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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

All,

Spring has sprung and another year is upon us. To be honest this time of year is a bit bitter sweet for me. All the breaks are over, all the excuses are used up and work has to honestly begin again...and that sucks...but since really I've been skating around this thing called "work" almost since Christmas and I am about ready to dive into it and shake off this layer of dust and mold I have collected and get back into it.

The one thing that I always find great about this time of year is that just as the holidays come to an end so does winter, it's timed perfectly to not only to wake up my mind but wake up my body as well. Where I am from (Wisconsin in the USA) winter is still about two months from ending so I am used to LOOOONNNNGGG winters and no matter how long I'm in Xi'an (almost 7 years now) I am always surprised and delighted at the end of Winter at the end of February. Once the weather warms up it's time to get on the motorcycle (if it starts) and head out. This isn't the prettiest time of year nor is it the best weather but it just might be one of the best when it comes to feeling motivated and ready to "do".

The idea of "doing" something is always a tricky endeavor for me – I get all uppity and motivated and try to do too many things at once. I've been that way for a long time and it's taken me a bit to realize that when I try to go into too many directions at once all I succeed in doing is making myself tired. This is the difference between a light bulb and a laser – one lights a room and one can pierce metal but both are light one with direction and one without.

This is the time of year when many folks myself included feel the pull, the urge to do something to achieve and create. This is a great feeling and when harnessed can lead to newer and better things for yourself and for others the only thing to remember is that direction is the key.

What did you achieve or create this March? Want others to know? Write us and we will publish it here in the April issue!

Sincerely,

Patrick Antony
Editor-in-Chief

Pub Quiz

Well the holidays are FINALLY over – not a firework in the air or a family dinner in sight so come on out and experience the coming Spring with friends, trivia, and beer...you know that's the trifecta your life has been missing. The Jan & Feb Pub Quizzes were quiet affairs as they usually are around that time of year. But that didn't stop a few teams from braving the cold, smog, and fireworks to come out and compete for the "Tower of Love". The February winning team **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** won it with just 18...surely you can do better than that!

Date: **March 13th**
Time: 9:30pm
Place: The Belgian Bar
南门顺城南路中段69号
#69 shun cheng nan lu



Put your thinking caps on and come on down for some great food and tricky trivia!

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CHINA TO EXPAND ORGAN DONOR SYSTEM NATIONWIDE



China aims to expand its pilot organ donation network nationwide by the end of the year.

Zhao Baige, executive vice-president of the Red Cross Society of China, said on Monday that it will urge all provinces and regions not covered by the program to add it by the end of the year.

Led by the Ministry of Health and the society, the organ donation program aims to establish viable systems to share the information of deceased organ donors and people waiting for donations, and to match donations between the two across the country.

The pilot program began in March 2010, and 19 provinces have adopted it. The Red Cross branches in these provinces have set up offices to advocate the importance of organ donation and staying connected with local hospitals for potential donors.

The offices discover potential organ donors, communicate with them or their family members to get their permission to donate and witness the procurement of organs, before they are automatically assigned on China Organ Transplant Response System, an online system designed by the Ministry of Health, to patients in 164 hospitals nationwide.

As of Feb 22, the 19 provinces have procured 1,804 organs from 659 dead donors, Zhao said.

"The figure is the result of a cautious pilot in limited hospitals," said Huang Jiefu, vice-minister of health and one of the leading advocates for the program.

Huang said there will be more donations when the program goes nationwide and there are specific legal stipulations regarding organ donations.

"It's estimated that when the program is implemented nationwide, people on the waiting list for organ transplant will reach 300,000, but currently we are only able to do 10,000 transplants (a year), and the ratio between people on the waiting list and transplants is 30:1," Huang said.

"Every year there are 154,000 potential donors in the ICUs in China, of which 50 percent are from top grade-three hospitals. As long as we do our work solid there, we can have at least 40,000 donors and 110,000 organs donated every year. The ratio will be 3:1."

Social organizations such as the Red Cross Society of China should play a bigger role in facilitating organ donations, Huang said.

In January, the society established the China Human Organ Donation Management Center, which will not only promote organ donations and discover potential donors, but also run the national organ sharing system and distribute organs, Huang said.

By the end of the year, the Red Cross Society of China will establish an online nationwide system documenting people who are willing to donate their organs after they die. The system will spot potential donors and request their consent before matching them with people on the waiting list.

GIANT PYTHON BABYSITS FOR BOY, 13



A Chinese family has raised eyebrows with their choice of babysitter for their 13-year-old son - a 15ft giant python.

Azhe Liu, from Dongguan, Guangdong province, was born six years after his dad Chan Liu brought home a python egg and hatched it out.

"I'd always thought them the most beautiful creatures and I was interested to see what would happen when my son came along," explained Chan.

Instead of being frightened, Azhe would often cuddle up to the cold-blooded 220lbs predator, finding comfort in his cooling coils on hot summer days.

"After a while we were certain the snake wouldn't hurt him and we began to leave them together alone. They really are inseparable," said dad Chan.

Eventually the family began to look on the Burmese python as a kind of nanny, who'd look out for their son when he was alone.

"I don't think many kidnappers would tangle with her," said dad Chan.

Now Azhe wants to train as a zoologist so he can work with snakes all the time.

"She's very careful with me and never squeezes too hard. If people understood animals more they'd be kinder to each other," he said.



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Location: Xi'an Concert Hall
曲江新区雁南一路
Tel: 400-611-9169



MAR 16

Concert
大灌文化启动 & 菠萝乐场
古城齐发声室内音乐节

Time: 8:30pm-10:30pm
Location: Aperture Club
yin ma chi, ju hua yuan, dong da jie.
东大街菊花园饮马池光圈CLUB
TEL: 13891929377 13572124398
Tickets: 40RMB



MAR 18

Concert
犯罪想法
Time: 8:30pm-10:30pm
Location: Aperture Club
yin ma chi, ju hua yuan, dong da jie.
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MAR 22

Concert
幸福在春天里绽放室内交响
乐音乐会
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Xi'an Concert Hall
曲江新区雁南一路
Tel: 400-611-9169

MAR 22

Concert
电子迷幻NOVA HEART
"BEAUTIFUL BOYS"
Time: 8:30pm-10:30pm
Location: Aperture Club
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APR 6

Concert
Stravinsky Music Concert
斯特拉文斯基作品音乐会
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Xi'an Concert Hall
曲江新区雁南一路
Tel: 400-611-9169

MARCH 9, 23

Saturday

Toastmasters

Date: March 9 **Time:** 2:30pm
Location: 449 Chang'an South rd -
Lirong Building 10th Floor
(The opposite side of north west university of politics
and law)



Date: March 23 **Time:** 2:30pm
Location: at the Sofitel Habana Bar (索菲特) 东新街319号
Get all the information at: www.xatmc.org

MARCH 13

Wednesday

**Belgian Bar and Xianease
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Beer, and Trivia
what more could you ask for?

Time: 9:30pm
Location: Belgian Bar



MARCH 15

Friday

Wine Club

Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm
Location:
Qujiang 1213 yue-huoguo, (1213悦·火锅)



MARCH 16

Saturday

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线环线, 二环2号线环线

Get all the information at: www.xianease.com/hhh



MARCH 17

Sunday

**Xi'an Book Club
Readers Meeting**

Location:
Foreign language library (Third floor of Shaanxi provin-
cial library), - 陕西省图书馆三楼 外文图书室

Chosen Book(s):
Lolita in Tehran and Behind the Red Door

Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Get all the information at: www.xianease.com/books



MARCH 20

Ladies Lunch

Time: 12:30pm
Location:
Peter's Tex-Mex Restaurant
雁塔区二环南路西段64号凯德广
场4楼18号

Get all the information at:
www.xianease.com/woman

MARCH 27

Pool Tourney

Time: 8:00pm
Location:
2 Gaoxin rd
Lihua Keji Building
高新路2号丽华科技大厦一层

MARCH 28

Photo Club

Time: 2:00pm
Meet outside
the Great Mosque
in the Muslim Quarter
(**Entrance Fee RMB 20.00**)

MARCH 30

Bike Club

Intro Ride:
Time: 9:00am
Location: Meet at the Vanguard
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Restaurant Reviews

INIMITABLE RESTAURANT

旺角创意餐厅

Article By *Lee Bunting*



As we had just moved house and my wife had taken sick I decided to take a stroll around our new neighbourhood. I happened upon a lovely restaurant called Inimitable Restaurant, or Wang Jiao in Chinese. Set on the 2nd floor (or 1st depending on your heritage) of the Wang Zuo Xian Dai Cheng building in Gaoxin this restaurant is beautifully decorated with hand paintings adorning the walls. It has been in business for 2 months, has branches in Beijing and Shang Hai and serves Japanese cuisine. It has 2 different food preparation areas for BBQ and for sushi/sashimi. Also it has a wide a varied wine and sake menu. Pit style seating is at the back of the restaurant for parties albeit without geisha girls. Bookings are advised at the weekends. The restaurant has 2 big screens which were showing Miss America therefore, ironically, in the absence of my wife I was still accompanied by beautiful women.

As I walked in I was greeted by a wonderful young lady who didn't speak any English, I am beginning to realize that "Ni Hao" is only getting me so far, but managed to show me to a table nonetheless. In the background there was a kind of pan pipes/saxophone crossover style musik with a great rendition of Walking in a Winter Wonderland. An English speaker was summoned and she took me through the menu. The menu is extensive it has Sushi, Sashimi (each with 6 pieces), salad, soup, hot pot (in a paper bowl), noodles, Kobe beef, oysters and everything in between. It even has a dish called 5A

on the brain which the waitress knew nothing about.

I was first given a hot towel and tea which seemed never ending, even when I asked for my tea cup to not be filled, it was still filled to the brim. I decided upon a vegetable salad (lots of vegetables in a bowl) with plum sauce and Motorona Roll Sushi (crab, tuna and avocado) which were both excellent especially the sushi which blew my mind. I then had Sake Beef (thinly sliced and marinated in sake to make them tender with soy, white and cumin dipping sauces) and Salmon Sashimi (thick chunks of salmon). The beef melted in my mouth and the Salmon had to be the freshest I have eaten in a long time. I washed all of this down with a Mojito which needed a little more mint and sugar for my delicate palette. After all this I was given complimentary chocolate mousse and peanut ice cream for dessert, single dining has its perks!

All in all this is a great Japanese restaurant with really tasty food but I wouldn't recommend it to those on a tight budget. As they rolled me down the stairs into the sound of the night time fireworks I knew I would be taking my wife back here when she is well. Oh and Miss North Carolina won Miss America.

PROS: Great Relaxed setting.

CONS: it is off the beaten track so therefore a little hard to find (ask a taxi driver to take you).

Recommendation: Motorona Roll

旺角创意餐厅位于高新区唐延路35号旺座现代城C座1楼。餐厅拥有精致时尚的装潢,墙上的手绘画格外的抢眼。用餐环境舒适开阔,有两个开放式食物烹饪区,一个是可以围坐的炭烧区,另一个就是寿司刺身区。你可以观赏到厨师们有条不紊地工作着,还伴着烹调时散发的阵阵香气。此外,值得一提的还有这里的包间,日式榻榻米式,装饰的十分考究,这里绝对可以为你用餐体验带来多重惊喜。餐厅在北京和上海都有店面,西安这家已经营业2个月,限时优惠不断,惊喜多多。

餐厅以创意式日本料理为主,各类寿司,刺身,沙拉,炭烤,火锅,海鲜,甜品一应俱全,另有多种日本清酒,葡萄酒,鸡尾酒等饮品供客人选择。今天我的第一道菜是蔬菜沙拉,独特的梅子酱口味另口感更加清新。寿司我点了摩托罗拉卷,蟹肉,金枪鱼,鳄梨搭配融合在一起味道很好。清酒牛肉,肉质细腻,入口鲜嫩。三文鱼刺身,肉质新鲜鲜美,品质极佳。最后的巧克力摩丝花生冰淇淋甜点口感浓郁香甜,让人流连忘返。

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缺点: 地点有些难找。

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3:30pm - 9:30pm

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PETER'S TEX-MEX 彼德西餐

Article By *Jimmy Unitas and Giselle Akal*



Peter's Tex-Mex has arrived in Xi'an! With locations all ready serving delicious, quality, homemade Tex-Mex in Chengdu and Shanghai, Pete has brought his talents and fervor to our wonderful west capital.

My travels in China have brought me through the door of every Taco joint I have come across, which is obviously a limited number of shops, and though each one brought a bit of nostalgia for the ambience and hot plate skillet fajitas, none of them truly delighted the old buds. Maybe I've been away from a good taco stand for too long, maybe I'm tired of disappointing Tex-Mex in China, or maybe I finally sunk my teeth into some good old-fashioned Tex-Mex at Pete's (off the second ring road, south side, just west of Zhu Que Da Jie) but I left whole heartedly satisfied this evening.

Now, I'm supposed to give some cons to every restaurant (it's only fair being everyone has a few). So let's start with the Cons first: It's pricey for a meal but what you'd expect to pay for a Western style dinner. The Chile is more like a soup, but the flavor remains intact.

Pros: And I'm happy to list them here as I have been to Peter's three times since I discovered them a little over a month ago. The Fajitas are what you'd want, tender meat, caramelized onions with peppers, and just the right tang of lemon juice freshly squeezed into the mix. Tacos... We're talking hard shell tacos. Finally, the Hard Shell comes to Xi'an, with your choice of shredded or ground beef or chicken, refried beans, lettuce, tomatoes and cheese. The Avocado Salad is a show stopper. Hands down this was the most impressive dish. A full avocado sliced

served alongside a sliced boiled egg, shredded iceberg lettuce, cheese, grape tomatoes and diced chicken. Your choice of dressing, I prefer the Parmesan Peppercorn, but that's always been my favorite dressing. The most surprising dish had to be the Chicken Chile Rellanos. Now if you're a fan, these will certainly please. Shredded chicken stuffed inside a peeled pepper, breaded and battered then deep fried! I know, what's not to love about that last sentence?

