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Airport Deadlock Broken

Misery at an end for 100,000 stranded tourists

■BANGKOK, THAILAND

While nothing is certain at present, it seems as though the airport blockade has come to an end, and things can begin to return to normal at Suvanabhumi International Airport and throughout the travel world.

While events in Mumbai overshadowed the drama being acted out in Bangkok, the stalemate looks to have been ended by the protesters themselves, after successful negotiations with the Airports Organisation of Thailand. The threat of action by the pro-government mob gathering in Bangkok may also have had some influence, but the main factor was the decision by the constitutional court to dissolve the PPP and ban the leadership from holding political office for five years.

As the days wore on the affect of the protest, while still hugely damaging to both the Thai economy and the government, was starting to lessen, as alternative routes were being found for passengers and freight alike; in Hua Hin for example, Bangkok Airways started laying on extra flights to Koh Samui to connect with extra flights from there to Hong Kong and Singapore. U-Tapao military airport became the main international airport for a few days in an effort to both clear the backlog and bring both stranded Thai tourists and businessmen home, as well as a few intrepid foreigners. Freight was also being moved through the same airport near Pattaya.

The embattled government, having fled to Chiang Mai, unable to order the army or the police to take action, may well try to stuggle on but it seems more likely that a new election will be called at some point soon.

Reports are varying about how quickly normality will return to the airport, with some saying that flights would have resumed by Wednesday night (3rd December) while others were saying that at least a week or more would be necessary to get the proper clearance from the worldwide aviation bodies; however it is likely that this process will be carried out as quickly as is possible.

The PAD are going to remain at the airport, in greatly reduced numbers, in a special area negotiated with the airport authorities, presumably until the government is dissolved. Thankfully it seems that sense has prevailed, but not before severe damage has been done to both individuals caught in recent grenade attacks, and Thailand's reputation and economy.

The final hope now is that the pro-government supporters will accept the ruling of the courts as the Prime Minister has, and allow things to take their natural course, but there will no doubt be more trouble ahead.

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Sunday 7th December

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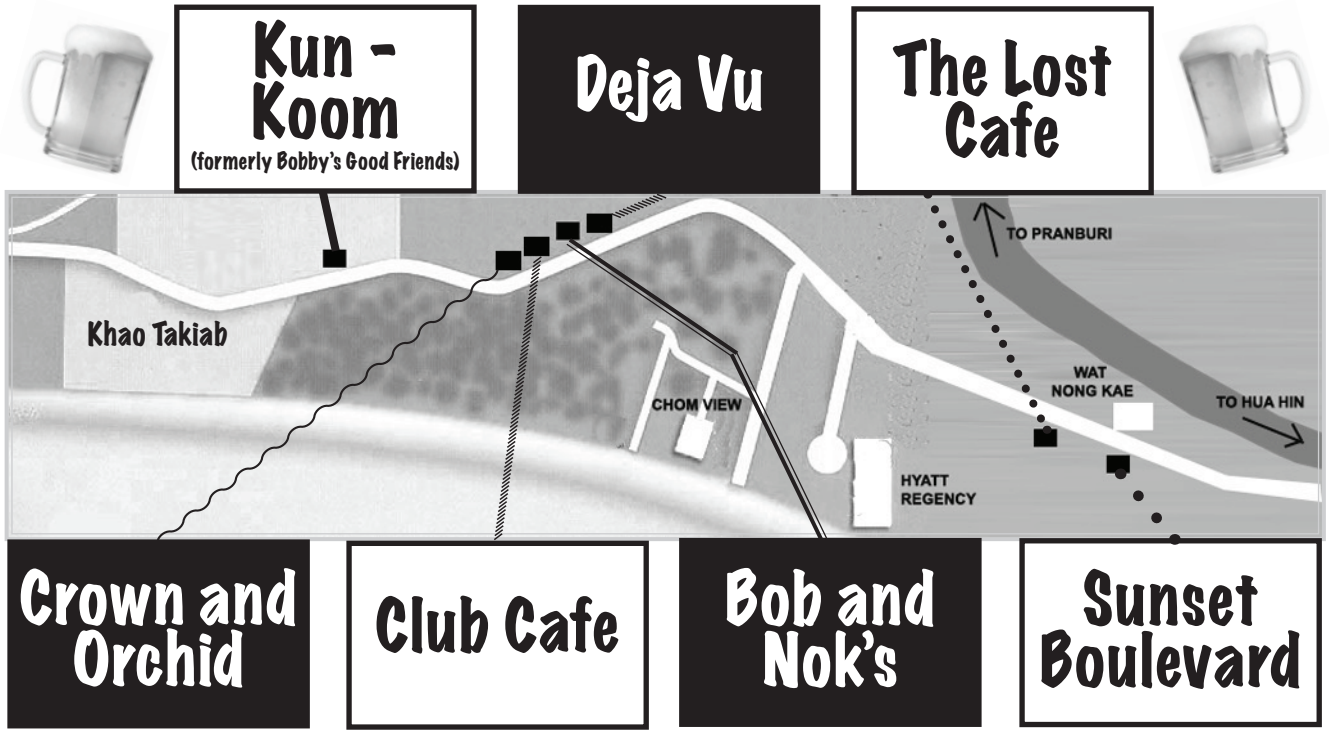

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A Bollywood Beauty Bares All

Sherlyn Chopra - a star in the making?

Sherlyn Chopra has not made it really big in Bollywood yet, but here at AWOL we are willing to bet she will, given her outrageous and bold attitude and stunning looks. Better known as Mona, she is half Persian, half Indian, and a couple of quotes indicate her nature - she "just wants to dominate the showbiz market by going to any length" and has done by getting naked in Red Swastik, her best known movie to date, while she has also said that "I don't believe in dating. I believe in mating", which is pretty strong stuff for Bollywood. Next time you are having a suit made, impress your tailor by saying how much you admire Mona Chopra!

