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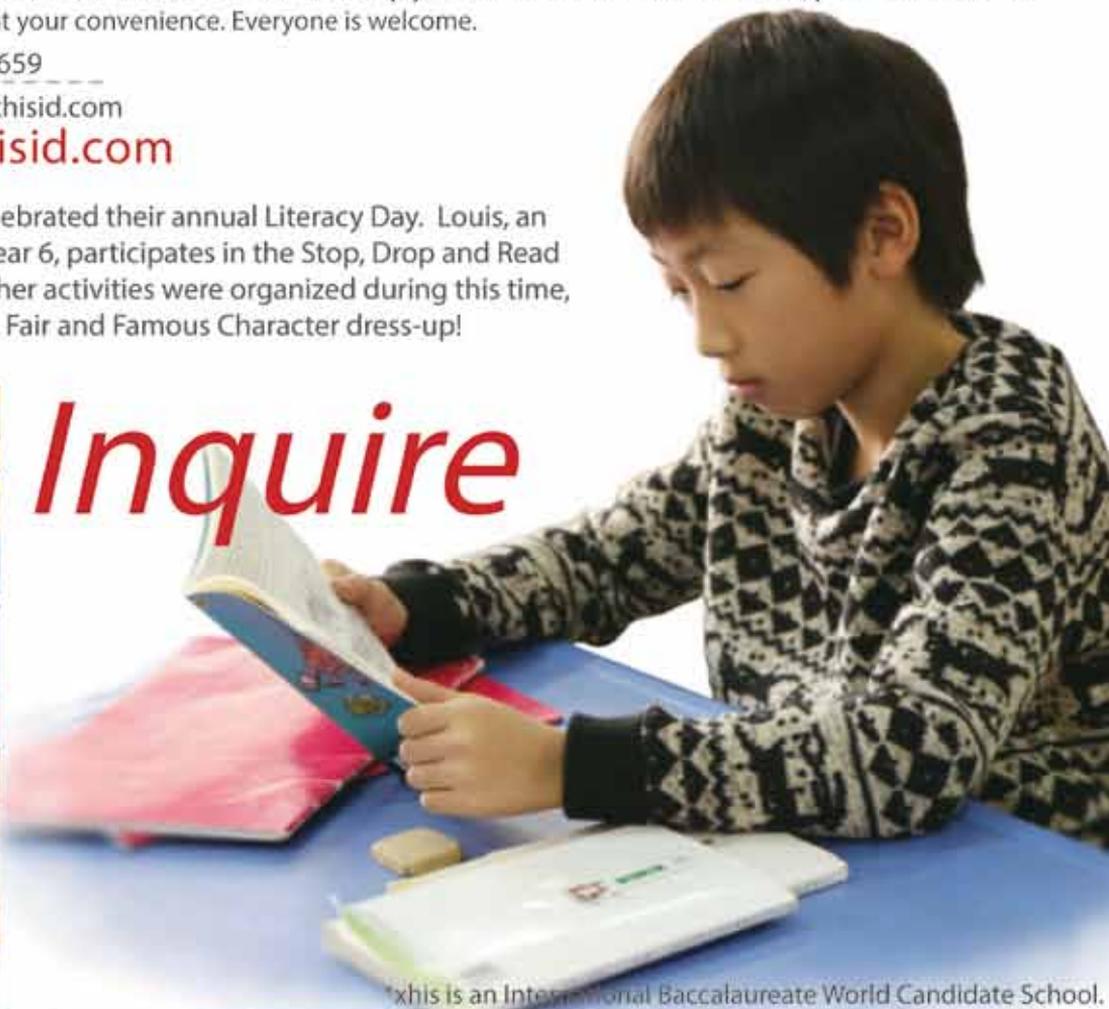
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Recently, xhis celebrated their annual Literacy Day. Louis, an xhis student in Year 6, participates in the Stop, Drop and Read activity. Many other activities were organized during this time, including a Book Fair and Famous Character dress-up!

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Fun for the whole family the Hash Runs are more about meeting new people than running so no matter if you want to run the lot or just walk and talk there is a place for you!

Time: Meet at **3:00pm** run at **3:30pm**

Place: Drum Tower Park (the park on Xi Da Jie just next to the Drum Tower)



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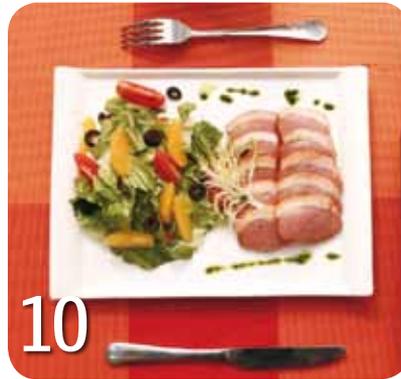
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

All,

It's after our deadline yet here I sit writing the Letter from the Editor – while that isn't something new, finding me at a loss for words is. Last night I was about halfway through this letter when I realized it was wrong, the content wasn't incorrect but what I was saying wasn't what I SHOULD have been talking about. Yet it was that now deleted article that led me to realize what has been floating in the back on my mind for the past few days.

Once this realization hit me I sat and stared at this blank screen for a long while yet a proper beginning never presented itself and so here I am free drifting hoping that it starts on its own.

What I want to write about is Time, not as a metaphor but as a fleeting entity so often slipping through our grip. About two weeks ago my only Uncle passed away. He was a man bigger than life, and a mentor to myself as well as many others in the community. He was a former US Marine that fed me "war" stories anytime we were gathered around a table, which was quite often. He is the reason that not only me but one of my cousins joined the Marines and changed our lives.

He was the man to go to when you had an issue - there were no mincing words or worrying about hurt feelings, with him it was always, "do the right thing and accept the consequences." He was neither a religious man nor particularly savvy in business but it was an odd evening that didn't see someone sitting over a cup of coffee at his kitchen table asking for advice.

The day they took him off life support because part of his heart had failed they expected him to live for a few hours...he stuck around for three more days talking, laughing and comforting those in the room all the while in extreme pain but never showing it. That was the kind of man he was - a man who lived each day, who helped, pushed and pulled those around him into being better versions of themselves. He was a true giver.

I didn't get to go to the funeral but I was told that it was a very large gathering with military honors and even the mayor of our small community coming out to pay respects. I was sent a picture of his grave laden with flowers and a wreath but what caught my eye was the headstone and the two dates 1947 – 2014, yet what mattered to everyone weren't the dates but rather the small dash in the middle. It summed up the man he was and the people he impacted.

It is that dash that in the end will sum up everything we are, everything we do - how will you leave that dash, who will be there to lay a flower upon your stone and what will it all mean? So often I get bogged down in deadlines and meetings that I lose sight of that. That dash is THE big picture no matter what we do with it.

My Uncle was the tallest man in our family, he loved cold coffee and bad jokes. He

never had much money but he always had a smile. His hugs could keep you warm for days after and his advice was above reproach. If the dash on my headstone has even half the impact as his I will consider myself a success.

What will you do with your dash?

Sincerely,

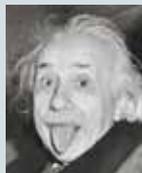
The Editor-in-Chief

Pub Quiz

The holidays are past and the new year is already well underway, this is about the time when everyone once again buries their heads in work and waits for it to get warmer...Well times flies when you're having fun right? Head on out to the March pub quiz at **Belgian Bar** to tickle your brain and excite your senses as **Trivia Master Phil** once again lays them out for you to play them out. It's always a good time that shouldn't be missed!

Date: **March 19th**
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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and join us on Weixin!

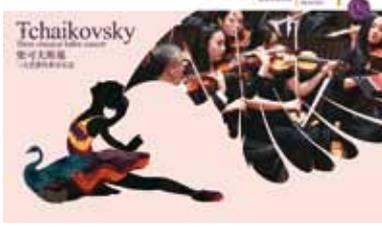
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Concert

Tchaikovsky
Three classical ballet concert
柴可夫斯基
三大芭蕾经典音乐会

Time: 7:30pm
Location: Xi'an Concert Hall
曲江新区雁南一路
Tel: 400-611-9169
Tickets: 90-150 RMB



MAR 14, 21

Swing March

A celebration of all things Jazz at Jazz Bar
Shows every Friday and Saturday from
Time: 10pm until Midnight

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Grand Finale on the 21st

There's strict dress code for all the theme nights so guests are advised to come dressed to the nines.

Hope to see you there on any of the nights.

Location: Bei lin qu fen xiang yu da che jia xiang jiao hui chu 3F.
西安市碑林区粉巷与大车家巷交汇处3F
Tel: 029-8737 8605 13991974369



MAR 9



Cooking party (Cost 30RMB)

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중국 요리 파티

Make local dishes and learn Chinese!
Have fun with us!

* Limit of 8 people, Please call in advance to make a reservation

Time: 3:00PM
Location: #174 Yannan 1st Road, Building 1, Room 1101, Hanlinshijia, Yanta District(Check Xianease Map F11)
(Check Xianease Map)
Tel: 15332325200 / 13289373809

Concert



法国EPSYLON 爱普西隆乐队演唱会

Time: 3:00pm
Location: Xi'an Concert Hall
曲江新区雁南一路
Tel: 400-611-9169 **Tickets:** 90-150 RMB



MARCH 15



Concert

Dalian Deep House Underground presents a night of DEEP HOUSE @ Mexico

Time: 8:00pm until LATE
Location: Mexico (Inside the city wall park a bit north of the South-West corner of the wall. 墨西哥餐吧天品西路南段1号环城西苑公园内天品西岸酒吧街21号)

Drink Specials all Night



MAR 30



Free demo class

How to prepare the HSK level 5 or level 6?
Come and learn Chinese with us!

* Limit of 8 people, Please call in advance to make a reservation

Time: 2:00PM
Location: #174 Yannan 1st Road, Building 1, Room 1101, Hanlinshijia, Yanta District(Check Xianease Map F11)
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Tel: 15332325200 / 13289373809



Ultimate Frisbee

Match: 3:00pm – 7:00pm (every Sunday)

Location: Xi'an Jiao Tong University of Finance and Economics(西安交通大学财经学院), just next to the 纬二街(Wei Er Jie) bus stop.

