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Fast forward 12 years and the magazine has grown and adapted to an ever-changing market. While we still keep you informed on what's happening in your city via our digital platforms, the magazine has shifted to better suit English readers all across China – becoming a nationwide magazine. You'll find less about upcoming concerts (trust us, there aren't many these days) and more in-depth features diving into aspects of China's rich culture, society and economy. We're excited to have made the shift and we look forward to taking you along for the ride.

In this month's issue, we draw attention to one of the most depressing places for animals we've ever witnessed – Grandview Mall. Former editor-in-chief Matthew Bossons provides us with a timeline of the Guangzhou Aquarium's disturbing history, including a recent event that led to a renewed outcry among Chinese netizens. Read about the awful aquarium on pages 40-49.

Get a quick explainer to South China's famed *liangcha* (page 22-23), as Arts & Lifestyle editor Phoebe Kut gives you a taste of the bitter summer drink with Chinese characteristics. In the Business & Tech section, Kungfu Data CEO Josh Gardner talks livestreaming and KOLs (and reveals how it's not really last year's news) on page 33. Elsewhere in the magazine, the one and only Dr. Alfred Chambers reminds us that pain can be overcome with the right mindset (pages 56-57) in our Family section. We also take a look at two of the world's leading doctors during this pandemic – Dr. Zhong Nanshan and Dr. Fauci – on pages 54-55.

Thanks for tuning in this month, and we wish you all an awesome August.

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Editor-in-Chief

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MOVIE MANIA

Get Your Popcorn Ready

By Rakini Bergundy

After almost six months devoid of the cinema experience, movie theaters finally reopened in low-risk areas on July 20. The China Film Administration made the announcement in mid-July, adding that theaters in medium- and high-risk areas will still be closed. Here are the new rules in place for moviegoers:

1. Tickets must be reserved online with valid ID
2. Viewers must wear masks during the whole screening
3. Screenings must not be longer than two hours, and can only be at 30% occupancy
4. Cinemas cannot sell snacks or drinks
5. Every group of attendees must sit 1-meter away from other groups
6. Intermission between movies will be extended in order to thoroughly clean and disinfect seats

Despite all the strict measures, most of the commenters on Weibo expressed how excited they were to

get back in the cinema, with comments such as "Yes, just let me watch a movie," "Ah crying excitedly, my happiness is coming back" and "What movie [should I] watch first?"

The First Farewell (第一次的离别) was the first movie to air last month. It's a story told through the eyes of three Uighur children from farming families. The plot centers around their daily lives and how the implementation of Mandarin in the school curriculum affects their futures and the community.

The movie industry has taken a big hit since the start of COVID-19, with large Chinese production houses like Wanda Films losing an estimated RMB550-650 million in the first quarter of the year. Sadly, vice president of Beijing-based Bona Film Group took his own life in June amidst all the industry struggles.

To watch the trailer of *The First Farewell*, please scan the QR code:



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... that's how many billions of yuan were spent on online retail in China in 2019, a 16.5% increase year-on-year. *China Daily* reported that nearly a quarter (23.8%) of total online retail sales were accounted for in Guangdong province, while Zhejiang province and the municipality of Shanghai followed suit with 16.5% and 11.6% of total sales, respectively. Given the COVID-19 pandemic this year, it's undeniable that e-commerce sales will rise in 2020, especially with online food sales becoming increasingly popular.

An article by Technode exploring the impact of COVID-19 on China's online retail sector shows that in mid-February – during the height of the coronavirus outbreak in China – Baidu searches for fresh produce and instant noodles soared 2,800% and 486%, respectively. Fresh produce delivery apps like Dingdong Produce, Meicai.com and Hema also made appearances in the top five most downloaded apps during the height of the lockdown in China.



DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

Lin Dan

Considered one of the best to play the game, Chinese two-time Olympic champion badminton player Lin Dan has served his final birdie for the national team after announcing his retirement last month. An icon for badminton players everywhere, Lin inspired during the 2008 and 2012 Olympics by becoming the only man to win two gold medals in singles badminton. Lin is viewed in a league of his own to even his closest rivals, with seven world championship medals (five gold, two silver) in his trophy case. Lin's departure from the badminton court leaves yet another void in terms of Chinese sports stars. Gone are the years of NBA hall of famer Yao Ming dunking on Shaquille O'Neal or tennis star Li Na outlasting Francesca Schiavone in the French Open. In short, Lin's tenacity and transcendent skill will be missed.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"These rainstorms are the reason I don't order *waimai*"



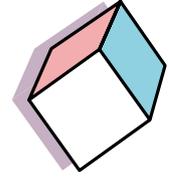
So commented one Weibo user under a video compilation showing intense storms and flooding across China in early July. Videos of *waimai* drivers wiping out on flooded streets have resonated with some viewers. Due to heavy flooding, delivery personnel have recently been seen carrying takeout orders on rafts, jetskis and motorized surfboards in some parts of the country.

China Meteorological Administration upgraded its flood control emergency response from level four to level three last month. According to *China Daily*, floods throughout the country have affected nearly 38 million people, with at least 141 reported dead or missing in mid-July.

MANDARIN MUMBLES

Deciphering Digits

Like with other languages, different numbers can be combined to represent different meanings in Mandarin. For example, one of the more well-known phrases '520' stands for wǒ ài nǐ, which means 'I love you' in English. Let's take a look at some other fun phrases to try out with our friends from Hanbridge:



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798, hǎobù hǎo?
It's Saturday. Let's go to the bar
tonight, sound good?



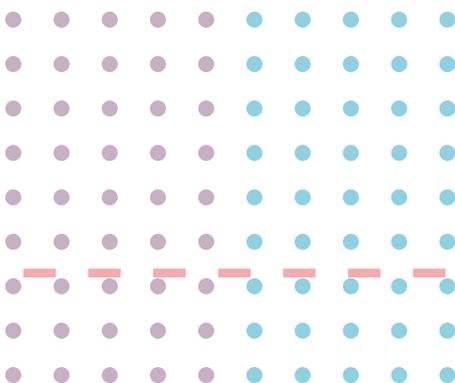
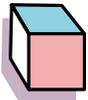
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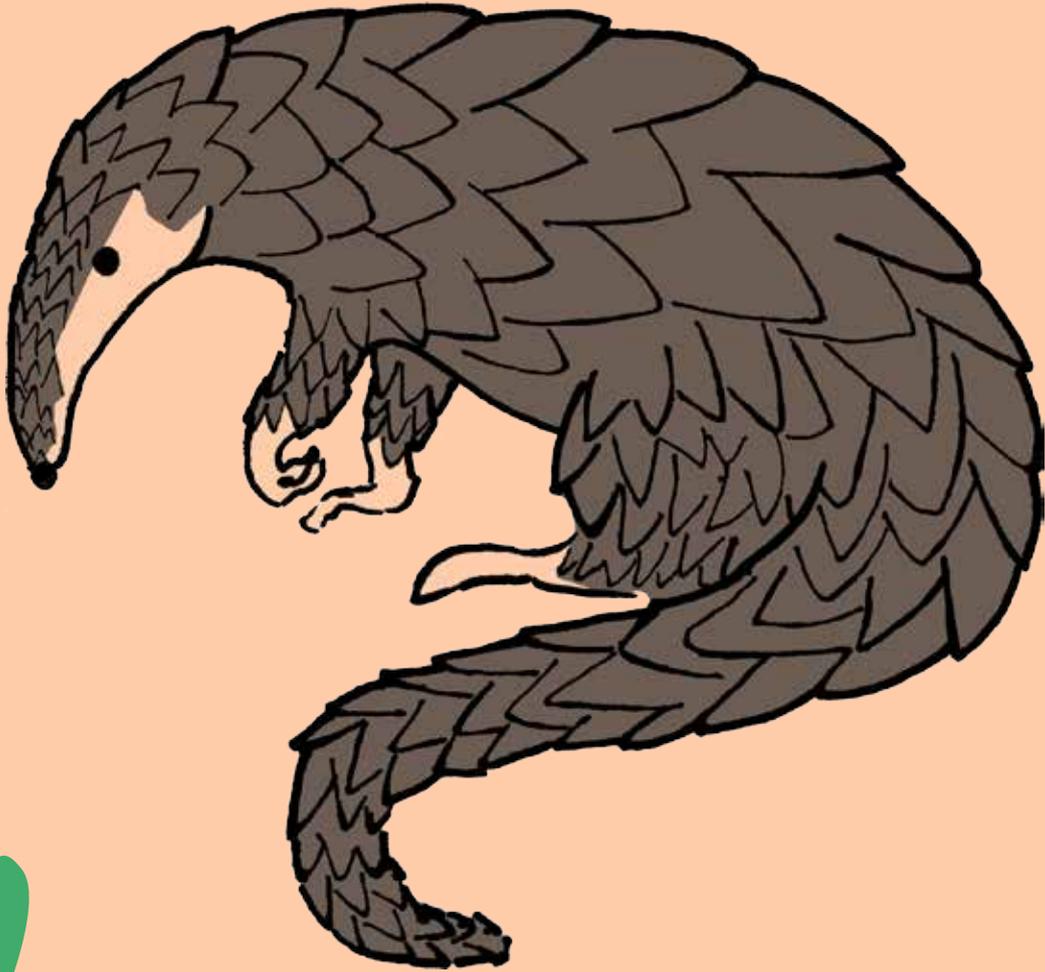
Example:

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Duìbùqǐ, wǒ cuò le. Nǐ 8376, yuánliàng
wǒ ba!
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PANGOLIN POWER

Renewed Pangolin Conservation Efforts in
China After TCM Removal

By Dale Dolson

Pangolins are finally getting the attention they deserve as conservation efforts in China have ramped up this year.

To put pangolin protections into context, some history is needed. Pangolins are considered the most trafficked animal in the world, according to WildAid and *National Geographic*, with their scales used in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and their meat considered a luxury in China and Vietnam.

In 2016, the Convention on International Trade for Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) banned the international trade of pangolins. While China is a member of CITES, this legislation didn't stop the black market trade of pangolins. Finally in February of this year, China banned all wildlife consumption following reports that the new coronavirus outbreak was linked to a poorly regulated live animal and seafood market in Wuhan. By early April, PubMed and ScienceDirect both published studies that stated SARS-CoV-2 (the virus which causes the disease COVID-19) was most closely related to Pangolin-Cov, putting pangolins at the top of the list for possible spreaders of the disease.

Recent milestones for the conservation of pangolins include China upgrading the level of protection from second-class to first-class on June 5, meaning anyone caught hunting, killing, smuggling, or trading pangolins could face up to 10 years in prison, according to CGTN. A few days later it was reported by China-based newspaper *Jiankang Times* that the scaly crea-

tures were removed from the Chinese pharmacopoeia. By doing so, China eliminated one of the last legal uses of pangolins in the country as the earlier February ban on the consumption of wildlife didn't pertain to TCM. While the new pharmacopoeia doesn't go into effect until December 30, 2020 according to *People's Daily*, it is still considered a win for conservation efforts.

"In my mind, this is about showing political will. It was already illegal to trade or own [pangolin], and then in February China made consumption illegal," Nicole Benjamin-Fink, director of Conservation Beyond Borders, tells *That's* in a video call from Minneapolis. However, she notes that this new protection level is vague in addressing the issue. "Quite a few conservation organizations have pushed back and said [this legislation] is unclear. What is consumption? What is wildlife?" she remarks, while telling us that pangolin scales are still viewed as valuable social gifts, much like a rhino horn.

As for pangolins being left out of the TCM pharmacopoeia, Benjamin-Fink says, "While banning consumption in the TCM area is amazing, there are still some loopholes which we're hoping to clarify, for example, the usage of previously confiscated pangolin scales which are stockpiled and can legally be used for research." She explains this loophole by pointing out that it is virtually impossible to differentiate between recently poached scales and previously stockpiled scales.



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Pangolin scales are made of keratin (the same stuff as human fingernails) and have no verified health benefits, according to *National Geographic*. While removing pangolin scales from the list of traditional medicines could be an admission that these treatments aren't effective, this doesn't necessarily appear to be the goal. According to China-based newspaper *Jiankang Times*, there is a precedent for removing items from the list of traditional medicine pharmacopoeia. For example, rhino horn and tiger bone were both previously removed from the list, however, they

were replaced with near-threatened buffalo and endangered leopard. The newspaper stated that pig's foot could be a viable replacement for pangolin scales in the TCM pharmacopoeia. Benjamin-Fink remains optimistic, saying "We're interpreting this ban as the government clarifying misbeliefs associated with this keratin-based product."

In recent years, the initiative to protect pangolins has gained traction, with celebrities like Jackie Chan and Angelababy becoming 'pangolin ambassadors' for WildAid, campaigning for the protection of pangolins.



Chinese netizens are also in favor of pangolin conservation, as one user posted, "Protecting these wild animals is equal to protecting humanity." Another user wrote, "There are very few pangolins left, I wish everyone can see the importance of protecting wildlife."

While most Chinese nationals are on board with the movement to protect pangolins, there is a deeply rooted history and tradition behind the consumption of pangolins as their meat is viewed as a delicacy and pangolin blood has been used as an aphrodisiac, according to *Himalayan Times*.

Benjamin-Fink explains this cultural dichotomy saying, "There is a cultural tendency to appreciate Eastern medicine because it seems like we've come so far with our Westernization and globalization, we really need to stop and go back to our roots. All of this mysticism sounds enchanting but it's not scientifically based and now China is clearing up these misconceptions about animals used and keratin-based products used in Traditional Chinese Medicine. This is a win."

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MARK BYRNE

The Flower Wall Company

Interview by Ned Kelly

Northern Ireland native Mark Byrne has always been interested in art, design and creative industries – he hosted his first charity fashion show, raising money for cancer research, at just 17. While studying for a degree in event management at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh he worked on large-scale events including the MTV Music Awards and Live Aid. Upon graduation, he followed another professional passion – international travel – when the agency he worked for relocated him to Shanghai in 2010. A few years later, he launched The Flower Wall Company.