Now Pete's has other dishes on the menu. The Cheese steak is certainly nothing to slouch at, an overstuffed hoagie with fried, shredded beef, peppers and onions and more meat than what you get when you order it up at other locations around Xi'an. The Carne Asada steak is a full inch thick if not a bit more and is tenderized and pleasing.

All in all I'm happy to say that you won't be disappointed if you have a hankering for Tex-Mex and you land yourself at Peter's. It's easy to find as well... especially once the Gap opens up in the Mall that it's placed in.

Try this restaurant. It is definitely a change from your typical hotpot and you will not be disappointed.

Average Price per person / 人均消费: 60 RMB

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推荐菜: 塔克肉卷, 又称墨西哥肉卷, TORTILLA饼是墨西哥特色的食品。塔克肉卷是在TORTILLA饼里包上调味制作的略带辣味的鸡肉丝、番茄、生菜丝和奶酪等配料制成。咬一口,外面韧性十足,里面微辣鸡肉,番茄的酸甜、生菜丝的脆爽,奶酪的香醇。

凯撒地亚, 面皮里加上芝士和秘制鸡肉,轻咬一口,浓郁的芝士香味在口中弥漫开来。

烤薯皮, 烤的香脆的薯皮, 上面加上火腿和芝士, 配上超凡的酸奶奶, 清爽无比, 奶味十足。

Jimmy and Giselle came to Xi'an in January 2011 from New York City, where they studied Writing and English respectively at City University of New York. They can be reached by email at jamesunitas@msn.com

Bar Reviews

Articles By *Johnson Jiang*



DEFU LOU CAFÉ & BAR 德福楼咖啡酒吧

Time flies, 2012 is gone and the snake year is here, I guess everyone must've made their wishes for the new 2013, well if you didn't don't worry because I made a lot. The bad weather and bad luck should all be gone and I think we are all ready for some fresh air.

All this looking forward has thinking about the past and so for this review I want to write about an old bar, in fact one of the oldest bars in Xi'an, Defu Lou.

Already popular with locals and expats alike this is one of the largest beer bars on Bar Street (Defu Xiang). In 1998 bar owner Mr. Wang made his decision to stake his claim and opened the first café on bar street. At the very beginning it was nothing more than a place for tea, coffee, poker and mahjong but as we all know Xi'an changes and Defu Lou does, too. Beer and different kinds of alcohol joined the pantheon and the focus moved towards the growing tourist trade, thus in the early days they were given several tourism awards by the local government. About ten years ago coffee came into Xi'an in a big way and once again Defu Lou adapted and now many of their baristas won awards in the Western China Barista Competitions.

Never one to sit on past accomplishments when German beer first made its appearance in Xi'an 5 years ago they partnered with Paulaner and redecorated as the very first German styled bar in Xi'an.

In a city where bars and cafés close on a weekly basis it's something to say when a bar & café is open for fifteen years. So come check it out and see for yourself why they have lasted so long. The changes don't stop there, just last year. Defu Lou opened a tea house next door called Royal Tea, providing many imported and local teas.

Pro: Lots of drink choices of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic variety.

Con: Limited hard alcohol choices.

Johnson's Recommendation: 5 liter keg of Paulaner

时光飞逝，告别了2012，我们迎来了新的蛇年。我猜大家应该和我一样都为2013许下了许多个愿望。灰沉沉的雾霾和坏运气都将散去，迎接我们的将是崭新的一年。

但这次的酒吧回顾我打算介绍西安历史最长的几个酒吧之一，德福楼咖啡酒吧

不管是本地人还是游客想要喝酒，德福楼都会是人们首先提起的地方，这里是西安历史最久也最著名的酒吧聚集地。不管城市怎样变迁亦或是再多的新酒吧如雨后春笋般涌出，德福楼永远都不会被人忘记。

1998年，德福楼出现在这条街上。在最初的时候，这里只供应茶水和咖啡，大多数的客人来这以棋牌麻将娱乐为主。随着西安的变迁，德福楼也在改变，各种各样的啤酒和洋酒在这里出现，而且政府根据德福楼在旅游方面的贡献给他们颁发了一些旅游方面的奖项，使这里添彩许多。而西部咖啡师大赛上的获奖也使得这里的咖啡上了一个大的台阶。

几年前，随着德国啤酒大步伐的迈入西安市场，德福楼选择了柏龙作为这里的招牌酒，再加上德式酒吧的装修给这里带来了成功。

如果你是一个德国粉丝的话，这里绝对是你的选择。去年德福楼在旁边又修建了一个专门针对女性客户的西式茶楼，也是一个很值得安安静静与朋友闲聊品茶的地方。

优点: 优质的德国啤酒。

缺点: 酒水选择并不多。

我的推荐: 德国柏龙啤酒。

Average Price Per Drink / 人均消费: 40 RMB

Address / 地址:

Defu xiang (Bar street). (德福巷酒吧一条街)

Tel / 电话: 029- 8728 3630

Hours / 时间: 2:00pm - 2:00am

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WATT CLUB 瓦特俱乐部

A new year, a new beginning, and what's better a new bar.

Watt Club, a bar with a very industrial name and post-industrial decoration gives us a new smile in 2013. Across Keji road from the Shangri la hotel, you'll see four huge fans on the top of a gate, just as if you were entering a factory, all the bronze pipes make this feeling stronger, a big round bar with all the booze standing on the brighten light in the middle, a big stage with eight big letters "WATT CLUB" in the background, this live house has a familiar feel to it.

Anyone who's been in Xi'an for more than a month would have heard about the infamous bar just outside of the South Gate called Guangyin and Watt Club is the newest brainchild of the same people.

Real quick - due to the government's construction plan of the south gate, Guangyin and the whole park have been knocked down, yes Guangyin is gone but only for a little while there are already plans for later in the year a newer, crazier Guangyin will open its doors.

In the meantime Watt club will give us the great music like Guangyin did and show us some new stuff. Imported beer, single malt whisky and fine wines are your choice here, so if you are a big music fan and trying to get yourself wasted on the Friday night, come on by and give it a go, it will be a good night (until the next morning).

Pro: Live music and great selection of single malt whisky.

Con: Smaller than Guangyin as a live house.

Johnson's Recommendation:

Any, and all, single malt whisky.

Average Price Per Drink / 人均消费: 50 RMB

Address / 地址:

Keji Road, across from Shangri la Hotel. (科技路香格里拉大酒店对面)

Tel / 电话: 029- 8831 8091

Hours / 时间: 3:00pm - 3:00am

姜超来自于甘肃兰州，4年前来到西安上学，现就职于比利时督威贸易有限公司，并在努力让更多的比利时啤酒进入西安。你可以在这联系到他 nightlife@xianease.com

在经过2012许许多多的故事和谣言之后，蛇年2013终于来了，新年要有新气象，所以新酒吧肯定是必不可少的。

瓦特俱乐部，一个非常具有工业化特点的名字和后工业主义装修风格让我眼前一亮。在香格里拉酒店对面的巷子里，你会看到四个工业化的风扇矗立在房顶上。走进去后，那些铜色的管子让这种工业主义表现得更加强烈。吧台中间的百十种酒水和舞台背后墙壁上大大的"WATT CLUB"让我觉得这家店好面熟。

只要你来到西安超过一个月，肯定听说过南门外亚童梦园内的光音酒吧。没错，光音和瓦特是一家的。但由于政府建筑规划原因，光音和整个亚童梦园都被拆除了，光音就这样谢幕了，我希望它还会回来，还会给我们带来精彩。

我相信瓦特一定会像光音一样给我们展示前线的音乐和火爆的现场。进口啤酒、单一麦芽威士忌、红酒和气泡酒是这里的主要选择。所以如果你是个音乐迷的话，挑个周五来到这里享受下动感的音乐和美妙的夜晚，我保证肯定会让你难忘的。

优点: 高品质的音乐和单一麦芽威士忌。

缺点: 和光音相比较小了点。

我的推荐: 单一麦芽威士忌。

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Lao Gan Ma Fried Rice

老干妈炒饭

(Serves 2 / 2人份)



Ingredients 原料:

- 4 cups rice (steamed and cooled down, overnight is the best) and flake it as much as you can (4杯米饭(隔夜冷却下来的最好))
- 2 Eggs, slightly beaten (2个鸡蛋, 打散)
- 1/4 cup of Carrots, celery, red and green pepper, onion - all small diced (1/4杯胡萝卜, 芹菜, 红辣椒, 绿辣椒, 洋葱, 全部切碎)
- 1/2 cup spring onions, thinly sliced (1/2杯葱, 切段)
- 1-2 Tablespoons of Lao Gan Ma (1-2大勺老干妈酱)

Directions 步骤:

1. Bring 1/2 liter water to a boil and blanch the vegetables for about one minute. Strain and set aside.
锅中倒半公升水, 蔬菜焯约1分钟, 盛出放在旁边备用。
2. In a Wok on high heat add oil and the beaten eggs and stir fry quickly to scramble, reduce heat.
锅中加油烧热大火, 加入打散的鸡蛋, 快速翻炒, 降小火。
3. Add the flaked rice and increase the heat again and stir fry the rice until heated thoroughly then add the vegetables and reduce heat.
加入米饭, 开大火, 炒至熟透, 然后家蔬菜, 降小火。
4. Add 1-2 tablespoons of Lao Gan Ma (Amount per desired) and mix well.
加入老干妈酱炒匀。
5. Season with a bit of salt and add the spring onions.
加入一点盐调味, 加葱。
6. Arrange on a plate or bowl and serve.
出盘。

Additional: Add some other vegetables, mushrooms, meat or seafood as you desire or if you're Lee Bunting just put lemon on everything.

附加: 可以加一些更多你喜欢的蔬菜, 比如蘑菇, 肉, 海鲜等等, 或者像Lee一样做什么菜都会放些柠檬。

Spicy Beef Strips 辣香手撕牛肉

(Serve 2 - 4 / 2-4人份) depending on how many other dishes accompany

Ingredients 原料:

- 300g boiled beef (can be purchased in the supermarket, look for lean boiled beef) (300克水煮牛肉(可在超市购买))
- 1/2 of a red onion, chopped (1/2红洋葱切碎)
- 1/2 Carrot (1/2杯胡萝卜)
- 1 stick Celery (1把芹菜)
- 5 little chilies or as you desire, chopped (5个辣椒切碎)
- 1 tsp. chopped ginger (1匙生姜切碎)
- 1 tsp. chopped garlic (1匙大蒜切碎)
- 2 tsp. chili paste or as you desire (2匙辣椒酱)
- 1 tsp. soy sauce (1匙酱油)
- 1 tsp. sugar (1匙糖)
- 2 tbsp. starch (2匙淀粉)

Directions 步骤:

1. Peel the carrot and celery and cut them into 3 cm long and 0.5 cm wide sticks.
把鸡肉, 淀粉, 黄酒, 少许盐放入盆中搅拌均匀待用。
2. Rip the beef with your hands into strips roughly the same size as the vegetables and spread flat onto a plate.
放1/4油子啊锅中, 炸花生。
3. Dust the beef with starch and mix thoroughly.
中火炸花生直到有坚果味出来。
4. Heat up oil in a wok and stir fry the beef strips on medium heat.
大概炸2-3分钟即可, 花生皮略微变深。
5. Add the chopped onions, ginger, garlic and chili paste mix.
把花生捞出沥干。
6. Add the carrot and celery sticks and add the soy sauce evenly over the mix.
加2勺油至锅中, 放入四川胡椒, 红辣椒, 炸不到一分钟。
7. Combine everything evenly and season with salt and sugar if necessary.
放入鸡肉, 洋葱, 姜, 蒜, 大火翻炒大约2分钟。
8. Arrange on a plate and garnish with sesame or sliced spring onion.
在另一个锅中加入肉汤, 醋, 鸡精, 盐, 糖, 烧至汤汁变稠。



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XI'AN TOP 5 - Picnic Places

Article by XIANEASE

Cabin fever is usually hitting fever pitch by March and the first instance the weather warms up the windows and doors fly open the dust is kicked out and the race to get outside sets in...but where to go? Lucky for us there are many places in Xi'an that have green space and place to set down for a bit of a picnic. Keep in mind that the nicer the park the less likely they will be to let you set a cloth upon the grass but that doesn't mean there aren't quiet corners that can be found. The top five listed here are places that we have found that will let you sit on the grass – at least when we talked with them they gave us the “mei wen ti”. So grab a blanket, pack a basket, and get out there...it might just be one of the most interesting things you do this Spring.

QUJIANG SOUTHERN LAKE PARK 曲江池遗址公园

Address:
Qu Jiang Chi Dong Lu.
曲江池东路

01

What is there to say about this place that hasn't already been said a thousand times? This park is great, the design and functionality are amazing but it does get crowded though if you are going for a weekday picnic this is the place to do it. This place is huge and you will be able to find at least a handful of places to set up your moveable feast. The more secluded place would be the southern section next to the road just east of the sports areas, but that is just a suggestion there are plenty of other places to find and discover. Whether it's cold sandwiches and cola, a bucket of KFC, or High-tea on bone China the idea isn't what you're eating but rather that you got out there and got your picnic on.



SHAANXI NORMAL UNIVERSITY 陕西师范大学

Address:
#199 Changan Nan Lu.
长安南路199号

02

Not a park per se (the name does give it away) but this campus has quite a few interesting areas to explore and several places to plop down for a meal outdoors. Since it's a campus you will be surrounded by college students which is a big benefit since it seems that college students are more apt to be too enraptured in their own lives to pay any attention to your lunch. They also have a few pavilions that you can sit in should you not want the whole rustic “I'm sitting on the ground” feel. In the south and east sections of the campus there are more open areas for the picnicking.



