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AWOL takeover completed; link with HHAD announced

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

The Observer Group today announced that their weekly newspaper AWOL has been taken over in an agreed deal that will still see the two publications retain their strong links. The as yet unnamed new owners are said to be delighted to acquire the paper, believing it to have huge potential, following up the initial success in its first three months. Both publications have, and will continue, to provide the best coverage in their respective areas, as the Observer magazine has done for nearly 17 years, while 'new kid on the block' AWOL has a fast growing readership and reputation.

At the same time as the takeover was announced, the new owners of AWOL released details of a new partnership deal with premier local website Hua Hin After Dark (HHAD), which will involve joint promotion, advertising deals and a sharing of content amongst other things.

HHAD executive Lev Jameson, speaking from his offices in Hong Kong, said, 'This is a wonderful opportunity for HHAD to get a print presence, and one we have been looking for for some time. AWOL fits the bill perfectly and dovetails neatly with our existing operations, and both AWOL and HHAD, as well as our customers, will benefit from a variety of angles.'

The Observer's January issue

The first noticeable signs of the new regime can be seen in this issue, and more changes will be seen as the weeks go by. One big change resulting from the deal with HHAD is that the Classified Ads section has been revamped, and most classifieds placed will now be free; exceptions will be for large businesses and property companies. All classifieds will now also feature

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online, on www.classifiedshuahin.com.

AWOL will still be available to download from the Observer website, but the new deal will mean it will also be available from www.huahinafterdark.com shortly. A new AWOL section will also be created on the HHAD forum, to allow comment, critique and discussion of the paper, and for advertisers who take advantage of the new advertising packages to promote their business.

The Observer magazine will continue to be produced monthly, and the resources frred up by the departure of AWOL will see some changes and additions to their product, mostly connected with the Observer website. A spokesman for the Observer Group, said,"This is an exciting time for both The Observer Group, as we are in the process of expanding from our roots as a local publication and head towards becoming a national and international operation, and AWOL, which has already hit the mark with the local and tourist population and now offers even more with its tie up to HHAD, while the strong link with the Observer remains. It is a good deal for everyone involved."

The Observer started life way back in 1992 as a black and white quarterly booklet, when there were only a handful of foreign orientated bars and restaurants, and only a handful more foreigners actually living here. It has maintained a reputation as the best local magazine throughout that time, and has undergone several facelifts and relocations., with their offices currently located in the building opposite the Hua Hin Hospital. Within the last year the magazine has been distributed in Bangkok in addition to Hua Hin and surrounding areas, and more exciting announcements are expected in the coming weeks.

AWOL's new owners and staff would like to welcome both old and new readers to the 'new' AWOL, and would also like to thank those at the Observer for all their help in the past and for the great opportunity now before us. To paraphrase our very own catchphrase -

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The Private Life of Monica

■ LONDON, ENGLAND
Believe it or not, this week's page 3 girl is not a girl at all, as she will be 45 this year! Monica Bellucci is a model and actress, and features in a new film being released this year called "'The Private Lives Of Pippa Lee", which puts her up against a stellar cast including Keanu Reeves, Wynona Ryder, Alan Arkin, Julianne Moore and the star of the film, Robin Wright Penn. Her previous movie roles include The Matrix Reloaded and the Matrix revolutions playing the same character Persephone, Tears Of The Sun, Bram Stoker's Dracula and Shoot 'Em Up, but she has a considerable body of work to go with her considerable body.
As her name suggests she is Italian, but lives most of the time in London in a slightly odd arrangement with her husband, fellow actor Vincent Cassel, who lives most of the time in Paris. We have no idea if she has ever been to Hua Hin, but frankly, who cares?

Monica Bellucci - give us a pout, luv?

Do you want to be our page 3 girl?

So far in the history of AWOL we have featured celebrities, wannabe celebrities, actresses, models and WAGs, and we think it is time to give the rest of you a chance! Whether you are a housewife, or work in a hotel, shop, bar, restaurant or wherever, send us a photo and if you are selected, we will either use that photo or arrange for one to be taken. Or maybe you husbands, boyfriends or business owners think your girl has the right stuff? Put them forward and have a bit of fun! Your business will get a free plug in AWOL and we might uncover the next Top Model - who knows?
Just send a photo to us by email - awol@huahinmedia.com - with a few details and a little background history such as where you are from and we will consider you for possible stardom! Well, at least being a local celebrity anyway...So, come on and see if you can grab your five minutes of fame - get those emails and photos in to us - you know you want to! AWOL - for the model in all of us!

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Sat	Mostly sunny and pleasant	19	29
Sun	Sunny and pleasant	20	31
Mon	Nice with some sun	21	31
Tues	Partly sunny	23	33
Wed	Sunny and humid	23	33
Thur	Mostly sunny	23	33
Fri	Partly sunny	23	33

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 16th January 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	0	3	Overcast
Athens	10	17	Rain
Auckland	15	24	Cloudy
Beijing	-8	2	Cloudy
Berlin	-2	3	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	22	34	Rain
Chicago	-18	-11	Snow
Copenhagen	-1	2	Snow
Dubai	14	21	Cloudy
Dublin	2	10	Dry
Geneva	-3	0	Fog
Helsinki	-6	-3	Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	17	29	Bright
Hong Kong	15	19	Clear
Islamabad	9	16	Rain
Jakarta	23	28	Rain
Jerusalem	11	16	Fine
Johannesburg	16	25	Cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	24	32	Thunderstorms
London	4	7	Cloudy
Madrid	1	6	Rain
Manila	18	29	Showers
Mexico City	3	20	Rain
Moscow	-4	-2	Snow
New Delhi	11	22	Mist
New York	-8	-6	Snow
Oslo	-5	-2	Cloudy
Paris	1	4	Overcast
Perth	21	34	Scattered Clouds
Phnom-Penh	19	29	Clear
Rio De Janeiro	21	31	Thunderstorms
Riyadh	3	16	Clear
Rome	7	12	Rain
San Francisco	7	17	Fine
Singapore	24	31	Showers
Stockholm	-3	-1	Clear
Sydney	21	25	Showers
Tokyo	0	10	Fine
Vientiane	11	27	Clear
Yangon	15	31	Clear
Zurich	-6	0	Fog

Currency Exchange Rates

At 15th January 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	34.9687
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EUR	Euro	46.0638
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BND	Brunei Dollar	23.5117
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AED	UAE Dirham	9.52181
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The Big Chill

Thailand declares emergency across the country as temperatures plummet

■ THAILAND

A severe cold snap in Thailand has prompted authorities to declare an emergency zone across more than half of the country normally renowned for its tropical weather.

Local media have reported up to five deaths as a result of exposure to unusually cold conditions, but the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department said they were still verifying the reports.

As temperatures fell to four degrees Celsius in some parts, officials said on Tuesday that 42 of 76 provinces, mostly in the north and north-east, would get a special budget to provide blankets and warm clothing.

The Meteorological Department said the temperature in Bangkok fell to 15 degrees Celsius on Monday 12th January - cold for the capital, but still far off its record low of 11 degrees recorded in 1974.

A Thai man in the north wrapped up against the cold, showing leaves covered in frost

"Because the high pressure from China keeps coming, the cold weather will stay in Bangkok at least until this weekend," a meteorological official said.

On Tuesday, most parts of north and north-east saw temperatures below 14 degrees coupled with strong winds, with a mountain in northern Chiang Mai provinces recording a temperature of four degrees.

In Bangkok, commuters and residents used to the heat, sun and humidity for which Thailand is famous have wrapped up in scarves and jackets in recent days.

Hua Hin has also been experiencing the cold snap, with temperatures at night and early morning falling to 14 or 15 degrees Celcius, and global warming advocates are reassessing the theory frantically.

Find out more about both the local and international weather forecasts on the opposite page.

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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...

Spitting image

This is normally used when describing a person who looks exactly like another; one of the possible origins is that it was originally 'splitting image', i.e. deriving from the two matching parts of a split plank of wood. The mirror image matching of the grain of split wood has long been used in furniture and musical instruments for decorative effect. The technique is known as book matching and the resulting pattern is called fiddleback - for obvious reasons. As so often though, plausibility isn't the end of the story. The numerous forms of the term 'spitting image' - spit and image, spitten image, the dead spit of etc., appear not to derive from 'split' but from 'spit'.

Some commentators have suggested that 'spit' may be a corruption of 'spirit', but that appears to be fanciful and isn't backed up by any early examples of 'spirit and image'. The allusion is more likely to be to someone who is so similar to another as to appear to have been spat out of his mouth. That idea, if not the exact phrase, was in circulation by the end of the 17th century, when George Farquhar used it in his comic play Love and a bottle, 1689: "Poor child! he's as like his own dadda as if he were spit out of his mouth."

No version of the phrase is especially old. The earliest reference is in Andrew Knapp and W. Baldwin's The Newgate Calendar, 1824–26: "A daughter, ... the very spit of the old captain."

This pre-dates any 'splitting image' citation by a good hundred years, which tends to rule out the latter as the source. 'Spit' or 'dead spit', with the meaning of likeness, appears in print several times in the 19th century. Here 'dead' means precise or exact, as in dead ringer.

Other languages have variations and may well predate the English - in French - "C'est le portrait craché de son père" ("He's the spitting portrait of his father") and Norwegian - "som snytt ut av nesen paa" ("as blown out of the nose of"). Toward the end of the 19th century we find 'spit and image'. In 1895, an author called E. Castle published Lt. of Searthey, containing the line: "She's like the poor lady that's dead and gone, the spit an' image she is."

Finally, we get to the first known use of 'spitting image' - in A. H. Rice's Mrs. Wiggs, 1901: "He's jes' like his pa - the very spittin' image of him!"

Area 555

WHY PARENTS DRINK

The boss wondered why one of his most valued employees had not phoned in sick one day. Having an urgent problem with one of the main computers, he dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper. " Hello ? "
"Is your daddy home?" he asked.
" Yes ," whispered the small voice.
May I talk with him?"
The child whispered, " No ."
Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mommy there?" "Yes."
"May I talk with her?" Again the small voice whispered, " No ."
Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?"
" Yes ," whispered the child, " a policeman ".
Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"
" No, he's busy ", whispered the child.
"Busy doing what?"
" Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the Fireman ," came the whispered answer.
Growing more worried as he heard a loud noise in the background through the earpiece on the phone, the boss asked, "What is that noise?"
" A helicopter " answered the whispering voice.
"What is going on there?" demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive.
Again, whispering, the child answered, " The search team just landed a helicopter ."
Alarmed, concerned and a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?"
Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle... " ME ."

VALERIE

The Brothel Madam opened the brothel door and saw a rather dignified, well-dressed, good-looking man in his late forties or early fifties.
'May I help you?' she asked.
'I want to see Valerie,' the man replied.
'Sir, Valerie is one of our most expensive ladies. Perhaps you would prefer someone else,' said the madam.
'No. I must see Valerie,' he replied.
Just then, Valerie appeared and announced to the man that she charged $5,000 a visit. Without hesitation, the man pulled out five thousand dollars and gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, the man calmly left.
The next night, the same man appeared again, once more demanding to see Valerie. Valerie explained that no one had ever come back two nights in a row -- too expensive -- and there were no discounts. The price was still $5,000. Again the man pulled out the money, gave it to Valerie, and they went upstairs. After an hour, he left.
The following night the man was there yet again. Everyone was astounded that he had come for a third consecutive night, but he paid Valerie and they went upstairs.
After their session, Valerie questioned the man.
'No one has ever been with me three nights in a row. Where are you from?' she asked.
The man replied, ' South Carolina .'
'Really?' she said. 'I have family in South Carolina .'
'I know,' the man said. 'Your father died, and I am your sister's attorney. She asked me to give you your $15,000 inheritance. '

The moral of the story is that three things in life are certain:
1. Death
2. Taxes
3. Being screwed by a lawyer

American student auctions virginity online

■ SAN DIEGO, USA

A 22-year-old American student auctioning her virginity online to pay for her college tuition looks set to cash-in after attracting bids in excess of £2.5 million.

The San Diego student, who is using the pseudonym Natalie Dylan, is selling herself through the website of the Moonlite Bunny Ranch, a large brothel located in the state of Nevada.

The Daily Telegraph reports that Natalie hit upon the idea to auction her virginity after her sister Avia paid for her own degree by working as a prostitute for three weeks.

Miss Dylan's unlikely auction first hit the headlines in September 2008. At that point, she had received bids of up to 243,000 US dollars (approx £165,000), more than enough to cover the cost of the Masters degree in Family and Marriage therapy she is planning to take.

'Natalie Dylan' - would you want to pay for this girl's virginity? More importantly, how could she prove she had it?

