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HOOKERS BALL

Kick off your shoes at Hookers Ball XI, the annual fund-raiser to support the local fishing community and the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association. Held under a big white tent at the Chatham VFW, this rocking evening features live music and dancing, silent and live auctions, scintillating cocktails, and heaps of mouthwatering local shellfish and seafood, including a raw bar and all-you-can-eat fish and scallop fry. Join the fun and support the fleet. Aug. 11, 6-10 p.m., \$150-\$200. 508-945-2432, www.capecodfishermen.org

HIKE WITH THE 'SQUAM RANGERS'

"Squam Rangers" is a new program initiated by the Squam Lakes Association in Holderness, N.H. Located on the Squam Range, with spectacular views of the "On Golden Pond" lake, 26 trails covering 50 miles have been organized in a Trail Log. There are hikes of varying lengths and challenges, with many child-friendly — and dog-friendly — treks. In addition to a trail map and log, the Squam Ranger "\$50 for 50 Miles" kit includes a "Ranger in Progress" T-shirt and tote bag. Complete all 26 trails to earn a Rangers patch, baseball cap, and certificate. 603-968-7336, www.squamlakes.org

BOSTON STAY WITH FAMILY FUN

It's summer in the city and The Fairmont Copley Plaza is celebrating its centennial with new family packages. The Just Ducky Package is a journey through Boston in a World War II amphibious vehicle called a "DUCK," while the ConDUCKtor provides a guided tour. Learn fun facts about the city's history, then splash down into the Charles River. Includes overnight accommodations and four tickets for Boston Duck Tours, through Nov. 25. Other packages include tickets for the Museum of Science, Franklin Park Zoo, and Children's Museum. Rates for four guests over age 11: \$239-\$329. 800-441-1414, www.fairmont.com/copleyplaza



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Temple Spice Crab, near the "Night Market"; shrimp wontons and thin noodles in broth at Mak's Noodles.

In a region full of stars, three bright dining lights

HONG KONG — The buildings are tall, the neon is bright, and the cheap eats are fabulous in Hong Kong. Last fall, my niece Jenny and I took the two-hour train from Guangzhou in hopes of eating ourselves silly in a day and a half. With a list of noodle and seafood restaurants in our pocket, all recommended by a local friend, imagine our surprise as we tracked down these hole-in-the-wall joints and found photos of Anthony Bourdain on the wall. OK, so we weren't the first to discover these places, but they are noteworthy nonetheless.

Law Fu Kee Noodle Shop

This bustling fast-food restaurant offers three staples: A fragrant, porridge-like rice soup (congee) with a dozen choices of add-ins such as sliced pork, fish ball, or pig's liver; braised noodles with vegetables, fish, or stewed spiced ox-brisket; and noodle soup with vegetables, meat, or scrumptious shrimp dumplings. The host seats you at any available table, even one partially occupied. No use asking for napkins (they don't have them), and water is served hot in 4-ounce plastic glasses. A chilled mini-bottle of Coke is \$1. Our favorite: Deep-fried shrimp dumplings with a squirt of mayo on the side. \$3.10-\$4.10. 140 Des Voeux Road Central, 011-852-2541-3080

Mak's Noodles

Located on a steep street between Queen's Road, in the glitzy business and shopping district, and an artsy area known as Soho, the focus of the menu here is — no surprise — noodles. It's a tiny space, with a half-dozen green linoleum booths, a few round tables, and the chef on display in a glass-enclosed kitchen near the entrance. We sampled shrimp wontons and thin noodles floating in a rich broth of dried fish, shrimp, and shrimp roe. Other choices include beef tendon, brisket, pork dumplings, and fried shrimp roe with oyster sauce. Portions are small by US standards; a good thing when eating lunch twice in one day. \$4-\$5.50. 77 Wellington St., 011-852-2854-3810

Temple Spice Crab

On the Kowloon side of the city, near the bargain-filled "Night Market," this festive corner dining spot is open to the street. The menu features seafood: spicy crab, spicy grilled prawn, clams with black bean sauce, mussels, and more, plus noodles, crunchy green spicy beans, bok choy, and other quick, fresh dishes. Patrons squeeze together on benches at long tables. Rolls of toilet paper serve as napkins. Beer is the beverage of choice with 32-ounce bottles \$1.90-\$3.25. \$5-\$25. 210 Temple St., Kowloon, 011-852-2487-3688

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APPS FOR DISNEY AND MORE

Tired of long lines at Orlando theme parks? Undercoveertourist.com has launched a series of apps useful for navigating wait times at Disneyworld and Universal Studios in Florida. In-depth maps list accurate wait times for specific attractions, enhanced by real-time user submissions, and GPS technology keeps track of friends and family. Includes comprehensive information about the parks, area attractions, hotels, and more than 240 full menus of local eateries. The Crowd Calendar, a new addition, breaks down crowd levels in Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and MGM Hollywood Studios every day, measured against levels for the rest of the week. So if there is one day that the always-popular Magic Kingdom sees less traffic — you will know. Use on iPhone, Android, and BlackBerry. 800-846-1302, www.undercoveertourist.com



