

EXPAT SHOOTING STUNS COMMUNITY

American man left paralysed by mafia-style 'hit'

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

The Hua Hin expat community were stunned this week to learn that an American man had been gunned down in front of his house by two, as yet unidentified, Thai men. The man was in hospital at press time, still in a critical condition. AWOL is withholding the names of the man and any connected persons out of respect for the family and the ongoing police investigation.

The alarming incident happened on the evening of last Friday, 24th October, but news only started emerging the following Monday. The Thai news website and paper Thai Rath appears to have been the first to report it, but it quickly spread through the local community via the internet and the leading local expat forum, Hua Hin After Dark. The Bangkok Post also had a brief piece mentioning the shooting.

Local police apparently attended the scene, but not until the next day, and their report was very brief and factual, as issued by Thai newspapers. However more details are emerging, and this is what AWOL has managed to piece together so far; about 10.30pm a bronze coloured Toyota Vigo pickup stopped outside the house and the victim went out to see what was going on. Inside the pickup were two Thai men, who on seeing

him, shot him four times as he approached, in the torso. The man's wife witnessed the attack, and apparently so did some bystanders. The shooters then sped off into the night. The man was rushed to San Paulo Hospital where he received emergency treatment, and the extent of his injuries was discovered. The bullets pierced both lungs and one went through his stomach and another has caused damage to his spine. He had a number of surgeries to get him through the night on the Friday, and by Saturday evening his vitals had been stabilized and he was able to breath without the respirator. Sunday morning he was moved by ambulance to a hospital away from Hua Hin, but he remains in critical condition and is now back on a respirator.

Doctors at the hospital have said that if he lives, he will be in a wheelchair for the rest of his life as the spinal cord injury has left him paralyzed from the chest down. So far only three bullets have been recovered, and the doctors thought that the fourth might still be lodged against the spinal cord causing the paralysis, but latest indications are that this is not the case. They now think that he will never be able to breathe without the aid of a ventilator.

The American couple moved to Hua Hin in the last couple of years, but have been beset by prob-



The burnt out car from the previous attack

lems ever since they arrived. The first major problem they had was a dispute with a local developer over the construction of the house they commissioned, which AWOL understands may already have been resolved. They then went to another developer who was building a luxury development and bought a new home worth about 15 million baht. However they have

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Expat shooting

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also been in dispute over some aspects of this property as well, and the matter was due to be decided in court this week. According to some reports, they were due in court at least four times in the coming weeks over various property related issues, but these will of course now have to be delayed. Last July, in what may be an unrelated incident, their car was set ablaze while parked in the car port under their house by a firebomb thrown through the window (see photo on front page); on this occasion they avoided injury and managed to put the fire out before either the petrol tank exploded or the fire spread to their house.

Inevitably both the people who know the couple and those who know their story have started asking questions and pointing fingers, but while the confidence held by the expat community in the local police is not high, this is an ideal chance for them to prove themselves with a thorough and open investigation of this horrifying event.

In our editorial front page only two weeks ago, AWOL appealed to all who reside in, do business in, police and govern Hua Hin to not allow the town to become like Pattaya; and now, almost on cue, we have what appears to be a mafia-style 'hit' carried out on an American that will leave him, at best, in a wheelchair for his remaining years. AWOL hopes that this attempted murder (as it stands) will be investigated and prosecuted to the full extent of the law, and in particular that not only the men that fired the guns but also anyone who might be behind it pay the fullest penalty.

Hua Hin is promoted as 'Paradise City' but if this type of criminal activity is allowed to continue many will regard it more like 'Dodge City' and the tourists, the expats, the businesses and the money will disappear like this man's life just has. If anyone has any information that can help the police to catch the culprits, please contact Hua Hin Police Station, either in person, or by phone on 032 511027. Alternatively, contact your Embassy in Bangkok with your information, and to seek advice as to what you should do.

Tragedy for expat bar owner

■HUA HIN, THAILAND

A car accident on Monday has left a British bar owner and his Thai wife distraught as their baby daughter was killed in the crash. Dave Calvin and his wife Jeab own the long established and popular expats bar Jungle Juice in Soi Selekam, Hua Hin. Last year they were overjoyed as Jeab gave birth to Sara Beth, their first child. A few months later Dave had to return to the UK for work while Jeab oversaw the bar and took care of Sara Beth, and they had made plans to join Dave in England next month, having already obtained a British passport for her. The tragic accident occurred as Jeab was travelling in a car with some of her family and Sara Beth to visit the rest of the family in Buriram ahead of their extended stay in the UK. The driver of the car, Jeab's brother, apparently fell asleep at the wheel not far from their destination, and the car was involved in some sort of accident but it is not known at this time the precise nature of it. Sara Beth had been on her mother's lap in the front seat of the car. Both the driver and Jeab suffered broken arms and severe bruising, but there have been no reports that the three other passengers in the car suffered injury.

Dave returned from the UK on Tuesday to be with his wife and attend the heartbreaking cremation of his daughter. A service is due to be arranged in Hua Hin but details were not available at press time. Everyone at AWOL and the Observer Group extends their sincerest condolences to them and their family. The local internet forum Hua Hin After Dark has a thread dedicated to those who want to send their condolences and support at such a difficult time - visit <http://www.huahinafterdark.com/forum> if you wish to add your words of comfort. Details of the service will also be posted there.

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CHARMED, I'M SURE

■ As it's Halloween we are not only dispensing with the spurious story as an excuse to print a photo of a sexy woman, but we are giving you two! However there is still a tenuous link you'll be glad to know, which is that the two lovelies on this page, Alyssa Milano and Rose McGowan, both starred as witches in the TV series 'Charmed' which aired for 8 years until 2006.

Both have moved on from fighting demons, with the minute Milano (only 5' 2") appearing in the TV series 'My Name Is Earl', while McGowan's career is on the rise, starring in Robert Rodriguez's Planet Terror (2007) as a pole dancer turned killing machine, Quentin Tarantino's Death Proof (2007), and 50 Dead Men Walking (2008), while she will be seen next year in the fantasy epic Red Sonja. Lets hope the witches we all encounter this Halloween look as good!



Alyssa Milano (above) and Rose McGowan (left) proving that all witches are old hags with cackling laughs and huge boils on even bigger noses. Or not, as the case may be...

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Sun	Mostly cloudy and very humid	24	32
Mon	Humid with clouds and sun	24	32
Tues	Humid with sunny intervals	24	31
Wed	Cloudy humid; p.m. t-storms	26	30
Thur	Cloudy thunderstorms; humid	26	28
Fri	Cloudy thunderstorms; humid	27	29

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 31st October 2008

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	-1	7	Cloudy
Athens	15	26	Fine
Auckland	12	18	Cloudy
Beijing	3	16	Overcast
Berlin	3	6	Rain
Buenos Aires	11	23	Fine
Chicago	6	16	Fine
Copenhagen	0	7	Showers
Dubai	24	34	Scattered Clouds
Dublin	3	9	Showers
Geneva	4	7	Rain
Helsinki	3	12	Mostly Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	18	31	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	25	29	Rain
Islamabad	14	30	Clear
Jakarta	23	33	Rain
Jerusalem	12	19	Cloudy
Johannesburg	12	29	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	33	Rain
London	2	8	Showers
Madrid	4	12	Rain
Manila	23	33	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	6	17	Cloudy
Moscow	6	9	Fine
New Delhi	18	32	Mist
New York	3	10	Cloudy
Oslo	1	3	Partly Cloudy
Paris	2	8	Rain
Perth	10	20	Scattered Clouds
Phnom-Penh	25	29	Stormy
Rio De Janeiro	20	33	Thunderstorms
Riyadh	18	26	Partly Cloudy
Rome	17	21	Thunderstorms
San Francisco	14	21	Cloudy
Singapore	24	31	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	1	6	Rain
Sydney	20	36	Thunderstorms
Tokyo	13	17	Cloudy
Vientiane	24	28	Rain
Yangon	22	31	Rain
Zurich	2	5	Snow

Currency Exchange Rates

At 30th October 2008 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	34.904
GBP	Pound Sterling	56.0727
EUR	Euro	44.5732
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SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.2861
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.2861
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.10903
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INR	Indian Rupee	0.701306
KRW	Korean Won	0.0236076
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'FART GAS' LINK TO BLOOD PRESSURE

■ MARYLAND, USA

The gas best known for being used in many stink bombs may also control blood pressure, say US researchers.

Small amounts of hydrogen sulphide - a toxic gas generated by bacteria living in the human gut - are responsible for the foul odour of flatulence. But it seems the gas is also produced by an enzyme in blood vessels where it relaxes them and lowers blood pressure.

The findings in mice may lead to new treatments for high blood pressure, the Science journal reported.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University, in Maryland, found that the gas is produced in the cells lining blood vessels by an enzyme called CSE.

In mice engineered to be deficient in this enzyme, levels of hydrogen sulphide were almost depleted compared with levels in normal mice.

The CSE-deficient mice also had

blood pressure measurements about 20% higher than the normal mice, comparable to serious hypertension in humans.

When the engineered mice were given a drug that relaxes normal blood vessels - methacholine - there was no difference, indicating the gas is responsible for the relaxation.

Another gas, nitric oxide, is already known to be involved in control of blood pressure.

Researcher Dr Solomon Snyder said: "Now we know hydrogen sulphide's role in regulating blood pressure, it may be possible to design drug therapies that enhance its formation as an alternative to the current methods of treatment for hypertension."

Professor Amrita Ahluwalia, an expert in vascular pharmacology at Barts and The London Medical School, said: "This study shows that smelly hydrogen sulphide is also likely to have a role in regu-



Cindy McCain looks on approvingly as old fart husband John lets rip to lower his blood pressure

lating blood pressure and it will be a bit of an impetus for scientists to develop more specific tools to work out what's going on.

"We know hydrogen sulphide is not good for us at high levels but it seems that at the lower levels in the body it is essential."

Dr Allan MacDonald, a reader in pharmacology at Glasgow Caledonian University, said: "Treatments based on hydrogen sulphide could become important in a variety of cardiovascular diseases," he said.

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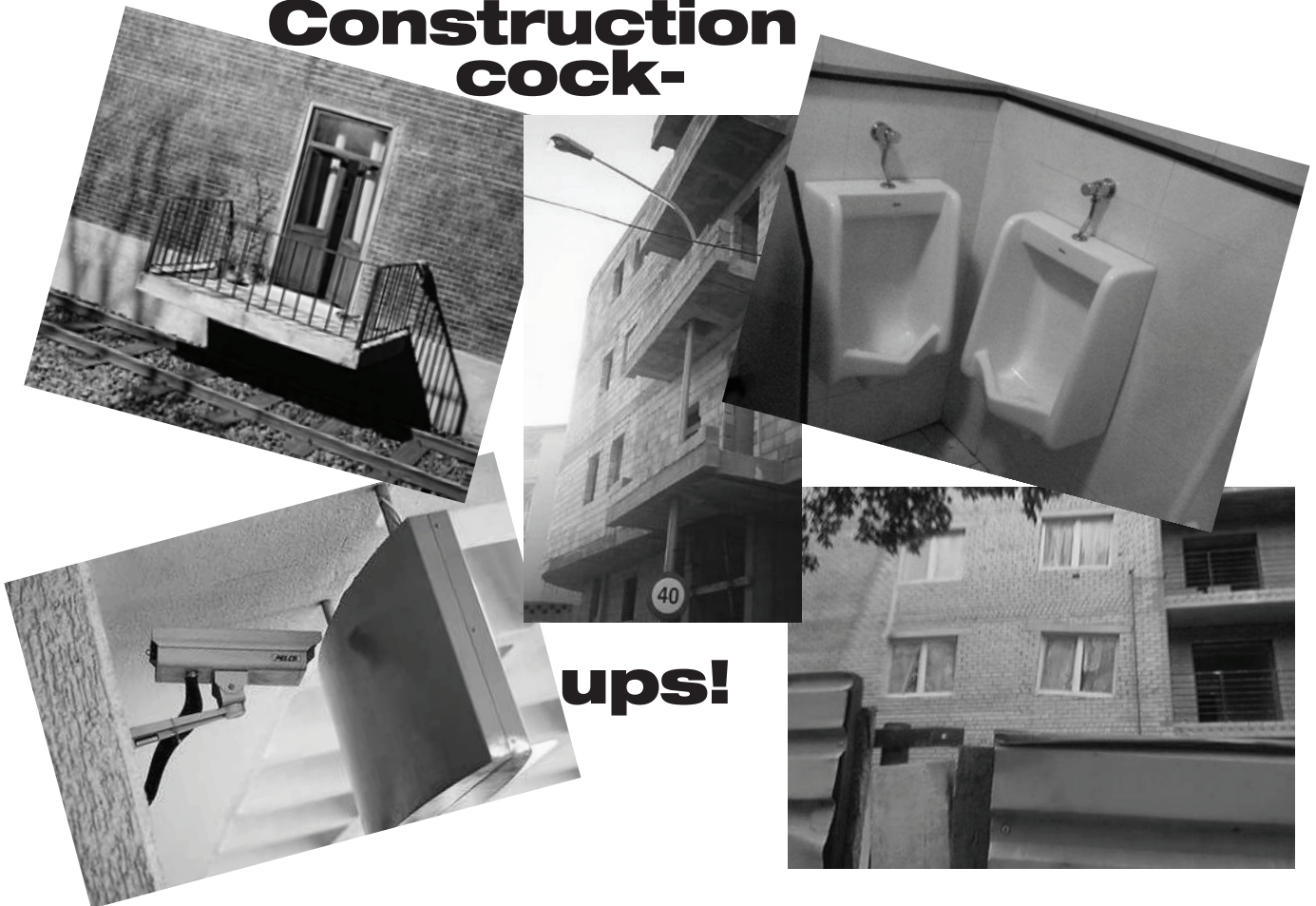
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DRUG NAMES

