

Pattaya here we come!

Proposed ferry service to start in October or sooner if sea trials successful

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

When local expats first heard of a plan to launch a regular ferry service between Pattaya and Hua Hin, most laughed it off as just another pipe dream to go with the 'Disneyland in Hua Hin' and 'Bangkok to Hua Hin oversea superhighway' stories.

Now it seems as though that disbelief was misplaced, as the Swedish owners of Thailiving Ferry have announced that the catamaran vessel they will be using is now undergoing sea trials; if these are passed then they will be able to eventually operate a twice daily service across the Gulf.

The website of the company is not completely ready as yet, but has got an announcement that the service will start in October 2009; however Pattaya Today reports that the service will start later this month.



The catamaran 'Imagine' will slash journey times between Pattaya and Hua Hin

The craft, named 'Imagine' will be licenced to carry up to 100 passengers, and the trip is expected to take 3 hours. No official information is available yet as to price or the departure and arrival points but we will bring this to you as soon as it is known. It was reported in the Pattaya press last month that the price was likely to

be 1200 baht each way however.

The owners have spent two years already to get to this point and it must be hoped that they will have learned from other failed attempts to run such a service; certainly the main concern for many would be the sea conditions at certain times of year and the implications for comfort and safety. We will keep a watching brief.

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SWINE FLU SLOWLY CATCHING UP WITH DIARRHOEA AND HICCUPS

■ BANGKOK, THAILAND

THE number of cases of swine flu could catch up with the number of cases of hiccups and diarrhoea, given 10-12 years, doctors have claimed.

As the department of health turned the panic knob back up to seven, GPs said there was a danger that runny tummies and spasmodic diaphragms could eventually be outnumbered if the air force carpet-bombed all of Thailand's major towns and cities with water balloons filled with swine flu round-the-clock, for a fortnight.

A spokesman for the Thai Medical Association said: "There are currently about three million cases of hiccups, some of them very nasty indeed.

"Meanwhile there are about four million cases of diarrhoea, all of them very nasty indeed.

"There is even a handful of people who have diarrhoea and hiccups, and that's one of the worst combinations you can get. Probably even worse than toothache and plague. It's certainly messier.

"But where is their leaflet? Where is their TV advert? Where is their desperate, pathetic front page of the Daily News?"

The TMA is proposing three large digital counters at Victory Monument in the centre of Bangkok to display a running total of Thailand's swine flu, diarrhoea and hiccup victims.

The spokesman added: "If at any point the swine flu total overtakes one of the other two you will either s**t yourself or be so frightened it will cure your hiccups.

"As for all the swine flu, there's a good chance that I have contracted it and then recovered from it at some point between the beginning and the end of this sentence."

In other swine flu news, from the UK, Sky News reported that England and Manchester City footballer Micah Richards has caught on to the trend. Says Micah from Cyprus:

"At first I thought it was a really bad chest infection, or maybe alcohol poisoning. I felt so weak I couldn't move or eat."

"When I was told I had swine flu all sorts of things started going through my mind. You see on the news people dying of it."



Richards (above) thought he caught swine flu when he was called a pig in a Cyprus nightclub

Meanwhile, a medical chief has said there was no need for alarm after a hospital patient became the first British person without underlying health problems to die after contracting swine flu.

That's right, one person in the UK who was not already acutely ill has died from swine flu. Just one.

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■ LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

Back to the WAGs with a bang this week, and this is Abbey Clancy, who has just announced her engagement to England striker and freak Peter Crouch, who himself looks to be on the move from his current club Portsmouth (see page 18). Clancy was a member of failed girl band Genie Queen, but then found her true calling as a model and media darling after appearing on Britain's Next Top Model (coming second to Lianna Fowler) and being seen with Crouch during the 2006 World Cup.

The engagement has come as a bit of a surprise because Crouch and Clancy famously broke up during the 2006 World Cup amid accusations and rumours of drug taking and infidelity. Clancy was briefly dating Jason Statham after this but has now used those immortal words 'we're just friends'.

Clancy's actual job has been as a lingerie and bikini model but seems to be being groomed to become a TV presenter/celebrity, which can't be a bad thing for the male viewers.



Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C	
		Low	High
Sat	A p.m. t-storm in spots	27	33
Sun	Times of clouds and sun	26	34
Mon	A t-storm around in the p.m.	25	34
Tues	A thunderstorm or two	27	33
Wed	Cloudy, a shower in the p.m.	27	31
Thur	A little morning rain; cloudy	27	32
Fri	Cloudy	27	32