How did The Flower Wall Company come about?

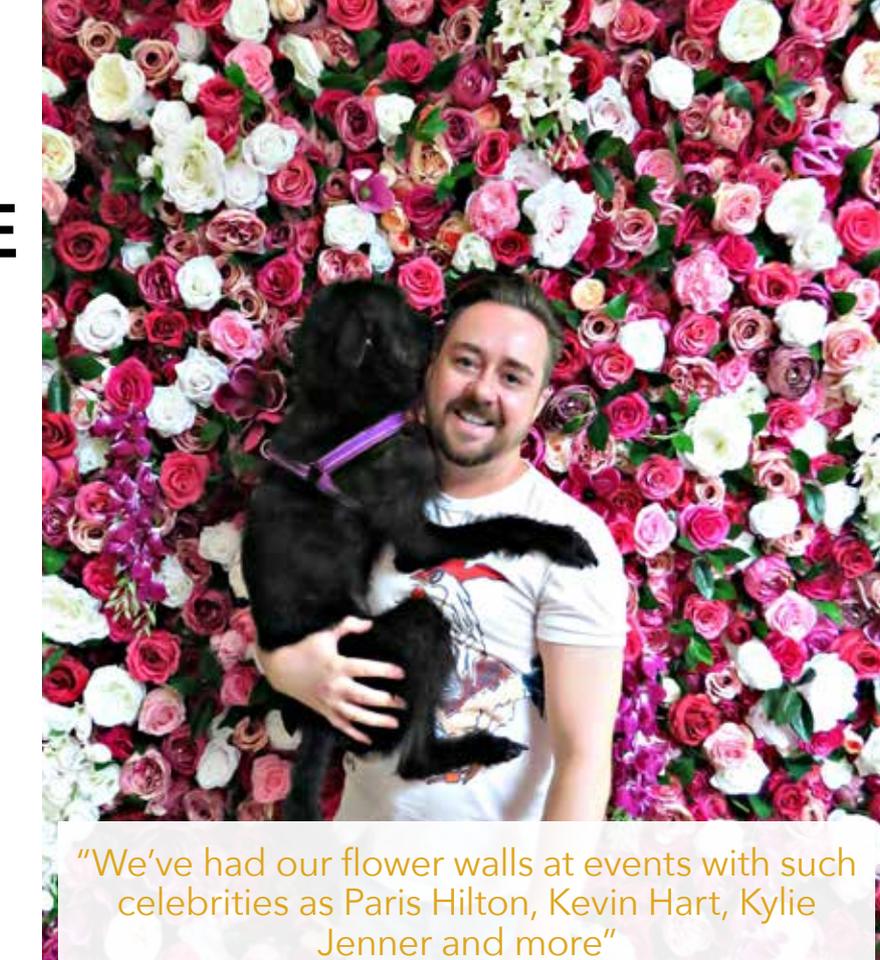
I have always had an entrepreneurial spirit and needed more creative freedom. After working for a travel agency for eight years, I couldn't help but miss my involvement in the event planning and management industry. Shanghai seemed like the perfect place to get into events and try out various ideas and novelties.

In 2012 I took a leap of faith and started a consultancy agency focused on events and weddings. Florals have always been a must-have at weddings, but it went to another level when Kim Kardashian got married to Kanye West in front of a stunning fresh flower wall. The pictures went viral all over the world, and it then became the undeniable trend for all kinds of celebrations, not merely weddings.

Fresh flower walls are incredibly expensive and have a truly short life span. So, I decided to research, design and create life-like reusable artificial flower walls at a fraction of the price. We now have flower walls available for rental throughout China, and to buy in China and across the world.

How has the demand for Flower Wall evolved?

When we were just starting there was a huge demand for flower walls at events and weddings. We were pleasantly sur-



"We've had our flower walls at events with such celebrities as Paris Hilton, Kevin Hart, Kylie Jenner and more"

prised how often we had requests to design a flower wall for different alcohol branding and launching events; as the components of many spirits are botanicals, a corresponding floral design as a backdrop for a launch or ad campaign has become very popular.

Later, we started to get more and more inquiries to design permanent interior decor installations. As social media was embracing the 'selfie' more and more, businesses found a brilliant way to advertise and grow their following by adding an 'Instagrammable' space. Having a flower wall in a store or coffee shop inevitably attracts more people to take a picture and share it on their social media.

However, one of our first interior design creations was for *The Bachelorette* star Ali Fedotowsky's nursery. She did not want the room to be just a simple classic nursery, hoping to make it as flower-filled as possible for her baby girl. Since then we have created and designed flower walls for cafes, Michelin star restaurants, salons, hotels, spas and even corporate meeting rooms.

What is the most exciting event you have done?

We have had the pleasure of working with some utterly amazing creative people and companies around the world. We've had our flower walls at events with such celebrities as Paris Hilton, Kevin Hart, Kylie Jenner and more. Our walls have been used for multiple advertising and branding campaigns by

famous names like PrettyLittleThing, Match.com, Kohler and Lululemon.

However, my all-time favorite event was creating two stunning flower walls for Michael Costello's New York Fashion Week showcase. It was absolutely overwhelming in the most positive way possible. Being able to be present at the event and have our creations stun and wow the guests was an absolute highlight. Not to mention spending time with Michael Costello and getting the chance to meet some outstanding people from the fashion industry.

What is next for The Flower Wall Company?

We are working on designing floral topiary products that can be used as a part of branding or as a decorative element for both events and business. We have also started designing floral dresses for in-store installation, window displays and ready to wear. What better way is there to make an entrance than to wear a dress completely covered with flowers?

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“Kanye isn’t a decent person, given how easily he has committed to running for the presidency and how irresponsible he is with his word choice”

So remarked one Chinese netizen after artist and producer Kanye West announced on July 5 that he was running in the 2020 US presidential race. The internet proceeded to lose its mind.

The news was a hot topic on Chinese social media, attracting over 860 million views on Weibo. Some took a diplomatic approach, saying that if West was elected president, he would take on a much friendlier approach with China. In a recent interview with *Forbes*, West stated, “I love China. It’s not China’s fault [for] that disease. It’s not the Chinese people’s fault. They’re God’s people also. I love China.” (Fun fact: West spent around a year of his childhood in China when his late-mother lectured at Nanjing University.)

Indeed, this is not the first time the famed entertainer said he would throw his hat in the ring for the US presidential race, but given the current state of the world affairs, we’re more willing to believe it.



COVET

Kavanya: Face First

Skeptical about the effectiveness of facial beauty tools like jade rollers and *guasha*? Well, Kavanya takes a smart, scientific approach to improving your skin’s elasticity and radiance. Enter Kavanya’s RF face massager, which uses leading technology like photon rejuvenation. Their facial massagers come in two models, and the KM02 model is equipped with four different wavelengths, each tackling a different skin concern. Use the facial massager for 10 minutes before bed and see a rejuvenated complexion in no time.

> Facial massagers start at RMB1,199. Scan the QR code with the Taobao app to purchase



UNDER THE LENS



Snow White

The momentum from the Black Lives Matter movement has permeated into a multitude of mainstream consumer brands like L’Oreal, Johnson & Johnson and Unilever. These brands recently announced that they would be overhauling their whitening products in Asia; however, this was instantly met with backlash from the Asian community. First off, many netizens thought this move was ‘overkill’ in a quest for political correctness.

Some argued that the preference for fair skin predated China’s first contact with Europeans, and instead is tied with ancient ideas of social status. Nobility and the wealthy didn’t have to perform manual labor which required being outside in the scorching sun, resulting in tanned skin.

Many young Chinese women on Weibo commented that while they don’t actively whiten their skin, they do choose sunscreen with lightening or brightening properties. Others added that whitening creams are used as defense for anti-aging. Although big box brands are doing their part to reform Eurocentric beauty ideals, the Chinese market with its complex history of skin color, will probably be slow and resistant to change.

**CITY SNAPSHOT****@kyokushinbeijing**

Ana, who currently lives in Beijing, is originally from a small town in the northern part of Portugal.

Though she started Kyokushin (known as the strongest style of karate) when she was older, she still decided to pursue her goal of becoming a martial arts instructor. She has been teaching in Beijing for two and a half years and often shares her passion on Instagram. This photo was taken during her daily practice. Ana tells us, "Beijing can be a very magical place with all these small gardens hiding inside this big metropolis. At dawn, the city presents us with its amazing lights."

> Follow Ana's Kyokushin adventures at [@kyokushinbeijing](#) on Instagram

BABY, IT'S HOT OUTSIDE

9 Intimates to Keep You Cool and Feelin' Sexy

Compiled by Rakini Bergundy

How long have you had that same pair of black underwear for? It's definitely time for an upgrade.



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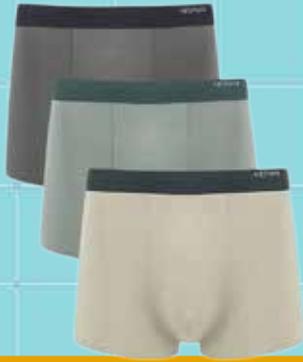
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La Perla Dress

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Uniqlo

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Neiwai

RMB199

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TEA FOR ME

Liangcha, South China's Favorite Bitter Summer Drink

By Phoebe Kut

It's summertime and you're probably overindulging. Admit it – desserts, booze and late-night *shaokao* have been part of your weekly routine in China. Well, what better way to 'clear the heat' than to pick up some *liangcha* (凉茶) or 'cool tea.' *Liangcha* is a

common summer drink in South China which can usually be found at street-side vendors.

You can spot these herbal tea shops from the kettle-lined storefront along with their price tag, which is usually around RMB5-15. Customers can sip these dark, bitter elixirs from

bowls or to-go plastic bottles. There is a Chinese saying, "There are 100 different kinds of herbal tea in 100 different shops" as there is no fixed formula across vendors. Here, we highlight three popular flavors and their benefits:

24 Flavors 二十四味

This bitter tonic is composed of, you guessed it, 24 ingredients. It's commonly made with 10-28 Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) ingredients and used to help clear toxins and heat in the body. It can also aid digestion, sore throats and colds.



Clearing 'Dampness' Tea 祛湿茶

TCM suggests that there are certain foods that make our internal systems 'damp,' or phlegmy which can lead to a general imbalance. This type of tea is good for those who have bad breath and sallow complexions.

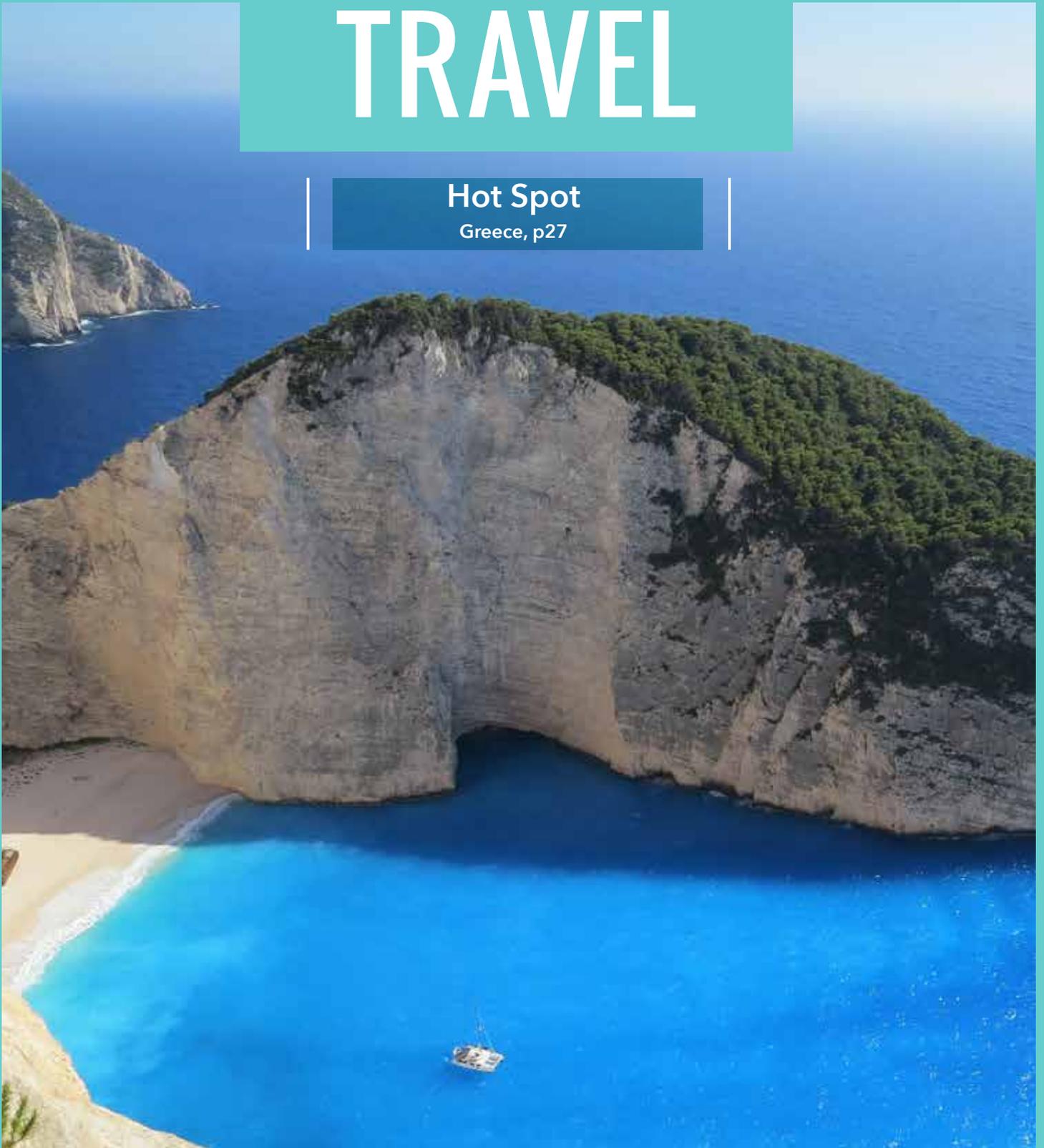
Wuhua Cha 五花茶

Wuhua Cha is a sweeter and lighter remedy usually made from honey-suckle, chrysanthemum, Sophora japonica, kapok and plumeria. It's good for 'clearing heat,' headaches, dizziness and dry throats.



