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'Beyond Repair'

Bangkok airport chaos drives a final dagger into Thai tourism

Left: Thousands of protestors stormed into and took over Suvarnabhumi Airport

■HUA HIN, THAILAND
At press time, Suvanabhumi International airport in Bangkok was still blockaded and occupied by protesters supporting the Peoples Alliance for Democracy (PAD) in their call for the Prime Minister and the government to resign. In the words of the Airport director Serirat Prasutanon, "The incident has damaged Thailand's reputation and its economy beyond repair". All flights in and out of the airport have been cancelled and thousands are stranded inside the airport, in Thailand and at various points around the world in an alarming escalation in the political crisis.

While the political turmoil had already impacted on the country's reputation, until this week it was the global financial crisis that had been having a greater affect on tourism, but this has now been eclipsed by the extraordinary takeover of one of the world's newest and busiest international airports.

British Airways has a brief statement on their website advising their customers of the situation and offering either rebooking or refund options, and this is repeated across most airlines; however this does not help those stranded either in Bangkok or around the globe, and particularly those inside the airport itself; apparently many airport staff fled the scene when the

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demonstrators broke in, and there are no supplies of food, or cleaning being carried out at time of writing.

All of this comes at the worst possible time for Thais who are dependent on tourism and foreign business, right at the start of the peak holiday season. There had already been a drop in bookings and tourist arrivals reported, and this latest incident will undoubtedly cause many people to cancel their trips to Thailand; as Hua Hin is one of the premier resort destinations this is more bad news for the bars, restaurants, hotels, guest houses and other businesses set up to service the tourists.

A statement had just been issued minutes before AWOL went to press by the head of the army and stated that Parliament was being dissolved and a new General Election would be called - most

A huge Thai flag being waved by the protestors at the airport

are hoping that this will resolve the situation quickly and without more bloodshed, after a number of shots were fired and grenades detonated on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning at both the main airport and Don Muang, the former international hub.

PAD have said that they will occupy the airport until the government resigns, but whether the announcement of the dissolution and new election will be enough to end the occupation is not known although it should be, before the damage to Thailand's image and economy becomes fatal.

The one saving grace for the government, and possibly also the protestors is that next week on 5th December is the most auspicious public holiday of the year for His Majesty the King's birthday, and it is unlikely that either group will want to mar this very special occasion.

No more details were available as AWOL went to press and we are hoping that the airport will be operating normally by the time this issue hits the streets.

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A NEW THAI BOXING STAR IS BORN

Poppy "The Executioner" Chantuma, two-year-old daughter of Colin and Boom Devonshire, granted an exclusive interview to the Boxing Correspondent of AWOL after her stunning first round knockout of reigning Hua Hin lightweight champion, 3-year-old Nitti Narongchai.

The fight took place in the main office of the Observer Group when Nitti unwisely tried to steal Poppy's lunch. Poppy said: "Nitti is a big fat slob. All I did was feint a left jab and rip a right hook into his gut. He's so fat, it took me five seconds to get my hand out. Now he knows there's no such thing as a free lunch."

Thai boxing circles were buzzing when Poppy made a sensational debut two months ago in a Hua Hin Kindergarten School, when she knocked out two older boys and only lost narrowly on points to the teacher. Angelo Dundee, legendary trainer of Muhammed Ali, said: "I have never seen a two year old girl with such natural talent. She is as strong with her left as she is with her right. Nitti never stood a chance."

When asked where her boxing talent came from, Poppy replied "My mum was the Chonburi lightweight champion for many years. She still has the occasional scrap if men do not watch their tone when they talk to her."

"Look", Poppy said, "I am still learning this game. My trainer, Roger Perrin, said that I have to polish up my defensive skills. He has promised to take me to Glasgow to learn a few moves that are not in the Marquis of Queensbury's book."

It's the top of the bottoms!

Melanie Nunes Fronckowiak and the world's finest bottom

■PARIS, FRANCE

Melanie Nunes Fronckowiak from Brazil has been awarded the title of the 'Most Beautiful Bottom In The World at an international competition in Paris. Judges had closely examined the rears of contestants from 26 countries and Melanie came top ... or should that be bottom.

The women already beaten off competition from 11,200 others who all thought they had the perfectly formed bum and entered the online contest from underwear makers Sloggi.

For having such a delectable derriere 20-year-old Melanie took home £12,000 and a modeling contract, though I think the judges walked away happiest.

On the judging panel were supermodel Adriana Karembeu, astronaut Paolo Nespoli, FHM France Editor-in-chief Lomig Guillo and Sloggi underwear chiefs.

More than 31 million votes had already been cast by members of the public to narrow the number of bottoms down from 11,200 to 26.

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
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Sun	Sunshine and nice	19	27
Mon	Pleasant, partial sunshine	21	27
Tues	Clearing	21	28
Wed	Turning cloudy	24	28
Thur	Humid with periods of rain	23	27
Fri	Mostly cloudy	22	29

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 28th November 2008

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	6	10	Rain
Athens	12	18	Cloudy
Auckland	13	20	Cloudy
Beijing	-2	8	Fine
Berlin	3	6	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	24	34	Cloudy
Chicago	-4	8	Fine
Copenhagen	3	6	Showers
Dubai	20	28	Clear
Dublin	-1	9	Showers
Geneva	-3	3	Fog
Helsinki	0	5	Mostly Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	22	33	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	13	20	Clear
Islamabad	9	26	Clear
Jakarta	25	33	Bright
Jerusalem	10	20	Cloudy
Johannesburg	13	26	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	32	Thunderstorms
London	7	9	Bright
Madrid	-2	6	Fine
Manila	24	31	Cloudy
Mexico City	7	21	Fine
Moscow	-2	1	Snow
New Delhi	10	27	Mist
New York	2	8	Cloudy
Oslo	-3	3	Clear
Paris	4	6	Drizzle
Perth	12	26	Scattered Clouds
Phnom-Penh	19	24	Partly Cloudy
Rio De Janeiro	17	27	Thunderstorms
Riyadh	15	25	Scattered Clouds
Rome	3	16	Rain
San Francisco	8	17	Cloudy
Singapore	24	31	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	1	7	Clear
Sydney	20	26	Thunderstorms
Tokyo	7	13	Rain
Vientiane	15	25	Scattered Clouds
Yangon	19	33	Scattered Clouds
Zurich	-4	1	Fog

