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Retraining Day

Hong Kong has seen its first batch of "meat-cutting technicians" graduate this week. They were named by the Employees Retraining Board, which was keen to attract more young people to the time-honored but poorly regarded butchers' profession. We think it's a great idea. Here's 18 more suggestions for Hong Kong jobs that are crying out to be renamed.

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| 1) California Fitness salesperson → Truth Economist (Unemployed) | 11) Bookseller → Avid Mainland Frequenter |
| 2) Elderly street scavenger → Universal Guilt Totem | 12) Taxi driver → Creative Route Manager |
| 3) Broadband salesperson → Street Obstacle | 13) Pro-Beijing Legco member → Rubber Stamp Operator |
| 4) Police officer → Pepper Spray Vendor | 14) Pan-dem Legco member → Refusal Collection Agent |
| 5) Tycoon → Asset Custodian | 15) Investment banker → Avarice Shepherd |
| 6) Feng shui master → Taoist Sex Wizard | 16) Triad → Accident "Prevention" Officer |
| 7) Fishball hawker → Aquatic Spheroid Advocate | 17) Not a doctor/lawyer/architect → Disappointment to Chinese Parents |
| 8) Civil servant → Lifetime Employee, Soft Ride Department | 18) Chief Executive → Fingerpuppet |
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HOME



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

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

Why doesn't the Do-not-call Register stop me from getting sales calls? – Sally Sales

The Communications Authority runs three Do-not-call Registers—databases of phone numbers that have opted out of receiving certain kinds of sales communications. There's one database each for fax messages, "short messages" and pre-recorded phone messages. You should be on it; if you're not, call 1835000 to get yourself signed up. Once you are, companies are legally barred from contacting you with these kinds of messages.

The problem is that the current Do-not-call Registers don't, in fact, prevent the most annoying telemarketing practice of all: person to person, or "P2P" calls. You might be on all the registers, but they do nothing to prevent complete strangers ringing you and trying to sell you something you don't need.

The government's been fiddling around on this issue for an age, without taking decisive action. It actually defends the practice of P2P calls, saying that telemarketing employs some 20,000 people in the city, and that stopping the practice would harm small and medium enterprises, even if it would make the rest of our lives happier.

But the times might just be a-changing. A survey tabled

in Legco in April stated, unsurprisingly, that 90 percent of people consider telemarketing calls a nuisance. Which leads us to wonder what kind of perverts the other 10 percent are. Regardless, the government has made noises about setting up a public consultation on the matter, so it might possibly get around to doing something about it one of these days.

In the meantime, there's one surefire way to end a P2P sales call: Yell "HELLO???" into the phone loud enough and you'll soon stop the stream of sales patter with that standard response: "Sorry, wrong number." You bet your ass it is.



My Perfect
HK

This week in My Perfect HK:

Alfred Chan, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, has made a strong statement of support for legislation that would protect sexual minorities in Hong Kong. Chan seemed lukewarm on the issue since taking up the post in April, so it's great news that he's now onboard. The city lacks discrimination laws protecting people on the grounds of sexual orientation, age and new immigrant status. Visit pinkalliance.hk to find out more.

Letters

"Time to get back my money !!!"

Is This Just Fantasy?

Last week Dan Savage was asked if monogamy is really just a fantasy ("Savage Love," July 15, Issue 1154). Readers were conflicted in their responses:

Come on, we live in modern times! What about Surroundogamy??

Kai Seifferth

Monogamy is the dividing line between

- #1. People who love each other
- #2. Scum with no moral values

Robert J MacFarland

Hit the Streets

Our interview and video with street workout champion Nicholas Wong ("Street Talk," July 8, Issue 1153) was extremely popular online. Readers wanted to get involved...

@Alex Benson this ones next week lads...

Karl Redmond

@Karl My back and legs are wrecked from Sunday and Monday's gym sessions, you know, that place that you never go to?

Alex Benson

Haha my gym just went bankrupt! What's your excuse?! 🤣

Karl Redmond

Well done young man, keep up the training !!

Peter Lee

u still can do exercise at lunch time .. no excuse

Garan Jay

He should follow japan ninja warrior.

Siti Khotijah Rysti

California Dreaming

We reported online on the closing of gym chain California Fitness ("California Fitness Shutters Doors in Wake of Controversy, Rent Struggles," July 12). Readers weren't sympathetic...

Let me guess they were signing up new members right up until closure New legislation needs to be passed about these fitness clubs and refunds in such cases

Brian C Hayes

I'm surprised that they were still in business for so long. Too many wallets to suck dry out there, I guess

Jumping Jack

Time to get back my money !!!

Shaan Mohammad

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Fork Show

Photo by @badsamchai via Instagram

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Friday 7/22

School of Spin

The preeminent DJ and music production school in Hong Kong has been teaching hundreds of kids and adults how to spin tunes for three years. For **Sol Passion Music's third anniversary**, they're joining London-based DJ Stefano Ritteri and keeping the house and techno pumpin' all night. 10pm-4am. Kee Club, 6/F, 32 Wellington St., Central. \$150 from eventbrite.hk; \$150 at the door.

Saturday 7/23

The Amazing Face Stuffing

The Ultimate Foodie Challenge is for those who watched "The Amazing Race" and thought "I could probably do it... if it involved more paella." Not unlike a scavenger race, this challenge has teams of four roving around some of the hottest restaurants in Central to compete in challenges. Possibly the best part? Free-flow post-game drinks and food at an undisclosed location. 3-6pm. Central. \$450 per person, including food and drink during the game and free-flow drinks after. Register at gamemastershk.com

Sunday 7/24

Ready to Get Sweaty

Local indie music label Sweaty & Cramped are hosting a day-long music festival to celebrate their half-birthday (well, why not?). Thrillingly/frightfully accurate in title, **Sweaty & Really Cramped** features 10 of their house acts including noise band David Boring and American-indie/mathrock group Colin Phils.

Midnight-noon. Focal Fair, 28/F, Park Avenue Tower, 5 Moreton Terrace, Causeway Bay. \$150 from ticketflap.com/sweatyreallycramped

Monday 7/25

Painting Day

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, 39 Lung Sum Ave., Sheung Shui.



Tuesday 7/26

I Got Rhythm

Any R&B and gospel lovers with the slightest inclination to hit things ought to check out this **gospel drum clinic** by Jerohn Garnett. Garnett is a Los Angeles-based drummer who has played with the likes of Mariah Carey, Boyz II Men, Patti LaBelle and Natalie Cole. Don't miss this unique chance to learn from one of the best in the business.

8-10pm. Aineo Music, Unit 803, 8/F, New Kowloon Plaza, 38 Tai Kok Tsui Rd., Tai Kok Tsui. \$200 from 2808-2550.

Wednesday 7/27

It's Getting Hot in Here

Wednesdays are heating up at La Paloma with their **Caliente Wednesdays** night. They're offering \$45 drinks and pinchos, which are small Spanish bar snacks. And these aren't just peanuts and crisps: Pinchos include lobster rolls, iberian pork and cheese sandwiches, sea bass ceviche, and Spanish tortilla.

La Paloma, 1/F, SoHo 189, 189 Queen's Rd. West, Sai Ying Pun.



Thursday 7/28

Dating on Seafood

The chefs behind famous Berlin restaurant **Dóttir** are making their way to Hong Kong for a four-night pop-up with Test Kitchen. The seven-course dinner will feature head chef Victoria Eliasdóttir's Nordic style of cooking, with pared-down seafood dishes including slow-cooked fish served with smoked buttermilk.

7pm seating. Test Kitchen, Shop 3, 158A Connaught Rd. West, Sai Ying Pun. \$1,280 includes drink pairings from testkitchen.com.hk

Friday 7/29

Stumble Out at Elysian Fields

All aboard the Heine-tram! Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through August, the **Heineken tram bar** slices through the city in a haze of green and red, blasting music and free-flowing sweet, sweet Dutch rain. Find out how to get on board at tiny.cc/hk-heineken-tram. Thu-Sat, Jul 28-Aug 20, various times. Western Market, 323 Des Voeux Rd. Central, Sheung Wan.



Coming Up

'Tis Almost Fairy Time

Mark the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death with the Royal New Zealand Ballet's interpretation of "**A Midsummer Night's Dream.**" Shakespeare's time-honored comedy of four young lovers and a group of hare-brained actors running amok in an enchanted forest has won the hearts of audiences for centuries. Lent added pizzazz by the RNZB's gorgeous costumes and staging, and backed by Mendelssohn's masterful score, you won't want to miss this.

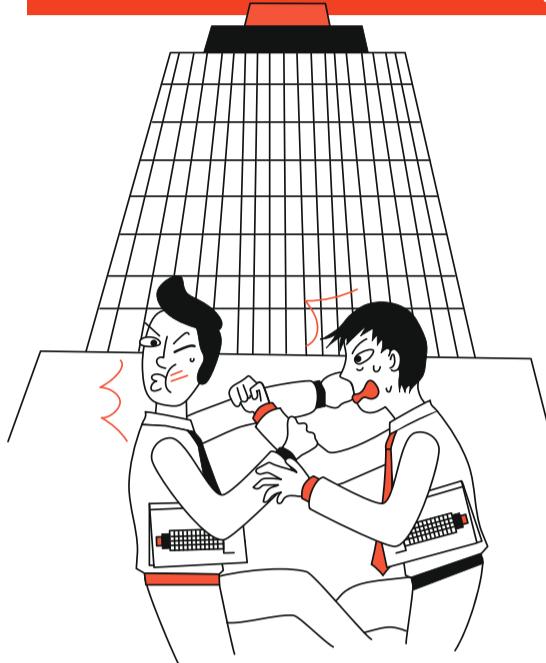
7:45pm, Oct 7-8; 3pm, Oct 9. Auditorium, Sha Tin Town Hall, 1 Yuen Wo Rd., Sha Tin. \$160-420 from urbtix.com



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Last Week In Reality



SAT 9

No Sale A brawl between up to 10 property agents from two rival companies breaks out on a street in Cheung Sha Wan, as they fight for the attention of a customer visiting a show flat. They take the fight out into the middle of the road where it continues for five minutes. The rowdy reps disperse before police arrive.

SUN 10

Hey Doll Security cameras record a middle-aged man interfering with mannequins at a Kwai Chung mall. He is seen visiting a succession of shops in which he lifts up mannequins' skirts, strokes and occasionally kisses the garments on display.

MON 11

This is Not a Movie Two Russian hackers travel through Hong Kong to Moscow after hacking 34 ATMs in Taiwan, stealing a total of HK\$17 million in cash. Investigations are underway.

TUE 12

Toad Torture Police officers on patrol in Tai Po are passing through a park when they hear strange noises coming from the bushes. On investigation they discover that the noises are being made by a toad being tasered by a 23-year-old student from Chinese University, who tells the officers he was doing it for fun. The police arrest the student.



WED 13

Road Rage A video goes viral: An irate driver pulls over at a zebra crossing in Cheung Sha Wan, gets out of his vehicle and flips over a cart stacked with cardboard that is blocking his car. He returns to his vehicle, only to get back out and shove another cart of cardboard onto the pavement as its owner, an elderly woman, looks on.

THU 14

Low Score A burglar breaks into a Kwai Chung gaming arcade, but phones the police when he realizes he's about to be discovered by a returning employee. He claims he's a customer who got locked in. The employee finds the man, and then realizes that the cash register has been forced open. The intruder calls the police once more saying he no longer needs their help—but they arrive on the scene and find \$54,000 in cash on the floor. They arrest the suspect.



FRI 15

Tenants from Hell A pair of Hong Kong sisters living in Taiwan make headlines after their landlord finds bags of cat and dog feces, four starving cats and a dead cat that apparently starved after getting its claws stuck in a curtain. The discovery was made after the pair stopped paying rent.

Quote of the Week

"If citizens could vote for either 'Hugely Cunning' or 'So Stinky Gang' as their next Chief Executive, wouldn't they be caught 'between the devil and the deep blue sea?'"

In an AM730 column, former Civil Service Secretary Joseph Wong discusses the CE race and the affiliations of Legco president Tsang Yok-sing, whose name creates the anagram "So Stinky Gang." Earlier, Tsang made an anagram out of Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying's name—"Hugely Cunning." Tsang has not ruled out the possibility of running for CE.

Talking Points

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



"Hellish" Shifts at Café de Coral

Employees at a Café de Coral branch at the airport have allegedly been made to work inhumane hours. In one case, **an employee worked from 8am to 12am on one day and 5am to 12am the next**, adding up to 35 hours of work with a five-hour break in between. **Employees working what they describe as "hellish" shifts have been said to spend their nights in a storage facility at the airport instead of going home.** The fast food chain has noted that this is against its regulations and that it'll look into the issue. **Café de Coral has reportedly instructed its staff to produce a version of their roster that specifies nine-hour shifts** upon inspection by authorities, instead of the version with their actual shifts. The Labor Department is investigating.

Our take: The next time you see a sullen Café de Coral server, cut 'em some slack.

New Sales Tactic: Boob Abuse

Four women have come forward alleging that they were coerced into **purchasing beauty packages totaling \$500,000 from a beauty chain**. One woman said she was clad only in her underwear when three VS Beauty staff tried to sell her a beauty package during a treatment. She claimed they stayed until she gave in and **signed for a package worth more than \$80,000**. Staff are also alleged to have swiped a client's credit card without permission, and yet another alleged that **staff abused her breasts and nipples** during a breast enhancement session until she purchased another treatment. The women have sought help from the Customs and Excise Department and the Consumer Council.

Our take: Good to know that California Fitness sales staff are finding new jobs.

Illustration: Elaine Tang



Street Talk

Hong Kong-based **Mark Agnew** is one of eight crew on the Transatlantic World Record Rowing Expedition 2016, who will attempt to set a world record by rowing across the Atlantic Ocean from Morocco to Barbados—in 30 days or less. They aim to raise money for the charity Overcoming Multiple Sclerosis. Before the team sets off in early December, Mark tells Stephanie Tsui about training, rowing naked and how he'll be answering the call of nature.

