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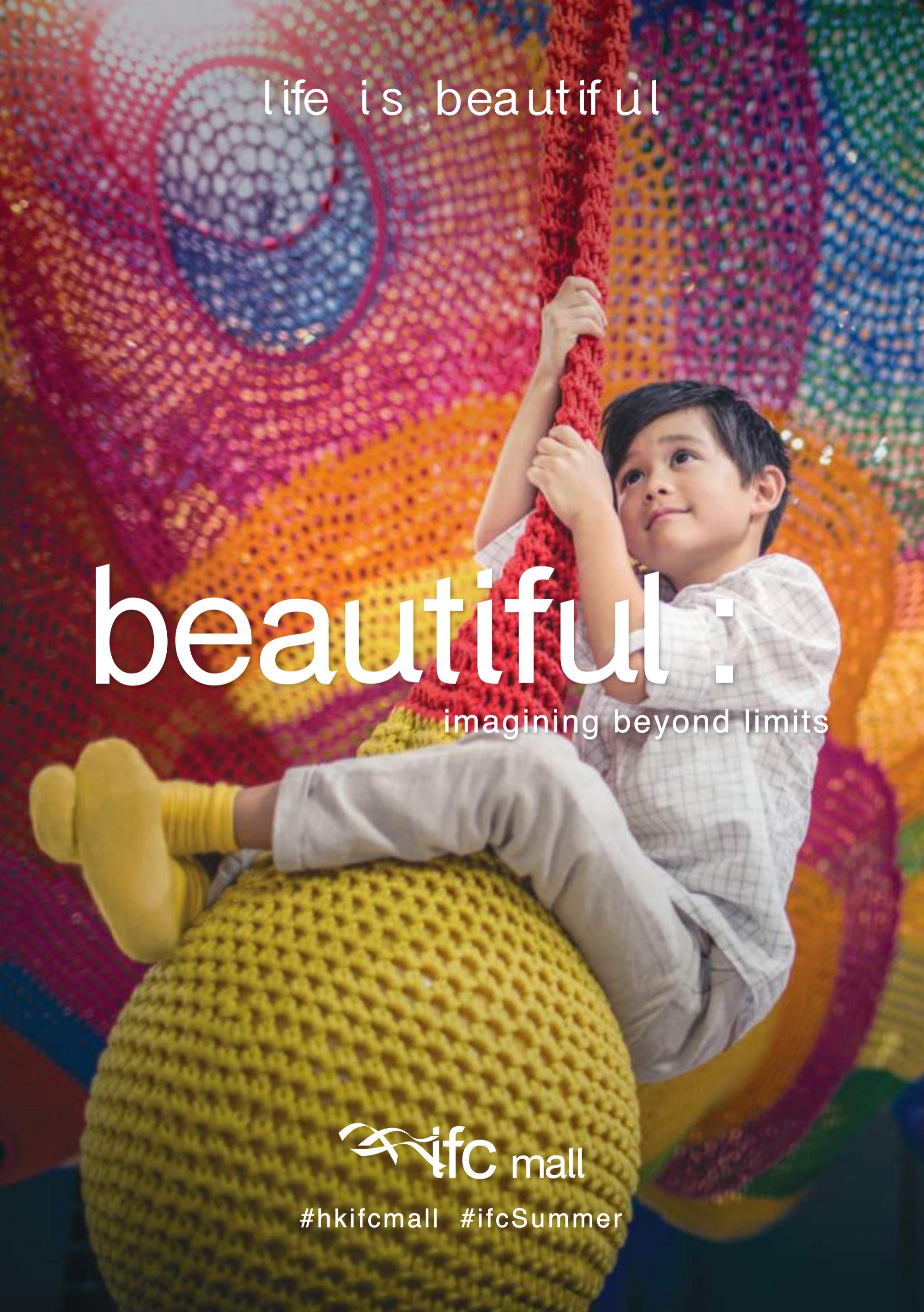
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Oh So You've Won the Mark Six?

How To Not Completely Screw Up Your Lottery Win (And Your Life)

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, is climbing a large, colorful rope structure. He is gripping a red rope with both hands, looking up and to the side with a focused expression. The background consists of a wall made of many small, colorful, textured panels in shades of red, orange, yellow, and blue.

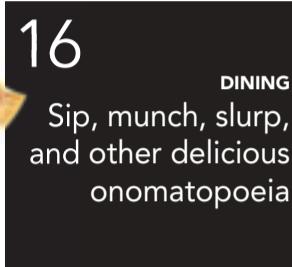
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IOC Awards Team Hong Kong All the Golds

Worried about the feelings of the Hong Kong people, the International Olympic Committee this week announced that it would be awarding to the city every one of the gold medals up for grabs at the Rio Olympics—even for events in which Hong Kong is not participating. The remaining Games will continue as usual, but with only the silver and bronze medals in contention.

Commenting on the decision, IOC spokesman Poitre Toeflkopter said, "We thought about running the Games as we usually would, with medals awarded according to sporting achievement. But after several incidents involving hurt feelings, from now on the committee will award gold medals preemptively, according to a nation's emotional well-being." Toeflkopter went on to say, "Hong Kong was identified as being at risk, so we took action."

Elsewhere in Olympics-related news, there was an international outcry after it was realized that the Hong Kong SAR flag used by the organizers featured an incorrect design (pictured right). Rather than the officially recognized white Bauhinia flower on a red ground, the flag sported by Team Hong Kong during the opening ceremony appeared to show Flabébé, a minor Pokemon character, floating on a background of grass.

On investigation, IOC officials confirmed that the flag had been manufactured by an official Team Hong Kong contractor based in Fo Tan. Appealing for calm, team public relations head Elvis Chu said, "I'll be the first to admit it, this is freaking embarrassing. It's even worse than that time we sent rowers to compete in Calgary back in '88. Have you ever tried rowing on solid ice? Forget about it."



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HOME



Mr. Know-It-All's

— Guide to Life —

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

What's the deal with those funny numbers you see in old market stalls? — Number Hunter

Those are Suzhou numerals, one of the ancient Chinese numbering styles.

Based in turn on rod numerals, a written form of the counting rods used for calculation for more than 2,000 years in China, they were used because they were quicker to write and to scribble than the formal ideographs. That makes the system far more convenient for number-heavy situations such as accounting.

Here's what they look like:

Number	Chinese Number	Suzhou Numeral
0	〇	
1	一	I
2	二	II
3	三	III
4	四	X
5	五	፩
6	六	上
7	七	弋
8	八	弌
9	九	爻

Where it gets interesting is how you write them. See, Suzhou numbers change depending on where they appear.

So they're usually written on two lines. The numbers go on the first line, while the order of magnitude and unit measurement go on the bottom. So, for example, if you see the following sign next to a basket of *bak choi*:

X 爂 ፩
十 元

You can translate it to → 495
10 dollars

Which means two things: first, that the price is \$49.50; and second, you're getting seriously ripped off for a catty of *bak choi*.

These days Suzhou numerals don't crop up so much around town, having been largely replaced by their Arabic or Chinese equivalents. It's a pity, as there's a real elegance to the strokes—especially the 4 and the 5—that you don't find in these more modern systems. Indeed, these numerals are also known as *faa ma*—flowery numbers—owing to that elegance.

These numbers live on in the more old-fashioned shops and market stalls, Chinese medicine shops and on the occasional cha chaan teng wall. Keep an eye out for them next time, symbols of bygone age—and just maybe, a cheaper price.



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My Perfect HK

This week in My Perfect HK:

Hong Kong-based charity Animals Asia reported the successful rescue of Bao Lam, a moon bear captured in Vietnam and held in a cage for 10 years as a tourist attraction. To date, Animals Asia has rescued almost 600 bears. Readers can donate to support Bao Lam's treatment at

bit.ly/SaveBaoLam

Letters

"She should play candy crush with some young boys too..."

It's a Date!

We listed a number of ways to woo your date in our cover story last week ("Top 8 Hong Kong Date Ideas to Woo the Object of Your Affections," August 5, Issue 1157). Responses ranged from the delighted, to the jaded, to the Trumpian.

Dating sucks :P everyone will try to show "their best side" only - and after a few days or weeks you'll see the 'true version' - It's not an ideal way to find out if you seriously fit together ;)

Kai Seifferth

I read this... Dear me, made me laugh so hard.
Daniel Man

"Object"????
Samer Nisr Shim

Just show the money u will get wat u want even u fat and ugly.

Evertonian Danilo

Yo, just two ideas: be white and rich. Done.
Gamberio Bazzinoff

Pokémon Gone

Last week on Savage Love ("My Husband Plays Pokémon Go With A Young Girl Until 5am. What Can I Do?" August 5, Issue 1157), we talked about the power of Pokémon Go and whether it affects relationships. Facebook readers either offered suggestions for the couple, or were too busy playing...

Is that what they call it these days??? "Playing Pokémon Go"?

Andrea Lo

Yea honey, that's what we were doing, we were playing Pokémon Go, honest!

Mike Quirke

She should play candy crush with some young boys too...

Henry Law

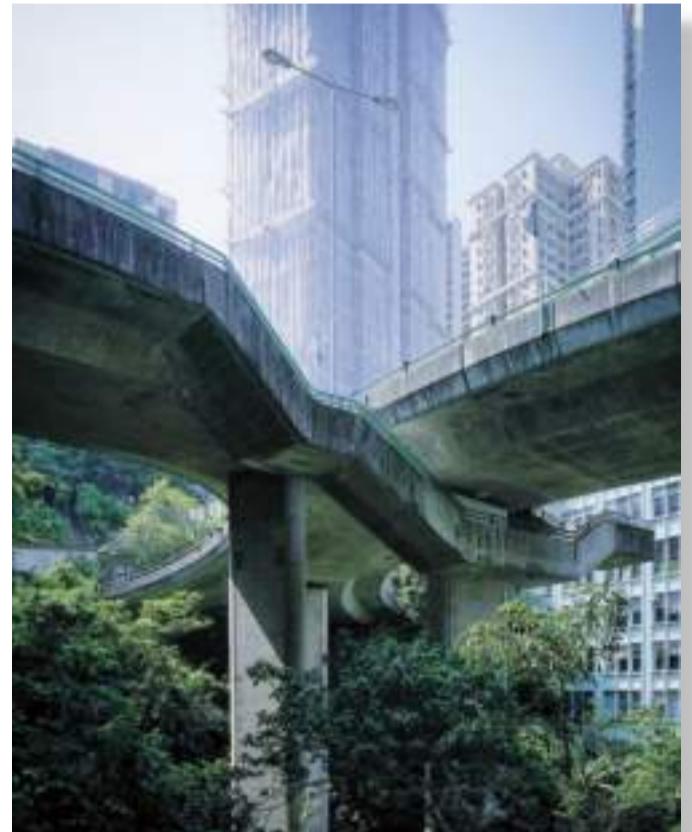
If she's hot, let him have her

Tony Chan

You can play something else with a young man.

Ricky Hon

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Friday 8/12

Food Friday

The **HKTDC Food Expo** is officially underway, and they're giving you a fully loaded Friday that rivals your best dinner plans: On top of wandering the exhibition halls grabbing nibbles of new food and drink, visitors can register for food-centric demonstrations and tasting sessions. Taste various Chinese delicacies, try the latest superfood trends, or enjoy unique craft beer and food pairings.

Through Aug 15, 10am-10pm. Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai. \$40 from designated 7-Eleven and Circle K convenience stores, or from [hkticketing.com](#)

Saturday 8/13

Grow Some Excitement

Go from the urban jungle to a rooftop farm: Rooftop Republic hosts **regular rooftop farming workshops for kids**, which teaches little ones the basics of organic veggies and herbs and how to grow vegetables at home. They even get to take home a plant at the end. **3:30-5:30pm. Rooftop Garden, The Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$380 per child and accompanying adult, includes a non-alcoholic drink from Collette's from [rooftoppublic.com](#)**

Monday 8/15

Moody Monday

Better take out the raincoat, because the alt-rock band **Nothing But Thieves** is bringing the storm to Hong Kong. With the heady aggression of Muse, the rockstar swagger of The White Stripes and the earnestness of Kodaline, Nothing But Thieves has been burning up the British charts with their contagious singles. Catch them at Hidden Agenda for one night only. **8:30pm. Hidden Agenda, 2A Winful Industrial Building, 15-17 Tai Yip St., Kwun Tong. \$350 at the door.**

Tuesday 8/16

Dolla Dolla Burger, Y'all

HMV is rolling out a promotion of the century (or at least until the dollar goes up): On specific hours every Monday and Tuesday from now until the end of August, they're selling 50 **signature wagyu beef burgers for only one. Single. Buckaroo**. All you have to do is fake sick at exactly 3pm and/or 5pm to claim the promotion. **Mon-Tues, 3-4; 5-6pm. HMV Bar & Restaurant, 4/F, Pearl City, 22-36 Paterson St., Causeway Bay. \$1.**

Wednesday 8/17

Eat, Pray, Love Eating

La Paloma is getting taken over for one week only. Spanish guest chef Alvaro "El Palanca" Ramos will be in the kitchen cooking up a **seasonal tasting menu** of unique Asian-Spanish fusion cuisine, including Thai-style mussels, short ribs over saffron paella and Shiso mojito shots.

Aug 16-21. La Paloma, 189 Queen's Rd. West, Sai Ying Pun. \$398 per person for a seven-course tasting menu.



Thursday 8/18

Breaking Beat

Get your heart pounding, your feet hopping and your soul filled with the driving beats of Oma's monthly **Drum and Bass series**, courtesy of Magnetic Soul and Synthetik. Their lineup includes Daniel Power, Fat Demon, Cookie and Rogue Motion.

10pm. Oma, Lower Basement, 79 Wyndham St., Central. Free admission.

Sunday 8/14

Two to Tango

Movie Movie's "Life is Art" mini-festival at PMQ wraps up this Sunday with various events including an art jamming workshop, a cooking lesson at Steak (R)evolution, and free public screenings and performances by Malevos Tango and other local artists.

1-8pm. PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central. Find more information and register at [tiny.cc/hk-life-is-art](#)

Friday 8/19

Beer-n to Run

After this event, you'll never think of going on a beer run the same way again. Part of the Hong Kong Running Fest, the **Beer Run** involves a night of pumped up music, a leisurely 1.6km run, and, oh yeah, shotgunning four beers in the process. Stay hydrated, folks!

5-9pm. Central Waterfront Promenade, 9 Lung Wo Rd., Central. \$250.



