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Golf course grassed up!

Cannabis found growing in rough

■HUA HIN, THAILAND:-
An unnamed local golf course has been laid low by accusations that it has been getting everyone high. One of the managers of the course was hauled in by Hua Hin police after an anonymous tip off that on at least half of the eighteen holes, cannabis had been planted in the rough and was being cultivated for sale to the players.

An insider revealed that shocked golfers and caddies looked on as the club official was led from the clubhouse in handcuffs and bundled into an unmarked police car. One of the golfers, a Mr Nokia Eriksson from Sweden, who spoke to AWOL shortly after the incident, said "I couldn't believe it! I was just about to tee off on the first when there was a sudden commotion, so as an experienced golfer I calmly stopped my swing and looked around to see what was going on. At first I thought someone had finally called

the police to get rid of the incredibly slow Korean players that had been here all week, but then I saw one of the club managers being escorted away by two men in brown

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uniforms." When AWOL questioned Mr Eriksson further, we asked if he had been at all worried by the presence of the police; "Hell no! I shot a 74 afterwards." We also asked Mr Eriksson if he had ever been offered any illegal substances while he had been playing, but he had to rush off to answer his phone (a Motorola incidentally).

We sent one of AWOL's top investigative reporters to look around the course but there is definitely something amiss as all we have since received from him was a garbled text message, sent to our cleaning lady, stating first that everything was cool, but then repeating endlessly 'They're trying to get me' before finishing with 'I didn't know you could get tree burgers'.

We have reported his disappearance to the police to help them with their enquiries, but if anyone sees a slightly overweight man with long hair wearing jeans and a Greenpeace t-shirt, can we have him back please?

Several golfers complained of 'seeing things' at the course

As our own investigation had collapsed like Tiger Woods knee, we approached the police for the latest information; their spokesman told us that the official in question had been released without charge following a visit from his lawyer, a Mr Panchai Wittoi. Mr Wittoi was unavailable for comment but he was spotted entering the police station by a local tuk tuk driver, Noi, who told us that he saw him when he went in 'carrying a smart briefcase and a bulging brown envelope'. Noi also told us that he knew it was Mr Wittoi as he often used his tuk tuk when he was on the way home 'from the karaoke', and went on to give us a veritable who's who of Thai society that had also travelled in the back of his tuk tuk.

The word on the fairways though is that a disgruntled ex-employee at the course had planted the illegal plants himself, and had then tipped off the police.

AWOL would like to request that the readers do not inundate us with requests for the location of the golf course in question, please.

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Time to go to Vegas, boys!

Monaco soon to be in Vegas apparently...

■ HOLLYWOOD, USA

We like Kelly Monaco for many reasons: her dark-haired beauty, her acting skills, her dancing. But maybe most of all: her proactive-ness to send Playboy nude pictures of herself when she was 20.

Born in Philadelphia to a deer-hunting father and a figure-skating mother, Kelly attended Catholic school as a girl and grew up running track, playing soccer, swimming and working as a lifeguard. Kelly would eventually try out to be in Playboy Magazine, and became Playboy's Playmate of the Month for April 1997, one month before her 21st birthday.

She used the attention surrounding her jaw-dropping centerfold appearance to launch an acting career, at first getting uncredited roles in Baywatch as a girl flying a kite, a rookie lifeguard and the body double of Carmen Electra, who couldn't swim—and BASEketball, as a pole-dancing cheerleader. She followed that with credited parts in Idle Hands, Mumford, Port Charles and Spin City.

In 2003 Kelly began playing the character she's best known for, sexy con artist Samantha "Sam" McCall on General Hospital. Her performances have led to two Emmy nominations, and though she has yet to take home Emmy hardware, she did pick up a win with her partner Alec Mazo on Dancing with the Stars, the US version of the UK's 'Strictly Come Dancing'. Her next project is to be 'Peepshow', a topless, burlesque-style performance that is expected to open in April at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, which will also feature ex-Spice Girl Mel B. Neither will be topless, but the showgirls surrounding them will be.

Dolt for freedom

■ HASTINGS, NEW ZEALAND

Two prisoners who were handcuffed together as they fled a courthouse foiled their own getaway when they ran to opposite sides of a lamppost, slammed into each other and fell to the ground. Jailers nabbed them as they struggled to their feet. Their escapade on Wednesday was captured by a CCTV camera at Hastings District Court on New Zealand's North Island. The footage shows the two men trying to make a break for it - but apparently forgetting they were joined at the wrist.

Hastings police Senior Sgt. Dave Greig said one inmate, Regan Reti, 20, had just been sent to prison for more than two years after being convicted of assault. The other inmate, Tiranara White, 21, was in custody for allegedly stealing a car and violating parole.

"As they were being led from the Hastings police cells ... they made a bolt for freedom," Greig said. "They fell over and they were sprayed with pepper spray. But they got up and ran out of the court onto the street, across the road to a car park," he said. "That's where they met the pole - it was all over, rover."

The pair were back in court Thursday, facing fresh charges of escaping from custody. Police said Reti, who pleaded guilty to the charge, had a month added to his prison term. White did not enter a plea. He will remain in police custody while a psychiatric evaluation is carried out.

Grainy footage of the escapade shown on TV One News was billed as "one of the worst escape attempts ever seen."