After the match we have dinner and sometimes out to KTV

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If you're shy you could also email me at wuyikai123@qq.com

MARCH EVERY SATURDAY

Toastmasters

Date: Every Saturday **Time:** 2:30pm

Location: CII Educational International Building

Get all the information at: www.xatmc.org



MARCH 12

Wednesday

Queen OR King of the Table Pool Tourney

Time: 8:00pm **Location:** Demon Bar

The second Wednesday of every month.



MARCH 15

Saturday

Hash House Harriers

Time: Meet at 3:00pm run at 3:30pm

Place: Drum Tower Park (the park on Xi Da Jie just next to the Drum Tower)

FREE BELGIAN BEER!!!

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



MARCH 19

Wednesday

Belgian Bar and Xianease Monthly Pub Quiz

Beer and Trivia
What more could you ask for?

Time: 9:30pm **Location:** Belgian Bar



Ladies Lunch

Time: 12:30pm

Location: LeBan Bakery

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



MARCH 23

Sunday

Xi'an Book Club Readers Meeting

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Venue: Echo Park Book Bar (Hui Yin Gong Yuan), No.15 (in the yard beside TIME COFFEE), Defu alley, South Gate

(南门里, 德福巷15号院内, 回音公园书吧(厢子庙北侧, 粉巷南侧, 时光咖啡旁边院内))

Book(s):

The Giver by Lois Lowry & Daddy-long-legs by Jean Webster

Phone: 18092060467 (Jean)

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Bar Reviews



Berlin Café 柏林咖啡

Article By **Stephen Robinson**

Nestled away near the gate to Beilin is a small coffee shop that goes by the name of Berlin Cafe. Glass-walled, the first thing you notice entering is the large parrot taking up permanent residence there. After petting the bird (be careful, he bites), grab a seat at one of the few tables available. Perusing the menu, there are several options available, whether you prefer coffee or tea, cold or hot. For my visit, I chose to try the Café Affogato and the South African Vanilla Red Tea. The red tea was very nice, and it came with short bread cookies which complimented the tea nicely. The coffee, made with Julius Meinl coffee beans, was also good, topped with whipped cream and chocolate syrup.

The menu also lists several different types of food available including sandwiches and waffles. My first selection, waffles with strawberries, was not available because the strawberries were out of stock, but my second selection, waffles with ice cream, was available, so I dug in as soon as it arrived. It was actually quite good.

Overall, the cafe was decent. The drinks were good and the food adequate, the selection, when available, quite good. If you happen to be in the area and want a good coffee and a place to sit, Berlin Cafe will certainly serve that purpose.

Pros: coffee and tea drinks

Cons: size of the cafe, service speed

Average Price per person /人均消费:

Coffee Only: **35RMB**/person

Coffee and Food **100RMB**/person

Address /地址: Northeast of east gate of Beilin Museum
(西安市碑林博物馆东门东北侧)

Tel /电话: 139-9113-0909

Hours /时间: 10:00pm - 2:00am



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Tattoo Bar 腰斩刺青主题酒吧

Article By *Tim King*

Ever since I've been here, the South Gate area has had a reputation as a bastion of foreigner drinking habits. Park Qin and Belgian Bar are obvious mainstays, but often left out of the conversation are the bars along the wall just east of Belgian, the more intimate bars with just a few tables.

Tattoo Bar is one of these bars, opened about six months ago right next to Strawberry Ass. Owned by some tattoo artists, you unfortunately won't get that giant back piece of a panda wearing a LeiFeng hat and dancing Gangnam Style you've been wanting (you'll have to go to their actual shop for that), but what you will get is a cozy bar with a nice vibe to it. The gray brick Xi'anese walls, the motorcycle near the entrance, the shelves lined with tchotchkes, and the reruns of Miami Ink sound like a weird mash up of sensibilities, but it actually works—the bar feels lived in and loved. Even when it's empty, it feels like home. That's not to say it's always empty; Tattoo can heat up on the weekends. It may be a smaller place, but you and some friends could easily fit yourselves in if you come early enough.

Another advantage to Tattoo is that you won't go broke after a few drinks. There are too many bars in Xi'an that price their alcohol like it comes in crystal bottles, and the reasonable prices for Tattoo's thorough selection of beer and liquor is a great change of pace. You can share a fifth of whiskey, or you can pray for sunshine with a bottle of Co-

rona. Whatever you're in the mood for, you can find something on the menu to match.

From my experience, Tattoo seems like a great all-around bar. It has the potential to be a quiet hideaway one night, and a pretty good party the next, and it does either well without trying too hard. That relaxed attitude makes it a rarity in this town and it's definitely worth a visit the next time you're in the area.

Pro: It's near anywhere you were thinking about going tonight so you should just go already

Con: It can be easy to miss Tattoo Bar if you're too busy giggling at "Strawberry Ass", the name of the neighboring bar; if you don't like Miami Ink, just try not to watch the TV while you're there

Average Price per drink /人均消费: **20-30RMB**

Address /地址: bei lin qu shun cheng nan lu #21

(碑林区顺城南路中段21号)

Tel /电话: 153-8464-3973

Hours /时间: 6:00pm - 2:00am

Tim King is a American expat and a source of mild anxiety for bar owners around Xi'an. When he's not making out with glasses of whiskey, he spends his time teaching English. Tim can be reached via email at reviews@xianease.com

Restaurant Reviews

Amici 阿米奇西餐



Article By *Suzette Buxmann and Gail Matalicia*



阿米奇西餐厅介绍

阿米奇餐厅是以意大利菜肴为主的复合式休闲西餐厅，餐厅服务理念着重于“欢乐，健康，自然，美味”，体现温馨和谐的用餐氛围。

餐厅一层设计理念以家庭式为主，色彩上以暖色调为主线，墙体彩绘富于浓郁的意大利风情，凸显“Amici”风格元素。

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We first heard of Amici from some friends who were going to a taste testing at a new Italian restaurant, owned by some of their Chinese friends, and invited us to join them. It was love at first taste! Since then we have become loyal patrons and willing slaves to the deliciousness that is Amici!

When you first walk into Amici you are welcomed immediately by the owners – if they can beat you to the door to open it, they will! The owners, by the way, speak English, so no problems with lost in translation! The restaurant, which is warm and welcoming, has two floors, our favourite definitely being the first floor because covering one of the walls is a beautiful Venice scene, painted by local expat artist Nick Thompson – it really adds to the atmosphere.

This visit we decided to taste things we hadn't ordered before (amongst those we've had: steak – delicious, lamb chops – divine), and so from the extensive menu (which will be changing soon – Erwin is constantly testing new

dishes and gauging reactions about existing menu items – the inside scoop features lasagne and calzones on the list!) we chose the bruschetta, and the stuffed baked potato with bacon for our starters.

The bruschetta, toasted French bread slices topped with cheese, tomato and prosciutto, drizzled with an amazing dressing was sooo good! Just a friendly warning though, it's a messy eat, so if you are on a date and wanting to impress with your impeccable table manners, don't order this! The stuffed bake potato was almost as good – a creamy filling in the middle of the potato made for a delicious appetizer. Onto the mains, we ordered the Hawaiian pizza and the squid ink pasta. The pizza – the best we've had so far in Xi'an – perfect crust and perfect toppings. Squid ink pasta is just what it sounds like – pasta infused with squid ink – served with fish, shrimp, mussels and another shell fish, the name of which eludes us; gives just the right taste of sea. We should probably mention that we'd opted for cocktails this time as we'd already tasted a few of



the really good wines on the menu. The Pina Colada was perfect – just like a Pina Colada should taste and the Long Island Iced Tea: potent!

Having already had an elegant sufficiency, we probably should have stopped there, but couldn't resist ordering dessert: cheese cake (divine) and warm coconut milk with tapioca – we do think there should be more tapioca beads, but it was awesome nonetheless. We rolled out of the restaurant thoroughly satisfied.

Something we feel we should mention is that Erwin has done his green bit and the kitchen has an air filter on the extractor fan system, and the dish washing sink filters oil which is then sent away for recycling.

Oh... they also do take away pizza and are currently delivering within a 2km radius.

All in all we love Amici and we totally recommend it to anyone craving a bit of the west!

Pros: The food, the staff, excellent service!

Cons: Sadly no cheese sauce on the menu! The lighting could be dimmer for extra ambience, but you'll probably forget anyway once you start digging in!

Our recommendation:

The lamb chops (tastes just like home)!



Reviews

Suzette and Gail are both English teachers in Xi'an – Suzette has been in Xi'an for 2 years and is from sunny South Africa and Gail has been in China for a year and a half (6 months of that has been in Xi'an) and comes from the UK. Suzette can be contacted via email suzetteb@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 Hours /时间: 10:00am - 10:00pm

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The Westin XIAN - Sunday Brunch

西安威斯汀大酒店周末早午餐



“It’s not quite breakfast, it’s not quite lunch”

Article By *Emmet Hadfield*



In his attempt to seduce Marge Simpson, a bowler by the name of Jacques flaunted the French tradition of seduction with the most perfect of meal choices and he would doubtlessly be besotted with the Westin’s new brunch buffet. “It’s not quite breakfast, it’s not quite lunch but it comes with a slice of cantaloupe at the end”. Jacques was underselling Brunch.

Prepared in one of their two restaurants, the buffet offers a flood of classic food, beautifully prepared which has one salivating at the mere sight of it. The immense variety impresses the tongue but petrifies the stomach. A cold seafood bar with crab legs the size of a crab opposite a Japanese Sushi and sashimi bar which pumps out an endless supply of carefully nuanced sushi and sashimi. The pan fried scallops somehow manage to defy Xian’s location tasting as fresh as anything I’ve tasted in Dublin, somehow locking in a slight flavor reminiscent of the sea from which they came.

They have a cavalcade of other selections from all over the world including three different Indian curries, wonderful pasta dishes, Lyonnais potatoes and succulent Teppanyaki steak which is delivered to your table while you’re enjoying one of their wonderfully unique custom cocktails (non-alcoholic for those of you wondering about the moral implications of drinking at 11). The only real disappointments in this feast were the simpler foods, the pizza was debatably pizza while the noodles and rice lacked the flavor of the three A.M. variety, but most patrons will probably be avoiding those anyway in favor of the more lavish options so it’s probably a moot point.

