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ASEAN summit to boost local economy?

Region's leaders to meet in Hua Hin next month

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

The announcement made by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva that the delayed ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) summit, originally scheduled to take place in Bangkok in December, was going to be held in February this year in Hua Hin, has been met with a mixed response by many local residents, although the business community are overjoyed at the news, in particular the hotels, who have been suffering one of the worst high seasons in years.

The major concerns of residents are that the security measures required for such a high level meeting will put added pressure on the already creaking infrastructure of the town, and in particular the water supply and the roads; many believe that the centre of the town will be effectively shut down as delegates and their entourages travel to and from the meetings. However, some of these fears may have been eased by the unofficial announcement that the summit will be held at the Dusit Resort north of the town, rather than one of the town centre hotels. While there will undoubtedly be some traffic disruption it won't be as intrusive as if the meeting was in, for example, the Hilton.

Offsetting the possible problems is the revenue that is likely to flow

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Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva

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ASEAN summit

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into Hua Hin as a result of the summit; there will be an army of reporters,and TV crews in addition to the officials, secretaries, drivers et al that will make up each delegation.

This will be the 14th ASEAN summit and the rescheduling means it will take place on February 27 to March 1 (Friday to Sunday). Some posters on the local forum HHAD also speculated that the bars and clubs may have to close, but no announcements have been made on this issue. Certainly there are fears that the supporters of the former government,, commonly called the 'red shirts', will come to the town in force to protest but it is likely that the police and the army will try to prevent them getting close to the current Prime Minister.

For most businesses though, the extra trade from any of the likely visitors will be welcome, and could make the difference between some businesses failing or surviving as we head into the traditionally quiet period after high season.

The map above shows the 10 countries that make up ASEAN

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You'd bet your 'House' on her

■ LOS ANGELES, USA

Olivia Wilde is really a blonde but she isn't dumb! She has been appearing in the hit TV series 'House M.D' for over a year, and before that had been in 'The O.C' and 'The Black Donnellys'. This year she will be appearing on movie screens with Jack Black in the Monty Python-esque 'The Year One' and the prison drama 'In Northwood' and is reason enough to go and see those movies on her own!

She has dual nationality, American and Irish, and is married (sorry boys) to Italian-American documentary filmmaker, photographer and flamenco guitar player Tao Ruspoli.

Somehow we think the viewing figures for 'House M.D' in Hua Hin might just increase (Note to True Visons - you can thank us later...)

Olivia Wilde (not a dumb blonde), right, told Star magazine how she sometimes takes cues from her character even when she's not working, saying, "I'm now convinced that I'm a doctor. I mean, if someone says they have a pain, I'm like, 'Well, that's your spleen.'"

Man lost in German airport for a week

■ HANOVER, GERMANY

A holidaymaker got lost in a German airport ... for an entire week.

The Greek man somehow managed to spend a full seven days and nights at the tiny Hanover airport in Germany before he was discovered.

It is not known why 38-year-old Christianos Kaklamanis had not made himself know to staff at the airport before he was spotted by a travel agent who called police.

Officials said he had been reported missing in his home country and would be put back on a flight to Athens, Greece.

An investigation has been launched into how he remained unnoticed for so long.

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Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Sat	Partly sunny	22	32
Sun	Mostly sunny and pleasant	20	30
Mon	Nice with plenty of sunshine	21	31
Tues	Sunny and pleasant	21	32
Wed	Sunshine	21	31
Thur	Sunshine and patchy clouds	22	33
Fri	Sunny	22	33

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 23rd January 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	0	8	Rain
Athens	11	18	Thunderstorms
Auckland	16	24	Cloudy
Beijing -	8	-7	Fine
Berlin	-2	3	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	23	36	Fine
Chicago	-5	1	Cloudy
Copenhagen	0	2	Cloudy
Dubai	13	20	Partly Cloudy
Dublin	0	7	Rain
Geneva	-3	4	Rain
Helsinki	-3	-1	Mostly Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	19	31	Bright
Hong Kong	10	18	Cloudy
Islamabad	10	21	Cloudy
Jakarta	25	30	Rain
Jerusalem	14	19	Fine
Johannesburg	18	24	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	32	Thunderstorms
London	3	9	Rain
Madrid	3	9	Rain
Manila	23	31	Cloudy
Mexico City	6	23	Fine
Moscow	-4	0	Snow
New Delhi	8	20	Mist
New York	-2	3	Cloudy
Oslo	-3	0	Possible snow
Paris	3	10	Rain
Perth	17	28	Clear
Phnom-Penh	22	33	Scattered Clouds
Rio De Janeiro	21	31	Showers
Riyadh	2	17	Scattered Clouds
Rome	6	12	Cloudy
San Francisco	11	13	Cloudy
Singapore	24	32	Fine
Stockholm	0	1	Mostly Cloudy
Sydney	23	30	Thunderstorms
Tokyo	5	11	Rain
Vientiane	15	31	Clear
Yangon	19	33	Clear
Zurich	-3	3	Cloudy

Currency Exchange Rates

At 22nd January 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	34.9736
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EUR	Euro	45.1508
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.389032
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.68673
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.2461
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.2461
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.11344
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00311296
INR	Indian Rupee	0.712014
KRW	Korean Won	0.0254246
AUD	Australian Dollar	22.8592
NZD	New Zealand Dollar	18.211
CHF	Swiss Franc	30.596
DKK	Danish Krone	6.06002
NOK	Norwegian Krone	4.98611
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.14628
CAD	Canadian Dollar	27.4499
AED	UAE Dirham	9.52326
BHD	Bahrain Dinar	93.0146
KWD	Kuwaiti Dinar	121.581
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Hua Hin Hospital 032 511 743
San Paulo Hospital 032 532 576 to 585
Hua Hin Red Cross 032 512 567

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Thieves make off with police car wheels

■ ISIPINGO, SOUTH AFRICA

When officers from Isipingo Metro Police arrived at work at 6am one day last week, they were greeted by the sight of one of their vehicles up on bricks.

