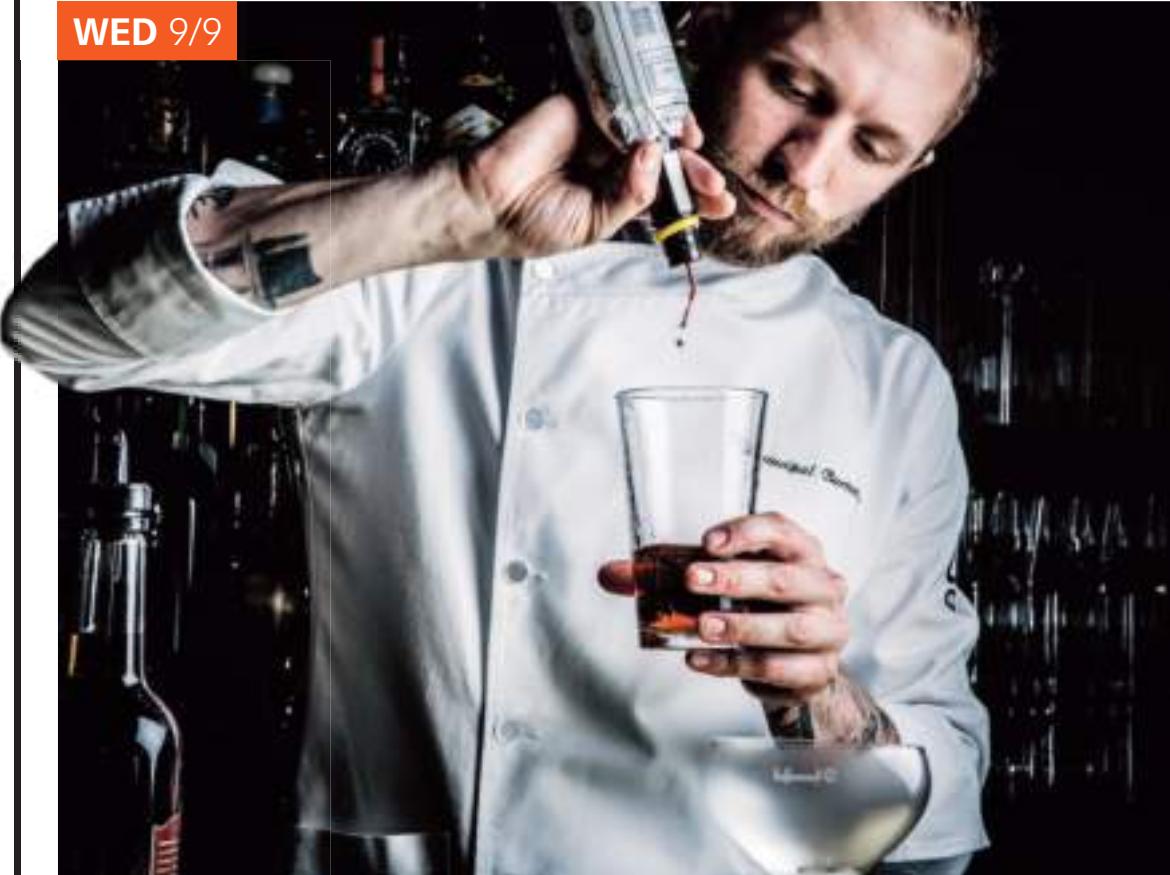
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THE WEEK

WED 9/9



SAT 9/5



SUN 9/6



Friday 9/4

Loco Moco

Vibes is hosting a **Tropical Haven Party** with live nu-disco DJs and conga drummers. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, or dress hella tropical with friends for a costume competition. If you get there early, they're handing out surprise goodies.

9pm. \$100 at the door, includes one drink.

See p.26 for details.

Saturday 9/5

AAAAAAAHHHH

Void Noize presents Young Screaming Vol. 2, an indie music festival featuring bands Chan Is Swimming, Fantastic Day, and Eat Eat Mon. Prepare your eardrums...

9pm. Fringe Dairy, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central, 2521-7251, \$120 in advance from www.facebook.com/TheVOIDNOIZE; \$150 at the door. Includes one drink.

Sunday 9/6

Meat on the Barbie

The Butchers Club is back with **Southside Market Long Lunch** on Australian Father's Day: It's a free-flow meaty rooftop lunch with live music and fun activities including face painting and t-shirt printing. And, of course, free-flow booze.

Noon-5pm. 16/F, Shui Ki Industrial Building, 18 Wong Chuk Hang Rd., Aberdeen, 2884-0768. \$550; \$250 for under 18s, free for kids under eight, from www.ticketflap.com.

Monday 9/7

Can't Let it Go

Nearly two years after the original film release, "Frozen" frenzy is still going strong: MegaBox has installed a **Frozen Village Visitor Center**, which includes an interactive skiing game, 3D photo zone and a 3D animation gallery. Team Elsa all the way... L9, 3D Animation Gallery, MegaBox, 38 Wang Chiu Rd., Kowloon Bay. \$151 from www.cityline.com.hk, includes a keychain; \$168 at the door.

Tuesday 9/8

Battle of the Bands

The **Asian Beat Band Competition 2015** is choosing a band to send to Japan, with 14 bands including NastyDudes and Call Back ASAP vying for the chance to rep the SAR. KillerSoap and last year's champs Zspecial will also be performing.

7:30pm. Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, 5/F, Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building, 345 Queen's Rd. Central, Sheung Wan. \$90 from www.urbtix.hk.

Wednesday 9/9

Master Mix

The annual **Masters of Mixology** brings in mixologists from New York's Employees Only, one of the best bars in the world, to serve up classic NYC cocktails at MO Bar.

Sep 8-11, 6pm-12:30am. MO Bar, The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, 15 Queen's Rd. Central, 2132-0188.

Thursday 9/10

Gin Genius

Master distiller and alcohol expert Jared Brown of London distillery **Sipsmith Gin** is in town for a few nights only: He'll be at the Shangri-La's Lobster Bar on the 8th (6-8pm), a craft gin seminar at the Expo Centre on the 9th (6-7pm) and The Pawn as a special guest today.

8-10pm. The Pawn, 62 Johnston Rd., Wan Chai, 2866-3444.

Friday 9/11

L.O.L.

Punchline Comedy hosts **Whose Line is it Anyway?** at Tamarind: It's completely improvised fun, all based on suggestions from the audience. Get your giggle on! Happy hour drinks 6-7:30pm; \$150 for a pre-show buffet 7-9pm.

Sep 10, 8pm; Sep 11-12, 9pm. Tamarind, 2/F, Sun Hung Kai Centre, 30 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai, 2598-1222. \$350 from www.cityline.com.

Saturday 9/12

All Very Hush-Hush

Get some afternoon brunch with free-flow bubbly and beats at Hushup's tropical-themed **Secret Brunch Club**. They won't tell you where you're eating until you buy your ticket. Or what you're eating, presumably...

2pm. \$650 from tiny.cc/hk-secretbrunch.



COMING UP

Dot's the Spot

This year's theme for **Pink Dot Hong Kong**:

Love is Love. This outdoor picnic/concert at Tamar Park celebrates diversity and equality in support of the LGBTI community. Performers will include Joyce Cheng, MastaMic, Denise Ho and Anthony Wong: It's open to anyone and everyone and there'll be henna, games, bouncy castles and free food and drinks.

Sep 20, 2pm. Tamar Park, Harcourt Rd., Admiralty. Free. More info from www.pinkdot.hk.



Eone
(Booth: 3F-C08)

At **Salon de TE**, elegance abounds with around 160 top brands from 21 countries and regions. Located in Halls 3F-G and is delicately organised into five thematic zones, Salon de TE sparks off a glamorous journey for all watch lovers.



ANPASSA
(Booth: 3G-H07)

World Brand Piazza features limited edition and rare watches from 13 world-famous brands including Blancpain, BOVET, Breguet, BVLGARI, Chopard, CORUM, DeWitt, FRANCK MULLER®, Glashütte Original, H. Moser & Cie, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Piaget and Zenith.

Renaissance Moment features classic and elegant watches that are originated in Europe. Renowned Swiss brands include Buler, Coinwatch, Cyma, DOXA, Enicar, Rodania and Sultana. The zone also features seven Swiss independent watchmakers including Charriol, Daivd Van Heim, Etoile, Pilo & Co, Rebellion, Traser and WATCHe. Other European brands include Van Gogh (the Netherlands), Strumento Marino (Italy) and Elysee (Germany), etc.



Lolliclock
(Booth: 3F-A24)

Other thematic zones include **Chic & Trendy**, **Craft Treasure** and **Wearable Tech**.



Carbon14
(Booth: 3G-B35)

Welcome Public Visitors on 12 Sept for FREE

The public can experience the vibrancy of the watch industry when **Salon de TE** opens its doors to watch lovers and collectors on the final day of the fair (12 Sept). Activities include sales of selected items as well as watch parades, celebrity events, public sharing sessions and a lucky draw.

For details, please visit:
www.hktdc.com/te/public



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Pierre Lannier
(Booth: 3G-H17)



Exquisite Timepieces on Show for Watch Lovers

HKTDC Hong Kong Watch & Clock Fair 2015 is the world's biggest timepiece event. This year's fair features around 780 quality exhibitors from 21 countries and regions, and sees the return of **Salon de TE** – a premium concurrent event dedicated to quality brands and designer collections.



Salon de TE 2015

- Date:** 8-12/9/2015
- Venue:** Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre (Halls 3F-G)
- Admission:** Trade visitors aged 18 or above only (Free Admission)
12 Sept: Open to the public (Free Admission, visitors under 12 will not be admitted)
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- Enquiry:** 1830 668

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NEWS

Last Week In Reality

Sat 22

Botched Kidnap A 9-year old boy is walking alone to a tutorial in Kwun Tong when a man in an orange shirt grabs him from behind after tailing him into a elevator. The boy bites hard into the man's hand and runs to safety once the lift door opens. He says that the incident did not scare him.



Sun 23

You've Got Mail A postman delivering letters in the Tung Chung Yat Tung Estate is attacked by a resident of the estate with a wooden stick. He snatches the letters from the postman and locks himself inside his flat, threatening to kill himself. The police break down the door and subdue him.

Mon 24

Street Food People flock to Yuen Long Rubbish Dump to scavenge for expired gourmet cheese and ham, as news of a large food disposal circulates on social media. More than 300 boxes of frozen Italian food are found on the site, placed near pig carcasses and unwanted furniture. Some people who salvage the food claim that it still tastes good, and try to sell it online.



Tue 25

Naked Fury A transsexual woman protests in the nude outside the HP repair centre in Lai Chi Kok, holding up a sign demanding that senior officials of HP should explain the issues with her computer. She claims that the \$10,000 laptop broke down after only half a month, and technicians were unable to provide her with a solution.



Wed 26

Bad Ventilation At 11pm, a man sits on the ledge of a hostel's rooftop in Mong Kok, throwing his shirt into the street. He explains that after taking headache pills, the air in the room became stuffy, so he had to rest outdoors. He is convinced to come back down after 10 minutes, and says that he did not plan to commit suicide.

Thu 27

Wrong Turn At around 2am, a taxi driver and his drunken passengers quarrel when they disagree on which route to take from Sha Tin to Sham Shui Po. The male passenger grabs the driver by the neck. He later assaults a policeman and tears his uniform, injuring his own eyes in the process. The passenger, driver and policeman are all sent to the hospital.

Fri 28

Professional Photographer A journalist at Ming Pao is arrested for allegedly taking photographs up a female co-worker's skirt. He is charged with accessing a computer with criminal or dishonest intent. Ming Pao says that they had received the sexual harassment complaint last Friday. The paper has come under fire for its slow response to the complaint.

Illustrations: Ryan Chan

Talking Points

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



Photo: Nora Tam/SCMP

Biking might be faster

Turns Out Running Isn't Faster than Taking the Tram

Last week former Town Planning Board official Sit Kwok-keung put forward a plan to **abolish the tram lines running between Central to Admiralty**, claiming that "**It's faster to walk than to take the tram.**" Netizens took him up on the challenge, organizing a 8.6km race from the Catchick Street terminus in Kennedy Town to the Happy Valley tram terminus. More than 40 contestants took part, competing against a tram running the same route. **Only three men and one woman outran the tram.** Sit has a history of unorthodox town planning suggestions: In April he suggested rezoning PLA headquarters into land for the hospitality sector.

Our Take: We'd like to see Sit panting alongside a tram.

HKU: More Simplified Chinese, Please

The Social Sciences Research Centre of the University of Hong Kong has published a report called "Language Use, Proficiency and Attitudes in Hong Kong." It has found that **while trilingualism is on the increase, language standards are still relatively low.** It suggests that the government should work out how to "**more effectively promote simplified written Chinese,** as a means of national communication. Apple Daily columnist Tsang Chi-ho called the paper a "suicide report," as there is far too much conflict between Hong Kong and the mainland for such a suggestion to be viable.

Our Take: Get your hands off our characters!

Survey: Long-term Immigrants Support Universal Suffrage

Last week Ming Pao conducted a **survey of 926 Hong Kong residents and mainland Chinese immigrants to compare their opinions** on Hong Kong's politics. The study divided them into four categories: local-born, immigrant of 1-3 years, immigrant of 4-6 years, and immigrant of at least 10 years. The study has shown that **63.1% of the locally born residents and 57.5% of the long-term immigrants supported universal suffrage**, while only about **41% of recent immigrants supported it.** Proposed security legislation Article 23 received a lukewarm response from all parties, with "no opinion" the most popular option for all four groups. Immigrants with longer stays generally had responses closer to local-born respondents.

Our take: We should just invite the whole of the Politburo to Hong Kong for seven years. After they get their permanent residency, they'll change their tune.

