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Lockdown

Security tightening as ASEAN summit approaches

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Following the apparently successful hosting of the delayed 14th ASEAN Summit meeting at the end of February, the same venue is being used for the meeting being held between 23rd and 25th October.

The 15th ASEAN Summit was originally rescheduled to take place in Phuket, but due to a clash with a vegetarian festival taking place at the same time, it was decided to move it to Hua Hin and Cha Am.

The last meeting was surprisingly low key as regards security, but this time there appears to be a bigger effort, with authorities possibly fearing a repeat of the embarrasing scenes that took place in Pattaya in mid - April, when the meeting was cancelled in chaos as red-shirt protesters breached weak security and invaded the venue. Foreign leaders were evacuated by helicopter and boat and martial law declared.

The government has already stated that the Internal Security Act will be enforced around the summit venues this time, and measures are already underway. Thousands of troops are expected to descend on the town in the next week, while all vehicles, including motorbikes need to be registered with the authorities to avoid problems for residents before, during and after the summit. A number of temporary sites have been set up to register vehicles - you are required to present some form of identification such as a passport or driving licence, the vehicle documents and house documents. Stickers are apparently being issued around 15th October, and any vehicles not registered will be stopped at the various checkpoints that will be set up around the area. It is thought that the security measures will be in force for about a week before and a few days after the summit, about a 15 day period in total.

Above: Red shirt Pattaya protests

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Thai Elite Dismayed as Status Reduced to Medium-So

■ BANGKOK, THAILAND

The prolonged troubles in the Thai economy have reduced the standing of hundreds of the country's elite from the vaunted rank of high-so to the less attractive medium-so. As families see their disproportionate wealth dissipate to more proportionate levels, with it go the entitlements and benefits that are the recognized rights of the upper class. For many, the gilded ride of luxury and ease has become a little rougher.

The effects of the status reductions are widespread. Families that formerly drove large European automobiles are now driving Japanese models. Society figures who once prominently displayed iPhones have been seen with Samsung handsets. Security guards move a little slower than usual to open the gates to expensive homes. Many of the Prada handbags seen clutched in the manicured hands of women shopping on Soi Thonglor are said to be fake, and there are reports of individuals previously known for satisfactory English skills who have been confusing prepositions and skipping definite and indefinite articles altogether.

Those who have suffered the loss of hi-so status say adjusting to life in the middle stratum of Thai society has been difficult. Many have relied on privilege and enormous affluence to survive, and now find themselves adrift in an unfamiliar and unkind world.

Communications executive Ruengros Thammasen said the reduction has cost him a promotion. After his family's rice trading business closed last fall, Ruengros said he was unfairly passed over for a senior vice president position at a state-run corporation in favour of a colleague whose high status was achieved rather than ascribed. "What kind of society is it when somebody gets a promotion just because he has better qualifications and more experience?" Ruengros, 48, asked.

To get by, Ruengros said he has been forced to do some belt tightening at home. Rather than send his daughter to a private school in the U.K., he has been considering schools in the U.S., Australia, "and if things get really bad, we might even look at Canada," he said. His wife's annual cosmetic surgery holiday in Japan has been canceled and he has been making do with the less desirable hostesses at the massage parlor he frequents.

After fatally shooting a police officer in a crowded nightclub last month, 27-year-old Yongchai Siriyuttaporn was surprised when he was asked to report to a police station for questioning. His father, an influential figure in the Thonburi community, has seen his net worth plunge over 20 percent in the last year.

"I was counting on my name to ensure that I wouldn't have to face any consequences for what I do, but now they're saying I might have to be held accountable for my actions," Yongchai said. "It's not fair."

Above: An iPhone - not available to medium-so's

Sanita Krittiwachabum, a 24-year-old PR executive, said life as a medium-so has been difficult. She first noticed the changes when her family's real estate company was delisted from the Thai stock exchange. Since then her boyfriend has broken up with her and friends have stopped calling.

"The most confusing thing is trying to figure out who I should wai," Sanita said. "I'm not accustomed to showing deference, and there's so much fluctuation in the system some days I'm not sure whose social position is higher than mine."

In addition, despite rigorous application of a variety of creams and lotions, Sanita has watched in frustration as her once fair skin has gradually darkened, a natural result of reduced status.

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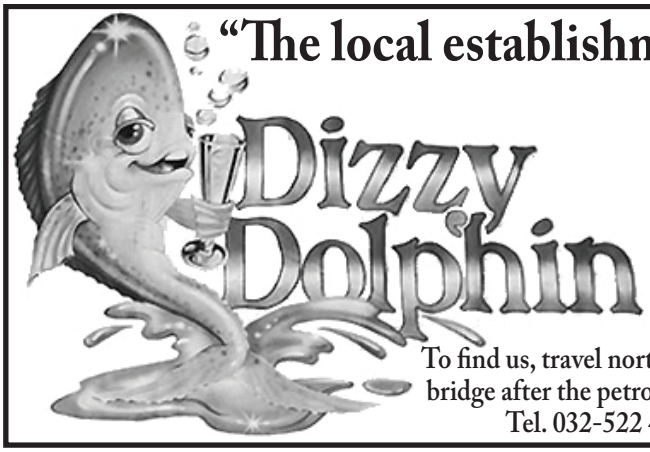
■ LAS VEGAS, USA
Another mixed race American this week - Miss Arianny Celeste, who plies her trade as an Octagon Girl in the Ultimate Fighting Championship. However we believe she is destined for bigger things (although probably not a bigger boyfriend - her current beau is UFC welterweight Josh Burkman!), and that we will be seeing a lot more of her, thank goodness.



