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What's happening, and might be happening, in Hua Hin

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ASEAN summit about to arrive; thousands coming to Hua Hin

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

For anyone living in the thriving resort town of Hua Hin, they can't help but notice the flurry of activity that has been occurring in recent weeks; road resurfacing and cleaning, extensive gardening work on the roads and general beautification of the town ahead of a major event - the ASEAN summit taking place from Friday 27th February to Sunday 1st March. No doubt this will move into overdrive as it gets closer, and AWOL anticipates the sewer wildlife will be running for their lives very soon!

An estimated two thousand people directly involved or reporting on the summit will be arriving in the town plus reportedly an extra three thousand police to deal with the security of such an event. This five thousand will no doubt be boosted by countless more attracted to the town for a variety of reasons; protestors both Thai and from elsewhere demonstrating on a number of issues, notably the anti-government 'red shirt mob'; people from the 'entertainment' business (for want of a better word), hoping to meet, greet and entertain some of the arrivals; and simple, straightforward onlookers, interested in the spectacle that will no doubt unfold.

It seems unlikely that many of the official delegations attending

Above: The leaders of the ASEAN countries at the last summit, held in 2007.

the meeting will ever set foot on the recently cleaned streets or the thoroughly inspected kitchens of the eateries in the town, likely being whisked in limousines from one hotel lobby to another, but the 'hangers on' - journalists, protestors, onlookers and 'entertainers' will be filling the bars, karaokes, restaurants, guesthouses and hotels, and adding a bit of zest to the nightlife of the town.

The summit itself is likely to focus on economic integration, the normal theme of these events, but human rights and the fate of Burmese boat people are also to be discussed, along with a number of side meetings dealing with a range of issues. In a series of speeches leading up to the summit, Prime Minister Abhisit and his senior ministers have stressed the need to strengthen ASEAN, with the goal being to form a community bloc based on the European Union.

Mr Abhisit, speaking earlier this month, pledged that the ASEAN summit would mark a "new chapter" for the region.

He said leaders at the upcoming summit would work towards a 'credible and realistic' human rights body, move towards a more rule-based and effective community

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of nations, and enhance the group's resilience to shocks like the global recession, food security and natural disasters.

"This is an opportunity to show the rest of the world that Asean is still relevant," said Abhisit, who has been wooing the international community in a bid to restore Thailand's credibility.

Abhisit, flanked by finance minister Korn Chatikavanij and foreign minister Kasit Piromya, cited Thailand's past contributions to ASEAN, and said Thailand remained committed to the group.

Thailand also remained "the land of freedom, the land of smiles, the land of opportunity", he said.

Speaking after him, Kasit said ASEAN was in the process of transforming it from a loose association to an integrated community. Inputs from parallel meetings of civil society would be welcome.

"We will work together with civil society so that within five to six years, Asean will be a community second to none, and a voice to reckon with and be respected in the international arena."

Kasit also said the controversial issue of Burma's Rohingya people would be discussed on the sidelines of the summit.

"We need cooperation from all Asean member countries to solve this problem."

By creating the ASEAN Community, the 10-member countries of ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) will rely more on rules and more units will be established under the ASEAN charter which came into force in December, 2008, said Mr. Abhisit, adding that a unit responsible for human rights should be formed before the end of this year to "promote and defend human rights of people in the region".

The charter sets out rules of membership, transforms ASEAN into a legal entity and envisages a single free trade area by 2015 for the region of some 500 million people.

Other major issues which will be discussed at the summit are, according to Mr. Abhisit, issues concerned with security on food, energy, natural disaster management and the current global economic meltdown.

He said ASEAN finance ministers will meet in the southern Thai resort of Phuket on February 22nd as a prelude to the summit.

Nicolaides 'recommended for Royal pardon'

Australian Harry Nicolaides, facing a three-year jail sentence for insulting Thai monarchy, has been recommended for a royal pardon, Thai corrections department officials said.

Nicolaides, 41, was sentenced on January 19 by a Thai criminal court for insulting the country's monarchy in his 2005 novel Verisimilitude, which contained references to an unnamed crown prince.

He was arrested in late August as he boarded a flight to Melbourne and was repeatedly denied bail. The Melbourne author remained in prison until the final hearing in January when he was found guilty of breaching Thailand's lese majeste laws.

TV images of a deeply distraught Nicolaides led to widespread concern in Australia, with his family shocked as he was brought to the court in prison garb and chains. He described his time in prison as "torture" and "a bad dream" and has expressed remorse over the publication.

Thai corrections department officials said a recommendation for Nicolaides to receive a royal pardon from King Bhumipol Adulyadej is underway.

The recommendation is supported by the Pardons Division of the Corrections Department with Nicolaides' case overseen by division official Thanawat Pakdebutra. But the complete documentation is still to be finalised, corrections department planning division officer Putthipong Natthajaruwit said.

Mr Putthipong said, "We are waiting for evidence from the court and we will make a petition to the minister and then send it to the King. We continue to recommend pardoning Harry [but the process] is not finished yet".

A one month limit for Nicolaides' lawyers to lodge an appeal to his three-year jail sentence is due to lapse this week. Once passed, this would allow for the pardon to be presented to the justice minister and then to the Royal Palace. Correction department officials said notification of the pardon could take place within the next month.

