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Our mission is to develop students with a readiness to face change through the ability to adapt and create; have a thirst for knowledge which they pursue with competency and a character which values honesty and a spirit of compassion.

- IB (International Baccalaureate), SAT and AP (Advanced Placement) programmes.
  *Xhis held its 3rd SAT Examination on June.6, 2015
- Academic excellence in an engaging and dynamic environment.
- Development of our students into tomorrow's global citizens.

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Welcome back to Hanova!

On 17th August, Hanova's teachers, staff and students began a new semester of classes for the 2015-16 school year. We especially welcome all our new students, teachers and families! We look forward to involving you in the academic and extra-curricular activities of our school and create together the best opportunities for our students.

Hanova Continues to Grow

Our school continues to grow, with more students applying and joining our programs and over 30 nationalities now represented on our campus. We have continued to increase our staff to meet student needs.

Campus Renovations

We have carried out an overall refresh of the whole school campus, adding new classrooms and a new dining room, to better accommodate the increased number of students and the IB curriculum needs.

IB Diploma Programme

This year we are launching the IB Diploma Programme, a new journey after receiving authorisation as an IB World School last year. Our Year 12 students will be able to graduate with the IB diploma in 2017.

About Xi'an Hanova

Xi'an Hanova International School is a co-educational, IB World school committed to the full International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum: offering the IB Primary Years Programme (Early Years – Y6), Middle Years Programme (Y7 – Y11) and the internationally renowned IB Diploma Programme (Y12 – Y13). We offer 17 different IB Diploma subjects:

- DP English A Language and Literature H/SL
- DP Chinese A Language and Literature H/SL
- DP Korean A Literature SL
- DP English B H/SL
- DP Mandarin B H/SL
- DP French B SL
- DP Spanish ab Initio (beginners) SL
- DP Economics H/SL
- DP Geography H/SL
- DP ITGS H/SL
- DP Biology H/SL
- DP Chemistry H/SL
- DP Physics H/SL
- DP Maths HL
- DP Maths SL
- DP Maths Studies SL
- DP Visual Arts H/SL

Enrolment and Admissions

Although student numbers are growing quickly, Hanova maintains an inclusive but selective admissions policy. All students are selected after passing admission exams and interviews, then language and pastoral support is available, and finally, to better meet individual needs, all student class numbers are limited. Please contact us for more information regarding admissions policies, exams and financial aid.

Find out more about Hanova

We are always excited about spending time with students and their families who are considering international schools in Xi'an! Whether you are just looking for more information or seriously considering sending your children to Hanova, we would love to help you in any way that we can.

Contact Lucy Liu, Marketing Supervisor: (86) 02988693780

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Latest News & Events

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I haven't written in letter in quite a long while, to be honest I actually didn't think folks read this and to be sure not many do but seeing as we are just setting up the new pub quiz and there is a bit of space here I thought I'd fill it with a bit of a literary selfie stick post and at least let my Mom read a bit of my own writing once again.

This month lots of people return to Xi'an and lots of new folks arrive, meaning that out and about there are bound to be lots of activity. For many this is also a time of returning to a routine and maybe with that a bit of a question of "why?" might arise. We have an interesting article on what else you can do if you don't want to teach any longer.

There are some other great pieces this month about living the authentic life, about experiences that shape not only who we are but what we will become and of course a few places to go when all this heady thinking gets too much and you need some food and drink.

I'm not sure how many of you have noticed but over the past few issues we have started making subtle changes. Layout, article content and sections are all being slowly changed and though it's a team effort the one thing we are missing is a reply from you (yes, mom, you can write me with your thoughts on it too). So take a look at this month's magazine and tell me what you think of it. Write to me directly or call me, whatever way you find easier just let me know what you think of it, because after all, there would be a community without Xianease but there wouldn't be a Xianease without the community.

Thanks for reading the magazine! September is a great month for weather so put this down, venture forth and Discover YOUR Xi'an.

Sincerely,

Patrick Antony

Editor-in-Chief Xianease

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Sep 9

Concert

日本数字后摇

How to Count One to Ten

中国巡演–西安站

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: 135-7212-4398 / 187-2931-3594
Tickets: 60-80 RMB

Sep 12

Cooking Party

Вечеринка "Учимся готовить китайскую кухню"
パーティーで中華料理を学ぶ
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 605, Hanlinshijia, Yanta District
Tel: 186-2907-4010 / 153-0292-7680

Sep 12

Concert

当代殿堂级爵士吉他大师

Lee Ritenour

中国巡演–西安站

Time: 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Location:
336, Changan Nan Lu.
陕西广电大剧院(长安南路336号)
Tel: 400-611-9169
Tickets: 180-880 RMB

Sep 13-27

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 go out to KTV.

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If you're shy about calling, email us at
wuyikai123@qq.com

Tango Events

Mexico Bar (墨西哥餐吧)

Address: No.21, Tian Pin Xi An Bar Street Inside of Huan Cheng Xi Yuan Park
(天品西岸酒吧街21号)

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday night of every month
(每月第二和第四个周三晚上)
Beginner lesson from 7:00pm-8:00pm
(7点至8点入门级课程)

C'est La Vie Restaurant & Bar

(塞拉维)

Address: B-2F Lu Di SOHO Lian Meng, Zhang Ba Yi Lu (丈八一路绿地soho联盟B座二楼塞拉维餐厅)

The 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday night of the month
(每月第一，第三和第五个周六晚上)
Beginner lesson from 8:30pm - 9:30pm and practice until 10:30pm
(8:30至9:30入门课程，9:30至10:30练习时间)

S.I.T Café Shi Da Lu

(雕刻时光咖啡)

Address:
41 Shida Lu (雁塔区师大路41号)

Every Thursday Night (每周四晚上)
Lesson from 7:30pm - 8:30pm, with practice after
(7:30至8:30上课时间，8:30后练习时间)

Sep 12/21 Sat/Mon

Hash House Harriers

Time: 3:00pm<- Notice the EARLIER start time!

MeetingPoint: Da Ming Gong Subway Station Exit C
(大明宫地铁站C出口)

Get more information at:
www.xianease.com/hhh

Sep 12 Sep 21

Sep 11-25 Every Friday

Toastmasters

Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Address: Hengzhi Education 10th Floor of the Saige Shopping Mall, Classroom 1 – Chang'an Middle Rd

Meet like-minded people and bring a book to swap!

20% Discount at the café on the day of the event!

Get all the information at:
www.xatmc.org

Sep 13-27 Every Sunday

Xi'an Sunrise Yoga

Center yourself and start your day with the sunrise at a free yoga session led by certified Yoga instructors Sarah and Emily. They will guide you through the mental and physical aspects of Vinyasa Yoga. Everyone from beginners to experts is invited to our 90-minute Sunrise class.

Time: 7:00am
Location: City Wall Park
-South Gate across the street from the Yong Ning Men Subway Station- Exit D2
Cost: Free

Scan to Join our Group!

Sep 16 Wednesday

Queen OR King of the Table Pool Tourney

Time: Starting at 8:00pm
Location: Yuan Shun Pool Bunker (Southwest corner of the Shaanxi Stadium)
–碑林区长安北路14号省体育场

Sep 20/28 Sun/Mon

Community Market

– Open to anyone and everyone, selling anything from jewelry and cosmetics to bikes, furniture and clothing with anything and everything possibly in between.

Time: 12:00pm-5:00pm
Location: 3as4 Bar
Indoor and Outdoor stalls available
Address: 12 De Fu Xiang (Bar Street)
Contact:
E-Mail: fleamarket@xianease.com
Phone: 130-8091-9318

Sep 20 Sep 28

Sep 23 Wednesday

Pub Quiz

Beer and Trivia
What more could you ask for?

Time: 9:30pm
Location: Near Wall Bar
Address: 200 meters west of South Gate (Nan Men)
南门里顺城巷西段往朱雀门方向150米
泥窝窝酒吧

Sept 28 Monday

Woman's Club

Time: 12:30pm
Location:
Isola Del Nord Italian Restaurant
Address: Room 401, 4F, JieZuo Plaza, Southwest Corn of KeJi Road and Feng-Hui South Road Intersection, Gaoxin
(高新区沣惠南路与科技路十字西南角杰座广场4层401室)

-South Gate across the street from the Yong Ning Men Subway Station- Exit D2
Tel: 029-8819 3600 029-8819 3522

Oct 7 Wednesday

Book Club - Book Swap!

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Place: Traveling with Hostel
(西安阅城瓦舍旅行酒店)
Address: 21 Shun Cheng Nan Lu
(碑林区顺城南路21号)

Meet like-minded people and bring a book to swap!

20% Discount at the café on the day of the event!

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

Nov 7 Saturday

2015 City Wall Marathon!

It's that time of year again the annual Xi'an City Wall Marathon on November 7th, starting at the South Gate. There are three different events you can sign up for;

Quarter run – 5Km
Once around the Wall – 13.7Km
Half Marathon – 21Km

For More Details turn to page 49.

MS Bonbon Café
蜜斯甜心

Article By **Imogen Sayer**

1st Floor,Buliding A, Sai Gao Jie Qu, Ginwa, Southwest Corner of Wei Yang Road and Feng Cheng 5 Road
(未央路与凤城五路交汇西南角世纪金花赛高街区A座一层)

029-8916 0836
10:00am – 22:00pm

B1-22-B1-15,Times Square Ginwa, No.336 East of Huan Cheng South Road
(环城南路东段336号世纪金花时代广场B1–22–B1–15)

029-8935 8687
10:00am-22:00pm

Average Price per Person
/人均消费:
80RMB

It's always good to hear about a new western restaurant in the city, so when I was told about Ms Bonbon I was curious to see what they offered. It's on the north metro line and, with help from a local policeman, easy to find!

Ms Bonbon is spacious with a crisp, clean feel to it. It's decorated simply, but tastefully; think modern bistro chic. The room is swathed in black and white and accented with chandeliers and mirrors. The tables are big and furnished with an unusual, yet cute ornament in the centre. The very welcoming staff, who, like the restaurant, were smartly dressed in black and white, ushered us to a table in the corner of the restaurant. However, none of the staff really spoke any English, which made for lots of the usual 'pointing and smiling' style of ordering. We were handed menus that were a work of art themselves; not only did they have photos, but also English translation and a little explanation of what you were ordering!

We felt the choices were more cafe than restaurant, offering afternoon teas, a large variety of tea and coffee and some sumptuous looking deserts, but there was enough to tempt us for dinner. While we were waiting for our starters, to our surprise, a tray of coffee that we hadn't ordered arrived. It took a little mime work with our waitress to get her to "please take it away and maybe we'll have coffee when we're finished…"

After our little encounter with the language barrier, our starters arrived. I ordered Field Mushroom Chowder served in a crispy bread 'bowl' and Chris went for Spicy Bacon Sausage Rolls, or as we Brits call them, Pigs in a Blanket. The soup was delicious, perfectly seasoned and, yes, I know it sounds ridiculous, but very 'mushroomy'! The spicy bacon sausage rolls, while not terribly spicy were tasty enough to satisfy the westerner's occasional need for sausage and bacon.

Chris' main course arrived while we were still working our way through our starters, so we quickly finished to avoid his pasta getting cold. He ordered Spaghetti with Chicken and Walnuts in Curry Sauce. This arrived with a medley of nuts, which worked very well. The curry sauce was tasty without being too spicy but maybe a little too thick for his liking. My Farfalle Box of Salmon in Creamy Pumpkin Sauce was delicious, beautifully served in a box of lightly toasted bread.

