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Tue	20	Ladies' Golf : Stroke Play Comp. + Medal, Army Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed	21	BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Fri	22 .	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon
Sat	23	Family Video : Restaurant	6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun	25	Golf : Rose Garden Buffet Supper	11.30 a.m. From 5.00 p.m.
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ARE THERE ANY BC RELATED EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUBLICISED IN THE OUTPOST DIARY THAT ARE NOT IN IT ALREADY? Contact Kate Seal (Work: 234-5013, Home: 286-9945).



"RUN! Everybody run! The little green man's starting to flash!"

D ID you like the Page 7 article last month so ably penned by our Chief Cook and Bottle Washer? You should see the Minutes of our bi-monthly Committee Meetings! Subsequent confirmation is not easy I can tell you. But progress is being made. Financially, although a little below budget, we're in the black with Membership as at 20 July totalling 603 which is probably an all time high (including 421 Ordinary and 128 Associate Members). Expenses to date are down on last year but we've some sizeable projects coming up. A plea by the Soccer/Rugby Sections to put Astro Turf on the front lawn resulted in heated debate but the environmentalists amongst us won out and the grass is going back hopefully well above flood level. Squash Court No. 2 is coming up also (around 25 cms to be precise) so David Lamb reluctantly agreed to cancel his order for non marking squash wellies. Feedback from the Members is that the Catering has improved and our F & B people together with the Treasurer are now closely looking at the costs of this operation and how the system can be improved. An accommodation block is currently on the concept drawing board comprising, on the first floor, 14 to 18 twin bedded rooms with Members facilities including Fitness Centre, Sauna, Family Room etc. plus staff rooms on the ground floor. Early days on this one yet, with enquiries on permits etc. just started. If systems appear "Go" then when appropriate a meeting will be called of Members to thoroughly discuss the matter. It is proposed to locate this block where the staff quarters are now.

ROM THE CHAIRMAN

On the entertainment side we continue to have a very varied programme with an Oktoberfest and a one night in Bangkok performance by the Baron Knights coming up soon (details later).

Members comments are always discussed during our meetings and I'll end with three recent ones:-

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Meet the New Members

Daily Planet 2.8.88

Dear Maren,

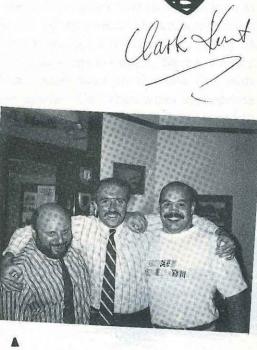
Perry White (Buster) rang me last week to explain that Lois Lane (that's you) was on holidays and could I (that is Clark Kent) do the interviews for new members night. Let me tell you, I felt more like Jimmy Olsen (cub reporter). Everyone wanted to know where Lois Lane was etc., and as usual I got a little confused — I think someone put kryptonite in my Mekhong. It was a bit crowded, as the new members had to share the bar with the entire Bath Rugby team, and Gareth Chilcott takes up a table by himself. We all had bags of fun, and when they wouldn't answer questions, I made up the answers just like you taught me. I also had a little trouble with the camera, and lost the list of who was in which photo. I think I did alright, but the sooner you reclaim the editorial helm from DCW the better.







Life's a Bitch



Rambo Swift in the midddle of a scrum down fantasy with visiting rugby player Garth Chilcott (Bath and England) and lookalike Rodney Bain (front and rear).

D.C.W. giving visiting Bath and England rugby player John Hall a few rugby tips – yawn, yawn.



Simon Bolton with Ricci Salmon: Both of them are here to shoot toothpaste commercials!



Thomas and Linda Mair with the Yorkshire pudding king, Michael Ball: Tom and Linda are recent arrivals, with 5 years old James and 2 year old daughter Nikki, from Sarawak via a year in England. While Tom was busy listening to Rambo Swift recounting the long and glorious history of the BC Rugby section, Linda explained that Tom played rugby, cricket, golf and sailed. "You name it, he's good at it; but he doesn't like blowing his own trumpet." He does hoowever play banjo, ukulele and mouth organ. Modest Linda is a graphic designer, who loves swimming.