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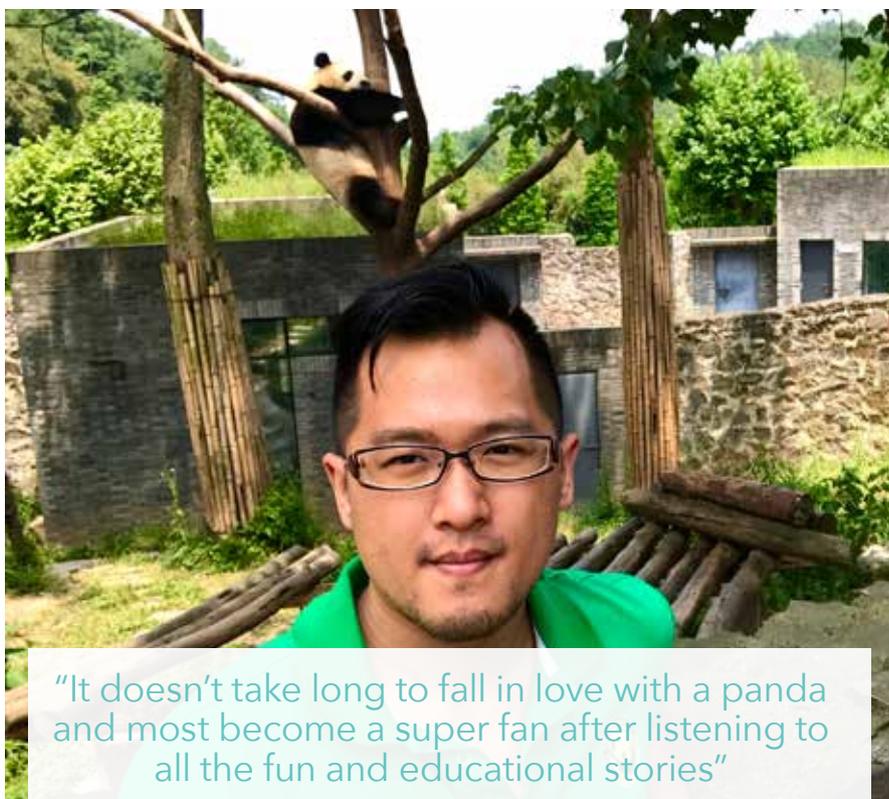
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ALVIN LIU

Founder of My Panda Tour

Interview by Ryan Gandolfo

If you want to start a conversation with Alvin Liu, just say the word 'panda.' When he was working in the commercial aviation industry, Liu took advantage of discounted flight tickets and traveled to Chengdu back in 2012. It was in the capital city where he tried spicy Sichuan cuisine, met his future wife and discovered a passion for the cuddly creatures. Two years later, Liu moved to Chengdu to pursue a career in tourism, and founded My Panda Tour. Below, Liu shares his thoughts on giant panda conservation and panda diplomacy.



"It doesn't take long to fall in love with a panda and most become a super fan after listening to all the fun and educational stories"

You've created a company that profits on panda power. In what ways do you give back to these loveable bears?

Conservationism is at the core of My Panda Tours. We're lovers of all things nature and the environment. Our focus is on saving the vulnerable giant panda species, but we believe this means touching every aspect of Mother Nature. When you visit you'll see our devotion to Mother Earth, everything from recycling on our tours to giving back to the local community by taking our tour groups out to dine and shop at the areas around the panda bases. We also donate to panda programs around the world.

The panda base camps [in Chengdu] offer a chance for research, as well as mating programs to get giant pandas back into the wild. Our community has high expectations of the panda bases that are in charge of all captive pandas in the repopulation effort. Of course, many challenges still lay ahead; from continually improving the well-being of captive giant pandas to enriching their gene pool and creating a more 'giant' giant panda reserve to boost the wild population.

Overall, I think communication is the key to understanding each other and I believe we're really making a difference, along with our community, which is leading to an improvement in the well-being of our favorite lovable bears.

How do you provide a fun and educational panda experience to tourists?

It doesn't take long to fall in love with

a panda and most become a super fan after listening to all the fun and educational stories. A lot is learned from the questions our tour groups ask along the way, which further enriches our collective engagement as a community. Our guides love to find out our tourists' points of view. The discussions can go very far and deep, spanning everything from the pandas to each other's cultures. So it's a two-way street rather than us 'teaching and preaching.'

We also often update our newsfeeds with panda content and host fun events for our followers. Recently, we threw a birthday party on Facebook Live for the American-born panda Tai Shan. They appreciate seeing the pandas live, even after returning home. It always brings back their good memories of the visit or a panda that may have been born in the country.

As we'd presume, you're likely a giant panda fan (no pun intended). Do you think panda diplomacy and the renting out of pandas has helped or harmed the species?

One-hundred percent. I used to visit Wu Wen a lot. You could say she was my first panda love. She was born at the Bifengxia Panda Base in 2013. She is a beautiful female panda who loves to tumble and roll on the grass. She was sent to the Netherlands in 2017. It was hard to say goodbye.

I truly believe in the panda diplomacy program. Not only has it helped the world

to understand the giant panda better, but all the nuances that go into the repopulation effort to save the species for generations to come. I would not suggest long-distance flights for pandas that are old or ill. But people appreciate living in the same city with one these special creatures, and the young bears are fit for such journeys.

Most cities that participate in the program fall in love with the pandas born at their local facilities. I really believe this raises awareness, which has many benefits in the long-term protection of the species.

What makes Chengdu the panda capital of the world?

The natural habitat first and foremost. Also, the whole city gets behind the pandas, with fun panda-themed elements that can be found everywhere in Chengdu. The city's most famous landmark is a giant climbing panda sculpture on Chengdu's Chunxi Road, and the world's only panda-themed KFC restaurant sits right across street. Panda-themed subway trains are available, and unique panda post offices offer travelers postcards stamped with the panda logo in various forms to send to family and friends. But the most exciting part, of course, are the real pandas.

This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

ITCHY FEET

ROLLER COASTER

Winter Olympics Rising

China recently started construction on an ice- and snow-themed museum in Zhangjiakou for the 2022 Winter Olympics. Dubbed the 'Chongli Overseas Chinese Ice-Snow Museum,' the facility will also include a library, which we reckon will have a section for China's long list of Olympic achievements. Project Manager Hu Chonghui said construction will be complete by August 31, 2021, and that the museum will be connected to a sky resort by a cableway.

Aside from the museum, China's construction efforts for the Winter Olympic Games have continued amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In June, testing for the 2022 Winter Olympics high-speed railway began in Beijing. The route will easily connect the capital city to Zhangjiakou, and is considered a key infrastructure for the Olympics and Paralympic Games, according to CGTN.



MILE HIGH

Fly At Will?

While airports are starting to fill back up with travelers opting for domestic trips around the PRC, the aviation industry is still undergoing a slow recovery. The Civil Aviation Administration of China said in mid-July that the industry lost RMB34 billion in the second quarter of 2020 (only slightly better than first quarter losses).

Reuters reports that while China's civil aviation industry is performing better than many other countries, passenger traffic is still nearly 50% down from a year earlier, as international travel has been significantly hampered since late March. We've seen Chinese airlines begin rolling out their own flight passes to boost revenue and travel. In June, China Eastern Airlines began selling 'fly at will' passes for unlimited weekend domestic travel. The pass is valid until the end of 2020. Hainan Airlines is also offering a similar deal for travelers to the tropical island.

So if you're looking to ramp up your travel in the second half of the year, these passes are enticing options.



HOSPITALITY HIGHLIGHT

Da Gui Lou

You don't necessarily need a big luxurious hotel to find some peace of mind on a weekend getaway. Da Gui Lou, tucked away among the verdant mountains and fresh streams in Wuyuan county in Jiangxi's Shangrao city, provides a refreshing new take on what hospitality can look like.

The dwellings at Da Gui Lou are entirely modern, with natural earth tones and open windows providing a blast of natural light.

A stay at Da Gui Lou is just what the doctor ordered, as you are free to explore exuberant landscapes that surround the hotel, which you'll find revitalizing after months hidden away inside the concrete jungles of first-tier cities.

Da Gui Lou bills itself as a prime place for family trips, reunions or company retreats. There is a sustainability element to most everything within the hotel, reminding people of nature's willingness to provide for a happy life. The hotel is one of several in partnership with Wangshan Life, an initiative aiming to teach people about alternative, eco-friendly lifestyles to build a more sustainable future.



HOT SPOT

Greece

Greece reopened to travelers from 29 countries last month and China made the list! That's right, provided you can secure a flight, you can leave the Middle Kingdom right now to enjoy the Mediterranean nation's stunning beaches and extensive history.

The capital, Athens, is home to the iconic Acropolis, as well as a smattering of Ottoman, Byzantine and Roman architecture. The city is a history buff's paradise, but also offers travelers fantastic dining options and a lively nightlife scene.

Outside of the capital, visitors to Greece can enjoy stunning beaches and laid-back island living on Crete, Corfu and world-famous Santorini.

For those interested in history, a visit to Crete offers more than just beach time: The island was once the home of the Bronze Age Minoans and relics and ruins of their civilization dot the island.



CHENGDU

Peppers and Pandas

A gateway to China's expansive West, Chengdu is the third most populous city of western China (with a population of 10 million), a major economic and transit hub for the country, and a smooth transition into the scenic parts of Sichuan province.

Dating back over 4,000 years, Chengdu is the only major city in China that has kept its original name and location throughout history. It had served as the capital of China for a short time period after the fall of Nanjing in 1937. While it's not as well-known as metropolises like Beijing or Shanghai to those from outside of China, Chengdu is actually one of the most bustling and rapidly growing cities in the country.

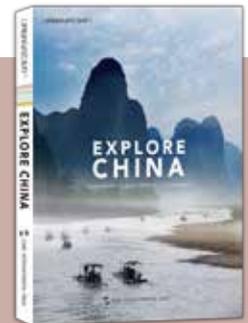
In recent years, Chengdu has attracted hundreds of Fortune 500 companies to set up branches there, and the city is quickly becoming more relevant on the international stage. The Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport has even been named as one of the 30 busiest airports in the world, while the new and even larger Chengdu Tianfu International Airport is scheduled to begin commercial operations in 2021.

For tourists, there's no shortage of sites in Chengdu. From fascinating museums to extensive Taoist temples, the city is full of things to see and do. Perhaps one of the most popular sites, drawing in crowds from around the world, is the giant panda sanctuary where you can see these peaceful creatures interact in a natural conservation center.

Chengdu is the epicenter for culture in the West, encompassing the best that the area has to offer in both entertainment and cuisine. An experience not to be missed is Sichuan opera, which combines dancing, miming, singing and the popular face-changing masks.

The people of Chengdu take food very seriously and the city was named a UNESCO City of Gastronomy in 2010. The signature aroma and flavor of Sichuan's spicy dishes – many of which are cooked with Sichuan peppercorn – can be found at every corner of the city. Chengdu has even taken its own spin on traditional Sichuan dishes, such as a unique interpretation of the famous Chongqing hotpot.

Here are our recommendations for dishes to eat, sites to see and things to do in this ever-growing city.



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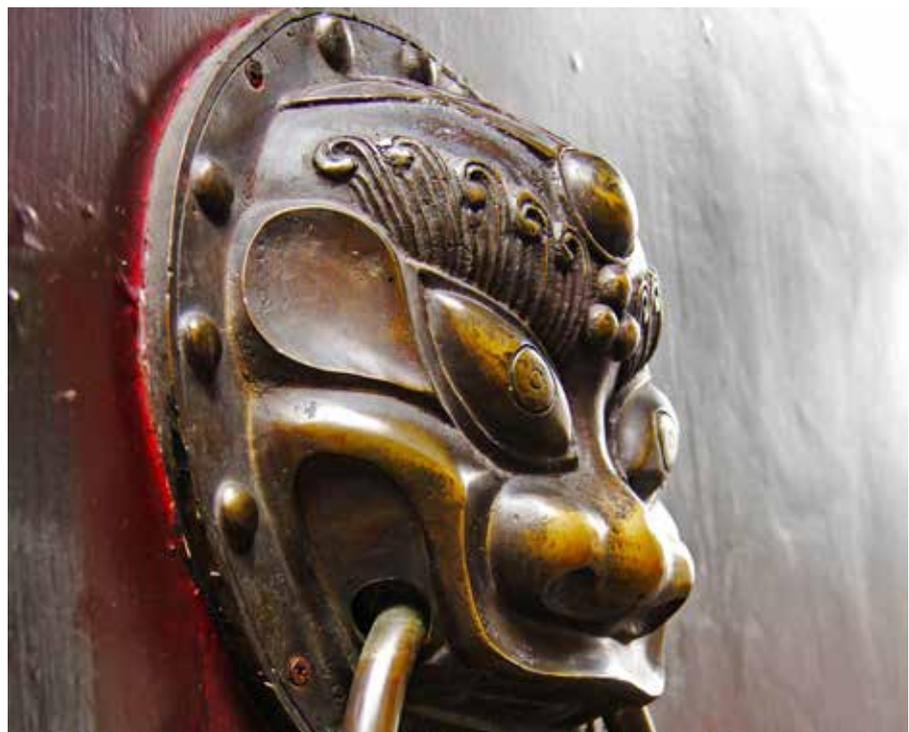


Chengdu Panda Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

This might not be the only place to see pandas in the world, but it's certainly the largest and arguably the best: visitors can view a collective 60 or so bears at closer ranges than would be possible elsewhere. While pandas are China's national symbol, these creatures are actually only native to Sichuan, Gansu and Shaanxi provinces. Just 10 kilometers from downtown, this conservatory recreates the natural habitat for this vulnerable species to live and breed, including a beautiful bamboo forest with over 10,000 bamboo trees to meet the pandas' dietary needs. Visitors get to watch these massive cuddly animals from a safe distance as they lounge and play with one another. If you're lucky, you may even get to see newborn baby pandas too. There is also a museum, research laboratory and training center to check out.

