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## YOUR WEEKEND PLANNER

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WINE & DINE

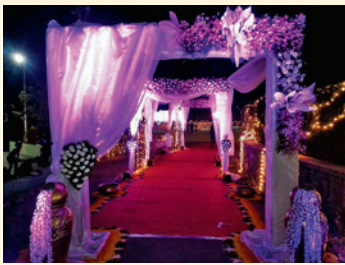
FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2015

### PARTY TIME

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**Contact:** 84518 51303



#### Easter Brunch @ DoubleTree by Hilton Pune-Chinchwad, C-32, Tata Motors Road; April 5

Celebrate Easter with a special brunch at 3 Spices and an array of Easter special delicacies. Guests can try dishes like Easter eggs, assorted marzipan eggs, devilled eggs and more. The restaurant is also hosting fun-filled activities for kids.

**Price:** ₹949 onwards (plus taxes) per person;  
**Timings:** 12.30-4.30pm;  
**Contact:** 8554982531

### EASTER SPECIAL

#### Easter Buffet @ Momo Café, Courtyard by Marriott Pune, Hinjewadi, April 5

Guests can enjoy the special Easter buffet with friends and family at MoMo Café, Courtyard by Marriott Pune Hinjewadi. One can dig into a sumptuous buffet with traditional Easter delicacies along with live grills, tacos and enchiladas, kebabs, pass around pizzas, sugar candies for kids and iced golas for all ages to beat the summer heat. In addition to this a wide array of Easter eggs, Easter bunnies and an elaborate dessert counter along with separate kids' zone with tattoo artist, face paintings and magician which will provide an appropriate completion to the Easter festivity.

**Price:** ₹2300 plus taxes (Non Alcoholic) and ₹2700 plus taxes (Alcoholic - IMFL) for two;  
**Timings:** 12.30-4 pm;  
**Contact:** 020-4212 2080 (For reservations)



### THALI SPECIAL

**Pure Vegetarian Thali @ Vishnu ji Ki Rasoi, Mhatre Pool, Erandwane**  
Enjoy pure vegetarian thalis with Maharashtra and Punjabi cuisine at this restaurant. They specialise in Varhadi dishes like shev bhaji, patwadi rassa, zhunka, gola bhaat etc and delectable sweets. The restaurant is also perfect for all types of parties.

**Price:** Lunch: ₹170 (Monday to Saturday); Sunday Lunch: ₹300, Dinner: ₹300;  
**Special Offer:** Avail 10% discount for a group of six and above on dinner between Monday to Friday.

**Timings:** Lunch: 12.30-2.30 pm;  
Dinner: 7.30-10.30 pm;  
**Contact:** 94206 96642 / 9823268695



### BURGERS AND MORE



#### New Menu @ Chili's Viman Nagar, Grill & Bar UG 49, Phoenix Market City, Viman Nagar, Nagar Road

The American casual dining chain, Chili's Grill & Bar has launched a new menu which includes a new lighter choice section with mango-Chile basa and margarita grilled chicken and a new vegetarian section. The restaurant has retained classic favourites like baby back ribs, tacos and the legendary big mouth burgers along with introducing new dishes like Santa fe chicken sandwich, guacamole burger and chipotle salmon. For the sweet tooth cinnamon molten cake and a new eggless sizzling brownie sundae are the new entrants in the menu.

**Price:** ₹1400 approx for two;  
**Contact:** 020-30950400



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### Vietnamese Cuisine @ Smiley

House, Shop A-2, Sai Heritage, D.P. Road, Near Medipoint Hospital, Aundh

The small joint serves authentic Vietnamese cuisine. Visit the place for the Vietnamese coffee and main course.

**Price:** ₹200 per person; **Timings:** Lunch: Noon-3.30 pm, Dinner: 6-9.30 pm

### Kolkata Rolls @

Tappy's Kathi Kebab, Shop 28, Shubh Mio Palazzo, Near Ganga Constella, Kharadi

This place has an array of vegetarian and non vegetarian Kolkata rolls to offer.

**Price:** ₹100 per person;  
**Timing:** 12.30-10 pm

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## REVIEWS

### MR X — JEET GANNGULI, ANKIT TIWARI

SONY MUSIC, ₹175

**Bollywood:** The *Aashiqui 2* jodi of Jeet Gangguli and Ankit Tiwari have composed the soundtrack of this romantic thriller. Opening track *Tu Jo Hain* follows singer-composer Tiwari's template of sad melodies. Everything from the singing and arrangements to the lyrics by Monish Raza bring a sense of déjà vu. *Mr. X Title Song* sounds straight out of a James Bond opening sequence. Composed by Gangguli, it has producer (and filmmaker) Mahesh Bhatt making a delightful singing debut. Neither Bhatt nor Mili Nair's powerful vocals are able to lift this average composition and Rashmi Singh's predictable lyrics about the leading character. *Saad Shukrana* is Tiwari's second song on the album. Different from his usual music, it is the kind of track that grows on you, thanks to Manoj Muntashir's penmanship. Tiwari changes tactic as composer with the techno-meets-Sufi song *Alif Se*. Tiwari and Neeti Mohan work well behind the mike. The melodious *Teri Khushboo* is the best song on the album. Composed by Gangguli and written by Singh, it is big on emotions and makes a good show of romance. The male version is sung by Arijit Singh while the female version has the bubbly Palak Muchhal delivering a crowd pleaser. Tiwari and Gangguli deliver a mixed bouquet of crowd pleasers, predictable numbers and soul soothers with this soundtrack. No *Aashiqui 2* this, the album is still a competent one.

