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FREAK OUT
STRANGE
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PHOBIAS

BY JOHN PRAVIN

Humans sometimes have strange fears of certain things. Most specific phobias begin during childhood and can persist throughout our lives. The most common of them being: claustrophobia (the fear of confined space), acrophobia (the fear of heights), and trypophobia (the fear of injections). As we all obviously are familiar with those ones (some more than others), let’s look instead at some of the weirdest of phobias out there.

1. ANABLEPHOBIA

Do you like stickers? Did you ever look up at the sky and wonder “what, the sky is so beautiful?” Well, it isn’t that easy for people suffering from anablephobia – also known as the fear of looking up. Cloud watching is a pretty popular pastime to relieve stress, however, not everyone will feel relieved after looking up. Those with this phobia are simply responding to the extraordinariness of the sky. When they look at the sky, they feel insignificant or minuscule. Others may be afraid of what may fall from the sky rain, hail, trees, or even acorns.

2. CHROMETOPHOBIA

If you were offered a million dollars, would you decline it? If you have chrometophobia, you most likely will. Chrometophobia is the irrational fear of money. It’s like fearing the financial responsibility that money can bring on the future. They may face, dealing with money is a chore for chrometophobics. For most of us, dealing with money is a second nature. Would you want a little bit of extra cash? Like most other phobias, this fear of money might also originate from negative experiences which money can bring, including a child watching their parents quarreling over money, losing a vast amount of money, or it may even be a counterintuitive assumption that money is associated with greed or evil based on the fairytales we have heard when we were young.

3. EUPHOBIA

Think of all the good news that you could ever hear. For example, “You just won a lottery, want?” “School is cancelled today!” or “You are top in the National Exam!” How magical did it feel when you were a kid? That euphoria is the fear of hearing bad news. This fear typically involves hearing bad news and then being disappointed that it didn’t actually happen. This fear may have formed when someone experienced a traumatic incident of receiving good news and then feeling disappointed. It seems the old adage may be true then – not all news is good news.

4. EPISMOPHOBIA

Most school students would probably argue that they have the phobia – the fear of knowledge. People who experience this phobia often avoid reading books or magazines and would choose to be ignorant of other platforms through which learning is stimulated. The handful of those who relate to this fear would probably agree that “the lesser you know the better.” Or in this case, if you don’t know anything, it’s the best.

5. PHOBOPHOBIA

John F. Kennedy famously said, “The only living we have to fear is fear itself.” That is literally what phobophobia is. People fear getting diabetes from a phobia. Learning about a phobia or even thinking about a phobia. Ironically, this is itself a phobia. If you thought the phobias above were strange, this one would definitely give you a run for your money. Unless you have Chrometophobia of course.

The Recap

October 1st – 2nd was a big day for the local comic and animation scene, with the fourth annual edition of the 24 Hour Comic Challenge, held at LASALLE College of the Arts.

The Action

Things kicked off at 11am Saturday (1st October) and ran all the way to 11am Sunday (2nd October), with participants challenged to create an entire 24-page comic from start to finish, from the characters to the story line, to the actual Roughed-out artwork.

The Results

There were no judges, prizes or grades given, as the 24 Hour Challenge is purely for the love of the game, or possibly just a mass-scale thing, given that it was 74 hours of non-stop, Red Bull-fueled (and 6am) drawing. Students also pitched to design our Word Issue cover – here are some of our shortlisted artists!

Sustenance

The event was attended by nearly 300 students, as well as amateur and professional artists, all brought together by their shared love of doodling, drawing and creating comic art, as well as their desire to drink an incredible 100 cans of custard and cappuccinos (courtesy of Boncafe) and demolish several thousand delicious Carn Cheese Flavour Snax, courtesy of Want Want.

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QUIRKY ISLAND

WEIRD SLEEPS

Some of Taiwan's best overnight options include quirky love hotels and unique bed-and-breakfasts. The only question is how much comfort you want to trade off for a bit of peculiarity. Love hotels, for example, are warehouses of all manner of beds and beds, filled with all manner of beds and beds, and all manner of beds and beds, and all manner of beds and beds.

LOVE HOTELS

There are no shortage of weird love hotels - some no accommodations you can find a hotel or a villa or a house or a flat or a room or a bed or a roomful or a roomful or a roomful of all manner of beds and beds and beds.

SLEEP IN A CASTLE

While Taiwan is miles away from Europe, it doesn't mean you can't sleep in a castle. Among the most popular is the Chateau Montbret, a huge, three-story castle with a moat and a drawbridge.

