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New Hospital announced

State of the art facility at last for Hua Hin area

■HUA HIN, THAILAND

For the last few years in Hua Hin the two most common complaints by the residents here have been the lack of enough good schools, and the standard of the medical facilities available in the town.

One of these complaints was addressed by the announcement on Tuesday (11th November) by the Bangkok Hospital group confirming their plans to open a brand new hospital south of the town centre. Full details could not be given at this stage as the plans are still being scrutinised for its environmental impact by the relevant authorities, but this would only mean changes to the design and construction at worst. The site earmarked for the hospital is between 3 and 4 kilometres south of the town centre.

The time scale for the completion of the hospital was not announced, but it is likely that it will be completed within two years. The announcement was made at a seminar held in the Sofitel Centara Grand Resort and Villas in Hua Hin, which was presented by Dr Michael Moreton.

Dr Moreton, who writes a monthly health article for the Observer magazine, hinted that the new facility was likely to be similar in size and scope to their hospital on Ko Samui, which is a 50-bed secondary healthcare care facility, providing a wide range of medical services and specialties, including Emergency and Trauma care, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Ear-Nose-Throat, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Neurosurgery, Nephrology, Psychiatry, Cardiology and Ophthalmology. The medical facilities there include a modern Emergency and Trauma unit, Out-patient department, In-Patient department, 6 fully equipped ICU beds, 2 ultra-modern Operation rooms, a new Hemodialysis unit, Spiral CT scan, fully equipped Laboratory with Blood Bank, well stocked Pharmacy, and a Physiotherapy unit. There are more than 15 highly trained doctors working full time at that hospital.

The Bangkok Hospital Hua Hin would obviously need to refer some of its patients to their excellent facilities in Bangkok, but both the local population and tourists will be relieved to have a state of the art

Dr Michael Moreton from the Bangkok Hospital Medical Centre

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New Hospital

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modern hospital available should they need it. The public Hua Hin Hospital, which was revamped in the last couple of years, does a good job but is overrun at times, while many expats have lost confidence in the private San Paulo hospital, with frequent criticisms of over charging amongst other things. The new hospital will hopefully reduce the pressure on the other facilities as well as provide an incentive to improve.

The Bangkok Hospital group has a network of hospitals and clinics in Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam and Bangladesh. They are renowned for excellent care and treatment, as well as a continuing effort to educate people about their health. The seminar held on Tuesday was titled Healthy Living and Travelling, and focused on how to stay healthy in Thailand and beyond. A fuller report on the well attended seminar will be available in the December issue of AWOL's sister publication, the Observer, but the whole ethos of the Bangkok Hospital group is one of proper health management, awareness and prevention. An example of this was presented at the seminar in the form of protection against mosquitoes, which carry some nasty and deadly diseases, most notably malaria and dengue fever; a simple wrist or ankle band called 'Bugs Lock' can be worn or even attached to bags or clothing and will repel insects, in particular mosquitoes for 12 hours. The bands were on sale at the seminar for a special price of 70 baht, and it is envisaged that they will be extremely popular with the expat population, particularly the golfers!

Dr Moreton conducting the seminar at the Sofitel in Hua Hin

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Leasing versus Purchasing

The maths on the Paul McCartney-Heather Mills divorce is as follows:

After 5 years of marriage, he paid her $49 million. Assuming he got sex every night during their 5 year relationship (which would NOT have happened!) it ended up costing him $26,849 per time.

This is Heather.

On the other hand, Elliot Spitzer's call girl, Kristen, an absolute stunner with a body like no other, charges $4,000 an hour. For anything!

This is Kristen.

Had Paul McCartney 'employed' Kristen for 5 years, he would've paid $7.3 million for an hour of sex every night for 5 years (a saving of $41.7 million).
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Leasing makes more sense and is tax deductable

The WAG Phenomenon...

Jamelia (left) WAGs her tail - Darren Byfield is a lucky man!

For those of you who are scratching your heads right now, WAG refers to *Wives And Girlfriends* of footballers (and sometimes other famous men). It is a bit of an unfair term to use in reference to this week's page 3 beauty Jamelia, as she is far more famous than her footballer husband, Darren Byfield, who currently plays for Doncaster Rovers. The couple married in June this year (sorry boys) after a stormy relationship almost broke up a couple of years previously over Byfield's infidelity. For those of you interested in Jamelia's music, her Greatest Hits was released this Autumn, and she would make a very nice stocking filler for Christmas.

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
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Sun	Pleasant with some sun	23	31
Mon	Pleasant with partial sunshine	24	31
Tues	Sun through high clouds	24	31
Wed	Humid with periods of rain	24	28
Thur	Cloudy and humid	24	30
Fri	Humid with clouds and sun	22	28

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 14th November 2008

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	5	10	Cloudy
Athens	12	19	Fine
Auckland	14	19	Rain
Beijing	4	12	Cloudy
Berlin	6	12	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	21	31	Cloudy
Chicago	2	10	Rain
Copenhagen	6	11	Showers
Dubai	20	30	Clear
Dublin	2	9	Dry
Geneva	6	9	Rain
Helsinki	4	8	Possible Rain
Ho Chi Minh	22	31	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	21	28	Scattered Clouds
Islamabad	10	23	Clear
Jakarta	23	32	Rain
Jerusalem	10	19	Rain
Johannesburg	13	19	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	33	Thunderstorms
London	1	12	Fine
Los Angeles	13	25	Fine
Madrid	7	12	Fine
Manila	24	30	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	9	27	Cloudy
Moscow	2	6	Fine
New Delhi	14	30	Mist
New York	3	11	Cloudy
Oslo	0	7	Scattered Clouds
Paris	7	12	Showers
Perth	12	23	Clear
Phnom-Penh	23	29	Overcast
Rio De Janeiro	20	29	Thunderstorms
Riyadh	17	28	Clear
Rome	10	19	Rain
San Francisco	12	18	Cloudy
Singapore	24	30	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	4	6	Possible Rain
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Tokyo	11	13	Rain
Vientiane	18	29	Clear
Yangon	18	27	Partly Cloudy
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KRW	Korean Won	0.0270611
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DKK	Danish Krone	5.87862
NOK	Norwegian Krone	4.98385
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BHD	Bahrain Dinar	92.9109
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COUNCILS IN UK BAN USE OF LATIN TERMS

■ UNITED KINGDOM

A number of local councils in Britain have banned their staff from using Latin words, because they say they might confuse people.

Several local authorities have ruled that phrases like "vice versa", "pro rata", and even "via" should not be used, in speech or in writing.

But the ban has prompted anger among some Latin scholars.

Professor Mary Beard of Cambridge University said it was the linguistic equivalent of ethnic cleansing.

Some local councils say using Latin is elitist and discriminatory, because some people might not understand it - particularly if English is not their first language.

Bournemouth Council is among those which have discouraged Latin. It has drawn up a list of 18 Latin phrases which its staff are advised not to use, either verbally or in official correspondence.

Biggus Dickus confesses to using Latin

The council denies that it places a ban on Latin words.

A council spokesman said: "We advise against using certain words, particularly when staff are writing to those whose first language may not be English.

"The advice is intended as a guide only, not a direction."

However, the council's Plain Language Guide lists Latin under the heading "Things To Avoid".

Other local councils have banned "QED" and "ad hoc", while other typical Latin terms include "bona fide", "ad lib" and "quid pro quo".

But the move has been welcomed by the Plain English Campaign which says some officials only use Latin to make themselves feel important.

A Campaign spokesman said the ban might stop people confusing the Latin abbreviation e.g. with the word "egg".

Latin students protest against ban

A Latin scholar gets stoned by locals

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CHILDREN TO BE TAUGHT WHY WOMEN ARE OUT OF THEIR MINDS

■ENGLAND

SCHOOLCHILDREN across England are to get compulsory lessons on why women are insane.

Ministers want to make sex and relationship lessons compulsory so future generations of boys do not waste half their lives trying to work out what the hell that was all about.

The Department of Education said reforms are vital as new figures reveal attempts to decode twisted female logic are costing Britain £4.6 billion a year in lost productivity.

A spokesman said: "Most of the early classes will focus on teaching boys how to let it all wash over them.

Meanwhile the girls will be taught the importance of establishing confidence and stability in a relationship before suddenly changing their minds."

A classic example of an insane woman

Lessons on the biology of sex will also be overhauled with new diagrams showing the male body as a digestive system attached to a disappointingly small penis.

From next September the core-curriculum will include skank-spotting, jealous rages and how to tell if it is in yet, while girls will be taught how to dismantle and reassemble a state-of-the-art German vibrator in less than three minutes.

Ministers insist exotic sexual practices involving bodily waste or elaborate fistwork will not be covered until year six.

Area 555

DEAD PARROT

At dawn the telephone rings, 'Hello, Khun Rod? This is Lek, the caretaker at your Hua Hin mansion.'
'Ah yes, Lek. What can I do for you? Is there a problem??'
'Um, I am just calling to advise you, Khun Rod, that your parrot, he is dead.'
'My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International competition?'
'Krap, that's the one.'
'Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?'
'From eating the rotten meat, Khun Rod.'
'Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat?'
'Nobody, Khun Rod. He ate the meat of the dead horse.'
'Dead horse? What dead horse?'
'The thoroughbred, Khun Rod.'
'My prize thoroughbred is dead?'
'Yes Khun Rod, he died from all that work pulling the water cart.'
'Are you insane?? What water cart?'
'The one we used to put out the fire, Sir.'
'Good Lord!! What fire are you talking about, man??'
'The one at your house! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire.'
'What the hell?? Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle??!!'
'Yes, Nai Rod.'
'But there's electricity at the house!! What was the candle for?'
'For the funeral, Nai.'
'WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL??!!'
'Your wife's, Khun Rod. She showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Taylor Made Super Quad 460 golf club.'
(SILENCE... .. . . LONGGGGGGGGG SILENCE . . . .)
'Lek, if you broke that driver, you're in deep khee!!'

THERAPIST

A husband and wife came for counselling after 15 years of marriage. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a passionate, painful tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the 15 years they had been married. She went on and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of un-met needs she had endured over the course of their marriage.
Finally, after allowing this to go on for a sufficient length of time the therapist got up, walked around the desk and, after asking the wife to stand, embraced and kissed her passionately while fondling her intimately.
The woman instantly shut up and quietly sat down as though she was in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, 'This is what your wife needs at least three times a week..... Can you do this?'
The husband thought for a moment and replied, 'Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I play golf.'

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Man is found glued to toilet seat

■ ENGLAND

A man had to be taken to hospital still attached to a steel toilet after super-glue was deliberately smeared on the seat.

Firefighters were unable to free the man and were forced to remove the entire toilet with the man attached.

The 35-year-old was in a public toilet cubicle in Brierley Hill in the West Midlands when he became stuck.

He was taken to hospital where doctors had to get into the ambulance before using chemicals to free him.

An ambulance service spokesman said: "He appeared to be none the worse for his ordeal other than being understandably somewhat embarrassed."

It is thought the glue had been smeared on the toilet seat by a prankster.

An ambulance crew and a rapid response vehicle attended the scene just before midday but they were unable to free the man.

"With the help of a local authority and the fire and rescue service, the man was removed from the cubicle still attached to the stainless steel toilet," the spokesman said.

The toilet was later taken back to the public convenience and re-installed.

Locals were glad to see the toilet unscathed

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Your STARS with Destiny Dan

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
Any attempt at weight loss is futile this week as a whale is about to be seemingly named after you. Now, obviously, it's not being named after you, it's all just complete coincidence, you have the same surname that is all, however Saturn and Uranus will do all in their powers to make you think otherwise for reasons known only to themselves.
A convoluted explanation you attempt to spin to a police officer or some kind of traffic control official will come back to haunt you around the 18th of the week. Your only hope to stop this going any further is to back up your claims with heavily Photoshopped evidence. Mercury has nothing to add, but promises to enjoy the show.
This week your destiny has a chip on its shoulder that only a thorough jigging can fix.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
A misunderstanding involving a fish, a small yappy type dog and an ostrich is set to make this week zing with reappraised Discovery Channel type learning. Jupiter applauds from afar.
Stop by at a roadside diner after the 16th to get a free coffee refill with every meal. Smoking cigarettes is badly starred around the 18th after a number of gas and chemical spills mysteriously coincide around you in a 'Final Destination' movie type way.
This week your destiny is like a double semi colon in a heavy shower.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
Fast movement in water is starred this week, but it is difficult to see what the stars have in mind. Either it means you are driving in a fast motorboat in some kind of spy movie chase sequence type way, you are participating in some sort of water based swimming race, or maybe you just drop something in the shower - as I said it is difficult to read your celestial charts. Either way forewarned is forearmed, so keep your water goggles in your back pocket from between 14th to 24th, and check behind before you bend down in the shower.
This week your destiny is absent.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
Your finances will improve 0.2 or more this week as Mercury takes over the reins of your financial destiny. Jupiter's period at the helm over the last three years has left you so down in the dumps you might consider things can't get any worse. Well they might get cataclysmically worse in the short term but Mercury will undoubtedly lead to well needed changes over the medium term. So, look on the bright side, and try to develop cockeyed optimism in any of its beguiling forms.
Dogs, especially dopily loyal ones who like hardluck cases, are set to provide moments of solace and cost effective joy this week. Saturn suggests that a box of doggie chocs always go down a treat. A moment of buying inspired satanic possession will see you save over $10 on an internet shopping site. Well done.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
Beware red headed people for all of the week, especially those still in Halloween costumes.
Befriend the friendless, give money to those who need it more than you do. Make this week one of making the world a sunnier, friendlier, place. If that fails then go back to being your usual grumpy self with the knowledge that at least you tried.
This week your destiny is uncertain for only a short time after the cock crows on the 18th, after then the sun will shine on all your plans like a prime time beach based soap opera.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
This will be a five star week in more ways than one. How you interpret the above statement is up to you but Mars and Saturn both suggest a pleasingly luxurious hotel break at the end of which you should ensure you keep the dressing coat and slippers provided for your use in the room. Jupiter suggests going for a moonlit walk. Mercury suggests a beating down a dark alley is on the cards.
Cooking with seafood is particularly well starred this week but only at times of high tide - however beware Haddock and Cod in all of their forms.
Mars suggests buying a yacht or an expensive car on your credit card on the 20th.

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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21
A new toothpaste, mouthwash or soap that you try this week is set to introduce you to the world of your advertising inspired dreams where everyone is good looking, intelligent and welcoming. Yes, Jupiter is now very much on your side and the rest of the year will now zing with glamour, intelligent smiley conversation and pert bodies.
Goofy, the Disney cartoon character and not the person you have secretly nicknamed Goofy because of his protruding teeth, is set to influence a judgement this week that Mars has been trying to push for your consideration over the last three weeks. Embrace horticulture in all of its forms.
This week your destiny wears the shoes of an aristocrat but the hat of a performing monkey.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
You will, unbeknownst to you, improbably help to develop a new mixed martial arts move when out food shopping around the 18th. Tomatoes will from thence forth have an edgy, pleasingly violent, quality and may introduce you to the wonder that is (karate chopped) tomato soup.
A suicidal housefly will attempt to end it all by flying into your mouth at breakfast one morning. Swallow it / don't swallow it it's up to you. Saturn suggests choking theatrically for half an hour: ignore him.
This week your destiny is abundant.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
An arms out wide, head back and a loud musical voice from your lips, will greet you this week. This will set the scene for the following days which will be one of the most musical you have ever known.
Singing, dancing and backward somersaults landing on your feet with the look of "Hey what did you expect, I'm a cool dude" will pepper this week like none before.
Spicy foods on the 16th should be avoided unless eating in a south easterly direction.
This week your destiny is prone to blackouts at unforeseen moments. Beware when riding a horse.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
Your recently discovered glamorous lifestyle will be beset with helicopter travel, jet travel and pampering to an almost opulent degree. Try the chocolates in the golden shiny paper, mmmmh, they are really quite special.
Foot massages are badly starred around the 17th mainly because of your Jupiter inspired nervous reaction of kicking out violently when someone grabs your leg. Make sure all your legal liability insurance is up to date as soon as possible.
This week your destiny wears a disconcerting turquoise and mauve colour scheme.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
Apples are 'largely' starred especially in ice cream this week, which may be a new flavour for all we know. It is certainly a rare flavour for us non ice cream connoisseurs. Does apple ice cream taste as much like vomit as orange ice cream does? Only Jupiter's flavoursome secret will be revealed to adventurous Scorpios around 8:12 pm on the 20th.
Creases in trousers are set to go spectacularly awry from the 14th after Neptune's attention is drawn to ironing in all of its forms. It may be that the days of ironing trousers solely in the direction of up and down are numbered for Scorpio's everywhere.
This week a question that you asked a teacher in your final year at school will be finally answered in an unexpected way.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
A gushing apology is in the stars after a mix-up involving a piece of fruit. Stand your ground, you are completely right: the waiter you are supposed to have chastised only has himself to blame for bringing to your table the paw paw cut erotically like that...
A new hobby is about to enter your life to fill the coming frequent lulls. Saturn sees wood, metal and possibly plastic.
This week your destiny goes on a long drive and won't be back until the middle of December.

Top tips

Make bath times as much fun for kiddies as a visit to the seaside by pouring a bucket of sand, a bag of salt and a dog turd into the bath.

Make guests believe your home might be bugged by running your hands under tables and inside lampshades, then turning the shower on every time you want to speak.

Increase blind people's electricity bills by switching all their lights on when their guide dog isn't looking.

Recreate the fun of a visit to a public swimming pool in your own home by filling the bath with cold water, adding two bottles of bleach, then urinating into it, before jumping in.

Make your girlfriend cry when you're having sex by phoning her up and telling her.

International master criminals. Tell your guards to shoot James Bond in the head at the first opportunity. Under no circumstances give him a guided tour of your base, or leave him in the custody of attractive women in bikinis.

KING-sized Mars bars make ideal normal-sized Mars bars, for giants. NORMAL-sized Mars bars make ideal king-sized Mars bars for dwarfs, as well as fun-sized ones for giants.

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8. Vacant (5)
9. Sharp-pointed plant outgrowth (5)
10. Hoodlum (4)
12. Bookmaker (6)
14. Move slowly (6)
17. Move along in a stream (4)
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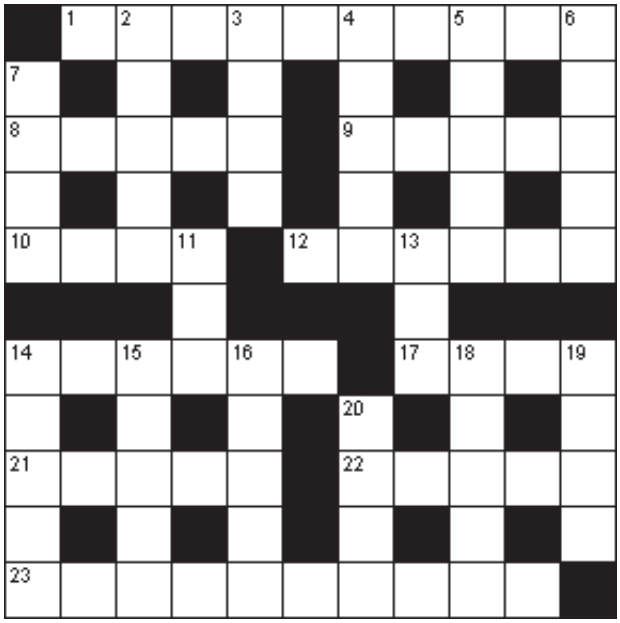

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2. Become ripe (5)
3. Delights (4)
4. As before (5)
5. Earthenware pot (5)
6. Move rhythmically (5)
7. Shed tears (4)
11. Young goat (3)
13. Idiot (3)
14. Prevent (5)
15. Flinch (5)
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Solution in next week's issue.
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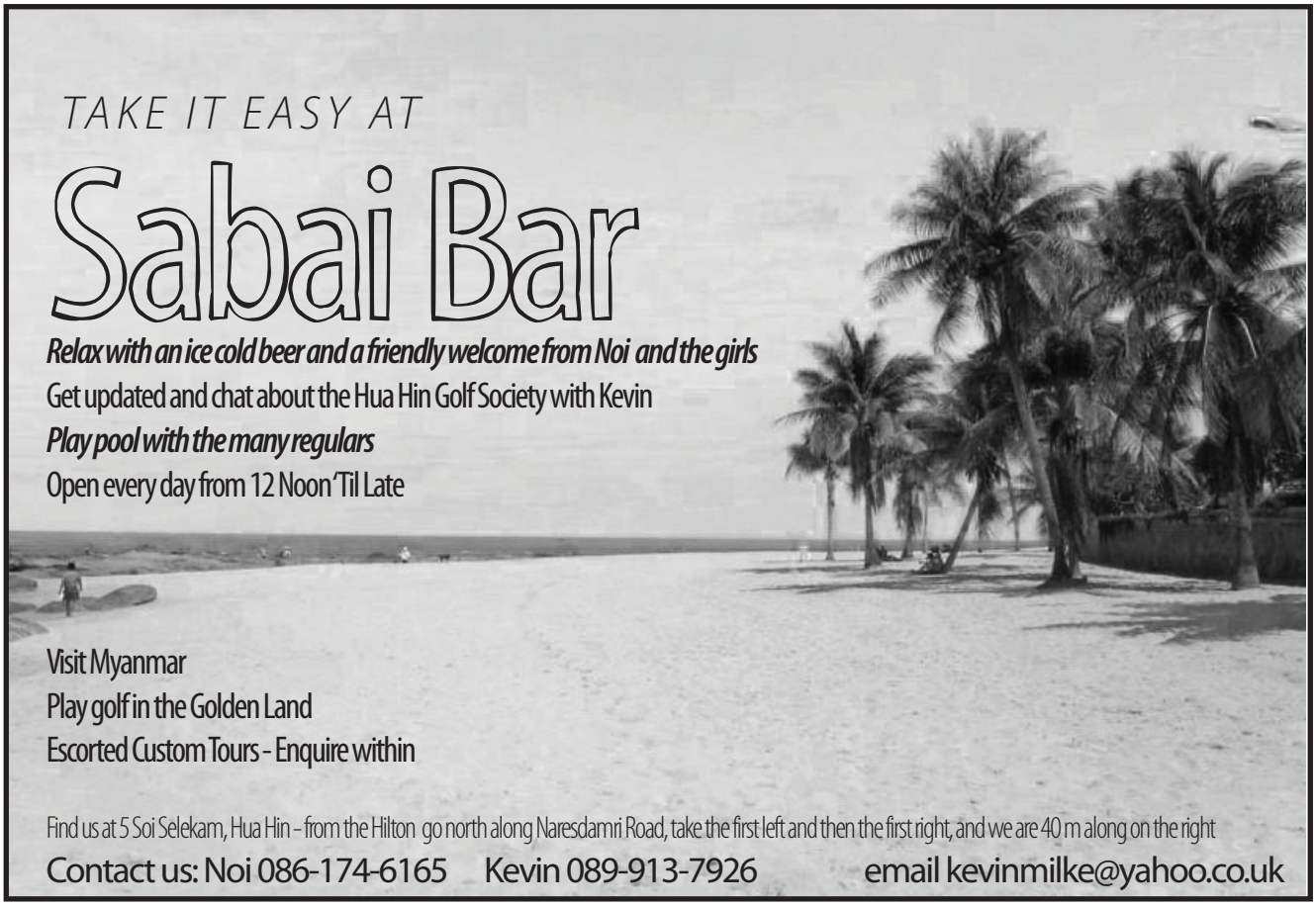