Thieves had cut through a fence and stolen all four rims and tyres off a Toyota Run-X.

It was not the first time. About three weeks ago, the rims and tyres of four taxis impounded there were also stolen.

And towards the end of 2008, diesel from some Durban Solid Waste trucks, which park on the property because the company has offices there, was siphoned over a period of a few nights. Police caught the suspects while they were in the act of doing so again.

A Toyota Run-X

Infuriated sources, however, say access to the police station is not controlled properly and requests to have better lighting installed in the parking lot have been turned down.

They say it won't be long before a private vehicle is stolen from the police station yard.

One source said some council offices were also on the property and when meetings were held, people walked in and out of the police station "like it was a shopping centre".

"People can easily steal the wheels off cars, almost anyone has access, they know where and when the cars are parked. There are security guards but no access control," he said.

The value of the four rims and tyres stolen from the Run-X is about R12 500. Fingerprints on the vehicle were smudged, so convictions will be difficult.

Metro Police director Vincent Ngubane said he was investigating last week's incident and was not ruling out the possibility of staff involvement.

He said his investigation would include finding out how new the Run-X's tyres were, because this could indicate whether the thieves knew what condition they were in and therefore their value.

Ngubane confirmed the other two incidents and said security at the police station was being assessed and would be beefed up.

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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...

Stone the crows

This is an exclamation of incredulity or annoyance that is largely out of favour now. There have been a few attempts to explain the origin of this odd phrase, but it seems (obviously) that it alludes to the practise of throwing stones at crows rather than some of the more fancy explanations.

There are references from England that describe it as an Americanism and American newspaper articles that call it 'an old English phrase', but actually it appears to have originated in Australia. Most of the early citations in print come from there. It has a sort of Australian twang to it and is in common with several other similar phrases, all with the same meaning: starve the bardies [bardies are grubs], stiffen the crows, spare the crow.

Crows were unwelcome guests at sheep farms as, given the chance, they will kill and eat newborn lambs, so the association with annoyance isn't hard to see. The link in meaning to surprise isn't obvious, but then there's no particular reason to expect to find one. Stoning crows was a commonplace enough activity and calling it up into a phrase could have been done for no reason other than that the person who coined it just liked the sound of it. There are other expressions of surprise or annoyance like I'll go to the foot of our stairs, strike me pink, I'll be a monkey's uncle or if that don't take the rag off the bush. None of these have any sensible literal meaning and stone the crows is another to add to that list.

One of those early Australian references is, from Lennie Lower's Here's Luck, 1930: "I told Stanley that you had been thrown out and asked him to pull up, but he merely laughed and refused," he explained. "Stone the crows!" exclaimed Stanley indignantly.

The outstanding comedy writing team Ray Galton and Alan Simpson used 'stone me' in their scripts for Tony Hancock. This is a transcript taken from a 1961 episode of Hancock: Tony: "Any room for a littl'un?". They stare at him frostily. Tony: "Cor, stone me." Stone me has a clear ancestry back to the earlier stone the crows and was widely used, especially during Hancock's heyday. Neither phrase is now in very common use but stone me is heard more often. Galton and Simpson weren't in the business of catchphrases, although this could be called that, in the sense that it is a phrase that caught on.

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THE MEANING OF "SERVICE"

At one time in my life, I thought I had a handle on the meaning of the word "service."
"The act of doing things for other people."
Then I heard the terms: Internal Revenue Service, Postal Service, Telephone Service, Civil Service, City/County Public Service, Customer Service, Service Stations and I became confused about the word "service.
"This is not what I thought "service" meant.
Then yesterday, I overheard two farmers talking and one of them mentioned that he was having a bull over to "service" a few of his cows. Then BAM! It all came into perspective.
Now I understand what all those "service" agencies are doing to us.

WINE, BEER OR WATER?

As Ben Franklin said: In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria.
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Remember: Water = Poop, Wine = Health
Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of s**t.
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THE DRUNK & THE DANCER

A drunk is sitting at a bar when a woman stands behind him and raises her arm really high to get the bartender's attention. She has very hairy armpits. The drunk sees this and yells at the bartender, "Get the ballerina a drink." She gets her drink and goes away.
Later she returns and raises her arm again. The drunk sees her and yells to the bartender, "Get the ballerina another drink." She gets her drink and goes away again.
The bartender asks the drunk how he knows that she is a ballerina given that she is a stranger and has never been in the bar before. The drunk replies, "She's got to be a ballerina if she can lift her leg that high."

A TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA

Three guys were on a trip to Saudi Arabia. One day, they stumbled into a harem tent filled with over 100 beautiful women. They started getting friendly with all the women, when suddenly the Sheik came in.
"I am the master of all these women. No one else can touch them except me. You three men must pay for what you have done today."
"You will be punished in a way corresponding to your profession," said the sheik, then he turned to the first man and asked him what he did for a living.
"I'm a cop," said the first man. "Then we will shoot your manhood off!" said the sheik.
He then turned to the second man and asked him what he did for a living.
"I'm a firemen," said the second man. "Then we will burn your manhood off!" said the sheik.
Finally, he asked the last man, "And you, what do you do for a living?"
The third man said with a sly grin, "I'm a lollipop salesman!"

THREE MEN NAKED IN A SAUNA

Three men are sitting naked in the sauna. Suddenly there is a beeping sound. The first man presses his forearm and the beeping stops. The others look at him curiously. "That's my pager," he says. "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm."
A few minutes later a phone rings. The second man lifts his palm to his ear. When he finishes he explains, "That's my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand."
The third man, feeling decidedly low-tech, steps out of the sauna. In a few minutes he returns with a piece of toilet paper extending from his rear. The others raise their eyebrows. "I'm getting a fax," he explains.