WEIRD FOOD

Nothing beats the cuisine of a night out on the town. Taiwan's culinary scene is a cornucopia of flavors, ranging from spicy Sichuanese to sweet Taiwanese. From street food to high-end dining, there's something for every palate.

A PIECE OF GAYKE

For something sweet, there's a piece of cake, which we generally like to eat. The cake is a piece of cake, and it's delicious.

WEIRD ATTRACTIONS

HOUTONG CAT VILLAGE

Houtong is a town famous for its population of cats. The town is home to around 200 cats, making it a popular destination for cat lovers.

PIER 2

This is a popular spot for taking sunset photos and enjoying the ocean view. The pier is also a popular spot for fishing.

TIANLIAO MOON WORLD

An Asia's biggest Tiantong (also known as Moon World) is a natural landscape with literally many orifices or cavities, only your mind. The real wonder is looking at your own orbit through a unique eye view over the dramatic surroundings, which is also dotted with small lakes. If you visit the evening, the public at least getting an interesting hot on the hill.

WEIRD MUSEUMS

BELIEVE IT OR NOT MUSEUM

Weird things live in the Believe It or Not! Dharma Museum in Daan. While there are small natural phenomena, like a live shark, the main attraction is the collection of weird, fascinating items, including terrifying beastly statues and a Benedictine collection of phallic.

CHILLI MUSEUM

If you're a lover of spicy foods, then check out the Chilli Museum. This museum is dedicated to the art of chili and the history of spicy cooking.

GLASS SLIPPER CHURCH

Standing tall against the blue sky, the glass church in Chihayi is a unique attraction. The church was built using all-glass materials, allowing visitors to see the entire surrounding landscape.

FORMOSAN ABORIGINAL CULTURE VILLAGE

This is a popular attraction that has become a major tourist destination. The village is filled with traditional Taiwanese architecture and culture, as well as authentic costumes and performances.

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The Great Cover-Up: The Strange Case for Spandex

Spandex is the material of choice for swimwear, from Olympic-level gear to the everyday bikini. However, owing to its elasticity and stretch, spandex is now being worn by more women than ever before, leading to a number of issues. One of the most common complaints is that spandex is too revealing when worn in public. Others argue that it is too tight and restrictive, while still others believe that it is simply too expensive. Whatever your opinion may be, there is no denying that spandex is here to stay.

The Strange Facekini

Another strange piece of beach fashion is the facekini – basically a spandex halter top that covers the face completely. It’s no stranger to the beach, but it’s a popular choice among Asian women for its ability to protect the skin from the sun and the ocean. But is it worth the hype? Some say yes, while others say no.

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Going Whole Hog

Although facekini is a bit strange, it may not be stranger than the idea of wearing an entire body suit made of spandex – including covering all of your face from head to toe. Ironically, this fashion is nothing to do with the beach. It is actually a trend that has caught on among Muslim women around the world, where it is called the "hijab of choice". The hijab is a headscarf worn by Muslim women that has become increasingly popular in recent years. However, the hijab is not without controversy, as some argue that it promotes a form of self-censorship and restricts the freedom of expression. Others, on the other hand, see the hijab as a symbol of modesty and modesty is a value that is highly valued in the Muslim community. So, what do you think? Is the facekini a fashion savvy choice or is it just another case of social media overkill? Let us know your thoughts in the comments section below.

The Great Cover-Up: The Strange Case for Spandex

Ah, the lovely leotard – spandex that hides everything and nothing at the same time. What would we do without that invention? It seems that the world has revamped the idea of spandex for activities other than hot yoga and zumba. And it’s got nothing to do with the beach. It is actually a trend that has caught on among Muslim women around the world, where it is called the "hijab of choice". The hijab is a headscarf worn by Muslim women that has been increasingly popular in recent years. However, the hijab is not without controversy, as some argue that it promotes a form of self-censorship and restricts the freedom of expression. Others, on the other hand, see the hijab as a symbol of modesty and modesty is a value that is highly valued in the Muslim community. So, what do you think? Is the facekini a fashion savvy choice or is it just another case of social media overkill? Let us know your thoughts in the comments section below.
THE DISH ON DICTATORS: WEIRDEST WORLD LEADERS

BY JOHN PRAVIN

SAPARMURAT NIYAZOV
President of Turkmenistan

Few dictators can top the man who named himself Turkmenistan (meaning “Leader of All Turkmen”). Becoming president of Turkmenistan in 1990, Niyazov named landmarks, streets and other public bodies after himself, and in some occasions, after his favourite horses. He also renamed the month of April as well as the actual word for “bread” after his mother. His face was also legally required to appear on every clock and watch in the country, and he made every civil servant in the country read his rambling memoirs – though reportedly on his behalf himself – as a prerequisite for a job.