FENG QING PARK 丰庆公园

Address:
#6 Taoyuan Nan Lu
桃园南路6号

03

In between Gaoxin and the Tang Market this park is a big one with a lake in the center and plenty of small quiet places to find yourself in picnic heaven. This park is usually populated with singing groups and new parents but in the north and the south of the park there are a few green spaces that folks walk past but seldom enter. This park also has a few pavilions that can be used to eat in...that is if they haven't already been taken up by old men and women singing Chinese Opera.



XIN JI YUAN - BACK OF SHANGRI LA 新纪元公园

Address: #24 Gaoxin Er Lu 高新二路24号



04

A small park that has no real history (that we could find anyway) it sits just behind the Shangri la in Gaoxin and come the weekend this park is sparkly used by dance groups and a few others. Overall this place isn't very busy and there are a few small trails that you can find leading to some more secluded areas where you can spread out your blanket and pop open the basket. We didn't get the verbal “ok” from anyone about this park but that's because we couldn't find anyone to talk with... but from people watching it seems that walking on the grass here isn't a problem so setting upon it shouldn't be either.

XING QING PARK 兴庆公园

Address: #55 Xianning Lu 咸宁路55号



05

Mentioned also in the Cherry Blossom article this park was once the frolicking grounds of emperors and concubines in ancient times. More recently this was the central jewel of the Xi'an park system, but in the past ten years or so its renown has faded somewhat though it is still a vibrant park that is visited by many. The park grounds are pretty extensive with several different setting that you might choose from to have your picnic and look at the clouds. Keep in mind though that this park is frequented by lots of travelers from other Chinese provinces so you might get stared at while eating your cucumber sandwiches.

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CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Article by **XIANEASE**



Though it may seem far off now Spring really is just around the corner and nothing says Springtime in Xi'an like the annual Cherry Blossom explosion in various places around the city. Starting at the end of March and going until mid-April this natural parade of colors is as short lived as it is beautiful and every effort should be made to experience this every year or at least once while you are in the city. In the cold days of early March the buds form along the branch and spread as the weather warms then in mid to late march the pinks and whites explode open and the beauty begins. These almost Dr. Seuss-esque trees hold on to their flowers for a few short weeks harbingers of the warm days to come. On or around the first week of April the spring winds and rain begin blowing the fragrant flowers to the ground in a pink snow like fall. By mid to late March it's all over and the trees are green along with the rest of the city. This is a great time of year for the photographer in us all.

So where can you go to see the Cherry Blossoms? It's a good question and one that needs a bit of thinking.

There are beautiful places that are set up especially for this season. That means that there is usually an entrance fee but that once you are inside the views will be amazing... unless you go on the weekend then it will be crowded.

The best of these is:

QING LONG TEMPLE (青龙寺)

Located North-East of the Big Goose pagoda this Tang Dynasty Buddhist temple was built by a Japanese master to offer thanks for his time studying here. It's a Japanese and Chinese blend with amazing varieties of both Japanese and Chinese Cherry blossoms.



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Busses: 19,25,45,606

Tickets: RMB 20.00 per person

If you are more into a pseudo-natural environment then one of the many Xi'an city parks is the destination for you. The advantages are that there will be plenty of places to see the blossoms so you won't be crowded into one location with everyone else looking at the exact same flower. Plus the Xi'an city parks are free so you can save your hard earned RMB for things like Bing Feng, and Roujia mo (Roger Moore). The downside is that usually the views aren't as sculpted or arranged as the pay areas and you will have to put up with folks taking cuttings from the trees meaning that the later in the season you get to these parks the more sparse they will be.

The two best of these are:

XING QING PARK (兴庆公园)

Just across the road from Jiaoda University this park is the quintessential Chinese park with singers, dancers, walkers, and lovers this park is a place to not only experience amazing Cherry Blossoms but also a place to experience the real Xianese lifestyle. The crowds might be a bit large on the weekdays but there is plenty of room to walk around so it shouldn't be that crowded.



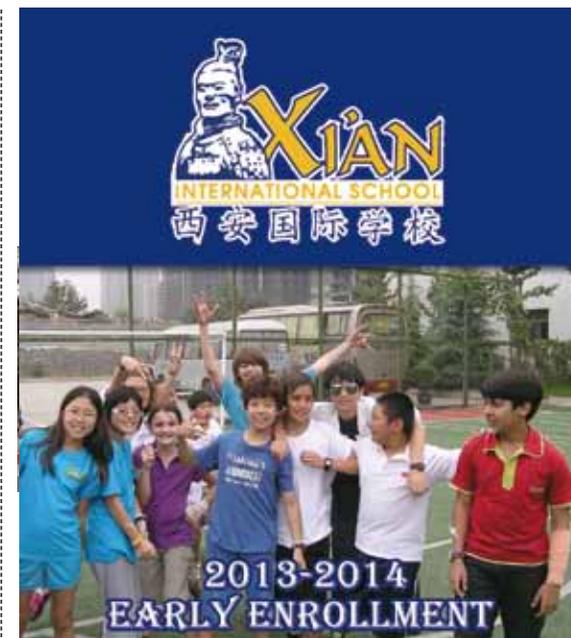
兴庆路中段
Xingqing Middle Road

Busses: 402,7,800

Tickets: FREE

XIN JI YUAN PARK (新纪元公园)

Over in Gaoxin there is a small park in the middle of a bunch of office buildings that doesn't get much attention but has a great little meandering path with trees and even covered vines that let you experience Cherry Blossoms in a completely unique way. The park isn't large but it is a nice



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Busses: 10,40,201,212

Tickets: FREE

Sitting somewhere between the paid entry beauty and the free park motif are a few of the newer opened parks in the city. They usually have really well sculpted and arranged layouts and lots of space for many trees so folks won't be crowded around one tree. Also these new parks have quite a few security guards that turn folks away from cutting branches off. The downside is that these places also get crowded, for good reason some of the trees in these parks are simply amazing and at the height of the Cherry Blossom season are so vibrant pink and white they look too colored to be real. If you can put up with the crowds and save some money you will be richly rewarded.

The best of these parks is:

BIG WILD GOOSE PAGODA PARK – SOUTH SQUARE (大雁塔)



Qujiang and the Big Goose Pagoda are not to be missed, they have some of the largest Cherry Trees in Xi'an and when they are in bloom it seems to blot out the sun and scent the air with the heavy aroma of flowers. The downside is that it can be PACKED with folks...but if you're in the area and want to experience some of the best gardens in Xi'an head on over there and you won't be disappointed.

大雁塔南广场
South Square of the Big Goose Pagoda

Busses: 19,30,34,601

Tickets: FREE

Now if a bit "out there" is what you are looking for, something a bit unique then there is only one place for you is the Xi'an Jiao Tong University Cherry Blossom and COS Play event. Held by the Xi'an Comic Cultural Club they meet in costume the first weekend of April on the Jiaoda Campus to view the Cherry blossoms and take all sorts of pictures. Everyone is invited no matter if you are dressed up or not and they all love to have their picture taken so bring a camera this is one that you really won't want to miss. Though they didn't have the date set at the time of printing it has usually been the first weekend of April but you can get more information on their site (www.uacg.net).



But even if you decide not to take in the COS play part Jiaoda is a great place to check out the Cherry blossoms. Located in the East of the city Jiaoda is one of the best known universities in all of China it is also one of the best designed campuses. With standalone trees as well as overhanging paths this spacious layout and the fact that it's not that well known for Cherry blossoms means that your pictures and experience will be all that much relaxing.

咸宁西路28号
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Tickets: FREE

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WHAT THEY WEAR IN *Pretty Little Liars*

Article By **Kristen Zhou**



*Got a secret,
Can you keep it?
Swear this one you'll save.
Better lock it,
In your pocket,
Taking this one to the grave.
When I show you,
I know you,
Won't tell what I said,
Cause two can keep a secret,
When one of them is dead.*

Recently a few of my friends have been talking about the US TV show called *Pretty Little Liars*. Once I watched it there were two elements that peaked my interest – Mystery and Fashion (NOT a Fashion Mystery!). First off let me warn you, this is a Teen TV show about five girls trying to figure out who killed their best friend (maybe frienemy is a better word here), but beyond the high school drama, mystery and homework it seems that fashion is the subplot.

In one episode Hanna (a main character) wore a very, very popular Wildfox ripped sweater with stars that caught my attention. Another time, a minor character runs into one of the main characters and looking at her clothes outright asked "Is that the newest Rebecca Minkoff?" I'm not sure if that was a commercial but it surely interested me so I dug a bit further. I noticed that all five main roles have been designed with their own characterized style.



Aria - Rock and Roll-esq

- you can tell from her skull ring, gold spider web necklace, and feather earrings.



Hannah - Material Girl

- stealing sunglasses and clothes from the mall. She's the most trendy with feminine clothes and body revealing dresses.



Spencer - Rich Kid

- going for a Retro-preppy look she layers sweaters over oxford shirts, plaid shirts, and tall canister boots.



Emily - Sporty

- she's a swimmer on the school team and her dark skin goes well with shorts, ripped jeans, tank tops and miniskirts.



Overall from clothes, accessories, bags, hairstyles and even makeup, this show is worth paying attention to, especially when you're looking at copying some ideas. In my search of these characters and their styles I came across a pretty cool website; <http://fashionofpll.tumblr.com> where you can shop by season and character appearance. They also have lots of pictures of how the

clothes were worn in the show to make shopping and wearing more specific.

In fact once you Google "what they're wearing in ***, show" E.g. *Gossip Girl*, *Sex and City*, and many others. You will get plenty of websites that tell you what brands are worn and where to buy these items. I guess the fashion industry has

found yet another way of reaching their customers (well it at least reached me!).

Happy watching and happy shopping!

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PANDA

Article by *Ryan Grey*

The giant panda is recognised world wide not only as China's national symbol, but as a talismanic emblem for struggling species everywhere. However, with conservation efforts costing billions of dollars every year, it is no surprise that these efforts are often shunned by armchair pundits who see it as unnecessary expenditure for a creature that has seemingly set itself on a course for extinction. It is often suggested that the giant panda has reached an evolutionary dead-end and that it is a prime example of Darwin's theory of evolution being played out before our eyes. So why do people go through so much to save an animal that apparently does not need or want to be saved?

An obvious, but true, reason is that they're cute. They're fuzzy, cuddly and adorable and have all the attributes humans like in animals. However, coupled with their cuteness is the fact that they're indigestible to China and this means big business for the Chinese. People flock from all over the world to



vis- it a contribution to their preservation. The rental bears don't come very cheap, either. Edinburgh zoo in Scotland is paying £625,000 per year for ten years, just to have Tian Tian (sweetie) and Yang Guang (sunshine) stay at their zoo. This works out at a staggering £6,250,000 altogether and, with the Chinese legally obliged to reinvest over half of that money into the preservation programmes, the bears are really earning their keep. It is this high level of reinvestment that makes the suggestion that too much money is pumped into panda conservation somewhat invalid as it's clear that most of the money is raised by the pandas themselves through tourism. Their lack of a libido may be hindering the development of their species, but they are still helping themselves out by continuing to attract visitors from all over the world who are eager to spend money to support their cause. The trip to Edinburgh is more than just financially beneficial to the bears, too. During the ten year loan, scientists will be researching methods for introducing captive-born pandas into the wild, with the final goal of releasing more and more pandas out into their natural habitat. This research means that, in time, wild panda numbers could start to grow if an appropriate method of introducing the pandas to the wild can be found. Meanwhile, the number of captive bears continues to steadily increase because of successful breeding programmes. Xiao Liwu (Little gift) is one of the most recent arrivals to the panda population and was born in San Diego zoo, which provides further testament to the success of these overseas rental programmes and the hope is that by the time a method of introducing the pandas into their natural habitat has been

the black and white bears at any one of the thirty-three sanctuaries based in the Gansu, Shaanxi and Sichuan provinces and many are happy to pay fees of upto \$250 for a chance to hold one of them for a photo opportunity (I myself am guilty of this). This clearly demonstrates that people are willing to pay big money to come and see these creatures and the fact that people find them so adorable plays a huge part in that. One of the national symbols of New Zealand, the kiwi bird, is in a similar plight with its numbers dwindling and despite the best efforts of the locals, the world-wide appeal just isn't the same and therefore people don't seem to be as willing to put as much money into saving it as they apparently are for the panda, despite the very similar circumstances shared by the two species. The draw of the pandas is so great that the sanctuaries can charge substantial fees for visitors and then put that money straight back into their conservation programmes. The bears are also being hired out to other countries around the world so that those who aren't able to travel to China can still catch a glimpse of the pandas and, in doing so, make

found, there will be enough bears to give the species a real, fighting chance at survival.

These grand-scale conservation programmes really demonstrate just how hard people are trying to save the panda and these efforts aren't being made simply because of the bear's aesthetics. The panda is more to the world than a cute animal in a spot of bother. They are seen as iconic creatures in the world of conservation because of the hope they bring to other conservation programmes. The use of the panda as the logo for the World Wildlife Fund means that it is internationally recognised as a symbol for wildlife preservation. This is a very apt choice of logo, considering how few pandas there would be in existence were it not for the efforts of conservationists and it's because of this that the panda has become a symbol of belief for other struggling species. If the panda were to become extinct it would be devastating for the image of conservationists everywhere who use the panda as a beacon that shows the world what

conservation can really achieve. Over half of the panda population in the world now lives in captivity and, whilst this is a far from ideal scenario, it really does show how committed conservationists are to making sure their shining example is faced with the chance to have a really bright future and it means that the species will be well prepared, should a suitable method of introducing them into the wild be found. However, it seems we are a long way off releasing reacquainting pandas with their natural environment just yet. Only one has ever been released back into the wild and that, sadly, ended in tragic circumstances. So, whilst it does seem that a lot is being done for the pandas, their future is far from assured. The world needs panda bears because they are so much more than just a cute species. They are iconic examples of both China's amazing natural diversity and man's ability to help out suffering species and if these captive pandas are even released into the wild, so that they can thrive all on their own, it will surely be seen as

one of mankind's great achievements, for without the efforts of conservationists, their chances would almost certainly be a lot slimmer.

