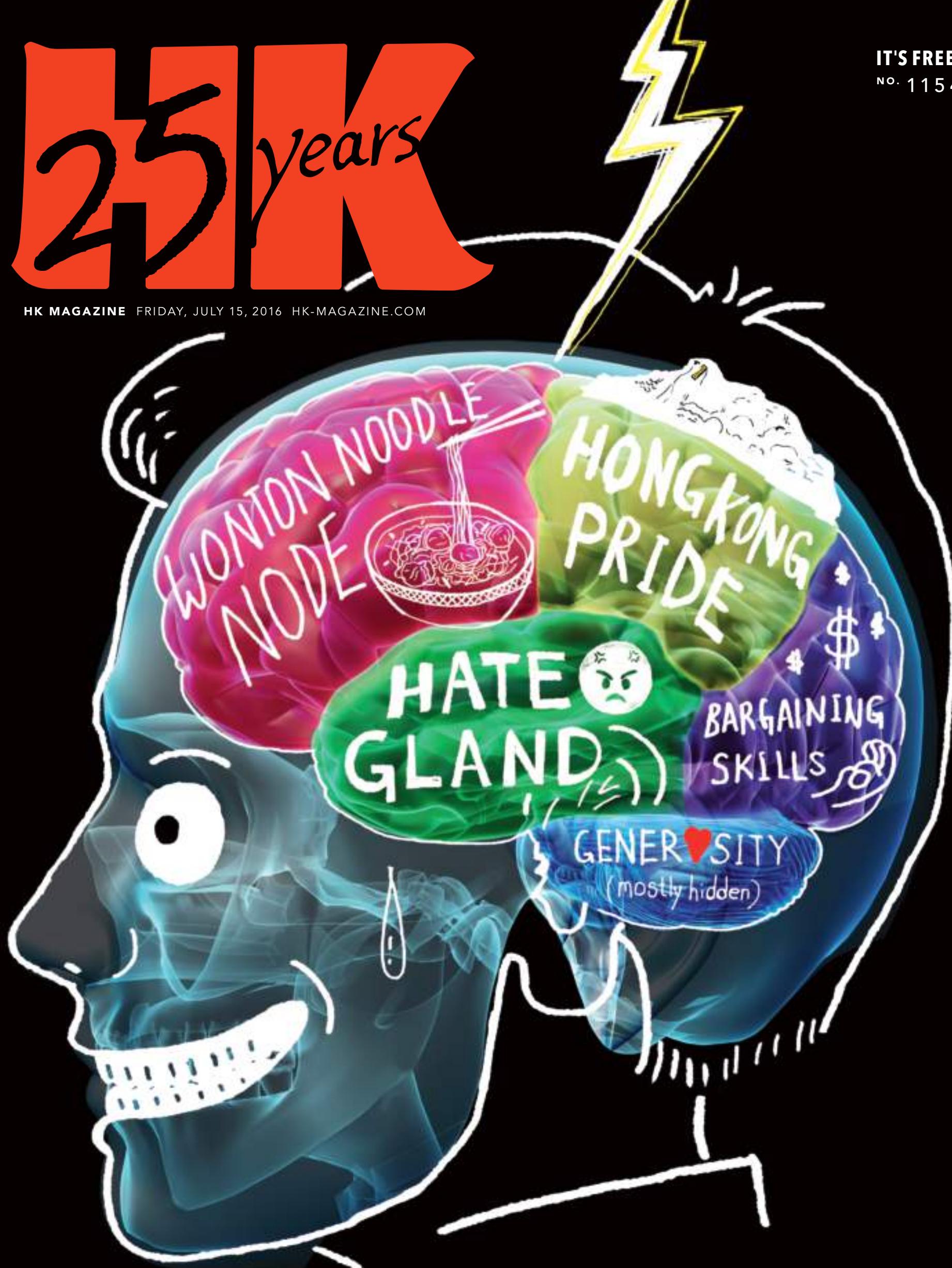


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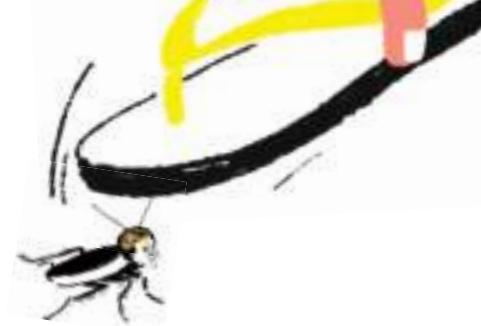
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Actor and "male god" Gregory Wong speaks out

Hong Kong, Personal Trainer

The California Fitness gym chain has closed, leaving hundreds without a gym to work out in. Are you one of the recently de-workouted? You don't have to join a new gym to pump iron. Just use Hong Kong itself, which is full of ways to get you worked up and worked out.

Cardio: Get your heart into shape with these aerobic exercises.

Once a week: Trail Running. The incline on the way to Shek O is a great workout, and the distance will really keep your heart rate in the fat-burning zone. But what's really most effective to get your heart working harder is when you chow down on an enormous plate of prawns and all the cholesterol clogs your arteries.

Once a week: Crunches. Getting the bill after a champagne brunch will really get your heart racing, especially when you count how many of your friends have done a runner without paying their share. Sprint out on the bill for an extra burst of adrenaline.

Twice a week: High Intensity Interval Training. In HIIT, bursts of hard activity are interspersed with short rests. To simulate this, try to walk down a Mong Kok street on a Sunday while weaving through slow-moving pedestrians.

Once a week: Bikram Yoga. Bikram "hot" yoga is all the rage. In this style of yoga, the room is heated in order to boost the sweat you produce. But yoga classes are expensive, and who has the time? Simply don your skinniest jeans and hike up Old Bailey Street at noon, and see your sweat flowing downhill behind you.

Gains: Pile on the muscle and make mad gains with these Hong Kong pumping tips.

Squats, 20 reps, 3 sets. Really give those muscles a workout by squatting outside the Jockey Club reading the Racing Post.

Trash cleanup, 15 reps, 3 sets. Lots of bending and reaching makes this full-body exercise very effective. This is a difficult movement, so make sure someone's spotting you by scooping up all the trash in a convenient spot for you first.

Lat Pulldown. In this move, you reach up as far as you can and then pull the government to its knees! Smash the system! One set only.

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Mr. Know-It-All's

— Guide to Life —

Dear Mr. Know-It-All,

What exactly is a "Jetso"? — George Jetson

A "jetso" is a special offer, a deal, a bargain. It's a phonetic transcription of the Cantonese phrase *jeuk so* (著數), which essentially means "advantage" or "profit." You might better translate it as "freebie"—with a jetso, there's always a sense that you're really getting away with something you shouldn't be, a deal that's too good to pass up.

But the word "jetso" is one of those that's never really worked all that well in English. Unlike other Cantonese loan words or phrases such as "ketchup" or "chop suey," it just doesn't flow off the tongue—not to mention the fact that there are several words in English which mean the same thing. Sadly, "Jetso" sounds more like a nickname for your Aussie mate than anything else.

Not that it's stopped the city from trying to employ it whenever possible. There are plenty of jetso special offers from many a company, and in April 2015 the government announced a new series of discounts aimed at getting the retail-shy people of Hong Kong spending again. Its English name? The "HAPPY@Hongkong Super JETSO." Sounds like your Aussie mate Jetso had a good time in the city, then?

Meanwhile, at the Jockey Club—where else?—there have been several horses named after the word: Jetso, Good Jetso, Jetso Delight. The most successful was Jetso himself,

boasting six wins and 10 place finishes over a 30-race career between 1985 and 1990. Top three places in more than half of his races—that sounds like a jetso to us.

Still, the word sticks in the English-speaker's mouth a little. But just Google "jetso" and everything changes: You're presented with countless sites full of special offers. And on the internet, more than anywhere else, the word "jetso" works. After all, if you want to run a site full of discounts and deals in Hong Kong, you'll still need an English URL—so doesn't "Jetso" make perfect sense? From clunky Chinglish phrase to elegant online solution: The internet saves us, once again.



Photo: Times Square

My Perfect HK

This week in My Perfect HK:
"Sleeping Por Por" Grandma Chan has been in the news of late. Well known for falling asleep at her stall on Shantung Street, the 76-year-old newspaper vendor was recently injured during a mugging, leading to a flood of popular support. A kind-hearted soul has since installed two CCTV cameras above her stall to deter future predators. It's this kind of spirit that makes us love Hong Kong: the people will always help, even when the system doesn't.

Letters

"Thanks for the warning. I'll be avoiding it like the plague."

Service, Please

Responses to last week's cover story, in which chefs dished the dirt on what annoys them in the city's restaurant scene ("Kitchen Confidential," July 8, issue 1153). First and foremost: the way we physically beckon over waiters.

How else can we get their attention that we need service, if we don't raise our hand? They don't even give me eye contact or bother to look my direction.

Peter Wong

If I had to raise my hand to beckon a server then they weren't doing their job properly in the first place.

Kin Hoo Ho

Agreed. A good server shouldn't need to be beckoned.

Howard Elias

Salad Days

Last week Mr Know-It-All explained why supermarket salads are all so icky ("Why are the salads I buy from the supermarket always so close to spoiling?" July 8, issue 1153). Readers chimed in...

Same with strawberries from any HK supermarket... Rotten by the time you get them home more often than not.

Louisa Harker

Stop going to super markets, use the local wet markets!! Fresh daily, always can find good quality items! Keep it local keep it fresh!

Sean Mell

The markets aren't selling fresh produce in as much as they are not adverse to selling yesterday's left over produce. Go at closing time and watch them store up produce that hasn't sold.

Jane Lam

Local = GMO

Sandra Ankenbrand

Bullish Response

Our feature on stock market-themed bar Wolf Market ("Open Bar," July 8, issue 1153) left readers... unimpressed.

Why would anyone wanna go have a drink after work at a place that resembles their office?

Alpha H S Lau

Thanks for the warning. I'll be avoiding it like the plague

Darrell Painter

That is so 20 years ago in Manchester. Typical Hong Kong.

Elisabeth Moore

I give it six months - it's a fickle market

Tom Rustowski

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Cloud Ceiling

Photo by Estelle Barbaroux (Instagram: @red_stell)



Friday 7/22

Bang Bang Bang

Dreamy K-pop boy band **Big Bang** returns to Hong Kong for four explosive shows (including two on Sunday) to promote last year's massive album "MADE." Tickets for their Hong Kong leg sold out in an hour flat, so if you're itching to go, you may have to bargain half your rent money to a 14-year-old girl on Facebook or Viagogo for a seat—but it'll be worth it.

Jul 22-23, 8pm; July 24, 2:30pm and 7pm.
Arena, AsiaWorld Expo, Chek Lap Kok.

Friday 7/15

FREE!

Litespots

The **TGIF Night Picnic** at Summerfest hits Central Harbourfront in a flash of neon and light, with live music, light painting, and galaxy bottle workshops. Wear black, avoid candles, and for God's sake, turn off your camera flash.

6:30-9:30pm. Central Harbourfront Event Space, 9 Lung Wo Rd., Central. Free.

Saturday 7/16

Heavy Metals

There are a million ways to rock, and **The Underground Summer Festival** are giving you a solid, like, nine, at least. Their lineup of notable Hong Kong bands (highlights: Shotgun Politics, David Boring, and a super special mystery guest) encompass genres spanning from indie-noise, shoegaze, pop-punk, to nü and hair metal.

6pm-12:30am. Attic, 1/F, Grand Business Plaza, 153 Wai Yip St., Kwun Tong. \$100 from [undergroundhk.com](#); \$150 at the door, includes one drink.

Sunday 7/17

Raw Foodism

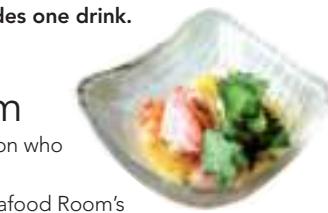
If you're the kind of person who enjoys raw fish on a Sunday morning, The Seafood Room's new **Sky High Sunday Brunch** will be your new heaven. Siberian sturgeon caviar blini appetizers move into a buffet of mixed seasonal oysters, sashimi, ceviche and tuna tartar. And these aren't just day-old leftovers, either: There's a live demonstration of their sustainable seafood every Sunday.

Seafood Room, 26/F, 535 Jaffe Rd., Causeway Bay. \$598 per person + \$338 for free-flow Perrier-Jouët Champagne.

Monday 7/18

Little Napoleons

Looking for a summer activity to keep your kids busy? Try the gift that really keeps giving: **summer dessert cooking workshops** led by some of the top chefs behind Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees. This Monday, kids can learn how to make a decadent Mango Napoleon, a light, creamy pastry filled with custard cream topped with sliced almonds and Carabao mango.



3:30-4:30pm. 199 Kowloon City Rd., To Kwa Wan. \$380 per child, \$200 per adult.



Tuesday 7/19

Jinjuusday

The second most loathsome day of the week is getting upgraded at Jinjuu thanks to their **Taco and Tequila Tuesdays**. After all, it's hard to feel down about a long week ahead when you're face-down in a Canadian lobster taco with a side of taro chips and ssamjang mayo, paired with a couple of shots of soju and tequila chased with kimchi sangria (yeah, that's a thing!).

From 6pm. Jinjuu, UG/F, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central. Taco combo \$200, includes cocktail.

Wednesday 7/20

Book Smart

The 27th annual **HKTDC Book Fair** has rolled around once again and there are plenty of new, exciting events: They've got an art gallery, seminars with esteemed writers including TS Eliot Poetry Prize winner Sarah Howe and chef Martin Yan, and more. Read all about the top events on p.22.

Jul 20-26, 10am-10pm. HKCEC, 1 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai. \$25 at the door.