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C	
		Low	High
Sat	Partly sunny and delightful	21	27
Sun	Nice with sun and some clouds	21	28
Mon	Mostly sunny	21	28
Tues	Intervals of clouds and sun	21	29
Wed	Partly sunny	22	29
Thur	Sunny to partly cloudy	23	30
Fri	Partly sunny	23	31

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 5th December 2008

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	1	5	Rain
Athens	10	21	Rain
Auckland	14	22	Cloudy
Beijing	-2	8	Cloudy
Berlin	1	4	Rain
Buenos Aires	12	21	Cloudy
Chicago	-8	1	Cloudy
Copenhagen	3	3	Showers
Dubai	19	25	Scattered Clouds
Dublin	1	5	Showers
Geneva	-3	2	Snow
Helsinki	2	4	Mostly Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	19	31	Cloudy
Hong Kong	12	22	Scattered Clouds
Islamabad	10	25	Scattered Clouds
Jakarta	24	32	Rain
Jerusalem	14	21	Fine
Johannesburg	19	27	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	32	Thunderstorms
London	1	5	Rain
Madrid	0	6	Cloudy
Manila	24	31	Cloudy
Mexico City	7	21	Fine
Moscow	1	4	Fine
New Delhi	12	26	Mist
New York	3	9	Cloudy
Oslo	-4	0	Light Snow Mist
Paris	2	6	Overcast
Perth	13	23	Scattered Clouds
Phnom-Penh	21	30	Scattered Clouds
Rio De Janeiro	19	32	Showers
Riyadh	9	20	Clear
Rome	9	17	Rain
San Francisco	10	16	Fog
Singapore	24	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	1	3	Overcast
Sydney	18	28	Fine
Tokyo	7	14	Rain
Vientiane	12	29	Scattered Clouds
Yangon	18	34	Scattered Clouds
Zurich	-4	1	Snow

Currency Exchange Rates

At 2nd Decemberber 2008 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	35.4648
GBP	Pound Sterling	53.3618
EUR	Euro	44.7147
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.372142
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.77402
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.2937
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.2937
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.177
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00290126
INR	Indian Rupee	0.708028
KRW	Korean Won	0.0242363
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NZD	New Zealand Dollar	19.339
CHF	Swiss Franc	29.3824
DKK	Danish Krone	6.00218
NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.02887
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.35823
CAD	Canadian Dollar	28.6541
AED	UAE Dirham	9.65698
BHD	Bahrain Dinar	94.3218
KWD	Kuwaiti Dinar	128.916
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QAR	Qatar Riyal	9.74317

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Crime 195
Fire 199
Traffic Control Centre 197
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Police Station at Hua Hin District 032 511 027
Cha-Am Police Station 032 471 321
Hua Hin Hospital 032 511 743
San Paulo Hospital 032 532 576 to 585
Hua Hin Red Cross 032 512 567

Useful numbers

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Hua Hin Immigration Office 032 513 574
Hua Hin Bus Terminal (non air-con) 032 511 230
(air-con) 032 511 651, 512 543
Hua Hin Railway Station 032 511 073
Tourist Information Centre 032 512 120
Hua Hin Electricity 032 512 215
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Happy Birthday, Your Majesty

Thailand's revered monarch turns 81 this Friday

■HUA HIN, THAILAND

December 5th is a date etched in the heart of every Thai, as it is the birthday of their beloved King. It is, of course, a public holiday, and the people of Thailand won't spend it in the way that most public holidays are by staying at home, watching TV or doing chores; they will be out on the streets displaying their love for the man who has been the rock this country has clung to in times of trouble, and who has led his people with honour and dignity, as well as invention and innovation.

The National anthem will be played several times that day, and everybody who hears it will stop whatever they are doing in tribute to this great King. The streets of every village, town and city will be decorated with Royal and Thai flags and the majority of people will be proudly sporting shirts in one of the Royal colours with a Royal crest on it.

The longest reigning monarch in the world, His Majesty the King has made Hua Hin his home when not attending to affairs of state, and the city will be buzzing with not only residents, but people from all over the country wanting to be close to their King; it is always a wonderful display of emotion, and this year more than any other the feeling of unity and love is needed more than ever before, in the face of political crisis, economic downturns, falling tourist numbers and uncertain futures; for at least one day the divisions will disappear, the troubles of the world will fade and business will take a back seat, as the whole country acknowledges the greatest man they have ever known.

Last year's spectacular celebrations in Bangkok

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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...

A pig in a poke / Let the cat out of the bag

Two separate but connected phrases this week, which mean an offering or deal that is foolishly accepted without being examined first and to disclose a secret.

'Don't buy a pig in a poke' might seem odd and archaic language. It's true that the phrase is very old, but actually it can be taken quite literally and remains good advice. The advice being given is 'don't buy a pig until you have seen it'.

This is enshrined in British commercial law as 'caveat emptor' - Latin for 'let the buyer beware'. This remains the guiding principle of commerce in many countries and, in essence, supports the view that if you buy something you take responsibility to make sure it is what you intended to buy.

A poke is a small sack or bag and is the origin of the word pocket. The word is still in use in several English-speaking countries, notably Scotland and USA. A poke is just the sort of bag that would be useful for carrying a piglet to market.

A pig that's in a poke may turn out to be no pig at all. If a merchant tried to cheat by substituting a lower value animal, the trick could be uncovered by 'letting the cat out of the bag'. The advice has stood the test of time and people have been repeating it for getting on for five hundred years, maybe longer. Fraser's Magazine (1858) reprinted a piece from Richard Hill's (or Hilles') Common-place Book, 1530, which gave this advice to market traders: "When ye proffer the pigge open the poke."

There is no direct documentary evidence to link 'letting the cat out of the bag' to the selling of livestock but versions of the phrase exist in both Dutch - 'Een kat in de zak kopen' and in German - 'Die Katze im Sack kaufen'. These both translate loosely as 'to buy a cat in a bag', i.e. to buy false goods.

The first known use of the phrase in print that I have found is in a 1760 edition of The London Magazine: "We could have wished that the author... had not let the cat out of the bag."

There are several other literary references to the phrase in the 1760s and 1770s, most of which place it in quotations marks - a sure sign of it being not commonly understood and consequently, newly coined.

Area 555

Many thanks to Dave Buchan for this week's jokes, who wants to dedicate them to King Bar

IRISH SAUSAGE

Shamus and Murphy fancied a pint or two but didn't have a lot of money. Between them, they could only raise the staggering sum of one Euro.
Murphy said 'Hang on, I have an idea.'
He went next door to the butcher's shop and came out with one large sausage.
Shamus said 'Are you crazy? Now we don't have any money left at all!'
Murphy replied, 'Don't worry - just follow me.'
He went into the pub where he immediately ordered two pints of Guinness and two glasses of Jameson Whisky.
Shamus said 'Now you've lost it. Do you know how much trouble we will be in? We haven't got any money!!'
Murphy replied, with a smile. 'Don't worry, I have a Plan. Cheers!'
They downed their drinks. Murphy said, 'OK, I'll stick the sausage through my zipper and you go on your knees and put it in your mouth.'
The barman noticed them, went berserk, and threw them out.
They continued this, pub after pub, getting more and more drunk, all for free.
At the tenth pub Shamus said 'Murphy - I don't think I can do any more of this. I'm drunk and me knees are killin' me!'
Murphy said, 'How do you think I feel? I lost the sausage in the third pub!'

