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Welcome to Paradise

An open letter to everyone visiting the area for the ASEAN summit

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Dear honoured guests,

Thank you for visiting our little slice of paradise here in Thailand. We think you will discover just what it is that makes so many people want to live here and visit every year. However in case you don't get the chance to go out and about, we would like to tell you about Hua Hin and the surrounding area.

Firstly we hope that you will notice how nice and smooth the roads you are travelling on are, as you are shuttled to the Dusit Resort and back; the area is renowned for the quality of its roads and they have been brought into tip top condition especially for your visit. Our second recommendation is that at the same time as you are admiring the roads, you glance to the median and see the beautiful flowers, shrubs and bushes adorning the central reservation, and the decorative lanterns adorning the poles.

Another road related issue you are sure to notice is how little traffic there is, and that nobody parks their cars on the streets; while you may think this has been done especially for the summit, Hua Hin is renowned for both the low level of traffic and the consideration of the drivers and riders here, particularly those travelling from Bangkok, and people will often park their

The famous Hua Hin train station sign

vehicles out of sight so as to keep the streets free for honoured guests like yourselves. People are often known to walk several kilometres after parking their vehicle.

Another aspect that you should appreciate during your visit is the lack of the normal trash that litters so many other places, both actual rubbish and human trash; you won't see any food carts cluttering the streets, nor packs of stray dogs, nor even the working girls and drunkards that are so tragically common in some other resorts we could mention. And speaking of drunkards, you will also find very few establishments open selling beer or any of the other vile alcoholic drinks; the police here have always been vigilant in ensuring that alcohol and all its related nastiness is not available (to the hoi paloi that is - of course you honoured guests can enjoy that fine wine or classy brandy without fear of problems).

What about the people we hear you ask? What businesses are they involved in and how will they cope during the summit?

Well, once again, your fears are groundless - the local authorities and police have given everyone ample warning of any possible

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disruptions, giving a massive 24 hours notice of the various measures required to ensure the safety and tranquility of you, our most honoured guests. While we are talking about safety, it seems opportune to mention how safe Hua Hin is; you won't hear grisly stories of foreigners being shot on their doorsteps, or about an ongoing problem of bag snatches and muggings, or even tales of gangs of teenagers riding around firing guns in the centre of town - no, siree, you definitely won't hear of anything like that in our town.

As you sit in your hotel rooms and go about your personal and business needs, you will notice the free wifi available, and the efficient and painless supply of electricity and water, all other areas this town is famed for; if anyone tries to tell you that the infrastructure in this area is inadequate and inefficient, don't listen to them - you have seen with your own eyes the reality of life here. Some folk claim that they frequently have to go for several days without water, but we Huahinians just laugh and scoff at such talk, knowing for ourselves the true state of affairs.

Another question that might pass through your minds is about foreign tourists, who are well known for wanting to take a two week holiday, get drunk every day, pick up sleazy women in bars and clubs and do unspeakable things with them; quite simply Hua Hin does not want them. After all they hardly spend any money and just bring the whole tone of the place down, and it is hardly somewhere like that we would want honoured guests like yourselves being invited to. The kind of tourists that come to Hua Hin are healthy living moral guardians who play golf, go to the famous top quality spas, visit the many temples, eat at the many fine restaurants and maybe enjoy a glass of wine with their meal before retiring to bed by 10pm. These are exactly the people who the sadly recently demised Elite card were aimed at, and it still baffles us as to why such an excellent scheme failed.

And so, honoured guests, you now have a true picture of life in our blissful paradise, and we hope you fall in love with it too. And we haven't even mentioned the pristine beaches and crystal clear sea water and ...well the list just goes on and on.

Come back soon and discover more of the *real* Hua Hin.

Senators To Fight Teen Sex By Personal Instruction

BANGKOK, THAILAND

In an attempt to address the current moral crisis of student prostitution and sexual liberalism among Thailand's young people, the Senate has decided to personally handle the sexual education of all girls in the Kingdom aged 16-22. "The moral fabric of this land is coming apart," said senator Amnouy Phetsiri. "We have to take matters into our own hands, literally." Amnuoy and three other senators authored the plan, which places the introduction of human sexuality to young girls in the control of Senate members through the construction of a massive sexual education facility on Ratchadapisek road in Bangkok. The facility, which will feature neo-classical architecture, thick carpeting and soft lighting, will house over 30,000 girls at a time in special dormitories. Classrooms will be equipped with three-person Jacuzzis with hand-held shower nozzles, velvet curtains, and state-of-the-art audio-visual projection and recording capabilities.

Details of the actual sexual education process were still sketchy, but senator Phayap Thongchuen promised that it would be "absolutely thorough." The enrolment process would be compulsory, similar to the military draft for all Thai males aged 18. Enrolled girls would be sent to the facility for medical and psychological evaluation, as well as screened for "desirability." According to the senators, the most desirable girls are the ones most at risk for developing bad morals and possible temptation to prostitution. "We plan to pay special attention to prettiest, youngest, and most vulnerable girls," promised senator Sittisak Yontrakul. "We'll make absolutely sure to teach them the proper Thai values when it comes to appropriate relationships between males and females – respect for and submission to elders, not questioning teachers, and quiet acceptance of their karma as instructed by Lord Buddha." According to Sittisak, the girls who excel at their sexual education may be retained as special teaching assistants to personally further the cause by attending to their teacher's administrative needs.

The bold plan, nicknamed the Siamese Flowers Project, was passed in an overwhelming majority vote on the Senate floor yesterday, with only 17 senators objecting conditionally. Coincidentally, the minority was entirely composed of the Senate's 17 female members. Speaking for the minority, Mrs. Jirawan Chongsutanamanee said the allocated budget of 190 million baht was too high, while Mrs. Jitthana Yingthaweelapa wanted to add religious instruction to the curriculum. Bangkok senator Miss Rosana Tositrakul was the only Senate member completely opposed to the idea. "Girls shouldn't be having sex at all, ever," she said.

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■ CHEEKIOSO, ITALY

This week's cheeky offering is the sports loving Martina Colombaro, with her favourite sports being skiing and football; how do we know this? Well she was married for three years to top skier Albert Tomba before moving on in 2004 to marry Alessandro Costacurta, the Iain Dowie of Italian football (well, nearly). A former Miss Italy, she rose to prominence with a number of appearances on bizarre Italian TV shows, normally involving her not wearing very much, and on at least one occasion a bikini and then having a body smeared with chocolate.