Photo: O.R.C.A. (Ocean Rowing Club of the Atlantic)

HK Magazine: What inspired you to join this expedition?

Mark Agnew: A few years ago, my friend Stuart showed me a video of people rowing across the Atlantic, and it's been on my agenda ever since. I've always been an active person. I've played rugby for as long as I remember; I've climbed five 4,000-meter peaks in a day in the Italian Alps; and a couple of years ago I cycled 500 miles around Scotland. I've also driven from London to Mongolia for the Mongol Rally—at one point our car rolled downhill at 80km per hour in Russia and I ended up driving a crushed car in a neck brace! My dad, who led expeditions across Greenland, is also a big reason why I want to do this.

HK: How have you been training for it?

MA: In April, I met the crew in Spain. I thought it was going to be a rigorous rowing trial and trained hard for it, but the moment I got there, I was handed a beer! Spain was an opportunity for us to get along. Next month we'll head back for a week of intensive training at sea. In the meantime, I have been rowing with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Every week, I've also been doing three rowing sessions on the rowing machine at the gym, one session out on the water, and a couple of conditioning sessions in between. I also have to eat as much food as I can, in addition to protein shakes and supplements. A lot of the crew, including myself, have next to no experience with rowing, but among us are marathon runners, ultramarathon runners, and endurance athletes. We haven't been told exactly how to train—we've all been trusted to get ourselves into great shape. I don't think you can be fit enough to do this, you just need to be as fit as possible. The rest of it is mental strength.

HK: What challenges do you anticipate?

MA: Being miserable from the lack of sleep. We'll be rowing two hours on, two hours off, 24/7, so at any time there will be four people sleeping in the domes at the end of the two hulls, and four people rowing. We won't have

any support staff, just our captain and a first mate. Having the patience to cook is another issue: We'll have to boil water, put dried food in, and try to eat 6,000 calories a day. We'll also be drinking at least five liters of water a day. And then there's the sunburn: I'm Scottish and fair-skinned. I was told that people who've done the expedition applied sunscreen for the first few days, and then gave up because they got so brown anyway. The upside is we won't be getting tan lines, because we'll be rowing naked—saltwater would stiffen our clothes and cause chafing. We're going to get to know each other better than we'd like—because we'll have to go to the toilet by hanging off the back of the boat!

HK: What are you looking to conquer next?

MA: My friends and I are thinking of rowing from Hong Kong to Macau, but it could get tricky because we might have to row the boat back. On top of that, I'd like to be on the first crew to row across the Northwest Passage, which connects the Arctic to the Pacific. It'll be very cold, with erratic weather and polar bears to contend with.

HK: Would you consider yourself fearless?

MA: No—it's stupid to be fearless. You have to know when to say "no." That said, I like my job—but being stuck in an office all the time rather than doing something extraordinary is scarier than the prospect of rowing across the Atlantic.

Support Mark's expedition and the Overcoming MS charity by attending a fundraiser on Jul 23, 7pm. Rúla Búla, G/F, 58-62 D'Aguilar St., Central, 2179-5225, tiny.cc/AtlanticRowingFundraiser



Blowing Water

Cantonese slang: To chat, bullshit.

daai³ luk⁶ mou⁶
戴綠帽
Wear Green Hat

Definition: To be a cuckold.

Origin: In Ming dynasty China, prostitutes or those who lived off prostitution had to wrap their heads in green scarves or wear green hats. Green was seen as a lowly color.

HongKabulary



"Winson was walking down Queen's Road East when he came to a cold stop, causing a six-man pile-up."

Cold Stop (kəuld stɒp), n.

Coming to a dead stop outside a store when you feel a strong AC breeze blasting out of it.

THE LEGO QUIZ

We gave this quiz to some of the politicians running for seats in September's Legislative Council elections. How did they do — and are you smarter than them? By Sophia Lam

Charles Peter Mok
The Professional Commons (Pan-dem)
Legco member, Information Technology functional constituency

Fernando Cheung Chiu-hung
Labor Party (Pan-dem)
Legco member, Social Welfare functional constituency

Aron Kwok Wai-keung
Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (Pro-Beijing)
Legco member, Labor functional constituency

Stanley Ng Chau-pei
Chairman, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions (Pro-Beijing)

Nathan Law Kwun-chung
Chairman, Demosisto (Pan-dem)

Tanya Chan Suk-chong
Founding member, Civic Party (Pan-dem)

Christine Fong Kwok-shan
Sai Kung District Councilor (Independent)

1. There are 357 male clerks in a company. The numbers of male and female clerks are in the ratio 7 : 9. Find the number of female clerks in the company.



Answer: 459.

REAL DSE QUESTION!



(After 3 seconds) 459.



I don't have a calculator with me now, but I'll try. 357 divided by 7 is 51...and 51 times 9 is...450. [HK: You sure?] Yes, 450.



Wish I had a pen and paper to write this down. [Nine seconds later] 459! Ha, this is pretty simple.



[After more than a minute] There are 295 female clerks. No wait, it should be 2,595.

[After seven seconds]
459. Wait, do I have more time for this? [HK: you have one minute.] Oh, I should've double checked!

459.

[5 seconds later] 459.

2. English oral question: (A) Is it worth spending money on trying to locate alien life in the universe? or (B) If there are no aliens, why do so many people claim to have met them?

Answer: N/A

REAL DSE QUESTION!



A) Yes, because one day Earth will become so polluted that we may have to migrate to the outer space. I was planning on a simple "yes," but you gave me 30 seconds so I had to say something.



B) Because they dream about them. They imagine that they exist.



A) In the sense of science, I think we have the... we have the curiosity to... to find out the answer. [HK: Anything else to add?] Hm, no.



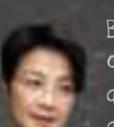
A) Of course it's worth to spend money to find out the alien life, because we have to find out what kind of the other... [HK: Life?] life kind in the universe. My English is no good.



B) Because they are still in the assumption that no one knows whether there are aliens or not. So I don't think this is a valid judgement.



A) No, if there really are aliens, they'll come to Earth anyways. Why should we spend billions of dollars looking for them?



B) Because there's freedom of speech in Hong Kong and they can freely talk about whatever. That's it, thank you.

3. Hongkongers often boast a spirit of resilience and never giving up, known as *siu keung jing sun* — literally, "the spirit of the cockroach." How long can a decapitated cockroach live for?

Let L = Lifespan



Answer: 1 to 2 weeks.

4. What is Legco's current male to female ratio?



Answer: 59 men : 11 women, but 6:1 is acceptable.

Let me see... around 6:1?

Oh no, I never pay attention to that. 4:1?

I haven't actually counted before, but I have the impression that the numbers are quite balanced. Oh no wait, there are only 20-something female members—I'll go for 3:1 then.

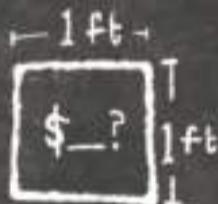
Let me list out the names of the female members I know... So that's 70:8! No wait, it's 62:8.

I'm guessing 3:1, I really don't know.

There are eleven female Legco members now, so it should be 59:11. It used to be 10 when I was there.

The proportion of female members is really low, less than one third. Around 11 I think? So that's 59:11.

5. Hong Kong is ranked No. 1 in the world for residential property prices. What is the average price per square foot?



Answer: US\$1,416, which is around \$11,000. Source: CBRE's Global Living Report, October 2015.

\$8,000?

Around \$15,000, I think.

Let me see...it should be around \$10,000. No wait, um, I haven't read the report. It should be \$12,000.

I've never dealt with this. Can you make it into a multiple choice question please? [HK: OK; A) \$9,000, B) \$10,000, C) \$11,000, D) \$12,000.] D sounds the closest.

\$8,000 to \$10,000.

\$11,500.

I've seen rocket-high residential prices here, up to \$70,000 in Tseung Kwan O. On average, I think around \$20,000.

One hour, I guess?

Haha, what?! How can a cockroach live without its head?

A roach without a head cannot survive.

Oh I've never thought of that! I guess it'll stay for a few hours, around three to four hours.

Are you sure a normal person will know how long a cockroach lives without its head?
Let me guess...two weeks?

Around 9 to 10 days.

Pretty long. I played with millipedes in the countryside when I was small. I think they can survive for up to 90-100 days.

6. What is the average price of a 5kg bag of rice?

Answer: \$60.



Urghh, I haven't cooked for ages... \$100?

\$40?

\$60 to \$80.

Let me recall the last time I went to buy rice with my family... \$70?

That depends on the brand. The ones I usually buy, are they 5 kg or 10 kg? [HK:...] I think it's \$80 to \$90.

\$80, I guess?

\$70 to \$80.

7. How many Legco members must be present to meet a quorum?

Answer: No less than half of all its members, i.e. 35 in the current sitting.

Half of the total number of members, which means 35.

Over half.

Half of its members, which is 35.

Half.

Half.

Over half.

8. What is the poverty line for a four-person household and how many people in Hong Kong live below it?



Answer: According to the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2014, the poverty line for a household of four is an income of \$16,400. 1,324,800 were living below it.

From my experience, the government usually sets the poverty line pretty low, so I'm going for \$6,000. I think 800,000 people live below it.



I think it's around \$12,000. Around 100,000 people?

Around \$9,000. Around 20 percent of the total population.



\$10,000 to \$12,000. Around 19 percent of the total population lives below it, which is about 900,000 people.



Around \$16,000, and about one million people are living below it now.



That's around half of \$20,000, so about \$11,000? Around 900,000 people.



You mean the income limit of low-income families to apply for subsidies? That's \$16,400. Around 1.3 million I think.



9. Which article of the Basic Law governs the legality of immigration checkpoints at the Express Rail Line border?



Answer: Chapter 2 Article 18.

I must first clarify that in this is not a political or legal problem, but a technical one. Anyways, I don't know the number of the article.



I don't know which Basic Law specifically, but we worry this will set a precedent and other departments will find a way to enforce China's law in Hong Kong.



I know what the law's about, but I can't recall the number.



I remember we mentioned revising Article 20. There are quite a few, I think Article 18 is also involved.



Take the HK Magazine TSA Test!

Now it's your turn! Take this test and see if you're full of Hong Kong knowledge. Warning: It's not easy!

1) What is the tallest building in Hong Kong, and what is its height? (1/2 point each)

i) _____ ii) _____

2) What is the most densely populated island in Hong Kong? (1)

3) List, from largest to smallest, the biggest four islands of Hong Kong by area. (1)

4) Why is "Smithfield" in Kennedy Town called "Smithfield"? (1)

5) "Kowloon" means "nine dragons." What are the nine dragons? (1)

6) In what area of Hong Kong was the Bubonic Plague isolated? (1)

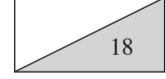
7) Name all 18 districts of Hong Kong. (1/2 point each)

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8) Who claimed Hong Kong for the British at Possession Point? (1)

9) Name Hong Kong's only Nobel Prize-winner. (1)

10) What is the largest ethnic group in Hong Kong after the Chinese? (1)



The Answers!

How did you do? Check your answers here.

10) Indonesian (No, not the French).

Fiber Optics.

9) Professor Charles Kao, the "Father of

1841.

8) Commodore James Bremer, on Jan 26.

Tai Ping Shan.

6) Tai Ping Shan.

5) The eight mountains ringing the Kowloon Peninsula, who fled to Hong Kong to escape

the Mongols.

4) It was historically the site of a cattle depot and slaughterhouse, and so was named for

the same area in London.

3) Lantau, Hong Kong Island, Lam Tsuen, Chek Lap Kok.

2) Ap Lei Chau.

1) ICC, at 484m.

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10. What is Pokémon Go?



Answer: A free mobile phone game in which players can catch Pokémons in the real world via GPS.



I know! That's the game that uses augmented reality, right?



Erm...is it like a slogan? 比卡超加油 (literally "Pikachu Add oil")? I have absolutely no idea what it is.



It's a game that allows you to track down and capture Pokémons.



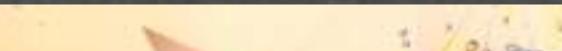
Is that a proper noun? I've never heard of this before. Wait, wait, is that a kind of chess? Has it got something to do with the AI chess player? Sorry, I have no idea.



It is a game that makes use of Google Maps or the GPS system on your mobile device, to allow you to capture virtual Pokémons in real life.



It's a game about capturing monsters which may hide in the strangest places, like the police station. Then you have to go inside to capture them, which will probably turn the police station upside down.



Fun! It's a Nintendo app that allows you to capture Pokémons and realize your dreams. But I hope that players will refrain from playing the game in places like museums.

THE RESULT

How did these would-be legislators do?



