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**“Pole dancing earns me \$500 a night!”**

Women with “skanky” jobs defend themselves

**BLOGGER SHOW-DOWN**

Xiaxue takes on Dawn Yang

**Cameron Diaz**  
What it's like to be in her shoes

**The sexiest FITNESS WORKOUT IN TOWN**

(Warning: May cause shortness of breath in males)

- ✓ Skipping gym
- ✓ Picking fights
- ✓ Sleeping in

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**69 MEN ANSWER YOUR BURNING SEX QUESTIONS**

- ▶ Can a woman be too horny?
  - ▶ Does she ever feel “loose”?
  - ▶ Pink or brown nipples for you?
- + The Pussycat Dolls dish out spicy love advice**

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Rip out this guide to office romances

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## EAT OUT BY SERENE LIM

### Toast of the month



#### Big O

Have you outgrown your favourite college hangout, NYDC? Move on to Big O already!

If you're tired of the usual pasta and baked rice, their made-over menu will delight you.



**The good**  
OJ lovers are bound to adore **Walking on Sunshine**, \$8.95, a

refreshing and light concoction of fresh orange and lime juice. Try the **Garlic and Caraway Roasted Pork**, \$17.50 and **Pan Roasted Fish Fillet**, \$19.95, both have a delicious blend of western and eastern palates.

#### The bad

Poached eggs aren't my cup of tea so I didn't quite enjoy the **Smoked Salmon and Organic Egg Salad**, \$20.95. But the ingredients are so fresh, health-conscious salad-munchers should definitely give this starter a shot.



**The divine**  
The squeaky clean and oh-so-healthy **Crispy Fried Tofu and Portobello Mushroom Burger**, \$13.80, was so yummy

I wanted to go for round two! Two huge succulent mushrooms replace the bread bun, while the fried-to-perfection tofu is the patty. The durian and chocolate dessert, **Spike 'D'**, \$4.90, is the orgasmic end to any meal!

BIG O IS AT #02-04/05 WHELOCK PLACE. TEL: 6737 8472.



**Ratings:**  
Ambience 3½/5  
Food 4/5

#### Final verdict

Delicious offerings and to-die-for desserts at affordable prices? We're so there! The casual ambience at Big O makes diners feel relaxed and ready to dig in. But be warned, the family-friendly environment means there are the occasional (screaming) babies!

- DAPHNE CHEN



#### Boyfriend type: Practical

No worries if you're dating a penny pincher. The Regent's Capers offers a special V-Day a la carte menu with mains starting from just \$24, making it the perfect restaurant for sweethearts on a budget.

CALL 6733 8888 FOR RESERVATIONS.

### Where to take him for Valentine's Day



#### Boyfriend type: Outdoorsy

Get on board Night Safari's Gourmet Safari

Express! A five-course dinner and wine are served onboard a specially decorated tram as you take in the sights and sounds of the wild. It costs \$350 per couple for deluxe seats and includes free flow of wine. Dinner starts at 7.30pm. Reservations should be made a week in advance.

CALL 6360 8500 OR EMAIL CATERING\_SALES@SINGAPOREZOO.COM TO HOP ON.



#### Boyfriend type: City slicker

Woo each other in style at Swissotel The Stamford's Equinox. You'll

surely get a romantic high from the seductive experience of dining atop Singapore's tallest building and the spectacular view it offers. The five-course dinner is priced at \$180 per person and comes with a glass of champagne.

CALL 6338 8585 EARLY TO RESERVE THAT WINDOW TABLE.

### The gourmet cheat sheet for...

#### TAPAS FOR THE TRADITIONALIST

**Where:** La Viva Spanish Bar and Tapas

**Why:** A wide array of savoury tapas and palatable paellas. If you prefer to chill out, the six varieties of sangria and Sangria-inspired dishes are intoxicating.

**CLEO picks:** Sangria Chorizo, \$12, Creamy Shrimp Tostadas, \$8, Gazpacho Blanco, \$7, and Peach Sangria, \$12 a glass.

LA VIVA SPANISH BAR AND TAPAS IS AT #01-12/13/14 CHIJMES. TEL: 6339 4290.



#### TAPAS FOR THE SWEET TOOTH

**Where:** Bakerzin

**Why:** We make a beeline for its sinful desserts and we'd do the same for the tapas-style pastries. The sugary selection offers 14 pieces — order a selection of three, six or nine, and share with your pals!

**CLEO picks:** Caramel Panna Cotta, Lychee Espuma and Floating Island. Prices start from \$9.50 for a selection.

THE LATEST BAKERZIN OUTLET IS AT #B2-08-4 TAKASHIMAYA SHOPPING CENTRE. TEL: 6733 7672.



#### TAPAS FOR THE GOURMAND

**Where:** Keyaki Bar

**Why:** Excellent fare at great prices. Get dimsum, antipasto and hors d'oeuvres, from just \$7. The understated ambience and sexy saketini concoctions have pre-dinner date written all over them.

**CLEO picks:** Grilled Duck with Asparagus and Yellow Mustard, \$15, Seared Tuna with Olive Salsa on Potato Pancakes, \$12.80.

KEYAKI BAR IS AT LOBBY LEVEL, PAN PACIFIC HOTEL. TEL: 6826 8330.