The atmosphere is world class. The Westin has somehow managed to pull off the impossible task of making the restaurant kid-friendly without attracting the ire of couples. I barely noticed there were any children there until I saw the mini-crèche. The layout is delightful with the coup de grass being the dessert section which is worthy of

a King's court. The macaroons come in over ten different flavors, each of which is only improved by the chocolate fountain and the presentation of the different cakes and pastries is only bettered by their richness and punch which can be complemented by Haagn Dazs for those of a similar mindset to me.

I couldn't recommend the Westin Brunch enough, the only real downside being the price. It's the rare buffet that tastes better than it looks.

50% discount for March (exclusive Champagne)



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咕佬肉



Ingredients 材料:

- 300g Pork Loin (猪里脊肉)
- 50g Pineapples (peeled) (菠萝)
- 2 Tablespoons Sugar (糖)
- 2 Tablespoons Tomato Paste (番茄汁)
- 2 Tablespoons Ketchup (番茄酱)
- 2 Eggs (鸡蛋)
- White vinegar (白醋)
- Corn starch (玉米淀粉)
- Oil (油)
- Garlic (大蒜)



Chef Radi Tip 厨师建议:

To make this dish look more colorful, add red and green capsicum cut into little diamond shapes, deep fry with the oil you used for the pork, and sprinkle sesame on top of the dish

为了使菜肴看起来更漂亮可以加一些炒红辣椒和绿辣椒，再放一些芝麻

Preparation 做法:

1) Cut the meat and pineapple into 1.5cm cubes and set aside separately

(肉和菠萝切成1.5里面小块分开放备用)

2) In a bowl mix the cornstarch with the two eggs and a little bit of oil - beat until the mixtures becomes a semi liquid batter

(碗中放入玉米淀粉，2个鸡蛋和少许油，搅拌均匀成糊状)

3) In another bowl mix the ketchup, tomato paste, vinegar, sugar and pinch of salt

(另一个碗放入番茄酱，番茄汁，白醋，糖和盐拌匀)

4) Season the pork loin with salt and a dash of soy sauce and place into the batter

(里脊肉用盐和酱油腌制好后放入上面搅拌好的玉米淀粉中)

5) Heat up a large pot with oil to 170 – 180°C (or a deep

fat fryer if you have), and deep fry until it becomes golden in color

(油锅烧至170– 180°C放入里脊肉炸至金黄)

6) Place the meat on a plate with paper towel to absorb the excess oil

(把肉盛出放在吸油纸上吸掉多余的油)

7) Heat up a pan with a little oil and sautee the chopped garlic slightly, pour in the sweet and sour sauce (add water if it's too thick and cornstarch if too thin)

(锅烧热后放入油爆香大蒜，倒入糖醋汁(如果太稠可兑水，如果太稀兑少许淀粉))

8) Bring to a boil, add the pineapple and pork pieces and bring once more to a boil

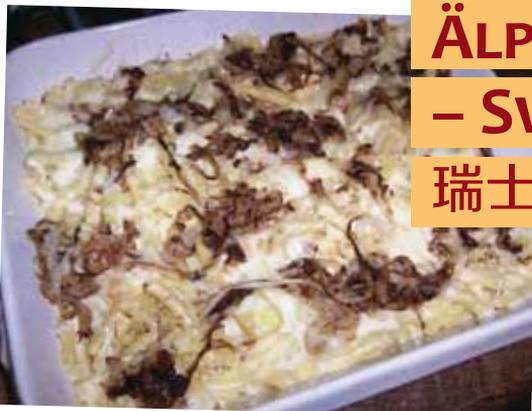
(烧开后加入肉和菠萝，煮开即可)

9) Serve immediately (装盘)

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瑞士阿尔卑斯山通心粉



Ingredients 材料:

- **400g** Penne Pasta (意大利通心面)
- **4** Medium Sized Potatoes (土豆)
- **2** Large Onions (洋葱)
- **200g** Bacon or Parma Ham (培根或帕尔马香肠)
- **150g** Grated Parmesan cheese (REAL Swiss cheese is better but difficult to find in Xi'an) (巴马干酪)
- **200ml** Heavy Cream (奶油)
- **100ml** Milk (牛奶)
- **Butter** (黄油)

Radi is from Switzerland and has lived in Xian for over three years. He is the chef in a international five star hotel. If you have any questions or comments or request, you can reach him under radi@xianease.com

Preparation 做法:

- 1) Peel the potatoes and cut into 1 cm cubes (土豆削皮切成1里面方块)
- 2) Cut the bacon into small cubes and sauté for 5 minutes (培根切成小块用盐腌制5分钟)
- 3) Bring a large pot with salted water and the potato cubes to a boil (锅中放入盐水下入土豆煮一会)
- 4) After 10 minutes add the penne to the pot and boil both until tender, drain into a colander (10分钟后放入通心面和土豆一起煮直到变软, 捞出后滤干)
- 5) Transfer the penne with the potatoes to a baking pan and mix in the bacon (把通心面, 土豆, 培根一起放在一个烤盘内)
- 6) Sprinkle cheese and flaked butter over the mixture (上面撒上干酪和黄油片)
- 7) In a separate pan bring the milk and cream together to a boil and pour over the mixture (另用一个锅把牛奶和奶油放在一起烧开, 浇在烤盘上)
- 8) Bake in the oven at 200°C for about 15 – 20 minutes (烤箱200度烤制15-20分钟)
- 9) Slice the onions into strips and slowly fry them until golden brown (洋葱切条慢炸直到金黄)
- 10) Sprinkle the onions over the mixture right before serving (上桌前把洋葱撒在上面)

Xi'an Green Land Century Square (西安绿地世纪广场)

TAO JIE (饕界)

Article by *Jessica and XIANEASE*

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Last year Samsung completed the initial construction of its multi-billion dollar complex in Gaoxin and since that time an ever growing Korean community has been creating its own niche area bringing the best of Korean food, entertainment and culture to a small corner of southern Xi'an. To tell the truth I have actually been looking for the elusive Han Guo Cheng (Korean Town) for about the past six months but was unsuccessful in locating it. Recently though a few of my friends stumbled upon a large

area of Korean restaurants, signs, and snack shops. Located around the Greenland Century City in the southwest of Gaoxin it's just outside the south third ring road.

The first time I went there it was a few months ago and there weren't many people around. Only a few folks had discovered the area and it first struck me to write an article for Xi-anease to introduce it for everyone. There were restaurants open but just a handful of those had people inside,

which kind of advertised the quality of each place. Though its name is "Korean Town" at that time it was actually more of a Korean food street with several decent restaurants, bars and cafes (plus some other interesting things I have yet to discover) all along Jin Ye Road. As time passed more and more places opened up, with a wider variety of places and shops, what was once a small Korean Food Street is now starting to grow to fill its name and become a true Korean Town.



Besides places to eat there are also many small shops like grocery stores, fruit markets, specialty stores and so on. Keep in mind though that all of them have Korean character on their shop front it doesn't necessarily mean they sell Korean stuff or are owned by Koreans. Never fear though, with a little looking you will be able to find at least two Korean supermarkets selling imported Korean goods. They sell milk, noodles, sweets, housewares, books, newspapers, and more all from Korea. Poke around in a few places and you'll find the ones that are actually Korean and which are not.

Besides those shops on the first floor, there are also more places opening upstairs. On the west-side of Jin Ye Road there is a tiny but delightful Korean style pool hall that is just finishing decorating. There are other shops still under construction that I couldn't figure out what they will be yet but I hope that whatever they are they will be authentic and interesting.

The most popular restaurant in the area is actually not Korean at all, called MIWU Factory Restaurant it is a decent and well decorated Western restaurant. The extent of its popularity can also be showed by the number of people waiting for tables at peak

hours. Going with its name the entire interior design and atmosphere follow the concept of a food factory. Though it's not a very spacious place, it offers comfort and ease. Though the design is a bit "unique" the food here is very good. If you are like me and a BIG fan of pizza, spaghetti and waffles you'll want to have an infinitely large stomach so that you can taste everything. They do have specialties such as their signature combination pizza, ice cream waffles, and something called Pane which is spaghetti inside a loaf of bread.

Additionally, there are a few cafes and coffee shops both locally opened

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and international brands with a Starbucks opening in early Spring. If you're more of a night owl there is at least one high class pub already opened and a night club in the works.

Say you came to Korea Town for...well Korean Food (well this is obviously the place) there are plenty of options available to you with quite a few actually opened by Koreans, which I believe must be much more authentic. I went to the Korean restaurant just beside MIWU Factory restaurant. It was one of the first restaurants opened in the area by a Korean woman that has lived in Xi'an for quite a while. She created it with both a casual main room dining as well as separate rooms with traditional Korean seating. While there I tried their bibimbap and topokki – both of which were great and had a wonderful conversation with the owner.



Overall Korean Town is growing, and so is its popularity. Where the restaurants used to be empty they are now filling up just like the streets themselves. While it still might be growing and forming, Korean Town is a great find and a great place to see how multicultural Xi'an is actually becoming.

Unfortunately it isn't located close to anything really but never fear because there is a bus station nearby, hop on bus 608 or 709. And they will drop you off right there! One benefit of it being a bit far away and not downtown is that there are less people hanging around, so it's always easy to catch a cab home!