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Charles Marshall with Ian Aldridge: Despite his accent, he claims UK birth, disguised by 20 years in Canada. The addition of a 6 month old baby to 22 year old twins has helped Charles rediscover the joys of the toys – which is most fortuitious, as he is the MD for ARCO Toys, (a subsidiary of Matell) the biggest placer of toys in Thailand (4 factories). Charles (and toys?) are available for Christmas parties, charities and birthdavs.



Nigel Oakins with the "odd couple" and John Leicester: Nigel is the new youthful managing director of the Bangkok Post. On most subjects he offered a predictable, "No comment". However he did disclose to OUTPOST that he is the proud father of one year old Danny. On Thai food he said, "I love club sandwiches". 'Nuff said.



Peter and Anne Douglas: Peter is here ► with Pencol Engineering Consultants on contract to PTT. Anne loves travelling, especially with three children under 3½ years old and 10 tons of luggage. When not on the campaign trail, (both are active members of CAMRA – Campaign for Real Ale) they enjoy golf, darts and badminton.



Jeremy Smeeton giving Patrica Goldsmith some financial advice! wink wink: Financial consultant for OFS, Jeremy is still based in Kuala Lumpur but is in the process of moving to Bangkok. International hitman, who represented the UK in full bore rifle shooting Canada, 1980. Jeremy has also represented England a number of times, and hopes he can find full scope for his talents here. Another swinging bachelor, he is available (for anything).



Robert & Heather James: With no translator present, an element of confusion was inevitable with their brogue. Despite their obvious Scottish heritage, Robbie (a Shell man) claimed he was from all-over-the-place, while Heather is of Irish/Scot parentage, born in Jordan and raised in Wales. On the subject of children, while Robbie thought they were still a twinkle in his eye, Heather announced 6 were due next month. Golf, bridge, sailing, and the Nelson Hays Library somehow entered the conversation.

 David and Merlyn Loveridge with Terry Adams: From UK via 10 years in Hong Kong. David is a clinical psychologist with UNHCR and believes he is a batsman capable of forcing his way onto the BC team. Merlyn is a painter/illustrator/designer rekindling her talent with some work for the WWF.



Richard Cater with David Williamson: Sydney/Dubai/Hong Kong/Japan/Bangkok – not exactly the most direct route for the new Thai manager of Cathay Pacific, but he landed safely. Indoors, Richard plays squash, while Carolyn, his wife enjoys bridge. Outdoors, it's a unanimous vote for golf.



Gerrit Heynes: One of three new BC members from OFS, a financial consulting group specialising in personal financial planning and investment for expats. Born in New Orleans, Gerrit spent the last 2 years in Oman. He is single, and says he plays everything except ice-hockey. Hugh and Ricci Salmon: Modest, unpretentious Hugh recently transferred to O & M Thailand. Hugh spent many years in Hong Kong and is a well rounded sportsman playing rugby, cricket etc. and very proud of younger brother Jamie (the only rugby player to ever represent both NZ and England). Ricci, a sweet Swede, is a fully qualified Montessori kindergarten teacher, who enjoys squash, swimming, and would like tennis lessons.



Paul and Gerdy Rogers: Although based in Munich, Paul has spent most of the last 3 years as a logistics manager on contract to a number of small American oil firms in Thailand. While Gerdy enjoys the pool, Paul has retired from the bump and grind of contact sports to the more subtle pleasures of snooker and darts, but retains a masochistic fantasy to be a cricket umpire. Jack Dunford was seen putting in some early work on his appeals.



Niel Nielsen: Niel is now a naturalised Aussie, originally from Utah. Working on the regional cities development project for Sinclair, Knight and Partners, (funded by ADAP), he inherits the project from Simon Brooke. Simon is still claiming he is a direct descendant of the White Rajah of Sarawak. Single and eligible, Niel now plays tennis following his recent retirement from basketball.

GLUB ROUNDUP

TRAFALGAR NIGHT CELEBRATION

For Gentlemen only, this is an early notice to Members of the above, which this year will be held on:

FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 1988

From 7.00 p.m. at the British Club for dinner and the formal part of the evening. From 9.45 p.m. onwards the entertainment will take place nearby, until closing at 1.00 a.m. As usual, dress will be Red Sed Rig.

Attendance will be strictly limited to 100 owing to the limited space available for the entertainment.

For further details please contact any Council Member of the Bangkok St. Giorge's Society.

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The General Committee have recently received a suggestion that a Croquet Section be formed and that consideration be given eventually to form a Lawn Bowls Section.

In order to consider these proposals further an indication of the level of interest among members in these two sports would be of great assistance.

It would be appreciated, therefore, if any member who would be interested in supporting either of the above section would contact one of the following persons and indicate their interest:-

Time Hughes	: 233-0143
Lindsay Dodd	: 254-7031 (O) 252-7627 (H)

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Secretary

Will all members please note that the address and telephone number of the Society's Secretary, Dugal Forrest are now changed to:-

P.O. Box 1550 Nana Post Office Bangkok 10112 Tel: 258-7640

October Ceilidh

The Society will be holding its October Ceilidh on Friday 14th October in the Ballroom of the Siam International Hotel starting at 7.30 p.m.

Members will be circulated with full details and a ticket application form early in September. There is no restriction on the number of guest you may bring, so make a note in your diary now and get a large party together.

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D.C. Williamson General Manager

SHOWADDYWADDY



S ELDOM, if ever, has any band managed to recreate the sound of a bygone era in such an authentic way as have SHOWADDYWADDY – seven rock'n' roll fanatics from Leicester who with their unique brand of 50's music have become one of the most successful bands ever to emerge from the British Isles. 23 top 50 hits speak for themselves.

Although the band unashamedly admit to being influenced by such greats as Buddy Holly; John Lee Hooker; Fats Domino and Eddie Cochran they are prolific songwriters themselves, indeed, their first four hits, "Hey Rock'n' Roll, "Rock'n' Roll Lady", "Hey Mr Christmas" and "Sweet Music" were self-penned. In 1976, it was a cover version of the old Tommy Boyce classic "Under The Moon Of Love" that brought the boys their first number one hit, indeed it was also the last record released on the Bell label - for the information of collectors - before it changed to Arista. The L.P. "Greatest Hits" was to follow closely peaking at No. 4. and eventually going on to earn a Platinum Disc. Two years and five enormous hits later the L.P. "Greatest Hits -76 to 78" also achieved the rare Platinum accolade.

Hectic touring schedules and a heavy commitment to 'live' performances, both at home and overseas, saw the band continually broadening their horizons. They achieved great success on Bulgarian Television with a performance screened 'live' throughout the Eastern Block and – for the first time ever – was broadcast simultaneously to Cuba. The normally placid audience went wild giving rise to scenes of adulation never witnessed in that part of the world.

The hits continued including "Remember Then", "Sweet Little Rock'n'Roller, "Why Do Lovers?", and "Blue Moon" not forgetting the albums "Bright Lights" – which went 'Gold' – and "The Very Best Of".

Despite a lull in chart success in the past few years the band are as busy as ever on the concert circuit and are at the moment concluding a new record deal. With a change to the same management stable as "Cannon & Ball" and "Max Boyce" confirming their still undoubted 'star quality' the signs are that Romeo, Rod, Trevor, Dave, Russ Buddy and Al will once again be 'Front Page News' for the music press. Look out 'airwaves of the world' Showaddywadd the master performers – are back with a vengeance.

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Petchburi Food Market

T HERE's a smelly khlong which goes by the name of Saen Saeb, but is known to many as Khlong Petchburi. Some could argue, correctly, that's it's not so smelly as in the past. Enough of smelly khlongs and onto food. The purpose of mentioning Saen Saeb was to give you directions for this months victim, the Petchburi Food market.

SCOFFERIES

The victim is in fact a collection of some 30 or so food stalls who are open 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Most of their trade occurs after midnight in a very busy and interesting atmosphere. Seating ranges from al fresco, to under cover and even air conditioning.

Food is very varied in range with a predominance of sea food which can be selected and cooked according to personal preference. in very short order. Dishes can be ordered from different stalls yet served at one table. Not a practice they welcome with boundless joy, but nonetheless tolerated. