

Supermarket Wars?

Big chains eye Hua Hin amid calls for government to act

■HUA HIN, THAILAND

The storm clouds that have been circling over Hua Hin these last few weeks have mirrored the dramatic twists and turns in the global financial markets, but it seems that it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, as the big players of the food retail business in Thailand have either recently opened or are reported to be planning to open in or near the town soon. Only three years ago there was but one 'supermarket' in the town itself, located inside the Shopping



Mall next to Satukarn Square, and then in quick succession a local family opened the Gee Untung store near the railway crossing and shortly after Market Village was completed and the Tesco Lotus store opened. Prior to that the

planning to open in the area in the next 12 to 18 months, while there is a strong rumour that the Tesco Lotus in Market Village will close and be replaced by Tops.

Given the current economic climate, it may seem strange timing by these companies, and we may yet see some delay or cancellation of these plans, but there are other,



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nearest of the big chain stores was the Big C in Petchaburi, 45 minutes drive away.

This year has seen the opening of a Makro and another Tesco Lotus in nearby Pranburi, plus the opening of 'boutique' supermarket Villa Market near the centre of Hua Hin. Reports are emerging that Big C, Carrefour and Foodland are all

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non-financial reasons why these plans could be accelerated, namely a long delayed government bill, the Retail and Wholesale Act, which aims to regulate the rapid growth of hypermarkets, chain convenience stores and other large operators.

The government has pledged to dust off the draft of the bill prepared by the defunct National Legislative Assembly. Commerce Minister Chaiya Sasomsab said on Monday (13th October) that the ministry would move ahead with the draft after he met with the Senate Committee for Economy, Commerce and Industry, which has called on the government to speed up the retail legislation. Mr Chaiya said it would take about two weeks for the ministry to re-examine the proposed legislation and consult with the Council of State before the law could be sent to the cabinet for approval.

Critics say that the Interior Ministry's current urban planning and building codes are not adequate

for the changed business environment, in which chains are squeezing out family businesses. The new law did not win support during the Thaksin Shinawatra administration, but even when it was approved by the Surayud Chulanont government, the National Legislative Assembly sent the draft back, citing many unclear issues.

Under the current draft, which focuses on protecting local retail businesses, existing giant retailers can expand but must comply with new regulations - restricting operating hours, size and proximity to the city centre - to leave room in the market for small players.

Boonchai Chokwatana, the chairman of the Senate Committee for Economy, Commerce and Industry, said the industry wanted the government to legislate the new act within its current term. He said the overall economy would eventually be hurt if there were no law to govern and regulate the local retail business.

"The act needs to be legally enforced within this administration," said Mr Boonchai. "Details of the act and other practices could be worked out later."

Somchai Pornrattanacharn, chairman of the Thailand Wholesale and Retail Association and a member of the Senate Committee, said the government was being urged to submit the draft to the House before it closes its session on Nov 28.



It is clear that pressure is being exerted from both sides of the argument, but the supermarket chains will want to avoid the risk that their efforts to stall or amend the bill fail; whatever happens it will take months before it is law, so Hua Hin can probably expect the food giants to open sooner rather than later; on the face of it, more choice for the customers, but will it mean the further demise of our local shops? Given the experiences in the Western world, unfortunately it probably will.

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Bond assassin's golden gun stolen

■ ENGLAND

The £80,000 golden gun used in the 1974 James Bond film *The Man With The Golden Gun* has been stolen from studios in Hertfordshire.

The gun was noticed to be missing from Elstree Studios last Friday (10th October). It was made for the



The golden gun shown here (held by Christopher Lee, left) is worth £80,000

film starring Sir Roger Moore and Christopher Lee. Lee plays Bond's nemesis Scaramanga, who kills using the gun made from a cigarette case, a lighter and a pen. The studios hope the golden gun will be offered to a memorabilia dealer. It is then hoped the thief will be able to be traced via the dealer.

The gun was in the care of Elstree Props, a firm which is based at the studios. Staff have no idea when the gun was taken, but it was discovered missing on Friday.

A spokeswoman for Hertfordshire Police said: "We were called to Elstree Studios in Borehamwood at 1325 BST after a report of a theft of a prop, which was the golden gun. "Inquiries are ongoing."

In the film, largely filmed in Thailand, when Bond



The beautiful Caterina Murino, who appeared in the latest Bond movie 'Casino Royale', is not a suspect

receives a golden bullet inscribed with 007, he is distracted from his mission.

He decides to track down Francisco Scaramanga, an assassin known as "The Man with the Golden Gun" whose assassinations cost \$1m each.

