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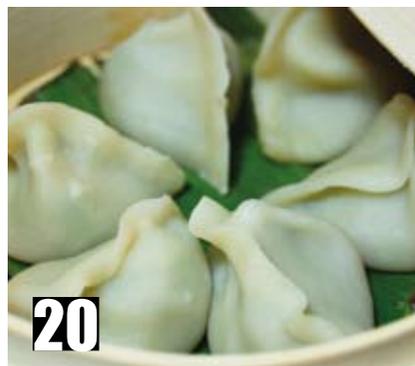
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NOTE FROM THE TEAM

As 2011 starts it's a time for everyone to look back at the past year, through the trials and tribulations that brought us up to this point and wonder at the year ahead. One year ago there was no xianease magazine, there was no team, there was only a thought and a hope, and it was through this past year that xianease became what you are holding in your hands now. 2010 for us was one of growth and learning for the team and while sitting in our office hanging with paper snowflakes, Halloween masks, covers from our limited past, and a myriad of other trinket-y things it seems that the past year is all around us, that looking back takes only a look around.

You might have noticed on the cover that this is the January AND February issue, because of the Chinese New Year the team has decided to combine the two months into one big issue. It seems that during February most everyone is embroiled in either family gathering or heading out of the city and so it fits nicely into us combining the two issues.

As for the coming year, the team has all made some xianease related resolutions and while most resolutions are left by the wayside sometime about the end of January we hope they last at least until early February. While we could list them all here and make it sound like some ad campaign that would cheapen it for us, but rest assured that most of them have to do with making xianease a better community portal (and one to stop drinking so much coffee).

Coming up on January 20th (the coldest day of the year - Da Han) we have the

Dan Han (大寒) Chili Cook Off Jan 20th

Too long have we been without a true chili champion in our fair city. Do you think you have what it takes to make mouths water, foreheads sweat, and folks swoon? On the coldest day of the year (Da Han) wouldn't it be great to stuff your face full of chili? Yes it would!



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first ever (that we know of anyway) Xi'an Chili cook-off at SIT on Shida road so you have a great recipe or just want to come on down to help judge and be a part of the fun. we hope to see you out!

Every month we try to not only fill our pages with relevant and fun content but we also try to fill our events calendar so that every day there is at least one thing to do. If you have an event you want to get folks to send us an email at events@xianease.com and let us know the details!

January is here and though time seems to be a common theme in our notes here as mentioned above it's especially so at this time of the year. We have looked back and we have looked forward neither are able to be manipulated, changed or directed and so it seems that only what is in front of you is what matters (when it comes to time that is), so what will you do with today, with right now it's up to you and it's passing right now.

Happy 2011 to all of you, we wish you the best for the coming New Year and every minute it holds.

The Xianease team



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Your comments and letters are welcome.



THE NEW YEAR IS UPON US, THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT MEMORIES AND WE WISH YOU GOOD FORTUNE DURING THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT!

1 FANCY DRESS BID TO SAVE THE PANDA



Conservationists are dressing up in fluffy panda costumes to help prepare captive-born cubs to live in the wild.

They are anxious to ensure the endangered animals have as little contact with humans as possible, reports the Daily Mail.

So rather than being hand-reared, they are being brought up by their mothers in a piece of protected woodland.

Human help is always on hand, as their every move is monitored by CCTV. Their keepers can see in a moment if they need medicine or a health check-up.

But they make sure to slip into their panda suits before venturing anywhere near, as they are anxious their charges don't become used to humans.

Keepers at the Hetaoping Research and Conservation Centre in western China believe the costumes are vital if the cubs are to survive when finally released into the wild.

In 2006, Xiang Xiang, a five-year-old male, was freed after spending three years being taught survival skills such as foraging for food and marking his territory.

After initially appearing to be adjusting well, he died after getting into a fight with a group of wild pandas.

They are thought to have sensed something different about the human-reared interloper.

With fewer than 2,500 giant pandas living free in China, conservationists are desperate not to take any chances with the next group facing life in the wild.



4 RICE AND EASY FOR ROBOT CHEFS

A new restaurant has opened in China - and is serving meals cooked by robot chefs.

The 'I Robot' restaurant, in Nanning, Guangxi province, bought two robots from a Shenzhen-based technology company for more than £50,000.

Huang Xianghao, the restaurant manager, says his robot chefs can make hundreds of traditional Chinese dishes, each of which takes just two or three minutes.

"We charge exactly the same price as other local restaurants, even though the robot chefs' dishes probably taste better," he told the Wuzhou Daily.

"Chinese cuisine is known for its delicacy and deliciousness. It's amazing to many customers that robots can make such good dishes.

"Our robot chefs are more efficient and hygienic. And they don't complain."

Hundreds of recipes have been stored in the databases of the computers which control the robots' movements.

However, the robots still need human assistant to help them prepare the ingredients, like washing and chopping the vegetables.

2 GREAT GRAN'S A KUNG FU MASTER AT 82

An 82-year-old great grandmother has amazed fitness fans in China with her astonishing feats of kung fu.

Zhao Yufang performs her eye-watering feats of flexibility every day in a park near her home in the Chinese capital Beijing.



She is a master in Shaolin kung fu and T'ai Chi, and has also studied yoga for more than 70 years.

"I have always led a simple life. I gave up eating meat so long ago I cannot remember what it tastes like and I exercise for three hours a day," she explained.

"When I was a girl no master would teach me kung fu so I taught myself - and then I went back to the school and beat the master until he apologised."

3 CRASH TEST DUMMY WRITES OFF £80,000 BMW

A Chinese car dealer let a walk-in customer test drive an £80,000 BMW convertible - only to see him write it off.



The customer smashed the luxury BMW 330i into a concrete flower bed in Shenzhen, southern China's Guangdong Province.

The dealership, in the Luohu district of Shenzhen, said the young man had appeared to be an experienced driver.

Spokesman Qi Yunhai said: "When customers show such a strong interest in a car it is normal to offer them a test drive to see how it feels on the road.

"Usually we would send a driver, as well as a salesperson, with them but we do let customers drive themselves if they can prove they have more than two years' driving experience.

"In this case, the customer's driving licence was more than two years old - he only later admitted he had only actually been driving for a few months."

Nobody was injured in the accident and the car was insured - however the dealer is still considering whether to seek compensation from the customer.

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'Dave's Got A Right To Be Angry,' Says Cosmos



Schwartz



The cosmos admits it could have given Schwartz good organizational skills but deliberately chose not to.

MINNEAPOLIS—Following decades of allegations from the 44-year-old data processor, the vast conglomeration of all matter and energy known as the universe admitted Tuesday that it was directly responsible for every single hardship in the life of Dave Schwartz, and apologized for continually foiling him at every turn.

"Dave has good reason to say the universe is conspiring against him, because, well, it is," said the cosmos, acknowledging that it has thwarted Schwartz's hopes and dreams from the moment of his conception. "He may sound melodramatic when he goes on and on about the whole world having turned against him, but he's actually not that far off. The forces of time and nature genuinely want him to fail at life, and fail hard."

"So, yes, his anger and frustration are totally understandable," the universe added. "Pointless and futile, but totally understandable."

Sources close to Schwartz have long speculated that his failure to find success in work, love, and life stemmed from his own poor decisions and lack of resolve, but the very source of all causality verified Tuesday that, just as Schwartz has always claimed, the blame for each misstep and unfortunate circumstance rests squarely on the cosmos's shoulders.

Using the metaphysical concepts of blind chance and cosmic predetermi-

nation, as well as other powers beyond human comprehension, the universe claimed to have "done its best" to increase the earthly burden on Schwartz, carefully engineering everything from his difficulty concentrating for more than five minutes, to his receding hairline, to the time he threw up on the playground after eating a whole bag of candy.

"We've pretty much been riding Dave's ass from day one," confirmed the eternal concept of fate, which Schwartz has specifically, and accurately, blamed over the years for his inability to find a decent parking spot anywhere, ever. "Like that time he was dating the perfect woman and we introduced him to Deborah, who lured him away from the love of his life and proceeded to make his next two years a psychosexual nightmare of neediness and betrayal. That was all us."

"Oh, yeah, and then we rigged it so she dumped him," added fate, chuckling. "By the way, Deborah's doing great now. Rich husband, two beautiful kids, house on Martha's Vineyard—we set her up real nice."

According to the universe, it has for more than four decades enjoyed "torturing" Dave by presenting him with desirable life options—such as that big promotion at work, or the fantastic deal on that 1998 Mazda Miata—and then placing them just far enough out of his reach that they remain unattainable.

In addition, numerous ethereal essenc-

es and karmic forces stepped forward this week to come clean about "really piling it on" during periods of Schwartz's life when he already had enough on his plate and couldn't be expected to take much more cosmic punishment without snapping.

"Back in '02, we purposefully made enough things go right for Dave that he actually managed to convince himself that fate didn't exist and that the universe was a hopeful place full of limitless possibilities, all of which could be his as long as he believed in himself and maintained a positive outlook," the universe said. "Two days later—boom—we slam him with an IRS audit and some back pain."

"Totally threw him for a loop," added the whole of all existence. "He literally looked up at us and asked us, 'Why? Why are you doing this to me?'"

When questioned Tuesday as to the motive for its actions against Schwartz, the universe told reporters that it had no good answer except to speculate that perhaps its essential nature was simply "cruel and meaningless or something."

At press time, Dave Schwartz was stuck in a traffic jam with severe indigestion.

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Chinese New Year at Xi'an's Southern Bus Station

Re-living a previous Chinese New Year. A time when pre-booking a ticket was even less common than it is now and a man's chivalric value was measured in hours spent in a queue, my own value suffering unpredictable fluctuations.

New Year is fast approaching and people in their masses are heading home. Yesterday I strolled down to the bus station to buy a ticket for my girlfriend who is also returning home for Spring Festival, a few days before I join her. No problem I had thought, a bit of a wait then I would arrive back at the flat a knight in shining armor, clutching a much sought after ticket when she returned from work. However, upon arriving at the station I was faced with the unexpected sight of lines circling, exiting and then re-entering the building. This meant I would start off in the building, follow the line back out of the building, return in again, and then continue waiting behind the 90 odd souls still ahead of me; who were pressed as tightly together as possible so to make the numbers seem smaller than they actually were.

Sadly, the numbers were themselves actually greater, swelled by those nipping in with offers of cash to the lucky ones already edging towards the front of the queue. After surveying this scene I decided to check what time the station opened in the morning and what time I should realistically arrive. I was told it opened at 7 and I should be there by 6.30. Ok.

I awoke earlier than intended and headed off on my bike. Upon arrival at the bus station, this time in the dim light of morning and with hat and scarf sheltering my face from the freezing cold, I discovered the queue to already be leading away from the main entrance, along the path and around the furthest corner, the end out of sight. I hovered for a few minutes by the entrance working out if it was possible to just join the line at this end, but the yelling and wielding of 1-2 meter long sticks by security guards made that option look bleak.

The guards were creating a safety zone around the official queue, so anyone attempting to push in would be spotted, prodded, potentially whacked and then ejected. I slowly walked the length of the queue weighing up the depth of my chivalry, as I considered the necessary 2-3 hour wait that now faced me. Then as I wandered back up the line un-decided, worried in true prisoner's dilemma style that if I joined the line around the corner others would join it further up, the queue started moving.

It all got quite chaotic, and as people quickly moved off a gap just suddenly appeared right next to where I was standing, without thinking I just stepped into it. It wasn't my greatest moment of English gentleman's decency and my heart was beating a lot faster having done so, but I was still glad to be in line. Many others had done the same



and the guards began running the queue, pulling out people here and there, at one point one headed straight for me with stick brandished, but instead threw out a chap just behind me.

My actions meant that once inside I couldn't bring myself to say anything to the ones offering cash to those just ahead of me in the queue, where otherwise I would have done. I was out of the station and home before my girlfriend had even left for work. However, I was unsafe in the knowledge that as I am planning to leave on Thursday and with the fact that you can only buy your ticket three days before departure, I would be back at the station on Monday morning for more of the same or maybe a little worse.

Tomorrow is another day but I was up again and heading off to the bus station just as I had been two days earlier. This time as I arrived at the station I was relieved to see the line pleasingly manageable, probably about where I had entered it the first time, just this time I was to do so legitimately and with over an hour before the station doors were to be opened. I had a good book tucked in my pocket but was more interested in just watching the morning's activities unfolding from a more secure vantage point than previously, though the gathering crowd was beginning to look even more unmanageable than the one two days earlier.

This time people were steadily allowed to gather in quite a large group around the head of the queue, with various characters skulking in the still darkened hours of early morning amongst them. Some of them, not happy enough to have slipped into a forward position while pretending to engage others with mild morning chatter, drifted increasingly further forward in the line. Until a collection of men, who I had individually observed moving in and about the queue much further back, had gathered at the head of the queue; first subtly pretending to peer searchingly inside the as yet unlit station,

before forming a niche of bodies in front of all others.

This whole time people were steadily arriving and noticeably, like myself a couple of days earlier, unsure whether to stand their ground around the head of the line or take their place in the ever extending train of people going backwards. I began to notice that there were a few men seemingly quite familiar with proceedings and confidently bestriding the queue. I also recognized a couple of men that I had seen the previous morning and began to get the impression that there must of course be some kind of third-party system for buying tickets.

The station attendants who the previous morning had been wielding people into line with their sticks were conspicuous this morning by their absence. I was, from a reasonable starting point, beginning to worry that the large crowd that had formed around the entrance would actually lead to quite considerable delays and even a little bit of chaos and anger, if they did not soon manage it. I need not have worried, although some earlier organization may have been better for all concerned, but with only 10 minutes to go they arrived.

The guards first, amusingly, removed the shadowy gentlemen at the head of the queue, dispatching them into a sort of no-man's land by the side of the road, before creating a division between the single line and the rest. This was the time for some to take a place where they hadn't previously but many were too slow to do so and were soon being jettisoned by a pointed finger, a shout, a rough banging of a stick on the ground at their feet or a quick pulling of an arm. From chaos moments earlier came calm; an orderly queue on one side and a collection of sleepy, unsure, slightly confused and frustrated, though still hopeful figures on the other. The line moved off inside the station.

I was one of the first in the queue and had my ticket in my hand within about 20 minutes, by which time the line at the window for my own particular destination was already over 100 people deep. After some difficulty exiting the station through a mass of entwined bodies I arrived outside to discover the line still disappearing into the distance down along the pathway. I was happy to have had this more sedately experience compared to the previous morning and the opportunity these two days to observe New Year matters down at the bus station, but happier still to be heading home with a ticket tucked away securely.

By Richard Frost can read this and more at his blog

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Climbing the Ice Peak

Article by Shane Burkle and Jiafei



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I have been in Xi'an for awhile now and if you asked me to choose one thing to represent Xi'an, I would probably say the Terracotta Warriors. But in a more local and less-touristy sense the "Shaanxi Meal", cold-rice noodles (liang pí 凉皮), a Chinese burger (roujiámó 肉夹馍) and a bottle of Ice Peak orange soda, is just as well known as the warriors and definitely tastier!

Ice Peak orange soda, known as bīng fēng (冰峰) in Chinese, has been a staple of Xi'an for 57 years. Ice Peak is brewed and bottled in Xi'an and shipped all over the city as well as to many other cities in Shaanxi province. Nearly every small hole-in-the-wall restaurant or sidewalk BBQ will have at least a few cases of Ice Peak and for only ¥1 you can have your own. The ubiquity, delicious taste, and

inexpensiveness of Ice Peak really peaked my curiosity in this local product, which is why the Xianease team opted to go and check out the operation for ourselves.