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Hanova is a community-driven, independently owned and operated organisation supported by the Hanova Company and partnering with Bodi school of Xi'an. Hanova offers Pre-K-Year 13 education for international students.



Chinese New Year Celebration 2013

Hanova hosted its first Chinese New Year celebration on February 7, 2013. The afternoon included a variety of performances. Hanova's PYP students (N/R - Year 5) performed a variety of Chinese songs, dances and band performances along with a Chinese New Year game show. Hanova's MYP students (Years 6-12) helped narrate the event and also participated in a band performance. The celebration also included several traditional Chinese dances by the 'City Sisters' and a Wushu demonstration. We thank every one who participated and we wish you all a Happy Chinese New Year! 新年快乐!



'Life in Colour' Art Exhibition 2013

Hanova's first whole school art exhibition was open in February to an audience of parents and students. This exhibition in the school foyer shows off the artistic talent of students from 3 to 18 years of age under the guidance of our art teacher Mrs Carrie Varjavandi. Many people besides the students have helped to put this exhibition on and our thanks go to them.

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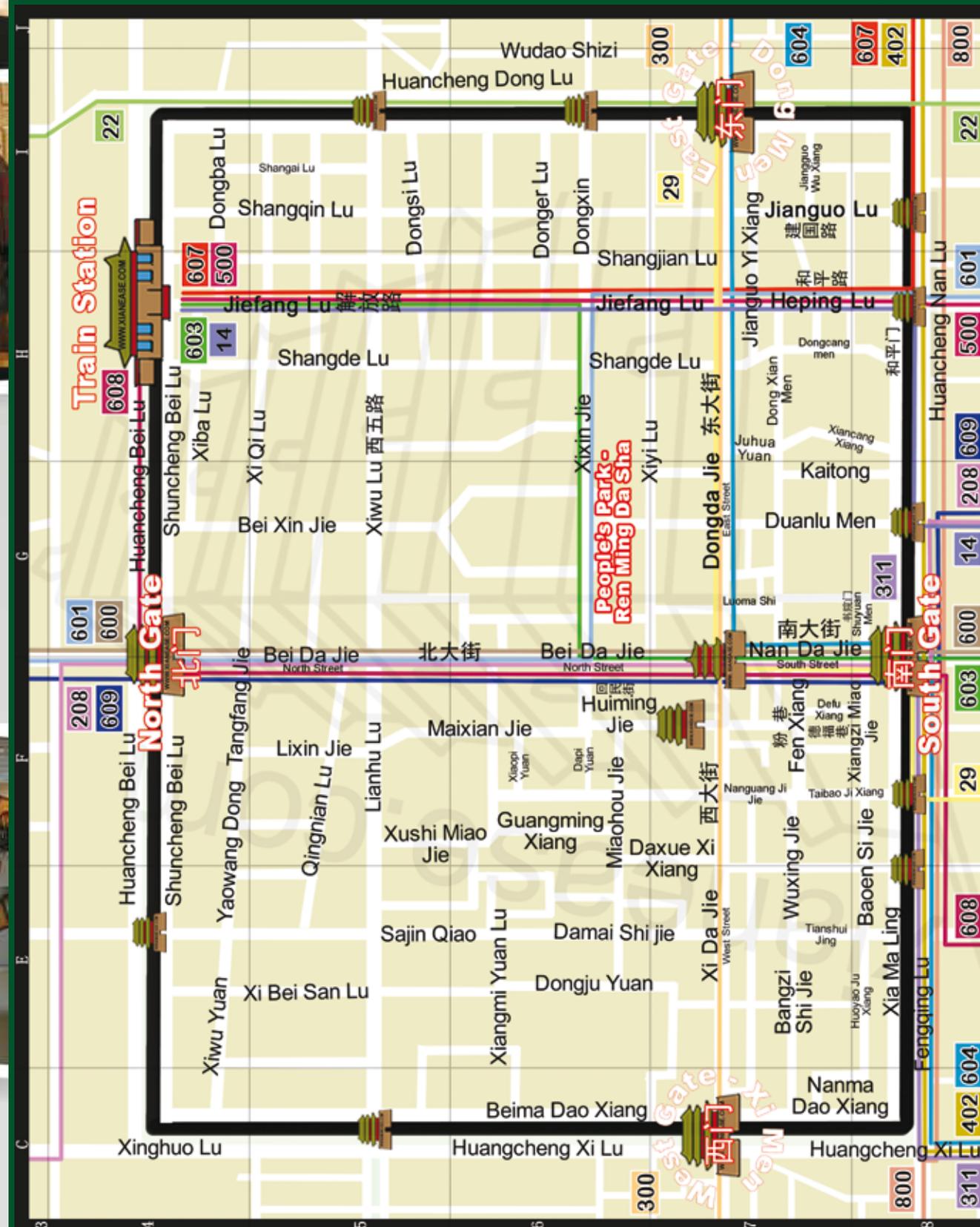
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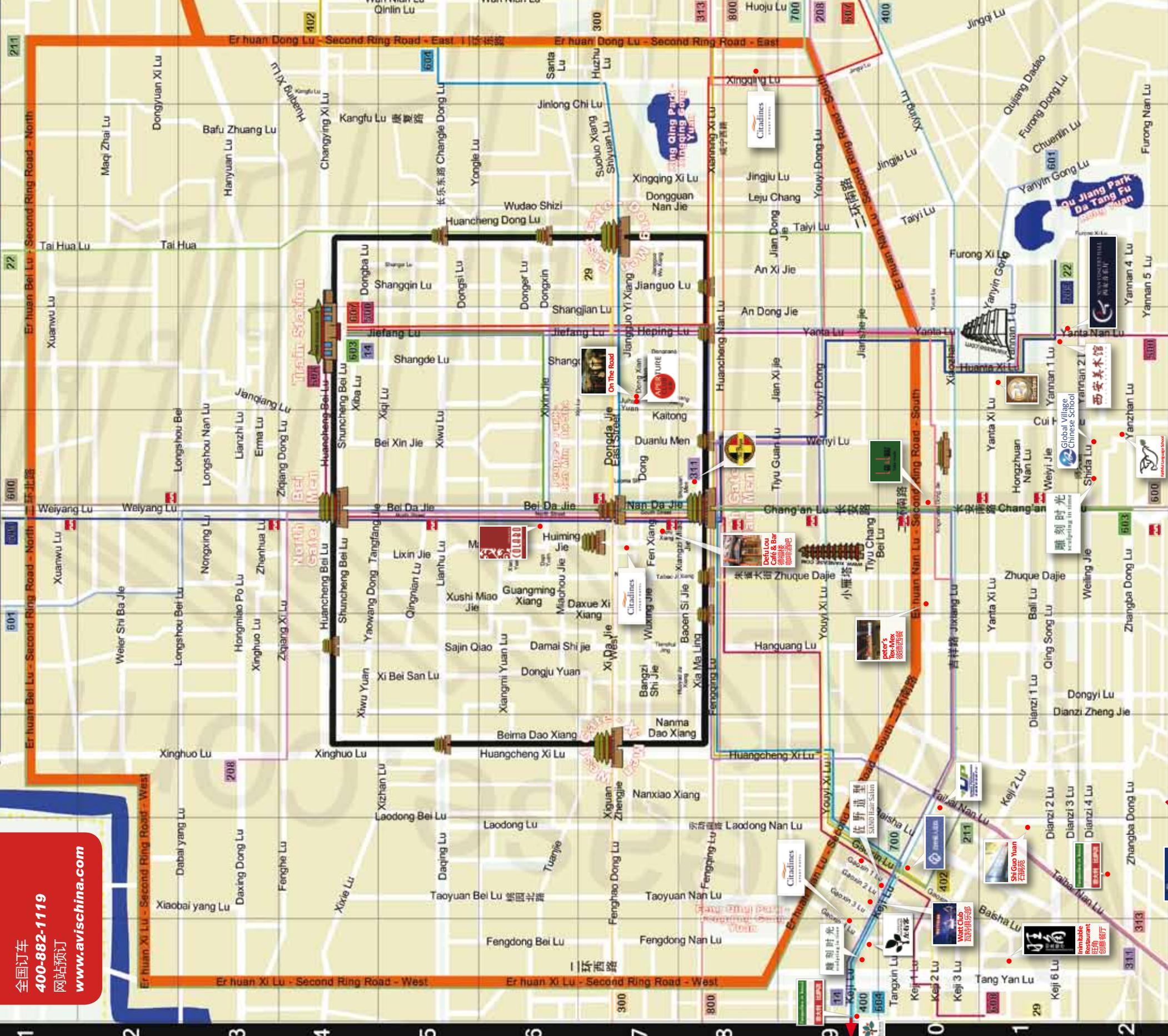
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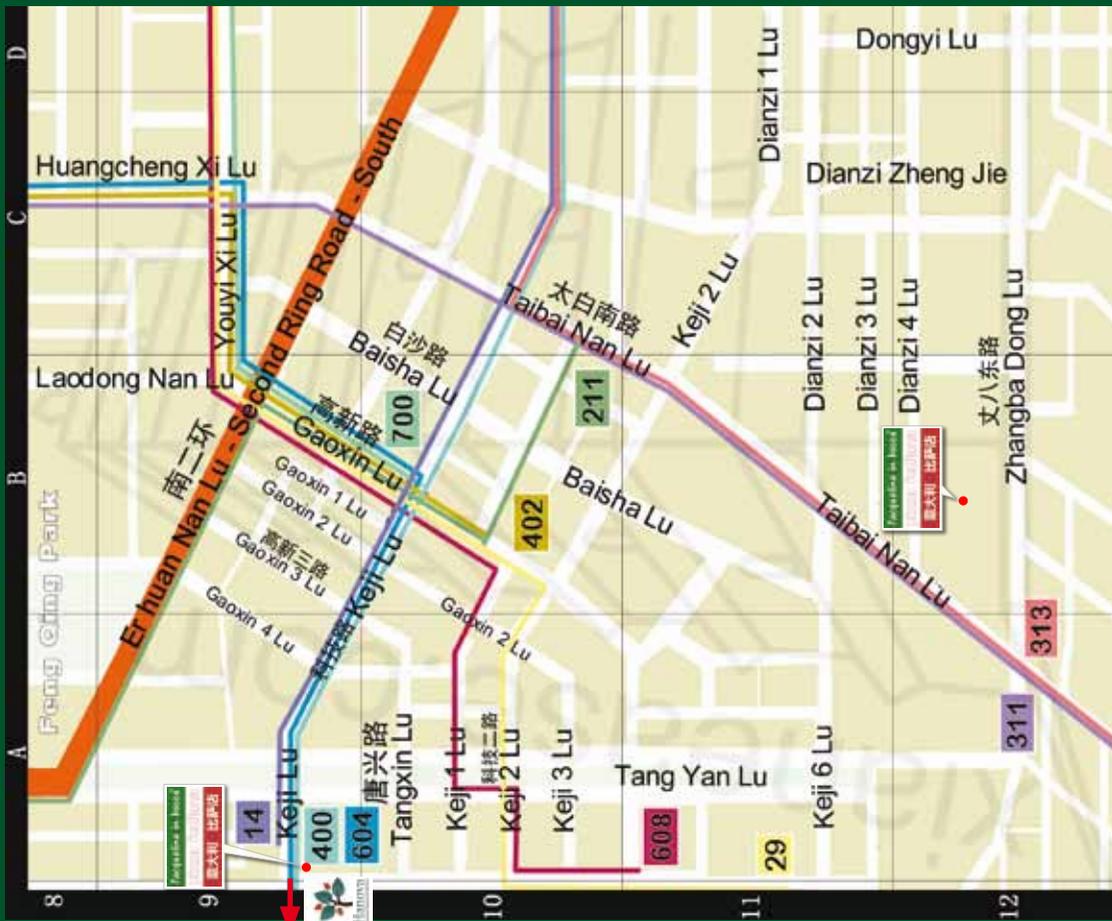
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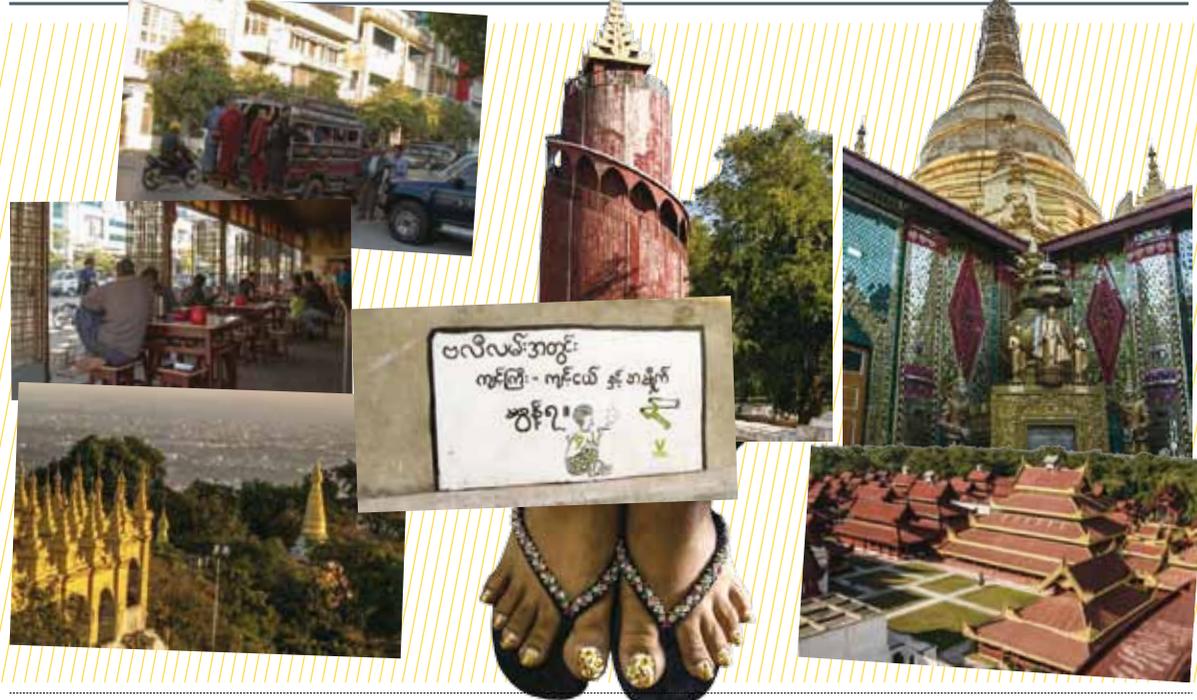
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Don't waste time and weight packing shoes for a visit to Myanmar.