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Sat	Mostly sunny and very warm	24	34
Sun	Partly sunny and very warm	24	35
Mon	Partly sunny	24	34
Tues	Partly sunny and very warm	25	35
Wed	Some sun	26	34
Thur	Partly sunny	26	33
Fri	A little afternoon rain	26	31

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 13th February 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	-1	5	Rain
Athens	6	14	Rain
Auckland	13	24	Showers
Beijing	0	8	Cloudy
Berlin	-3	1	Snow
Buenos Aires	15	30	Fine
Chicago	-1	5	Cloudy
Copenhagen	-2	0	Cloudy
Dubai	15	23	Clear
Dublin	3	8	Rain
Geneva	-2	1	Snow
Helsinki	-9	-2	Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	23	29	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	20	26	Clear
Islamabad	6	16	Rain
Jakarta	24	31	Rain
Jerusalem	10	14	Fine
Johannesburg	16	22	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	33	Thunderstorms
London	1	6	Bright
Madrid	1	13	Fine
Manila	23	32	Cloudy
Mexico City	6	27	Fine
Moscow	-2	0	Snow
New Delhi	9	24	Mist
New York	7	12	Windy
Oslo	-14	-7	Clear
Paris	1	5	Snow
Perth	15	27	Cloudy
Phnom-Penh	24	33	Cloudy
Rio De Janeiro	23	33	Thunderstorms
Riyadh	11	23	Clear
Rome	-1	9	Cloudy
San Francisco	6	12	Cloudy
Singapore	24	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	-5	-1	Cloudy
Sydney	17	21	Showers
Tokyo	7	16	Cloudy
Vientiane	19	35	Clear
Yangon	15	34	Clear
Zurich	-3	0	Snow

Currency Exchange Rates

At 12th February 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	35.0079
GBP	Pound Sterling	50.2462
EUR	Euro	45.294
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.382382
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.68945
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.204
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.204
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.12285
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00295427
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NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.21219
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.2242
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AED	UAE Dirham	9.53243
BHD	Bahrain Dinar	93.1099
KWD	Kuwaiti Dinar	120.802
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Hua Hin Red Cross 032 512 567

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Hua Hin's Hot Topics

The forum rumour mill has calmed down this week as the keyboard cops returned to their corners and the shooting story got brushed under the virtual carpet. This doesn't mean that anyone of the moderators and staff at HHAD has forgotten about the suffering that Don and Dolly are still enduring. The hope is that the real mastermind behind this attempted murder in Hua Hin is apprehended without further delay. Since the arrests it has all gone quiet and many are still left wondering and, of course, blaming and accusing.

More rants were aired about the lack of English soundtrack movies at the Hua Hin Market Village Cineplex. It seems like the MV management have no interest in catering to non-Thai customers, the marketing department has already been contacted by several people from the forum and, without surprise, has refused to reply to any of them. It does seem rather perplexing that a cinema in a tourist town doesn't even have one theatre showing soundtrack movies when Bangkok, Pattaya, Phuket and Samui have no problems with them or farang customers.

The plight of the Rohingya refugees has received a lot of attention on the forum as well as elsewhere around the globe. Naturally the Thai army are playing the denial game, the press are in a frenzy, and Angelina Jolie is doing the Mother Theresa bit. It remains a hot topic and another on the ever growing list of stories that are putting Thailand in a bad light in the eyes of the world, the government will soon need a dedicated PR ministry.

A large tourism budget has been approved by the government this week but it looks like instead of the sensible option, spending it on encouraging foreigners to come here or those here to stay, it will probably go on a bunch of flashy commercials to "re-educate" the western media about how great Thailand is!

Exchange rates are always a hot topic and this week has been no different with Sterling hovering around 50 and the European currencies not a lot better. The cost of living in Hua Hin has been discussed with a few different budgets to play with. It was concluded that if you don't go out drinking, don't dabble with the local maidens, don't play golf, don't eat in tourist restaurants and don't rent a nice house downtown you can survive quite comfortably here on a modest budget … but you can also do the same in the Bahamas so what's the point!

With costs creeping up many are seeking to move on from the expense of Hua Hin to more wallet-friendly destinations in Thailand. Issan topped the list as many have ties (or should we say Thais) up there and are seeking a relocation to stretch those satangs.

In line with the above if you don't actually indulge in anything and quite fancy lying in a hammock all day watching rice grow you can pretty much settle anywhere on a budget, we heard the exchange rate in Zimbabwe is quite good at the moment!

For all of these hot topics and plenty more get online at www.huahinafterdark.com/forum/ - Hua Hin's only active web community.

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Use your loaf (and other Cockney rhyming slang)

Cockney rhyming slang is at the root of many common expressions used in English, very often without the speaker being aware of it. Use your loaf is a typical one, and means 'think about it' or more directly 'use your head', as the rhyme is 'Loaf of bread' used instead of 'head'. Another similar expression is 'have a butchers at that', meaning 'have a look at that' and the rhyme is 'Butcher's hook'. There are a couple of different, but related, stories as to how Cockney rhyming slang originated, one being that it was used by criminals so they could speak openly about their crimes, but the more realistic explanation is that many people from the East End of London worked as servants to rich families and wanted to be able to talk to each other (often about their employers or their guests) without others understanding. No doubt the criminal fraternity picked up on this and copied it however. Below are some more examples that are still heard today, along with some newer slang that has developed over the years, which often makes reference to a celebrity.

Traditional: Adam and Eve = Believe (Would you Adam and Eve it?); Apples and Pears = Stairs (Get up those apples to bed!); Barnet Fair = Hair (I'm going to have my barnet cut.); Bees and Honey = Money (Hand over the bees.); Biscuits and Cheese = Knees (Ooh! What knobbly biscuits!); Bull and Cow = Row (We don't have to have a bull about it.); Cobbler's Awls = Balls (You're talking cobblers!); Daffadown Dilly = Silly (She's a bit daffy.); Hampton Wick = Prick (You're getting on my wick!); Khyber Pass = Arse (Stick that up your Khyber.); Mince Pies = Eyes (What beautiful minces.); Pen and Ink = Stink (Pooh! It pens a bit in here.); Rabbit and Pork = Talk (I don't know what she's rabbiting about.); Trouble and Strife = Wife (The trouble's been shopping again.).

Modern: Ace of Spades = AIDS (You've been dealt the Ace of Spades); Pete Tong = Wrong (It's all gone a bit Pete Tong); Ayrton Senna = Tenner (10 pound note); Hank Marvin = Starvin' ; Desmond Tutu = 2:2 (university degree classification); Rug Rats = Brats (toddlers/children); Ruby Murray = Curry (who fancies a ruby tonight then?).

So if you Adam all that and don't think its a load of cobblers or daffy, come back next week to fill your loaf with some more words; its up to you - I don't give a Donald about it!

