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Weekly Newsletter

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⚠ This Week's Alarming Statistic

27:1

The home price to annual income ratio in Beijing – five times the international average.

[China Daily](#)

Trivia



Congrats to **Belle Bai** who correctly answered the question: **According to a story on [the beijinger](#)**

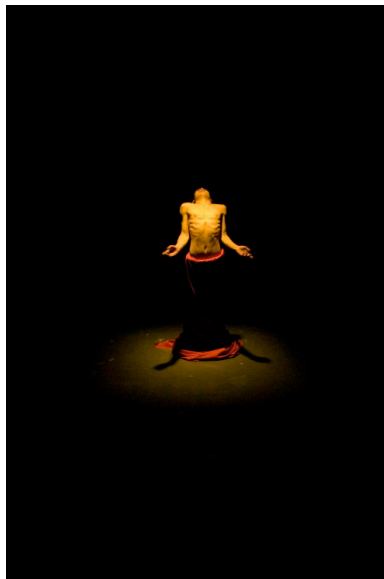
blog last week, two baby pandas were recently born in captivity in which Chinese province?

The correct answer was *Shaanxi*. **Belle Bai** won two tickets to **Kardinal Offishall's** show at Club LA last Thursday night.

This Week's Trivia Challenge

According to their interview in this month's *beijinger* magazine, how

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It's a big week for artistic heavyweights in the capital. Painter, sculpture, architect and all-round troublemaker **Ai Weiwei** unveils new work at Faurischou, 798 on Saturday. Across town, the innovative **TAO Dance Theater** will be presenting their new work, *Weight*, the same afternoon. You can also check out the **798 Biennale** before it winds up on September 12.

In case you weren't aware, 2009 is "**The Year of Friendship**" between China and North Korea. A

visit by the **North Korean Film Orchestra** at the Century Theater will give Beijinger's the chance to glimpse something of the cultural life (and performers) of our reclusive neighbor.

However, the highlight of the week will undoubtedly be the one-night-only return of **Dirty Deeds**, Beijing's very own **AC/DC cover band**, featuring our former sales manager Alex Williams, and regular contributor and all-round local legend Kaiser Kuo. You can read our interview with Dirty Deeds on *the beijinger* [blog](#) later this week. Let there be ROCK!

many years of operation will
Acupuncture Records be celebrating
this September 5?

- A. 47
- B. 3
- C. 60
- D. 10
- E. 2

Send the correct answer to
7days@thebeijinger.com for a chance
to win a **free BBQ & buffet voucher**
for **Latin Grilhouse**, valued at **RMB**
138.

Best Reader Review

Ming_Xuan [reviews D-22](#)

*... "I love this place ... Ok, it's small,
ok, it's smoky, but who cares? This
place is all about rock and roll!"*

Ming_Xuan wins **A RMB 200 voucher**
for **Luga's pho pho Vietnamese**
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restaurant or any venue in our [Online](#)
[Directory](#) by adding a [user review](#) to
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Bar of the Week



[Dig Those Cats](#) – Hot Cat Club Opens for Business

"Dedicated to jazz, blues and reggae,
Hot Cat is a new live music venue
hidden in the hutongs between
Yonghegong and Andingmen ..."

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Saturday, September 26

» **Taste of the Nations 3rd edition**
is coming!

Over 150 wines from 12 countries to
taste. Greatest outdoor tasting with
live entertainment, art show and

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sophie.sun@everwines.com; www.everwines.com.
2-5.30pm. The Embassy of Chile in China. (No.1, Dongsijie,
Sanlitun Chaoyang District, Beijing)

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Thursday, September 3



» **Live Music: Girls Are Waiting To Meet You**

Come and meet the tunes of this mini
folk-rock orchestra, who have just
released their debut album. RMB 30.
9pm. [Yugong Yishan](#).

» **Duet: The China Boat (La Nao de China)**

A concert about business, cultural and artistic communication
between the new and old worlds. Two excellent flute players, Pedro
Bonet and Belén González Castaño, will perform. Free.
7pm. [Instituto Cervantes](#).

» **Live Music: Kylie Minoise, Mafeisan**

This experimental noise may or may not cause permanent damage
to your ears. RMB 50.
8pm. [2 Kologas](#).

» **Ladies Night**

Free cocktails for the ladies every Thursday. Free entry.
9pm. [Club Juicy Spot](#).