It was then that Star, our waitress, asked if we would like coffee. We said yes, and the coffee which had been removed from our table 35 minutes previous was brought back to us, having gotten more than a little cold by that time. Again, beautifully presented as six little samples of different coffees, but would have been better hot! For dessert, we decided to try a Chocolate Honey Toast Box, Ms. Bonbon's signature dessert. It arrived looking just like the picture in the menu, and

PROS:
A sleek environment; well-presented, tasty food; given the quality of the food I'd recommend trying the afternoon tea here, it looked wonderful

CONS:
No English speaking staff at all, no toilets in the restaurant itself, an expensive evening for what is was

Imogen is an English teacher in Xi'an is a self-confessed foodie and amateur chef, loving all Xi'an has to offer. She is always on the lookout for new and interesting places to eat, her culinary highlight of the city so far is learning how to make dumplings! You can contact her at **imogensayer@sky.com**

was light and tasty. However, with so many "boxes" and "bowls," I was a little "breaded-out"!

Overall, Ms. Bonbon is a chic and welcoming restaurant that has good food with high class presentation. The friendly staff is hampered only by having no English speakers amongst them. The service, while enthusiastic, was a little chaotic. This was a significant downside to the evening for us. Also, the price of our meal probably wouldn't suit all expats' pockets. We paid what we considered to be a fairly hefty 470¥ for two soft drinks, two starters, two main, one tray of coffee and one desert!

蜜斯甜心介绍

MS Bonbon Café 就是创始人Michelle和Stephanie所创造的品牌。

一个爱吃的女生和一个爱漂亮的女生碰撞出来的火花，让MS Bonbon Café 有了品牌最难能可贵的生命力。从儿时玩伴到事业伙伴，两个性格完全相反的女生，却有一个坚定的共同目标；就是要为所有的女生打造一个能够倍受宠爱的空间，提醒忙碌的人要记得宠爱自己。MS Bonbon Café 提供最新的餐饮概念：Comfort food［令人感到舒服的食物］，跳脱了狭隘的单一国家料理，在MS Bonbon Café 您可以享受到无国界的风味。

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科技六路与沣惠南路十字西南角橡树街区A座3层

XXC干锅公司

Article By **Gary Wood**

East side of Wanda Square, Jiefang Lu
(民乐园万达步行街东面（靠近万达商场4号门）)

029-8738 9885

11:30am – 2:00pm
5:30am – 9:00pm

Average Price per Person
/人均消费：
60RMB

Sometimes I just want to take a break from Hot Pot. Don't get me wrong, I love the stuff, it's just that sometimes I need to try something a little different. Fortunately, I was introduced to XXC Dry Hot Pot Company (干锅公司). Located not far from Wanda at Min Le Yuan (民乐园), this restaurant was suggested by a friend and, though it's always a gamble trying something new, I was far from disappointed.

It seems to me that a lot of thought and consideration went into designing the place. The first floor has a small waiting section near the entrance, plenty of seating and a counter/bar which is used for paying the bill and ordering drinks, whereas the second floor has more seating as well as the ladies' and men's restrooms which are sparkling clean. Most of the furniture on both floors has a solid wood finish and the floor plan allows for ample space between tables, meaning that not only are you not packed into the restaurant, but you even get a small feeling of privacy. The first floor also has a huge projector screen playing music videos in the background and can be seen from both floors. It sounds like a lot, but the lighting, kept in the perfect spot between "too bright" and "too dark," gave it all a warm touch.

Waiting staff were plentiful which meant we didn't wait too long to be served. The menu is extensive, full of tantalizing items to include in your dry hot pot, such as ribs, shrimp and squid, to name only three. The selection was rounded out by some more typical offerings, like *tudou si* and other fried dishes. What I liked most about this place was the beer menu. The restaurant has a wide range of beers, from the ubiquitous Qingdao to imported German, French, Belgian and British ale. The beers are sensibly priced, which is a refreshing break from the astronomical prices most bars and restaurants charge for imported alcohol.

After ordering, we were presented with our food, which came in plentiful amounts, in less than ten minutes. XXC's signature dry hot pot was nothing short of sensational, containing sliced squid, pork ribs with meat that fell off the bone, celery, finely-sliced onion and chili. In addition to our dry hot pot, we had fried battered prawns, one half covered in mayonnaise with the other half in strawberry sauce, shredded spinach pancake and thinly shredded potato.

It was a very different dining experience and, though some of the food seemed a bit strange at first, everything was fabulous. There's no doubt in my mind that I'll be going back again.

PROS:
Clean, good atmosphere, good food and a brilliant beer selection, served cold

CONS:
If you come here on a weekend at peak time then you may be in for a wait as it seems to be fairly popular

Gary has lived in Xi'an for over two years and works in a local high school. You can contact him at **garywoodgac@hotmail.com**

XXC干锅公司介绍

XXC干锅公司，美食的革命，私房菜领军的华丽转型，精美的落地玻璃窗，炫丽的吧台，超具现代感的复式设计，LOFT酒吧范星级餐厅。以“良心用好料、用心做美食”的立店之本，食材当天采买，调味料全部从麦德龙采购，对待菜品品质绝不妥协的倔强，为你奉上美味干锅和各种爽口菜品，在光影交错中放松心情、享受生活。也可以和闺蜜好友在潮范的音乐中同品美味，共享欢乐。希望来到这里的人不只是吃到了美味的菜品，还能相伴美丽的心情。

Spring Bar
春天酒吧

Article By **Benjamin Greuter**

2F,Bell Tower Youth Hostel, No.1 of Beida Jie
(碑林区北大街1号钟楼青年旅舍2楼)

029-8725 9988

7:00am-3:00pm

Average Price per Person
/人均消费:
30RMB

Average price per person per night of drinking and pool, not including dinner: 60-80RMB

As an innocent newcomer, over two years ago now, I stumbled around the city center with a couple of my chinese colleagues, both young ladies studying english and volunteering with my summer program. We had never really been inside Xi'an's city wall before, especially by ourselves, but we'd heard the legends of "Bar Street" and sought the fun, happening environments of lore. Far off track, and without proper direction, we explored and found ourselves for the third or fourth time walking around the Bell Tower square, when I, sweaty and depleted of enthusiasm, caught sight of something promising: a small circlular glowing sign that read, "Spring Bar". My heart beat quickened, and, as I pointed it out, I found there was no especially appearant entrance. In fact, under the sign there was only an Oppo shop and a China Post. Then I saw it. In my desperation, I scaled the wall around the corner and found a small opening, a narrow passage leading back further into the building. As I entered, I noticed the art on the wall and felt I must have been close. Inside there was nothing but a stair case and empty walls. I climbed, and hit the jackpot: Spring Bar.

This bar is another of a series of hostel/bar unions that have sprung up in throughout China, so there are rooms upstairs and a breakfast nook on the first floor. The main attraction is the breathtaking, front row view of the Bell Tower. On many a night I've spent hours over the pool table, halving my attention between the game and the glowing, glorious tower outside the window just next to the table. There is no better view in the city, guaranteed. This second floor bar hangs over the aforementioned China Post and Oppo store, directly facing the tower. There are four main rooms, the entrance room with the pool table, the bar room that sports a super long half tree trunk table perfect for large groups and drinking games, a side room with a couple of cute tables and comfy sofas, and a sort of porch room, two walls of which are composed entirely of windows.

Now, there are downfalls. If you are one who likes to be in a hot spot where everything is going down, this ain't the palce for you, yet. It seems that, even after all this time, no one frequents this place. Most locals don't know about it, and only the occasional random stumbler shows enough curiosity to wander in. It's never packed, usually never more than one group or couple of friends per room, despite Spring Bar's space, comfy seating, and openness to patrons' music preferences. The prices aren't the best, but they aren't the worst. Pretty average, I'd say, for Xi'an bars. Don't have high expectations for the toilets and don't expect to have nice sit-downs with the local owner to develop a close connection that results in you bringing in business and getting discounts. There is no special treatment, and

PROS:
Great view; intimate atmosphere; comfy seating

CONS:
No crazy-classy imports; sketchy toilets; overpriced soda

RECOMMENDATION:
Steak burger with egg, stay for pool

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the staff seldom involve themselves any more than necessary with the guests or patrons. Just as well, in my opinion; this is where I go to not be bothered.

The pool table is comfy and worn in, with nice rounded pockets. The sticks aren't by any means professional grade, either. Unfortunatly, the rules for playing pool aren't set in stone. I've been charged 5 to 10 yuan at times to play, while most of the time they either simply hand me the balls for free or they are already left out on the table, no fee necessary. Last year, there was even a season wherein they were asking for a 100RMB deposit if you wanted to play, but lately it seems they've done away with that. So, I can't really tell you what to expect; it depends on who is working and if they recognize me or not. It seems to be safe if you buy something to drink first, then ask for the balls. What I can say for sure, is that you shouldn't break the flower pots on the window sills by accident while playing. I found out the hard way that they cost 20RMB per pot.

They serve all the main categories of coffee and have a breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu that includes Mexican-style dishes, Chinese cuisine, pasta/lasagna and some Western bar food. They've recently revamped their menu, and my girlfriend and I are head over heels for the new "sesame steak burger" as I call it. It's actual steak, not processed or ground, on a buttered bun with all the fixings, plus some kind of sesame dressing that adds an amazing flare to the sweetness. I recommend asking that they add a fried egg for only 2RMB extra. Try to resist the immediate urge to come back later for the same thing, since it can't possibly be healthy. Oh, and the beer is always cold.

Articles By **Tim King**

Sim Bar 辛吧

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From the day we arrived here in Xi'an and, blinking, stepped into South Gate, there were more bars to be seen than could ever be seen, more to drink than could ever be drunk. There are just too many bars to drink in here; more to find than could ever be found. And the sun hiding high in the charcoal-gray sky keeps most foreign denizens of Xi'an looking for their next round.

Yes, it's the circle of bars, and it intoxicates us all. Through despair and hope, through faith and love, 'til we find our way back to our place in a taxi's winding, it's the circle of bars.

There's a calm surrender to the popping of a beer bottle, when the head of the rolling world can be drunk away. A fridge full of import beers, and it sees me through; it's enough for this restless editor just to drink a few.

And can you see the crocodile? He is stuffed and displayed. It's enough for this blurred-sight reveler to think it's a real one. And can you see the zebra stripes? How they're on the walls? It's enough to make this tough reviewer believe Simbar is nice.

There's a time for everyone to come to Simbar, if they only make it. The space between Wenchang Gate and Heping Gate will move us all in turn. There's a rhyme and reason to Simbar's décor, where the heart of a star-crossed foreigner can get real drunk with yours.

And I just can't wait to be drunk.

PROS:

Nice, modern style with enough appropriated African imagery to make you notice the motif but not enough to be offensively stereotypical; Good beer and hookah selection; It's near some barbecue places and it's in a part of downtown that is relatively less traveled, which makes it a nice place to chill out

CONS:

New bars in new, bar-sparse locations are always tough to get your friends to go to, and you'll want a solid group of between three and six people to go and hang out with; Average, but not amazing, prices

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An umbrella is a folding canopy, made of cloth, feathers, or other light material, supported by ribs and mounted on a pole. Its primary use is to shield a person from the perils of rain or sunshine, with secondary usage as a knight's sword in spontaneous sessions of drunken make-believe. The umbrella, in its purest essence, is intrigue. It's cinematographic cliché to see a beautiful woman reveal herself from under one, or to lose a dangerous suspect underneath a vast, drizzled-upon awning of umbrellas on a busy sidewalk. Umbrellas are made to hide things.

