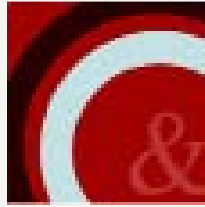


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# Macau Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Amongst best in Asia



by Sara Farr  
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**W**ith already two tournaments under the belt and shrimping their way to another one next month, the Macau Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu team lead by Pan-American Champion 2007 black belt Daniel Charles Pereira now sits comfortably amongst the top ten best teams in Asia.

Eighteen months into what first saw four strangers who shared the love for the martial art meet twice a week to train, has now developed into a team and association with over 20 registered members. Last year, just before the Copa de Hong Kong in the neighbouring SAR, professor Daniel Charles was invited to come to Macau to teach the art of softness. Being from Nova União, professor Daniel quickly established his very own Nova União Macau. And ever since, the small number of team members

who compete in tournaments have proven their passion for the sport always bringing home a number of medals and titles.

Literally meaning art of softness, Jiu-Jitsu is a form of martial arts that focuses on grappling and ground fighting. And because in real life most fights usually end up on the ground, it also teaches one self-defence mainly while on the ground. In this case the tatame, or mat in English.

Making the whole team proud at last month's tournament in Taiwan, Luis Serafim won gold in the blue belt light category, Bryan Wynne also won gold in the blue belt heavy category, Patrick Goodwin got the same colour shiny medal in the purple belt absolute category.

For the upcoming Thailand BJJ/Grapppling Open scheduled to take place on September 19 and 20, team members have already registered. The usual suspects will see Walt Power, Luis, Patrick and Daniel take part in each of their belt and weight categories. Bryan who was crowned absolute champion at the Hong Kong tournament earlier this year, will not take part in next month's tournament as he will be returning home to the US at the end of August. However, the team is sure to shine and outshine other Asian teams at the Thailand BJJ/Grapppling Open due to their constant hard training, dedication and love for the sport.

So far, up until Tuesday this week









122 Jiu-Jitsuers have registered for the event including nine women in different belt and weight categories.

Last year, the Macau Brazilian Jiu-jitsu Association brought home a total of nine gold and silver medals from the Copa de Hong Kong held in the neighbouring SAR in April. That and the guys' fighting skills were enough proof for the team to rank third best after Kowloon and Taiwan in the tournament where Brazilian Jiu-jitsu World Champion Andre Galvao and vice-champion Eduardo Telles were present.

## GROWING STRONGER

With the growing number of participants interested in trying out Jiu-Jitsu and after professor Dan-



iel's arrival in Macau, step-by-step classes began taking place every day. Now professor Daniel also goes to Hong Kong once a week to teach there.

And with as much passion for the sport, professor Daniel has been grading his students according to their level of learning the art of

softness. Last week's training included a graduation ceremony for the great majority who attended the class.

Delfino Gabriel was given a blue belt much to his surprise. Walt, Luis Bryan and Tiago Afonso all got two stripes on their blue belts, while Max Mak got three









stripes on his white belt and Adelino Airosa two. Uriel Aboim, Samuel U, Martinho Marques and Perlman Sam all got one stripe on their white belts.

Grading in this Brazilian form of martial arts has five belts, with colours ranging from white, to blue, purple, brown and black.

And although questions


have been raised on how Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu differs from the traditional Japanese. The former is about knowing how to defend oneself when knocked to the ground by an opponent and always with the assumption the opponent is bigger and stronger, while the latter is more in line with the art itself

However, at one point during the fight, there's a goal to achieve, and that is to dominate the opponent.

The Japanese style of Jujitsu mainly focuses on self defence and is used

to practice moves from realistic situations where multiple attackers and weapons are involved, but in a way adapted for modern days.

Also with growing in numbers, the team was forced to look for a place big enough to accommodate all students at once. Even though professor Daniel teaches twice a week at the new place on Avenida de Venceslau de Moraes, no.227-235, Edf. Industrial Nam Fong 15-D, twice a week training is held at their "old" place in Fok Leng Court close to the Montanha Russa park.

The dedication and passion for the sport is such that Macau Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu's website ([www.macaubjj.com](http://www.macaubjj.com)) is constantly updated, making it easy for any first comer to get in touch with a member and join or attend a class. 





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# Wine Museum of Macau A Testimony to Chinese and Western Cultural

Exchange by Chris W. C. Sam, Institute For Tourism Studies

A wine museum is something of a rarity in a Chinese territory. The Wine Museum of Macau, however – one of 20 museums in the city – is dedicated to the subject. The drink may be somewhat unfamiliar to Chinese people but why is there a wine museum in Macao to introduce the world's winemaking culture and development? It is because the Southern European nation of Portugal has maintained a presence in Macao for more than four hundred years and has introduced their habit of imbibing wine on a daily basis. Hence, this cultural custom has arrived in Macao – a Chinese territory open to foreigners – following settlement by the Portuguese and the arrival of their merchant ships.

In the long history of Chinese and Western cultural exchange, the Portuguese have adapted to Chinese customs while some Chinese have begun adopting Portuguese habits such as drinking wine. As the Portuguese have been settling in Macau for several hundred years and Portugal is one of the countries renowned for making wine the former Macau-Portuguese Government opened the Museum at its current site on 15th December 1995 with a view to preserving the integration of Chinese and Portuguese culture.

The Wine Museum of Macau is divided into three areas – namely, the Historical Information Area, Cellar-Museum Area and Wine Exhibition Area. At the entrance to the Museum, visitors are served a complimentary glass of red or white wine so that they can enjoy the exhibits and fine wine at the same time. If you are a wine expert you are welcome to exchange ideas with the



resident wine experts; the glass of fine wine will surely arouse the great interest of visitors. Walking through the long corridor of the Exhibition Area one can see an elegant wooden bench in the middle with displays on the walls featuring information about renowned global centres of winemaking, famous wines of different age, and the national costume of well-known winemaking countries.

