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A Walk to Wo Che

New Town Plaza - as the glamour goes up, local shops relocate to nearby, less glitzy shopping centres. This product of market forces and the march to modernity, will soon, no doubt "Style me up", as its billboards promise. I will miss the little ice cream stall (\$11 a scoop) and the cramped, but useful stationary shop on the second floor. Now, I can buy Haagen Daz at \$29 a scoop and fight the crowds in the "Popular" bookstore, with the added bonus of dealing with assistants who seem to specialize in the blank stare.

With this in mind, I went in search of local flavour. Starting at NTP KCR station and taking a left turn at Bossini (any of those passages is fine), I headed straight over the covered walkway, past Shatin Centre, towards Lucky Plaza, taking in the cafes and Chinese health shops on the way. (These two centres offer a wealth of local shops and a huge, but rather disorganized Park 'n Shop). Turning left at P&S's "Market-Fresh" store, I followed the covered path to Lek Yuen Shopping Centre, which boasts a large Mannings, KFC (I wondered where they had gone) and a variety of small shops, selling all the basics and more – there was even a photography shop with a standing scale in the doorway. Resisting the urge to spend, I headed for Wo Che. This was a pleasant walk, where I could see trees in blossom, a rest garden with water features, shaded benches and a children's playground.

Once in Wo Che, another local centre with everything you could need, I found the "Good Fun Kiddyland" indoor amusement centre – a cheap 'n cheerful play area with rides and games that my children loved 10 years ago and still seems to be going strong – and other gems, such as the "Cheapy Laser and Video Express".

The walk only took about half an hour (allowing for much browsing) and reminded me that you don't have to spend a fortune in an up-market shopping centre to get what you want and enjoy the experience. One cautionary note, though – I found an ominous, tell-tale sign, stating, "New Phase, New Face" and promising the joys of yet another faceless shopping centre with the local character drained away. Get there quick!

Notices

The University Swimming Pool will reopen on 28th April 2006 (Friday). Daily opening hours are:

1st session 10.30 a.m. - 1.40 p.m.

2nd session 2.30 p.m. - 6.15 p.m. (inc. public hols)



Issue and renewal of swimming cards begins in April at the swimming pool counter (1/F, Benjamin Franklin Centre).

Charges (2006) (for full list, ask at BFC swimming pool counter).

Types	Admission Fees	Coupons (12 tickets)
Off-peak Hours (Morning Session, Monday to Friday [except public holidays])	\$5.5 *	—
Staff and dependant	\$11.0	\$110
Staff dependant (age under 18)	\$5.5	\$55
Accompanied guest	\$30.0	\$300
Replacement Swimming Card or locker key	\$17.5	

Public Holidays in May

May 1st (Mon) Labour Day

May 5th (Fri) Buddha's Birthday

May 31st (Wed) Tuen Ng Festival

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Campus Events

Shanghai artists: Yu Garden Collection - until June 2nd at the East Wing Galleries, Art Museum, CUHK (See review on page 6).

Chinese University Women's Organization (CUWO) Coffee Morning – Friday, May 12th at 10.30am in the Recreation Room, Residence 14, CUHK. All welcome – bring a friend and make some more!

SHANGHAI ARTISTS: The Yu Garden Collection – until June 2nd, 2006 at the East Wing Galleries, Art Museum, CUHK.



The Yu Garden, in southeast Shanghai was constructed during the Ming dynasty and has come to be known as the birthplace of the Shanghai School of painting, where Ming Masters like Wang Baigu and Wang Shizhen practiced their craft. In the 19th century, two art societies, the Pinghua Shuhua Hui and the Tijin Guan Jinshi Shuhua Hui were established there and in the early 20th century, the Yu Yuan Shuhua Shanhui School was founded. Today, members of Shanghai's artistic community continue to use the tranquil garden for the same purposes, though now the paintings and calligraphy are viewed by an audience that includes both local and overseas visitors.