Burma (or Myanmar, as the Government calls it) is noise, energy, optimism, kindness, pagodas and food. And barefeet. In all the temples and pagodas, in all the homes, and in many of the markets, shops and restaurants everyone takes off their shoes. Thongs (flipflops for Americans!) are the footwear de rigueur, even to gold inlaid ones for King Mindon. I succumbed pretty quickly and ended up buying 3 pairs, so that I didn't have to waste time tying and untying shoelaces when wandering in and out of buildings.

With only two weeks to travel it was not possible to cover the whole of Burma and really enjoy the culture and sights, so I chose to fly straight to Mandalay, passing over the gorgeous Lake Inle, looking down on the fishing villages scattered along its length. More time would have seen me spending a few lazy days drifting along the lake.

Mandalay is energetic and vibrant, filled with very noisy motorbikes, (for those of us used to the Chinese electric ones), pick-up trucks used as double-decker bus-

BAREFOOT IN BURMA (PART 1)

Article by *Deborah Howard*

es, street vendors and food stalls. Colonial buildings mix with local architecture - high ceilings, wide open doors, secured with open mesh gates for night time cooling breezes. There are very few skyscrapers to mar the skyline and the pagodas are frequently the tallest buildings around.

Tourist musts for Mandalay include the Royal Palace of King Mindon. King Mindon based his Kingdom in Mandalay and the palace rivals the Forbidden City in size and splendour. It is man-

aged by the military, and so the majority of the grounds are off limits - as I found when I climbed the steps of the palace wall to take wide angle photos. A soldier very quickly climbed up to 'suggest' I climb down!

The view over the Palace and Mandalay is worth the circular climb up the watch-tower. Gold topped pagodas peek out of deep green trees; Mandalay Hill, with its glorious Sutaungpyei Pagoda, beckons, and; the gold and teak halls and buildings of the Palace spread out among the gardens.

I heard the call of Mandalay Hill, so asked an obliging taxi driver to take me as close to the top as possible. For the very energetic among us, it is possible to walk the 4 covered pathways to the top, climbing the 1000+ steps, however, not being quite so energetic on the way up, I took the escalators to the top. This is definitely the best place to watch sunset light the pagodas and hundreds of stupas, and turn the river gold. Locals come to pray at the Sutaungpyei Pagoda (Wish-fulfilling Pagoda), and its mirrored walls, beautifully decorated mosaic tiles and lovely archways echo the colours and movement from all around. Monks and young Burmese in tra-

ditional clothes are keen to chat and practice their pretty good English, so there will always be a bit of extra local knowledge on places to go and things to see. I decided to walk down the 1000 steps to see the city lights and by the time I was at the bottom I was tired, had sore knees and very hungry.

Food is everywhere and the night markets promise great food and a lively ambience to eat in. Mohninga (rice noodles in a fish soup with deep fried fritters on top) is famous and worth every calorie. Flat breads, curries, biryani, vegies done all different ways and salads are cheap, filling and yummy. Breakfast again can be easily sourced on the street - more mohninga, eggs in various forms and fried breads are cheap and filling. For more 'upmarket' eating head to the teashops around every second corner. These teashops provide food as well as tea, but tea unlike any other. "Special" tea is tea made from condensed milk, using black Indian style leaves,

and very sweet. For me it was better to ask for Chinese tea!

Indian, Chinese, Japanese and other restaurants are easy to find, but a little more expensive. NO McDonalds or KFC anywhere in the whole country!!! A bucket list wish fulfilled - to visit a country before these ubiquitous franchises took over.



Hotels are increasing in number, but it is wise to book ahead, especially in winter. Many of the hotels are owned by Chinese companies, and some of the big chain hotels are moving in to make the most of the opening of Burma. A reasonable hotel can be found for around \$US40-\$US60 per night. Youth hostels and family-run hostels

offer cheaper accommodation. Bikes are easy and cheap to hire, and although the traffic is crazy, it is 'kind-crazy' - drivers will wave you through, people understand getting lost.

US Dollars are accepted pretty much everywhere - BUT only if they are perfect and new - no creases, no tears, no crushing. The Burmese Kyat (pronounced 'chat') converts at around 850 per dollar, and is now standard conversion across the country. Money changers are slowly going out of business.

Despite being in Burma during the height of the tourist season (winter- this is a VERY tropical country!), once off the intercity transport, it is fairly rare to see other foreigners, so there is a feeling of being a pioneer in exploring the country. A barefoot pioneer.

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THE PRICE OF ADVENTURE

Article by *Molly*

When my husband and I first told our friends and family that we were moving with our two children to teach in Xi'an, the reactions were predictably mixed. They ranged from "Why would you want to do that?" to "Well, it was just a matter of time."

I moved to Perth, Western Australia just before my 30th birthday, celebrated my 25th in the middle of the Wyoming wilderness, spent my 16th on a bicycle trip in Austria, and moved to Germany just after I turned 13. With my 40th birthday looming large, we have been living in Xi'an for six months now. It's not so surprising that I would do such a thing. And my Australian husband is an equally intrepid traveler. The legitimate question remains, however, as to why we would choose to pack up our beautiful house, say goodbye to our loved ones, and move our young family half way around the world. Raising a family surrounded by the familiar and supportive is challenging enough in its own right. Right now, in the middle of this cold, gray winter when it is difficult to get out and the initial excitement and shine have worn off, I am increasingly questioning our decision. Of all the challenges to face in Xi'an, maintaining perspective may be the biggest one.

We have become accustomed to running head first into the nearly impenetrable communication barrier that is Mandarin. We've come to expect the occasional taxi ride that leaves us wishing we'd had something else for lunch. Or had the lunch different from what we thought we ordered. Our throats are sore and our eyes burn after a long day in the city. But we pay these tolls as the expected price of adventure. It is actually the smaller, mundane psychological expenses - the day-to-day living of a family - that I find most wearing.

My husband calls it "death by a thousand cuts." Here is a perfectly unimportant example: Shortly after we arrived, I naively bought some white "napkins". I am frustrated because now I can't get them clean. (Or anything else white for that matter.) I can't get them clean because I don't have hot water in my mini-washing machine. And I put "napkins" in quotation marks because they're not really napkins; they are small white washcloths. We are using small white washcloths for napkins because there are no paper

towels. A deal breaker? Not at all. But sometimes, I just really want a paper towel. I'd also really like to teleport to my local stateside Target store to pick up the \$15 bedside lamp that I need and I know they have. They don't appear to have this same lamp, which I'm quite sure was actually made in this country, available here to purchase. If they do, it is well hidden in some store we have yet to discover.

But I'm coming to understand that yet to discover is the whole point. Over and over it answers the question of why we are here. We've discovered that folks here can ruin a good piece of corn on the cob into something else entirely. Yes, I said ruin, but the end result is a chewy, nutty, portable snack. We've discovered that koi are mesmerizing and the view from the top of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda is impressive. But perhaps, more than anything, beyond interesting food and cultural excursions, we have discovered there is unexpected adventure amid the mundane as well. One hundred pennies spend differently than a single dollar.

Our wonderful ayi doesn't speak a word of English. This does not, however, keep our four-year-old daughter and her from having long and apparently meaningful conversations. When my husband got home from school on Friday, our daughter was negotiating with our ayi about how many crackers she could have as a snack. Ayi was saying "Lian ge" which means two. Our daughter, emphatically, in Chinese, was saying "San ge" which means three. She got her three crackers.

The shop owner right outside our apartment gate doesn't speak English either, but he's quite patient with our Chinese and this summer he always helped us choose the best watermelon. We were eating a lot of watermelon because a) it was in season, and b) it was easily identifiable and familiar. Since then, as the seasons have passed, he has slowly but surely taught us the words for our favourite fruits - píngguō, júzi, xiāngjiāo, lí...

Our son's first tooth fell out the other day at school, and he then proceeded to actually lose it. After much persuasion, I convinced him the tooth fairy would ac-

cept a note of apology under his pillow. But then I also had to convince him that the Chinese tooth fairy could read English.

The answers to many of our children's questions begin with "Well, in China..." Having had to adjust to so many new foods so quickly, both of our children will at least try just about anything they are offered to eat. I now carry children's chopstick trainers and small packets of wet wipes with me wherever we go. Paper towels don't seem as essential as they once did. The demarcation between need and want is continually redrawn in the face of a 30-minute taxi ride and the effort to potential frustration ratio.

The answer to the ever-present question of why are we here is complicated, even to us. What we want to strengthen in ourselves and give to our children is intangible and difficult to explain. Our decision to uproot our lives and come to China was part instinct. It is more than wanting to instill a love of travel or the respect for other cultures. I think it is rather the intentional cultivation of curiosity. It is exercising our skill of maintaining perspective. We weather the thousand cuts to make room for discovery. It is discovering that kind people on the bus give up their seats to exasperated parents and tired children regardless of where you are in the world.



Molly and her family took the leap in to China last July. You can read more about their adventures big and small on her blog www.mollyseabrook.com/00_XIAN

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With this new found recognition we won't be resting upon our achievement but pushing forward to expand and develop our club. We have started working with Xianease to help build not only our group but the Xi'an community as well. We still maintain our own site but from now on you can also get all the information about us on the Xianease site.

Everyone knows that Toastmasters are all about public speaking but it's also a club known to be a place "where leaders are made". No one is excluded – our meetings are open to

everyone not matter what language you speak or motivation for joining. Every club member is welcome to explore their leadership and speaking abilities with assistance and guidance from other club members.

Currently we have 20 plus members and hold our meeting every other Saturday. We are still under development in many ways and we are always looking for more members to grow with us. As the saying goes, "Life is about the people you meet and the things you create with them." So let's come together to learn about yourself and create a miracle!!

Luke Yang

"When you still have a dream to go over the world for any purpose, don't miss Xi'an Toastmasters Club, it's a good place for you to realize "luck favors prepared mind"



Steven Shen

"Toastmaster is a great place where one could improve his communication skills and lead ship skills."



Linda Yuan

"I found myself changed in the past year. I am more confident and publicized thanks to the Xi'an Toastmaster Club. It surely will be helpful to those who are desperately eager to polish their English and public speaking skills. And you will find a circle of young friends available here."



Eric Wang

"Toastmaster is a great place and the only place I know in Xi'an city for a group of people who love to practice English speech to get together!!"



"A regular club meeting in which several US Toastmasters attended"



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I never want to pass up an opportunity so let me tell you my first rule when it comes to wine;

There is no bad wine!

The thing I get asked the most is "which wine is good?" but let me say right here - There is no such thing as bad wine. Just different personal tastes, maybe you like a dry oaked wine, or maybe sweet and fruity is more your flavor. We all have personal taste and can't be classified as "good" or "bad" (in French we call this "goût"). That isn't to say there isn't wine that has been made or stored improperly but when it comes to proper wine there is no such thing as "bad" wine.

Quick Tip: No matter what wine you have improper storing is the number one cause of poor tasting wine. You can't leave wine out in the

open, the best temperature for the red wine is 12 -14 degrees C with a humidity 70 – 75 percent. A quiet, dark closet isn't a bad place to start. With proper storing wine will last quite a long time.

Xi'an Wine Club by Windculture – Where every aspect of wine and wine culture comes alive.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!



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The Xi'an Wine Club by Windculture meets once a month at the Windculture Wine Studio in Gaoxin. You can find more out more about them at www.xianease.com/wine or follow them on weibo: @windculture

XI'AN PHOTO CLUB POST EDITING SOFTWARE

Hi there, hopefully the nasty winter didn't hit you too hard.

However, I hope you had the great start into 2013 that I had.

Last time we had a look at how to purchase the right camera for your needs.

Now I'd like to introduce you to the

various post editing software available.

Most of the camera brands will provide you with their own post editing software, but in many cases they are very limited and have standard presets.

If you don't want to be limited, you may want to consider to download

a third party software.

Here is a list of the most common and used software.

Some are paid and some are free.

Depending on your computer platform you might find different software, but many of those are similar use and function.