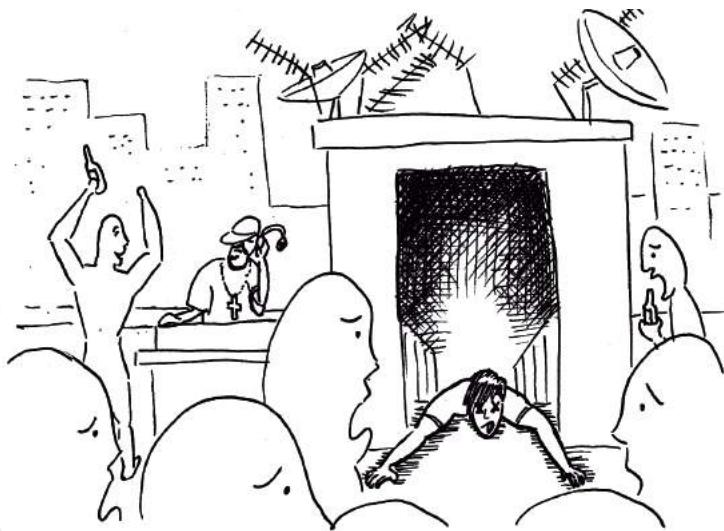
Quote of the Week

"Since you like the trams, why not put them in a museum for conservation?"

Former town planner Sit Kwok-keung responds to widespread public opposition to his plan to remove trams from Admiralty and Central. He added that the more people who were against the plan, the more likely the Town Planning Board would be to approve it in order to demonstrate its independence.

UPFRONT

HongKabulary



Walkup Workout (*wɔ:kʌp wɜ:kəʊt*), n.

Going to a rooftop party in a walkup, so you arrive sweaty and panting heavily.

"Thanks so much for coming!"

"I'd come over more if it wasn't such a walkup workout every time. Where's the beer?"

Caption This

HONG KONG—Rex Tso cheers after winning the WBC Asia Super Flyweight Title.

(Edward Wong/SCMP)



Fast Facts

A Better Bonus

Thousands of civil servants are getting a monthly \$17,500 government allowance. How are we getting our bonuses?

- 10x bonus multiplier in Candy Crush Saga.
- Tax-deductible bribes.
- Boss laughs in our face until we quit, discover that life is better if we're not part of the wage slave system.
- Bees. Bonus bees.
- What's a bonus?

Street Talk



Since moving to Hong Kong more than 20 years ago, **Scott "The Alchemist" MacKenzie** has represented Hong Kong in three Professional Darts Corporation World Championships. The Alchemist tells Adrienne Chum about beginnings and beer.

HK Magazine: Why "The Alchemist"?

Scott MacKenzie: Well, I got two degrees in chemistry, a bachelor's and a master's, so I'm sort of a chemist. I don't work in that field though: I went into finance because the money's good.

"The Wizard"—he looks like a wizard—he'll have a bottle of whiskey. It's a nerves thing: having TV cameras and thousands of people watching is quite nerve-wracking.

HK: How did you start playing darts competitively?

SM: I've always played, but when I came here there was a bar in Wan Chai that had a dart board with some players. I asked how I could get involved, and it turned out it was the HKDA [Hong Kong Darts Association]. So I just joined the league. To get good, it takes years. I don't know anyone who's good who hasn't played for at least 10 years. I played so much when I was younger in the UK that my standard was actually quite good, and I found myself winning a lot of games.

HK: We all think of darts as a really boozy sport. Do you drink when you play?

SM: There's no other sport you actually get better at after drinking: Darts is the only one. I find that it calms you down. The key to playing well is to be relaxed: I definitely need to drink to play, to have some beers to calm my nerves. I get quite nervous when I play, so I always do drink copious amounts of beer before a match. But there's definitely a cliff when you've had too much!

HK: So do you drink during the competitions too?

HK: What's your favorite beer?

SM: That's a tough one. To be honest, I don't really have a favorite, as long as it's got alcohol in it. Some bars are sponsored by companies—I used to be on a team sponsored by Blue Girl, so all we could drink was Blue Girl. I hate Blue Girl.

HK: Are you ready for the upcoming Darts Masters?

SM: I'm feeling OK. I've put a lot of training in, a little bit more than average. I try to practice four hours a day: a couple hours in the morning, a couple in the evening. It's hard when you've got work: I'm tempted to put the TV on and slouch on the sofa. I'm trying to push myself to be better by doing a lot of arm exercises!

Watch "The Alchemist" compete against seven other top darts players from around the world at the Hong Kong Darts Masters on Sep 5-6 at the Hong Kong Observation Wheel, Central. \$499 and up from ticketflap.com, use promo code "HKMAG" for a 20% discount.

3 CRAZY MONTHS

Summer's over: It's time to get busy again. By **HK Staff**

SEPTEMBER

Sep 3-26

Hong Kong International Comedy Festival

Unless you've got a couple of killer heckles up your sleeve, don't sit up front or you'll be used as comedic ammunition. We warned you.

Various locations. \$150-300 from hkcomedyfestival.com.

Sep 5-23

New British Inventors: Inside Heatherwick Studio

An exhibition of next-gen British design from the studio which redesigned the iconic London routemaster bus.

PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central.

Sep 6

Southside Market Long Lunch

The Butchers Club Boys return with sausages, steak sandwiches and more for delicious, free-flow lunch.

Butchers Club Deli, 16/F, Shui Ki Industrial Building, 18 Wong Chuk Hang Rd., Wong Chuk Hang, 2884-0768. \$550 from ticketflap.com.

Sep 6



Racing season begins

Gee up and get down to the racecourse for a flutter or two. Just try not to bet the shirt off your back.

Sha Tin & Happy Valley racecourses.

Sep 6-19

She says – Photographing Hong Kong

Ethnic Minority Women

Photojournalist Lam Chun-tung's portraits of 17 ethnic minority women in Hong Kong.

SOCO269, 1/F, 269 Yu Chau St., Sham Shui Po.

Sep 8-Oct 5

Chinese Documentary Film Festival

Blood-pumping action not your thing? Catch these Asian documentaries instead.

Sep 8-Oct 5. Various screening locations, www.cdf.asia. \$70 from www.urbtix.hk.

Sep 9, 10

Sipsmith Distiller Jared Brown

Master distiller Jared Brown of London gin distillery Sipsmith is in town to show off a few ginny tricks.

Sep 9, The Lobster Bar, Island Shangri-La; Sep 10, Craft Gin Seminar at Restaurant & Bar Hong Kong; Sep 11, guest appearance at The Pawn.

Sep 12

Around the World tour—Edition Ibiza

Too busy to shoot off to the island paradise of Ibiza?

Let Ozone bring you Balearic beats to die for.

10pm til late. Ozone Rooftop Bar, The Ritz-Carlton.

Tickets \$250 at the door including a glass of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label.

Sep 12

Secret Brunch Club

Free-flow bubbles, live DJs and bags of brunch at a secret location.

pelago.co/sbc.

Sep 12-13

Fashion for Good

Shop for vintage couture and pre-loved designer fashions.

All proceeds go to local charity HandsOn Hong Kong.

11am-6pm. Lot 5, 5 Staunton St., Central, handsonghongkong.com. RSVP at fashion4good@handsonghongkong.org.

Sep 13

Freespace Happening



Freespace Fest may have downsized this year, but it returns as a monthly event: Sway to local indie bands, shop from a handicraft market, or jump into a frisbee workshop by the Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association.

2-7pm. Nursery Park, West Kowloon Cultural District.

Sep 16-20

Cine Italiano! Film Festival

Opens with award-winning comedy "An Italian Name."

Try to look effortlessly cool when you show up.
Full programme at cine-italiano.hk. Tickets \$80 from thegrandcinema.com.hk.

Sep 17-Nov 7

Nam June Paik: The Late Style

Robots, TV monitors, buddhas: this is your chance to see works by the father of video art from the last decade of his life.

Gagosian Gallery, 7/F, Pedder Building, 12 Pedder St., Central, 2151-0555.

Sep 17

Revealed Recordings Asian Club Tour

Five EDM DJs, one night at Levels: Manse, Joey Dale,

Julian Calor, Kill the Buzz and Thomas Newson.

1 On Hing Terrace, Central, 2850-6826. \$250 in advance, \$400 at the door. Free entry for Don't Let Daddy Know ticket holders.

Sep 17-27

Sundance Film Festival

Cutting-edge arthouse flicks straight from Sundance in Utah. Opening film "The Wolfpack" (Sep 18, 26) is a documentary about six homeschooled brothers who express themselves through homemade films.

The Metroplex@E-Max, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, hk.sundance.org.

Sep 18-20

Singapore Formula 1 Grand Prix

Fast cars and awesome parties: It's pretty much the only reason to go to Singapore.

See p.16 for more.

Sep 19

Aqua Luna 15th anniversary free cruise

To mark its 15th anniversary, Aqua Group is giving out free rides on its iconic Chinese junk Aqua Luna to anyone who holds a Hong Kong ID.

10am-5pm. Free on a first-come-first-served basis.

Sep 19

South Island Art Day

Twenty of city's best galleries and artist's studios open their doors to the uneducated public (that's us).

Noon-8pm. www.sicd.com.hk, free.

Sep 22-27

The Waste Land

A performance of T.S. Eliot's modernist masterpiece... with live cello accompaniment. It's looking like September is the coolest month.

Sep 22-26, 8pm. Sep 26-27, 4pm. Black Box Theatre, Kwai Tsing Theatre, 12 Hing Ning Rd., Kwai Chung. \$230 from www.urbtix.hk.

Sep 25

Art@Lunch: Music of My Homeland

Lunchtime concert of music from home. Best get that lion rock theme queued up.

1pm-1.50pm. Agnes b.Cinema, Hong Kong Arts Centre, 2 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai, 2582-0200. Free, register at www.hkaconlineregistration.com.

Sep 25-Oct 18

Singin' in the Rain

Watery tunes? Why not?

Sep 25-Oct 11. Lyric Theatre, HKAPA, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai, 2584-8500. \$445-1,125 from www.hkticketing.com.



Sep 26

Club Cubic Full Moon Party

Get Koh Phangan'ed up at Club Cubic with live performances and glow props. Dress code: beachwear.

Club Cubic, 2/F, Hard Rock Hotel, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, (+853) 6638-4999.

Sep 26

Magnetic Soul 10 Years Anniversary ft Bryan Gee

For the second part of its tenth anniversary, club promoter Magnetic Soul brings in drum 'n' bass legend Bryan Gee.

Social Room, 3/F, 74-78 Stanley St., Won Hing Building, Central.

Sep 26-28

Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance

The community gets together to carry an incense-laden dragon through the streets of Tai Hang.

From 8:15pm. Tai Hang.

Sep 27

Mid-Autumn Festival

Originally intended as a way of expressing gratitude for a good harvest and to reunite with far-flung family; nowadays just an excuse to eat mooncakes.

Sep 28

Liars' League

This month's liars tell spot-on stories themed around "Hit and Miss."

8pm. XXX Gallery, B/F, 353-363 Des Voeux Rd. West, Shek Tong Tsui. Free.

Sep 29

Muse

Matt Bellamy and co. return to Hong Kong.

8pm, AsiaWorld-Arena, Sky Plaza Rd., Chek Lap Kok, 3606-8828. \$780 from www.hkticketing.com.

Sep 30



Don't Let Daddy Know

Skrillex headlines this curiously named EDM party. Get ready to wub the night away.

Hall 10, Asia-World Expo, 2829-7322. \$780 from www.hkticketing.com.

Through Sep 30

Life is Art Film Festival

A selection of international documentaries. Highlights include "Amy" about the life and death of songstress Amy Winehouse, and "Steak (R)evolution" about the best steak in the world.

moviemovie.com.hk/lifeisart.

Halloween Fun!

Yearly institution **Dead Not Alive** (Oct 31, 10pm, Armani Prive, 3/F, Landmark Chater, 8 Connaught Rd., Central) is the sexiest, costumiest party in town. Meanwhile, Ocean Park is getting spooky with its 15th annual **Halloween Fest** (Oct 2-31). This year's attractions include a limited-spaces haunted house which will take you on a journey beginning at your own funeral... and an area themed around TV show "The Walking Dead."

OCTOBER

Oct 1

National Day fireworks

Grab a hamper and a spot on the harbor for the fireworks—you may need to camp out a day early, though.

9pm. Harborside.

Oct 2

Tiesto

Untz all night with the Dutch DJ and his friends.

11:30pm. Club Cubic, 2/F Hard Rock Hotel, City of Dreams, Macau, (+853) 6638-4999. \$580-980 from www.cubic-cod.com.

Oct 2-10



Hong Kong Beer Week

Get hop-happy this week with beery events all over town, culminating in the craft beer heaven that is Beertopia (from \$280, Oct 9-10).

beerweek.hk.

Oct 5

Al Murray, the Pub Landlord

Everyone's favorite British xenophobe (character) comes back to Hong Kong to celebrate the best of British.

8pm. Rotunda 3, 6/F, KITEC, 1 Trademark Drive, Kowloon Bay. \$488-788 from www.hkticketing.com.

Oct 8-10

Love Pings

An original play about one woman's efforts to find love via Facebook, Whatsapp, Skype and more... with seven men.

7:30pm. Fringe Underground, Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central, 2521-7251. \$280-350 from the Fringe Club.

Oct 8-11

Asia Contemporary Art Show

Practise your chin-stroking for the fall edition of the art fair.

40-42/F, Conrad Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, \$220 from hkticketing.com.

Oct 10-11

Hong Kong Classic

Wax those moustaches and dust off your boater: the classic car show returns to the Central waterfront.

Oct 10, 11am-10pm; Oct 11, 11am-7pm. Central Harbourfront Event Space, Central, www.hkclassiccars.com.

Oct 10-18

Hong Kong Tennis Open

Anyone for tennis? 40 of the world's best female tennis players will compete for US\$250,000. Tickets for some qualifying matches are free.

Victoria Park Tennis Stadium, Causeway Bay, 2111-5333, www.cityline.com.