The Ice Peak brewery, located in north-eastern Xi'an, is a pretty large operation with an intriguing complex. Yellow buildings accented in red, and trucks with giant bottles of ice-cold Ice Peak soda on the side. The Xianease team and I were greeted at the main office building, and just across the street was a massive stack of crates of Ice Peak bottles. The stack must have been 50m x 50m and at least 3m high, containing thousands and thousands of empty bottles. The team and I were led to a large conference room, soon after a young lady came in with paper cups bearing the same Ice Peak logo as the

trucks. I was pretty excited, and really hoping that this was hot Ice Peak soda and that they had the soda on tap down the hall. Wishful thinking however, as it turned out to only be a cup of tea.

A lengthy discussion was had about the history of Ice Peak soda and its current operations. It was very interesting to hear that back in the 1950's and 60's when Ice Peak was first starting out it not only didn't have a name, it was simply known as "soda" (汽水 qì shuǐ), but it only cost 2 jiao per bottle! Even with the constant rising prices in Xi'an; Ice Peak soda is still only ¥1 per bottle with no plans of a price increase.

At peak production during spring and summer months, the factory can churn out as many as 700,000 bottles of soda per day! Ice Peak soda started out with a lot of competition, but as the years have moved swiftly by, their competitors have gone out of business, leaving Ice Peak as the "king of the mountain" so to speak.

After the meeting concluded, the exciting part of the tour began.



Dressed in white lab coats and rubber boots we were led into the bottling operation warehouse. There was a long conveyor belt running from a hole in the wall that clearly led to the massive stack of cases of bottles outside. The first stop for a bottle on its road to refilling was removing the bottles from the crates, removing the straws, and checking bottles for cracks or chips. After passing the first test the bottles were shuffled along a conveyer belt to an enormous machine. This machine would automatically feed itself the bottles from the belt with what looked like big hooks pushing bottles into its mouth. The bottle cleaning machine was cleaning, sterilizing and drying 18,000 bottles an hour!

Once clean the bottles snaked along the conveyor belt to a sterile room where they'd be filled with Ice Peak soda. It may have taken a while to get to the bottling machine, but once the bottle was there, filling was almost instantaneous. Within a period of only a few seconds, the same clean bottle was spun around, filled with 200mL of soda and had a bright blue cap placed

on top. Once again, the bottles snaked along the conveyor belt but this time they were full of the delicious orange soda I love. After a quality examination to make sure the bottles contain an acceptable amount of soda and are correctly capped, the bottles continued to roll towards freedom.

It was quite interesting to see bottles of soda fresh off the line; the various sizes of bottles, some slightly taller and thinner, some shorter and fatter, old faded logos, new bright logos, some in English some in Chinese. The variety of bottles was impressive, but I guess that's what happens when bottles are reused over and over for years! At my age the use of glass bottles for soda has been an outdated concept for as long as I can remem-

ber. It was always aluminum cans or plastic bottles. But the use of glass bottles not only saves money on materials, but it keeps materials out of landfills and provides a little glimpse into the past.

The full bottles were on the home stretch now; they congregated in a group until a machine picked up 24 of them and placed them in an empty case. Once filled the case was pushed off onto another conveyor belt headed to the loading docks. There the cases would be loaded onto trucks and taken out to be delivered around Xi'an, and all over Shaanxi province; Ankang, Baoji, Luoyang, Yan'an and beyond.

Next time you're out and in need of a cool drink, throw down ¥1 for an Ice Peak and taste a little history of Xi'an.



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China and Tea

Article by XIANEASE



This month the team learns what Lu Yu meant when he said, "Tea tempers the spirit, harmonizes the mind, dispels lassitude and relieves fatigue, awakens the thought and prevents drowsiness." (The Classic Art of Tea)



China and tea, tea and China they go together like Peanut Butter and Jelly in the US, Bangers and Mash in the UK, and even Masala Chicken and Garlic Nan in India. In fact it can be argued that this epic combination of a nation with thousands of years of history and culture and a simple drink (leaves in hot water) is more than any suitable food combination it's the very definition of an unstoppable force meeting and immovable object. While this article is not a history



of tea in China (that's been done to start plus it gets the word count higher (which is always a good thing when the deadline is fast approaching and the editor is literally pacing the floor).

Take a minute set down our magazine and Google (or Bing, Yahoo, or whatever it is you kids use these days to search the interwebs) and type in "China and Tea", its ok we will be right here when you get back. Ok ok obviously you're not going to put down such a riveting article but if you had searched it about a bazillion pages come up everything from tea culture and history, to shopping and adult tea services (seriously?!?!?) the point trying to be made here is that tea is not just something that China was into, it's a phenomenon that after thousands of years is as alive and ingrained in the culture today as when the first lonely leaf blew into a random pot of boiling water something like a million years ago.

It was with all this history, culture, and mythology in mind that reverently we set out to experi-

ence the local tea culture...Ok to be honest it was a slow day at the office and we were all falling asleep and needed a breath of fresh air. There are tea shops on almost every corner and tea houses by the dozen, the goal wasn't just to find a tea ceremony it was to find THE tea ceremony and after a bit of searching it seems that we found it.

Nestled in Qujiang just south of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda mixed in with the many restaurants and shopping mall stands De Hui Yuan (The Spring of Moral Wisdom). From the outside the three storied house looks classic and impressive it's when you walk through the doors that you immediately realize that this place is one of class, it's not that the team isn't used to high class stuff (hey we drink our Hans out of glasses sometimes) it's just that this place has been done up really to impress and it does.

Taking a look at the team the staff quickly whisked us out of the public area and up to one of the two VIP suites which is done up with an ornate seating area, the largest round table and glass



lazy-susan any of us ever saw, and a small stage for the tea ceremony excitement. It didn't take much to picture monocle clad Monopoly men and fur coated women golf clapping and eating dainty bits of food with gloved hands while their small dogs in the purse happily yapped.

Fruit plates and small snacks were laid out before us and before we knew it the owner Liu Xiao Ying swished in with a train of 5 assistants. She is an amazing self-made woman who has had a passion for tea almost all her life and the opening of her magnificent tea house earlier this year is the culmination of years of hard work and planning. She treats all guests as friends and it was easy to see that her staff we as her family and she the indefatigable matron.

As the lights lowered and the ceremony began the costumed actors and actresses that took the stage made it evident that this was not going to be the corner shop ceremony to sell some tea. There were three performances, the first was the official tea ceremony which most folks will be familiar with yet always fascinates with the cultural reverence in which it's presented. The next set was the action portion of the show with the Chang zuihu (literally the long mouthed tea pot) making an appearance flipping, spinning, and arcing getting tea into the small cups in a myriad of different positions. The final demonstration was...well it actually wasn't that quite clear but they put tea in a normal drinking glass filled it with water and everyone clapped...it might be easy to wax poetic about that last one, minimalistic? Yes, arty? Not really it was basically



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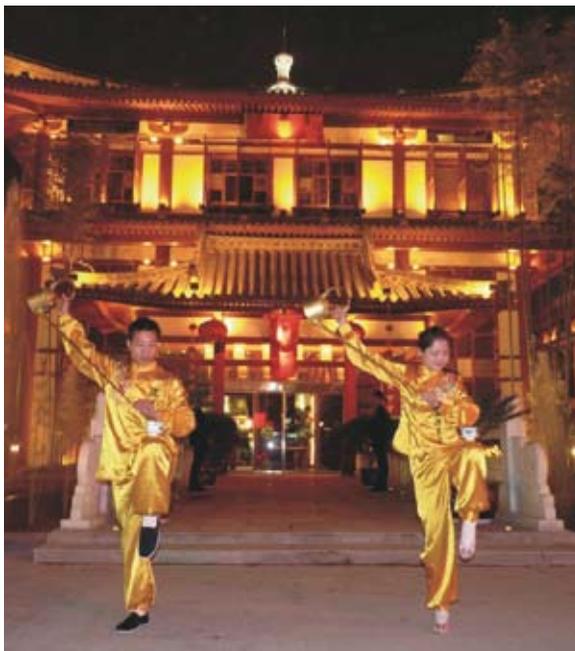
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just how to make tea, and let's face it, that's not a very difficult recipe.

At the end of the show the owner Miss Liu treated us all to the four different kinds of tea (Green, Black, Flower, and White). It would be great to talk about the subtle differences of them all but unfortunately at the first scalding sip we burned our tongue's and the rest of the tasting was head nodding and smiling with not a lot of tasting even for a few days after actually as well (that water was amazingly HOT!).

Overall what started as a mission to get some air ended up with the team finding one of the most high class places in Xi'an built by a woman with a dream and a ceremony that was three parts amazing and one part hot water. It did more than just get us out of the office it showed that there really is a lot to discover here and all it takes is a bit of time and an uneventful day in the office.

**"Better to be deprived of food for three days, than tea for one."
(Ancient Chinese proverb)**

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Need a hand?

Article by Andrew Pether



A sensor glove can be used to allow the hand to mimic the operators movements.

Ever wished you had a third hand for those tasks where two just isn't enough? Well that dream could be realised with the Shadow Dexterous Robot Hand! Its capabilities are very similar to those of a real human hand, eerily so in fact!

The Shadow Robot Company have been making Robots for clients in Europe and the US for over twenty years... and now they have arrived in China! Based in London, UK, they are renowned for their flagship product the Dexterous hand and a range of other interesting and unique engineering projects.

You may ask... Why would you want a robot hand? Well why wouldn't you?! Existing customers include NASA and their European counterparts the ESA, who are using it to research carrying out repairs in space! Research is currently being conducted into using the hand in a range of other hazardous environments, where the dexterity and flexibility of a human hand is required, but are very dangerous for a human to enter. If we can safely defuse a bomb or repair a nuclear reactor with the hand, with the oper-

ator at a safe distance out of harms way, then this is definitely a big step forward!

Other institutions are using it to research how we process information, from seeing an object, analysing and then deciding the best way to grasp it. This interesting field is paving the way for Autonomous robots of the future. Research is also being done to the advance the control of prosthetics limbs, how to effectively interpret the minute electrical signal present in human muscles in controlling machines such as the Shadow hand.

The hand was originally powered by devices called Air Muscles, clever little things which use compressed air to create movements similar to

those of human muscles. Additionally a new system using electric motors has been developed in the last couple of years, so customers can now choose between a hand driven by air or electricity. It is the same size as that of a typical human male, and has 24 moving joints. All of the actuators (motors or muscles), sensors and control electronics are on board, making it a compact mobile system, not requiring a bulky control unit like other robots.

In 2010 Shadow signed a distribution contract with Gai-tech Scientific Instruments based in Shanghai with the aim of opening up the flourishing Chinese research and commercial markets to the Shadow hand. With an impending sale to the first Chinese customer, this could be an important step forward for the Chinese robotics community.

The hand is capable of many of the complex operations that a human hand can carry out.



But it doesn't always have to be so serious. No doubt you can think of a hundred fun ways to use a robotic hand, and before too long these should be readily available. You may have to save up for a while though, as at the moment they don't exactly come cheap!

If you want to know more about the hand, or watch some cool videos of it in action go to

<http://www.shadowrobot.com/hand>

The hand could help soldiers with dangerous tasks on the battlefield.



The hand is a self contained system with all sensors, actuators and control electronics on board.



The motor hand (foreground) and its older brother the muscle hand (background)



The hand is equipped with tactile sensors in the fingertips to help with handling delicate objects.

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Dumplings (饺子-jiaozi)

Article by Stephen Robinson



Food in China typically is very regional. People in the South eat rice while those in the North eat noodles. The Northwest eats beef while the Southeast eats pork. There are very few unifying dishes that can bridge the cultural divides that exist between the different areas of China. One exception to this rule is the dish known as Dumplings or Jiaozi.

So what is it about Jiaozi that makes them so ubiquitous? Jiaozi are extremely flexible as a dish. You can fill them with practically anything you like, from lotus root to lamb and anything in between. Jiaozi can be steamed, fried, and boiled making them adaptable

Pork And Chives Dumplings

For the Filling:

500g Ground Pork (猪肉末) 1 Bunch Garlic Chives (韭菜) 1 Tsp Minced Ginger (姜末)
 1 Tbsp Minced Garlic (蒜蓉末) 1-1/2 Tbsp Rice Wine (米酒) 1 Tsp White Pepper (胡椒粉)
 1/4 Tsp Salt (盐)

For the Skins:

500g Bread Flour (面粉) Water Salt

- 1 Make the skins by combining the flour and salt and then slowly adding the water until the mixture becomes a loose dough.
- 2 Knead the dough for 20-25 minutes or until the dough ball has become smooth. Let the dough rest covered in a bowl for about 30 minutes.
- 3 Add the remaining ingredients to a bowl and stir in a single direction until all ingredients are thoroughly combined. Let this rest while you return to the dough.
- 4 Roll the dough into a long tube shape then slice off 10inch pieces from the dough. You should have roughly thirty by the time you finish.
- 5 Take each of these pieces and roll them into a ball and flatten them slightly on the counter.
- 6 Flour your work surface and prepare to roll out the dough.
- 7 Roll the dough out using a small rolling pin. Try to get the skins thinner in the middle and thicker on the outside. This will allow the filling to cook quicker while maintaining a heavy seal.

to each cook's cooking technique. With condiments, the sky is the limit, though there are a few standard sauces, like the chili pepper and vinegar sauce most common with boiled or steamed dumplings.

Jiaozi also represent a cultural heritage that stretches back millennia. Jiaozi are commonly seen at Chinese New Year. Most people attribute this to the shape of Jiaozi, which is shaped like an ancient form of money. This is reflected in the tradition of adding a coin to several Jiaozi out of the batch at Spring Festival for additional luck for the coming year.

There also might be another reason why Jiaozi are popular at Spring Festival. Making the large portion of dumplings required for Spring Festival is labor intensive and a task that is best tackled by several people. Since Spring Festival is a time for family, what better way is there to bring people together than by a collective cooking effort that will yield tangible (and delicious) results.

Jiaozi are more than a just another food but also a cultural binding that connects both the far flung cultures of China and each family at Spring Festival. So this Spring Festival, gather your family and friends and dig into a batch of Jiaozi that you've made yourself with this recipe.

- 8 Fill each skin with 1 tsp of filling and fold the dough over the filling and crimp or crease the edges to seal in the filling. Repeat for the remaining dough/filling.
- 9 Once you have completed the dumpling making process, choose a cooking method.
 - a) Boiling – boil the dumplings in soup or water for 5-8 minutes and remove from the water.
 - b) Steaming – Place the dumplings in a steamer basket with at least 1/2 an inch away on each side. Steam for 7-10 minutes
 - c) Pan-Frying – pace a small amount of oil in the pan and heat on medium carefully place the dumplings down and cook for 3-4 minutes. Flip and cook for another 3-4 minutes.
- 10 Serve cooked dumplings with black vinegar and chili pepper flakes if desired.

Product Review -Instant Paomo

Supermarkets in China can sometimes be a bit daunting for a person who doesn't really read Chinese. Is the picture on the package what you are getting, or is it just a clever ruse to make you part with your hard earned money and leave you wanting to reserve a table at your local restaurant for the sixth night this week? So when I came across a package showcasing a delicious bowl of Yang Rou Paomo(羊肉泡馍), I was cautious. It could easily be a trap, one that might leave me getting very well acquainted with my toilet if it contained meat. However, since I had come this far already, there was no reason not to try it. What could possibly go wrong?