That's what Umbrella is probably best for—a hideaway from some of the nonsense happening just around the corner on Bar Street (not to mention the nonsense going on around the other corner at Club TNT). It lies in a surprisingly quiet nook on FenXiang, across the way from a Sculpting in Time café. Though it's a smallish brick-and-mortar, with a significant portion taken up by their fridges stocked to the brim with imported, primarily German and Belgian beers, they make up for this with ample patio space.

Unlike some of its more famous competitors, they fully expect you to sit outside and enjoy, rain or shine, and go through great lengths to ensure that that situation is more accommodating than wicker tables on a sidewalk. Sure, you could sit at one of the few small tables inside, but outside there is music, fresh air, and an army of—wait for it—umbrellas, ready and waiting to defend you from whatever elements might be bothering you.

In this latest trend of "beer supermarket" bars, Umbrella runs a good business. I could fault them for not doing anything new or exciting, but, things being as they are, I can't fault them for solid execution of their concept. And when you need the shelter, isn't it better to have a solid, working umbrella than a flashy, but flawed one? To paraphrase the ancient Barbadian philosopher Rihanna, you can stand under Umbrella's umbrella any time. You're unlikely to regret it.

PROS:
Comfortable environment; attentive staff; ample beer selection; unafraid to play a certain song featuring Jay-Z from the album "Good Girl Gone Bad", without irony

CONS:
You've been to this bar before, but that's not to say it isn't a nice and viable alternative to any other trendy "beer supermarket" place you're thinking of; With some of the bizarre, rainy weather we've had lately, Umbrella's umbrellas are faced with a serious challenge from Mother Nature, and it's up to you if you want to take that chance

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Certificate of Authenticity

Article By **Tim King**

What separates us from the animals?
A lot of people ponder this; a lot of half-clever movies have a lot of unclever answers to this question. For example:

• The ability to accessorize • Ambition • Preparedness
• Thinking before we speak • Clothes • Duels • Guilt / Remorse
• Sportsmanship • Opposable Thumbs

Some of the answers to this question are cheeky; others are objectively wrong; still others are objective fact; and that one about guilt and remorse is from Dexter, so it shows about as much depth and profundity as a Nine Inch Nails logo scribbled in the margins of a high school sophomore's geometry notebook.

I've recently been doing some thinking of my own on the subject, and I believe I've come up with a suitable answer to this question; one that elegantly answers the question, offering both objective fact and profound philosophical importance.

I think what separates us from the animals is a need for authenticity.

Yes, the one thing that keeps us separate from the beasts and bugs that share the planet with us is a quixotic quest to find "realness", otherwise known as the only non-skinny-jean metric for determining whether someone is hip or just a poseur.

Think about how often and loudly this debate rages, not only in hipster circles but across the country, across cultures, and across the world.Right now, as you read this, someone, somewhere is talking about how they're just "Keeping it real", and when they say that it actually means something. Elsewhere, someone is assessing a piece of art, lauding it for being "real", and that also means something. If we're really down on something, we can easily talk about how "fake" it is, and that actually carries more meaning than if it were being referred to as real.

I guess animals have the advantage here, maybe because they've never been forced to sit through the Matrix Trilogy and, as a result, thoughts of artifice have never really occurred to them.I mean, there's a company that produces a product called "Beggin' Strips" whose entire business model relies on your dogs being so trusting of their reality that you can punish them for it with bullshit instead of bacon.

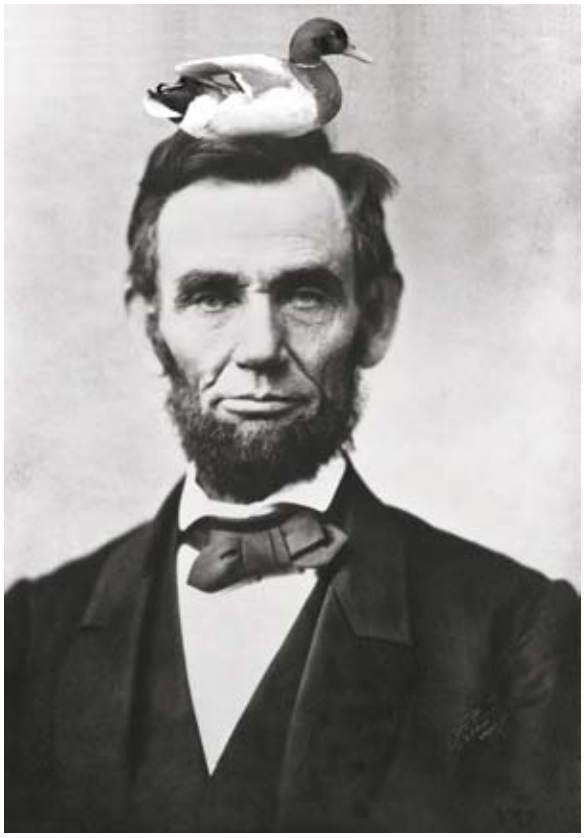
The fact of the matter is that we've very successfully divested ourselves from reality, on almost all levels. We're so far gone that things are now being sold to us on the basis of being real, and not just the art and metaphysical hipster nonsense. Things that shouldn't have been unreal in the first place are now making a grab for the sweet, sweet reality money. Take food, for example. It's disingenuous to ever really classify Pop Tarts as food, but they're allegedly edible and trying to convince us they're made with real fruit, and we should all be more shocked and ashamed that this kind of product marketing is not really an exception to any rule governing our supermarket shelves, not for its garishness but for the fact that we don't eat actual food.

We're just so removed from the natural world that we've lost all instincts capable of distinguishing reality from falseness, but we've been too arrogant to admit it. If you're still on the fence about this, or concocting some counter-manifesto about how the people of 2015 are highly evolved and can easily tell real from fake, consider two simple facts:

• We despise the hair pulling and lower-upper class drama on any Real Housewives franchise, because that's "fake".

• We respect the hell out of Daniel Day Lewis for walking around for six months telling everyone he meets that he's Abraham Lincoln, because that's "real".

Reality television seems a strange cultural touchstone for actual realness, but try and follow me for a second. Conventional wisdom dictates that reality television is fake, and it would be foolish to think that there wasn't at least some level of engineering done in the taping and production of these programs. But let's move past that, because to bash reality television for being engineered misses the point of how engineered everything else is to begin with. The reason that reality television elicits this strong revulsion from people is that reality TV exists in the uncanny valley of human behavior.



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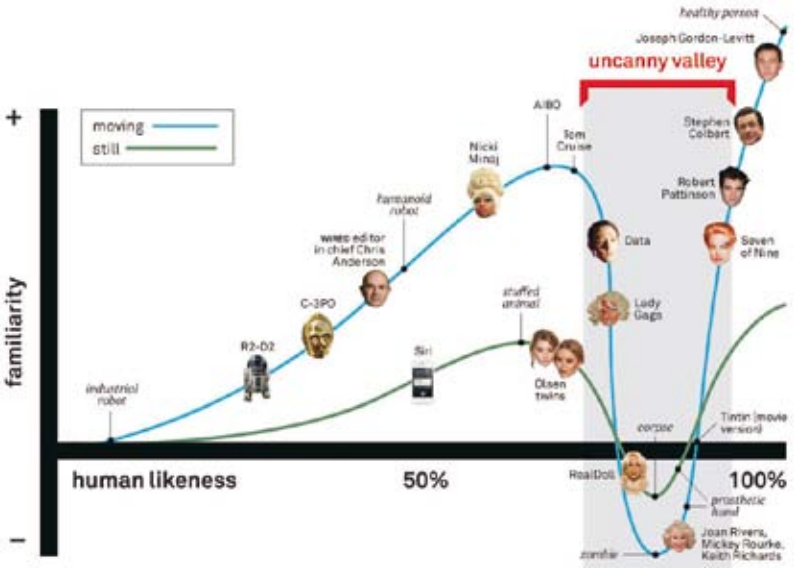

This chart plots human emotional response (the Y-axis) against how close a robot is to appearing human (the X-axis). As we can see, there is a gradual and steady increase in positive emotional responses to these robots as they become more human-like and on the other end, when they truly appear human, we're particularly well disposed to them. On the other hand, there is that dip right before things appear to be human, that part in which we're completely reviled by what we're seeing because something about it is just wrong, and that part is what people who study this kind of thing call the "Uncanny Valley" (but you may be more apt to call it the "KILL IT WITH FIRE!" Trench).

Generally, the uncanny valley is used to discuss robots and virtual depictions of humans, but I think we can extrapolate this idea to other anthropological topics. Lots of topics, and I'm just spit-balling here, but perhaps we can use this to explain why reality television is super goddamned real but manages to come off as artificial to a vast majority of the viewing public.

If you're a fan of watching Chinese television, you may have seen a show called "If You Are the One" (Simplified Chinese: 非诚勿扰, Pinyin: Feī Chéng Wù Rǎo, lit. "Serious Inquiries Only"). It's is based off of an Australian dating show called "Taken Out," which they tried to make into a thing in the States three years ago with a show called "Take Me Out." The Chinese iteration became, and largely still is, one of the most popular shows in Chinese broadcast television history.

If you've never had the pleasure of seeing this fantastic program, an episode goes roughly like so:

The people in charge of this insanity parade single men, one at a time, out in front of twenty-four beautiful women swathed in various shades of ostentation, from the lady-in-the-street-freak-in-the-bed, clean-cut businesswoman, to the poor woman that looks more cockatoo than woman by the time hair and makeup are done with her. This single man tries to impress these women with video clips about his life. First, he shares his passions, his work, and his friends and family gushing over him.Then, he's forced to show a second video, this one of his friends saying some not-so-flattering things about him. At any point in this exercise in loneliness, the twenty-four women can shut off the lights on their podium, indicating, in real time, that they don't give a shit about him. If all twenty-four lights turn off, he loses.

You're likely thinking along the same lines as my Chinese coworkers did when I had this conversation with them: Fake. Fake fake-fakefakefakefakefake. But let's not get hasty. Now that we know the format, let's examine a case study.

The first episode I'd ever seen of "If You Are the One" featured a young man, probably in his mid-to-late twenties.He wasn't the most handsome of guys, but he wasn't ugly either, sort of like the difference between a Toyota and a Lexus. Immediately, some of the lights go off, but not many. Then he introduces himself and shows off his first video, and things are going well. He's a musician, he's got a good job, and his friends and family talk about him being the nicest guy on the face of the planet. Those who are averse to shitty singer-songwriters and the ones who are too flashy for "nice" guys turn off their lights. Still, a majority of the lights are on.

Then comes the second video. Oh my god, the second video. His family and friends all say basically the same thing: he just got out of a long-term relationship with a girl he was head-over-heels for. Spoiler alert: he didn't initiate the break up. They go on, and on, and on, and on, about how much he loved her and how he was probably not over it, not even a little bit. This was probably two to three minutes of video but it felt like hours. It was excruciating to watch, and not just for me; the women's podium lights started going out like the Blitzkrieg was coming through to bomb the stage and the only hope for survival was a blackout so that they couldn't be targeted. All but three were blacked out now.