However those TV appearances have now faded into history and she is a well known face on Italian TV, appearing in a number of series. The couple have had a son, who they have rather unfortunately named Achilles. However if he turns out with the sporting talent of his father and the looks of his mother then he won't have too much to worry about, although he'll probably be susceptible to tackles from behind...

Martina Colombaro (left) attempting to show her inner monkey

Area 555 - Cheeky Extra!

A couple just got married and on the night of their honeymoon before passionate love, the wife tells the husband, "Please be gentle, I'm still a virgin." The husband shocked, replied, "How's this possible? You've been married three times before." The wife responds, "Well, my first husband was a gynecologist and all he wanted to do was look at it. My second husband was a psychiatrist and all he wanted to do was talk about it. Finally, my third husband was a stamp collector and all he wanted to do was...oh, do I miss him!"

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Sat	An a.m. shower; partly sunny	25	34
Sun	Partly sunny, showers around	26	33
Mon	Showers around in the p.m.	25	31
Tues	Mostly sunny	24	33
Wed	Mostly cloudy and humid	25	33
Thur	Sunshine and some clouds	26	33
Fri	Clouds and sun	25	34

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 27th February 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	5	10	Rain
Athens	2	9	Rain
Auckland	18	23	Cloudy
Beijing	-5	8	Fine
Berlin	4	8	Rain
Buenos Aires	18	30	Cloudy
Chicago	-2	9	Rain
Copenhagen	2	6	Showers
Dubai	22	33	Scattered Clouds
Dublin	4	10	Dry
Geneva	-1	9	Fine
Helsinki	-9	0	Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	25	35	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	20	26	Cloudy
Islamabad	7	23	Clear
Jakarta	24	32	Rain
Jerusalem	8	16	Rain
Johannesburg	15	25	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	32	Thunderstorms
London	5	12	Bright
Madrid	7	16	Fine
Manila	23	34	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	4	26	Fine
Moscow	-5	-1	Snow
New Delhi	13	29	Mist
New York	0	11	Cloudy
Oslo	-14	-4	Clear
Paris	4	10	Overcast
Perth	19	32	Scattered Clouds
Phnom-Penh	26	36	Cloudy
Rio De Janeiro	22	34	Showers
Riyadh	20	33	Clear
Rome	-1	11	Cloudy
San Francisco	9	14	Cloudy
Singapore	24	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	-5	-1	Cloudy
Sydney	19	25	Drizzle
Tokyo	5	9	Rain
Vientiane	25	37	Scattered Clouds
Yangon	16	36	Clear
Zurich	-3	7	Rain

Currency Exchange Rates

At 26th February 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	35.7373
GBP	Pound Sterling	51.3611
EUR	Euro	45.7247
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.368803
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.74156
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.3852
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.3852
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.22769
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00299431
INR	Indian Rupee	0.717324
KRW	Korean Won	0.0236543
AUD	Australian Dollar	23.2753
NZD	New Zealand Dollar	18.3726
CHF	Swiss Franc	30.7522
DKK	Danish Krone	6.13806
NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.22816
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.09125
CAD	Canadian Dollar	28.4625
AED	UAE Dirham	9.73094
BHD	Bahrain Dinar	95.048
KWD	Kuwaiti Dinar	122.339
OMR	Omani Rial	92.9454
QAR	Qatar Riyal	9.81788

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Emergency Calls

Police 191
Crime 195
Fire 199
Traffic Control Centre 197
Highway Police 1193
Tourist Police 1699
Tourist Service Centre 1155
Missing Persons Bureau 02 282 1815
Police Station at Hua Hin District 032 511 027
Cha-Am Police Station 032 471 321
Hua Hin Hospital 032 511 743
San Paulo Hospital 032 532 576 to 585
Hua Hin Red Cross 032 512 567

Useful numbers

Hua Hin Tessabahn : 032 511 047
Hua Hin Immigration Office 032 513 574
Hua Hin Bus Terminal (non air-con) 032 511 230
(air-con) 032 511 651, 512 543
Hua Hin Railway Station 032 511 073
Tourist Information Centre 032 512 120
Hua Hin Electricity 032 512 215
Hua Hin Water 032 511 677
TOT 032 519 000/001
TT&T 032 532 018

Hua Hin's Hot Topics

Unless you've been hiding under a rock (or living in Cha-am!) you won't have failed to notice the big spruce up that Hua Hin has had for the ASEAN summit which started on the 27th. Aside from local gossip, the odd billboard welcoming dignitaries, and the HHAD forum and AWOL, there has been very little coverage on this event in the town itself. If you didn't know any better you'd just assume that it was a regular cleanup and not a gathering of world leaders.

The message boards have been buzzing with discussion on the big meeting and how it will impact the town and its residents. For the last few weeks the local authorities have been running around like rats in a cage readying the town for bigwigs that are unlikely to even set foot in it. Road markings have been re-painted (not that any of Hua Hin's motorists take notice of them), potholes have been filled and a nice new layer of blacktop has been laid from the airport to the venue of the meeting at the Dusit.

Even the dreaded bottleneck railway crossing at the G-supermarket is finally being widened after at least 6 years of procrastination. Further traffic control measures are questionable though; the long line of traffic cones on Petchkasem forcing drivers turning right to block an entire lane is a strange one. Somebody somewhere must have a reason for it though. The no parking signs are hopeful, and it shows that if there is a big enough reason Hua Hin's escalating traffic problems can be approached; it's just a shame that for the rest of the year nobody gives a hoot!

The deployment of thousands of police to the Hua Hin area has been cause for concern for a few, reports from Takiab of shakedowns and spot checks of locals and foreigners were starting to trickle in along with stories from angry beach restaurateurs who have had closure orders and furniture confiscated. Road blocks have been popping up like mushrooms, and although the primary concern seems to be the threat of demonstrations, the boys in brown are always happy to stop anyone and everyone in search of a quick buck.