So I parted ways with my 4.5 RMB and headed home to give this Instant Noodle doppelganger a try. Upon opening the package I had three smaller parcels before me. There was the big package of dried bread cubes, a smaller one of packaged spices and flavorings, and a really small silver package that was soft and mushy. I opened the small one, curious as to its contents. Oh no. Inside this little silver package was a sliced lump of what was supposed to be lamb. I pulled it out. It was slimy. I gave it a smell to see if it had by chance gone bad and I could exclude it. No such luck or smell, just a slight odor that suggested that it once belonged to some animal. No I was worried.

I followed the instructions on the package. Boil water, add contents, boil some more, eat. Resulting soup was quite thick, which surprised me quite a bit since I was expecting a thin watery mess. Took my first bite, sans meat. It was salty and the bread

was still chewy, even though I'd boiled it longer. Still, it wasn't the worst thing I'd ever eaten. My next bite contained a piece of meat. It was oily and had the consistency of some of the beef jerky I'd eaten here before. Once again, not great but acceptable.

If you're a big fan of Instant Noodles, or you're exceptionally lazy and don't like to interact with people, then this will be right up your alley. If you're looking for an authentic Paomo experience, this is not it. It will make a great gift to send home if you want to confuse your relatives as to why you continue to insist that the food here is really good.



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Xinjiang-Style Beef and Potatoes

Article by Stephen Robinson



Xinjiang. For some the name brings to mind big open plains and large arid deserts speckled here and there with cities. For others, Xinjiang is the home of the Hui people, one of China's largest minority groups. For those in the know though, Xinjiang contains some of the best food in China.

Since Xinjiang is filled with grassland and desert, agriculture has never been a major focus of the cuisine there. Instead the people of Xinjiang descend from the nomadic tribesmen that used to ride and raid these territories for hundreds of years. Cattle and sheep have always been major sources of food in these areas. Whether barbeque, stir-fried or steamed beef (牛肉) and lamb(羊肉) often find their way into Xinjiang dishes.

The Silk Road, one of the ancient trade routes used to carry valuable and exotic things, such as spices, through the territory that is now Xinjiang. The ancient contact with spices is reflected in the food, which regularly contains several different spices. Cumin seed is among the most common and lends Xinjiang food its distinctive flavor.

The Xinjiang-styled Beef and Potatoes is combines the fresh taste of beef with the hearty taste of potato with a heavy dose of spices that everyone will enjoy.

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Xinjiang-Styled Beef and Potatoes

Ingredients

Beef (Tenderloin or sirloin), cubed - 200g Potatoes - 2 medium, cubed Green onion – 200g
Whole cumin seed – 1 tbsp Red Pepper Flake – 2 tsp Black Pepper – 2 tsp Salt - 3/4 tsp
Water

- 1 In a saucepan or wok, add the potatoes and about 1/2 cup of water, cover, and bring to a boil.
- 2 Boil for several minutes until the potatoes have softened. Strain in a colander.
- 3 Add oil to the wok and heat over medium-high heat. Add spices and fry briefly.
- 4 Add the potatoes back to the pan and continue to stir-fry for several minutes.
- 5 Add the beef and continue to stir-fry for several minutes.
- 6 Add a bit of water to the pan and scrape down the bottom to dislodge and spices that have stuck.
- 7 Remain on medium-high heat until the beef is cooked through and the potatoes are completely cooked.
- 8 Place on a plate and serve immediately or cover and keep warm then serve with other dishes.

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Chinese New Year- If It Is Going To Go, It Might As Well Go Like That

New Year in China isn't just what you celebrate but where you celebrate, and what it tells us about what we already know but maybe don't always quite see, that China is a country of migrants. Though, it is not as it is in many western countries a migration of national peoples. Here it is a migration from the country to the city, from small town to large, most often within the same province, although of course the general mass movement in recent decades East and South has been huge.

Having spent the previous Spring Festival (CNY) in Xi'an, I saw a modern city with a very large population become quiet over a fortnightly period. Streets usually bustling with people were strangely, at such a festive season, quietened. Restaurants I was used to frequenting were closed. The train and bus stations were fit to burst with an annual magnitude far exceeding reasonable fore planning. Though, I might add, the ease and general peace that received these time delays, queues and the simply huge numbers of people in transit is an example to us all. The stoicism that these delays and conditions are met with is nothing short of inspiring for most of us now so used to credit-card bookings, and for us Brits used to our own fair share of train delays. I will stop though from making any further sweeping statements about matters of reliability and forbearance here in China, or elsewhere, and just simply acknowledge that this is a pretty crazy time to be traveling in China, mental preparation may be as important as the packing checklist.

This year I have visited my girlfriend's village and nearby hometown; a small town that come evening has a friendly, seaside promenade feel, even in winter and even though it is probably over a 1000km from the nearest beach. However, the masses that I have witnessed on the streets here this time compared to previous visits has been phenomenal.

As my bus pulled into town the sheer number of motorbikes and pushbikes parked on the sidewalk created a sparkling, star swept vista of chrome and coloured metal. Resembling a massive second-hand market of 2-wheeled vehicles, rather than being simply the exterior of a supermarket, where bikes were being left while shopping was being bought. It is an image I will not easily forget, not just because of the sheer quantity of bikes but because it reminded me of a life somewhat passed in many parts of China.

In some of the slower developing areas here you actually get to see some of the things that maybe you still expect to see upon arriving in China but actually do not often find. In this case, roads here are filled with bicycles and not the electric mopeds and 4-wheeled BYD's and Audi's of downtown Xi'an, though



here the bicycle is certainly rivaled by the motorbike. The masses have returned and they are doing so all over China and they are doing it by plane, train and a variety of automobiles.

New Year was spent in the village trying desperately not to eat a feast of fine proportions at every home in the neighborhood. However, when the neighborhood consists of fields and homesteads drifting off into the far distance and when everyone seems to be a second father, an uncle, a sister, an elder brother or an aunty this can prove quite difficult. Even harder, having arrived at the destination where you have actually planned to have dinner is to politely find excuses for why you cannot now eat all the delights laid before you. In areas of China where maybe the selection of food on offer is not usually of the widest variety, come Spring Festival things are different. Fish are found, pigs and chickens are killed and even the odd dog finds its way to the plate. This is the time of year in China to treat yourself and, as best you can, everyone else around you.

Now, having left the festivities behind and returned to the provincial capital of Xi'an, the centre of Western China, I have found a sleepy city still suffering the feeling of loss, the loss of its population to neighbouring towns and villages. Many of the restaurants remain closed and the streets relatively quiet. There is still a week left of the 4 week holiday I have had from my school and this has meant I have spent the last days in true holiday spirit.

It is a quite splendid feeling to enjoy the festivities, of for example our own Christmas celebrations, but have days to savour them. Instead of, as it is for so many now back in the West, a few days of dashing around to see family knowing full well that work is lurking in the background. Of course, the more China develops economically or specifically

the more it adopts competitive market fundamentals, the more its major chains will open earlier and the more holidays will be cut short. Let us hope the number of family run businesses can hold off the onslaught of larger franchises and keep a hold on this great time of year and the opportunity it offers for reconnecting the increasingly disparate Chinese family.

Now, if the curtain has to be brought down on these celebrations then you might as well go down fighting for them. That is how it seems the Chinese greet the Lantern Festival, which falls on the 15th day of the Lunar New Year and marks the end of these weeks of travel, celebration and the good old-fashioned eating of too much food. Although, when they went, they went down with a smile on their faces.

From about 6 in the afternoon, to past 10 at night, there were fireworks and crackers being let off everywhere and I must emphasize everywhere. If they were not in the sky over ahead, they were in the sky just ahead of me, if I was caught between two buildings they were reflecting in both the apartment windows and in those of the cars below. This crescendo of celebration also brought with it a little too much of what could be described as a crashing din, with the bang of the banger reaching around every corner and within every building. This is one aspect of the night that can actually begin to wipe the smile from your face.

As I cycled slowly towards Shi Da Lu with my attention taken by the lights and patterns ahead, I did not at first notice where the shapes and sounds were actually coming from, as I got nearer I realized that someone was, every few minutes, just putting a box of fireworks in the middle of the road. With vehicles still passing-by, rockets gained heat and then whistled into the night sky, above the shiny, reflective bonnets of the cars beneath. The odd one, with a low trajectory, sent a thousand multicolored sparks dashing across these metallic frames. It looked amazing, the more so for the fact I would probably be locked up for doing the same thing back in Britain.

There is a point surely where you reach firework overload, so I retreated to Sculpting in Time Café for a bit of study. But, I soon realized my appetite for fireworks was unsatiated, as I found myself bending ever lower in my seat to catch another glimpse of these locally named "fire-flowers" rising and fanning out over the buildings and trees outside the window.

Chinese New Year. You gotta love it. Enjoy.

By Richard Frost can read this and more at his blog

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Book Review

The Party Richard McGregor

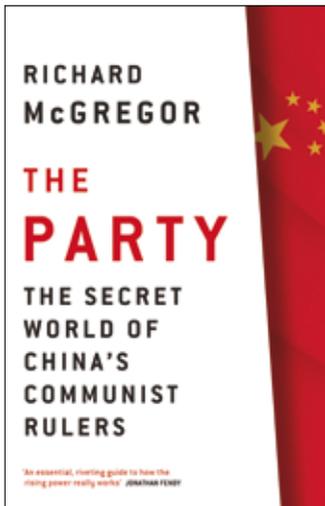
Former Financial Times Beijing bureau chief Richard McGregor combines his considerable journalistic skills and flair for writing in this highly illuminating account of the Chinese Communist Party.

Through a combination of interviews and research, he provides a fascinating and objective insight into various aspects of the Party, including how it chooses key officials, its relationship with the government, business and the military, and how it handles the media.

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Stu's Corner

Stuart Allen provides those all-important tips for day-to-day life in Xi'an. He can be contacted at stuartallen@xianease.com.

1 After Christmas and New Year's Eve, I must have more glass beer bottles, wrapping paper and pizza boxes in my house than there are grains of sand on a beach! Is there anyone who can help me clear up all of this mess???

Yes, walking around your housing complex, or just outside the main gate, will be someone with a big wooden cart (usually with loads of polystyrene and cardboard on it). These friendly folk are rubbish collectors, who make ends meet by finding plastic bottles, cardboard, glass, old newspaper and any other recyclable thing! All of the bottles and rubbish in your house would go some way to helping them out.

Go up to them and tell them you have some rubbish/beer bottles in your house – "shōu jiǔ pín", and they will grab their big cloth bag, keen as mustard! Simply walk back to your house and the rubbish collector will follow you back to your house. You can then load up their cloth sack with all the recyclable stuff you have. As you put it all in they will count the number of beer bottles you put in because, here's the best part, they pay you money to take it all away! Yes, all the beer bottles, wine bottles and cardboard can be taken all from your doorstep and then they hand over cash (not a lot, but better than a kick up the jacksey as an old mate would say!) Now that's a deal! And obviously, it's not just at Christmas; these people are there seven days a week to take your rubbish, so you're sorted from now on!



2 Chinese New Year is coming up, what on earth should I buy my Chinese friend?

Chinese New Year is fast approaching us again! The dumplings, the fireworks, the CCTV show which I can't follow very easily and the time of visiting friends and relatives (off to Shijiazhuang for me again!)

Now if like me, you are married to a local Chinese, or are meeting your boyfriend's/girlfriend's parents for the first time, then it is important that you don't show up empty-handed! So, the next question you are probably asking yourself is what on earth should I buy? Well, my advice is not to try anything flash and take the safe route: tea, baijiu or cigarettes. In any order.

Every Chinese woman appreciates a nice cup of Chinese tea, so by buying some nice tea, then you can't miss. A really good place to find a quality selection of Chinese tea is at the Chinese Tea market on Wen Yi Nan Lu, the same street as all the pet stores. Tea there can either be bought loose, in tins or in wheel-shaped packs. Some tea is comes from famous places in China, so is exceptionally good. Take a Chinese friend to help you get advice from the tea trader.

Ok, next up, Baijiu! Now, most foreigners coming to China find it hard to get a taste for this most Chinese of tipples, but there are some of us who like a bit of Baijiu with a nice meal. Most Chinese guys also like a drop of baijiu, especially older guys, so again it's hard to miss here! As a rule of thumb, virtually any baijiu under 30RMB doesn't taste very good and will give you a deadly handover, so steer clear of those. A good local baijiu is Xi feng jiǔ (West Phoenix Baijiu), from Baoji. Taibai is also pretty good. If you want to show off a bit, you can go for moutai or wuliangye (which can cost 200RMB upwards).

Last up are cigarettes. Now you most likely wouldn't buy friends or family back home cigarettes, but when in Rome... Zhong Hua Cigarettes (a red box with the entrance to the Forbidden City on the front) are very sought-after and millions of boxes will be given as gifts this Chinese New Year. The soft packs are more expensive than the hard boxes, so this would be the choice. Happy shopping!



3 My friend is getting married and I need a suit. Where can I get a tailor-made suit from?

There is a whole row of tailors that will make made-to-measure suits for you on Wen Yi Nan Lu (the same road as the tea market), but closer to You Yi Dong Lu. Walking from You Yi Dong Lu on the same side as the supermarket, you'll find them about 100m on the left-hand side, just before the large cloth market.

When you go in, the first thing you'll need to do is to get measured up by the tailor and then you will be shown a catalogue of suit design to choose from (double-breasted, single-breasted, 2-button, 3-button, with waistcoat, etc). The next step after that is to choose the cloth.

The cloth is hanging up from long hangers, so you can feel the quality of the cloth and thickness of the material. The price is quoted per m² and you can usually get about 30% or more of the price of the cloth. If you are a small person, then 2m² of cloth will be enough. If you are bigger, then 2m² won't cut it (boom boom), you will need 3m². You will usually have to wait around five working days for a suit and adjustments may have to be made if you prefer extra room around the shoulders, etc. The tailors are pretty good, but check that the linings are stitched well and so on. You'll soon be looking sharper than sharp!



4 I really miss a good game of chess, where can I meet other players regularly?

Xi'an has a very fun and informal chess club (international chess), which meets every second and fourth Wednesday around 7.30pm. The club is organized by Dave Scoggins, a Brit working here in Xi'an. Dave learned the chess trade in Moscow, Russia, so look out! I like to play myself, and so I went to take a look down there.

I was pleased to find that there were people there ranging from total beginners (being taught the moves by more experienced players) to people who can play a little to very competent players indeed. So, whatever your level, there will always be someone to play and great people to meet.

The chess night is held at Sculpting in Time Café (S.I.T Café) on Xianning Xi Lu, near Xinqing Park/Jiaoda University. The quiet, comfortable coffee shop is the ideal setting for a quiet game of chess over a coffee or a glass of wine and cultured conversation. If you would like to know more or to get directions, then phone Dave Scoggins on: 15029145714



EVERYDAY CHINESE

倒插门 (Dào chā mén) [Marry into and live with one's bride's family]



In China, it is the usual custom for a woman to 'marry into' the man's house; meaning that she will move into the man's home, provide care for her husband's parents, cook the meals, clean the house and be the home maker. Her children will take on the man's family name.

In some circumstances, usually when the man has no money, but his girlfriend's family is rich enough to support him, he instead will 'marry into' the woman's family. He is the one who stays at home caring for the parents, cooking the meals, cleaning the house and being the home maker. The woman will take on the role of financial provider. This situation is known as Dào chā mén (outside enter the door).

