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What Just Happened?

ASEAN summit - a round up of the talks

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

After all the security arrangements, car stickers, cones, cones and more cones, we thought it might be an idea to try and summarise what the ASEAN summit achieved last weekend.

The major talking point in Thailand was the inflammatory remarks made by the Cambodian leader Hun Sen right at the start of the meeting, where he made comparisons between the plight of former PM Thaksin Shinawatra, on the run from Thailand after being convicted of violating corruption laws a year ago, with that of democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi who has been almost continually under house arrest in Burma for the last twenty years. His comments were deftly rebuffed by Thai PM Abhisit Vejjajiva, as he stressed the need for ASEAN unity and the irrelevance of the Thaksin issue to the summit.

Hun Sen (left) and Abhisit (right) earlier in the year

In the summit itself, a number of major efforts were announced, chief among them being the agreement to work towards an East Asian Community block, which would encompass the ASEAN nations plus India, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. This will be preceded by the creation of the Asian Economic Community (AEC) which the ASEAN member countries plan to launch to enable the free flow of goods in 2015.

It was also announced that there may be a joint bid for the 2022 FIFA World Cup - Indonesia has already put itself forward but this may be changed to a joint bid.

Thailand also secured Chinese investor support for railway infrastructure development. China pledged to promote infrastructure development through the US$10 billion (335 billion baht) China-Asean Fund on Investment Cooperation and through $15 billion in commercial credit.

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■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

This important and fun-filled festival occurs every year at the full moon in the 12th month of the Thai calendar. In the western calendar, this means November and in 2009 the day is the 2nd. The importance of the event is probably only overshadowed by the Thai New Year Songkran which is held in April.

Translated literally, "loy" means to float and a "krathong" is a floating vessel which is traditionally made out of banana leaves, although it is not uncommon to see them constructed from synthetic materials these days. The "raft" will contain a flower, a candle and three incense sticks that are lit before the vessel is floated away. It is customary to make a wish before the launch and it is believed that if the candle remains burning until out of sight, the wish will be granted.

In Hua Hin all the major hotels will have organised events, but the main focus of attention is normally the road leading to the main Hua Hin beach, and earlier it usually incorporates a beauty pageant that follows a set route around the centre of town and firework displays. Another popular destination is the Queen Sirikit Park, also known as 19 Rai, which is reached from Soi 35. All the Thais will be heading for a stretch of water, be it lake, canal or even the sea to set their krathongs afloat. (Hopefully, the tide is not incoming on this day). You will be able to find many stalls around Hua Hin selling ready made krathongs for you to "wash away your troubles and woes".

Many thanks to ***www.tourismhuahin.com*** *for the Loy Krathong information.*

Congratulations!

Martin Pace and Lek from Lazy Daze in Poolsuk Road celebrated the birth of their first child, a daughter, Calissa , on 23rd October 2009. She weighed in at 3.08 kg and both mother and baby are doing very well, coming home from the hospital on Monday 26th.

AWOL would like to congratulate Martin and Lek on this happy event, and we are sure there will be a 'wetting the baby's head' going on at some point soon! Call into Lazy Daze and find out. While you are there ask Martin what football team she's going to support...

Martin looking very pleased with himself and Calissa contemplating life as a Falkirk supporter

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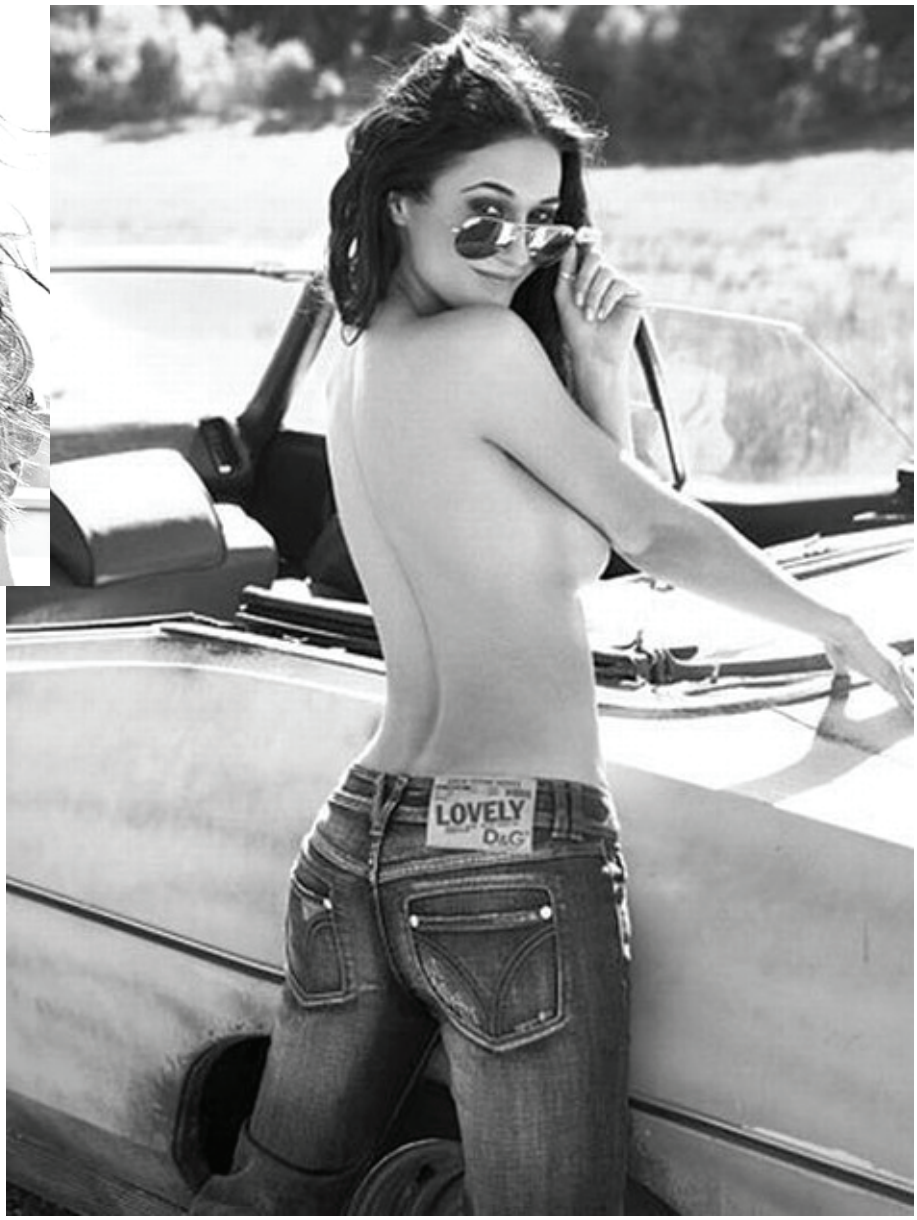