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Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
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Sun	A morning shower; cloudy	27	32
Mon	Cloudy with a few showers	27	32
Tues	Humid with rain	26	30
Wed	Rain	26	31
Thur	A morning t-storm; clouds	26	31
Fri	Humid with rain	26	30

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 2nd October 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	10	15	Rain
Athens	15	28	Fine
Auckland	13	19	Showers
Beijing	13	27	Fine
Berlin	11	16	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	7	17	Rain
Chicago	7	17	Cloudy
Copenhagen	6	10	Showers
Dubai	28	39	Clear
Dublin	6	13	Fine
Geneva	9	22	Fine
Helsinki	0	9	Clear
Ho Chi Minh	23	32	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	25	32	Chance of Rain
Islamabad	23	34	Clear
Jakarta	24	34	Cloudy
Jerusalem	19	26	Fine
Johannesburg	9	17	Thunderstorms
Karachi	29	30	Cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	24	33	Thunderstorms
London	8	17	Bright
Madrid	13	23	Showers
Manila	25	30	Rain
Mexico City	13	26	Rain
Moscow	5	8	Rain
New Delhi	28	35	Fine
New York	9	18	Cloudy
Oslo	-2	9	Clear
Paris	14	19	Rain
Perth	6	22	Clear
Phnom-Penh	24	33	Thunderstorms
Rio De Janeiro	14	25	Overcast
Riyadh	24	39	Clear
Rome	18	26	Rain
San Francisco	14	24	Fine
Singapore	25	33	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	1	9	Clear
Sydney	17	22	Showers
Tokyo	20	24	Rain
Vientiane	21	31	Thunderstorms
Yangon	24	28	Chance of Rain
Zurich	9	20	Fine

Currency Exchange Rates

At 1st October 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	33.6146
GBP	Pound Sterling	54.1624
EUR	Euro	49.2199
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MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.67445
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.7705
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.7705
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NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.81808
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.79688
CAD	Canadian Dollar	31.3509
AED	UAE Dirham	9.1529
BHD	Bahrain Dinar	89.3975
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Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

In the run up to the ASEAN conference on October 23-25 a number of security precautions are being taken by the local authorities in Hua Hin (see front page). One of them is the registration of all Hua Hin residents and their vehicles for a sticker allowing them to travel in and out of the city limits during the meeting. This implies that security will be heavy handed with road closures, check points and parking restrictions – the authorities obviously do not want a repeat of the circus caused by the red shirted mob at the last conference in Pattaya. The sensible thing to do for this weekend (and the week running up to it) would be to leave Hua Hin completely.

Two converted railway carriages near the station also drew some attention as roads were blocked and general mayhem ensued. The end result was worth it though as Hua Hin has another attraction in the form of these beautifully restored rail cars that may end up as reading rooms or a restaurant.

Alcohol abstinence was discussed as one reader decided to embark on a month off the sauce. A poll on drinking habits produced some interesting results with over 55% of those who responded admitting to drinking at least 3 or 4 times per week and even daily. Living in Thailand offers a number of temptations and a cold brew (or twelve) now and then is one of them. A number of reasons can cause people to stop drinking for a while namely health, cost, and behavioural adjustments.

The cost of living cropped up again but this time with a difference, the majority of these types of questions are from people looking to move to Hua Hin on a budget, this one was looking for a high-end lifestyle. As nice as Hua Hin can be it cannot really offer a lot more than a beach and some golf courses so those seeking a more vivacious existence would be better off in Bangkok or Phuket ... or both!

The conspiracy buffs have had a ball this week with a whole range of subjects, none of which have anything to do with Hua Hin. The current affairs section of the board is getting a bit of a reputation as a conspiracy corner and a number of heated debates usually end up with those that can't accept opposing opinions going off in a cyber-sulk. Recent topics have included Osama bin Laden, the 9/11 attacks, swine flu, and the possible discovery of a HIV vaccine as reported in local media. See, HHAD is more than just a forum to ask about furniture, bar fines or the cost of living!

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Weird news

■ KUNMING, CHINA

Chinese dwarves set up their own village

It's a small world, after all

A community of dwarves has set up its own village to escape discrimination from normal sized people.

Everyone in the mountain commune in Kunming, southern China, must be under 4ft 3ins tall - and they run their own police force and fire brigade from their 120 residents. Now the group has turned itself into a tourist attraction by building mushroom houses and living and dressing like fairy tale characters.

'As small people we are used to being pushed around and exploited by big people. But here there aren't any big people and everything we do is for us,' said spokesman Fu Tien.

■ TEXAS, USA

Sneezing fetishist arrested for pepper attack

A man has been arrested in Texas for blowing pepper into a woman's face - because he has a fetish for women sneezing.

The elderly man was arrested in Commerce, Texas, last Monday after he blew the powdery substance into the face of a female store clerk at a hardware store checkout. He then did it a second time. He then waited around the store for a few minutes, before leaving.

A police officer was able to identify and track down the suspect, and interview him about the incident - upon which he revealed his predilection.

'We found out he's got a problem,' Police Chief Kerry Crews told the Herald Banner. 'He becomes aroused by females sneezing.'

'In my entire career I've never heard of anything like this,' Crews commented.

The clerk was taken to a local hospital with a irritated throat and arm, while the suspect - who hasn't been identified - is likely to face charges of aggravated assault.

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Point-blank

Close enough to go directly to a target.