Oct 12-18

Joy of Music Festival

A week-long journey of concerts and talks. Highlights include a talk by Andrew Walter, mastering engineer at London's Abbey Road Studios.

Hong Kong City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central, 2868-3387.

Oct 16

Steve Aoki

The electro house DJ with all the hair hits Hong Kong. Did you know his dad founded teppanyaki chain Benihana?

Bungalow, Shop 2, G/F, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central, 2850-6826. \$TBC.

Oct 16-18

Secret Island Party

Music, dancing, yoga and partying: Everyone's favorite stealthy music festival returns.

\$250-\$750 from www.hushup.hk.

Oct 23-24 →

Big Bang in Macau

Missed them in Hong Kong in June? The Korean uberboyband hits our sister SAR.

CotaiArena, The Venetian, Macau, 6333-6660. \$688-1,888 from www.cotaiticketing.com.

Oct 25



Matilda Sedan Chair Race

The city's silliest, and only, sedan chair race. All proceeds go to the hospital.

Matilda International Hospital, The Peak.

Oct 25

Central Rat Race

The annual business promotion/charity event/excuse to dress up as a piece of cheese takes place through Central. Application deadline: September 18.

www.centralratrace.com.

Oct 27

Studio City Macau opens

The brand new movie-themed resort and casino opens its doors. There's a huge figure-of-eight ferris wheel, Batman ride and Pacha nightclub, straight from Ibiza. It's also home to Studio 8, a fully operational TV broadcast studio where you can sit in on shows in the making.

Estrada Flor de Lotus, Macau, 8865-8888.

Oct 30-Nov 8

Hong Kong International Literary Festival

Lit festival headlined by Dame Margaret Drabble.

www.festival.org.hk.

Octoberfesten!

Say prost to you, and you, and you at **MGM Macau's Oktoberfest** (Oct 15, 28, \$120). Down cold lager at

Happy Valley Oktoberfest (Sep 23, Oct 7, 14, 22) or don your lederhosen and head to the annual TST rooftop boozy institution that is the **Marco Polo German Bierfest** (Oct 16-Nov 17, \$150).





NOVEMBER

Nov 1↑

Movember Begins

Hope you like lip fuzz, ladies...

hk.movember.com.

Nov 1-7

Hong Kong Art Gallery Week

OD on art this week: Over 50 participating galleries will be open late and host talks, tours and performances.

www.hk-agc.org.

Nov 7

HKTDC Hong Kong International Wine & Spirits Fair

This key event is primarily aimed at the industry, but the public is allowed in on the final day to drink anything that's left gain an understanding of international wine culture.

10:30am-6pm. HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai. \$100 at the door, www.hktdc.com/fair/hkwinefair-en.

Nov 7-8

Asia Rugby Sevens Qualifier

Beautifully athletic men and women grab at each other, but not in Lan Kwai Fong.

Hong Kong Stadium, 55 Eastern Hospital Rd., Causeway Bay. \$200 from www.ticketflap.com.

Nov 13

SHKP Vertical Run Deadline for Entry

Ever wanted to run up the ICC? Better you than us. But do it for charity, anyway. Registration closes today for the Dec 6 race. www.verticalrunhk.com.

Nov 14-22

Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival

The world's finest in Jewish cinema comes to Hong Kong. Expect at least one klezmer soundtrack, and a whole load of kvetching... Asia Society Hong Kong, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty, 2103-9511.

Nov 17

AWA Charity Bazaar

Buy stuff, help charity.

PMQ, 55 Aberdeen St., Central.

Nov 19-22

Macau Grand Prix

Couldn't make it to Singapore? Grab a weekend of frenetic racing through the streets of our sister SAR.

www.macau.grandprix.gov.mo.

Nov 21

Symphony Under the Stars

Stravinsky's "Firebird" Suite and Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, all performed by the Hong Kong Phil against the skyline.

7:30pm, Central Harbourfront. Free.

Nov 21-22

Lan Kwai Fong Carnival

A little slice of Rio in the SAR.

Lan Kwai Fong, Central.

Nov 24

Elton John

All together now: "AND IT
SEEMED TO ME THAT YOU
LIVED YOUR LIIIFE LIKE
A CAND-LE IN THE
WINNND..."

HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive,
Wan Chai. \$488-1,888
from [hkticketing.com](http://www.hkticketing.com).



Nov (TBC)

Antony Gormley: Event Horizon

British artist Antony Gormley's public art project comes to the SAR. Life-size statues will stand precariously on the edge of buildings all over the city.

Nov 27-29

Clockenflap

Hong Kong's best music and arts festival is looking bigger and better than ever: we can't wait.

West Kowloon Cultural District, www.clockenflap.com.

Nov 28-29

Maker Faire Hong Kong

Innovation, design and a whole load of duct tape: Maker Faire comes to Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 11 Yuk Choi Rd., Hung Hom, 2766-5111, tiny.cc/hk-makerfaire.

Tickled Pink

The best of the city's LGBTI scene.

Sep 15

Pink Season Fundraiser

Party to celebrate love in all forms, shapes and sizes.

Mahalo Tiki Lounge, 29/F,
QRE Plaza, 202 Queen's
Rd. East, Wan Chai,
2488-8750.

Sep 20

Pink Dot

Live music and free food in Tamar Park to celebrate LGBTI diversity and inclusion. All are welcome.

2-7pm, Tamar Park,
Admiralty.

Sep 19-Oct 10

Hong Kong Lesbian &

Gay Film Festival

The 26th Hong Kong Lesbian & Gay Film Festival opens this week with Thai lesbian rom-com "Yes or No 2.5."

www.hkglff.hk.

Oct 18

Floatilla

The city's biggest, gayest, most aquatic party of them all turns 10 this year. The theme: "Sailors and Sailorettes."

South Bay,
tiny.cc/hk-floatilla.



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Eureka Moment – From Head to Toe!

Three local choreographers – Victor Fung, Lai Tak-wai and Bruce Wong, demonstrate their ideas in a series of new works in Eureka, from 18 to 20 September 2015 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Studio Theatre. Now in their thirties, three completely different choreographers decide to share their eureka moment in diverse styles of contemporary dance.

Eureka 18-20.9.2015
Studio Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
www.ccdc.com.hk



Venus Williams at HK Tennis Open 2015

Venus Williams is back! The seven-time Grand Slam singles Winner and former world-number one will star at The Prudential Hong Kong Tennis Open 2015. Watch Venus and more than 40 of the world's best female players at Victoria Park from October 10th – October 18th.

Ticket prices range from HK\$160 to HK\$880.
Ticketing Hotline: 2111-5333
Event website: www.hktennisopen.hk



Woodland Pre-School Open Days

Woodland Kennedy Town Pre-School
12th September 2015
10:00am - 2:00pm
G/F, 1/F & 2/F, Hau Wo Building,
3C Davis Street, Kennedy Town

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9:00am - 1:00pm
G/F & 2/F, No. 35 Beach Road, Repulse Bay

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www.ElectricWonderland.com | info@xin-wang.com
Sat Sep 5 - Azure, Hotel LKF (top floor), Central



Home & Away Charity Football Tournament 2015

The Vine Community Services is hosting their 4th annual Home & Away Football Tournament on 14 November at the YMCA College. We hope this Tournament will raise awareness and funds for the refugees and asylum seekers living in Hong Kong. We are looking for 20 corporate teams to play at the game. For more details, please visit www.vcsl.org

The Vine Community Services – 29 Burrows Street, Wan Chai
Contact Person: Lolly Law – 3527-6017



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Gear up for Summer

Being one of the biggest Muay Thai and Fitness centers in town, Fighting Arts Center (FAC) has just had its 8th branch opened in Whampoa. Located in the heart of Kowloon City, the new center offers over 10,000 sq. feet space for exercise-lovers for the most advanced training equipment, as well as a variety of cardiovascular and combat classes including Muay Thai, MMA, Funky dance, k-pop, and mind balance training such as body stretch, yoga and tai-chi.

Enquiry: 2479-8373

Moonlight Sonata

Think snowy mooncakes are at the cutting edge of mooncake R&D? Think again. Hong Kong smellmakers **Scent With You** have come up with these limited edition crystal mooncake scented candles. Better known for their macaron and cupcake candles, they're going full traditional for the mid-autumn festival. And with only 50 sets available, you'd better get a move on or be left in the lunar dust.

\$280 from G/F, 18 Upper Station St., Sheung Wan;
or Kiosk 9, 1/F, K11 Art Mall, 18 Hanoi Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui.



TRAVEL

The Ultimate Singapore Grand Prix Guide 2015

Yalun Tu returns to prep you for the Singapore Grand Prix on September 18-20.

Time to take a victory lap for my (temporary) return to HK Magazine. I'm back to help you plan your ultimate Grand Prix weekend: A weekend so good you'll remember it for the rest of your life. Or not remember it whatsoever. We'll be dropping some cash to do this, so it's probably time to liquidate your remaining mainland stock portfolio.



Aaand they're off

Friday, September 18

An F1 weekend is a story, so don't climax at chapter one. This is a power up, night. Repeat after me: *Pre-gaming is my friend.*

Getting Settled In

Get settled, pick up your tickets that you obviously booked ahead of time (\$\$258-\$1,288 (\$1,415-7,000) for 3 days, [www.singaporegp.sg/tickets](http://singaporegp.sg/tickets)). Grab a quick bite somewhere like the **Lau Pa Sat Hawker Market**, which has been going since the 1800s. From there head to the race track to see some time trials. Personally I like the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia but the whole schedule is here: singaporegp.sg/raceschedule.

Concert: Pharrell Williams

Our boy **Pharrell** is in town—thankfully without Robin Thicke—and you can be sure you'll be hearing a ton of "Happy" and watching Singaporeans bust out their delightfully awkward dance moves. Everybody get up!

Zone 4 Padang Stage, access with Grand Prix ticket.

Club: Podium Lounge

If you only remember one thing, remember this: the Grand Prix is 25% about the race and 75% about the parties. Party #1 that you must attend: **Podium Lounge** on Friday night. It's an action-packed star-studded affair at the Ritz-Carlton with champagne and campaigns, an overhead catwalk, and London's most sought-after celebrity saxophonist Lady V, whatever that means. But the real reason to come Friday is that Winter is Coming. And ushering it in is headline **DJ Kristian Nairn**, who plays Hodor on "Game of Thrones." I interviewed his character:

Yalun Tu: What jams will you be spinning at Podium on Friday?

Hodor: Hodor hodor hodor. Hodor? Hodor! Hodor!

S\$188 (\$1,032), tables from S\$1,588-S\$28,888 (\$8,700-158,500, baller!), www.podiumlounge.com/sg.



Hodor? Hodor!

Saturday, September 19

When you wake up, you'll be hung over. That's fine. It's happened before. This isn't our first rodeo. I'd suggest a swim and a light snack. Relax: This is your calm before the storm.



Get Marooned

Concert: Maroon 5

Unless they randomly crashed your wedding in Los Angeles you probably haven't seen **Maroon 5** for a while. AXN reruns of the Voice don't count. Songs you should be excited for: "Sugar," "Moves like Jagger," "Harder to Breathe" (shoutout to 2002!)

Zone 4 Padang Stage

Race: F1 Qualifiers

Fuck yeah. From 9-10 pm it's the Formula 1 Qualifiers. Instead of the track I'd watch it from the **Swissotel**: The Singapore Grand Prix is a city race, which means you can see the whole track from a hotel room. Good luck with the booking, or find some kind friends staying there and offer to have their babies.

2 Stamford Rd., Singapore, (+65) 6338-8585, www.swissotel.com/hotels/singapore-stamford.

Party: Boudoir Noire Presents the Box

I am PUMPED for this party. Hosted by luxe lifestyle events company Imaginoire, Singapore's Capitol Theatre will be taken over by **the Box**, the New York "dinner theatre" which combines music, theater, burlesque, and (sometimes) erotica. They won't tell me exactly what they're doing except that it will be a "specific brand of nightlife entertainment" and Singapore's first burlesque dancer will be headlining. Oh yeah, and OPEN BAR, bitches. Insane dancing, open bar, craft cocktails, hot girls and a night of splendor. Splurge on this.

From S\$856 (\$4,750) (includes open bar), (+65) 8283-1446, www.boudoirnoire.com.

Sunday, September 20

Holy mackerel. We're still alive. It's the big day. No down time here. We're going to power up and up and up and up. It's GRAND PRIX time.

Brunch: Edge F1 at Pan Pacific

I don't care how much glitter was in your hair when you woke up. Get your ass to the Pan Pacific for their Formula 1 Sunday Champagne Brunch at **Edge**. We're talking seven live food kitchens all washed down with Veuve Clicquot rosé champagne and too many mojitos. You're a boss. Act like it. **From S\$178 (\$980), Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore, (+65) 6826-8240, celebrate.sin@panpacific.com.**

Concert: Bon Jovi

Hey, if you want to. Me, I'm continuing to drink.

Zone 4 Padang Stage

Race: 2015 Formula One Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix (8-10pm)

Yes, it's here. The **F1 finals**. This is for all the marbles as Hamilton, Rosberg, Vettel, and some other Euro dudes go for it. Watch it at the Grandstand (entry level), the Swissotel (bird's eye-view) or the Paddock Lounge (baller!) and make sure to cheer/drink/scream and go CRAAAZY. And we're not close to done...

Party: Amber Lounge

Move from the racetrack to the party at **Amber Lounge**. Amber basically a giant tent full of beautiful people, an open bar, and madness. This year they've got live performances and a DJ set by Apl.de.ap of The Black Eyed Peas, jumbo jugs of champagne, and always a surprise or two. The last two years I ended up talking with a bunch of short, incredibly charismatic guys who turned out to be F1 drivers. You want to be part of their party. Splurge on this one, too: Singapore only happens once a year. And if you do it right, that's all you'll be able to handle. Good luck.

