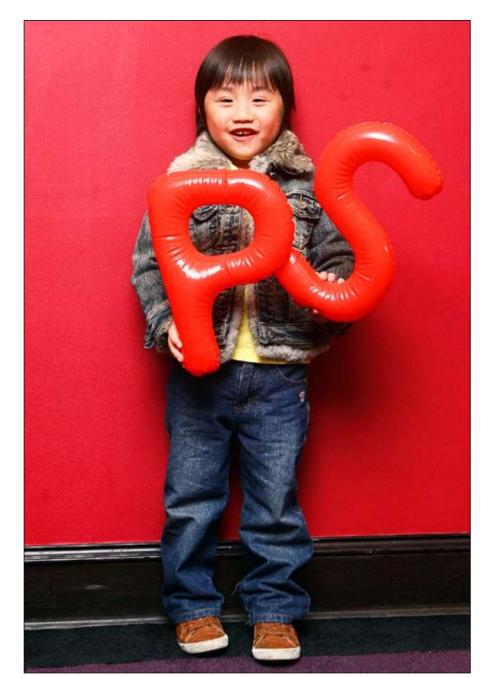
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op Stop can see it now: Child star breaks into acting, age three. Adored by audiences for his chatty personality and precocious behavior, by age five he's a fixture on the variety and talk show circuit, raking in big bucks from endorsements and special appearances. And then, well just ask Gary Coleman

Recent comments by child star **Hsiao Hsiao Bin** (小小株), 5, the stage name of Wen Hsuan-yeh (溫玄燁), suggest that his innocent exterior may already be

While other prepubescent kids are calling girls yucky, a "mature" Hsiao Hsiao Bin seems to have the ladies on his mind, according to a NOWnews report.

"Did you see any pretty chicks?" he asked Blue Lan (藍正龍), referring to the latter's recent trip to the Cannes Film Festival. Lan, caught off guard, quickly changed the subject. Perhaps it's time for Hsiao Hsiao Bin to follow the example set by his Autumn's Concerto (下一站,幸福) costar Van Ness Wu (吳建 豪), and sign a "celibacy card."

In other Hsiao Hsiao Bin news, the little tyke appeared last week at an event promoting road safety tips. He even received a "driver's license."

But perhaps a little more walking is in order. The Apple Daily reports that the muppet wanted to go on a diet after his grandmother complained that he looked fat on television.

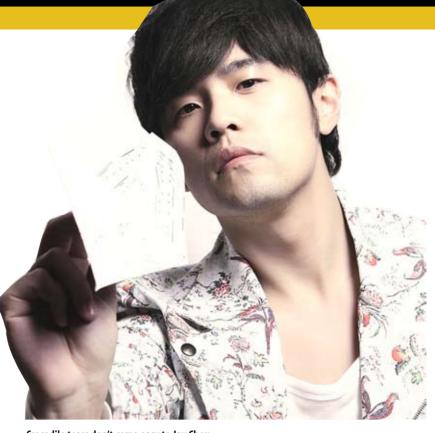
His father chipped in with a lone voice of reason amid the fame-hungry, moneygrubbing denizens of the entertainment industry, with words to the effect that five-year-olds shouldn't need to go on a diet.

Of course, much of the little rascal's on-screen antics are prompted by his handlers, which could be cause for concern because as he grows up, who knows what kind of behavior he'll be parroting?

And speaking of exotic birds, Sina.com reports that **Cecilia Cheung** (張柏芝) will return to work at the end of this month, six weeks after giving birth to her second son, Quintus. The Hong Kong beauty, who featured prominently in a sex photo scandal in 2008 involving **Edison Chen** (陳冠希), will head off to Shanghai to promote a bedding company, which seems all too appropriate.

Her ability to parlay the tarnish of a sex scandal into an honest day's graft is to be lauded. And why stop at bedding? Watch out for Cheung plugging

Hsiao Hsiao Bing, the founding — and so far only — member of Taiwan's first brat pack.