Nicolaides during his trial

Legalised Pot for Sale In Hua Hin Soi 94 – see p 6

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■ CHEEKYTOWN, SWEDEN

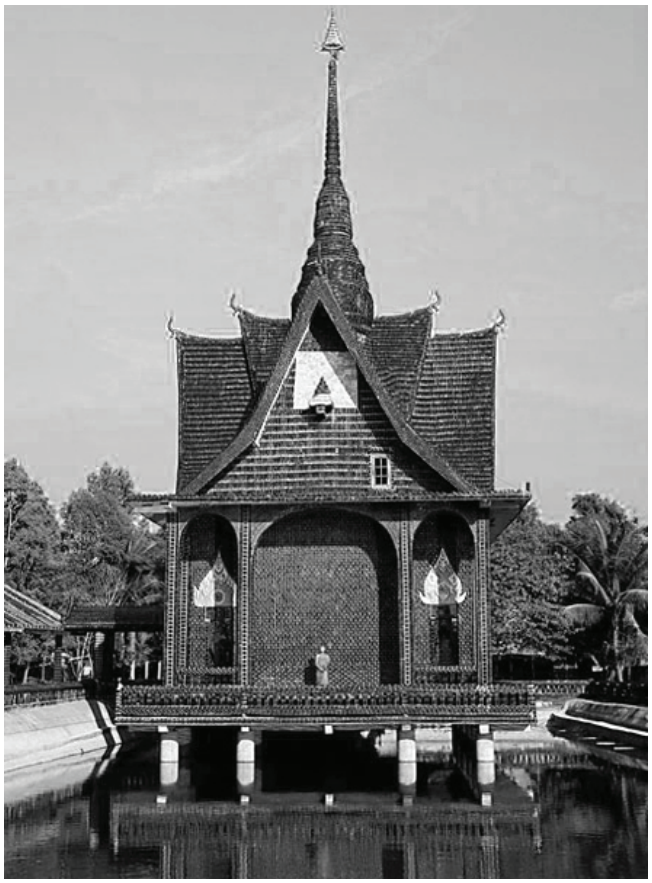
This week's cheeky offering, courtesy of the Cheeky Monkey bar (the cheekiest bar in Naresdamri), is Oksana Andersson, a Russian born Swedish model. She has been caught several times in cheeky positions, most notably when on holiday with her footballer boyfriend Christian Wilhelmsson on a yacht in Miami, when she exposed her assets when sunbathing; naturally a papparazzi was on hand to capture the moment!

Oksana also performs with the group Sunblock, who acheived some chart success a couple of years ago, although her role was more as a dancer and 'eye candy' than any musical ability apparently.

Watch out for next week's cheeky girl, and send any requests to awol@huahinmedia.com

Oksana Andersson, not a monkey, but definitely cheeky

These monks got bottle!



■ KHUN HAN, THAILAND

The Buddhist temples (Wats) in Thailand are famed for their beauty and serenity, but Wat Lan Kuat is extraordinary - it is made from over 1 million glass bottles and bottle caps, hence its name which translates to Temple of One Million Bottles. The strangest thing of all is that despite Buddhism encouraging followers to refrain from over indulgence, the bottles used are mainly Heineken, Chang and Red Bull bottles! The picture does not do it justice, as the combinations of the green and brown bottles plus the coloured tops make for a stunning vista, and the whole complex, including the crematorium and monks quarters are decorated in the same way. For those of you interested in visiting this eco-religious marvel, it is located near the Si Saket area by the Cambodian border - and perhaps you can donate some empties on the way!

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Sat	Mostly sunny	24	33
Sun	Plenty of sunshine	24	34
Mon	Mostly sunny and very warm	24	35
Tues	Sunny and very warm	25	35
Wed	Sunny and humid	25	34
Thur	Partly sunny	26	34
Fri	Times of sun and clouds	25	34

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 20th February 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	-4	6	Rain
Athens	6	12	Rain
Auckland	17	28	Rain
Beijing -	3	5	Overcast
Berlin	-7	0	Snow
Buenos Aires	24	35	Cloudy
Chicago	-11	-6	Cloudy
Copenhagen	-4	-1	Snow
Dubai	17	25	Partly Cloudy
Dublin -	1	8	Rain
Geneva -	6	2	Fine
Helsinki	-7	-2	Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	23	34	Showers
Hong Kong	18	24	Scattered Clouds
Islamabad	10	22	Cloudy
Jakarta	24	32	Rain
Jerusalem	8	18	Haze
Johannesburg	17	26	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	33	Thunderstorms
London	2	9	Bright
Madrid	3	13	Fine
Manila	24	33	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	8	27	Rain
Moscow	-10	-5	Snow
New Delhi	11	26	Mist
New York	2	9	Cloudy
Oslo	-13	-3	C;oudy
Paris	0	7	Cloudy
Perth	23	35	Clear
Phnom-Penh	25	35	Cloudy
Rio De Janeiro	21	36	Cloudy
Riyadh	15	24	Overcast
Rome	-2	8	Cloudy
San Francisco	7	17	Fine
Singapore	25	33	Fine
Stockholm	-5	-1	Scattered Clouds
Sydney	20	26	Fine
Tokyo	4	9	Rain
Vientiane	22	36	Clear
Yangon	17	36	Partly Cloudy
Zurich	-8	0	Fine

Currency Exchange Rates

At 19th February 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	35.2547
GBP	Pound Sterling	50.1329
EUR	Euro	44.4069
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.382085
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.64171
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.0665
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.0665
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.15706
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00295639
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KRW	Korean Won	0.0244046
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KWD	Kuwaiti Dinar	120.919
OMR	Omani Rial	91.6926
QAR	Qatar Riyal	9.68542

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Cha-Am Police Station 032 471 321
Hua Hin Hospital 032 511 743
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Hua Hin Red Cross 032 512 567

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(air-con) 032 511 651, 512 543
Hua Hin Railway Station 032 511 073
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Hua Hin's Hot Topics

The hot topic of the week on the forum in Hua Hin is golf. Several discussions have been raging over golf courses in and around the town, with the major concern to many being the prices. It is well known that Hua Hin isn't the most wallet friendly destination in Thailand so it is no surprise that many expats are grumbling about prices on the major golf courses.

Nearly all of the 'big eight' around town have been reported to have a dual pricing system, one for Thais and one for foreigners; the cost to play some courses can be 200% more than the non-advertised local price. Naturally the societies can play cheaper and there is the option of buying a lifetime membership but isn't it about time the permanent expats of Hua Hin are given a break and no longer treated like rich tourists?

Dual pricing aside, as it happens for pretty much everything in Thailand, there are other options open to the golf courses if they're interested in filling more tee times. Many are already offering substantial discounts if you turn up after 3pm but what about an annual fee for expats similar to a membership but only useable between March and November? This way the course remains busy in the low season, gets its usual tourist golfers in the high, and expats get to play for a realistic price as often as they like when it's quiet.