In addition, the Museum introduces visitors to viticulture, winemaking tools and utensils, and a variety of vintages. In fact, the Museum collection comprises a total of 1,115 wines from different countries, of which 756 are branded for sale, with 359 for collection only. The most historic and valuable is a Port wine made in 1815. The Wine Museum of Macau is not only suitable for people who have little knowledge of wine but for those with a keen interest in wine, too, which also serves as a testimony to Chinese and Western cultural exchange. **W**







## Cheap air deals up for grabs

So summer is coming to a close, but that just means some great travel deals. Being lucky enough to live here in Macau, the centre of the Asian universe, there are some great deals to be had to some stunning locations, and those that are worth going the extra dollar for.

Our low cost friends at Air Asia have some great airfares that need to be snapped up quickly for travel between September and November. With prices like MOP238 from Macau to Kuala Lumpur, and MOP368 to Bangkok it's a good time to book a long weekend getaway. If you have a little more time up your sleeve then fly to Bangkok and take an 'all in fare' to either Phuket, Chiang Mai or Krabi for MOP195 or from Kuala Lumpur to Perth or Melbourne for MOP603. Just make sure you book before 23 August to take full advantage, so get onto that today.

Go to [www.airasia.com](http://www.airasia.com) and look for their Year End Escapades packages.



## Revvng it up in Singapore



## Cruising & Gaming Greek style

A little farther from home but no less luxurious and unusual luxury specialists Crystal Cruises are departing on a 12 day cruise from September 26 through the glorious Greek Isles. Along with exciting gaming tournaments on board including Texas Hold 'em, Blackjack and Slots with cash prizes and waived entry fees for Blackjack and Slot tournaments, you can revisit the origins of gambling from leading gaming historian Dr David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. You'll be immersed in European glamour with screenings of the original Ocean's

Eleven, Bugsy, 21 and Casino Royale while experience the romance of the beautiful Greek Isles. Complimentary gaming lessons are also available for guests exploring new skills or who are just looking to perfect their game.

Sailing from Venice, the voyage visits Corfu, Katakolon, Crete/Aghios Nikolaos, Rhodes/Lindos, Mykonos and Athens plus Kusadasi in Turkey and a maiden call on Trogir in Croatia. This is one trip I don't imagine you'd forget too easily.

For additional information or booking, please contact Miramar Express at +852 8200 1155 or visit the luxury line's website at [www.crystalcruises.com](http://www.crystalcruises.com).



Enough of the budget getaways, for now...

For our rev heads there is only one way to see the upcoming Formula One Race in Singapore, and that's in an all out indulgence. The multi award winning Mandarin Oriental in Singapore is offering a Race Extravagance room package. Now before I tell you the price, let me tell you what it includes:

Three nights' accommodation in a Mandarin Oriental, Singapore luxurious Premier Suite, round-trip transfers by Mercedes-Benz limousine, Two entrance tickets to the Formula One Pit Grandstand, an ideal location to witness the last turn of the race and the moment of victory, Complimentary benefits at The Oriental Club including champagne breakfast, all-day soft beverages, afternoon tea, evening cocktails with hors d'oeuvres, and more, a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne on arrival, 90-minute Oriental Symphony massage for two persons, a six-course set dinner inclusive of one bottle of premium wine for two persons, created by Michelin-starred Chef Marco Pedrelli at Dolce Vita Italian restaurant located next to the hotel's landscaped pool.

Phew... quite the way to experience Formula One! All this for S\$9,999 or HKD53,450. Ok, Ok, but what a way to go!!

Offer is available between 25 to 28 September 2009. For reservations, please phone +65 6885 3030 or e-mail [mosin-reservations@mohg.com](mailto:mosin-reservations@mohg.com)



## Boxing and Bliss

Something slightly less costly but absolutely no less intriguing and luxurious is a Muay Thai Boxing retreat at the divine Anantara Koh Samui Resort and Spa. Learn the secrets of the famed boxing discipline, techniques and philosophies under the guidance of a leading trainer in one of Thailand's beautiful island paradises. There's so much of Thai history entwined with the sport making the immersion an authentic cultural experience, as well as a handy self defense mechanism!

Classes, which are offered as a one-hour introductory session up to a full one-week course, take place in the beautiful lush gardens that surround Anantara Koh Samui Resort and is open to men, women and children over the age of 12.



## Phuket Heaven

Heaven, that's what Paresa means in Sanskrit and this beautiful piece of pure and unadulterated luxury can be found at their newly launched pool villa resort in Phuket. All 49 villas and suites have sea views and private balconies and pools, along with two restaurants serving Thai and Italian cuisine, a cooking school, library and boutique. For readers of our magazine Paresa is offering complimentary upgrades from a Talay or Dima Suite, his and hers massage, return transfers, daily breakfast and evening canapés in your suite each day. Sigh...

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# Mouse Click

by António Espadinha Soares



## Video of the Week

INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE:  
LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT  
<http://vimeo.com/5892044>

The current American administration has been trying to engage with the American public, and even the world, by using the tools of the Web for a more direct approach to communicating its agenda. As such, it has been making use of the Vimeo online video service to post videos under the username Whitehouse. This particular video focuses on President Barack Obama's daily habit of reading, and often replying, to ten letters from the American public. It includes some beautiful cinematography of the Whitehouse, from the Oval office to the lower levels where mail gets delivered, sorted and chosen.