All drugs have two names, a trade name and generic name. For example, the trade name of Tylenol also has a generic name of Acetaminophen.. Aleve is also called Naproxen. Amoxil is also called Amoxicillin and Advil is also called Ibuprofen.

The FDA has been looking for a generic name for Viagra. After careful consideration by a team of government experts, it recently announced that it has settled on the generic name of Mycoxafloppin. Also considered were Mycoxafailin, Mydixadrupin, Mydixarizin, Dixafix, and of course, Ibepokin.

Pfizer Corp. announced today that Viagra will soon be available in liquid form, and will be marketed by Pepsi Cola as a power beverage suitable for use as a mixer. It will now be possible for a man to literally pour himself a stiff one. Obviously we can no longer call this a soft drink, and it gives new meaning to the names of 'cocktails', 'highballs' and just a good old-fashioned 'stiff drink'. Pepsi will market the new concoction by the name of: MOUNT & DO.

Thought for the day: There is more money being spent on breast implants and Viagra today than on Alzheimer's research. This means that by 2040, there should be a large elderly population with perky boobs and huge erections and absolutely no recollection of what to do with them...

GOLF

A man was at the country club for his weekly round of golf. He began his round with an eagle on the first hole and a birdie on the second.

On the third hole he scored his first ever hole-in-one then his cell phone rang. It was a doctor notifying him that his wife had just been in a terrible accident and was in critical condition and in the ICU.

The man told the doctor to inform his wife where he was and that he'd be there as soon as possible. As he hung up he realized he was leaving what was shaping up to be his best ever round of golf. He decided to get in a couple of more holes before heading to the hospital.

He ended up playing all eighteen, finishing his round shooting a personal best 61, shattering the club record by five strokes and beating his previous best game by more than 10. He was jubilant....then he remembered his wife. Feeling guilty he dashed to the hospital. He saw the doctor in the corridor and asked about his wife's condition. The doctor glared at him and shouted, 'You went ahead and finished your round of golf didn't you?! I hope you're proud of yourself?!'

‘While you were out for the past four hours enjoying yourself at the country club your wife has been languishing in the ICU! It’s just as well you went ahead and finished that round because it will be more than likely your last! For the rest of her life she will require ‘round the clock care. And YOU will be her care giver!’

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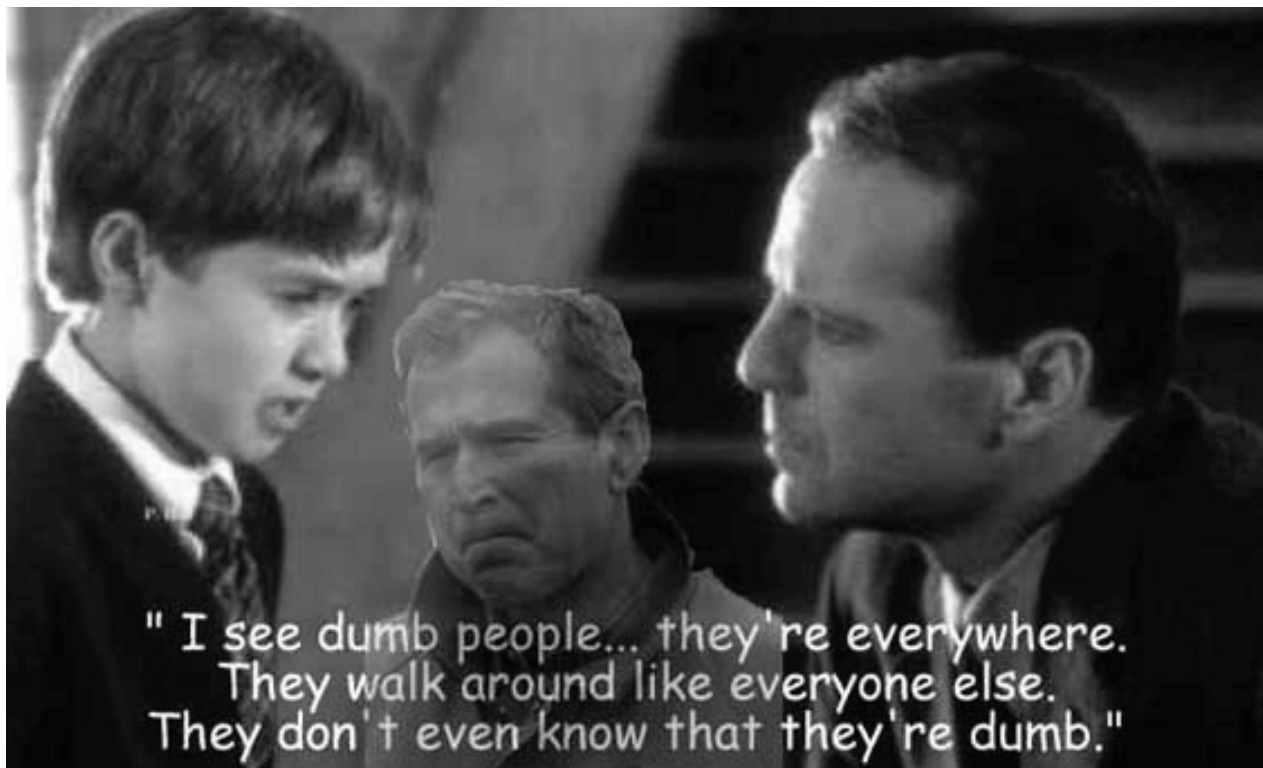
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School Says Halloween Disrespectful to Witches

■ PUYALLUP, Wash.

A Washington state school district cancelled its annual Halloween celebration, and the explanation has some parents baffled.