Area 555

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CHINESE TORTURE TEST

A young man is wandering, lost, in a forest when he comes upon a small house. He knocks on the door and is greeted by an old Chinese man with a long grey beard.
"I'm lost," said the man, "Can you put me up for the night?"
"Certainly," the Chinese man said, "but one condition. If you so much as lay a finger on my daughter I will inflict upon you the three worst Chinese tortures known to man."
"OK," said the man, thinking that the daughter must be pretty old as well, and entered the house.
Over dinner the daughter came down the stairs. She was young, beautiful and had a fantastic body. She was obviously attracted to the young man as well, as she couldn't keep her eyes off of him during the meal. Remembering the old man's warning he ignored her and went up to bed alone.
During the night he could bear it no longer and snuck into her room for a night of passion. Near dawn, he quietly crept back to his room so the old man wouldn't hear, exhausted but happy.
He woke to feel a pressure on his chest. Opening his eyes he saw a large rock on his chest with a note on it that read:
"Chinese Torture 1: Large rock on chest."
"Well, that's easy," he thought. "If that's the best the old man can do then I don't have much to worry about."
He picked the boulder up, walked over to the window and threw it out. As he did so, he noticed another note on it that read:
"Chinese Torture 2: Rock tied to left testicle."
In a panic he glanced down and saw the rope that was already getting close to taut. Figuring that a few broken bones was better than castration he jumped out of the window after the boulder. As he plummeted toward the ground he saw a large sign on the ground that read:
"Chinese Torture 3: Right testicle tied to bed post."

VALENTINES GIFT

A guy wanted to buy a gift for his new girlfriend on Valentines day. As they had only just started dating, after careful consideration, he decided a pair of gloves would strike the right note: personal, but not too personal. Accompanied by the girlfriend's younger sister, he went to Harrods and bought a pair of white gloves. The sister purchased a pair of panties for herself. During the wrapping, however, the clerk got the items mixed up and the sister got the gloves and the girl friend got the panties.
The guy sent the package to the girl friend with the following note:
I chose these because I noticed you are not in the habit of wearing any in the evening. If it had not been for your sister, I would have chosen the long ones with the buttons, but she wears the short ones that are easier to remove. These are a delicate shade, but the sales clerk that helped me has a pair that she has been wearing for the past three weeks and they are hardly soiled. I had her try yours on for me and she looked really smart. I wish I was there to put them on for you the first time, as no doubt other hands will come into contact with them before I have a chance to see you again. When you take them off, remember to blow in them before putting them away as they will naturally be a little damp from wearing. Just think how many times I will kiss them during the coming year. I hope you will wear them for me Friday night. All my love.
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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
A hat, which has previously been a reliable favourite, will cause considerable grief when it flops outrageously down around your ears at a social occasion possibly involving horses or gerbils. Make light of this and you will profit financially, win new friends and transform your social circle in ways unbelievable to you as you read this - pull a hissy fit, however, and you are set for stardom and outrageously satisfying sex for the rest of your life. The choice is yours.
This week your lucky fruit will be grapes. Your lucky author will be John Steinbeck. This could be the week to read the Grapes of Wrath.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
An antitheft device is set to make this week zing with espionage levels of excitement. Make up a secret service pseudonym and go undercover frequently during the week. Make sure your swimming trunks are ready at the shortest of notices, as you will be drawn to places that shun modest dress codes.
An ornament of a proud, excited, naked, Greek man, will snap off in the groin area. You will spend most of the week pondering whether to fix it with glue, tape, nails or just throw it away.
This week your lucky fruit will be a blueberry.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
A bull or cow will notice you while you are out for one of your healthy walks this week; beware - get too close and it will make determined efforts to knock you to the ground. This is due to a misunderstanding involving someone who looks exactly like you. As fate will have it, there will be a brush and a pale of urine on hand - ensuring that the pale ends upside-down on the bull's head is the only way to successfully handle this tricky encounter.
Your lucky fruit this week is a kiwi. Unfortunately, your most unlucky nation in the world this week is New Zealand. Beware catering staff from Oceania in all of their forms until well after the 16th.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
Reevaluate carefully your goals for the year. Dispense with any clothing you have acquired which is likely to clash with a bright orange hat.
Your first Tae-Bo class is still just a phone call away: make that call! You will find yourself welcomed into a world of muscled friendliness you only had ever dreamed of before.
This week your lucky fruit may be a raspberry, your chart is not clear - it could easily be a woollen hat.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
The flowers in the garden of springtime glisten invitingly and you may feel the urge to strip off all your clothing before running with carefree abandon bare-footedly through the meadows. However, there are more eyes watching than even you could possibly imagine and the incident will not go unnoticed especially by Jupiter and at least three of its moons.
A waitress you tip generously will bless you in church on Sunday, giving you a better than average chance of winning the lottery the following Saturday.
This week your lucky fruit and lucky colour is orange. Enjoy this rare alignment of colour and fruit luckiness.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
There are days in your life when you succeed without even trying, this week there are no less than 3 of them. Enjoy13,15, and especially 17th if you work in a chemists or sex shop.
This number of lucky days is a record for any star sign so make the most of it. This will not occur for another 26,745,765 years.
This week your lucky fruit will be plums. Your lucky pastry will be short crust. Try to make all of your important life decisions this week while eating homemade plum pie.