There already are a number of existing good golf courses at very good prices but naturally they are not in Hua Hin, Dragon Hills is a good example. For the avid golfer it can often work out better to drive to Ratchaburi or Kanchanaburi, play a round, stay the night in a hotel there, play another round the next day then return to Hua Hin. This could work out cheaper than playing one round in town which can add up to over 5,000 baht when all the extras are included.

What would be great for golfers are more local military style courses similar to Thanarat in Pranburi which are a fraction of the cost and ideal for those higher handicap golfers that need the practise. A large swathe of land just past Takiab and before Suan Son heading south on Petchksaem looks like it is being developed into a new course – lets just hope the green fees are not over three grand for foreigners!

The second hottest topic was the notice on a window in the Soi 102 immigration office stating that it is closing for good on March 20 and moving to Prachuab. Upon further enquiry we found out that this was because the free lease on the land they were using was expiring after two years.

Now what does verge on the preposterous is the notion that this particular office probably has one of the highest incomes in the country going by the number of complaints over fines dished out and ever changing local legislation that does not apply elsewhere. So we find ourselves wondering why it is that the department can't find a couple of grand a month to pay to rent a place and feels the need to inconvenience thousands of resident expats by moving 100 km away. Only in Hua Hin!

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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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...

Have an inkling

This phrase means to have a vague intimation of; or have a slight knowledge of.

Clearly the understanding of the source of this little term is based on knowing what an inkling is. It sounds as though it might be something small, and also seems to exist in the same neck of the linguistic woods as the names of other minor sensations, like tingling or tickling. We can tingle or tickle, but we don't inkle, so where did inkling derive from?

These days, there isn't much we can do with an inkling other than to have one. In the 13th century, when the word was coined, inklings weren't had, they were heard. Inklings, like tinklings, were small sounds. Specifically, an inkling was an indistinct hearing of the use of one's own name.

So, if you heard an inkling your senses were alerted to listening for something that might interest you and it is that sensation that has lead to our current usage of the word. To be more accurate, in the 13th century you would have had a ninkling rather than an inkling. Inkling is one of those nouns that were originally spelled with an 'n' at the start of the word but later lost it in everyday speech. In this case, sometime in the 16th century, 'a ninkling' became 'an inkling'. Other examples of this are 'a napron' and 'a nadder' [snake]. This reformation of words is called metanalysis and these 'n' examples of it are difficult to explain fully. There are examples of words going in the other direction, i.e. adding an 'n'. For example, 'an ekename' is now 'a nickname' (eke means also) and 'an ewt' is now 'a newt'. Other examples, like 'nangry' where the originally spelled 'angry' gained an 'n' but then failed to become publicly accepted, show how precarious such changes are. Curiously, the most commonly heard example of an English word losing its initial 'n' happened in France rather than England. The French obtained 'orange' via a route through several languages, ultimately from the Sanskrit 'naranga', and 'une narange' became 'une arange'. By the time oranges appeared in England they were already oranges - there never was an English word noranges.

Excellent Pot Available Cheap In Soi 94 - see p 12

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THE BLIND MANS BLONDE JOKE

A blind man and his guide dog enter a Bar and find their way to a bar stool. After ordering a drink, and sitting there for a while, the blind guy yells to the bartender, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"
The bar immediately becomes absolutely quiet. In a husky, deep voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, you should know something. The bartender is blonde, the bouncer is blonde and I'm a 6' tall, 200 lb. blonde with a black belt in karate. What's more, the woman sitting next to me is blonde and she's a weight lifter. The lady to your right is a blonde, and she's a pro wrestler. Think about it seriously, Mister. You still wanna tell that joke?"
The blind guy thinks a moment and says, "Nah, not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

ARE MY TESTICLES BLACK?

A guy is lying in his hospital bed, wired up with drips and monitors, breathing with the aid of an oxygen mask. A young lady comes round the ward with the tea and newspaper trolley. Approaching him she asks if there is anything she can do for him. The guy looks at her and asks "Are my testicles black?"
"I'm sorry but I'm not medical staff, I can't help you with that" she replies.
"Oh, please have a look for me, I'm really worried; Are my testicles black?"
Taking pity on his obvious distress the girl glances around the ward and, seeing there are no medical staff around, says "Alright, I'll have a look for you". She pulls back the bedcover, lifts his dick out of the way and, cupping his balls in her hand tells him, with a note of relief in her voice, "No, they look fine to me".
The patient pulls off his oxygen mask and says "I said, Are my test results back?"

A PARENT'S WORST NIGHTMARE!