■ MONTREAL, CANADA

After spending the majority of her career taking on minor roles in underwhelming efforts, Emmanuelle Chriqui is finally beginning to receive precisely the sort of recognition she so clearly deserves -- her profile has been raised exponentially by her recurring role on HBO's hit series Entourage. In fact, 2008 proved to be a landmark year for the sultry actress, as she appeared in one bona fide hit (You Don't Mess With the Zohan) and several well-regarded indies (August, Cadillac Records, Tortured). Emmanuelle Chriqui continues to establish herself as a dream girl for guys the world over.

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Sunday	Sunshine and pleasant	23	30
Monday	Partly sunny and pleasant	20	29
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Wednesday	Partly sunny	21	28
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Beijing	10	22	Cloudy
Berlin	7	10	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	18	30	Cloudy
Chicago	9	18	Cloudy
Copenhagen	4	9	Rain
Dubai	26	34	Sctd Clds
Dublin	13	17	Drizzle
Geneva	3	15	Fog
Helsinki	2	3	Ptly Cldy
Ho Chi Minh	22	32	Bright
Hong Kong	23	29	Clear
Islamabad	11	29	Clear
Jakarta	25	34	Rain
Jerusalem	15	22	Cloudy
Jo'burg	14	23	T-storms
Karachi	18	35	Fine
Kuala L'pur	25	33	T-storms
London	12	19	Cloudy
Madrid	12	24	Fine
Manila	22	32	Showers
Mexico City	12	22	Cloudy
Moscow	4	4	Rain
New Delhi	17	29	Fine
New York	9	15	Drizzle
Oslo	0	4	Clear
Paris	9	18	Fine
Perth	11	24	Ptly Cldy
Phnom-Penh	21	32	Clear
Rio	18	28	Fine
Riyadh	21	33	Ptly Cldy
Rome	13	25	Cloudy
San F'cisco	10	21	Fine
Singapore	25	32	T-storms
Stockholm	1	4	Clear
Sydney	16	24	Fine
Tokyo	14	20	Cloudy
Vientiane	22	34	Clear
Yangon	20	34	?T-storms
Zurich	5	15	Fog

Exchange Rates

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Currency	Value (Baht)
US Dollar	32.33
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Swiss Franc	32.03
Danish Krone	6.34
Norwegian Krone	5.62
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Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

Normality returns once again to Hua Hin and the traffic levels are back to those where you can cross the town in under an hour. The ASEAN cleanup was swift and efficient, all of those cones and roadblocks disappeared as quickly as they arrived and apart from the odd upturned car and flattened cop the entire security setup went according to plan. That plan was a trouble free conference and to repair some of the damage caused by political protestors last time, Thailand got some of its cred back.

A new English language Rotary Club for Hua Hin was announced as the world's first civic service organisation welcomes foreigners. A Thai Rotary already exists here and they, along with the English language Rotary Club of Bangkok South and helped to set this one up.

The high speed Hua Hin to Pattaya ferry service got a news update as many suspected that the project, like others before it, had fallen by the wayside. Permits and licenses to operate the service have been granted however the Swedish company that owns the project will not start it until they are 100% happy with the vessel. Public safety is their highest concern so they are modifying the ferry to comply with their high standards.

A question was posed about a British Embassy representative in Hua Hin and although such a person may exist you still have to get visa letters and the like yourself however this can be done by post. Financial requirements for retirement visas were questioned again but as far as forum gurus are aware the goal posts haven't been moved for a couple of months which makes a nice change.

Halloween had a mention as readers enquired as to whether there would be any frightening activities in Hua Hin. The big hotels may put something on but aside from that you can always get a fright in the late night karaoke bars in the Bazaar area.

The launch of Windows 7 last week sparked a new poll on whether people would upgrade to it from their existing operating system. It was no surprise that the majority either said no or wanted to wait until the bugs were ironed out, it seems that confidence in Microsoft to build a bullet proof system is still wavering. Those that have tried the new Windows were impressed and have posted reviews and reports on the forum in an effort to help others with their adoption of it.

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Weird News

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

Mad home-made machine makes you omelettes and spreads your toast

It is an invention that Wallace and Gromit would be proud of.

A design teacher has helped create an incredible breakfast-making machine (right) set to rival the one made famous by Nick Park's animated characters.