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Sun	Clouds, thunderstorms; humid	25	31
Mon	Mostly cloudy and very humid	24	31
Tues	A couple of morning t-storms	24	31
Wed	Cloudy, thunderstorms; humid	24	30
Thur	Mostly cloudy, showers around	24	31
Fri	Mostly cloudy and very humid	24	31

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 17th October 2008

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	8	13	Rain
Athens	12	27	Fine
Auckland	13	20	Showers
Beijing	13	24	Fine
Berlin	13	15	Rain
Buenos Aires	10	22	Cloudy
Chicago	6	15	Cloudy
Copenhagen	9	12	Rain
Dubai	24	37	Clear
Dublin	5	13	Showers
Geneva	12	15	Showers
Helsinki	2	10	Mostly Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	23	33	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	25	29	Scattered Clouds
Islamabad	16	27	Clear
Jakarta	25	34	Cloudy
Jerusalem	13	22	Drizzle
Johannesburg	15	31	Cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	24	33	Thunderstorms
London	4	13	Fine
Madrid	13	24	Cloudy
Manila	24	31	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	11	26	Rain
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Riyadh	22	36	Clear
Rome	13	24	Cloudy
San Francisco	13	25	Fine
Singapore	24	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	4	7	Partly Cloudy
Sydney	12	21	Cloudy
Tokyo	17	22	Fine
Vientiane	22	27	Mostly Cloudy
Yangon	25	35	Cloudy, Rain
Zurich	12	14	Rain

Currency Exchange Rates

At 16th October 2008 (mid-market rates)

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BND	Brunei Dollar	23.2078
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APPLE RECALL iPhone AFTER TOASTER FAULT

■ APPLE has been forced into an embarrassing recall of the entire first batch of its long awaited iPhone 3G after users reported problems with its on-board toaster.

Carl Knutz, an early adopter of San Andreas, California, said his two-slot iPhone produced one raw slice of toast and one that was



Apple's iPhone toaster guide burnt to a cinder and inedible. He said the problem was particularly frustrating as the iPhone's built-in roasting oven and low fat

grill "worked a treat".

Mr Knutz said: "I was sold the iPhone as the perfect solution for satisfying all my breakfast time needs. I could read emails, surf the web, grill some bacon and do toast all at the same time with the one gadget. Well I can't, the toast is rubbish."

Despite the toaster glitch most users are reporting themselves delighted with the iPhone. Bobby Killitz, 23, a glasses wearer, also of San Andreas, said he had cooked an entire chicken dinner in his phone, and it had emailed him to tell him when it was ready.

Danny Kravitz, 25, the brother of a musician, said his phone had babysat his 11-month old daughter while he went to a bar and did not email him when she started crying, as it knew it was nothing serious.

Even so Apple user forums are

buzzing with complaints about the quality of iPhone toast and the company's boffins are said to be working around the clock to sort the problem.

Steve Jobs has put up a personal video message on the Apple website apologising for the toaster glitch but reassuring users that it is a software issue that will be sorted soon.

Mr Jobs said: "We updated the iPhone software after all our laptops overheated and blew up but that appears to have affected the element in the toaster. Or maybe it just needs a new washer."

Meanwhile it has emerged that all the first batch of iPhones have also been built without any microphones being installed. This was not discovered until all of them had been sent to the shops as no one had thought to use one to make a phone call.

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Snowmobiles and alcohol are a dangerous mix. Then came the rabbit.

After a day spent partying and racing snowmobiles in the wilderness, a group of snowmobilers were headed back to their cabin, when up popped a jackrabbit! They gave chase. Several collisions were narrowly averted, and so all the snowmobiles backed off... except one.

This snowmobiler kept his eye on the quarry and rapidly closed in. The rabbit darted aside to save itself. The snowmobiler closed in again. The rabbit ran toward the road, where there was less snow. Trying to ram his rabbit before it crossed the road, the man accelerated to Mach 1.

But the rabbit had other ideas. It darted into the culvert beneath the road. Witnesses stated that the snowmobiler never even braked. There was a metallic crunch as the accelerating vehicle rammed into the culvert, followed by a blast that shattered the snowmobile into a thousand bits.

This brand of snowmobile had a fuel tank mounted in front. The culvert admitted the tip of the snowmobile, then cut into the cowling, spilling fuel over the hot engine. The body of the snowmobiler was blown twenty feet back into the field.

The rabbit's whereabouts was unknown.



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Your STARS with Destiny Dan

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Your fortune is being increasingly influenced from Baghdad by a mysterious, revolving globe, which this month will fall off its axis. When this happens it will feel to you as if you have been forcibly removed from a rather nice dream involving nakedness, finding that everyone is actually wearing very thick Russian style clothing. Try not to let this devastating blow to your optimism make you any less optimistic.

Your destiny will continually be hampered by the appearance of flying pigs (including the police variety) until well into the Jupertian equinox on the 8th of November.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17

Apples, but not peaches or plums, will help stimulate your more optimistic singing voice this month, especially for those being affected by seasonal typhoons.

Not much is going to happen this month after a busy year to date. Use this temporary 'nothing-to-do-ness' to clean the car, wash the pet or to bathe old folk or the homeless.

Your destiny will present itself to you this month in the form of a coquettish, bouncy dancer wearing little more than a smile.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19

Cheese in all of its forms will influence you considerably over the coming month and in ways that, at the moment, will seem bizarre. Favour recipes combining tomato and cheese if given the opportunity to choose, but avoid pizzas in all of their forms until after the Tenth planet wobbles slightly (18th November).

A television talent show will be won by your favourite around Wednesday. Use this qualification to apply for the position of judge on an upcoming talent competition at a local school or drama club.

Hair gel is to be avoided between 18th and 24th unless it can be applied strictly counter clockwise.

This month, your destiny will be out of breath for most of the time.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19

An 'All You Can Eat' breakfast from your childhood is likely to come back to haunt you this month in the form of a moment of violent vomiting.