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 17th July 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	14	26	Showers
Athens	22	36	Fine
Auckland	10	15	Showers
Beijing	24	32	Overcast
Berlin	18	29	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	6	12	Rain
Chicago	17	29	Cloudy
Copenhagen	14	21	Showers
Dubai	30	40	Partly Cloudy
Dublin	8	17	Showers
Geneva	18	30	Fine
Helsinki	13	23	Chance of Rain
Ho Chi Minh	23	29	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	28	34	Thunderstorms
Islamabad	27	42	Clear
Jakarta	24	33	Cloudy
Jerusalem	20	28	Fine
Johannesburg	0	14	Fine
Kuala Lumpur	24	34	Fine
London	14	24	Showers
Madrid	19	35	Fine
Manila	28	34	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	12	26	Rain
Moscow	16	26	Fine
New Delhi	26	37	Showers
New York	19	31	Thunderstorms
Oslo	10	21	Chance of Rain
Paris	17	28	Showers
Perth	9	16	Chance of Rain
Phnom-Penh	24	29	Thunderstorms
Rio De Janeiro	15	26	Mist
Riyadh	29	44	Clear
Rome	22	31	Fine
San Francisco	13	24	Fine
Singapore	25	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	14	23	Chance of Rain
Sydney	8	16	Showers
Tokyo	24	30	Cloudy
Vienna	22	29	Fine
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Yangon	22	32	Thunderstorms
Zurich	16	28	Fine

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Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

Health issues have dominated the hot topics of the week as an array of ailments, medication requests, and grumbles about overcharging hospitals have hit the forums. It maybe that time of year when the rains are setting in that residents start to feel under the weather. Visitors can also get the latest updates on what medication is available in Hua Hin, as there is no shortage of pharmacies but what they stock and what's available over the counter is another matter. The media frenzy over the escalation of H1N1 cases in Thailand also has people talking. Schools are probably one of the areas where infection can spread fast and kids wearing face masks may soon be commonplace in them. Whether you're a diehard conspiracy theorist who thinks that it's all a ploy by governments and drug companies to boost their profits or an overly sensitive hypochondriac currently constructing a quarantine shelter you can have your say on the boards.

More information came to light on the long-awaited high-speed ferry link between Hua Hin and Pattaya. It looks like it will finally go ahead with local papers over the pond reporting of a launch this month. The Scandinavian owned Thai Living Ferry Company plan to run a daily catamaran licensed to carry a hundred passengers however, since they had no website that we could find, prices, schedules and departure points are still a mystery... don't hold your breath! If the service does proceed the biggest concern

from Hua Hin's expats would be an influx of Russian undesirables that currently populate Pattaya.

Computer conundrums seem to be plaguing a few but they can usually get a quick answer from the geeks at the online 'digitalsurgery' on the website. For those that need more serious treatment there are two workshops in Hua Hin offering PC servicing and repair, details are also on the site. The second computer constructed from donated parts is also underway now, and will be sent to Mercy House Orphanage in Pranburi on completion. The project, started by HHAD members, involves collecting old computer components and building working machines that can then be donated to local charities. If you have any working parts that are less than four years old please drop them off at the Hua Hin Ham & Bacon shop on Soi 41.

Finally we end on a sad note as Hua Hin mourns the loss of Khun Tuck Dechapanya who passed away on July 2 and was cremated at Hua Hin temple on July 12. Loong Tuck was the first and only high profile resident of Hua Hin to act as an arbitrator and facilitator for foreigners with disputes to settle. Although he was not able to assist everybody he tirelessly dedicated his life to the town and the well being of its inhabitants and will be missed by many.

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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...

The rub of the green

Luck; especially in sports and pastimes played on a green surface.

Snooker and golf commentators in the UK often refer to the 'rub of the green'. From the context of their remarks it is clear that what they mean by the phrase is 'luck', usually bad luck. It could be assumed that the green in question was the green baize cloth that covers the snooker table or a golf putting green. However, despite both sports having ancient origins, the term rub was first used in the game of bowls. A 'rub' is any hindrance or impediment that diverts the bowl from its proper course. The term is virtually synonymous with 'let', which also remains with us in lawn tennis and in the expression 'let or hindrance'.

Some of the early 16th century references to rubs are figurative, and so we can assume that the literal term rub was in use before then. Shakespeare alludes to a rub in Richard II, 1593:

Lady: Madame, wee'le play at Bowles.

Queen: 'Twill make me thinke the World is full of Rubs, And that my fortune runnes against the Byas.

Of course, Shakespeare also referred to 'the rub', with the meaning of 'the obstacle', in one of his best-known passages - Hamlet's 'To be, or not to be' speech:

To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub;

For in that sleep of death what dreams may come

The first appearance of 'rub of the green' in print found doesn't have anything to do with sport, but from Philip Horneck's The High-German Doctor, 1716, which is a strange rambling discourse on the occult. Horneck uses the expression as the name of a character. The first citation found of the current, sporting meaning of the term does come from the world of golf - in Golf, A Royal & Ancient Game, edited by R. Clark, 1875: "Whatever happens to a ball by accident... must be reckoned a rub of the green."

Over time, a 'rub' has altered in meaning from a physical hump, dip or some other hindrance on the green's surface to 'a stroke of good or bad fortune'.

Have you heard or found yourself using a phrase or saying and wondered where it came from? Send your suggestions to us at awol@huahinmedia.com and we will do our best to find the origin of them.

Your STARS with The Sage Monkey

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The reappearance of the simian stargazer should tell you only one thing; The Sage got his horse tips right, and we only have peanuts for pay this week. OK, that's two things but who reads this stuff anyway? Once again our thanks go to Ben for chivvyng his cheap as chips chimp to chart our chequered channels, cheekily chastising and cheering the chaps and chapesses that check this chapter of clairvoyance. Cheers!