Yuri Suzuki's device can prepare omelettes, makes freshly-squeezed orange juice, spreads butter and jam on toast and grinds coffee beans for a brew.

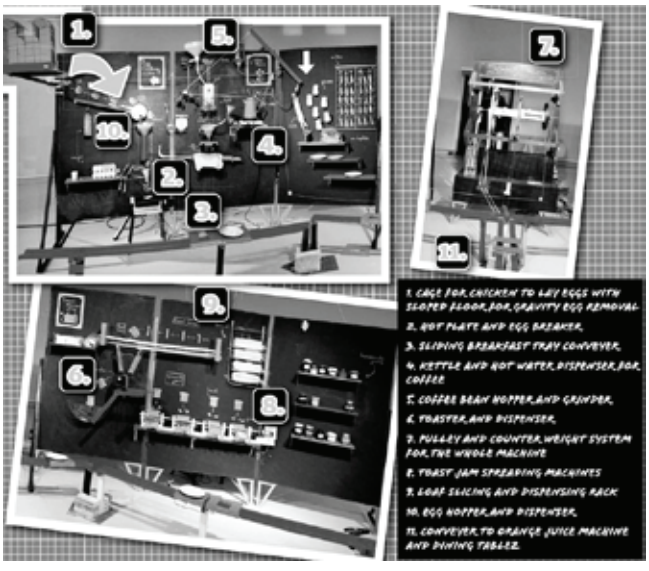
Mr Suzuki said he 'felt like a conductor' putting together the contraption made up of alarm clocks, record players and other spare parts picked up at car boot sales.

The 26-year-old from Hackney, east London, said his £900 creation, pieced together at a design exhibition in Holland last month, was inspired by Hollywood films.

'When you look at movies like Pee Wee Herman and Back To The Future, there are breakfast machines in them,' he said.

'We had lots of different people come and help us out with putting it together. People came and we would task them with coming up with different bits of it.'

He added: 'It is absolutely massive and completely automated. It is 13m (43ft) wide and 3m (10ft) long - and in total took 88 hours over 11 days to build. It was an incredible effort.'



Mr Suzuki's creation has now been dismantled but he hopes to exhibit it again. 'We want to bring it around the world and I want to bring it to London very soon,' he said.

'I see breakfast as a symbol for a beginning, due to when you eat it - at the start of the day.'

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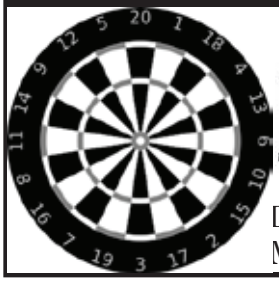

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An Englishman's home is his castle

The English dictum that a man's home is his refuge.

The maxim that 'An Englishman's home (or occasionally, house) is his castle' is most often cited these days in articles in the British right-wing press that bemoan the apparent undermining of the perceived principle that a man can do as he pleases in his own house, which they hold up as an ancient right. The grumbles centre about the feminist 'what about Englishwomen?' response and the public disquiet about the smacking of children, attacking of intruders etc.

Did Englishmen actually ever have a unique right to act as they please within the walls of their own home? Well, yes and no. Yes, in the sense that it has been a legal precept in England, since at least the 17th century, that no one may enter a home, which would typically then have been in male ownership, unless by invitation. This was established as common law by the lawyer and politician Sir Edward Coke (pronounced Cook), in The Institutes of the Laws of England, 1628: "For a man's house is his castle, et domus sua cuique est tutissimum refugium [and each man's home is his safest refuge]." This enshrined into law the popular belief at the time, which was expressed in print by several authors in the late 16th century.

What was meant by 'castle' was defined in 1763 by the British Prime Minister with an admirable selection of names to choose from - William Pitt, the first Earl of Chatham, also known as Pitt the Elder: "The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the forces of the crown. It may be frail - its roof may shake - the wind may blow through it - the storm may enter - the rain may enter - but the King of England cannot enter."

It is clear from the above that the law was established to give householders the right to prevent entry to their homes. Like the 'rule of thumb', which was popularly and mistakenly believed to be the right of a man to beat his wife, the 'Englishman's home is his castle' rule didn't establish a man's right to take actions inside the home that would be illegal outside it.

The principle was exported to the United States where, not unnaturally, the 'Englishman' was removed from the phrase. These days, with all the news of banking collapses and mortgage foreclosures, many people are glad to have somewhere to call home, even if they have to obey the law when inside it.

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Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19
There's no saying what will befall you if you wear blue. But neither red or yellow will do you any good, as either colour will make more enemies than friends.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, it might be a good idea to visit the temple. While you're there, pray that the local Mafia doesn't find you. Punching their hit-man over the weekend doesn't sit well with them.

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20
May I suggest a drastic change of appearance? It is not very expensive in Thailand, and you'll have more success in bars looking like a woman, than the balding reborn hippy you look like now.

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
What they say about wine, is true for prune juice too. Don't get tempted this Monday, when you will be offered a glass. It will come out the other end, looking very much the same as it did when it went in.

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
I foresee trouble for you in the coming week, with another person. It could be a tall person, or a short one really. A fat one, or a skinny one... Or it could even be the image you see in the mirror.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 21
It's your lucky week! Assuming you're aware of when exactly the end of the rainbow touches your house, you'll be very rich for a long time to come.

Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 22
Some time on Wednesday, Spanky the Monkey foresees expensive vehicles, rare treasures and huge fortunes passing you by, as you witness the Old-Timers parade in a town you will visit on your holidays.