HALIFAX PRIDE FESTIVAL

Get out your rainbow flag and head to Nova Scotia for Halifax Pride, a family-friendly, crowd-pleasing festival celebrating its 25th anniversary through July 29. Billed as Atlantic Canada's Largest LGBTQ Cultural Festival, it features dance parties, a harbor cruise, cultural events such as Queer Acts Theatre Festival and Song Writer's Circle, and sports events like the annual Dykes vs. Divas Softball Game. The highlight is the Pride Parade with over 150 floats on July 28. Guests feel at home at any of the Halifax accommodations, many of which are TAG Approved and Travel Gay Canada Member Properties. Many events are free, sponsored events \$5-\$30. 902-431-1194, www.halifaxpride.com

EVERYWHERE

BEHIND THE SCENES AT AMERICAN

Ever wonder how American Airlines decides which flights to cancel and delay in the event of severe weather? What about the age-old question, "Why do fares change so much?" American Airlines aims to answer these questions — and more — in its new digital series, "Behind the Scenes @AmericanAir." Hosted on American's YouTube channel, the series features videos of employees explaining various parts of American's business that customers typically don't get a chance to see, including everything from how American's System Operations Control (SOC) handles operations in severe weather to a day-in-the-life of checked luggage. www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL130F03A83ABE2576&feature=plcp



GLOBAL ENTRY FOR LOW-RISK FLIERS



Attention international travelers: Get expedited clearance and speed entry to the United States with Global Entry, a US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Trusted Traveler program. As a member, you can skip the lines and paper customs declaration forms at participating airports when arriving in the States from an international destination. Simply proceed to Global Entry kiosks, present your machine-readable passport or US permanent resident card, and place your fingertips on the scanner for fingerprint verification. After making your customs declaration, you receive a transaction receipt directing you to the baggage claim and exit. Global Entry is currently available at over 30 international airports, including Logan International Airport, and can be used by all pre-approved, low-risk travelers. Apply online with nonrefundable \$100 fee. www.globalentry.gov

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Sherman, Richter, Klimt, and video games

"Cindy Sherman"

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Through Oct. 8

Perhaps no American artist to have emerged since 1970 has had the impact Sherman has. Her photographic self-portraits, in which she is never herself but always in the guise of some character or stereotype, have been highly influential as meditations on identity. This large retrospective, which was at New York's Museum of Modern Art earlier this year, comprises more than 170 photographs — and just as many personalities. 151 Third St., 415-357-4000, www.sfmoma.org

"Art and Wine"

Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna Through Sept. 2

Drawing on its permanent collection, one of the world's great museums presents more than 100 artworks relating to one of the world's great beverages. *Maria Theresien-Platz*, 011-43-1-525-240, www.khm.at/en/

"The Early Durer: The Roots of His Art"

Germanisches National Museum Nuremberg Through Sept. 2

More than 200 artworks, primarily prints and drawings, pay tribute to the leading master of the northern Renaissance. *Katäusergasse 1*, 011-49-911-13310, www.gnm.de/

"Youth and Beauty: Art of the American Twenties"

Cleveland Museum of Art Through Sept. 16

Some 130 works, by the likes of Georgia O'Keeffe, Isamu Noguchi, Edward Hopper, and Walker Evans, show the evolution of American art during the Jazz Age. 11150 East Blvd., 216-421-7340, www.clevelandart.org

"Gerhard Richter: Drawings and Other Works on Paper"

Louvre Paris Through Sept. 17

One hundred works on paper have been assembled from throughout the career of the man who may be the most admired living artist. *Rue du Louvre*, 011-33-1-40-20-53-17, www.louvre.fr

"Gustav Klimt: The Magic of Line"

Getty Museum Los Angeles Through Sept. 23

This exhibition, organized in honor of the 150th anniversary of the artist's birth, is the first retrospective devoted exclusively to his drawing. 1200 Getty Center Drive, 310-440-7300, www.getty.edu/museum



From top left: In the exhibition "Cindy Sherman," at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, "Untitled #474," "Untitled #458," and "Untitled #92."

"The Art of Video Games"

Smithsonian American Art Museum Washington Through Sept. 30

Game on, aesthetically speaking. The title of the exhibition, one of the first of its kind, is self-explanatory. *8th and F streets, NW*, 202-633-7970, americanart.si.edu/

"Edvard Munch: The Modern Eye"

Tate Modern London Through Oct. 14

This exhibition on the Expressionist master concentrates on his 20th-century work and includes little-seen examples of his forays into film and photography. *Bankside*, 011-44-20-7887-8888, www.tate.org.uk/modern

"Impressionism: Sensation & Inspiration"

Hermitage Amsterdam Through Jan. 13

A large sampling of the Impressionist collection at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg comes to the Hermitage in the Netherlands. *Amstel 51*, 011-31-20-530-74-88, www.hermitage.nl/en2301

"Beyond Geronimo: The Apache Experience"

Heard Museum Phoenix Through Jan. 30

The celebrity of the Apaches' most famous chief long ago led to misunderstandings about his tribe, which this exhibition explores. *2301 North Central Ave.*, 602-252-8840, www.heard.org

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