A father entered his daughter's bedroom and saw a letter on the bed. With the worst premonition he read it with trembling hands.
Dear Mum and Dad,
It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm telling you that I've eloped with my new boyfriend. I've found real love and he is so nice, especially with all his piercings, scars, tattoos, and his big motorcycle. But it is not only that, I'm pregnant and Ahmed said that we will be very happy in his trailer in the woods. He wants to have many more children with me and that is one of my dreams.
I've learned that marijuana doesn't hurt anyone and we'll be growing it for us and his friends. They're the ones providing us with all the cocaine and ecstasy we could ever want. In the meantime, we'll pray for science to find the AIDS cure so Ahmed gets better. He deserves it. Don't worry about money, Ahmed has arranged for me to be in films that his friends Leroy and Jamal make in their basement. Apparently I can earn $50 a scene and I get a $50 bonus if there are more than three men in the scene, and an extra $100 if they use a horse. Don't worry Mum, now I'm 15 years old I know how to take care of myself.
Someday I'll visit you and Dad so that you can meet your grandchildren.
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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
The appearance of a small cloud on Venus will encourage you to indulge in many prolonged outbursts of the 'I have never been so insulted in my whole life' type complaint, especially when faced with a temperamental waiter or a mayor's representative. Enjoy.
Noises in the boiler room (or any especially warm room in your home) will be traced to a down-and-out who has adopted this part of your house as a refuge. Ensure that you take a full inventory of your underpants before he leaves.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
Switzerland will become important to you this week in ways not immediately apparent.
Drapes and wallpaper are well starred, as is painting doors on the inside of your house. Outside doors should be left until later in the year due to a possible disruption between Neptune and Saturn (but the charts will be more descriptive next week).
A History Professor has your telephone number in his book and is set to make a pleasant call to you around the 26th. Perhaps it is best to brush up on the Australian Constitution just in case he asks any questions.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
A game of 'scissors, paper, stone' will prove surprisingly lucrative this week when you unwittingly challenge a person with a false limb. (Remember: paper and stone are his specialty, scissors are very difficult to do, and will arguably look like a vertical paper if he can't move his fingers very much (which he can't)). Make the most of this occurrence to better your financial position, as he is surprisingly rich and stupid.
A seemingly incongruous stain on the carpet that you discover on the 22nd will grow to 75 times its size within 18 days. Search the internet for a solution but avoid any site with the word stain in the url.
A handyman will prove his worth on Wednesday.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
The term 'never kid a kidder' has never been more opportune this week, as Neptune crosses your segment in an arch of 65.376 degrees.
Ensure all household chores are completed by the 25th and then take extreme rest for at least 5 days.
A chance encounter with a Saturn inspired street urchin, or bum, may set you off on a path of no return. Follow him until you are under the bridge, but no further.
Not one of your plans will come to fruition this week so do not waste time in making any plans.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
This week is well starred for electrical repairs. If your DVD player has been playing up, and you have been waiting for a sign from the heavens, then this is the best week so far this year to attempt to open the casing with your handyman-pointy-tool. Have little to no fear about the bit where they warn you about 'invalidating the warranty if you go any further than this electrical isolation panel', the manufacturer's star sign is telling them to be kind to people who break their warranty rules, but only before the 24th when Venus zips its fly.
Tip for the week: Try to work the phrase 'cock-a-hoop' into a conversation after the 25th, especially if hosting a dinner party with chicken as the main course, your comedic irony will be well respected on many levels.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
The slang word from England 'knackered' will make itself known to you this week in a peculiar way. In England the word means tired/exhausted, but originally, in Shakespeare's time, it meant to punch very hard in the privates. This uncomfortable mental picture will come to the front of your mind the next time you buy English tea or muffins, or watch Gordon Brown on television.
Lights in the sky will tend to be misleading this week, after a particularly accurate period at the start of the year which we forgot to tell you about.

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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21
A foul swearing neighbour will have you in his sights this week and will hurl insults which would make even a cynical armed services PE trainer blush.
On no account let this neighbour get away with anything, and prepare a sheet of foul swearing insults which you should hurl back with equivalent vigour. You will find this experience exhilarating after the initial shock, but do not stop walking at any time during the exchange.
A pudding is destined to have a pivotal import on the 25th and furry things with legs may never feel secure in your house again.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
With Jupiter now leaving your quadrant, Pluto and Mercury are set to have a free reign this week. You will be drawn to the joys of philosophy, hats, and handkerchiefs made out of silk.
You will be faced with an unlikely, but life affirming, irony this week involving your car, a road with a dead bird on it, and a small bag of peanuts...
Whilst your stars suggest a 50% better than average chance of winning the lottery this week, you have a 275% higher than average chance of being involved in a hold- up in the store you buy your lottery ticket from on the 21st.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
This week your main influence will be Pluto which is about to enter a period of high fluorescence. You will be drawn to outrageous fashions by European designers, and favour bright reds, pinks and yellow with sequins, and flashing lights.
A friend from the past will make an unusual entrance in the second week of the week, and could damage a small shrubbery in your garden.
Tulips are well starred for house decorations, and for lunch there really is nothing better than a nice piece of pork. "If your religion disallows eating pork, this week is about as good as any to try it just to see what you are missing", says Saturn.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
Your multicoloured Chakras are starting to merge into a single browny-purple one. This is bad if you intend, later on in life, to meditate using these, although if you intend to devote your life to purely capitalistic pursuits this is not a particularly tragic occurrence.
Whilst playing on the Playstation this week the green button is particularly well starred around 20th, although the red button will regain its dominance after the 23rd. As a typical Libran, your left foot will be slightly larger than your right one.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
Street brawling is well starred this week and could lead to an exciting career change after the 22nd. Ensure your street fighting bicycle chain is well greased and any car antenna has that blunt bit at the end removed for optimal thwacking and stabbing possibilities.
Take care to complete a survey which will take considerably longer than the 20 minutes estimate they gave you at the beginning. The survey will bring to your attention a new money making activity which may not be highly lucrative, but will give you some good stories for the dinner party circuit.
An aging dog will adopt you as its owner after forgetting where it lives on the 26th.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
You will be strangely drawn to cous cous this week after studying an African cookery book which you seemingly accidentally found open. This is in fact a direct consequence of a disagreement between Mercury and Mars, who are no longer on speaking terms. Remember not to boil cous cous, as, in some circumstances, it can expand to over 3000 times its starting volume and thus lead to the flattening of your neighbourhood in a 'Return of the Blob' kind of way.
On finding a coin this week, the planets will put through your mind the thought that using this coin to buy a lottery ticket will be lucky. You won't win anything, but the owner of the shop who sold you the ticket is using the commission he earns from this lottery ticket sale to put towards a deposit on his first yacht which he will name 'Lucky'.

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Why waste money on expensive cashews? Make your own by soaking everyday peanuts in water overnight, then hang tiny weights from each end.

SPOOK owners of cars with tinted windows. Upon seeing one driving past, wink conspiratorially and touch your nose.

Give comics that 'Pulp Fiction' feel by reading the last frames of cartoons first, then reading the rest in a random order.

Motorists. Enjoy the freedom of cycling by removing your windscreen, sticking half a melon skin on you head, then jumping red lights and driving the wrong way up one way streets.

Paedophiles: Confuse the police during questioning by making suggestive remarks about old ladies.

Convince neighbours that you have invented a 'SHRINKING' device by ruffling your hair, wearing a white laboratory coat and parking a Haulpak or similar outside your house for a few days. Then dim and flicker the lights in your house during the night and replace the Haulpak unseen, with a Tonka toy of the same description. Watch their faces in the morning!

HUSBANDS - After you get married, try to buy a house near an accident blackspot. Then, when you forget her birthday, there's always flowers handy.