## Forvo

<http://www.forvo.com/>

Learning a new language can be a very difficult thing. One of the biggest obstacles to acquiring a new language is the embarrassment of trying to pronounce a word and having it sound nothing like it should. This simple website claims to be the web's first and foremost web-based language pronunciation guide. It also contains an active community, which regularly contributes to update its database of pronunciations with specific information about a user's regional details accompanying his or her pronunciation of any given word. Sign up for free and if a certain word isn't listed you can always ask your fellow users to add it to the database.

## Software of the Week

AVG Anti-Virus

<http://www.free.avg.com/>

By now every one knows the perils of the Internet, particularly when it comes to virus attacks and malware (malicious software) that can leave one's computer vulnerable to attack, and one's personal data at risk. There are a dearth of Anti-Virus software choices out there and the AVG anti-virus program actually worked pretty well for me for quite a few years. There's a free version that only includes anti-virus and malware protection, and should you choose to upgrade to the paid version it'll also protect you from more sophisticated attacks. It's available for the Windows platform only.

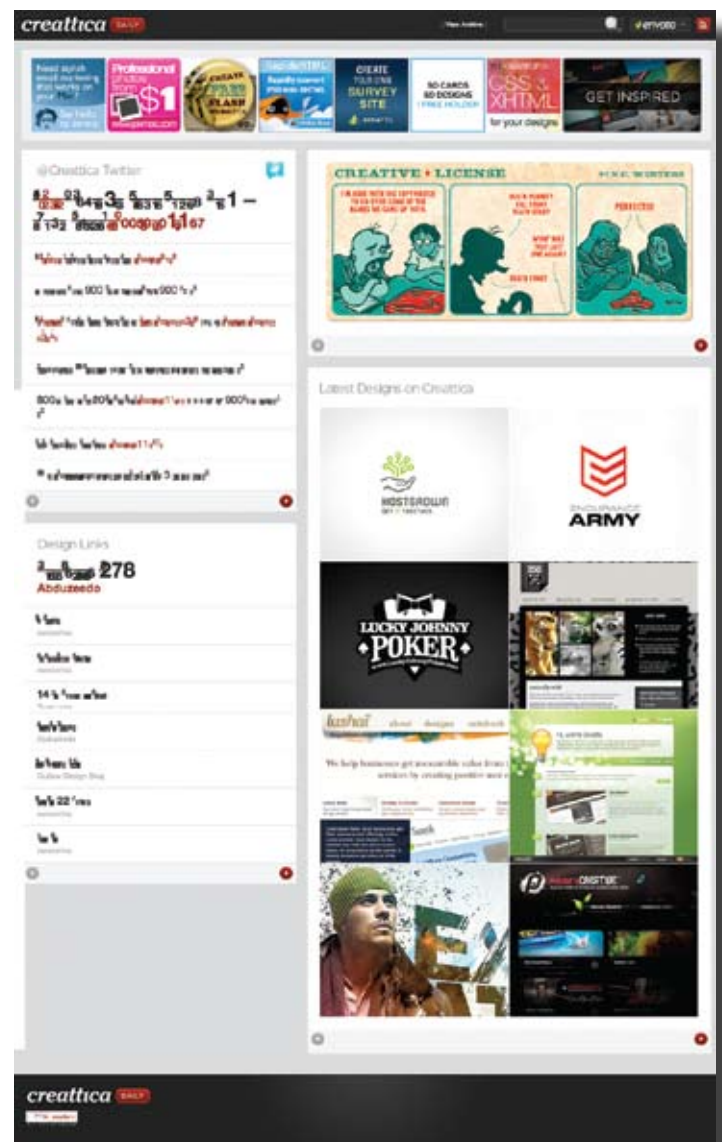




## World Guns

<http://www.world.gunsru/>.

Firearms hold a sort of hypnotic hold on me. Even though I personally hope I'll never have to be in the position to shoot anyone, these tools of force projection amaze me in all their varied forms. World Guns provides a constantly up to date reference on all kinds of firearms from all over the world. Even if you're not a particular fan of these sorts of devices, the way some of the most iconic rifles (such as the American M-16 or Russian AK-47) are so heavily intertwined with 20th century history make it a worthwhile read for anyone. The website is available in both English and Russian.



## Blog of the Week

Creattica

<http://daily.creattica.com/>

The World Wide Web can be a source of endless inspiration but it can also be frustrating to find eye pleasing and creative designs amongst all the visual trash that's out there. The blog for the Creattica website is a daily showcase of inspiring creative designs from several sources such as business card design, web page design, 3D modeling, Photoshop design, and a host of other design-centric fields. Check out the main site as well for lots of resources on Tutorials, tools, videos, and many other resources that can serve as an inspiration and help with your own creations.



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## PLAYING CARDS



**Ganjifa playing cards.**  
India, 18th century.  
The British Museum.

### Round decks

In India, playing cards have a tradition of being circular with eight to 12 suits (some were painted on ivory). Europe in the Middle Ages also produced round cards, and today round cards are made as novelties or for use in children's games.



**King of Parrots**  
Engraved playing card,  
Cologne, ca. 1477



**New France playing-card money.**  
1685-1728



### Cards as currency

The ancient Chinese "money cards" for gambling were probably used as a form of paper currency. In 17th-century Quebec, with money in short supply, the governor's attendant began signing playing cards to be used as currency. This "card money" was the first paper money in the New World. (Colonial



### By definition

Playing cards are usually made of heavy paper (cardboard) with images painted or printed onto the surface. They are designed for use in a huge variety of games.

