

STYLE RADAR

TAP THAT APP

RunPee

A lot can happen in a movie in four minutes. The famous “I am your father” *Star Wars* scene unfolded in just three, while *Shutter Island*’s major plot twist concluded in two and a half. So what if you unknowingly picked one of those key moments to run to the loo?

It’s a question we’ve all encountered: whether to relieve ourselves during an action-packed mystery thriller or hold it in and hope a UTI won’t strike.

Needless to say, the inner dialogue that stems from this pee-induced pickle can itself be pretty distracting, which is why some genius invented RunPee – an app that tells you the best times to run and pee mid-movie so you can stop thinking and just go.

Inspired in part by Peter Jackson’s three-hour remake of *King Kong* (a bladder burster by any standard), RunPee clues users in to four-minute intervals that are suitable for bathroom breaks. You can find any movie currently in theaters (the English app features films playing in the US, while the Chinese app shows films playing here) and see where the best pee breaks are ahead of time. Synopses are available, so you can read about what you missed. You can also set the app to vibrate ahead of WC runs – just be sure to switch your phone to airplane mode so vibrations from other notifications don’t send you running at the wrong time.

Additionally, RunPee includes synopses of the first three minutes of each film (in case you arrive late), tells you which films are worth seeing in 3D and whether there are bonus scenes after the credits.

RunPee is available for iPhone and Android devices. Visit runpee.com for more info.



COVET

Uniqlo x JW Anderson

For the A/W 2017 season, Uniqlo and UK fashion label JW Anderson are working together on a 33-piece collection that includes outerwear, sweaters and accessories. The collaboration aims to bring together timeless British design with Japanese functionality. Says designer Jonathan Anderson of this partnership, “Working with Uniqlo is probably the most incredible template of democracy in fashion, and it’s nice that my design can be accessible to anyone, on all different levels.” Highlights include classic heritage pieces like trench coats (RMB1,299), as well as the bright and beautiful JWA PJ stripe scarves (RMB149). Available in Uniqlo stores worldwide.

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INSPECT-A-GADGET

Smartphone Stabilizer

All hail smartphone video! Given good lighting, something slightly bigger than a cassette tape can record crisp, fluid images: a miracle of the modern age.

Except for one problem. Well, two: your shaky hands.

Nothing shatters the illusion of professionalism quite like a poorly timed shake – and though optical stabilization and digital trickery help, if you break into a lope or walk up the stairs, expect that motion to translate onto the screen.

That’s where phone stabilizers come in. From contraptions that rely on counterweights to professional equipment rejigged to hold phones, the Snoppa M1 sits squarely in the middle: affordable and travel-friendly.

The three-axis stabilizer includes a single button that doubles as a status light, a clever use of space. But it lacks controls in the thumb area, unlike on competing (and more expensive) stabilizers – walking the line between ‘keeping it simple’ and constraining the user.

The weight lends a feeling of solidness, but that’s detracted by a lower shell that



feels a bit like a toothbrush case – though it held up fine during our testing, which involves the top half of the unit sliding into the bottom when not in use.

But does it stabilize? Yes. Yes it does. With an iPhone 6s Plus, even jumping from a skateboard didn’t register a shake on screen.

For anyone that wants to take smooth video, but isn’t ready for the prosumer realm offered by companies like DJI, the Snoppa M1 is a great fit.

The Snoppa M1 is available on JD.com within China and Amazon.com in the United States