No.1
Tanya Chan
8.5 points



No.2
Christine Fong
7 points



No.3
Nathan Law
6 points



No.4
Aron Kwok
5 points



No.5
Charles Peter Mok
5.5 points



No.6=
Stanley Ng
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Fernando Cheung
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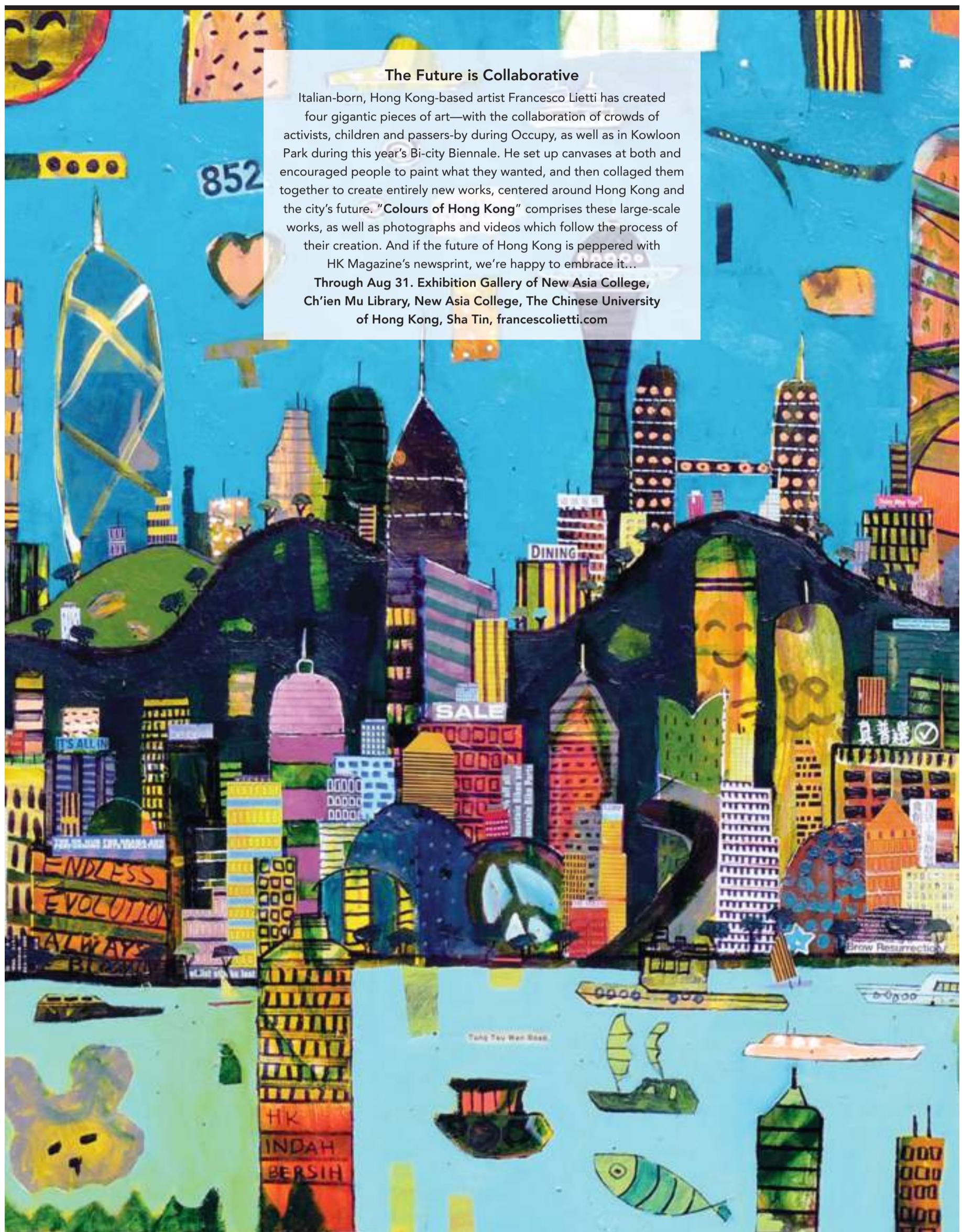
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FEATURE

LIVE LOVE

From jazz, blues and classical music to Cantopop and metalcore—Hong Kong's full of phenomenal live music venues. Strap in and turn it up to 11. By **Stephanie Tsui**

Government Agendas

Hidden Agenda's been beset by troubles ever since it first opened in 2009—it's had to move twice since then, and the officials are STILL hounding them—but this Kwun Tong livehouse is as indie as it gets in Hong Kong. Originally a rehearsal space, it's now one of the city's best spaces for interesting indie and metal, from both touring bands and the city's own musicmakers.

2A, Winful Industrial Building, 15-17 Tai Yip St., Kwun Tong, 9088-8950, hiddenagenda.hk

Common Sense

Looking for an audience other than family and friends? Look no further than **Sense 99**: A "secret" hangout for musicians to mingle, jam and perform. They prefer to keep things on the DL because the secret is out and they're getting more crowded—but its doors remain open to members of the public. Sense 99 features monthly art exhibitions, and this summer, it'll be hosting a series of workshops by a group of homeschooling parents.

Fri and Sat, 8pm-late. 2-3/F, 99F Wellington St., Central, 9466-4695, facebook.com/sense99f

Face Time

Get up close and personal with musicians at **Visage One**: Barbershop by day, jazz and blues bar by night. The intimate venue is tucked away in a hidden alley, making it one of SoHo's best kept secrets.

\$70 at the door, includes one drink. Sat, 8:30-11:30pm. LG/F, Po Lung Building, 93 Hollywood Rd., Central, 2523-8988.

Cellar Series ▼

Longstanding Hong Kong favorite **Grappa's Cellar** has a variety of shows, including regulars such as the Stray Katz Big Band, who perform the first Saturday night of every month at 8pm, and the Victoria Jazz Band, who perform the first Wednesday of every month at the same time. If the music has gotten you in the mood but you don't quite know what to do with it, why not dance? The Cellar hosts free dance sessions by Hong Kong Swings (hongkongswings.com) every Wednesday.

B/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, 2521-2322, elgrande.com.hk



Orange You Glad? ▲

No genres are off-limits at **Orange Peel**. Tuesdays are for jazz; Thursdays are Hong Kong talent nights; Fridays and Saturdays are reserved for their biggest bands to perform; the first Friday of every month is dedicated to Canto-pop; and the first Sunday of every month puts the spotlight on classical music.

Tue-Sun. Flat A-C, 2/F, Ho Lee Commercial Building, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, 2812-7177, orangepeelhk.com

Music Al Fresco

Peel Fresco has been around for about nine years now, and hosts live jazz and blues music almost every night of the week. The bar holds open mic jams every Tuesday, so show up if you want to play along—and if you have the skills to do it. It's frequented by many of the city's best jazz musicians, making it a great place to pick up a tip or two.

49 Peel St., Central, 2540-2046, peel-fresco.com

How's it Hangout

NGO Youth Outreach runs multipurpose venue **Hangout** to let young people participate in street culture—without its negative influences. Bands that have played here range from those formed by university students to the likes of Carl Barât, Twiggy Frostbite and Asking Alexandria. Youth Outreach's social enterprise, AS Production, provides technical support for performing bands.

Youth Outreach Jockey Club Building, 2 Holy Cross Path, Sai Wan Ho, 2622-2890, yo.org.hk/hangout

Live and Loving It

Rock out to heavy metal and indie rock performed by an all-local band line-up at this grungy underground Mong Kok music joint. **The Live House** also serves up a decent bar menu with favorites such as fried chicken wings, onion rings and cheese fries, as well as more substantial mains, including creamy pastas, scotch eggs and ribs.

Mon-Thu 8:30-9:30pm; Fri-Sat 9:30-10:30pm.
B/F, 731 Nathan Rd., Mong Kok,
[2392-1181, facebook.com/TheLiveHouse](http://2392-1181.facebook.com/TheLiveHouse)



Catch Hong Kong indie band Another Kitchen at one of these venues



AMONG BLUE GARDENS

Phuket is legendary for a reason. More than the sum of its immaculate beaches, stunning geography and mind-blowing food, this island in the Andaman Sea really is a slice of paradise. By **Adam White** and **Evelyn Lok**

Somewhere, Beyond the Sea

Phuket being the paragon of islands, you can't miss out on the life aquatic. Take a day trip by speedboat around the **Phi Phi Islands**, a group of limestone islets made famous a host of movies including 2000's "The Beach." They're impossibly beautiful, with pale blue water that seems to glow under towering cliff faces.

There are many tours on offer (from around THB1,600 (\$350)) taking you among a series of stunning locales: from the flawless white sand of Bamboo Island, to snorkeling in oceans teeming with life; from the simian-strewn Monkey Beach, to the encircled Pileh Lagoon, where cliffs tower over turquoise waters.

Shades of Gray

John Gray's Sea Canoe tours should be on every Phuket traveler's bucket list. The "Hong by Starlight" day trip takes you to Phang Nga Bay via double decker boat. Switching to a kayak paddled by a personal guide, you'll explore the lagoons, sea caves and donut-shaped islands, known as hongs, dotted along the coast.

Paddling out into pristine sunny bays, views rival the famed James Bond Island near Koh Phi Phi—just without the crowds. You'll see mangrove-lined basins full of crustaceans and mudskippers, and pitch-black caves inhabited by bats (and thick with the stench of guano). One cave leads to a further verdant clearing where long-tailed macaques watch curiously from the branches above.

As the sun sets, you'll learn to make a traditional Thai krathong flower offering to present to the sea as a gesture of thanks, following a delicious dinner cooked fresh on board. A sweep of the water in the night-dark lagoon activates sparkling bioluminescent plankton like tiny underwater fireworks, a magical ending to the day.

Hong By Starlight Day Trip group tours THB3,950 (\$880) per person from johngray-seacanoe.com



Take a sea canoe into the unknown

Saturday Night's Special

Take the time to visit a night market, the best way to stuff your face with the finest food Phuket has to offer. The biggest is the weekend **Naka Market** (Sat-Sun, 4-9pm), which is rammed full of trinkets and phenomenal comestibles. If you're around Bang Tao beach, then the **Boat Avenue** night market nearby is a great way to get a low-intensity dose of night shopping, complete with live music. Order a Chang beer, spread out an assortment of pad Thai, seafood omelets, satay and coconut, and toast the Phuket night.

Where to Stay

If you want to avoid the crowds and the madness, then you'll want to avoid Patong town on the island's southeast edge. It's the most developed part of the island, and hence the most raucous.

Instead, head to Bang Tao beach on the northeast coast. The Laguna complex is home to several resorts, but it's also got something for the more budget-conscious traveler:

Cassia Phuket (from THB3,750 (\$830) per night through Oct 29,

64 Moo 4 Srisoonthorn Rd., Cherngtalay, Phuket, (+66) 76-356-999) bridges the gap between serviced apartment and hotel, and is geared towards the younger, more independent traveler. As you walk in, the huge open space offers a grocery store, bar and hangout areas, and feels more like a beach bar than a hotel lobby. The rooms are compact and well designed, with full kitchenettes. Many boast tall ceilings containing a loft space chill-out area should you just want to kick back with a breakfast delivered straight to your room.

Cassia's proximity to **Banyan Tree Phuket** (33, 33/27 Moo 4, Srisoonthorn Rd., Cherngtalay, Phuket, (+66) 76-372-400) means that if you're down for a bit of pampering, it couldn't be simpler. This was the group's first hotel, and literally wrote the book on the tropical "garden-style" spa. Get the signature Thai massage for an out-of-this-world experience.



Getting There

Multiple airlines fly to Phuket daily. Flights start at around \$2,000.



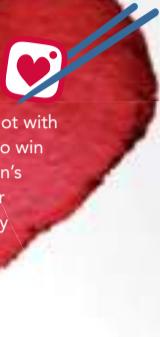
Stay in style at Cassia

Delicious Liaisons

If music be the food of love, then food is the music of sex. Have we got that right? Here are six perfect eateries if you're looking to get it on... By **Leslie Yeh**

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◀ Best for... rekindling the romance

Have you been with your partner for so long that your idea of a date night is catching up on the latest episode of "Game of Thrones" while scarfing down Deliveroo? If you're in need of a relationship defibrillator, **Alchemy in the Dark**'s got just the thing: a three-course menu served entirely in a pitch-black room, so you'll have to rely solely on your sensory and social skills to get you through the night. In addition to sparking physical contact, the food is a treat in itself, with a seasonally changing menu of modern French dishes that navigate varying textures and temperatures to heighten all the senses but sight. Chef Pascal Breant asks diners to "have blind faith" to truly let go and enjoy the experience—and couldn't we all use a little of that in our love lives?

16 Arbuthnot Rd., Central, 6821-2801, alchemy-concept.com

Best for... a down-and-dirty date

So you've got a hot visitor from out of town you want to impress with your language skills and knowledge of the local landscape? Seek out **ABC Kitchen**, a hidden gem in a cooked food center that churns out excellent modern European cuisine in the least likely of settings. Standing for "A Better Cooking Kitchen," ABC is a no-frills spot that channels the cheaper prices and fuss-free attitude of a dai pai dong with the attention to detail and creative cooking of a fine-dining spot. Get to know your companion over pan-fried foie gras, duck confit with orange and fennel, angus ribeye steak served with French beans and kipfler potatoes, and roasted suckling pig. End the night by feeding each other forkfuls of crème brûlée, passionfruit soufflé and chocolate délice (all \$48). In this setting, we guarantee no one will be looking.

Shop 7, 1/F, Queen Street Cooked Food Market, 1 Queen St., Sheung Wan, 9278-8227.

Best for... an instant hook-up ▶

Flying just under the radar but delivering consistently great fuss-free food, wine bar and restaurant **121BC** makes for an ideal date night spot with its dark and intimate rustic interiors and affordable wine list. With sensual and sultry vibes accented with warm woods and candlelight, this osteria is the perfect place to fire up the spine-tingling passion (and get liquored up with several bottles of wine). It's a low-profile type of spot, which means you can be confident you won't be caught red-handed in the middle of your clandestine tryst, while plenty of bars are dotted around the area in case you need more fuel before heading back to your place for something more than just a kiss goodnight...

44 Peel St., Central, 2395-0200, 121bc.com.hk



◀ Best for... penny-pinchers

New York-style pizza joint **Motorino** not only gets points for churning out some of the best Neapolitan pizzas in town, it also sets the mood with lovey-dovey gimmicks such as the date night special complete with pizza, wine and tiramisu (\$388) and the heart-shaped pizzas that adorn every two-topper around Valentine's Day. Besides being a classic option for a low-key night, a pizza date is sure to keep your wallet intact, so you can say cheers to that third or fourth glass of wine. Cozy up next to the wood-fired oven as you dig into slices of spicy soppressata picante (\$158) sprinkled with chilis, oregano and garlic; the quattro formaggi with gorgonzola, provolone, fior di latte and pecorino (\$148); and the signature Brussels sprout pizza (\$168) which will have you looking at the underrated green—and maybe your date—in a new light.