Meals with tomatoes in them are well starred; however avoid onions grown in the Northern hemisphere as they have been adversely affected by a disagreement between Jupiter and Mercury.

Never underestimate the power of persuasion this week, especially when concerning medium sized pets. Your destiny wears the ears of an elephant.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19

You will see a TV programme that has been badly edited with the result that you will be encouraged to buy a small diamond encrusted gold necklace which apparently has "significant investment potential" (the term "doesn't have any" has been edited out.) Do not part with your money unless it is cash you have set aside for a jewellery-buying emergency.

What Psychological-Geologists refer to as a life enhancing 'earthquake' of the soul, will lead on to you discovering a talent for finding truffles in the French wilderness using just your nose.

Your use of someone else's porn will increase to unsustainably high levels around the 20th. Try not to pin your hopes on a fantasy scenario involving an orange bikini and a 6ft tall rabbit.

This month destiny wears the shorts of a footballer.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20

You typically Geminian, Pluto influenced, adventurous streak, will have you trying a series of dangerous pursuits this week. Attempt to enjoy these as best you can and remember that you may look back on these wonderfully joyful days with fond memories from the old peoples home in your later years, or the hospital much sooner.

A chance encounter with an Englebert Humperdink impersonator will conveniently provide you with an answer to a crossword puzzle around 19th.

A person will make a blatant sexual advance to you after 20th that should be roundly rejected after a period of 'checking out the goods'.

This month, destiny wears a hat with fruit in it.

		
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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21

Eat only organic fruit and vegetables for a second week (sorry we forgot to mention this last week). Take up origami; oral medication is also well starred. Indeed any word starting with the two letters or will pepper this month with excitingly vigorous opportunities. Soon even your most violent critics will be forced to applaud your tenacity as your fortune moves up a gear and you see problems getting smaller in the proverbial rear view mirror of your planet enhanced life.

This week your destiny will be affected by an old book with a picture of a fisherman on the cover who looks like Jay Leno.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22

At last the stars have decreed you are to be lucky in love. Enjoy!

Bubble baths, and all the towels you could conceivably have a use for, are set to make your bath time leisure activities 'zing' like at no other time in your life.

The warrior planet of Mars is on friendly terms (at last) with both Jupiter and all but one of its moons, which looks guaranteed to mean any of your horse racing non-cash gambles are assured success, especially the 50-1 or above kind.

This week your destiny will be affected by a small yappy type dog with a large tongue.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21

This week your driving skills will remind Venus of its younger, freer, less responsible days. Watch your left mirror at all times and, when reversing, ensure slow moving pensioners are given enough time to walk (or roll, or scoot) slowly past.

A fractious week for sky diving and knitting in any of its forms.

Try not to take seriously any traffic violations pointed out to you by an officer of the law, especially if he is wearing eyeglasses.

This week destiny will suggest itself in the form of a vigorous lap dance involving cakes with erotic icing.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22

An unlikely confluence in the Oceans, brought about by the Moon's self-eclipse, will signify a troubled time for any boating activity.

Soap of a yellowy brown colour is not advised on the 19th, neither is face painting of zoo or farmyard animals after the 23rd due to the risk of meeting someone who will look at you in an 'I could have painted that animal better' kind of way.

A kindly soul will provide a reason for a holiday in the first two weeks of next month; however try not to indulge in binge drinking which could lead to a case of mistaken identity when wearing fake plastic breasts.

This week destiny will laugh in the face of the crumpled nose.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21

Stockings and any feather-light leg coverings are badly starred this month, with laddering and tearing most likely following the Uranian equinox on the 19th.

Both sweet and creamy body lotions may offer considerable problems if applied incorrectly: Avoid prolonged strokes upwards, preferring downwards and wiggly left and right applications of any moisture laden beauty or erotic products.

A serious conjunction around the 18th bodes ill for seafood in all of its forms (particularly broiled or barbecued - but do not underestimate the problems associated with the live and splashy ones either).

The term 'none of your business' will be well used at times.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

Your close encounter with Mars (which came close to Earth towards the end of last month in an attempt to give you a friendly wink) will continue to affect your bathing patterns. Showering and bathing should be limited to the briefest of splashes until 25th, after which time your normal bathing pattern may be resumed.

A piece of electrical equipment is set to doom you in more ways than one.

Static electricity will cause you to have one of the worst hair days for a while on 17th.

This week your destiny will be determined by a fattish spinster of indeterminate age.

Top tips

An empty aluminium cigar tube filled with angry wasps makes an inexpensive vibrator. Sister S., Berwick

Olympic athletes. Disguise the fact that you've taken anabolic steroids by running a bit slower. - B. Johnson, Canada

Sweetcorn fans. Save money on loo paper by simply pouring the stuff straight down the pan.

Pretend you're a giant panda by giving yourself two black eyes, eating only bamboo shoots and refusing to have sex with the missus.

Chelsea fans. Save money on expensive new kits by simply strapping a large fake penis to your forehead. It is now clear to all, as to your allegiance.

Chelsea fans. Avoid an asymmetrical bulge in your right arm by masturbating furiously with your left arm too.

Avoid arguments with the missus about lifting the loo seat by simply peeing in the sink.