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10th Charity Christmas - Fund Raising Project Hua Hin Golf Society

Tuesday 16th December 2008

There will be a Golf Tournament at the new and beautiful Banyan Golf Club. In the evening a Buffet Dinner at The Dusit Resort Hua Hin where we will be raising money for our Charity Fund.
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Our Completed Projects for 2008

Bann Pu Wai School
New toilet nearer to the small children classrooms, Floor Covering, plastic chairs and cabinets for 2 rooms for the small children, Mosquito netting for windows.

Nong Keun School
4 Computers, Ceiling Fans, Mosquito netting for windows (Library), Refurbish old toilet, Additional Cooking Facilities & Food cabinet + Cooking Utensils.

Nong Kor Kai School
Library. Needed ceiling repaired, plus plastic chairs, 2 computers, Room for small children, Air bricks required plus Mosquito nets, 4 standing fans, cabinet, plastic chairs plus repair to the roof. Clinic / Medicine room / Office, The Army have supplied (built) a building, but it needed completing i.e. Windows to add, Ceiling added, Partitioning etc. Bed, Plus Medicine Cabinet and Stock etc.

Petchaburi Adult Mental Home
We have purchased clothing, sanitary wear, underwear, shoes (flip flops or the like) etc.
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LAND FOR SALE: 1 rai in Hua Hin, Tab Tai, for 480,000 THB. This property is uncultivated land situated in a quiet area. An asphalted road leads directly to the land plot. Water connection as well as electric power is already accessible. 4.5 rai in Pranburi for 1 Mio THB.This property is uncultivated land with a mountain view in a quiet area. A dirt road leads directly to the land plot and a Mango plantation is its neighbour. The title is Naw Saw Sam Gaw. Water as well as electric power is not connected yet. 18.75 rai in Pranburi for 3 Mio THB. This property is uncultivated land with fabulous mountain view in a very quiet area. Its title is Naw Saw Sam Gaw. A dirt road leads directly to the land plot. Water connection as well as electric power is not accessible yet. Please call Jana 085-429-1543.

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Relationship hanging by a thread? Money troubles? Can't get on with your neighbours? Ask Mary Ann Cotton, AWOL's very own agony aunt.

■ DEAR MARY,
I am a 47 year-old female and a virgin. I have recently been asked out on a date by a local dustman, which I am very much looking forward to. We are going to a local sausage convention, and then a display of champion cucumbers at the local farmers' market, after which he has made it very clear that he expects sex of some sort. I am scared that an orgasm will kill me. So what I really want to know is, do you have any ideas for sandwiches for a first date?
Bewildered,
Staines.

Mary says: Dear Bewildered,
What a pickle you have got yourself into it over nothing. Of course your first time can be unnerving, especially given your age. I know mine was. But there are plenty of things you can do to ease the tension and make everything go smoothly on a first date. Use lots of margarine for starters to make sure your slice is not too dry. When it comes to sausages I would always recommend a chipolata over a Cumberland at this early stage. It's not as filling to start with, but you will thank me for it later. Avoid prize cucumbers at all costs, unless you peel them first. As for the sandwiches I would not worry about it too much. Men will eat anything. I know my ex-husband did. That's why I divorced him.

DEAR MARY,
My fiancé of six months asked me about my sexual history and preferences. But when I told him about the guys I had slept with and what I like to do in bed he went completely nuts. It is true that I have enjoyed a healthy love life in the past and have indulged in hoggins with a great number of men, often at the same time. I have a healthy and open attitude to sex and expect the same of others, but it is clear that my fiancé does not. He seemed particularly annoyed when I told him about my threesome with his dad and brother last week. How was I to know they had not already told him?
Dumped,
Dundee.

Mary says: Dear Dumped,
How typical! Like most men, it would appear your fiancé is only really interested in marrying a virgin possessed of some magical innate ability to perform the perfect blow job. But as we all know learning how to perform fantastic oral sex requires a great deal of practice, and that is why I have never bothered. Yuk. It seems like your now ex-fiancé is a standard insecure and selfish bloke. He asks you what you like to do in bed not because he wants to learn how to please you, but because he wants you to tell him 'he's the best'. And when he finds out you actually prefer a bit of a roasting with his nearest relations he gets all huffy, rather than asking if he can join in. You are better off without him. Why not marry his dad, and just shag him on the side instead?

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...

A dead ringer

We use phrases all the time without really giving their meaning a great deal of thought. You may well know that dead ringer means exact duplicate, but why is that? To a non-English speaker the two terms appear to have nothing in common. So, why dead; why ringer?

A ringer is a horse substituted for another of similar appearance in order to defraud the bookies. This word originated in the US horse-racing fraternity at the end of the 19th century. The word is defined for us in a copy of the Manitoba Free Press from October 1882: "A horse that is taken through the country and trotted under a false name and pedigree is called a 'ringer.'"

It has since been adopted into the language to mean any very close duplicate. As a verb, 'ring' has long been used to mean 'exchange/substitute' in a variety of situations, most of them illegal. From the same period is the term 'ring castors', meaning to surreptitiously exchange hats. Castors, or casters, were hats made from beaver fur. From the 20th century we have the Australian phrase, 'ring in the gray (or knob)', meaning to substitute a double-sided penny for a genuine one. Coming more up to date we have 'car ringing', which is the replacing of the identification numbers on a stolen car with those from a genuine (usually scrapped) vehicle.