Coming Up



Thursday 7/21

The Lonely Hour

See the skyline through the eyes of painter and artist Lonely Lau Siu-chung in "**Between an Uncertain Night**," a three-day exhibition of his oil paintings at Voxfire Gallery. **Opening reception, 7pm. Exhibition Jul 21-24. Voxfire Gallery, 1/F, 52 Gage St., Sheung Wan.**

Saturday 7/23

A Smile—and Perhaps a Tear

To commemorate the **20th anniversary of Broadway Cinematheque**, they're holding a special double-bill of two silent classics accompanied by live music. Catch Georges Méliès' "A Trip to the Moon" (1902) and Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid" (1921) at Yau Ma Tei Centre Rest Garden. **7:30pm. Yau Ma Tei Community Centre Rest Garden, 60 Public Square St., Yau Ma Tei. Free.**



Dream Team Queen Team

American Idol alumnus, pop star and new world glam icon **Adam Lambert** teams up with **Queen** for their first performance in Hong Kong. Come for the theatrical spectacle, the chance to see living legends live, Lambert's astounding vocal trills, and maximum slayage from his eyeliner/brow game.

Sep 28, 8pm. AsiaWorld Expo, Chek Lap Kok. \$780-2,380 from [hkticketing.com](#)

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Last Week In Reality

SAT 2

Mouse Mop In a video uploaded to Facebook, a security guard at a bank in Tai Po is seen chasing a mouse around with a mop. After multiple attempts to hit the mouse with the handle, he manages to strike the rodent and knock it out. The security guard then sweeps the motionless creature out onto the street.

SUN 3

Foodie Thief At around 6am in Wan Chai, a Citybus employee discovers that the office at the bus terminus has been broken into, and the pantry has been ransacked. It appears that the only missing items are a \$3,000 fridge and a \$500 microwave.



MON 4

#sleepselfie At around 6am, a woman buys a newspaper from "Sleeping Por Por," the elderly owner of a Mong Kok newspaper stand who recently made headlines after she was robbed, incurring an injury and losing more than \$10,000. The elderly owner is known for sleeping at her stall. After leaving some money, the woman hovers over the stall, pouting and posing for selfies with the sleeping woman.

TUE 5

Slap School Footage of an incident at a Ngau Tau Kok kindergarten surfaces: A child accidentally spills water on his desk and walks out of the classroom to fetch a broom to clean up. Irritated that he did not get a towel instead, a teacher goes to put the broom back. When the child follows her out of the classroom, another irritated teacher orders him to sit back down, slapping him in the face. She is later fired.

WED 6

Stinging Surprise At around 2pm, a woman experiences a sharp pain in her tongue while eating a pork chop at a restaurant in Tsuen Wan. She spits out her food and finds a centimeter-long staple in it. She complains to a restaurant employee, who offers either a free meal or some chili oil as compensation. The woman rejects the offer and insists on being taken to a doctor. An officer from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department takes the woman's meal away for testing.



THU 7

Pulling a Mike Tyson A woman undergoing divorce proceedings returns to her Tin Shui Wai home to visit her son and collect her personal belongings. She gets into an argument with her husband and phones her boyfriend for emotional support. The boyfriend arrives at the scene, enraging her husband, who grabs a knife from the kitchen and attacks him with it. Fighting back, the boyfriend bites the husband's ear, tearing off a piece of cartilage. The woman calls the police, who break up the fight and arrest both men.

FRI 8

Nobody's Safe In the late afternoon, a woman is walking on the pavement along Johnston Road in Wan Chai when a lump of concrete falls from a construction site overhead and strikes her in the head, drawing blood. She is taken to the hospital.



Quote of the Week

"The number of female personal trainers has been going down, and now there are no more female trainers left to help me stretch!"

California Fitness member Mr. Wan tells Oriental Daily about his disappointing discovery after he borrowed \$150,000 to sign up for personal training at the troubled gym chain, which shut down its branches across Hong Kong on Tuesday. It is facing a winding-up petition and more than \$130 million worth of debt. Mr. Wan is planning to file for bankruptcy.

Talking Points

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

Your Bus Driver Could Be Untrained

Hong Kong's largest public bus operator has admitted to letting **untrained part-time bus drivers drive**. This came after Ming Pao received tip-offs regarding three such incidents. In one case, a part-time driver was assigned to more than 10 routes without training, including a complex cross-harbor route. Records show an increasing number of part-time KMB drivers manning routes without the mandatory two-day training, **calling into question the safety of drivers, passengers and other motorists**. Staff at the company told the newspaper that KMB has been hiring a large number of part-time drivers to ensure that **the punctuality of their services would not be affected by a lack of full-time drivers**. The company is in talks with the government ahead of the renewal of its franchise next July, during which the company will be evaluated for the punctuality of its services.

Our take: That's why the MTR can afford to increase fares.

Beach Clean-up a "Show"

On July 10, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying and around 60 officials and workers collected about 1,350kg of rubbish on mangroves and shorelines along Shui Hau in South Lantau—but **not before cleaners hired by the government did some preliminary work**. According to Apple Daily, prior to the arrival of government officials, **Food and Environmental Hygiene Department staff arranged piles of rubbish on the grassland for the officials to pick up**. Activists dismissed the clean-up as a "show." The government reported a six to tenfold increase in rubbish at some beaches over the past three weeks compared with the same period last year. It is believed that **heavy rain and flooding in the Pearl River Delta have caused rubbish to wash up on Hong Kong shores**—an issue the CE says the government will be looking into.



Our take: CY's got more to clean up than the beaches.

Illustration: Elaine Tang



Street Talk

Earnest Wong is the co-founder of The Second Box, a social enterprise that buys cardboard boxes from elderly scavengers for three times the market price before reselling them. He tells Kate Lok about changing society's attitudes towards the plight of the elderly, one box at a time.

HK Magazine: What's the story behind The Second Box?

Ernest Wong: While moving house, I found out that a brand new cardboard box sells for \$10-20 in shops. That's when my friend and co-founder of The Second Box, Herbert Wu, came up with the idea of buying used boxes from elderly scavengers instead of wasting money on new ones. Herbert offered to buy a box from a woman for \$5, which she happily accepted.

HK: Why did you start the company?

EW: Elderly scavengers earn an average of 70 cents for every kilo of cardboard, which is around the weight of one medium-sized cardboard box. The elderly have spent a lifetime working hard, so why can't we give them a stable retired life? Why are they excluded by society? But the sad truth is that the recycling business is struggling too. Cardboard waste is sold to mainland paper factories for roughly \$1,300 per ton. After paying rent and wages, the profit margin isn't that high. That's why the elderly get so little. But what if we bought used boxes from scavengers at a higher price, and at the same time reused the boxes? With this in mind, we submitted a business proposal as our entry in a business competition at our university. That's how we were awarded \$100,000 to start The Second Box.

HK: What's a typical day like for you at The Second Box?

EW: Four times a week, we push a trolley out onto the streets of Sheung Wan and collect cardboard boxes from elderly scavengers. We meet with them at a specific time and place and buy their boxes, for \$2 per kilo. We then clean, stack and label them at our office before reselling them to shops and the public. I've also been organizing craft workshops for kids and parents to educate them about upcycling and social issues like the wealth gap, the aging population and poverty, so that kids are aware of the stories behind these craft projects.

HK: You must have some memorable tales.

EW: Last November, my teammates and I were trying to find cardboard boxes in Sheung Wan when we passed an alley and saw an elderly woman with a huge stack of them. We rushed towards her and asked if she would sell them, but she ran away. She probably thought we were a bunch of hooligans! Another elderly woman who took the trash out for a small supermarket was reluctant to sell us her boxes at first. Now she accumulates a stack of boxes at a secret location for us to collect on a regular basis. She tells us to pay her back later, and has even started introducing us to some of her fellow scavenger friends. She keeps inviting us to eat ice cream with her, and wants to treat us to yum cha. The best part is seeing this trust and friendship we have built with these elderly people. It took us a while to get to know our contributors, but we now have a community of about 12-13 elderly people who sell us boxes regularly. They aren't our beneficiaries: They are our business partners.

HK: Is it ever a difficult job?

EW: Always. When we started, our main customers were dried seafood stores in Sheung Wan. We had to knock on every single door. At first store owners didn't care. The first batch of 10 boxes we sold took hours of scouring the streets under the blazing sun—all for \$5! I couldn't believe how little I earned having spent so much effort. It was discouraging: I'd just graduated from university and my parents were urging me to find a steady job. They thought I was picking up trash for a living. But now our business has gained a lot more attention, especially since we started selling boxes to the public, and my dad is showing more interest. While it's a very tough job, I won't give up on this business any time soon.

Think outside the box by checking out Ernest and his team's socially responsible business at thesecondbox.hk

Blowing Water

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

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"HIT TOMATO WHEEL"

"French kiss." Originated as a term in football when two players would *ke lun*—"cannon"—off each other face-to-face.

HongKabulary

"Ugh, I don't feel like cooking tonight. Or ever."



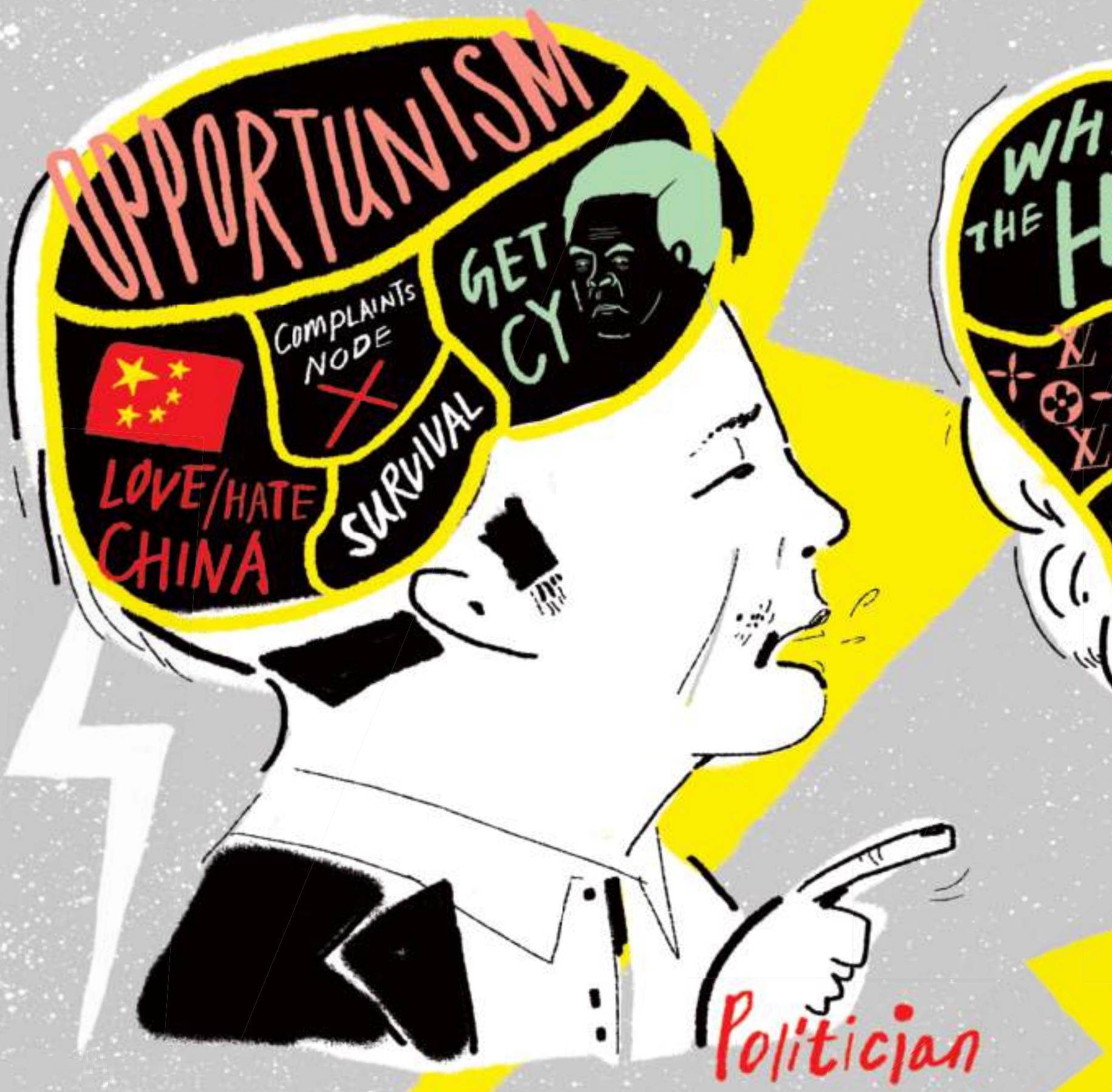
"It's OK—the Super Delivery Bros. will fix everything."

Super Delivery Bros. (su:pə: dəlivərɪ brəʊz), n.

The heroic guys lining up outside a restaurant strip who bring us our online delivery orders.