### Way back when

Regular handling of paper quickly wore ancient playing cards out. For this reason, they are rare. Based on written evidence, it is thought that playing cards were invented in China (where paper was invented) sometime between the seventh and 10th centuries A.D.

### Chinese cards

The earliest examples of Chinese playing cards were thin strips of paper with symbols painted or printed on them. There are two main types of ancient Chinese playing cards (both were used in gambling games).

**Money cards** were decorated with suits of coins, strings, bamboo and batons. Today's mah-jongg tile designs probably have roots in these early money cards.

**Domino cards** actually came before wood or ivory dominoes.

### Islamic cards

Playing cards eventually made their way to the Middle East, where the 52-card deck adopted a new look. Persian empire cards were elaborately painted with coins

### Cards 101

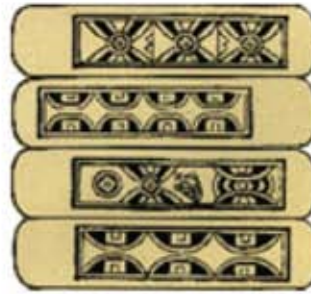
The front or face of a card is decorated to show a symbolic image that often determines a card's worth, purpose or message. The back of a card usually has a single unifying design and color to make it clear that it belongs to a certain set. Pips are a numerical dot or symbol used to identify the worth of a particular card.

Early playing cards were hand-painted and an expensive luxury. The invention of woodcut printing in the 14th century allowed playing cards to reach the European masses.

### Patterns and symbols

As you can tell by looking at the cards shown on this page, playing-card designs have different looks depending on where and when they were made. The number of cards in a deck also varies.

### Transformation cards



Chinese money cards



Chinese domino cards



laboratory painted with coins, cups, swords, polo sticks and (nonfigurative) court scenes.

## Europe

By the 14th century, cards had reached Europe, where designers gave court cards their human faces. Interestingly, many of the early decks did not use a queen. European designers began to experiment with the original suit emblems of coins, cups, swords and sticks. Many regions replaced sticks with scepters, batons or clubs.

German and Swiss decks used a 48-card deck (no aces) with suits of hearts, bells, leaves and acorns. By the 15th century, playing cards were being printed from wood-block engravings and were available to most people.

The four suits (hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs)

used in modern decks originated in France in the late 1400s. The use of simple shapes and flat colors were a practical solution to the printing limitations of the time. France mass-produced and exported playing cards so successfully that the French deck became the standard in England and in many places throughout the world.



**15th-century Islamic card,**  
the five of polo sticks.



**Ober of Acorns**  
Knives from a Nürnberg deck



**Unter of Leaves**  
Knives from a Nürnberg deck

In the 19th century, transformation cards became popular. These cards merged illustrative designs with the pip shapes. In some cases, the imagery became more important than the usability of the deck.



**Athalin transformation cards, 1832**



**Political deck, 1983 U.K. election**



**ITALIAN**



**Modern, double-headed court card**

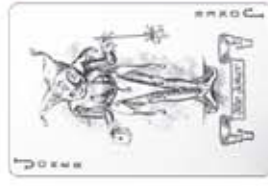
Massachusetts began printing paper money in 1690.)

## American influence

Created around 1800, double-headed court cards are said to be an American invention, solving the need to turn cards upside down. American ingenuity also takes credit for index-corner identification marks and for extending card life with varnished surfaces.

## The joker

The joker (jester or wild card) is another American invention that came into use in the 1860s (as the highest card in the game of euchre).



**Joker, 1925,**  
Universal Playing Card Co., U.K.



**Early Joker,**  
c. 1870,  
Samuel Hart, U.S.

Special thanks to the **International Playing-Card Society** — a nonprofit organization dedicated to the study and research of playing-card designs and games — for its invaluable assistance and use of its image gallery.

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## The tarot

It is thought that the tarot (a deck used to tell fortunes) originated in Italy in the 15th century. This 78-card deck has 56 Minor Arcana cards with four suits and 22 Major Arcana cards (no suits). To this day, tarot cards are played as a way to divine the future and understand the past. Many decks are mini works of art, as each card is full of symbolic images.



**Hand-painted German 1427-1431**

Possibly the oldest-surviving European deck. The suits have a hunting theme of ducks and falcons, hounds and stags.  
*Landesmuseum Württemberg, Stuttgart, Germany*



**15th-century tarot card,**  
Magician from the Pierpont Morgan Visconti tarot

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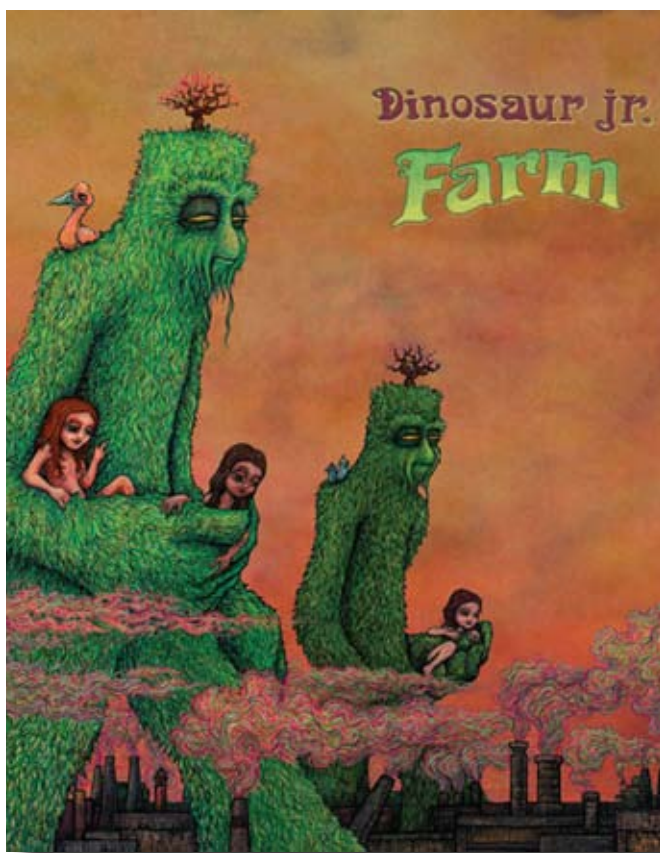


# Press Play

by Fernando Ferreira

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

## Farm, by Dinosaur Jr.



Farm, is the band's first release on their new label, Jagjaguwar, which was released in June of this year, marking the return to the heavier, Where You Been LP era and the album has been released to positive reviews from music media.