FOOTBALL FANS

A Primary Teacher In Liverpool explains to her class that she is a Liverpool fan.
She asks her students to raise their hands if they too are Liverpool fans.
Everyone in the class raises their hand except one little girl.
The teacher looks at the girl with surprise and says, 'Mary, why didn't you raise your hand?'
'Because I'm not a Liverpool fan,' she replied.
The teacher, still shocked, asked, 'Well, if you are not a Liverpool fan, then who are you a fan of?'
'I am a Man Utd fan, and proud of it,' Mary replied.
The teacher could not believe her ears. 'Mary, why, pray tell, are you a Man Utd fan?'
'Because my Mum is a Man Utd fan, and my Dad is a Man Utd fan, so I'm a Man Utd fan too!'
'Well,' said the teacher in an obviously annoyed tone, 'that is no reason for you to be a Man Utd fan.
You don't have to be just like your parents all of the time… What if your Mum was a prostitute and your Dad was a drug addict, what would you be then?'
'Then,' Mary smiled, 'I'd be a Liverpool fan.

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CHEESE AND ONION CRISPS GO INTO ADMINISTRATION

■ ENGLAND

ADMINISTRATORS were called into cheese and onion crisps last night as the classic flavour became the latest high profile victim of the recession.

The demise of cheese and onion came at the end of a black day for the British economy which also saw the collapse of conkers, pick'n'mix and a nice pot of tea.

City analysts say cheese and onion was unable to compete in a market filled with radical new flavours including Double Gloucester and red onion, Stilton and shallot, and vintage cheddar and onion chutney.

Bill McKay, head of crisps at Madeley-Finnegan, said: "The thing I'll miss most about cheese and onion is how it masked the stench of stale urine that pervades every inch of this Godforsaken s**thole of a country.

"But unfortunately it had begun to look very old fashioned alongside modern British brands such as celebrity cock fights, alco-puke, casual racism and sex with strangers in the back of a Vauxhall Vectra."

He added: "For brands to survive these days they have to adapt. Conkers involved two humans in the same place with no electronic devices.

"And who wants a nice pot of tea when you can pay £1.75 for two square feet of boiling foam?"

Administrators are hopeful that parts of the flavour can be salvaged and have already spoken to Waitrose about incorporating it into a new batch of Hand Smoked Gorgonzola and Vietnamese Chive.

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Hua Hin Hash House Harriers

The H2H3 is a group of international fools who get a lot of enjoyment out of running or walking around in jungles, mountains, beaches and sometimes highways in search of the end of the run and some cold beer and camaraderie. Boys and girls, eight to eighty are welcome to join in on the fun.

To learn more about the Hash House Harriers go to **www.gthhh.com** or **www.huahin-hhh.com**. For information about the next run, e-mail Slackbladder (**partt@hotmail.com, 087-852 2565**) or Ballbanger, **donaltetley@yahoo.com or 085-088 7181**. In Cha Am, get the scoop at the Chicken Coop from Noi. Get a cold beer and the hot hash gossip from Dave at the California Mining Cantina near the Sofitel.

If you have half a mind the join the hash, that's all you need.

So you think you're a computer dummy?

This ought to make you feel better about your computer skills! Unbelievable, but supposedly all true!!!!

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?
Female customer: A white one...

Customer: Hi, this is Maureen. I can't get my diskette out.
Tech support: Have you tried pushing the Button?
Customer: Yes, sure, it's really stuck.
Tech support: That's not good; I'll make a note.
Customer: No, wait a minute... I hadn't inserted it yet... it's still on my desk.. sorry....

Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on the left of the screen.
Customer: Your left or my left?

Tech support: Good day. How may I help you?
Male customer: Hello... I can't print.
Tech support: Will you click on 'start' for me and…
Customer: Listen pal; don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates.

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still can't find it...

Customer: I have problems printing in red...
Tech support: Do you have a colour printer?
Customer: Aaaah.....thank you.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am?
Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at Woolies.

Tech support: Your password is the small letter 'a' as in apple, capital letter V as in Victor, the number 7.
Customer: Is that 7 in capital letters ?

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.
Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?
Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.
Tech support: Can you tell me the password?
Customer: Five stars.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.
Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?
Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.
Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.
Customer: OK
Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?
Customer: Yes
Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in. Is there another keyboard?
Customer: Yes, there is. Ah...that one does work...

Customer: I have a huge problem. I have a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech support: How may I help you?
Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.
Tech support: OK, and what is the problem?
Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the circle around it?

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.
Tech support: Are you running it under windows?
Customer: 'No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer works fine.'

And last but not least...
Tech support: 'Okay Colin, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter 'P ' to bring up the Program Manager.'
Customer: I don't have a P.
Tech support: On your keyboard, Colin.
Customer: What do you mean?
Tech support: 'P'.....on your keyboard, Colin.
Customer: I AM NOT GOING TO DO THAT!!