In the Late Middle Ages, when 'point-blank' was coined, archery and artillery targets were usually white. 'Blank' derives from the French 'blanc', which of course means white. 'Point' is a little more ambiguous. What was first meant by 'point-blank range' was rather more precise than our current meaning. Then, as now, it meant 'too close to miss', but the specific meaning was 'within the distance that a missile travels in a direct line, with no perceptible drop due to gravity'. The 'point' in the term may have referred to the point of the arrow that was about to be fired - if the point coincided with the target in the archer's eyeline then the target would be hit, so long as it was within 'point-blank range'. Another interpretation is that 'point' was a verb and that 'point-blank' just meant 'pointing at the (blanc) target'.

The expression betrays its ye-olde origins by appearing first in print in the form of 'poynt blancke'. An example of that comes from the English mathematician Thomas Digges' Arithmetical Military Treatise, 1579, asking the kind of question that might have turned up in a Tudor maths lesson (no wonder they crept like snails, unwilling to school):

If a Falcon that carrieth poynt blancke 150 pase, at vtmost randon randge 1300 pases, I demaunde howe farre a Culuering at his vtmost randon will reach, that at poynt blancke, or leuell, rangeth 250 pase.

Note: Falcons and culverins were cannons, small and large respectively.

Into the 17th century and the 'direct level flight' meaning was alluded to by no less an author than Sir Walter Raleigh, in The History of the World, 1614:

Training his Archers to shoot compasse, who had bin accustomed to the point blanke.

Note: Compass meant 'curved', as in the flight of an arrow over a long distance.

The figurative 'direct and blunt' meaning that we now often use is found in phrases like 'asked/denied/refused pointblank'. This also came into use around the turn of the 17th century and was listed in John Florio's English/Italian dictionary A worlde of wordes, 1598, in which he equates 'forthright' with 'point blanke'.

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Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19
You will realize soon that you've missed your true calling in life -- that of a New Vaudevillian, a theatrical marvel of the Age of Cable. Starting as "Professor Snibble and the Yodelling Pigs!", you'll rapidly achieve notoriety, and (much later, with a different act) respectability.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
You will rest peacefully, and sink into a strange dream. In the dream, you will be playing an odd version of soccer with huge clear balloons, and people will be cheering you on from the sidelines, who are dressed in white formal attire. Don't go into the light. The extra point isn't worth it.

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20
This will be a very happy week for you. And you know what they've been saying about that for millenia, don't you? "Happy Good! Me Like Happy!"

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
Excellent week to be boisterous. Avoid obstreperousness, however.

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
Today you will be seized by inspiration, and shaken like a rat in the jaws of a terrier. You will wax poetic, assuming that "poetic" is the name of your car.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 21
Someone will stop you today, to ask directions. Tell them to take the second star on the right, and straight on till morning. (I personally never ask for directions, since I find it's always much more effective to find someone who looks like they know where they're going, and follow them. I also always tell people that my name is "Svlad." It's something to do.)

Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 22
Today you will wear way too much cologne and make strange unconscious lip-smacking sounds. You've been watching Comedy Night on The Subliminal Channel again, haven't you?

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
You may be drinking a little bit too much coffee lately. That could explain why everyone else is moving so slowly, or why they say "What was THAT!?" in a verrrrry slow, deep voice, every time you walk by.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22
Another one of those excrutiatingly boring meetings today. Try to liven things up by summoning one of the people back from the dead. Alternatively, make random comments taken from a random page of a random book you pick up at the library.

Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 23
More trouble with that annoying "bluebird of happiness" today. With any luck, the cat will get it. Wipe the smile off the cat's face by vacuuming the floor incessantly.

Scorpio
Oct 24 - Nov 21
An eldritch fiend will hover at the edge of your sight, tonight, as you look out your window. Not a particularly good day for a midnight stroll.

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
Good week to excavate. You will find the ruins of an ancient civilisation, which you will name Andernica West Of Lucius (or AWOL for short) and become rich and famous. This newspaper will then sue you for trademark infringement in a long and costly legal battle which the paper eventually wins. So just give them the million baht now to save time.

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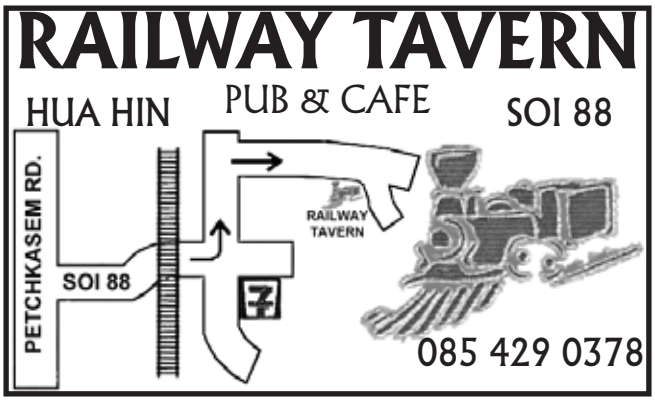

A TRIBUTE TO RONNIE BARKER

This is the story of Rindercella and her sugly isters.

Rindercella and her sugly isters lived in a marge lansion. Rindercella worked very hard frubbing sloors, emptying poss pits, and shivelling shot. At the end of the day, she was knucking fackered.

The sugly isters were right bugly astards. One was called Mary Hinge, and the other was called Betty Swallocks; they were really forrible huckers;they had fetty sweet and fetty swannies. The sugly isters had tickets to go to the ball, but the cotton runts would not let Rindercella go.

Suddenly there was a bucking fang, and her gairy fodmother appeared.

Her name was Shairy Hithole and she was a light rucking fesbian. She turned a pumpkin and six mite wice into a hucking cuge farriage with six dandy ronkeys who had buge hollocks and dig bicks.