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
Don't fight it. Nobody can fight it forever, and the longer you try to hold it off, the worse the results are when you have to let it go.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22
I spent a week long thinking how to tell you gently, but there's no other way. You'd best become a hermit, because you've made yourself impossible in your present circle of friends. Do it soon, because a plot will come in effect early Monday morning.

Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 23
Having a banana with a condom beside the bed is not considered safe sex. Now that we've cleared up the mystery of your conception, we could look into what you should do with your life.

Scorpio
Oct 24 - Nov 21
To ensure winning the lottery this month, I suggest you buy all the tickets available. It'll cost a bit, but at least you can say you won!

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
This week, stay away from the number five. Especially the mangoes for five baht a kilogram, or the five girls for the price of one at the bar you frequent; both are deals you should not accept.

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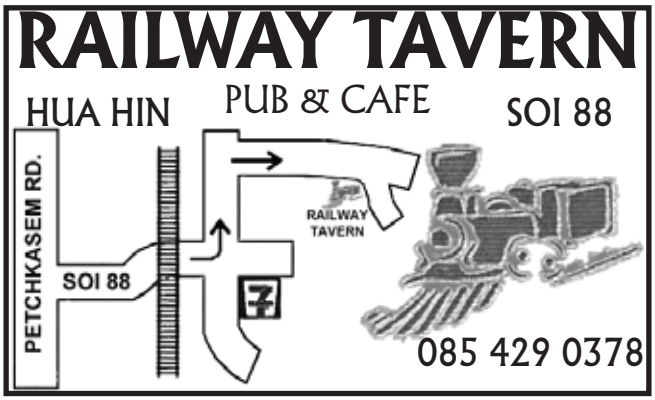

NYMPHOMANIAC

A man named Kev boards a plane and takes his seat. As he settles in, he glances up and sees a most beautiful woman boarding the plane. He soon realises she is heading straight towards his seat. A wave of nervous anticipation washes over him. Lo and behold, she takes the seat right beside his.

Eager to strike up a conversation, he blurts out, "Business trip or vacation?".

"Nymphomaniac Convention in London," she says.

Whoa!!! He swallows hard and is instantly crazed with excitement. Here's the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen, sitting RIGHT next to him and she's going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs! Struggling to maintain his outward cool, he calmly asks, "What's your business role at this convention?"

"Lecturer", she says. "I use my experiences to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality."

"Really," he says, swallowing hard, "what myths are those?"

"Well," she explains, "one popular myth is that African American men are the most well-endowed when, in fact, it is the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait.

Another popular myth is that French men are the best lovers, when actually it is men of Polish descent."

Suddenly, the woman becomes very embarrassed and blushes.

"I'm sorry," she says, "I shouldn't be discussing this with you, I don't even know your name!".

"Tonto," Kev says, as he extends his hand. "Tonto Kawolski."

A GOLFER'S STORY

(*Thank you Grahame!)*

It was a sunny morning, a little before 8:00 am, on the first Hole of a busy course, and I was beginning my pre-shot routine, visualizing my upcoming shot when a piercing voice came over the club house loud speaker, 'Would the gentleman on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee please!'

I could feel every eye on the course looking at me. I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement, 'Would the man on the woman's tee kindly back up to the men's tee.'

I simply ignored the guy and kept concentrating, when once more, the man yelled, 'Would the man on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee, please!'

I finally stopped, turned, cupped my hands and shouted back 'Would the A*** hole with the microphone please shut the f**k up and let me play my second shot.'

IRISH WRESTLER

A Russian and an Irish wrestler were set to square off for the Olympic gold medal. Before the final match, the Irish wrestler's trainer came to him and said 'Now den, don't forget all de research we've done on dis Russian. He's never lost a match because of dis 'pretzel' hold he has. Whatever you do, don't let him get you in dat hold! If he does, you're finished.' Paddy nodded in acknowledgment.

As the match started, the Irishman and the Russian circled each other several times, looking for an opening. All of a sudden, the Russian lunged forward, grabbing Paddy and wrapping him up in the dreaded pretzel hold. A sigh of disappointment arose from the crowd and the trainer buried his face in his hands, for he knew all was lost. He couldn't watch the inevitable happen.

Suddenly, there was a long, high pitched scream, then a cheer from the crowd and the trainer raised his eyes just in time to watch the Russian go flying up in the air. His back hit the mat with a thud and Paddy collapsed on top of him, making the pin and winning the match.

The trainer was astounded. When he finally got his wrestler alone, he asked 'How did you ever get out of dat hold? No one has ever done dat before!'

Paddy answered 'Well now, I was ready to give up when he got me in dat hold but at de last moment, I opened my eyes and saw dis pair of testicles right in front of my face. I had nothing to lose so wit my last ounce of strength, I stretched out my neck and bit dose babies just as hard as I could.'

The trainer exclaimed 'So dat's what finished him off?'

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I had a very strange toilet experience the other day, and I was wondering if you shed some light on it, as I am worried that there is something seriously wrong with me. My stomach was feeling a little uneasy the other morning, so I went to the toilet and sat down; within a few seconds a 100 baht note slid out, then another and then another. This carried on, all notes for some time, and eventually stopped, and I felt a lot better. Have you ever come across anything like this before and should I be worried? Incidentally the total of notes came to 1, 900 baht.
Mr ATM, Pai.

Dear Mr ATM,
This is a surprisingly common complaint and can be chronic, acute or severe. My ex-husband had a severe bout in the UK which involved coins - he found the fifty pence pieces particularly uncomfortable and was on the toilet for hours. Yours sounds like a chronic case but is nothing to worry about at all. You're just not feeling two grand, thats all.