Weedy fellas. Develop a right forearm like Arnold Schwarzenegger by buying one of those Cindy Crawford workout videos.

Smokers. Save on matches and lighters, by simply lighting your next fag from the butt of your last one.

Vegetarians coming to dinner? Simply serve them a nice bit of steak or veal. Since they're always going on about how tofu, Quorn, meat substitute etc 'tastes exactly like the real thing', they won't know any difference.

Invited by vegetarians for dinner? Point out that since you'd no doubt be made aware of their special dietary requirements, tell them about yours, and ask for a nice steak.

Spice up your sex life by trying a bit of 'rodeo sex'. Take your missus from behind and, holding on tightly to her jugs, call her by the wrong name. See how long you can 'stay mounted' for.

DRILL a one inch diameter hole in your refrigerator door. This will allow you to check that the light goes off when the door is closed.



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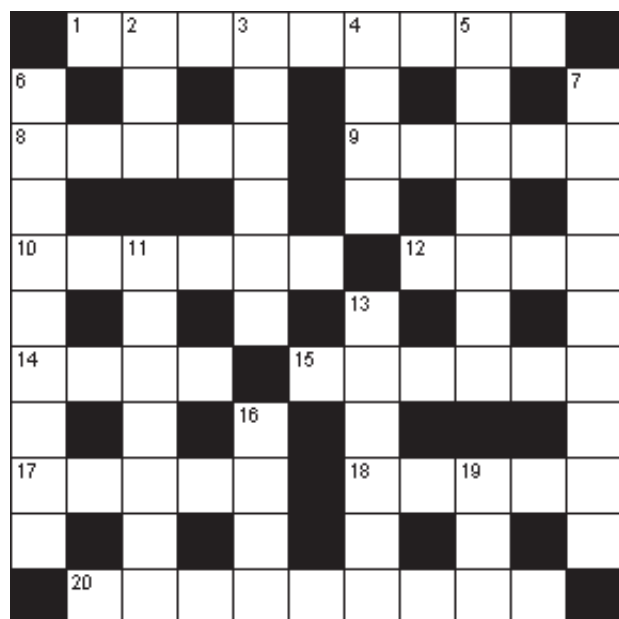
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| 1. Abandoned town (5,4) | 14. One of the Channel Islands (4) |
| 8. Electromagnetic telecommunication (5) | 15. Subject to death (6) |
| 9. Flat surface (5) | 17. Sound (5) |
| 10. Female parent (6) | 18. Storage centre (5) |
| 12. Portable shelter (4) | 20. Soon (9) |



Down

2. Did possess (3)
3. Oral (6)
4. Outstanding (4)
5. Most feeble (7)
6. Likely to turn out well (9)
7. Provide with fresh air (9)
11. Small dog (7)
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While talking about driving last week I not have enough space, and I must tell you about a very sad thing happen last month.

Cause of my good English I was asked to go to help to Spring Lake Mountain golf club when a frang man from Engway and his wife had been played golf and wife was dead after hit by husband tee drive on the head. So sad. I spoke to caddies who say bad accident she die and I take way his clubs and the ball for scienterific exam. I like caddies as they show nice people of Thailand when they both take man to his hotel cause he very upset. I did not realize so upset until three days after I go to hotel to speak to him and caddies still there with him. Poor man. After scienterific exam of wife man it was found that ball hit her head no kill but she die because of ball in her throat and I have to ask him about this.

Now he go back to Engway a sad man but very happy with Thai caddies look after him. I never play golf before but now have a set of club. I wonder wither John Weather could give free lesson. I learn all the time about game of golf as already I now know about a mulligan after I speak to Engway man about ball in throat of wife.

Next week I go Bangkok about mob so no Old Bill but back soon; I take golf club so can practice with big top police uncle there - he help me many time so must let him win. He have big face wife but she not like him play golf, so I want teach him what I learn with Engway man Maybe please him and get promotion.

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■ DEAR MARY,

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Eggy, Kanchanaburi.

Mary says: Dear Eggy,

What a lot of fuss over nothing, especially in your case. My postbag these days is bulging with letters from men worrying about the size of their breasts. Most weeks I get two huge sacks dumped on the desk in front of me. It reminds me a bit of Mr Soul, heaving away on top of me with his huge knockers see-sawing away like crazy. Not only were they incredibly sexy, they also kept my ears warm during the cold winter nights. Anyway, I fully understand your concerns. Men with giant breasts are much more attractive than those with tiddlers. I don't know if you've seen any photos of Jack Nicholson recently but in my opinion, and that of all my girlfriends, he has never looked better. What a pair of funbags! A lot of men think they will sprout huge melons naturally, not so. It takes a bit of work. You could try drinking more tap water, it's packed full of lady hormones these days. Alternatively try massaging them every day with lager. If that does not work try dressing up as your wife and getting your GP to put you on the pill. That should do the trick.