Then he plays a song, live on his guitar; a song clearly written about (and being sung to) the girl that got away. Parts of my body cringe that I didn't think could cringe. Two more lights go off, and we're left with one woman willing to give this guy a shot. She's

the paragon of Chinese beauty: slender and pale, with long black hair draping down the back of her red dress. As per the game's rules, she is walked out to center stage to engage her suitor. She takes him to task on his nonsense but sort of says, "Hey, screw it, okay. Why not?"

Then the bomb drops: this woman is the coworker of his ex-girlfriend. She knows the ex and her new boyfriend, personally. Then this guy, and this is a hard paraphrasing of what he said, he basically says, "I came here looking for you because I thought that I could stalk my ex while using you as plausible deniability." "Why not?" indeed. Predictably, the woman looks at him and says (again, paraphrasing), "Well in that case…um no, you loser." End of segment.

Now that we've gone through that harrowing tale, we must talk about the elephant in the room: much of this meeting was likely engineered, in some form or another.Either the producers gave the woman a head's up about the whole situation but paid her a little bonus for making such delicious drama, or something to that effect, but suffice to say that there are 1.7 billion people in this country; coincidences like this don't just "happen" here.

But let's look at the other side of this coin and really think about what this guy did: he went on national television, in front of nearly forty million viewers (which, I might add, is 1/3 of a Super Bowl, and they pull that kind of viewership regularly) and played some trite, treacly song that he wrote on an acoustic guitar in front of a menagerie of coiffed women while his friends talked shit about him on a hundred-foot plasma screen, all building up to the reveal that he's only on the show because he heard that one of the panelists is a coworker of the ex he's so hung-up on, in hopes that he can woo her as a consolation prize for the sole purpose of stalking his ex-girlfriend. What kind of person would so thoroughly assassinate their own character like that in front of an audience comparable with the 2014 Academy Awards, even if every last detail wasfake? That's not an actor; that's a person so broken it would only make sense to refer to them as shattered.

And that's where the uncanny valley plays into this. The broken kind of people who seek that flash-in-the-pan reality show fame may be put in contrived situations, but that cycle of behavior, that willingness to show every stitch and suture of their ruptured psyche very closely resembles so-called "normalized" human behavior as we've come to expect it, but falls just short enough that we instantly reject it as being false as hell. While sitting on the couch eating Pop Tarts with Real Fruit™ and feeding our dogs Beggin' Strips, it's likely easier to just accept what we're watching as jury-rigged, unnutritious but filling fictional nonsense, than the very real cry for help it probably is.

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Impacts

Article by **Uncle Traveling Matt**

We last left off in Kratie but I have had a bit of a life lesion I'd like to get to so I'll keep the introduction short. In Kratie there was a small Café that advertised another location called Mondokiri which is a small area in the highlands of Cambodia about 6 hours north. It looked nice so I thought I would take a small side trip for a day or two and go hiking and relaxing.

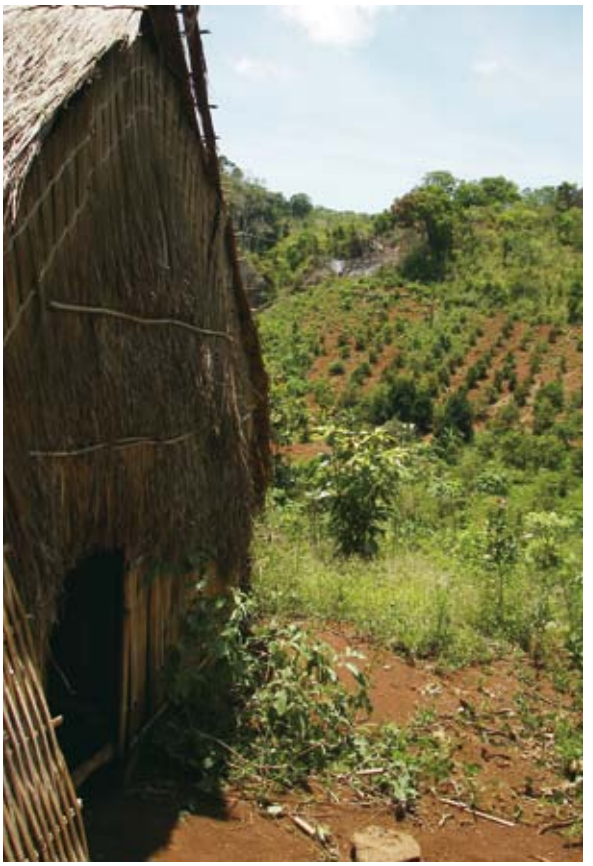
The trip there was an amazing adventure, two hours was spent on the TOP of a pick-up truck holding about 35 to 40 people then a transfer for another four hours in the back of another small Toyota pick-up with 12 other people, a motorbike, lots of bags, and a few chickens, to say I was cramped is an understatement, transportation here is amazing. By the time I arrived I was completely covered with red dust, I mean I was actually RED.

I stayed at a great place called the Nature Lodge, a thatched roof hut with tents on the second floor. The first day there I met several people from various parts of the world and they all proved to be wonderful companions for my time in Mondokiri. Several of us went for a 5 hour Elephant ride in these wee baskets that, in looking back I believe were actually made for collecting fruit. Picture five hours of your knees up by your ears and your butt on a hard wooden bench, it was actually a great deal of fun but 5 hours was PLENTY of Elephant time for me.

Anyway my two days turned into seven in a flash. I had a wonderful week of swimming under waterfalls, great hikes, and conversations that warmed my mind, it felt like a true holiday. On the final morning I took the truck back to Kratie and bought my ticket to the Lao border for the next morning. On my last night in Cambodia I had similar feelings as when I left Japan, Cambodia is a wonderful place and I feel like there is so much more I could see but onward I must go and so I will.

My adventure into Lao was amazing and a story that I will write here one day but for now I need to write about an incident that happened a little more than 24 hours ago (about 10am on Wednesday the 26th). I was traveling along a local dirt road in Southern Lao between Paksong and Salavan, in a very remote part of southern Lao. I had jumped on a tractor and wagon with a family when a few miles into the journey a boy of about 16 or 17 came out of the bushes on the side of the road and stopped our slow moving tractor, he was carrying an AK-47.

Seeing me he pointed this rifle at me and started yelling at me in Lao (I guess it was Lao though I honestly don't know). Seeing that I didn't understand him he came closer and yelled louder. Since there were children in the wagon and he seemed to only be interested in me, I separated from the wagon and stood on the farther side of the road away from the family.



My God my heart is racing just typing this. He pushed the front of the rifle to my forehead and began yelling again. I must pause here and say that this is the second time in my life a loaded AK-47 has been held to my head and this never gets easier. My hands in the air and I'm not looking at him in the eyes but I am speaking (in English) smoothly and slowly, it seemed to calm him (and me) down. He put the rifle to his waste and backed away about three feet still aiming at me. I don't think he understood any English but I think my tone helped to calm him, I don't know for sure.

From three feet away the blackness of the barrel is something I will not forget. He finally made it known he wanted my wallet and so I very slowly drew it from my front pocket and handed it to him. He slung the rifle on his shoulder and opened the wallet, now I had about $150.00 USD in my wallet with my one credit card and ATM card, he went into the wallet took out ONE twenty dollar bill put it into his jeans and gave me back the wallet…with the rest of the money, the cards, my drivers license…everything, he only took $20.00.

Hands in the air, knees weak and heart pounding he once again grabbed the rifle, took a look right into my eyes, pointed the rifle

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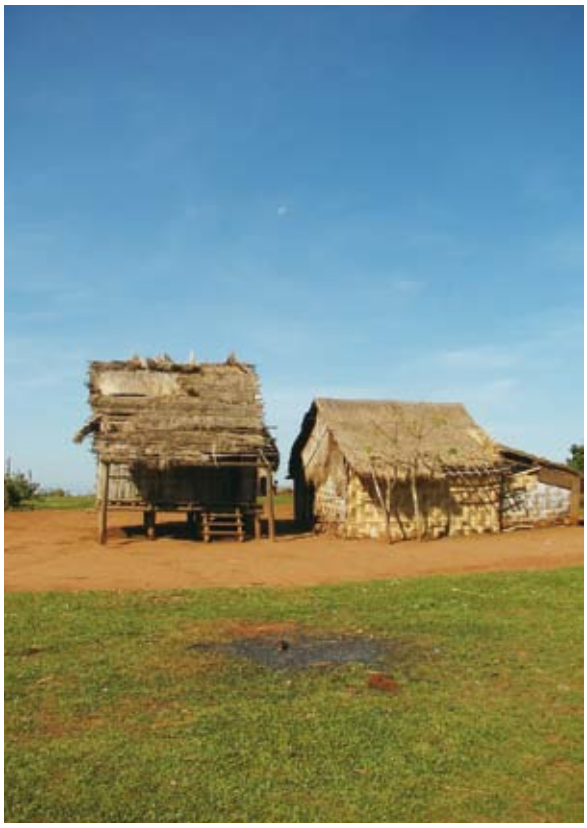


into the air and fired what must have been 6 or 7 shots but the only thing I heard was the blood in my ears…the sound went on forever. When I gathered my wits once again he was gone back into the bush and the family chattered away and the world swam before my eyes. The entire incident couldn't have been more than ten minutes but in those short minutes I had an eternity to think and value and judge myself, in those few minutes I assessed who and what I am.

This sounds very clich' I know but I can only describe it as that. My life didn't flash before my eyes, I didn't "Rambo" the kid and beat him down, I didn't cry, I didn't plead, I simply watched as if it wasn't me…but the shots brought me back and suddenly my back hurt, my legs were weak and my jaw muscles were strained. I was only afraid after he had gone…it was not from courage but simply from being numb while the gun was to my head and then while I stared down that black barrel almost never ending.

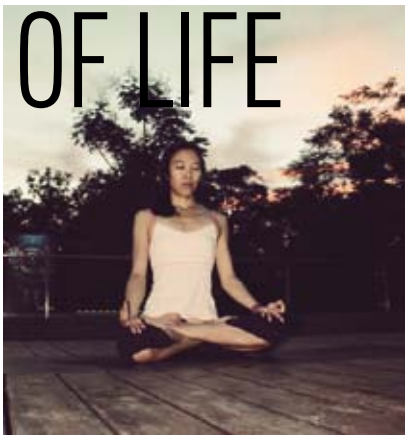
I walked down the dirt track alone until I came to a paved road where I flagged down a passing bus and came about 150 miles north to the city of Savanakret. While I was traveling I noticed that many people stared at me as if they knew what had happened and this puzzled me until I checked into the guesthouse and looked in the mirror. There in the center of my forehead was a perfectly round (a little smudged) black circle from where the barrel had been…This was too much for me and for the first time in a long time cried.

Looking at that ring made the realization all come home and I've spent the better part of today really thinking about myself, my actions, my thoughts, my person. I once wrote a poem and in it asked, "If it is possible to experience a life changing situation and emerge on the other side unchanged because you are already where you should be…I can now answer honestly that we are NEVER where we need to be in our life and the moment we think we are is the furthest away we could ever be.

Who is it you want to be? When will you start? Why not right now?

Uncle Traveling Matt

YOGA - A BALANCE OF LIFE



Article by **Ricardo Giles** & **Sara Taddio**

No Matter if you are a coach potato or a live wire,it's easy to start with a healthy lifestyle.

Yoga is often offered to people as a new workout routine, as it can help get your body in shape. However, it also positively affects your approach to life, your eating habits and is a relatively easy lifestyle to achieve. A balance between spirit, mind and health is the core concept of yoga. "Yogaholics" believe that this practice provides everything the body needs to function in the best way.