DEAR MARY,
I am a 22 year old English girl living in Hua Hin and I have a very frustrating problem. I am a nymphomaniac and cannot find any men to satisfy my craving for sex! I actually have two problems, as when I trawl around town looking for men, the bar girls don't like the competition, especially as I don't ask for money or drinks, so they hassle me all the time. Please tell me where I can go in Hua Hin for a steady supply of men?
Virginia, Hua Hin

Dear Virginia,
You wouldn't believe how many letters like this I get every week! And I have to say that this town does seem to be lacking men who want a bit of free hows-your-fathers. They seem hung up on paying for it, so my suggestion is that you get down the tanning salon, dye your hair black, get some brown contact lenses, put on your most revealing outfit and hang out in the Hilton disco every night. If you don't succeed there, head to the Night Bazaar - you can't fail and you'll get paid too!

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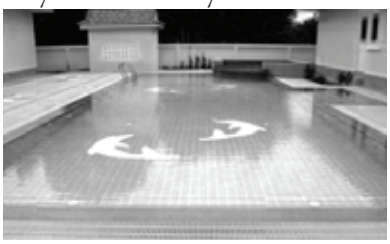

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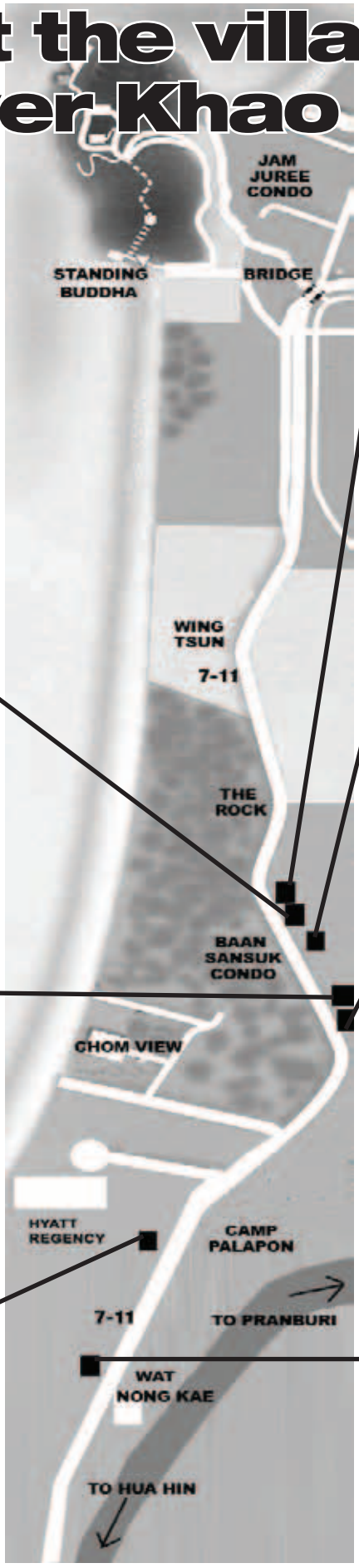

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Puzzle 1

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

Puzzle 2

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

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Where do you start? Take 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 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	3	9	4	7	1	6	8	2
6	1	2	9	8	3	5	7	4
7	4	8	6	5	2	9	3	1
8	6	3	5	1	4	7	2	9
9	5	7	3	2	6	4	1	8
1	2	4	7	9	8	3	5	6
2	7	6	8	3	9	1	4	5
3	9	1	2	4	5	8	6	7
4	8	5	1	6	7	2	9	3

Puzzle 2

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

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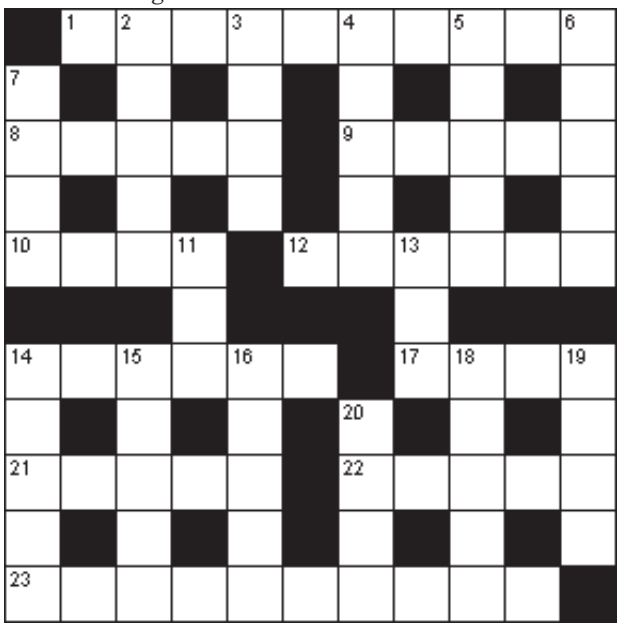
Across
1. Easy to reach
8. Metal spikes
9. Join
10. Assist
12. Resembling glass
14. Sweet baked food made of dough
17. Melt
21. Friendly
22. Watery fruit
23. Depression from lack of company

Down
2. Penetrating cold
3. Not difficult
4. Cranium
5. Utter joy
6. Foe
7. Unit of length
11. Domesticated animal
13. Toward the stern
14. Student
15. Mull village
16. Pertaining to a sovereign
18. Small mountains
19. Stream of air
20. So be it