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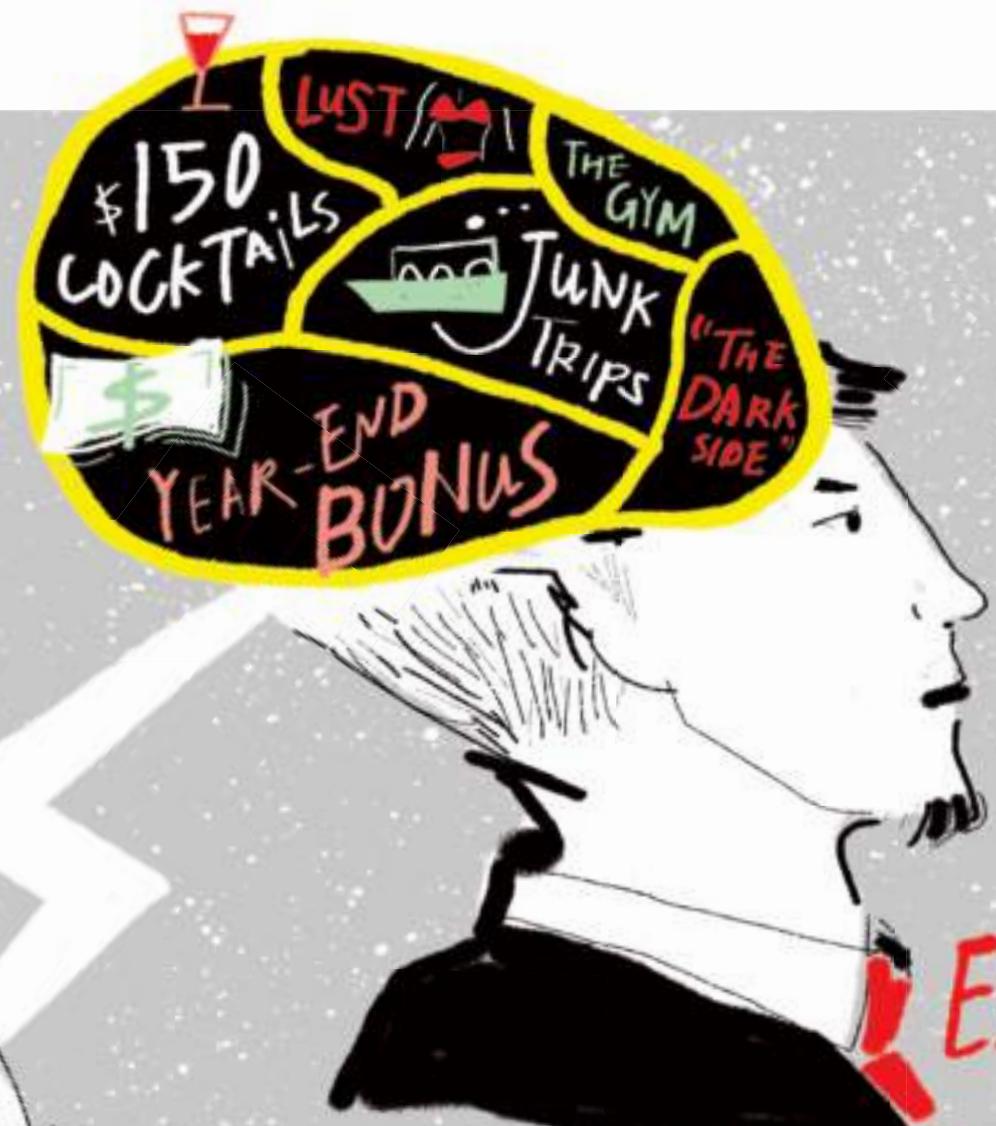
Last weekend's lightning storm has got us zapping into Hong Kong's minds, as we wonder... What's going on in there? We've got the x-ray mind maps of the city's brains. By **HK Staff**. Illustrations by **Kay Leung** and **Elaine Tang**



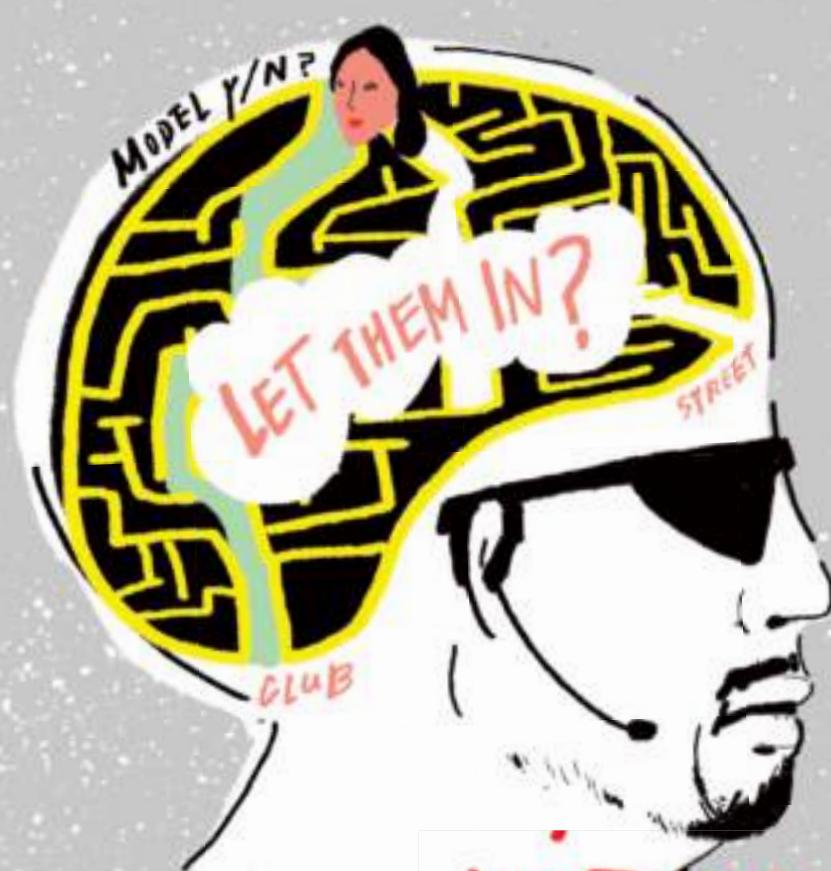
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What Brain Are You?

Are you a Debbie Downer, a happy camper—or pure evil? Take our handy-dandy brain quiz to discover which of these three easily identifiable brains you own.

- 1) You come across an injured dog in the street, whimpering. You...**

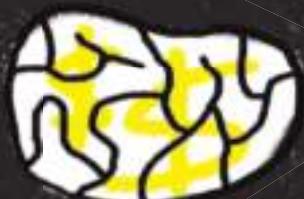
 - a) Take it into your home and nurse it back to health.
 - b) Take it home because the Instagram potential for saving a wounded puppy is INSANE.
 - c) Call the authorities to have it put down.
 - 2) You discover that your SO has been cheating on you. You...**

 - a) Forgive them. We're all human and we all make mistakes.
 - b) Dump them and grudgingly install Tinder again.
 - c) Dump them, relieved that you didn't get caught cheating first.
 - 3) You are propositioned by a wealthy tycoon: \$1 million for one night of passion. You...**

 - a) Refuse the cash, compassionately. What kind of broken person would do this?
 - b) Take the money and suggest a long-term retainer arrangement.
 - c) Take the money, but also videotape the encounter for blackmail purposes later.
 - 4) You are walking down the street when the person in front of you drops their new iPhone 6s on the ground. You...**

 - a) Return it. You'd want someone to do the same for you.
 - b) Snatch it up. It's their fault.
 - c) Return it, but use it to strike up a relationship in which you have emotional leverage for life.

friends.



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Mostly C

Mostly C)

You have a Hong Kong brain. Pragmatic, web-savvy and always looking to pick up an extra buck. Good for you!



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International Authors Add Punch to Hong Kong Book Fair

Wilbur Smith, Sarah Howe, Hannah Rothschild to Attend July Event

An engaging group of international authors including novelists, historians and journalists will participate in the 27th edition of the HKTDC Hong Kong Book Fair to be held from 20 to 26 July at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC).



Wilbur Smith



The Hon Hannah Rothschild

Historical Depth

A regular highlight of the fair is the Open Public Forum moderated by renowned entrepreneur and arts enthusiast Sir David Tang, who this year welcomes historical fiction writer Wilbur Smith, author and journalist Simon Winchester, and writer and filmmaker Hannah Rothschild. The authors will answer audience questions about their works during the 22 July Open Public Forum exploring the writing process.

Wilbur Smith, known for bestselling novels about South Africa's international entanglements spanning three centuries, has seen several of his more than 35 books developed into films and television shows. His books on Africa are brought to life by his wisdom and understanding of his homeland.

Hannah Rothschild, who was born into one of the world's richest families, has pursued arts instead of her family business, traditionally banking. In 2015, she became the first chairlady of the National Gallery in London. In the same year, she published her first novel *The Improbability of Love*, inspired by her childhood memories in the National Gallery. The mysterious and romantic story was nominated for the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.

Simon Winchester was inspired to become a journalist after reading Jan Morris' Coronation Everest. He has covered major world events, such as the Watergate scandal, Bloody Sunday in Northern Ireland and the Falklands war following the invasion of the Falkland Islands by Argentina in 1982. He ended up in an Argentine prison and the experience inspired his best-seller *Prison Diary*.



Sir David Tang



Simon Winchester, OBE

Global Viewpoints

The Book Fair will also feature seminars with authors including Hong Kong-born award-winning poet Sarah Howe. Invited to the fair under a collaboration between the British Council and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), Howe explored her dual British and Chinese heritage in *Loop of Jade*, which last year earned a TS Eliot award, the first given to a debut poetry collection since the British prize was launched in 1993.

With great support from the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong & Macau, the 2016 fair will also welcome an impressive lineup of international writers, including award-winning French psychologist Elisabeth Brami, journalist Florence de Changy and Christine Cappio, wife of Professor Stephen Cheung, President of The Education University of Hong Kong.

Other Hong Kong-connected authors include Jane Houng, Mishi Saran, Reenita Malhotra Hora, Mark O'Neill and Arthur R Kroeber.

English Reading and Creative Writing Series:

| Date & Time | Seminar | Speaker(s) | Venue* |
|---------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| 21 July 11:30am-1:00pm | Writing Fiction for Hong Kong Children in English | Jane Houng, moderated by Oliver Chou | Meeting Room S222-223 |
| 21 July 3:00pm-4:30pm | The Miraculous History of China's Two Palace Museums | Mark O'Neill | Meeting Room S222-223 |
| 21 July 6pm-7:30pm | 'Turned Always Home': In Conversation with Sarah Howe | Sarah Howe, moderated by Peter Gordon | Meeting Room S222-223 |
| 22 July 5pm-6:30pm | Open Public Forum (5th Edition) - "How and What and Why do Writers Write?" | The Hon Hannah Rothschild, Simon Winchester, OBE and Wilbur Smith, moderated by Sir David Tang | Theatre 1 & 2 |
| 25 July 3pm-4:30pm | Shake Shake Shakespeare | Nicole Garbellini | Meeting Room S428 |

Reading the World

More than 630 cultural events will be organised during the Book Fair, including more than 250 under the related citywide Cultural July festival, which comprises seminars and author sessions, cultural tours and activities at book stores, shopping malls, educational institutions, coffee shops and various venues throughout Hong Kong.

The fair itself will host more than 600 exhibitors from 35 countries and regions including newcomers from Chile, Germany, Indonesia, Iran, Portugal and Russia. English Avenue returns to the fair with more than 30 exhibitors, including the Commercial Press, Metrobooks and PageOne.



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Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

A new summer group exhibition at Duddell's, **Noon Gazette and Daily Spy**, brings together works by four Hong Kong artists—Lam Hoi-sin, Leung Chi-wo, Song Ta, and Elvis Yip Kin-bon—all inspired by the thin, dusty sheets that line our birdcages and wrap our fish and chips: the newspaper. Exploring the evolution of stories between print runs and the consumer's increasing desire for up-to-the-minute news, these four artists have created art that comments on and makes use of our daily newspapers. But what about HK Magazine? You'd never throw us away, would you?

Through Oct 9. Duddell's Salon and Library, 3-4/F,
Shanghai Tang Mansion, 1 Duddell St., Central.



Elvis Yip, "Tower #2," 2015. Newspaper collage, 123 x 105cm. Courtesy of the artist and Gallery EXIT

GOOD LOOKS

Bedroom Eyes



Sheer, sexy lingerie is a great way to turn up the heat in the bedroom—and it's a big boost to your confidence, too. Want to look seductive, spice things up in your relationship, or just feel extra great under your clothes? Take a sneak peek...

No Rose Without Thorns

For lingerie, go slightly outside your comfort zone: It can be smooth and silky, bright and tight, or lacy and girly, whatever you feel suits you. For starters, this stunning two piece outfit from **Raven + Rose** goes out of the ordinary with a semi-see-through lace front top, with wiring that keeps your girls supported, and strappy bottoms for a tough girl look.

Harper Bra, \$780; Harper G-string, \$430 from **Raven + Rose**, ravenandroselingerie.com

Pearl of the Orient

One way to amp up the sexiness but also add a touch of class is with jewelry, like this beautiful pearl necklace and bracelet set from **Orient Senses**.

Fresh water pearl necklace \$3,480; bracelet \$990 from **Orient Senses**, G/F, 29 Aberdeen St., Central, 2544-3398, facebook.com/o.senses

Stock Market

A pair of holdup stockings will accentuate your look—a simple pair from **Marks and Spencer** will do the trick.

\$159 from **Marks and Spencer**, B-1/F, Central Tower, 28 Queen's Rd. Central, 2921-8323.



HOT FOR MORE?

Wanna Be Your Babydoll

Build your lingerie collection with not just underwear, but additional dresses, teddies and cover-ups to keep things interesting. For starters, try this provocative laser-cut lace babydoll dress from **La Perla**.

Petit Macrame Slip, \$4,741 from La Perla,
22 Russell St., Causeway Bay, 2197-5188.



Loosen Up My Buttons

When it comes to fancy lingerie, you don't have to wear it just for special occasions. They're useful for everyday wear too. Under a **plain white, boyfriend-fit button-down**, your lacy number won't show too much, but just enough to give you a secret boost as you go about your day. If it's plain, all the better to reveal the special surprise hidden underneath...

Silk classic shirt, \$381
from grana.com



Suspend Me

You can always buy accessories like a suspender belt to spice things up! This one from **Sheer** is the perfect combination of seduction and elegance. It also comes in black if you want to go the matchy-matchy route: otherwise red adds a pop of color.