HUDSON CRASH LANDING STILL BETTER THAN HEATHROW

■NEW YORK, USA

PASSENGERS on the plane which crash landed on the Hudson river last night insisted the terrifying experience was much better than Heathrow.

As the stricken US Airways jet drifted over the skyscrapers of Manhattan before ditching in the freezing water, dozens of frightened passengers were thankful they were not arriving in London.

Tom Logan, a New York businessman, said: "As someone who has flown into Heathrow twice in my life, today's experience was like having a long, soapy shower with Heidi Klum.

Hudson plane crash: passengers were off the plane and home before Heathrow passengers have even passed through security

"I hear they're planning a third runway at Heathrow. They should build a large moat instead. It would improve the experience immeasurably."

Kathy Cook, a sales assistant from New Jersey, said: "I looked out the window and saw the water getting closer and closer. I thought of my children, my husband, all the things I've never done and then I thought, 'oh well, at least it's not Heathrow'."

She added: "Minutes later we were all squeezed onto the wing in the freezing cold waiting to be rescued and it occurred to me that this was actually much less crowded than Heathrow and with better facilities."

Aviation experts said the pilot, Chesley Sullenberger, was a hero for guiding the plane to a safe landing and saving the 155 passengers from a Heathrow-like nightmare. Sullenberger said: "I kept saying to myself 'come on Ches, make it better than Heathrow. Just make it better than Heathrow'."

A US Airways spokesman said the passengers should receive their luggage within 48 hours, adding: "It's not as if the plane has been anywhere near Heathrow. It's just partially submerged in the Hudson river."

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
An unemployed UN weapons inspector will come round your house on the 26th. Ensure he is well fed and that he has access to any rooms in your house.
A book, a magazine or a newspaper will influence you this week in ways that will approach Matrix-like levels of weirdness. Avoid slow karate kicking of assailants this week as in real life this gives them enough time to either run away or punch you straight in the privates.
Your lucky Banana this week will come from the Caribbean.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 17
Avoid taking part in car chases, rollercoaster rides and riding night-busses after the 24th.
When driving your, or a stolen, car, ensure you use all of your mirrors on the 29th especially on streets spelled with an 'a' or 'l'.
The word Jerusalem will be an answer in a crossword puzzle, or that of a person you sit next to on a train this week.
Your lucky house number will be 47.

Pisces Feb 18 - Mar 19
A call you make on 25th on your cell phone will have wide ranging repercussions in the telecommunications industry. Your call has a 57.2% chance that it will tip the system over into chaos; a new disaster recovery strategy will eventually be named after you.
A controversial political view you have long held will come to a head this week and may only be settled with a messy breakfast food fight metaphor involving eggs or legs of ham, or custard pies.
This week your destiny wears the shorts of a teen but the checked jersey of an 80 year-old.

Aries Mar 20 - Apr 19
A larva hot-lamp that you or a hippy inspired relative owned in the 1960's will impact on your life this week in ways unforeseeably messy at the moment.
Ensure you accurately tie any shoe laces, or other knots in your clothing, to avoid embarrassment as, after 25th, a planetary alignment will attempt to trip you up.
Your lucky scarf colour is red this week.

Taurus Apr 20 - May 19
Poor weather will be blamed for changing your plans on the 24th, however this is really due to Neptune which is adjacent.
On walking to the car on the 28th you will be encouraged to moderate your pace by a small dog determined to bring you down. Ensure all doors are closed firmly to prevent this mutt from following you into the car, and especially check it is not hiding under seats as part of a surprise attack.
Planetary tip for the home: a vacuum cleaner can be used to scare most small yappy type dogs - especially if you have the beater bar on.
Your lucky meditation chant will include the phrase: "hhhhh-ooooooommmmmm!"

Gemini May 20 - Jun 20
A bird will bring you good tidings this week, although its feathers could make your asthma worse.
A minor choking incident around 27th could lead to unexpected consequences for an Italian neighbour and a vase of flowers.
Whilst cooking a chicken meal on the 28th your elbow will be knocked violently whilst adding the salt.
This week your lucky armpit will be the left one.

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Cancer Jun 21 - Jul 21
Your job prospects are well starred this week after a period of being in the dumps. A manager will look to you for support around the 25th: use this opportunity to ingratiate yourself unashamedly.
You will be given 50% more change than you deserve in a transaction involving a shop assistant on the 28th. The planets are unsure what you should do about this: Saturn says keep the money, Mars says give it back.
Your lucky Rat Pack member will be Sammy Davis Junior again this week.

Leo Jul 22 - Aug 22
The extremely high impact yoga workout DVD that you received as a present during the recent season of giving, has changed the karmic ether in your house. To those who study these things, this is clearly visible from the road, so expect more than your share of door-to-door salesmen and religious nuts over the coming week.
Try as hard as you can to achieve the required levels of suppleness for section three of the aforementioned yoga DVD as this skill will be useful when handling an incident involving a fish swimming in a bowl of water on the 27th.
This week your lucky chilled pudding is chocolate mousse.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 21
Avoid white or light-blue shirts on the 24th as they are doomed to red wine and/or rust stains.
A book you are reading will introduce floristry into your life on the 29th.
Remember to keep an open mind when trying out any new activity, although not with anyone attempting Karma Sutra on you - any of the positions over number 17 are ill-starred for the first half of the year and should be avoided completely unless you can pull at least two of your limbs out of their socket.
Ensure enough warmed cushions are on hand at all times.
Your lucky sport is sailing.