This is a major loss of face for the man and usually leads to a life of hen-pecking, public ridicule and having a very large thumb hovering over him at all times!!

打光棍儿 (Dǎ guāng gùn'r) [To remain a bachelor]

Means a single adult male of marriageable age had not yet married.



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INTERVIEW

'OLD MAN OF ROCK' - ALI

OK, I'll admit it right up front. I'm an Ali groupie! Any bar Ali is playing at is my favourite bar. This guitarist from Xinjiang has to be one of the best you'll ever hear, and if you haven't heard him play – you've really missed out! He has great stage presence and his music requires audience participation. Go to an Ali concert and you'll find yourself singing (OK yelling) along with everyone else in the room. His flying fingers make amazing music – I'm not sure it is possible to move as fast as his fingers do. Not only does he have flying fingers, but he is athletic and his flying feats at the end of a set will have you pumped as well.

I caught up with Ali at the Oasis Music Network Rock Concert in GuangYin Bar in Tong Mengguo park, just outside the South Gate. He was playing along with TBOR, Oasis, ChiLun XiangPi, Shen BaiSe, Hei Sa (Black Hat), FuShi, NoName and Wu Ge Huo Qiang Shou.

Xe: How long have you been playing?

Ali: In Xi'an, since 1995; in Xinjiang I started playing in bars in 1991.

Xe: So you are one of the original rock players in Xi'an?

Ali: Yes, I've seen many bands come and go. I'm the Old Man – of Rock!

Xe: What sort of music do you like to listen to?

Ali: (laughing): Almost everything. I don't like disco, but go back to the days of Chuck Berry, B.B. King, Aerosmith, AC/DC, Midnight Oil and Red Hot Chili Peppers. These are some of my favourites. I like ethnic music, especially African, Middle Eastern and Flamenco. Right now I love listening to Scorpions and a Czech group, Sabot. They are a great jazz-rock duo, using only bass and drums.

Xe: What would you say your style is?

Ali: Folk rock, with bits and pieces of other genre tossed into the mix.

Xe: Where do you find your music?

Ali: I compose a lot of my own music, so it is original. There are some traditional songs I arrange as well.

Xe: Many of the young rock bands have been given a hand by you. Do you enjoy helping new bands?

Ali: Yes, there aren't many ways for young bands to grow. Modern music doesn't receive much support in China, so it is hard for young bands to get a start. Other forms of music and the arts can gain official support, but rock, pop, punk, metal etc – these are the 'ignored' ones. A number of bands started out in Xi'an and are now in Beijing and starting to make a name for themselves. Xi'an now has a strong music

scene, so these days it may be easier to get a start, although there is more competition as well.

Xe: What are your plans for the future?

Ali: I will go home for Spring Festival, to Xinjiang, to see my family and then come back to Xi'an. A couple of friends of mine are thinking about opening a new bar after Spring Festival, and have asked me to play for them. Next year there will be more concerts and hopefully festivals to play at. The festival scene is growing.

There is more modern music now for people to go to in Xi'an, and enough places that give different styles room to play. So if you like a particular style, then there will be a place for you to hear it.

Xe: Which is your favourite bar?

Ali: The one I am playing in!

Xe: Favourite restaurant?

Ali: My kitchen.

Xe: Can you cook?

Ali: Yes, I make a mean Xinjiang lamb dish. It's my favourite.

Xe: What about other food?

Ali: I love fruit, especially Xinjiang watermelon. You need to taste it!

Xe: Apart from playing and writing music, what else do you do?

Ali: I spend time with my family and carve traditional designs on gourds. I like to dance – Xinjiang style – with my friends and listen to music.

Xe: What is in your pockets right now?

Ali: Mobile phone, loose change and my keys. I travel light!

Xe: What are the most important things to you?

Ali: My religion (Islam), my family and music.

It was fantastic watching Ali play. His energy lights up a room and not only that, he is a great guy to talk to, with a keen sense of humour and some good stories to tell. Keep your eyes open for him next year!



XI'AN

SWEET HAVEN AND THE END OF THE ROAD... FOR NOW

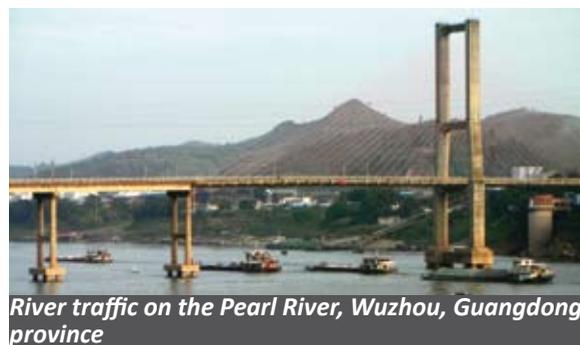
By Theodore Brun

Xi'an has become something of a mythic place to me – not because of its ancient history, its beautiful architecture and or its vibrant culture. No, it is because Xi'an has been my target destination for nearly a month and a half on the road, as I cycled over 2,800km from Hong Kong to this wonderful city. For me, finally getting here is like reaching the lost city of Eldorado.

This journey is the first leg in a longer adventure to cross the Eurasian landmass to my home in the UK by bicycle. Because of the brutal winter in the deserts further west, I decided to stop in Xi'an until the spring and complete the rest of the trip next year. I am not the first nor shall I be the last person to do this route, but for me this is a unique and already unforgettable experience.

Knowing remarkably little about China and nothing about the provinces I have now seen, I set out from Hong Kong, where I had been working for a year as a lawyer. I was armed only with a few maps, a smattering of Mandarin and a (very) trusty bicycle. What I experienced has delighted, surprised, challenged and impressed me.

The first few days I followed the Pearl River from Zhu-hai as far as Wuzhou, and saw the busy commercial traffic ploughing up and down this massive waterway. Mercifully, this area was quite flat which gave me chance to get a bit fitter before heading into the hills and mountains.

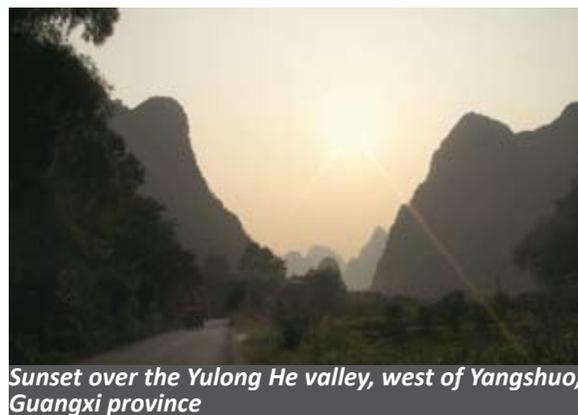


River traffic on the Pearl River, Wuzhou, Guangdong province

I then turned north towards Yangshuo – well-known for its distinctive carst limestone landscape. The River Li valley is famous throughout China as a place of natural beauty (and the swarms of tourists prove it) but I found the quieter delights of creaking along on an old borrowed bike into the evening sunset in the Yulong He valley just as memorable. Everything was so peaceful. You could stand and watch for a thousand years and the same calm would descend on this wonderland with the nightfall.



River Li Valley, north of Yangshuo, Guangxi province



Sunset over the Yulong He valley, west of Yangshuo, Guangxi province

Guilin was equally impressive. It presents a very positive face of modern China. With its beautifully lit canals and lakes, and the drama of the Reed Flute

Cave filled with cascades of limestone rock formations and mysterious shadows and lighting, the city evokes memories of childhood fairy-tales and far-off legends.



Lights and shadows deep in the Reed Flute Cave, Guilin, Guangxi province

On into Hunan province the friendly faces faded for a while. But it was fascinating to be immersed in such a rural area, seeing the intensive agricultural practices of the Dong minority raising crops on any piece of land available – and every single plant is sown, tended, harvested and treated by hand.

The most unique landscape I saw was in Wulingyuan Scenic Area in north-west Hunan. This area is characterised by massive sandstone rock towers that soar to 400m high from valley bottom to the plateau at the top. The whole area has the appearance of a massive shattered canyon. It was made a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992. Looking down on these stacks of rock from the plateau above, they appear to be floating in the air. These formations were used in the movie Avatar, and it is easy to see why.



"Floating Mountain" – one of the 400m high stacks of sandstone rock in Wulingyuan Scenic Area, Hunan province

The most interesting incidents happened, of course, far away from the popular tourist spots. After a brutal climb over the mountain range from Hubei into Chongqing province, I found myself in the tiny mountain town of Xinglong. Here I enjoyed watching the townsfolk dancing in couples around their town square as music filled the evening air, until one bold lady approached me and asked (or rather demanded) whether I could dance. When I said yes, this was her cue to seize me by the hand and off we went. Within seconds every couple on the square had stopped dancing to watch me turning this over-bearing woman (who would insist on trying to lead) around the dance-floor. I don't think my performance did much to convince them that Englishmen are light on their feet.

Despite many memorable moments, the journey has been far from easy. I strained my Achilles tendon badly which took me off the road for 8 days in the city of Enshi in Hubei. When I got going again, the final push to Xi'an was a direct assault on the Daba Shan and Qin Ling Shan which lie to its south – a series of rides that took all my physical strength and mental stubbornness to overcome.



Ridge upon ridge rising in the west, the Qin Ling Shan, Shaanxi province

Beyond these physical challenges, China represented a new cultural challenge as well. As for most Europeans, one of the hardest adjustments was learning how to eat lunch at breakfast time. And I shall never... ever understand how anyone can enjoy eating a Thousand Year Old Egg.

Yet I have been truly impressed by the friendliness of nearly everyone I have met. It may be that I shall have a more nuanced view of life in China as I get to know it better and stay here longer, but my "raw" experience of the Chinese people (limited by the small amount of Mandarin I can speak) has been overwhelmingly positive, and I am very grateful to them for their warmth and interest in me and what I am doing.



Friends I made on the way – in Wuxi, Chongqing province

The tragedy of travellers I meet who see China by hopping from one big city to another by overnight trains is that they miss the most startling thing I have discovered about China – it is a truly beautiful country. Its landscape has been continually dramatic, inspiring and unique.



My bike has a rest - overlooking the Tian Kong Carst Depression, Chongqing province

On the day I finally broke out of the Qin Ling mountains and rolled into the ancient capital of Xi'an, I don't think there was a person alive in this city who was happier to be here than I!



Happy and exhausted on arrival at the Bell Tower, the heart of Xi'an

I look forward to getting to know Xi'an and its people better in the coming months until it is time to move on once more in the spring. Westward on the Silk Road.

But for now, Xi'an is my home.

Theodore Brun, a lawyer from Hong Kong, has set out to cross Eurasia solo by bike.

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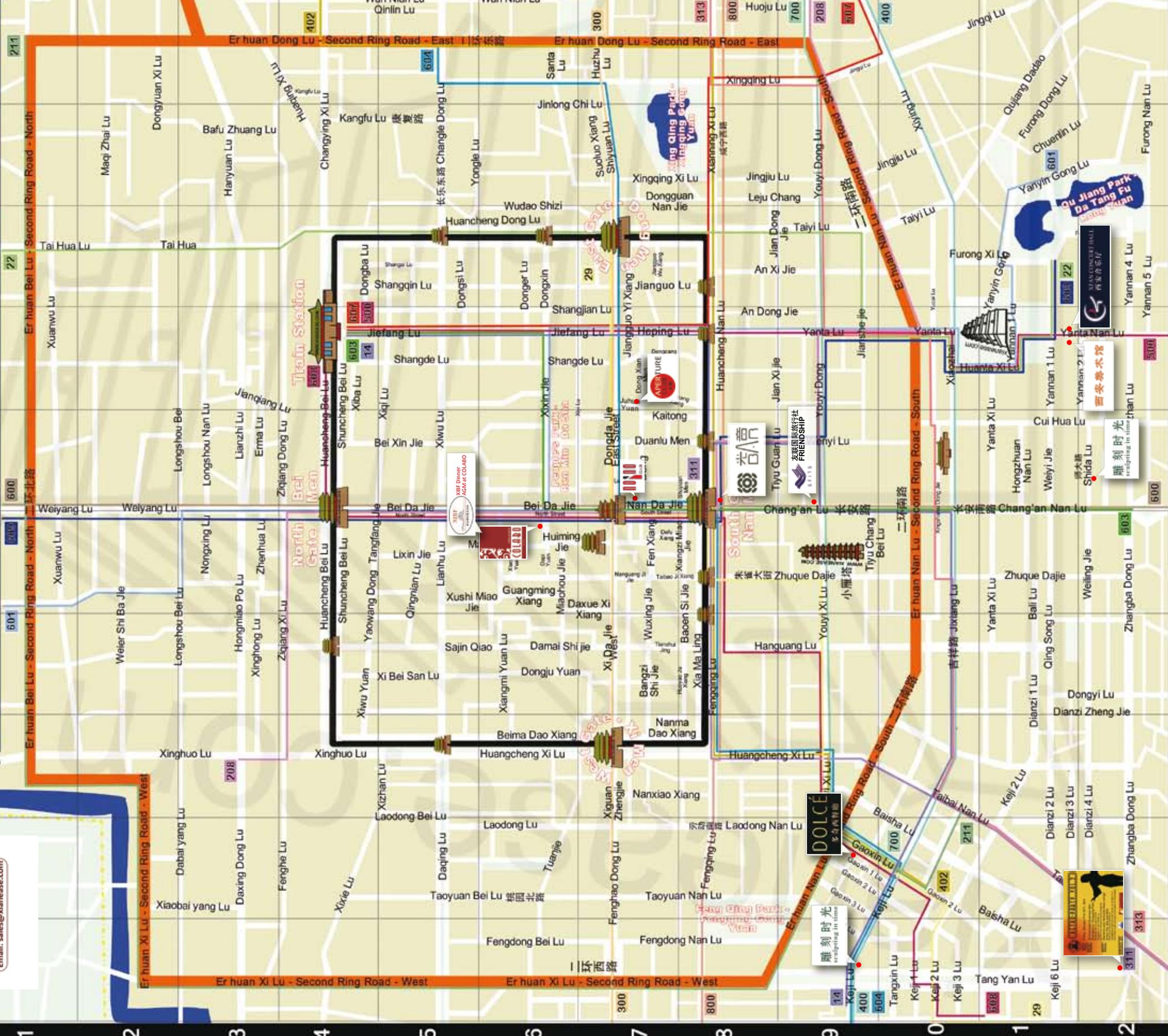
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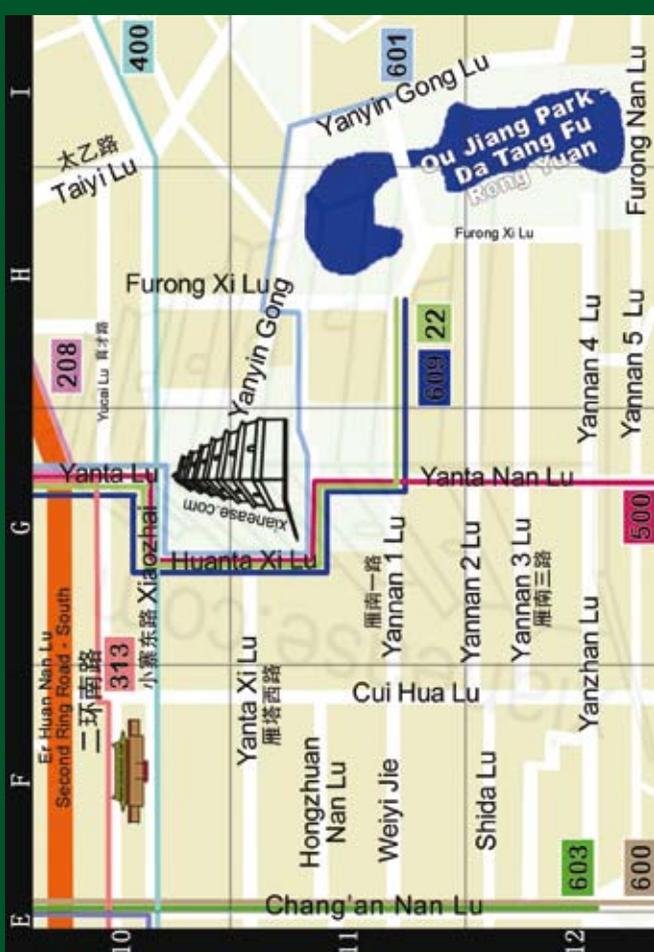
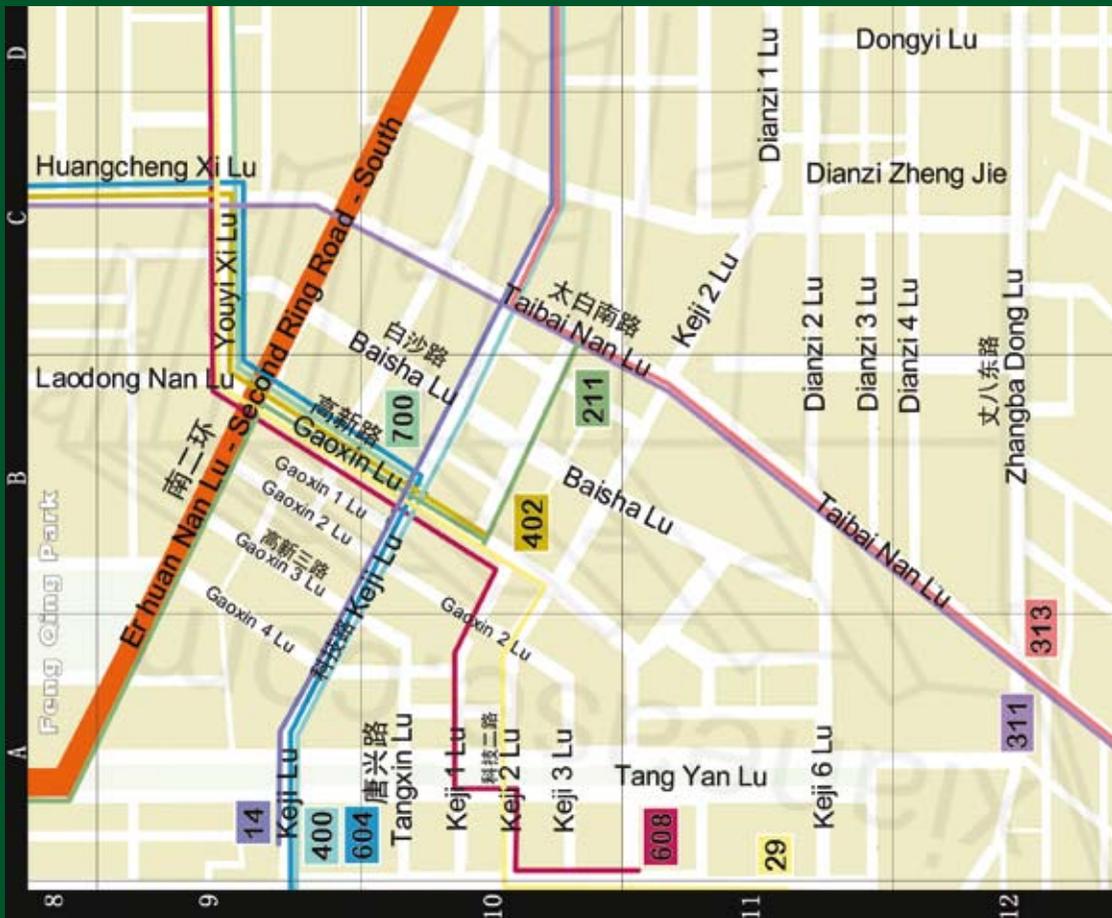
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Wishes for New Year