PAID SOFTWARE:

 **Adobe Photoshop**
(Win/Mac)

 **Adobe Photoshop Elements**
(Win/Mac)

 **Adobe Lightroom**
(Win/Mac)

 **Aperture**
(Mac)

FREE SOFTWARE

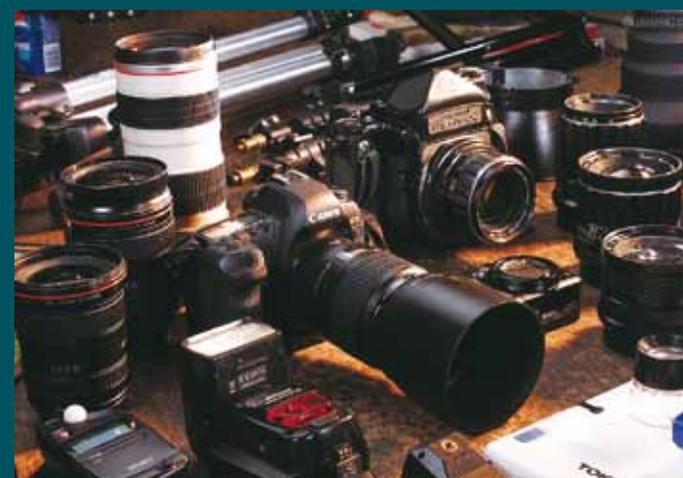
 **GIMP**
(Win/Mac)

 **Paint.net**
(Win)

 **ImageForge**
(Win/Mac)

 **Photoscape**
(Win)

 **PhotoFiltre**
(Win)



I would say Adobe Photoshop is the best known of all these post editing softwares, however, Photoshop might be the most too difficult to use, since this is a professional Software package. I personally use Photoshop to edit photos if Aperture or Lightroom cannot do the job.

These applications will come with preset filters to manipulate your pictures in different ways such as, Lomo, Vintage look, Sepia, Black and White etc. You can adjust each presets to your taste and style of the photo of course.

Let your creativity run free.

PUB QUIZ



The Jan & Feb Pub Quizzes were quiet affairs as they usually are around this time of year. But that didn't stop a few teams from braving the cold, smog, and fireworks to come out and compete for the "Tower of Love". The February winning team **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** won it with just 18...surly you can do better than that! . Find out more at www.xianease.com



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Living and working in China can prove to be one of the most rewarding and uplifting experience in your life. That isn't to say that there isn't also difficulties but with a little help and perseverance the benefits usually always outweigh the detractions. When issues do arise more often than not help can be found in a multiple of places and so it is my intention to offer my legal advice as another place to find help should the need arise.

In this article I want to address on how to protect your labor rights.

One thing I often hear is that in China employment contracts are worthless – that is simply not true. A properly signed and chopped contract in China is as legal and binding and a contract in your home country.

In my line of work I have met quite a few foreign employees that have encountered dismissal of employment or not receiving their full salary or bonus.

First, the most important thing is that you have signed an employment contract and to figure out whom your actual employer is. It sounds odd but it does happen that the employer's title in the contract is different from the actual company or enterprise that you work at. Should you discover this it is imperative that you find out the relationship between the two different entities. Often times foreign employees dismiss the red stamp on the back of the contract but I am telling you now to pay attention to the stamp – find out the name on the seal and find out who has signed the contract.

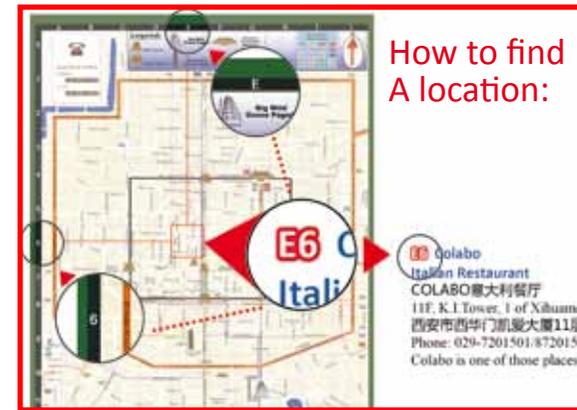
Second, know that you must have the employment permission license issued by the government labor administration to legally work in China – if you do not have this no dispute can be mediated or progressed, in face without this the Chinese Labor Court will not accept your claim.

Finally, make sure you keep either the original or a hard copy of your employment contract and employment license yourself. Some companies keep the original but make sure you have a copy. Both of these items need to be presented to the court should an issue arise.

Working in China is not usually fraught with legal issues but should the need arise, know that any and all legal employees no matter what country you are from have legal and defensible rights. Just because you don't speak the language doesn't mean that you have no recourse.

In the coming issue of the magazine I hope to answer any legal questions that you have – feel free to write your questions to legal@xianease.com and I will endeavor to answer them all in this monthly column. Identifying particulars and specific descriptors will not be published only the answers to your questions.

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How to find A location:

E6 Italia
Italian Restaurant
COLABO意大利餐厅
11F, K.I Tower, 1 of Xibumen
西安市西华门凯悦大厦11层
Phone: 029-7201501; 8720150
Colabo is one of those places



E67 The Belgian Bar

杰诺比利时酒吧
Shun Cheng Nan Lu #69
(East Side Inside The South Gate)
南门顺城南路中段69号
(南门里东侧150米处)
Phone: 029-8725 6656
13201672369

A popular and friendly pub with Xian's largest Belgian beer selection including two Belgian draft beers. Happy Hour 5PM to 8PM daily.
Food served lunch and dinner.

E69 Green Molly

绿茉莉
200m north on your right hand of the GINWA shopping center back door.
西安市高新区高科大厦副楼一层(世纪金花商场后门向北200米路东)
Phone: 029-8188 3339
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 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: 029-8780 0088

E6 Warriors Youth hostel

秦园青年旅舍
#98 Bei Ma Dao Xiang
(inside Yu Xiang Men)
玉祥门里北马道巷98号

E7 3 Carats

3克拉咖啡爵士酒吧
2F, Duo Min Jin Times Square,
Fen Xiang, South Street
南大街粉巷26号2楼
Phone: 029-8501 0003

E7 Jazz bar

杰仕吧
Intersection of fen xiang and da che jia xiang, south street.
粉巷和大车家巷交汇处东南角
Phone: 13991974369

E8 Park Qin

秦文化主题酒吧
#2 Shun Cheng Xi Xiang near the South Gate
顺城西巷2号靠近南门
Phone: 029-8728 7720
Located just inside the South Gate, this is a popular bar for both westerners and chinese. They serve Heineken on draft.

E10 De Fu Lou Cafe & Bar
德福楼酒吧
#39, De Fu Xiang Street (Bar Street)
德福巷39号
Phone: 029-8728 3630
One of the first bars ever to open in Xian and a favourite hangout for locals. Live football on the big screen and live music every night. Paulaner and Vedett Blond on tap.

E8 Music Man

蛋壳屋酒吧
Outside the South Gate, Yatong-meng amusement park
南门西侧, 亚童梦游乐园里
Phone: 13359221817
Located just outside the south gate, this bar is well know for it's live music and great atmosphere. Also, has outdoor seating available.

E8 Xiangzimen Youth Hostel

湘子门国际青年旅舍
#16, Xiangzimidao Jie,
South Gate
西安南门里湘子庙街16号
Phone: 029-6286 7999
029-6286 7888

E6 Hantang house Bar

汉唐居酒吧
Hantang house bar
南新街南长巷32号(新城广场南侧)
No.32 Nanchang Alley ,Nanxin street (south of Xincheng square)
Tel. 029-87389765

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: 029-8723 3005
A hostel bar, conveniently located next to the bell tower.

D8 Just Enjoy Life Bar

里享生活馆
Southwest corner inside the city wall, the new bar street
城墙内西南墙角
新酒吧一条街
Phone: 029-8738 6888
Hours: 11:00 -- 2:00

F3 GELIN

格林餐吧
#1F101, XiYun Jewelry City, South Part of ST. Bai Shu Lin
柏林林南段
Phone: 029-8736 0997
Hour: 19:00 -- 21:00
Carlsberg Draft & Tequila Sunrise. 20%.
LADIES NIGHT. 21:00~23:00
All Cocktails 50% Off.
Every expat can get a free membership card.

G5 King Garden Bar

老城根庭院酒吧
Yuxiang Gate, Xi'an
玉祥门外南侧
Phone: 029-8797 3366

G9 Bao Street Bar

钵尔街规模酒吧
#45, Yanta Bei Lu
碑林区雁塔北路45号

M4 Castle Bar

城邦酒吧
Bar Street, Great Tang's All Day Mall, South Square of Big Wild Goose Pagoda
曲江新区大唐不夜城新乐汇酒吧街
Phone: 029-8542 3100

A10 Wunder Bar

维德吧
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Clubs

F7 Fantasy
范特西
5th & 6th floor, #46 South Street
西安市南大街46号5-6层
New disco club located on South Street.
Phone: 029-8763 3999

F7 Salsa Club
莎莎俱乐部
7th floor of Parkson, Xida Jie
西大街百盛7楼
Phone: 029-8728 6666
15929550010
One of the most crowded clubs in Xi'an. Located 5 minutes walk from the bell tower.

F7 Club 1+1
后宫
Attached No.1 of #51, South Avenue, Xi'an.
西安南大街51号付1号

F7 Song & Song Bar
乐巢会
#109, Xi Mu Tou Shi, South Avenue
西安市南大街西木头市109号
Phone: 029-8728 8988

F6 Habana Club in Sofitel
哈瓦那
#319, Dong Xin Street
陕西省西安市东新街319号
Phone: 13571887543
The pulsating sound of live Latin music and creative cocktails thrill patrons in this superbly upbeat cigar and wine bar. Features 10 karaoke rooms with a big selection of international and Chinese hits.



KTV

J8 Fantasy KTV
真爱范特西KTV
#159, Xingqing nan lu
碑林区兴庆南路159号
Phone: 029-8813 1234

Summer Green KTV
夏绿地KTV视听歌城

F3 #108, west of Huan Cheng South Road
碑林区环城南路西段108号

3F-4F, #49 Yanta Lu
雁塔区雁塔路北段49号3-4楼
Phone: 029-8209 2888

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F6 Party World
钱柜
#1, North Street
西安西华门1号凯爱大厦1-3层
Phone: 029-6267 8888

F10 Real Love
真爱娱乐广场
#1 Chang'an North Road, opposite the Shaanxi library
长安北路1号1
Phone: 029-8525 1234

G9 Da Ge Xing
大歌星量贩KTV
#8, north of Yan Ta Road
WanDa Plaza
雁塔路北段8号万达广场
Phone: 029-8781 6666

#63, Jie Fang Road WanDa Plaza
解放路63号万达广场

I8 Haoledi
好乐迪KTV量贩广场
#2 Jiandong Jie, Yanta Road
雁塔路建东街2号
Phone: 029-8206 8000



Shows

F9 Tang Dynasty Show
Palace
唐乐宫
Chang'an Lu, nearby the Coca-cola stadium
长安路, 临近省体育场
Phone: 029-8526 1633
The show is performed by the "Tang Dynasty Song & Dance Troupe", a branch of the "Shaanxi Provincial Song & Dance Troupe".

G8 Shaanxi Grand Opera House
陕西歌舞大剧院
#165 Wenyi Bei Lu
文艺北路165号
Phone: 029-8785 3295
Provides the professional Tang Dynasty Dance and Music Show together with dinner.
Dinner: After 18:00
Show: After 19:00

J7 Changan Banquet
长安夜宴
Changle Theatre, #17 Jinhua South Road
金花南路17号长乐剧院(咸宁桥以北300米处)
Phone: 029-8322 1111
Changan Banquet is the latest dinner & performance show now open in Xi'an

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In addition to our many other projects we have served in excess of 100,000 meals to the homeless of Xi'an and through our outreach programme's in poor mountain villages have delivered aid to over 20,000 people.

If you wish to volunteer, donate old clothing etc. you can contact us at:
Tel: 18691859661
SoupKitchenChina@gmail.com
www.SoupKitchen.cn / www.YellowRiverCharity.com
QQ 35248368, 29288004, 96750160
The Catholic Church, No 17 Wu Xing St., (15 mins walk from Bell Tower), 陕西省西安市, 五星街天主教堂17号, 黄河慈善厨房(高碑楼步行15分钟)

Restaurants

Starbucks Coffee
星巴克

Cafes

F7 Bell Tower Branch
#1 Xida Jie, next to the Ginwa shopping center
钟鼓楼广场西大街1号
Hours 07:30 -- 23:30

F7 Kai Yuan Branch
Ground Floor, Kai Yuan shopping mall
开元商城B1楼
Hours 7:30 -- 23:30

F7 Luo Ma Shi Location
1st Floor, Xing Zheng Yuan shopping mall
兴正元商场1楼
Hours 7:30 -- 23:30

B10 Gaoxin Location
1st Floor, Century Ginwa Center. #33 Keji Road
高新区科技路33号世纪金花购物中心1楼
Hours 7:30 -- 23:30

A9 Gaoxin Location 2
1st Floor, Jinqiao International

Plaza. No. 50 Keji Road
科技路50号金桥国际广场1层
Hours 7:30 -- 23:30

G5 #101B Room, 1st Floor, Min Le Yuan Inner Pedestrian
民乐园万达广场室内步行街101B号
Hours 7:30 -- 23:30

Sculpting in Time
雕刻时光
J8 #28 Xianning West Road
雁塔区咸宁西路28号交大一村四舍(交大商场往西500米)
Spacious and comfortable cafe

F12 #41 ShiDa Lu, YanTa District
西安市雁塔区师大路41号2楼
Hours 08:30 -- 23:30

F12 2F, Golden Bridge Plaza, Keji Lu
高新区科技路金桥国际广场BC座2层
Hours 08:30 -- 23:30

F6 Café Ren by Sofitel
咖啡人
#319 Dongxin Street
西安索菲特人民大厦东楼一、二层
Phone: 029-8792 8888
A place brimming with the rich aroma of coffee, a wide variety of Chinese tea, delectable cakes

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Hours 9:00 -- 23:00

F12 Village Café
香村咖啡馆
#32 Shida Lu, Nearby the Shanxi Normal University
雁塔区师大路32号
Phone: 029-8522 2150
Located in the south by Wai 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: 029-8726 5599
Hours 9:30 -- 00:00

King Coffee
K 咖啡

F7 #1st Floor of Fang Hui Mansion, No. 383 East Street
东大街383号方汇大厦B1楼

F7 #52, Nan Da Jie
西安市南大街52号

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

F8 Squirrel café
松鼠家咖啡
100 meters to the west along the wall inside He Ping Men
碑林区和平门内沿城墙向西100米
Phone: 029-8752 4343
137 0023 2148
Hours 10:00 -- 22:00

F8 Back Nook Cafe
后角咖啡
100m inside Dong Shun Cheng lane, South Gate, Xi'an
西安市南门外东顺城巷内100米
Phone: 029-8725 3257
www.backnookbar.com
Hours 11:00 -- 01:00

Western

G6 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
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Hours 11:30 -15:00(L.O.14:00)
17:30 -22:00(L.O.21:15)

F5 Burger King
汉堡王
地铁二号线北大街站C出口
B1层
Phone: 8738 8321
Hours 8:00am-10:00pm

Subway
赛百味

F7 西大街店
#125 the West Street
西大街 125号, 百盛购物中心西例
Hours 7:00 -- 22:30
Phone: 029-8727 4255 (Deliver)

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
Hours 8:00 -- 22:30
Phone: 029-8557 3669 (Deliver)

F8 高新店
#17, Gaoxin 1st. Road
高新一路17号
Phone: 029-8826 9812 (Deliver)

Small World Café
小世界咖啡

H8 Heping Gate Location
90 Huancheng Nanlu
Dongduan
环城南路东段90号
Phone: 029-8122 6785
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: 029-8557 3949
Friendly dutch owned cafe serving both western and chinese food. Check out their Terracotta Warrior breakfasts.