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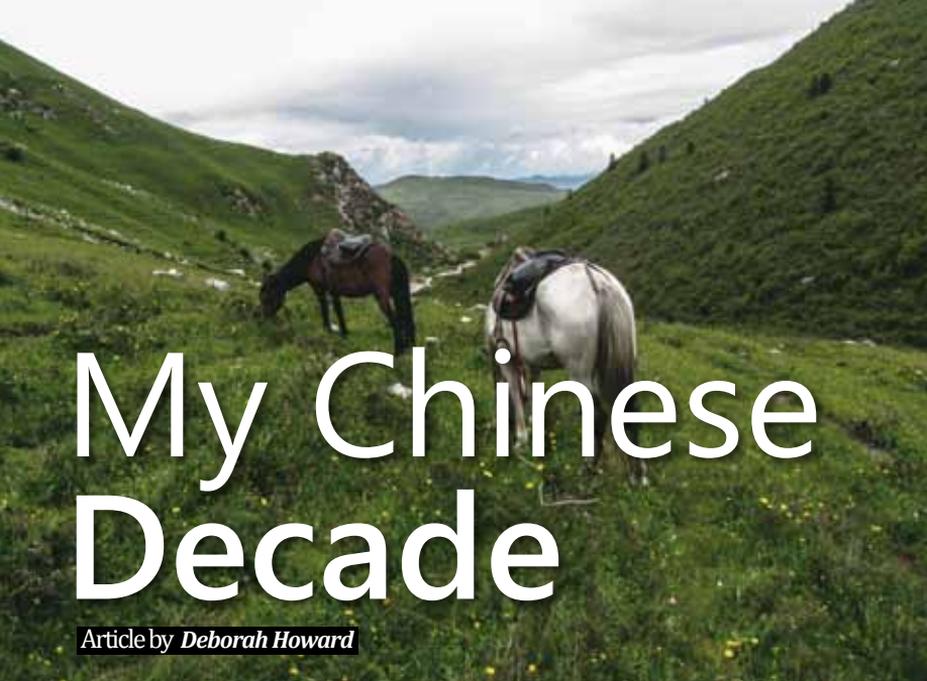
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My Chinese Decade

Article by *Deborah Howard*



One suitcase and a backpack, that's what I arrived with. And in 10 days the packers will come to box 4 cubic metres of my stuff to send back to Australia. What happened? This time 10 years ago I was figuring out what to pack for my 12 month adventure in China. My household furniture was headed for storage, and friends were babysitting special pieces, paintings and electronics for me. My colleagues were giving me 'See you in 12 months' parties and my family was planning on visiting me.

How did a planned 1 year leave of absence from work turn into 10 years of living, working and travelling in China? I fell in love. Not with a person, but a country, with a culture, with a lifestyle so different from what I had been living.

I've heard many stories about foreigners having 'bad China days', but can honestly say I've had a few 'bad China minutes' rather than days, and I'm not sure all of them together would add up to a day.

I was lucky to begin with, because I had a Chinese friend living in Xi'an who immediately introduced me to her friends, so as well as making some wonderful friends from many other countries, I was given a quick and easy entry into 'normal' Chinese life. I found friendships in China are very different. Age and gender are pretty irrelevant when you are a stranger in a strange land, so I was able to make friends and hangout with people who, back home, would probably not have looked at me twice as a friend. My Chinese friends are all around the ages of my daughters, and made sure I joined all of their activities –

although even they gave up on karaoke after they heard me sing once or twice! I was encouraged to dance instead.

Adventure was what I came for and adventures I was determined to have, so one of my first big trips was to Lhasa and Mt. Everest – Chomolangma. This was with 5 other foreigners, but 3 of them were visiting from Oz, so in effect I was tour leader and liaison between them and our Chinese guide. But after that, I headed off on my own. I loved the 'wild places' and travelled to Lake Kanas in far north west Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia, as far west as possible in Tibet, following the border round from Lhasa to Ali, Kashgar and then Urumqi. South I headed to Beihai, peering across the sea to see Vietnam. In Jinghong, I enjoyed being a participant in a Dai wedding. Horse trekking has been a regular holiday choice for me in Gansu/Sichuan, and camel trekking in Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang have added to my bumps and bruises. China is a fabulous place to travel, and getting off the beaten track is even better. Cities... not so exciting to me. I've had at least one trip a year to Beijing, as well as a couple to Shanghai and Shenzhen... and I'm definitely not a city girl. Give me the mountain villages in Guangxi or Guizhou any day.

What has China given me? Certainly new ways of looking at the world. New ways of finding and being friends; space and time to develop other interests and passions. I now watch movies from all round the world – so what if I have to read subtitles? – introduced to me by friends from all round the world. My music collection has become really eclectic. I eat pretty much anything and find it safer not to ask what it is. I've appeared in TV commercials (unheard of back home...), been invited to all sorts of events: been a guest at about 15 weddings – Dai, Tibetan, Han; village weddings, big city weddings. All

celebrating love and happiness.

In China I developed my passion for photography, firstly as a way of showing family and friends back home what I was experiencing and then later as a way of recording and understanding a rapidly changing China. I now have well over 100,000 photographs on my numerous hard disks, and still add to them daily. China has not become boring with the passing of days. The sword and fan dance ladies practicing early in the morning still interest me, the old man writing calligraphy on the cement, the babies with their split pants, the students repeating, repeating, repeating their textbooks in the garden of a morning... all still fascinating.



Why am I leaving? Such a good question! There are days when I'm not sure why; days when I wish I wasn't; days when thinking about it makes me cry. But then I get a Skype call from home and my heart gets pulled into Australia and I need to follow it. So to make leaving easier I have created a list of all the good things to go to – family and friends, blue sky, stars at night, FRESH shellfish, salads, safe road crossings, my car, kittens that are waiting for me, being able to read every packet on the shelves in the supermarket, watching SBS news for 'real' news, challenging myself with a new job, drinking water

from the tap, not needing to take tissues to the bathrooms in shopping centres.... These are all little fingers beckoning me.

Then there is the list of reasons to leave: go while I still love it and see being in China as an amazing adventure, go before the politics drives me nuts, go while I still have good lungs, go before the food poisons me, go out on a high, go while I still want to come back.

I've promised friends I will come back for their weddings – although I hope



they organise them with enough time for me to save up between them! The next couple of weeks will be a messy mix of highs and lows, of excitement and sadness, of parties and dinners, of goodbyes and plans for the future.

China has given me so much, and I will always be grateful for the wonderful friends I've made here, for the adventures and for changes that it created in me.

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AT HOME IN CHINA

在中国的家

SQUARE PEGS IN ROUND HOLES

Article by *Carolyn*

Some years ago I had a conversation with a 89 year old English woman who lived in a rambling house on the outskirts of Kyoto. Lily Hamada had moved to Japan in 1915 when she was 21. “When I told my family I was going they were horrified,” she said to me, “however will you fit in they wanted to know and I told them I had no intention of fitting in, being accepted for who I was would be quite enough for me.”

Our first two months in the village were hard and I thought about what Lily had said many times. Local habits and customs came as a shock and my sensitive European values were getting rattled like castanets. The lack of facilities, the food, the animal husbandry; it was all rather alarming and I often felt lost. For quite a while I couldn't even decide if I liked our landlords Pan and Wan or for that matter if they liked us. In retrospect, neither was particularly sociable and someone like Wan would be a tough turkey in any culture. But in view of how we'd arrived on their doorstep accompanied by our flock of officials, they'd never had a chance to refuse us even if they'd wanted to.

We enjoyed a brief honeymoon period before the criticism began. We did ours behind their backs; they did theirs to our faces. I'll concentrate on theirs; we didn't dress our daughter warmly enough, gave her too much money (1.5 Yuan per day), permitted her too much free expression and pressed her to eat

our bland vegetables when what she really wanted was the salty, MSG-laced pork they were so fond of. They laughed when we prepared simple vegetable dishes and considered our sweet potato soup an absurdity. In the past they would have eaten a lot of sweet potatoes themselves but now times were easier they fed their whole crop (bar the ones we saved from the shredder) to the pig who lived in the dungeon beneath the house. I grew to dread meal times.

And then there was the business of the baby black rabbit. I think Wan gave me up as a lost cause after that. The rabbit had been given to Li Chen by a journalist and we did our best to look after it but it died within a fortnight. I came in one morning to find it lying on its bed of straw, head lolled back and my sadness overflowed. I cried because baby rabbits were being sold like toys alongside chicks dyed pink and blue, because pigs were kept in dungeons, dogs were eaten and fish gutted live. I'd quoted Blake to Li Chen, “Better to live the life of a tiger for a day than a caged bird for a year,” and she'd agreed. We were going to climb the hills and let the rabbit go on the first sunny day but it died before the weather cleared. Pan told Wan the rabbit had died and when Wan heard me crying and saw Cassian and Li Chen comforting me I think she lost whatever dregs of respect she'd had left. Much like I'd lost mine for her the day she'd hurled her cat out the kitchen by its leg.



Cassian and I decided that life in the village was too extreme and the facilities too basic, even the regional capital Kaili was beginning to feel like a provincial dead end. Li Chen alone was content. Existing in a halcyon state of buoyant flexibility, she was adapting to everything. She'd made all manner of friends up and down the village and if she didn't feel like going to school she'd be with the embroidery ladies, in the jeweler's workshop or running wild in the hills with the other happy truants. Never the less Cassian and I convinced ourselves that we were living in the wrong place and we went to Beijing to see our film director friend Ping and look at some alternatives. We were tempted by a northern Qing Dynasty mountain village; an ancient atmospheric ice box with flagstone alleyways and carved wooden doors. But the village school had closed and the children now went to school 20 miles away and only came home during the holidays. Hutong life in the capital seemed to offer the most interesting prospects. An agent came up with a couple of rooms in a buzzing jam next to a primary school housed in an old temple behind Tiananmen Square. We liked the idea of being in the thick of it. Our neighbours would be noodle makers, pedlars and all sorts. But then the paperwork and bureaucracy began to unfold. Registration in the capital was complex. With Ping's help we started to set up the necessary meetings but as the list grew we wavered.

I was genuinely surprised by how happy we all felt to see the conical hills and wooden farmhouses of Guizhou again. When the train pulled into Kaili station Li Chen jumped down and danced along the platform, "I feel like I've got a hundred hearts beating inside my chest!" she cried. Our trip had given us a new perspective and we'd come back with ideas. Within a week we'd moved out of Pan and Wan's and rented our own 8 bedroom Miao farmhouse in the centre of the village. We installed a coal fired stove, decorated the house with travel photographs and Miao embroideries and bought a television. We were on a roll. We went into town and reserved a comfortable room in a hotel for weekends; two winter months of wooden buckets were sufficient. After that we engaged a private tutor. An attractive young woman who called herself 'Lemon Tree' came to our house 4 days a week and taught us Chinese. And that's not all; we joined a Kung Fu club in Kaili and every weekend the 3 of us trained with a man who could spin himself across the room like a wild monkey.