Another summit side effect is the deterioration of Hua Hin's already sub-standard internet infrastructure. There have been more than the usual flurry of complaints from disgruntled TOT, TT&T and CAT internet users about slow connections or no service at all. The general consensus is that what little international bandwidth there is available to Hua Hin has been piped up to the Dusit for the big boys while the rest of us play 'share the carrier pigeon' until its over.

On a brighter note though a new company is planning to offer free internet to Hua Hin city starting with a square kilometer coverage then expanding to 8 square kilometers from downtown. The service will be far from fast at 100kbps but it is a start and about time there was a new provider in Hua Hin that can offer a ray of digital hope for frustrated internet users with less choice than a Welsh fish n' chip shop.

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...

Beyond the pale

This phrase means something that is unacceptable, or outside agreed standards of decency.

Firstly, let's get clear what word we are talking about here. It's pale, and certainly not pail, - the phrase has nothing to do with buckets. The everyday use of the word pale is as the adjective meaning whitish and light in colour (and used to that effect by Procol Harum and countless paint adverts). This pale is the noun meaning 'a stake or pointed piece of wood'. It is virtually obsolete now except in this phrase, but is still in use in the associated words paling (as in paling fence) and impale (as in Dracula movies).

The paling fence is significant as the term pale became to mean the area enclosed by such a fence and later just the figurative meaning of 'the area that is enclosed and safe'. So, to be 'beyond the pale' was to be outside the area accepted as 'home'.

Catherine the Great created a 'Pale of Settlement' in Russia in 1791. This was a western border region of the country in which Jews were allowed to live. The motivation behind this was to restrict trade between Jews and native Russians. Some Jews were allowed to live, as a concession, beyond the pale.

Pales were enforced in various other European countries for similar political reasons, notably in Ireland (the Pale of Dublin) and France (the Pale of Calais, which was formed as early as 1360).

The phrase itself comes later than that. The first printed reference comes from 1657 in John Harington's lyric poem The History of Polindor and Flostella.

In that work, the character Ortheris withdraws with his beloved to a country lodge for 'quiet, calm and ease', but later venture further - 'Both Dove-like roved forth beyond the pale to planted Myrtle-walk'. Such recklessness rarely meets with a good end in 17th century verse and before long they are attacked by armed men with 'many a dire killing thrust'. The message is clearly, 'if there is a pale, you should stay inside it', which conveys exactly the meaning of the phrase as it is used today.

Couple Go Potty in Hua Hin Soi 94 - see p 12

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His friend looks at him, "What? You're kidding!"
Bob says, "No. I think I know just about everybody."
Bob's friend says, "I bet you don't know former President Bush."
"George? Yeah, I know ol' George, as a matter of fact, I'm having dinner with him Tuesday. Why don't you come along?"
They show up at the ex-President's mansion Tuesday, and George Bush opens up the door himself. "Hey, Bob! How are ya doin'? Come on in!"
Bob's friend is quite impressed, but still not convinced Bob knows everybody. A few days later he tells Bob. "I bet you don't know Bruce Springsteen."
"Bruce? Sure I know the Boss! We used to hang out together in Jersey!"
"Bob, I don't believe you. I think you're lying to me."
"No, really," Bob responds, "In fact, he's putting on a show tomorrow night. Lets go."
Bob and his friend make their way up to front row. Bruce Springsteen looks down and says, "I'd like to dedicate this next song to my good friend Bob here."
The friend is getting totally freaked by now. He is determined to find someone Bob doesn't know. A couple of weeks later, Bob is once again sitting on the porch with that proud smile on his face, when his friend pulls up in the driveway, jumps out of the car and says, "Aha! You don't know the Pope!"
"The Pope? Sure I know ol' Benny!"
"You're lyin', Bob! I don't believe you!"
"I'll prove it to you," Bob says.
So they fly over to the Vatican. Bob's friend stands near the front of the crowd waiting for the Pope to come out on the balcony. Soon the Pope appears before the thousands of people in the crowd. Sure enough, right behind him comes Bob. Standing next to the Pope and waving at the crowds. After a bit Bob looks down and sees his friend passed out on the ground. He runs down to the street to his friend and says, "Hey, you okay?"
"Yeah, I'm okay. I was standing here in shock when all of a sudden a man leans towards me and says, 'Hey, who's that old guy standing next to Bob?'"

HOT CHOCOLATE AND VIAGRA

A man goes to the nursing home to visit his 84 year-old father. While there he notices the nurse is giving his father hot chocolate and Viagra.
The man asks, "Why are you doing that? I mean, at his age what will it do for him?"
The nurse explains, "The hot chocolate will help him sleep."
The man says, "And the Viagra?"
"Keeps him from falling out of bed."

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
The term 'money doesn't grow on trees' has always made you wonder. Clearly, notes are made out of paper so, technically, money grows in trees, or is of the very fiber of the trees themselves... We're not being much help in your philosophical tree-based struggles are we? Suffice it to say, gentle reader, that this week a ton of paper (which might or might not be money) is about to plop, slide or thwack onto your door mat.
An age ravaged relative will make an allegation that will bring into question your long held liberal views on care for the elderly.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
This is a week for gloating, for feeling proud of yourself and smiling kindly at those who just don't have it. Pluto, in particular, is proud of you for being practically perfect in every way. This ideal 'Mary Poppins' life scenario is set to last for much of the next few weeks. Enjoy!
A question involving your finances should be left blowing in the wind for another week.
Beware! You are especially likely to donate to charity, the homeless and people with a poor dress sense this week. Best to hide your credit cards until well into the second half of the year.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
Avoid the temptation to take control of routine or mundane matters this week as this can give the impression to others that you are serving staff on a dressed-down Friday.
Refuse to be taken advantage of, but do it quickly! Do not let work based disputes stew as you are then likely to start weeping uncontrollably as you make your views known, leaving others no option but to tell you to 'pull yourself together', thus negating any of the arguments you initially intended to put across.
Arguments involving deep sea snorkeling should be avoided even if you know anything about the subject until well after dusk on the 28th.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
A love interest from the past will tap you on the left shoulder this week in a public place - this is due to an abundance of tornadoes sweeping across the unnamed plane on Mars's upper side. Be relieved it's not a tap in a private place, especially if the loved one in question left you on angry terms or was sent to prison.
Bottles of mouthwash and darning needles will make uncomfortable bed fellows.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
Your overly protective tendency to support the underdog is one of your most endearing qualities when it takes the form of helping out loved ones. However, when it takes the form of standing up for the under dog per se you have no idea what an annoying quality this is, particularly in sporting events. You are lucky that people who are attracted to Taureans are pretty much blinded by your chiseled jaw and sporty physique, so no worries there!
You will have a chance encounter with a big celebrity in your town around the 4th which will give you a story for the grandchildren in later years.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
Standup rows, especially the ones in which your face goes red, your nose dribbles and saliva foams at the mouth, are particularly likely this week. Be careful, as whilst you will be sure you are right, others will think you are being hysterical and may slap you hard across the chops before running away, considering that to be their only way out.
Venus and Pluto are in a planetary equivalent of a fist fight situation at the moment and your temper is being affected accordingly. The good news is that Pluto and Venus are billions of miles apart, the bad news is that everything you know is within 100,000 miles so perhaps a cautious (if possible, a sleepy) aggression is the best policy.