Capricorn

Dec 22 - Jan 19

The moon passing through the centre of the Southern Cross is a very good sign for you indeed. Unfortunately, for such a thing to happen, an asteroid the size of the moon needs to crash into earth first.



Aquarius

Jan 20 - Feb 18

When they said that you could look at a solar eclipse through a CD, they meant the silver part. Not the hole in the middle. Now you're the saddest person in the Thai market, going around singing lousy traditional Thai songs through an echoing mike.



Pisces

Feb 19 - Mar 20

Now that the age of Pisces is at its end, you will find that more and more you're going to lose conflicts more and more. Your sign's influence is waning, and you'd better prepare for submission, as in the year 2150, we'll enter the new age.



Aries

Mar 21 - Apr 19

A bottle of wine would've been more effective to win her over. Now all that you can do, is making love to the left-over warm apple pie. And the monkey whispers that it's not all that's it's said to be.



Taurus

Apr 20 - May 20

Barge in, say what's on your mind, and barge out again. Resistance to your opinion is futile, and the local society for the hard of hearing will be able to make jokes about your attitude for weeks.



Gemini

May 21 - Jun 21

Predicting the future isn't an exact science, but this week the monkey presents it very precisely for you. On Wednesday it'll first be two o'clock, then two thirty, and exactly thirty minutes after that it'll be three o'clock. Prepare well for it.



Cancer

Jun 22 - Jul 22

All signs in the universe agree. While well intended, raising a seven months old boy all by yourself is not something you should attempt just yet. You're only eight years old yourself!



Leo

Jul 23 - Aug 22

Most people know that it takes skill, talent and training to win an amateur wrestling contest. You on the other hand, will only realise this when you're gasping for breath spread-eagled on the backrest of one of the arena's seats.



Virgo

Aug 23 - Sep 22

It is a good idea for you to take a trip to the mountains. The scenery is beautiful there, the air is refreshing, and you won't be home when that place is hit by a meteorite.



Libra

Sep 23 - Oct 23

An intimate request from a person close to you has had you weighing your options. Even though you feel you haven't fully considered all sides of the proposal, you will be given an ultimatum this week. And to be honest, I don't think it's unfair. It's about time to make up your mind, after three years!



Scorpio

Oct 24 - Nov 21

To find a solution to your most pressing issues, buy a magic wand, a starry cape, and a wizards hat. The children at the nursery will love it, and having a job for a change will help you pay your own bills.



Sagittarius

Nov 22 - Dec 21

Analyse this, have dinner, Analyse that, and you've wasted another lonely Saturday night in front of the TV.

Weird news round up

■ LIVORNO, ITALY

Bride's bouquet causes plane to crash

The age-old tradition of a bride throwing a bouquet at her wedding reception caused a light aircraft to crash in the Italian port city of Livorno.

A newly-married bride and groom had hired a small plane to fly past their female guests and throw the flowers to them at Montioni park in Suvereto.

A passenger on the aircraft, named as Isidoro Pensieri, 44, had the job of throwing the bouquet as pilot Luciano Nannelli flew past. According to reports, it is believed the bunch of flowers became entangled as it was thrown and was sucked into one of the engines, causing it to catch fire and explode.

The plane went into a nosedive and plunged into a hostel. Fortunately, the plane's pilot and the hostel's 50 guests escaped unscathed.

Bouquet-thrower Ms Pensieri was not so lucky. Italian media reports she suffered multiple fractures and a head injury and was taken to hospital by helicopter.



■ STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

Swearing helps overcome pain

Blurting out several swear words when you stub your toe or hit your thumb with a hammer can actually help overcome the pain.

People belting out obscenities were able to withstand pain for nearly 50 per cent longer than if they were using normal words, a study found. 'We are not sure why swearing works like this but when it happens it's accompanied by an increase in heart rate,' said lead researcher Dr Richard Stephens of Keele University. 'It could be the aggression of swearing – the machismo – makes you more pain resistant.'

To test the theory 66 volunteer students submerged a hand into icy water for as long as possible while repeating a swear word of their choice.

Wayne Rooney (below) can play through the pain



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What's the difference between a bitch and a whore?

A whore sleeps with everyone at the party,a bitch sleeps with everyone at the party EXCEPT you.

GUTS AND BALLS DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

There is a medical distinction. We've all heard about people having guts or balls, but do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, the definitions are listed below:

GUTS - Is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to ask: 'Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?'

BALLS - Is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the butt and having the balls to say: You're next, Chubby.'

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions. Medically speaking there is no difference in the outcome. Both result in death.

Many thanks to Bobby (The Dartman, British Breakfast Foods) for that old chestnut!

PAYBACK IN VEGAS

A successful businessman flew to Vegas for the weekend to gamble. He lost the shirt off his back, and had nothing left but a quarter and the second half of his round trip ticket. If he could just get to the airport he could get himself home. So he went out to the front of the casino where there was a cab waiting.