"Let them have their 30 minutes of dressing goofy and having candy," Silas Macon, a father of two school-age girls, said Wednesday outside Maplewood Elementary School after learning that the grade-school tradition of a party and parade in costume during the last half-hour of class before Halloween night won't happen this year in the district.

The superintendent made the decision for three primary reasons, Puyallup School District spokeswoman Karen Hansen said. First, Halloween parties and parades waste valuable classroom time. Second, some families can't afford costumes and the celebrations thus can create embarrassment for children. Both of those reasons seemed sensible to the parents who spoke to the local media. But the district's third reason left some Puyallup parents shaking their heads.

The district said Halloween celebrations and children dressed in Halloween costumes might be offensive to real witches.

"Witches with pointy noses and things like that are not respective symbols of the Wiccan religion and so we want to be respectful of that," Hansen said.

The Wiccan, or Pagan, religion is said to be growing in the United States and there are Wiccan groups in Puyallup.

On the district's list of guidelines related to holidays and celebrations is an item that reads: "Use of derogatory stereotypes is prohibited, such as the traditional image of a witch, which is offensive to members of the Wiccan religion." "I do lots of things that are not revolving around wearing a black outfit and stirring a cauldron,"

Wiccan priestess Cheryl Sulyma-Masson said and explained that Wiccans, or Pagan Clergy, celebrate nature.

This is not the first time the district has expressed concern about offending followers of the Wiccan religion. An internal e-mail from October 2000 warned that "the Wiccan religion is a bona fide religion under the law, and its followers are entitled to all the protections afforded more mainstream religions. Building administrators should not tolerate such inappropriate stereotyping (images such as Witches on flying brooms, stirring cauldrons, casting spells, or with long noses and pointed hats) and instead address them as you would hurtful stereotypes of any other minority."

This year, however, is the first time the superintendent decided to cite that concern as one of the reasons for cancelling in-school Halloween activities.

"They're so worried about being politically correct anymore that we're not allowed to do much of anything," said Tonya Reynolds, whose daughter attends Maplewood Elementary.

"If you don't want costumes, call it a harvest party. We don't have to take out complete Halloween. We could still do something for our children," said parent Loni Andrews, who promised to challenge the ruling.

Some children said they would miss the usual festivities.

"Yeah, it does bother me because I would really like to go around and dress up," Maplewood sixth-grader Grace Macon said.

Macon said that while the Halloween celebration might take up a little class time, it also gives children a reason to like school.

"I think it's terrible," she said. "I think it just kind of takes away from the little stuff they get to do that's fun at school."



Witches are becoming more common in the USA

Hansen said questions of lost study time and disrespect for religious belief played into the decision.

"It's a little bit of both," she said. "I don't think you can balance respect with instructional time and we would always be looking to do both. We want to make sure our students are respectful of all religions and all cultures."

Hansen also said that the PTA and teachers have been notified that they can hold parties or other Halloween events after the school day is over. Classroom time, however, will not be used for Halloween celebrations. Hansen says concerns about other holidays and parties held in school will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Avoid your humane impulse to jump in to water to save a drowning child in a local lake or swimming pool after the 3rd...

...it's a film set and you will just look stupid.

Footage of this incident could even be used in comedy out-take blooper shows for the rest of your life, leaving you open to ridicule, the loss of your job and almost certain social exclusion.

You will drive past a soup kitchen which has your name on the front on 5th, toot your horn no more than 3 times.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17

Your application to be frozen in your local cryogenics freezer-farm has been accepted, however you will have second thoughts about this after 2nd...

Avoid watching a rare Arnold Schwarzenegger movie, due to be screened in your area on the 2nd, which is about a man who was cryogenically frozen alive - he was so frozen that he couldn't tell doctors he wasn't unconscious but could see and hear everything going on about him. He remained frozen until he was defrosted 5 years later following an accounting error involving a rare 'debit and credit entry in the wrong column'.

An escaped elephant will appear in your street on 5th. Do not give it peanuts as these give them explosive diarrhea.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19

Your keenness for doing 'wheelies' on your bicycle will do you no good at all this week...

While wheelie-ing down to the shops around the 6th you will be photographed by a traffic camera going through a red traffic light, and, when coming back, you will leave a trail of sugar from a punctured bag - this will attract cats from the neighborhood who will, while trying to eat the sugar, cause a ten car pile up and the death of two people, one of them a child of a Nobel peace prize winning scientist whose great great great grandson invents time travel and will come back to sort it all out in what is seemingly, to you, an instant. Ensure your insurance cover is up to date just in case the flux capacitor breaks again.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19

In a previous life you were a chess grand master - it's true. Challenge a loved one to an impromptu chess match on 4th after a few drinks. You may like to toy with their backward chess playing skills for a little while (like a kitten with a ball of wool) before tearing their chess playing dreams to shreds with your Queen and Knight using a little understood pincer maneuver.

This new found confidence could open up a whole new dimension to your typical Ariesian attitude to life, however avoid buying a new hat on 6th even though it matches your shoes.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19

The FBI have added your name to their list of suspected internet porn lovers. Any threatened prosecution will fail to proceed due to lack of funds, but it might mean you get an above average amount of junk mail for sex items through the post. Keep all of this junk mail, it will be valuable to porn collectors later in the century.

The foot massage machine you bought last month will malfunction, ripping the small toe from your right foot; ensure packs of ice are on hand around the 5th. At the first sound of tearing flesh, quickly pack the toe in ice and get someone to drive you quickly to the hospital where it can be re-affixed.

It is important that you keep your foot above your head to stem the bleeding at all times, even if you are driving to the hospital yourself.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20

You will invite a group of 11 to a dinner party at your house on the 4th but only two hours before they arrive your oven will stop working all of a sudden.

Panic / don't panic it's all the same in the planetary scheme of things... Give your guests lots to drink and send out for pizza, only three will notice your plight.

Your DVD player will cause confusion this week, with the remote control playing up in a random fashion. There is no point in returning the appliance to the electrical store as you will be be mocked by a spotty teen who will not believe a word you are saying. Change the batteries and hope for the best.

		
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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21

A dance class, or a kick-boxercise session, is fraught with muscle-achy downside this week, especially when punching the air or skipping with others.

The problem is that you are not taking Mercury's warm-up exercises seriously enough. These are essential lest you are doomed to pull even more obscure muscles during the necessary athletic exertions covered in the advanced lessons next year. You will help a work colleague welcome hygiene into their life on the 6th using the method of sarcasm.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22

A friend of ill repute who throws the best parties this side of Jupiter, will tell you a lie on 4th.