Isabel Floating Suspender Belt, \$805 from Sheer, G/F, 13 Gough St., Central, 2147-3887, sheer.com.hk



Off the Cuff

Props always add a sense of adventure in the bedroom, so if you like leather and fishnets, go for it! Try these silk handcuffs from **Showtime**, which are as stylish as they are playful.

Sutra Chainlink Silk Cuffs by Leo, \$800 from Showtime, 2/F Shama Place, 30 Hollywood Rd., Central, 2530-3309, showtimeconcepts.com



Madame Butterfly

Your scent is one of the most important things to consider when dressing up for a sultry look. Try boutique brand **Lisa & Sara**'s feminine signature scent, Dancing Butterfly. The brand currently has a pop-up store at Lai Chi Kok's D2 Place Mall.

Dancing Butterfly Eau de Toilette by Miss Sara, \$338 for 75ml from lisa-sara.com



Classic Beauty

While you should stick to moderate, natural make-up, a classic bold red lip is the perfect final touch to your outfit. **Kiko Milano**'s Velvet Passion matte lipstick comes with a super sharp edge for flawless application. Paired with the matching precision lip pencil, your powerful pout will be irresistible.

Velvet Passion matte lipstick, \$99; Everlasting Colour Precision lip liner, \$49 from Kiko Milano, 3/F, LCX, Ocean Terminal, 3-27 Canton Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui, 2405-1388.



Well-heeled Lady

Want to make a dramatic runway entrance? Throw in a pair of heels to transform your look, and stomp in like you own the place. These are from Hong Kong-based brand **Lavishoe**.

Maryjane stiletto pumps, \$1,458 from www.lavishoe.com



BUYING LINGERIE FOR HER

Gents, when buying lingerie for someone special, it always helps to know their size. We're sure you'll know how to figure that out. Aim for something sexy but not too over the top and remember to keep it classy! Choose a color that you know she likes and looks great with her skin tone. Stay away from totally see-through lingerie or nipple tassels.

ESCAPE ROUTES

Compiled by Sophia Lam
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Blue crush

Pack your sunscreen and best-looking swimsuit and get your feet wet with water sports worth leaving town for this summer.

Flyboarding Fantasies: Maldives

Have a go at being Iron Man—albeit without the armor—as you go flyboarding above the open waters. This sport has taken the world by storm ever since French jet skier Franky Zapata decided to strap a pair of high-pressure water jets to his boots four years ago. Here's how it works: The Flyboard is connected to a watercraft by a long flexible hose, which feeds water to the jet nozzles under the pilot's feet. The water gushing from the nozzle will send you rocketing up to 15 meters above the water, which gives you all the time you need to show off your moves.

What would make a better backdrop for your first flight than the Maldives' dreamlike beaches? A 45-minute seaplane ride from the capital of Malé is Iru Fushi, a private island fringed with a lagoon on the northern side of the Maldivian archipelago. The **Sun Siyam Iru Fushi** resort offers many watersports including flyboarding. First-timers can get some basic training with the 30-minute Board Lesson (\$1,360), while more advanced flyboarders can show off their triple backflips or dolphin dive into the cobalt sea with a 60-minute session (\$2,560).

Rates per night start from \$3,832; accommodates four. Noonu Atoll, Republic of Maldives, (+960) 656-0591, thesunsiyam.com

**Kitesurfing with the Wind: Vietnam**

If you want a taste of everything in one activity, kitesurfing is just the thing for you: A mix of wakeboarding, windsurfing, paragliding and more, it's one big jumble of spine-tingling sporting activities. Plant your feet firmly on the kiteboard, clasp the control bar attached to the kite, and off you go with the wind. In 2013, a group of six kitesurfed 5,600km across the Atlantic Ocean from the Canary Islands to the Turks and Caicos—talk about extreme traveling.

But you don't have to go quite that far. Mui Ne, a four-hour drive from Saigon, is a rising spot for kitesurfing due to its strong cross-onshore winds and affordable sports packages. After an hour of kitesurfing, sink back into comfort at the luxury resort **Anantara Mui Ne Resort and Spa**, right next to the beach. Plan to go during the windier months of December to March if you're looking to catch more speed.

Rooms from \$1,077 from mrandmrssmith.com. Mui Ne Beach, KM10, Ham Tien Ward, Phan Thiet City, Binh Thuan Province, Vietnam, mui-ne.anantara.com

Giddy up for Horse Surfing: Indonesia

If catching the waves on a standard surfboard doesn't quench your thirst for the ocean, what about riding off towards the sunset on a surfboard... towed by a horse? Kitesurfer Harold Quinquis invented horse surfing in 2003, and it's been galloping onwards ever since. **Nihiwatu**, a retreat on the outlying island of Sumba in Eastern Indonesia and a 50-minute flight from Bali, sets the scene for horse surfing with its sandalwood forests, silky sands and crystal clear waters. Make sure to grab the chance to skim over the shallows on a horse-powered wakeboard (\$582).

Want a kick out of tamer water sports? Rent some jet skis from the resort (\$465 for two for 30 minutes) and get some wind in your hair as you go whizzing across the water on an aquatic motorbike.

Rates per night start from \$10,860; accommodates four. Sumba Island, Indonesia, (+62) 361-757-149, nihiwatu.com

The Big Blob Jump: South Korea

Blob jumping, or simply "blobbing," was originally inspired by the huge floating fuel tanks used for military ships. It's now a wacky pastime not unlike a cross between a seesaw and a trampoline, only without the skill requirements. The flyer sits on the front edge of a huge inflatable—the blob—while another person butt-drops off of a platform onto the rear end and blasts the flyer into the air. If you don't want to flap your arms like a chicken as you sail up, do a somersault tuck in the air before smashing into the water.

Adrenaline junkies can hunt for high-flying thrills at the **River Palace Water Park** in Chuncheon, northeast of Seoul. Starting at \$200, you can try two of the three facilities which include an inflatable obstacle course, blob jumping and disco boats—where a group of up to 15 people cling to the side of a gyroscope-shaped giant inflatable attached to a speeding watercraft. Book a private day tour by messaging Pat Chan at facebook.com/kimchipat (\$850, minimum four people), which takes you straight from your hotel to the water park and offers you unlimited access to all the watersport facilities there. Includes a tour guide fluent in Korean and English.

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What's Eating Hong Kong?

From southern soul food to modern Japanese and pho that rivals Vietnam's finest, we're revisiting some of the best meals we've had this year... so far. By **Leslie Yeh**



◀ Okra X Modern Japanese

We couldn't help but rave over the original dishes coming out of Okra's modern Japanese kitchen, securing it one of our coveted five-star reviews. Head chef Max Levy brings something new to the city, with subtle and sophisticated flavors that instantly woke our palates. The battered and fried dry-aged tuna edged out sashimi on our list of best ways to consume the ubiquitous fish, while the carabinero prawn soup showed a restrained yet elevated hand in the kitchen. We also applaud their dedication to making their own fresh tofu daily, and the curated selection of affordable sakes on offer. They've recently launched Okra Bar upstairs, which offers a more intimate tasting menu experience at a six-seat counter.

G/F, 110 Queen's Rd. West, 2806-1038, okra.kitchen

Maizuru X Japanese

There's no shortage of cheap sushi joints in the city, but most will compromise on the quality of the fish in order to charge less. Maizuru hits the sweet spot with raw seafood rivaling some of the fancier Japanese restaurants in the city for a fraction of the price. The lunch set is a steal and has become one of our favorite places to get our nigiri fix, with 12 pieces of the diner's choice going for \$286. You won't be getting the highest quality of expensive ingredients like uni here, but for standard cuts such as tuna, salmon, scallop and roe, there are few places that serve fresher fish. The countertop seating with your private sushi chef whipping up your lunch set completes the feel of a fine omakase counter for a nominal fee.

26/F, Jardine Center, 50 Jardine's Bazaar, Causeway Bay, 3586-3038.

Pho Bar X Vietnamese

Pho Bar solved many a beef noodle soup woe when it strode into town at the beginning of the year, drawing in the crowds to its small storefront on Li Yuen Street with the bubbling vats of slow-boiled beefy broth. Be prepared to queue a good half hour for lunch—but it'll be worth the wait once you're presented with the steaming bowl simmering with just-cooked tender beef, fresh mint and coriander, springy rice noodles, chopped chilis and a thin layer of oil on top for that rich mouth-feel. The sides also arrive piping hot and delicious, from crispy fried spring rolls with sweet and sour sauce to house chicken wings lathered in spicy chipotle mayo. At \$68 a bowl, the prices are unbeatable for a hearty lunch spot in Central.

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

◀ The Parish X Southern

Fans who followed chef Jack Carson from Restoration to Cajun and Creole joint The Parish are singing the praises of this new southern food kitchen, with a warm, tavern-like setting providing just the backdrop to binge on platters of southern fried chicken, Andouille sausage gumbo, jambalaya and pecan pie. The bold, spicy and smoky flavors of the south run rampant across the mouthwatering menu, and service is faultless—reinforcing all that's good in southern hospitality. Don't miss the creamy cast iron skillet mac 'n' cheese with smoky tasso ham and the gut-busting southern fried chicken brimming with spices. Dessert is a no-brainer: choose from key lime pie, pecan pie, Mississippi mud pie or Grand Marnier crème brûlée.

44-46 Staunton St., Central, 2803-0050.

Southern delights
at The Parish





Visit 1960s Beirut
at Maison Libanaise

▲ Maison Libanaise Lebanese

Another opening from Black Sheep Restaurants conceptualized around a specific place and moment in time, Maison Libanaise takes us back to 1960s Beirut, with a three-story building in SoHo bursting with color and vitality. Chef James Harrison shows his affinity with Middle Eastern spices in the flavor-packed menu, delivering tongue-tingling dishes such as pan-fried halloumi with honey glaze and dates, roasted cauliflower with spicy harissa and fried chicken given an exotic bent with sumac and za'atar. The mezze starters and dips, from cumin-spiced baba ganoush to cooling labneh yogurt and earthy chickpea hummus, have us hooked, and they're perfect for sharing over a few bottles of fragrant Lebanese wine on the open rooftop terrace.

10 Shelley St., Central, 2111-2284, maisonlibanaise.com.hk

▼ Cochin Delicatessen French

This newcomer to the dining scene is owned and operated by chef Renaud Marin, whose joy for classic French cooking is palpable from the first bite. The deli touts a selection of high-quality French cold cuts and cheeses, from pâtés to rillettes and sausages, and precious tinned goods filled with anchovies and caviar. Dig into this side of the menu with the warm chunks of baguette and a glass of wine, and you've got a pretty decent meal. But don't ignore the rest of the menu, which offers comforting French bistro food at its finest: The free-range organic chicken is beautifully basted and falling apart in its own jus, while the beef tartare is perhaps the best we've tasted in the city, with a combination of fresh and aged beef complemented by creamy avocado and smoked sardines.

26 Peel St., Sheung Wan, 2561-3336.



Grilled red mullet and foie gras creme brulee at Cochin

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NEW AND NOTED



Krug and smoked egg at Aberdeen Street Social

It's All a Big Yolk

Is there anything that can elevate a dish from ho-hum to haute cuisine as efficiently and effectively as the slow-cooked egg? Pair the resplendent golden-hued eggy glory with a glass of bubbly Krug champagne and you've got a meal fit for a king—which is exactly what **House of Krug** had in mind when conceptualizing their 2016 "**Krug X Egg: Poached, scrambled or fried?**" book, highlighting the complexity of the kitchen staple with recipe pairings from Hong Kong chef heavyweights Umberto Bombana, Uwe Opocensky and Nurdin Topham. But you won't just be flipping the pages looking at all the egg porn—a host of top Hong Kong chefs have gotten in on the yolk action as well. From July onwards, sample Krug and egg pairings at 14 restaurants around Hong Kong, with dishes including Aberdeen Street Social's smoked egg and asparagus with truffle, parmesan and hazelnut dressing (\$350, includes glass of Krug); The Continental's egg and black truffle carbonara with crispy pancetta (\$195, plus \$3,000 for champagne bottle pairing); and Serge et le Phoque's mysteriously named "The Phoque Oeuf" (\$980 includes two mini bottles of Krug). Other participating restaurants include Yan Toh Heen, Vea, The Drawing Room, Ta Vie, Gaddi's and Foxglove; visit krug.com for the full list.

K-Town Tacos

Taco and tequila Tuesdays just got a whole lot classier at **Jinjuu** (U/G, California Tower, 32 D'Aguilar St., Central, 3755-4868), which is putting a modern Korean spin on our favorite tortilla snacks with combinations such as bulgogi beef tacos (\$145), Iberico pork belly tacos (\$135) and sustainable Pacific tuna tacos (\$160). There's also a butter-poached Canadian lobster taco (\$200) served with taro chips and ssamjang mayo, vegetarian mushroom tacos (\$105), and Hanwoo beef tacos (\$250) with a spicy kimchi béarnaise sauce, which we imagine will be the ultimate test of whether you can indeed put kimchi in anything and turn it into delicious fusion fare. Wash it all down with a tequila chaser from mixologist Edgar Santillan's inventive cocktail list (\$90 each), such as the Pucca margarita with soju, tequila, lime juice and ginger cordial. Just don't throw your chopsticks in the air and yell "tequila!"—this is a classy joint, after all.