Currency Exchange Rates

At 27th November 2008 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	35.2224
GBP	Pound Sterling	54.0103
EUR	Euro	45.5602
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.370769
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.72526
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.322
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.322
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.15921
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00284056
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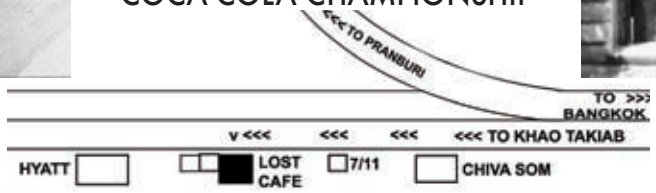

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English corner

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

Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey

This phrase is often said to have a nautical origin involving cannon balls, but it is instead both literal and anatomical in origin. And although now the phrase is used almost exclusively in the version given here, in early usage the parts of the monkey's anatomy varied, as did the temperature, with the phrase being used to refer to hot weather as well.

The OED2's entry on monkey includes the following citation from Frederick Chamier's 1835 Unfortunate Man. While not in the form we're familiar with today, it establishes monkeys as metaphorical instruments of weather measurement: 'He was told to be silent, in a tone of voice which set me shaking like a monkey in frosty weather.' The earliest known use that parallels the modern form is from Herman Melville's 1847 novel Omoo: 'It was 'ot enough to melt the nose h'off a brass monkey.' 1857 sees the temperature reversed in C.A. Abbey's Before The Mast: 'It would freeze the tail off of a brass monkey.'

These are followed by a string of variations from the American Civil War era and later. In Cooke's Wearing Gray (1865): 'His measure of cold was, "Cold enough to freeze the brass ears on a tin monkey.'

Other anatomical parts frozen or melted off the hapless brass monkeys have been ears, hair, and whiskers. The poor creatures have also had their throats scalded out, pants scared off, and guts rotted out. One account has the monkey's leg talked off and one writer was hungry enough to eat the brass monkey's balls; one hopes he was speaking metaphorically. The balls version is first recorded in 1937 in Partridge's Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English. Although it is likely that many of the earlier citations were bowdlerized and originally referred to testicles as well.

The oft-cited nautical origin would have the monkey be a brass rack used to store cannonballs on board ship; in cold weather the rack would shrink, spilling the balls onto the deck. This story ignores some basic facts of physics and naval life. First, while brass, like any metal, does contract in cold weather, it is so infinitesimal that it would not cause the spilling of a rack's contents. Also, naval ships did not store cannonballs in vertical racks; the rolling of the ship made this impractical. Instead, they were stored in holes drilled in horizontal wooden planks known as shot garlands.

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RUMOURS

Keep this in mind the next time you are about to repeat a rumour.
In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day an acquaintance ran up to him excitedly and said, 'Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?'
'Wait a moment,' Socrates replied. 'Before you tell me I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test.'
'Triple filter?' asked the acquaintance.
'That's right,' Socrates continued. 'Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?'
'No,' the man said, 'actually I just heard about it.'
'All right,' said Socrates. 'So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?'
'No, on the contrary...'
'So,' Socrates continued, 'you want to tell me something bad about him, even though you're not certain it's true?'
The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued.' You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter - the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?'
'No, not really...'
'Well,' concluded Socrates, 'if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?'
The man was defeated and ashamed.
This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem. It also explains why he never found out that Plato was shagging his wife.

BETTER THAN A FLU SHOT!

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea. As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cute glass bowl sitting on top of it.
The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom!
When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.
'Miss Beatrice', he said, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this?' pointing to the bowl.
'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the Park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. And do you know I haven't had the flu all winter.'

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You will also be glad to know that once the pillcam 'finishes its journey' (a nice way of putting it) it is flushed away - the thought of reusable pillcams is not pleasant!

Pillcam takes HD images of your insides

A spokesperson for South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust who use the high-tech micro snapper and have been selected to trial new endoscopy computer software said: "Capsule Endoscopy has transformed the exploration of the small bowel, an area that was previously very hard to examine thoroughly.

"This has benefited hundreds of our patients and, although it's only at the trial stage, we hope that Colon Capsule Endoscopy will have equally positive results."

A spokesperson for makers Given Imaging added: "The PillCam contains an imaging device and light-source on one-side and transmits images at a rate of 2 images per second.