3 Royal 3 Houses
3皇3家

F7 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
Hours 09:00 -- 23:30

G10 Northern Square Branch
Building C of Big Wild Goose Pagoda
大雁塔北广场C座
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

A9 Bonra
伏尔加俄罗斯餐厅酒吧
No.5-10201,2F, lai an yi jing shopping area, #1, tang yan lu, gaoxin district.
Phone: 029-8816 9595
Hours: 09:00-02:00

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雨花音乐餐厅
Tang Yanlu #1 wang zuo international shopping center 3F
唐延路1号旺座国际购物中心3F
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Mentally understand the fashion and keep away from modern fashion—an enjoyable life attitude in a free kingdom cross time, region and culture.

F6 Azur by Sofitel
雅奢餐厅
East Wing Lobby, Sofitel on Renmin Square
新城区东新街319号雅高人民大厦索菲特酒店东楼1
Phone: 029-8792 8888
Hours 05:30 -- 11:30

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Phone: 029-8355 0000/8333
Hours 11:30 -- 14:30
17:30 -- 00:00

G11 Bierhaus
德瑞坊
#6, Tong Yi Fang, Yan Ta West Road, Xi'an
西安雁塔区雁塔西路大唐通易坊6号
Phone: 029-8543 0602
Hours 11:30 -- 23:00

F12 Deutsches Bierhaus
德国柏龙啤酒坊
The first authentic German restaurant in Xi'an.
Deutsches Bierhaus of Hexie Square, Qujiang International Conference & Exhibition Center
西安曲江国际会展中心和谐广场E7
Phone: 029-8765 5016
Hours 10:00 -- 23:00

F7 Gate West Restaurant & Bar
喜来登登街
#262, Feng Hao East Road

莲湖区沣镐东路262号
Phone: 029-8426 1888
Hours 11:00 -- 23:00

Pizza

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L'acquolina in bocca
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F12 #5 Tai Bai Ban Road, zi wei shang ceng, 2nd, east building, shop no.20107
高新区太白南路5号紫薇尚层东2号楼20107
Phone: 029-8889 4573
Hours 11:00 -- 20:00 (Sunday off)

A9 Ke Ji road xi kou, no.18 du shi yin xiang street, ground floor, shop no.10116
高新区科技路西口都市印象街区18栋1层10116
Phone: 13363990100
Hours: 11:00 -- 21:00

Papa John's
棒约翰
G11 1st&2nd Floor, Happy Mall, Dayan Pagoda Plaza.
曲江新区大雁塔南广场东南侧新乐汇A5区1,2层
Phone: 029-8535 8732
Hours: 10:30-22:30

G5 Wanda Plaza, Min Le Yuan, Jie Fang Road.
解放路民乐园万达广场
Phone: 029-8740 2921
Hours: 10:00-22:00

B9 Bacchus Pizza
巴克斯比萨
#25 Gao Xin Road
高新路25号
Phone: 029-8821 8111
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: 029-6296 1181
Hours 10:30 -- 22:30

E3 High Fly Pizza
高飞比萨
#73 Huancheng Nan Lu
朱雀门外环城南路73号
Phone: 029-8841 0626
Hours 11:00 -- 22:00



Indian

F11 Delhi Darbar
新德里餐厅
#3 Da Tang tong Yi Fang, Yanta Xi Lu
雁塔西路大唐通易坊东头3号
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Hours 10:30 -- 23:00

G11 Cacaja
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#46 Yanta Xi Lu
雁塔西路46号
Phone: 029-85252536
Hours 11:30 -- 16:30
17:30 -- 22:30



Japanese

G12 Inimitable Restaurant
旺角创意餐厅
Japanese cuisine, BBQ; Dessert.
科技五路旺座现代城C座
Block C, wangzuo xiandai-cheng, ke ji 5 lu, Gaoxin.
Phone: 029-88785478
Hours: 11:00-14:00
17:00-21:30

E3 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: 029-87625000 ext 5800
The restaurant offers a buffet from 11:00 -2:00 pm. 50 RMB for one person, including soft drinks and beer.
Hours 11:00 -- 22:00

Advertising Hotline
136-0919-3295
Email: sales@xianease.com

Qing Du Li
青都里多国料理

J9 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

B9 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

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#319 Dongxin Jie
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17:30 -- 22:00

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E7 #26 Fen Xiang, South Avenue
南大街粉巷26号
Phone: 029-8721 8689
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 22:00

J10 C03, #18 Yanxiang Lu
雁翔路副18号C03栋
Phone: 029-87218689
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 22:00

Ajisen Ramen
味干拉面
G9 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

E7 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

F10 Huili
惠里日本料理
#1 Changan Bei Lu
长安北路1号
Phone: 029-85261888
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
18:00 -- 21:00



Chinese

B9 Bai Xing Chu Fang
百姓厨房
#6 Guangde Lu
光德路6号
Phone: 029-8831 7280
Hours 11:30 -- 21:30

G9 Ren Ren Ju
人人居
#127 Youyi Xi Lu
友谊西路127号
Phone: 029-8848 5100
Hours 9:50 -- 14:30
16:00 -- 21:30

B9 Xiang Shui Yao
湘水肴
#5 Guangde Lu, Gaoxin Er Lu
高新二路光德路5号
Phone: 029-8833 8888
Hours 10:00 -- 21:30

E10 Ding Ding Xiang
顶顶香
#527 Zhu Que Street
朱雀大街527号
Phone: 029-8522 7799
Hours 11:30 -- 14:30
17:30 -- 21:30

G9 Tibetan Fish
藏式秘汁烤鱼
200 Meters West of #323 Hospi-

tal, Jian She West Road
建设西路323医院向西200米路北
Phone: 029-8503 0543

Da Pan Ji
新疆大盘鸡餐厅
#161 Han Chen South Road
汉城南路161号
Phone: 029-8425 3959
Hours 11:00 -- 21:30

B8 Lao Pu Kao Ya
北京老铺烤鸭
#1 Laodong Bei Lu
劳动北路1号
Phone: 029-8864 5888
Hours 11:00 -- 14:30
16:00 -- 21:00



Cantonese

Grand Hong Kong
大香港鲍翅酒楼

B9 #3 Gaoxin Road
高新路三号
Phone: 029-8122 6785
Hours 7:00 -- 11:00
10:30 -- 14:30

H7 #1 middle of Huancheng
Dong Lu
环城东路中段1号
Phone: 029-8240 3688
Hours 7:00 -- 11:00
10:30 -- 14:30

Yue Zhen Xuan
粤珍轩

F6 #256 Dongxin Jie,
Xin Cheng Square
东新街256号新城广场
Phone: 029-8742 2222
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: 029-8841 1333
Hours 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 04:00



Vegetarian

G11 Tianlong Vegetarian
天龙宝素素食馆
#1 Yanta West Road
雁塔西路1号
Phone: 029-8526 6880
Hours 11:00 -- 21:00

G11 Datang Vegetarian
大唐素食坊

#5 Yanta 1st Road
雁塔一路5号207



BBQ

F9 Xiao Yang Kao Rou
小杨烤肉
#256 Jianshe Xi Lu
建设西路256号
Phone: 029-8110 1825
Hours 10:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 04:00

E6 Hui Min Jie
回民街
Near Drum Tower
鼓楼旁边



Hotpot

Hai Di Lao
海底捞

G10 #11, South of Yanta Lu
雁塔路南段11号
Phone: 029-8553 6971
Hours 10:30 -- 03:00

B9 3F, Gao Ke Buliding, #1
Gaoxin Si Lu
高新四路1号高科广场3楼
Phone: 029-8836 1337
Hours 10:30 -- 03:00

G7 Jing Fu Hua
京福华
#27 Xiguangzheng Jie
西关正街27号
Phone: 029-8862 6321
Hours 11:00 -- 22:00

H7 Wu Ming Hot-pot
吴铭火锅
#88 Jianguo Lu
建国路88号
Phone: 029-8742 7379
Hours 09:30 -- 23:00



Dessert

Baskin Robbins
芭斯罗缤

B9 1F Xinhui Buliding,
#25 Gaoxin Lu
高新路25号新汇大厦1楼
Phone: 029-8825 6863
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: 029-8765 6554
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: 029-8740 3182
Hours 09:30 -- 23:00

HaagenDazs
哈根达斯

B10 1F Ginwa Shopping
Mall, #33 Keji Lu
科技路33号世纪金花购物中心1楼
Phone: 029-8832 3135
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: 029-8765 1591
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: 029-8556 0856



Shopping

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 Television
Tower on Changan Street
电视塔东南角
B5 Northwest Hu Jia Miao
Intersection
胡家庙十字西北角

B9 Shiya Wine
世雅酒窖
2F, #10, Gaoxin 1 road, Xi'an
西安市高新一路十号二层
Phone: 029-88320102
www.shiyawine.com

E9 Korean Supermarket
韩国食品超市
#18 Xin Yuan Residential Area
Tian Tan West Road
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Phone: 029-8533 6200
13379037071
Hours 08:00 -- 21:00



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F7 Kai Yuan Shopping Mall
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#6 East Avenue next to the Bell
Tower
东大街解放市场6号
Phone: 029-8723 5340

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: 029-8720 3000
Hours 10:00 -- 22:00

Parkson Shopping Center
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G7 #1 Shang Jian Road Da
Chai Shi
尚俭路1号 大差市店

E7 Shi Dai Sheng Dian Building
West Avenue
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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

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西大街1号钟鼓楼广场
Phone: 029-87631708

G5 #55 Keji Lu
科技路55号
Phone: 029-6296 1099
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



Tea Markets

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#101 Chang Le Zhong Road
长乐中路101号

Shaanxi Qing Gong Tea Market
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Yi Wu Market, #188 Chang Le Central Road
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E10 Bai Hui Market
百汇市场
Bai Hui Market, Chang'an Central Road
长安中路 百汇市场

E15 Duo Cai Wholesale Clothing Mall
多彩服装商城
215 Chang Le West Road
长乐西路215号



Clothing Markets

Hua Dong Wholesale Clothing Market
华东服装商城

E15 Chang Le Store:
#128 Chang Le West Road
长乐西路128号

E12 Chang'an Store:
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长安南路陕西师范大学对面
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Phone: 029-8523 0026
Hours 09:00 -- 18:00

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Five Ring Outlets
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J8 South of Er Huan Dong Lu
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Health Goods

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万寿北路

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E10 #1 Keji Lu
科技路1号
Phone: 029-8822 9137

E5 Beida Jie intersection
北大街十字
Phone: 029-8721 1888



Appliance Centers

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苏宁电器

E5 #23 Lian Hu Road
莲湖路23号
Phone: 029-8731 9196
Hours 09:30 -- 19:00

E9 #40 Chang'an North Road
长安北路40号
Hours 09:30 -- 19:00
Phone: 029-8524 5844

E10 #126 Xiaozhai East Road
小寨东路126号
Hours 09:30 -- 19:00
Phone: 029-8733 9888

Guo Mei Appliance
国美电器

E5 113, Beida Jie
北大街113号
Phone: 029-8721 9521
Hours 09:30 -- 20:30

E10 1 Keji Lu
科技路1号
Phone: 029-8856 9620
Hours 09:00 -- 21:30



Furniture Markets

E11 Da Ming Gong Furniture Center
大明宫建材家具城

#180 Tai Hua Bei Road
太华北路180号
Phone: 029-8811 6666
Hours 09:30 -- 18:00

San Sen International Furniture Center
三森国际家居汇展中心
#18 Chang'an Nan Road,
Yan Ta District
长安南路18号
Phone: 029-85337891
Hours 09:00 -- 18:30

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阿姆瑞特国际家具中心
South side of the Zi Wei Tian
Yuan Residential Area
紫薇田园都市南側
Phone: 029-8569 1236
Hours 09:40 -- 17:30