S\$900 (\$5,000) (Sat), S\$1,200 (\$6,600) (Sun), tables S\$8,000+ (\$44,000), (+377) 97-77-16-34, www.amber-lounge.com.

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Chai Me a River

From high-class hotel teas to cha chaan teng classics, there's an afternoon tea for every occasion and budget. By **Natasha Fernandes**



OD on strawberries at Café 103

High Tea...

Really, Really High Tea

Take your high tea as high as it gets, 420 meters above sea level at the Ritz-Carlton's **Café 103**. This month the afternoon tea has a special focus: strawberry and chocolate. On weekdays the afternoon tea (\$368 for one, \$598 for two) features treats such as a strawberry choux puff with white chocolate cream and a strawberry basil pavé cake, all served on the restaurant's signature bookshelf tea stand. On weekends the hotel hosts a strawberry chocolate buffet (\$368) with strawberry Eton mess and strawberry flavored gai dan zai egg puffs.

Through Sep 30. 103/F, The Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong, ICC, 1 Austin Rd. West, Tsim Sha Tsui, 2263-2270.



High Yea is as old-school as it gets at the Pen

Pen It In

Think of a Hong Kong high tea and **The Peninsula** Lobby can't be far away. Hong Kong's good and great have been taking tea at the Pen for time immemorial. A live string quartet (every day but Monday) accompanies tea served in cups of eggshell-thin Tiffany chinaware. Help yourself to finger sandwiches stuffed with smoked salmon, egg salad, or the truly classic cucumber. Then it's on to scones, strawberry jam and Devonshire clotted cream, made to a recipe that hasn't changed for 50 years. The Lobby doesn't accept reservations, so make sure to get there early.

2-6pm, \$628 for two, G/F, The Peninsula Hong Kong, 19-21 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2896-6772.



Finger food at the Mandarin

Clipper Your Wings

At the Mandarin Oriental's **Clipper Lounge**, it's all about elegant takes on high tea classics that pay homage to their British roots. Think smoked salmon and cream cheese on homemade pumpernickel bread, ham and piccalli baguette, pork and fennel sausage rolls or choux buns filled with coronation chicken. Sweet treats include blueberry cheesecake, strawberry mouse and the hotel's much-loved Opera cake. Top it all off with plain and raisin scones, served with Devonshire clotted cream and the hotel's own rose petal jam.

\$278 for one, \$488 for two. M/F, Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, 5 Connaught Rd., Central, 2825-4007.



Stay classy at Tea Saloon

Low Tea...

Oolong Saloon

Hidden away in a quiet corner between Rednaxela Terrace and Mosque Street just off the Mid-Levels Escalator, **Tea Saloon by AnotherFineDay** is bedecked with pastel pink shades, Victorian furnishings and Chinoiserie tea tins. The menu offers up a vast selection of fine teas imported from all over the world—including nine types based on a personality matrix intended to find your ideal cuppa. The ladies' and gentlemen's afternoon tea sets come on a three-tiered stand and combine sweets for ladies and savories for the men, ostensibly. Our pick? The mini chicken burger with Oolong tea onion sauce.

\$288 for one, \$498 for two. G/F, 80-82 Peel St., Mid-Levels, 2525-8257.



Teakha Masala

As you'd expect from the name, Po Hing Fong neighborhood favorite **Teakha** is all about the tea: from green tea cheesecake, to hot masala chai and caramelized lemon iced tea. With organic, handmade and artisan food figuring high on the menu, it's the perfect place to chill out and let the afternoon wander past. Make sure to try the Iced Yin Yang for a modern touch on a cha chaan teng classic. Not in the PoHo area? The café has just welcomed a new café in the form of Teakha II (18 Po Tuck St., Shek Tong Tsui, 3956-9009), near HKU.

Shop B, 18 Tai Ping Shan St., Sheung Wan, 2858-9185.

Aussie Tea

The staff at **Australia Diary Company** may be known across Hong Kong for having a bit of an attitude problem, but this legendary cha chaan teng is equally well known for its rich, velvety scrambled eggs on toast. Expect a queue and expect to be sitting with strangers (and make sure you know what you want when the staff comes over, or they'll be even ruder than they normally are). But it's all worth it for the quintessential Hong Kong afternoon snack.

G/F, 47-49 Parkes St., Jordan, 2730-1356.



Australia Dairy Company's classic scrambled eggs

Hotshot



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852 DINING

NEW AND NOTED
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Issaya Like You Mean It

Bangkok's popular **Issaya Siamese Club** (25/F, Soundwill Plaza II, 1 Tang Lung St., Causeway Bay, 2154-3048) is coming to Hong Kong, offering chef Ian Kittichai's interpretations on classic Thai dishes at high-profile Soundwill Plaza II in Causeway Bay. The Issaya in Bangkok is housed in a

beautiful two-story building in a secluded pocket away from the city center, but the one in Hong Kong will be on the 25th floor, staring down at the bustling CWB crowds. Despite the change in ambience, Issaya will keep the original menu's signature dishes—like the Australian lamb shank curry—pretty much intact.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Hoi Hing Long Restaurant ★★★★☆

Cha chaan teng. 39 Wing On St., Peng Chau, 2983-0600.



plate of no-frills wok-treated dishes, from a generous and meaty black bean bitter melon spare ribs combo (\$60), to a savory morning glory dish stir-fried with homemade balachan sauce (\$60). The deep-fried spicy salt squid (\$70) was fried to a golden crisp and not overly greasy, the fried noodles with beef slices (\$40) a perfect balance of sauce, meat and carbs.

MISS The space does get crowded, and there might be some jostling for elbow room around the table. But that's more of a general CCT problem than anything specific. You might also need to wait a bit for a table if you come during peak hours.

BOTTOM LINE Next time you're in Peng Chau and don't feel like a seafood feast, do as the locals do and eat at Hoi Hing Long.

Open Mon-Sun 11am-10pm. \$

Ratings

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

Price Guide

\$ Less than \$200 \$\$ \$200-\$399 \$\$\$ \$400-\$599 \$\$\$\$ \$600-\$799 \$\$\$\$\$ \$800 and up



Cochinillo Con Tacu Tacu at El Mercado

Taoist Chow

Liberty group has rebranded Liberty Private Works to **Twenty Six by Liberty** (26/F, Stanley 11, 11 Stanley St., Central, 5186-3282), complete with new chef. Bjoern Alexander, who was heading the Whisk kitchen over at The Mira before crossing the dark waters to Central, now crafts a multi-course tasting menu each night for 26 discerning diners. While the menu will change every two months or so, you can be sure to expect surprising ingredients and combinations, from pig's ears to dehydrated black garlic to deep-fried tapioca pearls that look like octopus tentacles. No matter what you're eating, chef Alexander's Taoist philosophy will peep through at some point: his inaugural menu is based on the "Tree of Life", and begins with "young sprouts" and works through the "branches" before ending at the "roots."



Machu Picchu nigiri at El Mercado

The Peru's in the Pudding

It might be a bit late to the Latin American wagon, but **El Mercado** (21/F, 239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai, 2388-8009) is finally bringing Nikkei cuisine to Wan Chai. An evolving category that encompasses Peruvian and Japanese ingredients and elements, Nikkei cuisine is said to be created by Japanese immigrants to Peru who were craving a taste of home. You'll be gobbling down dishes that mix a whole bunch of different flavors together, from fusion sushi to rice wok-fried in soy sauce. And lots of ceviche.

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Alibi ★★★★☆

International. 5/F, Langham Place, 555 Shanghai St., Mong Kok, 3552-3028.



with cauliflower purée, quinoa and Spanish ham (\$148): light and perfectly cooked. Other high notes included bone marrow and braised Wagyu Crostini with fig and whiskey chutney (\$118); the unfriendly-to-your-waistline-but-worth-it truffle, Spanish ham and manchego cheese toastie (\$88) and the gorgeously tender, rich and comforting rib eye steak with horseradish and salsa verde (\$288-408).

HIT We started the meal off right with a big seafood platter for two (\$538) which was overflowing with freshly shucked oysters—ranging from little flavorful shells like a Kumamoto to big juicy ones from Scotland—plus Boston lobster, king crab legs, tiger prawns and Cherrystone clams. Next up, pan-seared Hokkaido scallops

This wine bar and restaurant in what used to be Langham Place and is now Cordis serves up simple, familiar dishes made with fresh, high-end ingredients from all over the world.

MISS If we were to complain about anything it would be the low armchair-style seats and loungy atmosphere, which can make it tricky to cut into a steak. The décor is very clean with welcoming pops of color but it doesn't seem to match the fine-dine menu.

BOTTOM LINE Alibi's menu is by no means reinventing the wheel, but behind the dishes is a damn good chef.

**Open Mon-Thu 10am-1am;
Fri-Sun 10am-2am. \$\$\$**

Our Policy

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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WHAT'S ON

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Foreword Thinking

In HKForeword15, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery exhibits the work of seven recent Hong Kong art graduates, including this pencil on paper installation by Daai Lok-man. Artists representing Hong Kong Art School, Baptist University, Chinese University and SCAD will showcase a mix of photographs, installations, paintings and sculptures.

**Through Sep 9. 10 Chancery Lane Gallery,
G/F, 10 Chancery Lane, Central, 2810-0065.**

UPCLOSE Hardy Tsoi



HK Magazine: What made you decide to go into theater?

Hardy Tsoi: I started as an actor, auditioning for plays at school, and was a member of the drama society. It stuck, and when I was getting my degree in the US I took all the theater and film TV courses available. After coming back to Hong Kong I formed the Sha Tin Theatre Company in 1985.

Theater director and playwright **Hardy Tsoi's** upcoming play "Shamshui Po Lear" draws parallels with Shakespeare's King Lear to highlight the plight of the city's street sleepers. He tells Jianne Soriano what the bard has to teach us about Hong Kong.

HK: How has Hong Kong theater developed?

HT: Greater professionalism is a major change. But it's still a bit lopsided. Theater development has been leaning more towards mainstream media. Only the entertainment value of theater flourishes. There's also a lack of drama on school curricula. The drama elective I teach is a drop in the bucket—only 30 students take it. But I do it because nobody else does.

HK: Many of your plays seem to have a Shakespearean touch to them.

HT: I did "Hamlet" four times! And "Julius Caesar" intrigues me: The assassination story is great and the citizens are treated like dirt. I started what I call my "Shakespeare Cycle" in 2011: I draw parallels between his plays and the plight of citizens in Hong Kong.

HK: Hence "Shamshui Po Lear"?

HT: Sham Shui Po is the poorest district in Hong Kong. "Lear" in Cantonese is actually three characters, 李爾王—"Lee Yee Wong"—and there are similarly three characters in the play. Lee is based on a real life story of a classmate who died after being disowned by his brothers. So he's actually my Lear. Yee and Wong have their own stories too.

HK: What's your approach to the play?

HT: We're talking realism and naturalism—that's Chekhovian. How they face the situation and how they survive is my point of interest. Lee got a PhD in English literature. But after he becomes bankrupt he starts to identify himself as Lear. He recites Lear's lines. So there's a parallel. Chekhov against Shakespeare, set in Hong Kong.

HK: How did you prepare for the play?

HT: I slept on the streets as an experiment. It was pretty daunting. We were only allowed \$10 each for

a night, from 5pm to 9am the next day. You can't actually sleep because of the feeling of insecurity and the general noise. I lost 3 pounds!

HK: What can people take away from the play?

HT: I'm really trying to portray the reality of the homeless situation in Hong Kong. The homeless are the poorest of the poor. What they need is family, warmth and care. I want to bring their plight to the attention of society.



Catch "Shamshui Po Lear" on Sep 11-12, 8pm, and Sep 12-13, 3pm. Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre, 111 Shau Kei Wan Rd., Shau Kei Wan, 2606-7272. \$120-180 from urbtix.hk.

Classical

Masterworks: Season Opening – Tan Dun's Nu Shu

The HK Philharmonic opens its fall season with Oscar and Grammy award-winning composer Tan Dun, who will be wielding the baton to conduct this program. The concert includes two of Tan Dun's pieces, "Symphonic Poem on Three Notes" and "Nu Shu: The Secret Songs of Women," as well as Mendelssohn's classic violin concerto. "Symphonic Poem on Three Notes" was written in 2012 as a birthday gift to Plácido Domingo, using the notes la-si-do, a play on Domingo's first name, as the motif. "Nu Shu," Tan Dun's latest multimedia work, captures the dying vocal tradition of Hunanese women in a mini-film symphony of 13 movements. Sep 4-5, 8pm. Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2734-2009. \$280-580. www.hkphil.org.



Cirque de la Symphonie

The HK Phil combines circus and classical at this concert: Expect juggling, acrobatics, contortionists and more, all accompanied by a live orchestra. We're hoping to see the woodwind section hanging from a trapeze while the double bassists balance in a pyramid on top of an elephant wearing a tuxedo. Right? Sep 11-12, 8pm. Concert Hall, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$280-680 from [www.urbtix.hk](http://urbtix.hk).

Great Piano Concertos: Ben Kim Plays Chopin

The HK Sinfonietta brings pianist Ben Kim, who has played rooms including Carnegie Hall and the Berlin Konzerthaus, to Hong Kong to perform the Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1 with principal guest conductor Christoph Poppen. The program will also include Brahms's Symphony No. 4 and Mendelssohn's Ruy Blas Overture. Pianotastic! Sep 12, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$140-340 from www.urbtix.hk.

CHK Youth Symphony Family Series: Peter & the Wolf, Japanese Anime Symphony Concert

Yes, it's a family-friendly program of Tchaikovsky... and anime music. The China Hong Kong Youth Symphony performs the classic children's musical symphony Peter and the Wolf, along with orchestral renditions of old childhood anime favorites such as Dragon Ball Z and Sailor Moon. Bring your kids (or your dweebiest friends)! Sep 13, 3pm. Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2734-2009. \$60-120 from www.urbtix.hk.