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Hua Hin Hash House Harriers

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Your STARS with Destiny Dan

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
The outer shells of pistachio nuts are set to prove an insurmountable problem this week if Mars and Venus get their way. An interplanetary battle is raging which will affect piles of pistachio nut shells around the globe from 28th well into dusk on the 2nd for all Capricorns. Beware tripping over unlit pistachio piles, pistachio piles which appear all of a sudden as you walk along the street, and in your bath when bathing.
This week your destiny wears the bicycle safety helmet of a 9 year old.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
A financial transaction is set to cause havoc in the markets when you personally, accidentally, become responsible for more than $5 on the oil price at one point this week.
Saturn is angry that you are overly profligate when spending on summer fruits. This is despite how expensive they are this time of year and you will find it hard to not go with your anti-Saturn impulses. You will have to pay the price for this insubordination at some point, although stuffing your mouth with juicy berries will take your mind off the inevitable horrors that await you in the weeks to come.
This week your destiny wears the trousers of an attractive male pianist of the 1970's.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
Peace and tranquility are about to enter your life as never before.
Deep, peaceful, sleeps at night are now firmly in prospect - at least until roadwork's begin outside your bedroom window from 4th, and for the next twenty weeks.
Remember that your reaction can help defuse a potentially aggravating situation (as long as Jupiter wants the situation to be diffused, of course). Was it Gandhi who said 'be the change you want to see in the world'? It was either him or some other Jupiter inspired bald philosopher with glasses.
This week your destiny wears the shorts and socks of a troublemaker with a dress sense from hell.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
The moon is set to eclipse Pluto this week but you won't notice this because Pluto is not visible in the sky even if you squint a lot. Even so, this will play havoc on any of your transport plans and indicates considerable difficulty driving, flying and walking. The planets indicate the hat of an officer of the law. From this distance it is difficult to see what this means: it could mean that you are about to get into trouble with the law, you are about to be helped by a uniformed officer, you attend a fancy dress party and someone is wearing a police officer's hat or you could watch Yogi Bear or Top Cat on the television for all the planets can tell us.
This week your destiny wears the colour blue with a sly wink.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
Your tag wrestling partner has been scheming behind your back in an attempt to undermine you in your area wrestling federation. Nothing good can come of this, and theatrical flying through the air violence could be the only option. Resist the temptation to slap anyone across the chest or pick them up by grabbing between their legs because this will only encourage them to come back for more.
Showers and screaming profanities are well starred, as are ladder matches.
This week your destiny wears the tight trunks of a desperate middle aged man.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
Scratched paint is set to make this week 'zing' with disappointment... Uranus is determined to put a visible dent in your car, and with both Pluto and The Moon in alliance, expect paint scratches to appear on your car when you least expect it.
The upside of this is that you will befriend a person in a local garage who is good at touching up scratches and pulling out dents: he will initially appear to you as an arrogant unreasonable oaf - stick with him, however, this is just the planets testing you.
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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21
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This week you will learn how to do that foreign both cheeks kissing thing that you have often considered over familiar. To your surprise your double cheek kisses are very good and word will soon pass throughout foreign lands of your expertise.
A small yappy type dog and a medium to small cat are set to fight outside your window around the 29th. Keep a bucket of water on hand to throw at them.
This week your destiny wears the party frock of a 4 year old.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
Jiggery-pokery is set to influence any home improvement attempts this week. Well, actually, it is more the jiggery that is the problem, the pokery problems are mild and pale into near insignificance in comparison. Neptune will make its presence felt on the jiggery front in all nailing, wall fixings and drilling activities well into the first quarter of next year.
Royalty is well starred this week, either the definitively monarchic or those who walk like they have both a rod down the back of their shirt and a small skunk floating under their nose. Learn how to bow or curtsey correctly to avoid royalty controversy which is mostly time consuming rather than dangerous.
This week your destiny is nowhere to be seen.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
An ointment you have been applying diligently for the past week is set to stop working all of a sudden after Saturn and Neptune have a violent falling out. Ignore the protestations of your doctor, pharmacist or other health professionals, preferring the health advice from unqualified mystics and star gazers such as ourselves.
Grated cheese may be the only answer to a question posed by Uranus this week. Your eating habits must change, but how?
This week your destiny wears the kaftan of an aging beauty.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
The words 'short', 'fat' and 'bald' are about to come into your life, if they have not already been put there to test you, by the planets.
Librans and technology are set to enter a rocky phase, as Neptune starts to openly bork technology, especially Microsoft Windows in any of its forms. There isn't much you will be able to do this week, although, looking on the bright side, if you are a Mac user all is lost.
This week your destiny shakes like a dog who has climbed out from a swim and wants to rid its fur of excess water...

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
Your aim at doing 'high fives' is set to introduce a random element to your street greeting rituals this week as your misses outnumber your hits by a margin of 5 to 1.
In fact your 'high five' aim will be so bad at times that there is the very real possibility that you could inflict severe bodily damage.
This is due to a freak Venus conjunction that will exist for much of the rest of the year, and should not be misconstrued as some serious body coordination issue.
Avoid all eye contact until further notice as this can only be misconstrued wrongly until Pluto gets out of its current celestial funk on the 30th.
This week your destiny wears the teeth of a Dracula impersonator.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
Mashed potatoes are set to influence a culinary filled week in more ways than one, if Mercury has its way.
Peanut Oil tops the Sagittarius frying oils chart this week, although special care should be taken that all people who eat your food do not have a peanut allergy (planetary legal disclaimer).
Games of chess and checkers may be hampered this week by the interference of four legged animals, including squirrels.
Take extra precautions when walking around corners on the 4th.
This week your destiny wears the mask of Batman but the cape of a mysterious Latin American wrestler.

Top tips

DOG OWNERS. Never lose your TV remote control again. Simply sellotape it to the back of your dog, and hey presto! Whistle, and the device is at your beck and call! This can also apply to hot drinks, after intense training.

THEATRE NURSES. If the surgeon you work with is called Simon, brighten up mundane procedures by refusing to pass any equipment to him until he uses the prefix "Simon Says". Remember even when he shouts "Give me the ligature, this child is DYING?!" he's probably just trying to get you out.

FEEL a bit like God for the day by making some little people out of plasticine, and then judging them harshly.

TRAMPS. Avoid being constantly moved on by sleeping outside department stores and telling the police you are simply queuing early for the sales.

KIDS. Threading a piece of string through a ping pong ball and painting it brown is ideal for a fun game of conkers that conforms with the 1974 Health & Safety Act, section 52, paragraph c.

QUEENS. If a large jewel falls out of one's sceptre, it can easily replaced with a pear drop of the same colour, from which one has sucked the sugar coating.
HM Queen Elizabeth II, Windsor

SMOKERS. Take a tip from tumble dryer users. Enjoy a crafty fag at your desk by attaching a flexible vent hose to your face and running it out of the office window.

QUEENS. Don't throw away old crowns. They make excellent cosies for Ming Dynasty teapots.
HM Queen Elizabeth II, Windsor

MOURNERS. Read the dress code instructions on funeral invitations very carefully. Sombre, whilst being only 2 letters away from sombrero, is a world apart in tone.

MUMS. Confuse your children by mixing butter with their I Can't Believe It's Not Butter. They won't know what to believe.

DAILY MAIL EDITORS. Confuse your readers by claiming that asylum seekers are the natural predators of paedophiles.