E9 Macalline
红星美凯龙
#1 Taibai North Road,
Bei Lin District
碑林区太白北路1号
Phone: 029-6262 6666
Hours 09:30 -- 18:30



Antique Markets

E16 Ba Xian An Antique Market
八仙庵古玩市场
Ba Xian An, An Ren Fang, Bei Lin District
新城区安仁坊八仙庵

E8 Shu Yuan Gate
书院门
Shu Yuan Gate,
南门里书院门

E8 Xi'an Antique City
西安古玩市场
#2 Central Section of
Zhu Que Avenue
朱雀大街2号

E11 Sheng Tang Pottery Store
盛唐工艺坊
41 Da Tang Shopping Street,
Yanta West Road
雁塔西路大唐通易坊41号
Phone: 029-8525 6318
Hours 09:00 -- 22:30

E6 Bei Yuan Gate
北院门
Bei Yuan Gate,
Lian Hu District
莲湖区北院门

E6 Muslim Street
回民街
Hui Min Street,
Drum Tower Square
鼓楼广场回民街



Book Shops

E7 Belltower Bookstore
钟楼新华书店
#337 East avenue
东大街377号
Phone: 029-8721 6194

E10 Wang Bang Book City
万邦图书城
#126 Xiao Zhai East Road
小寨东路126号百隆广场一层
Phone: 029-8793 7360

E11 Zhong Shan Book Mall
中山书城
#158 Yan Ta Road, Xi'an.
雁塔西路158号
Phone: 029-8523 5456



Plant Markets

E9 Yanta Flower Market
小雁塔苗圃市场
Zhu Que Avenue
朱雀大街, 西安体育学院后
门对面



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http://blog.sina.com.cn/zuoyouke

E8 Swisstouches
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#22 Feng Hui South Road,
GaoXin District, Xian.
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#8 Chang Le Road West, Xian
西安市长乐西路8号
Phone: 029-8323 2981

Citadines
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E7 Citadines Central Xi'an
西安馨乐庭城中服务公寓
#36 Zhubashi, Beilin District, Xi'an, China

西安市碑林区竹笆市36号
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#13 Gaoxin Si Road, Hi-Tech Zone, Xi'an, China
西安市高新区高新四路13号
Phone: 029-8843 7888

J8 Citadines Xingqing Palace Xi'an
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#159 Xingqing Road, Beilin District, Xi'an, China
西安市碑林区兴庆路159号
Phone: 029-8338 0588



Spas

E9 Real Love Spa
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#38, middle of Zhuque Street.
朱雀大街中段38号
Phone: 029-8840 1234

A9 Victoria Spa
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#210 West Taoyuan, West of 2nd South Ring
南二环西段西桃园210号
Phone: 029-8428 8888

E7 Qing Jian Bathing Place
清见御所
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The Yellow River Soup Kitchen

The Yellow River Soup Kitchen is a not for profit NGO, registered in the UK. A secular organisation that is open to everybody, it is wholly run by volunteers for volunteers and as such has no overheads of any description. To learn more about The Yellow River Soup Kitchen, please check out their web site at: www.yellowrivercharity.com

Japanese Society

The Japanese Society has been in Xi'an for a number of years,

meeting once a month at various locations around the city it's open to all Japanese and Japanese speakers living, visiting, and working in Xi'an. www.xian-jpn.com/

Korean Free Paper

The Korean Free Paper is the link to the Korean population in Xi'an. The random get together and other news can all be found in their online paper. www.xasilkroad.com

Xi'an Photo and Video Club

An informal group that is concerned with capturing our experiences and making a thousand words fit into just one image. Open to all skill levels and experience. www.xianease.com/photography/

LOCAL CLUBS AND GROUPS

Hash House Harriers



Next Run: March 16th

Get all the details on our site: www.xianease.com/Hash_House_Harriers

Xi'an Book Club



Readers Meetings: March 17th

Get all the details on our site: www.xianease.com/books

Xi'an Woman's Club

Get all the details on our site: www.xianease.com/woman

Stitch & Bitch: Ladies Lunch: March 20th

Check the site for details

Photography Club



March 28th

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 #30 Ke Ji Rd (east of the Ke Ji Rd and Gao Xin Rd intersection) Inside Liren Hospital
 高新区科技路30号

10 Xi'an Gaoxin Hospital
 西安高新医院
 #16 Tuanjie Nanlu, Hi-Tech Zone
 高新区团结南路16号
 Phone: 029-8833 0116
 www.gxyy.net

6 Shaanxi Traditional Chinese Medicine Hospital
 陕西中医医院
 #2 Xi Hua Men, North Street
 Phone: 029-881 2800

10 Tianyou Children's Hospital
 西安天佑医院
 #9 Keji Road 科技路9号
 Phone: 029-8846 8888



Dentists

14 Qin Du Dentistry
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15 Si Yi da
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Medical

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 碑林区西木头市109号
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 高新区科技路创业广场A座4楼
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 Hours: 11:00 - 01:30

19 Ri Yue Tan
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 Phone: 029-8833 8586
 Hours: 11:00am - 3:00am

13 Jing ya xuan
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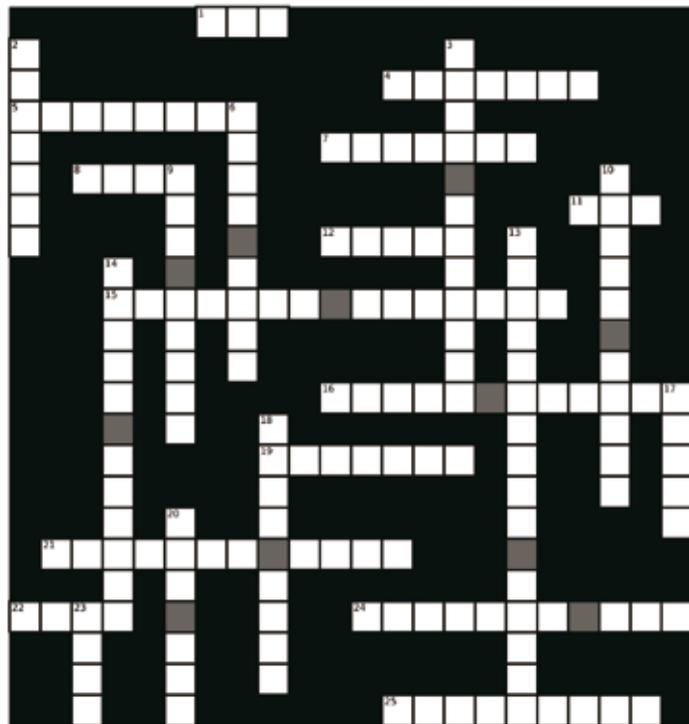
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FEBRUARY

Pub Quiz Questions



Across

1. What is Human Immunodeficiency Virus other wise known as?
4. What is the principal ingredient of guacamole?
5. Zanzibar is a semi-autonomous part of which country?
7. Superman co-creator, Joe Shuster, claimed to have based the look of the city of Metropolis on which real-life city?
8. Bowmore, Lagavulin, and Laphroig are scotch whiskies from which island?
11. What kind of animal appears on the Bacardi logo?
12. What country produces the most horse meat per year?
15. Who wrote The Jungle Book?
16. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently published his autobiography entitled what?
19. After South Africa, what African country produces the second most wine?
21. Which historical character did John Wayne play in the 1956 film, The Conqueror?
22. How many operas make up Wagner's Ring cycle?
24. During which war did Florence Nightingale become famous for her work in military hospitals?
25. In 2012, George Lucas sold his company to Disney for just over \$4 billion. What is the name of the company that he sold?

Down

2. The videotape format war of the 1980s was a period of intense competition between VHS and which other cassette format?
3. Regardless of what was depicted in Braveheart, who did William Wallace actually support as King of Scotland?
6. What perpetually unemployed British comic strip character has a wife named Flo and spends the bulk of his time at the pub?
9. In an alphabetical list of the world's national capitals, which city would appear first?
10. For which Star Wars character did James Earl Jones provide his voice?
13. What famous work of English literature is presented as a story-telling contest between a group of pilgrims on the way to the shrine of St. Thomas Becket?
14. What former WWE Champion was also the UFC Heavy-weight Champion from 2008 to 2010?
17. According to the President of Nintendo, 2013 is not the Year of the Snake... It's the year of who?
18. What Tom Clancy character has been portrayed in film by Harrison Ford, Alec Baldwin, and Ben Affleck?
20. What band released a rock opera about a deaf, dumb, and blind kid who plays pinball?
23. In 1961, the 57 megaton AN602 hydrogen bomb, the largest bomb ever detonated, was detonated by which country?

The Jan & Feb Pub Quizzes were quiet affairs as they usually are around this time of year. But that didn't stop a few teams from braving the cold, smog, and fireworks to come out and compete for the "Tower of Love". The February winning team **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** won it with just 18... surly you can do better than that! Want the answers? Head over to www.xianease.com/trivia for this month's answers

Movie Review

Article By *Daemon Klute*

Moonrise Kingdom: Finally a Good Rom/Com

While my father, brother, and I immensely enjoy his movies; my mother has never been able to warm to his style of storytelling. This movie has changed her mind. There is an endearing quality that is sometimes lacking in Wes Anderson's characters and "Moonrise Kingdom" is much more lighthearted than his usual fare.

I find the romantic comedy genre tedious to the point of nausea, but Wes Anderson has added his own touch and the genre has everything to gain from his submission. The story centers around two socially awkward youth who run away together. The characters Sam and Suzy are both troubled but find solace in their company. It is a story about young love and the possibilities that an idealistic first romance can bring.

While the main characters of Sam and Suzy are central to the movie, the supporting cast is what truly makes this movie wonderful. Edward Norton as the bumbling scout leader, Bruce Willis as the small town and lovelorn policeman, Bill Murray and Frances McDormand as Suzy's eccentric parent's walking through the last stages of a failing marriage, and a special appearance by Harvey Keitel as the scout commander.

While often fantastical in the excessive personalities his characters have, there always exists a believability in them. The viewer can



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see these traits in people around them or sometimes, in themselves. "Moonrise Kingdom" is a story most of us know, even if we never lived out our own young love, as it has been told a thousand times by a thousand storytellers. Why this one is special is because it is done in a Wes Anderson style, making it one of the only romantic movies I have ever found myself enjoying.

Book Review

Article By *Fraser Stewart and Xi'an Book Club*

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress

"Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" is set in Sichuan province, China in 1971, during the Chinese cultural revolution. The story takes place in a remote mountain village on a mountain named "The Phoenix of the Sky". It is here that two teenage boys, our narrator (who goes unnamed throughout the book) and his friend Luo have been sent for "re-education", as they are regarded as intellectuals by the Communist state. Both the boys' parents are labelled as "class enemies". Our narrator's parents are both doctors and Luo's father is a famous dentist, since he treated Mao Zedong's teeth. As a result, the chances that the boys will ever be released from re-education and allowed to return to the city life that they grew up in are three in one thousand.

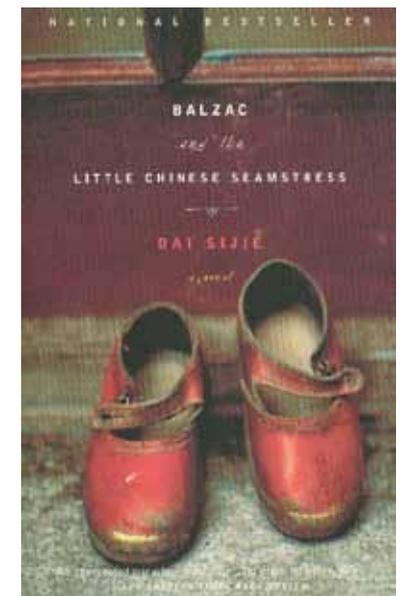
The story follows the boys' lives trying to survive the extreme hardship that they now find themselves in, and how they must adapt to their new environment. We learn of the dangers they face working in the coal mines, to the disgusting job of carrying human and animal excrement up and down the mountain. When Luo needs his clothes refitted, the boys go to another village on the mountain to meet the local tailor, who is supposedly the most well travelled man in the region. It is here that they encounter the tailor's daughter "the little seamstress", as she is known for the

entirety of the book. Both boys are captivated by her beauty, and Luo, who forms a romantic relationship with her, takes it upon himself to educate her, by reading her banned books.

This was an extremely interesting read. I felt that I was learning first hand what life was like under Mao Zedong. The author himself had to go through re-education from 1971-1974, and I felt that much of what was in this book came from his own personal experience. I just became totally immersed in it, and was able to feel sympathy for the characters and their plight.

It is not a very long book, only 180 pages or so, which means it can be read in a single afternoon or evening. I think this is a good thing, for people who don't get a lot of time for reading. You can read it each morning on the way to work, or during your lunch break, and be finished within a week.

I personally, loved this title. I was just totally drawn into it from page one. I felt concerned when the narrator tells us about the extremely dangerous path that Luo takes to see the little seamstress. I felt bad for the narrator because the seamstress chose Luo over him, and I felt angry towards the people that were making their lives so terrible. The author held onto me from the start, and never let go.



I would recommend this book to everybody, whether you are interested in China or not, but especially if you are interested in China. This was a truly memorable read.

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T42	Xian	18:42	Beijing West	06:22
Z20	Xian	20:16	Beijing West	07:17
T45/T44	Xian	20:34	Beijing West	07:40
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K5	Xian	13:20	Chengdu	05:25
K696/K697	Xian	13:32	Chengdu	06:03
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K698/K695	Xian	11:19	Shanghai	09:14
Z94/Z91	Xian	17:00	Shanghai	06:42
K559/K558	Xian	17:24	Shanghai	15:49
T140/T137	Xian	19:50	Shanghai	12:02
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