Over the centuries, the Yu Garden has acquired more than one thousand artworks by renowned Shanghai painters and calligraphers. The exhibition is organized with the dual aims of showcasing eminent Shanghai artists from Qing to modern times and to further cultural exchanges between

our two cities. The fifty pieces selected include thirty paintings and twenty examples of calligraphy. Among the notable paintings are landscapes by Feng Chaoran, and Huang Shanshou; bird-and-flower paintings by Ren Yi and Zhao Yunhe; and portraits by Feng Zikai and Qian Huian. Calligraphic works include seal script by Huang Binhong; clerical script by Zeng Xi; regular script by Pan Boying; running script by He Shaoji and cursive script by Xie Zhiliu.

Dragon Boat Festival versus Shopping Festival

May 31st - Dragon Boat Day. Rowers will be out in force on the waters of Hong Kong to win glory for their teams while their fans cheer themselves hoarse. This year, though, they face stiff competition from Hong Kong's other major sport, shopping! The Hong Kong Shopping Festival runs from June 24th to August 31st and our friends at the Hong Kong Tourist Board would love us to break last year's spending record, of around \$1.85 billion dollars, tempting us with special discounts, attractions and the ubiquitous lucky draw.

So, on May 31st, will you be (a) soaking up the sun and fresh air with your Dragon Boat favourites or (b) maxing out the credit cards in your favourite, air-conditioned shopping havens? Decisions, decisions....

Children's Page

First, **THANK YOU** to all the children who took art in our Easter Colouring Competition. The pictures were all so good that we just had to choose three winners, instead of the original two!

The Winners are:

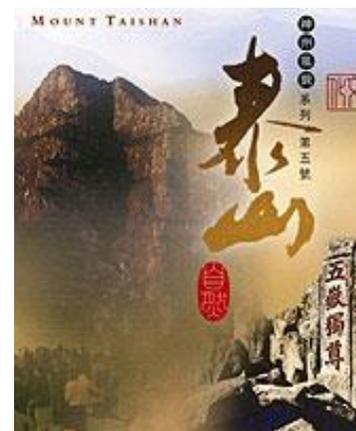
Julia Rudd	age	5
Hayden	age	10
Cynthia Chan	age	15



Congratulations! Please collect your prize from Mrs. Narissa Ngan, Residence 4, Flat 3B, during the month of May. Please call first, on 2603 7603, to arrange a collection time.

All the entries will be displayed in Bookworms children's library, so why not pay them a visit and take out a book or two while you are there?

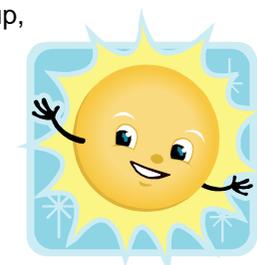
Note - The library is open every Saturday from 10am to 12pm and will close at the end of June for the summer break.



Calling All Stamp Collectors

Hong Kong Post will issue its latest stamp on May 4th. The stamp features the stunning, 2.4 billion year-old Mount Taishan, in Shandong Province. Hong Kong Post will also be selling first day covers, presentation packs and other philatelic products, which should be available at Shatin Post Office

A Quick Reminder – Now the weather is heating up, remember to drink plenty of water and wear your sunscreen and hat when outdoors – It's great to be out in the sun, but sunburn is painful and too much heat can be deadly.



Arts Calendar by Charlotte Weiss

MAJOR EVENT: *Le French May* - just when I think I can slow down a bit on the cultural scene, May arrives and brings *Le French May*. This variety of events includes film, dance, music, art exhibitions and food! Sponsored by The Alliance Francaise and the Consul-General of France in Hong Kong as well as Hong Kong companies, a comprehensive listing of events is available at URBTIX locations with more information at www.frenchmay.com.