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Spectators of sporting events also pose higher than enhanced risks, especially Cancerians standing in the line of a ball flying at speed into the exact direction of their heads. Take protective headgear with you at all times if you lack confidence in your ducking capabilities.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
Your private life is set to become increasingly more important to you over the coming week, with telephone calls to a loved one from work likely to take up over 55% of your day at their peak. The Sun and Venus are the reason for your activity pattern here, an explanation you may want to remember if an office manager complains.
Leo's are superb long-termists, but the problem is that you tend to look upon everything as a long term project, even if most other star signs would go down the short term route. Resist calls of 'get a move on', or 'hurry up slow coach', but only after careful, deliberate, consideration of the pros and cons.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
"Me Me Me!". "Let's talk about me!" "Hello? Over here? It's my turn"... Does this sound like someone we know? Yes, it's you babe.
Your demands for attention have been driving work colleagues and friends dotty with frustration pretty much since Christmas (2005). Now is the time to take a metaphorical step back and ask what can you bring to the Our-Me table!
Lost shoes and underwear could provide moments of relief in what is an otherwise hum drum week.
Avoid tinned meat after the 2nd, especially from animals who waddle.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
You are surrounded by people who know nothing, who make promises they have no intention of keeping and talk about you unfavourably whenever you are out of ear shot. It's time to get back at these timewaster-losers. Make this week the I will do it my way and I'll be damned if I am gonna listen to any jerk with a stupid idea week.
An idea you will have this week will be worth a million dollars in the right hands. Make sure those right hands are yours, you deserve it.
This week avoid dining with Germans or Australians, favouring Texans or Floridians with a sound security rating.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
A fresh mountain-air-like refreshing of your being will occur this week and it's not just because the aircon was accidentally turned colder...
This instant all-over-the-body-and-soul refreshment will allow you to re-juggle the priorities in your life. Challenges will then seem completely do-able to budget and on time, at least during this pleasant alpine-fresh state.
A hang-up you have about moustaches is set to be vindicated after all these years. You will realize you have been right all along... Well done...

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
It is a common Sagittarian mistake to start a fight when they feel confused. This is especially so this week with Mars in such an uncompromising mood. Take a deep breath, pay for a pamper, relax, meditate, become one with infinite wisdom. This really is the only way to avoid doing something really stupid this week.
An envious streak will burn brightly this week when an acquaintance is seen throwing his money about. Once again, relax, take time to realize what is really important in your life, sob inconsolably, and then move on.
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Window cleaners - when quoting Doctor Who for the Tardis, don't be conned into doing the inside windows for the same price as the outside.

AVOID over ordering milk by placing your fridge on the pavement just outside your gate. The milkman can then check your day-to-day requirement for himself.

BUS DRIVERS. Pretend you're an airline pilot by wedging your accelerator pedal down with a heavy book, securing the steering wheel with some old rope, and then strolling back along the bus chatting casually to the passengers.

PENSIONERS. Don't forget to retire to bed before 8.00 pm so that you can get up tomorrow at the crack of dawn and go and collect your morning paper while anyone with any sense is still sound asleep in bed.

DON'T fork out on expensive smoke alarms. simply fill balloons with water and hang them from the ceiling. Then cover the floor with air-filled balloons, each with a drawing pin stuck to the top. In the event of a fire the temperature will cause the air- filled balloons to rise up from the floor, and the pins will burst the water-filled balloons, thus extinguishing the fire. Probably.

RE-SPRAYING your car? Cover it with 'Cling Film' first. If you don't like the new colour, simply peel it off and start again.

Use sand instead of sugar in your tea. Can be re-used many times, and has far fewer calories.

KEEP a hammer close to your bed in case any nails fall out of the ceiling at night.

WIG wearers. Secure your toupee in high winds by wearing a brightly coloured party hat with elasticated chin strap. Carry a balloon and a bottle of wine and you'll pass off as an innocent party-goer.

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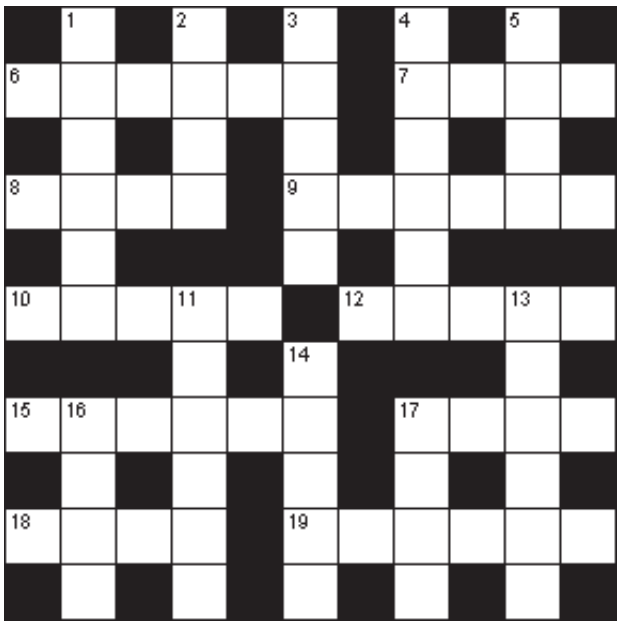

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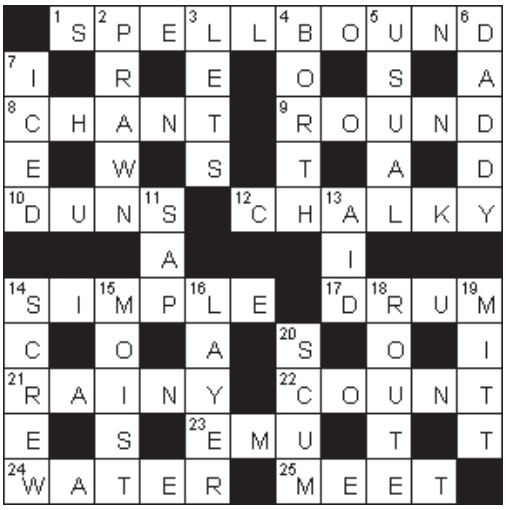

Khao Takiab - Kool Town

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.