Mascis formed Dinosaur Jr. in Amherst, USA after his hardcore punk band Deep Wound broke up in 1983. Hooking up with fellow high-school student Lou Barlow (bass), Mascis initially played drums in Dinosaur, but shortly afterward, former All White Jury drummer Murph, joined the group and Mascis moved to guitar.

Having released eight studio albums before Farm, between 1985 and 2007, Dinosaur Jr. had a large fan base, with Nirvana's late Kurt Cobain topping the list.

## New Comers – Leppy

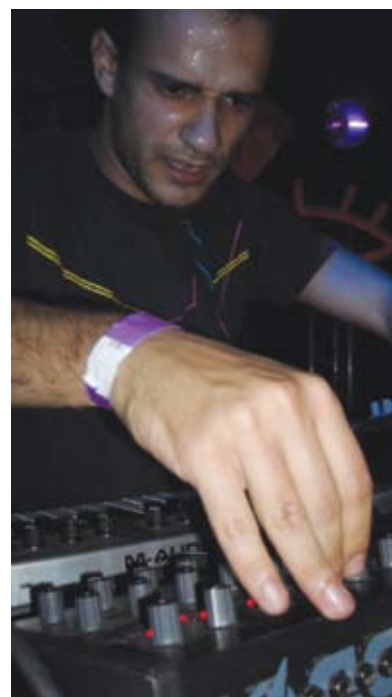
Daniel Almeida aka Leppy, initiated his love for music by learning to play keyboards and guitar before beginning to explore the rhythms of the djembe, an instrument that he still uses today.

With influences ranging from Metal, 80's Gothic and Trip-Hop, which lead to his passion for sequenced beats and electronic atmospheres, Leppy began to get involved with some garage bands but also with his own electronic musical production.

In 2002, influenced by the music and subculture of Psychedelic Trance he started his own solo project under the name Leprekaun, experimenting with strong kick and baseline sounds as well as nocturnal ambiences and melodies.

Currently, Leppy is producing nocturnal psy-

chedelic music sharing the stage with Mr. Peculiar (Aus), Psysex (Isr), Cosmosis (UK), Inner Action (Isr), Lamat (Mex), Phatmatix (Fr) and Mad Maxx (USA). His first major album is due in 2010, on the Fungi Rec. label.



## VIDEO

Go With  
of the

The song, from the album Songs for the Deaf, was released as a single in 2003 and was nominated for Best Hard Rock Performance in the Grammy Awards.

The music video for the song was filmed in England and at the 2003 MTV Video Mu-

sic Awards, it won Best Special Effects and was nominated for Best Art Direction.

The video, which is rendered in black, white, and red features the band performing on the back of a pickup truck driving along a desert highway.





## BACK FROM THE PAST Pixies

The American indie rockers that disbanded in 1993 reunited in 2004 and are now preparing their sixth album, which is due in 2010, according to Pixies front man Frank Black in a 2009 interview with NME.

Kurt Cobain's favourite band, the Pixies are considered to have played an important role (if not the ultimate role) as the forerunners of the alternative rock boom of the 1990s.

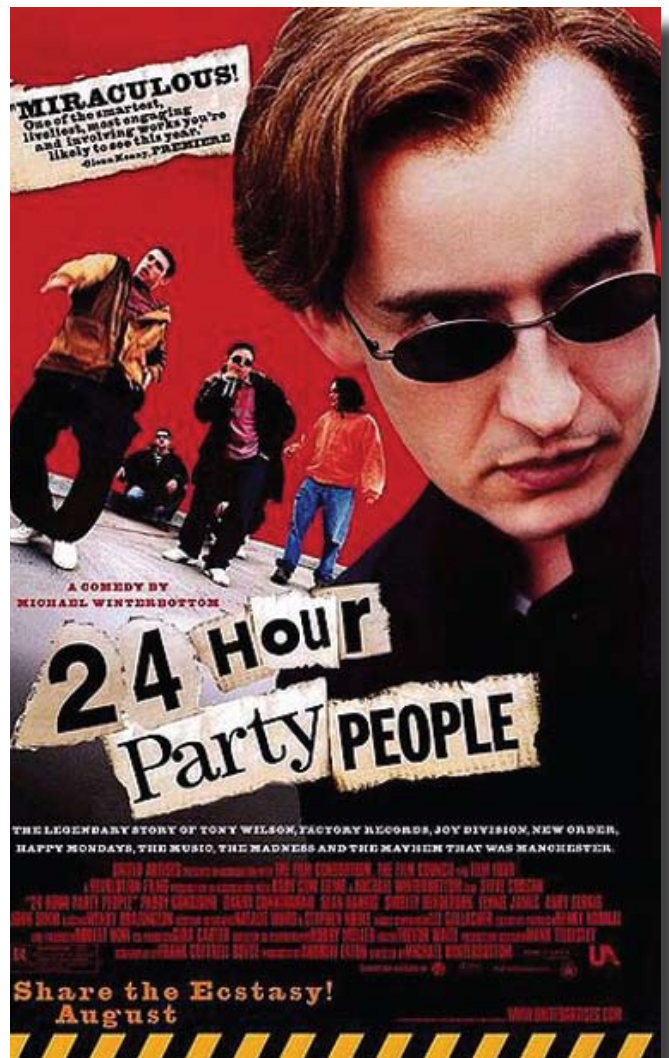
The band's first release, *Come On Pilgrim*, was followed by the band's first full-length album, *Surfer Rosa*, which was recorded by Steve Albini, completed in two weeks and released in early 1988.