IDIS AMIN
President of Uganda

Uganda’s dictator (1971-79) was almost certainly mentally unstable – which explains a lot about him. Reports claim he fed his enemies to crocodiles, and even ate people himself. He declared himself king of Scotland as well as conqueror of the British Empire despite having no relation to either. He forced white residents to carry him on a throne and then kneel before him so that they could kiss his foot. In addition, he was so paranoid, even his own family refused to marry for fear of his reaction. In the end he was deposed, and he was quickly buried, and his repossession is pretty hard to deal with.

KIM JONG-II & KIM JONG-UN
Supreme Leaders of North Korea

While individually crazy, North Korea’s father-son supreme leaders have earned themselves the bad boys titles for their antics. The late Kim Jong-il told his people that he invented the hamburger and was the greatest golfer in history – reportedly playing on four holes simultaneously one year. He also reportedly carried a double-barrelled shotgun in his car and his personal driver was beheaded for urinating by the car door. He also famously ate 200 Italian women to convert to Islam, and decreed that all his bodyguards had to be female weightlifters. He then arrested Swiss nationals and expelled Swiss diplomats after his son, Jang Song-thaek, was arrested by police for assaulting a hotel maid. Rumoured to be one of the world’s richest men, he literally died in a sewer while running for his life in 2011.

MUAMMAR GADDAFI
Dictator of Libya

Distinct the “Mad Dog of the Middle East,” Gaddafi was known for his disastrous fashion sense, and would pitch his Bedouin tents in the middle of fancy hotel lobbies, refusing to stay in rooms. He also bathed all females from Libya and then had 200 Italian women to convert to Islam, and decreed that all his bodyguards had to be female weightlifters. He then arrested Swiss nationals and expelled Swiss diplomats after his son, Jang Song-thaek, was arrested by police for assaulting a hotel maid. Rumoured to be one of the world’s richest men, he literally died in a sewer while running for his life in 2011.

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History is filled with leaders who have shaped the world we live in – some for better, and some for worse. Many have been focused, forward-thinking role models. However, there are exceptions. From narcissists and ruthless warlords to eating their enemies, these leaders can officially be classified as “bonkers.”

ARE ZOMBIES IMPOSSIBLE?

The concept of the dead coming back to life might sound absurd at first, but there have been plenty of medical mistakes involving brains coming back to life. In 2012, a 95-year-old Chinese woman woke up after 9 days after a stroke and a possible brain death, and was able to eat and speak coherently because she was feeling hungry (which sounds zombi-ish already). Apparently, she suffered an artificial death where her body remained warm but she had no breath. Similar, the invention of cryopreservation increases the likelihood of brain dead individuals to be revived into healthy living bodies in the future.

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Besides viruses, there are mental disorders like Cotard’s Syndrome, or “Walking Corpse Syndrome,” that cause the individual to believe that they are dead and have lost their blood and other internal organs. Some die from starvation because they don’t feel the need to eat so they shrink, and their brain from a lack of nutrition is the result.

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Zombies in Science and Popular Culture

Here are some reasons for the great zombie appeal. Given how we live in very uncertain times, obsessed with global catastrophic events, popular culture gives us the space to escape from our realities. Zombies are frightening because they represent the worst of us, yet fascinating because they embody our greatest fears – today’s zombies represent our fear of alien technology and the breakdown of modern civil society.

So should you fear a zombie apocalypse? Scientifically, no. As zombies perpetually disintegrate, their eyes and ears will fail and their musculature will collapse, eventually leaving nothing but decaying flesh. Furthermore, the undead lack any metabolic capabilities to digest the flesh they have consumed. As a result the undead itself will ferment, forming gases causing the zombie’s stomach to explode.

Coupled with today’s erratic weather conditions, the heat would speed up the decomposition of rotting flesh by providing breeding grounds for insects and bacteria to devour zombies from the inside out. Even cold temperatures would also make their skeletal system more fragile and prone to collapse.

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Over the years there have been many unsolved mysteries. These enigmas have left us with thousands of theories trying to explain the unexplainable. From missing planes to strange disappearances, here are some of the weirdest mysteries that are yet to be decoded.