— Kasmin.Fernandes@timesgroup.com



### KAAY RAAV TUMHI

MUSIC: KANAK RAJ, SAMEER FATARPEKAR

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**Marathi:** Are we living in the 90s? Well, at least that's what the music of *Kaay Raav Tumhi* suggests. All five songs on this album are distinctly similar to Bollywood numbers from the 90s era. *Sod Na Ga Rag Ha*, sung by Rohit Raut is not a very good track but better than the next, *Ye To Pudun* sung by Kanak Raj. It is a Kumar Sanu meets EDM track which is nothing but an assault on your ears. As a film revolving around three lecherous old men, it is bound to have a double entendre song and *Halav Halav Re* is just that. Vaishali Samant sings this track like a Koli-geet. Starting off like *Le Gayee Le Gayee* from *Dil To Pagal Hai*, *Porgi Pari Sarkhi* sung by Kanak is a comic attempt probably. The singer overdoes his bit making the song annoying. Finally the album ends with Mahalaxmi Iyer's *Angat Rangat*, who does her job well. Though her singing is faultless, she is not able to salvage the song as the music is not up to the mark. To conclude, it is better to give this album a miss.

— Mihir.Bhanage@timesgroup.com

### COFFEE ANI BARACH KAH! —

MUSIC: ADITYA BEDEKAR

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**Marathi:** The music album of *Coffee Ani Barach Kah! (CABK)* is one that you want to keep listening to because of its mesmerising tracks. The album has three songs, all of which have been crooned by the three musketeers, Rohit Raut, Sasha Tirupati and Pandit Sanjeev Abhyankar, who infuse unique qualities in them. While Rohit brings energy, Sasha sweetness, Pandit Sanjeev brings pure master class on board. Melody is the constant factor binding the songs. The title track *Coffee Ani Barach Kah!* is a cheerful song sung by Rohit and Sasha. The saxophone and guitar strums go well with the beats and voices of the artistes. *Tu Astis Tar* starts with a *sher* and slips into pure melody in Abhyankar's voice. Mangesh Padgaonkar's deeply meaningful lyrics play a very important role in this song. The last song is *Rang He Nave Nave* which has become quite a craze already. Sasha sings beautifully, juggling between Marathi, Hindi and English lyrics so easily that you hardly notice the languages changing. Aditya Bedekar has done a good job with the music. We only wish there were more songs though. Nevertheless, this is one album that you can listen to on a loop.

— Mihir.Bhanage@timesgroup.com

■ Poor ■ Average ■ Good ■ Very Good ■ Outstanding

### Restaurant Review

#### ONE O EIGHT CAFE

Modern Australian

#### DECOR ★★½

A tastefully decorated, simple, health food café in Koregaon Park which should appeal to anyone who cares about clean, healthy living. Run by Australian Bree and her husband Rajan, the couple came back to India and decided to make Pune their home at the end of 2013. They decided to follow a dream and set up an Australian style café with a healthy twist. There are half a dozen or so tables outside. Indoors is air-conditioned with nice wooden tables, a solid wooden counter and bright coloured metal chairs. Water is served from large medicine bottles and juices are served in small and large jam jars.

#### FOOD ★★★★★

We started with a 'green juice' - cucumber, mint, lemon, ginger and parsley which tastes much better than it sounds (no bitterness or unpleasant vegetal aftertaste) and a 'cleanse' juice with beetroot, carrot and apple. They have a very good range of coffees and organic teas too. For something more traditional, try the tropical -



watermelon, pineapple and orange. The smoothies are all sugar free and very popular. We start with the broccoli and cheddar and carrot and ginger soups of the day with nachni toast, especially thoughtful for those intolerant to gluten. Most of their breads come from the French bakery, La Bouchee D'Or on Boat club road. You will get a



Karen Anand

bowl full of beautiful goodness with their salads. I don't normally like the new health food on the block, quinoa, but the rainbow salad at One O



Bruschetta with pumpkin bread

Eight with quinoa, carrot and red cabbage in a creamy cashew and basil dressing, was quite the treat. You'll forget this is a health food café once you taste the pasta bianco with mushrooms, spinach and mature cheddar cheese from Aurville. For a light lunch I would highly recommend the bruschetta on the most divine pumpkin seed and nut bread (made in-house) bursting with fresh vegetables, avocado and an olive oil dressing. There are plenty of gluten free, vegan and eggless options. Don't come here expecting rich food. Most of the items on offer are snacks and a limited choice of seasonal

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**One O Eight Cafe**  
Precious Gem Apartment, Lane Number 6, Meera Nagar, Koregaon Park  
Tel: 90118 04770  
**Price for two:** ₹1600  
**Timings:** 9 am-9 pm

**RATING:** ■ Food: 4 ■ Service: 4 ■ Décor: 3.5  
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**MUST TRY:** Bruschetta with pumpkin seed bread, pasta bianco, green juice, rainbow quinoa salad

healthful main courses. I am delighted to experience a health food restaurant where the food is not only good for you but also tastes great.