Libra Sept 22 - Oct 22
Your inner peace will be tested this week after you shock yourself with the violence used to kill a fly or bug which has annoyed you; you will be reminded of that moment in the Karate Kid movie when the old guy gracefully catches a fly with his chopsticks and how that was the exact opposite of the way you did it.
A stockmarket investment you made in your late teens is set to come good after a period of poor performance.
This week your lucky fruit yogurt is peach melba.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21
Avoid baked goods all week, especially ones which need to be toasted for longer than 3 minutes.
A cheeky, or very crinkled, elderly relative will encourage you to try out various meditative states this week, the aim of which is, apparently, to see if you have any past life recollection. Avoid wearing orange and pink when in a meditative state and do not remove your shoes even though your feet will sweat erratically at times.
Your lucky condiment is pepper.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
A favourite T-shirt of yours with a picture of a monkey will attract criticism from people who know better. When eating bananas in this shirt, ensure a neighbour does not take a picture which could later be used on an ironic or satirical web site.
A small bird could prevent a financial opportunity if not handled deftly with tissue.
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Pop a few tea bags in your hot water tank and you can make a hot cuppa anytime by just turning on the tap.

Avoid jet lag by simply taking an earlier flight, thus arriving fully refreshed and on time.
Sgt. R. J. Crowe, 662 Squadron, Germany.

Put a stop to car thieves by siphoning off all your petrol whenever you park your car, and carrying it round with you in one or two plastic buckets.

Why pay the earth for expensive jigsaws? Just take a bag of frozen chips from the freezer and try piecing together potatoes.

As adverts on the television tell us not to use light switches if we smell gas, I find it useful to always have a candle ready for use in such emergencies.

Mix tea with coffee, and leave in the fridge to cool. Hey presto! Toffee.

Exterior wood stain is a fast, long-lasting and attractive alternative to sun-bed treatments.

Avoid paying tax by going to work in a politically unstable Middle East country inhabited by religious fanatics. Ignore British Government advice to leave when a war looks imminent, then moan a few weeks later when bombs start going off and there aren't any planes home.

Always keep a pound of lard in your pocket so that if you get your head stuck in railings you'll be able to grease your ears and slide out.

Avoid losing contact lenses by drilling a small hole in each one and attaching them with a length of nylon fishing line. This can then be worn around the neck.

I regularly drive to the pub, but am never guilty of drink driving. The secret is to consume so much alcohol that by closing time you have completely forgotten ever owning a car.

Prevent crisps cutting your gums and getting caught between teeth by steeping them in a bowl of water before eating them.

Werewolf enthusiasts. get that "wolfy" feeling every night by simply glueing a paper plate to your bedroom window.

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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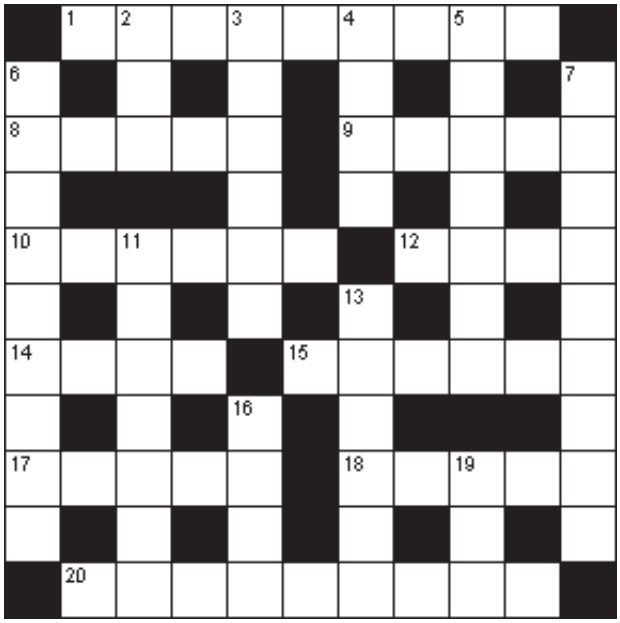

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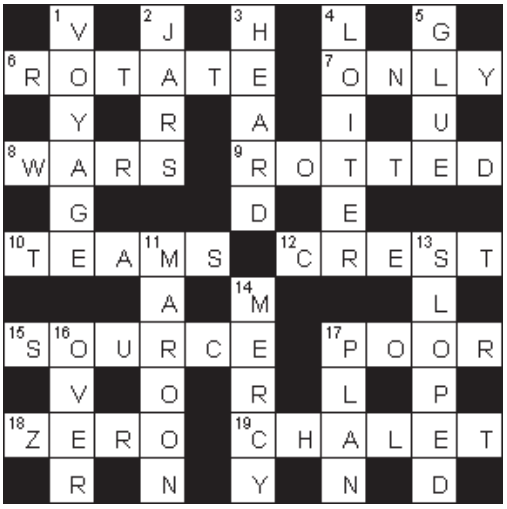

Man in ill-advised shark heist

A fully grown nurse shark - a bit tricky to put under your jacket!

■ NEW YORK, USA

A man from New York state is facing charges, after he allegedly stole a shark from a pet shop.

30-year-old Elbert Starks is accused of fishing the $350 shark out of an aquarium in the pet store in Lynbrook, in Long Island, on December 12.

He then allegedly smuggled the nurse shark out of the store by hiding it under his jacket, before releasing it into his home aquarium.

Police say that they also found a green moray eel in the aquarium, which he had bought with a stolen credit card on January 2.

'This guy obviously has a thing for fish,' Brendan Jones, a worker at the store the eel was taken from, told the New York Post 'But he obviously made a poor decision.'

The shark and eel were unharmed by their ordeal, and are currently being looked after at a pet store, in a tank marked 'evidence'.