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**THE ZODIAC KILLER**

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, a serial killer was on the loose in Los Angeles, California, murdering victims in Cavendish, Malibu, and San Francisco.

Police investigations revealed that the killer was left-handed and had a distinctive method of killing. Despite extensive investigations, the killer was never caught.

**PAVO NAVOYI**

On 28th October 1991, farmer Goto’s daughter, an expert in the game of Snakes and Ladders, was found murdered. The investigation revealed that the killer was a local criminal who had been arrested for similar crimes.

The killer was eventually caught and confessed to the murder.

**THE SOCCER CHILDREN**

The case of the soccer children is still unsolved. In the 1990s, a series of soccer children were found dead in various locations around the world. The children were all under the age of 10 and were found with signs of abuse.

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**HISTORIC OLD TOWN**

A bustling British mining town in the 1930s, Ipoh’s Old Town area is still the heart of the city where old meets new. The area is famous for its murals and street art, as well as its traditional shophouses and colonial architecture.

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WEIRD FACT #1: Association with the Devil and everything negative

Derived from the Anglo-Saxon word feoh, which means ‘wield’, the word left has always been depicted in a less-than-established light. For example, left-handedness was seen as a sign of the Devil in the medieval times due to the common belief that the ruler of all demons was left-handed. It was also the hand that was used to harm or curse another person, according to witchcraft texts.

Being left-handed has also been stigmatized as being inferior, mad (in the worst names) and crime-related. For instance, a majority of pedophiles are coincidentally left-handed, as are famous actors, like Albert Moxley Osolins (The Bosun Scrivener), Charles Manson, and Osama Bin Laden.

Many claim that left-handers may die as early as nine years before right-handers could be because the world isn’t built for lefties, since there are five times more likely to die from accidents than right-handers. While some of these facts have been proven to be right (get 83% of just one more suggestion that should be taken with a pinch of salt).

WEIRD FACT #2: When it comes to sports, left-handers have the upper hand

What do tennis and Rafael Nadal, badminton legend Lin Dan, and boxing star Manny Pacquiao have in common? Their left hand – a terror to their opponents, serving up a storm from their left sides, or delivering a nasty left hook in the ring.

The competitive edge that comes with left-handedness is especially true for one-on-one sports, as left-handed athletes have a lot more pressure against right-handers. They can easily adapt to their fellow southpaw adversaries as well, thus putting them at a greater advantage. Guess that’s why everyone is left-handed.

WEIRD FACT #3: Availability of scholarships for being left-handed

Each scholarship comes with a tailored set of requirements, but to be awarded one based on handedness? No kidding! Some institutions in the United States actually have scholarships specifically reserved for left-handed students, though they’re still required to meet the other prerequisites before applying.

One such example would be the $10,000 Copper City Money College Scholarship, which grants a $1000 (as the name suggests) toward tuition every month to successful left-handed applicants.

WEIRD FACT #4: Left-handed, and a boozed lover

The next time you’re at a cocktail party, you may want to keep a closer eye on your left-handed buddies. As it turns out, many studies have shown that lefties do tend to drink more frequently than right-handers.

What about the myth that left-handers face a higher chance of becoming alcoholic? Butzel. According to a study in the British Journal of Health Psychology based on 25,000 people from 12 countries, there is no evidence that handedness predicts risky drinking.

WEIRD FACT #5: The moody leftie

It’s common knowledge that left-handers are socially awkward and outgoing. Lefties tend to be prone to negative emotions due to brain asymmetry (some lefties don’t have a donor side of the brain), hence they can be more sensitive and have an increased risk for ADHD or mood disorders such as schizophrenia – which may result in psychosis.

In their defense, left-handers are better at divergent thinking. Despite being emotional roller coasters, many left-handed folks are also known for being particularly creative, including Leonardo Da Vinci, the Beatles’ Paul McCartney, and guitarist Jim Hendrix.

Left-handed individuals have come a long way, from having a bad name in history to celebrating their community on a marked date. As right-handers, we often forget their struggle of avoiding the smudge of ink on the left side that they write, but what we do know is that they will always be among us.

2. CANNOT COMMIT

You also got some commitment phobia and while you like your current dish, you are super scared to dive deeper in cliches. This one gives you examples:

a. It’s just not really like to have her to your box.

b. She also don’t want to meet her parents yet.

c. When you go out with your friends, you always feel more shrink without your dish around.

Man-child liar

Mummy’s legs and watching all my clothes!

3. AZ HOME

Many still buy your dish-box or wish your dealer for your life also don’t want to specialist dishes at home. However, due to this irresponsibility, you might be a man-child liar.