Jinli Pedestrian Street

Some might consider this street, which mashes together historic architecture and antique offerings with hotels, bars, restaurants and more, a tourist trap. Others would counter that it's fun, not to mention photogenic. Stroll through narrow alleys that remain brightly lit throughout the night; pick from skewered, steamed or fried street food; visit Wuhouci Ancestral Temple (RMB60 entry); or shop for ancient-looking souvenirs – Jinli has it all. There's even nightlife to be had, if you don't mind entering garishly neon-lit pavilion buildings to find it. Do keep in mind that the street gets packed over weekends and holidays, however, so schedule accordingly.





Opera Mask

Chengdu has a strong cultural history, with Sichuan opera right at the center of the city's artistic tradition. Pick up a beautiful replica opera mask while you are in town to impress your friends and family. The intricate designs and bold colors of these masks make them perfect decorations for your home, adding a bit of that classic Sichuan spice to your humble abode.

Night at the Sichuan Opera

An evening of watching brightly costumed performers 'face-change' and breathe fire is often scheduled into tours in Sichuan. If you're striking out on your own, Shufeng Yayun is a local favorite for not only opera, but also tea, handicrafts and a showcase of other traditional entertainment, like shadow puppetry. Another popular spot is the evocatively named 'wide and narrow alleys' neighborhood, which has a dedicated subway station on Line 4. Teahouse-theater Xilai Shuyun Yuan is here, as are a wide array of bars and restaurants for after-show snacking.



Leshan Giant Buddha

Although the Leshan Giant Buddha is about 120 kilometers outside of the capital of Sichuan, it is still a must-see tourist site when visiting Chengdu – especially since the Chengdu-Leshan Highway and passenger rail services offer convenient transportation options for visitors. The Leshan Giant Buddha is the largest stone Buddha in the world and was built between 713-803 CE. The 71-meter-tall statue depicts Maitreya and was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996 along with the Mount Emei Scenic Area. If you're not in the mood to wait in line with the crowds to see statues, visit one of the nearby water taxi stations on the road and they will be able to take you out on the water to see the site from a farther distance.



Dry-fried Green Beans

Restaurants all over China and the world feature this vegetable dish on their menus, but not all do it right. To reach the proper level of crispness, the beans are first thoroughly dried, then tossed in a wok with numbing Sichuan peppercorns, dried chilies and morsels of meat. The result isn't always pretty, but lip-smacking spice and the unique crunchy texture more than make up for it.

Meat and Vegetable Skewers in Chili Oil

This hotpot-like street food snack isn't for the faint of stomach. Diners choose various skewered meats and vegetables to be cooked in a broth that's heavy on oil and laden with mouth-numbing spices. Once done, they can be dipped in even more flavoring – a dry mix of peanuts, chili powder and cilantro are preferred – or eaten as is.



Laomatou Hot Pot

Looking for death by slow-burning chili heat? This popular chain specializes in it. From the menu, select slices of beef, goose, seafood and more to dip in a simmering pot of concentrated spice, similar to the skewers mentioned above. The main differences are that, at an average of RMB100 a meal, the hot pot edition not only has better-quality ingredients but is also less likely to result in a frantic run to the toilet. Plus, if your courage fails you, Laomatou offers a 'yin yang' hot pot with both peppery and non-spicy soup.

> 2/F, 51 Hongxing Lu Section Four, Jinjiang District 锦江区红星路四段 51 号二楼 (028 8666 6920)

Chen Mapo Tofu

If you're a fan of this mouth-numbing crowdpleaser, you'll want to pay homage at the shop where it (allegedly) all started. True or not, the story of the 'pockmarked granny' behind the dish has made the Chen chain famous, a reputation it's upheld with taste-bud-kicking pride. There are no medium-spicy morsels to be found here; instead, tofu, ground beef and leeks are drenched in a hot, oily broth and then sprinkled with more pepper. The chain's milder kungpao chicken is another popular pick, as are the Sichuan-style dandan noodles.

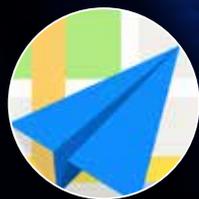
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JOSH GARDNER

CEO of Kungfu Data

Interview by Ryan Gandolfo

Josh Gardner's China journey dates back to 1995. Living in beautiful Yunnan, Gardner did field work with the Yi minority group and planned to become an anthropologist. After realizing that "No one wanted to hire an anthropologist," Gardner adjusted his ambition and got into logistics in Beijing in 1997. From there, Gardner's career path would involve starting his own sourcing firm, trading, e-commerce distribution, data consulting and seemingly a hundred other things.

After a stint in the US, Gardner moved to Shanghai in 2013. He's currently the CEO of Kungfu Data, a data and e-commerce group that helps brands, ranging from Fortune 500 companies to mid-sized firms, with on-shore e-commerce operations. Below, Gardner shares his insight into China's dynamic e-commerce sector and whether livestreaming is make-or-break for brands in China.

What sparked your interest to return to China and work in e-commerce?

I had two Chinese friends (now partners) who worked with me in China. They came to [the US to] visit on holiday but during the time they visited, they said you really need to come back to China and do e-commerce.

I ended up listening to them and first went for a looksee in 2012 and one of my partners, a best friend from childhood, had started a company. He was originally a Taobao distributor for Kappa but then helped other brands like North Face and went on to become one of the most successful Tmall partners.

At that time, my partner said I should come over and join, and I ended up convincing my wife that the opportunity was better in China than it was in the US, and so the family moved to Shanghai towards the end of 2013 and we launched the business in 2014.



"I think livestreaming is here to stay, but is it going to be 90% of my sales for the next five years? I don't think so"

From your understanding, when did livestreaming and KOLs begin to play a larger role in e-commerce sales?

We first have to decouple livestreaming and KOLs. As early as 2005, livestream culture began in China when public video chat streaming [platforms] like YY were used by influencers to host public performances. That was the first wave of livestreaming, but I think the more significant wave was around 2013. The ecosystem had matured and had involved actual communities that had trained the livestreamers. So by 2013, people were consuming influencer-led communications, traffic, travel and a type of streaming content was already being consumed on mobile. It was like that when I first moved to Shanghai seven years ago.

But it was really the last few years that [livestreaming] started to become recognized as a different way to sell for certain categories, and in 2019 it just went to a whole new level. So, I think people are marking it post-COVID, but actually even by last year's Single's Day Festival it was already on its trajectory. Right now, it's the soup du jour so to speak and it really is a powerful medium, but it's not everything to us. It's still just one tool in the arsenal.

I think the KOL ecosystem really skyrocketed with Weibo and WeChat. The difference [now] is that those ecosystems have changed, TikTok created a whole new world for short video and the KOL community. From there, KOLs started launching Taobao stores to sell stuff to followers. I think Big Eve started back in 2011 or 2012, and she was one of the first to really start moving product. She was part of a KOL incubator in Hangzhou that invested heavily in her profile. It was like commercializing a traditional KOL, and that really

started over the past several years, it's not really last year's news.

Can brands still find success on Chinese e-commerce platforms without engaging in livestreaming?

Absolutely. It's all about having an unfair advantage in a certain category, it doesn't matter what tools you're using. Today's tool might be livestreaming, but next year it may be completely different. It's China – you can change your strategy 10 times in the same year. While livestream could be a portion of sales when you do it with a top livestreamer, you don't do it everyday – otherwise you won't make money. It's a great amplification tool, but you still need all your basic stuff in place.

The component for success isn't a livestreamer. Let's say you want to book Austin Li. He won't do it if you're a zero, he looks at the same criteria that we do, which is brand strength and reputation. So it's not livestreaming that pioneers success, it's having a defensible position – something worth selling. I think livestreaming is here to stay, but is it going to be 90% of my sales for the next five years? I don't think so.

I have a new department at my company focused on commercial incubation, and the leader of that group is a former *daigou* who was huge in five or six commodities, but when she lost her business she went into incubations – growing brands in China. She's telling us livestream is kind of important but since it's flooded, she is already doing other things for our clients which will probably be hot in six months.

This interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

TAKE STOCK

TAP THAT APP

Amap (Gaode)

At first glance, Amap doesn't look all that impressive. It's your standard map app, with a primary function of showing you where you need to go on any given day. But behind the artery of roads visible on your display screen, you'll find some pretty sweet features that make Amap an app worth downloading.

For starters, you can order from a wide range of ride-hailing services. So why rely on one ride-hailing platform when you can pick from over a dozen different platforms? It's certainly proven to be a convenient and cost-effective alternative for our ride-hailing needs, and made us realize how much DiDi charges compared to competitors (see for yourself). In some parts of the country, you can even hail a robotaxi via Amap.

In addition to ride-hailing, Amap is great at helping you find new places to explore. Since the app is backed by Alibaba, Amap is integrated with local listings and reviews from Koubei.

While Amap is still only available in Chinese, their overseas ambitions are clear – partnering up with Here Technologies in January to provide more map content outside of the country, tailored towards traveler needs. This year, Amap reached 400 million monthly active users, and became the first Chinese travel platform to surpass 100 million daily active users.

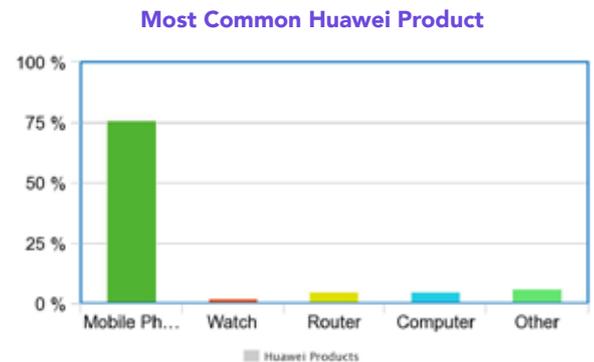
> Amap (高德, Gaode) is available on iOS and Android devices



CHART ATTACK

Phoning Huawei

After reporting RMB454 billion in revenue for the first half of 2020 – a 13% year-on-year increase – Weibo users weighed in on which Huawei products they use. The poll was conducted by an online fashion influencer, and received over 20,000 responses. Judging by the results, Huawei mobile phones are the clear-cut favorite among Chinese internet users, while other products, such as laptops and desktops, are still an afterthought for these tech consumers.



Source: Weibo

INSPECT-A-GADGET

Bracelet Cable

We all have that friend whose phone runs out of battery at the most inopportune times. So it's about time you step up and help them out by gifting a 'bracelet cable' to remedy their battery situation. (Or be the ultimate friend and get them a new phone.)

This sleek black accessory is available for Android and Apple users (and is available for type-C ports). As tech reviewers, we aren't known for with our fashion sense, but we hear from a good source that the bracelet is passable, especially since it also serves a tech function.

At 22.5 centimeters in length, the bracelet fits most wrists while serving their charging needs on-the-go. We view the gadget as a practical buy if you're quick to lose your charging cable or simply love to stay powered on while engaging in some sort of fashion trend.

We're willing to wager if you wear it long enough, either you or a friend will end up needing to use it – at which point, you'll be dubbed a tech savior (and may possibly score a free DiDi ride home).

> The bracelet cable is available on JD.com



HIGHS AND LOWS



Highs

- Shares of Chinese technology company QuantumCTek rose over 1,000% on its first day of trading last month, setting a record for the STAR market in Shanghai. The Hefei-based quantum information technology manufacturer provides quantum secure solutions for telecommunications infrastructure and cloud computing purposes to clients in public and private sectors. Beijing is currently heavily promoting the development of key technology sectors such as quantum computing.
- Luckin Coffee named Guo Jinyi the new acting CEO of the company in July, bringing an end to Charles Lu's tenure as founder and chairman. Hopefully Guo can right the ship, as the Chinese coffee chain's future prospects look dim after the company underwent a massive fraud scandal in April.
- Chinese imports and exports rose for the first time since the coronavirus outbreak, according to data from June. It's a sign that the economy is recovering, however, government stimulus is still playing a role in rising demand.



Lows

- Weibo is choosing to go a similar route as WeChat and close their ecosystem under the guise of clamping down on unsafe sites, such as illegal gambling and porn servers. According to an official post by Weibo, the only four external web links to be accessible via Weibo will include pre-confirmed government websites, media and news portals and business websites vetted by the social media platform.
- With the country set to receive a record high 8.7 million graduates from universities this year, China's job market has become a concern following the coronavirus outbreak. Caixin Global reports that the impact of the pandemic on employment in the PRC could last for two years, noting small and medium-sized enterprises would be particularly affected. In May, the urban unemployment rate was 5.9%.
- Tencent was on the awkward end of a legal battle last month, after it was revealed that Laoganma imposters acting as representatives of the famous chili sauce brand had duped the internet giant into an advertising deal. Tencent sued Laoganma for not paying advertising fees, however the chili sauce company denied ever entering a commercial agreement with Tencent. Three suspects were detained in relation to the case.



Fly China Fly

The PRC Puts Aviation to the Test

By Ryan Gandolfo



Image via COMAC

In 2015, Premier Li Keqiang unveiled the 'Made in China 2025' industrial plan, which aims to replace imports in key sectors with domestic products. Arguably one of the boldest decrees from the plan was in regards to aerospace, where the country's top brass expects China-made commercial aircraft to gain a significant amount of market share both at home and overseas in the coming decade.

It makes sense for a country that surpassed the US in April to become the world's largest aviation market by seats as capacity – a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in the US. By advancing in the development of their own aerospace equipment, China could reduce its dependency on the two main aircraft makers in the industry: Airbus and Boeing.