Yoga originates from India but it has rapidly spread in Western countries, due to our hectic lifestyles necessitating time to chill out. The key features of yoga are postures or "asanas" as they're called, breathing, relaxation, healthy eating and meditation.

Each type of yoga focuses on different principles. Mantra yoga heals your spirit. Jnana yoga develops your intellectual capacity. Raja yoga achieves a peaceful state of mindthrough meditation. Nowadays,Hatha yoga is one of the most common types practiced since it merges a good workout routine with mind training, to reach perfect harmony between body and mind.

Asanas increase muscle strength and improve your posture.When you combine this with breathing exercises, the flow of blood and oxygen to your brain gets smoother, boosting your mood and your mind. This can prepare you to overcome the daily stresses of life.

Joining a club is the best way to practice yoga, but you can also do it on your own, in the morning to start a brand new day with a clear mind, or before going to bed to have a better rest. When you face a hard working day, just 5 minutes of yoga can fill you with enough positive energy to finish your day. Especially if you are a foreigner in China, taking up yoga sounds like a very wise idea! To get you started, here is an asana you can practice on your own.

LOTUS ASANA:
a position to rid yourself of cravings

1. Sit straight and lengthen your spine. Relax your muscles in the lower part of the hips stretching your legs.

2. After a few seconds of stretching, snuggle your right foot to the top of your left thigh, paying attention to the rotation of your knee.

3. Bend your left leg and externally rotate it. Take hold of your left foot, turning the sole toward the ceiling, then place the left foot on the top of the right thigh.

4. Keep your knees and ankles free of stress and pain. Lengthen your spine and rest your hands on your knees with your palms facing up.

5. Once you are in a comfortable position, you can start deep, slow and rhythmic breathing. Close your eyes, slowly focus on exhaling and inhaling using the whole capacity of your lungs, lower your breathing rate and heartbeat until you feel on the edge of falling asleep.

6. When you sense that your mind turns inward, hold the position and the feeling for a few minutes. This will help increase your vitality and mental clarity.

If you aren't feeling comfortable holding the lotus position just keep it simple so as not to risk injury. Keep working on it until you are ready to perform properly.

It is highly recommended to practice the lotus asana when your level of stress reaches the bearable limit.Not only does the lotus asana benefit your body, but also it goes beyond.When you practice it for longer sessions it will help to obtain a proper posture and spinal alignment. Through yoga, the saying"mentesana in corporesano" ("healthy body, healthy mind") will come true. Keep in mind that 21 continuous days of good practice becomes a good habit.

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Community Market

Buy - Sell - Trade?
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Basically it's a farmers market idea but with less farmers (because we don't know any foreign farmers - yet). It's like this, if you are someone who likes to bake, makes sweaters, carves stuff from wood, grows flowers, makes sausages or has some things sitting around you'd like to sell we now have a monthly dedicated page for you to advertise your stuff for free!

It's open to anyone and everyone, but no companies please, this is only for individuals. Our hope is that once we get enough people selling their own items we will then be able to hold an actual monthly Community Market someplace in the city.

I hope we can get some great homemade stuff into the community and bring us all closer together.

Xi'an Community Flea Market

Open to anyone and everyone, selling anything from jewelry and cosmetics to bikes, furniture and clothing with anything and everything possible in between.

Location: 3as4 Bar
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Date: Sunday July 26th
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To order or inquire, send an email to me at kristensbakery@xianease.com

Spring Rolls

Sally, a culinary student with a specialty in making spring rolls, is now selling them in the city. If you would like to order, you can text her at 152-8936-5671 or email me at salomeghine94@gmail.com. 50pcs for 150 RMB or 100 pcs for 250 RMB and I can deliver at the Bell Tower area. Sorry, I only speak English.

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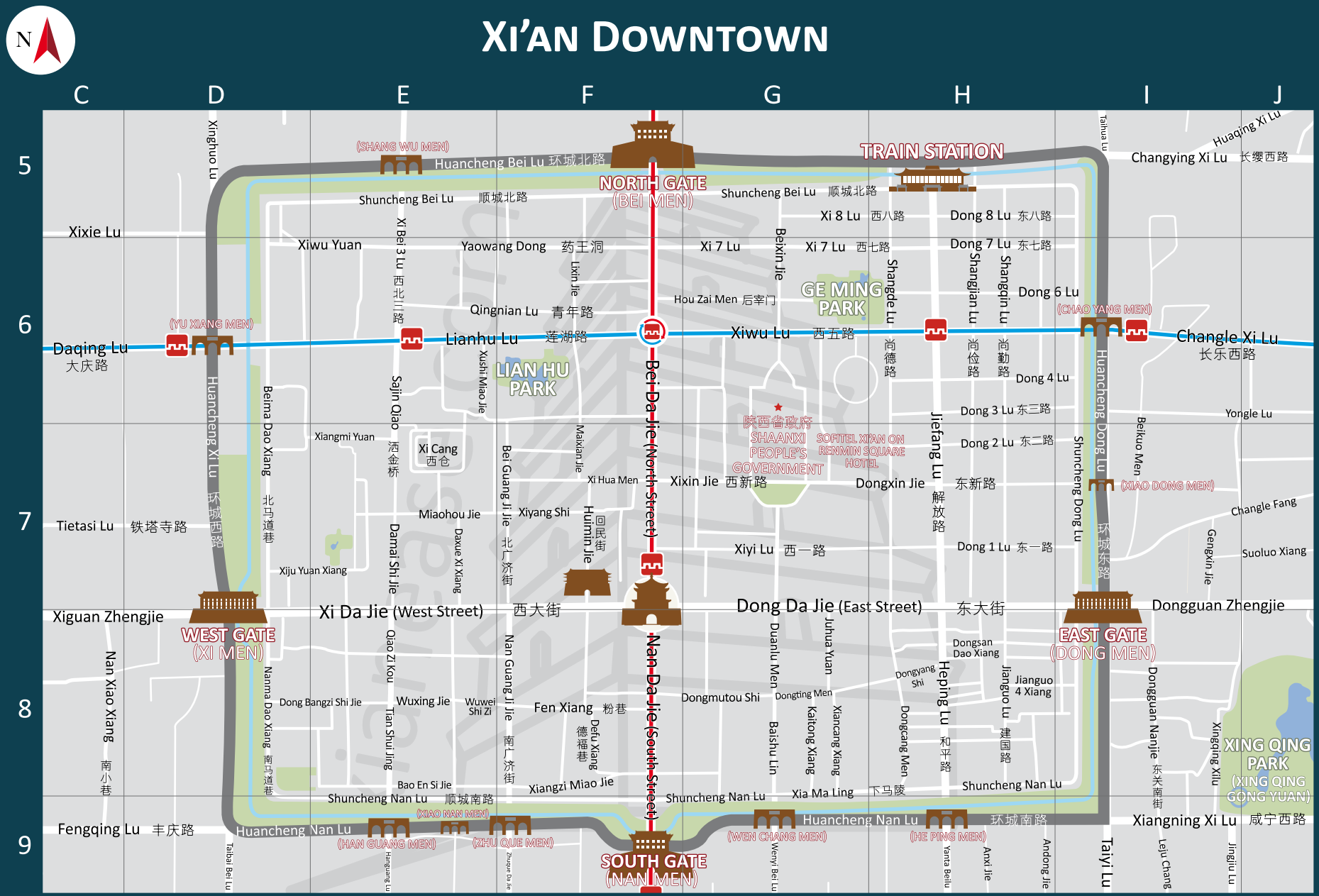

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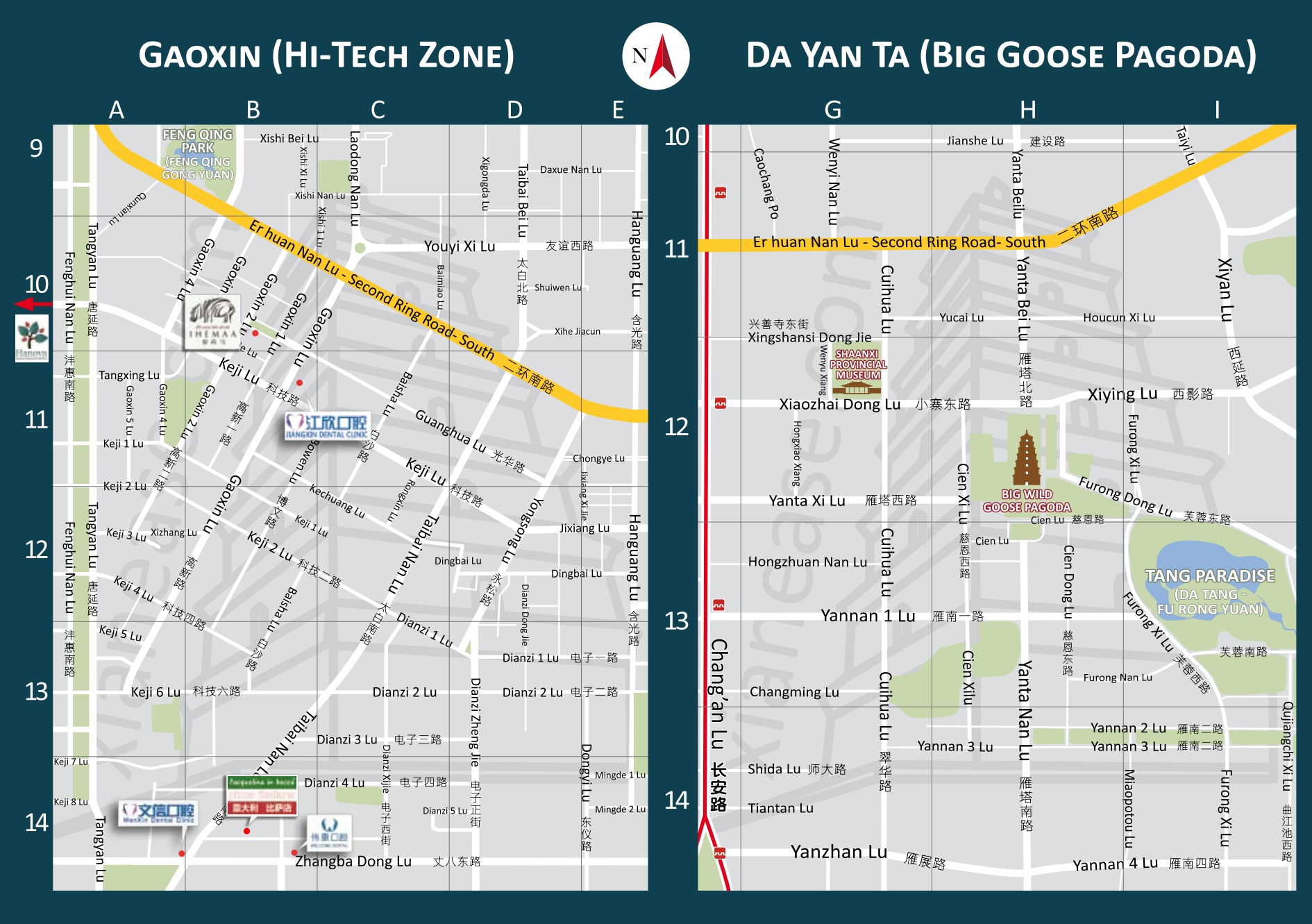

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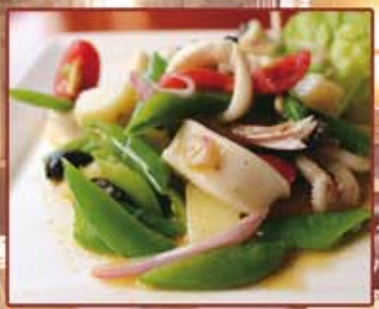

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Xi'an's Best Local DESSERT

Article by **Brian Bergey**

We all love our desserts, but most of us are probably tired of spending 50RMB for a poor version of our favorite slice of cake from a nearby coffee shop. Local desserts often look better than they taste and fall short in any comparison to our Western favorites. This month, we searched the city for the best local desserts that Xi'an has to offer.