We found a way to make our lives work in Guizhou and although we never fitted in; being accepted for who we were and finding the strength to accept others was plenty good enough for me.

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TEACHING ENGLISH WITH NO LESSON PLAN!!



Article by *Stuart Allen*

There can be times when you may need to teach a lesson with no materials. As English teachers, we always strive to plan good lessons, but sometimes things can go wrong on us and we need to think quickly, improvise and go and teach ESL classes with little or no materials.

There can be a number of reasons why teachers may have to do this. You might find yourself being asked to cover a class for a sick teacher at short notice, you may have looked at last week's schedule by accident or the photocopier might jam up on you. Whatever the reason you need to teach with no lesson plan, there is no need to panic and you can still have a great class.

Here are some ideas if you have to teach a class with no lesson plan or materials:

The Greatest Invention Ever

Get your students into pairs and ask them to write down 15 inventions that changed the world e.g. soap, mobile phones, glasses, paper, scissors, the internet. Give them a few minutes to think and then take 2-3 inventions from each pair and write them on the board. Try to fill the board with at least 20-30 different inventions.

Now, explain that the class needs to find the one invention that has changed the world the most and become 'The Greatest Invention'. Students must come to the board one by one and rub out one invention which they think is least important and explain why. This will create a lot of talking once they start rubbing out certain inventions and you can encourage this debate. Keep going until there is one remaining invention. This is a fantastic speaking class without any materials.

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Mixed Dialogues

Divide your class into pairs and give each pair of students eight strips of paper. Ask them to write an eight part dialogue between two people, with each part of the dialogue on a separate piece of paper. Lower levels can just use one sentence on each paper. Higher levels can write more.

Once they have finished writing the dialogue, pairs should mix up the strips of paper and hand them to another group to try and put together. Once it has been put in the right order, the new pairs can practice the dialogues or perform them in front of the class. Depending on how long your ESL class is, you can keep swapping up the dialogues multiple times and get lots of speaking, reading and comprehension practice. Again, this English class with no materials is easy to set up and just requires paper.

Random Story Words

On the board, write around 10-15 words on the board. Make them quite random, for example, bus, India, plastic bag, bicycle lock, thief, underwear, tennis ball, etc. Now ask students to write a story with some of these words in the story. They should use as many words within the story as they can and encourage them to be imaginative.

Students can then read out their stories and if you have enough time, you could ask them to role-play the funniest stories.

Teaching English with no plan or materials can be a whole lot of fun and it is good to have a few ideas up your sleeve for when you least expect it. New teachers will especially find having to teach English with no plan very daunting and stressful, but actually you can sometimes have a fantastic class with no materials.

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Friday afternoon was filled with crafts and activities to give all of the students a chance to put their creativity to work.



International Buffet

Many of Hanova's staff and parents helped prepare a very large and delicious international lunch for everyone!



Individual & Group Performances

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Special thanks to Hanova's Chinese language teachers for their organizational efforts!



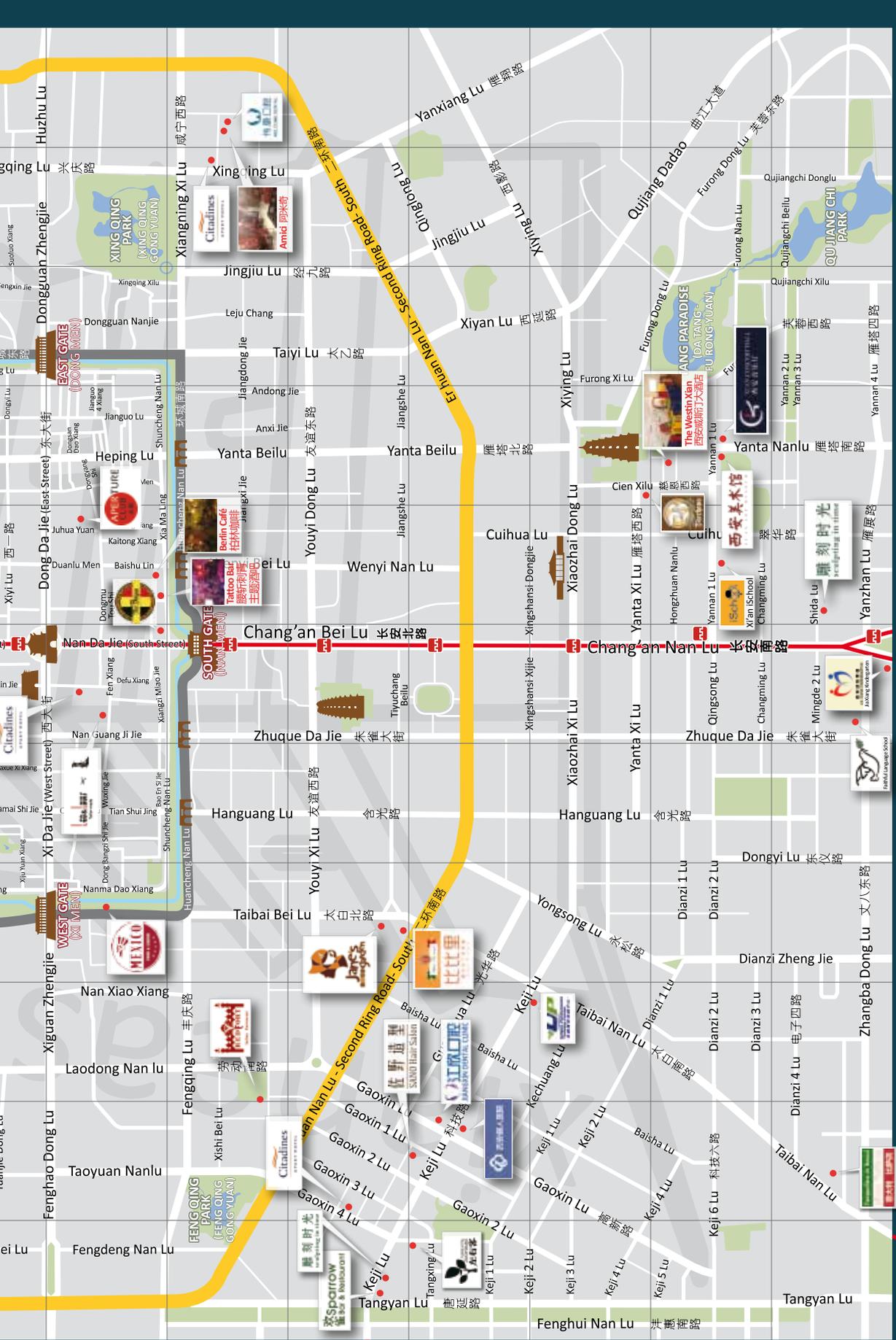
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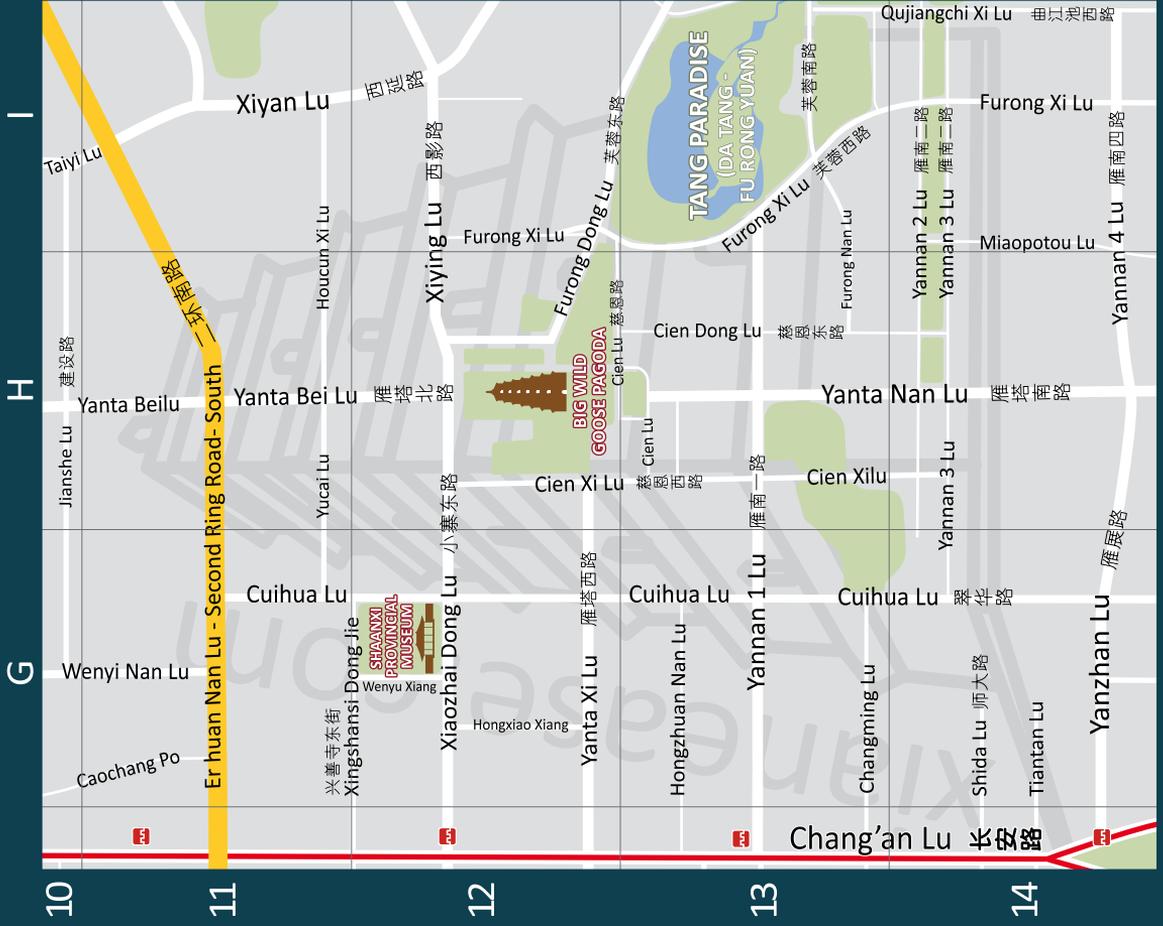
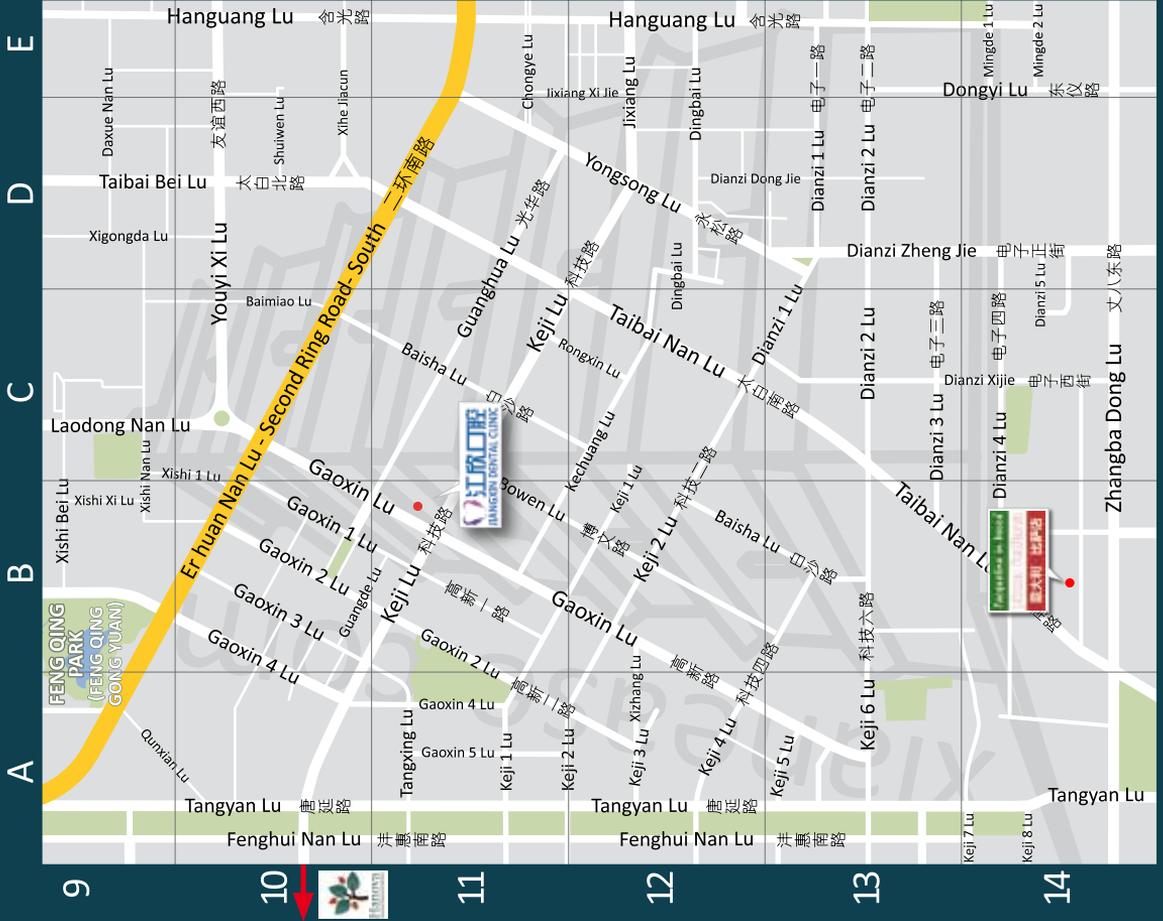