14 Shelley St., Central, 2801-6881; 15 Ship St., Wan Chai, 2520-0690.



▼ Best for... dining on someone else's dime

Some people date out of boredom, some to find love... and some, well, to get a free meal. No shame in that. If you've been living on a steady diet of instant noodles, we can't blame you for swiping right on that Morgan Stanley investment banker with the lofty bank account. You may be more interested in what's on your plate than your dinner date, but is there any relationship more satisfying than a fervent love for cheese and wine? Undisputedly one of the best tables in town, **Amber**'s degustation menu (\$2,068 for nine courses, plus \$1,518 for wine pairing) is on its 11th iteration, featuring sublime dishes such as shimaebi prawn marinated with citrus and beetroot with a fried shrimp head, and miyazaki wagyu beef with red cabbage slaw oxalis and pepper berry emulsion. By the time the chocolate ganache dessert and platter of French cheeses rolls around, you'll definitely be feeling a bit warm and fuzzy inside...

7/F, The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, 15 Queen's Rd., Central, 2132-0066.

▼ Best for... a quiet night out

A quaint Parisian-inspired bistro nestled in NoHo amongst the hipsters and Francophiles, **Cocotte** is a casual date night spot that ticks all the boxes: cozy atmosphere, friendly service, and excellent comfort food and drinks. Settle down in a corner table and start off with a classic cocktail before diving into the menu of French delights including pan-seared whole pigeon, braised lamb ravioli, beef tartare with homemade fries, and the signature wagyu beef Cocotte burger. For summer, chef Petrus Moldovan has prepared a selection of lighter summer specialties including plump pan-seared Hokkaido scallops on a bed of nutty Camargue wild rice (\$290) and flaky Dover sole meunière (\$290) with black linguini and a light lemon beurre noisette.

9 Shin Hing St., Central, 2568-8857, cocotte.hk



Everybody Is Kung Fu Panda-ing

This summer, want to meet everyone's favorite panda and learn kung fu from him? Simply hop on a 60-minute ferry to Macao with your little ones and they get to stay, play and eat for free!

Who doesn't love Po, the goofy and adorable giant panda who also happens to be a kung fu master? If you want to learn some moves from the Sifu himself, then don't miss out on the brand new "Kung Fu Panda Academy" at the Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel for some quality family time this summer.



Learn Kung Fu with Po



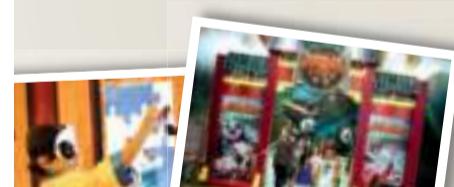
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Partnered with DreamWorks Experience, the Academy is a great learning experience for kids and parents to bond together, featuring five interactive game zones targeted to kids aged 4-12, each with a different activity: including a kung fu exercise session for the active kids. Make a stop at all five zones and bring home a limited edition gift bag with exclusive goodies.

There are two sessions per day, with a duration of approximately 90 minutes each. Tickets are priced at MOP200 for each child with an accompanying adult, and an extra MOP100 for each additional adult.

And kids are in luck, because each package will allow a maximum of two children to eat, play and stay for free! No extra fee is charged for kids to stay in the same room with their parents if no additional bed is needed, and they also eat for free when dining with their parents at Feast, Xin and Bene.

Still want more time with Po and his friends? Upgrade to Po's Kung Fu Feast for an amazing character breakfast with the DreamWorks All-Stars. It's going to be a Panda-stic summer!



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NEW AND NOTED



Da Ping Huo serves up a red-hot spread

Sichuan Soul Food

Looking to sweat some more this summer? Head to legendary Sichuan private kitchen **Da Ping Huo** (L/G, 49 Hollywood Rd., Central, 2559-1317) for a spicy-hot Sichuan Weekend Brunch that will blow the roof off your mouth. The legendary husband and wife duo who run this underground temple to spicy cuisine need no introduction, and they're still going strong after two decades with a new weekend brunch promotion to celebrate the restaurant's 20th anniversary. For \$180, feast on a six-course brunch set which includes signature diner favorites such as hot and sour glass noodles, cold chicken, roast beef, stir-fried cabbage, unlimited orders of dandan noodles, and tofu pudding with snow fungus for dessert. While the cold noodles and chicken pack on the tongue-numbing heat, you can revive your taste buds with the milder stir-fried cabbage and dandan noodles, swimming in a sesame broth with a sprinkling of green onions and crunchy peanuts to top off the bowl. For a start to your weekend, Da Ping Huo's brunch will invigorate your palate—although be prepared to drink copious amounts of sour plum juice on the side to keep your mouth in check.



Discover Asian street snacks at Fugazi

Housewarming Party

Formerly the owner of one of Hong Kong's first private kitchens, chef Eddy Leung has brought his passionate cooking (and most of his loyal following) to his new kitchen **Chez Ed** (15/F, Zing!, 38 Yiu Wa St., Causeway Bay, 3104-4664). Still carrying the intimate feel of dining in chef Eddy's personal kitchen, regulars will find some familiar dishes off the bat, such as the immensely creamy scrambled egg dish with generous shavings of Tasmanian black truffle (\$380), and the fork-tender 12-hour slow-braised wagyu beef cheek. The lunch menu is an in-and-out affair with three courses going for \$280 and four for \$380, while the dinner tasting menu (\$980) is the time to sit back, relax and let Eddy play the quintessential host, with course after course of home-style French cooking including lobster risotto with aged parmesan and spinach, and Canadian pork paillard with crispy lotus root and baby asparagus.

Real or Fake

Billing itself as Hong Kong's first gastrogrill, **Fugazi** (G/F, 21 Catchick St., Kennedy Town, 2817-7377) is the latest addition to K-Town's food scene, serving Asian skewers and snacks which go down best with a cold beer or sake. Modeled off an izakaya but drawing inspiration from all over Asia, Fugazi (slang for "fake") offers everything from Sichuan wings fried with cumin and coriander to Xinjiang lamb fillets dusted with homemade spice powder. On the menu you'll also find Malay dishes such as grilled beef tenderloin and 13-spiced shrimp and chicken laksa, as well as more unusual offerings including fried yam crisps and sea snails. Dishes range from \$25-\$68 and there's a list of 30 fine wines and sakes to wash it down. As for the décor? It's your typical hipster space: industrial warm wood tones, geometric accents, and a "mysterious lady" peering at diners from her graffiti art throne on the concrete walls.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Jan Jan Kushikatsu ★★★★☆

Japanese. 2/F, 100 Queen's Rd. East, Wan Chai, 2157-1408.



Who says only Americans know how to deep fry stuff? With more than 12 locations in Osaka and Tokyo, this *kushikatsu* (deep-fried skewers) restaurant is the first to open outside of Japan. The space is small but cozy, with diners seated around an open kitchen.

HIT Unlike tempura, *kushikatsu* skewers have a thinner batter and feel less oily, and are typically dunked in a sweet and sour dipping sauce. We loved the A5 wagyu beef (\$88), which was supremely juicy and tender, showcasing the premium quality of the beef. The fried chicken leg (\$23) and the "kiss fish" whiting skewers (\$60) were equally tender,

moist and light. Not to be missed are the cheese skewers (\$26), which oozed and gushed with hot cheese at the first bite. Healthier options include lotus root (\$27), asparagus (\$35) and shiitake (\$27), each of which had a crispy fried exterior which locked in the flavor and natural juices of the veg.

MISS While we loved most of the skewers we ordered, the grilled mentaiko slices (\$88) were way too salty to eat on their own, and left us desperate to wash the taste away. The grilled ume and chicken roll (\$29) was unfortunately on the dry side. For dessert, the castella cake (\$35) was disappointing as the sponge seemed to have sat in the fridge for too long and was hard when it arrived at the table.

BOTTOM LINE Stick to what Jan Jan's known for—the *kushikatsu*—and you'll be reminded again of the beauty and magic of a simple deep fryer.

Open Mon-Fri noon-3pm, 6-11pm; Sat-Sun 1-3:30pm, 6-11pm. \$\$-\$\$. Open Mon-Sun 11am-11pm. \$

Mad for Garlic ★★★★☆

Korean Fusion. Shop 1104, 11/F, Food Forum, Times Square, 1 Matheson St., Causeway Bay, 3752-2880.



From one pungent ingredient to another, popular Korean chain Mad For Garlic replaces the ubiquitous kimchi with the addictive aromatics of garlic, using it in 11 different methods of preparation across the bold-flavored menu.

HIT We loved the garlic bread tower (\$48), a crispy baguette toasted upright, with a volcanic mound of paprika spiced garlic mince on top. The server smashes the mound of garlic into the soft fluffy center tableside; served piping hot, the combination can't go wrong. The grilled chicken ssam (\$108) was a relatively healthy starter with salad greens wrapped in puffy

naan bread smothered with garlic butter. The garlic steak (\$188), a juicy rib-eye heaped with toasted garlic chips, arrived a little too rare for us but the servers graciously changed it. The greatest surprise was the garlic and banana nutella pizza dessert (\$68), with sweet garlic cloves that somehow paired well with banana and chocolate.

MISS Acoustics aren't great, and unless you're seated at a booth, you'll probably find it hard to hear the person across from you. Pastas are a bit on the goopy side, especially with the garlic carbonara (\$98), which had too much sweetness (and heaviness) from the garlic cream. On another visit, the beef tenderloin ssam (\$198) came with dry naan, with the garlic cream served on the side in a bowl of oily, limp grilled veg.

BOTTOM LINE You may have to wait for a table, but inventive, easily shareable dishes and wallet-friendly prices make for a fun dining experience nevertheless. And besides—who doesn't love garlic?

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

Ratings

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

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Level 7, Harbour Plaza Metropolis, 7 Metropolis Drive, Hung Hom
Tel: 3160-6880

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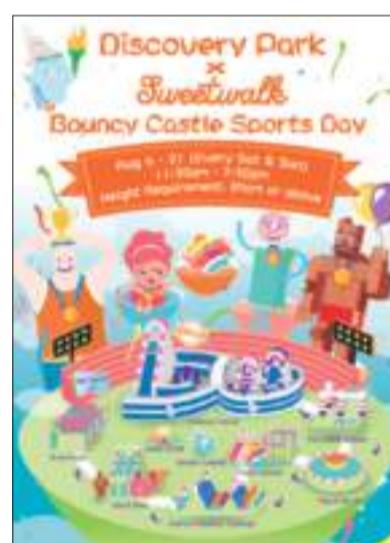
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Sweetwalk Bouncy Castle Sports Day

From Aug 6 - 21 for 3 weekends, Sweetwalk will be back with a brand NEW theme 'Bouncy Castle Sports Day' in Discovery Park, Tsuen Wan! By completion of all 10 games, participants will be rewarded with a medal, a certificate and a special gift. Get your child ready for the challenge with us this Summer! Kids over 85cm or above are welcome to join the challenge!

Enquiry Hotline: 2733-0944
www.sweetwalk.asia

Exhibition by HKDI students at HomeSquare

Three Hong Kong Design Institute students — all winner of HomeSquare's "Think and Do" scholarship — will share their insights and creative vision, which place heavy emphasis on creating unity within the home via symmetrical layout and proportional settings. Their exhibition at HomeSquare's atrium will showcase how creative home layouts can unlock endless possibilities in creating a home's feel.

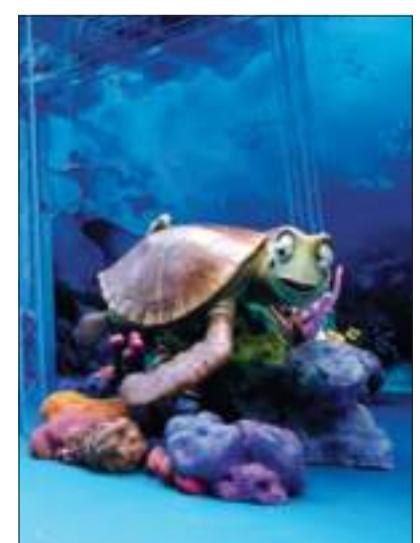
Home 360 Exhibition Details
Date and time: July 17 to August 17, 11am to 9pm
Location: HomeSquare atrium



Disney • Pixar's "Finding Dory" swims its way to Times Square

Finding her family with Marlin, Nemo and the newest characters, Dory coupled with her short-term memory takes us to another thrilling adventure. The new and old "Finding Nemo" team made their way to Times Square, transforming various spots into a 3D deep sea world!

32 tailored-made 3D characters are showcased with the 4m gigantic "septopus" Hank welcoming everyone here! The exhibition ends on July 31.



CITY STROLL



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North Point

Once a bustling industrial area, North Point was long known as "Little Shanghai" because of the large Shanghainese population which settled there after fleeing the Chinese Civil War. It soon became a popular choice for other immigrants from across China, particularly the Fujianese. The mixture of dialects and culture created a unique feel to the area, which lives on still in its busy markets and old edifices.

Compiled by **Kate Lok**

1

Ryze Hong Kong

The first indoor trampoline park in Hong Kong, Ryze allows you to bounce your way through more than 40 connecting trampolines covering some 8,000 square feet. There's also slacklining, trapezing, aerial silks and a "ninja obstacle course" on offer.

3/F, 321 Java Rd., North Point,
2337-8191, ryzehongkong.com



2

North Point Ferry Pier

The pier was built in 1957 to meet an increasing demand for public transportation due to the booming population and industry in the area. These days it isn't as busy as it once was, only operating ferries to Hung Hom, Kowloon City and Kwun Tong—but it's found a new life as a popular fishing and morning workout spot.

Harbour Parade, North Point.



3

Shanghai Kiu Kwun Barber Shop

Kiu Kwun is one of the oldest Shanghainese barbershops in the city, and its retro-style interior is alive and well. Owner Gao sifu proudly showed us around his three-decades-old store with polished marbled walls and mirrored stairways. You walk in feeling like you're in a Wong Kar-wai movie—and you can walk out looking good.