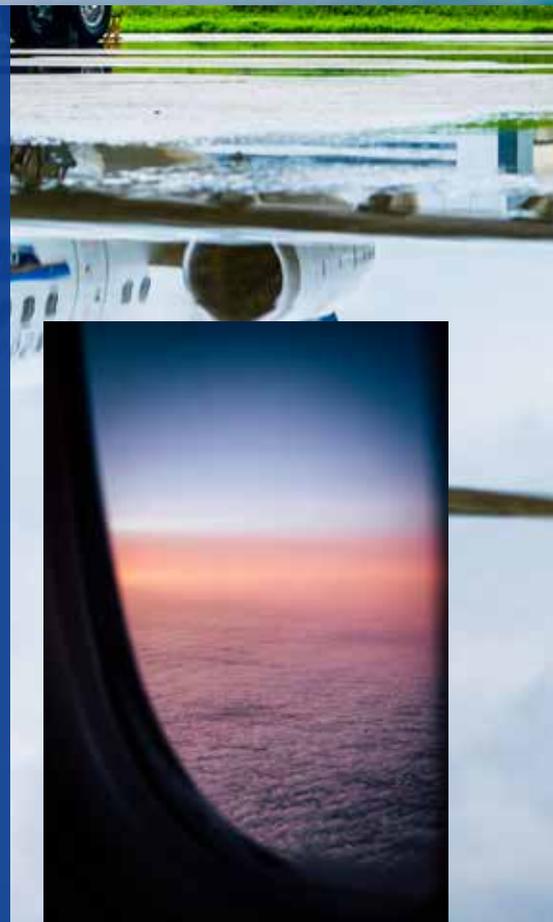
Still in its relative infancy compared with the aforementioned aircraft makers, the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) is the

PRC's best bet for competing in the global aviation market.

Founded in 2008, COMAC currently has two aircrafts independently developed by China as well as another jointly developed with Russia. At the end of June, China's state-run aircraft manufacturer officially joined the fleets of Air China, China Eastern Airlines and China Southern Airlines with deliveries of its short-medium range turboprop regional aircraft ARJ21. While the aircraft will only serve domestic routes for the major airliners, the company is optimistic about their trajectory.

According to COMAC, the announcement this summer "marked the official entry of ARJ21 aircraft into the fleets of international mainstream airlines."

But as COMAC slowly increases market share in the domestic market, how far away is it from achieving its global aviation goals?



Elephants in the Room

Global commercial air travel has long been run by a duopoly, with US-based Boeing and European Airbus accounting for 99% of the large commercial plane orders, as cited by CNBC. The two powerhouse plane makers have been around since 1916 and 1969, respectively, and have continually staved off competitors for decades.

COMAC is very much a little player in a big sky, with around 600 total orders of its regional jet and over 800 of its large aircraft, the C919, according to their official website. Meanwhile, Airbus and Boeing have added orders for more than 20,000 jetliners over the past decade, servicing the biggest airliners in each continent.

The large majority of COMAC aircraft orders have been made by Chinese airlines and have yet to be delivered. The C919, which is still in its testing phase, is at least five years behind schedule as test flights have been restricted by various technical difficulties, according to Reuters.

While the ARJ21 is COMAC's only aircraft currently in commercial operation, it's certainly not viewed as a viable threat. Designed with up to 90 seats and a range of 3,700 kilometers, the aircraft only serves regional routes from China's transportation hubs to smaller cities.





Red Runway

But given COMAC's unique position and the government encouraging the development of China-made aircraft, the company has made deliveries to China's biggest air carriers.

Last month, China Southern Airlines put its first ARJ21 aircraft into service on an air route linking Guangzhou and Jieyang, a city in eastern Guangdong province. Air China has followed suit, celebrating its maiden ARJ21 flight from the capital city to Xilinhot in Inner Mongolia last month as well.

News of more ARJ21 deliveries is an encouraging sign for the company as their bigger aircraft struggle in development. According to Reuters, COMAC has been developing the C919 since 2008 and is slated to be certified and begin deliveries in 2021, as per COMAC officials. That's about the same trajectory as the ARJ21 took to completion – a roughly 14-year timeline from development to commercial operation.

Designed to compete with the Boeing and Airbus large single-aisle aircraft, C919 could also be certified for commercial use at a considerably inopportune time with demand for commercial planes expected to fade this year.

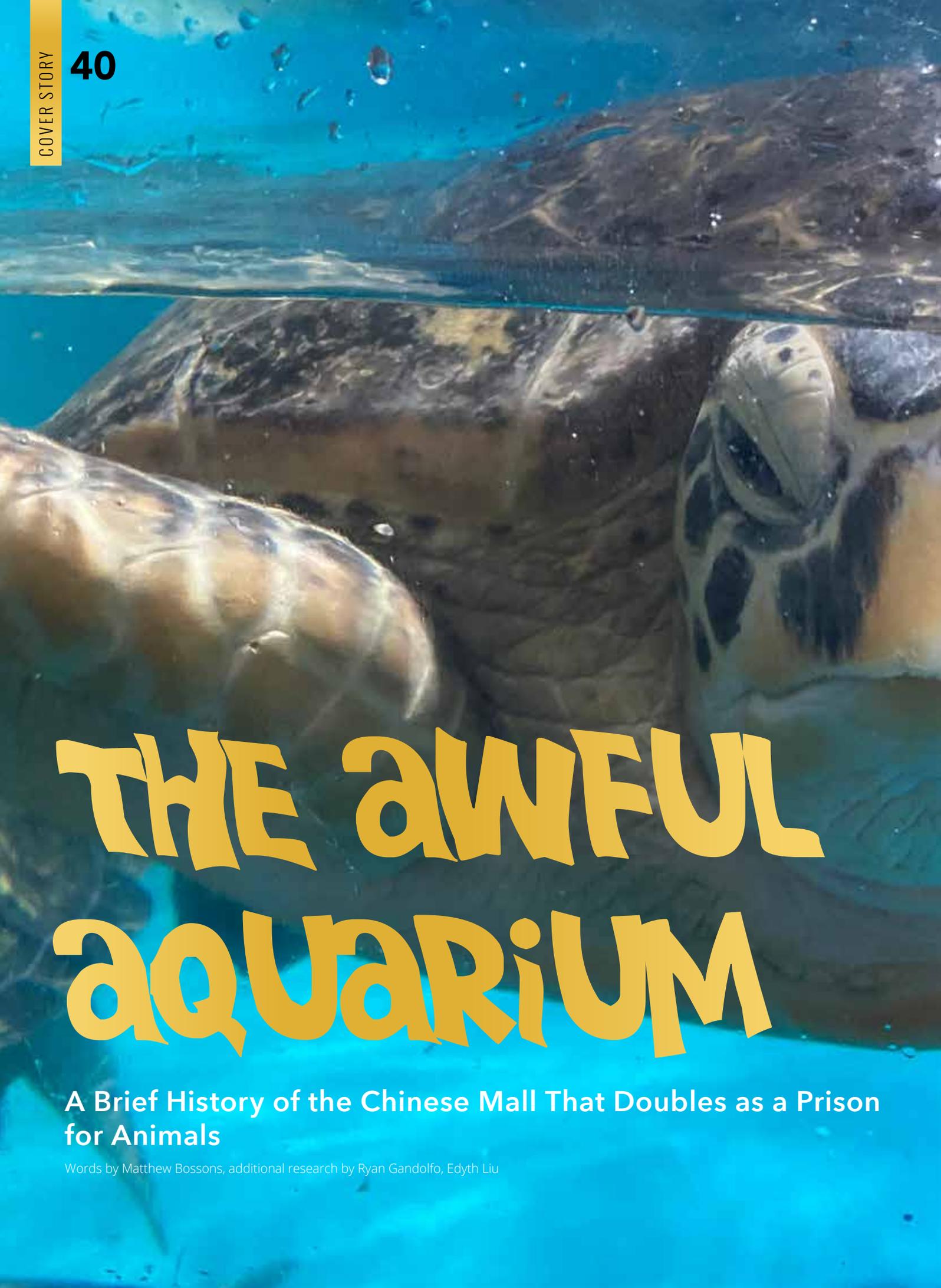
The reduced demand would cause planes debuting over the next couple years to miss out on orders, but given COMAC's position as a state-owned enterprise, the company is likely to still secure orders with Chinese airlines.

Unfortunately for COMAC, the company's long-range wide body aircraft CRJ929, the largest among its planes, is undergoing setbacks as well. Aviation news website Simple Flying reported that the joint Sino-Russian venture won't be ready for delivery until 2028 at the earliest, with the Russian side citing communication problems for the delay. The aircraft had been scheduled to fly in 2025 and begin deliveries in 2027.

Another knock many in the aviation community bring up about COMAC is the company's reliance on foreign components. According to *New York Times*, aviation experts say the PRC is able to manufacture most of the individual components for advanced jet aircraft, but integrating different technologies and systems for engines and avionics is the bigger challenge.

COMAC uses an aircraft engine partly produced by US-based General Electric. *NYT* reported back in February that the Trump administration was considering putting a halt on the sale of this engine to China, however, it appears the notion has since been nixed. But given the tumultuous relationship between the two countries, talks for a future ban could arise down the line.

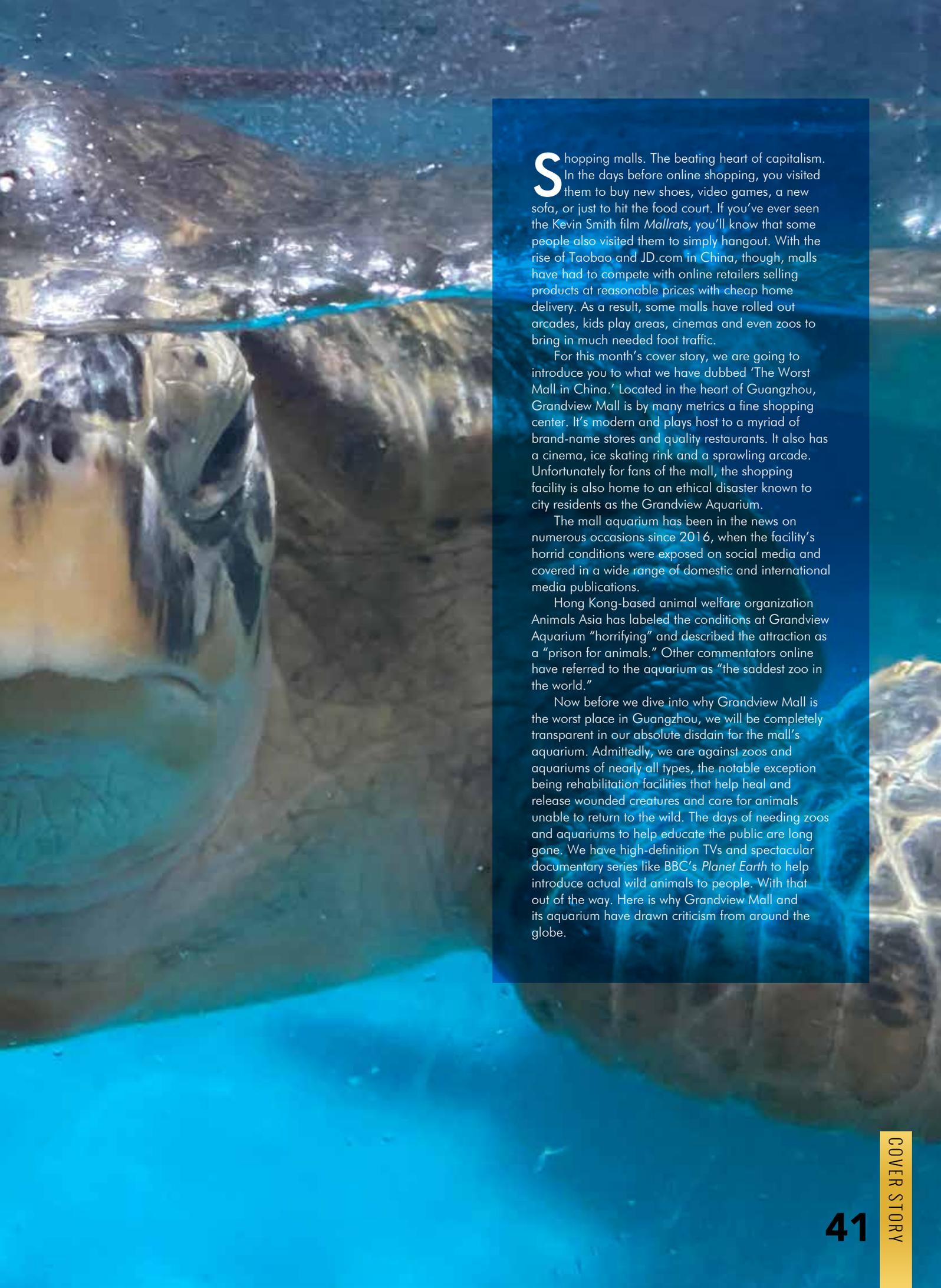
Despite the turbulence for China's aircraft manufacturer, its aviation competitors view China's vested interest in developing their own aircraft as a strong signal for the future. "The Airbus-Boeing duopoly isn't likely to last forever. In general, we see China as the next major competitor, though in some 10 to 20 years from now," according to Airbus, as cited by CNBC. Given China's massive commercial aviation market and government support, COMAC has potential to compete with Boeing and Airbus one day. However, the time it takes to develop industry-leading aerospace equipment may take much longer than expected.



THE AWNIFUL aQUARiUM

A Brief History of the Chinese Mall That Doubles as a Prison for Animals

Words by Matthew Bossons, additional research by Ryan Gandolfo, Edyth Liu



Shopping malls. The beating heart of capitalism. In the days before online shopping, you visited them to buy new shoes, video games, a new sofa, or just to hit the food court. If you've ever seen the Kevin Smith film *Mallrats*, you'll know that some people also visited them to simply hangout. With the rise of Taobao and JD.com in China, though, malls have had to compete with online retailers selling products at reasonable prices with cheap home delivery. As a result, some malls have rolled out arcades, kids play areas, cinemas and even zoos to bring in much needed foot traffic.