So, that's ringer; what about dead? Dead, in the sense of lifeless, is so commonly used that we tend to ignore its other meanings. The meaning that's relevant here is exact or precise. This is demonstrated in many phrases; 'dead shot', 'dead centre', 'dead heat', etc.

So, 'dead ringer' is literally the same as 'exact duplicate'. It first came into use soon after the word ringer itself, in the US at the end of the 19th century. The earliest reference found that confirms the 'exact duplicate' meaning is from the Oshkosh Weekly Times, June 1888, in a court report of a man charged with being 'very drunk':

"Dat ar is a markable semlance be shoo", said Hart looking critically at the picture. "Dat's a dead ringer fo me. I nebber done see such a semblence."

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League
Results Matchday 9 7th November 2008

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
LSA	13	4	DIA	12	4
OCT	14	4	SIL	13	4
DB	5	0	JWB	20	8
LSL	15	3	EAG	13	5
QUE	13	3	LSS	14	5
JWR	13	2	LSB	17	6
CAP	14	4	DA	11	4
TW	8	1	SUG	18	7

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 10 14/11/2008
Queens Flower v LSA
JW Red v Eagle
Captain's Inn v JW Black
Thaiwaii v Silverrock
Sugar Cane v Diamond
Dick's Office A v Octopussy
LSB v Dick's Office B
LSS v LSL

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Lucky Shot Student's	9	7	1	1	24	38	15
Lucky Shot B	9	6	3	0	24	32	15
Johnie Walker Black	9	7	1	1	16	46	15
Eagle Bar	9	5	3	1	26	38	13
Queens Flower Bar	9	5	2	2	20	45	12
Lucky Shot A	9	4	3	2	10	27	11
Octopussy Bar	9	5	1	3	6	9	11
Silverrock Bar	9	4	3	2	2	-2	11
Sugar Cane Bar	9	4	0	5	0	8	8
Lucky Shot Ladies	9	3	2	4	-2	-4	8
Dick's Office B	9	2	2	5	-20	-33	6
Diamond Bar	9	1	3	5	-12	-29	5
Johnie Walker Red	9	1	2	6	-16	-30	4
Thaiwaii	9	1	2	6	-20	-37	4
Dick's Office A	9	1	2	6	-26	-47	4
Captain's Inn	9	0	2	7	-32	-61	2

Hua Hin 8-Ball League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
SilverRock	12	9	1	2	40	19
MrDanA	13	8	2	3	24	18
BenTho	13	8	1	4	32	17
SprtCntre	13	6	5	2	30	17
Harley	11	7	3	1	24	17
Komhom	13	6	2	5	18	14
B'fly Rock	11	6	0	5	12	12
DicksA	13	4	4	5	2	12
Dolphin	13	5	2	6	-2	12
Phoenix	12	4	2	6	-16	10
MrDanB	13	3	3	7	-30	9
DicksB	12	2	2	8	-32	6
BambooGr	10	2	1	7	-36	5
LilleMan	13	1	2	10	-66	4

Results Week 13
5th November 2008
BenTho 8 - 4 Komhom
DicksA 5 - 7 MrDanA
Dolphin 5 - 7 BambooGrove
MrDanB 6 - 6 DicksB
SportCentre 6 - 6 LilleMan

Week 14 results will be in next week's AWOL

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 15 19th November 2008
Butterfly Rock v MrDanB
DicksA v BambooGrove
Dolphin v LilleMan
Harley v Phoenix
Komhom v DicksB
MrDanA v SilverRock
SportCentre v BenTho

Hua Hin 9-Ball League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
B'fly Rock	4	3	1	0	13	7
Mr Dan A	4	3	0	1	15	6
Dolphin	5	3	0	2	14	6
Plas Place	5	3	0	2	8	6
LilleMan	5	3	0	2	-13	6
Red Bar	4	2	0	2	7	4
Dicks B	5	2	0	3	-5	4
Mr Dan B	4	1	1	2	-5	3
Dicks A	5	1	0	4	-5	2
BenTho	5	1	0	4	-29	2

Results Week 5
10th November 2008
BenTho 6 - 19 Dolphin
Dicks A 9 - 12 Plas Place
LilleMan 15 - 12 Dicks B
Other results not received

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 6 17th November 2008
Butterfly Rock v LilleMan
Dicks A v Mr Dan B
Dolphin v Red Bar
Mr Dan A v Dicks B
Plas Place v BenTho

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League
The Hua Hin and Khao Takiap Pool League commences it's third season next Wednesday. Champions Harleys face off against an unpredictable Eagle Bar while last seasons runners up Déjà vu host newcomers Railway Tavern. First timers Dizzy Dolphin face Oasis while Bob and Nok's meet Bobbys Good Friends in a local derby. Free Time host debutantes Thaiwaii whilst Dara Bar face Sunset Boulevard in the battle of last seasons also rans. Anybody wishing to play in the league should simply pop into their local bar and ask.