Your STARS with Destiny Dan

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
Unfortunately a number of our Capricorn readers misread our predication last week that spontaneity could be behind a 'spectacular financial gain'. The result is that the number of spontaneous Capricorn related bank robberies is now at an all time high. On the positive side: if they haven't got you by now the coast is probably clear - spend your gains in an inconspicuous way.
Flames, flame retarding chemicals and pictures of fires are all well starred but only on Tuesday this week. On other days of the week this combination is nothing but trouble.
This week your destiny wears the same pants as a boxing kangaroo.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
Pompoms are well starred this week and, when combined with cheerleaders and big hats, expect some kind of exciting unexpected revelation or spontaneous striptease.
The Dukes of Hazzard and Starsky and Hutch, but not Dallas or Dynasty, are television shows from the past set to change an outlook you have held for a long while, that is if Saturn wins its battle with Venus.
John Wayne has a message for you in one of his old black and white movies. Take heed lest some kind of business or cattle rustling venture will fail.
This week your destiny has the body of a fish, the face of a person and the fingers of a crabby old spinster.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
A pair of trusty scissors will lose their cutting power this week as Mars conspires with Venus on the transient plane of the Cybercycle. There really is no option other than the purchase of a new pair, preferably not made in China.
Trips to India and Pakistan are highly starred, although it's not clear if the planets have done this for their own personal entertainment purposes. Both countries are high up on most 'danger of terror for foreigners risks' so any trip to these countries could lead to explosions.
This week your destiny wears the suit of a mortgage broker keen to help but with no money to lend.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
Crocodiles or alligators snapping down quickly and viciously are set to make this week tingle with dangers of the waters edge kind. Best not to get out of your depth in any watery situation, ensuring at least one foot can be placed on the bottom at all times, preferably your foot.
Reject all criticism of any flower or art based ventures regardless of how witty the comments are. This is your time, the universe is on your side and failure is just a memory of the old you. On the other hand, accept fully and without question any criticism regarding financial matters and religion in all of its forms.
This week your destiny wears the shoes of a tramp, but the T-shirt of a well dressed millionaire.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
Embrace new cultures and creeds and tip handsomely for good service, but do not hesitate to reduce your tip at the slightest anti-Taurus provocation.
The consequences of you noticing a sign of aging while looking at yourself in the mirror on the 7th, may be misconstrued by those suspicious of the power of the planets as the beginning of a mid life crisis. In fact it is just Uranus having a laugh at your expense.
A Boing! or a crashing sound effect should be used for comedic effect in your life this week: Saturn wishes you to put it on loudspeaker on your cell phone to annoy the maximum number of people.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
Saturn is convinced you can 'do' a good Captain Kirk and advises you to dress in his attire for much of the week. (There's no point in arguing with the planet, once its mind is made up it is set.) Pluto disagrees and suggests a less challenging costume / hairstyle. We advise following Saturn as it is a much bigger planet than Pluto.
The Frank Sinatra standard 'Mack The Knife' will be your 'hum everywhere' tune this week. If the opportunity presents itself sing this in harmony with at least two others on the train commute to work each morning.
This week your destiny wears the turban of a happy man.

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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21
Saturn, Venus, but not Pluto, are determined to bring you down to the ground in a playful 'wrestly' type sense. Accept any mild trips, small amounts of liquid tossed at you from nearby and light to heavy slaps across your face with good grace. Remember throughout the week that violence begets more violence - become a violence sponge and the buck really will stop with you and, who knows, one day World War Three might not start because of you. Well done in advance.
Dogs and cats, but not rabbits and large 'itchy' type rats, should be used in any way your machinations require regardless of any animal rights policies that you normally adhere to.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
Cooking in the kitchen is highly starred this week, with basting, chopping and boiling ingredients perfectly starred - the first time that has happened for Leo in 26 years. Yes, this may be the perfect time to attempt that complicated recipe you have been thinking about trying, or a recipe handed down from a family member trying to keep her secrets 'in the family'.
Of course, not all Leos have family members who have passed their secrets down (at least not to you) but as luck will have it you are likely to take delivery of a recipe book that will be delivered to your door seemingly by chance this week.
A favorite raincoat will provide moments of solace this week in ways too numerous to detail here.
This week your destiny wears the frock of a highly motivated goat impersonator.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
A novice skateboarder is set to make your shins hurt in ways too excruciating to mention this week. Grin and bare it if you want, but Pluto is giving extra points for over the top hyperventilation and screaming at the top of your voice.
You have often asked the question: "Do animals have star signs?" You are about to discover that they most definitely do when you are strangely attracted to a large dog, yes, you guessed it, the dog is a fellow Virgo too...
This week your destiny wears the hat of a happy man.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
Long ranting emails from Librans you don't know are about to take over your life in ways that you will find difficult to understand now. This is due, at least in part, because Mars, the earth's Moon and Uranus are all determined to engage your star sign's typing fingers to write long ranting emails yourself.
You will find yourself sending off your tirades firstly to political representatives and then you will move on to the giants of local commerce, such as the manager of a local supermarket. Don't try to make sense just rant, the whole exercise will be pleasingly fulfilling.
This week your destiny is on hold while you learn to surf.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
You are likely to be affected adversely this week by a Scorpio rage-wave spreading throughout the world. This rage began on Mars and has been wreaking havoc on planet Earth since June of last year.
There are a number of problems you will have to overcome this week because the rage wave must only affect fellow Scorpios. Under no circumstances should you allow the rage wave to cross over into another star sign, the consequences of which could lead to the outbreak of a star sign war the horror of which would make World War One look like a queue at Starbucks. Play your part and ask for a star sign before passing on the rage.
This week your destiny triumphs in a game of cards played for bottle caps.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
A no nonsense kinda person is set to start giving you some nonsense in a very bizarre set of circumstances that will surprise many planet watchers. What is going on? Can it really be due to the upcoming Mars and Saturn conjunction later this week? It's possible, but your first course of action should be to point the formerly no nonsense kinda person to the drink responsibly warnings on the bottle.
Cuddly furry creatures are set to provide a period of unease in the outdoors. You have no problem with Teddy Bears and their ilk, however exactly the very same thing but alive to you is pretty much the scariest thing imaginable. Try to control your screaming this week, there is nothing the planets can be bothered to do to stop the terror about to be unleashed.

Top tips

SPOONERISE Rolf Harris's name. Hey Presto! You're saying it in a dog's voice.

STATELY HOME OWNERS. Sprinkle pepper into the helmets of suits of armour so as any intruders who hide in them when being chased will give themselves away by sneezing just after you walk past.
S. Doo

CONVINCE neighbours that you own an old fashioned typewriter by wearing metal thimbles and drumming your fingers on a plastic tray. Every ten seconds ting a wine glass with a pencil and run a butter knife along the teeth of a comb before continuing drumming your fingers.

MOBILE party DJs. Having trouble getting nervous guests up and dancing? Try petulantly demanding "What's wrong with you?", and calling them all "boring". That should do the trick.

OIL COMPANIES. Avoid having the general public pointing the global warming finger at you by putting some pictures of trees and flowers on your websites and adverts.

DAILY MAIL EDITORS. Underline important words in your headlines just to make sure that your readers are clear about what it is you want them to think.

HOMEOWNERS. When selling your house, replace your furniture with children's tables and chairs, and use a dwarf estate agent. Instantly, your house will seem more roomy than it actually is.

ITALIAN WAITERS. Ensure a warm welcome for your customers by having a good 5-second stare at their wives' tits upon entry, and then another good stare after they have been seated.

TAME budgies and parrots easily by replacing their grit with iron filings. By holding a large magnet, they will sit happily on your hand for hours.

ELDERLY DRIVERS. Pressing the pedal on your right will make your car go a little faster. Forget all that rubbish about suffocating at speeds above 15mph, it was all a myth.

BUS DRIVERS. Increase the number of people who believe you when you cite traffic as an excuse for your late arrival by not stopping halfway through a route to exchange a racist joke with a passing colleague.