74C Java Rd., North Point, 2563-1266.



4

Lee Keung Kee North Point Egg Waffles

Don't be surprised by the insanely long queues and the newspaper clipping-covered walls at this iconic North Point snacking spot. With each order made fresh, these egg waffles are some of the best in town: Perfectly charred and crispy outside and soft and spongy inside.

492 King's Rd., North Point, 2590-9726.



5

Wah Fung Chinese Goods Centre

When this traditional Chinese-style department store opened in 1963, its 80,000 square feet made it the largest in the city. It offers a wide selection of everything Chinese from tea sets and silk costumes to calligraphy brushes, making it a great place to find gifts at reasonable prices.

G/F-2/F, 395 King's Rd., North Point,
2856-0333.



6

Kiu Kwan Mansion

This 95m-tall residential building towers over King's Road, decked out in eye-catching colors. When it was built in 1966, it was the tallest building in the whole of Greater China. The building played an important part in the 1967 riots, as the headquarters of underground leftist groups.

395 King's Rd., North Point.



Check back next week for more fantastic things to do in North Point!

FLAVORS of EUROPE

quality and tradition

FLAVORS OF EUROPE? THEY SHOULD BE EXPLORED!

You will have an opportunity to do so soon enough from 11-13 August during the Food Expo Fair in Hong Kong. We will open a special zone for our guests, for gourmets, lovers of European products and those simply interested in foodstuffs from the European Union – a colourful, innovative place, filled with the unforgettable flavours of meats, fruit, vegetables and spices.

Some of our best chefs will prepare a festival of European flavours that will span three days and feature highest quality pork, beef and poultry combined with fruit and vegetables in the most exceptional and unconventional ways. Presentations, talks, culinary demonstrations and of course tastings of delicious dishes - these are only a few of the attractions we have prepared for the event. Guests will be welcomed by meat producers, exporters of fruit and vegetables, meat products, as well as processed fruit and vegetable products, who will present the benefits of European products and offer their services.

The exhibitors share a common goal with the organisers of the "Flavors of Europe - Quality and Tradition" promotional programme – they wish to prove that European products are deeply rooted in tradition, but at the same time, are produced in an innovative and modern manner, all while ensuring the high quality desired by customers.

It is for the customers that we have prepared a culinary journey throughout the European Union – during the Food Expo fair, they will be able to taste local cuisine, including Polish, and discover the old and the new regional flavours of Europe. This journey will be made even more attractive by our world-class chefs, who will present and serve dishes, the taste of which is simply impossible to forget.

Our kitchen will be dominated by the highest quality fresh and chilled beef, pork and poultry, a variety of fruit and vegetables, as well as fruit and vegetable products – our chefs know that these products are indispensable and a staple in every kitchen. Culinary success is ensured thanks to the fact that all these products are produced in accordance with HACCP principles (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point), the GMP standard (Good Manufacturing Practice) and the principles of GHP (Good Hygienic Practice). Our chefs select only exceptional poultry meat produced in



accordance with the QAFP (Quality Assurance for Food Products), which is the quality system that applies in Poland, and is characterised by its high quality, flavour and culinary parameters. The same can be said about beef, as well as pork, produced from pigs bred using cutting-edge breeding and meat production technologies. The flavours of the meats will be complemented by fresh and processed vegetables, as well as numerous fruit and vegetable products produced in accordance with the GAP (Good Agricultural Product) quality system, pursuant to GMP and GHP standards.

The managers of the "Flavors of Europe" promotional programme decided to emphasise the two qualities which are the most important in trade – quality and tradition. Good manufacturing practices are important; however, in food production, using proven technologies and taking advantage of the most valuable aspects of traditional production is just as important as ensuring the highest quality or adhering to standards.

What does contemporary European cuisine taste like? What are the ways to surprise everyone with a combination of tradition and modern technology in food production? How to bring products from the European Union to the kitchens and tables of Asia? Find out the answers to these questions at the "Flavors of Europe – Quality and Tradition" exhibition stand.

You can also find out more about the "Flavors of Europe – Quality and Tradition" promotional programme at www.flavorsofeurope.eu



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UPCLOSE: TSE MING-CHONG



Tse Ming-chong is a photographer and founder of Lumenvisum, a photography/art gallery at the Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre. He was recently commissioned by European Photography magazine to co-edit and curate an issue on Hong Kong. The photographs from the issue are currently on display at Lumenvisum. Tse tells Jessica Wei about photographers in Hong Kong, curating this exhibit, and how the city has changed.

HK Magazine: What is the story of Lumenvisum?

Tse Ming-chong: Around 2006, we saw that digital photography was becoming more popular. As photographers and educators, we set up Lumenvisum to promote all aspects of photography. We thought we needed to do something to rouse the general public to pay attention to images, and we believed people could learn that they could use photos to express their feelings and communicate with others. It has always been the vision of Lumenvisum to try to promote contemporary Hong Kong photography.

HK: What was the curation process for this exhibit?

TMC: We talked to European Photography a year ago. We studied more than 100 photographers' works, and held an open recruitment drive through Facebook. We received images from over 100 people. From these two resources, we selected the pieces we thought were the best. Then we found a theme: What does Hong Kong look like now?

HK: What are these photographers communicating in their work?

TMC: The photographers who grew up in Hong Kong are more concerned about their feelings towards their homeland. They express their own emotions towards the city, its social issues, and how it has changed over the past 20 years. Photographers from abroad are more interested in the exterior of the city—you'll see some photographers focused on the buildings and the skyline.

HK: As a longtime photographer in the city, what do you focus on?

TMC: Most of my work has been concerned about the people and their living conditions. Not just in their daily lives, but psychologically and politically; the relationship between the people and the city itself, and how people react to the changes of the physical space and the political landscape of Hong Kong. This has been a longtime theme of my photography.

HK: How has Hong Kong changed for you since you started shooting?

TMC: Physically, the cityscape has changed. The things I experienced when I was young no longer exist. Every time I pass some place I used to go to, I have this feeling of loss. There's always something new. Like the Star Ferry on Hong Kong side is a totally new experience. I need to find the connection between the present and the past through my photography.

HK: What in this exhibit resonates with you in this way?

TMC: One of the works that is quite close to this feeling is Dustin Shum's work—he shot the public housing developments and their recent changes. Wei Leng-tay's work also focuses on the living conditions of city dwellers and the relationships between family members and couples, from inside their homes.

Order the recent Hong Kong issue of European Photography, co-edited by Tse Ming-chong, at equivalence.com, or catch the Contemporary Hong Kong Photography Exhibition before it closes on Jul 24 at Lumenvisum, L0 Gallery, JCCAC, 30 Pak Tin St., Shek Kip Mei.



"Kirk and Karen," 2013, from "Hong Kong Living" by Wei Leng-tay

Classical



Arcadi Volodos Piano Recital

Russian piano virtuoso Arcadi Volodos returns to Hong Kong for a recital chock-full of German classics, such as Schumann's "Papillons," Brahms' "3 Intermezzi" and one of Schubert's final sonatas, "Piano Sonata No. 20 in A." Known for his interpretation of Romantic compositions, Volodos has recorded Schubert sonatas and Rachmaninoff solo pieces, as well as a Gramophone Award-winning album devoted to Catalonian composer Federico Mompou. Jul 26, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$180-400 from urbtix.hk.

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 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.

Fazil Say Plays Mozart & Say

Fazil Say, described by Le Figaro as "one of the greatest artists of the 21st century," will be performing with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta under the baton of director/conductor Yip Wing-sie. This orchestral performance marks the Hong Kong premiere of his "Silk Road" piano concerto, inspired by the dramatic journey from Tibet to Turkey; he will also be performing Mozart's Concerto No. 21. In the latter half of the night, the Sinfonietta will play Beethoven's Symphony No. 8. Jul 23, 8pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$200-420 from urbtix.com.

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.

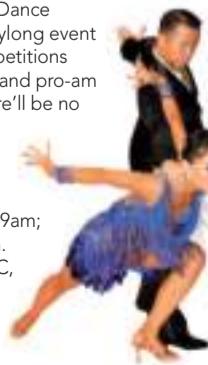
Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

The stand-out performers from the Melbourne International Comedy Fest are making their rounds through Asia. Catch a showcase of Australia's best funnypersons, including Mel Buttle, Bob Franklin (pictured), Ivan Aristeguieta, Sam Taunton and the UK's Phil Wang as they make their stop at the Fringe Club. Through Jul 24. Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$250-395 from hkticketing.com.

Dance

2016 Asia International Dance Championships

800 of the best professional and amateur Latin and Ballroom dancers are gathering for the spectacular 2016 Asia International Dance Championships. In a daylong event that encompasses competitions for youth, pro, amateur and pro-am Latin and Ballroom, there'll be no shortage of dynamic performances and dazzling costumes for dance-lovers to take in. Jul 28. Daytime session 9am; Evening session 7:30pm. Convention Hall, HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai. \$190-1,800 from asiainternational.net.



Reveries of the Red Chamber

The Hong Kong Dance Company's new experimental dance performance is based on the Chinese literary folktale "Dream of the Red Chamber." In this tale, a goddess who created mankind casts out a stone, which is incarnated into a mortal boy, who leads a life of drama and family feuds. In "Reveries of the Red Chamber," the dance company takes on three different interpretations on the story, bringing it to life and to the contemporary mind through poetry and movement. Aug 5-7, 7:45pm; Aug 6-7, 3pm. Studio Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$250 (free seating) from hkdance.com.

Musicals



Shrek The Musical

Less a jolly green giant than a reluctant hero with a noble heart, Shrek makes a journey to Macau, along with his posse of fairytale friends, to defeat the tyrannical Lord Farquaad, reclaim their rightful home, and save a princess in the process. This musical adaptation of the Dreamworks classic will be playing 21 performances at the Venetian—catch it before they ride back off into the sunset. Through Aug 7. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. venetianmacao.com. \$180-780 from hkticketing.com.

Theater



The Tiger Lillies Perform Hamlet

Hamlet gets a rock musical update as British cult band The Tiger Lillies team up with Danish contemporary theatre troupe Theatre Republique to retell the story of the young, tormented Danish king and the rain of blood which ensues as he comes to terms with who really killed his father. Balancing touches of cabaret, opera and gypsy music and the multimedia expertise of Theatre Republique, this stage adaptation is set to be an unforgettable experience—at least far more so than Mel Gibson's version. Sep 9-10, 8pm; Sep 11, 3pm. Kwai Tsing Theatre, 12 Hing Ning Rd., Kwai Fong. \$180-420 from urbtix.hk.

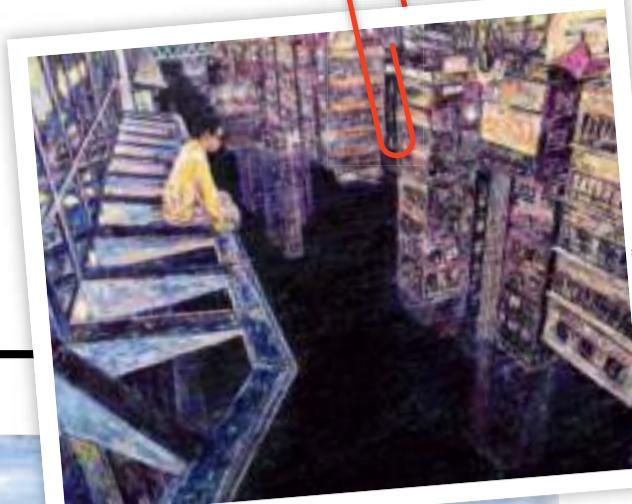
The Sin Family

This new production by the HK Repertory Theatre explores family relationships in the city. An affluent couple who has been able to provide their son with every material desire he could ever ask for is unable to give him the thing he actually wants: peace in the family. Stars actress Candice Yu as the matriarch. In Cantonese with English surtitles. Through Aug 1, 7:45pm. Theatre, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$160-300 from urbtix.hk.

Blue Man Group in Macau

Get ready to get blue'd in the face: the world's most famous cerulean celebrities (and no, we're not talking about the Na'vi) are headed to Macau and they're bringing with them their usual explosive performance experience. Transcending all cultural, language and age differences, the Blue Man Group combine science, comedy, music and exciting visual effects into a standout performance. Aug 11-28. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$380-880 from hkticketing.com.





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"Between an Uncertain Night"
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Exhibitions



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.

"Surging Waves" by Hung Hoi



A Fleeting Moment

With an aesthetic and an eye for detail informed by her artistic upbringing among the forests and mountains of her native home of Vermont, plus a keen training in Chinese ink and watercolor on rice paper, Nissa Kauppila's work depicts immaculately painted animals, mostly birds, seemingly set on collision courses. But these pure, whole forms soon shift into something more abstract. Through Aug 20. Above Second, 9 First St., Sai Ying Pun. above-second.com.

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OPEN BAR CIRCO

The Buzz: We've long been complaining about the dying gay bar scene in Hong Kong, what with the recent passing of the iconic Propaganda. And although many venues are becoming more gay-friendly, there are fewer bars dedicated to the community. Located in Causeway Bay, Circo is the latest multi-purpose venue for the LGBT community, and it's a breath of fresh air away from the regular scene in SoHo and Sheung Wan's Jervois Street.

The Decor: Tucked away behind Times Square, Circo is all the way up on the 22nd floor, offering a sweeping view of the Causeway Bay cityscape thanks to high ceilings and huge windows. The cocktail lounge is modern and chic with a slick bar, leather couches and booths for some quiet time on weekdays, and the whole venue changes into a dance club on weekends, with in-house DJs and plenty of beautiful people.