DEAR MARY,

My girlfriend loves me very much. However, she has put a total ban on hochmagandy because she says my kidney squasher is so huge she is scared of it. She is a virgin you see, so I suppose I can understand her fear. We have a lovely home life here in the farmhouse that I bought after the lottery win, and I love her two children from her previous relationships like my own. But does she really need a different sports car for everyday of the week? Anyway, I have to confess that the other night I really lost it. I was lying awake and my nads were about to explode. So when she rolled over on her side, and her breathing became slow and even, I nipped round the back and I was at it for fully a minute before I made the face like a Chinaman. Guess what? She never even woke up once, never mind scream out in agony! Perhaps she was just very relaxed. Lately she has taken to spending a lot of time with my friends chopper, donkey man and giant cock. How am I going to get her to conquer this irrational fear?

Button Knob, khao Takiab.

Mary says: Dear Button,

Most women are revolted by the sight of a man's genitals, and the bigger they are the more disgusting they appear. Personally I get more of a thrill out of knitting than I do out of having some goo splurging flesh rocket that looks like it belongs in a horror film ploughing away in my lady garden. But in my experience, it is the things that are attached to these cocks that are really revolting, not so much the cocks themselves. Having said all that your case does appear unusual. It's not often I get letters from men called Button Knob complaining of such size related problems. Why not ask your friend giant cock for advice? Or just stand next to him at the urinals as he hauls his out like a hose as you dribble all over your own pants. I think your girlfriend is pulling your plonker, or would be if she could only get hold of it.

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English corner

Have you ever wondered where a certain phrase comes from, or what it really means? Every week we will expand your knowledge of English and its etymology with a different word or saying. This week it is...

Son of a gun

This is a slang term present in American and British English which can be used approvingly, disparagingly or to express surprise. In British naval slang this term refers to a child of questionable parentage conceived on the gun deck, hence 'son of a gun'. However, children born on board British naval vessels to enlisted men were referred to as a 'true son of a gun'.

When a Royal Navy vessel entered a port it was common for local prostitutes to visit the ship and elicit custom from the sailors. The sailors and prostitutes then had sexual relations, usually on one of the gun decks beside the many guns carried, one of the few places Able and Ordinary Seaman could obtain some sort of privacy. Should the prostitute subsequently fall pregnant by the sailor, she would then attempt to obtain compensation from the father or the navy for the upkeep of the child. This was usually not forthcoming and the father's name would be withheld. When it was fairly certain that the child had been conceived upon board one of His Majesty's vessels, the infant would be entered into the ship's records as 'child born to gun number X', the X denoting the gun position the sailor responsible for the errant behaviour was allocated to, his name being omitted to maintain probity. These children born in this manner had no father's name on any official records and the male ones were referred to by knowing sailors as being 'sons of guns', a term denoting illegitimacy and contempt. Sometime during the late 1990s or early 2000s, the term "bitch", or "son of a bitch" began to become more publicized than previously in the United States and other Western countries. Due to this, usage of "son of a gun" as a euphemism for "son of a bitch" has decreased significantly, though "son of a gun" is still sometimes used humorously.

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The Hua Hin Bridge Club has been running for several years and has been a great success.

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League

Results Matchday 4 10th October 2008

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
LSL	13	4	LSA	14	4
LSS	16	6	DB	8	2
OCT	10	2	LSB	16	6
DA	9	3	DIA	16	5
SIL	13	5	SUG	9	3
JWB	17	5	TW	9	3
CAP	7	1	EAG	19	7
QUE	16	6	JWR	8	2
JWB	8	2	OCT	16	6

Next Weeks Fixtures

Matchday 5 17/10/2008

Thaiwai v LSA

Sugar Cane v Captain's Inn

JW Red v Dicks A

LSB v Queen Flower

Eagle v LS Students

LS Ladies v JW Black

Dicks B v Silverrock

Diamond v Octopussy

Hua Hin 8-Ball League League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
SilverRock	9	7	1	1	36	15
SportCentre	9	5	3	1	26	13
Harley	9	6	2	1	22	14
Komhom	9	5	1	3	26	11
DicksA	9	5	2	2	18	12
MrDanA	9	5	1	3	18	11
Dolphin	9	4	2	3	-2	10
BenTho	9	4	1	4	8	9
B'flyRock	9	4	0	5	-6	8
Phoenix	9	2	5	2	-12	7
MrDanB	9	2	1	6	-26	5
BambooGr	8	1	1	6	-32	3
DicksB	8	1	1	6	-34	3
LilleMan	9	1	1	7	-42	3

Results Week 9

8th October 2008

Dicks A 6 - 6 Harley

MrDan A 5 - 7 ButterflyRock

BambooGr 0 - 12 Komhom

Dolphin 6 - 6 SportCentre

SilverRock 12 - 0 Dicks B

LilleMan 4 - 8 MrDan B

Phoenix 2 - 10 BenTho

Week 10 results will be
in next week's AWOL

Next Weeks Fixtures

Week 11 22nd October 2008

Dicks A v Dolphin

MrDan A v Harley

BambooGr v SportCentre

SilverRock v ButterflyRock

BenTho v MrDan B

LilleMan v Komhom

Phoenix v Dicks B

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Lucky Shot Student's	5	5	0	0	22	35	10
Lucky Shot B	5	4	1	0	16	22	9
Johnnie Walker Black	5	4	0	1	4	17	8
Queens Flower Bar	5	3	1	1	8	20	7
Eagle Bar	5	2	2	1	12	19	6
Octopussy Bar	5	3	0	2	6	9	6
Lucky Shot A	5	2	2	1	2	11	6
Dick's Office B	5	2	2	1	2	4	6
Diamond Bar	5	1	2	2	-4	-5	4
Lucky Shot Ladies	5	1	2	2	-4	-12	4
Silverrock Bar	5	1	2	2	-6	-11	4
Thaiwai	5	1	1	3	-6	-16	3
Johnnie Walker Red	5	1	1	3	-8	-20	3
Sugar Cane Bar	5	1	0	4	-12	-14	2
Dick's Office A	5	0	1	4	-14	-21	1
Captain's Inn	5	0	1	4	-18	-38	1