Natalie appeared on shock jock Howard Stern's radio show to publicise the auction and bids rocketed as a result. Ninemsn reports the student has since received more than 10,000 pledges and the highest bid, made by an unnamed Australian businessman, stands at a staggering 3.8 US dollars (approximately £2.58 million).

According to The Scotsman, American advocates for family values have condemned Natalie's actions. However, the student insisted that her auction is simply borne out of her financial need and is not a marketing stunt.

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To learn more about the Hash House Harriers go to **www.gthhh.com** or **www.huahin-hhh.com**. For information about the next run, e-mail Slackbladder (**partt@hotmail.com, 087-852 2565**) or Ballbanger, **donaltetley@yahoo.com or 085-088 7181**. In Cha Am, get the scoop at the Chicken Coop from Noi. Get a cold beer and the hot hash gossip from Dave at the California Mining Cantina near the Sofitel.

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INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE: When people leave their country of birth to set up a home in a new and foreign place, a chief concern is medical care. While we can't stop you getting ill, we can ease the pain of the cost of top class private care. Thailand boasts some world renowned hospitals with expert doctors in all areas of medicine. We are happy to announce we can now offer Senior Cover!

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
Hairpieces, in particular wigs and toupees stuck on a person's head, have always been poorly charted. Now may be the time to confront your fears by openly acknowledging their existence to persons wearing them when you see them on the street or in bars.
Do not hesitate to draw hairpieces on bald people in pictures in magazines or newspapers, whether you bought the publication or not - this is excellent, cost effective, therapy.
Capricorn New Year resolutions are being adversely affected by the moon this week, perhaps better to wait until February to make one up if you haven't decided on one already.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
The tune 'the age of Aquarius' has been around since the 1960's, but, sadly for you, it is as untrue today as it was then. The New Year will be nothing but humdrum unless you finally scratch that itch you have been meaning to scratch for so long... Yes, this year is the one in which you finally seize your itch!
Dreams involving an observatory may suggest to you that you are looking for something 'out there', but you will be wrong. In fact this dream could mean absolutely anything.
New Year's resolutions involving cakes and, specifically, iced cakes, are very tasty options.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
An aging beautician will challenge you to an arm wrestle following a moment of unintended rudeness during work on your cuticles around the 17th. Go for the quick slam to start with, in the hope that the woman is a late starter.
Your fridge's thermostat will mysteriously adjust itself on the 19th during a blizzard on Pluto's Eastside. This rare occurrence dooms 10% of eggs in the fridge that later explode when fried: best to boil all eggs until well after the 22nd, or find a McDonalds which does not employ any Pisceans.
Your New Year's resolutions are likely to conflict with a red scarf bought you by a woman with hidden nipples.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
A secret wish you made at some earlier point in your life is set to come true this week, let's hope you haven't changed your mind!
Avoid newspaper articles and unsolicited e-mail's proclaiming the benefits of meditation. Meditation in all of its forms is poorly starred at the moment, especially during this time of Saturn's ring hypertension.
New Year resolutions involving spacecraft or plastic figures found in cereal boxes are particularly well starred, guaranteeing a result of some sort or other.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
An exercise regime you have decided upon in your New Year's resolution list is set to cause considerable discomfort to those around you in the short run.
Ensure the correctly coloured shoes are worn at all times. (Tips from the planets: Jupiter favours red with green stripes, but Pluto, your dominant personal workout planet, is leaning towards brown - expect a sales related bargain sign around the 16th.)
Short flights, including jumping, are dimly starred until the 21st, but for the following 14 days there is a very severe danger of a catastrophe possibly involving fur. This week your favoured New Year's resolution will lend itself to eating too much fruit.

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
A mix up at the Post Office has put your house on the 'possible terrorist' list, beware. Avoid acting suspiciously at all times, especially when mowing the lawn, washing your car, laying patio tiles, or at any other time where you could be viewed through a window or glass door from outside.
Water is set to make a welcome return to your life now that Venus has re-entered the Acquarian canal. Bathe liberally, and at length, never fearing your nakedness at any time. This reminds us: according to your chart, bathing naked has been poorly starred for several weeks, sorry for not mentioning this earlier.
New Year's resolutions involving chicken leftovers may surprise at times and be much tastier than you first think.

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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21
Jupiter continues to suffer following its festive celebrations, so expect no planetary mercy when faced with hangovers and bedding related linen difficulties.
You will do your best to keep puddings and sweet sauces on hand throughout the week to help in your comfort eating urges. However, as a porky Cancernian you have to be reminded, once again, that there is no such thing as non-fattening comfort food. Your particular planetary chart clearly shows your big belly, so a diet is never a bad idea at this time of year (although, once again, Jupiter will do all in its power to hinder your success).
New Year's resolutions involving eating chocolate is guaranteed to have an indeterminate result.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
Creative thoughts suggesting a before untried workout combination of Bonsai with Kick Boxing, will lay heavily on your thoughts throughout the week. Give in to your initial skepticism and make plans for a DVD release. Be quick to market or something else could be the next big thing!
An equinox on Uranus (or someone else's) is set to make your beginning of the year celebrations problematic. Avoid kissing strangers in all of their forms, including over-licky dogs and spitting llamas. In the event of an unwanted kiss, rub liberal amounts of tomato into the affected area.
New Year resolutions involving sea fish are particularly well starred.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
You will discover, much to your chagrin, that a 1970's retro disco has been named after you - it's opening downtown this week. Offer to guest open it in flared trousers and big hair for not less than $1000 appearance money or free drinks for life.
As a typical Virgonionian you will fail in your New Year's resolution by the 17th, which is actually a record for you. Resolutions involving sex or pets are particularly badly starred, however resolutions involving sex and fruit and in particular sex and pears are well starred.
Avoid New Years resolutions involving hippopotami and plankton.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
Due to a mix-up at a factory that makes both porn and natural history DVD's, beware DVD based animal or bird documentaries until later in the week.
A cocktail waiter will name a drink in your honour due to a complicated misunderstanding involving the boots you wear, a porn star and a cup cake.
This week's New Year's resolution will be hampered by pot plants flying through the air.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
A man in a mask is in danger of upsetting you up to three times on the 19th. Never consider the use of physical violence against your Zorro self-imagined foe, just Tut! loudly, and at length, until he disappears.
New Year's resolutions involving sugar and chocolate could not be worst starred. Mars has done what it can to be responsible for these feelings, as irony is its own personal New Year's resolution.
Arranging fruits in a bowl including Oranges, Apples and Pears, but not Pineapples - due to an intransigent Uranus - could offer an interesting diversion to deciding on a New Year based attempt at self improvement.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
Fondant filled chocolates will provide moments of uncertainty during the week, especially when offered by aging relatives who never read the 'Best Before' date. Best to squeeze, carefully, the offered confection before putting it in your mouth. However, beware of over-squeezing soft filled chocolates which is likely until the 20th of the week due to a storm on one of Saturn's moons. During this period, ensure a tissue is on hand at all times to mop the fondant filling from your hand and clothing following any chocolate based over-squeeze explosion.
This week's favoured New Year's resolution will be tested severely by a man in a suit who looks equally at home in a car salesroom or hosting a breakfast television program.