**Plus and Minus:** Great location. Vegetarian with egg.

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#### ● The Great Kabab Factory, Kharadi

Go there hungry and avail the unlimited offer. Great for both the non-veg and the veggie. The food and refills keep coming on and on. If you can still eat the biryani when it arrives, that will be a miracle — but go for it. Good value for money.

— **Mumbaikar**

**Food: 4, Service: 4, Decor: 3.5**

#### ● Kadhai, Aundh

Kadhai is one of the good places in Aundh where you can have good Indian snacks. Jalebi is one on the best things which is served here.

— **Tarun M**

**Food: 3.5, Service: 3, Decor: 3**

#### ● Polka Dots, Kalyaninagar

It is a small place is Kalyaninagar and it is good for dinner. The staff is good and also provides guests with good suggestions. The Thai red curry is good and pasta is also good. Phad Thai is also a must try here. Reserve a table before you visit the place.

— **Shikha Chauhan**

**Food: 3, Service: 4, Decor: 2.5**

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## TV MOVIES

### Romedy NOW

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Apr 3

**Friends — Season 7, Episode 24, 8 pm;**

**Love N' Dancing, 9 pm;**

**Cast:** Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox; **TV Series/Rom-com**

**The Middle — Season 2, Episode 8, 8.30 pm;**

**Cast:** Patricia Heaton, Neil Flynn, Charlie McDermott; **TV/Comedy**

**Love N' Dancing, 9 pm;**

**Cast:** Amy Smart, Tom Malloy, Billy Zane; **Drama/Romance**

**Apr 4**

**The Lake House, 7 pm;**

**Cast:** Keanu Reeves, Freeman; **Comedy**

Sandra Bullock, Christopher Plummer; **Fantasy/Romance**



**Moore; Rom-com**

**Apr 5**

**17 Again, 7.05 pm;**

**Cast:** Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, Leslie Mann; **Comedy**

**Heartbreaker, 9 pm;**

**Cast:** Romain Duris, Vanessa Paradis, Julie Ferrier; **Rom-com**

**Evan Almighty, 10.50 pm;**

**Cast:** Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman; **Comedy**

## BOOKS

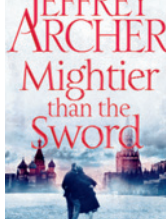
### SOPHIA by Anita Anand

In 1876 Sophia Duleep Singh was born into royalty. Her father, Maharajah Duleep Singh, was heir to the kingdom of the Sikhs, a realm that stretched from the lush Kashmir Valley to the craggy foothills of the Khyber Pass and included the mighty cities of Lahore and Peshawar. It was a territory irresistible to the British, who plundered everything. Exiled to England, the maharajah transformed his estate in Suffolk into a Moghul palace and Sophia, his daughter was raised as a society lady. But when, in secret defiance of the British government, Sophia travelled to India, she returned a revolutionary, prepared to fight for India's freedom...  
Bloomsbury ₹ 599



### MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD by Jeffrey Archer

When Harry Clifton visits his publisher in New York, he learns that he has been elected as the new president of the firm. He immediately launches a campaign for the release of a fellow author, Anatoly Babakov, who is imprisoned in Siberia. What is Babakov's crime? Writing a book called Uncle Joe, a devastating insight into what it was like to work for Stalin. So determined is Harry to see Babakov released and the book published, that he puts his own life in danger. Meanwhile, trouble is brewing on another front. His wife is facing trouble in the corporate world.  
Pan Macmillan ₹ 350



## DVD

### ANNABELLE; ₹ 599

**Cast:** Annabelle Wallis, Ward Horton, Alfie Woodard;  
**Director:** John R Leonetti

The prequel to The Conjuring, Annabelle may be simple in its plot, but does manage to give us a few thrills — even if you are at home on DVD. John (Ward Horton), a doting husband, buys his pregnant wife Mia (Annabelle Wallis), a vintage doll to add to her collection. Bizarre accidents follow, which involve a couple from the cult breaking into their house, thereby cursing the doll. The possessed doll begins to take over the lives of the couple and their new-born child, for what it seeks is the blood of an innocent. How the mother saves her child forms the rest of the story. The special feature on the DVD, 'The Curse of Annabelle', has the director and the cast talking about the filming process, the props, the uncomplicated sets, etc.



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