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League League Table

Team	P	W	L	F	A	Pts	Pct
Harleys	20	14	6	194	106	222	0.700
Deja Vu	19	15	4	177	108	207	0.789
Oasis	19	13	6	170	115	196	0.684
Bob and Nok's	19	15	4	165	120	195	0.789
Free Time	19	10	9	151	134	171	0.526
Eagle	19	9	10	142	143	160	0.474
Dara	19	7	12	123	162	137	0.368
Bobby's Good Friends	19	8	11	120	165	136	0.421
Sunset Boulevard	19	5	14	114	171	124	0.263
Khuad Kaew	18	6	12	110	160	122	0.333
Bob and Nok Ladies	18	2	16	94	176	98	0.111

Hua Hin Social Pool league Results

Week 8 15th October 2008

B'fly Rock v U Turn - n/a
 Limelight v Jungle Juice B 11-8
 Headrock v Billys Babes 7-12
 JW Black v JW Red 15-4
 Billys v Sabai 9-10
 Jungle Juice A v Red Bar 10-9
 Lazy Daze v PP 11-8

Next Weeks Fixtures:

Week 9 – 22nd October 2008

PP v Butterfly Rock
 Red Bar v Lazy Daze
 Sabai v Jungle Juice A
 JW Red v Billys
 Billys Babes v JW Black
 Jungle Juice B v Headrock
 U Turn v Limelight

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
Billys Babes	8	7	1	90-62	14
PP	8	7	1	87-65	14
J Juice A	8	7	1	85-67	14
J.W. Black	8	5	3	85-67	10
J Juice B	8	5	3	84-66	10
Lazy Daze	8	5	3	83-67	10
Sabai	7	5	2	69-64	10
Red Bar	8	4	4	79-69	8
Billys	8	2	6	66-88	4
Headrock	8	2	6	66-86	4
Limelight	7	1	6	46-68	2
U Turn	6	1	5	45-66	2
J.W. Red	6	1	5	39-62	2
B'fly Rock	6	0	6	48-67	0

Results Wed 15th October 2008

Bob and Nok's 8 - 7 Khuad Kaew
 Bobby's Good Friends 4 - 11 Deja Vu
 Dara 9 - 6 Bob and Nok Ladies
 Free Time 9 - 6 Sunset Boulevard
 Oasis 6 - 9 Harleys

Next Week's Fixtures

Wed 22nd October 2008

Deja Vu v Free Time
 Bob and Nok Ladies v Bob and Nok's
 Eagle v Dara
 Khuad Kaew v Bobby's Good Friends
 Sunset Boulevard v Oasis

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Next Weeks Fixtures:

Week 9 - 21/10/2008

Division 1

No Game v Scandic Bar
 J.W. Black v Paradise Bar
 Pink Flamingo v Dicks Office B
 CAT v J.W. Red
 Lazy Daze v Oasis

Division 2

CAT B v No Game
 Good Friends v Lucky Shot
 Dicks Office A v Jaew
 Butterfly Rock v Mojo
 Bamboo Grove v Love Bar

Top 16 standings:

Top 10 - Div 1 Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	Pts	Name	Bar	Pts
Stuart	P	104	Tao	CAT	105
Golf	SB	90	Eero	BR	103
Jason	CAT	83	Don	CAT	74
Mark	O	73	Howard	M	60
Tao	JWB	72	Muay	JB	59
Dicky	JWB	70	Mojo	M	50
Bon	DOB	67			
Noi	CAT	64			
Martin	LD	61			
Rune	SB	60			

Results Week 8

Division 1

Lazy Daze v No Game
 Oasis v CAT 1-9
 J.W. Red v Pink Flamingo 5-5
 Dicks Office B v J.W. Black 5-5
 Paradise Bar v Scandic Bar 7-3

Division 2

Bamboo Grove v CAT B 0-10
 Love Bar v Butterfly Rock 2-8
 Mojo v Dicks Off A – Not played
 Jaew v Good Frnds – Not received
 Lucky Shot v No Game

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Scandic	6	4	1	1	43-17	9
JW Blk	5	4	0	1	35-15	8
P'dise	5	4	0	1	32-18	8
CAT	4	3	1	0	25-15	7
Oasis	5	2	0	3	20-30	4
Lazy D	5	1	1	3	19-31	3
Dicks B	5	1	0	4	19-31	2
JW Red	5	1	0	4	17-33	2
Pink Fl	4	0	1	3	10-30	1

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT B	6	6	0	0	49-11	12
B Rock	5	3	1	1	28-22	7
Mojo	5	3	0	2	29-21	6
L Shot	6	3	0	3	27-33	6
Dicks A	5	3	0	2	27-23	6
Jaew	5	3	0	2	26-24	6
B Grve	5	1	1	3	22-28	3
Good F	6	1	0	5	19-41	2
Love	5	0	0	5	13-37	0

Balloon Chasers Guide

Welcome to the most vital guide around! All the parties, celebrations and balloons you could want (along with some booze and food of course!) Tell AWOL about your event by the Thursday before and we will include it here...send us some photos afterwards and we will do our utmost to publish them; email anything to awol@observergroup.net or contact our representative Noi at Sabai Bar (Tel: 086-174-6165).