锦祥斋 (Jin Xiang Zhai) is hidden on a quiet alley within the city wall. This Muslim family has been making local treats for over 70 years and operating this shop for 20. At first glance, the treat selection is very similar to what you see in many other dessert shops: boxes filled with giant plastic bags that have somewhat appealing treats that resemble baked goods. We've all tried them and, for the most part, have probably been disappointed.

After speaking with the women who prepare the desserts fresh each day, we learned that they pride themselves in making their goods entirely by hand, without the use of chemicals or preservatives. They encouraged us to keep the desserts outside of the fridge, but eat them quickly so they are fresh. These unusual instructions intrigued us, and we couldn't wait to sample their selection.

The primary ingredient is freshly made jujube paste. Used in many of their desserts, it resembles a dark filling very similar to a berry pie filling, but less sweet with an almost rhubarb-like kick. In other desserts, they use other local flavors such as walnuts and rose.

The women were kind enough to let us sample as many desserts as we liked and they packed separate bags for all of our favorites. The first must-try is their ***Lv Dou Gao***, translated as Green Bean Cake, which is a staple all over China. Theirs is by far the best we have ever tried and put the ones on Muslim Street to shame. They offer two varieties; plain or swirled with jujube paste. The second are round pastries that are filled with a very sweet walnut and rose paste, kind of like a thick walnut butter. Finally, they offer a croissant-shaped wheat flour pastry filled so completely with jujube paste that you can see it seeping through the dough. I couldn't help but wonder what this would taste like heated up in the microwave and served with vanilla ice cream.

Everything else we tried was very tasty and it was really refreshing to visit such a friendly place that focuses on creating quality treats with the perfect amount of flavor. They will also start selling Moon Cakes this month, so make sure you visit and stock up for the holiday!

Do you want to find more amazing local food? Join a Lost Plate Food Tour and find many places like this (and unlimited beer!) from the comfort of your own private tuktuk!

What you need to know

Address: 香米园南巷三拐弯 (Xiangmiyuan nan Alley)

Directions: Enter the main East Gate and turn left on Beimadao Alley, which goes along the city wall. At the first intersection, turn right on Juyuan Alley and go past the Children's Hospital. Then turn left on Zaoci Alley. After about 10 minutes walk, the road will take a few natural turns. The 3rd turn is a 90 degree turn left and the shop will be on your right immediately after the turn.

Brian is from the US and has lived all over the world finding good food and adventure everywhere he lives. In Xi'an, he works for an American software company and co-owns Lost Plate Food Tours, a tour company aimed at introducing foreigners to the best local food in the city. To find out more about their tours, check out **www.lostplate.com** or email **info@lostplate.com.**

The Wichita of China

Article by **Rob Paix**

Challenger Light Sport Aircraft

China is already well on its way to replacing the USA as the world's largest aviation market in terms of airline passenger numbers. Now, China is getting ready for a boom in the general aviation (GA) market. GA basically refers to all non-airline and non-military aviation, a market in which Xi'an is playing a major role. Both geographically and metaphorically central to the development of GA in China, Xi'an has been compared to the US city of Wichita, Kansas, home to major aviation companies like Cessna, Beechcraft and Spirit Aerosystems. The association between Xi'an and Wichita is not just a mental one. In July 2014, the two cities signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on development of economic and trade opportunities around aviation. Before that, Wichita mayor Carl Brewer had given an address at the China International General Aviation Convention hosted by Xi'an in 2013.

Xi'an Helicopter Company

Xi'an's emergence as a center for aviation can be traced back to its prominence during the Anti-Japanese War and its selection as the site for key military establishments. A large and well-resourced city, it was centrally located with good connections to the large cities of the east, but far enough inland to be less vulnerable to attack. In 1958, Xi'an's Yanliang District saw the establishment of the military aviation-focused "Factory 172." Yanliang went on to become the first China Aviation Industrial Base (CAIB), an aviation hi-tech industry development platform established by the State. Xi'an's suite of aviation and aerospace resources now includes ten education and training platforms, including Xi'an Aeronautical University (西安航空学院) and Northwestern Polytechnical University (西北工业大学), more than 20 R&D institutions such as the AVIC Aircraft Design Institute (中航工业第一飞机设计研究院) and numerous national laboratories.

In greater Xi'an there are now more than 500 foreign and Chinese aviation and aerospace related companies. A significant number of these are General Aviation companies. Shaanxi Jinggong General Aviation Company (精功通航), for example, is involved in pilot training, aerial touring, aircraft maintenance, flying clubs and sky diving. Another Xi'an company has been established to assemble and market the Challenger Light Sport Aircraft (挑战者轻型飞机), originally from North America, with a production line being set up in "Aerospace Town" (航天成), located south of the TV tower. Helicopters are also part of the GA scene. The Xi'an Helicopter Company (西直公司) operates Eurocopters, Russian Kamov helicopters and American Robinson helicopters in a range of areas including search and rescue, medevac, firefighting, mineral exploration, aerial photography and mapping.

These companies and many more will be there with their airplanes at the Xi'an Air Show, which forms part of the China International General Aviation Convention, to be held October 15-19. Come out and experience for yourself the "Wichita of China!"

GA aircraft on the tarmac at Pucheng

Shaanxi Jinggong's Cirrus SR22

The author with Wichita mayor Carl Brewer (left)

Stunt flying at the Xi'an Air Show

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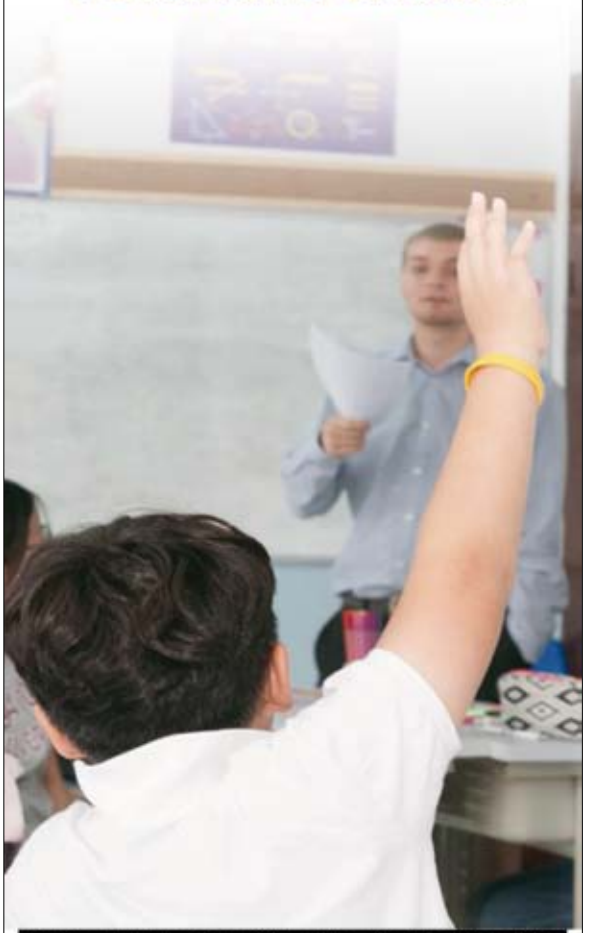

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At Home in England

A Holiday In China ***PART 1***

Article by **Carolyn**

In transit from England to China, my daughter Li Chen and I spent our first night away from home hidden behind a curtain in the prayer room at Vienna airport. It was a bleak room with a wooden floor and stark overhead lighting. A copy of the Bible lay open on a plywood pulpit, an arrow on the floor pointed towards Mecca and a white curtain circled the walls with 'Jerusalem' printed in big letters down one side. There was a foot washing area near the door with a stack of prayer mats beside it and two padded pews, one on either side of the room. I picked up the pews and rearranged them in a corner, in the narrow space which lay between curtain and walls. Li Chen didn't approve and told me that she'd prefer to sit up all night but lay down anyway and fell asleep almost at once. I felt a little uneasy myself but had begun to drift off when I heard someone enter the room, remove what sounded like sandals and start washing their feet. I held my breath. I heard a prayer mat being placed on the floor and the sound of the man, for it was clear that it was a man, kneeling on the floor.

It was obvious the man didn't realise there was anyone behind the curtain. I thought of my Muslim friend who'd taken me to the old mosque in Xi'an and told me how women were not allowed in the same prayer room as men and willed Li Chen not to turn in her sleep. I wanted to let the man know we were there and offer to leave but was afraid the surprise would annoy him. He continued reciting. At times his voice dropped to a whisper then trailed off and when I couldn't hear him I imagined the worst. I pictured him stealthily unsheathing a dagger and stretching my ears listened out for a chink of metal, a clunk of a gun. Li Chen moved, her leg brushed the curtain and the curtain quivered. "Allah Akbar," the man repeated and kept praying; he must have his head down or his eyes closed. His voice was sonorous and there was nothing casual or cursory about his devotions. Despite my discomfort I felt deeply moved. Eventually I heard him getting to his feet and after washing again he left the room and I listened to his footsteps fading away down the corridor. An hour or so later when someone else entered the room I woke immediately, drew the curtain at once and offered to leave. The man observed Li Chen curled up asleep and smiled kindly, "No problem, I pray, you sleep," he said and I gratefully drew the curtain again. Another man who came in just before dawn also gently assured me that our presence would cause him no problem. Li Chen woke at 6am without hearing a thing.

We were in the centre of town by 8:00 looking at the colourful organic curves of the remarkable Hunderwasser building. By 10:00 we were wandering through the grand Belvedere Palace enjoying Klimpt's Kiss and other paintings from the Vienna Secession. By 11:30 we had reached the elegant rooms of Demel's, Vienna's famous patisserie and chocolatier. It was here that I realised my wallet was missing. I looked through my pockets, my bag, Li Chen's bag then everything all over again but it had gone. I concluded I'd left it moments ago on

the seat in the taxi. The assistant in Demel's phoned the yellow taxi company, "Our driver was from Moldavia, such a friendly man….." "Madam, we have 4,000 drivers but unless your nice driver contacts my office your wallet has gone." He didn't phone or answer the call the receptionist radioed to the drivers. I lost two credit cards and £250 pounds but fortunately our passports and an emergency credit card were safe in my money belt. We left without eating any cake.

By the time our China Airlines airbus touched down in Beijing nine hours later I was in better spirits. Waiting in line for immigration we fell into conversation with a Texan biker who'd made a home in Shanghai. "I don't have a licence but it doesn't matter in China as long as you drive fast enough and never stop for the police," he reflected happily. On the other side of customs Li Chen struck a keen deal with a taxi driver and I fell asleep in his comfortable air conditioned car for the first time since prayers in Vienna.

So here we are, back in the chaos and thrust of China: the heat, the smiles, missing teeth, men with shirts rolled up to cool their bellies, peasant parents following a successful daughter into the Wangfujin Apple shop—dressed in their best, brown as berries, dazed and dazzled. Down the road an old man in a traditional Chinese gown and hand sewn black slippers sails by in his homemade motorised wheel chair negotiating pedestrians and motorbikes with calm detachment. Shops brim onto pavements, sound, light, chrome, steel, fluted roof tiles, upturned eaves, imperial yellow, red earth—the colours of China. Building sites, shopping centres, two young men moving a display shelf laden with ornaments almost too heavy to hold, items start tumbling from the shelves and customers step aside without complaint, everything available everywhere, food stalls offering deep fried beetles, scorpion, grapes and strawberries, 4-year-olds on the pavement wearing rags and playing cards.

Xi'an here we come!

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach Carolyn at **carolyn@xianease.com**

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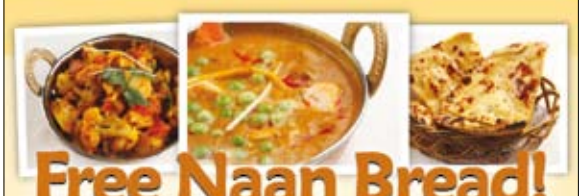

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What to do in Xi'an Instead of Teaching

Article by **Christina Roca**

When you meet new people in Xi'an, they are either students, or, well, English teachers. When you do not speak enough Chinese, it is hard to imagine having another job in China. Few people know that you can broaden your horizons by choosing another path: the hotel industry.

I arrived in Xi'an as a university teacher, did not speak a word of Chinese and was pretty pessimistic about my chances of finding a job in a hotel. I had sufficient experience in hotels in other countries, but my Chinese was non-existent. After one year, I told myself, it would be enough to get by and I would start looking for a job in a hotel. It turned out that I found a job in a new hotel quite fast, right after the first semester. However, my Chinese was still pretty bad.

I found that working in an international hotel is the key, because international hotels in China need us foreigners. The staff needs to speak English, internal documents are in English and the customers are foreign as well.

A hotel has many job opportunities for all. There are what we call "front office" jobs, meaning you have direct contact with the hotel guests, but there are also "back office" jobs, such as jobs in marketing, sales, events, finance, accounting, purchasing, human resources and many management positions that do not require you to be "on the field". The cool part is you would be working in the tourism sector, a sector that's always challenging and constantly evolving. Your opportunities to actually be the tourist and travel within an international hotel group are at the tip of your fingers!

In the hospitality industry, there are opportunities for every taste, for every career, from management to pastry chef. You will probably start from the bottom, with a waitressing or guest relations job, but you can go up pretty fast in China! Salaries are low for everyone in this sector, and it's not only the

case in China. People don't start careers in this sector for a high salary, but, in most cases, you'll meet very passionate people who are not there for the modest money most starting positions offer. Learning from them is really worthwhile. They are really focused on customer service and usually very patient, good mentors. Think of it like an investment for your future career.

Hotel work can also help you drastically increase your Chinese language skills. You are a teacher and at the end of the day, do you really want to pick up a book and study Chinese? When you work all day with Chinese people, staff and customers, you're learning Chinese. Your listening and speaking skills will improve in no time because you have to learn! The language barrier can be exasperating, though. You could be learning even more by observing if you spoke fluent Chinese, or react faster in some cases when you can follow a conversation. Some training sessions are only given in Chinese. However, the staff I have been working with always try to include me and do not hesitate to translate for me most of the time. You just have to ask politely and show you want to be involved more.

You won't only learn the language, you'll also be learning the culture and management style of your Chinese counterpart. Imagine, on your CV, you can actually say you worked with Chinese people and you served Chinese guests, which will be a valuable asset as China interacts with the world more and more. In a word, you have really lived the Chinese experience. Chinese management style is different from that of the West. For example, small staff can sometimes be what we would call lazy, or passive. They are just not sensitive to the same problems as Westerners are and can seem to lack empathy. It's also because they believe everyone has a task to do and has to stick to it. You will often hear Chinese people say they "do not know" when asked a question, or they will give you a straight "no". That is just because they are not in charge and were not told how to answer by their supervisor (or it's possible

they just did not understand your English). Hierarchy is very important in Asian cultures. It can be frustrating at times, especially when you want to go the extra mile for the guests and the Chinese staff cannot relate or understand why you are working so hard to please them.

The working hours, the morning shifts, evening shifts, night shifts and changing schedules can get on your nerves. It's eight hours a day, minimum, and five days a week, with your off-days often changing and not always consecutive. However, I see this as flexibility. You can shop on weekday afternoons when you finish at 3pm and have a coffee in a quiet environment! You can avoid the weekend crowd and discover Xi'an in a new light!

Some hotels will give you a management trainee contract (complete with a working visa!) because your experience is insufficient in the sector or because you do not speak enough Chinese. These types of contracts often include accommodation in the hotel in which you will work, most of the time. It's super convenient, but it does mean that you will feel like a student again, sleeping in a room with no kitchen or house appliances. Another disadvantage of this is that some staff will feel they can call you anytime, because you are "just next door". The best way to deal with this is to make your manager understand you are there for any emergency, but to respect your free time as much as possible.

A lot of teachers actually have the skills needed to work in hotels, as the service sector needs people who give part of themselves everyday, who are patient and caring. Working a "front office" job can be exhausting, having to deal with guests who complain or are too demanding. So is teaching, when you think about it: you give a part of yourself every time you face those students. However, if teaching is really your calling, why not teach the hotel staff? International hotels need trainers who have good teaching skills, for all subjects: English, cross-cultural communication, negotiation, wine knowledge, cooking, the possibilities are endless.

So, now that you know the pros and cons, why not you? You are here for a reason. Maybe you love to travel, or meet new people, or discover new cultures, or you're just very open-minded. Hopefully you're also willing to learn Chinese, or at least try. The hotel business could be a great fit for you. Leave the training school grind behind and embark on an exciting new career!

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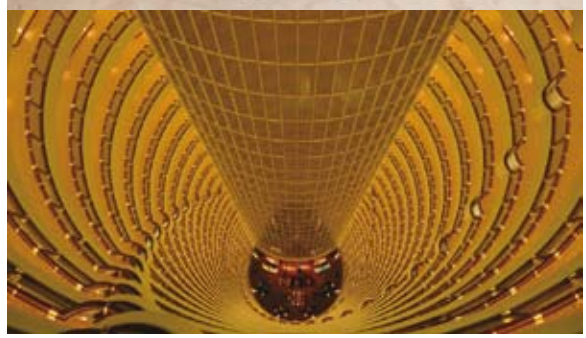

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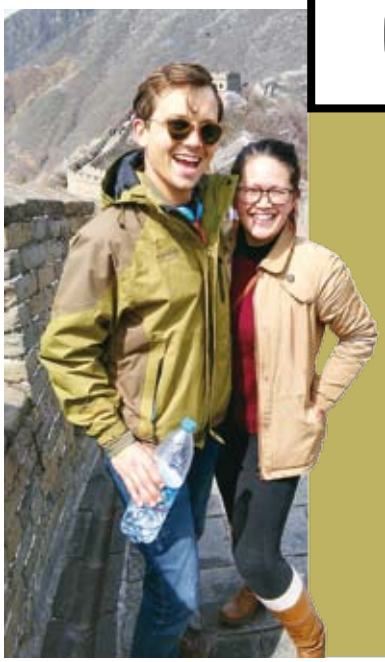

In the August issue the Pinotage restaurant article was incorrectly labeled as having been written by Naomi and Javier when actually it was written by **Crystle-Day and Julian**. We apologize to CD and Julian for the mix up and hope that this doesn't affect them from contributing in the future. It is never a good thing to have your hard work not credited and so I wanted to put this here to let everyone and them know that not only Xianease but I appreciate every article and review that we get into the magazine. It is because of folks like Crystle-Day, Julian, Naomi and Javier that there even is a magazine in the first place. I want to apologize for the mistake and thank you for your contribution to Xianease and the Xi'an community.

Sincerely,

Patrick Antony

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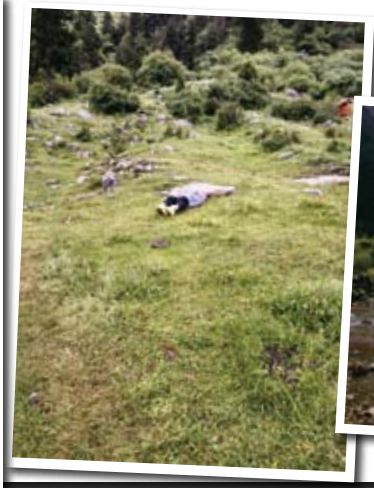

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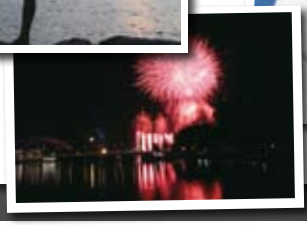

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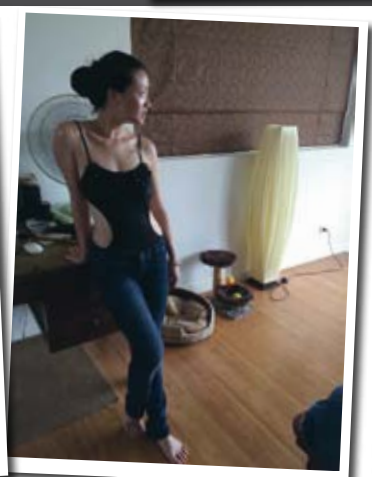

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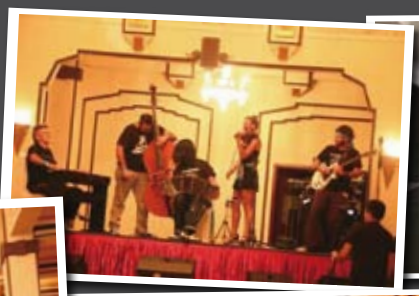

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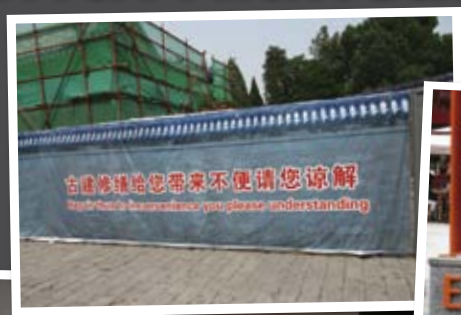