5. KISS

Think you super player, ah, always like to make your dish box feel insecure because you get a kick or you feel superior? You guessed it – man-child liar.

Please, don’t tell me within the last 30 hours you did not do something immature that you couldn’t explain other than your ego being threatened. It is in the last thing to be called, but if you get caught, it’s not if you are in all or any of us. Whether we see the new log you got or when we fight with our dish box.

Beau can keep going on and on but if you had half a brain you get the picture. Best advice Beau can give is to let your ego get in the way and think logically.

TANAH TANAH

Raya, displaying man-child behavior. Very small amounts that are still in use, don’t want to let it explode and act like Kanye, Justin, anything you say to your man just make it explode. A lot of times it just never come.

Know how to spot a man-child.

You’re welcome.

For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Phua Beng. I have a regular spot in Campus, but because of all the new commitments, I haven’t been there.

But I’m back now.
When it comes to clipping down money for your education, you’re not just looking at the 3-4 year commitment to a subject - you’re selecting a future career with your qualification. However, if you’re one of those who passionate about unique things and have the confidence to go against the grain - forget finance or medical degrees. Here are some quirky courses that you can actually study. By taking these courses, you’re guaranteed to stand out from your peers.

**BA IN VIKING AND OLD NORDIC STUDIES (University College London)**

Are you a contending living at heart? We might imagine these nordic explorers and warriors through their history and literature. Learn their ancient language - ye olde Norse - and pig out over nordic, mythical, shovel or swordplay in your third year. Study in a comradinarian university. Heavens befalls and included.

**RSC IN SURF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Cornwall College)**

Receive a solid education in the science technology and medieval ages related to surfing. You’ll also get to design and build your own surfboard and go and engage with various species that are surfable and visit France and Spain to study surfer culture. Surfing!!

**Masters in Stand-up Comedy (University of Kent)**

Advise in your mastery of funny business through comedy theory workshops and hands-on audience interaction. Building confidence also get to taste funny fables on a professional level by organizing your own shows, and joining open mic spots at respected comedy clubs in the UK and beyond.

**Masters in Gothic Culture, Secularity, Counterintem (upo to wv University London)**

Study the ethical traditions in literature, art and life at the Enlightenment - the very old-time strawberry hills house, home of the man who started it All Hence. We’ll learn how the genre has changed now with Twilight broodness and how our identities have been defined by this 250-year-old tradition.

**PhD IN NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY (Texas A&M University)**

Recover the secrets of shipwrecks both in the classroom and in the field. Good for our avid divers. Learn more about learning about ancient seafaring cultures around the world, uncovering shipbuilding techniques and - if you’re really lucky - uncovering some sunken treasure in Davy Jones’ locker.

**PhD in Parapsychology (University of Edinburgh)**

This course offers a critical glimpse into the study of paranormal phenomena like ESP, telekinesis or telepathy, and examines issues like mediumship and spiritualism. Madonna does not teach you to become “psychic”, read minds or draw div, or talk to the dead. No thank you.

**Degree in Horseracing (Beefness Community College)**

Earn a degree in Thoroughbred science - where you get to nose and fit horses. In addition, students take modules in horse racing theory, stables, horseracing laboratory, and learn about animal nutrition and public speaking for your future - to specialize in a horse vetting seminar.

**Degree in Gunsmithing (Cassen Community College)**

This 2-year Associate in Science course at the oldest gunsmithing school in the US provides students with hands-on instruction on gun design, function and repair of the rifle, pistol, and long gun. A graduate students earn a certificate, or buy their own firearm for the course.

**Biology degree (Institute of Metaphysical东莞鼓励)**

Are you a wellsee? Have you been knocking at your door? Turn on the X-Files these two ways for this online course - western degree or Ph.D. - Ph.D. investigations alien abduction, and extra-planerian presence on earth. Equipping students with knowledge to research on their own UV phenomena.

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CHILDHOOD RUINED:
YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD SHOWS EXPOSED

Ah, we’ve all sucked for our favourite cartoons from back in the day aren’t we? Good old days! I mean, when you think about it, we all have. But for some of us, the memories are too much. The Roadrunner is held fondly in our memories. While we enjoyed the antics and the wits of these iconic characters, there have been subtle references that might just shake our childhood memories up. Let’s take a look at a few of these.

FIRST OFF: Your childhood memories are in danger of being wrecked. You have been warned.