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Create instant designer stubble by sucking a magnet and dipping your chin into a bowl of iron filings.

A hedgehog trained to scuttle up and down the table from guest to guest makes an unusual mobile cheese and pineapple cube nibble dispenser at cocktail parties.

Domestos is an ideal substitute for Blue Curaco, and far less pricey. It gives any cocktail a bit of "oomph." James Francis, East Glamorgan Hospital.

Cyclists. Next time you're out on your bike take a tin bath and about 4 or 5 gallons of water in plastic containers. In the event of a flat tire this will help you locate any punctures you may have.

Whilst in bed protect yourself from vampires and werewolves by hiding under the covers.

Make cheap but effective baby rattles by gluing a lollipop stick to an empty matchbox, then filling it with ten woodlice.

Foil pick pockets by placing a freshly toasted "Pop Tart" in each pocket. Would-be thieves will quickly rupture the fragile pastry and receive nasty finger burns from the steaming hot jam inside.

Confuse shopkeepers by buying a sheet of wrapping paper and asking them to wrap it.

A length of plastic drainpipe with a roller skate at each end makes an ideal "car" for snakes.

Minor skin grafts can be performed on pigs by covering any cuts and grazes with thin strips of bacon.

Cant afford contact lenses? Simply cut out small circles of cling film and press them into your eyes.

Stop bread from drying out by keeping it in a bucket of water.

THAI BOXING

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

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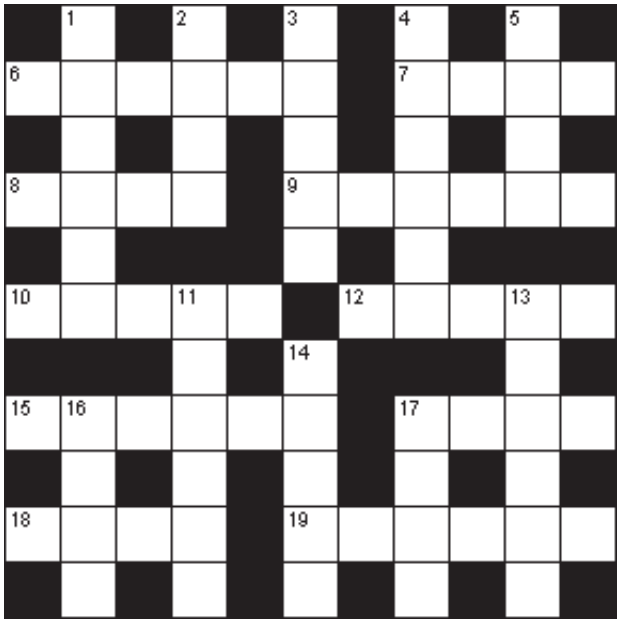

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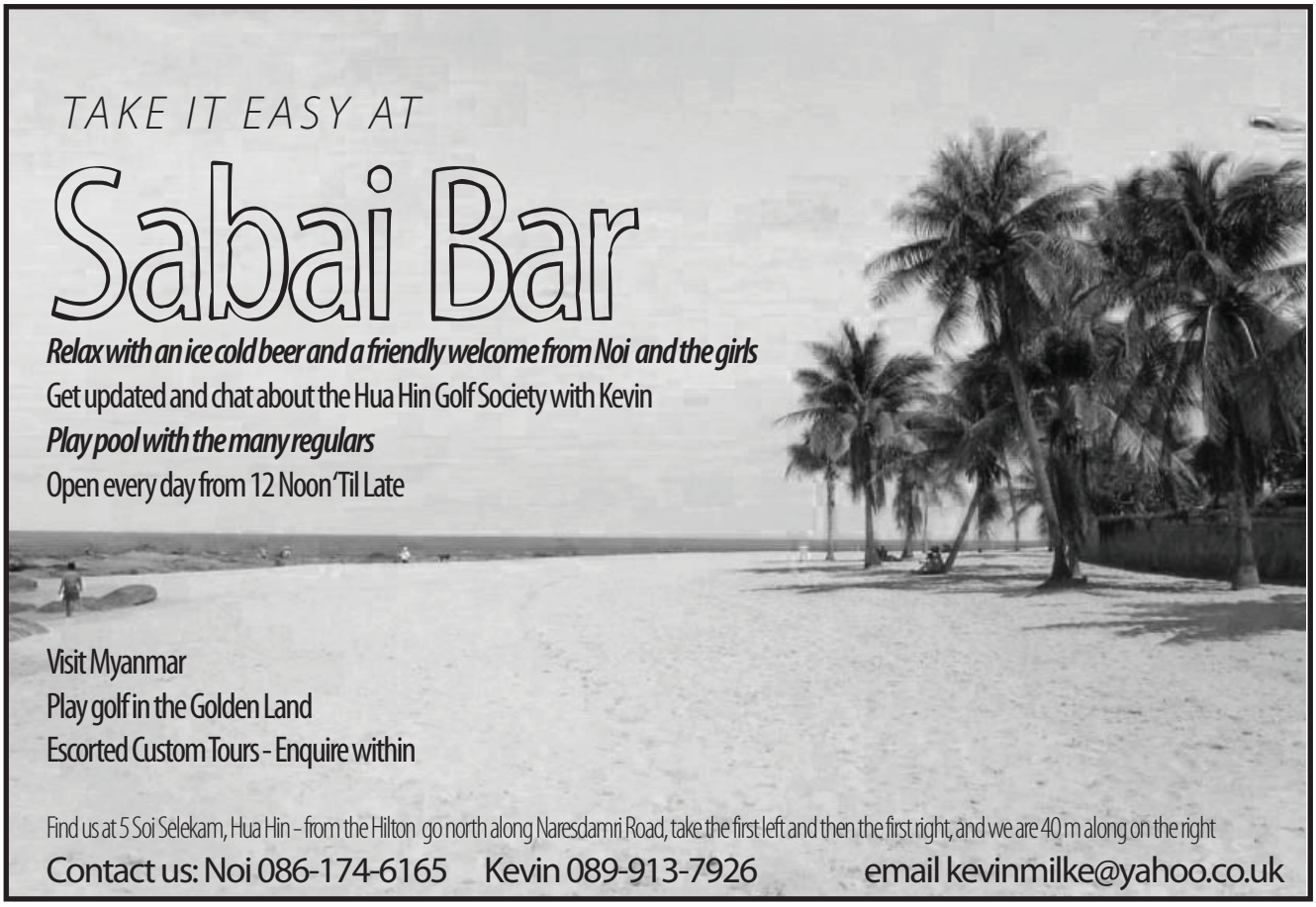