Old people, make things more challenging for those running to catch a bus by randomly staggering from side to side across the pavement.

Blokes - watch your wedding video in reverse. You'll love the end when you put down the ring, walk down the aisle then drive off to the pub with your best mate.

LOOK 'hard' on train journeys by saving up all your empty beer cans for a month and then lining them up on the table in front of you.

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9. Circular (5)
10. Debt collectors (4)
12. Like chalk (6)
14. Easy to understand (6)
17. Musical percussion instrument (4)
21. Characterised by rain (5)
22. Enumerate (5)
23. Large flightless bird (3)
24. Compound of hydrogen and oxygen (10)
25. Encounter (4)

Down
2. Shrimp (5)
3. Permits (4)
4. Welsh coastal village (5)
5. Customary (5)
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11. Plant juice (3)
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14. Metal fastener (5)
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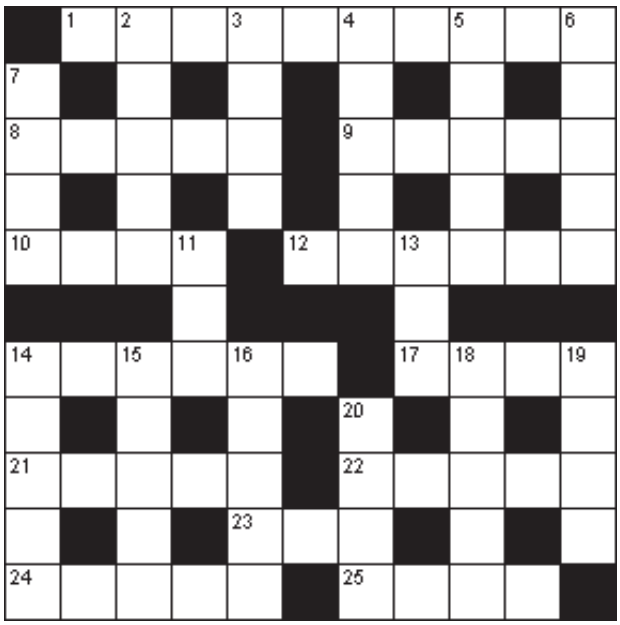
Solution in next week's issue.



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Khao Takiab - Kool Town

Welcome to a new feature in AWOL, 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.

Hua Hin Darts Champion Trophy comes to Khao Takiab

On Tuesday 10th February 2009, the Hua Hin singles Darts Championship was held at the JW bar. Mark Bennalick from The Oasis Restaurant (Khao Takiab) entered as a rank outsider. Miraculously, he reached the final, his nerves were shattered but he held out to earn a comfortable victory. He became the first player from KT to win the prestigious trophy. Mark said 'Although the two weeks intensive training at the Oasis Restaurant paid off. It has left its mark on my throwing arm and my liver.'

The turning point came after receiving a phone call from Lee (owner of the Oasis) just before the final, giving him the incentive of 'If you win the trophy you can have any drink up to a maximum of 50Baht'. That was the only incentive he needed as a free drink at the Oasis is a rare event.

Mark's wife is not very happy as Mark has already started intensive training at the Oasis for next year (Hope his liver survives).

Well done Mark!

Sunset Boulevard Pub Quiz 16th February

From Hero's to Zero's

Reigning quiz champs the Shuda's led by Captain Peter and supported by Richard, Tan and Baz made a lucklustre attempt at retaining their champion status when they finished last at the Sunset Boulevard Quiz on Monday.

A dejected Shuda's team Tan, Peter and Baz

In a close fought battle at the top,

Champions Ronnie's Team looking thoughtful Mike Martin and Ronnie

Ronnie's team were the winners by one point over the Cookies led by Steve Cook whilst third place was equalled by The White Lotus Team captained by David Carr and The Orchid and Crown skippered by Magnus Hughson only one point behind that. Meanwhile, the Shuda's finished with a paltry 37 points 16 off the pace.

The Sunset Boulevard Quiz features original questions including a music round and is every third Monday, the next being Monday 9th March at 8pm. Anybody interested call Mike on 084 376 9438 to make a booking as there is limited space. Prizes include a case of beer, a bottle of wine and a round of drinks plus some sponsored table rounds for spot prizes. Free snacks and free entry. Maximum team size is 4.

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.

KT News & Events

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TECHNOLOGY

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PLAYGROUP IN HUA Hin or Cha-am Hi, I have a two year old girl and would like to join a playgroup in either Hua Hin or Cha-am area. I stay near Holiday Inn (cha-am) and am very happy to host the playgroup. If any mothers are interested to form and join the playgroup, please call Yui at 085-159 0926 or Email: yuikhonkaen@yahoo.com Thanks

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■ DEAR MARY,
My best friend is going out with a cannibal. I know this because I've seen her nibble on a child and throw its remains into a bone pit beneath their house.
I've tried to accept his decision but I just can't. However if I tell him, he might hate me but if I don't, he might get smothered in tomato ketchup and gobbled for breakfast.
What does the bible suggest I should do?
Georgina, Krabi

Mary says: Dear Georgina,
I don't know about the bible but I think you should definitely tell him. He will immediately dump her and then thank you for pointing out the error of his ways. That is always exactly what happens when you try and interfere in your friends' dating matters.
Alternatively you could smother him in marmite. It tastes revolting.

DEAR MARY,
I've been with my boyfriend for seven years and the sex is crap. I really want to do it with someone else but I don't see myself as the cheating kind.
My best friend got married last month and had guilt free sex with a stranger on her hen night. She said it was amazing and didn't affect the way she felt about her fiance at all. Should I propose to my boyfriend so that I can have a hen party?
Tracey, Samui

Mary says: Dear Tracey,
I'm not sure that it's ever appropriate for a girl to cheat, but here are some guilt free ways men use:
1. The Row - Engineer a fight and cheat that same day, or the next day, or the day after that.
2. The Holiday - Feeling deserted is a good reason to seek comfort elsewhere.
3. The Cure for Impotence - If you can't get it up, or think that you might suffer from erectile dysfunction at some point during your life, it is acceptable to practice sex on a prostitute so as not to risk hurting your birds feelings if your erection fails.
4. Practice - It's OK to practice sex outside of a relationship if it's to learn new tricks to improve your partner's pleasure in bed.
Hope this helps.