Saturday 8/20

Splish Splash

It's finally arrived: The third **Studio City Pool Party** offers a day of splashing around at Studio City's massive tropical-themed pool, partying with your pals and dancing to world class trance mixes courtesy of Dutch DJ Ferry Corsten. Leave some liver and energy for the afterparty at Pacha afterwards. **2:30pm. Level 3 Outdoor Pool, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$450 from [tiny.cc/hk-ferry-corsten](#)**

Coming Up

This Charming Man

Great British musical icon **Morrissey** makes his way to Hong Kong for one night only. He's the former frontman of the Smiths, a prolific solo musician who has achieved almost god-like status among his many international apostles, the songwriter who injected humor and literary irony into gloom and doom in ways unseen since Oscar Wilde, the prevailing champion of the pompadour hair style, and his show is selling out fast. Grease up that coif before you come to the altar of the Pope of Mope.

Oct 6, 8:30-10:30pm. MacPherson Stadium, 38 Nelson St., Mong Kok. \$630-690 at [ticketflap.com/morrissey](#)

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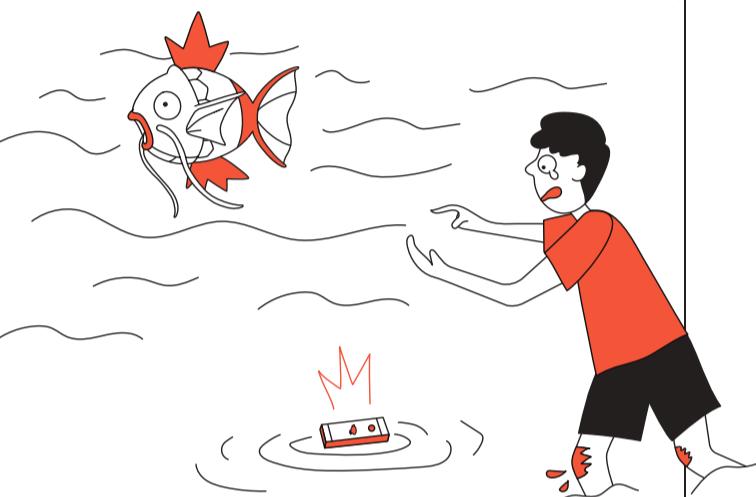


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Last Week In Reality

SAT 30

Flying into a Rage A female passenger on board a Cathay Pacific flight gets into a dispute with cabin crew after being told that inflight meals for children are not available. Enraged, she throws orange juice at a flight attendant. She is arrested on her arrival at Hong Kong.

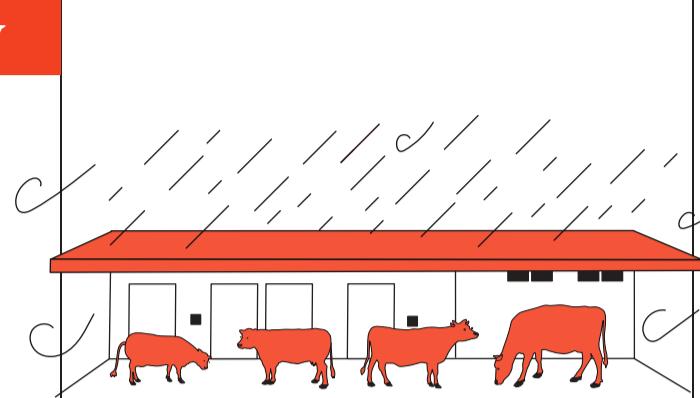


SUN 31

Pokémon OH! A teenager is playing Pokémon Go when he accidentally drops his mobile phone into Lam Tsuen River in Tai Po. He wades into the river to retrieve his phone but is unable to climb back out. He is eventually rescued by passersby.

MON 1

False Alarm A large group of young people gathers near the People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison in Central amid heightened police presence at the venue, where an official event is in session. Alerted to the possibility that they may be localist protesters, police officers rush to the scene—only to discover that the suspects are in fact Pokémon "trainers."



TUE 2

Good Neighbors A dozen head of cattle occupy a canopy outside a police station on Lantau Island as Typhoon Nida strikes the city. No action is taken by police officers, who allow the cattle to shelter.

WED 3

Free Fall An elevator at HKU MTR station on Pokfulam Road drops two floors after reaching ground level. The elevator continues to sway as its four passengers await rescue. Five minutes later, the elevator returns to ground level and the passengers leave unscathed.

THU 4

Poor Pom Upset with its behavior, woman leaves her Pomeranian outside her Tsz Wan Shan apartment block. Some teenagers see this and let the dog into the lobby. The woman is outraged. When the teenagers offer to buy the dog from her, she is enraged further. She snatches the dog off the ground and, entering the lift, slams the pet to the elevator floor. Police are called to the scene.



FRI 5

Cards Not Accepted A photo uploaded to Facebook goes viral: A minibus passenger mistakenly drops his Octopus card into the coin pay box. Commenters express sympathy, saying they've all been there.

Quote of the Week

**"Am I missing something?
Is (Hong Kong) not a city in China anymore?"**

A Twitter user's question after seeing the city's representatives carrying the SAR flag at the Olympic Games opening ceremony in Rio.

Talking Points

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

No More Open Heart Surgery?

Surgeons at Queen Elizabeth Hospital have become the first to successfully replace two damaged heart valves via blood vessels in a four-hour, minimally-invasive operation. Conventional open heart surgery requires cutting open the chest, whereas the new method only requires opening a small hole in the body. To practise the procedure, the team 3D-printed a model of the patient's heart. Their patient, a 77-year-old woman, had previously undergone three open heart operations, which can take months to recover from. With the new procedure, she was discharged from hospital after one week.

Our take: We <3 these guys.

Hong Kong Kids: Groomed to Win

Young children should be trained to "win at the starting line," according to one third of adults surveyed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. More than half (54 percent) said it was necessary for children to have a head start on life—despite 77 percent of respondents saying they'd like to provide space for children to develop freely. While more than 90 percent of respondents felt young students were currently under a lot of stress, 61 percent with kindergarten or primary school-age children had signed their kids up for at least two extracurricular classes during the school term.

Our take: Make up your minds, parents!



Illustration: Elaine Tang



Street Talk

Horace Leung has spent more than a decade and hundreds of thousands of dollars on collecting some 600 pairs of sneakers. He's also the main man behind [hk-kicks.com](#)—an expansive resource for fellow sneakerheads that collaborates with big sports brands on events and exhibitions. He tells Stephanie Tsui how far he'd go for a pair of kicks, and which pair he'd save if his collection caught fire.

HK Magazine: When did your obsession with sneakers begin?

Horace Leung: I started buying sneakers in university because I needed them for basketball. But I couldn't wear them all so they slowly grew into a collection. Michael Jordan was—and still is—my favorite basketball star, and I thought he was really cool, so I tried to emulate him by buying similar gear with the money I earned from tutoring. Maybe it's a kind of psychological disorder, I don't know. But I think men have to have some sort of distraction from their nine-to-five jobs, and if it wasn't for my collection, I might be gambling or doing something even more costly.

HK: But shouldn't you have more "me" time because you're self-employed?

HL: I'm actually really busy! It may seem like my work is really flexible, but in reality I work all the time, even on weekends. On top of working, my wife has also tasked me with taking care of our six-year-old son. It all takes a lot of scheduling.

HK: Does collecting sneakers get you girls?

HL: No! Only men who own collections of money get girls. That said, my wife doesn't interfere with my habit—as long as I'm able to provide for my family. I quit my full-time job as a salesman in 2010, the same year my son was born, to run [hk-kicks.com](#), which my then-partners would've shut down if I hadn't taken over. It was a crazy move, but I've been doing alright.

HK: How far would you go for a pair of sneakers?

HL: In New York in 2014 I queued for two hours in -20°C conditions outside a Nike store for a pair of Air Jordan 29. I was in town for an event. When it was my turn, they told me they didn't stock it! I ended up getting a pair at another store. Price-wise, the most expensive pair of sneakers I ever bought cost around US\$2,000. They were a pair of Air Jordan 1 from 1985. But I'm careful

about my finances and never spend more than I can afford, which is why I constantly motivate myself to work harder. It's not about buying the most expensive pair or investing in them—sneakers disintegrate with time. Leave them alone for a few years and they're already unwearable. If I wanted to invest, my money would be better spent on collecting stamps.

HK: Are you picky about your everyday kicks?

HL: I don't pursue trends, but I do own at least a pair of sneakers from every brand so I can wear them to business meetings with these brands. My everyday sneakers have to be comfortable and clean: I toss them out once they get dirty. I hate the worn-in look. The only pair of shoes I wash are my son's. He doesn't care for sneakers: He likes shoes with Iron Man and Star Wars characters on them. My wife doesn't care for sneakers either, but I get it. It's like me and lipstick—all shades look the same to me.

HK: If your collection caught fire and you could only save one pair of sneakers, which pair would you save?

HL: I'd probably just give up my whole collection. It's pointless to save just one pair.

HK: What do you love most about your job and hobby?

HL: I'm lucky to be one of the few people in the world who can do what they love and earn an income from it, in addition to getting the opportunity to meet people and basketball stars, and to visit the headquarters of big sports brands; and getting paid to set up an exhibition where people show appreciation for your work... These are things money can't buy.

If you're a basketball fan, don't miss the "Greatest of All Time" exhibition, which features part of Horace's collection. Thru Aug 31. 1/F, 7/F, 12/F Hysan Place, 500 Hennessy Rd., Causeway Bay, 2886-7222. [leegardens.com.hk](#)

Blowing Water

Cantonese slang: To chat, bullshit.

lat¹

luk¹

甩 輪
Lose Wheel

Definition: Clumsy and disorganized, out of control.

Origin: The idea of a moving vehicle losing a wheel.

HongKabulary

"Want to go to South Bay this weekend?"

"No thanks. I've been having my morning swim every day for the last three months."



Morning Swim (mɔrnɪŋ swɪm), n.

Getting drenched on your morning commute, either because of sweat or rain. Or both.

SO YOU'VE WON THE MARK S

It's an enduring fantasy for so many of us, but winning a vast sum of money has the power to completely up-end your life. What should you do with it all? Would a massive injection of cash solve all your problems, or give you a whole stack of new ones? We've consulted our financial boffins to help answer these questions, so when your numbers come up (which, of course, they will), you're prepared for what comes next. By **HK Staff**
Graphics by **Kay Leung**

1ST PRIZE

\$169 M

The highest 1st Division Mark Six ever, won in May of this year. Two separate winners split the kingly sum.

That sort of money will buy you... a toilet on the International Space Station, or for something more down to earth, a 2772 sq. ft. apartment in Mid-Levels. But what else should you consider? Here are some pointers.

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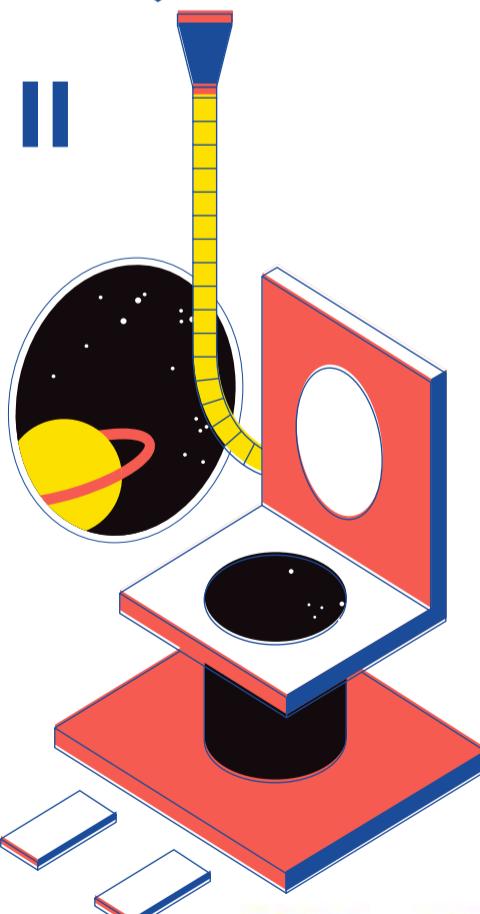
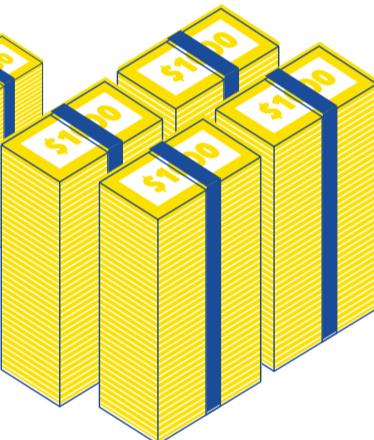
- ➊ Absolutely nothing at all, for at least a week. Go about your life as if nothing has changed. Allow the shock to subside so you can begin thinking rationally. Avoid going anywhere near the inviting sum, and certainly don't buy anything substantial with it.
- ➋ Hire a lawyer. If you've never dealt with very large sums of ready money before, the likelihood is you have no idea what the tax implications are, or where trouble will arise. Neither do we, and even if we did, enumerating the legal ramifications wouldn't make for a very punchy article.
- ➌ Get a financial advisor. As per the above, you do not know what you're doing. Sure, you may have squirreled away a shortlist of fantastic investment ideas at the back of your brain, but actually putting these plans into action could risk everything you've suddenly found yourself with.
- ➍ Work out how much you want to give to family, friends and charities, and stick to it. If the feeling of fulfilment and the instant karma bonus aren't enough for you, remember that gifts and donations can impart all sorts of tax benefits.

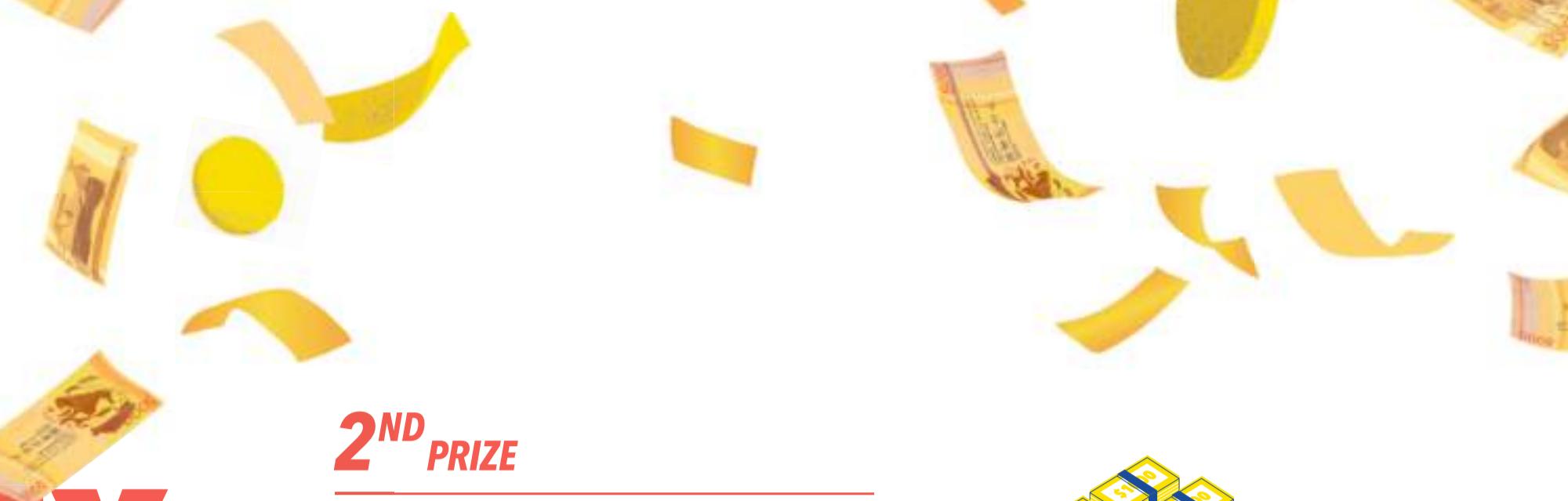
DON'T:

- ➎ Tell anyone, least of all the media, and don't even hint about it on social media. Okay, maybe you'll need to inform your spouse, but certainly no one you don't trust implicitly with your deepest secrets, because greedy people will begin circling like vultures—and you're the downed gazelle.
- ➏ Splurge. Sure, you can finally buy that diamond-encrusted Harley Davidson you've always wanted, but that doesn't mean you should do it. You owe it to yourself and those you care about to be (relatively) sensible, if only because the alternative seems to lead to a horrific doom-spiral (see p.10).
- ➐ Quit your job—at least not immediately. No matter how inviting it sounds, completely ditching everything on a whim isn't a recipe for holding it together.