Friday 17th October 7pm start - Quiz Night at Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern

Saturday/Sunday 18/19th October - Live music at Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern with George Stanley from 8 pm (see advert in this issue)

Regular Events

Tuesdays - Darts League

(various venues, see previous page, free food for players)

Wednesdays - Pool Leagues

(various venues, see previous page, free food for players)

Fridays - Pool League

(various venues, see previous page, free food for players);

- Bar-B-Q party every week at Le Velo Rouge, Khao Takiab

- Green Lotus Bar & Restaurant, Soi 88 (Bonkai) 169

baht Seafood BBQ every fortnight from 24th October

Hua Hin Golf Society

The Annual Newsletter is available at Bernys, ask Berny for your copy.

This week's results:

14th October - Banyan Golf Club 56 entrants 2 Groups

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford

1st Niclas Nysten 41 pts 13 hcp. 2nd Ulf Sparvman 36 pts 2 hcp.

3rd Timo Ripati 35 pts 8 hcp. 4th Pailin Humphrey 35 pts 14 hcp. 5th

Trevor Firth 33 pts 13 hcp. 6th John Walker 33 pts 3 hcp.

Group 'B' - 19-36 hcp - Stableford

1st Alain de Rocker 37 pts 20 hcp. 2nd Rod Gretton 37 pts 22 hcp. 3rd

John Anstee 36 pts 18 hcp. 4th Peter Tydeman 35 pts 19 hcp. 5th Petra

33 pts 18 hcp. 6th Ooi Pearson 33 pts 28 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 2 Mike Staples, No. 4 Mikko, No. 15 Graeme Pearson, No. 17 Alain de Rocker

10th October - Springfield Stableford 35 Entrants

1st Robert Baker 42 pts 14 hcp. 2nd Sam Sheriff 40 pts 7 hcp. 3rd Ann

Buasri 40 pts 32 hcp. 4th Mike Humphrey 39 pts 13 hcp. 5th Laurence

Garrett 38 pts 4 hcp. 6th Tomas Eriksson 37 pts 10 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 6A Tomas Eriksson, No. 5B Tomas Eriksson

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 21st Banyan - 2nd Round Annual Matchplay

Friday 24th Royal Ratchaburi

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Oct 15th - Palm Hills

Stableford - 13 players

1st - Phil Simons - 33pts, 2nd - Craig Miller - 31 pts, 3rd - Paul Frampton

- 29 pts, 4th - Klaus Kristensen - 29 pts.

Oct 13th - Lake View

Stableford - 20 players

1st - Geoff Batt-Rawden - 37pts, 2nd - Doug Miller - 36pts, 3rd - Larry

English - 35pts, 4th - Bryan McLeod - 35pts

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 20th October Lake View

Wednesday 22nd October Majestic Creek

Scoreboard

Saturday, 11 October 2008

FIFA World Cup

European Qualifying

Belgium 2-0 Armenia

Bulgaria 0-0 Italy

Denmark 3-0 Malta

England 5-1 Kazakhstan

Estonia 0-3 Spain

Faroe Islands 1-1 Austria

Finland 1-0 Azerbaijan

Georgia 1-1 Cyprus

Germany 2-1 Russia

Greece 3-0 Moldova

Netherlands 2-0 Iceland

Hungary 2-0 Albania

Luxembourg 1-3 Israel

Poland 2-1 Czech Republic

Romania 2-2 France

San Marino 1-3 Slovakia

Scotland 0-0 Norway

Serbia 3-0 Lithuania

Slovenia 2-0 Northern Ireland

Sweden 0-0 Portugal

Switzerland 2-1 Latvia

Turkey 2-1 Bosnia-Herzegovina

Ukraine 0-0 Croatia

Wales 2-0 Liechtenstein

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Georgia 0-0 Bulgaria

Germany 1-0 Wales

Greece 1-2 Switzerland

Iceland 1-0 FYR Macedonia

Italy 2-1 Montenegro

Latvia 1-1 Israel

Lithuania 1-0 Faroe Islands

Luxembourg 0-0 Moldova

Malta 0-1 Hungary

Northern Ireland 4-0 San Marino

Norway 0-1 Netherlands

Portugal 0-0 Albania

Rep of Ireland 1-0 Cyprus

Russia 3-0 Finland

Slovakia 2-1 Poland

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 18 October 2008

Arsenal v Everton, 21:00

Both teams only managed draws in their last outings in games they would have expected to win, but Arsenal have to be favourites here. Home win..

Aston Villa v Portsmouth, 21:00

Pompey are starting to gel so could provide a decent test for Villa, who need to win games like this if they want to push on. International duty will have taken its toll though so we predict a draw.