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3. Graph (5)
6. Limbs (4)
7. Arm cover (6)
9. Cuban ballroom dance (5)
10. Lather (4)
11. Writing fluid (3)
13. Study hard (4)
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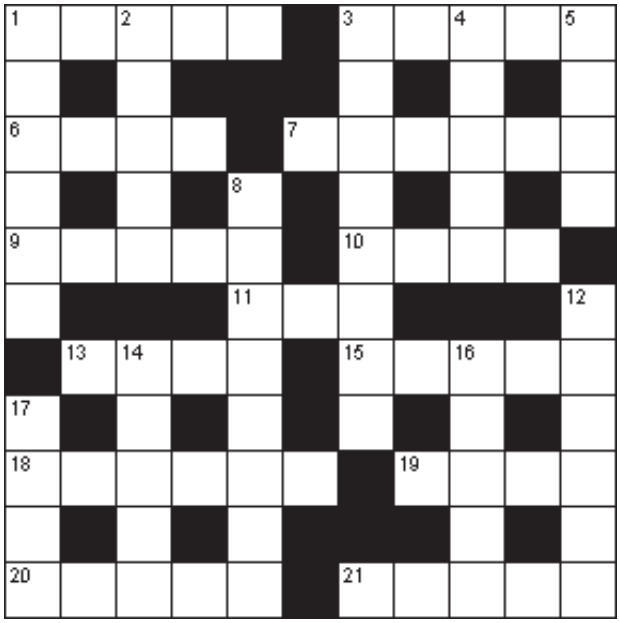

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8. Woman who waits on tables (8)
12. Covered with mould (6)
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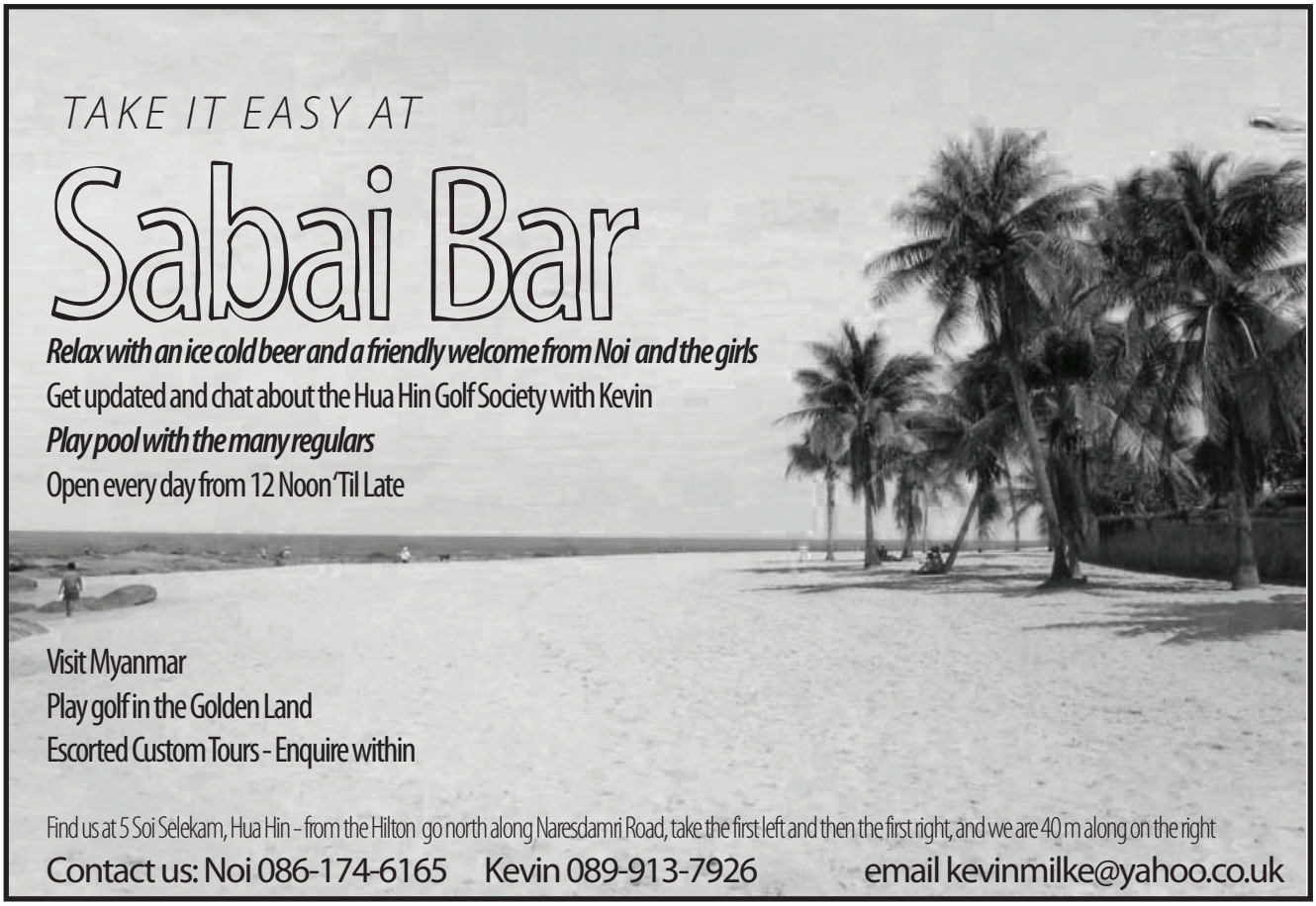

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Spammers get 1 reply to 12.5 million emails

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Email spammers only receive one response for every 12,500,000 emails they send, a study has found.

US computer scientists - who didn't want a fake Rolex or blue pill - hijacked a spam network to discover how the system worked and what are the economics of being a junk mailer.

They discovered that despite the tiny response rate (0.00001%) spammers are still able to cash-in on the occasional floppy Viagra seeker.

Because it is so cheap to send millions of spam email they think some spammers could be earning over 50 million baht per year.

The boffins from University of California, Berkeley and UC, San Diego hijacked a big spam operation controlling almost 76,000 machines and analyzed their actions.

It was found that 26 days into the experiment 350 million emails had been sent but only 28 people had followed the link and tried to buy 'male-enhancement products' from a fake site the boffins had set up.

"The conversion rate of spam — underlies the entire spam value proposition may lie," wrote the researchers.

"Profitable spam campaigns require organizations that can assemble complete "soup-to-nuts" teams,"

"Put another way, the profit margin for spam may be meagre enough that spammers must be sensitive to the details of how their campaigns are run and are economically susceptible to new defences."

Tequila is a girls best friend?