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MY BIG FAT CHINESE COUNTRY-SIDE WEDDING

Article by *Marissa Kluger*

I'm sure attending a Chinese wedding is not something unknown to many, if not most, of Xianese readers; and for some, being a member of the wedding party may also be a particularly fond memory (I mean, how could your wedding day not be?). For me, that memory is a newly-planted seed in the closest recesses of my mind. My husband and I married, in our Chinese ceremony this February, several days after Spring Festival, in his hometown, about a two hours drive from Xi'an. As the wedding took place in the countryside, and perhaps many of you who have attended or found yourselves a groom (or bride) in a city wedding, there are some stark differences and familiarities between the latter and the former.

First, the banquet in a tent outside. To be brutally honest, I've never attended a wedding in Xi'an, only in Baoji and a town not far from my husband's hometown, but from what I observed at these weddings, our wedding differed greatly, in terms of venue. The tent, constructed just outside the entrance of my husband's childhood home, served more than 400 guests on that snowy February day,

as well as dinner the day before and breakfast, mostly for neighbors and the aunts and uncles who lent a helping hand, the following day. Guests came in waves, as the tent in no way could accommodate all at once (the family, my husband included, informed me after the fact that they expected more guests, but the snow proved a simultaneous ally and a foe).

A perhaps familiar portion of a Chinese ceremony, which involves picking up the bride at her childhood home needed an interesting twist, where my husband and his side (solely consisting of friends and a couple of uncles) improvised and picked me up at a hotel located in the county, about a half hour drive. The snow made this particular journey somewhat arduous as the county is in a valley, and requires driving up and down a mountainous pass. This didn't seem to perturb those in the wedding caravan, and once arriving at the hotel we (my guests and I) made sure to follow the Chinese wedding rules of not allowing the groom in the room immediately, but instead requiring him to answer some questions about his wife-to-be. One of my guests even,

as observed at other ceremonies, hid one of my shoes, for my husband to find once he entered the room. After all the paparazzi-style treatment, the wedding party left the hotel, with my husband carrying me in his arms through the lobby until he placed me in the car, and his friends set off firecrackers.

The main event did not drastically sway from the Chinese weddings in my attendance repertoire: a staged ceremony complete with a Master of Ceremonies. I say staged, although in our case, no rehearsal happened, because we stood on a stage (please excuse the unintentional pun), and the MC read from prepared notes. Because we had guests from the US and Italy, we had the need to have two MCs: the MC hired by my husband's parents and an impromptu MC, a guest of mine, who speaks a good deal of Chinese and translated for guests who would have had little to no idea of the goings-on. Introductions were made, including an impromptu self-introduction by yours truly (in Chinese), followed by bowing to the guests and our parents, as well being adorned with pins and sashes, with speeches by various family members, from both



Marissa has lived and worked in Xi'an for three and a half years. She writes about her experiences at xiananigans.wordpress.com.

sides of my husband's family. My guests also imparted good wishes and blessings before the ceremony wrapped up with bowing to our parents, in addition to the part where I call my husband's parents "爸爸" and "妈妈" and ending with bowing to each other.

The day's events culminated with 闹房, the bantering or teasing of the newlyweds on their wedding night. I can not vouch for whether or not this tradition is alive and well in the cities, but I observed this at the wedding I attended in the nearby town. Essentially, it requires the groom's friends to keep the newlyweds from getting any shuteye. This can involve a number of tactics, in which the friends devise games, chat with the newlyweds, or just hang out in their room, playing Mahjong (and possibly chain-smoking). I do not think I am an expert on the custom, so therefore to go into much detail would be downright unfair. I am sure Chinese friends can enlighten us, myself included, who are not well versed in the practice.

If asked to find an appropriate word or phrase to describe our ceremony, I would certainly have to apply 热闹, the Chinese word for hot noise, or better translated as lively, bustling with noise and excitement. Weddings are normally unforgettable, but I can't help but think that my big fat Chinese countryside wedding is far more than unforgettable.

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OUR LIVES IN THE MIDDLE KINGDOM

Article by **Gary Wood**

Everybody has a story to tell. Each of us holds our own views, opinions and principles which we live by. These are the things which make us unique. Since coming to Xi'an I've had the chance to meet many various people, have many great experiences. Living out here has truly changed me as a person. However, one thing which has interested me overall is the way foreigners in Xi'an have different reasons for loving, and sometimes loathing, the same place. With this in mind, I took it upon myself to interview three people (four including me!) about their views on life in China.



Name? Gary Raymond Wood

Your age? 29 years old

Where are you from?
County Durham, England.

Length of stay in China?
One year and a half.

What do you do in Xi'an?

Teaching English at Xi'an Tie Yi Zhong's International Program.

What do you love about China and why?

It's immensely different to back home and I'm experiencing a new language. I've met great people from various countries that I would never have met otherwise. I've also changed the way I think about certain things. I know when I vacation back home in summer I'll have some reverse culture shock.

What do you dislike about China and why?

Foreigners saying how much they hate China and Chinese culture, yet never leave. Even I have my off days, but the last thing I would do is push that negativity onto other people. If you seriously hate it that much, leave! Spitting in restaurants and children defecating on the pavement are also pet hates of mine.

What do you find strange about living in China?

Chinese people telling me I'm 'Handsome.' Seriously! I'm losing my hair! I have a head shaped like a rugby ball, with its size being out of proportion to the rest of my body! My canines are turning yellow and I barely shave once a week! I'm probably the furthest thing you could imagine from 'Handsome', Ha ha!

Could you imagine spending the rest of your life in China?

Who knows? Right now I'm working, enjoying life and saving for my future. Let the good times roll!

What advice would you give someone coming to China?

If it was someone from the West I would probably tell them to be prepared. China is not just a different culture, it's a different world.



China Xi'an Tai Chi





Name? Martin Graham

Your age? 25

Where are you from? England

Length of stay in China? 7 years

What do you do in Xi'an?

I'm currently doing my masters in Chinese and International law.

What do you love about living in China and why?

The friendliness and hospitality of the Chinese people.

What do you dislike about China and why?

I've resided in Xi'an for 7 years and yet I am still treated like someone who is just passing through, labelled a "visitor", a traveller who has come to Xi'an to rest his weary feet. It's a bit disappointing to feel this way after this long in the country.

What do you find strange about living in China?

After living here as long as I have I don't find anything particularly strange about China.

Could you imagine spending the rest of your life in China?

I do see myself living here for many years to come but I'd have to say to that I couldn't see myself living here for the rest of my life. I want to be a part of a community and not on the outside looking in.