Crocodile tears don't come easy to Jay Chou.

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feminine hygiene products, condoms and lingerie in the near future. Meanwhile, leggy supermodel and "actress" Lin Chi-ling (林志玲), 35, took top honors in FHM's sexiest woman in the world contest. This follows her win late last year for having the best boobs in Taiwan.

Apple was quick to point out that in light of her struggling movie career (Lin's most recent film, The Treasure Hunter (刺陵), flopped) she should stick to

Pop diva Jolin Tsai (蔡依林) came in fourth, followed by Patty Hou (侯佩岑) and Amber An (安心亞), who took sixth and eighth places, respectively.

Another Taiwanese star who might want to stick to one career is singer, producer, actor and director Jay Chou (周杰倫). His recent television series Pandamen (熊貓人) bombed. But the Chairman said in a recent interview with U Weekly (優1周) that his greatest problem in the entertainment industry is not with directing, but crying, going so far to say that he'd "rather shed blood than

If thinking about *Pandamen's* abysmal reception isn't enough to make him blubber, Chou might consider taking lessons from Hsiao Hsiao Bin, who is said to be able to cry at the drop of a hat.

ENTS & ENTERTAINME

Theater

The **2010 Sinjhuang Drum Art** Festival in Taipei County (2010台

北縣新莊國際鼓藝節) continues this weekend with a series of performances by drum groups from India, South Korea, Malaysia, China and Taiwan at several venues in Taipei County. For more information, visit the Sinjhuang Culture and Arts Center's Web site at www.chccc.gov.tw

- Venues include Taipei County Government Multi-functional Hall (台北 縣政府多功能集會堂), 161, Jhongshan Rd Sec 1, Banciao City, Taipei County (台 北縣板橋市中山路一段161號), Sinjhuang Stadium (台北縣立新莊體育館), 66 Hehsing Rd, Sinjhuang City, Taipei County (台北縣新壯市札興街66號) and East Plaza at Bitan, Sindian, Taipei County (新店碧潭東岸廣場)
- Tonight, tomorrow and Sunday at 7:30pm
- All events are free of admission

Dancer and choreographer Su Wen-chi (蘇文琪) teams up with sound artist Chang Yung-ta (張永達) and visual artist Yeh Shih-ching (葉士敬) for her latest solo dance piece **ReMove Me**, which examines how the human body exists in a virtual world.

- Guling Street Avant-Garde Theatre (牯嶺街小劇場), 2, Ln 5, Guling St, Taipei City (台北市牯嶺街5巷2號)
- Tonight at 7:30pm, tomorrow at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, and Sunday at 2:30pm
- Tickets are NT\$500, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

The Treasure Village (又一村), Comedians Workshop's (相聲瓦舍) latest Chinese stand-up production, is

composed of two stories. In the first, the residents of a veterans' villages, or juan cun (眷村), dream of getting rich by digging up ancient Chinese treasures, while the second story takes its inspiration from Ryunosuke Akutagawa's 1921 novel In a Grove. ■ Novel Hall (新舞臺), 3 Songshou Rd.

- Taipei City (台北市松壽路3號). ■ Tonight and Monday to Thursday at 7:30pm, tomorrow and Sunday at
- 2:30pm and 7:30pm ■ Tickets are NT\$300 to NT\$12,00, available through ERA ticketing or

online at www.ticket.com.tw

insurrection during the 1960s.