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Squirrel-flavoured crisps go on sale in UK

■ LEICESTER, ENGLAND

Crisps that taste of chilli and chocolate, onion bhaji and even Cajun squirrel will be unleashed on the public today as part of a Walkers competition to find a new flavour. Walkers launched its Do Us A Flavour campaign last July, challenging members of the public to think up a unique flavour of crisp. Fish and chips, crispy duck and hoi sin, and builder's breakfast have also made the finals of the public search. Chef Heston Blumenthal and a judging panel picked the top six entries from more than one million, and Walkers turned the ideas into reality.

Is it a squirrel? Oh no, its just the front man for Walkers Crisps (and Match Of The Day), Gary Lineker

The crisps can be bought from all supermarkets from today until May, either individually or in a special multipack containing all six flavours. Blumenthal said: "The complexities of flavour fascinate me and to watch the British public get so excited about taste has been absolutely inspiring. We've had an incredible response and sifting through the entries has been quite incredible. I can't wait to see which on the public choose as their winner!"

Votes cast on the Walkers website between now and May 1 will decide which flavour stays permanently on sale, and the creator will win £50,000, on top of the £10,000 that each finalist has already received. One per cent of profits from all future sales will also be handed to the winner. The crisp manufacturer revealed that, if sales should reach that of its BBQ flavour for example, the winner would receive around £57,000 a year.

Chilli and chocolate is the brainchild of Catherine Veitch, from High Wycombe, who entered the competition with her friend Sian Smith from Oxfordshire. The pair, who work in educational publishing, took more than 500 pictures as part of their entry Ms Veitch said: "Chilli and chocolate might sound like a crazy idea for a crisp, but the combination is actually scrumptious. Spicy heat with a cocoa kick!"

Fish and chips creator Jane Hallam, 45, does not eat fish because she is a strict vegetarian, but can eat her own crisps because they do not contain any fish. The social worker, who lives in Sheffield, chose fish and chips because it is a popular comfort food. She submitted a picture of a queue of people outside a fish and chip shop in Whitby as part of her entry. She said: "Fish and chips is one of the most famous national dishes, so I felt sure that it would be something that could be enjoyed by everyone."

Onion bhaji is 53-year-old Carole Wood's entry, and the civil servant from Durham said she fancies her chances of winning. The mother-of-two chose the unusual flavour because it is a family favourite and she has kept the Walkers steak and onion pack that prompted her entry as a good luck token. Mrs Wood said: "Onion bhaji has a delicious, mildly spicy taste and will taste great as a crisp."

Crispy duck and hoi sin sauce is the invention of Vicky Howard, from Northwich in Cheshire.

The 21-year-old, who draws maps for a living, made a crisp packet to accompany her entry by scanning a packet into her computer and replacing the traditional image with one of a duck made from crisps. She said: "Crispy duck and hoi sin has been a long-time coming - it's a favourite Chinese dish, so hopefully it will be everyone's favourite crisp too."

Builder's breakfast is the brainchild of Emma Rushin from Belper in Derbyshire. The 27-year-old midwife, who has two children, combined bacon, buttered toast, eggs and tomato sauce to create her flavour. She said "The combination is mouth-watering and I know it will be a hit with the British public."

Meanwhile Cajun squirrel is the wacky flavour created by Martyn Wright, 26, the only man to have made the final six. The online marketer, who lives in Hednesford, Staffordshire, was inspired to enter when he saw squirrel on a restaurant menu and he believes the public will be so intrigued that they will have to buy a pack. He said: "This gentle Cajun flavouring will be delicious for the public and although the idea might sound bizarre, it really works. No squirrels were harmed in the making of these crisps!"

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Potless,
Prachuap

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Gloucester

Mary says: Dear Gagging,
My dear old mum always used to say to me that nothing in the love making department was better than sex with your husband. How right she was! I can't say how glad I was when Mr Cotton decided to give up see-sawing away on top of me every night, pulling the face like a chinaman, and concentrate instead on playing hide the wally with that common little tart he claimed was his secretary. Aren't they supposed to be able to type as well as wander about with their knickers showing? But I digress. Five days? And hubby away playing golf. Don't you get your milk delivered? Or what about postie? When is the window cleaner due? I must say I admire your self-control, but fear you may be doing your choo choo some serious harm. Use it or lose it, I say!

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The Hash Report

CHA AM HASH HOUSE HARRIERS - HASH HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2009 NORTH OF CHA AM IN LIMESTONE CRAG COUNTRY

Hares: Mingster, Space Cowboy and Manila Thriller

On this bright and breezy day against blue skies above flat, verdant rice paddies and overlooked by the massive hulks of amazingly weathered, almost perpendicular, reddish grey limestone crags, the Hash assembled with its usual random mixture of cheerfulness, steely determination and total abandon for another test of sanity, sobriety and muscularity, dressed as of yore with the less fashionable contents of a dozen seedy charity shops and several very mediocre jumble sales. In short not New Year, Buddhist, Thai or Christian with all their ritual purifications and resolutions, can alter the sheer gracelessness of Cha Am Hash slowly chuntering into action. Manila Thriller brought some much needed respectability and sophistication to the Pre-Circle with her demure Hares' Briefing and we were off!

40 odd (very odd) Hashers jostled, jogged and galumped with varying degrees of fervour through the bamboo forest which surrounded the foot of one of the nearest crags and disappeared amid foliage as they began to negotiate rising ground on a path consisting of sharp craggy limestone lumps, punctuated by the occasional timber treads. The third law of thermodynamics dictated that the labours of the ascent would be repeated in reverse on the downward journey, which eventually arrived with unswerving predictability, but this time launching an assault, not on the lungs but on the knee cartilages. To be brief the descent was abrupt, precipitous and knee- rather than gut-wrenching. We were longing for the pleasant hillocks and pastures of our native land and amber nectar long before we reached the On In and after quenching and drenching, caring and sharing gruesome experiences, the snake festooned GM called the Circle.