Beware: A black magic cult will throw spells at you from across the road at least forty-seven times this week. Try not to do anything twice and always look behind you as you walk down the street, moderating your pace randomly. You will invariably be saved by the fact that the members of the black magic cult are heavy alcohol abusers and their aim is poor.

Do not buy oranges from street vendors on 6th as they are off.

Avoid slapping anyone's ass on 7th for fear that this could be misconstrued in the exact opposite way you intended it to be.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21

After spending the whole of last week in bed, you will greet the world with a renewed vigor.

Embrace new challenges and be helpful at work to those you have been awkward to in the past. Try to think up some new jokes and smile for at least 1 hour a day. Wink to at least three colleagues whilst using the urinal.

You will be dragged to the movies to watch a film you have no interest in whatsoever on 2nd. Drink heavily for an hour before going, and throw insults at the screen when you feel it is appropriate. Go to pick a fight with the projectionist, he will prove impressively wriggly when you wrestle him.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22

In an impromptu moment of creativity over the coming week, possibly while you shower lavishly or, maybe, while cavorting in heavy rain, you will compose a bouncy melody you will name 'Not on your Nelly.'

You will sing this catchy tune to fellow passengers at the bus stop around 5th.

In under five years, a version of your melody will take the gay charts by storm.

Take pictures of everyone on the bus on the fateful day to help in your copyright litigation later on.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21

Your left hand will develop an occasional grasping difficulty this week, a bit like in that movie 'The Dead Man's Hand With A Mind Of It's Own'.

On the 6th, when sitting on the toilet, ensure your balance is correct at all times as your left arm could try to destabilize you when you least expect it. Best to leave any wiping activities exclusively to your right hand until after dusk on the 7th.

Consider hiring a short home help for the week, but do not pay them any more than the minimum wage for dwarves.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

Resist the temptation to buy a competitively priced new car this week from a Mafia controlled garage. You will be sold a lemon but when you try to take it back it will upset the garage owners in a messily horse's-head-in-the-bed type Godfather way.

Look for solace in God and pray. Alternatively, persuade the garage to refund your money in full by continually harrassing the owner at his house with games of Knock Down Ginger (the flaming newspaper and dog poo version), constant unsolicited Hawaiian pizza deliveries and calling him on the phone at odd times of night asking to speak to Vic; after the tenth such call, call again and announce yourself as Vic and ask if there have been any calls for you.

Be armed at all times, especially during test drives, and never answer the front door in just your underpants until arrests have been made down your street.

Top tips

WHEN throwing someone a sharp instrument such as a Stanley knife, or bread knife, always throw it blade first as they invariably tend to turn whilst in the air.

AVOID being wheel-clamped by jacking your car up, removing the wheels and locking them safely in the boot until you return.

SMELL gas? Locate the suspected leak by striking an ordinary match in every room in the house until a loud explosion reveals the source of the escaping gas.

TAXI drivers. Why not pop into the garage and ask them to fix your indicator lights for you so that other motorists know where the heck you're going.

PENSIONERS. Try sitting on a pile of encyclopaedias next time you go for a drive in your car. That way you will be able to see out of the front window.

PUTTING just the right amount of gin in your goldfish bowl makes the fishes' eyes bulge and causes them to swim in an amusing manner.

INCREASE the life of your carpets by rolling them up and keeping them in the garage.

TAKE your dustbin to the supermarket with you so that you can see which items you have recently run out of.

MAKE shopkeepers feel like criminals and con men by carefully checking their change and holding bank notes up to the light before accepting them.

SAVE on charity donations by spending a pound on clothes at a charity shop, then selling them for 50p to another charity shop. This way you can give twice as much, at half the cost. I think.

NO TIME for a bath? Wrap yourself in masking tape and remove the dirt by simply peeling it off.

EXPENSIVE hair gels are a con. Marmalade is a much cheaper alternative, but beware of bees in the summer.

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SAVE electricity by turning off all the lights in your house and walking around wearing a miner's hat.

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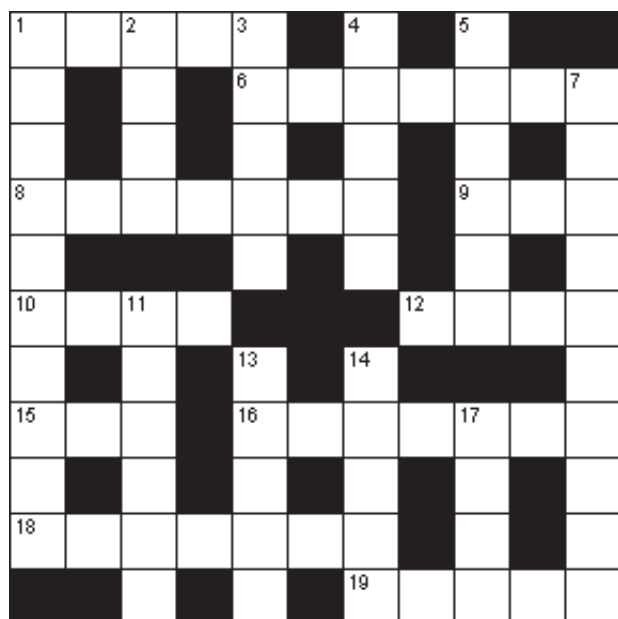
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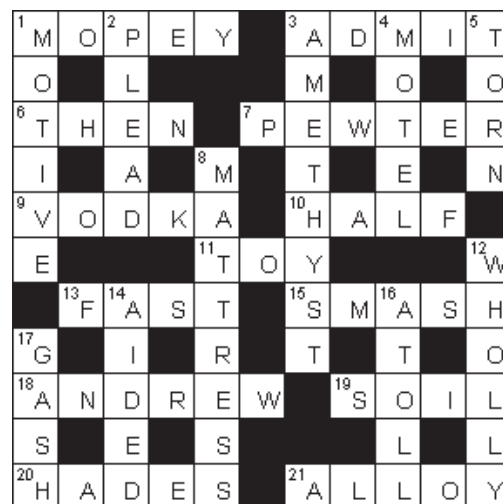


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Dear AWOL,

I am a friend of the Thai truck driver featured in last week's front page story and he has asked me to write to you to express his anger at being branded 'dozy', 'the Thai Frank Spencer' and 'hapless' by your article. While he was very tired at the time and admits that he has nodded off behind the wheel on occasions, he says that he was wide awake at the time of the incident, thanks to 3 bottles of M150; further he is not known for being clumsy or by the name of the BBC comedy programme from the '70s - rather his friends call him Mr Bean; finally, he wants everyone to know that he is far from hapless, and has a large collection of haps at home. Please retract these false statements in your next issue,

Yours sincerely,
A Friend.