The gairy fodmother told Rindercella to be back by dimnlight otherwise, there would be a cucking falamity.

At the ball, Rindercella was dancing with the prandsome hince when suddenly the clock struck twelve. "Mist all chucking frighty!!!" said Rindercella, and she ran out tripping barse over ollocks, so dropping her slass glipper.

The very next day the prandsome hince knocked on Rindercella's door and the sugly isters let him in. Suddenly, Betty Swallocks lifted her leg and let off a fig bart. "Who's fust jarted??" asked the prandsome hince.

"Blame that fugly ucker over there!!" said Mary Hinge. When the stinking brown cloud had lifted, he tried the slass glipper on both the sugly isters without success and their feet stucking funk.

Betty Swallocks was ducking fisgusted and gave the prandsome hince a knack in the kickers. This was not difficult as he had bucking fuge halls and a hig bard on.

He tried the slass glipper on Rindercella and it fitted pucking ferfectly.

Rindercella and the prandsome hince were married. The pransome hince lived his life in lucking fuxury, and Rindercella lived hers with a follen swanny. THE END.

CORDUROY

Q. What do you get with a corduroy condom?

A. A groovy kind of love.

BIKER CLUB INTERVIEW

A little old lady wanted to join a biker club.

She knocked on the door of a local biker club and a big, hairy, bearded biker with tattoos all over his arms answers the door.

She proclaimed, "I want to join your biker club."

The guy was amused and told her that she needed to meet certain biker requirements before she was allowed to join. So the biker asked her, "You have a bike?" The little old lady said, "Yeah, that's my Harley over there," and points to a Harley parked in the driveway. The biker asked her, "Do you smoke?"

The little old lady said, "Yeah, I smoke. I smoke four packs of cigarettes a day and a couple of cigars while I'm shooting pool."

The biker was impressed and asked, "Well, have you ever been picked up by the fuzz?"

The little old lady said, "No, I've never been picked up by the fuzz, but I've been swung around by my nipples a few times."

WHAT HAPPENED IN TEXAS

A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink. Unfortunately, the locals had a habit of picking on strangers. So when he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen. He went back into the bar, handily flipped his gun into the air, caught it above his head and fired a shot into the ceiling. "WHICH ONE OF YOU SIDEWINDERS STOLE MY HOSS?" he yelled.

No one answered.

"ALL RIGHT, I'M GONNA HAVE ANOTHA' BEER, AND IF MY HOSS AIN'T BACK OUTSIDE BY THE TIME I FINISH, I'M GONNA DO WHAT I DONE IN TEXAS! AND I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE TO DO WHAT I DONE IN TEXAS!"

Some of the locals shifted restlessly. The cowboy had another beer, walked outside, and his horse was back! He saddled up and started to ride out of town. The bartender wandered out of the bar and asked, "Say partner, before you go. . .what happened in Texas?"

The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."

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■ DEAR MARY,
I have just started dating the most wonderful Thai girl, and while everything is fantastic between us, there are a few questions I have. I am sure most of them are just differences between Thai ways and Western ways (I am from the USA) but I would really like to get the opinion of such a wise person as yourself.
Firstly, my new girlfriend is very shy in the bedroom; this is quite cute in many ways, but she does always insist on turning all the lights off before undressing, so we fumble around in the dark - quite fun but I would like to see her gorgeous body. Secondly, she has a preference for an unconventional sexual position, and never allows the missionary position. Thirdly,as I have already said, she has a gorgeous body, and is quite tall for a Thai, so can really carry off fancy dresses and the like, but sometimes I would just like us to be casual, jeans and t-shirts, no make up etc at home, but she will never do that; she always spends at least a couple of hours in the bathroom and won't show me her face until she is 'ready'. Finally, I have been hearing odd remarks from some people when we have walked past - if they said things like 'Sexy' or 'Beautiful' I could understand it but they say things like 'Watch out!' and 'Be careful'. Whatever do they mean?
Joe Blob, Cha Am

Mary says:Dear Joe,
Well, as you say, there are a lot of cultural differences between Thailand and the USA, and you are right that a lot of this can be put down to those. Ahem! I am guessing that you are not old enough to remember a song by an American, Lou Reed, called 'Walk On The Wild Side'? Or another by an English group The Kinks called 'Lola'? I suggest you listen to them.

DEAR MARY,
I am a 45 year old man and have been married to my Thai wife for ten years. Previously we lived in the UK where I worked and she was a housewife. However since we moved to Thailand four years ago, the roles have been reversed, and she goes out to work and i stay home. I take care of our daughter, do the laundry, clean the house, cook and shop. I now find myself watching 'Oprah' every morning, trying to keep up with the latest soap operas in between ironing, cleaning and the school run, and on the odd occassons I do get to go out with friends I find myself lost in conversations about Ashley Drogba, Terry Rooney and Chelsea United, while I just want to know which brand of detergent gets the stains out best, while sipping a vodka and tonic. Am I becoming a woman?
Confused Colin, Chaiyapum

Mary says:Dear Colin,
Well you're not a woman yet, but here are a few tips to help you along; firstly you have to learn how to treat your other half when they have done something that makes you unhappy, even if you have never told them before - you have to learn how to give the silent treatment, and when, as well as the screaming histrionics and sobbing. A good time to do this is when they are just about to go out so you both get immediate concessions as well as ruin their night out. Something that may be awkward for you is that you will not be able to excuse these outbursts later on 'the time of the month'. Not sleeping with your wife is a no brainer of course, but there are a lot of other things that it is impossible to impart in such a short column, and I will probably get shunned by my woman readers for even sharing these few tidbits with you. Good luck!