Today there was to be a serious report of vital relevance to all Hashers on two crucial aspects of Hash behaviour mentioned in the Down Down song. Dave the Rave, as RA, had undertaken a Hash Survey and found that statistically winking and drinking was endemic in the Hash, that Hashers of both persuasions were equally adamant about the validity of their practices and equally determined to continue on their chosen course. As Space cowboy was present he made passing reference to the Wild West Show and encouraged all to drink, wink and be Mary (especially Mary Can Can). After the usual formalities and Down Downs the Circle was concluded and the On On was to be a free meal in honour of Mother Chick's, Sparky's and their son's birthdays at the Chicken Coup.

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League

Results Matchday 18 9th January 2009

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
LSA	16	5	DA	9	3
SUG	14	4	LSB	13	4
LSS	17	6	TW	8	2
CAP	13	3	LSL	16	5
DB	9	1	JWR	18	7
QUE	14	4	OCT	11	4
DIA	6	1	EAG	19	7
JWB v SIL cancelled; SIL are out					

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 19 16/01/2009
Sugar Cane v LSA
Dick's Office A v Thaiwaii
LSB v Captain's Inn
JW Red v LSS
LSL v Queens Flower
Eagle v Dick's Office B
Octopussy v JW Black
Silverrock v Diamond - OFF

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Lucky Shot Student's	18	13	3	2	40	63	29
Eagle Bar	18	12	4	2	56	95	28
Queens Flower Bar	17	12	3	2	56	114	27
Lucky Shot B	18	10	4	4	24	35	24
Johnie Walker Black	17	11	1	5	16	54	23
Lucky Shot Ladies	18	9	4	5	14	29	22
Octopussy Bar	18	9	4	5	14	19	22
Lucky Shot A	18	8	6	4	12	36	22
Silverrock Bar - OUT	15	7	4	4	0	-5	18
Sugar Cane Bar	18	7	2	9	8	20	16
Dick's Office B	18	6	2	10	-22	-38	14
Johnie Walker Red	18	4	5	9	-16	-40	13
Thaiwaii	18	3	2	13	-34	-65	8
Captain's Inn	17	2	3	12	-44	-81	7
Diamond Bar	18	1	3	14	-62	-118	5
Dick's Office A	18	1	2	15	-62	-118	4

Hua Hin 8-Ball League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
Harley	18	13	3	2	54	29
SportCtre	18	9	5	4	44	23
MrDanA	15	10	2	3	28	22
BenTho	15	9	2	4	36	20
Komhom	17	9	2	6	26	20
Dolphin	16	7	2	7	-8	16
Phoenix	13	5	2	6	-8	12
DicksA	14	3	5	6	-14	11
B'fly Rock	13	5	0	8	-8	10
DicksB	15	3	3	9	-28	9
MrDanB	14	3	3	8	-34	9
LilleMan	16	1	1	14	-88	3

Results Week 22
7th January 2009
Butterfly Rock 5 - 7 MrDanA
MrDanB 9 - 3 LilleMan
SportCentre 10 - 2 Dolphin
Other results not available at press time

Week 23 results will be in the next issue of AWOL

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 24 21st January 2009
DicksB v Phoenix
Dolphin v DicksA
Harley v MrDanA
Komhom v LilleMan
MrDanB v BenTho

SportCentre and Butterfly Rock do not have matches due to the two teams who have dropped out, Silver Rock and Bamboo Grove.

Hua Hin 9-Ball League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
Mr Dan A	12	8	0	4	20	16
LilleMan	12	7	0	5	-22	14
Red Bar	9	6	0	3	12	12
BenTho	12	6	0	6	0	12
Dolphin	11	5	1	5	23	11
Dicks B	11	5	1	5	-3	11
Plas Place	10	5	0	5	6	10
B'fly Rock	8	4	2	2	-4	10
Mr Dan B	12	3	1	8	-19	7
Dicks A	11	2	1	8	-13	5

Results Week 9
Week 13 12th January 2009
Mr Dan B 14 – 10 Plas Place
Butterfly Rock 6 – 18 BenTho
Red Bar 13 – 12 Mr Dan A
Lilleman 14 – 13 Dicks A
Dicks B 13 – 13 Dolphin

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 14 19th January 2009
BenTho v Mr Dan B
Dicks A v Dicks B
LilleMan v Red Bar
Mr Dan A v Butterfly Rock
Plas Place v Dolphin

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League

Results

Wed 14th January 2009

Eagle Bar 9 - 9 Dara Bar
Free Time Bar 13 - 5 Kun Koom
Harleys Bar 10 - 8 Bob and Noks
Oasis Bar 8 - 10 Sunset Boulevard
Railway Tavern 6 - 12 Thaiwaii
Bye Dizzy Dolphin - Deja Vu w'dr

Next Week's Fixtures

Wed 21st January 2009

Bob and Noks v Oasis Bar
Dara Bar v Free Time Bar
Kun Koom v Harleys Bar
Sunset B'vard v Railway Tavern
Thaiwaii v Dizzy Dolphin
Bye Eagle Bar, Deja Vu withdrew

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Eagle Bar	7	4	3	0	77	49	28	11
Free Time Bar	7	5	1	1	77	49	28	11
Oasis Bar	7	4	2	1	72	54	18	10
Bob and Noks	6	4	0	2	60	48	12	8
Harleys Bar	7	3	1	3	66	60	6	7
Thaiwaii	6	3	0	3	50	58	-8	6
Dizzy Dolphin	6	2	1	3	53	55	-2	5
Sunset Boulevard	6	2	1	3	47	61	-14	5
Kun Koom	6	1	2	3	50	58	-8	4
Dara Bar	6	1	1	4	41	67	-26	3
Railway Tavern	6	0	0	6	37	71	-34	0
Deja Vu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hua Hin Social Pool League

Results

Week 19 – 14th January 2009

Jungle Juice B v B'fly Rock 13-6
Billys Babes v U Turn 11-8
JW Red v Limelight 6-13
Sabai v Headrock – n/a
Red Bar v JW Black 7-12
PP v Billys 10-9
Lazy Daze v Jungle Juice A 8-11