The Drinks: A cocktail lounge, Circo offers 10 creative and carefully handcrafted cocktails, which will be shuffled around every two or three months according to season. The signature Red Carpet Moment (\$148) makes for a dramatic entrance, and we were amazed by its depth, with Kavalan Sherry Oak whisky matched with vermouth and a hint of Earl Grey. If you feel like something summery and refreshing, go for From Circo With

Love (\$108): This fizzy combination of Prosecco, passionfruit and elderflower liqueurs is a great choice to beat the heat. Despite its name, the Honey Honey (\$108), isn't just about sweetness. Made with Bombay Sapphire gin, Drambuie, lemon and of course, honey, the drink is topped with a layer of egg white foam that gives it the creaminess and frothiness it needs. Apple pie fans will love the Adam's Apple (\$138), a spicy, intensely flavorful and not-so-innocent drink made with Earl Grey-infused gin, fresh apple juice and cinnamon syrup.

Why You'll Be Back: Although out of most gays' comfort zones location-wise, Circo has the vibe and the drinks to become the next great place to be for the LGBT community. But it's also straight-friendly, as the bar believes in inclusivity, rather than aiming to become a niche gay venue targeting a specific group, be it bear, otter or twink. While they're not serving eats just yet, a full kitchen is in place and Circo will soon roll out a food menu, as well as a range of healthy non-alcoholic juices for the health-conscious. Guys (gays), you're out of excuses not to go out. Xavier Ng

22/F, Oliv, 15 Sharp St. East, Causeway Bay, 2892-8808, facebook.com/CircoHK



Clubs

Studio Presents: Push Showcase with Frankie Lam and AKW

They've worked with the Clockenflap festival team, they've created large scale parties such as Summer Daybreak, Sky Party and Splash, and now they're hitting up Studio: Let Push resident DJs Frankie Lam and AKW ease you into the weekend with their underground electronic beats. Jul 29, 10pm. Studio, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, free; RSVP at pushshowcase.pelago.events for entry. Dress code: No shorts, beachwear, sportswear or flip flops.

Hungry Monday: Sharam Jey

We officially have less than half of the year to go. You probably had all those resolutions about making the most of your week and your year. How about hitting up the club on a Monday? You can, thanks to D-i: Get your fix of groovy deep house with King Kong Records label boss Sharam Jey on the decks. Aug 1, 10pm. Dragon-i, U/G, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central, \$200 at the door.

Ozone Presents: DJ Antwone

Kick off the weekend with some positive vibes with DJ Antone's funky house music at Ozone: If the beats don't make you feel like you're on top of the world, the 118/F views of the harbor will. Jul 23, 10pm. Ozone, 118/F, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, \$150 at the door, includes one drink.

Uberjak'd

Signed to Steve Aoki's Dim Mak, Ministry of Sound Australia, and Laidback Luke's Mixmash labels, and named number one DJ in South Australia two years in a row, Aussie club producer Uberjak'd will be revving up Cubic at the end of July. Jul 30, 10pm. Club Cubic, 2/F, Hard Rock Hotel, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, \$250 at the door.

Gaby Endo at Ophelia

Is it possible for peacock-themed bar Ophelia to get even more glamorous? Apparently so: Half Japanese-Brazilian and half DJ-model, Gaby Endo hits the decks with her distinct deep house. Jul 23, 9pm. Ophelia, Shop 39A, 1/F, Lee Tung Avenue, Wan Chai, free entry.



Kee Presents: Sol Passion Music 3rd Anniversary with Stefano Ritteri

Sol Passion Music, aka the DJ sifus of Hong Kong, celebrates its third birthday with special guest, Italian and London-based producer Stefano Ritteri. Head to Kee for the party. Jul 22, 10pm. Kee Club, 6/F, 32 Wellington St., Central, \$100 from eventbrite.hk, \$150 at the door.

Gigs



Against the Current: In Our Bones World Tour

Against the Current plays what's billed as "intelligent pop songs." The pop rock trio from Poughkeepsie, New York made it big on YouTube before breaking into the gig scene. They're back in Hong Kong to tour their latest album, "In Our Bones." Sep 16, 8pm. MacPherson Stadium, 38 Nelson St., Mong Kok, \$450-750 (VIP with meet and greet) from cityline.com.



The Underground: Heavy #16

The Heavy series of concerts by The Underground returns, to the glee of all Hong Kong metalheads. Check out four bands: Feel of All with their Hong Kong-style punk, melodic hardcoreists The Priceless Boat who are down to get angry and political, Ol Squad with old school punk, all before hard rock vets Maniac clean up the moshpit for the night. Aug 4, 8pm. Orange Peel, 2/F, 38-44 D'Aguilar St., Central, \$90 from underground.hk. com, \$120 at the door; both include one drink.

Happy Hours

Free Flow Spritz at Pirata

Get in on some cool new cocktails at Wan Chai vermuteria Pirata, from the gin- and English breakfast tea-based Admiral Tea (\$90) to the tropical rum cocktail Pirata Tiki AllSpice (\$95). To make weekend happy hour vibes even happier, the bar offers free flow spritz cocktails for just \$180 between 5-7:30pm, Fridays to Sundays. Jul 29, 10pm. Pirata, 29-30/F, 239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai.

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. Looking to get really *loco/michyeosseot*? Try 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.

Champagne Happy Hour at Portofino's Spirito Bar

Off on a weekend stay in our sister SAR? Make it a true vacay with the champagne happy hour at The Venetian's Portofino restaurant, which offers a buy one-get-one-free deal on Pol Roger Brut Reserve NV bubbly every Friday—MOP220 per glass or MOP1,070 per bottle. Want to ball out even more? Pair it, or shall we say mop it up, with oysters fresh from France for just MOP10 each. Fridays, 6-9pm. Portofino, Shop 1039, 1/F, Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança, Macau.



La Paloma Caliente Wednesdays

Get some hot hump day action at La Paloma, which is serving up house drinks perfectly paired with pinchos—small Spanish snacks—all for \$45 each. Expect Lobster rolls, lomo con queso (pork and cheese sandwiches), sea bass ceviche, Spanish tortillas, and patatas bravas. Salud! Wednesdays, 6pm. La Paloma, 1/F, SoHo 189, 189 Queen's Rd. West, Sai Ying Pun.

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/reggaeskafestival2016, \$400 at the door.

Treat yo' self to free flow
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See below for more info

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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 early bird tickets to \$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 the HIIT into their wining and grinding. The after-party continues at Woobar, from 11pm 'til late. Jul 30, Aug 13, 27, 8pm. Wet Pool, 76/F, W Hong Kong, 1 Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, \$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.

July Singles Mingle Networking Social

Ever tried a speed-dating event to no avail? Aiming to de-stress the traditional format of speed dating, this Sunday event is also one-half networking social. And if neither of those work, you get two drinks upon entry, plus a lucky draw to win awesome prizes. Jul 31, 3pm. Rude Bar & Lounge, UB/F, 79 Wyndham St., Central, \$180 (early bird)-\$200 from eventbrite.hk, \$250 at the door; all include two free drinks.



Road to Ultra Hong Kong

The single-stage spin-off to the world-famous EDM festival brand Ultra reaches the city's shores this fall. Expect top international headliners from the electronic dance music scene: Aussie duo Knife Party, Dutch DJ Martin Garrix, and UK trio Nero. It'll be a mix of genres all day and night, with support from Carnage, Galantis, Jauz, Marshmello and Thomas Jack. Plus, Hong Kong audiences will be the first to check out the brand new Nursery Park in West Kowloon. Early bird tickets sold out within the first 20 hours, so you might want to grab your tickets, like, now. Sep 17, noon-10pm. Nursery Park, West Kowloon Cultural District, Austin Rd. West, West Kowloon, \$900-2,200 (VIP) from hongkong. roadtoultra.com, \$1,480-2,580 at the door.



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Three ★★★★

(Hong Kong/China) Action/Drama. Directed by Johnnie To. Starring Vicky Zhao Wei, Louis Koo, Wallace Chung. Category IIB. 88 minutes. Opened Jul 14.

Known for Hong Kong cop-versus-criminal classics such as the "Election" movies and "PTU," the venerable Johnnie To is no stranger to firearms-packed plotlines revolving around complicated character entanglements, and he's at it again with "Three"—though this time on a deliberately tighter, smaller scale.

The film revolves around the conflicting philosophies of three main characters: Talented but stressed neurosurgeon Tong Qian (a weathered-looking Zhao Wei), taciturn cop Inspector Chen (the ever-stoic Louis Koo), and wily, smiley bank robber Shun (Wallace Chung), who for much of the film is confined to his hospital bed. With a bullet lodged in his head, the thief refuses brain surgery, stalling for time in an effort to enable his accomplices to rescue him. And as he tries to throw the cops off with Bertrand Russell analogies, Tong and Chen argue about his fate: Should he live? Is he to be trusted? Can he be manipulated as bait for a much bigger catch? Given the dialogue-driven nature of the film, especially in its confined hospital setting, it feels very much like a stage play.

"Three" is built like a lab experiment. Shot entirely on a specially constructed hospital set, To plays around with everything: From innovative shooting techniques such as a shot that looks like the inside of a brain membrane during surgery, to one long, symphonic take in which actors deliver slow-motion moves in real-time; to keeping the entire process fluid—longtime collaborator Yau Nai-hoi's screenplay was apparently finalized scene by scene, just minutes before the camera rolled.



Adding to the tension is a motley cast of hospital patients (or undercover cops, or killers on Shun's side—you won't find out until the end) whose ailments and misadventures lead to further problems down the line. Each little spark sets off another, leading to one large, literal explosion, which eventually triggers the climax of the movie: that glorious one-take slow-motion shootout. With the camera snaking around the room, actors apparently underwent weeks of training to be able to convincingly maneuver themselves around in slow motion, even managing slow gun throws and jumps with the help of wires and post-production trickery.

There are moments when the intensive job done in post becomes glaringly obvious and even bothersome: The hospital

foyer has been blatantly tacked onto a green screen, and the very obviously CG blood distracts from the pumping action sequences. More crucially, throughout the film it feels as if To is trying to rush his ideas into existence, whether they be technical or plot-driven, which brings out lapses in logic. For instance, why does a philosophical thief like Shun exist in the first place?

Nevertheless, with a thought-provoking story that crescendos from start to finish, and with a purpose behind every single diversion, this is yet another masterful story from a master filmmaker.

Evelyn Lok

Coming Soon

Jason Bourne ▾

(USA) He left the franchise after 2007's "The Bourne Ultimatum," but Matt Damon's Bourne is back: As he gets closer to finding out the truth about his past, Bourne once again has to outwit the CIA, but this time in the post-Snowden era. Also stars Julia Stiles, and Tommy Lee Jones as a veteran CIA operative. Opens Jul 28.

If Cats Disappeared From the World

(Japan) A terminally ill postman gets a tempting offer from the devil: Pick one thing to erase from the world and live one more day. Soon, his options run out and he's stuck prioritizing the people and relationships in his life. But before then? Cats are going to get it, presumably. Opens Jul 28.

High Rise

(UK/Belgium) An adaptation of J.G Ballard's dystopian novel of the same name about a luxury high-rise building filled with a range of affluent residents with no reason to leave, as everything quickly descends into chaos. We follow the insanity through protagonist Dr. Robert Laing (Tom Hiddleston) as he oscillates between rational and disturbed, and a cynical couple played by Luke Evans and Elizabeth Moss. Opens Jul 28.

Opening

After the Storm

(Japan) A once-successful novelist turned financially and morally irresponsible PI (Hiroshi Abe, "Godzilla 2000: Millennium") has one night to attempt reconciliation and mutual respect and understanding with his ex-wife, son and mother as a typhoon passes through his town. Peacefully shot with moments of true beauty from an often reprehensible protagonist, this film shows remarkable care and nuance in tackling themes of dysfunction. Opened Jul 21. ★★★★



Ghostbusters

(USA) The highly anticipated reboot of Ghostbusters finally lands in cinemas, this time starring Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, and Leslie Jones. This gender-swapped revival finds the team of parapsychologists chasing ghosts out of Manhattan, while trying to defeat a demon who can control humans. Who you gonna call... as a date for this movie? Opened Jul 21.

Star Trek Beyond

(USA) The third installment of the rebooted Star Trek series marks the last appearance by the late Anton Yelchin as Chekov, and opens on the 50th anniversary of the beloved franchise; and stars Idris Elba as a predatory new villain (who looks kind of reptilian but is definitely not a Gorn). It's been a long three years, nerds: time to go boldly to the final frontier. Opened Jul 21.

Continuing

Alice Through the Looking Glass

(USA) In this sequel to Tim Burton's 2010 hit Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska, Anne Hathaway and Helena Bonham Carter find themselves once again in Wonderland. It's another visual stunner and an enjoyable film, despite the drawn-out storyline and Disney cheesiness. ★★★

A Bigger Splash

(Italy/France) Rock star Marianne Lane (Tilda Swinton) and her photographer boyfriend (Matthias Schoenaerts) escape to a remote island on holiday. But when they're joined by her ex Harry (Ralph Fiennes) and his daughter, played by Dakota Johnson, things start to heat up. Despite moments of slightly iffy writing, this gorgeous movie holds up to the complexities of its source material. ★★★★



Central Intelligence

(USA) In this cop buddy comedy, 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.



Cold War 2

(Hong Kong) Following up 2012's smash hit of the same name, cop thriller Cold War 2 revisits Sean Lau (Aaron Kwok) and Waise Lee (Tony Leung) and their squad of big names as they continue to balance police protocol with another terrorist attack. Despite strong performances from megastars Leung and Chow Yun-fat, we can't help but stumble over the gaping plot holes and contrived cliffhangers. ★★★

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. ★★★★

The Handmaiden

(South Korea) From director Park Chan-wook ("Oldboy") comes a tale of a con man in 1930s Korea hoping to seduce an heiress for her money and the pickpocket he hires to be her handmaiden who ends up falling in love with her. A sensuously woven tale with nuanced characters by a master filmmaker. ★★★★★

Independence Day: Resurgence

(USA) The sequel to 1996's "Independence Day" brings former President Whitmore (Bill Pullman) and scientist David Levinson (Jeff Goldblum) back together, along with a new generation of unreasonably beautiful scientists and pilots including our very own Angelababy. What's different from the last one, you ask? Well, they killed off Will Smith's character because he's too expensive, plus the entire fight with the grotesque aliens is silly and corny. ★★





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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. ★★

Man Up

(UK) Simon Pegg and Lake Bell are the leads of this rom-com which starts with the cutest of meet-cutes: a mistaken woman on a blind date, a perfect date, the heartfelt reveal, an unanticipated reaction, and in between, high-flying highs, desperate lows, and a drunken meltdown to boot.