Friday, September 4



» **Stella Artois Pouring Competition**

Come and watch Beijing's best beer
pullers in a competition to find who's
best at the Stella Artois nine-step

Restaurant of the Week**Halal Hummus & Braised Oxtail:****Crystal Muslim Fine Dining**

"The ancient Egyptians used onions to fill the eye sockets of mummies.

Asmaa Elhadary, **Beijing's first Egyptian chef**, puts them to much better use at this new restaurant concept inside Hotel Kunlun ..."



pouring ritual.

2-6pm. [3.3 Shopping Center](#).

» **North Korea Film Orchestra**

To improve relations between China and North Korea, the two governments agreed to make 2009 "The Year of Friendship." A visit from the North Korean Film Orchestra promises to be a highlight of this friendly 12 months. RMB 180-880.

7.30pm. [Century Theater](#).

» **DJ: Sascha Funke**

White Rabbit and ChinaDoll join forces to bring Berlin's veteran DJ to Beijing. Support from Yang Bing and Donald Summer. RMB 100. 10pm. [China Doll](#).

» **Magic Show: Franz Harary Magic Team**

Even among first-class magicians, Franz Harary is truly unique – he creates and designs his own work, performing his lively illusions before mesmerized crowds. RMB 120-1,000. Tickets at 6417 7845.

7.30pm. [Workers' Stadium](#).

» **DJ: Bungle**

Brazilian DJ Bungle, aka André Sobota, is the brightest thing to come from the Brazilian music scene in almost a decade, with around 60 productions under his belt. Syndicate DJs Blackie, Slide, Kay C, and Ya Dong will be in support. RMB 60.

10pm. [Yugong Yishan](#).

» **Live Music: Handsome Furs, Guai Li**

Canadian couple rocks electro while Guai Li's Wen Jun turns it up full blast. RMB 80/70 (advance).

9pm. [MAO Livehouse](#).

Best of the [the Beijinger blog](#)**AND I Always Have to Listen to Him – [Chinese wives strike back](#)**

"What's up with **Chinese men**? Following our [quick link](#) last week to a translation of Li Yinhe's blog accusing local males of patriarchal double standards, **chinaSMACK** [translated a series of comments](#) from a popular Shanghai BBS under the post "**Good wives' anger-relief post**" . And the response wasn't pretty..."



Saturday, September 5» **Exhibition Opening: *World Map***

China's Picasso and all-round troublemaker, Ai Weiwei, takes on the world with an exhibition of new work.

4pm. [Faurschou Gallery Beijing](#).

» **Dance: TAO Dance Theater presents *Weight***

Founded by Tao Ye, the "l'enfant terrible" of China's modern dance world, this company has taken the dance world by storm. *Weight* comprises three pieces, each in a slightly different form but all related in style. RMB 100 (tickets at <http://en.piao.com.cn/beijing/>)



iphones (finally) On the Way

"After years of wrangling and false alarms, **Apple** has finally signed a three-year deal with **China Unicom** to **start selling iPhones in China** in the last quarter of this year..."



On the Piss? Then Stay Off the Road!

"It's beyond me why anyone would want to **drive in Beijing** at any time, but with cabs as cheap as they are there's absolutely no excuse for **drink driving** – especially with the authorities in the midst of a well-published **clamp down on driving under the influence**."

Work for True Run

the beijinger is looking for a marketing intern

True Run Media is seeking a marketing intern to work on the promotion of its magazines and books, mainly through events and sponsorship management. The perfect candidate will have excellent English and Chinese, and will be majoring in marketing or another related field. They should also be familiar with

3pm (Saturday, Sept 5), 7.30pm (Sunday, Sept 6). [East Pioneer Theater](#).

» **DJs: Acupuncture Records' Second Anniversary Party**

The DJ collective celebrate two years of techno prowess. Information at 139 1055 0676 (Chinese) or 138 1034 7555 (English). RMB 100/70 (advance)

9pm. Image Base. 1/F, Bldg 1 East, 3 Guangqudong Lu, Chaoyang District.

» **Live Music: Dirty Deeds**

Beijing's AC/DC cover band back for a one-time only reunion. RMB 50.

9pm. [Yugong Yishan](#).

» **Hike at Lingshui Village**

Travel 78km west of Beijing to visit a thousand-year-old village and go on a 12km hike. RMB 300. Call Dandelion Hiking (131 2478 8581) for more details.

8.30am. Meet at Exit B of Yong'anli subway station.