Scientists in Mexico have worked out how to produce diamonds using tequila, but most would still rather drink it.

The physicists found that synthetic diamonds could be made by heating the tequila to 800 degrees Celsius when the gas molecules are broken into tiny particles.

This result, say the boffins from the National Autonomous University, is the creation of a very thin diamond film.

But while it is thought the diamonds could have many industrial uses they are too small to be used in jewellery ... though that could be because the academics didn't want to waste too much of the popular drink.

The synthetic diamond crystals - which can only be seen under a powerful microscope - can be used in medical procedures, or as a replacement for expensive silicon in computer chips.

The scientists say that even the cheap bottles of tequila which sell for 80 baht can be used to make the diamonds, though you should not try to do it after a few shots.

Hundreds of millions of litres of tequila are produced every year in Mexico and sales to the US alone are worth about 12.5 billion baht to the national economy.

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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,
When my husband and I were first married we were so young and inexperienced that our hoggins was short and perfunctory. Over the years we have been together he has developed into a skilled and attentive lover. Now, all I seem to be doing during my spare time is having multiple orgasms during regular sessions of tantric hochmagandy that involve a bewildering variety of positions. Why can't we have quick and rubbish sex like we did when we first married? I have not seen Coronation Street in ages.
Bored,
Dundee

Mary says: Dear Bored,
Many wives think that not having sex with their husbands is a perfectly natural thing that will develop over time. However, like all things in marriage, it takes work. Have you tried being cold and uncommunicative and not talking to him about what turns you on in the bedroom department? Try destroying the atmosphere early on in the proceedings by "accidentally" letting one rip while he is going about his filthy business in your below stairs area. If he persists, try yawning or looking at your watch while he is see-sawing away on top of you interminably, or better still try reading a book – out loud. If that fails, and he is still grunting away above while pulling a face like a constipated Chinaman, try calling your mother on the phone. And if that fails try asking the question "are you in yet?" It always has the desired effect.

DEAR MARY,
I ended up in bed with this bloke after meeting him on the internet. I am in my early sixties and got talking to him in one of those chatrooms we pensioners use when looking for anonymous sex. I met up with him and frankly he was a bit disappointing in the looks department, but I did not want to waste the £1.20 I had spent on my train fare, so I shagged him anyway. I am a pensioner after all. It all went well until the moment came for him to chuck his muck when he shouted out "shoot it Archie, shoot it" at the top of his voice, and then "GOOOOAAAAALLLLL" immediately afterwards. He then went and told all the blokes down the over sixties lunch club he had boffed me, and wrote in the loos that I gave good head. Is this normal behaviour for a 60 year old?
Wrinkled,
Shettleston

Mary says: Dear Wrinkled,
I am afraid your superannuated sex god is suffering from a widespread condition among men that we sex therapists call "immature ejaculation". Most teenage boys will display some, or all, of the above behaviours after jetting out their love juice. It obviously does something to their heads. However, by the time they reach their mid-forties, about half of blokes will have matured enough to realise it is quite inappropriate to be so indiscreet about their goings and comings. The other half will be divorced already after having been caught out so they won't care. Try listening to my premium rate phone line "Dealing with immature ejaculators". If that does not help, just tell his wife. It won't repair the damage to your reputation, but he will get a boot in the knackers from his missus, and the crotch cut out of all his Farah slacks.

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There's no one as Irish as Barack Obama

■ MONEYGALL, IRELAND

When Barack Obama became the US President-elect last week his electoral win was celebrated around the world.

While Kenya tried to claim him as one of their own, the Irish have gone one better ... and written a song about him being Irish.

After it was revealed the Obama roots could be traced to 18th century Ireland, the Irish band 'Hardy Drew and the Nancy Boys' wrote a song about it.

"O'Leary, O'Reilly, O'Hare and O'Hara, There's no one as Irish as Barack O'Bama," they sing in a video which has become a hit on YouTube.

It was discovered that Obama had ancestors who in the 1700s lived in a village called Moneygall in County Offaly, Ireland.

If you want to sing along (and why wouldn't you) here are some of the lyrics ... enjoy.

No one as Irish as Barack OBama

O'Leary, O'Reilly, O'Hare and O'Hara
There's no one as Irish as Barack O'Bama

You don't believe me, I hear you say
But Barack's as Irish, as was JFK
His granddaddy's daddy came from Moneygall
A small Irish village, well known to you all

Toor a loo, toor a loo, toor a loo, toor a lama
There's no one as Irish As Barack O'Bama

He's as Irish as bacon and cabbage and stew
He's Hawaiian he's Kenyan American too
He's in the White House, He took his chance
Now let's see Barack do Riverdance

Toor a loo, toor a loo, toor a loo, toor a lama
There's no one as Irish As Barack O'Bama

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League
Results Matchday 12 28th November 2008

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
LSA	15	5	JWB	13	3
EAG	18	7	SIL	8	1
DIA	7	1	QUE	17	7
JWR	9	2	OCT	16	6
CAP	13	3	DB	13	5
TW	10	2	LSL	16	6
LSS	14	5	SUG	12	3
DA	7	2	LSB	17	6

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 13 5/12/2008
Octopussy v LSA
Dick's Office B v Diamond
LSL v Silverrock
JW Black v LSS
LSB v Eagle
Queens Flower v Dick's Office A
Sugar Cane v JW Red
Captain's Inn v Thaiwaii

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Lucky Shot Student's	12	9	2	1	30	44	20
Eagle Bar	12	8	3	1	40	60	19
Lucky Shot B	12	8	3	1	26	46	19
Queens Flower Bar	12	8	2	2	36	73	18
Octopussy Bar	12	8	1	3	18	29	17
Johnie Walker Black	12	8	1	3	14	44	17
Silverrock Bar	12	5	4	3	-2	-5	14
Lucky Shot Ladies	12	5	3	4	8	14	13
Lucky Shot A	12	5	3	4	4	18	13
Sugar Cane Bar	12	6	0	6	8	22	12
Dick's Office B	12	3	2	7	-22	-42	8
Johnie Walker Red	12	1	3	8	-24	-49	5
Diamond Bar	12	1	3	8	-32	-62	5
Thaiwaii	12	1	2	9	-30	-51	4
Captain's Inn	12	1	2	9	-34	-63	4
Dick's Office A	12	1	2	9	-40	-78	4