BANG!

Hong Kong New Music Ensemble explodes their season opening with music by the likes of Michael Gordon, David Lang and Steve Hui, members of contemporary music collective Bang on a Can. You'll be hearing some Jimi Hendrix sampling, funky sound processing, and amped-up instruments. Don't miss their pre-concert talk (in English, 6:30pm), which includes insights from composer Steve Hui himself. Sep 18-19, 8pm. Multimedia Theatre, HKICC Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity, 135 Junction Rd., Kowloon City. \$60-120 from www.urbtix.hk.

Symphonic Sorcery: Harry Potter in Concert

Need a little magic in your life, muggle? Take a trip to Hogwarts with the HK Philharmonic. Your guide will be an old, long-haired wizard who will teach you about spells, Quidditch and potions, and play the music of the "Harry Potter" movies along the way. Ten points to Slytherin! Sep 18-19, 8pm. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Auditorium, 72 Tai Ho Rd., Tsuen Wan. \$120-380 from www.urbtix.hk.

The Shadow in the Moon: How the Mid-Autumn Festival Began

Mooncake season returns, and to kick off the festivities Premiere Performances of Hong Kong is back with two performances of "The Shadow in the Moon," a collaborative project between composer Alexis Alrich and writer Christina Matula-Häkki. It's the origin story of the Mid-Autumn Festival, told by a chamber music octet playing a blend of traditional Chinese and western instruments. Focusing on inspiring young people to learn more about Chinese culture, kids can also join a fun paper lantern making workshop an hour before the concert. Sep 20, 3pm, 4:30pm. Asia Society, 9 Justice Dr., Admiralty, 2103-9511. \$250-300 from www.pphk.org and www.asiasociety.org.hk.

Comedy

9th Annual HK International Comedy Festival

The HK International Comedy Festival is back for a ninth round, featuring comedians from the US, Australia, the UK, and more. Local comedians Vivek Mahbubani and the People's Liberation Improv will also be performing for some good giggles. Don't forget to check out the comedy competition for up-and-comers. This weekend's show will be with Roy Wood Jr. Various locations; check the website for more info. Through Sep 26. \$150-300. www.hkcomedyfestival.com.

Dance

Hong Kong's Best Dance Crew 2015

Studiobanz brings in dancers and choreographers from all over the globe to judge Hong Kong's Best Dance Crew 2015. Under-18s and adult crews will be compete in styles ranging from hip hop to house to jazz funk, all night long. Will it be like the final scenes in every dance movie ever made? We can only hope. Sep 18, 7:30pm. Southorn Stadium, 111 Johnston Rd., Wan Chai. \$170-220 from www.hkticketing.com.



2nd Stage: Creations Never Stop

City Contemporary Dance Company gets together with E-Side Dance Company for a performance of pieces by choreographers Tracy Chan and Camy Wong. Both "Disorder 2" by Chan and "Something you know... you SCARED" by Wong explore emotion as a source of creativity. It's true: that's why our editor's so scary before deadlines. Sep 19-20, 8pm; Sep 20, 3pm. CCDC Dance Centre, G/F, 110 Shatin Pass Rd., Wong Tai Sin. \$80. www.ccdc.com.hk.

Theater

Hamlet

The Shakespeare's Globe company is on an ambitious two-year world tour to visit every country in the world with its brand new production of "Hamlet." The traveling version of the play features a stripped-down stage for ease of setup, and uses just 12 actors for more than two dozen parts. To go, or not to go? That's barely a question. Sep 4-5, 7:30pm; Sep 5-6, 2:30pm; Sep 6, 7pm. Lyric Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai, 2584-8500. \$595-795 from www.hkticketing.com.



La Soirée

Move over, Cirque du Soleil. La Soirée is a hair-raising contemporary circus sideshow. Met with rave reviews and awards in London and New York, it brings a slew of twisting acrobatics, burlesque and vaudeville acts to the Hong Kong stage. Grab your tickets quick! Sep 16-17, 7:30pm; Sep 18-19, 7pm, 9:30pm; Sep 20, 5pm, 8pm. Lyric Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai, 2584-8500. \$395-1,095 from www.hkticketing.com.



The Naked Magicians

Thought "Magic Mike XXL" was intense? Here comes the real magical deal: This Aussie duo brings R-rated sleight-of-hand to the stage—but the magic wands aren't what you'd expect. These strip sorcerers promise "full frontal illusions." Where did he pull that rabbit from, exactly? Sep 15-17, 7:45pm; Sep 18-19, 7:15pm, 9:45pm; Sep 20, 7pm. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$395-595 from www.hkticketing.com.

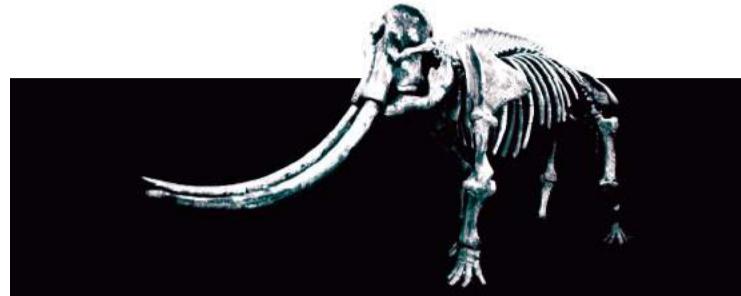
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Exhibitions



The Secret Life of Design

Artsy mall K11 is hosting its fourth Design Month. This year's theme is "Design for Life," and the works emphasise how design and art interact with our everyday lives. The main exhibition, "The Secret Life of Design," has three sections: The first includes a series of videos from the UK, the Netherlands and the SAR that examine the relationship between humans, nature, and science; "Design to Tell Story" by Taiwanese designer Alice Wang examines social issues; and "Open Diamond Project," by DESIS Lab, discusses the idea of a design-driven society. Sep 4-Oct 5. K11, 18 Hanoi Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 3118-8070.



Parallel Worlds: Where Art & Archaeology Collide

For those of you who think art and science don't mix, Hongkong Land is about to prove you wrong: Its collaboration with the Bandung Geology Museum of Indonesia brings us dinosaur fossil replicas, plus the works of Indonesian artists inspired by said fossils. Sadly the actual fossils themselves are still in Indonesia—they're too fragile to ship. Get your learning on! Through Sep 18. The Rotunda, G/F, One Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central.



Glossy! Shiny! Fertility!

Shiny new gallery StarProjects hosts its first group exhibition, featuring six local and mainland artists: Man Chan, Huang He, Liu Yin, Ma On-yeo, Mak Ying-tung and Eason Tsang. "Glossy! Shiny! Fertility!" examines the commercialization, luxurization and fashionability of modern art and its delusional vanity. Expect works that are literally glossy and shiny. An artist's talk takes place on Sep 5 at 3:30pm. Sep 5-Nov 5. StarProjects, 316, Koon Wah Mirror Group Building, 2 Yuen Shun Circuit, Sha Tin, 3468-7317.

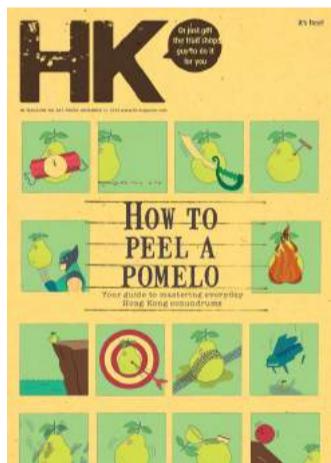
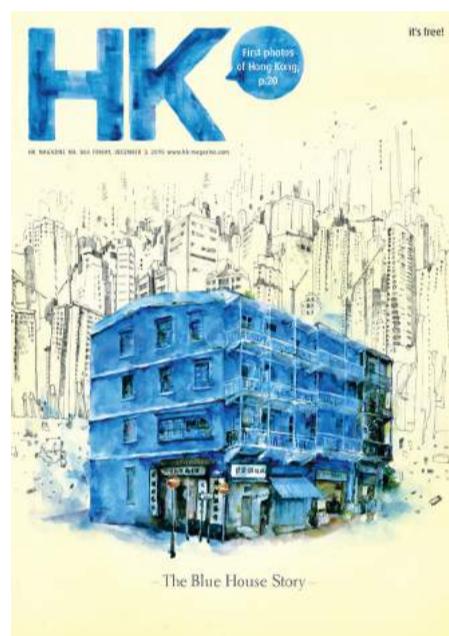
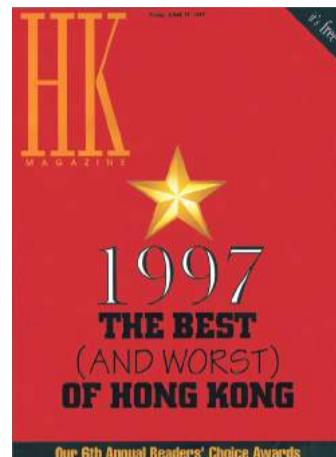
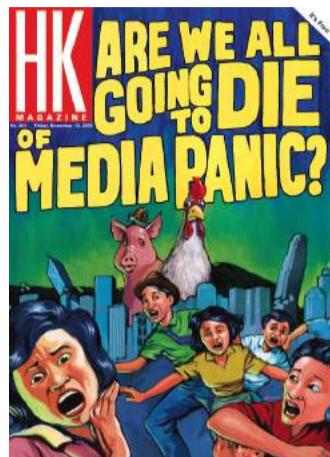
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Open Bar Cé La Vi



The buzz: After more than a year of hype, glamorous Singaporean dining and nightlife destination Cé La Vi (formerly Ku Dé Ta, nestled at the top of Marina Bay Sands) has finally opened its Hong Kong flagship on the top of the shiny new California Tower, bringing yet more hedonism and class (if those ever actually go together) back to Lan Kwai Fong.

The décor: Sleek, dark and intimate, the space is balanced out by southeast Asian touches such as Balinese woodwork and live tropical plants growing from chandeliers. The high-ceilinged restaurant and club lounge boast sexy wraparound views of the glittery Hong Kong skyline. On the roof, the Skybar provides more of an urban jungle feel, where your conversations will be protected by

the lush green partition. A jacuzzi sits in the middle of the space, serving as one of the club's highlight features.

The drinks: Chances are the 20-page drinks menu will sate whatever craving you're having. Try the signature "This is the Life" (\$148), made with pear purée, hibiscus water, rosehip cordial, peach liqueur and bubbly; or the "Flowers of Hikari" (\$108) made with Cé La Vi's own house sake and elderflower cordial. There are also plenty of classics on the menu, including a surprisingly quaffable Vieux Carré (\$118). Otherwise, come Wednesday nights (if you're female—sorry, boys) you could always sip on free Perrier-Jouët—served with a straw, no less. Yep, classy LKF nights are definitely back.

Why you'll be back: At Cé La Vi, it's all about the full nightlife experience, starting from dinner itself. Order from creative indulgences such as the Foie Gras French Toast (\$220), and don't leave without trying one of the desserts. Try the Chocolate Bar (\$118), a passion fruit, caramel and banana dessert covered in dark chocolate, embellished with pop rocks. From then on? Go forth and debauch. Classily. **Evelyn Lok**

24-26/F, California Tower, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central, 3700-2300, www.celavi.com.

HK PICKS



Electric Wonderland: Project 46 & Friends

Canadians Thomas Shaw and Ryan Henderson make up DJ/producer duo Project 46, who are here touring their new album "Beautiful." They've produced solo hits for the likes of Kaskade, Laidback Luke and Andrew Allen. Given that they're Canadian you can expect really nice electro, house, and progressive beats... (Sorry!) Set starts 11pm. Sep 5, 7pm. Azure, 29/F, LKF Hotel, 33 Wyndham St., Central, 3518-9688. \$388-488 from www.eventbrite.hk; Dinner and drinks packages available from 1,088; VIP tables from \$3,888-18,888.

Clubs



Matisse and Sadko

DJ brothers Matisse and Sadko are Russia's newest cultural export: Fast garnering notice outside of the motherland since 2010 for their electro club beats, they're bringing the show to Macau's Club Cubic. Sep 5, 11:30pm. Club Cubic, 2/F, Hard Rock Hotel, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, (+853) 6638-4999. \$250 from www.cubic-cod.com.

Tuxedo at Ovolo Southside

Grammy-nominated music men Mayer Hawthorne and Jake One (who's produced for the likes of Drake and J.Cole) of Tuxedo are the current gods of modern disco funk. Don't miss 'em at Ovolo Southside: Tickets are bound to go quick. Sep 11, 10pm. Ovolo Southside, 64 Wong Chuk Hang Rd., Wong Chuk Hang, 2165-1000. \$388-488 from www.ticketflap.com.

Concerts

Spandau Ballet

Seems like Spandau Ballet can't get enough of Hong Kong... lead singer Tony Hadley has performed solo here in the SAR, and he's bringing the whole gang back to perform their best hits. All the words you'll need to know: ah, ah, ah, aaah, ah... Sep 25, 8:15pm. Star Hall, KITEC, 1 Trademark Dr., Kowloon Bay. \$380-880 from www.hkticketing.com.



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Bon Jovi in Macau

Love classic tunes like "Livin' On a Prayer" and "It's My Life"? See US rock legends Bon Jovi live at the Venetian's Cotai Arena in September. It'll be just like standing outside Stormies in LKF, only actually live. Sep 25-26, 8pm. CotaiArena, The Venetian. \$580-3,688 from www.hkticketing.com.

Big Bang Made World Tour

K-fans must already be gearing up for the big event: Go see T.O.P, G-Dragon, Daesung, Seungri and Taeyang oppas celebrate their comeback as a group this year, following the new release of their latest singles compilation, "Made." Oct 23-24, 8pm. CotaiArena, The Venetian. \$688-1888 from www.cotaiticketing.com.