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Kom Hom Sports and Social Club

The Kom Hom Sports and Social Club is more than just a Golf Society; we intend to provide a club that offers lots of activities to promote the health and well being of its members. We are sure that is how most Clubs and Associations are formed but the original good intention is often transformed into an organisation that loses all sight of the original concept and ambitions. Our aim is to enjoy each others company, there will be no joining fee and the only cost to start and participate and reap the benefits of the club is a simple fee to cover the cost of your membership card. We have reserved fortnightly sections in the AWOL newspaper where we will publish forthcoming events, news, results and your thoughts and idea's. Any businesses wishing to advertise in this feature and support the club or its charity please contact the numbers below.

We will do much more than just play golf even though golf will be an integral part of the social scene of the club; we will attempt to provide golf at sensible prices, negotiating with local courses but travelling further afield and taking short breaks that offer fantastic deals for one night away, breakfast and two rounds of golf, the gems of Thailand's golf courses. Our intention is to also provide regular events such as our Sports and Social Day (currently held every Sunday, starts 13.30) and includes Badminton, Squash, Tennis or simply relax by the pool, have a swim, meet friends or just take some lunch; what else do you do on a Sunday afternoon when you live in Hua Hin? One event on the monthly calendar will be a lunch or brunch at some of the places we "never go" Kao Tao Barbecue on the beach, just bring your own booze, we will find some music, a football, a fun time.

For the not so energetic Chess nights, Quizzes, Darts and Pool are all included in our monthly schedule; it is a members club so just get involved. We currently sponsor events and essential items for a school for disabled and under privileged children and we will hold fund raising events throughout the year to raise money and actively seek any other donations from supporters of the club.

We intend to collect a 100 Baht entry fee per event that will contribute to the running costs of the club and advertising, we have appointed independent volunteers as custodians of the Charity and the Social Club funds. It is intended that any surplus of funds in the Sports and Social Club will be distributed at the end of the fiscal year in a manner as seen fit by the membership.

The events for the first two weeks of March are below; please contact Brian (0870117080) email sadington@hotmail.com or Chris (0852453094) email cwoollams@aol.com and for Charity donations contact Jos on (0854066231) email jos_en_marian@hotmail.com

Date	March	Event	Cost p/p	Time
1	Sunday	Sports Day Palm Hills	100	1330
3	Tuesday	Darts	Nil	1900
4	Wednesday	Pool Night	Nil	1900
6/7	Fri/Sat	Away Day Blue Sapphire Golf (overnight inc breakfast and two rounds of golf)	1625	1230/930
8	Sunday	Sports Day Palm Hills	100	1330
9	Monday	Chess Kom Hom Bar	100	1900
10	Tuesday	Darts	Nil	1900
11	Wednesday	Pool Night	NIL	1900
12	Thursday	Quiz/Bingo Kom Hom	100	1930

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League
Results Matchday 23 13th February 2009

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
DA	9	2	SUG	18	6
DIA	14	3	JWB	15	5
OCT	12	2	EAG	16	6
QUE	16	6	DB	10	2
JWR	13	4	LSL	13	4
LSS	17	6	CAP	9	2
TW	14	3	LSB	15	5
LSA no Game					

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 24 20/02/2009
Diamond v LSA
Sugar Cane v Thaiwaii
JW Black v Dick's Office B
Eagle v LSL
LSS v Queens Flower
LSB v JW Red
Dick's A v Captain's Inn
no Game v Octopussy

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Eagle Bar	23	17	4	2	76	128	38
Queens Flower Bar	22	15	5	2	70	142	35
Lucky Shot Student's	22	15	3	4	40	71	33
Johnie Walker Black	22	15	2	5	34	89	32
Lucky Shot A	22	12	6	4	32	73	30
Lucky Shot B	23	11	6	6	20	22	28
Octopussy Bar	23	11	4	8	6	13	26
Lucky Shot Ladies	23	9	6	8	-2	1	24
Sugar Cane Bar	22	8	3	11	4	12	19
Silverrock Bar	15	7	4	4	0	-5	18
Johnie Walker Red	23	6	6	11	-26	-65	18
Dick's Office B	22	6	2	14	-32	-62	14
Thaiwaii	23	5	3	15	-24	-43	13
Captain's Inn	22	3	4	15	-58	-106	10
Diamond Bar	22	3	4	15	-60	-117	10
Dick's Office A	23	1	2	20	-80	-153	4

Hua Hin 8-Ball League
A new season is being currently set up. Please contact Dan at Mr Dan's for more information, and for the dates of any playoffs.

Hua Hin 9-Ball League
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
Mr Dan A	16	11	0	5	51	22
BenTho	16	10	0	6	20	20
LilleMan	16	7	1	8	-37	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	13	3	1	9	-16	7

Results Week 18
16th February 2009
No results available at press time
Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 19 23rd February 2009
Butterfly Rock v Plas Place
Dolphin v LilleMan
Mr Dan A v BenTho
Red Bar v Dicks A

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Andy's Birthday Photos!

Andy from Lucky Shot recently clebrated his birthday there, and we have Janos to thank for capturing the moments! From top right, Andy clears the table (again), top left his friends help celebrate, bottom right Andy can't believe that Chris has won a free drink, and finally Andy with his girlfriend Ann.