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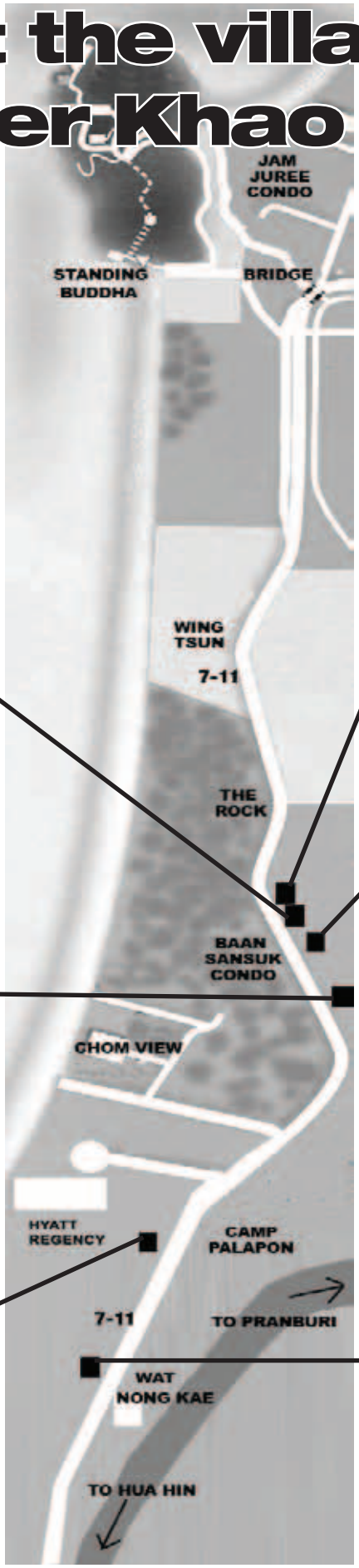

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	7		5			6	1	9
1			3		7		8	
							4	
9				2				5
				5		4	2	
8	4							
		5		9	2			

Puzzle 2

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

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

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

Puzzle 2

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

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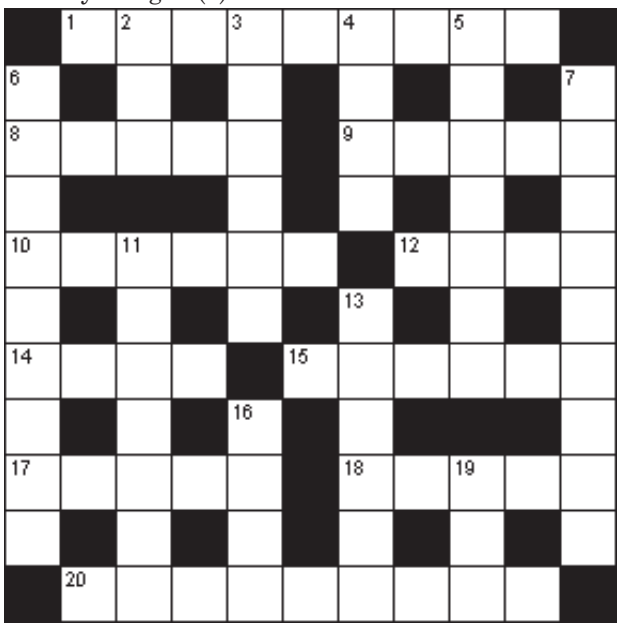
Across

1. Lacking teeth (9)
8. Representative (5)
9. ----- Bridge, W. Scottish town (5)
10. Simpler (6)
12. Run away (4)
14. Ray of light (4)
15. Cylindrical wooden container (6)
17. Managed (5)
18. Eating utensil (5)
20. Child (9)



Down

2. Be in debt (3)
3. Shred (6)
4. Catalogue (4)
5. Pertaining to the stars (7)
6. Softback (9)
7. Underscore (9)
11. Cleansing preparation (7)
13. Hesitates (6)
16. Paradise (4)
19. Single unit (3)

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Hua Hin Social Pool League Results
Week 19 – 23rd September 2009
Jungle Juice B v No Game
Billys Babes v U Turn 12-7
JW Red v Limelight 10-9
Lazy Daze v Headrock 8-11
Red Bar v JW Black 14-5
PP v Billys 15-4
Sabai v Jungle Juice A 11-8

Week 20 results next week

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 21 – 7th October 2009
U Turn v No Game
Jungle Juice B v Limelight
Billys Babes v Headrock
JW Red v JW Black
Lazy Daze v Billys
Red Bar v Jungle Juice A
PP v Sabai

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
J Juice B	17	14	3	185-138	28
PP	17	14	3	179-144	28
JW Red	17	14	3	173-150	28
Sabai	17	10	7	166-157	20
H'drock	18	9	9	181-161	18
J Juice A	17	9	8	175-148	18
U Turn	17	8	9	170-170	16
Lazy Dze	18	8	10	164-178	16
L'light	18	6	12	167-175	12
JW Blk	16	6	10	138-166	12
Bllys Bbs	17	6	11	153-170	10
Red Bar	18	4	14	154-188	8
Billys	16	3	13	121-181	6

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League Results
Matchday 23 25th Sept. 2009

Home	Rks	Pts	Away	Rks	Pts
LSA	11	3	SB	13	5
RTB	13	3	JWB	15	5
OCT	10	2	EAG	18	6
QUE	19	7	DB	5	1
JWR	9	2	LST	18	6
LSS	15	5	PAT	12	3
TW	16	6	LSB	8	2
DA	8	1	SUG	18	7
EAG*	20*	8*	DA*	6*	0*