Khao Takiab attractions

Khao Takiab Beaches

The beach behind the hill of Khao Takiab (below) is a great place to spend late afternoon. Large expanses of open sand and shallow waters are ideal for kids and beach games.

There are also plenty of loungers and restaurants here too where you can relax in the sun.

Before the hill of Khao Takiab the beach isn't as nice however you will see some of the local fishing boats and can get access to the temple. There are a number of seafood restaurants here ranging from small Thai style places to large expensive resorts.

You can get great views from the top of the temple at Khao Takiab, on a clear day you can see as all the way down Hua Hin beach and as far as Cha-am. Take a boat trip from Khao Takiab to Koh Singto (Lion Island).

Khao Takiab temples

There are a number of temples in and around Khao Takiab, the most popular being Khao Takiab temple itself, commonly referred to as "Monkey Mountain". There are a number of macaques that have made the temple grounds their home and have got quite used to tourists. A word of caution though as they will grab anything unattached, watch out with small children also, these animals are still wild.

The stair climb rewards you with a great view from the top, those looking for an easier option can drive up around the back. They have been building in the temple grounds at the top of the hill for a number of years now, it still doesn't seem to be complete but that does not detract from the great views and the beauty of the temple and statues themselves.

The picture to the right is of the well known Standing Buddha, a landmark that can be seen from the beach in Hua Hin, which is at the base of the mountain near the beach.

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.

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PERSONALS

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■ DEAR MARY,
I have an unnaturally long tongue and have found it troublesome all my life. I can't think what do about such an annoying defect, I am constantly embarrassed by it and people frequently mention it. What would you recommend I do about it?
Eyebrow Licker, Khao Takiab

Mary says, Dear Eyebrow Licker,
First swallow your pride. What you have there is an asset. We have thought of several uses for a tongue such as yours, in fact the entire typing pool came up with the same suggestion but for reasons of good taste, we cannot mention it here. Why not (a) hire it out as a door mat, (b) a post room stamp licker, (c) a leather strop or (d) get yourself a harem.

DEAR MARY,
After six months of what seemed like blissful happiness I found out that my boyfriend is a closet Arsenal fan. Over the summer he managed to keep up the pretence that he was mildly interested in Tottenham signings but had no great interest in football but when the new season started, he could conceal his inner gooner no more.
It all came to a head last Saturday when I found him in his condo surrounded by holes he had punched in the walls. At first he told me he'd lost his job, then he told me his granddad had died and finally he tried to fob me off by pretending to be dying of cancer. But I knew it had to be something serious and then I saw his computer - he'd just looked up the Arsenal v Sunderland result!
What shall I do? This mismatch of football allegiances is certainly going to cause a massive rift between us but I don't want my otherwise functional relationship to end. He is the gentlest, most honest man I've ever met. Am I deluding myself with thoughts of this working?
Spurs Fan, Cha Am

Mary says: Dear Spurs Fan,
There is no greater threat to a relationship than conflicting football allegiances. Some choices we make, such as religion and political leanings, are quite arbitrary and meaningless; however the football team we support represents the very core of our soul.
You could try bleaching his football shirts and embroidering cockerels onto his bed sheets but basically your relationship is doomed. You can take the man out of The Emirates but you can't take The Emirates out of the man.

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The Hash Report by Cannonballs

CHA AM HASH HOUSE HARRIERS HASH NO.93 HELD WEST OF PETCHKASEM ROAD BY 217KM MARKER ON SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2009 Hares: Steakhouse and Pinkie

The usual brilliant sunshine beamed down on about 40 Hashers, all assembled in an infinite variety of colourful attire amidst open cattle country and showing that spirit of unfailing optimism which distinguishes Hashers from the rest of humanity at 4pm on a Saturday. The Hares provided a most erudite, thorough but noisy briefing, referring to certain characteristics of the Bangkok Hash which were about to be unleashed upon this unsuspecting group of hashing worthies who then set out, suitably briefed and chastened, to face the rigours before them.

The first test was a large herd of cattle passing in the opposite direction and squeezing hashers back against the bushes – a sort of Raging Bull meets Exodus moment, delaying only shortly the challenge posed by a well set trail with numerous but simple checks and a 360 degree radius of possible directions to find. Fortunately no parting of the Red Sea was required on this occasion, although, figuratively speaking, some Hashers were later to see red, of which more anon. The trail led through delightfully open country with good conditions underfoot and checks set so well as to slow down runners and enable walkers to contribute to finding the route, keeping the Hash well together throughout. These conditions did not prevent a couple of heavy falls occurring with Hashers rallying to help on each occasion. Open bush gave way to light woodland and again to sugar cane plantation and pineapple field. Such was the diversity of the vegetation that we lost any sense of a return loop and ploughed ever onward to the On In where the amber nectar flowed, as of yore.

Cannonballs apologised for the delay in getting out Misdirections and thanked Ballbanger and Scotchtape for their assistance with the assurance that the mailing list would work smoothly in future. Cannonballs downed the Hares most honourably for a good trail and then Virgins, Returners, Departers and Visitors. He downed FRBs and a number of unrepentant SCBs. Then came the christening of Dutchman, Ton, who acquired the name of Surabaya Johnnie under allegedly dubious circumstances, Dutch Cap being the other suggested soubriquet. Never has there been such indignation exploding in the Circle over these rival methods of birth control, except perhaps at a Marie Stopes convention. Dave the Rave averted open rebellion by icing Penny Lame and various others for Misdemeanours and related a jolly golfing story. Cannonballs resumed hostilities by honourably downing the Bushwhackers for achieving the accolade of a round of golf on a course without tees or greens and closed the Circle with the story of dastardly Don Pedro. The On On On was at the Chicken Coop where Mother Hen laid on her usual good fare and unfailing hospitality.