Next Weeks Fixtures:

Week 20 – 21st January2009

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

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
PP	19	16	3	207-154	32
J Juice B	19	13	6	208-151	26
Billys Bbs	18	13	5	192-150	26
JW Black	18	12	6	183-159	24
J Juice A	17	12	5	171-152	24
Lazy Dz	19	10	9	166-175	20
Red Bar	18	9	9	175-162	18
Billys	18	9	9	173-171	18
Sabai	17	9	8	158-172	18
U Turn	16	6	10	149-154	12
Headrock	17	6	11	145-178	12
Limelight	19	4	15	150-192	8
JW Red	14	1	13	87-165	2
B'fly Rock	13	1	12	101-147	2

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Next Week's Fixtures

Week 20 20th January

Division 1

Scandic Bar v No Game
Paradise Bar v J.W. Black
Dicks Office B v No Game
J.W. Red v CAT
Oasis v Lazy Daze

Division 2

No Game v CAT B
Lucky Shot v Good Friends
Jaew v Dicks Office A
Mojo v Butterfly Rock
Love Bar v Bamboo Grove

The Cup Semi Final Draw was made and is as follows:
Mojo v CAT B at Oasis
Scandic v JW Black at Dicks Office
The Cup Final is scheduled to be played on 3rd February so could the above teams arrange their matches during the next two weeks.

Top 16 standings:

Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	Pts
Tao	JWB	169
Peter	JWB	145
Mark	O	144
Golf	SB	133
Stuart	P	130
Dicky	JWB	129
Rune	SB	116
Noi	CAT	114
Martin	LD	114
Bon	DOB	112

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	Pts
Tao	CAT	190
Don	CAT	182
Eero	BR	174
Bon	CAT	124
Mojo	M	123
Howard	M	112

Results Week 19

Division 1

No Game v Lazy Daze
CAT v Oasis 7-3
No Game v J.W. Red
J.W. Black v Dicks Office B 8-2
Scandic Bar v Paradise Bar 2-8

Division 2

CAT B v Bamboo Grove 9-1
Butterfly Rock v Love Bar 7-3
Dicks Office A v Mojo 7-3
Good Friends v Jaew – n/aNo Game v Lucky Shot

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
JW Blk	12	10	1	1	84-36	21
P'dise	13	9	0	4	79-51	18
CAT	12	7	3	2	72-48	17
Scandic	13	6	2	5	74-56	14
Dicks B	13	3	3	7	49-81	9
Oasis	13	4	0	9	54-76	8
JW Red	12	3	1	8	46-74	7
Lazy D	12	2	2	8	42-78	6

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT B	15	15	0	0	129-21	30
B'fly Rk	13	9	1	3	79-61	19
Lcky S	14	8	0	6	77-63	16
Jaew	13	8	0	5	70-60	16
Mojo	13	6	2	5	69-61	14
Dicks A	13	6	1	6	63-66	13
Gd Frd	14	3	1	10	51-89	7
B Grve	13	2	1	10	38-92	5
Love	14	1	0	13	34-106	2

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).

Friday 16th January - Quiz Night at Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern from 7pm - 200 baht entrance fee, great prizes, raffle & famous free buffet

Regular Events

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Pool Leagues **Tuesdays** - Darts League (various venues, see previous page, free food for players)

Fridays - Bar-B-Q party every week at Le Velo Rouge, Khao Takiab - Green Lotus Bar & Restaurant, Soi 88 (Bonkai) 169 baht BBQ every fortnight - 12th Dec BBQ Pork

Saturdays - Bobby's Good Friends (now Kun Koom) Restaurant and Bar Khao Takiab 7.30.pm till late. Live Filipino Band, come and dance the night away.

Hua Hin Golf Society

This week's results:

13th January - Majestic Creek 60 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 30 players

1st Peter Korn 42 pts 18 hcp, 2nd Usko 42 pts 8 hcp, 3rd Leena S, (g) 39 pts 16 hcp, 4th Matti S, (g) 37 pts 16 hcp, 5th Denis Blasdale 37 pts 9 hcp, 6th Rami (g) 36 pts 10 hcp.

Group 'B' - 18-36 hcp - Stableford 30 Players

1st Nid Byrne 32 pts 21 hcp, 2nd Paul Moran 32 pts 19 hcp, 3rd Mikki (g) 32 pts 28 hcp, 4th Kurre 31 pts 22 hcp, 5th Judith Thomson 31 pts 35 hcp, 6th Rolf Reizt 30 pts 20 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 6 Andy Bayes, No. 17 Nid Byrne

9th January - Lake View A & B 52 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 30 players

1st Enrico 34 pts 16 hcp, 2nd Calum McDonald 33 pts 11 hcp, 3rd Erkki 32 pts 16 hcp, 4th Jim Ford 31 pts 8 hcp, 5th Robert Laminit 31 pts 9 hcp, 6th Wij 31 pts 13 hcp.

Group 'B' - 18-36 hcp - Stableford 22 Players

1st Renu (g) 36 pts 28 hcp, 2nd Dawn Hyde 32 pts 26 hcp, 3rd Fred Kroll 30 pts 19 hcp, 4th Rolf Reitz 30 pts 20 hcp, 5th Hans Roupe 29 pts 28 hcp, 6th Vivienne Chatfield 28 pts 23 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 8 Robert Laminit, No. 17 Jim Ford

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 20th Royal Ratchaburi - Transport 7.45 at the Bazaar

Friday 23rd Banyan

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Jan 9th - Pam Hills 18 Players - Stableford - qualifier

1st Nid Byrne 39 pts, 2nd Craig Miller 34 pts, 3rd Phil Simons 34 pts, 4th Adrian Byrne 34 pts.