THE ROADRUNNER

It’s been well documented that the Roadrunner has been the bane of Wile E. Coyote’s life even since the conception of the show and the countless one-upmanship tactics employed by the animators have never been fruitful. However, did you know that in real life, a Roadrunner’s maximum speed can hit up to 45 mph while a speedo can only clock 20 mph? With these facts brought to light, it can be established that Wile E. is just plain stupid even though he has superiority in speed.

FAIRLY ODD PARENTS

Fairly Odd Parents, anyone? It’s all fine and dandy till you realise the cold and dark truth of the show. Though many claim this as just one of the many for theories, it does seem to make sense.

Timmy is just a lonely, neglected, and abused young kid. His parents paid little attention to him – causing him to conjure up two imaginary fairy godparents who are always by his side, in the form of a pair of goldfish. They protect him from Vicky the abusive babysitter and Mr. Crocker, the teacher who makes continuous sexual advances towards Timmy and tries to steal his fairy godparents – who are just a metaphoric representation of his joy and hope.

The chengguan, or urban enforcers in China, are the least popular public officials, well-known for their excessive use of force. However, did you know they have also spawned some weird actions and reactions?

HANDLING WEIRD CHARACTERS

Chengguan in Guangzhou city were shown on social media seemingly preventing a Donald McDonald statue at its restaurant. (And no, it wasn’t for littering.) Apparently the officers had warned the man many times to keep the sidewalk clear of promotions and ads, but he kept reappearing. Finally when the officers came to confiscate everything, the angry manager retorted that they might as well take the statue too, and the chengguan decided to oblige, breaking the clown from its base and exorbiting it away.

A few months later, social media lit up again when urban officials dismantled a group of 100 “Japanese schoolgirls” that appeared in Jiangshan and Hangzhou. The background behind this is less clear (most people assumed the women were dressed in school outfits to promote a mobile game or app) still, the image of young women with anime masks being escorted away by armed officers is a real eye-waterer.

CITIZENS RETALIATE

The Chinese citizens have also reacted in ways to the rate of the chengguan. An angry toddler became probably the youngest anti-chengguan revolutionary on the internet when he was recorded defending his grandma by brandishing a metal pole like a mini-gauntlet and shouting at the chengguan to leave her alone. The unusual display of fighting spirit in a pint-sized package triggered laughter both onsite and online.

A noodle seller added fuel to the fire when he kicked an enforcer who was there to seize his furniture. He had been warned to remove with “Thank you”. Still, that might not be enough – apparently street vendors already have such a bad impression, they often run off once they spot chengguan coming, making the official opening “Stop running” instead.

Meanwhile, Shanghai enforcers are literally beautifying their image by forming a unit of pretty female officers under the “Beautiful Women Chengguan” campaign. Apart from having a college diploma and meeting physical and mental requirements, female recruits also need to have a sweet voice, be polite and be of “beautiful youthful appearance”. It is hoped that through their “flexible enforcement” – pleasantly coaxing street vendors to abide by laws – the unit would achieve more than with the conventional methods of fines and arrests.

Perhaps the strongest sign that the chengguan’s reputation isn’t really lost is the popularity of a silly “chengguan dance” video that has racked up millions of views on Chinese video sites. In it, 12 men dressed as chengguan boogie (with same skill) to English, Korean and Chinese pop songs, and even do the cha cha kick at one point, garnering comments like, “Never imagined chengguan could be this cute!”

Just as police brutality violence, chengguan, drunkenness, and mob violence is common in China, making us both want to laugh and run for our lives.
They say the victors write history, and while the colonial era wasn’t a war as such, it was a meeting and often a clashing of cultures, and differing ideals of art. One of the most profound ways triumphing colonial powers stamped their authority on a people was through art and architecture; literally remoulding the visual landscape in their own image. In an era before mass communication, popular art was the media.

To examine the relationship between the British Empire and art, check out National Gallery Singapore’s exhibition Artist and Empire: (En)countering Colonial Legacies. In association with Tate Britain, the exhibition features over 200 artworks, ranging from the 16th century to the present day.

RAFFLES STATUE
We’re all familiar with Sir Stamford Raffles’ statue, standing eternal watch over Empress Place. Installed in 1969 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of his landing, it’s actually a copy of an earlier bronze statue commemorating Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee in 1887. And for over 30 years it was a ubiquitous symbol of Singapore.