Albums *Surfer Rosa* (1988), *Doolittle* (1989), *Bossanova* (1990) and *Trompe le Monde* (1991) intensified the band's success before their break-up in 1993.

## With the Flow, by Queens The Stone Age



## DVD 24 Hour Party People



Not really a music DVD, *24 Hour Party People* is a 2002 film about Manchester's popular music community from 1976 to 1992, and specifically about Factory Records, which begins with the punk rock era, and moves through the 1980s into the "Manchester" scene of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Featuring bands such as Joy Division and New Order, A Certain Ratio, The Durutti Column and the Happy Mondays (all from Factory Records), the movie portrays the life and events of Tony Wilson, a journalist from Granada Television, who decided to focus on promoting bands.

However, some events and "details" around Wilson's life are glossed over but as he said: "I'm a minor character in my own story (...) the stories about the music, as well as Manchester itself, are more important."

THE PERFECT FAMILY SPORTS SUV

# MDTimes tested the new Audi Q5

by João Contente Fernandes



**T**he new weekend supplement about cars starts here in Macau Daily Times in this issue. The first invitation we received arrived from Audi to test the new Q5 and we are glad to drive it for one day in Macau streets.

This “sporty” SUV is a bit smaller than its older brother Audi Q7 but there’s plenty of space and you could use the Q5 everyday with your family. The rear seats come along with the baby chair fixation points and the quality of all the components in this model make you easily understand where your investment went.

## Quality - 9

This is the key word of this SUV. Great materials, lovely engineering, nice

touch and it looks good. The instruments are sensibly and ergonomically arranged and the centre console is really attractive.

The panoramic glass roof is electrically activated and gives to this model a very high and distinct image.

## Performance - 8

It just works, smooth, surprisingly “revvy”, quiet enough. The model we tested, the 2.0TSFI is turbocharged improving the engine power to an impressive output of 211HP and acceleration from 0-100KM/H in just 7.2 seconds. The Audi Quattro permanent all-wheel drive system and the latest S Tronic dual clutch gearbox gives you the extra support when cornering and when you choose the manual function, it works perfect.

## Handling - 8

Don’t expect an Audi TT here. The Q5 has a long wheelbase for its size thanks to a bit of clever packaging that stuffs the diff behind the engine and ahead of the clutch. That makes for a surprisingly capable tall car that could

actually surprise lots of stuff. What we have here is a supremely well-engineered car that doesn’t revel in going fast; it just does so cleanly and with the minimum fuss.

## Practicality and design - 9

Plenty of room for four, enough for five, 540-litre boot with the seats up, 1560-litres with them folded. Not as many as seen in other models, but still enough number of small places to put keys, sun glasses, bottles, etc. Just under the loading floor there is still an additional storage compartment. The new design LED headlights and rearlights are



*\*Rate is 1 to a maximum of 10.*





both practical and attractive. The window styling and exceptionally flat-looking roof add further sport-

ing touches along with the integrated rear spoiler, reinforce the vehicle's overall sporty feel.





### Final average rate - 8

Model	<b>Audi Q5 2.0 TSFI Quattro</b>
Engine type	4-cylinder in-line (turbocharged)
Displacement	1984cc
Max Output	211HP
Drive	Quattro – permanent all-wheel drive
Transmission	7-speed STronic
Tyres	235/65R17
Top Speed	222km/h
Acceleration 0-100km/h	7.2
Fuel Consumption urban	10.4
Fuel Consumption combined	8.5



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- Vaccinations

# Ask The Vet



by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

# The - W

**O**K, the puppies are now coming. What do you watch for? When do I think there is trouble?

Should we call the veterinarian?

Take them to the emergency center (since it invariably is 2am.)?

Here are some tips:

1) If you see a brown, black or green discharge from the vaginal area BEFORE any puppies have come out, call the veterinarian. Once even the first puppy has been born, you can ignore the discharge. You will often see these dark liquids after and between puppies.

2) If the mom is straining with labor, actually pushing with no puppies coming out, for a period of one hour with no success, call your veterinarian. If she strains a little, then rests for an hour, then strains a little more with no success, this doesn't count. If you see her actively trying for an hour without success, then call the veterinarian.

3) There are no rules for how much time there is in between puppies. I have seen bitches have puppies every ten minutes and some have them one every 24 hours. Each dog's pattern will be different. If you do not see her

Ask the Vet - is a service that allows you to ask questions about your pets' health and behavior. My goal is to help you, the pet owner, improve the knowledge of your pet's everyday needs and health care in Macau through a variety of pet services and veterinary resources that were never available to pet owners before.

Pets have become a very important part of our families. In many cases they have become as much a part of our lives as children or grandchildren. And, in certain ways, just as complicated. Think of all the questions raised by wanting a pet. Pet ownership has definitely become more complex. Everybody seems to have an opinion on what pet you should get and what being a good pet owner means. My goal is to answer your questions and try making things simpler for you. I want to give some of the basic information that will help you to raise a healthy, happy and family compatible pet. And, of course, have fun while you are doing it.