What advice would you give someone coming to China?

China is entirely different to the environment that we grew up in and for anyone who wants to come; I'd strongly suggest them to be mentally prepared for life in this country.



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Name? *Alibek Ibraev Bolatovich*

Your age? *25*

Where are you from?

Republic of Kazakhstan

Length of stay in China?

7 years

What do you do in Xi'an?

Doing my degree in Xian Jiao Tong University. Studying Chinese language and culture. Its kinda hard, and challenging, but I like it because how many people back in my country really have the chance to study Chinese in China? Not so many I would say, that's why I am learning Chinese.

What do you love about China and why?

I love Chinese cuisine because it's totally different then Russian cuisine and it's cheap as well. Chinese food culture is amazing, because each part of China has its own distinctive

food culture. For example, food in Beijing is totally different than food in Urumqi or in Guangzhou.

What do you dislike about China and why?

People smoking in public places, like in restaurants and elevators. I don't understand how people can smoke in those kinds of places when it says that you can't. I try not to pay attention to that but sometimes when people start to smoke in a place like McDonalds or in an elevator, I get mad.



Chinese Cuisine

Could you imagine spending the rest of your life in China?

Actually I can't. Don't get me wrong, China is a nice place to live but not for the rest of my life. There is a saying in my country: "East or west; home is best."

What advice would you give someone coming to China?

Try to accept that China's culture is, more than likely, very different to your own. If you try your hardest to embrace Chinese culture, it'll make the transition into Chinese life much smoother.



Name? *Michael Onyango*

Your age? *35 years old*

Where are you from?

Uganda

Length of stay in China?

Almost 7 years

What do you do in Xi'an?

I work with Xian Aston English school, Location 4 as foreign loca-

tion manager and also do personal business between China and a few African countries.

What do you love about China and why?

The abundance of free time that allows me to do other things beside my job.

What do you dislike about China and why?

The dirty air and people spitting everywhere all the time.

What do you find strange about living in China?

To be honest I am a free spirited person so there is nothing I would say to be so strange in my eyes.

Could you imagine spending the rest of your life in China?

It is quite possible, I can't rule it out. Originally I had planned to spend 3 years here but as time moves on

I seem to like it more and above all my wife is Chinese which might be the reason for me to even stay longer. However east or west home is always best.

What advice would you give someone coming to China?

China is a nice place to live in if you do the right things at the right time. Generally Chinese people are nice and friendly and if you are someone who likes making friends then you will for sure have many friends. Great places to visit and great places to have as much fun as you want too.



Big Wild Goose Pagoda

YA ZHI DENTISTRY

雅至口腔

Article by *Kris Quigley*

I think I can speak for everyone when I say that there is nothing worse than having to visit a doctor, go to hospital or even worse still, the dentist. Especially when in a foreign country where there can be a huge difference in language and culture.

Ya Zhi Dentistry is located on Keji road, opposite Starbucks, next to the newly built footbridge. Conveniently, it is also on the second floor, which means there is no need to worry about passers-by looking to see if you have, or have not, been caring for your teeth properly.

Once inside, you will be greeted and shown upstairs, where you will find a large waiting room stocked with ample supplies of liquid refreshments, magazines to flick through, a piano to rehearse on and even a kids play room.

The facilities are extremely modern with multiple digital X-ray machines, some of which can automatically X-ray your whole mouth, whilst making sure that exposure



to radiation is kept to a minimum. There are at least 10 examination rooms including an examination room for children; complete with a dinosaur looking chair and paintings on the wall. The rooms are also equipped with TV screens so that you can examine the work that has taken place, with the help of a tiny camera, if required.

There is a good level of English at Ya Zhi. Receptionists can handle basic English and there is always a translator on hand to help with more complicated enquiries; who can also accompany you into the examination room if further translation is required.

My own experience with Ya Zhi has been positive, and very western in their approach to dentistry. In order to minimise waiting time, appointments are required to be made with the dentist for any work needed. You will then be reminded by either phone or text a day in advance of your appointment. I have been visiting Doctor Guo, the director of the practice, whose Eng-



lish is very good. He is patient and takes a lot of care in his work, as too does his assistant. The amount of care he takes can be exemplified by the use of a pre-anaesthetic on your gum before further administering any anaesthetic needed for the job.

You might think that such a dentistry would be extremely expensive. However, prices are very reasonable compared to similar institutions in the west. For a normal filling, you will be looking at around ¥300, however, this can be discussed with the dentist further, as each material is priced differently. Additionally, there are about 15 different types of crowns to choose from. So there should be enough choice to cater for everyone, no matter their economic situation.



Kris lives with his wife and daughter in Xi'an and has been here for 9 years. He is currently the MYP Coordinator at Hanova International



MAAN COFFEE



- A Pleasant Surprise in Busy Qujiang

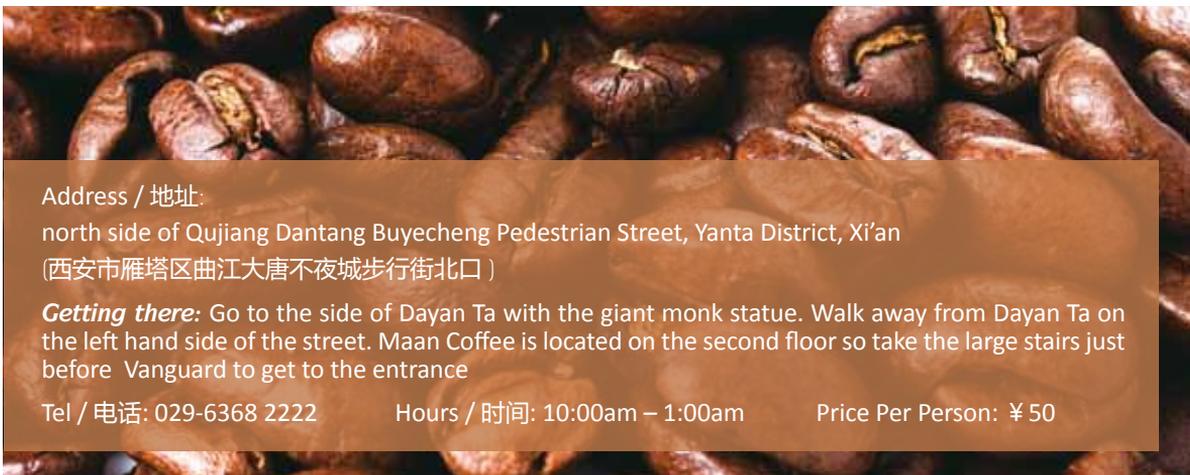
Article by *Nicole - XIS Student*



Maan Coffee is a cozy but spacious waffle and coffee house located by the south gate of Dayanta. It's a great place to wind down after a long and stressful day for some well-deserved treats and free Wi-Fi. Their menu isn't limited to waffles; they also serve a delectable French toast, Korean shaved ice, and hamburgers. Trust me though, once you catch a glimpse of the mouthwatering food models, you'll be tempted to try a bit of everything!

Strolling into the loft-like café was like walking into a scene from *Beauty and the Beast*. One of the walls was a vintage bookcase filled with classics, there were multi-colored chandeliers dangling from the ceiling, and mismatched chairs complete the sophisticated ambience and atmospheric lighting. But that's not it; if you were to ascend a wooden staircase, you would see an array of couches coaxing you to sit down and recline on them. The interior designer definitely put a lot of imagination and effort into decorating the elaborate restaurant.

Two of my friends accompanied me on my task to rate this coffee shop. We all started out with a Signature Maan Coffee which comes with sugared pieces of toast. Afterwards I ordered the fruit waffle topped with your choice of ice cream, whipped cream, pow-



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dered sugar and fruit. One of my friends ordered the plain waffle which came with whipped cream, chocolate sauce and maple syrup, and the other ordered the waffle breakfast set complete with bacon, eggs, and a salad. We were all delighted with our orders and can't wait to go again!

As the temperature warms and the days are getting longer swing by Maan Coffee with a group of friends and indulge in an hour of delectable excellence.

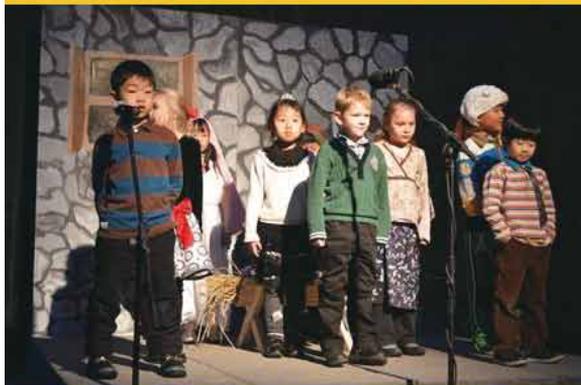


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Pub Quiz

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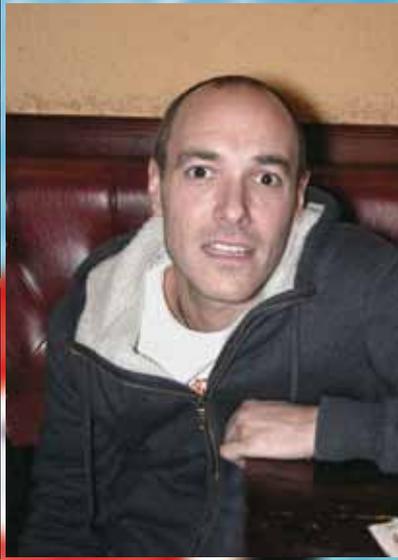






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– Pictures by the ever vivacious Marco!



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H3 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

F3 Back Nook Cafe

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



Western

F7 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)

F6 Burger King  汉堡王

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

A9 汉堡王唐延中心城店
唐延路168号唐延中心城负一层 (永辉超市旁)

Phone: 13324562395
Hours: 7:00-12:30

Subway
赛百味



F7 西大街店

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

H12 大雁塔店

Great Tang's All Day Mall,
South Square of Big Wild
Goose Pagoda.
大唐不夜城新乐汇内, 中国

银行旁

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

B10 高新店

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



D10 Jane's garden

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American style Club; Garden restaurant
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Hours: 11:30 -- 23:30

H13 Small World Café

小世界咖啡
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.