THAI BOXING

Look out for details of the regular fight nights held at the Thai Boxing Garden. These are not exhibition matches, but the real thing. Anyone interested in the art of Muay Thai should call into the Boxing Garden and talk to Khun Chop, Hua Hin's own champion. Positioned in Poolsuk Road, behind the temple, turn left beside Willi's. Tel: 032 515 269

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League

Results Matchday 24 20th February 2009

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
DIA	5	2	LSA	16	6
SUG	18	6	TW	10	2
JWB	18	6	DB	8	2
EAG	18	6	LSL	12	2
LSS	14	4	QUE	11	4
LSB	17	6	JWR	6	2
DA	9	2	CAP	16	6
OCT no Game					

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 25 27/02/2009
LSA v Queens Flower
Eagle v JW Red
JW Black v Captain's Inn
LSL v LSS
Diamond v Sugar Cane
Octopussy v Dick's Office A
Dick's Office B v LSB
no Game v Thaiwaii

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Eagle Bar	24	18	4	2	80	134	40
Queens Flower Bar	23	15	6	2	70	139	36
Lucky Shot Student's	23	15	4	4	40	74	34
Johnie Walker Black	23	16	2	5	38	99	34
Lucky Shot A	23	13	6	4	36	84	32
Lucky Shot B	24	12	6	6	24	33	30
Octopussy Bar	23	11	4	8	6	13	26
Lucky Shot Ladies	24	9	6	9	-6	-5	24
Sugar Cane Bar	23	9	3	11	8	20	21
Silverrock Bar	15	7	4	4	0	-5	18
Johnie Walker Red	24	6	6	12	-30	-76	18
Dick's Office B	23	6	2	15	-36	-72	14
Thaiwaii	24	5	3	16	-28	-51	13
Captain's Inn	23	4	4	15	-54	-99	12
Diamond Bar	23	3	4	16	-64	-128	10
Dick's Office A	24	1	2	21	-84	-160	4

Hua Hin 9-Ball League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
Mr Dan A	18	12	0	6	53	24
BenTho	17	10	0	7	17	20
LilleMan	18	8	1	9	-33	17
Red Bar	11	8	0	3	28	16
B'fly Rock	12	7	2	3	-16	16
Dicks B	15	6	2	7	-4	14
Dolphin	13	6	1	6	23	13
Plas Place	13	6	0	7	-1	12
Mr Dan B	17	4	1	12	-41	9
Dicks A	14	3	1	10	-26	7

Results Week 19
23rd February 2009
Butterfly Rock 12 - 10 Plas Place
Dicks B 17 - 8 Mr Dan B
Dolphin 13 - 11 LilleMan
Mr Dan A 14 - 11 BenTho
Red Bar 17 - 7 Dicks A
Next Weeks Fixtures
The season has finished, although there are a number of outstanding results of matches that either have not been played or results not submitted. Please contact Dan at Mr Dans for more information.

To all participants in the Hua Hin 8 Ball and 9 Ball Leagues
The organiser, Chris, has once again been hospitalised which may cause some delay to the start of the new seasons; please be patient and be assured that everything is being done in order for the new seasons to start up. Please contact Dan at Mr Dans to both register your interest in playing the new season and for the latest information.

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Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Free Time	12	9	2	1	44	20
Oasis	11	8	2	1	46	18
Bob & Noks	12	8	1	3	28	17
Harleys	12	7	1	4	32	15
Eagle	12	5	4	3	30	14
S'set B'vard	12	5	3	4	-2	13
Dizzy Dolph	12	3	3	6	-22	9
Thaiwaii	12	3	2	7	-32	8
Kun Koom	12	2	3	7	-26	7
R'way Tav	11	3	0	8	-32	6
Dara Bar	12	1	1	10	-66	3
Deja Vu	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results
Wed 25th February 2009
Bob and Noks 11 - 7 Kun Koom
Harleys Bar 10 - 8 Eagle Bar
Oasis Bar 13 - 5 Dizzy Dolphin
Sunset Boulevard 10 - 8 Dara Bar
Thaiwaii 5 - 13 Free Time Bar

Next Week's Fixtures
Wed 4th March 2009
Dara Bar v Bob and Noks
Dizzy Dolphin v Railway Tavern
Eagle Bar v Oasis Bar
Free Time Bar v Harleys Bar
Kun Koom v Thaiwaii

Hua Hin Social Pool League

Results
Week 25 – 25th February 2009
Headrock v Butterfly Rock – n/a
Limelight v JW Black 8-11
U Turn v Billys 7-12
J Juice B v J Juice A 11-8
Billys Babes v Lazy Daze - n/a
JW Red v PP 6-13
Sabai v Red Bar - n/a

Next Weeks Fixtures:
Week 26 – 4th March 2009
Butterfly Rock v Sabai
Red Bar v JW Red
PP v Billys Babes
Lazy Daze v Jungle Juice B
Jungle Juice A v U Turn
Billys v Limelight
JW Black v Headrock

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
PP	25	22	3	278-197	44
J Juice B	24	18	6	264-190	36
Billys Bbs	23	16	7	242-195	32
JW Black	23	15	8	237-200	30
Billys	24	13	11	239-219	28
J Juice A	23	13	9	215-204	26
Lazy Dz	23	13	10	207-207	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	22	8	14	204-217	16
Limelight	24	7	17	201-234	14
B'fly Rock	17	1	16	119-201	2
JW Red	19	1	18	118-228	2

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results & League Tables - Week 1 24th February

Division 1
JW Black v Dicks Office B n/a
Oasis v CAT 6-6
Scandic Bar A v Paradise 1-11
Lazy Daze v JW Red 1-11