Fast forward to the year 2000, and Singaporean artist Lee Wen’s interactive installation, a purpose-built platform allowing people to look eye-to-eye with their mythic founder for the first time – creating authentically impromptu art in itself, with peoples’ reactions captured photographically by fellow artist, Ken Cheong and on film, by Australian artist, Russell Miledge; all memorably punctuated by artist Jason Lim’s swearing tirade in Hokkien.

SIR STAMFORD RAFFLES PORTRAIT
Sir Raffles’ portrait makes for an intriguing juxtaposition to the benevolent silhouette of the statue. We are all familiar with the portrait, having seen it in school. Interestingly, it was painted in 1817 before he founded Singapore, so while he came to embody British supremacy here, the portrait and its symbolism predate all that. In fact it was painted during a personal low-point, on his acrimonious removal as Governor-General of Java (where he became an ardent Asiaphile) and return to London. Following his subsequent success in Singapore, the piece has been re-invested with new meaning, whereas it could have easily fallen into obscurity, had he failed to redeem himself in 1819.

THE SECRET OF ENGLAND’S GREATNESS
By the 1860s, the British Empire viewed itself as the great civilising force of “heathen peoples” of the African continent. And few works capture that better than The Secret of England’s Greatness. It was a slick piece of revisionist history: everyone in the painting, including the room in Windsor Castle, were real – although crucially, the act of a foreign dignitary kneeling before the bible and Queen was not.

The painting became famous in Britain for celebrating the civilising role of monarchy and Church in bringing salvation to people whom they regarded as ‘heathens’. In the colonies, it seemed an arrogant justification for masking the exploitative nature of Britain’s empire-making efforts.

THE REMNANTS OF AN ARMY
In her era, Lady Elizabeth Butler (1846-1933) was one of Britain’s foremost painters of “war history”. More than mere reportage, the aim in her most seminal work, The Remnants of an Army was to show the inherent futility of the Empire’s colonial adventures, as successive generations repeated the mistakes of the past, embodied by the return of William Brydon, the lone survivor of the British Army’s humiliating defeat in the First Anglo-Afghan War.

With The Remnants of an Army, Butler intended to show the futility of never learning from the past, but because it debuted at the height of the Second Anglo-Afghan War in 1879, it had the opposite effect – it became a rallying cry for imperialists as it embodied the pluck and pugnacity the British lionised at the time.
SINGAPOREAN URBAN LEGENDS

By Natalie Kwan

Bonkers Blue Bloods

WEIRD FIGURES IN HISTORY

Contributed by Tasha Harun

History seems boring, but there's actually a lot of weird stuff hidden among all the boring dates and bone-dry facts. There are some surprising figures from history, and the creepy, funny and just plain weird lives they led. We did not make this up.

Have you ever wondered why your $1 coin is shaped that way? Or why people on the floor above you are playing marbles at 3am? For years we have grown up hearing tales that never seem to have any basis. Here are 10 of these Singaporean Urban Legends that you may or may not have heard of.

Charlie Company’s 3rd Deer Bank

Among several other Pulse Belong horror stories, this one takes the cake. During a route march, a recruit was missing, and it was thought he had fallen into a roadside ditch. It was later revealed that the recruit was actually trapped in a deer’s stomach. The deer was killed, and the recruit was found alive. The story is told to warn recruits about the dangers of venturing off the beaten path.

The tragedy of Sisters Island

Sisters Island is made up of two islands separated by a narrow strait, and there is a folklore that describes its formation. One time ago, a pair of sisters, Ah Lian and Ah Lai, were born to marry two brothers and live happily together. Unfortunately, their infant son, Ah Lai, was accidentally killed by the other brother, and the mother and son were buried at the island. The legend says that anyone who disturbs the grave will be haunted for eternity.

Kum Kum lady

This legend is said to be true by those who have seen her. During the late 1990s, a woman was seen walking alone in an abandoned house. When approached, she disappeared into the darkness. The legend suggests that this is a manifestation of a ghost who haunts the area.

Don’t eat your nails at night

Your parents may have warned you about eating your nails at night. One version of this story suggests that the nails are made of steel, and if eaten, they will cause blindness. In another version, the nails are said to be made of gold, and if eaten, they will cause deafness.

Poining at the moon

As children, we were cautioned not to point at the moon or we will not eat our ears off. According to Chinese superstition, a female ghost named "Poining" lives on the moon, and eats the ears of those who dare point at her. In reality, the story is a cautionary tale to teach children to be respectful of the moon.