French 56

Newly appointed at the acclaimed **Petrus** (56/F, Island Shangri-La, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty, 2820-8590), chef de cuisine Ricardo Chaneton is bringing a wealth of experience to the role. Previously at the two-Michelin-starred Mirazur in France, chef Ricardo's reinvigorating the menu at this Hong Kong institution with seasonal ingredients presented with a modern flair. It's certainly a special occasion type of spot: We recommend going for the more affordable lunch menu (\$498 for three courses, \$588 for four) where you can sample the clean, pristine flavors and spot-on execution of chef Ricardo's creations for a fraction of the dinner price. Classic French cooking shines in dishes such as pork terrine with capers, shallots and pistachio vinaigrette and frog leg drumettes battered and fried with parsley and garlic. The delicate starter of octopus tortellini is a standout dish, with the wafer-thin wrapper encasing plump octopus and sweetly braised onions in a complex yet crystal-clear consommé. The "Volaille Fermière" main is also a must-try, starring the sought-after French farmhouse poultry cloaked in a luxurious foie gras and butter "albufera" sauce with golden chanterelles reinforcing the meaty flavor of the dish. Top off the decadent lunch with a latte and the pain perdu bread pudding with rhubarb and elderflower, and you'll be floating on cloud nine as you head out to tackle your afternoon agenda.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Kaum ★★★★☆

Indonesian. G/F, 100 Third St., Sai Ying Pun, 2858-6066.



We weren't sure what to expect when we heard that Potato Head was bringing its relaxed tropical vibes to the cramped neighborhood of Sai Ying Pun—but the fun-loving PTT group has hit the mark with Kaum, combining soulful island cuisine with art, music and design to create a worthwhile lifestyle destination.

HIT With hanging plant boxes, hand-painted ceiling panels and communal tables, Kaum conveys just the right amount of tropical cool while blending in to its urban surrounds. Starters are reasonably priced: The Gado Gado (\$45) has crispy blanched vegetables coated in a savory peanut dressing with boiled eggs and crispy prawn

crackers—a great start to the meal. The pull-apart beef rendang (\$85) was dense with spices and thick coconut milk. We also enjoyed the ceviche-esque Gohu Ikan Tuna (\$70) dressed in refreshing calamansi and coconut oil. The Pa'pong Ayam chicken (\$250) showcased the native style of cooking in a hollowed-out bamboo stick, with the juicy chicken textured with grated coconut. A side order of sambal sauces (\$60 for a tray of four) ramped up the flavors.

MISS We had high hopes for the Babi Guling roasted pig (\$258), but were let down by the lack of crispy skin. The nasi goreng rice (\$118) was a tad salty, especially when combined with more delicious sambal.

BOTTOM LINE The next best thing to flying to Bali, Kaum celebrates Indonesia's diverse culinary landscape—with those signature PTT vibes thrown in.

Open Tue-Sun noon-2:30pm, 5-10:30pm. \$\$\$-\$

Manakamana Nepali Restaurant ★★★★☆

Nepalese/Indian. 165 Temple St., Jordan, 2385-2070.



Jordan is home to a large portion of the city's Nepalese population, so naturally it houses some of its best Nepalese restaurants, too. This family-run joint's location on Temple Street and late closing time makes it ideal if you need a break from browsing the night markets and feel like something other than the dai pai dong just up the street.

HIT Manakamana serves up both Nepalese and Indian dishes, but we stuck to the Nepalese as we don't eat it all that often. A large variety of momos—Nepalese dumplings—are on offer and we opted for the plate of fried pork momos (\$52), which were large and wonderfully juicy, deep-fried to an ultra-crisp exterior. We dipped

each one into the spicy, garlicky chili sauce, and when we bit into the crispy skin the momos exploded with piping hot meat juices. Gurkha chicken (\$68) featured tender meat in a heavily spiced, salty dark brown sauce that was almost like a rendang with its concentrated flavor. We mopped it up with some homemade garlic naan (\$20), all washed down with a couple of Nepalese Gorkha Beers (\$48).

MISS The décor won't blow anyone's minds—there's an unassuming exterior, and on the inside it's pretty barebones with just a few Nepalese trinkets on the wall. But once the food arrives, you'll ignore everything and get sucked in to the familial warmth and spices.

BOTTOM LINE Ditch the Temple Street tourist trap and head straight to Manakamana for Nepalese bites at great prices—and fried momos we've been dreaming about ever since.

Open daily noon-1am. \$

Ratings

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

Price Guide

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Opera Hong Kong Presents Madama Butterfly

The semi-staged production of Puccini's most melodious opera Madama Butterfly will bring audience back to the house and garden in Nagasaki at the beginning of the 20th century. Starring Adam Diegel, Corey Mckern, Nancy Yuen, Louise Kwong and other local talents under the direction of Italian director Pamela Recinella, the production focuses on Butterfly's psychological conflict which brings out the modern dilemma of women today.

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www.operahongkong.org
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Kicking Gambling at pub visit

In the high time of soccer matches, Mr. Adrian Yip, B.B.S., M.H., J.P., Chairperson, Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee, and Mr. Thomas Cheung, MH, Chairperson, Central and Western District Fight Crime Committee visited pubs at Lan Kwai Fong during happy hours on July 8. They distributed leaflets, featuring the Ping Wo Fund Counselling Hotline, to customers and staff of the pubs.



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BEST OF THE BOOK FAIR

Every year, the Hong Kong Book Fair just gets bigger and bigger. Now in its 27th year, the book fair on July 20-26 features a huge offering of vendors, plus literary and creative talks on everything from artisanal jewelry making to Don Quixote. Here's a round-up of some of our most anticipated events.



Chinese Martial Arts Literature Exhibit

To highlight the theme of this year's book fair, which is Chinese Martial Arts Literature, one zone of the fair's gallery is devoted to teaching festival-goers about the history of the form, introducing eight wuxia authors including Liang Yusheng, Gu Long and Jin Yong through a collection of comic clippings, adapted screenplays, comic books and martial arts-inspired paintings. Another zone is dedicated to the Silk Road, focusing on the Mainland's Shaanxi province and India, through historical crafts, costumes, photographs and more. Art Gallery, HKCEC, 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai.



Arthur R. Kroeber, "China's Economy: Powerhouse, Menace or the Next Japan?"

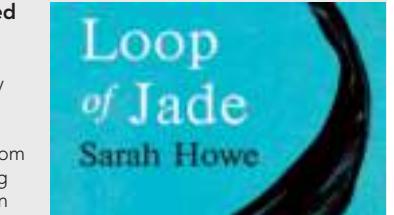
From third world country to the world's second-biggest economy and largest trading nation, China has endured endless dramatic changes, and its future is unclear: Could China continue on a path as an economic leader, or will it run into a crisis, spurred by corruption and other factors? This seminar is led by Arthur R. Kroeber, editor of the China Economic Quarterly. Jul 20, 6-7:30pm. Meeting Rooms S426-427, HKCEC. Free with registration at hkbookfair.hktdc.com.

Martin Yan, "The Taste of Nostalgia"

Celebrated Hong Kong-American chef Martin Yan, whose show Yan Can Cook brought Chinese cooking into US homes, is in town promoting his book "My Hong Kong Series by Martin Yan: The Taste of Nostalgia." He'll be showcasing his own favorite Hong Kong dishes (sans beef and broccoli), as well as sharing recipes from some of the city's most enduring restaurants. Presentation in Cantonese. Jul 22, 11-12:30am. Meeting Room S423-424, HKCEC. Free, register at hkbookfair.hktdc.com.

Sarah Howe, "Turned Always Home"

British poet and author of 2015's TS Eliot Poetry Award-winning book, "Loop of Jade," Sarah Howe will be reading from her book and discussing her work in conversation with Peter Gordon, one of the founders of the Asian Review of Books. "Loop of Jade" is a compilation of poems which explore her relationship with Hong Kong as a half-Chinese, half-British writer. Jul 21, 6-7:30pm. Meeting Rooms S222-233, HKCEC. Free with registration at hkbookfair.hktdc.com

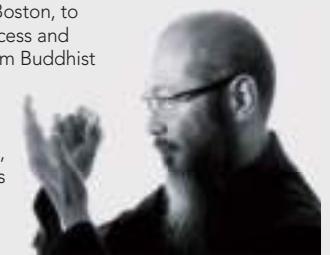


Wallace Chan, "A Journey of Jewelry, Art and Creation"

One of world's leading jewelry-makers, Wallace Chan is known for his impeccably detailed, delicately carved gemstones and the tales they tell. The first Asian jeweler to exhibit at the Biennale de Paris, his masterpiece diamond and jadeite necklace, "Great Wall," sold for \$73.5 million in 2012. He will be in conversation with Dr. Emily Banis Stoehr, the curator of



the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, to talk about his creative process and philosophy, his journey from Buddhist sculptor to artist-jeweler, and his first limited edition monograph, to be unveiled at this talk. Jul 20, 3-4:30pm. Meeting Rooms S222-223, HKCEC. Free with registration at hkbookfair.hktdc.com.



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 Rachmaninov 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.



UpClose Encounters: Fazil Say on Say

In this intimate performance, audience members get to sit right on the stage as composer and pianist Fazil Say presents the Hong Kong and Asia premieres of four works (including his jazzy reimagining of Paganini's 24th Capriccio theme, "Paganini Jazz") written over the course of his career. The Turkish pianist, once described by Le Figaro as "one of the greatest artists of the 21st century," will share his musical insights during the concert. Jul 21, 7:30pm. Concert Hall, City Hall, 5 Edinburgh Place, Central. \$300 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 semi-staged production stars sopranos Nancy Yuen and Louise Kwong 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.

Yo-Yo Ma

Headlining the HK Philharmonic's dynamic season opener is the one and only Yo-Yo Ma, the worldwide Chinese-American cello sensation. He'll be playing Bizet's Symphony in C, "Silent Woods" by Dvořák, and dueting with Wu Tong (on the sheng, a Han dynasty-era wind instrument) for Chinese composer Zhao Lin's "Duo." Get your tickets before they sell out. Sep 9-10, 8pm. Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$680-1,980 from urbtix.hk from Aug 1; pre-orders available for subscribers.



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; 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, Ivan Aristeguieta, Sam Taunton and the UK's Phil Wang as they make their stop at the Fringe Club. Jul 18-24. Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd., Central. \$250-395 from hkticketing.com.

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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 asianinternational.net.

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. Jul 22-Aug 7. Venetian Theatre, The Venetian, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau. \$180-780 from hkticketing.com.

Theater

Buddhist Chants in Scent and Light

The Zuni Icosahedron season opener is an experimental performance based on a text that dates back 1,200 years to the Tang Dynasty, arranged by Master Kuan Pen in the 20th century in his book "Chamber of Scent and Light." Through a mix of contemporary theater and traditional Buddhist rituals, Zuni's performance explores the purification and calming aspects of chanting, as well as the heritage of the art of Buddhist vocal practices with the help of artistic directors the Venerable Sik Hin-hung of HKU's Center for Buddhism Studies and the Venerable Sik Tsang-chit, abbot of the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Buddhist nunnery. This performance is in Cantonese and Putonghua. Sep 22, 8:15pm; Sep 25, 3pm. Grand Theatre, Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui. \$100-1,000 from urbtix.hk.



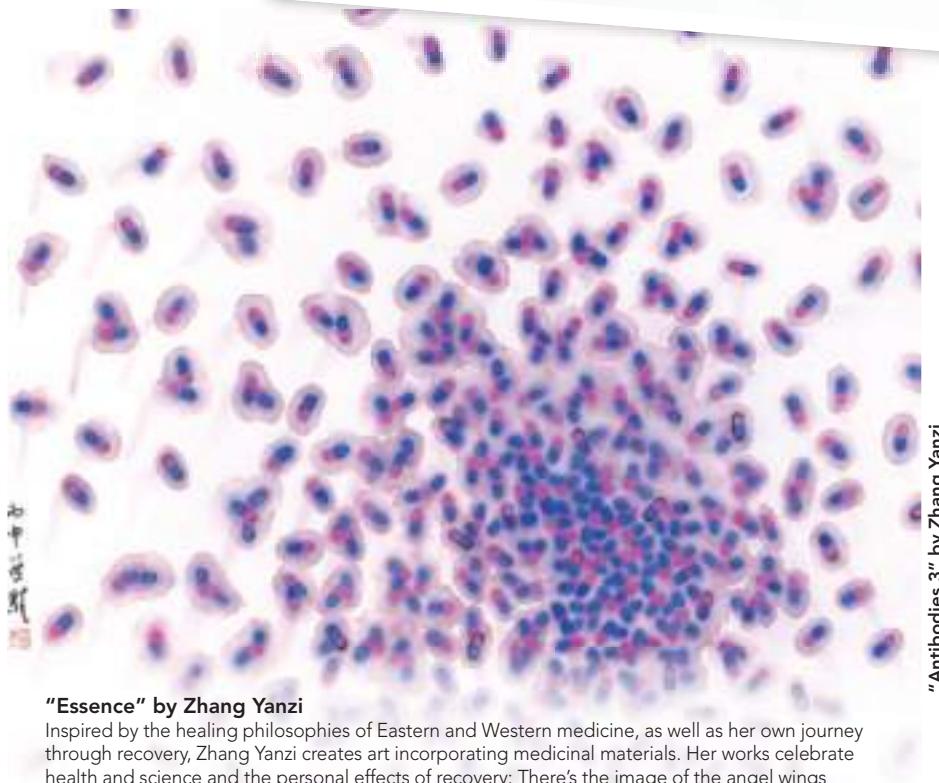
The Tiger Lillies Perform Hamlet

Hamlet gets a rock musical update as British cult band The Tiger Lillies team up with Danish contemporary theater 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. Sep 9-10, 8pm; Sep 11, 3pm. Kwai Tsing Theatre, 12 Hing Ning Rd., Kwai Fong. \$180-420 from urbtix.hk.