Sunday, September 6



» **Learning with Ludowic: Replica Dinosaur Workshop**

Ludowic Blein is a specialist in prosthetic dinosaurs and replica models, having constructed T-Rexes, velociraptors and all kinds of prehistoric beasts for museums, film sets and educational institutions. Join this hands-on workshop to make accurate representations of claws,

teeth and bones. All ages welcome. RMB 80 (including all materials).

2-4pm. [The Bookworm](#).

» **Live Music: Simone**

Daughter of musical icon and pioneer Nina Simone performs her diverse repertoire of pop, soul, jazz, rock and funk with an exclusive appearance during a jam session. RMB 30 (Includes complimentary glass of Jacob's Creek wine; proceeds go to charity).

8pm. [Ciro's Pomodoro](#)

» **Hook N Cook**

A dinner party for singles living in Beijing. RSVP at speedatingbj@gmail.com. RMB 180 (includes dinner and a drink). 5.30pm. [The Hutong](#).

» **Live Music: Global Battle of the Bands**

Have you got what it takes to rock & rolla? The Beijing leg of the international competition includes four heats, and a final on Sep 20. The ultimate prize: USD 100,000 and a ten-date London tour.

Register your band at Gbob.com/china. RMB 60.

Beijing and be energetic, organized and able to perform under pressure. Please send your resume and cover letter telling us why you'd be perfect for the job to:
francoisechu@truerun.com

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Candidates should have ideas and energy and be prepared to contribute features and interviews. Some knowledge of Beijing's dining and nightlife scenes is essential, and candidates should have previous experience in journalism/writing, be self-motivated and able to take initiative on the job. Excellent English speaking and writing skills are essential. Chinese language skills are a bonus, but not essential. E-mail your resume to:
iaishaw@agendabeijing.com

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The Indispensable Immersion Guides

Beijing by Foot

7pm. [Yugong Yishan](#).

Monday, September 7



» Exhibition: Spanish Children's Book Illustrations

An overview of the best in Spanish illustrations for children's books. Free. 10am-7pm daily. Instituto Cervantes.

» 798 Beijing Biennale 2009

Under the curatorial direction of *Art Map*'s acerbic editor, Zhu Qi, the 798 Beijing Biennale brings the work of 70 artists to 798. Until Sept 12. See [here](#) for full program details. 798 Art Zone, Dashanzi, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District

» Live Music: The Redbucks

Kick off the week with some bluegrass, Beijing style. Free. 9.30pm. [Jiangjinjiu Bar](#).

» Organic Set Lunch

Include choices like sea bass, burgers, paninis, soup, salads and desserts. Drinks included in cost. Sets from RMB 38. [Solaire Bistro](#).

Tuesday, September 8



» FC Club Career Development-Headhunter Social Networking Evening

For people looking to develop their career and/or find new and interesting challenges; for companies looking for employees; for "executive search" and headhunter companies; and of course for those wishing to meet and have a good time with some of Beijing's best.

Professionals from all industries, including business managers and owners, expatriates, human resource personnel, and headhunters are all welcome. Make new friends and empower your personal career network. RMB 50 (before Monday, September 7)/80 (full price). Entry includes complimentary drink, canapés and happy hour until 10pm. To register email eventbj@fcclub.com or call 139 1109 8002. **This event is sponsored by agenda.** 7.30pm. [Flames](#).

» DJ: Beijing Dub Session

DJs play dubstep, triphop, downtempo and drum & bass. Free.



["Beijing By Foot is quite possibly the most illuminating guide to the Chi..."](#)

["From its historic hutong alleys to its skyscraper-studded CBD, there's n..."](#)

This collection of **40 walks around Beijing** will take you through hutongs and high-rises, into the history and stories that still reside amidst the cement and construction. Beijing by Foot has mapped the city like never before. We've walked every hutong and every street, in search of the forgotten gems and hidden details. And now the result is here, presented on stylish, **easy-to-carry cards**, each of which features **a walk on one side** and **a map on the other**, marked with sites of interest and a route, as well as the city's best restaurants, bars and shops. Readers can also get taste of what to expect over at the [Beijing by Foot blog](#), which features, among other things, photos and reflections on the author's adventures exploring the web of bomb-shelter tunnels 30 meters under Nanluogu Xiang. For more information click [here](#).

The Beijing Taxi Guide



The Beijing Taxi Guide features addresses, descriptions and phone numbers of over 400 of Beijing's best hotels, eateries, nightclubs, shops, sightseeing spots, hospitals and more

9pm. [Obiwan](#).