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Quick XWord

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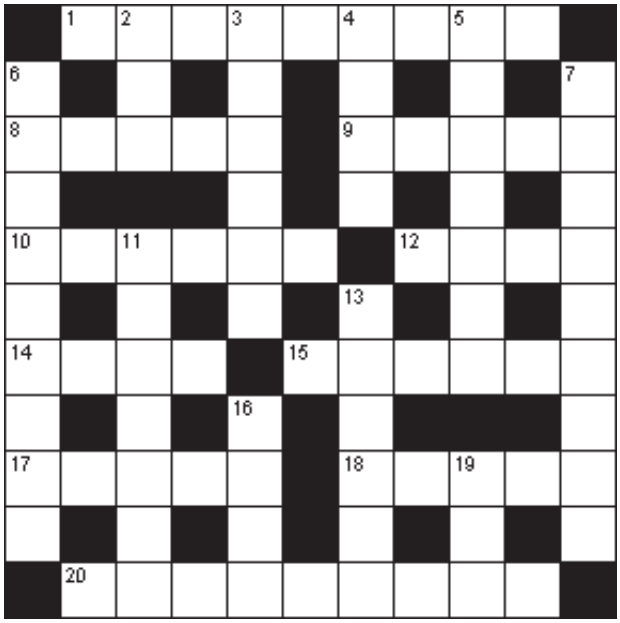
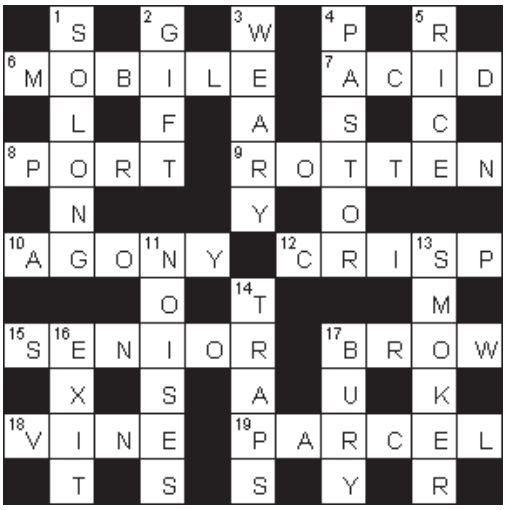
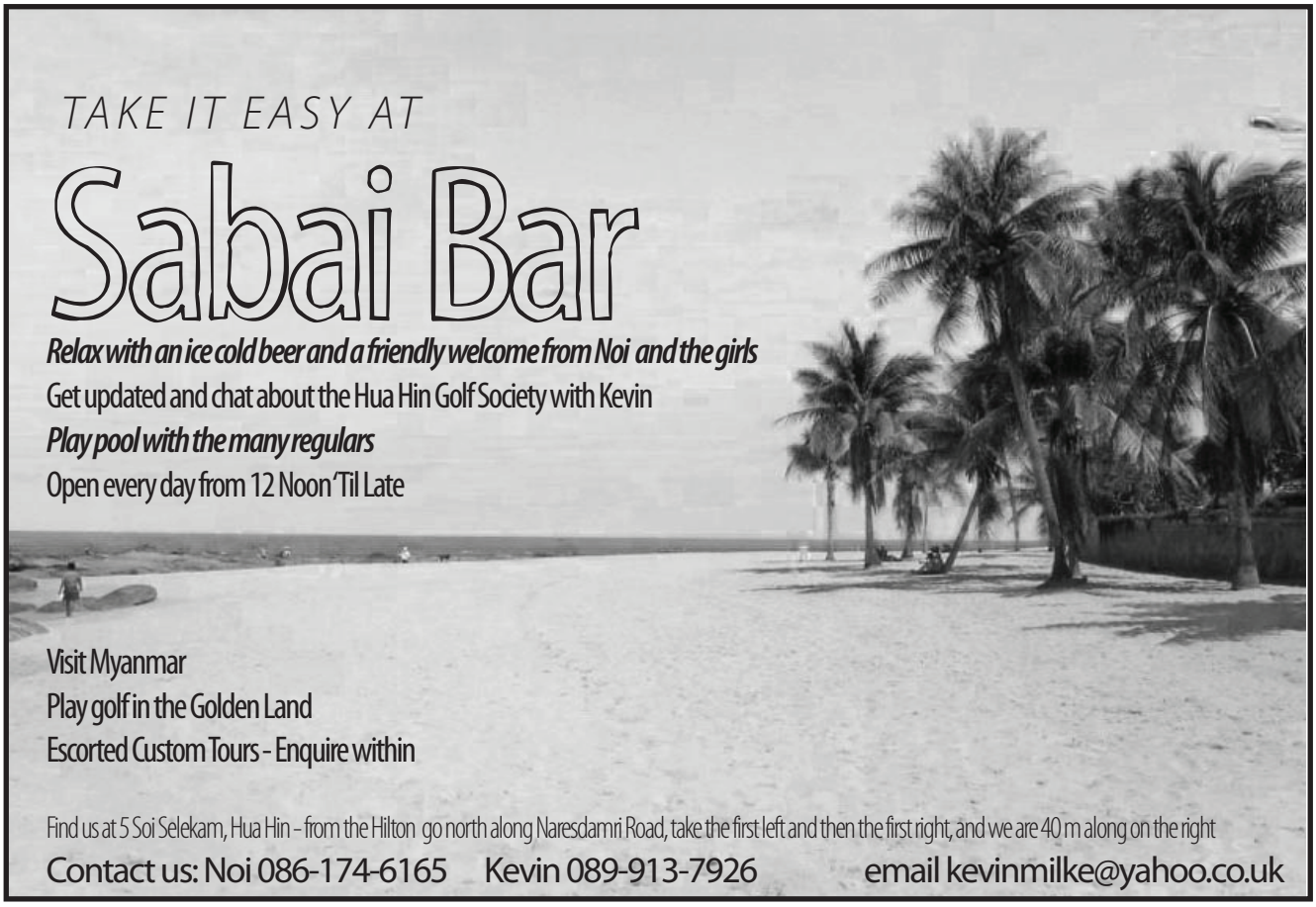
1. Direction of clock hands (9)
8. Wrath (5)
9. Gravy (5)
10. Child who has lost both parents (6)
12. Constituent (4)
14. Wander (4)
15. Picture theatre (6)
17. Name (5)
18. Emblem (5)
20. Women in general (6,3)



Down
2. Fall behind (3)
3. Breakfast food (6)
4. Desire (4)
5. Tubular ground meat (7)
6. Member of political party (9)
7. Person who makes tents (9)
11. Chatter (7)
13. Bite gently (6)
16. Hire (4)
19. Decease (3)

Solution in next week's issue.
Last week's solution below





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Frank Zappa 21.12.1940 – 04.12.1993
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MINI BIOGRAPHY

Francis Vincent Zappa was an American Composer, Electric Guitarist, Record Producer and Film Director. In a career spanning more than 30 years, Zappa wrote rock, jazz, electronic, orchestral, and musique concrete works. He also directed feature – length films and music videos, and designed album covers. Zappa produced almost all of the more than 110 albums he released with the band Mothers of Invention and as a solo artist.