OR ALTERNATIVELY:

*Do whatever the heck you want.
It's your money after all. We're just
trying to be helpful.*

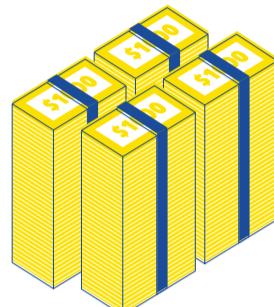




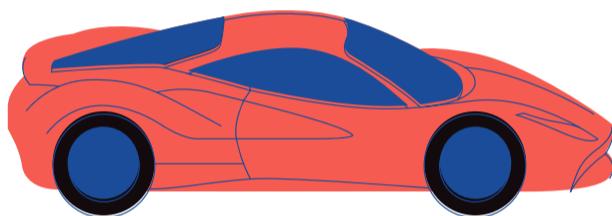
2ND PRIZE

\$4.3 M

Perhaps not riches beyond your wildest dreams, but still potentially life changing. With this money you could dash out and buy a Ferrari 488 GTB and have cash to spare. Or...



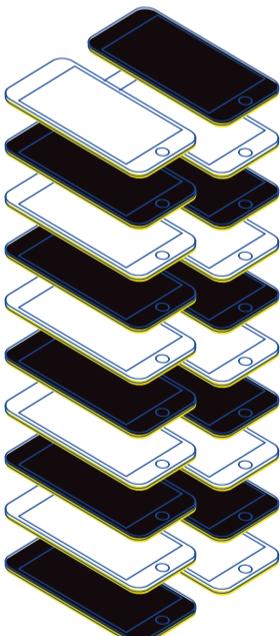
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3RD PRIZE

\$130 K

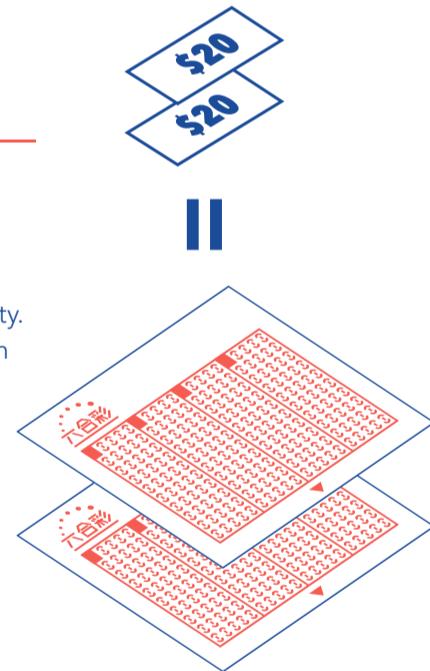
What should you do? Well, you could buy 20 iPhones, or...



7TH PRIZE

\$40

Your three luckiest numbers came in! Forty. Whole. Dollars! Whatever will you do with such wealth?



- ⑤ Not to sound like a broken record, but again—pay off your debts! You'll thank us in the long run, then go right back to racking up massive online shopping bills.
- ⑥ Take a holiday. Come on, seriously. You work your butt off, but what's the flippin' point if you never take a break?



NOT ALL GOOD NEWS

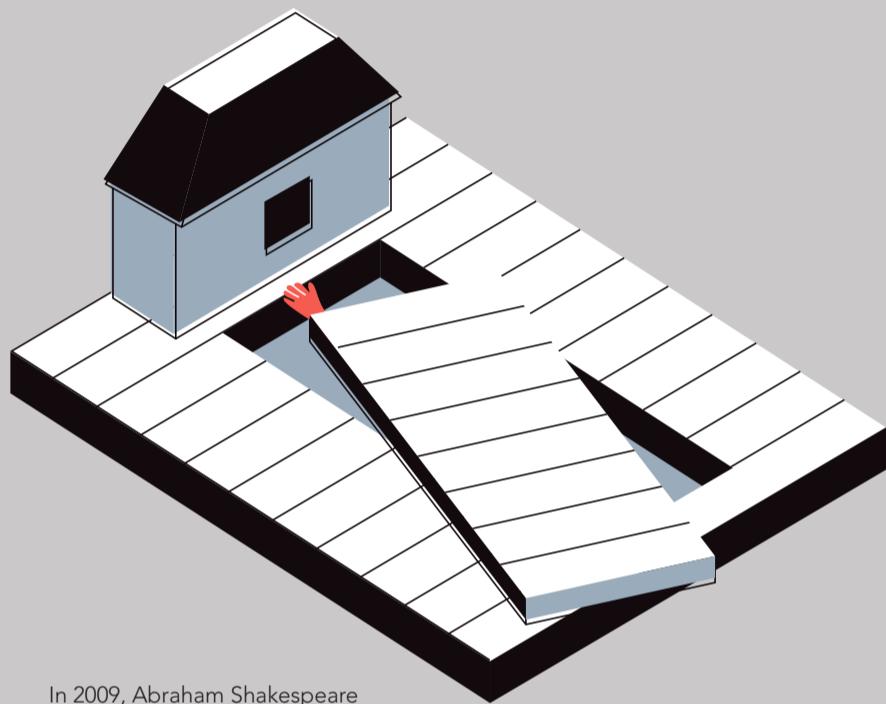
It seems that immense good fortune is regularly followed by poor decision making, or perhaps just horrendous bad luck.



British housewife and cake factory worker Viv Nicholson became famous when she went from earning 7 pounds a week to winning 152,000 pounds in a Yorkshire lottery in 1961, equivalent to just under HK\$40 million today. When asked what she was going to do with the money, she cried out "Spend! Spend! Spend!" Four years later, her husband died in a car accident and she had spent herself into bankruptcy.



In 2002, 55-year-old West Virginian Jack Whittaker won a US\$315 million Powerball jackpot. At that time he was already the president of a construction company and a multi-millionaire. After donating US\$23 million to charity and gifting a house, a new truck and US\$50,000 in cash to the convenience store clerk who sold him the winning ticket, the so-called "powerball curse" caught up with him. In 2003, he was robbed of US\$545,000 in cash from his car while visiting a strip club. Later, his granddaughter, her boyfriend and Whittaker's own daughter died of drug overdoses. In 2015, he checked into a rehab center for drug addiction.



In 2009, Abraham Shakespeare won US\$30 million from a lottery in Florida. He was shot dead shortly after by Dee Dee Moore, who he befriended following the win. Moore buried Shakespeare under a slab of concrete in a backyard after killing him.



In 2012, 46-year-old Urooj Khan from Chicago won a US\$1million jackpot from a scratch card he bought from his local 7-Eleven, but died the next day. His death was initially put down to natural causes, but when relatives pressed for a further autopsy he was found to have been poisoned with cyanide. The case has yet to be solved.



Overall, lottery winners around the world are statistically more likely than non-winners to be: murdered; overdose on drugs; become bankrupt; be involved in a kidnapping; have a drink driving conviction; or be a defendant in civil or criminal proceedings. Though not necessarily all at once.

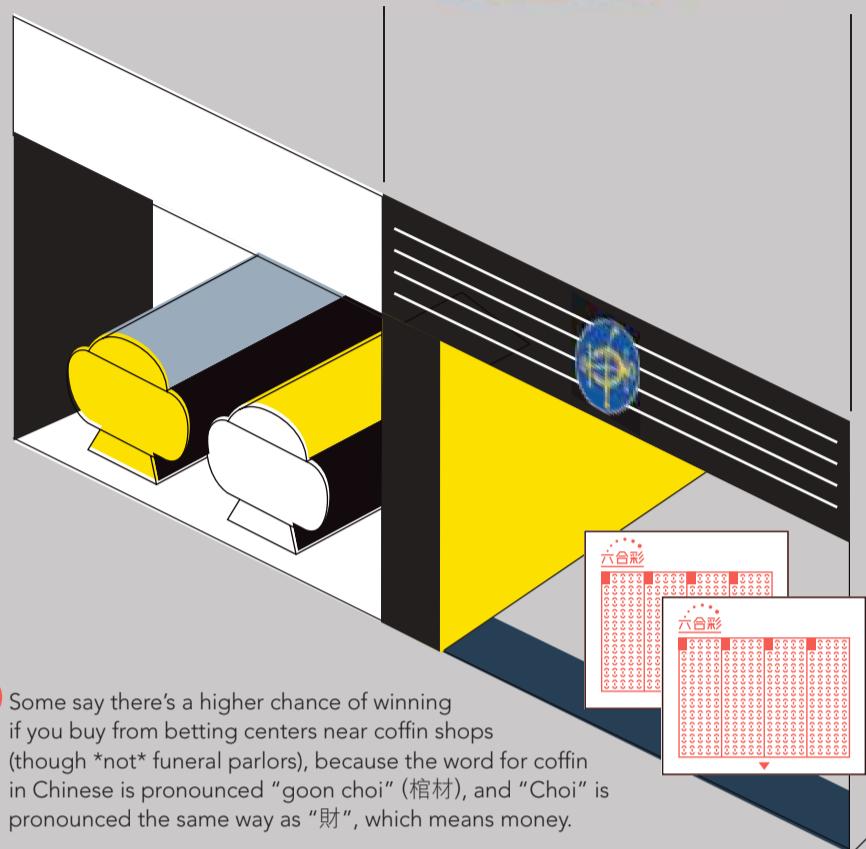
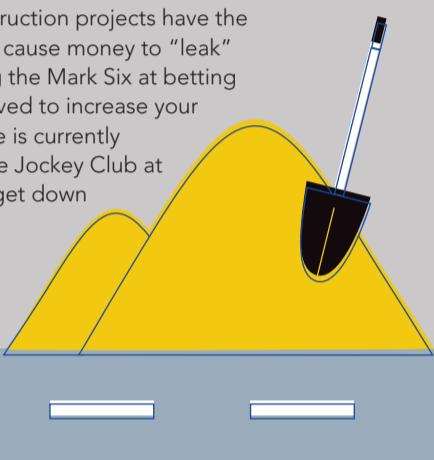
SIGNS AND WONDERS

Every culture has its superstitions when it comes to winning money, and Hong Kong is no exception. How would you go about finding a building that was "leaking money"?

6 According to feng shui, you should pick a betting center facing a downward slope. As with the roadworks, this means that the property in question is "leaking" money, and you might be on the receiving end. Examples of such betting centers include the Jockey Club at 9 Possession St., Sheung Wan.

6 Jockey Club branches situated in narrow streets are also great for gamblers, because the property cannot "gather wealth." Choose one facing a sidewalk that's as narrow as possible, like the branch at 10-12 Stanley St., Central.

6 Feng shui also suggests that any construction projects have the effect of "moving of the soil" and may cause money to "leak" from that property. Therefore, entering the Mark Six at betting centers with roadworks nearby is believed to increase your chances of winning. We note that there is currently construction work going on outside the Jockey Club at 3 Connaught Rd. West, Sheung Wan: get down there and give it a go.



6 Some say there's a higher chance of winning if you buy from betting centers near coffin shops (though *not* funeral parlors), because the word for coffin in Chinese is pronounced "goon choi" (棺材), and "Choi" is pronounced the same way as "財", which means money.

6 A widespread rumor about the Mark Six, and one that has circulated for years, is that the results are fake and that each of the 49 numbered balls (as seen on TV) contains a microchip so that the results can be controlled remotely by... The Man, we presume.

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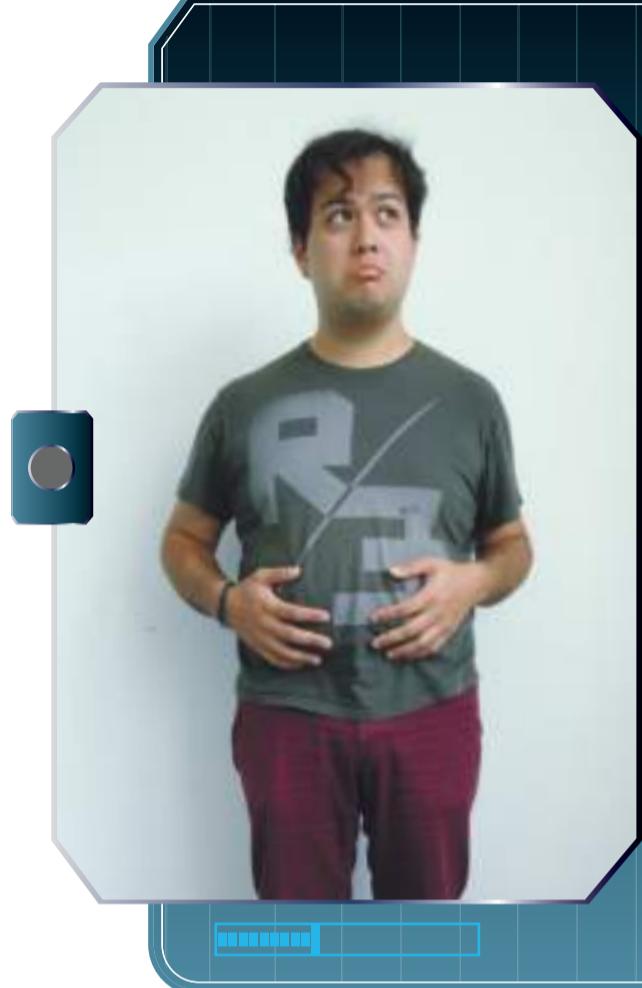
The Space Between

In her new exhibition, "Narrow Distances," New York-based photographer Ka-Man Tse explores queer spaces within the broader social landscape of Hong Kong and New York. Her photos are primarily portraits of members of the LGBTI community: Lovers lie together in parks, share tender moments in alleyways and at home, completely at ease in the spaces they have carved for themselves in the margins of society.