Fashion writer **Kristen Zhou**

If you had Aladdin's Lamp what would you wish for?
What if you could be rich but stupid? Or smart and poor?
(personally I wouldn't want either).
Just for fun I made a wish list for the coming year.

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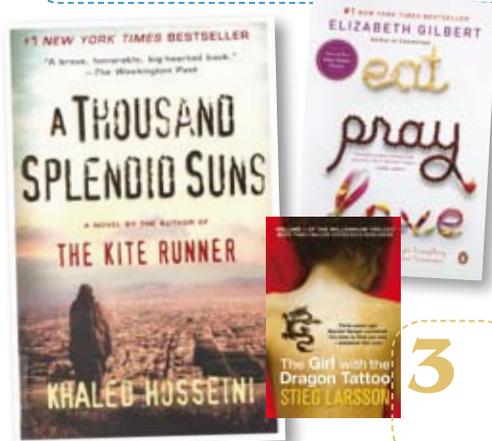
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I want to travel, I want a late gap year or even
a gap month. I'm picturing a tramcar, red roof
houses, white sea gulls, and some no name
cobble street. A canvas bag slung over my
shoulder exploring every narrow street and ally
with a city map held tightly in my hand. Maybe
discovering a small quiet café when I get lost,
touching a cool hard porcelain cat when while
poking my way through an old antique shop with
a deep green wood door. Although I don't know
if that even exists I leave this as my little dream in
the quietest, warmest part of my heart.



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If I can't get out and travel, maybe I'll read some
books to take me away in my mind. Eat, Pray and
Love, A Thousand Splendid Suns, The Girl with the
Dragon Tattoo are just a few that are on my wish
list. Books seems to have a magical power to take
your mind away, taking you far off lands and emo-
tions. Some books are to be tasted, others to be
swallowed and some few books to be chewed and
digested. I hope in the coming year to find some
of each and then pass them along to my friends.

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This year I want to find a good low
profile high quality bag. LV has
a specially designed bag named
NEVER FULL, and I think the same
thing can be said for a women's
bag closet as well. By the way, I'm
one of those women that wants to
put the whole world in my bag.



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Maybe I need a fun camera, although I'm not a big fan of photography hav-
ing one of these cute, fun, and flirty things slug over my shoulder might just
get me to take a snap every now and again. LOMO cameras have really
attracted my attention. The cute colors and vintage look would seep into
every picture you take. I am never someone with a big, black, bulky D90
hung around my neck, for me a pocket digital camera is enough (they all
stay on auto anyway so what's the difference).

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I'm not sure I could even finish this list, ever ha! Sitting on the couch dreaming about my favorite things, and the upcoming year it just seems like the possibilities are endless. I'm also sure that each and every one of you has your own list by the time this issue is out. WAIT! I should buy something for my warm-y sweet home! But I'm not a fan of furniture without character so second hand refinished is something I love.

The other day I explored some second hand furniture markets and found a little blue cabinet

Here's addresses in for all second hand furniture markets in Xi'an:

- 明德门旧货市场Bing De Men——明德门，杨家村西门正对的路向西——大约500米
- 经九路旧货市场Jing Jiu Road——经九路过二环正对面的有个家具市场，一进去，有好多卖旧家具、家电的。
- 昆明路旧货市场Kun Ming Road——在昆明路上，靠路北
- 自强东路旧货市场Zi Qiang East Road——从北关十字向东 - 大约500米，路北
- 大白杨旧货市场Da Bai Yang——大兴东路上——大白杨村口
- 朱雀路古玩市场Zhu Que Road——里面也卖二手家电，二手手机，在省体育馆西门对面
- 太白路旧货市场Tai Bai Road——西万路与丈八路十字向西100米——路北
- 沙井村旧货市场Sha Jing Cun——沙井村市场内)



In looking at my list I see that there are too many things I want to do. Too many wishes cannot come true and only make me confused for what I really want. This year I want to relax a little, buy myself some small gifts from time to time, and grab an occasional drink with friends, and watch more movies in the theatre~~

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Rihang Zhang whose native place is Chaoshan, Guangdong Province, is at bound six of Chinese Martial Arts Association & Shaanxi Martial Arts Association. He learned martial arts as a young boy, and is good at Southern Kung Fu, has went to Hong Kong several times to learn Ving Tsun. Later on, he has started to learn Northern classical Kung Fu. In the recent years he has run prizes for a lot of domestic and international Martial Arts forward, he founded the first Ving Tsun Kung Fu hall in north-western China.

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Guangyin Bar A New Bar in A New Year



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Add: 南门外亚童梦国内 光音酒吧

GuangYin bar is our latest discovery and during the Chinese and western holiday season it couldn't come at a better time. This newly opened establishment at the South Gate stands itself out amongst its competitors and has the potential to become one of the "IT" spots in Xi'an.

Looking more like a greenhouse than a bar you will be easily attracted by its overall architecture. The door, the walls, everything you can see from the outside are made of glass. In fact it was the glowing bar counter through the glass that first drew my attention awhile back.

The biggest characteristic of GuanYin bar is its professional performance facilities and equipments. When it comes to sound and performances they were the best of any bar in Xi'an. One of the bar owners, Mr. Zhang Guangqian, also happens to own an audio equipment company and so he designed the sound system for not only his bar but for several clubs in Xi'an, such as Salsa Club on Xi Da



Jie. There is no doubt that when it came to his own bar he spared no expense. As a singer for more than twenty years, Mr. Zhang understands how important equipment is to musicians.

When he's not pumping woofers and bass boxes into local clubs Mr. Zhang is devoted to the promotion of live music in Xi'an. And GangYin Bar is his vision of the perfect area to set a stage for a live music revolution in Xi'an. If you're not in it for his music revolution, they also have four resident bands that present their musical ideology to the audience from 9pm to 2am everyday.

Stepping inside, the oval bar counter displays various alcohol both local and imported. You can have two fingers of whisky (their main product), or one of their imported beers. While you're waiting for the bartender to notice you take a look up, the ceiling is covered with LP's (as in records) and LP jackets, and cassette tapes, all from the owner's personal collection. It something about tapes that always remind me of my childhood - listening to music, talking, laughing, it was such a carefree time.

To the left of the bar counter is the café area. They offer coffee, deserts and simple meals from 11am to 6:30pm. Spending around 20 kuai per cup of coffee, they have couches and huge French windows to embrace the warm sunshine during this cold winter. Top all that off with live piano music daily and you have a great way to pass a lazy



afternoon.

GuangYin bar also holds various activities throughout the week. Get a free beer if you attend their frequent rock 'n roll concerts, or go a bit high class and attend their wine tasting. Have a band and want to play? GuangYin aims at promoting live music, and would definitely be a good choice.



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You haven't been to Ningxia??

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Western Xia death mask

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Ningxia 宁夏, a place of deserts and mountains, is not often thought of as a holiday destination. But, for adventurers and historians, Ningxia is cool.

The train from Xi'an to the Ningxia capital, Yinchuan, 银川 runs through the Qingshui River valley and gives reasonable views of Humin farmlands, and the cliffs and valleys of the Loess plateau.

Leave the train at Zhongwei 中卫 and catch a bus to the tourist area of Shapotou, 沙坡头 on the Yellow River. Shapotou offers a combination of water and desert activities. Want to ride a camel – here's your chance to be part of a

massive camel train wandering a short distance up and down sand dunes at the edge of the Tengger Desert before returning to base. Even more crazy – try a pig skin raft adventure, floating across the river on air-filled pigs skins. The area has other rides – parasailing and dune sliding included – to take your money and give you a bit of theme park fun.

After that diversion, the city of Yinchuan itself seems relaxed and quieter. Yinchuan was the base for the Western Xia dynasty and has a good museum showing some of the relics of this period. Inside the museum is a pagoda that you can



Alien! Rock Carving from HeLan Shan



Nanguan Mosque, Yinchuan



Rock Art - Helan Shan



Sand sculptures - Shapotou

climb for views across to the Helan Ranges. My favourite exhibit is a death mask used to cover the face after death.

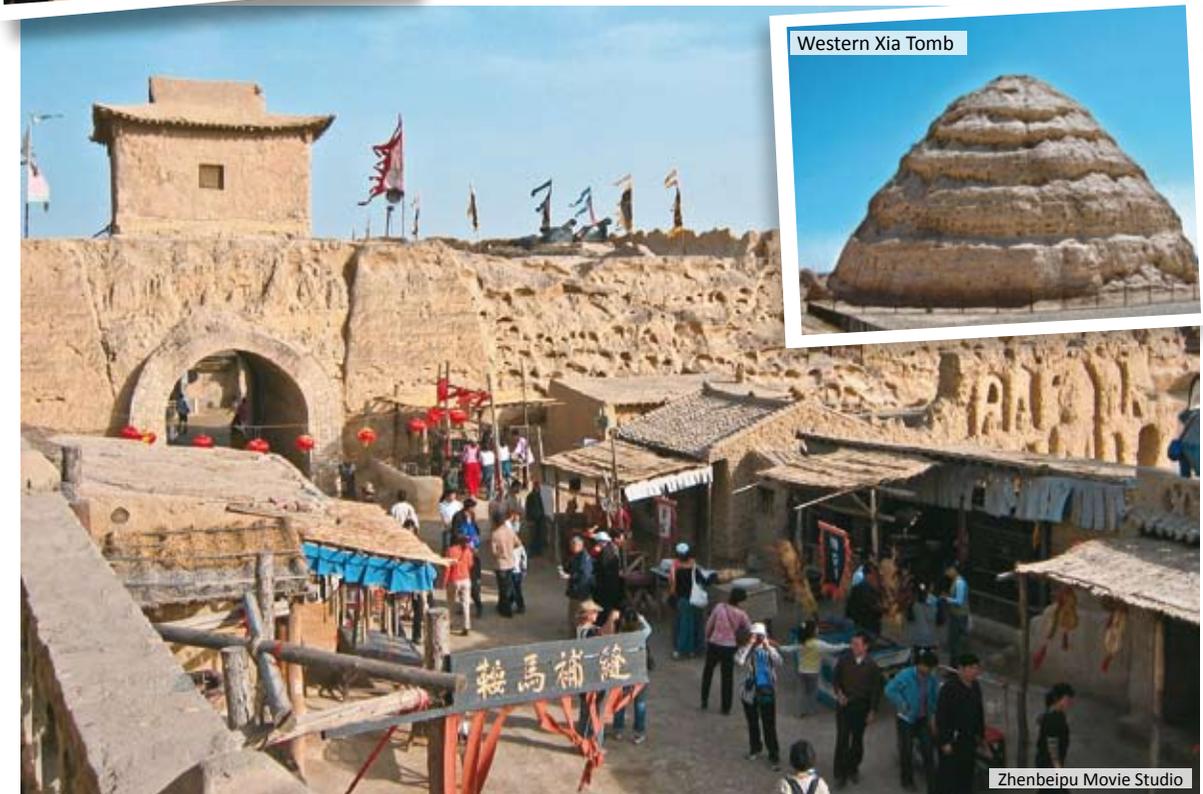
For film buffs, the Western Zhenbeipu Studio 镇北堡西部影城 located about 38kms from Yinchuan and is where some of Zhang Yimou's most famous movies were produced, including "Red Sorghum". Like all movie studios, this one looks strange, with backless buildings, fake walls, Ming and Qing fortresses and all sorts of odd props. But when we look at the movies, this pretence disappears. Tourists can wander through the buildings, put themselves into the jail, climb the "Great Wall" and recognize different scenes from movies. Showrooms and a museum of props, costumes and furniture give us insight into the making of the movies.