Next Week's Fixtures
Matchday 24 2nd October 2009
Return Bar v Lucky Shot A
Sunset B'vard v Octopussy
JW Black v Dick's Office B
Eagle v Lucky Shot Th
Lucky Shot Stud v Queens Flower
Lucky Shot B v JW Red
Dick's Office A vPat's Point
Sugar Cane v Thaiwaii

*played 18th September

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Queens Flower Bar	23	17	4	2	70	143	38
Eagle Bar	23	17	2	4	70	128	36
Lucky Shot A	23	14	6	3	52	105	34
Sunset Boulevard	23	14	5	4	36	72	33
Thaiwaii	23	13	7	3	36	60	33
Lucky Shot Student's	23	13	6	4	44	86	32
Octopussy Bar	23	12	3	8	18	20	27
Johnie Walker Black	23	10	5	8	6	19	25
Lucky Shot Thai	23	10	2	11	-4	4	22
Lucky Shot B	23	8	5	10	4	0	21
Pats Point	23	8	3	12	-32	-71	19
Return Bar	23	7	4	12	-14	-35	18
Sugar Cane Bar	23	5	3	15	-30	-63	13
Johnie Walker Red	23	4	5	14	-52	-88	13
Dick's Office B	23	1	1	21	-104	-198	3
Dick's Office A	23	0	1	22	-100	-182	1

Hua Hin 9 Ball League Results
Week 4 28/09/2009
Curly's Bar B 9 - 17 Curly's Bar A
Dicks B 8 - 18 Mr Dan A
Eagle Bar 19 - 3 Plas Place
LilleMan 10 - 14 Dicks A

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 5 05/10/2009
Curly's Bar A v Dicks B
Dicks A v Curly's Bar B
Eagle Bar v LilleMan
Plas Place v Mr Dan A

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Eagle Bar	4	4	0	0	47	8
Mr Dan A	4	3	0	1	12	6
Curly's A	4	3	0	1	8	6
Dicks A	4	2	0	2	-12	4
Dicks B	4	1	0	3	-8	2
Curly's B	4	1	0	3	-9	2
LilleMan	4	1	0	3	-17	2
Plas Place	4	1	0	3	-21	2

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DAILY SPECIALS

Mon	Fish & chips	140 B
Tue	Chicken/Chips	160 B
Thur	Bangers & mash	140 B
Fri	Pork chop, veg	180 B
Sat	Hotpot w/ veg	160 B
Sun	Roast Lamb (NZ)	220B
	Pork & Chicken	180 B

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Darts Leagues

Results - Week 10 29/09/2009

Division 1

Lazy Daze v Scandic Bar A 2-16
JW Black v Paradise 13-5
CAT A v Lucky Shot 15-3
Dicks Office B v JW Red 3-15
ThaiWaii v Oasis 3-15

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Scan A	8	7	0	1	107-37	14
CAT A	8	6	1	1	100-44	13
JW Blk	8	6	0	2	100-44	12
Lazy Dz	8	6	0	2	87-57	12
Oasis	7	4	1	2	73-53	9
P'dise	8	4	0	4	70-74	8
ThiWai	7	2	0	5	42-84	4
JW Red	8	1	0	7	43-101	2
Lky Sht	8	1	0	7	44-100	2
Dicks B	6	0	0	6	16-92	0

Division 2

Jaew v Kom Hom Ladies 13-5
Scandic Bar B v Dicks Office A 18-0
Jungle Juice v Cat B 5-13
Railway Tavern v Scandic C 9-9
Kom Hom v Pat Point 18-0

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Scan B	8	7	0	1	111-33	14
Jaew	8	7	0	1	89-55	14
Cat B	8	6	1	1	106-38	13
Kom H	8	5	1	2	90-54	11
Scan C	8	3	1	4	70-74	7
KH Ls	6	2	0	4	39-69	4
Pat Pnt	8	2	0	6	40-104	4
J Juice	7	2	0	5	54-72	4
R'way	8	1	1	6	52-92	3
Dicks A	7	1	0	6	33-93	2

Next Week's Fixtures Week 11 6/10/2009

Div. 1: Oasis v Lazy Daze
JW Red v ThaiWaii
Lucky Shot v Dicks Office B
Paradise v CAT A
Scandic Bar A v JW Black

Div. 2: Pat Point v Jaew
Scandic Bar C v Kom Hom
Cat B v Railway Tavern
Dicks Office A v Jungle Juice
Kom Hom Ladies v Scandic Bar B

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Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	Pts
Golf	SBA	166
Tao	CATA	151
Don	CATA	128
Rune	SBA	128
Martin	LD	119
Lek	LD	117
Dicky	JWB	116
Mark	O	105
Noi	CATA	89
Ank'na	SBA	89

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	Pts
Cop	SBB	133
Ball	CatB	129
Sak	SBB	114
Tia	SBC	85
How'd	KH	78
Pob	JB	76

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Hua Hin & Khao Takiab League 2009

The Mens and Womens Individual competitions took place last month - Congratulations to Ian of Free Time and Nan from Dara Bar, both deserved winners!

Trophies were presented at Sunset Boulevard on Wednesday 23rd September.