Through Aug 28. Lumenvisum, L2-10, 30 Pak Tin St., Shek Kip Mei, lumenvisum.org

HEALTH & BEAUTY

#MakeAdamFitAgain



PROFILE

NAME: ADAM WHITE
GENDER: M
AGE: 29
HEIGHT: 178CM

WEIGHT: 99KG
CHEST: 45"/114CM
WAIST: 36"/91CM

TARGETS

WEIGHT: 89KG
BODY FAT: REDUCE BY 8%
STRENGTH: INCREASE BY 50%



OPEN SECRET

Faced with grown-up responsibilities, inspired by the Rio Olympics, and terrified by the spectre of the big 3-0, our esteemed Senior Editor Adam White is undergoing a total-body makeover. Here, he reflects on the colossal challenge in front of him.

So I've pretty much always been what you might call a larger gentleman. A predisposition to inactivity and those delicious things called calories will do that to a guy. The last time I was skinny, I was about 6.

But the other week our friends at the Pure Group came to us and said:

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We brought this up in an editorial meeting, which is when my boss, Editor-in-Chief Luisa Tam, said:

"What about Adam?"

And the ENTIRETY of the staff said, rather too gleefully:

"What ABOUT Adam?!"

I hadn't been to the gym for about four years. And now I'm going more than I ever have in my life.

I guess it's about time. Between the fact that I'm reaching the end of my 20s, and the fact that my job is basically a license to eat and booze my way across Hong Kong, I've not exactly shed pounds lately.

BUT.

I'm getting married at the beginning of November. I'm 29 on the very day this issue comes out—August the 12th. It's time for a change, or at least time to lose some of the flub. And all I have to do is eat better, live better and go to the gym five times a week? No sweat!

Well, as it happens, there's an awful lot of sweat involved.

But I've thrown myself into it, regardless. Pure Yoga and Pure Fitness are supplying the venue, the equipment, the training, the food. Me? I'm supplying my weak-ass self.

Our target date: My wedding in November. Between now and then, the idea is to, as Donald Trump might say, #MakeAdamFitAgain. Or fit for once, anyhow.

We're calling it the Live Pure Challenge.

I'm now about three weeks into this all-new lifestyle. My extremely nice and extremely buff personal trainer Felix is helping me along the way. I'm learning a whole load about my body... and remembering how much I hate getting up early in the morning.

So follow my intrepid journey to buffdom. We're running a column with the Pure Group from next week through to November. And if that's not enough, I'll be blogging my moans, opinions and stupid observations every so often on hk-magazine.com as well.

I hope it works, for everyone's sake. Join me, and I'll try to fill you in on what's happening and how it all works—or how much it sucks. And I'm always in the market for more advice. Think I should be eating more quinoa? Think my back is rounding when I lift? Or just want to laugh at my straining face? Drop me a line on Twitter or Instagram @adamwhite, and tag it #LivePure. Or #MakeAdamFitAgain, I suppose.



See the inspirational promo video:
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Compiled by Sophia Lam
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ESCAPE ROUTES

Floo me to London!

With "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" hot off the press, it's time to grab a broomstick and fly to London for a visit to the magical locations that bring our favorite story to life.



#1 King's Cross Station

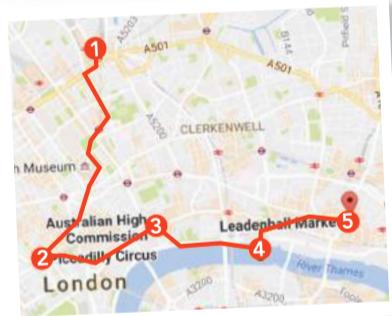
Begin your Potter pilgrimage somewhere between Platform 9 and 10 in King's Cross Station, where you'll find Platform 9 ¾, the magically concealed doorway to the Hogwarts Express. Refrain from trying to crash headfirst into the solid brick wall, and instead snap a pic in front of the luggage trolley. Getting the photographers there to take your picture is worth the wait—they offer scarves as props and even someone to hold it up for a windy effect. While the standard is the red-and-gold Gryffindor, you can always fulfill your inner Slytherin or Hufflepuff. Buy a memento in the Harry Potter Shop nearby, a treasure trove full of horcruxes and time turners.

Euston Rd., London N19AL, United Kingdom.

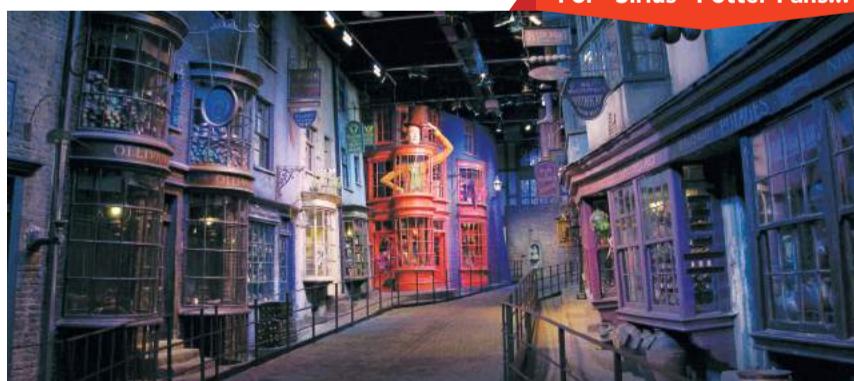
#2 Piccadilly Circus

Remember when Hermione, Harry and Ron fled from Death Eaters and apparated in the middle of a bustling street in London's West End, before being nearly run over by a double decker bus? That was Piccadilly Circus, a public space at the junction of Regent Street and Piccadilly, where giant illuminated signs wrap around the buildings in a bright neon spectacle. While you're there, catch the new Harry Potter play at the Palace Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue—that is if you have the time to line up for tickets, released every Friday at 1pm.

Piccadilly Circus, London W1D 7ET, United Kingdom.



For "Sirius" Potter Fans...



Warner Bros. Studio Tour London

This is the mecca for every hardcore Potterhead. Located 20 miles outside of London, Warner Bros. Studio is where you can take The Making of Harry Potter studio tour and check out artifacts and film sets that have been preserved from the original. From now to September 5, you can even learn the secrets of the special effects behind the life-sized Wizard's Chess and the tentacle-ridden Devil's Snare at the anniversary event of the first film, "Finding the Philosopher's Stone." Book your ticket (\$355) at tickets.wbstudiotour.co.uk.

Studio Tour Drive, Leavesden WD25 7LR, United Kingdom.

#3 Australia House

Yes, we know it's missing the roller coaster whizzing underground and the fire-breathing dragon, but the 98-year-old Australia House in London is the closest you'll get to Gringotts Wizarding Bank. See if you recognize the giant crystal chandelier (which was smashed to smithereens in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows") inside the grandiose—albeit goblin-free—office of the Australian High Commission. While the building is not open to public, you can sneak a peek through the glass doors, and who knows, maybe the guard will let you in if you hypnotize him with your best Imperius Curse.

Strand, London WC2B 4LA, United Kingdom, (+44) 20-7379-4334.

#4 London Millennium Footbridge

When a swarm of Death Eaters pounced upon London at the start of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," the Millennium Bridge took the biggest hit and broke in half. Luckily for us, the "Wobbly Bridge" remains in one piece in Muggle land. Feel the vibrations as you cross the Thames on this 320-meter suspension bridge, and catch unobstructed views of the Tower Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral. After dark, the bridge lights up in a magical display of dancing lights.

Thames Embankment, London, United Kingdom.

#5 Leadenhall Market

Get your muggle supplies at this bewitchingly beautiful Victorian-style covered market. Stroll along the cobbled aisles as Hagrid and Harry did in "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," and hunt for traditional jewelry and wines under the ornate roof painted in shades of maroon and green.

Keep an eye out for Glass House Opticians, a shop which doubled as the storefront of the Leaky Cauldron in the first film, the gateway between the non-wizarding world and Diagon Alley. Wizard wannabes can try tapping on the brick wall and maybe—just maybe—the secret passageway to the magical community might unfold before your eyes.

Gracechurch St., London EC3V 1LT, United Kingdom, (+44) 20-7332-1523.



Spritz & Bits

When the day winds down and the clock strikes 5pm, it's time to ditch the computer in favor of a spritzer or two over some delicious finger food. Fill up on crostini, cheese and charcuterie at these top Italian aperitivo deals in town. By **Leslie Yeh**

◀ Summer Sundowner

A long-standing favorite for early evening grazing, **Isobar** (the upstairs bar of Italian restaurant Isola) boasts harbor views, an alfresco terrace for sunny day snacking, and moreish Italian bites that could double down as a light dinner. From 3-8pm, enjoy discounted cocktails—such as a pesto martini with gin, lemon juice, basil and pine nut (\$78)—and nibble away on calamari, risotto balls and Italian sausage pizzas under a patio umbrella as Isobar's resident DJ spins tunes into the evening. **Sat-Wed 3-8 pm. Discounted drinks. Shop 4011, 4/F, IFC Mall, 8 Finance St., Central, 2382-2841.**

Bella Novella ▶

Embodying the bustling vivacity of an Italian train station café, there's no better SoHo spot than **Stazione Novella** for an afternoon aperitif, with its range of premium Italian liquors, hanging chianti bottles, and custom-made train flip clock displaying departure times and destinations (how's that for authenticity?). From 5-7pm, kick back with an aperol spritz (\$88, \$48 on Mondays during "Summer of Spritz") and unlimited canapés including Parma ham, asparagus and truffle oil bruschette, Parmesan cheese, margherita pizza and frittatas. **Mon-Sat 5-7pm. Free with drink. 52-56 Staunton St., Central, 2559-0559.**

◀ Finger Food Heaven

If you weren't coming already for their fantastic Neapolitan-style pizzas, the extended aperitivo hour at **Osteria Felice** is reason enough to stop by this friendly trattoria. The food here speaks for itself—a bountiful spread of pristine Italian ingredients, seasoned and prepared with contemporary touches to let the fresh produce shine. Expect the bar bites to be just as well-executed as the mains, with a tempting selection of Parma ham, mozzarella and tomato, artichokes, ricotta crostini and smoked salmon quiches to pair with wine or bubbles.

Buy 1, get 1 on select drinks, plus free bar bites. Mon-Fri 5-8pm; Sat-Sun 3-8pm. Shop 16-21, G/F, Hutchison House, Harcourt Rd., Central, 2516-6166.



◀ Bomb-tastic Bites

Some of the best bartenders in town are to be found at three-Michelin-starred institution **8 1/2 Otto e Mezzo**, and while most of us won't be booking a table for weeknight dinner, free bar bites at happy hour make this fine dining institution an accessible stop for an Italian-style aperitif. Try the flawless drink concoctions, such as The Optimist with bacardi, ginger syrup, honey water and basil (\$150); and help yourself to chef Umberto Bombana's tasty palate teasers including octopus with artichoke, burrata with cherry tomatoes and porcini mushroom risotto.

Mon-Sat 5-8pm. Free with drink. Shop 202, Landmark Alexandra, 18 Chater Rd., Central, 2537-8859.





Langham and Cheese

For an elegant aperitivo, head to the beautifully appointed **Artesian** bar at The Langham, an ode to the nostalgic romance of the Art Deco era, with modern touches and a killer bar menu to match. Artesian specializes in bourbon and gin cocktails, but for aperitivo hour, it's all about a refreshing white wine spritzer or negroni as you munch on complimentary homemade artisan bread, salami, prosciutto, imported cheeses, and chef Pedro Samper's signature "pseudo" tomato which hides an unexpected surprise. Daily 6-8pm. Free with beverage purchase. The Langham, 8 Peking Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, 2375-1133.

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Panda-stic Summer in Macao

It's halfway through summer holiday, and your kids miss school already? Learn some moves from everyone's favorite panda in Macao, and enjoy a wonderful vacation where little ones get to stay, play and eat for free!

Goofy and adorable giant panda Po has arrived in Macao, and you can now learn kung fu from the master himself! Don't miss out on the brand new "Kung Fu Academy" at Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel for some quality family time this summer.



Kung Fu Fighting with Po

The hotel is working with DreamWorks Experience to create a great learning experience for kids and parents to bond together at the Academy, featuring five interactive game zones targeted to kids aged 4-12, each with a different activity, including a kung fu exercise session for the active kids. Make a visit at all five zones for a limited edition gift bag with exclusive goodies! Two sessions are available per day, each with a duration of approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are priced at MOP200 for each child with an accompanying adult, and an extra MOP100 for each additional adult.



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NEW AND NOTED



Italian produce at the peak of its season at Cadenza

Song of Italy

Can you remember the last time you had a steak dinner in Hong Kong for less than \$500 per person? Yeah neither could we—until, that is, we stopped by **Cadenza** (10/F, D2 Place, 9 Cheung Yee St., Lai Chi Kok, 2743-8055), the new Italian arm of LCK's private member's club, and enjoyed a juicy, grade A premium aged ribeye for roughly half the cost of other big-name steakhouses in town. If that's not reason enough to cross over to the Dark Side, then how about deep-fried arancini balls stuffed with beef cheek ragout, black truffle spaghetti, or thinly pounded scallops dressed with diced apple and truffle oil? Fine dining Cantonese restaurant Man Hing at Greater China Club proved its pedigree earlier this year with stellar, standout dishes; and now with the adjacent jazz lounge turned into a casual Italian restaurant, we've got a new excuse to head to this neck of the woods. With cocktails priced at \$88, a range of delicious desserts—including a cheeky Cadenza "egg" with a mango purée resembling the yolk—and a live jazz band at night, we're putting this firmly on our list of Kowloon places that are giving the Central giants a run for their money.



Norwegian salmon, pomelo and grapefruit salad at Elephas

Mini Beast Mode

We've waxed lyrical about the fantastic, homey French fare at Le Bistro Winebeast more times than we can count, but the move to an expanded, brand new location on Thomson Road had us wondering if we'd ever return to the original hole-in-the-wall wine bar. With the launch of a new three-course set dinner menu (\$348), the newly rebranded **Le Café Winebeast** (15 McGregor St., Wan Chai, 2479-6833), is every bit as charming as we remember. Start off with a summer salad of fresh prawns and shaved zucchini, or a plate of plump sautéed clams. For mains, the grilled whole French sea bass is sizable, dressed in a tangy horseradish vinaigrette, or opt instead for the beef tenderloin with a silky potato puree and summer truffles (add \$50). Along with a carafe of wine, dessert is mandatory: there's tiramisu, crème brûlée, chocolate fondant or wine-soaked berries paired with vanilla Chantilly cream.