Last week's solution right

1 A	D	2 M	I	3 S	S	I	4 B	L	E	■
S	■	A	■	M	■	■	I	■	■	5 F
6 S	E	R	M	O	N	■	7 B	8 A	L	I
E	■	G	■	O	■	9 J	■	S	■	L
10 T	O	A	S	T	■	11 U	N	T	I	E
■	■	R	■	12 H	E	N	■	R	■	■
13 B	A	I	Z	E	■	14 C	L	O	S	15 E
A	■	T	■	N	■	T	■	N	■	I
16 C	R	A	17 B	■	18 W	I	Z	A	R	D
H	■	■	A	■	■	O	■	U	■	E
■	19 B	E	A	M	I	N	S	T	E	R

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Week 23 – 21st October 2009
Limelight v No Game
U Turn v Headrock 9-10
Jungle Juice B v JW Black 14-5
Billys Babes v Billys n/a
JW Red v Jungle Juice A 11-8
Lazy Daze v Sabai 8-11
Red Bar v PP 7-12

Week 24 results next week

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 25 – 4th November 2009
Headrock v No Game
Limelight v JW Black
U Turn v Billys
Jungle Juice B v Jungle Juice A
Billys Babes v Sabai
JW Red v PP
Lazy Daze v Red Bar

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
J Juice B	21	18	3	233-166	36
JW Red	21	18	3	214-185	36
PP	21	16	5	216-183	32
Sabai	21	13	8	209-190	26
J Juice A	21	12	9	217-182	24
H'drock	22	10	12	216-202	20
U Turn	20	9	11	199-198	18
Lazy Dz	22	8	14	198-220	16
Blys Bbs	19	8	11	175-186	14
JW Blk	19	7	12	163-198	14
L'light	21	6	15	189-210	12
Red Bar	22	5	17	187-231	10
Billys	19	4	15	147-212	8

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League Results
Matchday 27 23rd October 2009

Home	Rks	Pts	Away	Rks	Pts
JWB	?	?	LSA	?	?
SB	11	2	EAG	17	6
QUE	20	8	RTB	4	0
OCT	12	5	JWR	14	3
DB	?	?	PAT	?	?
LST	11	3	TW	15	5
SUG	14	5	LSS	10	3
LSB	16	5	DA	13	3

Next Week's Fixtures
Matchday 28 30th October 2009
Lucky Shot A v Octopussy
Return Bar v Dick's Office B
Sunset B'vard v Lucky Shot Th
Lucky Shot Stud v JW Black
Eagle v Lucky Shot B
Dick's Office A v Queens Flower
JW Red v Sugar Cane
Thaiwaii v Pat's Point

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Queens Flower Bar	27	20	5	2	84	177	45
Eagle Bar	27	21	2	4	88	164	44
Thaiwaii	27	16	8	3	42	77	40
Lucky Shot A	26	15	7	4	54	109	37
Lucky Shot Student's	27	15	6	6	50	94	36
Sunset Boulevard	27	14	6	7	28	56	34
Octopussy Bar	27	15	4	8	26	29	34
Johnie Walker Black	26	12	5	9	8	24	29
Lucky Shot B	27	10	6	11	2	-2	26
Lucky Shot Thai	27	11	2	14	-14	-17	24
Pats Point	26	10	3	13	-26	-64	23
Return Bar	27	8	4	15	-28	-60	20
Sugar Cane Bar	27	6	4	17	-32	-68	16
Johnie Walker Red	27	4	6	17	-60	-96	14
Dick's Office B	26	1	3	22	-108	-212	5
Dick's Office A	27	0	1	26	-114	-211	1

Hua Hin 9 Ball League Results
Week 8 26/10/2009
Curly's Bar B 16 - 9 LilleMan
Dicks B 11 - 12 Eagle Bar
Mr Dan A 19 - 4 Dicks A
Plas Place 10 - 18 Curly's Bar A

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 9 2/11/2009
Curly's Bar B v Plas Place
Dicks A v Curly's Bar A
Eagle Bar v Mr Dan A
LilleMan v Dicks B

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Eagle Bar	8	8	0	0	75	16
Mr Dan A	8	7	0	1	39	14
Curly's A	8	5	0	3	1	10
Dicks A	8	3	1	4	-24	7
Curly's B	8	3	0	5	-10	6
Dicks B	8	2	1	5	-6	5
LilleMan	8	2	0	6	-37	4
Plas Place	8	1	0	7	-38	2

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Darts Leagues

Results - Week 14 27/10/2009

Division 1

JW Red v Lazy Daze 13-5
Oasis v Lucky Shot Not Played
ThaiWaii v Paradise 5-13
Dicks Office B v Scandic Bar A n/a
CAT A v JW Black 12-6

Division 2

Scandic Bar C v Jaew 5-13
Pat Point v Cat B 5-13
Kom Hom v Dicks Office A 11-7
R'way Tav v Kom Hom Ladies 8-10
Jungle Juice v Scandic Bar B 12-6

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT A	11	8	1	2	135-63	17
Scan A	11	8	0	3	131-67	16
JW Blk	11	8	0	3	127-71	16
Lazy Dz	11	6	1	4	108-80	13
Oasis	9	5	2	2	97-65	12
P'dise	9	5	0	4	80-82	10
ThiWai	11	4	0	7	79-119	8
JW Red	11	3	0	8	70-128	6
Lky Sht	10	1	0	9	58-122	2
Dicks B	8	1	0	6	31-113	2

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Cat B	11	9	1	1	148-52	19
Jaew	11	9	0	2	120-78	18
Scan B	11	8	0	3	135-63	16
Kom H	11	7	1	3	125-73	15
J Juice	10	5	0	5	90-90	10
KH Ls	9	4	0	5	67-95	8
Scan C	11	3	1	7	83-115	7
Pat Pnt	11	3	0	8	61-137	6
R'way	11	2	1	8	73-125	5
Dicks A	10	1	0	9	54-126	2