Next Week's Fixtures
Wed 19th November 2008
Bobbys Good Friends v Bob and Noks
Dara Bar v Sunset Boulevard
Deja Vu v Railway Tavern
Dizzy Dolphin v Oasis Bar
Eagle Bar v Harleys Bar
Free Time Bar v Thaiwaii

Hua Hin Social Pool League
The majority of games were postponed die to Loi Kratong
Results
Week 12- 12th November 2008
B'fly Rock v Headrock - P'poned
JW Black v Limelight 12-7
Billys v U Turn - Postponed
J Juice A v J Juice B 6-13
Lazy D v Billys Babes - P'poned
PP v JW Red – Postponed
Red Bar v Sabai - Postponed

Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 13 – 19th November 2008
Sabai v Butterfly Rock
JW Red v Red Bar
Billys Babes v PP
Jungle Juice B v Lazy Daze
U Turn v Jungle Juice A
Limelight v Billys
Headrock v JW Black

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pt
B's Babes	11	9	2	120-89	18
J Juice A	11	9	2	113-96	18
PP	10	9	1	111-79	18
J Juice B	12	8	4	131-95	16
JW Black	12	7	5	122-106	14
Lazy Dz	11	7	4	117-90	14
Sabai	10	6	4	95-95	12
Billys	11	4	7	98-113	8
Red Bar	9	4	5	86-80	8
U Turn	10	3	7	88-101	6
Headrock	11	3	8	87-122	6
Limelight	11	2	9	80-110	4
B'fly Rk	9	1	8	72-100	2
JW Red	8	1	7	50-89	2

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 13 - 18/11/2008
Division 1
J.W. Red v No Game
Oasis v Dicks Office B
Lazy Daze v Paradise Bar
CAT v Scandic Bar
Pink Flamingo v J.W. Black

Division 2
Mojo v CAT B
Love Bar v Jaew
Bamboo Grove v Lucky Shot
Butterfly Rock v No Game
Dicks Office A v Good Friends

Top 16 standings:

Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	Pts
Stuart	P	148
Golf	SB	94
Tao	JWB	94
Bon	DOB	89
Mark	O	88
Martin	LD	86
Jason	CAT	83
Peter	PF	83
Noi	CAT	81
Dicky	JWB	80

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	Pts
Tao	CAT	132
Eero	BR	124
Don	CAT	102
Muay	JB	99
Mojo	M	88
Howard	M	77

Results Week 12
Division 1
No Game v J.W. Black
Scandic v Pink Flamingo–P'poned
Paradise Bar v CAT 7-3
Dicks Office B v Lazy Daze 5-5
J.W. Red v Oasis - Postponed

Division 2
CAT B v Good Friends 10-0
No Game v Dicks Office A
Lucky Shot v Butterfly Rock 6-4
Jaew v Bamboo Grove 8-2
Mojo v Love Bar 8-2

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
P'dise	9	7	0	2	57-33	14
CAT	9	6	2	1	56-34	14
JW Blk	8	6	1	1	54-26	13
Scandic	8	4	1	3	49-31	9
Dicks B	9	2	3	4	40-50	7
Lazy D	9	2	3	4	38-52	7
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	9	9	0	0	79-11	18
Jaew	9	6	0	3	50-40	12
Mojo	8	5	1	2	51-29	11
Bfly Rk	8	5	1	2	48-42	11
Lucky S	9	5	0	4	44-46	10
Dicks A	8	3	1	4	38-42	7
B Grove	9	2	1	6	33-57	5
Good Fr	9	2	0	7	28-62	4
Love	9	0	0	9	19-71	0

Can't see your local sports league in AWOL? Contact us with your details and we will try to make space for it. Just email to: awol@observergroup.net

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).

Thursday 27th November - Thanksgiving Day Dinner at California Steak House and Cantina (opposite Sofitel) - only 315 baht Book Now 032-533599 (for details see ad on page 19)

Regular Events

Tuesdays - Darts League (various venues, 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 BBQ every fortnight from 24th October

Saturdays - Bobby's Good Friends Restaurant and Bar Khao Takiab 7.30.pm till late. Live Filipino Band, come and dance the night away and also enjoy free Bobby shots on the hour

Please note that some of these events may have been cancelled due to the Royal funeral

Hua Hin Golf Society

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

This week's results:

11th November- Majestic Creek Stableford 25 Entrants

1st Usko 43 pts 17 hcp, 2nd Ken Thomson 41 pts 28 hcp, 3rd Nitha 37 pts 15 hcp, 4th Kenny Cameron (g) 37 pts 13 hcp, 5th Jore (g) 37 pts 22 hcp. 6th Judith Thomson 36 pts 35 hcp.

Nearest the Pin Hole No. 6 Kenny Cameron (g), No. 17 Amy Skogstrom

7th November- Lake View Texas Scramble 35 entrants

1st Martin Swift, Colin Devonshire, Roger Perrin, Ian McClean. 55.8 net 6.2 hcp, 2nd Steve Aristodemou, Callum McDonald, Peter Tucker, John McKenzie. 56.5 net 3.5 hcp, 3rd Lawrence Garrett, Russell Beard, Adrian Salt, Mick Evans. 57.3 net 2.7 hcp, 4th Barry Moore, Simon Rouse, Roger Donaldson, Rene Benard. 57.5 net 2.5 hcp, 5th Scott Kyle Little, Doug Miller, Peter Fitzpatrick, Martin. 59.2 net 3.7 hcp.

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 18th Banyan - N.B. Fixture Change

Friday 21st Lake View - N.B Fixture Change

Butterfly Rock Golf

Book now for Christmas party Dec19th, Sailom Hotel. See Robin Heath for tickets and placings.

This week's results:

Nov 7th - Palm Hills Stableford - 16 players

Front 9 - Murray Hannam - 19 points, Back 9 - Robin Heath. Craig Miller. Alain de Rocker - 18 points. Overall - Robin Heath - 34 points.

Nov 10th - Lake View AB Stableford - 23 players

1st - Mike Ford - 40pts, 2nd - Larry English - 40pts, 3rd - John Anstee - 39pts, 4th - Klaus Kristensen - 36pts

Nov 13th - Lake View AB Alan Mercer Trophy 2 man Texas Scramble

1st Alan Rawson / Alan Mercer 55.5, 2nd Larry English / Pat Curan 58, 3rd Pak Heath / Peter Fitzpatrick - 58.5

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 17th November Lake View

Friday 21st November Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 08 November 2008

Arsenal 2-1 Man Utd
Hull 0-1 Bolton
Liverpool 3-0 West Brom
Sunderland 1-2 Portsmouth
West Ham 1-3 Everton
Wigan 0-0 Stoke

Sunday, 09 November 2008

Aston Villa 1-2 Middlesbrough
Blackburn 0-2 Chelsea
Fulham 2-1 Newcastle
Man City 1-2 Tottenham

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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 15 November 2008

Arsenal v Aston Villa, 22:00

The Gunners' thrilling win over Man. Utd last week still sees them 6 points behind the leaders, and this game is just as vital, with Villa able to draw level with them if they win. Villa are enduring a bad run though, so expect a home win.