Tafen Musical Theater's (大風劇團) newest production, **Days of Bananas** (金蕉歲月) is an historical drama about a Taiwanese banana tycoon and his family,

■ Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall (國父紀念 館), 505, Renai Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北

who fall victim to political intrigue and

- 市仁愛路四段505號) ■ Tonight at 7:30pm, tomorrow and
- Sunday at 2:30pm and 7:30pm
- Tickets are NT\$500 to NT\$3,000, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Irma la Douce (巴黎花街) by Godot Theatre (果陀劇場) tells the story of a fired cop who falls in love with a prostitute named Irma la Douce, after the pair meet at a seedy bar in 1960s Paris. The ex-cop becomes La Douce's pimp and gradually loses all sense of

reality as he becomes increasingly

- jealous of the hooker's clients. ■ Metropolitan Hall (城市舞台), 25 Bade Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市八德路三段
- Tonight and Thursday at 7:30pm, tomorrow at 2:30pm and 7:30pm
- Tickets are NT\$500 to NT\$2,500, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Classical music

Johann Strauss — Die

Fledermaus (小約翰. 史特勞斯經典 輕歌劇—蝙蝠) is performed by the National Kaohsiung Normal University (國立高雄師範大學), with orchestra and chorus from its Department of Music and a host of emerging young artists, many of whom are currently based overseas, in the main roles. The production is directed by Austrian Michael Temme and conducted by

- German Joachim Harder. ■ Today and tomorrow at 7:30pm ■ Kaohsiung Cultural Center's Chih-teh Hall (高雄市立文化中心至德堂), 67 Wufu 1st Rd, Kaohsiung City, (高雄市五福一 路67號)
- Tickets are NT\$500 to NT\$2,500, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Joshua Bell and Academy of St Martin in the Fields (約夏.貝 爾與聖馬丁學院管弦樂團) brings the internationally-renowned orchestra to Taiwan under director and violin soloist Joshua Bell. The program includes Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, Op. 62, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64 and Beethoven's

- Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92. ■ Tuesday at 7:30pm
- National Concert Hall, Taipei City ■ Tickets are NT\$1,200 to NT\$4,800, available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com.tw

Love Letters From Rachmaninoff (NSO精選—情書 拉赫瑪尼諾夫) features the National Symphony Orchestra (國 家交響樂團) performing under guest conductor Perry So (蘇柏軒), and piano soloist Alex Kobrin. The program includes Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18, and Franck's

- Symphony in D Minor. ■ Today at 7:30pm
- National Concert Hall, Taipei City ■ Tickets are NT\$400 to NT\$1,500, available through NTCH ticketing or online at www.artsticket.com.tw

Contemporary

Legacy Taipei, located in a former warehouse at Huashan 1914 Creative Park (華山1914), hosts top Taiwanese pop performers and international acts. No shows are scheduled for tonight. Tomorrow, heartthrob actor and singer Van Fan (范逸臣) and his rock group Craze Band (酷愛玲) take to the stage. Also appearing is Mando-pop singer Princess Ai (戴愛玲). On Wednesday, Taitung reggae rocker **Matzka** performs with fellow Puyuma Aboriginal and songstress Jiajia (家家). On Thursday the venue hosts Agua Hooligan, an

all-night dance party featuring UK DJs Aguasky and Atomic Hooligan.

- Huashan 1914 Creative Park (華山 1914), Center Five Hall (中五館), 1, Bade Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市八德路一
- Shows start at 8pm tomorrow, 8:30pm Wednesday, 11pm until late on Thursday
- Tomorrow's show is NT\$800. (NT\$600 in advance), NT\$400 on Wednesday, NT\$1,200 (NT\$1,000 in advance) on Thursday. Tickets available through ERA ticketing or online at www.ticket.com. tw or www.legacy.com.tw or at ibon electronics kiosks at 7-Eleven stores.