Next Week's Fixtures Week 15 3/11/2009

Division 1

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

Division 2

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

Top 16 Individuals

Division 1 Top 10

	Name	Bar	Total Points
1	Tao	CATA	207
2	Golf	SBA	177
3	Don	CATA	170
4	Dicky	JWB	165
5	Martin	LD	161
6	Rune	SBA	146
7	Mark	O	143
8	Boy	TW	133
9	Martin	JWB	130
10	Noi	CATA	128

Division 2 Top 6

	Name	Bar	Total Points
1	Cop	SBB	200
2	Ball	CatB	182
3	Sak	SBB	146
4	Howard	KH	134
5	Brian	KH	127
6	Tia	SBC	126

Pool Leagues brought to you by Lucky Shot Bar

Hua Hin & Khao Takiab League 2009

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Harley's	3	3	0	0	10	6
Sunset B'd	3	2	1	0	10	5
Bob/ Noks	3	2	0	1	12	4
Thaiwaii	3	2	0	1	12	4
Free Time	3	1	2	0	8	4
Garden 2	3	2	0	1	6	4
Dizzy Dolp	3	2	0	1	4	4
Oasis	3	1	0	2	0	2
Dara	3	1	0	2	-8	2
Sports Bar	3	0	1	2	-10	1
Railway T	3	0	0	3	-20	0
Bobby's	3	0	0	3	-24	0

Results

Week 3 28th October

Dara 10 - 6 Bobby's
Dizzy Dolphin 9 - 7 Bob and Noks
Free Time 8 - 8 Sunset Boulevard
Garden Bar 2 10 - 6 Sports Bar
Harley's 11 - 5 Railway Tavern
Oasis 7 - 9 Thaiwaii

Next Week's Fixtures

Week 4 4th November

Bob and Noks v Free Time
Bobby's v Dizzy Dolphin
Railway Tavern v Oasis
Sports Bar v Harley's
Sunset Boulevard v Garden Bar 2
Thaiwaii v Dara

Hua Hin 8 Ball League

Results Week 8 28/10/2009

Curly's Bar A 9 - 3 Pla's Place
DicksA 8 - 4 LilleMan
Komhom v DicksB
MrDanA 6 - 6 Curly's Bar B
Purple Pig 2 - 10 Eagle Bar

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
MrDanA	8	7	1	0	42	15
Eagle Bar	7	6	0	1	26	12
Komhom	6	4	0	2	24	8
Curly's B	8	3	2	3	-2	8
Pla's Place	8	3	2	3	-6	8
Curly's A	8	4	0	4	-8	8
DicksA	8	3	0	5	-8	6
LilleMan	8	2	1	5	-18	5
Purple Pig	8	1	3	4	-24	5
DicksB	7	0	1	6	-26	1

Next Week's Fixtures

Week 9 4/11/2009

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

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.

Saturday 31st October - Carrick's Inn, Khao Takiab opening celebration and Halloween party from sunset 'til late. Free buffet (see 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

Saturdays - Beach Hut Bar (ad p 11) live band every week

Sundays - British style Sunday Roasts available at:
Lin's Cafe, Phetkasem Road between Soi s 80 &78 - Roast Beef Dinners Every Day (ad p 4), 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:

27th October - Lake View Stableford + Matchplay 1st Rd. 19 Entrants. Congratulations Adrian Salt for his Hole in One (No.14)
1st Sheila Bird 39 points 23 hcp. 2nd Paul Sandal 37 points 17 hcp.
3rd Jan Lyngdam 36 points 24 hcp. 4th Bjorn Byman 35 points 19 hcp.
5th Joe Sims 34 points 5 hcp. 6th Fred Kroll 32 points 20 hcp.
Nearest the Pin No. 17 Colin Devonshire

23rd October - Palm Hills Stableford. One Group Only 32 Entrants
1st Hans Metzger 38 points 12 hcp. 2nd Usko Riovas 37 points 8 hcp.
3rd Neung Chueanil 36 points 10 hcp. 4th Mario Aiello 35 points 16 hcp.
5th Nid Byrne 35 points 19 hcp. 6th Monta 34 points 15 hcp.
Nearest the Pin No. 8 Petra, No. 11 Hans Metzger

Next week's fixtures:
Tuesday 3rd Banyan - Matchplay Singles + Stableford
Friday 6th Springfield - Stableford Competition

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

26th October Lake View A & B - stableford 21 players
1st David Rawlings (18) 37pts, 2nd Paul Williams (2) 36pts,
3rd Jim Lynch (21) 36pts

23rd October Palm Hills - stableford 7 players
Front 9 18 pts - Jim Lynch. Gary Marshall, Back 9 17 pts - Bill Evans
Overall - 32 pts - Bill Evans. Jim Lynch. Debs Rawlings

22nd October Dragon Hills - 3 man Texas Scramble 10 teams
1st - B McLeod(8), G Dickinson(19), D Rawlings(34) - 59.85
2nd - P Tucker(8), J Fridberg(21), M Casey(28) - 60.47
3rd - D East(13), M Henry(26), I Byrne(21) - 61.0

21st October Royal Ratchaburi - stableford
The Butterfly Rock Gold Trophy 39 players entered
1st Craig Miller (6) 41pts, 2nd Pak Soontornmanee (27) 38pts,
3rd Greg Dickinson (20) 37pts

Forthcoming Fixtures
Monday 2nd Nov - Lake View;Any Tee Start Stableford/Skins format
Weds 4th Nov - Stableford format played at Banyan from 10am
Friday 6th Nov - Palm Hills

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Premier League

(all times Thai)

Saturday, 31 October 2009

Arsenal v Tottenham, 19:45

The North London derby has added spice this season as it is also 3rd v 4th. Both teams were stung last week and will be looking for a good result. We think it will be a draw.