Hua Hin 8-Ball League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
SilverRock	15	12	1	2	54	25
Harley	15	10	3	2	34	23
Komhom	16	9	2	5	32	20
MrDanA	15	9	2	4	28	20
BenTho	15	8	3	4	32	19
SportCtre	16	7	5	4	26	19
Dolphin	16	7	3	6	-4	17
B'fly Rock	11	6	0	5	12	12
DicksA	14	4	4	6	-4	12
Phoenix	15	5	2	8	-14	12
MrDanB	15	3	3	9	-44	9
DicksB	13	2	2	9	-34	6
BambooGro	10	1	2	7	-38	4
LilleMan	16	1	2	13	-80	4

Results Week 16
26th November 2008
Dicks B 0 ButterflyRock 0
MrDan B 2 SportCentre 10
Komhom 9 Dicks A 3
SilverRock 0 BambooGrove 0
BenTho 6 Harley 6
LilleMan 3 MrDan A 9
Pheonix 5 Dolphin 7

Week 17 results will be in next week's AWOL

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 18 10th December 2008
Dicks B v Harley
MrDan B v Dolphin
Komhom v SportCentre
BenTho v MrDan A
ButterflyRock v Dicks A
LilleMan v SilverRock
Pheonix v BambooGrove

Hua Hin 9-Ball League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
MrDanA	2	2	0	0	13	4
ButterflyR	2	1	1	0	8	3
MrDanB	2	1	0	1	3	3
PlasPlace	2	1	0	1	6	2
DicksA	2	1	0	1	1	2
DicksB	2	1	0	1	1	2
RedBar	2	1	0	1	1	2
LilleMan	2	1	0	1	-8	2
Dolphin	2	0	0	2	-7	0
BenTho	2	0	0	2	-18	0

Results Week 2
20th October 2008
MrDanB 17 Dolphin 11
DicksB 17 BenTho 8
ButterflyR 16 DicksA 8
LilleMan 8 MrDanA 17
PlasPlace 16 RedBar 9

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 3 27th October 2008
MrDanA v RedBar
DicksA v LilleMan
BenTho v ButterflyR
Dolphin v DicksB
PlasPlace v MrDanB

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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	3	2	1	0	35	19	16	5
Eagle Bar	3	2	1	0	33	21	12	5
Free Time Bar	3	2	1	0	32	22	10	5
Dizzy Dolphin	3	2	0	1	30	24	6	4
Oasis Bar	3	1	2	0	29	25	4	4
Sunset Boulevard	3	2	0	1	27	27	0	4
Deja Vu	3	1	1	1	27	27	0	3
Harleys Bar	3	1	0	2	28	26	2	2
Bobbys Good Friends	3	1	0	2	27	27	0	2
Thaiwaii	3	1	0	2	23	31	-8	2
Railway Tavern	3	0	0	3	19	35	-16	0
Dara Bar	3	0	0	3	14	40	-26	0

Results Wed 3rd December 2008
Dara Bar 3 - 15 Bobbys Good Friends
Deja Vu 9 - 9 Bob and Noks
Dizzy Dolphin 13 - 5 Sunset Boulevard
Eagle Bar 14 - 4 Railway Tavern
Free Time Bar 9 - 9 Oasis Bar
Harleys Bar 12 - 6 Thaiwaii
Next Week's Fixtures
Wed 10th December 2008
Bob and Noks v Dizzy Dolphin
Bobbys Good Friends v Deja Vu
Oasis Bar v Harleys Bar
Railway Tavern v Free Time Bar
Sunset Boulevard v Eagle Bar
Thaiwaii v Dara Bar

Hua Hin Social Pool League
Some fixtures are outstanding - please play as soon as possible.
Results
Week 15 – 3rd December 2008
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Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 16 – 10th December 2008
Butterfly Rock v Billys
JW Black v Jungle Juice A
Headrock v Lazy Daze
Limelight v PP
U Turn v Red Bar
Jungle Juice B v Sabai
Billys Babes v JW Red

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

Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 16 - 9/12/2008
Cup Quarter Finals
The draw for the Cup had not been made at press time, so please check with your team for the fixtures.

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 15 - 2/12/2008
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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

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.Tell AWOL about your event by the Thursday before and we will include it here...send us some photos and we will do our utmost to publish them; email to awol@observergroup.net or contact our representative Noi at Sabai Bar (Tel: 086-174 6165).

Saturday 6th December - Womanless Beauty Pageant at Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern; Charity event 100 baht entry plus gift for blind auction; free buffet, fun and games and men in dresses!

Sunday 7th December - Khao Takiab Pub Crawl; contact Sunset Boulevard or see ad on page 2 for details.

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

Tuesday 16th December 2008 will be the Societies Christmas Charity Gala Buffet Dinner at the Dusit Thani Hua Hin. Tickets are on Sale 'NOW' at Bernys between 12 noon and 5pm each day.

The cost of the tickets are the same as last year @ 1600 baht per px.

This week's results:

28th November- Black Mountain One Group only - Stableford 27 Entrants + 33 Entrants to the Annual Strokeplay

1st Denis Blasedale 37 pts 9 hcp, 2nd Jukka 32 pts 12 hcp, 3rd Eric Taylor 31 pts 18 hcp, 4th Rod Wooler 31 pts 12 hcp.

2nd December - Lake View A&B 34 entrants 2 Groups

Group 'A' - 0-15 hcp - Stableford

1st Ulf Sparvman 40 pts 3 hcp, 2nd Pailin Humphrey 36 pts 14 hcp, 3rd Boom Schroeder 35 pts 14 hcp, 4th Kurt Paulini 35 pts 15 hcp, 5th Jill Moore 35 pts 15 hcp, 6th Colin Devonshire 35 pts 10 hcp,

Group 'B' - 16-36 hcp - Stableford

1st Martin Swift 38 pts 23 hcp, 2nd Jim Lynch 35 pts 22 hcp, 3rd Terry Burge 35 pts 16 hcp, 4th Bob Wood 35 pts 16 hcp, 5th Roger Perrin 34 pts 23 hcp, 6th David Baird 33 pts 24 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 8 Robert Baker, No. 17 Dickie Bird

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 9th Springfield

Friday 12th Banyan

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Nov 26th - Palm Hills Teams of 3 (2 to count) Teams - 10

1st - Craig Miller, Timo Ripatti, Dave Stiller, 2nd - Barbara A, David Leaver, Sven Wermelin, 3rd - Peter Fitz, Bryan McLeod, Klause K

Nov 28th - Palm Hills Stableford - qualifier

1st - Tan Thompson 42 points, 2nd - Ken Thompson 37 points, 3rd - Deb Rawlings 34 points, 4th - Jens Kruse 32 points

Dec 1st - Lake View AB Stableford

1st - Sven Wermelin 40 pts, 2nd - Barbara Anstee 36 pts, 3rd - Harald Cranz 36 pts, 4th - Tan Thompson 36 pts

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 8th December Lake View

Friday 12th December Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 29 November 2008

Aston Villa 0-0 Fulham

Middlesbrough 0-0 Newcastle

Stoke 1-1 Hull

Sunderland 1-4 Bolton

Wigan 2-1 West Brom

Sunday, 30 November 2008

Chelsea 1-2 Arsenal

Man City 0-1 Man Utd

Portsmouth 3-2 Blackburn

Tottenham 0-1 Everton

Monday, 1st December 2008

Liverpool 0-0 West Ham

Watch out for the soon to be best selling book from Observer's own crime writing king, David Cocksedge. Selected True Crimes in one handy volume, based on the ever popular 'True Crimes' column published monthly. Available soon from the best bookshops. Keep 'em peeled!