World's top chef "I fancy a McDonald's"

He is one of the world's most celebrated chefs and diners travel hundreds of miles to taste his 35-course menu, but that doesn't stop Ferran Adria, pictured right, from wanting a McDonald's.

The Spanish chef - whose restaurant El Bulli is regarded as the world's best - says he would love to tuck into a McDs though he hasn't had one for years.

In a recent interview the three-star Michelin chef also said he could not make a better burger for the same price.

He added that he would like to visit a McDonald's to "discover" its cooking, something that may worry the 800,000 people who try to book a table at his restaurant each year.

An average meal at El Bulli, located at Costa Brava in Catalonia, Spain, is £200 (10,000 baht) ... or 180 McDonald's double cheeseburgers.

Housewife takes washing machine repairman hostage

A woman became so sick of her constantly malfunctioning washing machine that she took drastic action and held the repairman hostage.

Tracey Fox, 42, of Thornley, County Durham, bought her washing machine 10 months ago. She had called out an engineer to repair it on five occasions.

On January 13, her patience finally ran out. After surviving without her washing machine for three weeks, she took the law into her own hands. She barricaded herself against the door and refused to let the Currys engineer out of her home.

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The engineer believed he had found the root of the problem when the extricated a two pence coin from the machine.

But when he started to pack up his equipment, Mrs Fox insisted he take a more thorough look. She told the repairman he could not leave and blocked his exit by sitting in front of her back door.

After the engineer and Mrs Fox agreed to end the standoff by calling the police, the situation was resolved amicably. In addition, Currys have since supplied Mrs Fox with a new washing machine.

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■ DEAR MARY,
I started going out with this girl four months ago and things are really going well. We met when I was driving around a lot at night. I stopped the car, she got in, we went back to mine and she moved in right away. I felt really proud as she is a very popular girl who attracts a constant stream of gentleman callers. She is really nice and I love her deeply. Last night she sat me down and said she had a dark secret to confess, and told me that she had worked as a prostitute. I said not to worry, it was all in the past, and that I would stick by her. She said thanks but pointed out that I owed her £3,000. Is that right? It seems a bit steep.
Skint, Skelmersdale.

Mary says: Dear Skint,
It may seem a bit steep but you have to factor in the amount of money you are saving in petrol and the fact that you do not have to take her out for dinner. Add in the fact that you have a face that would make a donkey sick and I think, all in all, you are getting a good deal. Nevertheless after receiving your letter I contacted Tracey on your behalf and she has agreed that if you block book and pay up front she will give you a 10% discount on the next four months.

DEAR MARY,
I'm married and have a baby but I have been attracted to this man at work for a few years. I believe he is attracted to me too because every time I go into his office he points at his genitals and makes grunting noises. I really don't want to break my marriage vows but I also have a strong urge to lock crotches with this hunk and swap some gravy. Are there any days on which my vows do not apply? Or any places? I read once that vegetarians are allowed to eat meat as long as it's in an in-flight meal. Obviously I will break them if I have to.
Faithful, Farringdon

Mary says: Dear Faithful,
Well spotted! Illicit mid-air hochmagandy does not count as a breach of your marriage vows, and nor does a bunk-up with a foreign waiter as long as you keep both your feet off the ground at all times. But beware! Standing on a dustbin round the back of the restaurant does not count! If you are determined to do it on home soil have a look at the notable dates section at the front of your Filofax. This lists all the days on which marriage vows do not apply. From memory there are about 11 a year. Hopefully these will be enough to keep you going for a while. Happy hoggins!

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The success of the marathon 16-hour surgery will give hope to the millions around the world who have suddenly or unexpectedly lost face and failed to regain it in the hours, days or even years since, as well as to those who suffer from habitual face loss.

The groundbreaking surgery may also have a significant cultural and psychological impact, especially in Asia, where the World Health Organization estimates that more than 40 percent of men and women live their entire lives in fear of losing face.

Thailand has long been known as a leader in face loss prevention. By teaching its youth to never question authority and hierarchy, to avoid confrontation and embarrassment at all costs, and to never stick out from the crowd, Thailand has reduced face loss to record lows in the past two decades. But now, Samitivej's medical breakthrough will also make the country a pioneer in face loss treatment and recovery.

Anuchai Witinasachawik, the successful recipient of the face saving surgery, displays his joy (we think)

The successful patient, Anuchai Witinasachawik, a 45-year-old accountant from Bangkok, checked in to Samitivej yesterday morning complaining of anxiety. Further examination by doctors revealed that he was suffering from "extreme sulkiness, bouts of passive aggressive behaviour, such as the silent treatment, and unannounced, unexplained absences from work" – all classic symptoms of face loss.

Further probing by doctors revealed that three weeks ago, at a dinner party he hosted, he had had an argument with his wife over where they had vacationed during Songkran 2002. After calling his wife a "buffalo" in front of shocked colleagues, Anuchai reportedly stormed off to prove he "was right." Looking through an old photo album, he was shocked to discover that they had, in fact, gone to Phu Kradung as his wife had said.

Having pinpointed the cause of Anuchai's face loss, doctors began with laser surgery, removing the emotional scarring associated with the argument, and then eliminating the brain cells containing both his memories of that night and his tendency toward over-sensitivity. Finally, using cutting-edge facial reconstruction techniques, doctors implanted a permanent smile of Anuchai's face.

"His face is 100 percent saved," doctors announced. "He can return to his wife and workplace and function like a normal, emotionally healthy adult instead of a child. What's more, it is highly unlikely he will ever lose face again because he will always be smiling."