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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21
Your phobia of fat people will continue to cause you much concern this week especially when negotiating the dairy section of a favourite supermarket. You will be shocked to discover this week that your hair stylist is blind (and has been for the last ten years).
This week your lucky fruit is a strawberry. Your lucky social activity is an outside cowboy line-dancing social. If there are strawberries at this line-dancing event your luck really is in this week.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
Office administration is about to come into your life in a big way. This week you will be called to index your belongings and colour code your priorities. Make sure you have enough staples on hand for emergencies.
Using your new found office administration skills, use standard managerial techniques to combat your personal problems. Refuse to deal with any of life's problems until you have completed a 150+ page report on their viability. Stick to this plan for the next 26 weeks, or until management changes.
This week your lucky added value fruit will be a toffee apple. Your lucky social activity will be a traveling fair, your lucky ride at the fair will be anything twizzly and colourful.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
A message from 'the other side' will break through to your reality this week in the shape of a hippopotamus wearing pink shoes. Beware of pottery based gift shops with farmyard arrangements in the window and postal offers that allow you to pay in weekly installments over three weeks.
A strange happening is likely to alter your direction once or twice this week. This could be potentially a very sinister, evil, happening, however it is more likely that roadwork's will send you on a diversion from which you may never fully recover.
This week, your lucky fruit is a pear. Your lucky body shape is pear shaped. You will be strangely drawn to images of Henry 8th and other pear shaped nobility for much of the week until Mars's trajectory encompasses its own equilibrium.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
A cold or cough, which will sweep through your family this week, will remind you of the fragility of life's strange order, and that you are out of man-sized tissue. Your preferred supermarket will have an attractively priced two for the price of one deal from the 18th.
A small, bemused, wild chicken will wander into your kitchen around 14th looking for shelter.
This week your lucky fruit is a pineapple. Your lucky exotic paradise resort is the Copacabana. Drink Pina Colada's until you remember none of the dance moves you are attempting.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
You will be strongly drawn to war time speeches this week and military fetishism of the camouflage combat trouser or vest variety. You will be tempted to pick fights spontaneously around the hours of 11-11:30 at night or as the pub closes.
Animated movies, especially Looney Tunes or early Donald Ducks, will provide moments of mirth around the 16th. After watching these you will feel strangely drawn to the outdoors life and especially the woods. Either you are easily suggestible, or you are turning into Elmar Fudd.
This week your lucky fruit is a peach. Your most unlucky fruit is a raspberry. This means that eating peach melba will have an uncertain result on your gums.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
Sagittarians love nothing better than eating chocolate while gently swinging back and forth in one of those rocky-type chairs some people have in their backyards or on their porches like in the Waltons. Chocolate with whole nuts in, however, is ill starred this week, especially around the 16th when there is a 76% chance of choking, especially when swinging back and forth.
This week your lucky fruit is a lemon. Unfortunately your most unlucky egg based desert will be meringue. Lemon meringue pie will be ill starred until after the cock crows on the 19th.

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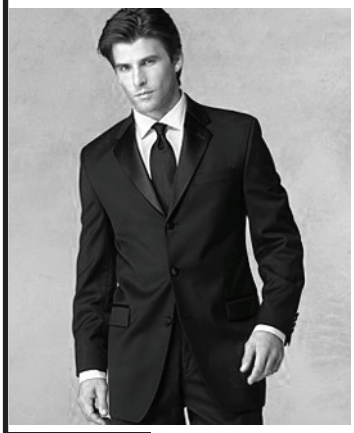

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With astronomers claiming that one-fifth to half of the world's population are unable to view the stars because urban light pollution dims their view of the night sky, so-called astro-tourism is seen as a growth travel area.

An observatory, which overlooks the village atop 1,031-metre Mount John, has six telescopes, including the country's biggest, measuring 1.8 metres across, which is able to observe 50 million stars each clear night.

Aware that the Mackenzie region, named after a notorious 19th century Scottish sheep drover, is in a priceless tourist and scientific position, the local district council has imposed strict lighting regulations.

It has only sodium street lamps shielded from above and decrees that all household lights must beam down. Floodlights are forbidden and all outdoor lighting must be switched off between 11 pm and sunrise to maximise the view of the heavens. "We want to protect one of the Mackenzie's most valuable assets, its dark, starry, sky," says Graeme Murray, a director of Earth and Sky which operates at the Mount John Observatory, in association with Canterbury and Nagoya Universities, and of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust.

About 1.4 million tourists a year have visited Tekapo already and he estimates this number could double, if the region is given UNESCO world night sky heritage status. It is thought this is likely within the next year.

Top tips

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EMPTY cereal packets make ideal holders for old toilet roll tubes and milk bottle tops which one should never throw away as they are most handy, and have a variety of uses.

WHEN reading a book try tearing out the pages as you read them. This saves the expense of buying a bookmark, and the pages can later be used for shopping lists.

WHEN buying toilet tissue always unwind each roll carefully and number the sheets individually using a Biro or felt-tipped pen.

MY husband and I save pounds every year on household wear and tear by living in a tent in the garden.

HANG a Cornflakes packet on a piece of string in all the doorways of your house. Bumping into the brightly coloured boxes as you pass through will remind you to close the door behind you.

WEIGH toilet rolls on your kitchen scales and record their weight after each visit to the toilet. On each occasion deduct the new weight from their previous weight. The figure remaining will be the exact weight of toilet tissue which you have used on that particular 'visit'.

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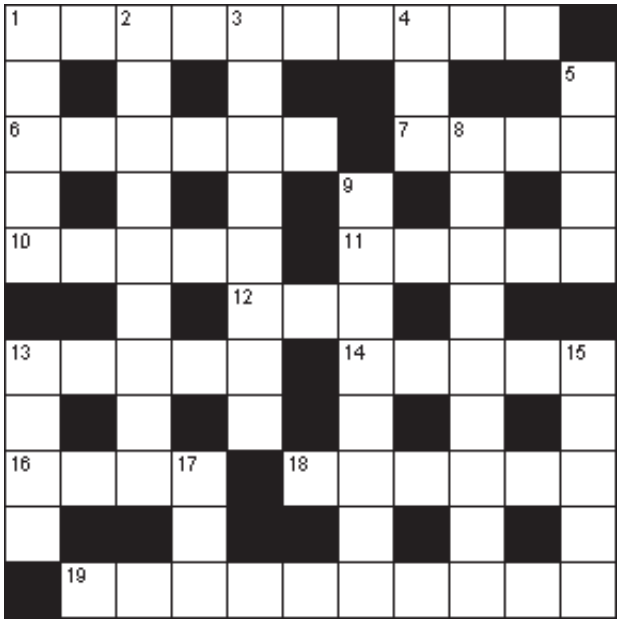