For this month's cover story, we are going to introduce you to what we have dubbed 'The Worst Mall in China.' Located in the heart of Guangzhou, Grandview Mall is by many metrics a fine shopping center. It's modern and plays host to a myriad of brand-name stores and quality restaurants. It also has a cinema, ice skating rink and a sprawling arcade. Unfortunately for fans of the mall, the shopping facility is also home to an ethical disaster known to city residents as the Grandview Aquarium.

The mall aquarium has been in the news on numerous occasions since 2016, when the facility's horrid conditions were exposed on social media and covered in a wide range of domestic and international media publications.

Hong Kong-based animal welfare organization Animals Asia has labeled the conditions at Grandview Aquarium "horrifying" and described the attraction as a "prison for animals." Other commentators online have referred to the aquarium as "the saddest zoo in the world."

Now before we dive into why Grandview Mall is the worst place in Guangzhou, we will be completely transparent in our absolute disdain for the mall's aquarium. Admittedly, we are against zoos and aquariums of nearly all types, the notable exception being rehabilitation facilities that help heal and release wounded creatures and care for animals unable to return to the wild. The days of needing zoos and aquariums to help educate the public are long gone. We have high-definition TVs and spectacular documentary series like BBC's *Planet Earth* to help introduce actual wild animals to people. With that out of the way. Here is why Grandview Mall and its aquarium have drawn criticism from around the globe.

Grandview Mall officially opened its doors to the public back in January of 2005. A *New York Times* article published the same year notes that more than 400,000 people arrived in Guangzhou for the mall's opening.

In the lead-up to writing this article, we spoke with several people who lived in Guangzhou when the mall opened and all of them remember it well. It was a big deal to have such a new, massive mall opening in a city that had traditionally been dominated by old Chinese markets and wholesale malls catering to exporters.

Since opening, the mall has been a haven for trendy folks, and hosts stores specializing in everything from jewelry and cosmetics to apparel and electronics.

For those of you that have never visited Guangzhou, Grandview Mall is positioned near the city's central business district, across from Tianhe Sports Center and a short stroll from the popular bar street Xingsheng Lu.

The mall made a massive splash in January of 2016 with the opening of the Grandview Aquarium. Prior to its opening, people looking to catch a glimpse of an exotic animal in Guangzhou needed to visit the nearby Guangzhou Zoo,

which opened in 1958, or Chimelong Safari Park, which opened in Panyu District in 1997.

The controversial aquarium is allegedly home to the longest tank in a shopping mall in China, and online platform Lifeofguangzhou.com claims that the mall allegedly spent around RMB20 million on its construction and staffing.

Approximately a month after opening to the public, Grandview Mall's aquarium made headlines around the world for all the wrong reasons. On February 10, 2016, *The Washington Post* ran an article titled 'Chinese mall becomes 'prison' for bears, belugas, wolves.' The story detailed how the aquarium was criticized for the beluga exhibit's dirty water, a dead grouper floating in a tank and the tiny whale shark enclosure.

The same article from 2016 notes that the facility was home to five walrus calves, six young belugas, two Arctic wolves and two polar bear-brown bear hybrids. Admittedly, we're under the impression that the zoo only

had one bear, but we have to admit there may have been two when the aquarium first opened. (We reached out to the zoo for comment and clarification numerous times for this story, but were left out in the cold. More on that later.)

To give you an idea how depressing the conditions were at Grandview Aquarium upon its opening, we're going to quote directly from *The Washington Post*: "On a recent visit, one bear paced back and forth in a small enclosure, displaying behavior that experts say reflects stress and possible psychological problems. Wolves lay listlessly in a small room, while walrus calves and belugas swam back and forth in confined spaces."

Around the same time, a report from state-run media *Global Times* claimed that Grandview Aquarium was scrutinized by the Guangzhou Ocean and Fishery Bureau, which determined some animals were hurt or died while being moved to the aquarium.

While Grandview Mall's aquarium declined *The Washington Post's* requests for comment, manager Li Chengtang was quoted in Chinese media as stating the attraction offers its animals a big enough area to live and play

and that experts were monitoring the animals' mental health.

We staunchly disagree with Li's claim that the aquarium's animals are provided with enough space. The facility's two Arctic wolves have been documented extensively in a depressingly small pen. In the wild, these animals have territory regularly exceeding 2,500 square kilometers. The bear enclosure was also very small, especially considering that one Alaskan polar bear's home range was discovered to be 45 times the size of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which covers an area of 2,114 square kilometers.

As a result of Li's comments, back in 2016, Chinese social media users roasted the facility and its leadership, with one Weibo user calling for the owner for Grandview Aquarium to be kept in a fish bowl for the rest of his life.



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THE MALL WITH TINY, TINY CAGES





THE WORLD'S SADDEST POLAR BEAR

Now, you'd assume that all this negative publicity both at home and abroad would have spurred the aquarium to action and led to an improvement in conditions. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

Less than six months later the aquarium was back in the news, this time due to broad calls for a boycott of the business. The demand by both netizens and animal rights activists was triggered by video footage that showed the facility's lone polar bear laying in its enclosure, seemingly teary eyed, while its jaw shook slightly. The depressing video presently has more than 1,700,000 views on YouTube.

The lethargic bear led reporters from a Hong Kong-based publication to comment that the animal simply "lays on the floor all day." Ocean World staff had an answer for this, telling media that the animal was simply enjoying its "winter sleep" in June. This was obviously a blatant lie, as polar bears are active year-round – unless, in the case of females, they are going to give birth.

At the time, numerous organizations pointed out that the polar bear, as well as the arctic foxes and wolves at Grandview Aquarium, were not only removed from their natural environment but also lived in tiny enclosures with little comfort or relief and no natural light. This all led to the launch of an online petition by Animals Asia in March of 2016, which called for the release of the polar bear and closure of the aquarium's arctic exhibit.

Despite more than half a million people signing the petition, Grandview Mall's aquarium made

headlines again in September of 2016 when it announced plans to expand its facility to include the exhibiting of tigers, pandas and other animals. At the time, the project was expected to cost over RMB150 million and cover close to 6,000 square meters.

Just days after the expansion was announced, Grandview Aquarium made headlines yet again, this time when a UK zoo offered to relocate the mall's ever-distressed polar bear, whose name is Pizza. The offer to relocate Pizza was tabled by the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, which runs a polar bear sanctuary – arguably a much better place for the animal than a mall in a humid, subtropical Chinese city.

Of course, the aquarium was under no obligation to give up its bear, and the facility ultimately turned down the offer from the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

In November of 2016, there was big news for animal lovers, polar bear enthusiasts and, well, just decent human beings: Pizza, the "world's saddest polar bear," was removed from Grandview Mall and relocated to Tianjin Haichang Polar Ocean World in North China to live with his mother.

The aquarium announced the move on its official Weibo page, writing: "Out of the need to upgrade the aquarium, some of our animals, including Pizza the polar bear, will be temporarily away. When the upgrading completes, these animals will gradually come back to the aquarium, their home."

This message led to intense speculation that Pizza would return to Grandview Aquarium when the facility finished its renovations.

In 2018, *National Geographic* followed up on Pizza's status, confirming that the polar bear was still being housed in the Tianjin facility. The story notes that he seemed happier and less stressed being with his mother, and had a slightly larger enclosure.

In a June 2020 episode of the *China Untold* podcast (which, full disclosure, is hosted by the author of this article), the host called Grandview Aquarium to inquire about whether or not Pizza had returned in the two years since the *National Geographic* article. A staffer at the aquarium confirmed that Pizza has not returned to Guangzhou, and that since the renovation no tigers have been brought into the facility.

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WALRUS IN THE HALL

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While it appears Pizza's terrible saga in Guangzhou has come to a close, Grandview Aquarium has still failed to clean up its act in any meaningful way.

In 2018, investigators from China Cetacean Alliance visited Grandview Mall's aquarium to report on the conditions at the facility. Their findings were and remain deeply disturbing. The team noted that the zoo's four beluga whales were trapped in a tiny tank with zero environmental enrichment and were forced to perform for audiences. A story from *The Dodo* published in October of 2018 notes that the whales showed signs of stress and appeared lethargic, sometimes languishing on the bottom of the tank for prolonged periods of time.

The China Cetacean Alliance noted: "Freedom to swim, hunt, [and] explore a vast ocean and enjoy a community life is not possible for these majestic animals in captivity."

The investigators further noted that the facility's seven spotted seals were swimming in water that was so murky that the animals had to squint to see where they were going in the tank. Additionally, their report notes that a large number of dead fish were seen and that the whale shark exhibit had been emptied and the tank was unused.

Naomi Rose, a marine mammal scientist at the Animal Welfare

Institute, notes in *The Dodo* article that the aquarium's location inside a mall is also a problem. "If any of these animals got out, they'd be in hysterics — they'd be completely traumatized. There'd be nowhere for them to go, and they'd be amongst a bunch of screaming, panicking people," said Rose.

Rose would probably be horrified to learn that in June of 2020, animals from Grandview Aquarium left the facility and ventured out into the shopping center. She'd likely be even more upset to learn that the animals didn't escape due to an earthquake or act of God, but that they were allegedly moved into the mall by aquarium staff.

To celebrate Children's Day on June 1, shopping malls might usually call in clowns or sweaty teenage boys in mascot costumes. This year in Guangzhou, though, shoppers were treated to an impromptu walrus show inside Grandview Mall. A netizen posted a photo of the shocking scene on Weibo on June 2, which showed the walrus surrounded by spectators — including small children — on the second floor of the mall.

A top commenter on Weibo wrote, "Grandview Aquarium is really disgusting, there have been reports of abuse of polar bears before." Another netizen added, "A place famous for animal cruelty."

The original Weibo poster — a woman surnamed Ye — was outraged by the scene and filed a complaint via the Guangzhou public service hotline.

"When I went to the second floor [of the mall] with my friends, I saw a walrus flopping around on the mall floor," Ye tells *That's*. "Some staff members were standing



around in costumes, surrounded by a crowd of onlookers and several other staff members using a microphone to introduce the animals."

We contacted Grandview Aquarium twice in the aftermath of the 'Walrusgate Scandal' to inquire about why the walrus was outside of the facility in the mall's public space, and a staffer told us that the walrus has never left its enclosure and been outside in the mall. The photo evidence (shown above) and firsthand accounts paint a very different story.

Aside from the obvious ethical issues with bringing a large, non-domesticated animal into a public place, it is worth noting that walrus attacks have and do attack people. In September of 2019, reports emerged that an angry mother walrus sunk a Russian tugboat in the Arctic. There are also reported cases of walrus attacks on kayakers and even seal hunters in Greenland and other regions.

We reached out to Grandview Mall to ask whether they were aware that the aquarium's walrus would be brought into the mall's shopping concourse, where children would be present, but we did not receive a response by press time.

Perhaps most upsetting of all, while researching this article we discovered that Grandview Aquarium has a four-out-of-five rating on Tripadvisor and it is rated as the number 55 thing to do in Guangzhou out of nearly 700 attractions. This is beyond distressing. One reviewer went so far as to claim that the zoo is “probably the most underrated attraction in Guangzhou.”

While preparing this cover story, we (reluctantly) visited Grandview Aquarium to witness its conditions first hand and, in short, not much had changed since the first troubling reports from 2016.

The first clear sign to us that the zoo still deserves the label ‘a prison for animals’ was the turtle exhibit, which featured eight or nine sea turtles (hawksbills, loggerheads and green sea turtles) crammed in an incredibly small tank. We asked a nearby aquarium attendant to confirm the actual size of the tank for us, but she didn’t know (surprise!). Visitors could pay a small fee to feed the turtles lettuce, but the area wasn’t well regulated. One child, who was chaperoned by his two parents, repeatedly lifted a piece of lettuce up and down with a stick provided by the aquarium, causing the turtles to smash their heads together and snap at each other. Attendants at the exhibit did nothing as the youngster dangled the vegetable in the turtles’ faces, and the mother squawked “Don’t let them eat it yet.” (Don’t be that mum, we hate that mum.)

The arctic wolves were still held in a small pen, which had to be roughly 100 square meters – maybe less. No employees were present to stop visitors from harassing the animals by knocking on the glass and, of course, that is exactly what visitors were doing. If *Curb Your Enthusiasm*’s Larry David were there, he would unquestionably have caused a scene.

The walrus display, which is near the end of the walkthrough-style aquarium, was arguably the most difficult of the displays to look at: In a small, cramped tank a beastly walrus swam mini-laps in a robotic fashion, optimizing the corners of the enclosure to give itself more space to swim. This continued for five minutes as we stood and watched; when the shame became too much to bear, we turned and left.

When writing this story, we reached out to Grandview Aquarium twice hoping to speak with their management about a number of topics, from the enclosure size and cleanliness to ‘Walrusgate,’ the facility’s 2016 renovations and Pizza’s status. On two separate occasions we were told zoo management would be in touch with us, but we were never contacted and were unable to attain comment from aquarium heads.

So, what should you take away from this story? For one, if you consider yourself an animal lover you should not be patronizing Grandview Aquarium. The facility’s track record and current conditions are incompatible with the goals of animal activists and scientists. There is no good reason for animals to be kept inside a mall in small confines for profit.

Admittedly, due to space considerations, we did leave out one major issue with the Grandview Aquarium: The fact that some of the animals within the facility were likely wild caught in Russia –



A photograph of a walrus in an aquarium enclosure, partially obscured by large, stylized yellow text. The walrus is visible through a glass barrier, and the enclosure is lit with blue light. The text 'ANIMAL LOVERS STEER CLEAR' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right across the top half of the image.

ANIMAL LOVERS STEER CLEAR

something that is not uncommon for Chinese animal entertainment facilities. According to Hu Chunmei from the Endangered Species Fund, as cited in a 2015 Aljazeera article, Zhuhai's Chimelong Ocean Kingdom was allegedly home to seven orcas captured in Russia, and that marine parks in the PRC were home to at least 18 Russia-caught beluga whales at the time. (Of note: These numbers have likely changed.)