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
P'dise	1	1	0	0	11-1	2
JW Red	1	1	0	0	11-1	2
Oasis	1	0	1	0	6-6	1
CAT	1	0	1	0	6-6	1
Scan A	1	0	0	1	1-11	0
Lazy D	1	0	0	1	1-11	0
JW Blk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dicks B	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2
Kom Hom v Butterfly Rock 6-6
Jaew v Scandic Bar B 12-0
Lucky Shot v Railway Tav 12-0
Dicks A v Kom Hom Ladies 12-0

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Lcky S	1	1	0	0	12-0	2
Jaew	1	1	0	0	12-0	2
Dicks A	1	1	0	0	12-0	2
B'fly Rk	1	0	1	0	6-6	1
Kom H	1	0	1	0	6-6	1
Scan B	1	0	0	1	0-12	0
R'way	1	0	0	1	0-12	0
KH Lds	1	0	0	1	0-12	0

Next Week's Fixtures - Week 2 03/03/2009

Division 1
Paradise v Lazy Daze
CAT v Scandic Bar A
Dicks Office B v JW Red
JW Black v Oasis

Division 2
Railway Tavern v Dicks Office A
Scandic Bar B v Lucky Shot
Eero v Kom Hom Ladies
Kom Hom v Jaew

Top 16

Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Stuart	P	5	6	2	1	6	2	1	5	0	28
Tao	Cat	5	6	2	1	7	2	0	5	0	28
Anna	JWR	5	6	0	2	5	1	0	4	0	23
Mark	O	5	2	2	0	2	0	0	5	0	16
Don	Cat	5	2	2	1	3	0	0	3	0	16
Supee	JWR	5	2	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	15
Rene	JWR	5	2	0	1	3	1	0	3	0	15
Pim	P	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	11
Golf	SBA	0	2	0	1	4	0	0	3	0	10
Doug M	P	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	10

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Jim	DOA	5	6	0	1	7	2	0	6	0	27
Danny	LS	5	6	0	2	3	0	0	2	0	18
Theo	LS	5	3	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	16
Bruce	DOA	5	3	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	16
Muay	JB	5	6	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	16
Pekka	BR	0	6	0	2	2	0	0	5	0	15

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

Sunday 8th March - Dick's Office Quiz night

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
- Green Lotus Bar & Restaurant, Soi 88 (Bonkai) 169 baht BBQ every fortnight - 12th Dec BBQ Pork

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:

24th February - Black Mountain 54 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-16 hcp - Stableford 28 players

1st Usko 37 pts 7 hcp, 2nd Jill Moore 36 pts 13 hcp, 3rd Kjell Herbertson 34 pts 13 hcp, 4th Wij 33 pts 11 hcp, 5th Pailin Humphrey 33 pts 14 hcp, 6th Mike Wilson 33 pts 14 hcp.

Group 'B' - 17-36 hcp - Stableford 26 Players

1st Berny Morgan 40 pts 22 hcp, 2nd Charlie (g) 40 pts 23 hcp, 3rd Andy Bayes 37 pts 22 hcp, 4th Paul Sandal 35 pts 18 hcp, 5th Thongmee 35 pts 24 hcp, 6th Terry Burge 34 pts 17 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 3 Alain de Rocker, No. 11 Paul Sandal

20th February Springfield 60 Entrants 15 tms 4 Ball Scramble

1st Rene Benard, Robert Baker, Berny Morgan, Roger Donaldson 57.1 net 4.9 Hcp, 2nd Pat Hillier, Gilbert, Hiang, Ernie 59.3 net 6.7 Hcp, 3rd Graeme Pearson, John, Jimmy Gilmour, Peter Bourne 59.3 net 6.7 Hcp, 4th David Baird, Kurt (Kurre), Bill C. Rob 59.4 net 7.6 Hcp, 5th Mike, Chris Davidson, Per, Dickie Bird 60.5 net 4.5 Hcp, 6th Paul Sandal, Simon Rouse, Peter Tucker, Wij 60.6 net 4.4 Hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 6 Lek Hawthorne, No. 17 Barry Moore

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 3rd March Majestic Creek

Friday 6th March Black Mountain

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

February 20th 2009 Palm Hills Stableford 14 Players

Front 9 - Craig Miller 22 pts, Back 9 - Deborah Rawlings 16 pts

Overall - Craig Miller 34 pts

February 23rd 2009 Lake View A&B Stableford 21 Players

1st Gary Ross - 36 pts, 2nd Barbara Anstee - 34 pts, 3rd Alan Rawson - 33 pts, 4th Bryan McLeod - 33 pts

February 25th February 2009 Palm Hills Medal 17 Players

1st Alan Rawson 74, 2nd Craig Miller 75, 3rd Sven Wermelin 75, 4th Timo Ripatti 76

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 2nd March Lake View

Friday 6th March Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 21 February 2009

Arsenal 0-0 Sunderland
Aston Villa 0-1 Chelsea
Bolton 2-1 West Ham
Man Utd 2-1 Blackburn
Middlesbrough 0-0 Wigan
Stoke 2-2 Portsmouth

Sunday, 22 February 2009

Fulham 2-0 West Brom
Liverpool 1-1 Man City
Newcastle 0-0 Everton

Monday, 23 February 2009

Hull 1-2 Tottenham

Tuesday, 24 February 2009

UEFA Champions League

Arsenal 1-0 Roma
Atletico Madrid 2-2 FC Porto
Inter Milan 0-0 Man Utd
Lyon 1-1 Barcelona

FA Cup 5th round replays

Coventry 1-0 Blackburn
Fulham 2-1 Swansea

Wednesday, 25 February 2009

UEFA Champions League

Chelsea 1-0 Juventus
Real Madrid 0-1 Liverpool
Sporting Lisbon 0-5
Bayern Munich
Villarreal 1-1 Panathinaikos

FA Cup 5th round replay

Middlesbrough 2-0 West Ham

FA Cup 6th-round draw

Coventry City v Chelsea
Fulham v Manchester United
Arsenal/Burnley v Sheff. Utd/Hull
Everton v Middlesbrough
Ties to be played on 7/8 March

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EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 28 February 2009

Everton v West Brom, 19:45

No Arteta but Everton still too strong. Home win.

Arsenal v Fulham, 22:00

Gunners struggling and Fulham improving, a surprise away win.

Chelsea v Wigan, 22:00

Despite the 10 point gap the Blues will still feel they are in the title race, and Hiddink seems to have settled them down. Home win.