Dear AWOL,

I am from Iceland and visit in Hua Hin now. I very disappointed in you write my country just volcano and haddock, is not true. Have many different fish - cod, plaice, halibut and more. And banking very good there too.

Bjorgolfur Gudmundsson

Dear AWOL,

Just had to write to thank you for the marvellous page 3 pictures you have been providing for us. Every Friday I can't wait to see who is next and can barely contain my excitement. One request though - would it be possible to print this page on a waterproof paper as my copies keep getting wet (what with all the rain we have had).

Yours excitedly,
Jason.

Dear AWOL,

I came across your paper only last week, and as an amateur astrologer was pleased to see that you have weekly horoscopes.

I have to applaud Destiny Dan, he really is the man, as everything he predicted for my star sign came true! Thankfully I took his advice and carried a flask containing a hot drink with me everywhere last week and I think it might just have saved my life! (although I think last night a DJ saved my life.)

Anyway I am now a devoted Dan fan and encourage every reader to check out his predictions - they are super good!

Yours with stars in her eyes,
Delilah.

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■ DEAR MARY,

I am a happily married woman of 40 who loves her husband of 20 years very much. We have an active and fulfilling sex life but for some time now my hubby Bob has been asking me if I would be interested in wife swapping. Personally it gave me the shivers but, because I love him dearly, I eventually gave in, and so my husband invited around our friends Jack and Laura for the night. We opened a bottle of wine, and one thing led to another until at the end of the night Bob swapped me for a complete set of 1970 Mexico World Cup medallions from Esso, a set of tumblers and 4,000 Embassy coupons. Is this right? I would have thought I was at least worth a decanter set.

Hurt,
Hua Hin.

Mary says: Dear Hurt,

Most modern couples will try wife swapping occasionally, say once or twice a week after that first flush of passion has died down following their return from honeymoon. In most cases it is a perfectly harmless bit of fun. The sex will be rubbish, but it's always reassuring to find out you are not the only person in the neighbourhood who still thinks artex ceilings are just the thing. On the other hand things do tend to get a bit complicated leading to intense hatred, divorce, stalking and murderous jealousy. But, as I always say, nothing ventured, nothing gained! Having seen the photograph you sent in with your letter I think your husband actually got a very good deal. Could you put him in touch? I have an old sofa I need to flog and I really need to raise some cash.

DEAR MARY,

I love my boyfriend very much but all is not well with our hoggins. Unfortunately he suffers from premature ejaculation. In fact he is so premature that even the thought of me in close connection with a bed is enough to make him loose off his love porridge. This is very distressing and embarrassing for both of us, particular when it takes place in Index. I do love him dearly but something must be done. Frankly, I am gagging for it.

Frustrated,
Pala-U

Mary says: Dear Frustrated,

Premature ejaculation is surprisingly common among men. For some of us that is a blessing. Who wants a great big fat lump grunting away on top of you for hours after all? While pathetic, laughable, and, frankly, a bit yukky it is something that is relatively easy to deal with. Unfortunately your boyfriend's case appears different. He is suffering from pre-premature ejaculation for which there is, as yet, no known cure. You could try listening to my premium rate phone line "Dealing with premature ejaculation" but I hold out little hope. I would just go straight to my premium rate phone line "Dealing with premature ejaculators" which gives straightforward advice on how to bin such pathetic specimens and get yourself a real man. Happy hunting!

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It was originally used for the detention of religious non-conformists (both Protestant and Catholic, as English religious winds changed). At one point the Clink was reserved for priests who refused the Oath of Allegiance, but came to be used for people who broke the peace on Bankside or in Southwark's numerous brothels. The prison probably fell into disuse after the English Civil War, though it was described in 1761 as being "a very dismal hole where debtors are sometimes

confined, but little used". The Clink was burned down during the Gordon Riots of 1780 and never rebuilt.

The name of the Clink is the origin of the phrase "in the clink" (meaning "in prison"). The origins of the name are uncertain, but it may have been an example of onomatopoeia, referring to the sound made either by the prison's metal doors as they closed, or the chains the prisoners wore. The Clink Prison Museum is currently located on the original site in Clink Street, London in the basement of a former warehouse. The Clink Prison was the first prison in which women were regularly confined.



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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League

Results Matchday 7 24th October 2008

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
LSA	17	7	CAP	6	1
TW	15	4	JWR	13	4
QUE	17	7	SUG	6	1
DA	9	1	EAG	19	7
JWB	14	4	LSB	12	4
LSS	10	2	SIL	16	6
DIA	8	2	LSL	18	6
OCT	14	6	DB	10	2

Next Weeks Fixtures

Matchday 8 31/10/2008

Silverrock v LSA
JW Black v Diamond
Eagle v Octopussy
Dick's B v Queens Flower
LSL v JW Red
Captain's Inn v LSS
LSB v Thaiwaii
Sugar Cane v Dick's A

Hua Hin 8-Ball League League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
SilverRock	11	8	1	2	38	17
Harley	11	7	3	1	24	17
SportCentre	11	6	3	2	30	15
MrDanA	11	6	2	3	20	14
BenTho	11	6	1	4	24	13
Komhom	11	6	1	4	22	13
DicksA	11	5	2	4	6	12
Dolphin	11	5	2	4	2	12
B'flyRock	10	5	0	5	0	10
Phoenix	11	2	6	3	-16	9
MrDanB	11	3	1	7	-30	7
DicksB	10	2	1	7	-28	5
BambooGr	9	1	1	7	-38	3
LilleMan	11	1	1	9	-54	3

Results Week 11 22nd October 2008

Dicks A 3 Dolphin 9
MrDan A 6 Harley 6
BambooGrove 3 SportCentre 9
SilverRock 3 ButterflyRock 9
BenTho 11 MrDan B 1
LilleMan 4 Komhom 8
Pheonix 7 Dicks B 5

Week 12 results will be
in next week's AWOL

Next Weeks Fixtures Week 13 5th November 2008

Dicks A v MrDan A
MrDan B v Dicks B
Dolphin v BambooGrove
BenTho v Komhom
Harley v SilverRock
Pheonix v ButterflyRock
SportCentre v LilleMan