Mens Singles Competition

2nd Round– Best of 11
Steve H (SB) 5 - 6 Peter (DD)
Micky (FT) 3 - 6 Paul (FT)
Peter (FT) 6 - 4 Chris (DD)
Deng (SB) 1 - 6 Ian (FT)
Joe (OA) 6 - 2 Bob(Bob and Nok's)
Howard (SB) 6 - 2 Warren (Dara)
James (RT) 4 - 6 Mike (SB)
Nan (Dara) 6 - 3 Mark (OA)

Quarter Finals–Race to 7
Mike (SB) 7 - 2 Peter (FT
Ian (FT) 7 - 0 Peter (DD)
Howard (SB) 7 - 2 Joe (OA)
Nan (Dara) 6 - 7 Paul (FT)

Semi-Finals–Race to 8
Howard (SB) 5 - 8 Paul (FT)
Ian (FT) 8 - 7 Mike (SB)

3rd Place – Race to 6
Mike (SB) 6 - 2 Howard (SB)

Final–Race to 8
Ian (FT) 8 - 2 Paul (FT)

Womens Singles Competition

Preliminary/ 1st Rd – Best of 9
Nok (B & N) 5 - 0 On (DD)
Pan (SB) 5 - 1 Wan (SB)
Golf (OA) 5 - 4 Noi (Dara)
Nan (Dara) 5 - 0 Annie (DD)
Bee (DD) 2 - 5 Gaew (R'way)

Byes
Noy (Sunset Boulevard)
Nong (Sunset Boulevard)
Wandee(Bob and Nok's)

2nd Round – Best of 11
Wandee(B & N) 6-5 Nok (B & N)
Gaew (Railway T) 6 - 2 Pan (SB)
Noy (SB) 6 - 0 Nong (SB) w'drew
Golf (OA) 3 - 6 Nan (Dara)

Semi-Finals – Best of 11
Gaew (R'way) 0 - 6 Wandee(B & N)
Nan (Dara) 6 - 2 Noy (SB)

3rd Place Best of 9
Gaew (Railway T) 5 - 4 Noy (SB)

Final Best of 13
Nan (Dara) 7 - 0 Wandee(B & N)

Hua Hin 8 Ball League

Results

Week 4 30/09/2009

Curly's Bar A 4 - 8 Eagle Bar
DicksB 5 - 7 LilleMan
Komhom 3 - 9 MrDanA
Pla's Place 7 - 5Curly's Bar B
Purple Pig 4 - 8DicksA

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
MrDanA	4	4	0	0	24	8
Eagle Bar	4	4	0	0	18	8
Komhom	4	3	0	1	18	6
LilleMan	4	2	0	2	-2	4
Pla's Place	4	2	0	2	-2	4
Curly's B	4	1	1	2	-2	3
Purple Pig	4	1	1	2	-8	3
DicksA	4	1	0	3	-12	2
Curly's A	4	1	0	3	-16	2
DicksB	4	0	0	4	-18	0

Next Week's Fixtures

Week 5 7/10/2009

Curly's Bar B v Curly's Bar A
DicksB v Purple Pig
Eagle Bar v Komhom
LilleMan v Pla's Place
MrDanA v DicksA

Balloon Chasers Guide

Parties, special offers, regular events, celebrations and more; if you want it in AWOL email awol@huahinmedia.com or contact Noi at Sabai Bar (Tel: 086 174 6165) by Thursday noon every week.

Friday 2nd October Bobby's Bar, Soi 102 - Opening party.

Saturday 3rd October - Cookies rescheduled opening party (ad p 11)

Regular Events

Daily specials at Belga Cafe & Brasserie

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Pool Leagues

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

Fridays - Dizzy Dolphin Karaoke/ Live music alternate Fridays (ad p 3)
- Dick's Office open darts night from 7.30pm (ad p 20)
- Bar-B-Q party every week at Le Velo Rouge, Khao Takiab

Sundays - British style Sunday Roasts available at:
Jungle Juice, Soi Selekam (ad p 16),
Dick's Office, Soi 80 (ad p 20),
Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern, Chomsin/Naresdamri (ad p 6),
Jimmy's Soi 102

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:

29th September - Springfield A & B 55 Entrants to the Scramble Competition 13 x 4 persons + 1 x 3 people Teams.

1st Kevin Milke, David Buchan, Albert Quick & Jon Lundgren - 58.0 net. 5 hcp. 2nd Jill Moore, Tom Duzanica, Han & Petra - 58.2 net. 4.8 hcp. 3rd Bob Hilling, Bjorn Byman, Chris Davidson & Roger Donaldson - 58.4 net. 5.6 hcp 4th Sheila & Dickie Bird, Vivienne Sue & Mike Staples - 59.3 net. 6.7 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 4a Roger Donaldson, No. 6a Neung Chueanil, No. 5b Jon Lundgren, No. 8b Jill Moore

25th September - Kaeng Krachan (valley & mountain courses) 14 Entrants to the Stableford Competition. One Group Only

1st Jon Lundgren 39 points 8 hcp. 2nd Tom Duzanica 34 points 2 hcp. 3rd Annie (g) 34 points 17 hcp. 4th Mod Rea 33 points 28 hcp. 5th Peter Gouldby 31 points 8 hcp. 6th Trevor Firth 29 points 14 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 16 (valley) Trevor Firth, No. 12 (valley) John Rea

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 6th Majestic Creek - Monthly Medal + Stableford.

Friday 9th Lake View - Stableford Competition

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Friday 25th September Palm Hills - stableford format

12 players entered

Front 9 - 21 pts - Jim Lynch (21)

Back 9 - 18 pts - Ken Geering (4)

Overall - 36 pts - Robin Heath (15) . Jim Lynch

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 5th Oct - Lake View; Any Tee Start Stableford/Skins

Weds 7th Oct - The Stylishgolf.com Trophy Singles Medal format played at Black Mountain Donated by Paul Williams

Friday 9th Oct - Palm Hills

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Premier League

(all times Thai)

Saturday, 3 October 2009

Bolton v Tottenham, 21:00

If Spurs really do have top four pretensions, then this is the sort of game they should win. However the Reebok is never an easy place to go and Bolton got a good away win last week. Narrow home win.