M'brough v Liverpool, 22:00

'Boro need to start scoring if they have any chance of survival, but it seems unlikely against a misfiring Liverpool side. Away win.

Sunday, 01 March 2009

Hull v Blackburn, 19:30

Hull's recent results have not been good and this one is crucial after defeat against Spurs. Expect a gritty and muscular Blackburn performance and an away win.

West Ham v Man City, 19:30

Unlucky to lose last week the Hammers are playing well. Should be entertaining. Home win.

Bolton v Newcastle, 20:00

Tough one to call but home advantage may just sneak it.

Aston Villa v Stoke, 22:00

Villa should tear Stoke apart in this one - could be 4 or 5-0.

Wednesday, 4 March 2009

Portsmouth v Chelsea, 02:45

Pompey were lucky to draw last week and this will be another convincing win for the away side.

West Brom v Arsenal, 02:45

However poor Arsenal's form is they surely can't lose to the bottom club - can they? Yes they can!

Liverpool v Sunderland, 03:00

Expect another battling defensive display from the Black Cats and a narrow win for the Reds.

Thursday, 5 March 2009

Man City v Aston Villa, 02:45

Villa's away form is exceptional and one thing is almost certain - this won't be a draw! Away win.

Newcastle v Man Utd, 02:45

The Toon have a habit of upsetting United and this will be a draw.

Stoke v Bolton, 02:45

Stoke are relying on their home form to survive and need to win this. We think they will.

Wigan v West Ham, 02:45

Another clash of Europe aspiring teams that is likely to be a draw.

Blackburn v Everton, 03:00

A bruising encounterbetween two teams battling at opposite ends of the table. Away win.

Fulham v Hull, 03:00

Resurgent Fulham to continue their impressive home run.

Tottenham v M'brough, 03:00

Spurs surely can't lose to a poor 'Boro side can they? No they can't! 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	26	12	1	0	30	5	7	4	2	16	6	35	62
2	Liverpool	26	7	6	0	20	8	8	4	1	23	10	25	55
3	Chelsea	26	6	5	2	21	7	9	2	2	24	8	30	52
4	Aston Villa	26	5	6	2	18	13	10	0	3	22	12	15	51
5	Arsenal	26	7	4	2	18	11	5	5	3	20	14	13	45
6	Everton	26	4	5	4	18	16	7	3	3	16	12	6	41
7	Wigan	26	6	4	3	13	11	3	4	6	13	13	2	35
8	Fulham	25	8	3	1	21	9	0	6	7	3	13	2	33
9	West Ham	26	6	1	6	18	17	3	5	5	14	17	-2	33
10	Man City	26	8	0	5	28	12	1	5	7	15	23	8	32
11	Sunderland	26	5	2	6	15	15	3	5	5	12	18	-6	31
12	Bolton	26	5	2	6	13	15	4	1	8	16	23	-9	30
13	Hull	26	3	3	7	14	27	4	5	4	18	21	-16	29
14	Tottenham	26	4	5	4	11	9	3	2	8	17	23	-4	28
15	Newcastle	26	4	6	3	19	20	2	4	7	14	22	-9	28
16	Portsmouth	26	5	2	6	18	21	2	5	6	11	22	-14	28
17	Stoke	26	6	4	3	15	13	0	3	10	8	29	-19	25
18	Blackburn	25	3	4	6	15	21	2	4	6	13	21	-14	23
19	M'brough	26	3	6	4	10	15	2	2	9	8	21	-18	23
20	West Brom	26	5	2	6	18	24	1	2	10	6	25	-25	22

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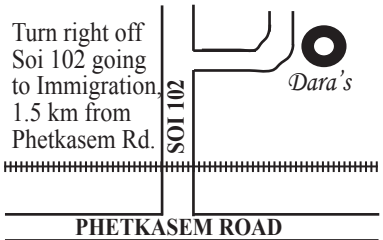

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STANFORD 'COULD BE ANYWHERE' ADMITS FBI

6 foot tall Texan cricket lover not easy to find

■ TEXAS, USA

SIR Allen Stanford, the six foot four Texan with an obsessive love of cricket, could be impossible to find, the FBI admitted last night.

The businessman has vanished without a trace leaving thousands of investors worried for their futures and wondering why yet another Texan billionaire was so interested in cricket anyway.

An FBI spokesman said: "It's needle in a haystick time. We will of course be searching all over the West Indies, central America and even the tiny islands of the South Pacific, but let's be honest these places are already crawling with gigantic Texan cricket fans.

"He may try to assume a new identity, but if our undercover agents come across someone we think might be Stanford we'll engage him in a conversation about barbeques, guns and cricket but then make some really crass mistakes about the rules of the game in a bid to flush him out.

"If you are sitting at a bar and you hear a large man talking in a thick Texan drawl about silly-mid off, googlies and the bowling-style of someone called Curtly Ambrose, then please let us know so we can eliminate him from our inquiries."

The spokesman added: "We're also asking port authorities throughout the Carribbean and the Gulf of Mexico to notify us immediately if a huge, cricket bat-shaped submarine surfaces within their jurisdiction."

Meanwhile the England and Wales Cricket Board has admitted errors of judgement in its relationship with Stanford and is now desperately seeking a new unscrupulous millionaire to defile the national game.

Sir Allen Stanford looking the epitome of smarmy

An ECB spokesman said: "When does Conrad Black get out of jail?"

Carling Cup Final Preview

Sunday, 01 March 2009

Man Utd v Tottenham, 22:00 (Thai time)

At time of writing it is unclear whether this will be shown on Thai TV, however it was last year so hopefully it will this as it is likley to be an end to end entertaining match. On current form no one can touch Manchester United, who seem to be imperiously heading towards the Premier League title, along with at least one other trophy, possibly more. Spurs on the other hand have been inconsistent and are still very much involved at the other end of the table. However they have considerable pedigree in this competition and are generally a 'Cup side', and are the current holders of the trophy having beaten Chelsea last year. United are unlikely to field their first choice team, with starts expected for midfielder Darren Gibson and veteran Gary Neville, while Spurs do not have Carlo Cudicini available as he is cup tied, so Heurelho Gomes will take his place in goal. This will be a lot tighter than current form and league position suggests, and we predict that it will go to extra time and penalties, with Manchester United coming out on top eventually.

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