Tonight **The Wall** (這牆) hosts metal band Overdose. Sugar Plum Ferry (甜梅號) performs tomorrow in support of its new album, *Islands on the Ocean* of the Mind (腦海群島) Flectro-por band The Girl and the Robots (女 孩與機器人) appears on Sunday, along with experimental solo performer Wang Yu-Chun (王榆鈞) and indie pop outfit **Lupe**. On Wednesday, it's indie rockers Macbeth (馬克白), one-man electro-rock band **Sonic Deadhorse**, and expat band **The** Okay Cars. On Thursday, the venue hosts grunge rockers **Monkey Pilot** (猴子飛行員), Chinese-Canadians io and Funky Brothers (放克兄弟)

- B1, 200, Roosevelt Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市羅斯福路四段200號B1). Tel: (02) 2930-0162. On the Net:
- www.thewall.com.tw ■ Music shows start at 8pm
- Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight, NT\$500 tomorrow, NT\$300 on Wednesday and Thursday. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www. thewall.com.tw or tickets.books.com.tw

The Wall (這牆) started programming regular live rock shows at Kaohsiung's Pier 2 Arts Center (高雄駁二藝術特 區) last month. Appearing tonight are up-and-coming bands Youth Banana (台青蕉), Red Noz (紅鼻子) and The Man (男子漢樂團). Tomorrow night, the venue presents chanteuse Waa Wei (魏如萱), better known as Waa (娃娃).

- 1 Dayong Rd, Yancheng Dist, Kaohsiung City (高雄市鹽埕區大勇路1號). On the Net: pier-2.khcc.gov.tw or visit www.thewall.com.tw for full schedule
- Shows start at 7:30pm ■ Entrance fee is NT\$300 tonight and NT\$450 tomorrow

Indie rockers **Rowen** (再生草) take to the stage tonight at Witch House (女 巫店). Tomorrow it's post-rock band Morsa and acoustic folk group Xiaoyu Watermelon (小玉西瓜). Indie band Tuesday (星期二樂團) performs on Thursday.

- 7, Ln 56, Xinsheng S Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市新生南路三段56巷7號). Tel: (02) 2362-5494. On the Net: www.witchhouse.org ■ Performances start at 9:30pm.
- Restaurant/bar with gueer/feminist bookstore and large collection of board games open 11am to midnight Sundays through Wednesdays; 11am to 1am Thursdays through Saturdays
- Entrance fee for music shows

Tonight Riverside Cafe (河岸留言) hosts rock and jazz fusionists Yellow Funky Stuff. Mando-pop singer Nylon Chen (陳乃榮) takes to the stage

tomorrow night. Another up-andcoming pop singer, Arroy Shen (申東 靖), appears on Sunday. Monday is the

- venue's weekly open jam. ■ B1, 2, Ln 244, Roosevelt Rd Sec 3, Taipei City (台北市羅斯福路三段244巷 2號B1), next to Taipower Building (台電 大樓). Tel: (02) 2368-7310. On the Net:
- www.riverside.com.tw ■ Shows start at 9:30pm tonight and 9pm all other nights. For a list of standard songs and ground rules for the open jam, visit the venue's Web site
- Entrance fee is NT\$400 tonight and tomorrow, NT\$500 on Sunday and NT\$150 on Monday.

Tonight Riverside Live House (西 門紅樓展演館) hosts Taiwanese rock legend **Bobby Chen** (陳昇) [see story on Page 13]. Tomorrow Christian rock band **Mojo** takes to the stage and on Thursday, it's a trio of indie rock

- bands: Silent Toad (啾吉惦惦), Queen Suitcase (皇后皮箱), Green!Eyes. ■ 177 Xining S Rd, Taipei City (台北市西 寧南路177號). Tel: (02) 2370-8805. On
- the Net: www.riverside.com.tw ■ Shows start at 8:30pm
- Entrance fee is NT\$500 tonight, NT\$450 tomorrow, NT\$400 on Thursday. Tickets can purchased online through www.riverside.com.tw/ livehouse/ or tickets.books.com.tw

"One man band" Summerbred (夏 生一人大樂隊) performs tonight at Underworld (地下社會), opening for indie rockers **Touming Magazine** (透明雜誌). Tomorrow night, expat post-rock band **Collider** shares the bill with experimental electronica act Shishukong (屍術控). On Wednesday, it's indie bands **Smells Good** and Paper Girl (紙片女孩).