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Hua Hin Pool Billiard League
Results Matchday 19 16th January 2009

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
SUG	7	1	LSA	19	7
DA	6	1	TW	18	7
LSB	12	4	CAP	14	4
JWR	14	5	LSS	14	3
LSL	8	2	QUE	15	6
EAG	14	5	DB	11	3
OCT	8	1	JWB	19	7
SIL v DIA cancelled; SIL are out					

Next Weeks Fixtures
Matchday 20 23/01/2009
LSA v LSL
Dick's Office B v LSS
LSB v Octopussy
Diamond v Dick's Office A
JW Red v Queens Flower
Thaiwaii v JW Black
Eagle v Captain's Inn
Sugar Cane v no Game

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Eagle Bar	19	13	4	2	58	98	30
Queens Flower Bar	18	13	3	2	60	121	29
Lucky Shot Student's	19	13	3	3	38	63	29
Lucky Shot B	19	10	5	4	24	33	25
Johnie Walker Black	18	12	1	5	22	65	25
Lucky Shot A	19	9	6	4	18	48	24
Lucky Shot Ladies	19	9	4	6	10	22	22
Octopussy Bar	19	9	4	6	8	8	22
Silverrock Bar	15	7	4	4	0	-5	18
Sugar Cane Bar	19	7	2	10	2	8	16
Johnie Walker Red	19	5	5	9	-14	-40	15
Dick's Office B	19	6	2	11	-24	-41	14
Thaiwaii	19	4	2	13	-28	-53	10
Captain's Inn	18	2	4	12	-44	-79	8
Diamond Bar	18	1	3	14	-62	-118	5
Dick's Office A	19	1	2	16	-68	-130	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	36	22
Komhom	17	9	2	6	28	20
BenTho	15	9	2	4	26	20
Dolphin	16	7	2	7	-8	16
Phoenix	14	6	2	6	-4	14
DicksA	14	3	5	6	-14	11
B'flyRock	13	5	0	8	-8	10
DicksB	15	3	3	9	-28	9
MrDanB	15	3	3	9	-38	9
LilleMan	16	1	1	14	-88	3

Results Week 23
14th January 2009
Pheonix 8 - 4 MrDan B
Other results not available at press time

Week 24 results will be in the next issue of AWOL

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 25 28th January 2009
BenTho v DicksB
DicksA v MrDanB
LilleMan v Butterfly Rock
MrDanA v Dolphin
Phoenix v Komhom

SportCentre and Harley 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
BenTho	13	8	0	5	14	16
Mr Dan A	12	7	0	5	11	14
Red Bar	10	7	0	3	18	14
Dicks B	12	6	1	5	9	13
LilleMan	12	6	0	6	-32	12
Plas Place	11	6	0	5	10	12
Dolphin	11	5	1	5	25	11
B'fly Rock	8	4	2	2	-6	10
Mr Dan B	13	3	1	9	-26	7
Dicks A	12	2	1	9	-23	5

Results Week 9
Week 14 19th January 2009
MrDanA 0 - 0 ButterflyR
DicksA 6 - 18 DicksB
BenTho 17 - 11 MrDanB
LilleMan 11 - 17 RedBar
PlasPlace 14 - 12 Dolphin

Next Weeks Fixtures
Week 15 26th January 2009
MrDanA v MrDanB
DicksB v LilleMan
ButterflyR v RedBar
Dolphin v BenTho
PlasPlace v DicksA

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Results

Wed 21st January 2009

Bob and Noks 7 - 11 Oasis Bar
Dara Bar 7 - 11 Free Time Bar
Kun Koom 4 - 14 Harleys Bar
Sunset B'vard 7 - 11 R'way Tav
Thaiwaii 9 - 9 Dizzy Dolphin
Bye Eagle Bar, Deja Vu withdrew

Next Week's Fixtures

Wed 28th January 2009

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

Hua Hin Social Pool League

Results

Week 20 – 21st January 2009

Butterfly Rock v Lazy Daze 8-11
PP v Jungle Juice A 10-9
Billys v Red Bar 11-8
JW Black v Sabai 12-7
Headrock v JW Red 11-8
Limelight v Billys Babes 8-11
U Turn v Jungle Juice B 8-11

Next Weeks Fixtures:

Week 21 – 28th January 2009

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

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
PP	20	17	3	217-163	34
J Juice B	20	14	6	219-159	28
Billys Bbs	19	14	5	203-158	28
JW Black	19	13	6	195-166	26
J Juice A	18	12	6	180-162	24
Lazy Dz	20	11	9	177-183	22
Billys	19	10	9	184-179	20
Sabai	19	10	9	176-192	20
Red Bar	19	9	10	183-173	18
Headrock	19	7	12	164-198	14
U Turn	17	6	11	157-165	12
Limelight	20	4	16	158-203	8
JW Red	15	1	14	95-176	2
B'fly Rock	14	1	13	109-158	2

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Free Time Bar	8	6	1	1	88	56	32	13
Oasis Bar	8	5	2	1	83	61	22	12
Eagle Bar	7	4	3	0	77	49	28	11
Harleys Bar	8	4	1	3	80	64	16	9
Bob and Noks	7	4	0	3	67	59	8	8
Thaiwaii	7	3	1	3	59	67	-8	7
Dizzy Dolphin	7	2	2	3	62	64	-2	6
Sunset Boulevard	7	2	1	4	54	72	-18	5
Kun Koom	7	1	2	4	54	72	-18	4
Dara Bar	7	1	1	5	48	78	-30	3
Railway Tavern	7	1	0	6	48	78	-30	2
Deja Vu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Next Week's Fixtures

Week 21 27th January

Division 1

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

Division 2

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

We still have three results missing for Division 2
Week 9 Butterfly Rock v Mojo
Week 17 Dicks A v Bamboo Grove
Week 20 Love v Bamboo Grove
If we do not receive these results by next Thursday individual points will not be included in Top 16 numbers.