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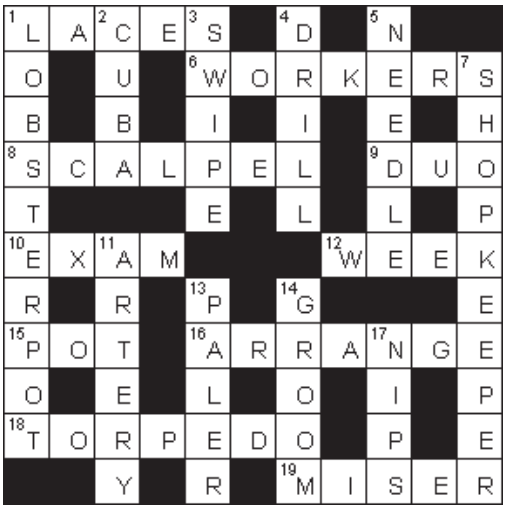

Khao Takiab - Kool Town

Welcome to our regular feature focusing on Hua Hin's nearest neighbourhood and undiscovered gem, Khao Takiab. Every week we will feature news, views, attractions and special offers from the unsung village that is a reminder of what Hua Hin used to be. And there is plenty going on to bely the sleepy fishing village impression, with a host of bars, restaurants, hotels and condominiums, as well as top quality golf courses and pristine beaches. This week a little teaser of the new golf course coming to KT, and we hope to have some more information over the coming weeks.

Khao Takiab to have first links course in the area

As the pictures below and right show, work is well underway to both clear the land and landscape a brand new golf course in KT. Our sources have so far managed to glean that there will be three greens set out adjacent to the beach, while we are led to believe that it will be a proper links course. This will add variety and a new challenge for local and visiting golfers, as well as further cementing the Hua Hin area as one of the top golfing destinations in the world; however full details are not yet avalable. The course is being constructed on Army land, which is being cleared by soldiers from Ratchaburi, and is located past soi 122 (the building under construction in the picture is the new Breeze condominium). Many thanks to Martin at the Lost Cafe for the pictures and information.

Where is Khao Takiab?

For those of you unfamiliar with KT, just take the road south from Hua Hin for about 6 km until you reach a junction where the main road bends right up and over the railway, with a U-turn underneath, and the leftmost lane before that will take you into the centre of Khao Takiab.

Khao Takiab Golf Society

On Tuesday 10th February saw Khao Takiab Golf Society have it's first fun day, held on the A & B course at Lake View. As if the game isn't hard enough already, Jeff, the handicap secretary, decided we would have a four-club challenge. The caddies thought it was a great idea. As always it was played in great spirit and was won by Mr. David (the Black Bandit) Carr with 33 points. On the 2nd hole, a par 5, David took a four iron from the tee then another to 120 yards from the green. His third shot went over the green, leaving him a 40-foot putt, he struck the ball well through many breaks and the pace was perfect. The ball lipped the cup to leave him with 6" for a par, net eagle. His nickname was affectionately given to him by Mr. Steve Geddes, who didn't get enough points to get an electric toaster from Argos. I don't think he read the rules properly, as he was playing 2 points for a Heineken and 1 point for a Singha (he got 19 points). Thanks to everyone who participated on the day. Anyone interested in joining the society please contact Bob at Bob & Noks Khao Takiab or call him on 0895861700.

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My husband often works late but the overtime is not reflected in his pay. He comes home smelling of ladies' perfume and sometimes with lipstick on his collar. Sometimes when I answer the phone it goes dead and when I dial 141, the caller has withheld their number. He called me by his secretary's name three times last week and when we make love he asks me to strap a photo of her over my face.
Do you think my hubby might be having an affair and if so, how can I find out who it's with?
Mavis, The Cotswolds

Mary says: Dear Mavis,
Often, the best way to set these fears at rest is to make discreet inquiries. Try to find someone at his work who can give you reliable information. Is there some work colleague he trusts? Someone who would have knowledge of his daily timetable? It sounds like he trusts and is very close to his secretary, so why not give her a call and ask if you should be worried. If they say no, it's probably fine. Other than that I hear private detectives are very cheap these days, and often quite dishy.

DEAR MARY,
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Apparently the chef, Hans Locher pays women £3 for 400ml of breast milk to go in his sauces, so it could be a nice little earner.
This seems like an excellent opportunity to raise money and protect animals. The only problem is that I'm not lactating. How can this be fixed?
Gemma, Berwickshire

Mary says: Dear Gemma,
Have a baby to start your milk flowing. Sperm donors can easily be found most nights at your local pub and this has the added bonus that it will work even if you have been battered by the ugly stick - just wait until your target has his beer goggles on. If it's a boy, have it killed at birth; if it's a girl feed her with what's left of your milk after more important functions (ice cream production) are complete and then start your own chain by forcefully impregnating her using a sperm bank, as soon as she reaches puberty. Even animal rights extremists should be OK with that.

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The Hash Report by Cannonballs

CHA AM HASH HOUSE HARRIERS 93RD HASH HELD NORTH OF CHA AM OFF HUPKAPONG ROAD ON SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2008. HARES: Old McDonald and Dave the Rave

Hashers turned up in good fettle and good measure for another weekend Hash Experience to gladden the heart, banish dull care and quench the appetite for action and amber nectar, amid the green and hilly landscape of southern Petchaburi where it noses the Burmese border. Over 30 intrepid souls arrived and exhibited that air of cautious abandon mixed with anxious anticipation of the trail, as they paraded around inhaling the warm sunlit air and eyeing the terrain with great good humour and not a little interest, The Circle was called and Dave the Rave regaled an eager Hash with a briefing punctuated with paper, chalk and piles of sticks, tickling the Hash taste buds and helping the unwary to negotiate the hazards and mysteries to come.