- B1, 45 Shida Rd, Taipei City (台北市師 大路45號B1). Tel: (02) 2369-0103. On the Net: www.upsaid.com/underworld
- Music shows run from 9:30pm to 11:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 9pm to 11pm on Wednesdays. Underworld is open daily from 9pm, closed on Mondays. Happy Hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays before midnight ■ Entrance is NT\$300, which includes one drink; NT\$100 on Wednesday

Tonight, lounge and jazz venue Sappho de Base hosts Brooklyn-based vibraphonist Tyler Blanton, who's in town for a run of shows. The 28-year-old jazz musician has been described by New York Times jazz critic Nate Chinen as a "young vibraphonist with a strong lyrical footing." For more info, visit www. myspace.com/tylersvibes. Tomorrow the Jo Jo Ma Quintet takes to the stage, and on Tuesday it's I Bought a New **Saxophone**, a group formed by expat saxophonist **Klaus Bru**. On Wednesday, Coromandel Express performs a "musical masala" of jazz, classical and world music and on Thursday Rocky and Friends preside over an open jam. ■ B1, 1, Ln 102, Anhe Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市安和路一段102巷1號B1).

- Tel: (02) 2700-5411. On the Net: www.sappho102.biz ■ Music shows begin at 10pm
- Entrance is NT\$200 tonight, NT\$100 on Wednesday

Tonight Roxy Roots presents a host of bands and DJs, including expat punks Divebomb, garage rockers My Skin Against Your Skin, post rock band

Sorry Youth (拍謝少年), synth-rock outfit The Looking Glass and DJ Marcus Aurelius [see story on Page 13]. Taking to the stage tomorrow is Adoga (阿逗仔), an expat band that prides itself on performing covers of Western hard rock songs as well as Chinese and Taiwanese rock classics.

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- 90 Songren Rd, Taipei City (台北市松 仁路90號). Tel: (02) 2725-3932. On the
- Net: www.roxy.com.tw ■ Shows start at 10pm
- Entrance is NT\$300 on Fridays and Saturdays (NT\$200 credited toward food and drinks). Free entrance for women tomorrow night for Fiesta Latino night. Free entrance on Wednesdays.

EZ5 Live House hosts Mandopop singers backed by a live band every night. Highlights for the week ahead include Aboriginal chanteuse Samingad (紀曉君) on Tuesday, and male crooner **Shin Lung** (辛隆), who performs every Saturday.

- 211, Anhe Rd Sec 2, Taipei City (台北 市安和路二段211號). Tel: (02) 2738-3995.
- On the Net: visit www.ez5.com.tw ■ Music shows run from 9:45pm to 12:30am
- Entrance fee (includes two drinks) ranges from NT\$600 to NT\$850. depending on the performer

Taipei Swing holds dance socials on Friday nights at Capone's, with live music from blues band BoPoMoFo. Dancers of all levels are welcome, and beginner's lessons are offered while the band takes a break. Tomorrow, it's Salsa night with live music from Latin on Fire.

- 312, Zhongxiao E Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市忠孝東路四段312號)
- Live music from 9pm to 11:30pm on Fridays, 8pm to 11:30pm on Saturdays
- On Fridays, minimum charge of one drink, dancers receive a free drink coupon. On Saturdays, minimum charge is NT\$300

The Mercury (水星酒館), a small club that hosts indie bands in Kaohsiung, presents GreenSward (綠色草皮) tomorrow night.