Bolton v Blackburn, 21:00

An unheralded local derby that is likely to a blood and thunder affair. The Trotters grabbed a good win last time out but we think a draw is on the cards here.

Fulham v Sunderland, 21:00

Roy Hodgson has tightened up his team considerably from last season, while the other Roy got a good draw against Arsenal in a season that has stuttered so far. Should be a good match up with a few goals and a home win.

Liverpool v Wigan Athletic, 21:00

Wigan will have been hurt by their home loss to 'Boro, but a trip to Anfield and a high flying 'Pool is not the best fixture to overcome their disappointment. However they are a good side and are scoring goals so this will be close - a narrow home win.

Man Utd v W.B.A., 23:30

One of the games that newly promoted teams relish, and West Brom will give this a right go; sadly for them the Red Devils are starting to find form and we think this will be a heavy home win.

Middlesbrough v Chelsea, 18:45

'Boro have a habit of upsetting the big boys and this won't be an easy game for Chelsea. However the Blues are unbeaten and have only conceded one goal away from home so it is hard to look beyond another win for them.

Barclays Premier League Table

	Team	P	Home					Away					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Chelsea	7	2	2	0	8	2	3	0	0	6	1	11	17
2	Liverpool	7	2	1	0	4	2	3	1	0	6	2	6	17
3	Hull	7	1	1	1	4	8	3	1	0	6	3	-1	14
4	Arsenal	7	2	0	1	5	2	2	1	1	8	3	8	13
5	Aston Villa	7	2	1	0	6	3	2	0	2	6	7	2	13
6	West Ham	7	3	0	1	10	6	1	0	2	4	7	1	12
7	Portsmouth	7	3	0	1	6	3	1	0	2	3	10	-4	12
8	Man Utd	6	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	1	5	3	4	11
9	West Brom	7	2	0	2	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	0	10
10	Blackburn	7	1	1	2	2	7	2	0	1	6	7	-6	10
11	Man City	7	2	0	2	12	6	1	0	2	6	6	6	9
12	M'brough	7	2	0	1	4	3	1	0	3	3	6	-2	9
13	Wigan	7	1	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	6	2	3	8
14	Sunderland	7	1	1	2	3	5	1	1	1	4	4	-2	8
15	Everton	7	0	1	3	4	10	2	1	0	7	5	-4	8
16	Bolton	7	1	1	1	4	4	1	0	3	4	6	-2	7
17	Fulham	6	2	0	1	4	3	0	0	3	1	4	-2	6
18	Newcastle	7	1	0	2	3	4	0	2	2	4	9	-6	5
19	Stoke	7	1	0	2	5	7	0	1	3	3	7	-6	4
20	Tottenham	7	0	1	3	2	5	0	1	2	2	5	-6	2

Sunday, 19 October 2008

Hull v West Ham, 21:00

Hull are flying right now and their manager Phil Brown has deservedly won Manager of the Month, but this is so often accompanied by a defeat in the next game. The Hammers have off field problems but Zola is starting to make his presence felt, so a shock away win!

Stoke v Tottenham, 22:00

This could be the most important match in Spurs recent history, as a defeat would surely be the last straw for their board

and fans. Stoke will no doubt bombard the shaky Tottenham defence with crosses and long throws and we can see this being Ramos' last game - in other words, a home win.

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

Newcastle v Man City, 02:00

Crisis club versus glamour boys? Tricky one for Mark Hughes as Kinnear will probably revert to type with a Wimbledon style performance. Could be a cricket score for the away team, but we think a second successive draw for the home side is more likely.

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LIVERPOOL TAKEOVER!

■ LIVERPOOL fans have launched a bid to buy their beloved football club, backed by millions of pounds from the Department of Social Security.

The supporters have put together a complex financial structure made up of 25% genuine welfare payments alongside a mixture of fraudulent incapacity and unemployment claims.

Supporters' spokesman Wayne Hayes said: "Between us we reckon we can raise about £500 million, especially as we had such a damp winter followed by a poor summer. The number of folk who came down with a sudden case of rheumatoid arthritis is shocking."

"The DSS provides us with a secure source of funds and if anyone starts asking questions we've got 45,000 sick notes sitting in a warehouse in Bootle."

"This is a major step forward for the club and the city. We did originally plan to steal it but we couldn't find anywhere to keep the main stand as most of the garages round here are full of mountain bikes and hubcaps."

He added: "As far as you're concerned, I haven't worked in 12 years, alright?"

Under the plan the club would be run by an executive committee, elected by the supporters and given the right to swipe a range of quality goods from the office, the boardroom and the club shop.



Liverpool fans contemplate the takeover

The first team squad will also have to sign new contracts requiring them to go to supporters' pubs every Saturday night and be told why they will never be as good as Emlyn Hughes and Jimmy Case. The new player agreements will also include clauses stipulating that a random first team player will be chosen every month to have his house burgled, so each player must have first class insurance, and 30% of the burglary payouts must be ploughed back into the club to enable free beer for the Kop at every home match. It does seem, however, that some over zealous supporters have already been putting this clause into effect before it has been agreed.

Other details, such as adopting a humorous foreign and Scouse accent combined, are still to be ironed out.

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