Caffeine Overdrive

Move over Elephant Grounds, there's a new elephant-themed (or at least, elephant-named) coffee bar in town, and this one is waving the hipster flag with pride. Located in The Warrior Academy gym, **Elephas Coffee & Health Bar** (Shop 118, 1/F, Hong Kong Plaza, 188 Connaught Rd. West, 2838-3979) was created for like-minded individuals (read: raw foods and fitness nuts) to meet and share a gluten-free... something or other while enjoying coffee blended with grounds from India, Indonesia and Vietnam. Here you can feast on Thai-inspired healthy eats, including a seafood quinoa salad with garoupa, shrimp, squid and mussel (\$98), and grilled chicken satay with tofu and root vegetables (\$82). Of course, healthy food calls for healthy drinks—Elephas delivers fine teas and coffees in collaboration with Blooms Roastery & Craft Tea, and revitalizing green smoothies for a quick energy boost.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Pho Bar ★★★★☆

Pho. 24-28 Li Yuen St. West, Central, 2109-2028.



Since its opening, this tiny alleyway shop has been drawing in the pho-deprived crowds for offering some of the tastiest and most authentic bowls around.

HIT Touting a modern, minimalist space, Pho Bar encompasses a row of concrete countertop seating facing an open kitchen—an arrangement that caters well to solo diners. The menu lets you customize your bowl, choosing your meat, condiments and noodles. Our bowl of pho had two outstanding components—the deeply concentrated, slow-cooked broth; and the generous amount of raw beef slices piled onto the bottom, which got just barely

cooked once the hot broth was ladled on top. The quality of the beef (medium rare filet mignon) was fantastic, and while the meatballs were fine, we'd probably skip them next time in favor of more juicy, tender filet. The broth was rich with fragrant spices, and though at first glance it appeared murky, it carried a clean, concentrated beefy flavor. We also enjoyed the spring rolls (\$28), encased in a web of deep-fried, flaky pastry that crunched enthusiastically at every bite.

MISS The "Bomb-Ass Chicken Karaage" wasn't as exhilarating as its name might suggest: the chicken was overcooked, although we did appreciate the three dipping sauces on the side. The pho needed a kick of freshness, which was remedied by an extra handful of mint and basil leaves.

BOTTOM LINE Quality beef, affordable prices, and a moreish menu of crispy sides has made Pho Bar one of the best new budget options of the year.

Open Mon-Sat 11am-9pm. \$

Morty's Delicatessen ★★★★☆

New York Deli. Shop 2-14, LG/F, Jardine House 1, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Pl., Central, 3665-0900.



Nestled in the basement of Jardine House, Morty's is ideally situated to draw in the hordes of office drones in the area. But instead of franchise slop, this deli keeps it fresh with a focused selection of sandwiches and sides.

HIT The shop specializes in pastrami (cured and smoked in-house), although there are also turkey and chicken sandwiches as well as bagels on offer. The Reuben (\$118) is a no-brainer: smoked pastrami, sauerkraut and thousand island dressing on homemade rye. The base of the sandwich got pretty soggy with the juice soaking downward, but it was delectable nonetheless; the

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pastrami rich and moist, and set off by the piquant sauerkraut and dressing. The Cobb salad (\$88) was colossal, with a multitude of ingredients (avocado, cherry tomatoes, red pepper, grated cheese, carrots, smoked chicken, egg and onion) that managed to stay crisp in the light French dressing. A side of coleslaw (\$28) was a pared-down version of the deli favorite, comprised almost wholly of red cabbage. This sort of simplicity is appealing, though it may disappoint the more adventurous 'slaw hounds.

MISS It goes without saying that the spread is meat-heavy, so vegetarians should stay away. The basement location means a lack of natural light, and makes Morty's best saved for a rainy day.

BOTTOM LINE Morty's does a few things very well, without bells or whistles, and unencumbered by culinary fads. We'll be back the next time we're craving more slow-cooked pastrami on rye.

**Open Mon-Fri 8am-9pm;
Sat 11am-8pm. \$\$-\$**

Ratings

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

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Everything Under The Sun 902 Horizon Plaza, 2 Lee Wing Street, Ap Lei Chau, HK
www.everythingunderthesun.com.hk

Storyboards of Hong Kong Cinema

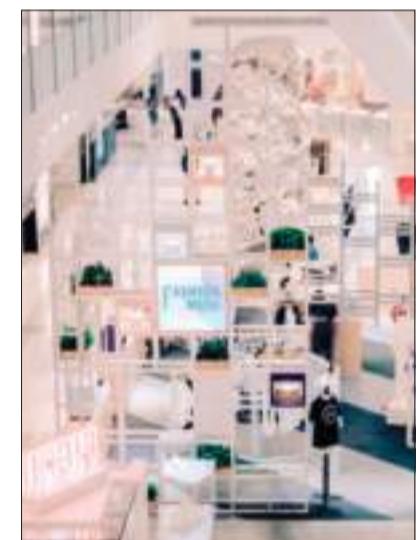
Have you ever wondered the process of filmmaking? A storyboard is the visualisation of a screenplay and the blueprint for film shooting. The Hong Kong Film Archive's new exhibition, "Sketches in Motion: Storyboards of Hong Kong Cinema" offers a glimpse of the filmmaking process through more than 130 sheets of storyboards and concept illustrations.

Now until October 23 at HK Film Archive (Free Admission)
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K11 Launches FASHION MUSE Exhibition Interpreting Fashion & Cultural Identity

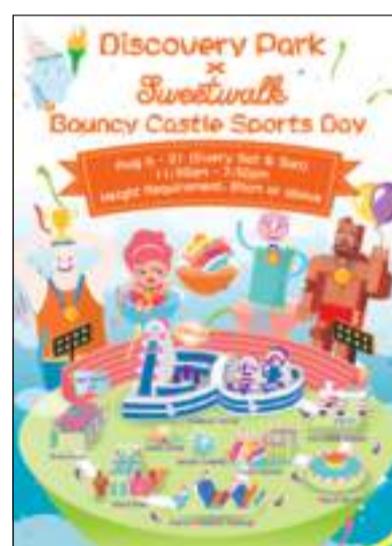
K11 presents FASHION MUSE, exploring relationships between fashion and art. K11 Atrium features work of young British fashion artist, presenting a range of floral printed art pieces, scarfs and umbrella. Also presenting "A Zero Waste" and "FASHION I.D." exhibitions, featuring 8 upcycled blazers by Toby Crispy@Lastbutnotleast and work of 7 fashion designers, respectively. Exhibition goes from now until September 11.



"Animal Grossology" focuses on strange animal habits

The "Animal Grossology" exhibition being held at the Hong Kong Science Museum introduces some of strange animal features such as slimy skin, a ruminant's digestive system, blood-sucking and dung-eating. Through 16 sets of robotic animal models and interactive games, it presents the fascinating but gross world of animals, and how these creatures play an important role in nature. The exhibition will end on November 2.

Hong Kong Science Museum, Tsim Sha Tsui
2732-3232
<http://hk.science.museum/ms/ag2016>



Sweetwalk Bouncy Castle Sports Day

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My name is Wong Choi

Hi everyone, my name is Wong Choi! I'm a three-legged mongrel and currently living in the SPCA's adoption centre in Wan Chai. I would like to thank their vet team for surgically removing a cancerous tumour on my right leg. Their love and tendering care had also helped me to recovered speedily. While we wait to find out new home, animals like us need your generous support.

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Le Soleil's fresh young coconut dishes

Native Vietnamese Chef Do Thi Thuy Linh channels the most authentic fare from her home country to the restful setting at Le Soleil through a selection of mouthwatering young coconut dishes. Highlights include Poached clams in fresh young coconut, Deep-fried young coconut seafood spring rolls and Steamed crab with fresh young coconut. Be sure to check out the range of summer special dishes.

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UPCLOSE: LEA SALONGA



Since making her debut as Kim in *Miss Saigon* on Broadway in 1989, **Lea Salonga** quickly rose to fame as the first Asian woman to win a Tony Award and as a legitimate Disney princess, taking the singing roles of both Mulan and Jasmine in their respective animated features. Still touring and performing, she comes to Hong Kong next month for a showcase of Disney classics and Broadway hits with the HK Philharmonic. She chats with Jessica Wei about her charmed career as a lifelong performer.

HK Magazine: What can you tell us about your upcoming show in Hong Kong?

Lea Salonga: The shows that I tend to do in Hong Kong are a mix of musical theater and Disney, because I've been a couple of Disney princesses in my lifetime. It'll be a repertoire of my favorite Disney songs, and some contemporary musical theater, like pieces from *Les Mis* and *Hamilton*.

HK: Do you have a favorite role so far?

LS: Whatever I happen to be doing at that time becomes a favorite, and that character becomes really close to my heart. I love all of them—there's always something in each of them that I'm able to relate to, or find catharsis in.

HK: How do you keep finding challenging projects to do?

LS: I tend to follow my gut. If it feels good in my gut, then it's something I'm able to wholeheartedly dive into. After Hong Kong, I'll be doing [Lisa Kron and Jeanine Tesori's musical] "Fun Home"—as soon as I saw the show, I was totally floored. It doesn't have a huge cast, or a big bombastic orchestra. But a lot of the moments are very quiet and powerful.

HK: You were recently in "Allegiance" with George Takei on Broadway. How was that experience?

LS: Fun! It was a predominantly Asian cast with an Asian-American creative team. It was written by Asian-Americans, starring Asian-Americans, about the Japanese-American internment in World War II. So you have all these Asian people with Californian accents singing and dancing. We knew it was going to be groundbreaking for the Asian-American community. It felt extremely fulfilling to be a part of it.

HK: Do you think there are more opportunities for diverse performers in theater now, compared to when you started?

LS: I think so. I think it's a matter of keeping at it, and being persistent. Broadway is incredibly diverse, and seems much more able and ready to take chances on stuff like this. I'm hoping more such stories are developed and told. The American experiment is still ongoing, and a lot of the stuff that would not be possible in other countries is happening in America.

HK: How do you balance an international career with raising a family in Manila?

LS: For me, I go where the work is. So if there's work in New York, and if it's an opportunity that looks like it's going to be long-lasting, then we up and move. It has its share of sacrifices and hardship, but it is what it is. But when I do go to New York, it doesn't feel like I'm visiting, it feels like I'm going home.

HK: Being able to travel around Asia must be pretty exciting as well.

LS: I love getting to travel and perform in so many different places. It hasn't gotten old. I've made so many visits to Hong Kong to sing with the same orchestra—this will be my third run of concerts with the Hong Kong Phil. The orchestra is incredible and my husband and I always turn it into an eating trip.

To see Lea Salonga live, book your tickets early for her show with the HK Philharmonic on Sep 30 and Oct 1, 8pm. Concert Hall, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$280-780 from urbtix.hk

Classical

Madama Butterfly

Giacomo Puccini's timeless opera gets a pared-down staging courtesy of Opera Hong Kong's stunning ensemble. In Puccini's tragic tale, a Japanese woman, Cio-Cio-San, falls in love with the American Lieutenant Pinkerton, gets pregnant, and is abandoned until he comes back to take her child away. This semi-staged production stars sopranos Nancy Yuen and Louise Kwong (pictured) taking turns as Cio-Cio-San and Adam Diegel as Pinkerton. Aug 16-17, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$80-350 from urbtix.hk

Born Lau Viola Recital

Hong Kong violist Born Lau has performed around the world, from Canada to Korea, playing with the Tokyo String Quartet and the San Diego Symphony, among others. He returns to Hong Kong, in concert with pianist Colleen Lee, for a showcase of classical pieces including Eccles' "Sonata in G Minor," Brahms' "Sonata in E-flat, Op. 120, No.2," "Dance of the Knights" from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet Suite. Aug 28, 8pm. Theatre, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$120-160 from urbtix.hk

National Day Celebration

To commemorate the 150th birthday of Sun Yat Sen, the Hong Kong Philharmonic Chorus, along with conductor Zhang Guoyang, soprano Song Yuanming (yes, she's a singer and her name is Song), tenors Zhang Xueliang and Yang Yan and baritone Yuan Chenye are holding a celebration the day after the Mid-Autumn Festival. Instead of "Happy Birthday," they're performing the Sun Yat Sen Symphonie Suite and the "Yellow River Canata" by Xian Xinghai (known as "the People's Composer"). Sep 16-17, 8pm. City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Pl., Central. \$120-380 from urbtix.hk

Whitacre Conducts Whitacre

Grammy-winning conductor/composer and Los Angeles Master Chorale artist-in-residence Eric Whitacre makes his Hong Kong debut, joining the Hong Kong Festival Orchestra and Voices for a performance of his best-loved works. Whitacre is known for his choral ensemble music, particularly his groundbreaking "Virtual Choir" projects, combining voices from all over the world into an online choir. If you're remotely interested in the power of song, take this opportunity to see this megastar of choral music in the flesh. Aug 19-20, 8pm. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Auditorium, 72 Tai Ho Rd., Tsuen Wan. \$180-500 from urbtix.hk

Anna Lo with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta
The next concert in Hong Kong Sinfonietta's "Beyond Good Music" series at the Fringe mixes indie, folk, pop and theater. Composer and singer Anna Lo has collaborated with the Sinfonietta and the Hong Kong Dance Company, and has moved into film composition with her latest project, the score for the documentary "She Objects." Here she performs her original works with members of the Sinfonietta. Aug 22-23, 7pm. Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$180 including one drink from urbtix.hk



Comedy

Jimmy Carr in Hong Kong

One of the biggest comedy names to come out of the UK, Jimmy Carr makes his Hong Kong debut in August. The host of TV panel show "8 Out of 10 Cats" and frequent guest on "QI," he's legendary for his brash, cheeky humor. Guaranteed in the show: offensive one-liners, rude anecdotes, and way too many jokes about his knob (but that's why you're going, isn't it?). Aug 24, 7pm, 9:15pm; Aug 25, 8pm. King George V School, 2 Tin Kwong Rd., Ho Man Tin. \$488-888 from hkticketing.com



The Hunting of the Snark

In Lewis Carroll's classic poem "The Hunting of the Snark," a band of roving adventurers sets off to find the eponymous rare and near-mythical creature—but when they get to Snark Island, they're not prepared for all the fantastical beasts that lie in wait. Don't miss this rolling musical comedy when it makes its stop in Hong Kong. Sep 20-25. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$395-550 from hkticketing.com

The Importance of Being Earnest

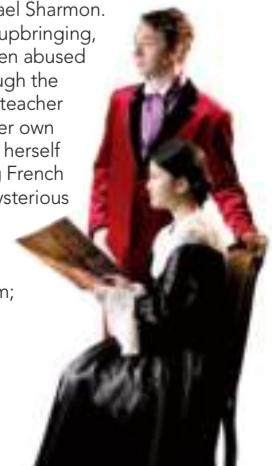
Oscar Wilde's timeless, hilarious play about two young gentlemen who make up false identities in order to get away from their social obligations (after all, there's no such thing as ghosting in Victorian England!) comes to Sheung Wan courtesy of the Hong Kong Shadow players. Sep 15-16, 7:15pm; Sep 16, 3:15pm. Sheung Wan Civic Centre, 345 Queen's Rd. Central, Sheung Wan. \$120-240 from urbtix.hk