The Hash trundled down a dusty track bordered by bush and trees, heads bobbing, elbows pumping and knees jerking like so many pistons propelling this unlovely human train, amid light-hearted chatter, in one main general but many small subsidiary directions. The combination of so many Hashers' half-brains resulted in some indecisiveness on the trail as the Hash meandered stutteringly to the right and on through thickish bush. There was a general pile up at a steep sided gully where walking was rendered more treacherous by slippery leaves and the occasional chivalrous gesture saved the dignity of some less well-balanced Hashers. There were the occasional clearings and a formidable concrete wall up which Hashers had to climb ungracefully before the dusty homeward path beckoned us to the On In.

The heat of the day made it a hot Hash and one thirsting for the glorious Jordan-like baptism of the beer truck where the amber nectar flowed like milk and honey and provided cool relief to the burning palate, and blessed balm to body and soul. Cannonballs, Vice GM, called the Circle and, after downing the Hares for a good trail, had pleasure downing Returners, Departers and Visitors which, in the case of Sod (son of Dave), were all rolled into one. This included four Aussies who were last seen in March at the Interhash in true party mood in the Hillaries, Perth, W.A and were returning to retaste the joys of Thailand. He called for the downing of all former GMs, acting GMs and those who had done a turn in the Circle, and then handed over to RA, Dave the Rave, for the entertainment. The non-drinkers were toasted and downed unalcoholically and the intrepid RA did one of his erudite presentations on the relative effects of alcohol which was well received, though not in the same scholarly fashion, by one and all. Cannonballs closed proceedings after an oscar-missing performance of Quasimodo, although his impression rang a couple of bells with the Hash and we all retired for good refreshment and good company to the Chicken Coop where a good night was had by all.

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League

Results Matchday 22 6th February 2009

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
CAP	6	1	LSA	17	7
JWR	5	0	TW	20	8
SUG	13	4	QUE	16	4
EAG	16	6	DA	9	2
LSB	8	2	JWB	16	6
DB	11	3	OCT	17	5
LSL	16	4	DIA	12	4
no Game LSS					

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 23 13/02/2009
Dick's Office A v Sugar Cane
Diamond v JW Black
Octopussy v Eagle
Queens Flower v Dick's Office B
JW Red v LSL
LSS v Captain's Inn
Thaiwaii v LSB
LSA v no Game

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Eagle Bar	22	16	4	2	72	124	36
Queens Flower Bar	21	14	5	2	66	136	33
Lucky Shot Student's	21	14	3	4	36	63	31
Johnie Walker Black	21	14	2	5	32	88	30
Lucky Shot A	22	12	6	4	32	73	30
Lucky Shot B	22	10	6	6	18	21	26
Octopussy Bar	22	11	4	7	10	17	26
Lucky Shot Ladies	22	9	5	8	-2	1	23
Silverrock Bar	15	7	4	4	0	-5	18
Sugar Cane Bar	21	7	3	11	0	3	17
Johnie Walker Red	22	6	5	11	-26	-65	17
Dick's Office B	21	6	2	13	-28	-56	14
Thaiwaii	22	5	3	14	-22	-42	13
Captain's Inn	21	3	4	14	-54	-98	10
Diamond Bar	21	3	4	14	-58	-116	10
Dick's Office A	22	1	2	19	-76	-144	4

Hua Hin 8-Ball League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
BenTho	22	16	2	4	86	34
MrDanA	22	16	2	4	60	34
Harley	21	14	4	3	56	32
Komhom	22	13	2	7	40	28
SportCtre	22	11	5	6	46	27
Dolphin	20	8	3	9	-24	19
Phoenix	18	8	2	8	-6	18
DicksB	20	4	3	13	-40	11
DicksA	19	3	5	11	-42	11
MrDanB	20	4	3	13	-66	11
B'fly Rock	15	5	0	10	-20	10
LilleMan	19	2	1	16	-90	5

Results Week 26
4th February 2009
DicksB 12 - 0 MrDanB
Komhom 5 - 7 BenTho
LilleMan 5 - 7 SportCentre
MrDanA 11 - 1 DicksA

Next Weeks Fixtures
Season has now finished.

Hua Hin 9-Ball League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
Mr Dan A	15	11	0	4	54	22
BenTho	15	9	0	6	14	18
LilleMan	15	7	1	7	-31	15
Red Bar	10	7	0	3	18	14
Dicks B	14	5	3	6	-11	13
B'fly Rock	10	5	2	3	-20	12
Dolphin	12	5	1	6	21	11
Plas Place	11	5	0	6	0	10
Mr Dan B	16	4	2	10	-26	10
Dicks A	12	2	1	9	-19	5

Results Week 17
9th February 2009
Results not available at press time

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 18 16th February 2009
Butterfly Rock v Dicks B
Dicks A v Dolphin
LilleMan v Mr Dan B
Mr Dan A v Plas Place
Red Bar v BenTho

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Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Oasis	10	7	2	1	38	16
Free Time	10	7	2	1	34	16
Eagle	10	5	4	1	34	14
Harleys	10	6	1	3	32	13
Bob & Noks	10	6	1	3	20	13
S'set B'vard	10	4	2	4	-4	10
Thaiwaii	10	3	2	5	-20	8
Dizzy Dolph	10	2	3	5	-16	7
Kun Koom	10	2	2	6	-22	6
R'way Tav	10	2	0	8	-38	4
Dara Bar	10	1	1	8	-58	3
Deja Vu	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results
Wed 11th February 2009
Free Time Bar 10 - 8 Eagle Bar
Harleys Bar 12 - 6 Dizzy Dolphin
Bye Oasis Bar - Deja Vu withdrew
Railway Tavern 13 - 5 Dara Bar
Sunset B'vard 12 - 6 Kun Koom
Thaiwaii 7 - 11 Bob and Noks

Next Week's Fixtures
Wed 18th February 2009
Bob and Noks v Thaiwaii
Dara Bar v Railway Tavern
Dizzy Dolphin v Harleys Bar
Eagle Bar v Free Time Bar
Kun Koom v Sunset Boulevard

Hua Hin Social Pool League Results
Week 23 – 11th February 2009
Limelight v Butterfly Rock 14-5
U Turn v Headrock 8-11
Jungle Juice B v JW Black 11-8
Billys Babes v Billys 9-10
JW Red v Jungle Juice A 8-11
Sabai v Lazy Daze 9-10
Red Bar v PP 7-12

Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 24 – 18th February 2009
Butterfly Rock v Red Bar
PP v Sabai
Lazy Daze v JW Red
Jungle Juice A v Billys Babes
Billys v Jungle Juice B
JW Black v U Turn
Headrock v Limelight

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
PP	23	20	3	254-183	40
J Juice B	22	16	6	243-173	32
Billys Bbs	22	15	7	231-187	30
JW Black	21	14	7	217-182	28
Billys	22	12	10	218-202	26
J Juice A	20	13	7	199-182	26
Lazy Dz	22	12	10	195-200	24
Sabai	22	11	11	204-221	22
Red Bar	21	10	11	200-194	20
Headrock	22	9	13	192-226	18
U Turn	20	7	13	187-186	14
Limelight	22	6	16	182-215	12
B'fly Rock	17	1	16	119-201	2
JW Red	17	1	16	105-203	2

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Tuesday saw the Top 16 battling to find this seasons Champion. Thank you to everybody who came along- and there were a lot of people – the atmosphere was great, probably the best we have ever had. The standard of darts was worthy of a finals night – Noi from CAT A had a 180 and Dicky from JW Black had a 15 dart finish – plus innumerable tons and some great finishes. The Top 16 were reduced to the Top 8 after their group stage, held at JW's as usual.

Rune (Scandic) beat Don (Cat B)
Mark (Oasis) beat Noi (Cat A)
Golf (Scandic)beat Peter (JW Black)
Dicky (JW Black) beat Tao (Cat B)

Semi Finals
Rune beat Golf in 3 legs
Mark beat Dicky in 5 legs

Final - Mark beat Rune in 3 legs

Trophies were presented by Mac our Sponsor from Cha-am Property Co. Ltd., and owner of Scandic Bar. Thank you to Mac as our sponsor from all the teams in the league, and we look forward to your continued support.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 17th February at JW's to discuss the forthcoming season. It will start at 8.00pm and we would like a representative from each team to attend. Please be prompt.

Photos below show Cat B (top left) Division 2 Champions and Cup runners up, JW Black (top right) Division 1 Champions, Mark from Oasis (bottom left) Individual Champion, and Scandic Bar (bottom right) Cup winners, including Rune (left) the individual runner up.

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 us about it by the Thursday before and we will include it here...send some photos and we will do our utmost to publish them; email awol@huahinmedia.com or contact Noi at Sabai Bar (Tel: 086 174 6165).

Sunday 22nd February - The return of Dick's Office Pub Quiz!

Regular Events

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Pool Leagues

Tuesdays - Darts League (see p 21 for venues, free food for players)

Fridays - Bamboo Grove open darts night from 7.30pm

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

Sundays - Scandic Bar, Cha Am, open darts evening from 7.30pm . FREE return transport from Dick's Office departs 7pm - please call 089 745 3992 (Anne) or 189 894 4310 (Mack) at least 3 hrs before to book transport

Hua Hin Golf Society

Mike Wilson had a second hole in one within one month. The first, 18th January 2009 at Lake View on the C Course hole No. 7. The second, 8th February 2009 also at Lake View on A Course hole No. 4. Both were on non society days so all funding for celebrations were out of his own pocket, thanks for the drink Mike and congratulations.

This week's results:

10th February - Majestic Creek 52 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 26 players

1st Pailin Humphrey 37 pts 14 hcp, 2nd Mike Wilson 36 pts 14 hcp, 3rd Dickie Bird 35 pts 9 hcp, 4th Terry Burge 35 pts 17 hcp, 5th Erkki 34 pts 17 hcp, 6th Bo Ojerman 34 pts 11 hcp.

Group 'B' - 19-36 hcp - Stableford 26 Players

1st Jonathan Parsons (g) 40 pts 19 hcp, 2nd Jan Lyngham 36 pts 23 hcp, 3rd Rob Barnes (g) 35 pts 20 hcp, 4th Judith Thomson 34 pts 35 hcp, 5th Winfried 34 pts 32 hcp, 6th Hans Roupe 33 pts 28 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 6 Nitha, No. 17 Jonathan Parsons

6th February - Majestic Creek 46 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 20 players

1st Peter Korn 39 pts 16 hcp, 2nd Usko 38 pts 7 hcp, 3rd Peter Wyler 36 pts 18 hcp, 4th Wij 35 pts 12 hcp, 5th Trevor Firth 33 pts 15 hcp, 6th Michael Sherlock 33 pts 16 hcp.

Group 'B' - 19-36 hcp - Stableford 26 Players

1st Ann Buasri 40 pts 30 hcp, 2nd Nid Byrne 36 pts 20 hcp, 3rd Charlie (g) 36 pts 23 hcp, 4th Ken Thomson 35 pts 26 hcp, 5th Judith Thomson 34 pts 35 hcp, 6th Ulla 34 pts 22 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 6 Ann Buasri, No. 17 Trevor Firth

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 17th Kaeng Krachan

Friday 20th Springfield

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

February 6th 2009 Palm Hills - Stableford 16 Players

Front 9 - Deborah Rawlings with 20 Pts, Back 9 - Mick Flynn with 17 Pts, Overall - Deborah Rawlings with 36 Pts

9th February 2009 Lake View A&B Stableford

1st - Mike Lord - 36 Pts, 2nd - Timo Ripatti - 36 Pts, 3rd - Fred Kroll - 34 Pts

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 16th February Lake View

Friday 20th February Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 07 February 2009

Blackburn 0-2 Aston Villa
Chelsea 0-0 Hull
Everton 3-0 Bolton
Man City 1-0 Middlesbrough
Portsmouth 2-3 Liverpool
Sunderland 2-0 Stoke
West Brom 2-3 Newcastle
Wigan 0-0 Fulham

Sunday, 08 February 2009

Tottenham 0-0 Arsenal
West Ham 0-1 Man Utd

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EPL and FA Cup Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 14 February 2009

Portsmouth v Man City, 22:00

Portsmouth played well last time out but Adams sacking was almost inevitable given their poor form; however February is never a good time to change managers and Manchester City will go for the jugular we think. Away win.