- 46 Liwen Rd, Zuoying Dist, Kaohsiung City (高雄市左營區立文路46號). Tel: (07) 550-8617. On the Net: mercurybar. blogspot.com
- Show starts at 9pm ■ Entrance is NT\$200, includes
- one drink

Hotel One Taichung (台中亞

緻大飯店) tomorrow hosts the Solstice of Hope charity fund-raiser, which comprises a photography exhibition, fashion show, raffle and after-party with Swank's Matty D manning the decks. Proceeds will be donated to Buddhas Are Us, a small charity in Cambodia founded two years ago by former Taichung resident Jake Chapman that supports

- disadvantaged children. ■ Hotel One Taichung (台中亞緻大飯 店), 532 Yingcai Rd, Taichung City (台中 市英才路532號). Tel: (04) 2303-1234
- Tomorrow from 7pm to 2am, with an after-party from 10pm onwards
- Tickets are NT\$800 (includes after-party), available at the door or in advance, or NT\$450 for the afterparty only, available at the door. For a list of ticket outlets visit buddhas. weebly.com or call Laura McKenzie on 0910-640-782

BY QUEEN BEE

hat are the odds of catching two big-name drum 'n' bass DJs in the same week in Taiwan? Very slim, but that's what's happening this week. Following Sub Focus' appearance at Spark last night, Digital makes his much-anticipated Taiwan debut this weekend. He canceled a planned gig here in April because of the transport chaos that a massive cloud of ash from Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull volcano caused in Europe.

A reggae DJ in his teens, Digital's mixes are pregnant with dubby bass lines.

How did he get into producing drum 'n' bass? "I just sort of faded into it," he said. "I used to be a raver. I started producing in 1994, and it kind of got lucky with me.

With my first track (Spacefunk), people like LTJ Bukem, Storm and Fabio started playing it." It wasn't until a few years later with the release of the massive single Deadline that Digital became a household name among drum 'n' bass aficionados. The jungle veteran is currently working on a track with **Outrage** and producing

an album for Kiwi dub band Salmonella Dub. If you like reggae, dub and drum 'n' bass, Digital is not to

Digital, tonight from 11pm to 5am at Brickyard, B1, 507, Jhongshan 2nd Rd, Cianjin Dist, Kaohsiung City (高雄市前金區 中山二路507號B1) (admission is NT\$350 for men and NT\$100 for ladies), and tomorrow from 11pm to 5am at VU Live House (地下絲絨), B1, 77, Wuchang St Sec 2, Taipei City (台北

市武昌街二段77號B1) (admission is NT\$450). The pool party season has arrived. Tomorrow Havana, formerly Summer Swank, takes over the Taipei Country Club's pool, with laid-back house and hip-hop on the bill. Next Saturday is Oasis' turn. The two outfits will throw pool parties at the club on alternating Saturdays until the end of summer.

- Havana, tomorrow from midday to 9pm. Admission: Free before 1:30pm, after which entry is NT\$350 for men and NT\$250 for ladies
- Oasis, June 19 from 1pm to 10pm. Admission: Men NT\$400, ladies NT\$200
- Taipei Country Club (台北鄉村俱樂部), 1 Qingyun Rd, Taipei City (台北市青雲街1號). On the Net: www.taipeicountry.

Tonight, Parisian DJ **Technasia** returns to Taipei as part

of his world tour. Promoting his new album Central, he'll be rocking techno and progressive house on three decks at ■ Technasia at Legacy Taipei, located at Huashan 1914 Creative Park (華山1914), Center Five Hall (中五館), 1, Bade

Rd Sec 1, Taipei City (台北市八德路一段1號). Admission is NT\$900 at the door Luxy is hosting the 2F White Warmup Party tonight,

featuring German trance duo Cosmic Gate, who played at the last White Party. ■ 2F White Warmup Party at Luxy's Galleria room, 5F, 201, Zhongxiao E Rd Sec 4, Taipei City (台北市忠孝東路四段

201號5樓). Admission is NT\$800 and includes two drinks. On the Net: www.cosmic-gate.de and www.luxy-taipei.com Expect to see Room 18 packed tomorrow — even more than usual as the club is reopening after renovations. **Roger**

Sanchez of *Release Yourself* fame appears in the main room. ■ Roger Sanchez, from 10:30pm to 4:30am at Room 18, B1, 88 Songren Rd, Taipei City (台北市松仁路88號B1). Admission is NT\$700 at the door.