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Lucky Shot Student's	7	5	1	1	18	30	11
Lucky Shot B	7	4	3	0	16	20	11
Johnie Walker Black	7	5	1	1	6	25	11
Queens Flower Bar	7	4	2	1	14	31	10
Lucky Shot A	7	4	2	1	12	27	10
Octopussy Bar	7	5	0	2	12	20	10
Eagle Bar	7	3	3	1	18	28	9
Silverrock Bar	7	3	2	2	0	-2	8
Lucky Shot Ladies	7	2	2	3	-2	-8	6
Dick's Office B	7	2	2	3	-4	-3	6
Thaiwaii	7	1	1	4	-10	-19	4
Diamond Bar	7	1	2	4	-10	-22	4
Johnie Walker Red	7	1	1	4	-10	-24	4
Sugar Cane Bar	7	2	0	5	-14	-17	4
Dick's Office A	7	1	1	5	-18	-29	3
Captain's Inn	7	0	1	6	-28	-57	1

Hua Hin 9-Ball League League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
Mr Dan A	3	3	0	0	16	6
Plas Place	3	2	0	1	8	4
LilleMan	3	2	0	1	-7	4
B'fly Rock	2	1	1	0	8	3
Mr Dan B	3	1	1	1	1	3
Dicks A	3	1	0	2	0	2
Dolphin	3	1	0	2	-2	2
Red Bar	3	1	0	2	-2	2
Dicks B	3	1	0	2	-4	2
BenTho	2	0	0	2	-18	0

Results Week 3 27th October 2008

Dicks A 12 - 13 LilleMan
Dolphin 15 - 10 Dicks B
Mr Dan A 13 - 10 Red Bar
Plas Place 14 - 12 Mr Dan B
BenTho v ButterflyR not received

Next Weeks Fixtures Week 4 3rd November 2008

Butterfly Rock v Mr Dan A
Dicks B v Dicks A
Dolphin v Plas Place
Mr Dan B v BenTho
Red Bar v LilleMan

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League

More than 50 people attended the end of season finale bash at Harleys bar last Wednesday. Twed of Harleys bar collected the trophy for league champions (below) while Jakob of Deja Vu and Joe of Oasis picked up second and third place awards. Bernie (Bob & Noks) won the singles title (right) with an 8-3 win over Mike (Sunset Boulevard) in a well attended final played last Sunday.

The new season will now start on Wednesday 19th November and all the seasons fixtures and results are at <http://hhktpautumn.leaguerepublic.com/>



Hua Hin Social Pool league Results

Week 10 – 29th October 2008

Butterfly Rock v Limelight 8-11
Headrock v U Turn 6-13
JW Black v Jungle Juice B 7-12
Billys v Billys Babes 8-11
J Juice A v JW Red - Not Played
Lazy Daze v Sabai 9-10
PP v Red Bar – not received

Next Weeks Fixtures:

Week 11 – 5th November 2008

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

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
B Babes	10	9	1	112-78	18
PP	9	8	1	100-71	16
J Juice A	9	8	1	96-75	16
J Juice B	10	7	3	110-78	14
Lazy Daze	10	6	4	103-85	12
Sabai	9	6	3	87-84	12
JW Black	10	5	5	100-90	10
Red Bar	9	4	5	86-80	8
Billys	10	3	7	87-105	6
U Turn	9	3	6	79-91	6
Headrock	10	2	8	77-113	4
Limelight	9	2	7	64-88	4
B'fly Rock	9	1	8	72-100	2
JW Red	7	1	6	45-75	2

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results Week 8

Division 1

Oasis v No Game
J.W. Red v Lazy Daze 5-5
Dicks Office B v CAT 5-5
Paradise Bar v P Flamingo 8-2
Scandic Bar v J.W. Black 3-7

Division 2

Love Bar v CAT B 0-10
Mojo v Bamboo Grove 9-1
Jaew v Butterfly Rock 2-8
Lucky Shot v Dicks Office A 7-3
No Game v Good Friends

Top 16 standings:

Top 10 - Div 1 Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	Pts	Name	Bar	Pts
Stuart	P	130	Tao	CAT	120
Golf	SB	94	Eero	BR	113
Tao	JWB	94	Don	CAT	86
Bon	DOB	89	Muay	JB	89
Mark	O	88	Mojo	M	68
Martin	LD	86	Howard	M	60
Dicky	JWB	80			
Noi	CAT	81			
Peter	JWB	79			
Jason	CAT	83			

Next Weeks Fixtures:

2nd Round Cup 4th November
CAT A v JW Black
CAT B v Jaew
Bamboo Grove v Mojo
Love Bar v Lucky Shot
JW Red v Paradise
Scandic Bar v Dicks Office B
Lazy Daze v Pink Flamingo
Butterfly Rock v Oasis

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT	8	6	2	0	53-27	14
JW Blk	8	6	1	1	54-26	13
P'dise	8	6	0	2	50-30	12
Scandic	8	4	1	3	49-31	9
Dicks B	8	2	2	4	35-45	6
Lazy D	8	2	2	4	33-47	6
JW Red	8	1	2	5	30-50	4
Oasis	7	2	0	5	25-45	4
Pink Fl	7	0	2	5	21-49	2

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT B	8	8	0	0	69-11	16
B Rock	7	5	1	1	44-26	11
Jaew	8	5	0	3	42-38	10
LuckyS	8	4	0	4	38-42	8
Mojo	6	4	0	2	38-22	8
Dicks A	7	3	0	4	33-37	6
B Grov	8	2	1	5	31-49	5
Good F	8	2	0	6	28-52	4
Love	8	0	0	8	17-63	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).

Regular Events

Tuesdays - Darts League

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

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Pool Leagues

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

Fridays - 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

Saturdays - Bobby's Good Friends Restaurant and Bar Khao Takiab

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Hua Hin Golf Society

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

This week's results:

28th October - Lake View One Group only - Stableford 29 Entrants
1st Bob Welsh 39 pts 9 hcp, 2nd Trevor Firth 38 pts 14 hcp, 3rd Mike Thomson 38 pts 19 hcp, 4th Steve Aristodemou 38 pts 17 hcp, 5th Tom Tucker 36 pts 15 hcp, 6th Joe Sims 36 pts 5 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 8A Wij, No. 17B Bob Welsh

25th October - Royal Ratchaburi One Group only - Stableford 18 Entrants

1st John Rouhiala 35 points 12 hcp. 2nd Lawrence Garrett 35 points 3 hcp. 3rd Conrad Smith (g) 35 points 19 hcp. 4th Wij 33 points 13 hcp. 5th Russell Beard 32 points 6 hcp. 6th Mick Evans 32 points 9 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 7 Lawrence Garrett, No. 11 Peter Bull (g)

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 4th Springfield - Annual Matchplay + Plate Competition (Semi Finals)

Friday 7th Lake View - 4 Ball Scramble - Pick your own Team.