He got in and explained his situation to the cabbie. He promised to send the driver money from home, he offered him his credit card numbers, his drivers license number, his address, etc. but to no avail. The cabbie said, "If you don't have fifteen dollars, get the hell out of my cab!" So the businessman was forced to hitch-hike to the airport and was barely in time to catch his flight.

One year later the businessman, having worked long and hard to regain his financial success, returned to Vegas and this time he won big. Feeling pretty good about himself, he went out to the front of the casino to get a cab ride back to the airport.

Well who should he see out there, at the end of a long line of cabs, but his old buddy who had refused to give him a ride when he was down on his luck. The businessman thought for a moment about how he could make the guy pay for his lack of charity, and he hit on a plan.

The businessman got in the first cab in the line. "How much for a ride to the airport?" he asked.

"Fifteen bucks," came the reply.

"And how much for you to give me a blowjob on the way?"

"What?! Get the hell out of my cab."

The businessman got into the back of each cab in the long line and asked the same questions, with the same result. When he got to his old friend at the back of the line, he got in and asked, "How much for a ride to the airport?" The cabbie replied, "Fifteen bucks." The businessman said, "OK" and off they went. Then, as the drove slowly past the long line of cabs the businessman gave a big smile and thumbs up sign to each driver.



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■ DEAR MARY,

I am a 57 year old man and I have always been pretty healthy. I have always eaten a lot of fruit and in particular my favourite, which is pineapples. However when I lived in the UK I rarely had fresh pineapples, but since moving to Thailand two years ago I have revelled in the lovely fresh pineapple you get here, and my intake of them has soared. However this has led to a rather embarrassing side effect, as my manhood has started to take on the shape and colour of a pineapple, complete with the green leaves coming out of the top. While the appearance does not bother me and it still functions properly, I am finding that it is rather scaring the girls away. I have stopped eating pineapples but it doesn't seem to have had any effect and if anything it is getting bigger and more pineapple like by the day. What do you suggest I do? Doleful, Prachuap

Mary says: Dear Doleful,

The first thing I have to tell you is that this is not as unusual a condition as you might think; many men suffer from penile morphing based on the foods they eat most, although this is the first time I have heard of a pineapple case. Not many people realise that the problems of size that many Asian men have is because of how many noodles they eat, while a good proportion of American men suffer because of hot dogs. My own previous husband was particularly fond of marrows when I first met him, but then went off them and started eating pickled gherkins all the time, and after a year or so of that I divorced him. My suggestion to you is that you start eating mangos, and whatever you do steer clear of spaghetti and spring onions. You should be back in shape in no time, and some.

DEAR MARY,

I know this is going to sound corny, but I have fallen in love with someone I shouldn't have. She spurns my natural emotions, she makes me feel like dirt and I'm hurt; but if I start a commotion, I run the risk of losing her and that's worse. You see, she may be the beauty or the beast, may be the famine or the feast, may turn each day into a heaven or a hell, because 'she' is an elephant that I met on a trip to the Pala U waterfalls, and there's just something about her that's so right - the touch of her trunk, the beautiful eyes that melt my heart, the enormous strength but at the same time an incredible grace and gentleness. I am trying to persuade the owner to let me buy her so I can have her all to myself but he is asking for more money than I can get hold of. I travel up to see her every day now but they won't let me stay the night with her. What can I do?

Dumbo, Cha Am

Mary says: Dear Dumbo,

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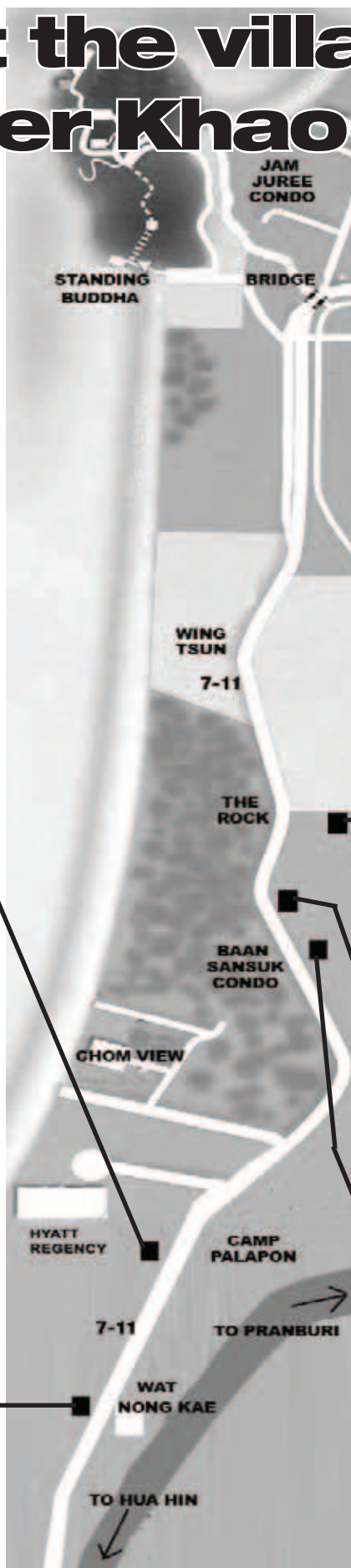
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Puzzle 2

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Sudoku Hints For Beginners

Look for the obvious. Is there a row, column, or region that has one cell unsolved? If there is you can quickly find the solution. Count from 1 to 9 locating each number in that row, column, or region. The missing number is the solution for that empty cell.