In his teens, he acquired a taste for percussion-based avant-garde composers like Edgar Varese, and 1950s rhythm and blues music. He began writing classical music in high school, while at the same time playing drums in rhythm and blues bands – he later switched to electric guitar. He was an autodidact composer and performer, and his diverse musical influences led him to create music that was often impossible to categorize. His 1966 debut album with the Mothers of Invention, FREAK OUT! combined songs in conventional rock and roll format with collective improvisations and studio- generated sound collages. His later albums shared this eclectic and experimental approach, irrespective of whether the fundamental format was one of rock, jazz or classical. He wrote lyrics to all his songs, which – often humorously – reflected his skeptical view of established political processes, structures and movements. He was a strident critic of mainstream education and organized religion, and a forthright and passionate advocate for freedom of speech and the abolition of censorship. Zappa was a highly productive and prolific artist and he gained wide- spread critical acclaim. Many of his albums are considered essential in rock history, and he is regarded as one of the most original guitarists and composers of his time and remains a major influence on musicians and composers. He had some commercial success, particularly in Europe, and was for most of his career able to work as an independent artist. Zappa was posthumously inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995 and received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997. FZ was married to Adelaide Gail Sloatman, with whom he remained until his death of prostate cancer in 1993. They had four children: Moon Unit, Dweezil, Ahmed Emuukha Rodan and Diva Thin Muffin Pigeen. Gail Zappa manages the businesses of her late husband under the name the Zappa Family Trust.

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Your Problems SOLVED

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 love my boyfriend very much but all is not well in the bedroom department as he is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain himself in an upright position during take-off and landing, so to speak. He says he feels his performance is constantly under scrutiny and that he is intimidated by my greater sexual experience. I have told him he has nothing to worry about and that, on his day, he is the equal of any of the blokes I shag at work. But still his problem persists. How can I put his mind at rest?
Frankly quite annoyed, Tha Yang.

Mary says: Dear Frankly,
What a fragile wee soul your boyfriend is! But how typical of the male sex. I suppose you have tried all that size isn't important guff, although we all know it is, especially if the damn thing refuses to stand to attention on command. Apart from that you could stop shagging the blokes at work, but that seems a bit drastic. If you are really determined to put his mind at rest then why not do what all us other girls do when faced with this kind of situation and just lie to him? He can carry on thinking that he's king of the castle, while you'll be getting it every which way. .

DEAR MARY,
I HAVE embarked on an illicit affair with my boss Simon at work. He is married and though he says he loves me I think he is just kidding. He won't meet outside the office, our few snatched moments together take place in the supplies cupboard where it's a quick knee trembler then back to our desks. My friends say he is just using me for sex. I wrote to Joan Burnie and she agreed and told me dump him, but only after slamming his nadgers in the cupboard door at our next little tryst. Have you got any better advice? The hoggins is just out of this world!
Orgasmic, Pattaya

Mary says: Dear Orgasmic,
Thanks for finally getting round to writing to me, although judging by your handwriting this one was knocked off extremely quickly in the supplies cupboard, much like yourself. Slam the door on his nadgers? What kind of advice is that from a professional agony aunt? That whole nadger door slam routine went out with the ark. Go to his house, cut the crotch out of all his trousers and paint "Simon shags secretaries" on the walls. Torch his car in the drive and post a picture of his pathetic privates on the internet. Is that what you wanted to hear? No? Well, try writing to me first in future. In the meantime try Deirdre. She's just happy to get any letters at all.

DEAR MARY,
Six months ago I started an affair with a married woman at work. She was open from the start and said it was just a bit of fun on the side and there was no way she would ever leave her husband, who she insists she loves deeply. I'm married too and the arrangement suits me fine. We now have fantastic passionate guilt-free sex at least once a week before returning happily to our partners and our other lives. Just thought you would like to know that. Should I opt for a fixed rate or variable when remortgaging?
Confused, Kao Tao

Mary says: Dear Confused,
Guilt-free philanderers often find themselves in a quandary when it comes to personal finance issues. So much effort goes into covering up their disgusting sexual trangressions that there is very little brain power left over for complicated issues like financial planning. Perhaps if you kept it in your boxers for a few days you might be able to work it out for yourself. You make me sick. Take it from me your supposedly guiltless hobby-sex will come back to haunt you. I know mine did. Fixed.

Prachuab CURRY CONTEST

For those of you who have lived in south Prachuabkhirikhan, you know how typical this is.
Judge 3 is an inexperienced food critic named Frank, who was visiting from America.
Frank: "Recently, I was honoured to be selected as a judge at a Curry Cook-off. The original person called in sick at the last moment, and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table asking for directions to the Singha Beer Garden when the call came in. I was assured by the other two judges (one from Kui Buri, and one from Pranburi) that the curry wouldn't be all that spicy and, besides, they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, so I accepted". Here are the scorecard notes from the event:

CURRY 1: Khun Manoo's MANIAC MONSTER TOMATO CURRY
Judge 1: A bit heavy on the tomato. Amusing kick.
Judge 2: Nice smooth tomato flavour. Very mild.
Frank: Holy cow, what the hell is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway. Took me two beers to put the flames out. I hope that's the worst one. These people are crazy.
CHILI 2: Khun Dai Orear CHICKEN CURRY
Judge 1: Smoky, a hint of chicken. Slight chili tang.
Judge 2: Exciting BBQ flavour, needs more peppers to be taken seriously.
Frank: Keep this out of the reach of children. I'm not sure what I'm supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver! They had to rush in more beer when they saw the look on my face.
CURRY 3: Song Pee Nong's FAMOUS "BURN DOWN THE SALA" CURRY
Judge 1: Excellent firehouse curry. Great kick.
Judge 2: A bit salty, good use of chili peppers.
Frank: Call the ambulance, fire brigade and police. I've located a uranium pill. My nose feels like I have been snorting Drain Cleaner. Everyone knows the routine by now. Get me more beer before I ignite. Barmaid pounded me on the back, now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. I'm getting slaughtered from all the beer.
CHILI 4: BABOO'S BLACK MAGIC BEAN CURRY
Judge 1: Black bean curry, no spice. Disappointing.
Judge 2: Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a curry.
Frank: I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Is it possible to burn out taste buds? Nitnoy, the beer maid, was standing behind me with fresh refills. That 200kg woman is starting to look HOT...just like this nuclear waste I'm eating! Is chili an aphrodisiac?
CHILI 5: Nok'S LEGAL LIP REMOVER...
Judge 1: Meaty, strong curry. Prik ee noo peppers freshly ground, considerable kick. Very impressive.
Judge 2: Average beef curry, needs more tomato. Must say the chili peppers make a strong statement.
Frank: My ears are ringing, sweat is pouring off my forehead and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted and four people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Nitnoy saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from the pitcher. I wonder if I'm burning my lips off. It really pisses me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw them.
CHILI 6: Hotel Goodnight's VEGETARIAN VARIETY
Judge 1: Thin yet bold vegetarian variety curry. Good balance of spices and peppers.
Judge 2: The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic. Superb.
Frank: My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous, sulfuric flames. I am definitely going to filth myself if I pass wind and I'm worried it will eat through the chair. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except that Nitnoy. Can't feel my lips anymore. I need to wipe my ass with a snow cone.
CHILI 7: Nong Suk's "MOTHER-IN-LAW'S-TONGUE" CURRY
Judge 1: A mediocre curry with too much reliance on canned peppers.
Judge 2: Ho hum, tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last moment. (I should note at this stage my concern for Judge 3. He appears to be in distress as he is cursing uncontrollably).
Frank: You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a thing. I've lost sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with curry which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are full of lava to match my shirt. At least, during the autopsy, they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing-it's too painful. Screw it; I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air I'll just suck it in through the 4-inch hole in my stomach.
CHILI 8: Nai Lert's TOENAIL CURLING CURRY
Judge 1: The perfect ending. Not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence.
Judge 2: This final entry is a good, balanced curry. Neither mild nor hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge 3 farted, passed out, fell over and pulled the curry pot down on top of himself. Not sure if he's going to make it. Poor man, wonder how he'd have reacted to really hot curry?!
Frank- No Report

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League
Results Matchday 11 21st November 2008

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
EAG	15	6	LSA	11	2
JWB	8	1	QUE	19	7
SIL	16	4	JWR	10	4
DIA	8	1	CAP	17	7
TW	10	2	OCT	15	6
DB	12	3	SUG	14	5
LSL	19	7	DA	6	1
LSB	11	2	LSS	14	6

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 12 28/11/2008
LSA v JW Black
Eagle v Silverrock
Diamond v Queens Flower
JW Red v Octopussy
Captain's Inn v Dick's Office B
Thaiwaii v LSL
LSS v Sugar Cane
Dick's Office A v LSB

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Lucky Shot Student's	11	8	2	1	28	42	18
Eagle Bar	11	7	3	1	34	50	17
Lucky Shot B	11	7	3	1	22	36	17
Johnie Walker Black	11	8	1	2	16	46	17
Queens Flower Bar	11	7	2	2	30	63	16
Octopussy Bar	11	7	1	3	14	22	15
Silverrock Bar	11	5	4	2	4	7	14
Sugar Cane Bar	11	6	0	5	10	24	12
Lucky Shot Ladies	11	4	3	4	4	8	11
Lucky Shot A	11	4	3	4	2	16	11
Dick's Office B	11	2	2	7	-24	-42	6
Johnie Walker Red	11	1	3	7	-20	-44	5
Diamond Bar	11	1	3	7	-26	-52	5
Thaiwaii	11	1	2	8	-26	-45	4
Captain's Inn	11	1	2	8	-32	-63	4
Dick's Office A	11	1	2	8	-36	-68	4

Hua Hin 8-Ball League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
SilverRock	15	12	1	2	54	25
Harley	14	10	2	2	34	22
BenTho	14	8	2	4	26	18
Komhom	15	8	2	5	22	18
MrDanA	14	8	2	4	32	18
SportCtre	15	6	5	4	18	17
Dolphin	15	6	3	6	-6	15
B'flyRock	11	6	0	5	12	12
DicksA	13	4	4	5	2	12
Phoenix	14	5	2	7	-12	12
MrDanB	14	3	3	8	-36	9
DicksB	13	2	2	9	-34	6
BambooGr	10	1	2	7	-38	4
LilleMan	15	1	2	12	-74	4

Results Week 15
19th November 2008
Dicks A 0 BambooGrove 0
MrDan A 5 SilverRock 7
Komhom 7 Dicks B 5
Dolphin 7 LilleMan 5
ButterflyRock 0 MrDan B 0
Harley 8 Pheonix 4
SportCentre 6 BenTho 6

Week 16 results will be in next week's AWOL

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 17 3rd December 2008
Dicks A v SilverRock
MrDan A v Pheonix
BambooGrove v LilleMan
Dolphin v BenTho
ButterflyRock v Komhom
Harley v MrDan B
SportCentre v Dicks B

Hua Hin 9-Ball League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
RedBar	6	4	0	2	9	8
DicksB	7	4	0	3	6	8
PlasPlace	7	4	0	3	6	8
MrDanA	7	4	0	3	-2	8
LilleMan	7	4	0	3	-13	8
ButterflyR	5	3	1	1	7	7
Dolphin	6	3	0	3	14	6
MrDanB	7	2	1	4	-6	5
DicksA	7	2	0	5	4	4
BenTho	7	2	0	5	-25	4

Results Week 7
24th November 2008
MrDanA 5 DicksA 18
DicksB 12 PlasPlace 9
ButterflyR 0 Dolphin 0
LilleMan 8 BenTho 14
RedBar 14 MrDanB 13

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 8 1st December 2008
MrDanB v LilleMan
DicksB v ButterflyR
BenTho v RedBar
Dolphin v DicksA
PlasPlace v MrDanA

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
Bob and Noks	2	2	0	0	26	10	16	4
Free Time Bar	2	2	0	0	23	13	10	4
Sunset Boulevard	2	2	0	0	22	14	8	4
Oasis Bar	2	1	1	0	20	16	4	3
Eagle Bar	2	1	1	0	19	17	2	3
Deja Vu	2	1	0	1	18	18	0	2
Dizzy Dolphin	2	1	0	1	17	19	-2	2
Thaiwaii	2	1	0	1	17	19	-2	2
Harleys Bar	2	0	0	2	16	20	-4	0
Railway Tavern	2	0	0	2	15	21	-6	0
Bobbys Good Friends	2	0	0	2	12	24	-12	0
Dara Bar	2	0	0	2	11	25	-14	0

Results Wed 26th November 2008
Bob and Noks 14 - 4 Dara Bar
Harleys Bar 8 - 10 Free Time Bar
Oasis Bar 9 - 9 Eagle Bar
Railway Tavern 8 - 10 Dizzy Dolphin
Sunset Boulevard 11 - 7 Deja Vu
Thaiwaii 12 - 6 Bobbys Good Friends

Next Week's Fixtures
Wed 3rd December 2008
Dara Bar v Bobbys Good Friends
Deja Vu v Bob and Noks
Dizzy Dolphin v Sunset Boulevard
Eagle Bar v Railway Tavern
Free Time Bar v Oasis Bar
Harleys Bar v Thaiwaii

Hua Hin Social Pool League

A number of fixtures are outstanding - please play as soon as possible.