The ideas listed in this column come from many years of studying and practicing veterinary medicine in South Africa, Australia, Hong Kong and Macau. And they are just that, my ideas and opinions. They are not meant to be all-encompassing or correct for every situation. Use this information as a tool, along with the advice from your veterinarian, to help you make the interaction between you and your pet a wonderful experience.

As far as I am concerned, there are two kinds of people; those who really love animals, and those who have never owned any. People who say they do not love pets have usually never owned one. And for those who say they hate them, well, let's just not talk about them! The picture above is of a 150kg sea turtle at Australia Zoo that I did abdominal surgery on after it ingested a ball of fishing line. Indiscriminate and over fishing causes this to happen too often.

I hope this section helps you enjoy that perfect life with your pet. And I would love to hear the stories of how you came to own your particular pet and any interesting experiences you have had.

Please send all your questions to [globalveterinary@gmail.com](mailto:globalveterinary@gmail.com) or mail to

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# Birth of Puppies What To Look For?

straining as noted in number 2, don't worry about the time between the puppies.

Hopefully, the mother will do the rest. The puppies do come out in a sac, but the bitch will remove them, eat the sac and chew off the umbilical cord.

The puppies will all find their way to the mom's nipples. Don't worry about puppies wandering around the whelping box. They will find their way.

It is difficult to list and describe every possible complication that can occur. Most of the times, things go perfectly fine (especially if we humans don't mess things up).

And if you follow the tips above and have one of the 99% of the dog breeds that have no complications, you will do just fine.

One last bit of advice. It is very important for the mom and the puppies to be seen by your veterinarian within 48 hours of whelping. This allows the veterinarian to be sure all the puppies are ok and we often will give the bitch an injection of oxytocin which will stimulate any other uterine material that is left to be pushed out.

As always, I'm happy to help your pet...and their people, too.

Dr. Ruan



## Parmesans guarantee bank loans

Forget gold, luxury real estate or precious stones. In central Italy, a deposit of prized Parmesan cheese is enough to secure a loan.

The unique system dates back to the 1950s and is still used by four banks in the northern Emilia-Romagna region, including one which holds around 400,000 rounds of the cheese. A round of Parmesan weighing 40 kilogrammes (88 pounds) is worth 300 euros (430 dollars) and will take about two years to mature.

"But during these two years, the producers must cover a range of costs and continue to pay their suppliers. To allow them the necessary financing, the banks in this region have diversified by creating Parmesan storage," said William Bizzarri, who looks after stored cheeses for Credito Emiliano bank.

Out of the 400,000 rounds of cheese currently stored in the warehouses managed by Bizzarri,



65 percent are there as part of a bank guarantee. In cases of default, the banks recuperate their losses by selling the cheeses.

"If the price of the Parmesan stored drops we ask the producer to make up the difference – either in money or cheese," he added.

## This Day in History

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# Cartooning the World

by António

*Zapatero, Olé!*

MDTimes exclusive in Macau

## Czechs against Soviet invasion

In the streets of Prague and in the United Nations headquarters in New York City, Czechs protest against the Soviet invasion of their nation. The protests served to highlight the brutality of the action and to rally worldwide condemnation of the Soviet Union. On August 21, 1968, more than 200,000 troops of the Warsaw Pact crossed into Czechoslovakia in response to democratic and free market reforms being instituted by Czech Communist Party General Secretary Alexander Dubcek. Negotiations between Dubcek and Soviet bloc leaders failed to convince the Czech leader to back away from his reformist platform.

The military intervention on August 21 indicated that the Soviets believed that Dubcek was going too far and needed to be restrained.

On August 22, thousands of Czechs gathered in central Prague to protest the Soviet action and demand the withdrawal of foreign troops. Although it was designed to be a peaceful protest, violence often flared and several protesters were killed on August 22 and in the days to come. At the United Nations, the Czech delegation passionately declared that the Soviet invasion was illegal and threatened the sovereignty of their nation. They called on the U.N.'s Security Council to take action. The Council voted 10 to 2 to condemn Russia's invasion; predictably, the Soviet Union vetoed the resolution.

The 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia severely damaged the Soviet government's reputation around the world, and even brought forth condemnation from communist parties in nations such as China and France. Nonetheless, Dubcek was pushed

from power in April 1969 and the Czech Communist Party adopted a tough line toward any dissent.

The "Prague Spring" of 1968, when hopes for reform bloomed, would serve as a symbol for the so-called "Velvet Revolution" of 1989. In that year, Czech dissidents were able to break the Communist Party's stranglehold on their nation's politics by electing Vaclav Havel, the first non-communist president in 40 years.





### Sudoku

### Cinema



#### Easy

#### Easy +

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#### G-Force



Producer Jerry Bruckheimer brings his first 3-D film to the big screen with "G-Force," a comedy adventure about the latest evolution of a covert government program to train animals to work in espionage. Armed with the latest high-tech spy equipment, these highly trained guinea pigs discover that the fate of the world is in their paws. Tapped for the G-Force are guinea pigs Darwin, the squad leader determined to succeed at all costs; Blaster an outrageous weapons expert with tons of attitude and a love for all things extreme; and Juarez a sexy martial arts pro; plus the literal fly-on-the-wall reconnaissance expert, Mooch, and a star-nosed mole, Speckles. Along the way, the G-FORCE encounters myriad other members of the animal kingdom, including pet shop layabout Hurley. Its fun to take films based on familiar, even classic themes, give them a twist and see what evolves, says Bruckheimer.