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Elton John

Elton John is back again to perform at the HKCEC. He dropped classic hit "Your Song" more than 40 years ago and he has done an OK job since, with 35 gold and 25 platinum albums under his belt as well as 250 million records sold worldwide. Nov 24, 8pm. Hall 5BC, HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai. \$488-2,388 from www.hkticketing.com.

Gigs



The Underground Presents: Akira

No, not the seminal postapocalyptic manga/anime. From visual kei group frontwoman to androgynous visual kei fashion model to solo artist, Akira's fanbase is on the rise. Otakus and Japanese punk aficionados everywhere will be racing to get tickets: She's best known for her debut song "Aoki Tsuki Michite" which was the ending theme to Japanese anime "Black Butler: Book of Circus." Doors open 7:30pm. Sep 11, 8pm. Hidden Agenda, Unit 2A, Wing Fu Industrial Building, 15-17 Tai Yip St., Ngau Tau Kok. \$250 in advance from www.tixeasy.com; \$300 at the door.



Irma: Face to Face

French Cameroonian folk-pop singer Irma returns to the SAR after her sold-out performance in May with a "music-meets-light" show—expect sway-worthy melodies and heartfelt lyrics. Date night? Sep 18, 8pm. Vine Centre 2, 29 Burrows St., Wan Chai, 2573-0793. \$380 from www.ticketflap.com, \$430 at the door.



Kina Grannis: The Elements Tour

Youtube's favorite songstress embarks on her Asia tour this summer, with a one-night-only performance in Hong Kong. You'll know the singer-songwriter from her sweet vocals, internet-breaking covers and collab videos with Wong Fu Productions. The \$780-tickets get you in on the meet and greet session: Don't be creepy, OK? Doors open 7pm. Sep 20, 8pm. Rotunda 2, KITEC, 1 Trademark Drive, Kowloon Bay. \$380-780 from www.cityline.com.

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Club Cubic Full Moon Party

Club Cubic launches their inaugural Full Moon Party to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival. There'll be special cocktails for the occasion, live performances, and plenty of glow props to go around. What's missing? Boozy mooncakes. Sep 26, 11:30pm. Club Cubic, 2/F, Hard Rock Hotel, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, (+853) 6638-4999. \$250 Dress code is beachwear. Free entry for girls in swimwear before 1am.



The Singleton Discovery Series:

Hiatus Kaiyote

No, this isn't a singles' exclusive party. House of Mercury teams up with The Singleton Single Malt Whisky to bring us three curated concerts at Ovolo Southside's G.I.G. lounge. First up: Grammy-nominated neo-soul four-piece Hiatus Kaiyote. Doors open 8pm. Sep 23, 9pm. Ovolo Southside, 64 Wong Chuk Hang Rd., Wong Chuk Hang, 2165-1000. \$480-580 from www.ticketflap.com; Access to all three concerts for \$1,080.

Nightlife Events



Tropical Haven Party

The Mira's secret-garden-esque lounge bar Vibes brings us the Tropical Haven Party. Sip on tiki cocktails served in fresh pineapples, watch conga drummers do their thing, and kick back in one of the cabanas to nu-disco beats from DJs from Cliché Records. Dress in your tropical finest, and you'll have the chance to win a cash voucher—there's also a prize for best dressed group. Friendly reminder from us: dress for the body you have, not the body you want. Sep 4, 9pm. Vibes, 5/F, The Mira Hong Kong, 118 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2315-5999. \$100 at the door.



Shock Wave

Summer Series 2015: Encore

Back by popular demand, the W Hotel's Shock Wave Summer Series hosts one more of its notorious pool parties before summer cools down for good (although in Hong Kong, it really doesn't). Casey Anderson of Typhoon8 Records and W Music's Arun R will be spinning the summer's top hits as well as house beats—all alongside antics from flame-throwers, dancers and a live LED light show. The night continues at Woobar, where DJ Re:Flex will be playing upbeat house and electro as you slather your inebriated selves with UV-paint. Sep 10, 8pm. W Hotel, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, 3717-2222. \$400 in advance or \$500 at the door, including one drink at the pool and one at the after-party. \$950 for "WIP" tickets in advance or \$1,100 at the door, including free-flow drinks and champagne until 1am. Tickets from www.w-hongkong.com/en/shockwave.



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The Assassin ★★★★

(China/Hong Kong/Taiwan) Martial Arts. Directed by Hou Hsiao-hsien. Starring Shu Qi, Chang Chen, Zhou Yun. 105 minutes. Category IIA. Opened Aug 28.

Come into "The Assassin" expecting swordplay and Shu Qi and you'll leave half disappointed. This isn't a "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" or even a "Hero." Despite its name, there's actually remarkably little assassination going down in this art house take on the *wuxia* martial arts genre.

Taiwanese auteur Hou Hsiao-hsien picked up the best director gong at Cannes for this movie, and you can understand why. It's full of impossibly beautiful landscapes and brooding characters trudging across them. Shots are so carefully crafted you could call them artisanal, held for so long that you really feel for the cameraman's arms—and, occasionally, the audience's patience.

The story concerns Nie Yinniang (Shu Qi), a woman abducted as a child and sent to study with a—there's no other way to say it—ninja nun. She's raised to be an assassin for the government, bringing stability to the far reaches of Tang Dynasty China. But when out of compassion she refuses to kill a regional governor, her ninja nun mentor sets her a much harder test: to kill the all-powerful governor Tang Ji'an, Nie's cousin and childhood sweetheart. There's an awful lot of Tang Dynasty politics that's folded into the story and it doesn't particularly resolve itself, and so most of the tale ends up as a Hamlet-esque should-I-or-shouldn't-I internal battle as Nie Yinnang tries to work out where her loyalties lie.

Hou has very consciously not shot this as an action movie. Instead it's a slower, infinitely more introspective film. Even when we do get action, it's brief and efficient—and rarely is it even shot like traditional action. Instead we see a wide shot of a fight on the other side of a clump of trees; or an abrupt, brief, almost silent clash between two forces. "Flying Daggers" this isn't.

Hou lingers with his camera long after most other directors would have cut away: all long static shots that impress on you their flawless composition, if nothing else. They're an effective reminder that life is rather more continuous than cinema would normally have you believe. That said, in one instance he undermines this raw realism with a fantasy plot device that's enough to take you out of the movie and push you back into "*is this over yet?*" territory.

Ultimately, there's a lot of achingly beautiful sound but very little fury. We spend most of our time with characters who talk minimally and obliquely, which works in terms of beautiful, languid minimalism but isn't quite so effective at character development. For a film that focuses so heavily on its protagonist (Shu Qi, by the way, is an implausible 39 years old and still crazy hot), there's really not much development to be seen and little interrogation of the way she's forced back into the world of her youth. Indeed, she speaks so rarely it's hard to identify with her at all.

Instead, Shu Qi trudges mutely across yet another piece of beautiful scenery for no discernable reason, and we're left wondering if she can hurry up and assassinate someone, already. **Adam White**

Coming Soon



Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials

(USA) It's the long-awaited sequel to the YA-lit sci-fi thriller. This time, Thomas and his fellow amnesiac "Gladers" who survived the magical maze last time continue the search for why they're all there—all while struggling to survive in the next desolate arena that is the Scorch, a desert wasteland full of hidden dangers. Opens Sep 10.



Boychoir

(USA) Dustin Hoffman, Kathy Bates, and Eddie Izzard (!?) manage a prestigious singing academy for young boys. Looks to be a movie celebrating a metaphor for the pre-teen male singing voice: fleeting and gone in the blink of an eye... or is it just Hoffman having another go at the angry offbeat mentor role? Opens Sep 10.

Lady of the Dynasty

(China) The world had it coming: The physically flawless Fan Bingbing takes on the role of Yang Guifei, one of the Four Beauties of Ancient China. Starting out as the concubine to the Imperial prince, she inadvertently rises up the political ladder and becomes involved in a dynastic struggle. Opens Sep 10.

Skin Trade

(USA) Dolph Lundgren is American detective Nick Cassidy, who teams up with a Thai cop (Tony Jaa) in the race to eliminate a Thai human trafficking ring... led by a man who killed Nick's wife and daughter. Angry Swedish American seeking deadly vengeance! Yeah! Opens Sep 10.

A Royal Night Out

(UK) Ever wondered what princessy debauchery would have been like in 1945? The future Queen Elizabeth and teen Princess Margaret get freeky as they're allowed out on V.E. Day for the night of their lives... Opens Sep 10.

No Escape

(USA) Who thought it was okay to put Owen Wilson in an action thriller? Starring across Pierce Brosnan, Wilson is an American businessman who relocates his family to Southeast Asia... but is met with life-threatening peril as a violent political uprising kicks off. Bring all your expat friends to this one. Opened Sep 3.

P.K.

(India) Rajkumar Hirani, who was behind the tear-inducing box office hit "3 Idiots," brings us a brand new Bollywood sci-fi flick. It's a lofty comedy of ideas disguised as a benign alien's wacky adventure on earth, in which the search for a lost gadget becomes a hopeful pilgrimage in search of God. Opened Sep 3.



A Tale of Three Cities

(China/Hong Kong) Award-winning director duo Mabel Cheung and Alex Law ("Echoes of the Rainbow") base their latest sweeping period romance on a true story. A war-torn couple (Sean Lau Ching-wan and Tang Wei) struggle to stay alive in Anhui, Shanghai and Hong Kong in the midst of the turbulent 40s. Opened Sep 3.

Words and Pictures

(USA) At an expensive East Coast prep school, an art teacher (Juliette Binoche) and disillusioned English teacher (Clive Owen) spark up a light rivalry and flirtation... while hatching a plan to arouse student interest in their respective subjects. Opened Sep 3.

Continuing

The Assassin

(Taiwan/China/Hong Kong) See review, left.



Assassination

(South Korea) Not to be confused with Hou Hsiao-hsien's "The Assassin," which came out in theaters in the same week, "Assassination" stars the indelible Jun Ji-hyun ("My Sassy Girl," TV's "My Love From the Star") and tells a tale of 1930s espionage set in Manchuria. Gear up for pretty celebrity faces, popcorn action and lots of confusing code-switching between Japanese, Korean, and Putonghua. ★★



C'est Si Bon

(South Korea) Based on the story of Korean 60s folk legends Twin Folio, "C'est Si Bon" follows a budding music trio in their 20s who gain fame by playing at the music hall of the same name, and eventually meet their muses. Get ready for 60s mushroom haircuts and lots of soft K-guitar strumming.

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The Emperor in August

(Japan) Set at the end of World War II's Pacific theater in 1945, "The Emperor in August" recounts the final days before Japan's unconditional surrender from the point of view of its monarchy.

Hero

(Japan) The dashing Takuya Kimura returns as legendary prosecutor Kohei Kuryu in the movie version of the popular Japanese TV drama. Taking on a case involving a curious traffic accident, Kohei finds that the key to solving the case is locked behind the gates of a foreign embassy. Kimutaku will get around it somehow...

Hitman: Agent 47

(USA) A remake of the 2007 film based on the stealth video game series, "Hitman: Agent 47" stars Rupert Friend as the titular protagonist. The premise? Agent 47 is a genetically enhanced assassin who must fight a major corporation that wants to steal his secret to engineer an army of killers. Nothing groundbreaking, but a solid action affair. ★★★

Hollywood Adventures

(China/USA) Vicky Zhao Wei, Huang Xiaoming and Tong Dawei tear up Hollywood in this whirlwind east-west road trip romp. Two Chinese tourists and their clueless yet hardy tour guide rampage through Beverly Hills and Tinseltown, but get mixed up with some shady characters. Expect American celeb cameos and a whole bag of bad stereotypes.

Hungry Hearts

(USA/Italy) Italian director Saverio Costanzo helms this psychological drama all about the anxiety of raising a newborn. Adam Driver and Italian actress Alba Rohrwacher play young NYC parents, but the mother's new obsession with purity and veganism threatens the life of their child. Just feed it more quinoa!

Inside Out

(USA) Another summer, another Pixar cartoon to tug at your heartstrings. The heroes of "Inside Out" are none other than the emotions of Riley, an 11-year-old girl from the Midwest. As she and her parents move to San Francisco, Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust have to work out how to help Riley adjust to her new home. Buckle in: It's going to give you ALL THE FEELS. ★★★★

Knock Knock Who's There

(Hong Kong) Opening in theaters just in time for Hungry Ghost Festival is a classic Hong Kong horror tale set in a funeral home. Babyjohn Choi breaks his innocent facade and takes on the role of funeral host, overseeing affairs as three haunted stories intertwine.

The Man from U.N.C.L.E.

(USA) Guy Ritchie's sleek take on the 60s spy series stars the beautiful Henry Cavill as CIA Agent Napoleon Solo. When he discovers that a covert criminal organization with access to nuclear weapons has plans to upset the balance of the Cold War, Napoleon is forced to team up with a KGB agent (Armie Hammer) to stop the global threat. A fun, flashy movie that scrapes through on style alone. ★★★★

Paper Towns

(USA) Quentin (Nat Wolff) and his free-spirited crush neighbor Margo (Cara Delevingne) go on an overnight adventure to exact revenge on her cheating boyfriend—after which she disappears, seemingly for good. But Margo's left some breadcrumbs for Quentin to follow... John Green's second book-to-screen adaptation may be yet another coming of age adventure, but surprises with its balanced, likeable characterization and refreshing take on the pains of growing up. ★★★★

Pixels

(USA) When space aliens begin attacking Earth after misinterpreting a video feed of 8-bit arcade games, four seasoned old-school gamers (Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Josh Gad, Peter Dinklage) band together to save the world. 80s nerds might appreciate the nostalgic appearances of Pac-man et al, but are the cheap Sandler jokes worth it? The answer is: no. ★

She's Funny That Way

(USA) Hollywood vet Peter Bogdanovich returns to directing feature films after a long stint in TV, with Noah Baumbach and Wes Anderson lending a producing hand. "She's Funny That Way" presents an intricate web of relationships and hearsay as an escort-turned-actress finds herself in the middle of a play—but she's sleeping with the director, and acting with his wife. Look out for its ensemble cast, including Owen Wilson, Rhys Ifans and Jennifer Aniston.