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

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Exhibitions

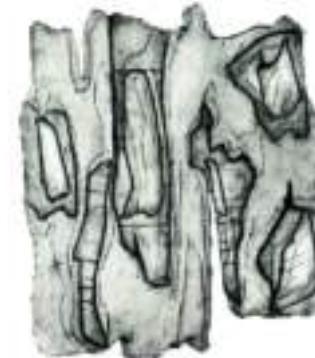
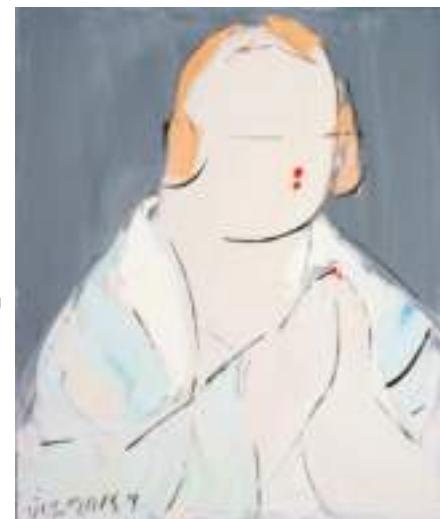


"Essence" by Zhang Yanzi

Inspired by the healing philosophies of Eastern and Western medicine, as well as her own journey through recovery, Zhang Yanzi creates art incorporating medicinal materials. Her works celebrate health and science and the personal effects of recovery. There's the image of the angel wings composed of gauze bandages and herbal medicine, and what looks to be a microscope view of antibodies, but made out of pills, ink and paper. This exhibit is a collaboration between Galerie Ora-Ora and the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences. Through Aug 28. Museum of Medical Sciences, 2 Caine Lane, Mid-Levels. ora-ora.com. \$20 admission fee to the Museum.

Intimate Embraces

Inspired by the voluptuous bodies and pearl-white complexions of Tang Dynasty-era beauties, leading Chinese contemporary artist Pang Yongjie has created simple and elegant figures using a limited color palette. He shapes his forms by applying thick layers of paint to the canvas with a palette knife, and as a result the works seem minimalistic from a distance, but look almost three-dimensional up close. Through Sep 9. Fabrik Contemporary Art, 1102, Nam Wo Hong Building, 148 Wing Lok St., Sheung Wan. fabrik-gallery.com.



First Smash 3

Eight young Hong Kong-based artists present their works for the first time. As part of the Art Experience Foundation's platform to support emerging local talent, "First Smash 3" sees these artists debut in a commercial gallery—don't miss your chance to say that you were there at the beginning of the next Ai Weiwei. Through Aug 20. Art Experience Gallery, Room 2009, Cable TV Tower, 9 Hoi Shing Rd., Tsuen Wan. artexperiencegallery.com.

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HELP ME, I'M POOR 9 Great Happy Hours to Tide You Through to Payday

By Evelyn Lok

\$98 We talk of \$90 beers being the standard price these days, but up on Star Street's **Le Garcon Saigon** you can get Free. Flow. Beers for the price. Choose from French, Vietnamese or local Young Master brews for just \$98, and the whole shebang comes with Viet-style bar nibbles. Daily, 5-7pm. Le Garcon Saigon, 12-18 Wing Fung St., Wan Chai, 2455-2499.

\$48 Get your fill of G&Ts and cocktails starting from \$48 at **The Optimist**'s Optimistic Hour, which is really more like four hours of shiny happy optimism. Or maybe it's just the Spanish gin talking... Daily, 3-7pm. The Optimist, G-2/F, 239 Hennessy Rd., Wan Chai, 2433-3324.

\$48 At **Stazione Novella** you can spend less than \$50 for an Aperol Spritz all day, every Monday—perfect to beat the hideous Hong Kong heat. Mondays through Sep 26. Stazione Novella, 52-56 Staunton St., Sheung Wan, 2559-0559.

\$35 Really into beer? Grab \$35 beers at NoHo wine bar **Figaro** and your wallet may still end up thicker than your beer belly. Also just \$50 on wine and cocktails. Tue-Fri, 5:30-7:30pm. Figaro, 2 Shin Hing St., Central, 2757-1777.

\$30 Lost and thirsty in the Landmark? **Mak Mak's** got your back: \$30 Singha beers, house wines, select cocktails, and complimentary Thai chili peanuts to snack on. Who needs to leave Central? Not you. Daily, 5-8pm. Mak Mak, Shop 217A, 2/F, Landmark Atrium, 15 Queen's Rd., Central, 2983-1003.

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\$10 Grab sangria, beer, selected wines and soft drinks at just \$10 each at **Isono**.

6-9pm on weekdays, noon-9pm on weekends. Get on it before the deal ends this weekend. Isono Eatery and Bar, Shop H601-H608, 6/F, Block B, PMQ, 35 Aberdeen St., Central, 2156-0688.

\$10 Stressful work day? Stock market themed bar **Wolf Market** offers a \$10 penny stock deal—just a single coin for selected drinks. Mon-Wed, 5-8pm. Wolf Market, UG/F, The Plaza, 21 D'Aguilar St., 2530-9622.

\$1 Got a drying bank account? **Stone Nullah Tavern**'s infamous "Beat the Clock" deal can help you forget—providing you can get off work on time. Drinks start from \$1 at 5pm, doubling in price every 20 minutes. Mon-Fri, 5-7pm. Stone Nullah Tavern, 69 Stone Nullah Lane, Wan Chai, 3182-0128.

\$0 Nothing beats free. **Gaucho** is offering a complimentary drink and bar platter on the house between 5-8pm on weekdays. Go on a Thursday, when a live DJ spins groovy beats. Mon-Fri, 5-8pm. Gaucho, 5/F, LHT Tower, 31 Queen's Rd. Central, 2386-8090.



Concerts

Tegan and Sara

Indie rock fans are in luck, because the Grammy-nominated twin sisters are back in town! After a fantastic set at Clockenflap in 2013 and hot on the heels of their eighth album release in June, Canadian indie queens Tegan and Sara return to the city for a one-night-only concert at KITEC. Jul 28, 8pm. Rotunda 3, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, \$588 from [hkticketing.com](#).

Cheer Chen and Han Hong at Studio City
Studio City has an exciting program lined up this summer for Mandopop lovers: Catch Taiwanese indie pop princess Cheer Chen with her soothing coffee shop vibes on July 30, and Chinese singer-songwriter and Chinese Idol judge Han Hong on August 13. Jul 30, Aug 13, 8pm. Studio City Event Center, Studio City Macau, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, \$280-780 from [studiodcity-macau.com](#), ferry and VIP packages available.

Clubs

Angger Dimas

That's Angger with an extra G this month at Cubic—the 25-year-old Indonesian DJ has collaborated with the likes of Diplo, Steve Aoki and Laidback Luke. He has also been personally asked to remix for EDM giants like Afrojack, Kaskade, Avicii, and... Linkin Park. Is he really angry? Maybe about that last one... Jul 23, 10pm. Club Cubic, 2/F, Hard Rock Hotel, City of Dreams, Estrada do Istmo, Cotai, Macau, \$250 at the door.

Cashmere Cat at Volar

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

Club Primo Thursday Ladies Night

Ladies can get in on a special cocktail free flow deal after 10:30pm every Thursday, where you can also bounce to old school hip hop and R'n'B jams by DJ KitLi. Every Thursday, 10:30pm til late. Aug 18, 10pm. Club Primo, 7/F, 18 On Lan St., Central, free.

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.

I Love Wednesday Features: Omi

Jamaican singer Omi heads to D-i for a summer Wednesday special. Don't know his international hit, "Cheerleader?" Get to know it now. Jul 20, 10pm. Dragon-i, U/G, The Centrium, 60 Wyndham St., Central, \$300 at the door.

Play Presents:

Hot Sauce with SMTM (aka Agent Smith)

What do Beyoncé and Hillary Clinton have in common? They both have hot sauce in their bags. So does Play in their new Friday party series Hot Sauce, with Hollywood mainstay DJ SMTM, aka Agent Smith (hopefully not from The Matrix) here to sizzle away your weekday stress. Jul 15, 10pm. Play, 1/F, On Hing Building, 1 On Hing Terrace, Central, free entry; For table bookings: reservations@playclub.asia.



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.



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 Play: 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](#). Dress code: No shorts, beachwear, sportswear or flip flops.

Nightlife Events

Outlook Festival 2016

Hong Kong Launch Party

Ahead of the eighth iteration of the largest bass music culture festival in Europe, Hong Kong celebrates with a launch party with the official promoters: The launch party tours 90 clubs in five continents before the big event, bringing with them some of the best underground dancefloor beats on the planet. The initial line-up includes British drum and bass producer Dom & Roland and Bass Music China founder Saiyan. Jul 16, 4pm. Whitehead Barbecue, 1950 Whitehead, Ma On Shan, \$200-380 from [ticketflap.com/outlookfestivalhklaunch](#).



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 final 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 [studiodcity-macau.com](#). Admission and after-party, cabana and hotel stay packages available.



Chris Hannah Guest Bartenders at Room One

Hailing from Arnaud's and The French 75 Bar in New Orleans is Chris Hannah, bar whiz who's currently shortlisted as one of the Top 10 American Bartenders of the Year. Hannah will be shaking it up at The Mira's Room One for just one week in August. Aug 5-13. Room One, G/F, The Mira, 118 Nathan Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui.

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Gigs



Bobby Taylor Returns

Motown legend and Jackson 5 producer Bobby Taylor hits up Grappa's Cellar en route to the Kota Kinabalu Jazz Festival, performing classics as well as paying tribute to Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and The Temptations. Jul 16, 8pm. Grappa's Cellar, B/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, \$288 from Grappa's Cellar, includes one drink. A la carte dinner available from 6:30pm.

Happy Hours

Wednesdaze DJ & Dim Sum Night

From Feb 17 onwards, Duddell's is launching a weekly DJ and Dim Sum night featuring grooves by DJs Yeti, Fei Pao, Baby Jesus and Dre Dogue. Before getting up to dance the night away, you can stuff your face with the Michelin-starred resto's famed dim sum and siu mei plates, made to share between four, plus free flow cocktails and wine for a total of \$350 per head. Wednesdays, 6-10pm. Duddell's, 3-4/F, Shanghai Tang Mansion, Duddell St., Central, \$350.

Tartine Thursdays

Centralites hungering for tunes and tiny open-faced sandwiches after work can feast on a tartine free flow from 8-10pm, and enjoy the French resto's buy one get one free drink deal from 6-8pm. The music? House, disco/funk and deep house supplied by FuFu's resident DJs. Thursdays, 6-10pm. Tartine, 2-3/F, 38 Lyndhurst Terrace, Central.

Wong Chuk Hang's Best Happy Hour at Above

The best happy hour deal in the artsy Southside nabe will have you sitting high up on Ovolo Southside's rooftop bar Above: just \$180 for two hours free flow beer, wine, sodas and juices. There's a free aperitivo spread too, with select appetizers Mondays and Tuesdays and a decadent mac and cheese station on Wednesdays-Fridays. Tack on \$100 for an additional hour of boozin'. Free shuttles are offered back to Admiralty after 9pm every Friday. Mon-Fri, 5-9pm. ABOVE, 23-24/F, Ovolo Southside, 64 Wong Chuk Hang Rd., Aberdeen, \$180 per head.

\$15 Oysters at

#MeatMeAtPorterhouse Mondays

Though verging on sounding like a questionable pickup line, Porterhouse's #MeatMeAtPorterhouse Monday deal offers \$15 oysters from 6-8pm. They won't disappoint, unlike your flaky Tinder date. While you're at it, you'll want to dig deep into Porterhouse's steady weekday deal of two-for-one martinis, with complimentary gourmet bites. 6-8pm. Porterhouse by Laris, 7/F, California Tower, 30-36 D'Aguilar St., Central.

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Hong Kong International Reggae Ska Festival

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



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Cold War 2

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(Hong Kong) Crime/Action. Directed by Longman Leung and Sunny Luk. Starring Aaron Kwok, Tony Leung Ka-fai, Chow Yun-fat, Charlie Young. Category IIB. 110 minutes. Opens July 8.

All eyes are on the sequel to 2012's "Cold War," which cleaned up at the Hong Kong Film Awards that year, winning Best Film, Best Actor and Best Director. But in this new instalment, directors Longman Leung and Sunny Luk seem to be biting off more than they can chew.

"Cold War 2" picks up right where its predecessor left off. Sean Lau (Aaron Kwok) is now the new Commissioner of Police, while his rival, deputy Commissioner M.B. Lee (Tony Leung) has retired after his son Joe (Eddie Peng) was jailed for orchestrating the abduction of four police constables.

The film kicks off with plenty of foreboding, as Lau buries a fellow policeman, minutes before receiving a call from an anonymous masked man. He's kidnapped Lau's wife, and will free her in exchange for Joe Lee's release. Lau insists on carrying out the swap himself, so as to ferret out the culprit. But the operation fails miserably, ending in an explosion in an MTR station and Joe's suspiciously timely escape.

New to the game are independent legislator Oswald Kan (Chow Yun-fat) and his squad of lawyers who, during a public inquiry into the botched operation, begin to suspect that a plot lurks behind the surface, to get the Commissioner removed from office. The camera turns, and we discover a group of self-proclaimed "kingmakers" dividing up the slices of the cake as they plan their future roles in the Hong Kong government.

Hong Kong audiences will easily spot the political metaphors that shine through the courtroom bickering and



action scenes alike. The directors cleverly tug at our uneasiness that there is indeed a "puppeteer" or a clique of "kingmakers" pulling the strings behind the political scenes, while steering clear of any explicit finger-pointing.

Starring a ridiculously good-looking ensemble of cops and ICAC officers, the film boasts a bumper mix of movie stars, small-screen actors, singers and ex-news anchors. Seeing these familiar faces pop up in the least expected places provides a little comic relief in this otherwise gloomy flick. But our central trio does their job well. Aaron Kwok's character may fall short of the complexity of his co-stars, but he still manages to pull off some intense action sequences, as well as a realistic depiction of a desperate husband. Meanwhile Chow Yun-fat, with a twinkle of wisdom in his eyes, slips seamlessly into

his slick, powerful barrister persona. The gold star, however, goes to Tony Leung for taking us for a ride on an emotional rollercoaster with his strong eyebrow-acting as he turns the corner from righteous police commissioner to agonized father.