Top 16 standings:

Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	Pts
Tao	JWB	182
Peter	JWB	158
Golf	SB	144
Mark	O	144
Noi	CAT	130
Stuart	P	130
Dicky	JWB	129
Martin	CAT	118
Rune	SB	117
Martin	LD	114

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	Pts
Tao	CAT	190
Don	CAT	182
Eero	BR	174
Muay	JB	138
Bon	CAT	124
Mojo	M	123

Results Week 20

Division 1

Scandic Bar v No Game
Paradise Bar v J.W. Black 4-6
Dicks Office B v No Game
J.W. Red v CAT 5-5
Oasis v Lazy Daze 7-3

Division 2

No Game v CAT B
Lucky Shot v Good Friends 8-2
Jaew v Dicks Office A 2-8
Mojo v Butterfly Rock 5-5
Love Bar v Bamboo Grove – n/a

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
JW Blk	13	11	1	1	90-40	23
P'dise	14	9	0	5	83-57	18
CAT	13	7	4	2	77-53	18
Scandic	13	6	2	5	74-56	14
Oasis	14	5	0	9	61-79	10
Dicks B	13	3	3	7	49-81	9
JW Red	13	3	2	8	51-79	8
Lazy D	13	2	2	9	45-75	6

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT B	15	15	0	0	129-21	30
B'fly Rk	14	9	2	3	84-66	20
Jaew	15	9	0	6	74-76	18
Lcky S	15	9	0	6	85-65	18
Dicks A	14	7	1	6	71-68	15
Mojo	14	6	3	5	74-66	15
Gd Fds	16	3	1	12	55-105	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).

Monday 26th January - Sunset Boulevard Pub Quiz

Regular Events

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Pool Leagues

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

Fridays - Dick's Office open darts night from 7.30pm

- Bar-B-Q party every week at Le Velo Rouge, Khao Takiab

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

****NEW!****

Sundays - Scandic Bar, Cha Am, open darts evening from 7.30pm . FREE return transport from Dick's Office departs 7pm - please call 089 745 3992 (Anne) or 189 894 4310 (Mack) at least 3 hrs before to book transport

Hua Hin Golf Society

Congatulations to Mike Wilson, a long time friend and tourist to Thailand, who recorded a Hole in One at the 7th hole on C course at The Lake View Sunday Golfing Roll up.

This week's results:

20th January - Royal Ratchaburi 35 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 17 players

1st Usko 34 pts 7 hcp, 2nd Al Read 34 pts 15 hcp, 3rd Trevor Firth 31 pts 15 hcp, 4th Cornelius (g) 30 pts 14 hcp, 5th Mike Wilson (g) 29 pts 14 hcp, 6th Geoff (Bristol) 29 pts 16 hcp.

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

1st Kurre (g) 32 pts 22 hcp, 2nd Vivienne Chatsfield (g) 31 pts 23 hcp, 3rd Renu (g) 29 pts 28 hcp, 4th Chris Davidson 28 pts 20 hcp, 5th Herta 28 pts 36 hcp, 6th Renata 27 pts 35 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 7 James Barber, No. 11 Renata

16th January - Lake View C & D 52 Entrants - 13 teams of 4 players Stableford with the 2 best scores on each hole to count.

1st Graeme Pearson, Steve Aristodemou, Wij, Peter Tucker, 79 pts, 2nd Kari Matti, Pekka, Risto, Jore, 79 pts, 3rd Denis Blasdale, Lynn Blasdale, Pat Hillier, Ulf Sparvman, 77 pts, 4th Laurence Garrett, Jimmy Gilmour, Joe Sims, Robert Baker, 74 Pts, 5th Kevin Milke, David Buchan, Trevor Firth, Paul Sandal, 70 Pts, 6th Russell Beard, Mick Evans, Chris Davidson, Winfried, 67 Pts.

Nearest the Pin No. 3C Denis Blasdale, No. 16D Peter Gouldby

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 27th Lake View - 2 Ball Scramble followed by AGM

Friday 30th Black Mountain - 1st Tee 11.30

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Jan 14th - Lake View AB 30 Players - Medal

1st David Rawlings 72, 2nd Gary Ross 72, 3rd Phil Simons 75, 4th Peter Fitz 76

Other results not available at press time

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 26th January Lake View

Friday 30th January Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 17 January 2009

Blackburn 3-0 Newcastle

Bolton 0-1 Man Utd

Chelsea 2-1 Stoke

Hull 1-3 Arsenal

Man City 1-0 Wigan

Sunderland 1-2 Aston Villa

West Brom 3-0 Middlesbrough

Sunday, 18 January 2009

Tottenham 1-1 Portsmouth

West Ham 3-1 Fulham

Monday, 19 January 2009

Liverpool 1-1 Everton

Tuesday, 20 January 2009

FA Cup 3rd round replay

Doncaster 3-0 Cheltenham

Carling Cup Semi Final 2nd leg

Man Utd 4-2 Derby (agg 4-3)

Wednesday, 21 January 2009

Carling Cup Semi Final 2nd leg

Burnley 3-2 Tottenham (agg 4-6) (After Extra Time)

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F.A.Cup Round 4 Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand)

Saturday, 24 January 2009

Derby v Nottm Forest, 02:45

The Friday night game in England between two struggling Championship teams. Home win.

Hartlepool v West Ham, 19:40

The media are salivating over the possibility of an upset here, but we think the Hammers will easily beat the mid-table League One side.

Chelsea v Ipswich, 22:00

Chelsea have had some wobbles this season against 'inferior' opposition, but won't make any mistakes this time.

Doncaster v Aston Villa, 22:00

Tricky tie for Villa as the Rovers will be flying after their replay win. Could go to a replay.

Hull v Millwall, 22:00

Chance of an upset here as Hull's form has not been great recently, and Millwall will fancy this.