Here are some highlights;

- 4-17 May (see individual venues for times) - *The Art of Passion: A Tribute to Isabelle Huppert* - a film retrospective, at the Palace IFC, Broadway Cinematheque and AMC Festival Walk
- 7 May - *Margo* by Archaos at Cultural Centre Grand Theatre (**NOTE:** a spectacular show for the whole family combining theatrical dialogue, dance, martial arts and circus)
- 10-13 May (tickets from HK Ticketing Outlets including Tom Lee Music) - *My Father's Sword*, a play in Cantonese with English & French subtitles, at APA Drama Theatre
- 17 May - *Pascal Roge*, piano, Hong Kong Sinfonietta at City Hall Concert Hall (**NOTE:** a renowned pianist in a Ravel and Poulenc programme)
- 18-20 May - *Carmen*, Bizet's Opera, at Cultural Centre Grand Theatre (**NOTE:** an Opera Hong Kong production with world-famous sopranos and tenors, including Warren Mok, in the starring roles. Another plus will be the costumes and stage set from Toulouse's Theatre du Capitole)
- 19 May - *Two Touch: a Chinese Music Virtuosi & French musicians' collaboration concert*, at City Hall Theatre
- 20 May - *Sinclair*, "The French Funk Master", at City Hall Concert Hall
- 24 May (tickets from HK Ticketing Outlets including Tom Lee Music) - *An Evening of French Chamber Music*, at APA Concert Hall

ADDITIONAL EVENTS (tickets available for the following LCSD events at Urbtix outlets or by advance reservation at 2734-9009 unless otherwise noted)

AT OTHER VENUES:

- 5 May - *Cello Recital* by Trey Lee (one of today's "hottest" rising stars), at City Hall Concert Hall

- 5-7 May (at different times each day) - *Family Fiesta: Guangzxi Puppet Art Troupe*, "Little Swan Lake", at City Hall Theatre

- 5-14 May (at different times each day) - *Zuni Icosahedron History Theatre*, presents: "1587, a Year of No Significance", at Cultural Centre's Studio Theatre (**NOTE:** this is an "event" based on the award-winning book by Ray Huang and featuring several National Class One Actors including Shan Xiaoming, who specializes in wusheng performance. In Cantonese with English subtitles)

- 6-7 May - *Broadway Hits*, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at City Hall Concert Hall

- 7 May - *Haydn's 'The Seasons'*, Hong Kong Oratorio Society Golden Jubilee Concert at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (**NOTE:** Chinese University's own Chan Wing-wah conducting)

- 8 May - *Piano Recital* by Paul Badura-Skoda (the legendary pianist in an all-Mozart program), at City Hall Concert Hall

- 11-13 May - *Tango Passion, Maria of Buenos Aires from Argentina*, at City Hall Concert Hall (**NOTE:** this will be fabulous. I've seen this group before with Sexteto Mayor Orchestra, considered "the best tango orchestra in the world")

- 12-13 May - *Simply Classic-Italian Symphony* with Conductor, Lu Jia, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

- 19-20 May - *De Waart's Beethoven* with Nikolaj Znaider, Violin, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

- 26-27 May - *Mozart in the City--Mozart and Haydn*, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at City Hall Concert Hall

- 26-28 May - *Tibetan Dance Drama: Red Poppies*, Hong Kong Dance Company at Cultural Centre Grand Theatre

- 29 May - *Encore Series: Piano Trio* with Bronfman, Shaham and Mork, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (**NOTE:** this should be a sell-out with 3 world-class performers)

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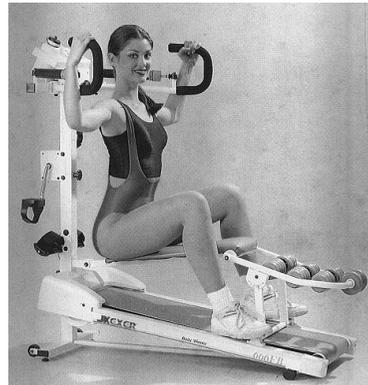
Interested? For more details call Jackie on 9105 1740

Arts and Crafts on Campus

Is anyone interested in taking art lessons in the Recreation Room? A very experienced and well qualified art teacher is prepared to come to CUHK to give 90 minute art lessons to adults or children once per week. Would anyone like to make an art group with me? **Please call 2994-3904 to register your interest, or call the teacher directly 6044-1963.**

FOR SALE: JK EXER multi-gym to exercise the whole body. **\$400 o.n.o.** Note – this is a very heavy piece of equipment. The buyer will need a couple of strong men and a van to move it.

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