Sadly, even a star-studded cast can't save the film from its multiple logical leaps and plot holes that will leave you scratching your head. For one, is there no mechanism in the police force that could override the Commissioner of Police's decision to drop everything, strap on a bulletproof vest and escort a prisoner to a hostage exchange himself?

All these unsolved mysteries and a final shocking, patently unrealistic cliffhanger promises that the "Cold War" series will soon be back, with yet more cheesy lines and feel-good police propaganda. The Cold War isn't over just yet. **Sophia Lam**

Coming Soon

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? Opens Jul 21.

Opening

Three

(Hong Kong/China) Action auteur Johnnie To's latest unfolds entirely in a hospital, where a criminal with a bullet lodged in his brain delays an operation in order to buy himself time and to mock the cop who brought him in (Louis Koo), while a doctor (Zhao Wei) confronts questions of her own professionalism. Opens Jul 14.



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. Opens Jul 14.

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. Opens Jul 14. ★★★★



Me Before You

(UK/USA) This tearjerker of Nicholas Sparksian 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. Opens Jul 14.

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. ★★★★

Cold War 2

(Hong Kong) See review, above.



Fifty Shades of Black

(USA) Not an official sequel to "Fifty Shades of Grey"—you'll have to wait until 2017 before Mr. Grey will see you again—but a spoof starring Marlon Wayans ("White Chicks"), Kali Hawk ("Bridesmaids") and Fred Willard ("Anchorman"). Unfunny and offensive is right: Fifty shades of fucked up that we wouldn't recommend to anyone. ★★★★ (No Stars)



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. ★★

The Jungle Book

(USA) The beloved 1967 Disney cartoon gets a CG/live-action makeover and they've packed the screen with star A-listers. Bill Murray voices Baloo, the lovable bear; the Bengal tiger baddie, Shere Khan, is played by Idris Elba. This remake won't replace the original, but with stunning jungle landscapes and heartwarming characters, it comes close. ★★★★

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. ★★





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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.

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. ★★★★

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows
(USA) The Ninja Turtles are back, and this time they've got their work cut out for them: First they've got to defeat mutant nemeses Bebop and Rocksteady, and then join April O'Neil (Megan Fox) and Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett) to defeat an alien invasion led by supervillain Krang (Fred Armisen).



"The Kid," Broadway Cinematheque 20th Anniversary

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For their 20th birthday, Broadway Cinematheque, Hong Kong's only dedicated arthouse cinema, has joined forces with Zuni Icosahedron to host a unique double-bill outdoor screening of two silent cinema classics set to live music. It begins with George Méliès' striking 1902 science fiction film "A Trip to the Moon," followed by Charlie Chaplin's entirely iconic "The Kid" (1921). The screenings are accompanied by live music performances from MC/poet-composer Rebeart, plus double bassist Wilmer Chan and erhuist Rubert Woo. Jul 23, 7:30pm. Yau Ma Tei Community Centre Rest Garden, Tin Hau Temple, Yau Ma Tei. Free, first come first served.

Trick Factory—German Animation Film Festival

Before Walt Disney, there was Lotte Reiniger. The German animator's style silhouetted her characters against dream-like backgrounds and swelling, symphonic scores. For over 60 years she paved the way for animators across the world. Get intimate with German animation with the Goethe-Institut: They've created 14 programs focusing on everything from contemporary animated films to German fairy tales, animated films in the Nazi period and plenty of Lotte Reiniger. Through Nov 11. Comix Home Base, 7 Mallory St., Wan Chai, goethe.de/hongkong. Free, first come first served.

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CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): If you are smoothly attuned with the cosmic rhythms and finely aligned with your unconscious wisdom, you could wake up one morning and find that a mental block has miraculously crumbled, instantly raising your intelligence. If you can find it in your proud heart to surrender to "God," your weirdest dilemma will get at least partially solved during a magical three-hour interlude. And if you are able to forgive 50 percent of the wrongs that have been done to you in the last six years, you will no longer feel like you're running into a strong wind, but rather you'll feel like the beneficiary of a strong wind blowing in the same direction you're headed.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): How often have you visited hell or the suburbs of hell during the last few weeks? According to my guesstimates, the time you spent there was exactly the right amount. You got the teachings you needed most, including a few tricks about how to steer clear of hell in the future. With this valuable information, you will forevermore be smarter about how to avoid unnecessary pain and irrelevant hindrances. So congratulations! I suggest you celebrate. And please use your new-found wisdom as you decline one last invitation to visit the heart of a big, hot mess.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): My friend Athena works as a masseuse. She says that the highest praise she can receive is drool. When her clients feel so sublimely serene that threads of spit droop out of their mouths, she knows she's in top form. You might trigger responses akin to drool in the coming weeks, Virgo. Even if you don't work as a massage therapist, I think it's possible you'll provoke rather extreme expressions of approval, longing, and curiosity. You will be at the height of your power to inspire potent feelings in those you encounter. In light of this situation, you might want to wear a small sign or button that reads, "You have my permission to drool freely."

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): The latest Free Will Astrology poll shows that thirty-three percent of your friends, loved ones, and acquaintances approve of your grab for glory. Thirty-eight percent disapprove, eighteen percent remain undecided, and eleven percent wish you would grab for even greater glory. As for me, I'm aligned with the eleven-percent minority. Here's what I say: Don't allow your quest for shiny breakthroughs and brilliant accomplishments to be overly influenced by what people think of you.

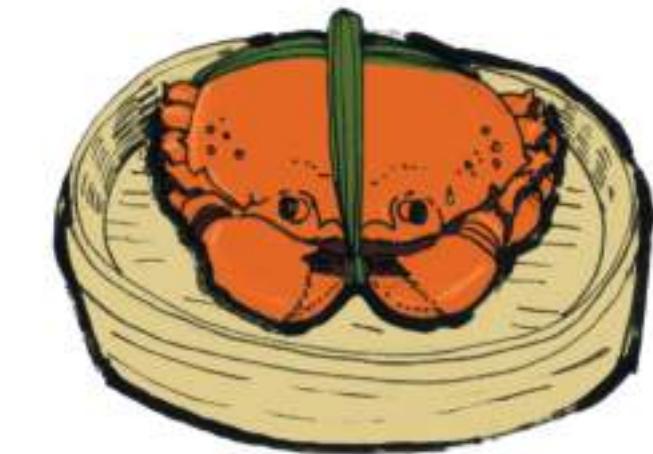
SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): You are at the pinnacle of your powers to both hurt and heal. Your turbulent yearnings could disrupt the integrity of those whose self-knowledge is shaky, even as your smoldering radiance can illuminate the darkness for those who are lost or weak. As strong and confident as I am, even I would be cautious about engaging your tricky intelligence. Your piercing perceptions and wild understandings might either undo me or vitalize me. Given these volatile conditions, I advise everyone to approach you as if you were a love bomb or a truth fire or a beauty tornado.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Here's the deal: I will confess a dark secret from my past if you confess an equivalent secret from yours. Shall I go first? When I first got started in the business of writing horoscope columns, I contributed a sexed-up monthly edition to a porn magazine published by smut magnate Larry Flynt. What's even more scandalous is that I enjoyed doing it. OK. It's your turn. Locate a compassionate listener who won't judge you harshly, and unveil one of your subterranean mysteries. You may be surprised at how much psychic energy this will liberate. (For extra credit and emancipation, spill two or even three secrets.)

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): What do you want to be when you grow up, Capricorn? What? You say you are already all grown up, and my question is irrelevant? If that's your firm belief, I will ask you to set it aside for now. I'll invite you to entertain the possibility that maybe some parts of you are not in fact fully mature; that no matter how ripe you imagine yourself to be, you could become even riper—an even more gorgeous version of your best self. I will also encourage you to immerse yourself in a mood of playful fun as you respond to the following question: "How can I activate and embody an even more complete version of my soul's code?"

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19): On a summer day 20 years ago, I took my five-year-old daughter Zoe and her friend Max to the merry-go-round in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Zoe jumped on the elegant golden-maned lion and Max mounted the wild blue horse. Me? I climbed aboard the humble pig. Its squat pink body didn't seem designed for rapid movement. Its timid gaze was fixed on the floor in front of it. As the man who operated the ride came around to see if everyone was in place, he congratulated me on my bold choice. Very few riders preferred the porker, he said. Not glamorous enough. "But I'm sure I will arrive at our destination as quickly and efficiently as everyone else," I replied. Your immediate future, Aquarius, has symbolic resemblances to this scene.

PISCES (Feb 18-Mar 20): Early on in our work together, my psychotherapist confessed that she only works with clients whose problems are interesting to her. In part, her motivations are selfish: Her goal is to enjoy her work. But her motivations are also altruistic. She feels she's not likely to be of service to anyone with whom she can't be deeply engaged. I understand this



perspective, and am inclined to make it more universal. Isn't it smart to pick all our allies according to this principle? Every one of us is a mess in one way or another, so why not choose to blend our fates with those whose messiness entertains us and teaches us the most? I suggest you experiment with this view in the coming weeks and months, Pisces.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Upcoming adventures might make you more manly if you are a woman. If you are a man, the coming escapades could make you more womanly. How about if you're trans? Odds are that you'll become even more gender fluid. I am exaggerating a bit, of course. The transformations I'm referring to may not be visible to casual observers. They will mostly unfold in the depths of your psyche. But they won't be merely symbolic, either. There'll be mutations in your biochemistry that will expand your sense of your own gender. If you respond enthusiastically to these shifts, you will begin a process that could turn you into an even more complete and attractive human being than you already are.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): I'll name five heroic tasks you will have more than enough power to accomplish in the next eight months.
1. Turning an adversary into an ally. 2. Converting a debilitating obsession into a empowering passion. 3. Transforming an obstacle into a motivator. 4. Discovering small treasures in the midst of junk and decay. 5. Using the unsolved riddles of childhood to create a living shrine to eternal youth. 6. Gathering a slew of new freedom songs, learning them by heart, and singing them regularly—especially when habitual fears rise up in you.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Your life has resemblances to a jigsaw puzzle that lies unassembled on a kitchen table. Unbeknownst to you, but revealed to you by me, a few of the pieces are missing. Maybe your cat knocked them under the refrigerator, or they fell out of their storage box somewhere along the way. But this doesn't have to be a problem. I believe you can mostly put together the puzzle without the missing fragments. At the end, when you're finished, you may be tempted to feel frustration that the picture's not complete. But that would be illogical perfectionism. Ninety-seven-percent success will be just fine.

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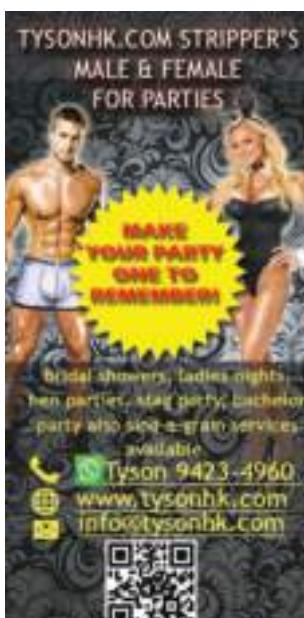


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SAVAGE LOVE

Dan Savage

I'm in my mid-40s, straight, never married. Ten months ago, my girlfriend of three years dumped me. She got bored with the relationship and is generally not the marrying type. The breakup was amicable. I still love her and miss her. Last week, I wrote her a letter saying that I still love her and want us to get back together. She wrote me a nice letter back saying she doesn't feel passion for me and we're never getting back together. Over the past few months, I've started dating another girl. She's pretty, smart, sexy, and kind. If I proposed, she'd probably say yes. I want to get married. The problem is that I don't have the passion for her that I had for my previous girlfriend. So do I "settle" for Girlfriend #2 or start my search all over? Please don't give me the bullshit that love can happen at any age. At my age, the number of single women without kids is low. How many married people "settle" for someone who is a good person but not their true love?

- No Clever Acronym

There is no settling down without some settling for. Please make a note of it. Also, NCA, while passion is a great feeling—totally intoxicating—it also tends to be ephemeral. It's a hard feeling to sustain over the long haul, and marriage is theoretically the longest of long hauls.

You felt strongly about your ex, but she didn't share your feelings. You don't feel quite as strongly about your current girlfriend, but you would like to be married—to someone, maybe her—and Girlfriend #2 seems like a good candidate. I wouldn't suggest proposing, as you've been seeing her for only a few months and most sane women view early, impulsive proposals as red flags.

And finally, NCA, the specter of a "true love" waiting for us out there somewhere, either lost or not yet found, snuffs out more good-and-loving-and-totally-worth-settling-for relationships than anything this side of cheating.

My girlfriend has started seeing other partners. It makes her happy, and in turn I'm happy for her. It's taking me a bit of time to adjust to the new situation, but she's happier than she's been in ages. We love each other and are crazily compatible. Today she came back from a hotel with bite marks on her breasts. I know she's been with a few people over the last few weeks, but being reminded of it each time I look at or touch her makes me uncomfortable. What's more, the guy who did it knew she was part of a long-term couple. Do I need to get over it for the sake of my girlfriend or do I make an issue of hickies?

- Boy Really Unnerved In Seeing Evidence

If you and the girlfriend have a don't ask, don't tell policy about her hookups with others, BRUISE, then hickies and other kinds of slow-fading marks violate the spirit of that agreement. Those kinds of marks amount to a nonverbal "tell." You have a right to calmly point that out to your girlfriend, and she has a responsibility, in the future and in the moment, to remind/warn her outside sex partners that leaving slow-fading marks on her breasts, neck, thighs, forehead, insoles, eyelids, etc., is out of bounds.