FA Cup Fifth Round

Blackburn v Coventry, 22:00

Coventry got an unexpected win last week against leaders Wolves, and this will boost them coming into this one. Blackburn meanwhile will look on the FA Cup as a blessed relief, but we think this will go to a replay.

Sheff Utd v Hull, 22:00

The Blades were blunted last week against their bitter city rivals but this game will have both fans and players really up for it. Hull got an excellent result last week but feel they may go down here.

Swansea v Fulham, 19:45

Fulham have been tragic on the road, and will not be looking forward to this one bit. Swansea are on the up and have only lost once at home in the league this season - another Premier League scalp for the Welsh team.

West Ham v M'brough, 22:00

Hammers fans have been getting steadily more excited about their prospects in this seasons Cup, and a home tie against 'Boro who are struggling has added to that feeling. We expect another efficient and entertaining performance with West Ham victorious.

Sunday, 15 February 2009

FA Cup Fifth Round

Watford v Chelsea, 00:30

Watford might be slow off the mark in this one, having not played for 14 days but this promises to be a classic - not in the great football sense but the possible upset. Chelsea could well be dumped out here.

Everton v Aston Villa, 21:30

Two in form teams who will both fancy their chances of going all the way to Wembley; Everton to be lucky and sneak it.

Derby v Man Utd, 23:30

Despite Derby's home advantage this is a no contest - easy win for the Red Devils.

Tuesday, 17 February 2009

FA Cup Fourth Round replay

Arsenal v Cardiff, 19:45

Arsenal have been slipping lately but no slip up here we think. Home win. (Winners play Burnley)

Thursday, 19 February 2009

Man Utd v Fulham, 03:00

This is almost as much of a no contest as the Cup match above, and in present form no one can stop United - home win.

Barclays Premier League Table

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	24	10	1	0	25	4	7	4	2	16	6	31	56
2	Liverpool	25	7	5	0	19	7	8	4	1	23	10	25	54
3	Aston Villa	25	5	6	1	18	12	10	0	3	22	12	16	51
4	Chelsea	25	6	5	2	21	7	8	2	2	23	8	29	49
5	Arsenal	25	7	3	2	18	11	5	5	3	20	14	13	44
6	Everton	25	4	5	4	18	16	7	2	3	16	12	6	40
7	Wigan	25	6	4	3	13	11	3	3	6	13	13	2	34
8	West Ham	25	6	1	6	18	17	3	5	4	13	15	-1	33
9	Man City	24	8	0	5	28	12	1	4	6	14	20	10	31
10	Fulham	23	7	3	1	19	9	0	6	6	3	10	3	30
11	Sunderland	25	5	2	6	15	15	3	4	5	12	18	-6	30
12	Hull	25	3	3	6	13	25	4	5	4	18	21	-15	29
13	Newcastle	25	4	5	3	19	20	2	4	7	14	22	-9	27
14	Bolton	25	4	2	6	11	14	4	1	8	16	23	-10	27
15	Tottenham	25	4	5	4	11	9	2	2	8	15	22	-5	25
16	Portsmouth	24	4	2	6	16	21	2	4	6	9	20	-16	24
17	Stoke	25	6	3	3	13	11	0	3	10	8	29	-19	24
18	Blackburn	24	3	4	6	15	21	2	4	5	12	19	-13	23
19	M'brough	25	3	5	4	10	15	2	2	9	8	21	-18	22
20	West Brom	25	5	2	6	18	24	1	2	9	6	23	-23	22

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Scolari: 'Who's the stupid one?'

Tactical genius gets £15M for 7 months work

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

LUIZ Philipe Scolari has once again demonstrated his tactical genius after pocketing £15m for just seven months work.

Following his dismissal by Chelsea, Scolari stressed that while his former rivals were getting up and going to work every day, he would walk away with enough money to build his own pirate ship.

He said: "Winning football matches when you have 11 Brazilians in your team is not particularly difficult. My main task was ensuring the bus driver knew the way to the stadium. The tactical genius was parlaying that skill as a bus driver's assistant into a win or lose contract worth £15 million."

"Pro-rata that's more than Paul McCartney. I'm not quite up there with Tom Cruise, but there's always the Arab chap at Man City."

Scolari said he would use some of the money to fulfill his long-held fantasy of pretending to be Gene Hackman for a day.

He added: "I will spend the morning dressed as Lex Luthor, firing a missile at the San Andreas fault while shouting 'Miss Tessmacher!' every five minutes.

"And in the afternoon I will command a submarine and attempt to start World War III until Denzel Washington locks me in the toilet. I'm really looking forward to it."

Gene Hackman (above) playing Scolari in his next film

Meanwhile Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was under observation last night after rupturing something again.

An Old Trafford spokesman said: "Chelsea have got to sort themselves out or he's going to end up with a hernia the size of a peach."

The Sack Race

Who's next in the EPL management lottery?

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The shock dismissal of Luiz Phillipe Scolari from Chelsea on the same day that Tony Adams got the boot at Portsmouth has highlighted the pressures being placed on the twenty men in charge of Premier League clubs. Scolari and Adams could not be more different in both their track records and approach, but both failed the acid tests of consistency and player power.

Whether or not any other chairmen will bite the bullet and give it to their manager is hard to tell, but it is certainly a risky strategy now the business end of the season is looming. AWOL has looked at the remaining 18 clubs with managers and assessed their chances of getting the sack...

SAFE: Ferguson (Man. Utd.), Moyes (Everton), O'Neill (Villa), Bruce (Wigan), Zola (West Ham), Pulis (Stoke), Sbragia (Sunderland), Brown (Hull), Hodgson (Fulham).

DODGY: Benitez (Liverpool), Redknapp (Spurs), Allardyce (Blackburn), Wenger (Arsenal), Kinnear (Newcastle), Mowbray (WBA), Megson (Bolton).

PRECARIOUS: Southgate ('Boro), Hughes (Man City).

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