Hua Hin Pool Leagues

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Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Free Time	11	8	2	1	36	18
Oasis	10	7	2	1	38	16
Bob & Noks	11	7	1	3	24	15
Eagle	11	5	4	2	32	14
Harleys	11	6	1	4	30	13
S'set B'vard	11	4	3	4	-4	11
Dizzy Dolph	11	3	3	5	-14	9
Thaiwaii	11	3	2	6	-24	8
Kun Koom	11	2	3	6	-22	7
R'way Tav	11	3	0	8	-32	6
Dara Bar	11	1	1	9	-64	3
Deja Vu	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hua Hin Social Pool League Results

Week 24 – 18th February 2009

Butterfly Rock v Red Bar –n/a
PP v Sabai 11-8
Lazy Daze v JW Red 12-7
J Juice A v Billys Babes 8-11
Billys v Jungle Juice B 9-10
JW Black v U Turn 9-10
Headrock v Limelight 8-11

Next Weeks Fixtures:

Week 25 – 25th February 2009

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

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
PP	24	21	3	265-191	42
J Juice B	23	17	6	253-182	34
Billys Bbs	23	16	7	242-195	32
JW Black	22	14	8	226-192	28
Billys	23	12	11	227-212	26
Lazy Dz	23	13	10	207-207	26
J Juice A	22	13	8	207-193	26
Sabai	23	11	12	212-232	22
Red Bar	21	10	11	200-194	20
Headrock	23	9	14	200-237	18
U Turn	21	8	13	197-195	16
Limelight	23	7	16	193-223	14
B'fly Rock	17	1	16	119-201	2
JW Red	18	1	17	112-215	2

Results

Wed 18th February 2009

Bob and Noks 11 - 7 Thaiwaii
Dara Bar 6 - 12 Railway Tavern
Dizzy Dolphin 10 - 8 Harleys Bar
Eagle Bar 8 - 10 Free Time Bar
Kun Koom 9 - 9 Sunset Boulevard

Next Week's Fixtures

Wed 25th February 2009

Bob and Noks v Kun Koom
Harleys Bar v Eagle Bar
Oasis Bar v Dizzy Dolphin
Sunset Boulevard v Dara Bar
Thaiwaii v Free Time Bar

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Meeting 17th February

League Sponsorship – Mack from Cha-Am Property Co. Ltd, and owner of Scandic Bar was thanked for his sponsorship of the last season, and he will continue to sponsor the league for the new season.

Teams for Next Season

Division 1	Division 2
1. JW Black	1. Jaew
2. CAT	2. Kom Hom
3. Paradise	3. Scandic Bar B
4. Scandic Bar A	4. Eero
5. Oasis	5. Lucky Shot
6. JW Red	6. Railway Tavern
7. Dicks Office B	7. Dicks Office A
8. Lazy Daze	8. Kom Hom Ladies

Start Date – The New season will start on Tuesday 24th February.

Registration Fee – will stay the same at 1000 baht per team

Format– both divisions will play the same format this season. The Division 1 format will be used – 3 Doubles – 1 point each - Micky Mouse – 3 points (see Any other business)- Singles – 2 points each.

Individual points scoring – The system to stay as Division 1 format with the following addition: Singles games won in two straight legs will be awarded two extra points. Doubles games won in two straight legs will be awarded one extra point to each player. It was also agreed that the complete individuals list will be sent out, not just the Top 16.

Any Other Business

a. It was suggested that we held some darts nights for charity. We will speak to bar holders and try to arrange a program for this.

b. Relegation / Promotion The last team from Div 1 will be relegated and the top team from Div 2 will be promoted. There will be a play-off between the 7th team in Div 1 and the 2nd team in Div 2 the winner of which will play in Div 1 the following season and the loser Div 2.

c. Start time 7.30pm – Games must start on time. A start time will be included on the score sheet along with a comments box. The times will be reviewed and any teams consistently starting late will be spoken to and could be subject to points deductions.

d. Competition Boards – must be in place at least one hour before the game starts so that visiting teams can practice on the board beforehand.

e. Board lighting – Could all teams please ensure their boards are adequately lit as there have been problems with boards in shadow.

f. Mickey Mouse to be awarded 3 points in future as it reflects the play of the whole team.

Next Weeks Fixtures: Week 1 24/02/2009

Division 1

JW Black v Dicks Office B
Oasis v CAT
Scandic Bar A v Paradise
Lazy Daze v JW Red

Division 2

Kom Hom v Eero
Jaew v Scandic Bar B
Lucky Shot v Railway Tavern
Dicks Office A v Kom Hom Ladies

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).

Saturday 28th February - Boss's Birthday Party at Lolitas from 8pm - All Welcome - Free Food

Regular Events

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Pool Leagues

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

Fridays - Dick's Office 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

This week's results:

17th February - Kaeng Krachan. 37 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 19 players

1st Harri Vaa Tainen 36 pts 13 hcp, 2nd Cornelius (g) 34 pts 14 hcp, 3rd Jonathan (g) 34 pts 15 hcp, 4th Simon Rouse 34 pts 7 hcp, 5th Trevor Firth 32 pts 16 hcp, 6th Usko 31 pts 7 hcp.

Group 'B' - 19-36 hcp - Stableford 18 Players

1st Adrian Byrne 45 pts 25 hcp, 2nd Richard Heath 40 pts 26 hcp, 3rd Nid Byrne 40 pts 20 hcp, 4th Hans Roupe 38 pts 28 hcp, 5th John Hunter 35 pts 22 hcp, 6th Berny Morgan 29 pts 22 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 4 Lake - Richard Heath, Jari, No. 12 Valley - Wij

13th February - Banyan. 66 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 34 players

1st Timo Riparti 38 pts 7 hcp, 2nd Robert Laminit 36 pts 9 hcp, 3rd Michael Sherlock 35 pts 16 hcp, 4th Russell Beard 35 pts 6 hcp, 5th Usko 35 pts 7 hcp, 6th John Anstee 34 pts 18 hcp.