Where do you start? It is better to have a systematic approach to solving Sudoku. A good way to start is by first looking for a number that has the most "givens".

Look for the only possible choice. Sometimes you will encounter the situation where there is only one place a number can possibly go. This is discovered by working systematically through each line and box in turn. Good luck!

Last week's solutions

Puzzle 1

5	4	1	8	3	6	9	7	2
7	3	6	9	2	1	4	5	8
9	2	8	7	5	4	3	6	1
3	8	9	5	4	7	1	2	6
1	6	7	2	9	8	5	3	4
2	5	4	1	6	3	8	9	7
6	7	3	4	1	9	2	8	5
4	9	2	6	8	5	7	1	3
8	1	5	3	7	2	6	4	9

Puzzle 2

2	7	1	9	4	8	5	3	6
5	6	3	1	7	2	8	9	4
8	9	4	3	5	6	1	7	2
4	1	9	8	3	7	2	6	5
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6	8	5	2	9	4	7	1	3
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9	3	2	5	8	1	6	4	7
7	5	8	4	6	9	3	2	1

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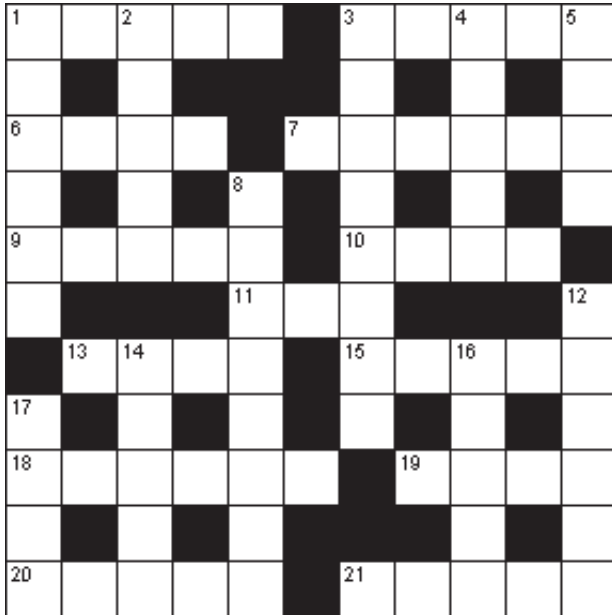
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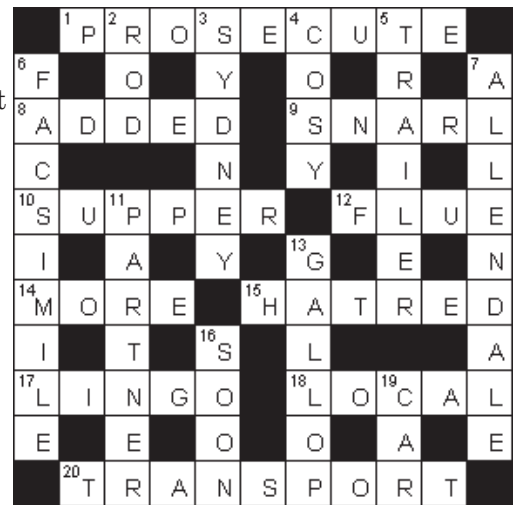
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 6. Egyptian river
 7. Violin
 9. Beyond what is usual
 10. All time
 11. Long-tailed rodent
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 15. Indian tent
 18. Marked with rings
 19. Timber
 20. Eyeglasses
 21. Line of people



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- Down
1. Ember
 2. Very small island
 3. Short dagger
 4. Flat shelf
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 12. Interfere
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Last week's solution right



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Hua Hin 8 Ball League

Results

Week 17 8th July 2009

MrDanA 6 - 6 Komhom

SC Students 7 - 5 Eagle Bar

DicksA v LilleMan n/a

Week 18 results next week

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Komhom	12	6	4	2	28	16
Eagle Bar	10	6	1	3	26	13
SC Stdents	10	6	0	4	6	12
DicksA	10	5	1	4	-2	11
MrDanA	12	4	2	6	0	10
SportCntre	8	4	1	3	2	9
Pla's Place	10	3	2	5	-20	8
DicksB	9	3	1	5	-14	7
LilleMan	11	3	0	8	-26	6

Next Week's Fixtures

Week 19 22nd July 2009

Eagle Bar v Komhom

MrDanA v DicksB

Sportcenter Students v LilleMan

There are a number of outstanding results/fixtures - please check the website or with Dan and either play the games or inform Dan of the results if played already.

Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League

Results

Matchday 12 10th July 2009

Home	Rks	Pts	Away	Rks	Pts
LSA	15	5	JWB	14	3
EAG	8	2	SB	18	6
RTB	14	4	QUE	14	4
JWR	8	1	OCT	19	7
PAT	15	5	DB	11	3
TW	17	5	LST	12	3
LSS	17	6	SUG	10	2
DA	7	1	LSB	18	7

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Lucky Shot Student's	12	7	4	1	26	49	18
Sunset Boulevard	12	7	4	1	20	49	18
Thaiwaii	12	7	4	1	16	31	18
Eagle Bar	12	8	1	3	30	46	17
Queens Flower Bar	12	7	3	2	24	50	17
Octopussy Bar	12	7	1	4	20	31	15
Lucky Shot A	12	5	5	2	12	25	15
Lucky Shot B	12	5	4	3	14	24	14
Return Bar	12	4	3	5	2	-3	11
Johnie Walker Black	12	4	3	5	0	8	11
Sugar Cane Bar	12	4	2	6	2	-7	10
Pats Point	12	5	0	7	-18	-45	10
Lucky Shot Thai	12	4	1	7	-12	-18	9
Johnie Walker Red	12	2	3	7	-32	-41	7
Dick's Office B	12	1	0	11	-46	-89	2
Dick's Office A	12	0	0	12	-58	-110	0

Hua Hin 9 Ball League

Results

Week 18 13th July 2009

Dicks B 11 - 14 LilleMan

SC Students 12 - 14 Mr Dan A

Next Week's Fixtures

The season is over!

Congratulations to Sportcenter who led for most of the season and held off a determined challenge by Mr Dan A and Lille Man.

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Sportcenter	12	9	0	3	14	18
Mr Dan A	12	8	1	3	22	17
LilleMan	12	8	0	4	18	16
Plas Place	11	6	0	5	12	12
SC Stdents	12	6	0	6	-7	12
Dicks B	11	2	0	9	-31	4
Dicks A	12	1	1	10	-28	3

Next Week's Fixtures

Matchday 13 17th July 2009

Octopussy v Lucky Shot A

Dick's Office B v Return Bar

Lucky Shot Th v Sunset B'vard

JW Black v Lucky S Stdts

Lucky Shot B v Eagle

Queens Flower v Dick's Office A

Sugar Cane v JW Red

Pat's Point v Thaiwaii

Please contact Dan at Mr Dans to register your interest in playing next season. Matches are held on Mondays and new teams are welcome. Dan can be contacted on Tel: +66 32 531304

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Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results - Scandic Cup

Initial rounds of Group 1:

Scandic B v R'way Tavern 15 - 3
Dicks Office v Lucky Shot 6 - 12
Scandic A v Lucky Shot 18 - 0
Scandic B v Dicks Office 16 - 2
Scandic B v Lucky Shot 15 - 3
Scandic A v Dicks Office 15 - 3
R'way Tavern v Dicks Office 9 - 9
Scandic A v Scandic B 15 - 3
R'way Tavern v Lucky Shot 0 - 18
Scandic A v Railway Tavern 18 - 0

Table Group 1:

TEAM	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Scan A	4	4	0	0	66	6	8
Scan B	4	3	0	1	49	23	6
Lucky Sh	4	2	0	2	33	39	4
R'way Tv	4	0	1	3	12	60	1
Dicks Off	4	0	1	3	20	52	1

Initial rounds of Group 2:

Cat Bar v Pat Point 18 - 0
Thaiwail v Scandic C 8 - 10
Pat Point v Scandic C 10 - 8
Cat Bar v Thaiwail 16 - 2
Pat Point v Thaiwail 3 - 15
Scandic C v Cat Bar 9 - 9

Table Group 2:

TEAM	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Pts
Cat Bar	3	2	1	0	43	11	5
Scan C	3	1	1	1	27	27	3
Thaiwail	3	1	0	2	25	29	2
Pat Point	3	1	0	2	13	41	2

Semifinals:

Scandic A - Scandic C 15-3
Scandic B - Cat Bar 10-8

Final:

Scandic A - Scandic B 18-0
Darts League Meeting

A meeting was held on Tuesday 21st July at JWs to decide about the new season. Most teams had at least one representative present. The main points established were that the season would start on 28th July, that Mack (Scandic Bar) would continue to sponsor the league and would be providing new dartboards to every team in the league (for which he got a well deserved round of applause), and that the likely number of teams involved would be 20. Butterfly Rock have dropped out, leaving 15 of last season's teams, and new teams joining are Jungle Juice, Thaiwail and Pats Point, with two others to be confirmed from a possible

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three in the next week. A slight change to the format was agreed with the points awarded agreed as 2 points for each doubles, 3 points for the Mickey Mouse and 3 points for each singles. Individual points awarded for the Top 16 will be the same but will not be averaged from now on. One additional change is that if the home team cancels a match an hour or less beforehand, the rearranged fixture must be played at the away team's home.

Next Week's Fixtures

The new season starts on Tuesday 28th July. Fixtures and division information will be in next week's AWOL.