Me Before You

(UK/USA) This tearjerker of Nicholas Sparks-ian proportions brings together a spunky barista-turned caregiver and her client, a former high-rolling banker who loses everything—his job, his closest relationships, and his will to live—after a motorcycle accident leaves him completely paralyzed.

The Man Who Knew Infinity

(UK) Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons star in this biopic of Srinivasa Ramanujan, a mathematician who quickly rises from his poor Tamil Brahmin family in Madras to become one of the most brilliant innovators of formulas and theorems in pre-war Cambridge, with the help of an English professor (Irons). Stand-out performances and strong source material take this cookie-cutter biopic to the next level. ★★★★

The Nice Guys

(USA) Writer and director Shane Black ("Kiss Kiss Bang Bang") is back with another winding tale of mystery in the neo-noir shadows of gritty porn-addicted, disco-driven 1977 Los Angeles. Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe play a mismatched pair of misfit PIs looking to uncover the truth behind the death of an adult film star and the disappearance of a young girl.

Now You See Me 2

(USA) Following up 2013's "Now You See Me," a band of professional magicians/bank robbers is goaded into their biggest heist yet by tech genius Walter Mabry (Daniel Radcliffe). Magic buffs will be dazzled by the tricks, but the rest of us will be more intrigued by the Macanese backdrop, plus a significant cameo by pop star Jay Chou. ★★★



The Secret Life of Pets

(USA) What happens to our favorite furballs when we leave the house every day? A beloved dog Max (Louis CK) is taken out of domesticated bliss to the sewers in New York after his owner adopts a new dog. The team behind "Despicable Me" brings us a modern and comedian-stuffed callback to "Aristocats" and "An American Tail." The Secret Life of Pets is charming, funny and endlessly exciting. ★★★★

Three

(Hong Kong/China) See review, opposite.



See "Los Hongos" at Picada

Special Screenings

Colombian Movie Tuesday: Los Hongos

Finishing off Picada's Tuesday screenings for Colombian Independence Month is "Los Hongos" (2014), a narrative film with a documentary feel by Oscar Ruiz Navia centered around a group of graffiti artists in the Colombian city of Cali. Two teenagers in a corrupt society, inspired by the Arab Spring uprising, join a larger group of street artists and spread their philosophy of collaborative graffiti activism. Head over for a dinner of Colombian fare and stick around for this very special screening. Jul 26, 8pm. Picada, 16A, Elgin St., Central, 2526-7538.

The Hive Studios Screening: 10 Years Later

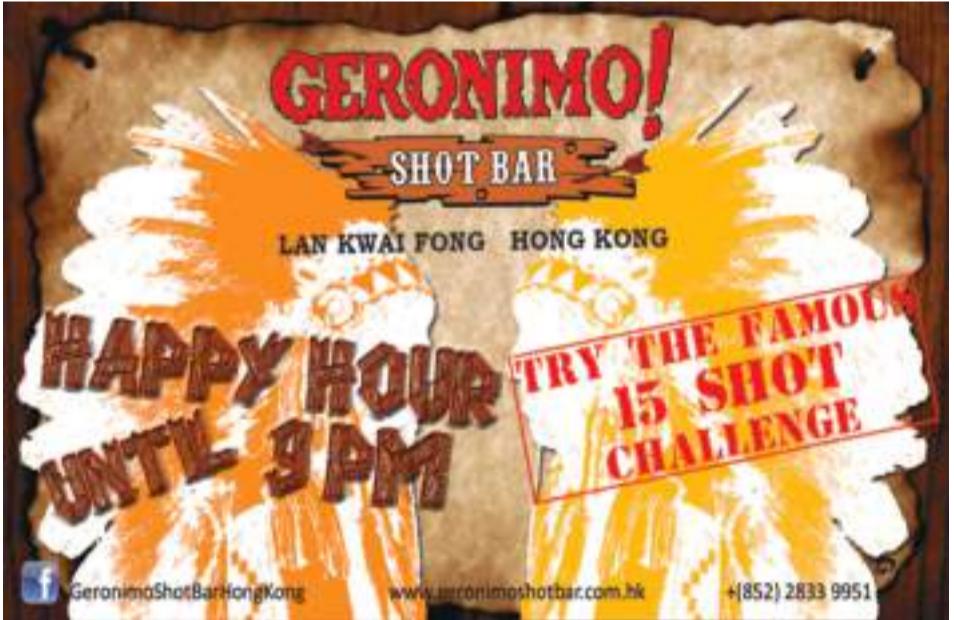
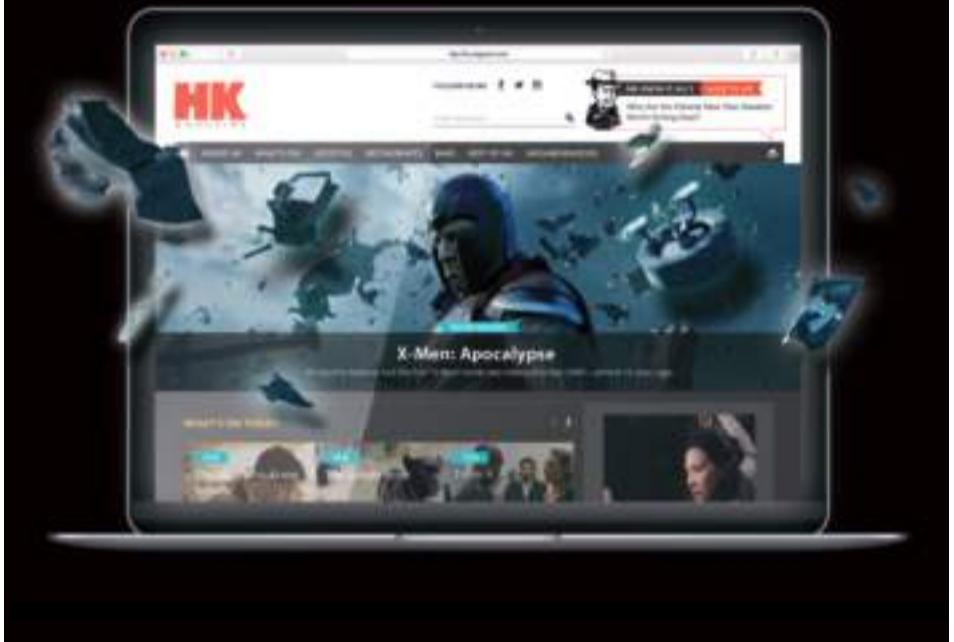
The Hive Studios are screening a different art-house film, classic or documentary every last Wednesday of the month. July's screening is "10 Years Later," a dark comedy from 2010 about six friends who reunite for their 10 year high school reunion, only to find that one of them has kidnapped a common enemy. Do they turn in their best friend, or do they allow themselves to be accomplices in this crime? Jul 27, 8pm. The Hive Studios, Unit 12P, 6/F, Cheung Hing Industrial Building, Smithfield Rd., Kennedy Town. \$40 includes two glasses of champagne from hivestudios2.pelago.events.

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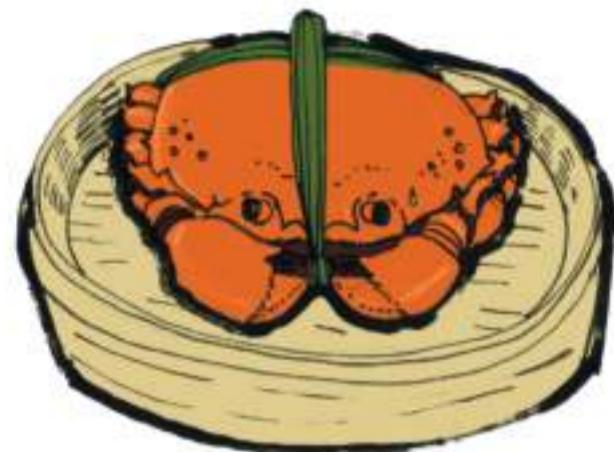
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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

ROB BREZSNY

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Capricorns may be the hardest workers of the zodiac, and Tauruses the most dogged. But in the coming weeks, I suspect you Cancerians will be the smartest workers. You will efficiently surmise the precise nature of the tasks at hand, and do what's necessary to accomplish them. There'll be no false starts or reliance on iffy data or slapdash trial-and-error experiments. You'll have a light touch as you find innovative short cuts that produce better results than would be possible via the grind-it-out approach.



LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): My friend's 12-year-old daughter Brianna got a "B" on her summer school math test. She might have earned an "A" if it weren't for a problem her teacher had with some of her work. "You got the right answer by making two mistakes that happened to cancel each other out," he wrote on her paper next to question seven. I suspect you will soon have a similar experience. Leo. But the difference between you and Brianna is that I'm giving you an "A." All that matters in the end is that you succeed. I don't care if your strategy is a bit funky.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Have ever fantasized about being a different gender or race or astrological sign? Do you suspect it might be fun and liberating to completely change your wardrobe or your hairstyle or your body language? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to experiment with these variables, and with any others that would enable you to play with your identity and mutate your self-image. You have a cosmic exemption from imitating what you have done in the past. In this spirit, feel free to read all the other signs' horoscopes, and act on the one you like best. Your word of power is "shapeshifter."

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): The Golden Goose Award is given annually to "scientists whose work may have been considered silly, odd, or obscure when first conducted," but which ultimately produced dramatic advances. Entomologists Raymond Bushland and Edward Knippling were this year's winners. More than 60 years ago they started tinkering with the sex life of the screwworm fly in an effort to stop the pest from killing livestock and wildlife throughout the American South. At first their ideas were laughed at, even ridiculed. In time they were lauded for their pioneering breakthroughs. I suspect you'll be blessed with a vindication of your own in the coming weeks, Libra. It may not be as monumental as Bushland's and Knippling's, but I bet it'll be deeply meaningful for you.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): I hope it doesn't sound too paradoxical when I urge you to intensify your commitment to relaxation. I will love it, and more importantly your guardian angel will love it, if you become a fierce devotee of slowing down and chilling out. Get looser and cozier and more spacious, damn it! Snuggle more. Cut back on overthinking and trying too hard. Vow to become a high master of the mystic art of I-don't-give-a-f*ck. It's your

sacred duty to steal more slack from the soul-anesthetizing grind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): I regularly travel back through time from the year 2036 so as to be here with you. It's tough to be away from the thrilling transformations that are underway there. But it's in a good cause. The bedraggled era that you live in needs frequent doses of the vigorous optimism that's so widespread in 2036, and I'm happy to disseminate it. Why am I confessing this? Because I suspect you now have an extra talent for gazing into the unknown and exploring undiscovered possibilities. You also have an unprecedented power to set definite intentions about the life you want to be living in the future. Who will you be five years from today? Ten years? Twenty years? Be brave. Be visionary. Be precise.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): Here's one strategy you could pursue, I guess: You could spank the Devil with a feather duster as you try to coax him to promise that he will never again trick you with a bogus temptation. But I don't think that would work, frankly. It may have minor shock value, in which case the Devil might leave you in peace for a short time. Here's what I suggest instead: Work at raising your discernment so high that you can quickly identify, in the future, which temptations will deliver you unto evil confusion, and which will feed and hone your most noble desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19): After a cool, dry period, you'll soon be slipping into a hot, wet phase. The reasonable explanations that generated so much apathy are about to get turned inside-out. The seemingly good excuses that provided cover for your timidity will be exposed as impractical lies. Are you ready for your passion to roar back into fashion? Will you know what to do when suppressed yearnings erupt and the chemicals of love start rampaging through your soft, warm animal body? I hereby warn you about the oncoming surge of weird delight—and sing "Hallelujah!" for the revelatory fun it will bring.

PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20): I'm composing your horoscope on my iPhone after midnight on a crowded bus that's crammed with sweaty revelers. We're being transported back to civilization from a rural hideaway where we spent the last 12 hours at a raging party. I still feel ecstatic from the recent bacchanal, but the ride is uncomfortable. I'm pinned against a window by a sleepy, drunken dude who's not in full control

of his body. But do I allow my predicament to interfere with my holy meditation on your destiny? I do not—just as I trust you will keep stoking the fires of your own inspiration in the face of comparable irritations. You have been on a hot streak, my dear. Don't let anything tamp it down!

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): You now have more luxuriant access to divine luck than you've had in a long time. For the foreseeable future, you could be able to induce semi-miraculous twists of fate that might normally be beyond your capacities. But here's a caveat: The good fortune swirling in your vicinity may be odd or irregular or hard-to-understand. To harvest it, you will have to expand your ideas about what constitutes good fortune. It may bestow powers you didn't even realize it was possible to have. For example, what if you temporarily have an acute talent for gravitating toward situations where smart love is in full play?

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): A directory published by the U.S. Department of Labor says that my gig as an astrologer shares a category with jugglers, rodeo clowns, acrobats, carnival barkers, and stuntpersons. Am I, therefore, just a charming buffoon? An amusing goofball who provides diversion from life's serious matters? I'm fine with that. I may prefer to regard myself as a sly oracle inflamed with holy madness, but the service I provide is probably more effective if my ego doesn't get the specific glory it yearns for. In this way, I have certain resemblances to the Taurus tribe during the next four weeks. Is it OK if you achieve success without receiving all of the credit you think you deserve?