Kettering v Fulham, 22:00

Fulham will not fancy this much and they were pretty poor in their last league outing. Another possible replay.

Portsmouth v Swansea, 22:00

Another Premier League side with a tricky game, and it would be no surprise to see the away team victorious.

Sheff Utd v Charlton, 22:00

The away team may relish some relief from a relegation battle but it will be short lived. Home win.

Sun'land v Blackburn, 22:00

Two teams with relatively new managers, and both will think they can win this. Away win.

Torquay v Coventry, 22:00

Not a glamorous tie but should be fun - win for the non league team.

Watford v C. Palace, 22:00

Relegation threatened versus play off contenders - away win.

West Brom v Burnley, 22:00

The Baggies are likely to get turned over in this one leaving them to focus on Premier survival.

Wolves v M'brough, 22:00

Championship leaders Wolves will be looking to inflict more misery on a poor 'Boro side. Home win.

Sunday, 25 January 2009

Man Utd v Tottenham, 00:15

Redknapp likes playing at Old Trafford and we think this will go to a replay.

Cardiff v Arsenal, 20:30

Ninian Park will be rocking for this one and we are predicting the shock of the round as Arsenal crash out.

Liverpool v Everton, 23:00

Second Mersey derby in a week and this will be a rumbuctious affair. Everton to sneak it as Benitez tinkers again.

Barclays Premier League Table

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	21	9	1	0	24	4	5	4	2	10	6	24	47
2	Liverpool	22	6	5	0	17	7	7	3	1	19	7	22	47
3	Chelsea	22	5	4	2	19	7	8	2	1	23	6	29	45
4	Aston Villa	22	5	5	1	18	12	8	0	3	19	12	13	44
5	Arsenal	22	7	2	2	18	11	5	3	3	19	13	13	41
6	Everton	22	3	4	4	14	15	7	2	2	16	11	4	36
7	Wigan	22	6	2	3	12	10	3	2	6	13	13	2	31
8	West Ham	22	5	1	5	16	16	3	4	4	13	15	-2	29
9	Hull	22	3	2	6	11	23	4	4	3	18	19	-13	27
10	Fulham	20	6	3	1	16	8	0	5	5	3	9	2	26
11	Man City	21	6	0	5	25	11	1	4	5	14	19	9	25
12	Portsmouth	21	4	2	4	14	17	2	4	5	8	17	-12	24
13	Bolton	22	3	2	6	8	12	4	0	7	14	18	-8	23
14	Newcastle	22	4	4	3	18	19	1	4	6	10	18	-9	23
15	Sunderland	22	3	2	6	12	15	3	3	5	11	17	-9	23
16	Tottenham	22	3	4	4	8	8	2	2	7	13	19	-6	21
17	Blackburn	21	3	3	5	13	17	2	3	5	12	19	-11	21
18	M'brough	22	3	4	4	10	15	2	2	7	8	18	-15	21
19	Stoke	22	5	3	3	12	11	0	3	8	7	24	-16	21
20	West Brom	22	5	2	4	16	16	1	1	9	4	21	-17	21

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KAKA AND MANCHESTER CITY: THE INSIDE STORY

■ MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

As the dust settles on one of the most bizarre and sensational transfer stories ever, AWOL can exclusively reveal the real reason why the former FIFA Player Of The Year ended up staying at Milan.

The Brazilian superstar called off the move to Manchester after his agent finally said the word 'city'.

The AC Milan striker was furious claiming he had been duped into believing he was going to sign for a proper football team that had won a major trophy since he was born.

Kaká said last night: "My agent called last week and said that Manchester were interested in me. I was so excited at the thought of all those great players, the traditions, the best coach in the world, and of course Gemma Atkinson's magnificent charlies.

"I packed an overnight bag and we went to the airport, but as we were walking through the terminal my agent turned to me and said 'oh, in case I didn't mention, it's Manchester City.

"I stopped dead in my tracks and said, 'are you having a laugh? Seriously, is this some big joke?'.

"He said to me, 'don't worry, they're a really big club with loads of money. And then there's Mark Hughes'. "I said, 'I already play for a really big club, I've got loads of money and what, in the name of God, is a 'Mark Hughes'?'"

He added: "I walked away shouting,

Kaká said he thought 'Manchester City' was the name of the local railway station

'go and get me a proper deal from a proper English club that does not include the word 'city'. No Hulls, no Birminghams, and no bloody Stokes!'"

Meanwhile the story coming out of Eastlands is somewhat different, and that version is one where executives at Manchester City seem to have bowed to fan pressure, and decided to shelve plans to buy Kaka for a reputed £107million.

Criticism of City's Arab owners and their intention to pay over-the-odds for players, has been unprecedented, with even former England hero Alan Shearer offering his opinion. Shearer told the BBC yesterday:

"What a waste of money. At some stage, the Arabs will **** off, and City will be left with a huge wage bill, for players that don't care about Man City, and have probably never even heard of Franny Lee!"

Dozens of supporters had contacted the club's website, pointing out that, rather than paying £107million for Kaka, City might consider buying Fernando Torres, Cristiano Ronaldo, Dimitar Berbatov, Didier Drogba and Hull City's Michael Turner - or all of them - and still have some change.

One even pointed out that any one of the stricken companies that are facing closure because of the current economic downturn could be saved, ten hospitals could be built, 30 schools opened, or housing provided for 10,000 people.

Sky Blues' assistant manager, Mark Bowen, later told reporters that, after an emergency meeting last night, club chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak had called the Kaka deal off, saying he had "other plans". This morning, it emerged that City had bought all 815 branches of the recently-closed Woolworths, with a view to breathing life back into the Pick'n'Mix market. It was believed that a key factor in the decision was that there were enough Manchester United season highlights videos remaining in the inventory to give one to every City squad member, to show them how it's done.

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