Burnley v Birmingham, 21:00

Both teams will be going for this and it should be a good game. Both are weak defensively, so a few goals and a home win.

Hull v Wigan, 21:00

Wigan will be fired up after last week's excellent result, while Hull look desperate. Phil 'You've been Tangoed' Brown may be looking for a job sooner than later. Away win.

Man Utd v Sunderland, 23:30

So far, so good for both these sides and this will be interesting. Much will depend on the away sides' approach, which we feel should be attacking. If it is then in Darren Bent (above) they have a striker on fire and can get a result, but they'll probably be defensive and lose.

Wolves v Portsmouth, 21:00

Pompey played well in defeat last week but confidence must be draining away. They need some sort of result here but Wolves are no pushovers at home, and we expect them to bag all the points.

Sunday, 4 October 2009

Arsenal v Blackburn, 19:30

The Gunners are a joy to watch while Blackburn are becoming Bolton Mk II and will be trying to kick Arsenal off the park. The Gunners are much tougher this season though, and we expect a comfortable home win.

Chelsea v Liverpool, 22:00

Again the away sides' tactics will be all important here; in the past Benitez has been defensive in this fixture but given the form of Torres we think he will be going for this one. Always tough to predict but we are plumping for an away win.

Everton v Stoke, 21:00

Not likely to be an inspiring game, and we think the home side will be too strong in all areas and get a reasonably comfortable home win.

West Ham v Fulham, 21:00

This is a must win game for the Hammers to arrest the slide they are in. They will be hoping to have some injured players back, and while Fulham play good football they look a bit toothless. Home win.

Tuesday, 6 October 2009

Aston Villa v Man City, 02:00

This should be a great game and it will be interesting to see the reaction Gareth Barry (below) gets! City are great going forward but still lack defensive solidity so there will be goals. Narrow home win.

Premier League Table

	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	7	11	18
2	Chelsea	7	10	18
3	Liverpool	7	12	15
4	Tottenham	7	7	15
5	Man City	6	7	15
6	Arsenal	6	10	12
7	Aston Villa	6	4	12
8	Sunderland	7	3	12
9	Everton	6	-2	9
10	Wigan	7	-6	9
11	Burnley	7	-10	9
12	Stoke	7	-4	8
13	Bolton	6	-1	7
14	Birmingham	7	-2	7
15	Blackburn	6	-3	7
16	Wolves	7	-6	7
17	Fulham	6	-4	6
18	West Ham	6	-3	4
19	Hull	7	-13	4
20	Portsmouth	7	-10	0

AWOL-HHAD Challenge Fantasy League

The current top ten are:

#	Team	GW	TOT
1	Wanderlust United	75	414
2	Sassy Thai	52	380
3	I am...Sasha Fierce	60	371
4	Sorco United	81	371
5	simply red	41	362
6	Jobless Army	75	362
7	Mr ChaAming	43	357
8	mongkol muppets	60	354
9	AWOL Wanderers	48	349
10	Haleboppers	62	335

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Shirtlifting Outlawed At Football Stadiums

FA takes action to stamp out 'backdoor hooligans'

■ PARIS, FRANCE

The Football Association today took its firmest steps yet to halt a growing trend in the game, by banning the unseemly and potentially painful activity known amongst players and fans alike as 'shirtlifting'.

Shirtlifting came into football only about 13 years ago, when Italian striker Fabrizio Ravinelli first 'lifted his shirt' whilst playing for Middlesbrough, but many players have since adopted the filthy habit, and it is now so widespread in the game, that the FA has seen fit to put a stop to it.

Fans, too, will be told to desist from shirtlifting. Supporters of Newcastle United, now in the Championship, will be dismayed to learn of the new ruling, as they regularly not only lift shirts, but frequently remove them altogether.

The news comes as a result of complaints from several clubs that the filthy practice of shirtlifting was getting out of hand amongst players, and especially amongst high-profile individuals like Sol Campbell, for example.

Some clubs with a particular shirtlifting problem, such as Chelsea and Arsenal, are said to be considering radical ways to eliminate the problem in addition to the FA ban, as they are concerned that their clubs will face severe sanctions if players and supporters ignore the ban.

Above: John Terry in one of the incidents that has prompted the ban, while Jon Obi Mikel (right) assumes the position

One idea is to copy the kit designed for the Cameroon team in 2004 for the African Cup of Nations, which was an all in one kit where the shirt and shorts were all one piece. However, famous shirt lifter Sepp Blatter denied the Africans the chance to wear the kit, saying, "It goes against the laws of the game. The rules are very clear, there is one shirt, one shorts and one socks." He later was heard to remark, "Where would all the fun go if you can't lift your shirt once in a while? Who can honestly say that they have never had the urge at some point in their life - I know I have."

Chelsea are apparently considering a lightweight belt device that the shirt would be attached to via laces, similar to a corset; the advantage of this idea is that it is worn underneath the shorts and can double as both a chastity belt and with its quick release mechanism, a useful weapon for John Terry to kidney punch opponents with. Frank Lampard is apparently not that keen on the device though, as it does not come in the very, very small size he requires, so will cause chafing if he ever runs.

Manchester United have announced their full support for the ban, and a spokesman said,"There has never been a shirtlifter at Old Trafford and there never will be." However, he was forced to retract when someone mentioned David Beckham and Ryan 'Gorilla' Giggs. Liverpool declined to comment but are said to have pulled out of proceedings early 'to avoid fudgepacking the issue'.

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