Hua Hin Pool Leagues

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Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League 2009

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Harleys	9	8	1	0	54	17
Free Time	9	6	2	1	34	14
Bob/ Noks	8	5	1	2	30	11
Oasis Bar	8	4	2	2	14	10
S't Bvard	8	4	1	3	8	9
Thaiwail	9	3	3	3	-14	9
Chp Chrli	9	3	0	6	-26	6
Dara Bar	8	2	1	5	-20	5
R'way Tav	9	2	0	7	-42	4
Dizzy Dolp	9	0	1	8	-38	1

Results

Wed 15th July 2009

Harleys Bar 8 - 8 Free Time Bar
Oasis Bar 10 - 6 Dizzy Dolphin
Railway Tavern 10 - 6 Dara Bar
Sunset B'vard 11 - 5 Cheap Chrli
Thaiwail 0 - 16 Bob and Noks

Next Week's Fixtures

Wed 22nd July 2009

Bob and Noks v Cheap Charlies
Oasis Bar v Free Time Bar
Railway Tavern v Dizzy Dolphin
Sunset Boulevard v Dara Bar
Thaiwail v Harleys Bar

Hua Hin Social Pool League

Results

Week 9 - 15th July 2009

PP v No Game n/a
Red Bar v Sabai n/a
Lazy Daze v Jungle Juice A n/a
JW Red v Billys n/a
Billys Babes v JW Black n/a
Jungle Juice B v Headrock n/a
U Turn v Limelight n/a

Next Week's Fixtures Week 10 - 22nd July 2009

No Game v Limelight
Headrock v U Turn
JW Black v Jungle Juice B
Billys v Billys Babes

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
PP	7	6	1	73-60	12
J Juice B	6	5	1	65-49	10
U Turn	7	4	3	70-63	8
Headrock	7	4	3	70-63	8
JW Red	6	4	2	61-53	8
Sabai	6	4	2	58-56	8
Lazy Daze	7	3	4	63-70	6
J Juice A	6	3	3	59-55	6
Red Bar	7	2	5	60-73	4
Limelight	7	2	5	59-74	4
Billys Bbs	6	2	4	57-57	4
Billys	6	2	4	51-63	4
JW Blk	6	1	5	52-62	2

Jungle Juice A v JW Red
Sabai v Lazy Daze
PP v Red Bar

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).

Tuesday 21st July - Belga Cafe's special party with attractively priced food and drink for the Belgian National Day. Everybody welcome.

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

Every Friday and Sunday at TNT Bar, Soi Sarakam (runs between Binhabaht and Selakam), live Filipino band from 8.30

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 089 894 4310 (Mack) 3 hrs before to book transport

Hua Hin Golf Society

This week's results:

14th July - Majestic Creek 36 Entrants Stableford Competitions

Group 'A' - 0-16 hcp 19 entrants

1st Mike Humphrey 41 points 13 hcp. 2nd Alan Rawson 41 points 14 hcp.

3rd Karri Matti 40 points 8 hcp. 4th Tip Gouldby 38 points 13 hcp.

5th Tim Dixon 37 points 7 hcp. 6th Wij 36 points 10 hcp.

Group 'B' - 17-36 hcp 17 entrants

1st Hans Roupe 38 points 28 hcp. 2nd Martin Swift 37 points 24 hcp.

3rd Berny Morgan 36 points 19 hcp. 4th Ann Buasri 35 points 28 hcp.

5th Roger Perrin 33 points 24 hcp. 6th Rob Darlow 33 points 18 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 17 Wij

10th July - Black Mountain 44 Entrants to the Pairs Competition

1st Tim Dixon (7) / Paul (g) (16) 37.5 points

2nd Winfried (30) / Al Acherman (11) 37 points

3rd Rod Gretton (22) / Alan Rawson (14) 36.5 points

4th Peter Oosterbaan (19) / Mario Aiello (16) 36 points

4th Doug East (13) / Timo Ripatti (7) 36 points

6th Colin Devonshire (10) / Martin Swift (24) 34.5 points

Nearest the Pin No. 3 Petra, No. 11 Paul (g)

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 21st Springfield - Summer Pairs / Stableford Competition

Friday 24th Lake View A & B - Toby's Memorial Competition

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Wednesday 15th July Majestic Creek - 2 Man Better Ball format

1st - Bryan McLeod & Deb Rawlings - 48pts, 2nd - Phil Simons & Paul Williams - 45pts, 3rd - Kevin Dwyer & Craig Miller - 43pts

Monday 13th July Lake View A & B - stableford 20 players entered

1st - John Barber (20) - 43pts, 2nd - David Rawlings (18) - 39pts

3rd - Don Wyber (18) - 38pts

Friday 10th July Palm Hills - stableford 13 Players entered

Front 9 - Bill Henderson (8) - 18pts, Back 9 - Bill Henderson. Craig Miller (6) - 18pts. Overall - Bill Henderson - 36pts

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 20th July Lake View

Wednesday 22nd July - Jack Curran Trophy. Singles stableford format played at Lake View from 10am. Donated by Pat Curran

Friday 24th July Palm Hills

Transfer Rumours and Done Deals

Done deals:

Carlos Tevez (Man. Utd) to Man City

Fraizer Campbell (Man. Utd) to Sunderland

Chris Mavinga (Paris St Germain) to Liverpool

Rumours:

Emmanuel Adebayor (Arsenal) to Man City

Ashley Young (Aston Villa) to Chelsea

Marouane Chamakh (Bordeaux) to Arsenal

David Bentley (Spurs) to Man City

Marc Torrejon (Espanyol) to Everton

Ritchie Kitoko (Albacete) to Liverpool

Nikola Zigic (Valencia) to Blackburn

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Alberto Aquilani (Roma) to Liverpool