Results
Week 14 26th November 2008
B'fly Rock v JW Black – P'poned
Headrock v Billys 7-12
Limelight v Jungle Juice A 10-9
U Turn v Lazy Daze 11-8
Jungle Juice B v PP 7-12
Billys Babes v Red Bar 11-8
JW Red v Sabai 6-13

Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 15 – 3rd December 2008
JW Red v Butterfly Rock
Sabai v Billys Babes
Red Bar v Jungle Juice B
PP v U Turn
Lazy Daze v Limelight
Jungle Juice A v Headrock
Billys v JW Black

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
PP	13	12	1	144-103	24
Bys Babes	13	10	3	140-107	20
J Juice B	14	9	5	150-114	18
J Juice A	12	9	3	122-106	18
JW Black	13	8	5	133-114	16
Lzy Daze	13	7	6	132-114	14
Sabai	11	7	4	108-108	14
Billys	13	6	7	120-129	12
Red Bar	11	5	6	107-97	10
U Turn	11	4	7	99-109	8
Limelight	13	3	10	99-129	6
Headrock	13	3	10	102-145	6
J.W. Red	11	1	10	73-123	2
B'fly Rock	9	1	8	72-100	2

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

A number of fixtures are outstanding - please play as soon as possible. Please note the name of the bar Mojo's are now playing from is KomHom in Soi 102

Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 15 - 2/12/2008
Division 1
Dicks Office B v No Game
J.W. Red v Paradise Bar
Oasis v Scandic Bar
Lazy Daze v J.W. Black
CAT v Pink Flamingo

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

Top 16 standings:

Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	Pts
Stuart	P	148
Tao	JWB	125
Mark	O	119
Golf	SB	115
Peter	JWB	112
Martin	LD	104
Rune	SB	99
Noi	CAT	97
Martin	CAT	97
Bon	DOB	89

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	Pts
Eero	BR	140
Tao	CAT	134
Don	CAT	120
Muay	JB	113
Mojo	M	104
Howard	M	93

Results Week 14
Division 1
No Game v Pink Flamingo
J.W. Black v CAT 7-3
Scandic Bar v Lazy Daze 7-3
Paradise Bar v Oasis 6-4
Dicks Off B v JW Red – n/a
Division 2
CAT B v Dicks Office A – 10-0
Good Friends v B'fly Rock 4-6
No Game v Bamboo Grove
Lucky Shot v Love Bar 10-0
Jaew v Mojo 4-6

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
P'dise	11	9	0	2	72-38	18
JW Blk	10	8	1	1	69-31	17
CAT	11	6	3	2	64-46	15
Scandic	10	5	2	3	61-39	12
Lazy D	11	2	3	6	42-68	7
Dicks B	10	2	3	5	40-60	7
Oasis	10	3	0	7	43-57	6
JW Red	9	2	2	5	36-54	6
Pink Fl	8	0	2	6	23-57	2

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT B	11	11	0	0	97-13	22
Ly Shot	11	7	0	4	62-48	14
Jaew	11	7	0	4	62-50	14
Mojo	10	6	1	3	59-41	13
B'fly Rk	9	6	1	2	54-46	13
Dicks A	10	4	1	5	44-56	9
B Grve	10	2	1	7	35-65	5
Gd Fds	11	2	0	9	36-74	4
Love	11	0	0	11	21-89	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).

Thursday 4th December - ZAPPA NIGHT at the Green Lotus from 6 pm to 1 am (for details see page 15)

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

Hua Hin Golf Society

This week's results:

25th November - Royal Ratchaburi 38 entrants 2 Groups

Group 'A' - 0-15 hcp - Stableford:- 1st Simon Rouse 36 pts 7 hcp, 2nd Kari Matti 32 pts 6 hcp, 3rd Pailin Humphrey 32 pts 14 hcp, 4th Kari (g) 31 pts 10 hcp, 5th Callum McDonald 31 pts 10 hcp.

Group 'B' - 16-36 hcp - Stableford:- 1st Ann Buasri 35 pts 30 hcp, 2nd Michael Sherlock 35 pts 16 hcp, 3rd Chris Davidson 32 pts 19 hcp, 4th Hans Roupe 32 pts 28 hcp, 5th Judith Thomson 32 pts 35 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No.7 Not Known, No. 11 Pekka Hogman

21st November - Lake View 38 entrants 2 Groups

Group 'A' - 0-15 hcp - Stableford - 24 Entrants

1st Robert Baker 38 pts 12 hcp, 2nd Callum McDonald 36 pts 10 hcp, 3rd Billy Porter 33 pts 13 hcp, 4th Rene Bernard 33 pts 7 hcp, 5th Trevor Firth 32 pts 14 hcp.

Group 'B' - 16-36 hcp - Stableford - 34 Entrants

1st Paul Sandal 40 pts 18 hcp, 2nd Steve Aristodemou 39 pts 16 hcp, 3rd David Baird 29 pts 24 hcp, 4th Alan Rawson 29 pts 16 hcp, 5th John Anstee 28 pts 18 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 3 'C' - Robert Baker, No.16 'D' - Trevor Firth

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 2nd Dec. Lake View - 2nd Round of the Strokeplay

Thursday 4th Dec. Kaeng Krachan

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Nov 21st - Palm Hills Stableford - 17 players

Front 9 - 23 points - Tan Thomson

Back 9 - 20 points - Craig Miller

Overall - 34 points - Craig Miller

Nov 24th - Lakeview CD Stableford - 21 players

1st - Peter Pedder (guest) - 36

2nd - Timo Ripatti - 34pts

3rd - Peter Fitzpatrick - 33pts

4th - Alan Mercer - 31pts

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 1st December Lakeview

Wednesday 3rd December information not available

Friday 5th December Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 22 November 2008

Aston Villa 0-0 Man Utd

Chelsea 0-0 Newcastle

Liverpool 0-0 Fulham

Man City 3-0 Arsenal

Middlesbrough 1-3 Bolton

Portsmouth 2-2 Hull

Stoke 1-0 West Brom

Sunday, 23 November 2008

Sunderland 0-1 West Ham

Tottenham 1-0 Blackburn

Monday, 24 November 2008

Wigan 1-0 Everton

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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 29 November 2008

Aston Villa v Fulham, 22:00

Both teams had goalless draws against title contenders last week but this should be a more open affair at least from the home side. Narrow home win.