The underwater duke: William John Cavendish-Scott-Bentinck (1660 - 1679)

The 8th Duke of Portland was the epitome of a misfit, so concerned with privacy he had divers installed around his house so no one could tell when he was in love, and even got big cats around his garden. Those impossibly, sweet-airy he also had at least a million large sconces, plus a few to some taste for fruit trees, others wide enough for horses - as well as another library, and a real library - and really good collection of the scientific duke's heir, and the author Kenneth Cumberbatch (rechristened him as the geezer-dwelling Wirk in the Willows).
FAMILIAR THINGS
THE STRANGE CASE OF DEJA VU

A sudden pang of familiarity hits you, and it seems as if time stopped in that instant. Bodies moving, lips speaking as you slowly register the repetition of having done the same exact things, been to the same places, or been in some circumstances. You try to pinpoint the exact moment in the past, flipping through your archive of memories like a high school yearbook but before you know it, that sensation is gone. Was that a flashback or did you just predict the future?

THE MEMORY GAME

Déjà vu is not new to common people on the street. In fact, déjà vu is estimated to occur at least once in two thirds of the human population, most commonly between the ages of 15 to 25. For decades, doctors associated such sensations of déjà vu with people suffering from epilepsy, which is a chronic disorder where the brain undergoes seizures. Thankfully, modern research today has disproven this theory. (Don’t worry, we are all fine!)

Déjà vu is a French word for “seen before” and is colloquially understood as a glitch in our memory system. In healthy and functioning minds, the phenomenon occurs due to a mismatch of the generation of a detailed memory from a new sensory experience. In other words, the sensory input - which can be an action like riding a bicycle, for instance – bypasses the short-term memory and reaches the long-term memory first instead, thereby evoking a moment of familiarity that is not yet tangible enough to be a concrete memory, or for you to remember doing it.

Common triggers for this phenomenon include physical and psychological distress, stress, fatigue, and alcohol consumption.

Another form of déjà vu is Deja Vrai, which is what the Name suggests – “having visited”. As opposed to déjà vu, it is not the actual situation that is registered but only the location. According to psychotherapists, it feels as if one has visited that specific spot and could navigate around the location seamlessly. Perhaps, that explains why déjà vu experiences are seemingly more common amongst individuals who travel!

PARALLEL THEORY

While scientific explorations for the strange occurrences of déjà vu remain vague given the inadequate research into the matter, alternate theories such as parallel universes arise as possible explanations.

According to theoretical physicist Dr Mitch Kaku, quantum physics supports the possibility that déjà vu might occur due to one’s ability to “flip between universes.” The “Multiverse theory” postulates the existence of parallel universes existing parallel to each other. He explains that a radio can only tune into one station at one time, “listening to one frequency at a time” while radio stations cannot be heard concurrently because they have different frequencies. Likewise, our universe consists of atoms that are colliding at a unique frequency that other universes are not vibrating at.

However, at instances where universes vibrate in “synch”, it is theoretically possible to “move back and forth” between universes, thereby justifying the occurrence of déjà vu.

THE MYSTERY CONTINUES

All in all, déjà vu remains a mystic conundrum to most of us today. Theories that emerge out of recent studies are still debatable and considered rather primitive. So the next time you experience a déjà vu, know that it’s either just a memory glitch or that you’re travelling through time and space to each other’s own.
Stress Relief

Do you have a nemesis? A Lex Luther to your Superman, or Kylo Ren to your Rey?

A wise person once said living well is the best revenge. And it is, later on, when you’re driving a luxury car and your arch-enemy is driving for Uber. Until then, how do you satiate your taste for vengeance in a safe, socially acceptable way? Voodoo!

Use it on others

STEP 1: Identify your nemesis; if you don’t have a nemesis, you’re either incredibly forgiving (good for you), or not playing along (see below).

STEP 2: Cut out all the pieces, while carefully concentrating to simultaneously stay within the lines as you cut, and channel the dark arts into each stroke of your scissors.

STEP 3: Smile an evil smile. You’re nearly there.

STEP 4: Live out your revenge fantasy using the tools provided.

STEP 5: Believe!

Voodoo Kit

Voodoo dolls aren’t only used for devious purposes. You can also use it to bring good to yourself or someone represented by the doll.

Use it on yourself

STEP 1: Cut out the bits.

STEP 2: While holding your doll, focus on the desired effect (e.g., luck at exams, finding love, etc).

STEP 3: Take the coloured pins that represent your desire and prick them into your doll: heart for love (blue), head for power (red) or success (yellow).

Disclaimer: None of this may work. Then again, it may be working right now. Who’s to say? All you have to do is believe, and voila, virtual vengeance or success is yours!