F3 3 Royal 3 Houses

3皇3家
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

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

B11 Siam Garden

暹罗园
1F, shangri-la hotel, #38, ke ji road, gaoxin.
高新区科技路38号香格里拉酒店1楼
Phone: 029-8875 8888
Hours: 11:00 -- 14:00
17:00 -- 22:00

欢 Sparrow
雀 Bar & Restaurant

A10 Sparrow Bar & Restaurant
欢雀美式餐厅
C block, wang zuo international city, ke ji road, Gaoxin district.
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#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

F11 Pho Nha Trang

越芽庄
B1 floor, Kai De Guang Chang,
Nan er huan, yanta district
雁塔区南二环凯德广告B1楼
Phone: 029-8556 7499
Hours: 10:00 -- 22:00



Pizza

F7 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: 029-87201501/87201502
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17:30 - 22:00 (L.O.21:15)

L'acquolina in bocca

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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)

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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
H13 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

H6 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



Indian

G9 Redfurt
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Redfort-Indian Pavilion, Xi'an Tang West Market, Silk Street, No. 118 Laodong South Road 莲湖区劳动南路大唐西市118号丝绸之路风情街红堡印度区
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Hours: 11:00am-10:00pm

M12 Delhi Darbar
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#3 Da Tang tong Yi Fang, Yanta Xi Lu
雁塔西路大唐通易坊东头3号
Phone: 029-85255157
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Hours: 10:30 -- 23:00

G12 CacaJa
印度菜
#46 Yanta Xi Lu
雁塔西路46号
Phone: 029-85252536
Hours: 11:30 -- 16:30
17:30 -- 22:30



Japanese

A13 Inimitable Restaurant
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Phone: 029-88785478
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17:00-21:30

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17:30 -- 22:00

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M6 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

F8 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



Korean

F11 Sarabol
萨拉伯尔韩国料理
#14 Chang'an Bei Lu, East gate of the Shaanxi Stadium
长安北路14号
Phone: 029-8559 0088
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Hours: 11:00 -- 21:30

F8 Tudari
土大力
2F, INTIME Shopping Mall,
#48 Xida Jie
西大街48号银泰广场2楼
Phone: 029-8727 1264



Chinese

Hours: 11:00 -- 23:00
B11 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

G7 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

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大香港鲍翅酒楼
B10 #3 Gaoxin Road
高新路三号
Phone: 029-8122 6785
Hours: 7:00 -- 11:00
10:30 -- 14:30

F7 #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



Vegetarian

M12 Tianlong Vegetarian
天龙宝严素食馆
#1 Yanta West Road
雁塔西路1号
Phone: 029-8526 6880
Hours: 11:00 -- 21:00

M13 Datang Vegetarian
大唐素食坊
#5 Yanta 1st Road
雁塔一路5号207



BBQ

G10 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

F7 Hui Min Jie
回民街
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Hotpot

海底捞
M12 #11, South of Yanta Lu
雁塔路南段11号
Phone: 029-8553 6971
Hours: 10:30 -- 03:00

B10 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

D10 Bibini



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G10 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

G3 #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

Shopping

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A10 #3 Tang Yan Road
唐延路3号, 枫叶新都市对面
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F14 Korean Supermarket
韩国食品超市
#18 Xin Yuan Residential Area
Tian Tan West Road
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Hours: 08:00 -- 21:00



Foreign Goods

F14 Metro
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G3 Wal-Mart
沃尔玛

Luo Ma Shi Pedestrian Street
骡马市商业步行街



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Five Ring Outlets

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高新路18号

K9 South of Er Huan Dong Lu
东二环与咸宁西路交叉十字



Health Goods

Traditional Chinese Medicine Market

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

Lao Bai Xing Medicine Store

老百姓大药房
B6 Beida Jie intersection
北大街十字
Phone: 029-8721 1888



Appliance Centers

Suning Home Appliance
苏宁电器

B6 #23 Lian Hu Road
莲湖区23号
Phone: 029-8731 9196
Hours: 09:30 -- 19:00

Guo Mei Appliance
国美电器

B11 1 Keji Lu
科技路1号
Phone: 029-8856 9620
Hours: 09:00 -- 21:30



Furniture Markets

D11 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 Furni- ture Center

三森国际家居汇展中心
#18 Chang'an Nan Road,
YanTa District
长安南路18号
Phone: 029-85337891
Hours: 09:00 -- 18:30

D11 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

B7 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

B8 Shu Yuan Gate

书院门
Shu Yuan Gate,
南门里书院门

B11 Xi'an Antique City

西安古玩市场
#2 Central Section of Zhu Que
Avenue
朱雀大街2号

B7 Bei Yuan Gate

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

B7 Muslim Street

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



Book Shops

B67 Belltower Bookstore

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

B12 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

B12 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

B10 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

B3 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

Ginwa Shopping Center

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B7 #1 Xida Jie next to the

bell tower
西大街1号钟鼓楼广场
Phone: 029-87631708

B11 #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

H10 #8 North of Yanta Lu
雁塔路北段8号

H6 Wulu Kou

五路口东南角



Tea Markets

Ren He Tea Market

人和茶叶市场
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长乐中路101号

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Central Road
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Clothing Markets

B11 Bai Hui Market

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

B6 Duo Cai Wholesale Clothing Mall

多彩服装商城
215 Chang Le West Road
长乐西路215号

B14 Hua Dong Wholesale Clothing Market (Chang'an Store)

华东服装商城 (长安店)
Wu Jia Fen, Chang'an
South Road
长安南路陕西师范大学对面
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Sporting Goods

B11 Impulse Fitness Equipment

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Building D of Shaanxi TiJiao

Health and Fitness



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H13 The Westin Xian
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K6 Golden Flower Hotel, Xian
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 #8 Chang Le Road West, Xian
 西安市长乐西路8号
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Citadines
 西安馨乐庭服务公寓 

F8 Citadines Central Xi'an
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 西安市碑林区竹笆子36号
 Phone: 029-8576 1188

B10 Citadines Gaoxin Xi'an
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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

J9 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

F10 Real Love Spa
 真爱年华洗浴广场
 #38, middle of Zhuque Street.
 朱雀大街中段38号
 Phone: 029-8840 1234

A9 Victoria Spa
 维多利亚浴场
 #210 West Taoyuan, West of 2rd South Ring
 南二环西段西桃园210号
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F8 Qing Jian Bathing Place
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 Northeast Corner of Wuwei Cross, #53 Nanyuan Gate
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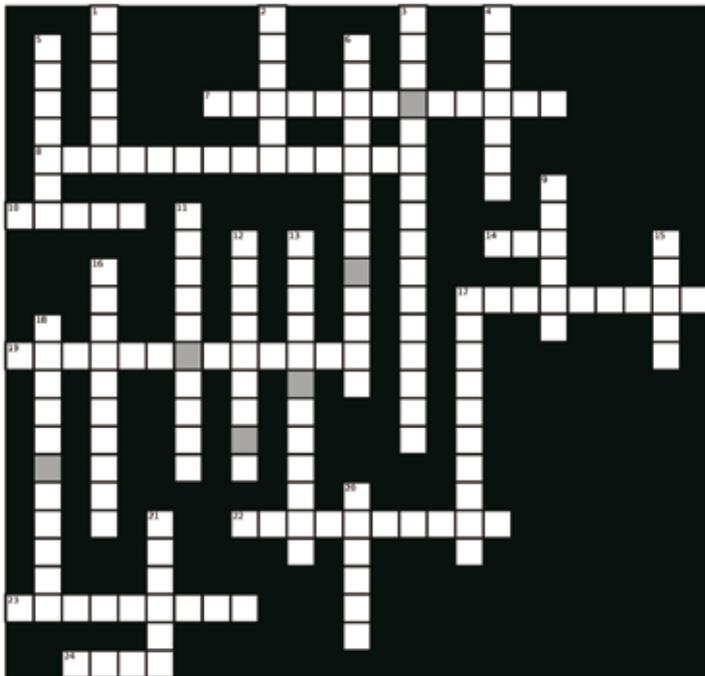
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Want the answers? Head over to www.xianease.com/trivia for this month's answers

Across

7. Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls, and the Bridal Veil Falls are collectively known as what?
8. First emerging in the 1970s, what film genre includes the films Sweet Sweetback's Baadass Song, Blacula, Shaft, Foxy Brown, and Coffy?
10. What country produces the most bananas in the world?
14. How many moons does Mars have?
17. What popular, free website went online on January 15, in 2001?
19. What brand of whisky is available in red, blue, gold, platinum, black, and double black?
22. Black, Indian, Javan, Sumatran, and White are the 5 living species of what animal?
23. Released in 1983, whose first studio album was titled Kill 'em All?
24. What is the first name of the Danish author wrote the stories of The Little Mermaid, The Ugly Duckling, and Thumbelina?

Down

1. John A Macdonald was the first Prime Minister of which country?
2. What country did Iraq invade and annex in 1990?
3. For which film did Sean Connery win his only Academy Award?
4. What is the last name of the English dramatist and poet wrote the plays Dido: Queen of Carthage, The Jew of Malta, Doctor Faustus, and Edward II?
5. What political group banned poppy cultivation in 2000, cutting its country's opium production by 94% in the first year?
6. Which of the following celebrities is the oldest: Sylvester Stallone, Harrison Ford, Robert De Niro, Stephen Spielberg, Ozzy Osbourne, or Mick Jagger?
9. In The Hobbit, who dies of wounds received during the Battle of Five Armies?
11. What flag combines the crosses of St George, St Patrick, and St Andrew?
12. Which king of England was one of the leaders of the Third Crusade?
13. What famous martial artist developed the art of Chun Kuk Do?
15. The Golden Rooster Awards are awards given for achievements in which country's film industry?
16. In which 1981 song does a tall, muscular man from Brussels give the narrator a Vegemite sandwich?
17. What is the capital of New Zealand?
18. Whose first film as James Bond was Live and Let Die?
20. In 1985, what country's navy became the first to allow women to serve on submarines?
21. Though far from the best-selling worldwide, what is the best-selling whisky in the UK?



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