#### Macau Tower

1:30/4:15/7:00/9:45 pm  
**G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra**  
 Starring: Dennis Quaid, Sienna Miller, Ray Park  
 Director: Stephen Sommers  
 Screenplay: Stuart Beattie, David Elilo  
 Language: English ( Chinese subtitles)  
 Duration:118 min

#### Cineteatro

**Room 1**  
 2:30/4:30/7:30/9:30 pm  
**Turning Point**  
 Starring: Michael Tse, Francis Ng  
 Director: Herman Yau  
 Language: Chinese ( English subtitles)

### TV



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#### Saturday

11:30	RTP-i (Live)
12:00	PETER PAN AND THE PIRATES
12:40	DAWSON'S CREEK
13:00	COOKING
13:00	TDM NEWS ( REP. )
13:20	NEWS AT 24H (RTP - i) (Delayed Broadcast)
14:00	MACAU OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS
	2009 - SEMI-FINAL: ( Live )
19:00	BERLIN 2009 WORLD ATHLETICS
	12° IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ( HighLights )
19:45	PORTUGUESE SERIE
20:30	MAIN NEWS, FINANCIAL & WEATHER
	REPORT
21:00	NOON NEWS: RTP-i (Live)
22:00	DOCUMENTARY SERIES IN PORTUGUESE
23:00	TDM NEWS
23:20	VARIETY
00:10	SITUATION COMEDY
	RTP-i (Live)

#### Sunday

12:00	RTP-i (Live)
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23:05	NON-DAILY PORTUGUESE NEWS
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02:00	DOCUMENTARY IN PORTUGUESE
02:45	ITALIAN SOCCER: ( Live )
	JUVENTUS VS CHIEVO
	RTP-i (Live)



**Room 2**  
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**G-Force**  
 Starring: William Chan, AngelaBaby  
 Director: Hoyt Yeatman  
 Language: Cantonese ( Chinese subtitles)  
 Duration:118 min

**Room 3**  
 2:30/4:30/7:30 pm  
**Doraemon**  
 Starring: Civi Lam  
 Director: Shibayama Tsutomu  
 Language: Cantonese ( Chinese subtitles)  
 Duration:98 min

**Room 3**  
 9:30 pm  
**UP**  
 Starring: Wayne Lai, Michael Hui  
 Director: Peter Doctor  
 Language: Cantonese ( Chinese subtitles)  
 Duration:96 min





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# How being at

• Exhibition marks

by Robin Millard

**T**he private fears of kings, prime ministers and frightened children are going on show in a new British exhibition marking the lives touched by the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II.

Outbreak 1939, which opened Thursday at the Imperial War Museum in London, explores the build-up to Britain's September 3 declaration of war on Germany and tells the stories of those involved at the time.

The museum hopes the exhibition will resonate

with the British public, now consumed with the mounting death toll of the war in Afghanistan, which hit 200 on Saturday.

"There are lessons to be learned," said James Taylor, the museum's head of research. "What we try to get in this exhibition is the effect on people," he told.

"When we think of World War II and the numbers of deaths, it's very easy to see that as just a statistic. Like the men and women who are giving their lives in Afghanistan today, these are people as well and it's very often subsumed under huge numbers."

Among the items is prime minister Neville Chamber-



*The jacket of Britain's King George V and various letters are displayed during the press view of the exhibition 'Outbreak 1939' at the Imperial War Museum in south London, on Tuesday.*

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# War shaped a Nation

## 70th anniversary of WWII



*Historical material and personal memorabilia are displayed during the press view of the exhibition 'Outbreak 1939' at the Imperial War Museum in south London, on Tuesday.*

lain's pocket diary, which contains a simple entry for September 3, 1939: "War declared".

Also on show is a letter to his sister Ida recounting the week.

"I have had some dreadful anxieties especially during one sleepless night," he wrote.

"Of course the difficulty is with Hitler himself. Until he disappears and his system collapses there can be no peace".

A copy of king George VI's war diary reveals his sombre thoughts.

"As 11 o'clock struck that fateful morning I had a certain feeling of relief that those 10 anxious days of intensive negotiations with Germany over Poland,

which at moments looked favourable, with Mussolini working for peace as well, were over," he wrote.

"Hitler would not and could not have drawn back from the edge of the abyss to which he has led us."

With the weight of responsibility now on his shoulders, the shy king recalled being a simple 18-year-old midshipman onboard HMS Collingwood somewhere in the North Sea when World War I broke out.

"Those of us who had been through the Great War never wanted another," he wrote.

Queen Elizabeth II has lent the exhibition the navy uniform jacket her father wore to make his 6pm

broadcast to the British empire on September 3.

The exhibition also includes the letters and possessions of evacuated children, fleeing Poles who witnessed the invasion, young Jewish refugees and others whose lives were suddenly turned upside down.

Among those evacuated was the artist Sir Peter Blake, who designed the famous cover of The Beatles' "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album.

Blake was seven when he was sent from his family in Dartford, on the edge of London, to the Essex countryside. He said the evacuation was a traumatic experience.

A letter to his mother, a tiny toy tractor his father

made for him and a belt he made with army badges on are in the exhibition.

"It was an enormous change," he told.

"When war was declared there was an enormous panic and we were evacuated the next day.

"What was positive about it was that it introduced me to a rural life. I worked on the farm about the age of nine, riding on the big carthorses.

"At seven it's partly a game but there was a constant fear. You thought the Germans would invade at any moment so it was scary."

The free exhibition runs until September 5 next year.

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## The escape

Somewhere in the middle of the city, the traffic stops and even the noise disappears. There's only a laugh. Old friendships have the size of a Chinese chess. And Macau escapes from the world.

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