Wild City

(Hong Kong) Veteran director Ringo Lam (best known for "City On Fire," 1987, which won him Best Director at the Hong Kong Film Awards and also influenced Tarantino's "Reservoir Dogs") is back on the scene with a full feature after more than a decade. The premise: a former cop/bar owner (Louis Koo), his half-brother (Shawn Yue), a woman, her triad boss old flame, all vying for a suitcase full of black money. The lackluster spark in Lam's latest offering proves that maybe his talent was probably best left in the 80s. ★★★

Film Festival



Chinese Documentary Festival

The eighth iteration of the annual Chinese Documentary Festival returns this September, with screenings of more than 30 works from China, Taiwan, France and Hong Kong. Don't miss the competitors for the Hong Kong Documentary Award, including Tsang Tsui-shan's "Flowing Stories" (Sep 8, 27), about the notion of home in the lives of indigenous villagers who live abroad. Also worth catching: "The Moment –

Fifty Years of Golden Horse, (Sep 13, 19) about the history of the prestigious Taiwanese Golden Horse film award, and "Bridge Over Troubled Water," (Sep 20, 28) about children from a small typhoon-hit Taiwanese town who enter a tug-of-war competition to help the community—as well as their immigrant mothers, who help in their own unique ways.

Sep 8-Oct 5. Various screening locations. \$70 from www.urbtix.hk. www.visiblerecord.com.

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VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): "I stand up next to a mountain, and I chop it down with the edge of my hand." So sang Jimi Hendrix in his raucous psychedelic tune "Voodoo Child (Slight Return)." We could view his statement as an example of delusional grandiosity, and dismiss it as meaningless. Or we could say it's a funny and brash boast that Hendrix made as he imagined himself to be a mythic hero capable of unlikely feats. For the purposes of this horoscope, let's go with the latter interpretation. I encourage you to dream up a slew of extravagant brags about the outlandish magic powers you have at your disposal. I bet it will rouse hidden reserves of energy that will enhance your more practical powers.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): It's the phase of your cycle when you have maximum power to transform yourself. If you work hard to rectify and purify your inner life, you will be able to generate a transcendent release. Moreover, you may tap into previously dormant or inaccessible aspects of your soul's code. Here are some tips on how to fully activate this magic. 1. Without any ambivalence, banish ghosts that are more trouble than they are worth. 2. Identify the one bad habit you most want to dissolve, and replace it with a good habit. 3. Forgive everyone, including yourself. 4. Play a joke on your fear. 5. Discard or give away material objects that no longer have any meaning or use.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): I hope you're not getting bored with all of the good news I have been delivering in recent weeks. I'm sorry if I sound like I'm sugarcoating or whitewashing, but I swear I'm simply reporting the truth about the cosmic omens. Your karma is extra sweet these days. You do have a few obstacles, but they are weaker than usual. So I'm afraid you will have to tolerate my rosy prophecies for a while longer. Stop reading now if you can't bear to receive a few more buoyant beams. This is your last warning! Your web of allies is getting more resilient and interesting. You're expressing just the right mix of wise selfishness and enlightened helpfulness. As your influence increases, you are becoming even more responsible about wielding it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): When 16th-century Spanish invaders arrived in the land of the Mayans, they found a civilization that was in many ways highly advanced. The native people had a superior medical system and calendar. They built impressive cities with sophisticated architecture and paved roads. They were prolific artists, and had a profound understanding of mathematics and astronomy. And yet they did not make or use wheeled vehicles, which had been common in much of the rest of the world for over 2,000 years. I see a certain similarity between this odd disjunction and your life. Although you're mostly competent and authoritative, you are neglecting to employ a certain resource that would enhance your competence and authority even further. Fix this oversight!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): If you have ever fantasized about taking a pilgrimage to a wild frontier or sacred sanctuary or your ancestral

homeland, the next ten months will be an excellent time to do it. And the best time to plan such an adventure will be the coming two weeks. Keep the following questions in mind as you brainstorm. 1. What are your life's greatest mysteries, and what sort of journey might bring an awakening that clarifies them? 2. Where could you go in order to clarify the curious yearnings that you have never fully understood? 3. What power spot on planet Earth might activate the changes you most want to make in your life?

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): When he died at the age of 77 in 1905, Aquarian author Jules Verne had published 54 books. You've probably heard of his science-fiction novels "Journey to the Center of the Earth" and "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." He was a major influence on numerous writers, including Jean-Paul Sartre, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Arthur Rimbaud. But one of his manuscripts never made it into book form. When he finished it in 1863, his publisher refused to publish it, so Verne stashed it in a safe. It remained there until his great-grandson discovered it in 1989. Five years later, Verne's "lost novel," "Paris in the Twentieth Century," went on sale for the first time. I suspect that in the coming months, you may have a comparable experience, Aquarius. An old dream that was lost or never fulfilled may be available for recovery and resuscitation.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): "I enjoy using the comedy technique of self-deprecation," says stand-up comic Arnold Brown, "but I'm not very good at it." Your task in the coming weeks, Pisces, is to undermine your own skills at self-deprecation. You may think they are too strong and entrenched to undo and unlearn, but I don't—especially now, when the cosmic forces are conspiring to prove to you how beautiful you are. Cooperate with those cosmic forces! Exploit the advantages they are providing. Inundate yourself with approval, praise, and naked flattery.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): "Excess is the common substitute for energy," said poet Marianne Moore. That's a problem you should watch out for in the coming weeks. According to my astrological projections, you're a bit less lively and dynamic than usual. And you may be tempted to compensate by engaging in extreme behavior or resorting to a contrived show of force. Please don't! A better strategy would be to recharge

your power. Lay low and take extra good care of yourself. Get high-quality food, sleep, entertainment, art, love, and relaxation.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): For a pregnant woman, the fetus often begins to move for the first time during the fifth month of gestation. The sensation may resemble popcorn popping or a butterfly fluttering. It's small but dramatic: the distinct evidence that a live creature is growing inside her. Even if you are not literally expecting a baby, and even if you are male, I suspect you will soon feel the metaphorical equivalent of a fetus's first kicks. You're not ready to give birth yet, of course, but you are well on your way to generating a new creation.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): "Since U Been Gone" is a pop song recorded by vocalist Kelly Clarkson. She won a Grammy for it, and made a lot of money from its sales. But two other singers turned down the chance to make it their own before Clarkson got her shot. The people who wrote the tune offered it first to Pink and then to Hillary Duff, but neither accepted. Don't be like those two singers, Gemini. Be like Clarkson. Recognize opportunities when they are presented to you, even if they are in disguise or partially cloaked.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): "Going with the flow" sounds easy and relaxing, but here's another side of the truth: Sometimes it can kick your ass. The rippling current you're floating on may swell up into a boisterous wave. The surge of the stream might get so hard and fast that your ride becomes more spirited than you anticipated. And yet I still think that going with the flow is your best strategy in the coming weeks. It will eventually deliver you to where you need to go, even if there are bouncy surprises along the way.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): "Money doesn't make you happy," said movie star and ex-California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I now have \$50 million, but I was just as happy when I had \$48 million." Despite his avowal, I'm guessing that extra money would indeed make you at least somewhat happier. And the good news is that the coming months will be prime time for you to boost your economic fortunes. Your ability to attract good financial luck will be greater than usual, and it will zoom even higher if you focus on getting better educated and organized about how to bring more wealth your way.

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I'm confused about my sexuality. For many years, I thought I preferred hetero-romantic asexual relationships. Exposure to select reading material—thanks to my gender-studies classes—has me convinced I'm an asexual t-type (i.e., "top," but I prefer not to use such connotative terms) female who is attracted to slight and feminine men. I do not want to take off my clothes or engage in oral, anal, digital, or vaginal sex. Instead, I want to design sexual situations that comely young gentlemen will consensually enter: restraints, CBT, whippings, play piercings, fisting. To make matters worse, I've never been in a sexual situation or romantic relationship. I am 23 years old. Extremely low self-esteem and a lack of trust in other people—especially men who are attracted to women—prevented me from reaching out to others, let alone informing a potential partner about my unusual interests. Fortunately, extensive therapy sessions have improved my self-image and willingness to take risks. Developing a romantic friendship with a potential partner is essential. I doubt I will have much luck on the internet or in muncches given that so many men doubt the existence of exclusively t-type females. I also don't fit or wish to fit the stereotypical Bettie Page-esque image of a t-type female. Dressing up in PVC and playing mistress is not my thing. Do you have any recommended how-to guides or communities for t-type females?

– Beyond Envisioning Any Solutions T-type P.S. I'm trapped in the closet.

You should go to muncches and put yourself out there on the internet, BEAST, because in both those places/spaces you'll meet—I promise—other t-type/Dominant women and the men who want to worship them and suffer at their hands.

Your knowledge of the BDSM/kink/fetish community seems pretty distorted—it sounds like your exposure has been limited to reading materials distributed in your gender-studies classes—but I can assure you that there are men out there, some of them slight and feminine, who not only don't doubt the existence of exclusively t-type/Dominant females but are actively seeking them. But you're not going to find them under the rocks in your garden or at the back of your fridge. You're going to have to enter kinky places/spaces to meet kinky guys.

There's another type of person in those kinky places/spaces you need to meet: mentors. It's particularly important for someone with your interests—CBT, whippings, piercings, and fisting are not JV kinks—to meet, speak with, and be mentored by knowledgeable players. These are varsity-level kinks—they are skill sets that take time to acquire. You're going to need instruction from people with experience before you start torturing a guy's balls or sticking (clean and sterile) needles through his nipples, BEAST, as you could do serious and lasting damage to someone if you're winging it. Muncches are your best bet for meeting the players and educators in your area who take mentorship seriously. Be open about who you are (an asexual t-type female/Dominant woman), your ideal partners (slight and feminine sub guys who are into SM, not sex), and your experience level (nonexistent). Ask about classes, don't do anyone/anything that makes you uncomfortable, and do the reading. (Check out Greenery Press for titles on female dominance, CBT, flogging, and other varsity kinks.)

You know who else you'll meet in the kink scene? Women who don't fit stereotypical Bettie Page-esque images, don't dress up in PVC, and don't play Mistress games—but you'll also meet women who enjoy doing all of those things, BEAST, as well as women who could take or leave Bettie Page, Mistress games, etc., but who dress up because it turns on their partners and/

or attracts the kind of men/women/SOPATGS* they're interested in restraining and torturing. When someone is indulging your thing (a slight and feminine guy is giving you his cock and balls to torture), it's simply good manners to indulge his things (letting him call you "Mistress," if that's something he enjoys, or pulling on a little PVC).

And give yourself permission to grow—or to continue growing. You used to think you were one thing (a hetero-romantic asexual), and now you realize you may be another thing entirely (an asexual t-type/Dominant female who is attracted to slight and feminine men). Who knows what you'll learn about yourself once you actually start having IRL experiences? (Also... most guys into hardcore BDSM—particularly hardcore masochists—regard CBT and whippings and piercings as sex. Not foreplay, not a substitute for sex, but sex. Something to think through before you have a slight and feminine guy's balls in your hands: Your "victim" may experience your play as sexual even if you're experiencing it differently, i.e., you may not feel like you're having sex with them, BEAST, but they're going to feel like they're having sex with you. Is that okay with your particular flavor of/theories about asexuality?)

P.S. You're not trapped in the closet—that door locks from the inside. You can open it whenever you're ready.

* Some other point along the gender spectrum.

I'm a foot-fetish guy and have split up with my girlfriend of four years. She was into all the foot stuff, and we got into lots of other kinks. My concern is about meeting new women. I'm worried I'm not going to be able to perform for vanilla sex. I feel almost doomed to being solo unless I meet someone who is into the same stuff I am. I was able to do vanilla with my ex, but I don't know if I can do vanilla stuff with other girls. Do you have any advice on what I can do to change my mindset? Is it possible for me to perform vanilla activities if I am more relaxed with a girl?
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Thanks for sharing, FAME.