» Green Drinks

An informal monthly meet-and-greet for people interested in environmental or social issues. Drinks specials and happy hour prices apply. Contact Jenny Chu (bjgreendrinks@gmail.com) for more details. Free.

6pm. [The Bookworm](#).

» Exhibition: Landscape - Contemporary Photography Group Exhibition

This group show takes us from Beijing's CCTV tower to snowed-in cottages in the far north. Participating photographers include Huang Qingjun, Liu Jiaxiang, Li Lin, Li Ruochen, Wu Qi, Yan Changjiang and Zhang Bing. Free. Until September 11.

10am-6pm daily. [798 Photo Gallery](#).

» Live Music: Bird Striking, Lu Xin Pei, Soviet Pop

Members of Carsick Cars team up with upcoming noise rockers to create sounds from outer space. RMB 30/20 (students).

8pm. [D-22](#).

Wednesday, September 9



» Film: *Donnie Brasco*

Al Pacino and Johnny Depp star in a drama loosely based on Joseph D. Pistone, an FBI agent who successfully infiltrated the Bonanno crime family in the 1970s. In English with Chinese subtitles. Screened on the roof (weather permitting). Free, including popcorn.

8pm. [Obiwan](#).

» DJ: Yellow

Ben Huang brings the electro, downbeat and the like from Shanghai. Free.

10pm. [Punk](#).

» INN Big Brekkie

The International Newcomers' Network hosts this casual morning get-together for friends and newcomers every second Wednesday of each month. RSVP at beijingbigbrekkie@yahoo.com. More information at www.innbeijing.org. RMB 80.

10am-noon. [Schindler's Anlegestelle](#).

» Live Music: Cold Case, Old Fashion, Pork, Rustic, My September

Another university rock night. RMB 20/10 (students).

8pm. [D-22](#).

Upcoming & Ongoing

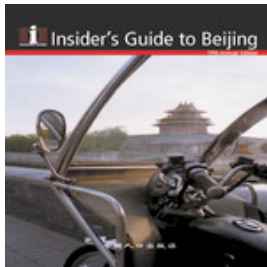
– in an attractive, durable booklet that fits in your pocket. For more information, visit the [Taxi Guide page](#).

Beijing Eats



The ultimate English language guide to Beijing's Chinese restaurants is finally here! It's called **Beijing Eats – A Food-Lover's Companion to China's Culinary Capital**, and it guides you to 140 of Beijing's best Chinese restaurants, covering 31 regional and historic cuisines. Written by Eileen Wen Mooney, a long-time Beijing resident and food writer, each Chinese regional cooking style has its own chapter, with cultural information and expert descriptions of classic regional dishes, plus Eileen's picks of the best restaurants around town.

The Insider's Guide to Beijing 2009



Updated, sassy, and informative: The 2009 edition of the **Insider's Guide to Beijing** is better than ever and is out now. Now in its *fifth* edition, the 640-page **Insider's Guide** has become a Beijing institution. It's written by people who live here, love it, and call it home. The **Guide's** coverage of nightlife, music, arts and culture is outstanding, and you also get everything you need to know about the bread-and-butter stuff like housing, health, transport, work and education. (For those of you who like lists, here are the 14 chapter themes for the



» Saturday, September 19 European Chamber's Gala Ball 2009 - Last Days of Summer

Join the last big party of summer at the European Chamber's "Last Days of Summer" Gala Ball. Celebrate with an evening of dining, dancing and entertainment. Dress code is

black tie. Tickets available now. Contact Tanja Liang, tliang@euccc.com.cn; (6462 2066 ext 34). RMB 800/7,200 (Table of 10).

This event is sponsored by *the Beijinger*.
[Westin Chaoyang Hotel Beijing](#).

» Tuesday, October 6 & Wednesday, October 7 Turandot in the Bird's Nest

After directing the opening and closing ceremonies at the Olympics last year, Zhang Yimou returns to the Bird's Nest to direct the opera Turandot, in what promises to be a grand production. RMB 180-1880. Tickets available at <http://en.piao.com.cn/beijing> National Stadium.

» Sunday, October 18 Beijing International Marathon

If you're brave enough to do a marathon in the Beijing air, then registrations are now open for the 42km run. A half-marathon and fun run will also be taking place for those looking for a less grueling day out.

See www.beijing-marathon.com/default.aspx for details. US\$100 (after September 15)/US\$60/55 (full marathon/half marathon, before September 15). Starts at Tiananmen Square.

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