For your part, BRUISE, don't inspect your girlfriend post-hookup for the kinds of marks that fade quickly after sex, as that would amount to a nonverbal ask.

My first refractory period—the time it takes me to get ready to have sex again after my first orgasm—is shorter than the time it takes me to lose my erection. I was in a relationship and wasn't using condoms anymore by the time I figured this out,

so it was just generally good times—I'd blow my load, take less than a minute to catch my breath, and be ready to go again. But now that I'm single and entering the dating pool, I'm going to be wrapping it again. Obviously. But I'm not 100 percent sure it's safe to blow two loads into one condom. I'm not sure how much ejaculate I'm producing the second time I come, but it's surely less than the first time. I'm not confident that "second" erection would survive the whole taking-off-the-condom-and-tying-it-up-and-then-putting-on-another-condom exercise, but I would like to avoid that rigmarole if possible. So is it safe to blow two loads in a single condom?

- Two Pump Champ

The failure rate for condoms when used correctly is low (2 percent), TPC, but the failure rate for condoms when used incorrectly is high (18 percent). Leaks are the most common way condoms fail, and slamming your cock in and out of someone with a fully loaded condom wrapped around it will result in leaks. Even if your second load consists of nothing but good intentions, TPC, reusing a condom the way you describe is a recipe for disaster, impregnation, disease transmission, or all of the above.

I have to put my two cents in about Heartbroken And Devastated, the man who discovered that his wife has been cheating on him the entire time they have been together. Her constant and selfish betrayal is egregious. Instead of being honest and giving him a chance to be in an open relationship, she chose to make a fool out of him. She is selfish and a slut. Not to mention that she could have given him an STD, AIDS, you name it. I disagree with you about the concept of monogamy—I don't think it is a fantasy. I believe there is something that separates us from the animals, and that's called integrity and self-control. I am happily married to a beautiful woman. I am a singer in a band, I get hit on all the time, but I don't act on it. Because some of us have a conscience and don't betray the ones we've made a COMMITMENT TO. I wish HAD the best of luck, but I hope he moves on and finds someone who will appreciate him.

- Monogamous And Proud In Portland

I have a few questions for you, MAPIP, but first: I agree that HAD's wife betrayed him in an extreme and egregious way, and I made that clear in my response. ("The scale, duration, and psychological cruelty of your wife's betrayals may be too great for you to overcome.") Now here's my question for you: What did you make a COMMITMENT TO? Was it to your wife or was it to an ideal? Did you commit to a fallible human being or did you commit to a principle?

Let's say your wife screwed up and cheated—which happens all the time, it could happen to you (you do realize you're whistling past the world's most densely populated graveyard), women cheat now at pretty much the same rate men do—and let's say it was a far less egregious betrayal than the one HAD is suffering through. Let's say it was a one-off, years from now, or maybe a two-off. Would you stay and try to save your marriage or would you leave your wife? Staying and trying to save your marriage says, "I committed myself to this person," leaving says, "I committed myself to this ideal."

If your ideals are more important to you than your spouse, I think you're doing marriage wrong. But you're free to disagree.

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Pizzeria La Gondola
Starbucks - Sai Kung Chan Man St.
Starbucks - The HKUST
The Bottle Shop

OTHER NEW TERRITORIES

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

LANTAU

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

GATEWAY APARTMENTS

Gateway Apartments
Gaylord Indian Restaurant
Greyhound Café
Harbourside Restaurant
Hotel Icon
Jimmy's Kitchen
Joia Ristorante
K11 Art Mall
Kowloon Cricket Club
Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel & Deli
Kool

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

KOWLOON TONG

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

HUNG HOM

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

KOWLOON BAY/ KWUN TONG/ KOWLOON CITY

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

HK GIVEAWAYS

We're already halfway through July, which means we've got winners of make-up from Benefit Cosmetics and tickets to "Shrek the Musical"! Not a winner yet? An amazing staycation at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is still up for grabs. Go enter NOW!



Win a two-night staycation at the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong!

Swelter season is here, so it's time to give yourself a much deserved staycation! The JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong in Admiralty is a capital choice thanks to its unbeatable accessibility, classic elegance and heart-warming hospitality.

Want to stay at this luxurious hotel? We've got a **two-night weekend stay for two in a Deluxe Room**, plus a breakfast buffet at JW Café and weekend brunch at Flint Grill & Bar up for grabs! After a tiring week of work, check into an awesome room with a 90-degree panoramic view of the city, and treat yourself to a sumptuous breakfast and brunch spread. The total value of this city break? \$10,390.

Here's how to win yourself this lavish weekend:

If you were reading the last two weeks, you should've already found an *italicized* word in the main Spotlight article of those two issues. Now you have to do the same with this issue! Once you've got all three, include them in a paragraph of no more than 30 words about what you'd do with a staycation at JW Marriott. Go to hk-magazine.com/hk-giveaways to submit your entry before 10am on July 18, 2016.

The winner will be announced on July 22. Good luck!



Congratulations to the lucky winners of Eye Makeup Sets from Benefit Cosmetics!

Congratulations to Michelle Ho, Abigail Kok, Karen Tang, Yan Rong, Edith Lam, Beatrice Remy, Yashoda Khatri and Kit Wong, who have each won a set of **Gimme Brow Brow-Volumizing Fiber Gel and Stay Don't Stray Eyeshadow Primer** (each set valued at \$490)!

We asked for their funniest blinking stories: Michelle, Abigail and Karen ended up accidentally blinking at men, while Edith, Beatrice, Yashoda and Kit ran into mascara trouble with a simple blink. Yan gave us a great idea for what to do on our next girls' night in—blind makeup sessions!

Congrats, girls—and blink on!



Congratulations to the lucky winners of tickets to "Shrek the Musical" at The Venetian Macao!

Samuel Gilbery, Ritu Hemnani and Yuk Lee are the three lucky winners of a pair of A reserve tickets plus round-trip Cotai Water Jet ferry tickets (each set valued at \$1,376) to "Shrek the Musical" in Macau!

Samuel's favorite character from Shrek is the green mean machine himself, while Ritu adores Donkey thanks to his innocent goodness. Yuk loves the Gingerbread Man the most—and has tried to bake him, too!

Congrats again, and enjoy the show!

FIRST PERSON

Actor **Gregory Wong Chung-yiu** is on almost every billboard in town, endorsing chewing gum, broadband internet, Octopus cards and more. It's surprising, given his support for Occupy Central and his reputation as an outspoken figure. He tells Xavier Ng about his views on being blacklisted, his new movie "The Menu," and what it's like to be a "male god." Photo by Kirk Kenny

I was born and raised in Hong Kong. I went to study in the UK when I was 14. I stayed there till I graduated from university and then came back.

I was 10 when I stepped into showbiz for the first time—I was in a movie. But my dad thought a guy should study and have a profession, so he asked me at least to finish my studies before I pursued anything else.

I wasn't really determined to be in this industry—it was all coincidental. Back then I was young and I didn't really know what showbiz was.

I was approached to model [after returning from the UK] and then I thought, why not give acting a try?

At first, my target was five years—if this career didn't pan out then I'd move on. But now I've been in showbiz for more than a decade. It was only in the 12th year that things started to get better.

I started my showbiz career in Taiwan. My management thought Taiwan would have less competition and their [acting] training would be better than Hong Kong.

I came back to Hong Kong in 2009. I felt that Hong Kong was still my home, and I wanted to come back to do something.

In the past two years I've become a household name. But I don't think I'm an overnight success.

By a certain point, I'd accumulated enough popularity and there was a signature piece that could represent me [2014's HKTV series "The Election"].

TV is still a powerful medium. That series got a great response because it had the right timing, and its parallel universe was on track with what's happening in society.

I think the TV market is still very narrow, and there are still not enough resources. The range of TV programs and content is still not enough.

Hong Kong was known for its creativity and the spirit of never giving up. Shouldn't it go back to the start and do what it's known for?

Back in the day, there were productions, be they TV or film, that could go on the international stage and win awards. But there aren't so many now. Why could we make that happen in the past but not now?

Why were there actual "movie stars," but not now? Is there something wrong with the system?

There are still not enough opportunities in this market. After all, there are still market concerns—if I use certain actors, I know there will be a guaranteed return at the box office. That's why you keep seeing these actors over and over again.

Maybe I'm outspoken because I'm hot-blooded. I don't want to compromise. I refuse to settle with the current situation. I want to try to do more within my ability.

I want to use myself as an example to encourage others to stay true to themselves. You may not succeed, but you certainly won't if you don't try in the first place.

Am I worried I might be blacklisted or boycotted by brands? I blacklisted myself first.

If you know what you want to do, you know what your market is, and you know how to sustain yourself in this market—then you can ignore brands you worry might blacklist you. I am what I am.

Many brands that have worked with me know—Greg is such a stubborn and outspoken person who insists on what he believes.

If they still want to work with me, they should already know the risk. If they get pressure, they should know how to handle it.

Instead of what Lancôme did, releasing a statement without any communication—this has a really bad impact on artists or celebrities who are trying to be more outspoken.

There are risks, but is it worth it [to speak up]? If you think it is, and you believe you can make a change, then go for it.

I think it's endearing to be called "naam sun" ["male god"]. It's just a way of people making conversation, especially for those who remember seeing me somewhere, but don't really know my name.

I live a fairly normal life. People respect me and give me space to be a normal person. If you can't live a normal life, you can't act.

Starting from the TV version of [2013 HKTV newspaper drama] "The Menu," I got to know more about the media industry.

It gave me a different point of view and I now understand how hard it is to get news. There are still many obstacles for journalists.

There is no end to news. News is daily and there's always something new every day.

But there are still some things that need to be remembered, even when more news piles up. That's part of the message we want to convey in the movie.

NEED TO KNOW...

Gregory Wong rose to fame after appearing in 2014 HKTV series "The Election," and he became an outspoken supporter of Occupy Central later that year. "The Menu" opens in cinemas in early August.

"If you think it is worth it to speak up, and you believe you can make a change, then go for it."

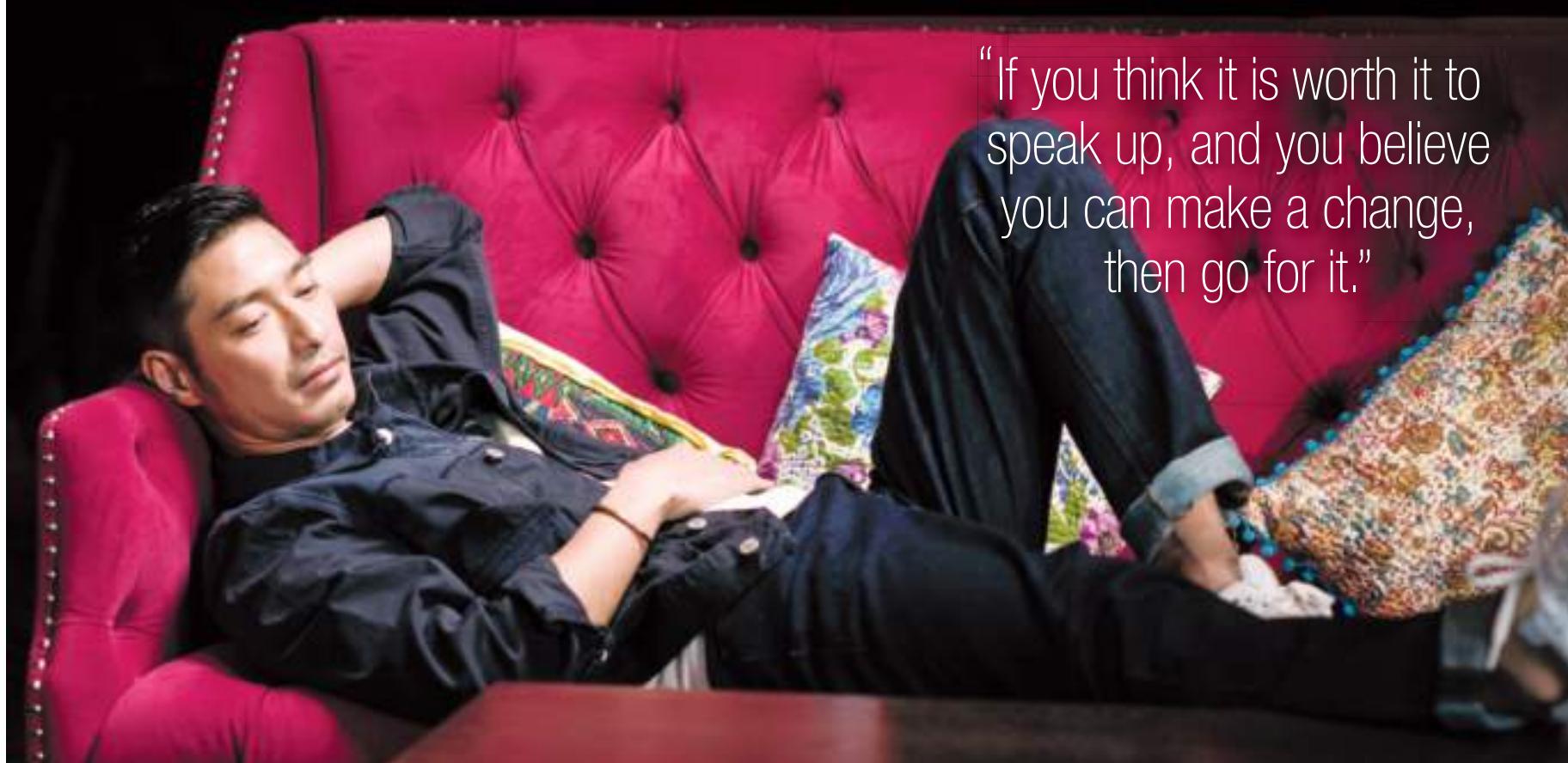


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