



Takeaways

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Weddings are expensive. So is attending them.

Even though Singaporeans below 35 aren't so keen on getting married and having a family, wedding invitations are inevitable. And after the good-natured thrills and existential crises fade away ("Wait, *should* I get married?") there's the question of money.

How much money should you bring to a wedding? And why are you pressed about how much to give? Wait, *I'm* taking time out to wake up at 10 AM on a Saturday morning. What's going on?

It is tradition that you bring a somewhat respectable sum to the reception table at an event of matrimony. Food, neighbourhoods, media consumption—they all abide by preconceived traditions that grant some stability (or the illusion of it) in our chaotic world. What happens if we just flip these traditions on their heads? Well, read on.

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Matri-Money Matters



If you know anything about Chinese people, it's that they go big on wedding ang baos.

Our writer's not married yet, so with every Chinese New Year, she's still on the receiving end of things. But as more of her friends tie the knot, she's starting to feel the pinch that comes with capitalistic expectations.

**To Hell with Ang Bao
Market Rate Guides**

The 'Ondeh-ondoh' Churros Issue



“Do you not find joy in transcending time and tradition with upscale street food like Maggi curry mee gelato served in a salt-rimmed cocktail glass?”

Some say Geylang Bazaar has become Geylang Bizarre. Do you feel that way too?

**In Defence of Expensive,
Unnecessarily Quirky
Ramadan Bazaar Food**

Raffles Ruffling Feathers



Wouldn't Marina Bay Sands make more sense if it were located at Marina Bay MRT? Why are Farrer Road and Farrer Park not in the same area?

People share their thoughts on the amusing ways Singapore brands its malls, roads and parks.

**Singaporeans Speak On
Singapore's Confusing Place
Names**

You Will *Never* Believe This



With finicky algorithms and shorter attention spans, a sensational headline is an all-too-tempting solution. And honestly, we grapple with it whenever we think about stories we want to publish.

Sometimes, it's the only viable direction to survive as a publication in Singapore.

**3 Reasons Why Media
Sensationalism Is Hard To
Resist
(#3 Will Shock You)**

Short Grains, or *piping-hot topics by the spoonful.*

- Singapore's first cord blood bank has been hit with a scandal—its former CEO has been arrested alongside four directors in relation to an investigation into alleged mishandling of cord blood units. (via *CNA*)
- Hong Kong's new security law, which passed on Tuesday, is the “final nail in a closed coffin” for democratic freedom in the country, according to activists and critics. (via *BBC*)
- Okay, who the hell is rigging the polls? Singapore is ranked the happiest place in Asia for two years running. (via *The Straits Times*)

- A sweet treat in the form of honey candy—available on e-commerce platforms—has been identified as containing medicine meant for treating erectile dysfunction. No, you can't buy it anymore. (via *CNA*)
 - Despite criminal charges brought to him this week, experts believe Leader of the Opposition Pritam Singh is unlikely to lose his seat in Parliament. (via *The Straits Times*)
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As the cost of living continues to rise, millennials are divided on the value of filial piety.

Is it ridiculous to even question the act of giving money to parents? Does it add a transactional nature to love and family ties in Singapore?

What Does Filial Piety Really Mean to Millennials?

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- Gardens by the Bay's Flower Dome is set alight by flower power with light projections and rows of cherry and peach blossom flowers as part of

Sakura 2024.

- It's the return of Earth Hour: WWF (yes, the wildlife fund, not the wrestling federation) brings Earth Hour Festival 2024 to Wisma Atria this Saturday.
- Calling all hypebeasts: Hypebeast, the streetwear media brand, brings music, art and food together at Somerset Skate Park only on Saturday.
- Dig into the cinematic stories of the Middle East at JISR Film Festival, held at The Projector from Saturday until the end of the month.
- In case you agree with our writer, the Geylang Serai Ramadan Bazaar has plenty of baffling (but nonetheless tantalising) fusion dishes for sale, along with everything you've come to expect from this beloved yearly event.

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