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Gateshead v Sunderland

Malaysian Select XI v Man United, Kuala Lumpur

North Ferriby United v Hull City

Orlando Pirates v Manchester City, South Africa

Peterborough v Aston Villa

Rochdale v Everton

Seattle Sounders v Chelsea

Sunday, July 19

FC St Veit v Wigan

Portimonense v Sunderland

Rapid Vienna v Liverpool

Winterton Rangers v Hull City

Monday, July 20

Hannover 96 v Wigan

Indonesia All Star v Manchester United

Tuesday, July 21

Bournemouth v Fulham

Carlisle United v Hull City

Colchester v Aston Villa

Hapoel Tel Aviv v Stoke City

Havant & Waterlooville v Portsmouth

Kaizer Chiefs v Manchester City, South Africa

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Wednesday, July 22

Chelsea v Inter Milan, Pasadena, USA

FCU Timisoara v Wigan

Thailand v Liverpool, Bangkok, Thailand



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Thursday, July 23

Augsburg v Birmingham City, Austria

Friday, July 24

Benfica v Sunderland, Amsterdam, Holland

Chelsea v AC Milan, Baltimore, USA

FC Seoul v Manchester United

Thurrock FC v West Ham XI

Tottenham Hotspur v Barcelona, Wembley, London

Cricket

16-20th July, 2nd Test, England v Australia, Lord's

Golf

16th-19th July The Open Championship, Turnberry.

ARSENAL FANS HOLD PRAYER VIGIL FOR ADEBAYOR MOVE

ARSENAL fans staged a candlelight vigil at the Emirates stadium last night praying that Manchester City's bid for Emmanuel Adebayor is successful. Candles were lit in front of a hastily erected shrine depicting the striker heading up the M6, while others released white doves clutching ceremonial transfer cheques. Adebayor fell out of favour with Arsenal fans after sitting in a deckchair and reading a book on the halfway line during a Champion's League match.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said: "City are keen to sign Ade, as well as the tea lady and a really nasty painting of Ray Parlour in the board room. I offered them a brace of cheap Ivory Coastians and as many Frenchmen as they could fit in their van. The next thing I heard was the 'beep-beep' of a forklift backing up with all the money." City will pay by the hundred-weight for the players, with Wenger offloading whatever leftovers are hanging around the changing room, and Tomas Rosicky. He added: "I've completely forgotten what we originally bought him for. Does he clean the bogs?"

City are expected to field a 1-1-8 formation with Adebayor playing in the inside-wide-right-secondary-holding striker position until someone explains to Mark Hughes what midfield is.

Wayne Hayes, secretary of the Arsenal Supporters' Club, said: "Arsene brought us success, beautiful football and the glorious Thierry Henry. But if the Adebayor deal falls through, I swear I'll rip his bollocks out through his nose."



Ribery shocks the football world **AWOL EXCLUSIVE**

In demand Frenchman quits the game

■ MUNICH, GERMANY

The world of football, and in particular Real Madrid, Liverpool, Chelsea and Manchester United, were stunned last night by the announcement that Franck Ribery was quitting the game completely. Initial reports suggested that this was due to a persistent, recurring injury, but AWOL understands from a source close to the player that this is not the case.

AWOL can exclusively reveal that the real reason the French international winger is quitting is because he has received an 'undisclosed but substantial' offer to become the new Phantom of the Opera. Our source said, 'Once this offer came in it was clear to everyone that his head had been turned; after all offers like this don't come along very often.'

It has now been revealed that Ribery had a long standing ambition to live under the Paris Opera House and to randomly capture female members of the chorus and turn them into divas; his family have admitted that this fascination with the French novel by Gaston Leroux started a few years after the horrific car crash which left his face scarred for life.

Negotiations have been complex due to the fact that Ribery can't sing to save his life, and a deal has been



Ribery takes a long, hard look in the mirror and makes a choice between the Phantom and the Hunchback

brokered where Michael Crawford will do any singing necessary.

Ribery is said to be 'thrilled' although apparently a 'very enticing' offer to be the new Hunchback of Notre Dame is still on the table, and sources close to this bid feel that they can snatch Ribery away with an increased offer, and the lure of Salma Hayek as his Esmerelda. One advantage of this bid is that Ribery will not need to have his hairstyle altered to take the role.

Reaction to the news has been mixed, with Sir Alex Ferguson reportedly saying "He is extraordinarily thin and his kit hangs on a skeleton

frame. His eyes are so deep that you can hardly see the fixed pupils. You just see two big black holes, as in a dead man's skull. His skin, which is stretched across his bones like a drumhead, is not white, but a nasty yellow. He coulda ha' the pick of Ronaldo's cast off girlfriends".

John Terry was meanwhile less complimentary, saying "E's a frog ain't he? Likes musicals and books. I knew 'e was gay". Legendary lunatic Frenchman Eric Cantona said "As ze tractor pulls ze plough, so ze little channels are made. We are all just little seeds in zese little channels". There is really nothing we can add to that.

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