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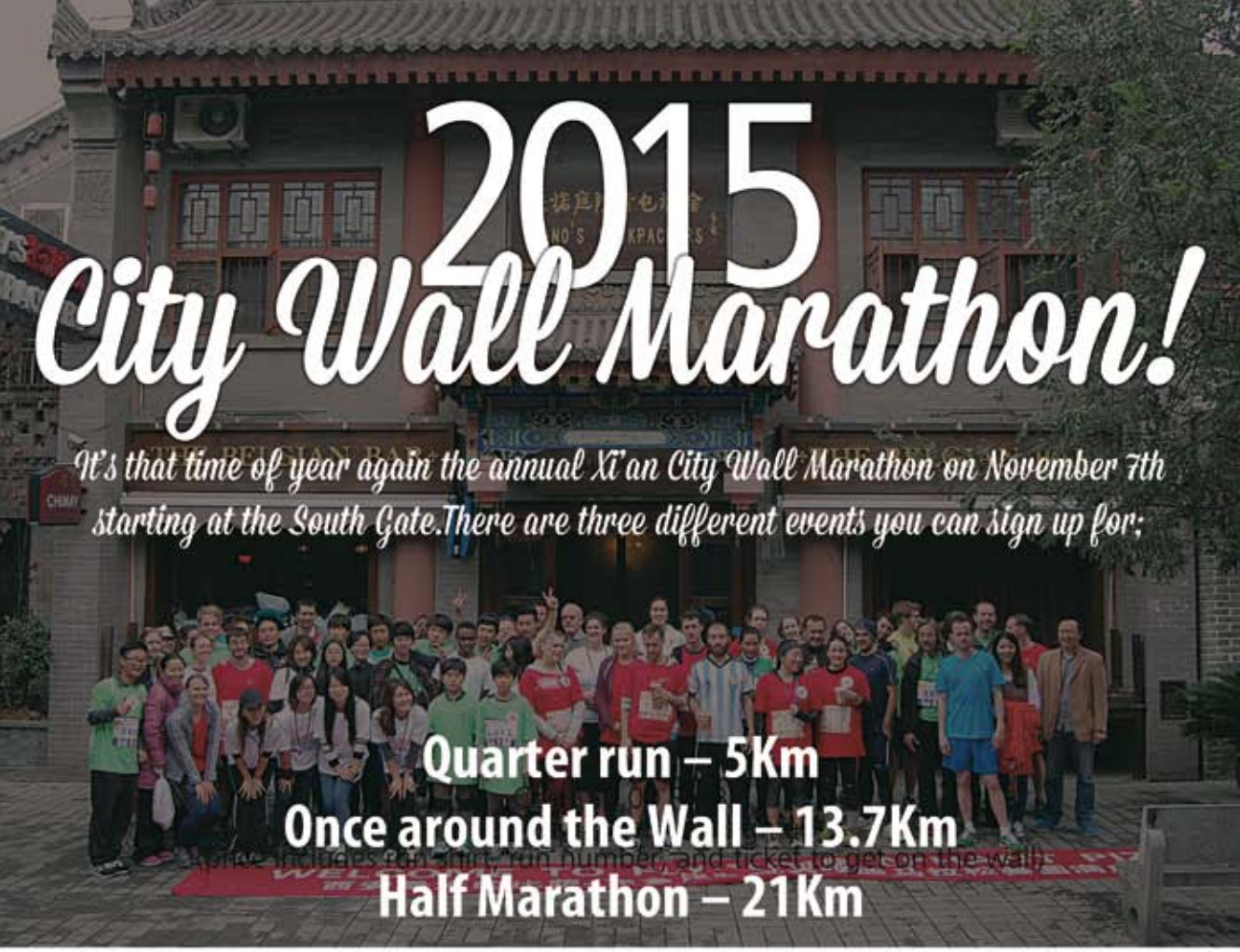

2015 City Wall Marathon!

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Once around the Wall – 13.7Km

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Half Marathon – 21Km

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To sign-up please have your passport number, run length, shirt size and payment with you
For more information write us at marathon@xianease.com

Sign-up ends on October 10th so be sure to get signed up before!

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Hours: 11:30am-3:00pm (L.O. 2:00pm)
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A8 Room 401, 4F, Jie Zuo Plaza, Southwest Corner of Ke Ji Road and Feng Hui South Road Intersection, Gaoxin
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Phone: 029-88193600 / 88193522

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G4 Burger King
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Phone:029-8738 8321

Hours: 8:00am – 10:00pm

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G7 B1-22-B1-15,Times Square Ginwa,No.336 East of Huan Cheng South Road
环城南路东段336号世纪金花时代广场B1–22–B1–15

Phone: 029-8935 8687

Hours: 10:00am – 22:00pm

1st Floor,Buliding A, Sai Gao Jie Qu, Ginwa, Southwest Corner of Wei Yang Road and Feng Cheng 5 Road
未央路与凤城五路交汇西南角世纪金花赛高街区A座一层

Phone: 029-8916 0836

Hours: 10:00am – 22:00pm

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唐延南路4号 绿地笔克国际会展中心 乐班餐厅

Phone: 029-6861 1082

Hours: 8:00am – 11:00pm

G7 G/F Block B, Chang'an Metropolis center, No.88 Nanguan Zheng Street Beilin Disbrict
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Phone: 029-8765 1617

Hours: 9:00am – 11:00pm

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Phone: 029-8870 0961

Hours: 10:30am – 9:30pm

West Area of Gan Jia Zhai,Keji 2 Lu, Gaoxin.
高新区科技二路甘家寨西区

Phone: 029-8938 1395

F9 Nha Trang 越芽庄

4F, Kaide Shopping Mail, Second Ring Road
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Phone: 029-6821-6666 / 6825

Hours: 11:30am – 2:00pm
5:30pm – 10:00pm

Subway 赛百味
H10 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: 8:00am – 10:30pm

H4 Dolce Vita
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319 Dong Xin Street
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Phone: 029-8966 7805
Hours: 11:00am – Midnight

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C11 #5 Tai Bai Nan 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: 11:00am – 8:00pm (Sunday off)

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: 187-2907-7613
Hours: 11:00am -- 8:00pm (Sunday off)

Gaoxin qu jin ye lu lǜ di shiji cheng zhongyang guangchang 1-103
高新区锦业路绿地世纪城中央广场1–103
Phone: 029-6825 0490
Hours: 11:00am – 8:00pm

Indian

H10 Ganges Indian Restaurant
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Happy mall food court. East of south square of big wild goose pagoda Yanta district
雁塔区雁塔南路大雁塔南广场东南角
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Phone: 029-8411 3559
150-2992-7722
Hours: 11:00am – 11:00pm

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5:00pm – 9:30pm

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F5 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
Hours: 11:00am – 11:00pm

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A11 Hou De Tang Chinese Restaurant
厚德堂
3F, Block A, Xiang Shu Jie Qu, South-west of Ke Ji 6 Road and Hui Feng South Road Intersection.
科技六路与沣惠南路十字西南角橡树街区A座3层
Phone: 029-8886 5333 / 8886 2555
Hours: 11:00am – 3:00pm
5:00pm – 9:00pm

H10 Five Zen5es
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#66 Ci En Road, Qu Jiang New District
曲江新区慈恩路66号
Phone: 029-6893 8366
Hours: 11:30am – 2:30pm
5:30pm – 10:00pm

Vegetarian

H10 Tianlong Vegetarian
天龙宝严素食馆
#1 Yanta West Road
雁塔西路1号
Phone: 029-8526 6880
Hours: 11:00am – 9:00pm

Hotpot

Hai Di Lao 海底捞
H9 #11, South of Yanta Lu
雁塔路南段11号
Phone: 029-8553 6971
Hours: 10:30am – 3:00am

B7 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: 10:30am – 3:00am

Dessert

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Phone: 029-8763 1708

C8 #55 Keji Lu
科技路55号
Phone: 029-6296 1099
Hours: 10:00am – 10:00pm

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长乐中路101号

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Phone: 029-8731 9196
Hours: 9:30am – 7:00pm

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#180 Tai Hua Bei Road
太华北路180号
Phone: 029-8811 6666
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Ba Xian An, An Ren Fang, Bei Lin District
新城区安仁坊八仙庵

G6 Shu Yuan Gate
书院门

Shu Yuan Gate Inside South Gate
南门里书院门

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#337 East Avenue
东大街377号
Phone: 029-8721 6194

Plant Market

F8 Yanta Flower Market
小雁塔苗圃市场

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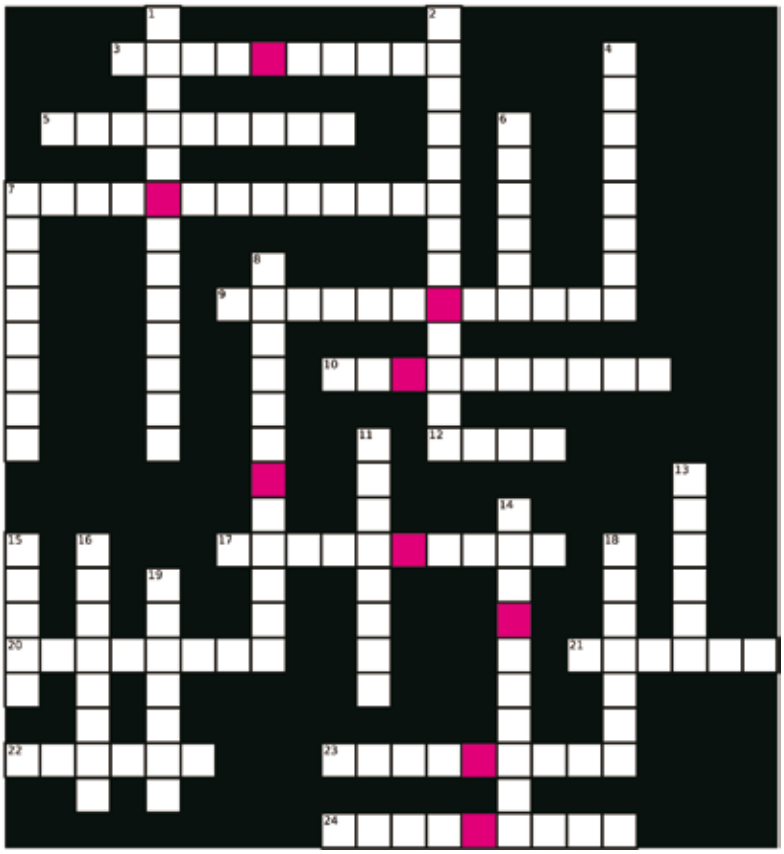

Across

3. During the Vietnam War, what celebrity was known as 'Hanoi Jane'?

5. Which Chinese province has the largest population?

7. What comedy team is featured in the films Duck Soup, A Night at the Opera, Animal Crackers, and Room Service?

9. Erected in 1889, what was the tallest structure in the world until it was surpassed in 1931?

10. What is the top world championship title that can be awarded to a professional male bodybuilder?

12. What is Homer Simpson's beer of choice?

17. What musician's solo albums include 'Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player', 'Ice on Fire', and 'Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy'?

20. What is the name of the apple brandy that is traditionally made in Lower Normandy?

21. According to a 2005 poll, with 33% of its population identifying themselves as atheist and a further 14% as agnostic, which country is arguably the least religious in Europe?

22. In Norse mythology, what did Odin trade his eye for?

23. Though all but one were later replaced, Jeffrey Hunter, Susan Oliver, Leonard Nimoy, and John Hoyt were cast in the lead roles in the pilot episode for which successful TV series?

24. What Tom Clancy character has been portrayed in film by Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford, Ben Affleck, and soon Chris Pine?

Down

1. Which hockey player won the NHL's MVP award in all but one year of the 1980s?

2. What actor played Han Solo?

4. Who instructed Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello, and Raphael?

6. In the first Star Wars film, who did Han Solo kill in the spaceport cantina on Tatooine?

7. What Italian car manufacturer's emblem is a trident?

8. What nickname did Elvis Presley famously give his penis?

11. With roughly 40% of the cognac market, what company is the world's largest cognac producer?

13. If you're standing on the eastern shore of the Dead Sea, what country are you in?

14. Peter Capaldi was recently cast as the 12th incarnation of which long-running TV character?

15. In which month was Julius Caesar assassinated?

16. According to the PGA, what is the best-selling brand of golf balls in the world?

18. In which town did the Flintstones live?

19. What famous magazine published several short stories by writers Ian Fleming, Arthur C Clarke, and Margaret Atwood?

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