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Ask Billy and his staff for more details at BILLY'S BAR in the Night Bazaar.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 6 December 2008

Arsenal v Wigan, 22:00

After their smash and grab at Stamford Bridge, the Gunners need to knuckle down against more mundane opposition. Wigan are on a good run, but a hard fought narrow home win.

Blackburn v Liverpool, 22:00

Blackburn are in danger of the journalists curse of 'too good to go down' but they are starting to look like a team in trouble. Liverpool will be keen to inflict more damage on them to keep ahead of their title rivals. Away win.

Bolton v Chelsea, 22:00

Chelsea will be in a mean mood, but Bolton are fresh off a couple of good wins, so this will be interesting. Draw.

Fulham v Man City, 19:45

Fulham have been great at home, and Man City pretty mediocre away; however we think this will buck the trend and be another draw in an entertaining game.

Hull v Middlesbrough, 22:00

Another tight one that looks destined to be a deadlock without many goals, although again will be a good game.

Newcastle v Stoke, 22:00

Newcastle need to start picking up some wins, and while Stoke are no pushovers, equally their away record is atrocious. A home win which should see these teams swap positions.

Sunday, 7 December 2008

Man Utd v Sunderland, 00:30

Probably not the best time for Keano to be returning to Old Trafford with his side in freefall, and United starting to flex their muscles. Reasonably easy home win.

Everton v Aston Villa, 23:00

Everton have not had the best of it in front of their own fans, and to a certain extent have ridden their luck this season. Villa have been missing the clever strong play of Carew but we still think they will have enough to edge this.

West Brom v Portsmouth, 22:00

While the way West Brom play is easy on the eye, they are getting picked off too easily, and they need to get a bit more physical, especially against the giants of Portsmouth. We can see them getting further adrift - away win.

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

West Ham v Tottenham, 03:00

Arch rivals meet in what is always a feisty derby, and this time with added spice as former manager Redknapp returns to Upton Park for the first time since taking charge of Spurs; he will get a red hot welcome! Both sides need the win but we think a draw.

Barclays Premier League Table

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Liverpool	15	5	3	0	11	4	5	1	1	10	4	13	34
2	Chelsea	15	3	3	2	14	5	7	0	0	19	1	27	33
3	Man Utd	14	5	1	0	18	4	3	3	2	8	6	16	28
4	Arsenal	15	4	1	2	14	10	4	1	3	13	9	8	26
5	Aston Villa	15	3	4	1	10	7	4	0	3	12	9	6	25
6	Hull	15	2	2	3	7	14	4	3	1	15	10	-2	23
7	Everton	15	1	3	3	7	12	5	1	2	13	10	-2	22
8	Portsmouth	15	4	2	2	13	10	2	2	3	5	12	-4	22
9	Bolton	15	2	2	3	6	7	4	0	4	12	10	1	20
10	Fulham	14	5	1	1	10	5	0	3	4	2	6	1	19
11	Wigan	15	3	2	3	6	9	2	2	3	12	10	-1	19
12	M'brough	15	3	2	3	8	12	2	2	3	7	9	-6	19
13	West Ham	15	3	1	3	11	11	2	2	4	6	11	-5	18
14	Stoke	15	5	1	2	12	10	0	2	5	3	15	-10	18
15	Man City	15	4	0	4	19	9	1	2	4	10	14	6	17
16	Tottenham	15	3	1	4	7	7	1	2	4	10	14	-4	15
17	Newcastle	15	3	2	2	11	9	0	4	4	6	13	-5	15
18	Sunderland	15	2	1	5	7	13	2	2	3	6	11	-11	15
19	Blackburn	15	1	2	4	4	12	2	2	4	12	16	-12	13
20	West Brom	15	2	1	4	8	14	1	1	6	3	13	-16	11

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■LONDON, ENGLAND
Nobody likes an unhappy ending, and down at the Emirates Stadium, they're no different. No surprise then, that Arsene Wenger and his hot headed and loose-lipped ex-captain, William Gallas, have decided to kiss and make up - French style!
The French pair, both moody garlic munchers, have been sulking for a week, but came out and announced this morning that they have buried the hatchet, and intend to stage a public display of affection very soon.
Gallas started the rift between the two, after he spoke out about, what he called, "a lack of bravery" amongst his Arsenal teammates; however Wenger's concern about Gallas' extreme outspokenness goes much deeper than that - and presumably, so will his tongue!
The Gunners' boss does not like his authority to be undermined, and has told Gallas, in no uncertain terms, that he, himself, will do the talking in the future, whilst Gallas should concentrate on his game.
Last night though, just when a stalemate looked on the cards, another ex-Arsenal Frenchman, Thierry Henry, became mediator and spoke to both parties about a truce.
The result is that the two will perform a French Kiss for the crowd before Saturday's home match with Wigan.

"Eh, Willie,'ows about a quickie in ze changing room, non?"

Calamity ref in receipt of early bath

■LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND
The Football Association's 'Respect' campaign is rightfully keen for players to be nice to referees, but spare a thought for the non-league player who was supposed to respect an official who sent him off with a receipt from a DIY shop.
Osman 'Ossie' Tosum, who blows his whistle in the Lancashire and Cheshire Amateur League, used the orange B&Q receipt after misplacing his red card. His bosses let him off, and also turned a blind eye when he was forced to time 90 minutes on his mobile (he'd forgot his watch you see).
Ossie was then given an early bath after shouting out what he admits were 'a few choice words' after having had 'a few drinks' - at a meeting to promote the 'Respect' campaign. Ossie was finally banned by the league for failing to turn up for a game, but is planning to appeal.
'I'll do it my way, in my style. I will not change. I am passionate about the game,' he insisted.

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