Middlesbrough v Newcastle, 22:00

A north east derby which 'Boro will be hopeful of winning, but Newcastle are becoming a tough team to beat. Another draw looks on the cards.

Stoke v Hull, 22:00

The Potters will be hoping to secure back to back wins against their fellow promoted teams but Hull stopped the slide last week, albeit with a slightly fortuitous draw. We think this will boost Hull to win this one.

Sunderland v Bolton, 22:00

The Black Cats were miffed to lose last week and we think this will fire them up Roy keane style to do a number on Bolton, despite their impressive recent form.

Wigan v West Brom, 22:00

Wigan got a deserved win last week and a game that West Brom would have looked at getting something from now looks beyond them. Home win.

Sunday, 30 November 2008

Chelsea v Arsenal, 23:00

Both teams will be up for this one and we suspect it will be a feisty and possibly nasty affair, so the referee could be just as important as the players. We think the Gunners will grab a much needed point.

Man City v Man Utd, 20:30

This should prove to be the game of the week in both entertainment and goals but picking a winner is near impossible! Arsenal were poor so last week's result flattered City, while United have been surprisingly inconsistent away from home. We're plumping though for a United win.

Portsmouth v Blackburn, 22:00

Blackburn are not a bad side but things just aren't quite clicking for new manager Ince, who faces an old adversary in Tony Adams. We can see this one being a hard fought draw.

Tottenham v Everton, 22:00

Everton were finally exposed last week as the average team they are and we fully expect Spurs to give them a thumping.

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

Liverpool v West Ham, 03:00

Traditionally an unhappy hunting ground for the Hammers but two clean sheets in a week will have been a boost; however the pace of the Liverpool attack is likely to trouble their slowish defence, so a home win.

Barclays Premier League Table

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Chelsea	14	3	3	1	13	3	7	0	0	19	1	28	33
2	Liverpool	14	5	2	0	11	4	5	1	1	10	4	13	33
3	Man Utd	13	5	1	0	18	4	2	3	2	7	6	15	25
4	Aston Villa	14	3	3	1	10	7	4	0	3	12	9	6	24
5	Arsenal	14	4	1	2	14	10	3	1	3	11	8	7	23
6	Hull	14	2	2	3	7	14	4	2	1	14	9	-2	22
7	Everton	14	1	3	3	7	12	4	1	2	12	10	-3	19
8	Portsmouth	14	3	2	2	10	8	2	2	3	5	12	-5	19
9	Fulham	13	5	1	1	10	5	0	2	4	2	6	1	18
10	M'brough	14	3	1	3	8	12	2	2	3	7	9	-6	18
11	Man City	14	4	0	3	19	8	1	2	4	10	14	7	17
12	Bolton	14	2	2	3	6	7	3	0	4	8	9	-2	17
13	West Ham	14	3	1	3	11	11	2	1	4	6	11	-5	17
14	Stoke	14	5	0	2	11	9	0	2	5	3	15	-10	17
15	Wigan	14	2	2	3	4	8	2	2	3	12	10	-2	16
16	Tottenham	14	3	1	3	7	6	1	2	4	10	14	-3	15
17	Sunderland	14	2	1	4	6	9	2	2	3	6	11	-8	15
18	Newcastle	14	3	2	2	11	9	0	3	4	6	13	-5	14
19	Blackburn	14	1	2	4	4	12	2	2	3	10	13	-11	13
20	West Brom	14	2	1	4	8	14	1	1	5	2	11	-15	11

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■ STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

An ice hockey game in Sweden was delayed several times after rowdy fans littered the ice with sex toys.

The incident occurred at the game between Swedish league rivals AIK and Leksand. Fans of Stockholm side AIK bought the offending items to the game and hurled them onto the playing area causing the start of the match to be delayed while arena staff cleared the ice.

The dildo downpour was designed to taunt Jan Huokko, a former AIK player who now plays for Leksand. In June 2008, a video clip of Huokko and his girlfriend having sex appeared on the Internet after the 34-year-old defenceman's mobile phone was stolen.

The website for AIK's unofficial supporter group told fans to bring

Jan Huokko

sex toys to the match to remind Huokko of the sex scandal. The fans compounded Huokko's humiliation by unfurling a banner that read "Bend Over Bitch" that was accompanied by a giant inflatable penis. Vulgar chants directed at Huokko continued throughout the match, which Leksand lost 3-2.

Swedish paper The Local reported that the AIK organisation knew about the fans' plan but decided not to intervene. AIK club representative Mats Hedenstrom explained the club felt things would have been even worse if fans were told they could not bring sex toys into the arena.

Despite the severity of the attempts to put him off his game, The Local reports that Huokko took the fans' actions in his stride, insisting that the taunting didn't bother him and that he had nothing to be ashamed of.

Artist Vettriano refuses to touch Monty's peaks

Scottish artist Jack Vettriano has refused to paint a portrait of golfer Colin Montgomerie because he doesn't paint 'men with breasts'.

The astonishing outburst came at a charity event in his native Fife where Vettriano claimed the National Galleries of Scotland had approached him to commission a painting. But Vettriano, one of the world's best-selling painters, rejected the proposed subject for the work and said that he would have to paint a face that he liked.

Vettriano said: 'I was in France when I got a call from my art dealer, who said there might have been a breakthrough. 'The national galleries would like you to do a portrait'. I said, "Who?", "Colin Montgomerie".

'I said, "I'm afraid that the answer is no", I don't do men with breasts, and I don't mean that as unkind to Colin Montgomerie. 'My art dealer said, "Think about it" and I said, "I have, and the answer is no".'

Vettriano also added: 'I have to paint a face I like. Have you seen Colin Montgomerie's face recently?'

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