When 'Walrusgate' occurred earlier this summer, China Cetacean Alliance commented that the walrus in question was likely captured in Russia and sold to the mall aquarium. The ethical issues behind capturing live aquatic mammals have been well documented in documentaries such as *Blackfish*, and even in our April 2017 cover story – which profiled Russia-caught orcas in Chinese zoos and aquariums.

If you've already visited the zoo in Grandview Mall and found it as upsetting as we do, we encourage you to go online and leave an honest review of the business on Tripadvisor and Google – so that other people will be able to make a candid and ethical decision about whether or not to visit it. We also encourage readers to consider the ethical implications of shopping at a mall that allows a facility with a poor animal rights record and tarnished global reputation to continue operating.

If you need to introduce your child to the wonders of nature, take them camping or hiking, or if that isn't an option, purchase or stream one of the incredible wildlife documentaries that have been produced in the past decade.

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JORGE CASTELLANOS

Awesome with Kids and Comedy

Interview by Ned Kelly



"I've been super fortunate to perform with some of the best comedians around the world"

When American Jorge Castellanos was in university, he grew to love both comedy and education. Unable to choose between them, he did both, being on a popular morning radio talk show while studying to get a degree in education. Fast forward to his life in China and he's turned both passions into professions, running Shanghai play-based early education center Awesome Kids Club by day, and touring the country as a standup comedian by night.

How did Awesome Kids Club come about?

Awesome Kids Club was originally founded in 2010. The owner and I got to know each other because he used to be a regular at my standup comedy shows. Eventually, he and his wife wanted to move back to Australia, so I took over in 2018 with my partner Vivian Wang. We have spent the last few years working on establishing ourselves as a trusted, fun place for kids to learn and play.

For those that don't know, Awesome Kids Club is a play-based early education center with a, well, awesome play facility where kids aged 1-4 can come and play, learn and explore different topics to prepare them for their future educational careers. We also host holiday camps and family events across the city.

Space, pirates, dinosaurs – your summer camps look like a whole lot of fun. Do you have a favorite weekly topic?

I'm all about space. I get just as invested in building rockets and making planets as the kids do!

You are also a well known comedian – we imagine that there is actually a fair bit of crossover in the skill sets for those two roles? (Even though the material might be slightly different...)

It helps a lot actually! As all parents know, when a child hands you a pretend cake, nothing makes them happier than when you say in an excited way, "You made this? Amazing! It's delicious!" Some people can get a little embarrassed getting down on the floor and acting out silly games when other adults are around. So once you've performed to audiences as a comedian and had a large group of people not like your joke, you build up your ability to roll with the punches and have fun.

What the most exciting gig you have done as a comedian?

I've been super fortunate to perform with some of the best comedians around the world. A few that come to mind are Mark Normand and Kyle Kinane, who I also had the pleasure of spending a week with and showing them around China. I also got to announce for Jim Gaffigan when he came to town, and got to take him out to dinner. Being able to spend time with these well-known comedians in China is a whole different experience because they're unfamiliar with everything and it's not a 'fan/comedian' meet and greet; it's two comedians spending time together and talking shop.

What are your favorite cities in China to perform in?

Wow, they're all incredible in different ways. Shanghai, obviously – because it's where I do most of my performing – but Beijing has one of the most supportive

and excited crowds I've ever seen.

You were a regular in the Shanghai Show/Mamahuhu videos – how was that? And do you have a favorite video?

It was great! The team we worked with were all super funny, super great people and it's always really nice when someone comes up and says they liked a video or relate to something we wrote. I would have to say my favorite one I wrote was the Laowai Park series about Found 158 because I hear more and more people saying, "Let's go to Laowai Park!" as if it was always named that, and Found 158 even changed their logo on their social media to the Laowai Park logo for a while, which was super cool.

Any exciting things coming up?

At Awesome Kids Club we're setting up a lot of fun family events for the summer and upcoming fall season since it's tough to travel at the moment, so we're looking forward to seeing everyone out and having some fun with us!

Add Awesome Kids Club on WeChat by scanning this QR code:



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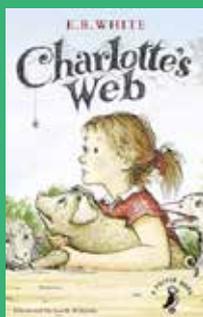
Book recommendations from former *That's* editor-in-chief and 'girl dad' Matthew Bossons.

Ages 7+

Charlotte's Web

By E.B. White

Charlotte's Web is the story of a barn spider named – you guessed it – Charlotte and a little girl named Fern, who team up to save Wilbur the fat pig from the dinner plate. An absolute classic, this story is a good introduction to the concepts of mortality, unrelenting change and friendship for young readers. Since its publication in the 1950s, the book has been adapted into film and even a video game.

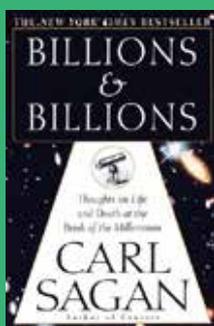


Ages 14+

Billions and Billions

By Carl Sagan

The final book written by American scientist and big thinker Carl Sagan, *Billions and Billions* takes a scientific lens to everyday life. From Monday Night Football and the invention of chess to climate change and the relationship between the United States and Russia, Sagan will wow you with facts, figures and his trademark sense of childlike wonder. The book also offers some personal insight into Sagan himself, and is a must-read for curious young minds.



VEGGIE MAMA

Vegan Cinnamon French Toast Crunch Recipe

If you want to prepare an extra special breakfast, this vegan rendition of French toast is definitely the go-to recipe. Of course, French toast is traditionally made with an egg and milk dip, but Lindsey Fine (aka Veggie Mama) shows us that this dish is even more delicious with vegan replacements. "I should have known that this delectable breakfast treat would have something to do with the ancient Romans. Those folks knew how to do it. There are now countless variations of dipped and pan-fried recipes from around the world, but they all stem from the Roman's need to make use of stale bread. For this recipe, I got creative and added some panko breadcrumbs to the mix to add a bit of deliciously irresistible texture to it," says Fine. It's super easy to make and super creamy too!



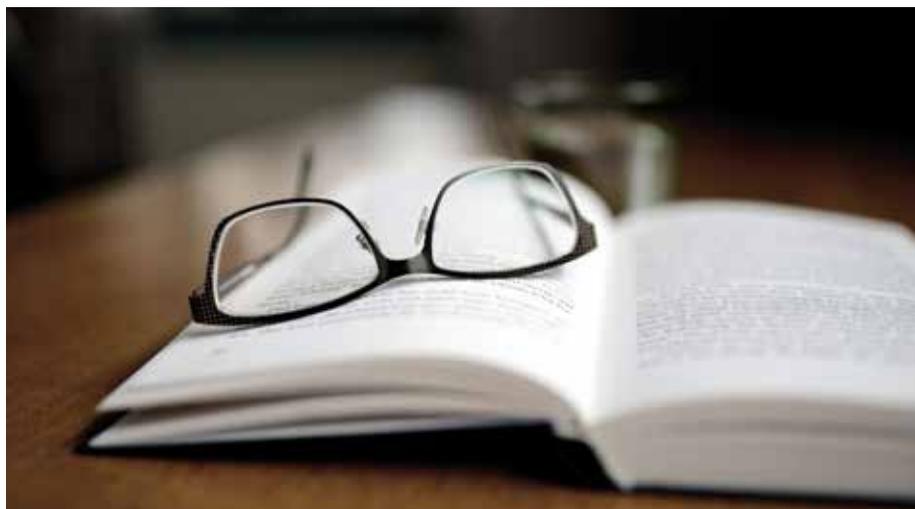
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CLASS CLOWN

Stealing Scores

Last month concluded China's daunting national college entrance examination, better known as the *gaokao*. While millions of students sacrifice their glory years in high school to best prepare for the biggest test of their lives, stories of an identity theft scandal reverberated across China. In Shandong province, a two-year investigation revealed that more than 280 individuals were involved in stealing the identities of students who had taken the *gaokao*.

While details have been sparse, most of the cases predate 2006, with officials placing the blame on weak ID verification procedures at the time.



ECO HOME

Cloth Napkins

Depending on how often you eat at home, you likely go through your fair share of paper napkins. Despite their small and seemingly insignificant stature (especially once crumpled up), paper napkins can still have a big environmental impact.

Meanwhile, cloth napkins are a great way to make the most out of your materials. For starters, you tend to feel a bit more fancy whipping out the cloth napkins at the dinner table. But they also leave less of a footprint on our Earth – simply add them to your wash once you're finished and they'll be as good as new.

However, if you're such a clean eater that you don't even need a napkin, then you deserve a medal because you are officially Mother Nature's best friend.

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Doctor, Doctor

The Public Health Leaders of This Pandemic

By Ryan Gandolfo

As we've learned, health crises have a way of introducing the world to key figures tasked with the responsibility of ensuring public health. The COVID-19 pandemic is no different, with two of the world's most reputable doctors becoming the faces of a global fight against COVID-19.

In China, Dr. Zhong Nanshan became a household name for effectively managing the SARS outbreak in 2003 and, most recently, advising health authorities on COVID-19. The Nanjing-born 83-year-old pulmonologist is viewed as a reliable source of information, and his role as an advisor in China's coronavirus outbreak in January was important in containment efforts and providing a beacon of hope for Chinese nationals at a seriously troubling time.

Over in the US, Dr. Anthony Fauci is considered Dr. Zhong's American counterpart. The 79-year-old New Yorker has been at the forefront of the US responses to various viral diseases like HIV/AIDS, the 2009 swine flu pandemic and Ebola, among others. Dr. Zhong and Dr. Fauci have spent a lifetime working to make the world a safer place.

We see Dr. Zhong every morning on our commute to work as his erect posture is plastered on bus station billboards, meanwhile, Dr. Fauci has become a merchandise marvel with themed prayer candles, masks and even bobblehead dolls of the doctor sold online. It's an interesting deviation from the sports and entertainment figures who typically take center stage, but given the severity of this

pandemic, these doctors are as important as ever in guiding the public in its fight against the COVID-19 disease.

Back in January (we know, it feels like a lifetime ago), Dr. Zhong paid a visit to the central Chinese city of Wuhan to check on a cluster of mysterious pneumonia cases that ended up being named SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes the COVID-19 disease. On January 20, Dr. Zhong confirmed that the new coronavirus could be transmitted between humans. His words triggered a heightened response from the Chinese government and citizens of the PRC, which saw the lockdown of Wuhan – and really the country – as citizens around the country hunkered down for weeks to avoid the contagious disease.

Dr. Zhong is known to have an

authoritative, reassuring tone that has gained peoples' trust. "Whenever he makes statements, provides advice, or gives opinions, he provides factual information to back up his claims. Every decision he makes is purely based on the health of people, while in person he comes across as very charismatic, frank, and direct," Guangdong Radio and Television Presenter Hazza Harding tells *That's* of his impression of Dr. Zhong. Having attended a press conference where Dr. Zhong spoke at length about coronavirus prevention measures, Harding understands what makes Dr. Zhong the beloved public figure he is.

Dr. Fauci entered the COVID-19 fray shortly after Dr. Zhong. At the end of January, he was named to the White House Coronavirus Task Force led by US Vice President Mike Pence – an obvious candidate given his resume. But it wasn't until March that the new coronavirus really began to take hold in the US, at which point US President Donald Trump's allies in the senate called for the president to make Dr. Fauci the face of the government's coronavirus response.

In a report by politics-focused publication *The Hill*, one unnamed US senator was quoted saying, "He speaks with authority. He has respect in the medical community," in reference to Dr. Fauci. More recently, the doctor has been more vocal and transparent about the spread of the disease than anyone else on Trump's task force.

At the end of June, coronavirus cases in the US began to resurge and Dr. Fauci warned of 100,000 cases a day at a senate hearing.

"Well I think the numbers speak for themselves... I'm very concerned and I'm not satisfied with what's going on because we're going in the wrong direction if you look at the curves of the new cases, so we really have got to do something about that and we need to do it quickly," said Dr. Fauci on June 30 regarding the US COVID-19 response.

At press time, Fauci's dire warning had not come to pass, but the US hit a record of 77,300 confirmed cases in one day on July 16.

While Dr. Zhong has received the support from both the government and the public, Dr. Fauci's response to COVID-19 has caused a very visible rift among some officials in the Trump administration. But despite Trump officials and congress members' attempts to lambast one of the leading members in the administration's coronavirus task force team, Dr. Fauci is still viewed favorably by Americans.

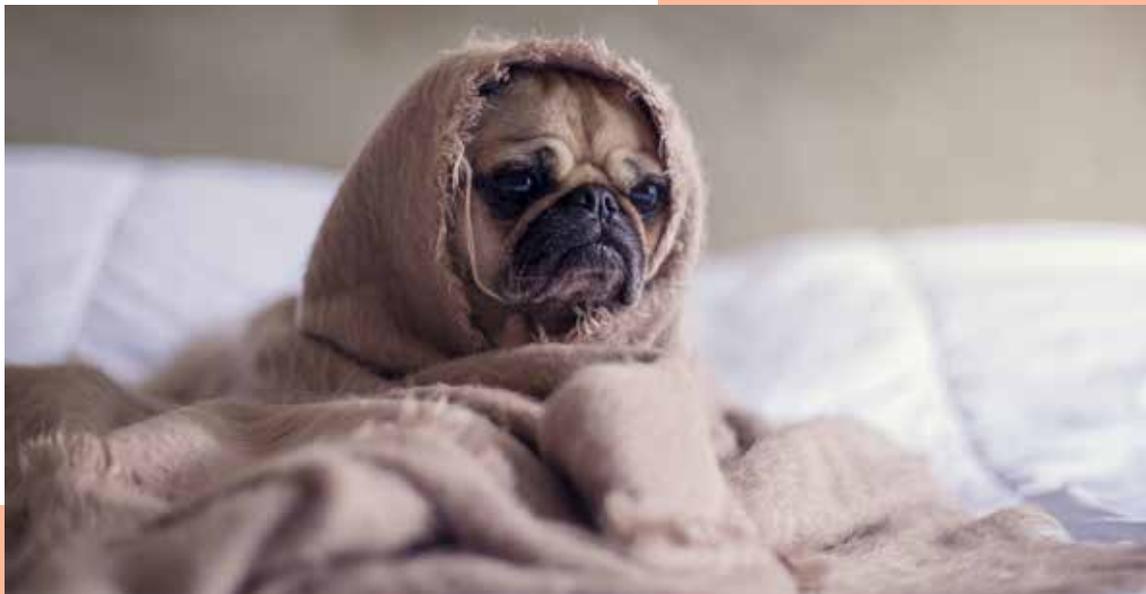
According to a Politico poll in mid-July, 62% of voters viewed Dr. Fauci's handling of the virus as excellent or good. As for Dr. Zhong, China's impressively low COVID-19 count only further cements him as a legend in China's scientific community and the public at large.