Jane Eyre

Jane Eyre, the 19th century tale of a young woman hustlin' through life just trying to get hers, has been adapted for the stage by the Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection under the direction of Michael Sharmon. Jane has a traumatic upbringing, first orphaned and then abused by her aunt. But through the guidance of a gentle teacher and the strength of her own convictions, she finds herself governess to a young French girl and meets the mysterious Mr. Rochester, who has a secret that may compromise her goals. Aug 26-27, 8pm; Aug 28, 2:30pm. \$120 from urbtix.hk

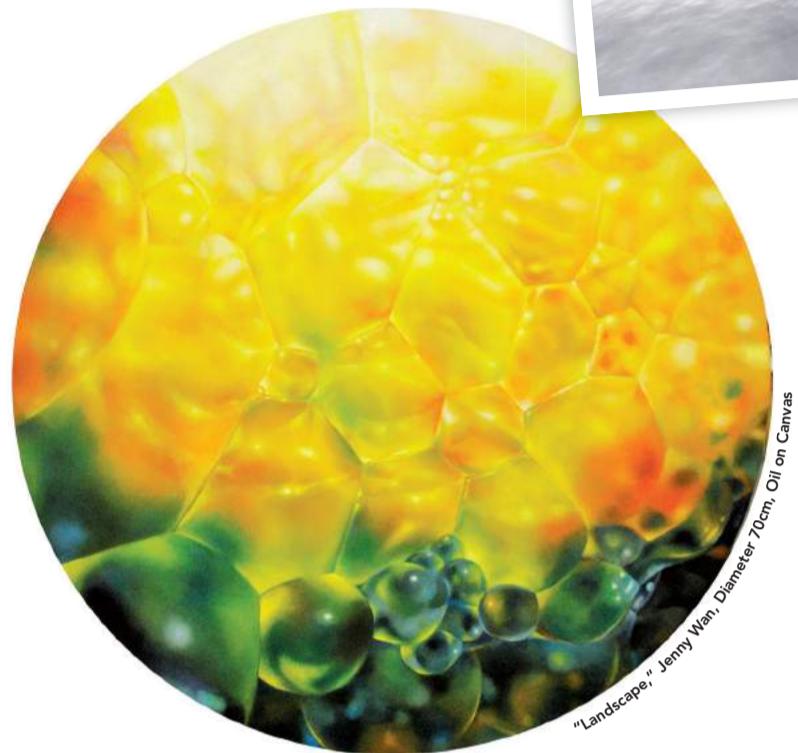
Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense

PG Wodehouse's lovable characters Bertie Wooster and his valet Jeeves come to life onstage in their new play—and play-within-a-play—"Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense." There's a mishandled matchmaking, a silver cow creamer, and other classic Woosterian hijinks. Sep 13-25. Drama Theatre, Academy for Performing Arts, 1 Gloucester Rd., Wan Chai. \$450-650 from hkticketing.com



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Exhibitions



True Beauty

Through more than 50 artworks, artists from Taiwan and Hong Kong, as well as special guest Daco, a graffiti artist from France, paint their unique perceptions of what true beauty means to them. This fundraising exhibit for Changing Youth Lives Foundation is a collaboration between Studio 83 and Galerie Huit. Aug 18-31. Galerie Huit, Shop 2, G/F & 1/F, SoHo 189, 189 Queen's Rd. West, Sheung Wan. studio83.com.hk



Envisioned Landscape: The Art of Hung Hoi

In Chinese artist Hung Hoi's biggest solo exhibition to date, 64 of his landscape paintings take audiences through his 29-year-long career. You can see the evolution of his painting style, from simple drawing methods to sketching in ink and color and acrylic. Through Aug 27. Sun Museum, 4/F, SML Tower, 165 Hoi Bun Rd., Kwun Tong. sunmuseum.org.hk



Art of World Sports 2016

What do you do after you've won an Olympic medal, the apex of almost any athlete's career? Well, how about art? "Art of World Sports 2016" features works by Olympians and Paralympians. See delicately rendered paper collages by two-time British Olympian javelin thrower Roald Bradstock, aka "The Olympic Picasso," and more. Through Aug 31. Landmark North, 36 Lung Sum Ave, Sheung Shui.

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HITACHINO NEST HONG KONG



With a history dating back to 1823 and its beginnings as a sake brewery, the family-owned Kiuchi Brewery began making beer in 1996 under its owl-branded brand, Hitachino Nest. Just opened is its first ever international outpost:

a 7,500 sq. ft. site in Fo Tan, which Hitachino claims is Hong Kong's most technologically advanced brewery. At the grand opening in early August, we spoke to eighth generation owner **Toshiyuki Kiuchi** about bringing the brand to Hong Kong.

HK Magazine: Why situate a Hitachino Nest brewery in Hong Kong?

Toshiyuki Kiuchi: The first reason is simple: Hong Kong is the center of Asia, so food culture and craft beer culture is expanding from Hong Kong to all of Asia. The other reason is that we, as a Japanese brewery, cannot export beer to the mainland [ostensibly because of health concerns raised after the 2011 tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster]. With a brewery in Hong Kong, we can export to mainland China.

HK: Will the Hong Kong brewery have any unique brews?

TK: Right now we are brewing the same beers as Japan, but in our next step we will brew special

beers for the Hong Kong market, such as sour ales. It's perfect for Hongkongers eating Chinese food, which can be oily and a little bit spicy.

HK: What's different between the Hong Kong brewery and the one in Japan?

TK: The size of the brewery is the main difference—the Japan brewery is 10 times bigger. All the equipment is the same as in the Japanese brewery, it's just the size that is different. All the ingredients we will bring in from Japan, sometimes from Germany [such as the malt]. The water here is different [Hong Kong water is considered almost a blank slate with barely any minerals, ideal for brewing beer], so we are adjusting the water treatment.

HK: What's the signature style at Hitachino Nest?

TK: White ale. It uses wheat malt, coriander and orange peel. It's a cloudy beer; the signature at Hitachino.

HK: What's your favorite?

TK: Good question. Every day I have tastings, tastings, tastings of beer! But I like lager-style beers. The Hitachino Lager is fruity, with a lot more hops; it's also quite a smooth beer.



VISIT THE BREWERY

Out of the 20-plus repertoire of the Hitachino Nest brand, four to six varieties will be brewed at the Hong Kong site. Check it all out at a tour of the facility where you can meet the brewers, learn about the brand and brewing process, and most importantly, taste fresh beers straight from the vat.

Brewery tours available starting Aug 27, Saturdays 2-3:30pm, \$200 per person. Unit A1, G/F Unison Industrial Centre, 27-31 Au Pui Wan St., Fo Tan, 2620-0095.

Clubs

Cashmere Cat at Volar

The legendary Norwegian DJ and turntablist is set to hit up Volar in August, so start blasting those remixes of Lana Del Rey ("National Anthem") and Jeremih, that Ariana Grande collab ("Adore"), and of course, his EP "Mirror Maru" to gear up for the big event. Aug 18, 10pm. Volar, B/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, \$250 from ticketflap.com/cashmerecat, entry before 12:30am with two drinks, thereafter with just one. \$300 at the door before 12:30am, \$350 thereafter; both with two drinks.

HKClubbing.com and Fireball Present: WeAreTreo

Surfer dudes-turned-DJ trio WeAreTreo (creative, guys) debuted in 2013 and have taken on residencies at the hottest party destinations in Vegas and Miami. Now touring the US and Asia, they'll be bringing their So-Cal house to Hong Kong at Bungalow this summer. Partnering with Fireball, all partygoers will get a free shot of Fireball, as well as free flow shots handed out by Fireball girls during Fireball Hour. Aug 18, 11pm. Bungalow, Shop 2, G/F, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central, \$150 from hkclubbing.com/ticketing

The Underground Presents: Electro Rocks

Doing away with its regular schedule of metal and hard rock, The Underground is presenting a night of electro beats, bass and synth with a selection of Hong Kong talent. First up is British former punk/folk rocker Andy Hepburn who's debuting his complex ambient sounds and trip hop under the moniker An Di Yi (安第一). He's followed by Hong Kong-based Mexican duo Deer, who perform moody sounds that recall Lynchian vibes. They will be rounded off by Indian duo FuzzCulture, with their high energy industrial electronica. Sep 1, 8pm. Orange Peel, 2/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, \$120 from undergroundhk.com, \$150 at the door; both include one drink.



Studio Presents: Dream Koala

If fluffy docile animals are the stuff your dreams are made from, you'll want to catch Dream Koala playing in Hong Kong this weekend: The 22-year-old French producer (real name Yndi Ferreira) will be heading up Studio with his unearthly, intimate sounds, with support from DJ Junkie T. Aug 12, midnight-late. Studio, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, \$150-200 from dreamkoala.pelago.events, \$250 at the door. Dress code: No shorts, beach wear, sports wear or flip flops.

Concerts

Suede Live in Hong Kong

Like a tumultuous romance, Brit alt-rockers Suede got together at the tail end of the 80s, split up in 2003, and reunited seven years later. The quintet are playing one night in Hong Kong this summer, touring their latest album "Night Thoughts." Aug 16, 8pm. Hall 10, AsiaWorld-Expo, Airport Expo Boulevard, Chek Lap Kok, \$580-780 from hkticketing.com

YourMum Presents: Daniela Andrade

Down for some soothing acoustic tunes? Canadian singer-songwriter Daniela Andrade will be making her headline debut in Hong Kong in October. With a notable following on YouTube of over a million music geeks, you can bet she's got an extensive cover repertoire, ranging from Radiohead's "Creep" to a pared down, emotional take on Drake's "Hotline Bling." Oct 15, 8:30pm. Musiczone, KITEC, 1 Trademark Drive, Kowloon Bay, \$330 from ticketflap.com/danielaandrade

Concert in the Dark

The 1010 Concert in the Dark is the world's first concert staged completely in darkness, and thanks to rave reviews it's returning for the sixth consecutive year. Working with Dialogue in the Dark, the event enables audiences to feel what it's like to be visually impaired. A series of 10 concerts this summer will feature Hong Kong stars from a capella foursome C AllStar to Julian Cheung Chi-lam to Miriam Yeung to Joyce Cheng and more. Profits from ticket sales will benefit the Dialogue in the Dark Foundation, supporting visually impaired individuals. Aug 24-28, various times. Rotunda 3, KITEC, 1 Trademark Drive, Kowloon Bay, \$480-1,500 from cityline.com



Gigs

YourMum Presents: Yumi Zouma, Yukilovey and Merry Lamb Lamb

The Kiwi dreampop foursome Yumi Zouma: made up of Sam Perry, Christie Simpson, Josh Burgess and Charlie Ryder, heads to Hong Kong this September for a one-off gig in recently opened indie venue Café Hillywood. Having played with the likes of Lorde and Chet Faker, this is one gig Hong Kong hipsters won't want to miss. The band is supported by local acts Yukilovey and newcomers Merry Lamb Lamb. Sep 16, 8pm. Café Hillywood, LG/F, 152 Austin Rd., Jordan, \$280 from ticketflap.com/yumizouma

Jinjuu's Taco & Tequila Tuesdays

Get in on some tasty tortilla and tequila goodness every Tuesday at Jinjuu, where an order of premium tacos from the Taco Tuesday menu gets you a complimentary cocktail. Choices include butter poached lobster (\$200, includes two tacos), grilled Hanwoo Korean beef (\$250), or USDA short rib (\$200). Drinks feature Hwayo 25 premium soju and Ocho tequila, or really get *loco/michyeosse* with the Garu Says Hello, which entails a shot of each and a chaser of Kimchi sangria. Tuesdays, 6pm. Jinjuu, UG/F, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central.



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Pokémon Trainers

Get Free Drinks at Four Seasons

There's no sign that the Pokémon Go madness is going to subside any time soon, so as summer progresses you might as well sit yourself in a swanky air conditioned bar to carry on catching. Keen trainers who catch a Pokémon at the Four Seasons' Blue Bar are eligible for a complimentary drink. All you have to do is snap a screenshot of your location and your newly caught monster (turning AR on is recommended), and check into Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong on Facebook with the photo. Through Sep 30. Complimentary drink must be redeemed on the same day as Facebook check-in, between 2:30-6pm.



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Nightlife Events

Pacha Macau Presents: Summer Love Pool Party

Superclub Pacha Macau continues to host its series of tropical themed pool parties at Studio City's massive outdoor pool, and the third headliner this summer is Ferry Corsten. Hailing all the way from the Netherlands, the trance legend is known for producing and remixing for the likes of Justin Bieber, Moby, The Killers, Duran Duran and more. The pool events will continue into the night with an after-party at Pacha, after 10pm. Aug 20, 2:30pm. Level 3 Outdoor Pool, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, \$350-450 from studiocity-macau.com. Admission and after-party, cabana and hotel stay packages available.

W Hotel Summer Series Pool Party: Hot Streak

The W's summer pool parties are back! This year, they're adding a fitness edge to these signature high-energy parties: Ticketholders will be able to take part in a free warmup workout from 8-9pm before all the wet debauchery starts. If you really care about maintaining your beach bod, there'll also be a detox buffet during the party with healthy treats and drinks, as well as a silent disco workout booth for those who want to bring HIIT into their wining and grinding. The after-party continues at Woobar, from 11pm 'til late. Aug 13, 27, 8pm. Wet Pool, 76/F, W Hong Kong, 1 Austin Rd. West, \$350 early bird tickets from ticketflap.com/wpoolparty, \$450 at the door; both include one standard drink. \$888 for "WIP" tickets with free flow champagne until midnight.

Kirin Ichiban Summer Feast

What's better than ice-cold beer? Frozen beer! Or so says Japanese beer brand Kirin Ichiban, which is hosting a beer garden from mid-August to mid-September. Kirin says its signature Ichiban beer is the only beer made from the first press, and from 100 percent malt. It's also served with a patented frozen foam that keeps the beer ice cold for longer. Get a taste at Mira Mall, where you'll be able to try three new flavors of frozen beer, alongside the Kirin Ichiban original and stout, with live music every day. You'll also be able to check into beer tasting workshops, leather engraving classes and a range of games and activities. Aug 19-Sep 11. Opening night 7:30-9pm, Mondays-Thursdays 4-9pm, Fridays-Sundays 1-9:30pm. Atrium, Mira Mall, 118 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 6027-5846.