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Oct 24th - Palm Hills

Stableford - 13 players

Front 9 - Klaus Kristensen - 20 Pts

Back 9 - Robin Heath - 17 Pts

Overall - Jim Lynch - 32 Pts

Oct 27th - Lakeview AB

Stableford

Rain Cancellation

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 3rd November Lake View

Friday 7th November Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 25 October 2008

Blackburn 1-1 Middlesbrough

Everton 1-1 Man Utd

Sunderland 2-1 Newcastle

West Brom 0-3 Hull

Sunday, 26 October 2008

Chelsea 0-1 Liverpool

Man City 3-0 Stoke

Portsmouth 1-1 Fulham

Tottenham 2-0 Bolton

West Ham 0-2 Arsenal

Wigan 0-4 Aston Villa

Tuesday, 28 October 2008

Newcastle 2-1 West Brom

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

Arsenal 4-4 Tottenham

Aston Villa 3-2 Blackburn

Bolton 0-1 Everton

Fulham 2-0 Wigan

Hull 0-3 Chelsea

Liverpool 1-0 Portsmouth

Man Utd 2-0 West Ham

Middlesbrough 2-0 Man City

Stoke 1-0 Sunderland

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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 1 November 2008

Chelsea v Sunderland, 22:00

The defeat at home to Liverpool would have come as a shock to the Blues and they have mounting injury problems. That said they should still have enough quality to get the 3 points here.

Everton v Fulham, 19:45

Everton will have taken heart from their performance against Man Utd while Fulham's away form is woeful. Home win.

Man Utd v Hull, 22:00

Interesting test for both teams and one of the matches Hull will have been waiting for. Should be a fascinating game but United to triumph.

M'brough v West Ham, 22:00

The Hammers are struggling after a bright start under new boss Zola and their history in this fixture doesn't make pretty reading either. Neither side is on top of their game, so a battling draw.

Portsmouth v Wigan, 22:00

Both sides will feel they can get something from this game, although Wigan will still be reeling from the pounding they got from Villa. Pompey to just edge it.

Stoke v Arsenal, 22:00

The Gunners should win this sort of game with ease, but very often it is these games that haunt them come the end of the season. Stoke will be physical and do have a genuine goal threat but even so we still predict an Arsenal win.

Barclays Premier League Table

(as at 27/10/2008, prior to midweek games)

	Team	P	Home					Away					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Liverpool	9	3	1	0	7	4	4	1	0	7	2	8	23
2	Chelsea	9	2	2	1	8	3	4	0	0	11	1	15	20
3	Hull	9	2	1	1	5	8	4	1	0	9	3	3	20
4	Arsenal	9	3	0	1	8	3	3	1	1	10	3	12	19
5	Aston Villa	9	2	2	0	6	3	3	0	2	10	7	6	17
6	Man Utd	8	2	1	0	7	1	2	2	1	6	4	8	15
7	Portsmouth	9	3	1	1	7	4	1	1	2	3	10	-4	14
8	Man City	9	3	0	2	15	6	1	1	2	8	8	9	13
9	Sunderland	9	2	1	2	5	6	1	2	1	4	4	-1	12
10	West Ham	9	3	0	2	10	8	1	0	3	4	8	-2	12
11	Blackburn	9	1	2	2	3	8	2	1	1	6	7	-6	12
12	M'brough	9	2	0	2	4	8	1	1	3	4	7	-7	10
13	West Brom	9	2	0	3	6	9	1	1	2	1	5	-7	10
14	Everton	9	0	2	3	5	11	2	1	1	8	8	-6	9
15	Wigan	9	1	1	3	3	8	1	1	2	8	5	-2	8
16	Fulham	8	2	1	1	4	3	0	1	3	2	5	-2	8
17	Bolton	9	1	2	1	4	4	1	0	4	4	8	-4	8
18	Stoke	9	2	0	2	7	8	0	1	4	3	10	-8	7
19	Newcastle	9	1	1	2	5	6	0	2	3	5	11	-7	6
20	Tottenham	9	1	1	3	4	5	0	1	3	3	7	-5	5

West Brom v Blackburn, 22:00

Another game that is very even and that both will be seriously expecting to win. Blackburn have been pretty good on the road and we think they can notch another win here.

Sunday, 2 November 2008

Tottenham v Liverpool, 00:30

Always an open attacking game this is the second big test for Redknapp in less than a week. This is too soon though and we expect Liverpool to tear them apart.

Bolton v Man City, 23:00

Another north east derby and this one could send the home side into even more trouble. Megson could well be facing yet another relegation.

Tuesday, 4 November 2008

Newcastle v Aston Villa, 03:00

Villa were outstanding last weekend and Newcastle are patchy at best. Newcastle will have gained confidence from midweek and will battle but Villa's quality will get them the 3 points comfortably.

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Styles Chances His Arm

Plans to use dice to make crucial decisions

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

Rob Styles, the terrible referee, has come up with an ingenious plan to improve his pathetic decision-making, and to make him an all-round better referee - he is to take a dice onto the pitch.

Not normally part of the referee's weaponry, the dice will be used, he says, to adjudicate in those awkward situations where it 'could go either way', and whatever he decides to award will be seen as wrong by the fans.

The under-fire official was speaking to reporters about his latest gaffe in last week's match between Newcastle and Manchester City, when he gave a penalty to the Sky Blues after Newcastle defender Habib Beye made a perfectly legitimate challenge on Robinho. Said Styles:

"It's a lottery. I'm getting so much criticism just lately, that I've



*Styles (above) experimenting with his dice method;
"That was a 3 Alex - penalty to your boys"*

decided I have to be completely impartial. Linesmen often don't see the incident, and video technology is too expensive and would slow the game down. Instead, I've got a dice which I will use whenever a difficult decision arises."

According to Styles, in the future, if a tackle in the box looks a bit suspect, he will shake the dice on the pitch, and if a 1, 3 or 5 is thrown, he will award a penalty.

If, however, a 2 or a 4 is thrown, no penalty will be given.

If a 6 is showing, a penalty is given, and the fouling player will be red-carded.

Styles says this will silence those

critics who have called him a cheat, and will restore some semblance of fairness, and a degree of confidence to the sport that is increasingly open to cheating and other shenanigans.

Mr Styles is known to have read the 1971 novel by Luke Rinehart, *The Dice Man*, and has taken it's concept on board with gusto. He will now be known by many in the know as 'The Referee Who Will Change Your Life', and will certainly be changing the fortunes of a few football clubs.



"Ha! That's a 1 Arsene - penalty kick to Stoke"

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