Power Through

Dealing with Pain During Tough Times

By Dr. Alfred Chambers



As a clinical psychologist, I avoid responding to people's troubles and concerns with an attitude such as, "Well, we all have problems so stop complaining."

It's important not to compare people's concerns to others, as everyone is going through their own specific hardships. Pain is pain and we all experience it in our own manner, at least so I thought. For example, when I'm grieving, a crisis, or just confused as I lay awake at 3am, knowing people around the world are going through their own struggles actually makes it easier for me to sleep. I just want my feelings to improve, so I try to have this understanding with everyone in my work.

However, I've struggled more recently with the concept of the supremacy of individual suffering. The reality is there are so many in the world with painful experiences, which is made clear when I sit and listen to the difficult stories that my patients share. But with all this suffering, whether it's emotional, physical, social, economic or environmental – it's important to take a step back and get a different perspective on our own situation compared to others. Sometimes you may find that our personal situations aren't as doom and gloom as you may be led to believe.

Even with the prosperity experienced by so many over the last few decades, oddly enough people still tend to focus on their own troubles and false entitlements – losing track of the bigger picture.

Many people prefer a pessimistic and negative view of humanity. I would guess because it is self-serving and allows for excuse-making, such as "I cheat because everyone else cheats!"

However, if we consider for a moment that – generally speaking – people tend to be very similar, then maybe we can have a little more empathy. With a more generous outlook perhaps we can gauge our circumstances accordingly in comparison to others.

This takes us to how we can respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are old, ill, or poor then you must be very careful of this infection as the fatality and complication rates are higher for these groups. But, if you are young, healthy and privileged, then shouldn't you also be very careful? Do you want to spread it? As I try to get a factual grasp on what is happening around the world, I am struck by how entitled many people behave, seeming to think they live on this planet all alone and that their actions have no consequences.

Today we talk about being 'civilized,' however maybe our ancient ancestors really knew what that meant. With their community awareness, sharing and compassion, they were living in a much

different world than we are today – a world where community had greater importance. So, let's be more cognizant and caring before it's too late. And when we start to feel sorry for ourselves or think our problems are too much and that life is unfair, let's remember that we're not alone.



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China World Summit Wing, Beijing launches 'Love in the Clouds'

In collaboration with the luxury lingerie brand La Clover, China World Summit Wing, Beijing will offer exquisite gifts to guests who book the 'Love in the Clouds' room until August 31, 2020. Starting from RMB2,199, the package includes breakfast for two served at Grill 79, champagne upon arrival with romantic amenities as well as late checkout. For inquiries and reservations, call 8571 6688.



Youth Fine Arts Discovery Workshops at Waldorf Astoria Beijing

Waldorf Astoria Beijing, in cooperation with Banana Creative, launched the Youth Fine Arts Discovery Workshops, which caters to youths aged 8-16 years old. This summer, participants will be guided by the professional artists from Banana Creative to enjoy a splendid art feast that unleashes their creativity and artistic potential. Kids can participate in various interactive activities related to artistic painting, clay sculpting, design, etc. For reservations from this month, contact 8520 8989.



A Gastronomical Delights Menu by YUE, Sheraton Grand Beijing Dongcheng Hotel

Embrace the summer season with the YUE special delicacies menu of classic Chinese cuisine. Hong Kong-born Chef Cheng is the master of combining the finest ingredients with traditional Cantonese culinary techniques and exceptional flavors. Join them to discover over 60 assortments of 'delicate delights' dishes starting from RMB16 to please your palate. From traditional Hong Kong specialties like fried pork ribs with sweet and sour sauce to Hakka signature dish fried chicken with mushroom, prepare for a gastronomical journey.

SHANGHAI



Hilton Shanghai Hongqiao Launch Co-brand Afternoon Tea with Nespresso

Hilton Shanghai Hongqiao launched a seasonal co-brand afternoon tea with global leading coffee brand Nespresso on July 10. This new menu is offered in the hotel's Pulse lobby bar through September. To make a reservation, call 021 3323 6579.



Hyatt Regency Shanghai Global Harbor Gears Up for 'Run for Health'

Last month, Hyatt Regency Shanghai Global Harbor joined hands with Nike Run Hai Lane to organize an awesome running event in the name of good health! The run started from Run Hai Lane to Hyatt Regency Shanghai Global Harbor. "Run for health underscores Hyatt's commitment to drive meaningful impact to the local community and people," said Ms. Amane Karazawa, general manager of Hyatt Regency Shanghai Global Harbor. "There will be no winner in the event, just running enthusiasts and philanthropists who care for health and life." Although someone technically won the race, let's not focus on that aspect.

JW Marriott Marquis Hotel Shanghai Pudong and Guerlain Launch the Sensory Afternoon Tea

Starting last month, JW Marriott Marquis Hotel Shanghai Pudong joined hands with the century-old legendary brand Guerlain of France to unveil a five-course afternoon tea 'Aqua Allegoria Joyful by Nature' at the first floor of the JW Lounge for its guests. The tea session draws inspiration from its classic Eau de Toilette series Guerlain Aqua Allegoria. The newly launched afternoon tea immerses guests in sensory experiences where they can feel one with nature and enjoy ultimate relaxation and pleasure.



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Sweet Summer Feast at The Show Kitchen

Bring your whole family to The Show Kitchen at Grand Hyatt Shenzhen this summer to enjoy various sweet treats like light, soft ice-cream. There will be many shows and activities, like a live tuna fish carving session and a live wok-fired Boston lobster cooking show. As well, every Sunday, guests can enjoy premium sea cucumbers imported from South America. Every experience is spectacular, with delicious cuisines waiting to be explored. To make a reservation, call 8266 1234.



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Meet KHOS Qingyuan General Manager Rayee Zhao

As the general manager of KHOS Qingyuan, Rayee Zhao is responsible for the development of all areas of the 217-room hotel in the lead-up to its opening in 2020 and subsequent management of the operating hotel. Zhao has worked in the hospitality industry for 24 years, gaining experience with international hotel groups such as InterContinental Hotels Group, Marriott International, Hilton Hotels & Resorts and Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts. With Zhao's extensive experience in hotel sales and marketing as well as leading hotel management teams, he aims to firmly establish KHOS Qingyuan in the market by providing exceptional service and driving profitability.



The Ritz-Carlton, Guangzhou Names Maggie Mi as Director of Sales and Marketing

Maggie Mi, has been appointed director of sales and marketing of The Ritz-Carlton, Guangzhou. She will oversee business development, sales execution, public relations, marketing, revenue management and room reservations. Mi's work will reinforce the hotel's status as a prestigious *Forbes* Five-Star hotel for six consecutive years and as the premier luxury hotel in Southern China. She has over 15 years of experience in the hospitality industry. A veteran known for being calm and highly efficient, Mi built a solid foundation working for hotels like Shangri-La Hotel Harbin and Tianjin, The Ritz-Carlton, Haikou and Renaissance Haikou Hotel, and The Castle Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Dalian.



SCHOOL NEWS

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Bromsgrove School Mission Hills Celebrates 2020 Student Achievements

BMH held a celebration at the school on July 11 to recognize the achievements of their K3 and Prep 6 students. It was a day full of singing, speeches and awards, with a special acknowledgement of the resilience, compassion and flexibility that 2020 has required.



Harrow Shenzhen Qianhai to Open on Schedule

Harrow Shenzhen Qianhai is getting ready to open its campus in September despite huge challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic. The school is taking extra measures and implemented processes according to the highest national and local regulations and standards. This will ensure a safe, happy and inspiring environment for students to learn, board and grow at the campus. A detailed COVID-19 prevention and personal care system will also be in place and communicated with parents and families before the school opens.

GUANGZHOU



AISG Boasts Impressive University Acceptance for the Class of 2020

The American International School of Guangzhou has devoted years to cultivating strong relationships with universities around the world, with over 100 college admissions directors visiting AISG students and their families each year. The 65 graduates of 2020 are proud to boast 107 offers from top universities in 13 countries spanning a wide range of subjects.



ISA Science City International School Teams Up with JLL

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Strong University Acceptance Offers for Utahloy's 2020 Graduates

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BIS Congratulates Jojo On Her Astounding Personal Development

At the beginning of the school year, Jojo was very anxious and reserved. However, by nurturing her personal growth with short and long term goals and an emphasis on teamwork, she has built a foundation of confidence and become an avid English communicator who loves to participate. The British International School wants to publicly congratulate her on this big step into her bright future.

FOSHAN



NAS Foshan Hosts Mini-Olympics in the Summer Heat

A three-day sporting event was held at Nord Anglia School Foshan where students had fun competing between their respective houses for bragging rights and trophies. Events included the javelin throw, tug-of-war, several different running competitions and much more.

SHANGHAI



Dulwich Delivery Bus

Starting the last week of May, the Dulwich Delivery Bus (D.D. Bus for short) began making stops at three Pudong locations to deliver activity bags to students. Currently, the bus delivers to all DUCKS students and those students in Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong Junior School who have chosen to participate in eLearning. Library books will be added to the package for both parents and students in future deliveries!



EtonHouse Summer School Provide Fun Educational Experiences

Foshan's EtonHouse offered unique summer programs last month for students to explore everything STEAM-related from building catapults and entrepreneurial simulations to traditional Chinese art and calligraphy. But most importantly, it provided a fun and engaging experience to over 100 children who will be proud to see some of their creations in the FEIS gallery.

TIANJIN



WellingTen Online Open Classes from Teachers

Wellington College Tianjin is the first overseas campus of Wellington College UK. In late July, they hosted six online speeches and forums to showcase the Wellington educational values and inspirations for the coming year.



That's Horoscopes



Finally, a horoscope that understands your life in China.

By Naomi Lounsbury



Leo

7.23~8.23

You will spend the better part of August handing out beers to friends while chilling in a cool refreshing pool. You've given up on your travel bucket list and you're just trying to make the most out of things. Don't worry, the borders will open one day (maybe).



Virgo

8.24~9.23

Your obsession with *liangcha* has gone from fun to feverish. Maybe give the Chinese herbal tea a rest and focus on drinking more hot water instead. After all, we've heard it's 'good for healthy.'



Libra

9.24~10.23

It's important to pick your battles. We understand that injustices make you angry and you really want to argue with someone about them, but there's a time and a place. As long as you don't threaten anyone, you should be in for a fruitful month.



Scorpio

10.24~11.22

Remember to continue working on self-development. Spa day? You deserve it. Yoga retreat? Treat yourself. Double boot camp leg day? Those legs won't work themselves. You've still got a long way to go before people stop thinking that 'Scorpio' is synonymous with crazed maniac.



Sagittarius

11.23~12.21

Your journey to sparkling wine mountain may be the highlight of your August. This is a metaphor (don't take us literally). What we're really saying is you will have a badass brunch this month.



Capricorn

12.22~1.20

In August, you will still be working day and night and pondering if it's all worth it. It is. Just be smart and save up for that epic vacation or honeymoon to make sure you're living your best life.



Aquarius

1.21~2.19

You're starting a new chapter in your life. Just make sure to close the book before moving on, otherwise those unwritten pages will come back to haunt you. Wait, no, that's just Libra grabbing at opportunities.



Pisces

2.20~3.20

After consulting the stars, you should 'go big or go home' this month. But let's be honest, if you go home then expect to be there anywhere from three months to three years. Apparently, these borders weren't made for walking (through).



Aries

3.21~4.20

Because of Mars traversing Aries, August won't be a great month for you in the relationship department. But life goes on, or as the Chinese poets say - insert green fields, wine and waterfalls.



Taurus

4.21~5.21

Given the not-so-great economic outlook for the rest of the year, stop buying silly items on Taobao that you don't need and go out and try to make a friend. One is the loneliest number.



Gemini

5.22~6.21

Now is probably the best time to move to Beijing. Think about it - the city is recovering from a second wave and rental prices are probably down. Or better yet, negotiate an apartment with your new work contract.

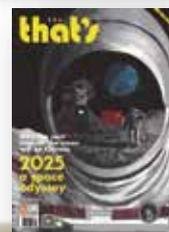
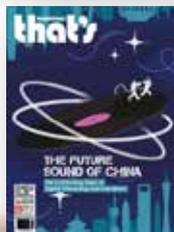
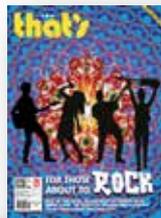


Cancer

6.22~7.22

Time is moving incredibly slow in 2020, and you've taken note. Your beard may have grown twice in size, or your long locks are approaching the middle of your back. Time to speed things up by going on a big adventure.

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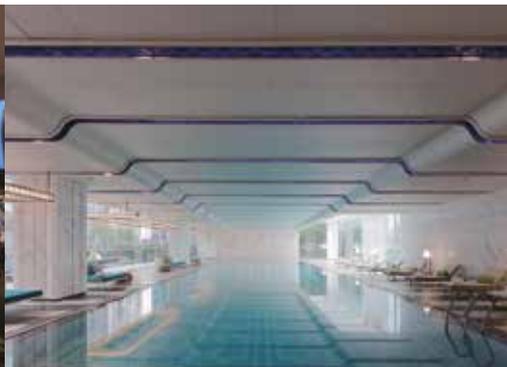
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