Bolton v Chelsea, 22:00

The Reebok is never an easy place to go but Chelsea are looking pretty good right now. However their away form has been suspect and we think Bolton can nick this.

Burnley v Hull, 22:00

Burnley will not want to fall to two successive home defeats, and Hull will have been one of the teams identified as beatable at the start of the season. We think that will prove correct.

Everton v Aston Villa, 22:00

This is extremely difficult to predict; neither side is consistent and don't seem as good as last season. So we have stuck a pin in and have come up with a narrow home win.

Fulham v Liverpool, 22:00

Fulham got a great comeback result last week but will be facing a team that will be keen to follow up an important result with another win. This will be close, but we expect an away win.

Portsmouth v Wigan, 22:00

Another tricky game to second guess, as Pompey are playing better than their position suggests, while Wigan are also playing some good stuff and getting resuts. The obvious outcome is an away win, but we think this will be a draw.

Stoke v Wolverhampton, 22:00

Both these sides got decent results last week, but Stoke must be favourites for this one. Almost a local derby there will be quite an atmosphere and we think a few goals, with Stoke edging it.

Sunderland v West Ham, 22:00

Surprise results for both these teams last week, and a lot will depend on the performance of the opposing defences in this one - neither covered themselves in glory last time out. We think the Hammers will step up and claim the points.

Sunday, 1 November 2009

Man Utd v Blackburn, 00:30

Rovers were hammered by Chelsea last time out, and we think will suffer the same treatment from a wounded United. Comfortable home win.

Birmingham v Man City, 23:00

Under new ownership the Blues performed well last week, and this is an interesting one. The Citizens threw away a two goal lead last time so we don't expect the same here, but a draw is on the cards.

Thursday, 5 November 2009

West Ham v Aston Villa, 02:45

The 'catch up' game for these two and night games at home normally bring out the best in the Hammers. By no means an easy game though and hard to predict without knowing the weekend results. Could go any way but we are plumping for a home win.

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Premier League Table

	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Chelsea	10	16	24
2	Man Utd	10	10	22
3	Arsenal	9	16	19
4	Tottenham	10	7	19
5	Liverpool	10	11	18
6	Man City	9	7	18
7	Aston Villa	9	5	17
8	Sunderland	10	3	16
9	Stoke	10	-2	15
10	Wigan	10	-5	13
11	Burnley	10	-12	12
12	Bolton	9	-1	11
13	Fulham	9	-2	11
14	Everton	9	-3	11
15	Birmingham	10	-4	10
16	Blackburn	9	-11	10
17	Wolves	10	-7	9
18	Hull	10	-14	8
19	West Ham	9	-4	6
20	Portsmouth	10	-10	4

AWOL-HHAD Challenge Fantasy League

The current top ten are:

#	Team	GW	TOT
1	simply red	48	543
2	Sorco United	56	541
3	Sassy Thai	61	536
4	Wanderlust United	48	531
5	Mr ChaAming	58	524
6	I am...Sasha Fierce	61	513
7	Gusto Creative	68	504
8	Jobless Army	44	502
9	AWOL Wanderers	73	495
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"Talk To The Hand" Ferguson tells F.A.

Conducts press conferences with glove puppet

■ MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

Following his side's latest defeat by Liverpool, Sir Alex Ferguson, in an attempt to avoid fresh charges from the FA held the post match press conference and other interviews with Sweary the Cow, a glove puppet.

The Manchester United coach delivered a series of cunningly ambiguous opinions while pretending the puppet was whispering into his ear.

Consulting 'Sweary', Ferguson said: "Sweary, do you really think the 'r' was a stupid 'c' with all the ability of a big bucket of 's'?"

Making the puppet nod vigorously, he continued: "And would you like to five-letter word him right up the 'a' blank-blank 'e'?"

Ferguson then pretended the cow was again whispering to him, before adding: "Sweary says the referee's mummy met his daddy in the back alley of a dockyard.

*Sweary is facing a two-month touchline ban after calling FA chairman Lord Triesman a 'mother****er'*

"Oh Sweary, I do hope you can prove that or the nice man from the FA will fine you 10 grand and pull your little fluffy ears off."

The match officials also came under fire from the United bench for honouring the ancient tradition of 'The Sending Off of the Vidic', performed every season since 1903, before awarding the wrong kind of overtime in breach of FA Rule 1a.

Ferguson said: "If I had to sum up the ref's performance, I'd say my first is in sham, but not in hit, my second is in hat but not in sit, my third is in... you can see where I'm going with this, yeah?"

Sir Alex then fielded questions on Liverpool coach Rafael Benitez with an elaborate game of charades dominated by thrusting hip movements and simulated defecation.

Responding to the chorus of booing he received, former Liverpool striker Michael Owen said: "I'm so distraught I may be forced to buy myself another racehorse."

'Boro's real reason for hiring Strachan

■ MIDDLESBOROUGH, ENGLAND

While many pundits felt that the appointment of Gordon Strachan to replace Gareth Southgate was a decision based on a decent managerial track record, a tough no nonsense approach and a man to take the tough decisions when necessary, AWOL can reveal the real reason for the appointment; it is the start of cost cutting measures at the club, with Chairman Steve Gibson from now on only appointing managers with the initials GS. Gordon Strachan can look forward to some oversized hand-me-downs from Gareth Southgate.

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