On the way to Helan Shan, 贺兰山, north-west of Yinchuan, it is possible to pass part of the Great Wall – which looks nothing like those parts we frequently see in photos. Unless you know you are looking at the Great Wall it looks like a

farmer's fence. The road passes the Twin Pagodas of Baisikou; two very tall Buddhist pagodas. They look unusual, out in the wilds of nowhere.

One of the things that fascinated me on the way to Helan Shan was what looked like coloured rocks covering the mountainside. Closer inspection showed that they were actually plastic bags that had been dug into the hillsides to hold moisture for newly planted trees. If they were collected from the rubbish dumps, what a great re-cycling program!!

Helan Shan protects Yinchuan from northern desert winds and even more interestingly has some fascinating rock paintings, including one that looks remarkably like an alien! There are over 2000 rock drawings and they are worth climbing through the hills to see. The painting of a couple making love was explained to me as a symbol of the cooperation and peacefulness of the Chinese throughout time, but I'm not sure that this is how archaeologists would interpret it. Even without



Western Xia Tomb

Zhenbeipu Movie Studio

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the paintings, the hike through the hills is enjoyable.

The Western Xia tombs, about 33kms west of Yinchuan, are worth a visit as they are unlike most tombs we have seen. Looking like massive round beehives, and home to hundreds of swallows, they rise suddenly from the flat earth. There are nine imperial tombs plus 500 lesser tombs. The main tomb has a promenade leading to it, with carved stellae bases (where are all of the stellae??) a platform for sacrifices (maidens or sheep – umm?) and remnants of watchtowers. This tomb originally had a tall wooden pagoda, but age and enemies have only left an earthen foundation for us to see.

Public transport outside Yinchuan is unreliable, so it is better to hire a taxi or private car to visit Helan Shan and the Western Xia tombs. This should cost around 200-300Y. Yinchuan has plenty of hotels for the traveler and, being a Hui Muslim Autonomous area, has some great food!



Pig Skin raft - Shaopotou

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XI'AN SCENE

This month we said our good byes to Great Wali and Nanc-Pants they headed back to Canada for the funny bacon, snow, and Mounties as far as the eye can see. We ran, we ate, we drank, we even said good bye. Why not join us next time?

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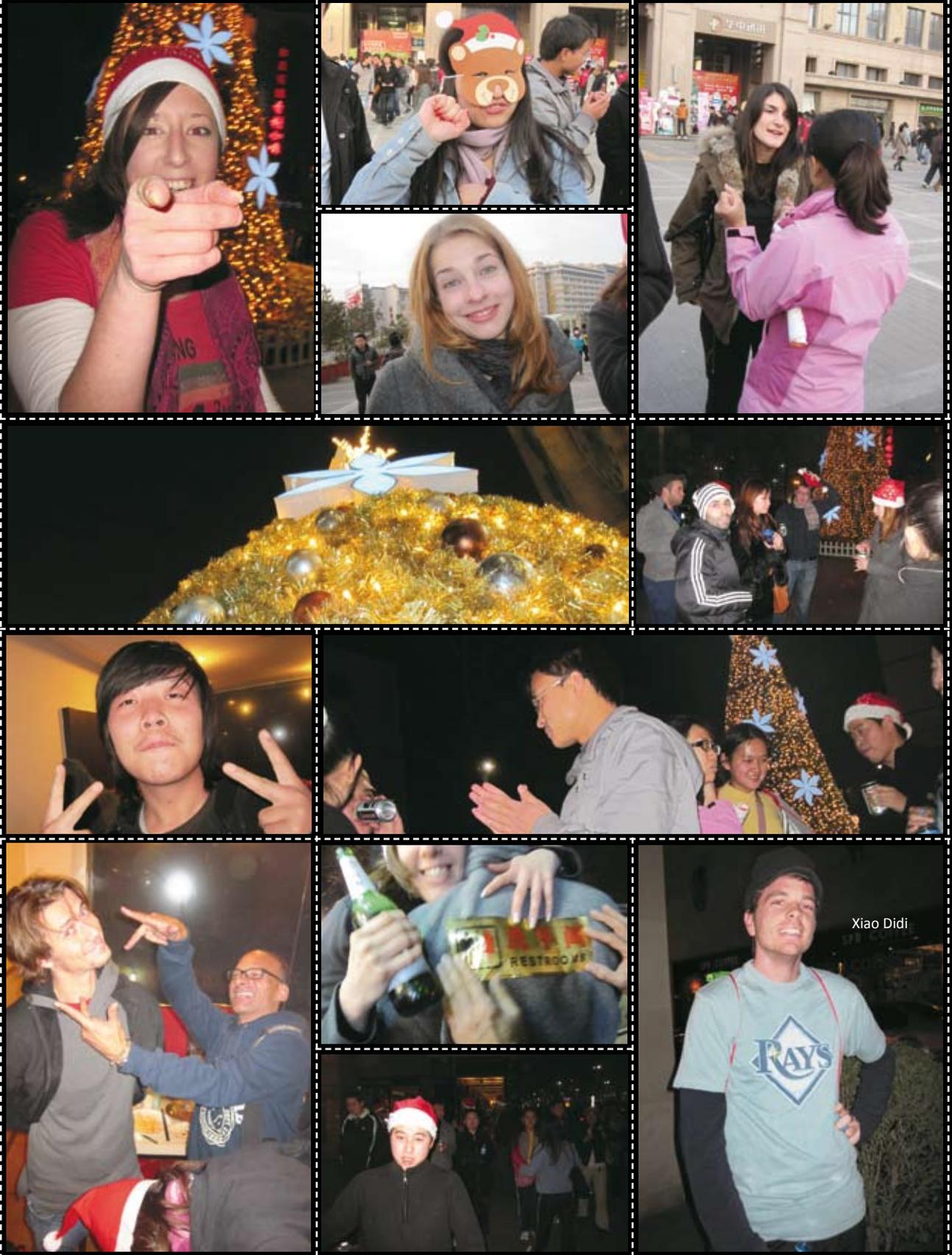
It being Christmas it was decided to do a Christmas-y run and so we did...most of us...many got lost, many took short cuts, and many lied about not doing either. We said yet another good bye to Xiao Didi and drank our sorrows away. Sound like a good time?

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The Great Wali Nanc-Pants

Xiao Didi



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Colabo is one of those places



With the success of Park Qin as one of the pre-eminent hang outs in town it was only a matter of time before they tried something new, and Green Molly is the result.

E8 Park Qin
秦文化主题酒吧
2 Shun Cheng Xi Xiang near the South Gate
顺城西街2号靠近南门
Phone: 029-87287720
Located just inside the South Gate, this is a popular bar for both westerners and chinese. They serve Heineken on draft.

E7 Xi'an Bell Tower Youth Hostel
钟楼青年旅舍
3F, City Spring Hotel on Beida Jie
都市春天酒店三层 北大街邮局北侧
Phone: 029-87233005
A hostel bar, conveniently located next to the bell tower.

E8 Hu Tong Bar
胡同酒吧
West section of Huancheng Nan Lu
环城南路西段 (长安城堡大酒店对面)
Phone: 029-88327777

E5 King Garden Bar
老城根庭院酒吧
Yuxiang Gate, Xi'an
玉祥门外南侧
Phone: 029-87973366

E9 Green Molly
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Phone: 029-81883339

E7 Oscar's Lounge
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Phone: 13571887543
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E10 Vice Versa Bar
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沣镐西路39号
Phone: 029-85010003

E9 Bao Street Bar
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碑林区雁塔北路45号
Phone 029-82249979

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South of Tu Men, Lian Hu District
土门十字向南
Phone: 029-84261367

M12 My Feeling Bar
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雁塔区西安外语学院后门
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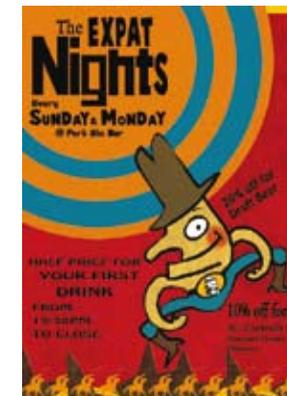
E10 98 Bar
98酒吧
Shaanxi Stadium, 179, Tai Bai Lu, Bei Lin District
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Phone: 029-88484687

E7 Old Henry's
老亨利
Defu Ally, Bei Lin District
碑林区德福巷
Phone: 029-83742989

E8 Sports Bar
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2F1, Jiao Da Venture Park, 28 Xing Qing South Road
碑林区兴庆南路28号交大创

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E8 Xiangzimen Youth Hostel
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16, Xiangzিমiao Jie, South Gate
西南南门里湘子庙街16号
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 ping mall
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F7 Luo Ma Shi Location
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 Hours 7:30 -- 23:30

B10 Gaoxin Location 1
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 购物中心1楼
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A9 Gaoxin Location 2
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 西安市雁塔区师大路41号2楼
 Phone: 029-85228182
 Hours 08:30 -- 23:30

F12 2F, Golden Bridge Plaza,
 Keji Lu
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 Hours 08:30 -- 23:30

F6 Café Ren by Sofitel
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 ety of Chinese tea, delectable
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F12 Village Café
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 32 Shida Lu, Nearby the
 Shanxi Normal University
 雁塔区师大路32号
 Phone: 029-85222150
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 Yuan and Shi Da.

F7 NONO Cafe
 NONO咖啡
 113 South Avenue
 西安市南大街东木头市113号
 Phone: 029-87265599
 Hours 10:00 -- 00:30



F7 1st Floor of Fang Hui Man-
 sion, No. 383 East Street
 东大街383号方汇大厦B1楼
 Phone: 029-87257660

F7 52, Nan Da Jie
 西安市南大街52号
 Phone: 029-87255837

F11 25, Yan Ta West Road
 西安市大唐通易坊25号
 Phone: 029-85239615
 Hours 9:00 -- 22:30

F10 D5 Cafe
 D5咖啡
 1F, Tong Rui Building, No. 33
 Chang'an Central Road
 长安中路33号通瑞大厦1层
 Phone: 029-85211532
 Hours 10:00 -- 02:00



E6 Colabo
Italian Restaurant
 COLABO意大利餐厅
 11F, K.I.Tower, 1 of Xihuamen
 西安市西华门凯爱大厦11层
 Phone: 029-7201501/87201502
 Colabo is one of those places
 that once you set foot in you
 realize that you are in for a
 good meal.
 Hours 11:30 -- 14:30
 17:00 -- 21:30



E7 西大街店
 125 the West Street
 西大街 125号, 百盛购物中
 心西侧
 Phone: 029-87274255
 Hours 7:00 -- 22:30

G11 大雁塔店
 Great Tang's All Day Mall,
 South Square of Big Wild
 Goose Pagoda.
 大唐不夜城新乐汇内, 中国
 银行旁
 Phone: 029-85573669
 Hours 8:00 -- 22:30

A9 金桥店
 50 Keji Road, Jin Qiao Interna-
 tional Square
 科技路50号金桥国际广场
 一层
 Phone: 029-88859556
 Hours 7:00 -- 22:30

兵马俑店
 521A, Terra-cotta Warriors
 International Tourism Square
 Lintong
 西安市临潼兵马俑国际旅游
 广场521A
 Phone: 029-83899288
 Hours 8:00 -- 22:30

F8 南门店
 25m East, Inside Great South
 Gate, Xi'an.
 西安南大街一号
 Phone: 029-86699940
 Hours 7:00 -- 22:30

B9 高新店
 #17, Gaoxin 1st. Road.
 高新一路17号
 Phone: 029-88269812

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H3 Heping Gate Location
 90 Huancheng Nanlu
 Dongduan
 环城南路东段90号
 Phone: 029-81226785
 Hours 10:30 -- 22:30

G11 Big Goose Pagoda
 Location
 Huanta Nanlu, Da Yan Ta
 大雁塔环塔南路6号
 Phone: 029-85573949
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 serving both western and
 chinese food. Check out their
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G7 Hyatt Regency Xi'an
 西安凯悦
 158 Dong Da Jie
 东大街158号
 Phone: 029-87691234

3 Royal 3 Houses
 3皇3家

E7 South Nan Guan Jie
 Branch
 1st Floor, Wei Ye Building,
 69 Nan Guan Road
 碑林区南广济街69号伟业大
 厦1楼
 Phone: 029-87253396
 Hours 09:00 -- 23:30

G10 Northern Square Branch
 Building C of Big Wild
 Goose Pagoda
 大雁塔北广场C座
 Phone: 029-85513590
 Hours 09:00 -- 23:30

B9 High Tech Zone Branch
 Next to KFC, Gaoxin

高新区高新路25号希格玛大
 厦一层
 Phone: 029-88241655

F6 Azur by Sofitel
 雅奢餐厅
 East Wing Lobby, Sofitel on
 Renmin Square
 新城东大街319号雅高人民
 大厦索菲特酒店东楼1
 Phone: 029-87928888
 Hours 06:00 -- 10:30

B10 Milano
Restaurant & Bar
 米兰意大利餐厅红酒吧
 East of Bank of China, No. 49
 Gaoxin Road, High-Tech Zone
 高新区高新路49号中国银
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 Hours 11:00 -- 14:30
 17:30 -- 22:30

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 Hours 10:00 -- 23:00

E7 Gate West
Restaurant & Bar
 喜来登食街
 262, Feng Hao East Road
 莲湖区沣镐东路262号
 Phone: 029-84261888
 Hours 11:00 -- 23:00

B9 Dolce Café
 多奇西餐厅
 1F, Li Hua Ke Ji Mansion
 2 GaoXin Road,
 High-Tech Zone.
 西高新高新路2号丽华科技大
 厦1楼 (高新真爱斜对面)
 Phone: 029-88227588
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 cious menus to all.
 Hours 09:30 -- 22:30



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 COLABO意大利餐厅
 11F, K.I.Tower, 1 of Xihuamen

西安市西华门凯爱大厦11层
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 good meal.
 Hours 11:30 -- 14:30
 17:00 -- 21:30

B9 Bacchus Pizza
 巴克斯比萨
 25 Gao Xin Road
 高新路25号
 Phone: 029-88218111
 The restaurant offers 19 kinds
 of pizzas. Besides pizza, there
 is some Italian food, like
 spaghetti with black pepper
 dressing.
 Hours 09:30 -- 23:00

F7 Pizza Hut
 必胜客
 1F, Haida Tiandi Building, 8
 Nanda Jie
 南大街8号 海大天地商厦1楼
 Phone: 029-87687399/87687388
 Hours 10:30 -- 22:30

1F, Gao Xin Shopping Mall, 33
 Keji Lu
 科技路33号高新购物中心1楼
 Phone: 029-62961181
 Hours 10:30 -- 22:30

High Fly Pizza
 高飞比萨

E3 73 Huancheng Nan Lu
 朱雀门外环城南路73号
 Phone: 029-88410626
 Hours 10:30 -- 22:30

G10 2 Yanta Lu
 雁塔路2号大雁塔北广场
 Phone: 029-85583130
 Hours 10:30 -- 22:30

Pizza Company
 品奇披萨
J8 2F, 6 Jin Hua Nan Lu,
 Li Feng Square
 金花南路6号立丰广场2楼
 Phone: 029-82630070
 Hours 10:30 -- 22:30