Jan 12th - Lake View AB Any Tee Comp - Stableford 27 Players

1st Jan Friedberg 38, 2nd Peter Tucker 36, 3rd Jill Leonard 33, 4th Doug East 32.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 19th January Lake View

Friday 23rd January Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 10 January 2009

Arsenal 1-0 Bolton
Aston Villa 2-1 West Brom
Everton 2-0 Hull
Middlesbrough 1-1 Sunderland
Newcastle 2-2 West Ham
Stoke 0-0 Liverpool

Sunday, 11 January 2009

Man Utd 3-0 Chelsea
Wigan 1-0 Tottenham

Tuesday, 13 January 2009

The FA Cup 3rd round replays
Birmingham 0-2 Wolverhampton
Bristol City 0-2 Portsmouth
Burnley 2-1 QPR (After Ex Time)
Cheltenham 0-0 Doncaster
Crewe 2-3 Millwall
Histon 1-2 Swansea
Leyton Orient 1-4 Sheff Utd
Norwich 0-1 Charlton
Peterborough 0-2 West Brom

Wednesday, 14 January 2009

Man Utd 1-0 Wigan
(please note that this result is not included in the league table opposite)
The FA Cup 3rd round replays
Crystal Palace 2-1 Leicester
Newcastle 0-1 Hull
Southend 1-4 Chelsea

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EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 17 January 2009

Blackburn v Newcastle, 22:00

Big Sam must be salivating over the chance to put one over on the club and fans that turned on him so quickly. And we think he will in a narrow home win.

Bolton v Man Utd, 22:00

A Lancashire derby that could well see newly crowned FIFA Footballer of the Year Ronaldo come back to form. United are just too good at the moment - easy away win.

Chelsea v Stoke, 22:00

Despite their efforts last week against the leaders, Stoke are woeful away from home, so an easy win that Chelsea desperately need.

Man City v Wigan, 22:00

While it would seem foolish given City's home record, we think that Wigan will get a draw in this one. Not many goals likely.

Sunderland v Ast. Villa, 22:00

Both teams are in a decent run of form and this could be quite close. So close that we predict a draw.

West Brom v M'brough, 22:00

As predicted in these very pages 'Boro are starting to struggle and this is a real six pointer. West Brom to haul themselves off the bottom with a home win.

Sunday, 18 January 2009

Hull v Arsenal, 00:30

Hull shocked the Gunners at the Emirates earlier in the season, and that will add a bit of bite to this game. We think Arsenal will well and truly exact their revenge.

Barclays Premier League Table

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Liverpool	21	6	4	0	16	6	7	3	1	19	7	22	46
2	Chelsea	21	4	4	2	17	6	8	2	1	23	6	28	42
3	Man Utd	19	8	1	0	23	4	4	4	2	9	6	22	41
4	Aston Villa	21	5	5	1	18	12	7	0	3	17	11	12	41
5	Arsenal	21	7	2	2	18	11	4	3	3	16	12	11	38
6	Everton	21	3	4	4	14	15	7	1	2	15	10	4	35
7	Wigan	20	6	2	3	12	10	3	2	4	13	11	4	31
8	Hull	21	3	2	5	10	20	4	4	3	18	19	-11	27
9	Fulham	19	6	3	1	16	8	0	5	4	2	6	4	26
10	West Ham	21	4	1	5	13	15	3	4	4	13	15	-4	26
11	Newcastle	21	4	4	3	18	19	1	4	5	10	15	-6	23
12	Bolton	21	3	2	5	8	11	4	0	7	14	18	-7	23
13	Sunderland	21	3	2	5	11	13	3	3	5	11	17	-8	23
14	Portsmouth	20	4	2	4	14	17	2	3	5	7	16	-12	23
15	Man City	20	5	0	5	24	11	1	4	5	14	19	8	22
16	M'brough	21	3	4	4	10	15	2	2	6	8	15	-12	21
17	Stoke	21	5	3	3	12	11	0	3	7	6	22	-15	21
18	Tottenham	21	3	3	4	7	7	2	2	7	13	19	-6	20
19	Blackburn	20	2	3	5	10	17	2	3	5	12	19	-14	18
20	West Brom	21	4	2	4	13	16	1	1	9	4	21	-20	18

West Ham v Fulham, 20:30

One of the less glamorous London derbies but the atmosphere at Upton Park will be electric as several old boys return. This normally spells defeat for the Hammers but Zola seems to have instilled a new belief, in particular with Carlton Cole, and we think this will be a home win.

Spurs v Portsmouth, 23:00

The Pompey fans will be out in force to jeer their former manager and player in Redknapp and Defoe, and the team will be looking to inflict further damage on the woefully underperforming Spurs side. We think they will go home disappointed.

Tuesday, 20 January 2009

Liverpool v Everton, 03:00

An odd time for a Merseyside derby but this will still be a blood and thunder affair. Liverpool have a good home record while Everton have been fantastic away, so this will be intriguing. Score draw we think and a couple of red cards.

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Rafa's Rant: Benitez morphs into Keegan

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In case you have missed it, Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez launched a pretty scathing attack on Sir Alex Ferguson last week, which in essence accused him of whining.

The Spaniard's outburst is reported to be in response to comments made by Ferguson about the fixture list when he claimed that the odds were stacked against United. Many will be reminded of another manager who buckled under the pressure as Manchester United closed in on them when they were leading the Premier League - Kevin Keegan's infamous 'I'd love it' speech. Here is the rant in full…

"I want to talk about facts. I want to be clear; I do not want to play mind games too early, although they seem to want to start.

During the Respect campaign - and this is a fact - Mr Ferguson was charged by the FA for improper conduct after comments made about Martin Atkinson and Keith Hackett. He was not punished. He is the only manager in the league that cannot be punished for these things. How can you talk about the Respect campaign and yet criticise the referee every single week?

We know what happens every time we go to Old Trafford and the United staff. They are always going man-to-man with the referees, especially at half-time when they walk close to the referees and they are talking and talking.

All managers need to know is that only Mr Ferguson can talk about the fixtures, can talk about referees - and nothing happens. We need to know that I am talking about facts, not my impression. There are things that everyone can see every single week. To complain and to always have an advantage is not fair. Two years ago we had a lot of early kick-offs away on Saturdays when United were playing on Sundays. And we didn't say anything," said the Reds boss.

'Mind if I call you Kev to avoid confusion?'

"Now he is complaining about everything, that everybody is against United. But the second half of the season will see them playing at home against all the teams at the top of the table, it is a fantastic advantage.

At Christmas, United played on the 29th and the rest of the teams played on the 28th. We were away against Newcastle two days after playing Bolton. They were playing about 40 hours later, but they were not complaining then.

If he wants to talk about fixtures, and have a level playing field, there are two options if we don't want more problems with fixtures. One is the same as in Spain, the draw for the first part of the league is known, everyone knows which weekend. In the second half everyone plays the opposite, so you all know. Sky and Setanta have the right to choose their games and it will be the same for everyone. So Mr Ferguson will not be complaining about fixtures and a campaign against United.

Or there is another option. That Mr Ferguson organises the fixtures in his office and sends it to us and everyone will know and cannot complain. That is simple."

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