Group 'B' - 19-36 hcp - Stableford 32 Players

1st Heinz Deynhardt 40 pts 20 hcp, 2nd Kurt (Kurre) 37 pts 22 hcp, 3rd Barbara Anstee 36 pts 26 hcp, 4th Ulla 36 pts 22 hcp, 5th Ken Thomson 36 pts 26 hcp, 6th Thongmee 35 pts 24 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 2 Hannu, No. 4 Jari, No. 15 Heinz Deynhardt, No. 17 Mike Wilson

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 24th Black Mountain - 1st Tee Time 10.30 - Stableford Competition

Friday 27th Royal Ratchaburi - 1st Tee Time 10.30 - Stableford Competition - Transport 7.45 at the Bazaar

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

February 13th February 2009 Palm Hills Stableford 17 Players

Front 9 - Phil Simons with 20 pts, Back 9 - Phil Simons & Jim Lynch both with 16 pts, Overall - Phil Simons with 36 pts

16th February 2009 Lake View C&D Stableford 24 Players

1st Peter Fitzpatrick - 38 pts, 2nd Alan Rawson - 35 pts, 3rd John Anstee - 34 pts, 4th Bryan McLeod - 34 pts

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 23rd February Lake View

Friday 27th February Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 14 February 2009

Portsmouth 2-0 Man City

FA Cup 5th Round

Blackburn 2-2 Coventry

Sheff Utd 1-1 Hull

Swansea 1-1 Fulham

Watford 1-3 Chelsea

West Ham 1-1 Middlesbrough

Sunday, 15 February 2009

FA Cup 5th Round

Derby 1-4 Man Utd

Everton 3-1 Aston Villa

Monday, 16 February 2009

The FA Cup 4th Round replay

Arsenal 4-0 Cardiff

Wednesday, 18 February 2009

Man Utd 3-0 Fulham (this result is not included in the Premier table opposite)

FA Cup 6th Round draw

Blackburn/Coventry v Chelsea

Swansea/Fulham v Man. Utd

Arsenal/Burnley v Sheff. Utd/Hull

Everton v West Ham/ M'brough

Ties to be played on 7/8 March

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EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 21 February 2009

Aston Villa v Chelsea, 19:45

This should be a cracker of a match with Villa seriously challenging the established order. Hiddink will no doubt shake things up but we think Villa will edge this.

Arsenal v Sunderland, 22:00

Sunderland have pulled themselves away from trouble in recent weeks and this could be quite a tough match for the Gunners. They will be boosted by the return of Eduardo though, so a narrow home win.

Bolton v West Ham, 22:00

An important match for both teams to solidify their respective positions. Not likely to be very free flowing and the Hammers may miss Carlton Cole up front. Draw.

Middlesbrough v Wigan, 22:00

Boro will have been heartened by both the performance and result in the FA Cup but can't buy a win at the moment. Wigan meanwhile will have surprised many, but we think will fade now. Home win.

Stoke v Portsmouth, 22:00

Another relegation 6 pointer that is tough to call. Low scoring win for the home side.

Sunday, 22 February 2009

Man Utd v Blackburn, 00:30

United seem unstoppable at the moment and Blackburn could be in for a pasting here. However the home side have a tough Champions League match on Tuesday and may rest some players. Still a home win though.

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	25	8	0	5	28	12	1	4	7	14	22	8	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	Portsmouth	25	5	2	6	18	21	2	4	6	9	20	-14	27
16	Tottenham	25	4	5	4	11	9	2	2	8	15	22	-5	25
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

Fulham v West Brom, 20:30

This should be a nailed on home win but Fulham have been a bit twitchy lately. WBA will likely set out for the draw and we think they will get it.

Liverpool v Man City, 22:00

Two teams with under pressure managers who will be hoping other results go their way. Without gerrard the home team are a shadow of what they can be and we think City can snatch a draw here.

Newcastle v Everton, 23:00

Both teams have been struggling to field strikers this season but their injuries seem to be receding now. Everton are one of the form teams and will fancy their chances while the Toon will be looking nervously at the relegation battle. Away win.

Tuesday, 24 February 2009

Hull v Tottenham, 03:00

Hull are slowly being sucked towards the bottom of the table and really need a win here, while Spurs have too many distractions away from the league (Carling Cup final, UEFA Cup). Home win.

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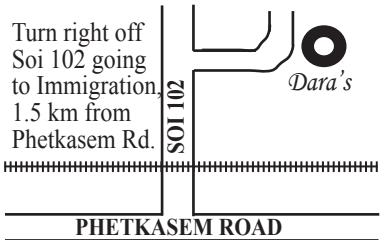

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MOST FOOTBALLERS NOW UNDER ARREST

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

ONLY one in 10 professional footballers in England is not currently under arrest, the FA confirmed last night.

According to the latest figures the most popular offences are sexual assault, grievous bodily harm and speeding, with two players accused of committing all three simultaneously.

Officials have also warned that the remainder of this season's European fixtures are under threat as foreign travel will leave many of the players in breach of their bail conditions.

FA chief executive Brian Barwick said: "Most have handed their passports to the local nick and the rest won't get through the airport metal detectors on account of their ankle tags."

Barwick said he was now working with the Foreign Office and the US government in a bid to fly some of the players to the continent using the system of extraordinary rendition.

A spokesman for the Professional Footballers' Assocation said: "Our members are under intense media pressure and should not be victimised for what may or may not have happened with that broom handle round the back of Chinawhites."

Meanwhile the FA has devised a points system which will be used to fine clubs whose players are convicted. Nightclub affray will score one point, drink-driving three points and serious sexual assaults five points. It is understood one top-flight club has asked for clarification after one of its players committed an act of gross indecency against a listed building while under the influence of Ketamine.

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Abramovich spending $342 a minute on Chelsea

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich is spending more than £240 ($340) per minute on his London football club, Chelsea FC, fresh figures have revealed. Abramovich, who took over the Stamford Bridge club in 2003, has since poured £710 million ($1.03 billion) into rejuvenating the team -- an amount that equates to the incredible $342 per minute. Despite the Russian's investments, the club has not been profitable since he took over, and last week reported a loss of $95 million for the year ended June 30, 2008. The club last year said it aimed to break even before 2009/2010.

After the figures were released, Chelsea chairman Bruce Buck said: "Following the conversion of half of the interest-free loans into equity there should now be no doubt as to the owner's commitment to the club and the stability of the company's funding structure. We have always believed that this 'debt', now reduced by 50 percent, has been misrepresented. Chelsea has no external debt and makes no punitive interest payments to external funders."

Much of Abramovich's spending had been buying new players such as Didier Drogba and Ricardo Carvalho. More than $30 million has been spent paying compensation to sacked coaches, including Jose Mourinho and Avram Grant. It has been reported Luiz Felipe Scolari, who was sacked from Chelsea last week, may leave with as much as £7.5 million ($10.7m) as compensation.

At $342 per minute, Abramovich has spent almost $500,000 every day at Stamford Bridge.

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