G5 5F, Min le Yuan Wanda
 Square
 民乐园万达广场5楼
 Phone: 029-87402939
 Hours 10:30 -- 22:00

B9 Isola Veneziana Pizza
 意甲沙龙
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Hours 10:30 -- 23:00

611 Cacaia

印度菜
46 Yanta Xi Lu
雁塔西路46号
Phone: 029-85252536



618 Ogasawara

小笠原日本料理
9 Zhu Que Men Li, 1F Xi'an

Evening News Building
西安晚报大厦, 朱雀门里9号
Phone: 029-87618383 ext 5800
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Hours 11:00 -- 22:00

Qing Du Li

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5F Yuehao Haihuang Hotel,
1 South of Donger Huan
东二环南段1号粤好海皇酒店5楼
Phone: 029-82216999
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 21:30

619 1F Xie Tong Buliding, 12

Gaoxin Er Lu
高新二路12号协同大厦1楼
Phone: 029-83150666
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 21:30

D10 Shangye

上野日本料理
1 Hanguang Bei Lu, north building, 2F
含光北路1号北座2F
Phone: 029-85266622
Hours 11:30 -- 14:00
17:30 -- 22:00

67 Mingdu Sushi

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395 Dong Da Jie
东大街395号
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17:00 -- 22:00

D10 C03, 18 Yanxiang Lu

雁翔路副18号C03栋
Phone: 029-87218689
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 22:00

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69 1F, Wan Da Shopping Mall, 8 Yanta Lu
雁塔路8号万达广场1楼
Phone: 029-85560358
Hours 10:00 -- 22:00

67 2F, Melody Hotel, 86 Xida Jie

西大街86号美伦酒店2楼
Phone: 029-87639368
Hours 10:00 -- 22:00

67 Huating Teppan-Yaki

花亭铁板烧居酒屋
5 Dachejia Xiang
大车家巷5号
Phone: 029-87265609
Hours 10:30 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 22:30

610 Huili

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1 Changan Bei Lu
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Hours 11:00 -- 21:30

67 Tudari

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2F, INTIME Shopping Mall, 48 Xida Jie
西大街48号银泰广场2楼
Phone: 029-87271264
Hours 11:30 -- 24:00

69 Hai Yun Tai

海云台
17 Gaoxin Yi Lu
高新一路17号
Phone: 029-88327878
Hours 11:30 -- 23:30

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69 Bai Xing Chu Fang

百姓厨房
6 Guangde Lu
光德路6号
Phone: 029-88317280
Hours 11:30 -- 21:30

69 Ren Ren Ju

人人居
127 Youyi Xi Lu
友谊西路127号
Phone: 029-88485100
Hours 10:00 -- 22:00

69 Xiang Shui Yao

湘水肴
5 Guangde Lu, Gaoxin Er Lu
高新二路光德路5号
Phone: 029-88338888
Hours 10:00 -- 21:30

67 Anping Spicy Fish

安萍麻辣鱼档
73 Jianguo Lu, nearby the East Avenue
建国路73号
Phone: 029-83741153

610 Ding Ding Xiang

顶顶香
527 Zhu Que Street
朱雀大街527号

Phone: 029-85227799
Hours 11:30 -- 14:30
17:30 -- 21:30

69 Tibetan Fish

藏式秘汁烤鱼
200 Meters West of #323 Hospital, Jian She West Road
建设西路323医院向西200米路北
Phone: 029-85030543

Da Pan Ji

新疆大盘鸡餐厅
161 Han Chen South Road
汉城南路161号
Phone: 029-84253959
Hours 11:00 -- 15:00
17:30 -- 21:30

68 Lao Pu Kao Ya

北京老铺烤鸭
1 Laodong Bei Lu
劳动北路1号
Phone: 029-88645888
Hours 11:00 -- 14:30
17:00 -- 21:30



Grand Hong Kong
大香港鲍翅酒楼

69 3 Gaoxin Road
高新路3号
Phone: 029-81226785
Hours 07:00 -- 01:30

67 1 middle of Huancheng Dong Lu
环城东路中段1号
Phone: 029-82403688
Hours 07:00 -- 01:00

Yue Zhen Xuan

粤珍轩
256 Dongxin Jie, Xin Cheng Square
东新街256号新城广场
Phone: 029-87422222
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 04:00

D8 1F Hanguang Buliding, 142

Huangcheng Nan Lu
环城南路142号含光大厦1楼
Phone: 029-88411333
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 04:00

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611 Tianlong Vegetarian

天龙宝严素食馆
1 Yanta West Road
雁塔西路1号
Phone: 029-85266880
Hours 10:00 -- 21:00

611 Datang Vegetarian

大唐素食坊
5 Yanta 1st Road
雁塔一路5号207
Phone: 029-85599022 / 85599096



69 Xiao Yang Kao Rou

小杨烤肉
256 Jianshe Xi Lu
建设西路256号
Phone: 029-81101825
Hours 10:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 04:00

66 Hui Min Jie

回民街
Near Drum Tower
鼓楼旁边



Hai Di Lao

海底捞
11, South of Yanta Lu
雁塔路南段11号
Phone: 029-85536971
Hours 10:30 -- 03:00

69 3F, Gao Ke Buliding, 1 Gaoxin Si Lu
高新四路1号高科广场3楼
Phone: 029-88361337
Hours 10:30 -- 03:00

67 Jing Fu Hua

京福华
27 Xiguanzheng Jie
西关正街27号
Phone: 029-88626321
Hours 11:00 -- 22:00

67 Wu Ming Hot-pot

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E9 1F Xinhui Bulding,
25 Gaoxin Lu
高新路25号新汇大厦1楼
Phone: 029-88256863
Hours 09:30 -- 23:00

F7 1 Luo Ma Shi, South of Min
Sheng Shopping Mall
骡马市1号民生百货南侧
Phone: 029-87656554
Hours 09:30 -- 23:00

G10 2 Yanta Lu, Northern
Square Branch Building
雁塔路2号大雁塔北广场西侧
Phone: 029-87403182
Hours 09:30 -- 23:00

HaagenDazs
哈根达斯

E10 1F Ginwa Shop-
ping Mall, 33 Keji Lu
科技路33号世纪金花购物中心1楼
Phone: 029-88323135
Hours 10:30 -- 23:00

E3 88 Nanguan Zheng Jie
南关正街88号巴黎春天购物
中心1楼
Phone: 029-87651591
Hours 10:30 -- 23:00

G9 Dairy Queen

8 Yanta Lu,
Wanda Shopping Mall
雁塔路8号万达广场1楼
Phone: 029-85560856



Trust-Mart Supermarket
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F7 An Ding Square, West part
of West Avenue
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Chinese supermarket.

F10 Northeast of Xiao Zhai
Intersection Avenue
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Chinese supermarket.

Lotus Supermarket
易初莲花超市

A10 3 Tang Yan Road
唐延路3号, 枫叶新都市对面
Thai supermarket.

F12 Southeast of the Televi-
sion Tower on Changan Street
电视塔东南角

J5 Northwest Hu Jia Miao
intersection
胡家庙十字西北角

G11 Taiwan Foods
台湾食品
67 Yanta West Road
雁塔西路大唐通易坊67号
Taiwanese and Japanese Snacks

E9 Korean Supermarket
韩国食品超市
18 Xin Yuan Residential Area
Tian Tan West Road
天坛西路杏园小区18号楼
Phone: 029-85336200 /
13379037071
Hours 08:00 -- 21:00



F12 Metro
麦德龙超市
86 Chan'an Road, 50 meters to
the TV Tower
长安南路86号, 临近电视塔
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next to the TV tower in the
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purchase imported food such as
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F7 Wai-Mart
沃尔玛
Luo Ma Shi Pedestrian Street
骡马市商业步行街



F7 Kai Yuan Shopping Mall
开元商城
6 East Avenue next to the Bell

Tower
东大街解放市场6号
Phone: 029-87235340

F7 Min Sheng Shopping
Mall
民生百货
Luo Ma Shi Pedestrian Street
西安骡马市步行街

F7 Zhong Da International
Shopping Center
中大国际
30 South Street
南大街30号
Phone: 029-87203000
Hours 10:00 -- 22:00

Parkson Shopping Center
百盛购物中心

G7 1 Shang Jian Road Da
Chai Shi
尚俭路1号 大差市店

F7 Shi Dai Sheng Dian Build-
ing West Avenue
时代盛典大厦, 北广济街口
西大街店

E10 Chang'an Road Xiao
Zhai Area, Xi'an.
长安路, 兴善寺街口 小寨店
Hours 09:30 -- 21:30

Ginwa Shopping Center
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G9 1 Xida Jie next to the
bell tower
西大街1号钟鼓楼广场
Phone: 029-87631708

G5 55 Keji Lu
科技路55号
Phone: 029-62961099
Hours 10:00 -- 22:00

Wan Da Shopping Mall
万达广场

G9 8 North of Yanta Lu
雁塔路北段8号

G5 Wulu Kou
五路口东南角

E6 Grand Ocean
大洋百货
Beida Jie
北大街



Ren He Tea Market
人和茶叶市场
101 Chang Le Zhong Road
长乐中路101号

E7 Drum Tower Tea
Market
鼓楼茶市场
Across from the Drum Tower
Square, West Avenue
西大街鼓楼广场对面

**Shaanxi Qing Gong
Tea Market**
陕西轻工茶城
Yi Wu Market, No. 188 Chang
Le Central Road
长乐中路188号 义乌商城



E10 Bai Hui Market
百汇市场
Bai Hui Market, Chang'an
Central Road
长安中路 百汇市场

E5 Duo Cai Wholesale
Clothing Mall
多彩服装商城
215 Chang Le West Road
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Clothing Market**
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E5 Chang Le Store:
128 Chang Le West Road
长乐西路128号

E12 Chang'an Store:
Wu Jia Fen, Chang'an
South Road
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吴家坟



E9 Impulse Fitness Equip-
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#14 Changan North Road
Building D of Shaanxi TiJiao
Building, Xi'an.
长安北路14号省体育场南大
门东侧 省体教公寓D座1层
Phone: 029-85230026
Hours 09:00 -- 18:00

Five Ring Outlets
五环工厂店

E9 18 Gaoxin Lu
高新路18号

J8 South of Er Huan Dong Lu
东二环与咸宁西路交叉十字



**Traditional Chinese
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西安万寿路中药材市场
Wan Shou Road North, Xi'an.
万寿北路

**Lao Bai Xing
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G10 1 Keji Lu
科技路1号

E5 Beida Jie intersection
北大街十字



Suning Home Appliance
苏宁电器

E5 23 Lian Hu Road
莲湖路23号
Phone: 029-87319196
Hours 09:30 -- 19:00

E9 40 Chang'an North Road
长安北路126号
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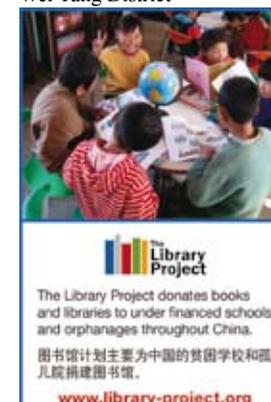
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Amazing Facts

Things that you never knew about statistics



• In 1876, the average man in the U.S. stood 5'5" tall, 4" shorter than today's average. Half of that increase has been since 1960, according to the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services - since then men are on average 2" taller.

• "Per capita" is adapted from the Latin phrase "pro capite", meaning "for each head." Statistics commonly use this term in place of "for each person" or "per person".

• One month after Michael Jackson passed away, his Facebook Page has become the first (by a big margin) to reach 10 million fans.

• Facebook: 5% of fan pages have more than 10 fans, 65% have 100+, 23% have 1,000+, 4% have 10,000+, 0.76% have 100,000+, 0.047% of pages have more than one million fans.

• Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year. 73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27% are women.

• More people are killed each year from bees than from snakes.

• Boys who have unusual first names are more likely to have mental problems than boys with conventional names. Girls don't seem to have this problem.

• The murder rate in the United

States is about four times greater than in Japan. In Japan, no private citizen can buy a handgun legally.

• Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada has the largest bar per capita than anywhere else in the world.

• In the United States, you are more likely to be killed by a bee sting than a shark attack.

• Since 1978, at least 37 people have died as a result of shaking vending machines, in an attempt to get free merchandise. More than 100 people have been injured.

• The three wealthiest families in the world have more assets than the combined wealth of the forty-eight poorest nations.

• Australian Graham Barker extracted his own belly button fluff every day for 18 years acquiring a record-breaking amount of fluff. He hopes to accumulate enough fluff to stuff a pillow.

• It is estimated that at any one time, 0.7% of the world's population is drunk.

• On average, 150 couples get married in Las Vegas each day.

• The most collect calls are made on Father's Day.

• The world record for rocking non-stop in a rocking chair is 480 hours

held by Dennis Easterling, of Atlanta, Georgia.

- Americans are responsible for generating roughly 20% percent of the garbage in the world.
- The average person changes their career every 13 years.

- American women, on average, spend 55 minutes per day getting showered, dressed, and groomed.

- In a year, the average person walks four miles to make his or her bed.

- In an year, an average person makes 1,140 phone calls.

- According to research, Los Angeles highways are so congested that the average commuter sits in traffic for 82 hours a year.

- In the USA, 32% of employees eat lunch and work at the same time.

- 31% of employees skip lunch entirely.

- Close to 73% of girls in Bangladesh are married by age 18.

- Children laugh about 400 times a day, while adults laugh on average only 15 times a day.

- On average men spend 51 minutes a day grooming themselves.

- Over 1,600 people in North America have been victims of trunk entrapment (being locked inside of a car trunk).

- Approximately 20% of Americans have a passport.

- The city of Las Vegas has the most hotel rooms in the world.

- In America, one out of every two marriages ends up in divorce.

- It is estimated that 93% of American children will go out trick or treating for Halloween.

- In the United States, approximately 50 million people fish per year.

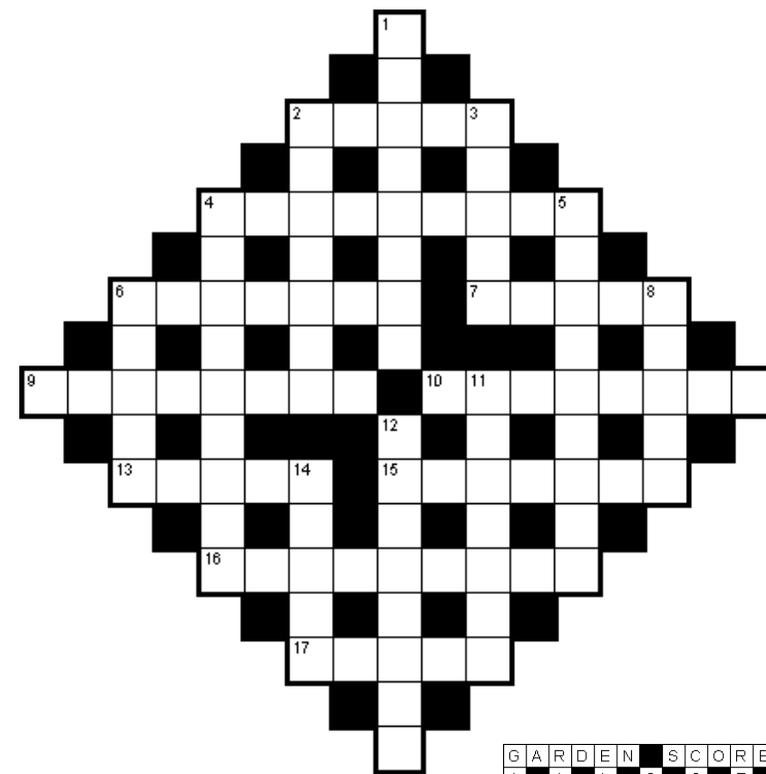
>>>Crossword

Across

- 2. Informal language (5)
- 4. Meet again (9)
- 6. Arm bone (7)
- 7. Intended (5)
- 9. Romantic song (8)
- 10. Counsel (8)
- 13. Observed (5)
- 15. Pacify (7)
- 16. Sermon (9)
- 17. Ambit (5)

Down

- 1. Feebleness (8)
- 2. Fastened (7)
- 3. Glisten (5)
- 4. Contemplated (9)
- 5. Intricate (9)
- 6. Wading bird (5)
- 8. Craft (5)
- 11. Merit (7)
- 12. Transparent (8)
- 14. Writing tables (5)



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Answers from last month's crossword.