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Inn Side Out
Isabella Bistro & Bar
Lanson Place
Little Burro
Mackie Kitchen
Mau Business Centre - Eton Tower
Mau Business Centre - Radio City
Mr. Steak
SML
Starbucks - Causeway Bay Plaza 2
Starbucks - Fashion Walk
Starbucks - Hang Lung Centre
Starbucks - Hysan Place
Starbucks - Leighton Road
Starbucks - Times Square
Starbucks - Tin Hau
Starbucks - Tung Lo Wan Road
Starbucks - Windsor House
Starbucks - World Trade Centre
The Herbivores
The Sky Bar
The Warren
Unar Coffee Company
Watson's Wine Cellar
Wired Café
W's Entrecôte
Yo Mama

NORTH POINT/ FORTRESS HILL

Harbour Plaza Hotel
Starbucks - Electric Road
Starbucks - Kerry Centre
Starbucks - King's Road

SAI WAN HO

Berliner
Jack's Terrazza Ristorante
Starbucks - Eastern Hospital

POK FU LAM

Delaney's Pub
Patisserie Les Amis
Prompt
Starbucks - Cyberport Concourse
Starbucks - Cyberport IT Street
Starbucks - HKU Library
Starbucks - HKUSU T Hotel

AP LEI CHAU/ ABERDEEN

Aberdeen Marina Club
Flex HK
GCX
K Academy
Movie Express
Shambala / Café Piatti
Sift
Starbucks - Marina Square
Starbucks - One Island South
Tequila Kola
TREE
Y.Art Education

HUNG HOM

Outback Steakhouse - TST Centre
Pacific Club
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Papi
Pierside Bar, The Royal Pacific Hotel & Deli Koo
La Villa Restaurant & Bar
Langham Hotel Main Street Deli
Lobby Café - Sheraton Hotel
Mega Hospitality Intl
Mes Amis
Morgan Stanley
Namo
Ned Kelly's Last Stand
Nomads

JORDAN/ YAU MA TEI/ MONG KOK

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Metrobooks
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Pink Coffee
Royal Plaza Hotel
Ritz Carlton Hotel
Ruth's Chris
Starbucks - Austin Rd.
Starbucks - China HK City
Starbucks - Elements
Starbucks - Empire Centre
Starbucks - Gateway Arcade
Starbucks - Granville Road
Starbucks - Harbour Crystal Centre
Starbucks - I Square
Starbucks - K11
Starbucks - Knutsford Terrace
Starbucks - Mirror Tower
Starbucks - Ocean Terminal
Starbucks - Stat Avenue
Starbucks - Star House
Starbucks - The Sun Arcade
Stormies
Swindon Books
Tequila Jack's

SHATIN

CitySuper
Courtyard by Marriott
Starbucks - Fortune City One
Starbucks - YATA

SAI KUNG

Bacco
CC Café
Chez les Copains
Classified
Colour Brown Coffee
Duke of York Pub
Firenze
HEBE ONE o ONE
Italiano's
Park N Shop
Pepperoni's
Piccolo's
Pizzeria La Gondola
Starbucks - HKUST
Starbucks - Chan Man St
The Bottle Shop

OTHER NEW TERRITORIES

Discovery Park
Englishtown
King's Belly
Mr. Steak
Park N Shop - Hong Lok Yuen
Starbucks - Citywalk
Starbucks - Discovery Park
Starbucks - Luk Yeung Galleria
Starbucks - Tai Po Market MTR
Starbucks - Tsuen Wan Plaza

LANTAU

Berliner
Café Duvet
Caffe Ritazza
Dymocks
Marriott Skycity Hotel
Park N Shop - Discovery Bay
Regal Airport Hotel
Starbucks - Airport T1
Starbucks - Airport T2
Starbucks - Citygate Zentro

FIRST PERSON

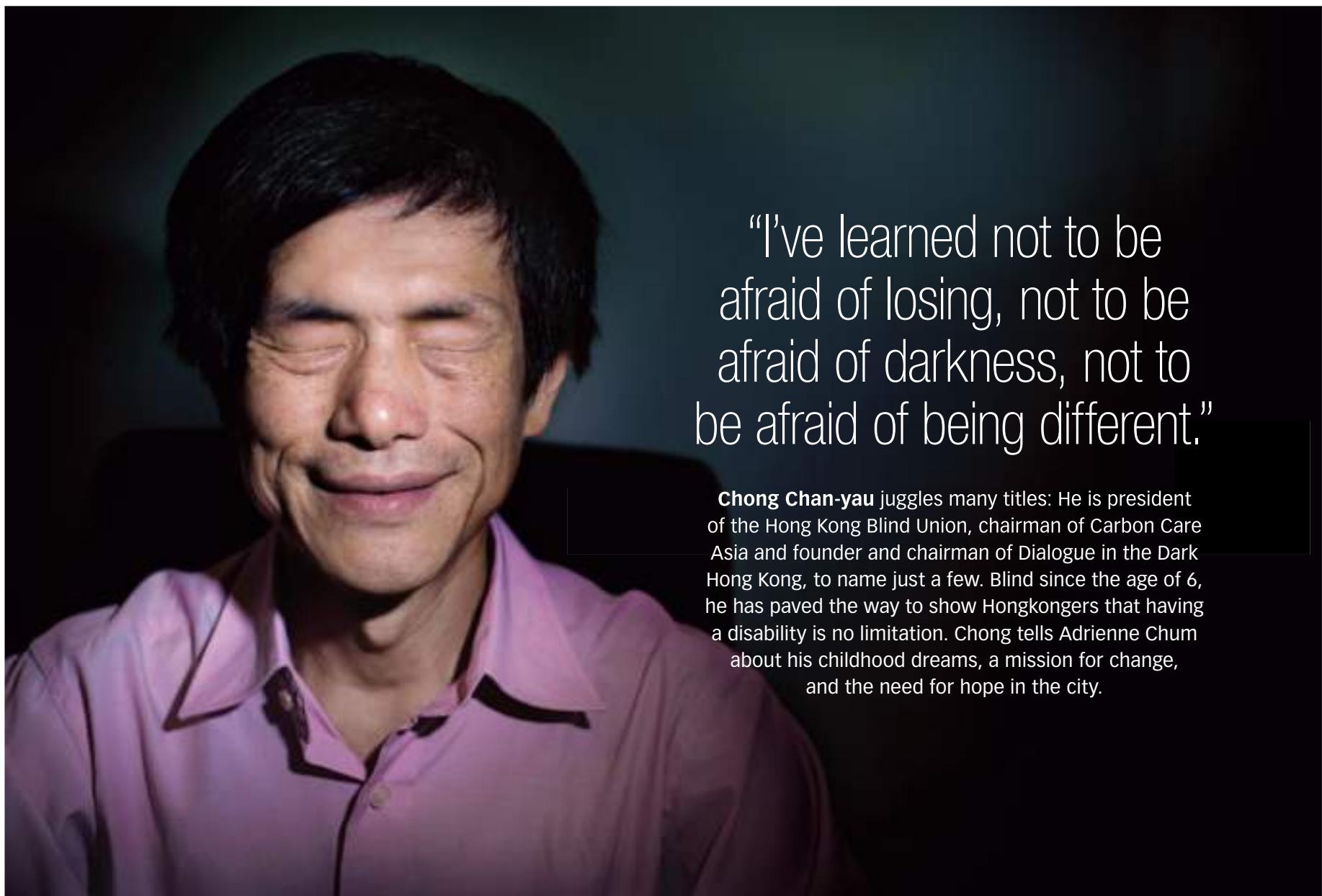


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"I've learned not to be afraid of losing, not to be afraid of darkness, not to be afraid of being different."

Chong Chan-yau juggles many titles: He is president of the Hong Kong Blind Union, chairman of Carbon Care Asia and founder and chairman of Dialogue in the Dark Hong Kong, to name just a few. Blind since the age of 6, he has paved the way to show Hongkongers that having a disability is no limitation. Chong tells Adrienne Chum about his childhood dreams, a mission for change, and the need for hope in the city.

I was born in Kowloon City. We were a poor family. I have six other siblings: two older brothers, two little sisters, two older sisters.

When I was around 6 years old, I lost my vision.

I went to Ebenezer School & Home for the Visually Impaired.

We didn't have too many difficulties at the school, as books were all in braille and we lived together in the dorms.

At Ebenezer, braille was taught using a steel board with nails, and of course we learned by feel.

After I became familiar with braille, a whole new world was opened up. I could read books and magazines—we could send mail! That was the most enlightening experience of my youth.

My dream as a child was to go to a regular school. At the time, blind people could only be telephone servicemen. I wanted to do something different, so I treasured education.

I wanted to prove that being blind was not a handicap, and that we could be like everyone else.

I was at Ebenezer until Form 3, and then went to a regular school.

The hardest thing about the move was that regular schools didn't give blind students much chance to enrol. It took a lot of effort to convince them to take us.

Also, how could we deal with blackboards? And books—we needed them translated into braille.

Every day after school, I went to a student center for the blind at Maryknoll Convent School. There was a sister named Sister Moira who volunteered to help us.

She learned braille when she was at least 65. Every day she helped us translate the books, from morning to 5pm. I am still very grateful for her help.

I cannot find things to celebrate about being blind. What I can say is that I've learned not to be afraid of losing, not to be afraid of darkness, not to be afraid of being different from others.

I have been the director of Oxfam; I have been a government administrator. These were things I never would have dreamed of doing as a kid.

Now, the opportunities for blind people have greatly expanded: We have the protection of the law.

I am really happy about working with other blind people because we have the same mission and belief: That society can change

and that we are the ones who should be working for it, not waiting for others.

I believe that things can change if you have a dream, a mission for better things to come. The mission of life is to change.

Hong Kong's young people only care about exams, as it is their parents' priority. I want to change young people's mindsets, to provide them with more opportunities to be global citizens.

Hong Kong is an international city. Our biggest asset is our global perspective.

Young people have the opportunity to travel, but ironically it seems the world they are concerned with has become smaller.

During Occupy Central, young Hongkongers tried very creative things and demonstrated a great sense of "self-management." It was pretty amazing.

But it is not enough.

It is good that they are willing to fight for their rights, for justice. But I hope more will also be concerned for other people in need around the world, like in Syria.

In terms of understanding blind people, there have been many changes in Hong Kong: The city has become more accessible, more friendly to people with disabilities in many aspects.

In 1978, even I was admitted to the University of Hong Kong—at that time Hong Kong was very poor and there were only two universities. The open-minded attitude has been part of Hong Kong all these years.

But I feel Hongkongers are more and more negative about their future. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy: They are being negative, so their future is becoming negative.

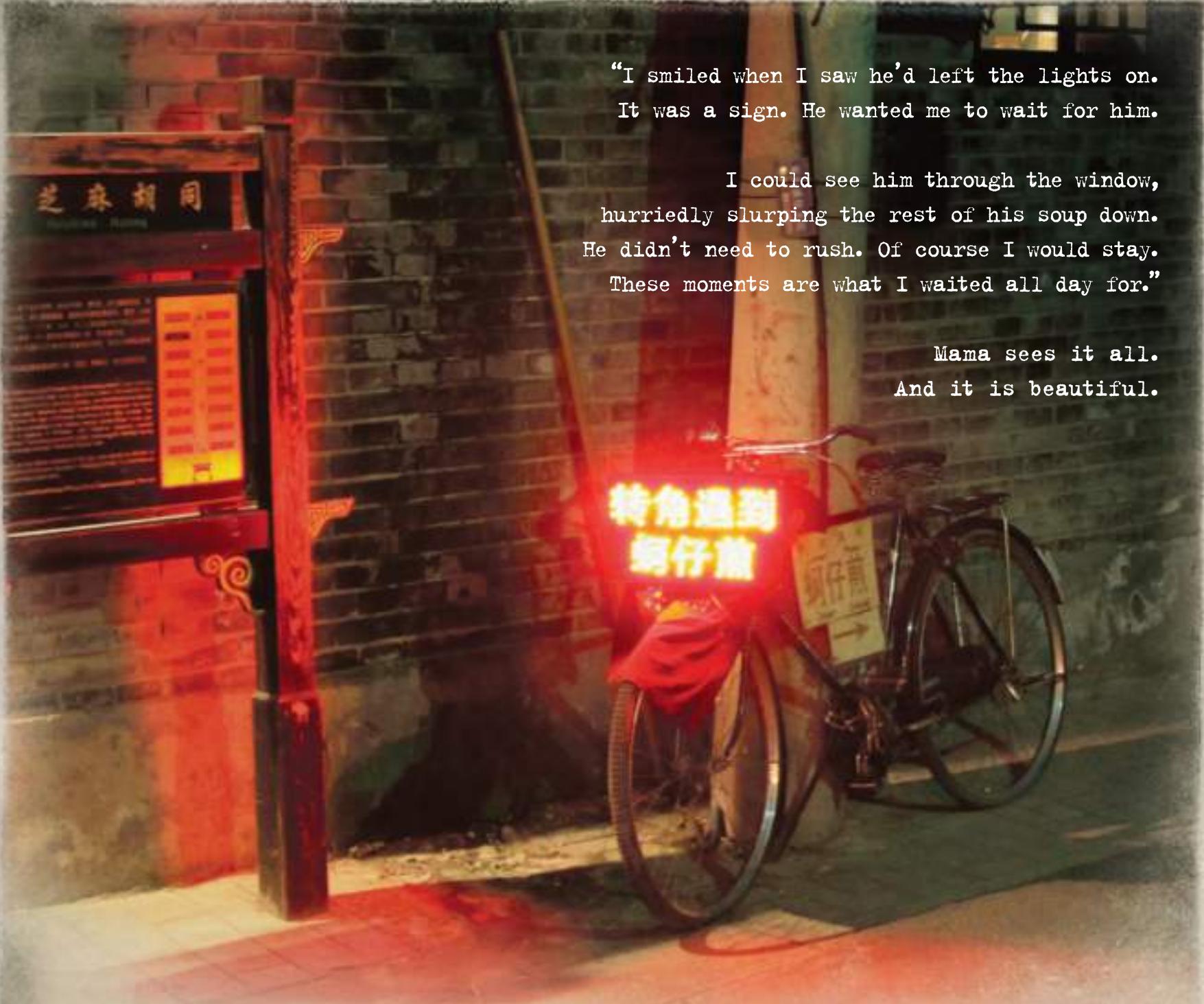
Hongkongers should feel proud of what they have achieved. Don't despair about the future, even if you encounter many disappointments.

Right now, there's a lot of negative language being used to communicate with each other. People blame each other.

There is not enough hope being expressed in public. There should be more. Hong Kong deserves more.

NEED TO KNOW...

Chong Chan-yau was the first blind person to take and pass the civil service recruitment exam. He was director of student development at HKU and an executive director of Oxfam. He has an MBE and an Honorary Fellowship from HKU. He is currently the director of EL2100, an educational service provider that focuses on English learning.



"I smiled when I saw he'd left the lights on.
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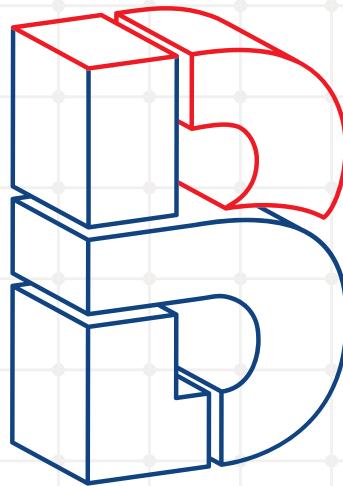
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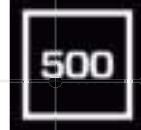
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