Blackburn v Sunderland, 22:00

Both teams need a result but neither can afford to lose after last week's losses. Not likely to be pretty; a hard fought draw.

Bolton v Liverpool, 19:45

The Trotters have put together a string of wins now but that should come to an end this week. Liverpool will know that Chelsea are likely to gain 3 points so will put out a strong side. Away win.

Fulham v Tottenham, 22:00

This will be an intriguing game as both sides are in good form and confident. Harry 'Hotspur' Redknapp to just edge out Roy 'Cottager' Hodgson.

Man Utd v Stoke, 22:00

Stoke have done well so far, but they are likely to catch United on a day where they mean business after losing to Arsenal. Heavy home win.

Newcastle v Wigan, 22:00

With the bottom half of the table only having 3 points between 10 clubs a win for either here will see them jump several places. The Toon should win a surprisingly entertaining game.

Barclays Premier League Table

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Chelsea	12	3	2	1	13	3	6	0	0	16	1	25	29
2	Liverpool	12	5	1	0	11	4	4	1	1	8	4	11	29
3	Arsenal	12	4	1	1	14	8	3	1	2	11	5	12	23
4	Man Utd	11	4	1	0	13	4	2	2	2	7	6	10	21
5	Aston Villa	12	3	2	1	10	7	3	0	3	10	9	4	20
6	Hull	12	2	1	3	5	12	4	1	1	12	7	-2	20
7	Everton	12	1	2	3	6	11	4	1	1	12	9	-2	18
8	M'brough	12	3	1	2	7	9	2	1	3	6	8	-4	17
9	Portsmouth	12	3	1	2	8	6	2	1	3	5	12	-5	17
10	Fulham	11	4	1	1	8	4	0	1	4	2	6	0	14
11	Bolton	12	2	2	2	6	5	2	0	4	5	8	-2	14
12	Stoke	12	4	0	2	10	9	0	2	4	3	10	-6	14
13	Man City	12	3	0	3	16	8	1	1	4	8	12	4	13
14	West Ham	12	3	0	3	11	11	1	1	4	5	11	-6	13
15	Blackburn	12	1	2	3	3	10	2	2	2	10	12	-9	13
16	Tottenham	12	2	1	3	6	6	1	2	3	9	12	-3	12
17	Wigan	12	1	2	3	3	8	2	1	3	10	8	-3	12
18	Newcastle	12	3	1	2	9	7	0	2	4	6	13	-5	12
19	Sunderland	12	2	1	3	6	8	1	2	3	4	10	-8	12
20	West Brom	12	2	1	3	8	11	1	1	4	2	10	-11	11

West Ham v Portsmouth, 22:00

The Hammers are in freefall despite playing well, which will be a major concern for Zola, while Portsmouth, also under a rookie boss in Tony Adams, have barely missed a beat. Expect a much better defensive display from the home side, and a draw.

Sunday, 16 November 2008

Everton v Middlesbrough, 20:30

Everton and Moyes have been very lucky in winning their last two matches, and 'Boro have been impressive. Home advantage and the luck factor favour the Toffees though, so a narrow home win.

Hull v Man City, 23:00

It looks like the bubble has burst for both these teams and this will be interesting. Man City have quality players throughout the side, and we think that will be what earns them a win here.

West Brom v Chelsea, 00:30

The expected defeat at Liverpool last week will be followed by another at the hands of Chelsea this; however WBA are not a bad side and are not certainties for relegation this time around.

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HAMMERS TO BE SUED BY ANOTHER CLUB?

■ LONDON

The financial woes of West Ham United and their Icelandic owners looked set to worsen yesterday as another football club announced its plans to sue them in connection with the Carlos Tevez affair.

Sheffield Wednesday are following their city rivals United in pursuing legal action against the East End club. The basis of their claim is that the Hammers legal team were so incompetent that a £30 million windfall is about to be handed to their bitter rivals, and they are seeking an equal amount to ensure parity. If the claim goes ahead and is successful, West Ham executives fear that it will open the floodgates to allow all the teams in the Championship to follow suit. Chief Executive Scott Duxbury has also been reported saying that he expects the West Ham fans themselves to also lodge a legal suit against him for total incompetence.

Meanwhile the actual legal wrangles in the original Tevez case continue, with a High Court appearance this week where the West Ham legal team were hoping to get a favourable decision overturning an injunction attempt by Sheffield United to prevent them taking the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The court will also give clarification on the findings of September's independent Football Association tribunal.

This could also have a large impact on whether CAS will be able to hear the case.

Rory Delap touted for javelin event at 2012 Olympics

■ IRELAND

Having seen that he can throw a football further than most people walk in a lifetime, Ireland's Athletics head honchos believe Rory Delap's skills could be transferred to the art of javelin:

Mary Coghlan, head of Athletics Ireland, said: "We don't have any javelin throwers competing at the World Championships next year so of course we would welcome him.

"To reach the acquired standard would be extremely difficult but nothing is impossible.

"Certainly, if he wanted to try and throw the javelin for Ireland we would be more than delighted to have him."

Stoke man could use freakish arm strength at the next Games

The world's best javelin throwers can launch their spear around 65-75m. When you consider the fact that Delap threw a much-less-aerodynamic-than-a-javelin football 45m in the recent Arsenal victory, crossing over to the Olympic event doesn't sound like such a crazy idea.

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