Sudoku

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攀登冰峰



我来到西安已经有一段时间了。如果需要选出一件可以代表这座城市的事物，我想多数人会说兵马俑。但是从更地道和本土特色的食物方面来看，凉皮，肉夹馍和冰峰绝对和兵马俑同样知名并且多了美味。

这种被称作冰峰的橘子汽水饮料，在西安本土已经畅销了57年了。它在西安市生产、灌装然后运往整个城市甚至全省。你基本上可以在所有的弄堂口街摊边的小餐馆烧烤铺发现冰峰的身影并且只需花一元钱就可以享受它的滋味。冰峰这种普遍存在的美味和低廉的价格带来了对于它这个本地特产的好奇，同时也促成了此次Xi anese团队的攀登冰峰之旅。

冰峰饮料厂，位于西安市东北角。厂子里的车间和楼房全部是冰峰汽水的颜色，黄色搭配红色。一辆辆卡车满载一瓶瓶汽水停在路边整装待发。我们一行人首先来到了位于灌装车间斜对面的办公大楼里。被引到一间宽敞的会议室后，一位年轻的女士端着几个同样印有冰峰商标的冒着热气的纸杯走了进来。我一瞬间突然很兴奋，以为那些杯子里盛着的会是热的冰峰汽水，然而，随后我发现，它们只是普通的茶水。

接下来是冗长的关于冰峰历史和现状的讲解。我们了解到冰峰在上世纪60、70年代时并不是叫现在这个名字，事实上根本没有名字，只是单纯的被称作“汽水”，而且每瓶只需2角钱！尽管西安的物价多年来持续上涨，冰峰却仍然是一元钱并且目前没有涨价计划。这应该是最关心的问题了，嘿嘿。

在春夏的生产高峰期，工厂每天可以生产出大约700,000瓶的汽水！当然，冰峰厂也面临着来自各方面的竞争和挑战，诸如更多本土饮料品牌的崛起和可口可乐瓶装汽水的出现。但是，随着时间的推移，这些竞争者渐渐退出舞台，留给冰峰“群山之王”的称号。

介绍结束之后，最精彩的部分开始了。穿上白色的工作服和胶靴，我



们被带进了灌装车间。首先映入眼帘的是一条长长的传送带，它从墙上的一个洞中穿过，车间外的无数个空瓶子就是通过这条带子源源不断的被运进生产线的。第一步是将瓶子们从箱子中取出，拿掉吸管，之后便开始检查瓶子是否有破损或碎裂。通过第一阶段测试的瓶子们通过传送带被运到一个巨大的机器身边，开始第二步---洗瓶。巨大的洗瓶器自动开始用挂钩将瓶子拉到它体内。据了解，这样的洗瓶器一小时可以清洗消毒和干燥18,000个玻璃瓶子。

洗瓶之后就是真正灌装阶段了。这些瓶子要经过一段时间到达灌装机，但是一旦它们到达，灌装便是瞬间的。只需几秒钟的时间，这些干净的相同的空瓶子旋转着被装满了200ML汽水并且被盖上了天蓝色的瓶盖。

瓶子们又一次被送上传送带，这回它们充满了诱人的橘子汽水。最后经过一次质量检测之后，这些瓶子终于游向自由。

看着瓶子们在传送带上滚动是一件非常有趣的事情。它们大小不同，或高或低，或胖或瘦，商标有新有旧，有英文的有中文的。这些瓶子真的是很令人惊叹，但是我想这是因为它们已经被重复使用了很多年的原因。在我们的年代，用这样的玻璃瓶子装汽水是有过时的了。我能记起的不是铝质的就是塑料的罐子。不过我想这种玻璃的瓶子不仅节省原料，而且避免了材料直接进入垃圾堆，还增添了人们对过去美好的回忆。

这些满满的瓶子马上就要完成它们在生产线上的全部使命了，它们整齐的聚集在一起等待另外一部机器将它们分成每24个一份并装进空箱。被装满的箱子又被送上另一个传送带直接到达等待着的卡车，开始它们的征途。西安，安康，宝鸡甚至更远。

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<创·战纪> (2011.1)

TRON: LEGACY



导演 DIRECTOR: 约瑟夫·科金斯基 Joseph Kosinski

国家/地区: 美国

类型: 动作/惊悚/冒险/科幻

对白语言: 汉语

主要演员:
加内特·赫德兰 Garrett Hedlund
奥利维亚·王尔德 Olivia Wilde
杰夫·布里吉斯 Jeff Bridges

剧情介绍:
影片以一对父子的冒险故事为线索层层展开, 将电子网络中的与现实中的探险交相呼应。影片的主角萨姆·弗林(加内特·赫德兰饰)是一个27岁的叛逆青年, 他的父亲凯文·弗林由曾获得奥斯卡奖和金球奖的杰夫·布里吉斯扮演。影片中男主角父亲是一位知名的虚拟空间领域的游戏设计大师, 已经失踪多年, 萨姆苦苦追寻着父亲的下落。
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<纳尼亚传奇:黎明踏浪号> (2011.1)

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA



国家/地区: 美国

类型: 冒险/家庭/奇幻

导演 Director: 约瑟夫·科金斯基

主要演员:
本·巴恩斯
乔基·亨利
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<失控> (2011.1)

LOST CONTROL



国家/地区: 中国

类型: 犯罪/悬疑

导演 Director: 丁小明

主要演员:
石凉 连晋
谭卓 胡明 段博文

剧情介绍:
相爱的情侣, 相依为命的兄弟, 出生入死的朋友, 每个人在平静的外表之下, 都隐藏着令人疯狂的秘密, 一个雨夜, 一场意外改变了剧中所有人的命运。故事以男主角“猫子”寻找父亲为主线, 在追查过程中, 遭遇了一系列不可思议的事件, 猫子如同坠入了迷雾般的噩梦, 他能找出真相吗? 影片融合悬疑、推理、凶杀、追杀、打斗、情欲等多重元素, 一个个纷至而来的意外, 牵出一个无法诉说的秘密, 将人生带入无法逆转的迷局……失控!

<新少林寺> (2011.1)

SHAO LIN



国家/地区: 中国

类型: 动作/剧情

导演 Director: 陈木胜

主要演员:
刘德华 谢霆锋 成龙
范冰冰 吴京 白冰
余少群

剧情介绍:
骁勇善战, 欺压平民的军阀少帅侯杰(刘德华饰), 被视为兄弟的副官曹蛮(谢霆锋饰)出卖, 妻子魏晓(范冰冰饰)离去, 女儿身亡, 仇恨令他痛不欲生, 期间结识了久居少林厨房, 却对佛学领悟甚高的煮饭僧道(成龙饰), 并与少林寺三位少僧净能(吴京饰)、净海(余少群饰)、净空(释延能饰)化敌为友, 大彻大悟后出家为僧, 并带领僧人, 付出自己的生命及手下索降图(隋欣欣饰), 誓死保护战火中的灾民及少林寺……

<武林外传> (2011.1)



国家/地区: 中国

类型: 喜剧

导演 Director: 尚敬

主要演员:
沙溢 姚晨
闫妮 喻恩泰

剧情介绍:
电影版的故事与电视剧完全不同, 据悉, 影片的故事围绕“同福客栈”面临被拆迁的处境展开, 佟掌柜在带领“众侠”与地产商进行斗智斗勇的同时, 片中主要角色也因各自的现状伤透脑筋: 郭芙蓉与秀才成亲后, 为了孩子积极筹划买房, 最后却只买得一处牛棚; 佟湘玉和白展堂喜结良缘后苦于没有小孩, 使得佟掌柜一见郭芙蓉说话就变得酸溜溜。导演尚敬表示, 电影保留了电视剧中人物的性格特点, 但故事非常新鲜, “既反映现实也不乏温情, 而且决不是恶搞。”

<喜羊羊与灰太狼之兔年顶呱呱> (2011.1)



国家/地区: 中国

类型: 动画

主要演员:
祖丽晴 张琳 邓玉婷
梁颖 刘红韵 高全胜
赵娜

剧情介绍:
新的一年再度降临, 红太狼又怀上了小宝宝, 本该其乐融融的狼堡却因为灰太狼的“抓羊无能”而开起了“声讨大会”, 不甘失败的灰太狼为了重振自己在狼族中的地位, 决定带上老婆孩子再战羊族。
而此时的青青草原上空, 一个巨型“糖果飞船”从天而降, 一位来自月球的不速之客——兔小弟缓步而出, 令人咋舌的是, 自称魔法师的小兔一见面喜羊羊便立刻认定他是月球的救世主, 更将一个封藏已久的身世之谜公之于众。

<我知女人心> (2011.1)

WHAT WOMEN WANT



国家/地区: 中国

类型: 喜剧/爱情

导演 Director: 陈大明

主要演员:
刘德华 巩俐 胡静
陈志朋 袁莉 虞俊达

剧情介绍:
王飞, 某广告公司创意组长, 是个典型的大男子主义者, 本以为属于自己的创意总监一职, 意外的被一个名叫李仪龙的女人夺走, 让他恼怒, 一次意外事故, 王飞得到了一种特异功能——能听到女人的心声, 这种本事给他带来了烦恼, 也给他带来了运气, 他开始利用这种本领对付李仪龙……
不仅如此, 生活上他也如鱼得水, 获得了各种女人的芳心, 但是在偷听女人内心的过程中, 他发现李仪龙内心的善良渐渐影响了他, 改变了他的生活……

<将爱情进行到底> (2011.2)

ETERNAL MOMENT



国家/地区: 中国

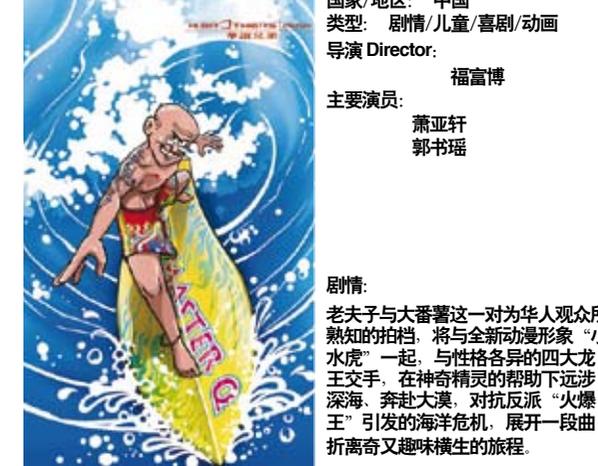
类型: 惊悚/剧情/爱情

导演 Director: 张一白

主要演员:
李亚鹏 徐静蕾 何洁
杜汶泽 王学兵 程伊
崔达志 岳小军

剧情介绍:
《将爱情进行到底》是中国大陆第一部青春偶像剧, 也是最有影响力的一部, 为我们描绘出一幅九十年代都市青年爱情、立志的画卷。
现在再一次的重现这一部影片, 不仅让我们看到那一种刻骨铭心的爱情, 同时也让我们看到了一个真实的, 广阔的社会, 拼搏、激励与奋斗的青春。可能是受限于当时的拍摄条件, 本片在后期制作上有着许多粗糙与马虎, 演员在表演上也显得有些稚嫩, 可也就是这样的一种本色表演才会造就出这样的一部影片……

<老夫子之小水虎传奇> (2011.1)



国家/地区: 中国

类型: 剧情/儿童/喜剧/动画

导演 Director: 福富博

主要演员:
萧亚轩 郭书瑶

剧情介绍:
老夫子与大番薯这一对为华人观众所熟知的拍档, 将与全新动漫形象“小水虎”一起, 与性格各异的四大龙王交手, 在神奇精灵的帮助下远涉深海, 奔赴大漠, 对抗反派“火爆王”引发的海洋危机, 展开一段曲折离奇又趣味横生的旅程。

<分手达人> (2011.2)

THE BREAK-UP ARTIST



国家/地区: 中国

类型: 剧情/喜剧/爱情

导演 Director: 胡学林

主要演员:
林鹏 范逸臣
刘承俊 九孔
李欣汝 林苑

剧情介绍:
《分手达人》中, 林鹏化身分手公司“女老板”, 专门替一些爱情不如意的恋人分手, 其中还掺杂着许多搞笑元素, 范逸臣则饰演一位画家, 与林鹏偶遇并擦出火花。

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Chuck Norris once tried to join the military. However, there are rules against weapons of mass destruction.

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There used to be a street named after Chuck Norris, but it was changed because nobody crosses Chuck Norris and lives.

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Chuck Norris died 20 years ago, Death just hasn't built up the courage to tell him yet.

Chuck Norris has never worn glasses in his life. If he can't see it, then it doesn't exist.

Chuck Norris can sit in the corner of a circular room

Chuck Norris doesn't flush the toilet, he scares the sh*t out of it

Jesus can walk on water, Chuck Norris can swim through land.

Chuck Norris played who will blink first, with a mirror. And he won

Chuck Norris once urinated in a semi truck's gas tank as a joke...that truck is now known as Optimus Prime.

Chuck Norris once arranged his M&M's in alphabetical order.

Chuck Norris counted to infinity - twice.

Chuck Norris is the reason why Waldo is hiding.

When Chuck Norris jumps, gravity pulls a muscle.

Death once had a near-Chuck Norris experience

Chuck Norris can slam a revolving door.

When the Boogeyman goes to sleep every night, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.

Chuck Norris can kill two stones with one bird

Chuck Norris hears sign language

Chuck Norris will never have a heart attack. His heart isn't nearly foolish enough to attack him.

The song Santa Claus is Coming To Town was originally called Chuck Norris is Coming To Town. They changed it so the children wouldn't live in fear.

The moment someone thinks about killing Chuck Norris, the earth, the trees, and the whole universe turns upon Chuck to see what reply he will give.

Every bone inside Chuck Norris is his funny bone, cause he laughs wherever you hit him...

Chuck Norris can win a game of Connect Four in only three moves.

Chuck Norris once kicked a horse in the chin. Its descendants are known today as Giraffes.

Chuck Norris is the only man to punch a Cyclops between the eyes

Chuck Norris made a Happy Meal cry.

Chuck Norris can light a fire by rubbing two ice-cubes together.

When Chuck Norris does a pushup, he isn't lifting himself up, he's pushing the Earth down.

Chuck Norris and Superman once fought each other on a bet. The loser had to start wearing his underwear on the outside of his pants.

Chuck Norris can do a wheelie on a unicycle

When life hands Chuck Norris lemons, he makes orange juice.

Chuck Norris was in all 6 Star Wars movies..... As The Force.

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