

## Last Week In Reality

**Sat 7**  
**Dying Wish** A hospital social worker taking care of a dying man with no family finds photos of a woman and a child in the man's wallet. With great effort, the social worker locates the woman, the man's estranged wife. Twenty-two years ago, the woman and son left him because he refused to mediate a conflict between the woman and his mother. The man breathes his last in the woman's company, in his possessions, she finds an unsent letter that declared his love for her and asked her for forgiveness.

**Sun 8**  
**Gender Trouble** A trans woman plans to sue Christian Zheng Sheng College for mistreatment. In 2002, she was admitted to the college for rehabilitation. She claims that the preacher urged her to be a man, the staff refused to allow her to meet with the psychiatrist, and she was placed in a male dormitory. She left the college in 2004. She is now undergoing assessments to prepare her for sex reassignment surgery.

**Mon 9**  
**Notice Us** Twenty protesters march to the headquarters of the Housing Department to denounce its censorship of notices in public housing estates. The department has rejected posters that condemn the liaison office for meddling in the chief executive election, and for MTR price hikes.

**Tue 10**  
**Phone Panic** SmartOne services are suspended for eight hours. From 6am to 2pm, there is no signal and users cannot receive calls or access the internet on their smartphones. The operator says that the breakdown is due to a malfunction in the power supply. Subscribers are disgruntled at the operator's failure to inform them immediately.

**Wed 11**  
**Fishy Business** On January 31, \$14,000 in cash, along with a hard disk from a surveillance camera, was stolen from a fishball stall. The police reviews a CCTV recording, finding that the boss's 23-year-old son stole the cash with a friend. The young man, who works for his father, pleads guilty to theft. In mitigation, the man claims that he did not profit from the theft, and that he only wanted to warn his father about potential thieves.

**Thu 12**  
**Skirting The Issue** A 21-year-old man pleads guilty to secretly taking upskirt shots of more than 10 women. The man pleads guilty to charges of violation of public order. In mitigation, the lawyer says that the man committed the crime because of his poor results in the IELTS English exam.

**Fri 13**  
**Let's Be Friends** The chief executive election has caused a rift in the pro-establishment camp. To make amends, the DAB organizes a dinner for pro-government legislators and chief executive-elect CY Leung. However, out of 36 legislators, only 21 attend. Legco president Jasper Tsang, who did not get invited, says that a dinner will not turn enemies into friends.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In the chief executive election, you received wide recognition from the Hong Kong community and won the support of most of the Election Committee members."  
President Hu Jintao to CY Leung, Hong Kong's third Chief Executive, during their first meeting after the controversial chief executive election that was plagued by media scandals. Winning the election with only the support of a little more than half of the 1,200-member election committee, Leung is considered to be the least popular new Chief Executive in Hong Kong.

### THE BOOKIE



#### Lyuba the woolly mammoth Shopaholic tai tais

**In its corner** **In their corner**

40,000 years old	Precise age unknown
Immaculately preserved by ice	Immaculately preserved by Botox
Ice Age	Icy glares
On display in IFC	On a shopping rampage in IFC

**The odds:** 6:1 Lyuba the woolly mammoth  
**The verdict:** Actually, you can see prehistoric relics in Hong Kong shopping centers any time. Oh snap!

### FAST FACTS

#### Ban This Sick Filth

Perks of volunteering to be on the committee of the Obscene Articles Tribunal.

All the blurry alleged celebrity nudity you could ever want!

Free obscene articles.

Full entitlement to sense of moral outrage AND access to scat porn.

"Sitting on a Tribunal" still awesome thing to say to people.

Nothing beats the rush of exercising arbitrary moral judgment.

Cool compulsory full-back Maori tribal tattoo.

### STREET TALK



Model-maker **King Y. Chung** is one of the few remaining craftsmen in the city who creates lifelike miniature models of buildings and landmarks for architects. He has more than 2,000 models to his name, including the HSBC headquarters and IFC. After the launch of his book of miniature Hong Kong landmarks, Chung chats with Belinda Huang about his lifelong passion for models.

**HK Magazine:** What are the top three skills a model maker needs to have?

**King Y. Chung:** First, the most important [skill] is to be able to visualize a picture and to transform it from 2D into 3D after looking at complicated drawings. Secondly, you must know how to make the model look like the finished building. Thirdly, you need to make the model look solid; for example, spraying the wall to make it look like granite, or making the floors look like they have a tiled finish. You can ruin the whole model by doing a bad spray job. It's about how you use your eyes and how you move your hand.

**HK:** How has computer software changed the way you make your models?

**KC:** Before, model making was about skills. You would need at least three years [experience] before you can make a good model. But nowadays, everybody can handle a computer and can make a comparatively good model. The difference today is in the finishing and how you spray-paint the models. You still need a human touch.

**HK:** When did you decide you wanted to make models?

**KC:** When I was very young, around six or seven years old, I always liked to make things. I used to take clocks apart, make airplanes with propellers and boats with motors. It wasn't like these days—kids play on computers. I didn't plan to be a model maker; it just happened. At school I failed everything except art class, where I would get top marks.

**HK:** What are some memorable moments from your 36-year-long career?

**KC:** I got into professional model making because I was out of a job. At the time I was making prototypes of things like telephones, radios and toy cars. I wrote letters to people [telling them] that I would make models. That's how my company got started. The HSBC job was the turning point of my life. The building was regarded as the most prestigious in the world. It was the single most expensive building ever made. The newspapers said that it cost the same as six Boeing 747 Jumbo Jets. At the time, nobody had done anything so complicated.

**HK:** How is model-making affected by the economy today?

**KC:** These days, the problem is not the economy. Hong Kong belongs to China, and the whole industry has moved there. They have 500 people working in one workshop, or 1,000 people in Beijing or Shanghai. They can build a whole [model] city! I cannot compete because if someone wanted the job to be finished in two weeks, they can put 100 people on the job [in China]. It would take me five years. It's very sad.

**HK:** Do you think model-making will die out?

**KC:** In my book, I said that Hong Kong has 7 million people and seven model makers. That's 1 million people per model maker. [You'd think that] we can't be starving to death but we are. The developers make so much money.

King's book, "My 36 Years of Model Making in Hong Kong" is available from the MCMC Creations Bookshop at the Hong Kong Arts Centre, 2 Harbour Rd., Wan Chai, [www.mcmc Creations.com](http://www.mcmc Creations.com).