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Over the course of a 57-year career, Japanese movie director Akira Kurosawa won 78 major awards for his work, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oscars. Among the filmmakers who've named him as an inspirational influence are heavyweights like Ingmar Bergman, Werner Herzog, Bernardo Bertolucci, Robert Altman, Francis Ford Coppola, and Martin Scorsese. But Kurosawa wasn't too haughty to create lighter fare. At age 86, he departed from his epic dramas to create a 30-second commercial for a yogurt drink. Did that compromise his artistic integrity? I say no. Even a genius can't be expected to create non-stop masterpieces. Be inspired by Kurosawa, Gemini. In the coming weeks, give your best to even the most modest projects.

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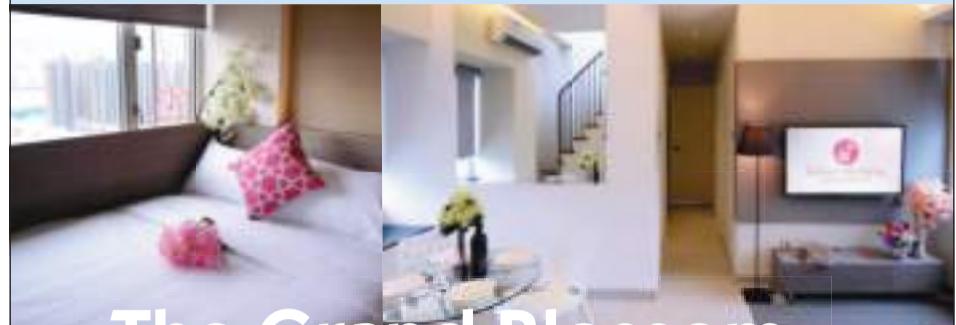


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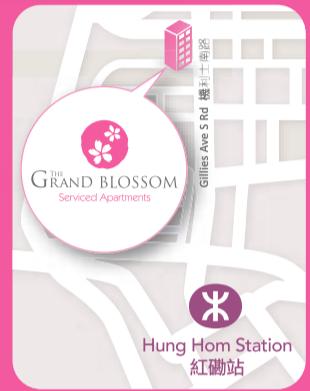
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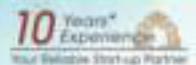
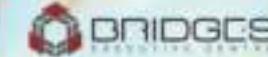
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I'm sorry if my English is wrong. I'm writing from Germany, where I am being heartbroken and not knowing how to go on. I've been seeing a guy for a couple of months and slowly falling in love with him. "Peter" has always been very open to me about himself, his failed relationships, and his commitment issues. He talks frequently about his ex-boyfriend from five years ago and how being left created a deep fear of being left once again. He also had a relationship that ended a year ago. Yesterday he told me he's still in love with the guy from one year ago but that his love is unrequited. He also told me that he values what we have but he can't stop loving this other guy. And he can't promise me that this will change. I am in love and heartbroken at the same time, hopeful and fearful, and unable to get up for the last couple of days. Deep down, I fear I will get hurt. I already am hurt. I'm falling for someone who's not able to love me back, who's stuck in the past, but who wishes to change that in order to let me into his life. Should I stay and wait for Peter to get better even if it hurts to know he's in love with someone other than me? Or should I leave him as so many others have and hurt him?

- Healing Erotic Love Problem Means Everything

Peter could be lying to you.

That's probably not what you wanted or expected to hear, HELPMEE, and you'll find some more hopeful/less cynical advice further down, I promise. But when a guy with "commitment issues" tells you he's struggling with the emotional fallout of a relationship that ended five years ago and still hopelessly in love with someone he hasn't seen for a year... you have to entertain the possibility that he could be lying to you.

You always have to entertain that possibility—with new loves, old loves, blue loves.

When someone tells us they have "commitment issues," we're primed to hear this: "This boy is *incapable* of committing until healed (by a therapist, by a new love, by the passage of time)." But sometimes what they mean is this: "I have no *interest* in committing—not to you, not to anyone, not now, not ever." But instead of owning up to that (because people who want to remain single are viewed as damaged?) or telling you he's not seeking anything serious (because you might leave him, and he's not done with your ass?), Peter invents/inflates a pair of past loves that render him incapable of loving you the way you deserve to be loved and *blah blah blah* and off the hook. Not a child-man who won't commit, but a victim who *would* commit if he *could* commit but—*sob!*—he *can't* commit.

But, hey, maybe he's telling you the truth. Maybe he's in love with Mr. One Year Ago. So tell him he can love you and love the other guy at the same time. Established gay throuples, stable straight poly quads, bi men with GFs and BFs, married lesbians who U-Hauled an adorable baby dyke—there are examples everywhere you look these days of people in love with more than one romantic partner. I don't see why a person can't be in love with someone and still in love with an ex—think of it as a sort of semi-posthumous/semi-poly relationship. You'll be pioneers.

Give Peter permission to love his ex (pathetically and abstractly) while loving you too (intimately and tactfully), HELPMEE, and you might be able to love a commitment out of him.

I'm a gay male in my late 20s. My little sister's husband, "Peter," is my age and bisexual. I'm not one of those gay men who think bi guys don't exist. And I know bi guys are just as capable of being monogamous as other guys—which isn't that comforting when you think about it—and I don't have

a problem with my bi brother-in-law being bi. More importantly, my sister doesn't have a problem with it. But whenever I'm alone with Peter, however briefly, he starts telling me how much he misses dick. He wants to hear about the last "really great dick" I sucked and tells me he misses sucking dick. I smile and say dick is great for sure and make a halfhearted attempt to change the subject. The last time it happened was after my grandfather's funeral. I'm pretty sure Peter wants to suck my dick, and I'm tempted to let him. I know it's a bad idea, but Peter is hot. This is torture. What should I do?

- Boy Is Lost

Stop smiling, work harder to change the subject, avoid being alone in a room with Peter, and repeat after me: "My sister might be able to forgive her husband for sucking a dick, but she'll never forgive him—or me—if that dick is mine."

I'm a gay guy in an open relationship and I'm on Recon, a gay hookup/dating site for guys into leather/fetish/BDSM. My partner, who isn't kinky, knows I have a profile there and it's not a problem. Today I got a message from a new guy, and when we exchanged face pics, I saw that he looks exactly like "Peter," my boyfriend's best friend's fiancé! I asked him if that was him, and he stopped responding. What should I do? My BF doesn't want to know much about my extracurricular activities, but this could make our next double date extremely awkward. We see this other couple a fair amount, and even though I think this guy is good-looking, I would never sleep with him because of the social situation. On the other hand, if I'm wrong and they're not the same person, bringing it up with them could make things awkward, especially since I'm pretty secretive about my kinks and have zero desire to discuss them with my BF's friends.

- Requires Educated Consultation On Next Step

P.S. Additional information that might be relevant: Our engaged friends aren't having sex, we've been told, and they're making no moves toward actually planning a wedding.

Going silent after you asked, "Is that you, Peter?!" is a pretty good indication that it was indeed Peter you were talking to. But while you know Peter was on Recon, RECONS, you don't know exactly what he was doing there. Maybe he goes online to fantasize, swap pics, and jack off. Maybe Peter is on Recon with his fiancé's blessing, just as you're on Recon with your partner's blessing (but, like you, he's not comfortable discussing his kinks with friends). Maybe their relationship/engagement is on the verge of collapse and your partner's best friend's fiancé is trying to line up a new relationship before pulling the plug on the one he's in now.

Since you don't know what's going on in their relationship, RECONS, keep your mouth shut and refrain from making assumptions or judgments. And the next time you have to interact with Peter and his fiancé socially, slap a smile on your face and talk about the weather, the election, the estrogen-enhanced, better-than-the-original *Ghostbusters* reboot, the new season of *Difficult People*, Zika, the Olympics—basically anything other than Recon, kinks, and wedding plans.

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Saint Germain
Starbucks - Le Cacet
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Ruby Tuesday
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Langham Hotel Main Street Deli
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Starbucks - China HK City
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HK GIVEAWAYS

It's the fourth week of July and we've got a winner for our amazing staycation at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong! Not lucky this time? No worries. We have a whole new batch of prizes for a special FLASH giveaway next week. Stay tuned!

WE HAVE A
WINNER!



Congratulations to the winner of a two-night staycation at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong!

Lee Suet-yi, you're the lucky winner of a two-night weekend stay for two in a Deluxe Room at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, plus a breakfast buffet at JW Café and weekend brunch at Flint Grill & Bar!

Suet-yi picked up the magazine each week to find the words "venture," "luxurious" and "supreme," before putting them together into a description of what a stay at the property would mean. Here's the entry:

J-oyous venture to sweep away work frustration
W-eekend staycation in a supreme location
Marriott Hotel offers luxurious sensation
Hong Kong here you find in Admiralty station

Congratulations, Suet-yi, and enjoy your weekend staycation!



Not a Winner? Check Back Next Week for a Flash Giveaway!

Sorry you didn't win this lovely staycation, but we have even more prizes coming right up!

Check back next week for a special Flash Giveaway—we've got a sweet **one-night stay at the L'hotel Island South, with guided Geopark excursion and a four-course "Geolicious" dinner** up for grabs (valued at \$12,240), plus a handful of **other wonderful prizes** to be won!

Want to win? Pick up a copy of the magazine on July 29 for a chance to win these fantastic prizes, available for **one week only!**

MORE PRIZES
NEXT WEEK!



FIRST PERSON



“My most famous movie line is ‘Don’t call me gweilo’”

Veteran actor **Michael Wong** may be Eurasian, but he’s known as the “stereotypical gweilo” of local cinema. He keeps his Hong Kong roots close to his heart, and he tells Xavier Ng about the language barrier, his showbiz career and his passion for the sky. Photo by Kirk Kenny

I’ve been in Hong Kong since 1983. My brother and I were invited by Cinema City, the hot production company at the time.

There weren’t that many Asian actors in Hollywood in the early 80s, unless Marlon Brando decided to play an Asian.

[Film producer] Nansun Shi was the one who found my brother Russell’s picture in the only Hollywood agency at that time that handled Asian actors.

Russell said he had five brothers, and a few of them wanted in as well. We met, and a month later we were on a plane to Hong Kong.

My father came from Shandong province [in northeast China]. He moved to Hong Kong, and from there went to America, seduced by the American dream. He met a gal there—my mother, whose family is French Canadian.

My roots are in Hong Kong, but most people don’t realize that, because I’ve been known as “the gweilo from abroad.”

It was a bit of a culture shock when I first came here.

I speak poor Cantonese and have never tried to improve it because language is just not my passion.

More now than ever it bothers me. I kick myself because I would be able to speak Mandarin and Cantonese if I put any effort into it. I’m sure if you spent six months on building a foundation in a language, anyone could do it.

It’s just like the piano—I’ve been trying to learn the piano for a decade, it’s just a matter of discipline. I lack discipline, unless it’s something I’m really passionate about.

A lot of directors and people in our industry ask if I’m improving [my language]—they want to hire me but they know the problem they’re gonna have on the set. That’s definitely affected that part of my life in the entertainment business.

Maybe I should just go back to Shandong, stay there for a year and not speak a word of English.

I do identify myself as a Hongkonger. I’m more patriotic about Hong Kong and China than for the U.S. I’ve no identification with what’s going on there.

I’m sure that, even though they haven’t mentioned it, kids in school refer to my daughters as “gwei mui.”

I recently took them to visit their great-grandparents’ graves. It’s important to me to let them know where their family’s from, why they have the last name “Wong.”

Regardless of what the world tells them: [Their roots] belong to them. As a father, it’s important for me to pass this to my children.

I’ve been called a gweilo pretty much every day for the past 33 years. Do I like it? No, not necessarily.

I don’t think anybody likes it—it is a racial comment no matter how you say it. In the US, if a white guy calls a black guy a “n*gger,” there’s some deeper-rooted nastiness to it.

They banned the word [“gweilo”] on TV in Hong Kong. I remember going on many shows where Eric Tsang would say “hey, gweilo!”—That was my name. They changed that, which I think was the correct thing to do.

My most famous movie line is “Don’t call me gweilo” [in 1994’s “The Final Option”].

That’s haunted me for the rest of my life, because it’s still one of the strongest characters I’ve played. I can’t shake it. Maybe the Asian Gods played a joke on me with that.

[My wife Janet Ma and I] have been married 24 years. [My family] looks perfect, but we’re no different from any other family. We have our struggles, and each individual has their own issues or shortcomings.

When I heard about Kayla [referring to his daughter’s homosexuality], it just seemed so odd that she had to “come out.” Come out to where? People don’t go and say “Hi, I’m a black man.”

Maybe it will take another 50 years before people don’t talk about that term as a thing. She’s my daughter, whether she’s with a man or a woman.

It may look like I’m doing a lot of different things [launching a whisky collection; collaborating with fashion brands and so on], but when you look at it, I’m building a brand, an intellectual property.

The brand name “MW Michael Wong” is a registered trademark. It’s nothing new; we’re all branded somehow.

On the branding side, it just seemed the natural thing to do. I’ve endorsed so many brands over the years as an ambassador—why not spend some effort to promote my own brand?

Aviation is a passion of mine. During my ambassadorship with Omega in 1998, I got to meet Gene Cernan, the Apollo 17 astronaut and the last man on the moon.

I was hooked. When I got back, I told my wife I was going to Canada.

I went to Toronto and stayed there for three months to fly every day. I built up 80 hours of flight time. I then went to a school in the US, studied there and got my PPL [private pilot license].

It was my dream to work for Sir Michael Kadoorie’s company, Helservices. It took me nearly a decade and a half, and at the end of last year I started working for them.

It didn’t come easy. It’s a tough industry to get into. It’s challenging and you’re responsible for people’s lives.

NEED TO KNOW

Michael Wong is known for his roles in action movies such as 1998’s cop drama “Beast Cops.” Wong has recently launched a special whisky collection: MW Michael Wong 35, a single malt distilled by Glenlivet, available exclusively at Dragon 8 Auction. dragon-8.com

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