Music Festivals

Hong Kong International Reggae Ska Festival

Reggae, ska and rocksteady beats rock your boat? The Hong Kong International Reggae Ska Festival returns, this time bringing irie vibes straight into the middle of SoHo. See Hong Kong's Sensi Lion, The Red Stripes, and Celestial play alongside Korea's NST & the Soul Sauce, Japan's Beat Bahnhof and the Philippines' Red I and MC Rastaro. Aug 20, 5pm. PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central, \$380 from ticketflap.com/reggaeska2016, \$400 at the door.



Songs For Children Presents: Yuck

The UK indie rock outfit returns to Hong Kong for a third concert in the city: They must like us! They really like us! Yuck has been compared favorably to 90s indie rock gods Dinosaur Jr., My Bloody Valentine and Sonic Youth. Supported once again by Hong Kong shoegazers Thud. Sep 14, 8pm. Hang Out, 1/F, Youth Outreach Jockey Club, 2 Holy Cross Path, Sai Wan Ho, \$290-350 from yuck.pelago.events

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FILM

Suicide Squad ★★★

(USA) Action. Directed by David Ayer. Starring Margot Robbie, Will Smith, Viola Davis, Jared Leto, Cara Delevingne. Category IIA. 123 minutes. Opened Aug 4.

Expectations for "Suicide Squad" were sky high as soon as the early trailers were released at the beginning of the year. But if the trailers elicited a sense of hungry anticipation (can't wait to see Jared Leto's Joker! What crazy things is Harley Quinn going to do? Margot Robbie is super hot!), the feature itself doesn't come close to sating that appetite.

Led by Viola Davis as hardass government intelligence officer Amanda Waller, the country's most dangerous, most securely incarcerated supervillains are forced to work for a secret government agency to protect America against the threat of alien invasion—that is to say, if Superman goes rogue. If they refuse the mission or run, they are killed by a pill-sized explosive implanted in their necks.

In an overpopulated genre sprinkled with a few genuinely compelling films, you would think a movie about a band of deadly criminals who are forced to save the world would try to break the mold. But this is a pretty uneven attempt.

As the film rolls on, it becomes apparent that too little time has been spent building characters everyone knows and wants to see (such as The Joker and Harley Quinn), while too much effort has been devoted to minor characters that people only kinda know (Killer Croc? Boomerang?).

The filmmakers did try: Harley Quinn's character is wonderfully humanized by Margot Robbie, who demonstrates she's much more than just legs and sass by showing what it really means to be crazy in love—and in love with The Joker,



no less. It's only a shame that the romantic backstory of these two is given such scant treatment. And while Jared Leto turns in a solid performance with his manic, playful, wise-yet-unhinged Joker, he's assuredly no Heath Ledger.

Nowadays what separates a great superhero movie from the run-of-the-mill is a film's ability (or lack thereof) to rationalize the characters' existence: why, for example, are superheroes still flying around in capes in 2016? Some crucial plot points jar badly with the viewer's willing suspension of disbelief, such as the introduction of the 1,000-year-old quasi-deity Enchantress, who ends up as the film's baddest baddie by threatening to destroy the world (of course). But how can you set up some

sort of god-like villain simply to have them (oh... spoilers!) destroyed by a mortal weapon?

Similarly, hiring a cast of entirely likeable actors for the eponymous squad makes it very difficult to accept that they're supervillains. Case in point is Deadshot, played by Will Smith, a mercenary "papa with a cause" who we can't believe harbors an iota of evil in his being.

Walking out of the cinema, we're left entirely unconvinced, though not unentertained. "Suicide Squad" is drawn out, patchy, and dotted with unnecessary characters and events that barely add up. But at least it's not as bad as "Fantastic Four."

Evelyn Lok

Coming Soon

Ben Hur ▾

(USA) A remake of the masterful 1959 historical epic that nobody asked for, the 2016 version starring Jack Huston ("Boardwalk Empire") and Morgan Freeman brings 3D digital technology to the Biblical age and features a Jewish prince who spends his time sometimes epically chariot-racing and mostly pandering to Christian viewers. Opens Aug 18.

Call of Heroes

(Hong Kong) Sean Lau ("Mad Detective") heads this explosive new period action film by Benny Chan, along with Louis Koo and Eddie Peng. Set after the collapse of the Qing dynasty when warlords ruled, a group of villagers in rural Pucheng band together to overthrow an invading tyrant. Opens Aug 18.



Heartfall Arises

(Hong Kong) This thriller starring (again) Sean Lau and Nicholas Tse ("The Man From Macau"), is about two master chess players who are entangled in a serial murder case related to organ transplants. Opens Aug 18.

A Hologram for the King

(UK/USA/France) Tom Hanks and director Tom Tykwer's second collaboration since "Cloud Atlas" finds Hanks' post-recession American salesman trying to peddle holographic technology to a pre-Arab Spring Saudi Arabian government. Based on the Dave Eggers novel of the same name. Opens Aug 18.

Lights Out

(USA) A good old-fashioned ghost story that hinges on a creature you can only see when the lights are, erm, out. "Lights Out" links unusual and violent sightings with a woman's (Maria Bello, "Prisoners") past experiences in a mental institution and the strange friend she met there. Opens Aug 18.

Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates

(USA) As the title suggests, this Zac Efron/Anna Kendrick vehicle centers around two rowdy brothers (Efron and Adam DeVine from "Pitch Perfect") who are coerced into finding nice, respectable dates for their sister's wedding. Instead, they get hard-partying Anna Kendrick and Aubrey Plaza. Opens Aug 18.

Opening

BFG

(UK/Canada/USA) Steven Spielberg brings the beloved Roald Dahl novel about a bullied gentle giant to the big screen: A young orphan Sophie (Ruby Barnhill) is snatched from her bed into Giant Country, where roam behemoth troglodytes hungry for "human beans." Opened Aug 11.



Florence Foster Jenkins

(UK) Based on the charmed life of a Gilded Age-era New York socialite (Meryl Streep) whose aspirations of becoming a famous opera singer were not to be held back by anything—not even her total inability to carry a tune. Directed by Stephen Frears ("Mrs. Henderson Presents," "High Fidelity") and also stars Hugh Grant and Simon Helberg. Opened Aug 11.

Genius

(UK/USA) Starring Colin Firth and Jude Law, "Genius" takes audiences back to the Roaring 20s, and all the heavy hitters make an appearance: Hemingway, the Fitzgeralds, and the man who cleaned up their greatest works, Max Perkins (Firth). His next biggest project? "Look Homeward, Angel" by the exceedingly promising (if not slightly long-winded) Thomas Wolfe. Opened Aug 11.

Line Walker

(Hong Kong) Based on the popular TVB crime thriller, this cops and robbers drama follows undercover agents deep into the triad network, re-emerging into the world of high finance and high level drug deals. Stars Charmaine Sheh and Francis Ng, both from TVB's last phenomenally popular show "Triumph in the Skies." Opened Aug 11.

McDull, Rise of the Rice Cooker

(Hong Kong) When a mysterious alien obliterates the superhero representative sent by earth to meet him, who can the world turn to? A humble pig from an even humbler fishing village designs a super robot out of a rice cooker, and, with the support of his community, surprises the powers that be. McDull! Think again: Must be McDull! Opened Aug 11.

Continuing

Central Intelligence

(USA) Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart play reunited high school best friends—Hart is a middling accountant unhappy at work and at home, and Johnson is a CIA agent who needs a numbers whiz to figure out an arms deal. With Johnson channeling his Disney dad demeanor with a fun psychotic bent, this is not your average cop buddy comedy. ★★★

Finding Dory

(USA) The much-anticipated sequel to 2003's smash hit "Finding Nemo" focuses on the lovable amnesiac Pacific blue tang played by Ellen Degeneres, who goes on an adventure to look for her long-lost parents. A feel-good film with more than a few teaching moments, "Finding Dory" hits all the right emotional notes with plenty of heart. ★★★★

Ghostbusters

(USA) The highly anticipated genderswapped reboot of Ghostbusters finally lands in cinemas, this time starring Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, and Leslie Jones. Balancing gloriously unsubtle cameos and gratuitous protonic unleashing with strong well-rounded characters and hilarious banter the Ghostbusters are back—and they ain't afraid of no ghosts. ★★★★



High Rise

(UK/Belgium) An adaptation of J.G Ballard's slightly apocalyptic novel about a luxury high-rise filled with affluent residents with no reason to leave, as everything descends into chaos. We follow the insanity through protagonist Dr. Robert Laing (Tom Hiddleston) as he oscillates between rational and disturbed. A darkly comic class-war parable that's compelling but doesn't feel wholly original and is let down by some abrupt tonal shifts. ★★★★



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Jason Bourne

(USA) Matt Damon's Bourne is back, and this time, he gets closer to finding out the truth of his past while having to evade the CIA in this new post-Snowden era. Like a fine wine, Matt Damon has aged well, but we can't say the same about the shaky-cam directing style and disorienting car chases. **★★**

The Legend of Tarzan

(USA) Tarzan, played by Alexander Skarsgård (TV's "True Blood"), returns back to the Congolese jungle with his wife Jane Porter (Margot Robbie) after a life of aristocracy in London. While it was entertaining to watch a shirtless Skarsgård swinging through the jungle with amazing CG gorillas, the story depicts a tired and retrograde white colonialist fantasy where a hot white dude can save an entire jungle. **★★**

The Menu

(Hong Kong) A film sequel to the HKT show of the same name, "The Menu" revolves around a group of newspaper journalists who have to figure out what to do when a bomb is detonated in the middle of a television studio, by a man avenging the grisly murder of his daughter. **★★★**



"Café Society," Summer IFF

Film Festival

Summer IFF 2016

The annual Summer International Film Festival is back this August for two weeks, with yet another roster of fantastic movies from around the world. This year's festival celebrates the merry art of the great American musical, with a 3D screening of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939), as well as cult classics (Pink Floyd's "The Wall" on the big screen, anyone?). They're also screening other restored classics such as Claude Lelouch's French love story "A Man and a Woman" (1966), Kurosawa Akira's "Rashomon" (1950), and more recent festival darlings, like Woody Allen's latest "Café Society," starring Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart, which is this festival's opening film. Aug 16-30. The Grand Cinema, 2/F, Elements, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon; Hong Kong Science Museum, 2 Science Museum Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui; The Metropole, G/F, E-Max, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay. hkiff.org.hk. \$75-140 from urbtix.hk.

Indoor Summer Garden Cinema: Edward Scissorhands

A cult classic that heralded an era of '90s gothic as an aesthetic lifestyle and turned Johnny Depp from teenage heartthrob into a hero for alt-heads everywhere, Tim Burton's 1990 hit "Edward Scissorhands" tells the bizarre story of a boy with scissors for hands who is taken in by a nice suburban family, falls in love with their daughter (the one and only Winona Ryder), and shows his true talent for trimming hedges and cutting hair. A dark fantasy romance with a storybook setup, this film is being screened among the lush greenery of Ovolo Southside's indoor, air-conditioned garden. Grab a lawn chair and settle into the surrealism of early Burton. Aug 21, 4pm. Ovolo Southside, 64 Wong Chuk Hang Rd., Wong Chuk Hang. \$180 from tiny.cc/hk-edward-scissorhands.

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LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Let's assume, for the sake of argument, that you do indeed have a guardian angel. Even if you have steadfastly ignored this divine helper in the past, I'm asking you to strike up a close alliance in the coming weeks. If you need to engage in an elaborate game of imaginative pretending to make it happen, so be it. Now let me offer a few tips about your guardian angel's potential purposes in your life: providing sly guidance about how to take good care of yourself; quietly reminding you where your next liberation may lie; keeping you on track to consistently shed the past and head toward the future; and kicking your ass so as to steer you away from questionable influences. OK? Now go claim your sublime assistance!

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Although you may not yet be fully aware of your good fortune, your "rescue" is already underway. Furthermore, the so-called hardship you've been lamenting will soon lead you to a trick you can use to overcome one of your limitations. Maybe best of all, Virgo, a painful memory you have coddled for a long time has so thoroughly decayed that there's almost nothing left to cling to. Time to release it! So what comes next? Here's what I recommend: Throw a going-away party for everything you no longer need. Give thanks to the secret intelligence within you that has guided you to this turning point.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Here comes a special occasion—a radical exemption that is so rare as to be almost impossible. Are you ready to explore a blessing you have perhaps never experienced? For a brief grace period, you can be free from your pressing obsessions. Your habitual attachments and unquenchable desires will leave you in peace. You will be relieved of the drive to acquire more possessions or gather further proof of your attractiveness. You may even arrive at the relaxing realization that you don't require as many props and accessories as you imagined you needed to be happy and whole. Is enlightenment nigh? At the very least, you will learn how to derive more joy out of what you already have.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): In the coming weeks, I suspect that Life will attempt to move you away from any influences that interfere with your ability to discern and express your soul's code. You know what I'm talking about when I use that term "soul's code," right? It's your sacred calling; the blueprint of your destiny; the mission you came to earth to fulfill. So what does it mean if higher powers and mysterious forces are clearing away obstacles that have been preventing you from a more complete embodiment of your soul's code? Expect a breakthrough that initially resembles a breakdown.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Maybe you know people who flee from the kind of Big Bold Blankness that's visiting you, but I hope you won't be tempted to do that. Here's my counsel: Welcome your temporary engagement with emptiness. Celebrate this opening into the unknown. Ease into the absence. Commune with the vacuum. Ask the nothingness to be your teacher. What's the payoff? This is an opportunity

to access valuable secrets about the meaning of your life that aren't available when you're feeling full. Be gratefully receptive to what you don't understand and can't control.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): I placed a wager down at the astrology pool. I bet that sometime in the next three weeks, you Capricorns will shed at least some of the heavy emotional baggage that you've been lugging around; you will transition from ponderous plodding to curious-hearted sauntering. Why am I so sure this will occur? Because I have detected a shift in attitude by one of the most talkative little voices in your head. It seems ready to stop tormenting you with cranky reminders of all the chores you should be doing but aren't—and start motivating you with sunny prompts about all the fun adventures you could be pursuing.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19): What you are most afraid of right now could become what fuels you this fall. Please note that I used the word "could." In the style of astrology I employ, there is no such thing as predestination. So if you prefer, you may refuse to access the rich fuel that's available. You can keep your scary feelings tucked inside your secret hiding place, where they will continue to fester. You are not obligated to deal with them squarely, let alone find a way to use them as motivation. But if you are intrigued by the possibility that those murky worries might become a source of inspiration, dive in and investigate.

PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20): Are you ready for your mid-term exam? Luckily I'm here to help get you into the proper frame of mind to do well. Now study the following incitements with an air of amused rebelliousness. 1. You may have to act a bit wild or unruly in order to do the right thing. 2. Loving your enemies could motivate your allies to give you more of what you need. 3. Are you sufficiently audacious to explore the quirky happiness that can come from cultivating intriguing problems? 4. If you want people to change, try this: Change yourself in the precise way you want them to change.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Using scissors, snip off a strand of your hair. As you do, sing a beloved song with uplifting lyrics. Seal the hair in an envelope on which you have written the following: "I am attracting divine prods and unpredictable nudges that will enlighten



me about a personal puzzle that I am ready to solve." On each of the next five nights, kiss this package five times and place it beneath your pillow as you sing a beloved song with uplifting lyrics. Then observe your dreams closely. Keep a pen and notebook or audio recorder near your bed to capture any clues that might arrive. On the morning after the fifth night, go to your kitchen sink and burn the envelope and hair in the flame of a white candle. Chant the words of power: "Catalytic revelations and insights are arriving." The magic you need will appear within 15 days.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): This would be a good time to have a master craftsman decorate your headquarters with stained glass windows that depict the creation stories of your favorite indigenous culture. You might also benefit from hiring a feng shui consultant to help you design a more harmonious home environment. Here are some cheaper but equally effective ways to promote domestic bliss: Put images of your heroes on your walls. Throw out stuff that makes you feel cramped. Add new potted plants to calm your eyes and nurture your lungs. If you're feeling especially experimental, build a shrine devoted to the Goddess of Ecstatic Nesting.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): You Geminis are as full of longings as any other sign, but you have a tendency to downplay their intensity. How often do you use your charm and wit to cloak your burning, churning yearnings? Please don't misunderstand me: I appreciate your refined expressions of deep feelings—as long as that's not a way to hide your deep feelings from yourself. This will be an especially fun and useful issue for you to meditate on in the coming weeks. I advise you to be in very close touch with your primal urges.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Be vulnerable and sensitive as well as insatiable and irreverent. Cultivate your rigorous skepticism, but expect the arrival of at least two freaking miracles. Be extra nurturing to allies who help you and sustain you, but also be alert for those moments when they may benefit from your rebellious provocations. Don't take anything too personally or literally or seriously, even as you treat the world as a bountiful source of gifts and blessings. Be sure to regard love as your highest law, and laugh at fear at least three times every day.

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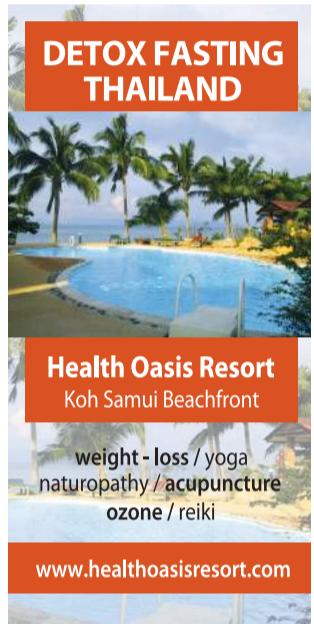
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DEAR READERS: I'm on vacation for the next three weeks—but you won't be reading old columns while I'm away. You'll be getting a new column every week, all of them written by Dan Savage, none of them written by me.

Dan Savage is a sports writer and the assistant director of digital content for OrlandoMagic.com, and he will be answering your questions this week. Dan has covered six NBA finals and 10 NBA All-Star Games; he's appeared on CBS, ESPN, NBA TV, and First Take; and his writing has been published at ESPN.com, CBS.com, NBA.com, and OrlandoMagic.com. This is Dan's first time giving sex-and-relationship advice.

"Other sports writers often tell me they enjoyed reading my latest column," Dan Savage told me in an e-mail, "but when they show me the article, it's one of your sex-advice columns. The joke is going to be on them this time around when it's actually my advice!"

I'm a straight guy in my 40s, and I've been with my wife for more than 20 years. I'm incredibly attracted to my wife. Recently, I've been a bit frustrated with us not having sex as frequently as I'd like. So I broached the subject with her. I tried to be easygoing about it, but maybe I fucked that up. Basically, I told her that I fantasize about her daily and would like to have sex more often. I cited two examples of frustration. Two weeks ago, I came on to her and tried to initiate, but we had a dinner party to go to and she didn't want to be late. One week ago, I was flirting with her but was rebuffed because we were going out to dinner and... she wanted to go to dinner more than fuck, I guess. I made my wife cry by bringing this up. End result is that she doesn't want to fuck more than we already do, there's nothing I can do to make sex more appealing for her, and it hurt her for me to bring the subject up at all. I dropped it, apologized, and moved on. I don't want to coerce her into anything (I want her to want me), so here we are. How can I communicate better in the future?
— Using My Words

Communication in any relationship is key. On the basketball court, one of the first things young players are taught is to communicate effectively with their teammates. They're required to call out plays, offensive assignments, and defensive rotations in order to prevent breakdowns and keep the system working smoothly.

In relationships, the same principles hold true. You have to be able to effectively communicate with your partner in order to keep both parties happy. And just like everything else in life, timing is everything.

First, I'd make sure you communicate your needs at a time other than when you've just been rebuffed. You're then likely to be less emotional, think more rationally, and more effectively explain your needs without applying added pressure. Second, I'd try making your next move when other plans are not on the table. In both the examples you mention, UMW, the timing of your request appears to have been an issue for her.

Schedule some time for an intimate dinner at home or cap off an exciting evening out on the town with romantic advances. If she does not respond to your improved efforts, then she's not being a good teammate. A successful relationship is when both members' needs are met, not just one.

I'm a 36-year-old bisexual female. I've been dating my nice Midwestern boyfriend for about four and a half years. Within the first few dates, I brought up nonmonogamy. I was pretty sure from past experiences that long-term monogamy wasn't going to be for me. I get bored, I like attention, and I love the chase. He was against it. I thought, okay,

we have a lot of other positive stuff going for us and maybe he would reconsider in the future. I feel like I've lost a part of my sexual self—no adventures, no three-ways, I miss girls, etc. I feel that what I want—newness, some kink he isn't trained in, being with a girl, etc.—he can't give me. So I brought up opening up the relationship again. My thought is I could get what I need/want and get my engine revving again, and hopefully bring that excitement and spark back to our relationship. He listens to your podcasts now, but he doesn't think he could handle the idea of me with someone else. I don't think I can handle the relationship as it is now, though, and this was my suggestion to try to make it stronger. I feel like I've already ended the relationship just by bringing this up. Are we doomed?

— A Girl Has Needs

I appreciate you having your boyfriend listen to my podcasts—oh wait, that was probably meant for the other Dan Savage. Never mind. My podcasts probably wouldn't have helped with this issue.

Your question reminds me of a topic that's currently top of mind in my profession: NBA free agency. In the basketball world, it's the time of year when teams can go after the best available prospects not under contract and offer them a deal to join their team. Organizations heavily vet these players, talking to their former teammates, coaches, and others to make sure that their values match up. There's nothing worse than being locked into a five-year guaranteed contract with a guy who doesn't fit with your franchise. Actually, on second thought, there is—getting married to a guy who doesn't share the same relationship goals and values.

If your boyfriend is someone who has no interest in open relationships—and from all indications, he doesn't—odds are he's never going to be happy in that type of situation. And if you're never going to be happy with monogamy, then you need to find someone whose values match your own. Unfortunately, some people are destined to play man-to-(wo)man, while others are more satisfied in a 2-3 zone.

I've been hooking up with a good friend for about a year. We're both single, and he lives in another state but comes to town for work every month or two, and we usually hang out and have really great sex when he's here. One of the things I've always admired about him is his eco-conscious lifestyle... which includes showering only about once a week to save water. His BO is pretty inoffensive (it's actually a nice scent), but I find that most times we hook up, I get a raging UTI within a day or two. It's happened enough times that I'm wondering if his infrequent washing could be allowing bacteria to live on his junk, causing my infections. Is that possible? Do I need to have a talk with him about washing more frequently/thoroughly?
— Hurts To Pee

The simple answer is yes, HTP. It's great to have an eco-conscious lifestyle, but not at the expense of your urinary tract. If he cares about you as much as he does about the environment, then with a quick chat, he'll probably focus a little more on his personal hygiene. Especially if you explain to him that the overuse of antibiotics contributes to creating antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which can cause issues for the entire planet.

Follow Dan Savage, assistant director of digital content for OrlandoMagic.com, on Twitter @Dan_Savage.

On the Lovecast, Dan chats with twin, queer, heartthrob pop stars Tegan and Sara: savagecast.com.

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Continue the Summer Lovin' at Studio City Macau's Pool Party

We're midway through summer and the heat is worse than ever! Beat the sweltering fog and dive into the best party at our sister SAR at Studio City, as the hotel continues to roll out its series of tropical themed pool parties, after two hit events with celebrity DJs Paris Hilton and R3hab.

Party cabana-style in the lush tropical shade of Macau's top hotel throughout this round of pool parties hosted by superclub Pacha Macau, surrounded by your fellow beautiful people, bumpin' to tunes by Dutch EDM maestro Ferry Corsten. Bringing his beats all the way from Rotterdam, the trance legend has been producing and remixing for the likes

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Need more? Keep it pumping at Pacha Macau after 10pm as you dance the night away into the after-party. This is the final round in the party series, so it's your last chance to make that splash! Standing tickets are priced at \$450; just add an extra \$100 for the Pacha After Party package. Bringing your squad with you? Cabana, VIP and poolside table packages with drinks are also available.

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A range of veggie options is also available, such as Jerusalem artichoke with new potatoes and Romanesco in black truffle nage and fresh almonds (\$208), and Japanese tomato with basil and pea pesto, stracciatella and lemon dressing (\$288).

Is your mouth watering yet? Quench your thirst with a complimentary half-bottle of champagne for yourself and another diner if you book through Chope's website or app—just make sure to state "Champagne offer" in the "Special Requests" section when booking. This exclusive offer is available for tables of two persons who order a two-course dinner between Monday and Thursday, and is valid till August 31, so get booking!

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Sparkling Veuve Clicquot Food Pairing Street Parties

Break out the champagne flutes, get your gladrags on, and satisfy your gastronomic senses with #ClicquotJourney.

Travel and exploration is at the heart of the legendary Champagne house's summer promotional bid and those lucky ones who manage to get their hands on a ticket or two will be able to join two summer street parties taking place this month.

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On August 21 from 11am to 4pm, Bridges Street in Noho will be serving up French oysters from The Walrus and Aussie nibbles from Oolaa.

If you can't make that date, make sure to stop by the Sai Ying Pun street party on August 28 (also from 11am to 4pm) and sample Indonesian specialties from Kaum at Potato Head and international breakfast classics from High Street Grill; other participating outlets include Ollies, Sup 1, Jaspas and Granville Island.

Champagne, food and a buzzing street party atmosphere in one of Hong Kong's trendiest districts? What's not to like?

For more information on the event and participating restaurants or to purchase a ticket, go to ticketflap.com/ClicquotJourney. Tickets went on sale on August 1, so get in there before they sell out!



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Want to win yourself this awesome retreat? It's simple.

If you were reading last week, you should've already found an *italicized* word in the main Spotlight page article. Now you have to do the same with this and the next issue! Once you've got all three, include them in a paragraph of no more than 30 words about what you'd do with a staycation at The Royal Garden.

Go to hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways to submit your entry **before 10am on August 22, 2016**.

The winner will be announced on August 26. Good luck!



Win Skincare Products from Aromatherapy Associates!

Want to give yourself the ultimate pampering? Do it at home with **Aromatherapy Associates'** skincare products! The British beauty brand is known for their soothing therapeutic-grade essential oil blends and treatments, and this month two of our lucky readers will get to bring home a set of their products including the **Instant Skin Firming Serum, Fine Line Face Oil, Overnight Repair Mask and Moisturising Lip Balm**: Each set is worth a total of \$2,700!

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FIRST PERSON

Those who know **Joyce Chen Yin-hang** will agree she is a hybrid of sex symbol and comic—perhaps Hong Kong's answer to a latter-day Goldie Hawn. To her friends, she is the living embodiment of compassion, as demonstrated by her work with animal welfare groups. She shares with M. C. Hughes the highs and lows of her 20-year entertainment career, and opens up about some of the unsaid and sometimes seedy rules to keeping your head above water in showbiz.

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I joined TVB's performing artist training program in 1995.

It's a six-month crash course with half the time spent in the classroom on theory and the remainder on actual acting.

My mother wanted me to continue my studies in Canada but I knew I wasn't too academically inclined, so after I graduated from high school in Toronto, I came back to Hong Kong to join TVB.

I knew when I was a little girl that I didn't want to settle for a rigid 9 to 5 job. I didn't want a conventional and unpredictable life.

I was interested in acting at a very young age; I think it's in my blood.

I recall the training interview like it was yesterday, and how daunting the whole experience was. I was up against at least 10,000 other candidates wanting to jumpstart their careers.

By the final round of interviewing, only 20 candidates remained, including myself. That's the moment when I thought to myself: Wow, I made it!

I was very lucky to be cast in a popular TV drama during my training. I played a teenage delinquent.

That first role was memorable for both me and the viewing public—I got pretty good reviews. People felt I came across as natural and easy going.

I understand how cutthroat the business can be at times. While other actors and I may find the craft becomes second nature, some simply do not make it because they struggle to flit between their acting persona and their true, off-screen self.

When I was young I thought that if I could polish and improve my acting, that would be all that mattered.

But as I got older, I realized there are other factors at play: Besides having to deal with competition and building a strong personal and professional network, you also have to tackle a lot of unstated underlying rules.

Not many people know about the darker side of the business.

I recall a meeting with a talent manager from the Mainland at his hotel. I waited for almost an hour in the lobby before calling him to clarify whether I was at the right venue.

He asked me to go up to his room because he was busy on a conference call. When I arrived, he greeted me in his bathrobe.

His room was dark with all the curtains drawn. Without even saying a word, I turned around and fled.

This regrettable encounter would only be the first of many over the years.

At first, I was shocked and disgusted, but after a while you just have to ignore them and carry on with what you think is the right path for you.

Despite the evidently seedy underbelly of show business, in some ways the darker side of this industry is no more unsavory than any other profession, and every person has a choice about which path to take in progressing their career.

I don't regret choosing acting as my career. There are different ways to achieve a goal.

I may have chosen a more treacherous and longer route and others may prefer a less difficult one. We all have choices and I respect the freedom bestowed on each of us to choose what is best for us.

Actors who have chosen what might appear to be an easier path might have made a lot of personal sacrifices. We don't know for sure, so we should never judge.

Now I have more time off screen, I can channel my energy into other projects.

In particular, I am passionate about rescue animals and have used my celebrity status to endorse animal rights and environment issues in Hong Kong.

I love animals and cherish all life. We came to this world with nothing and go with nothing.

I remember someone once told me: "None of us is getting out of here alive, so be nice to ourselves and be kind to all lifeforms." It has become my motto.



NEED TO KNOW...

Chen played many lead roles in popular TV dramas and films up until 2008, and in the 90s earned the moniker "one of the five TVB beauties." She is now an ardent proponent of animal rights.

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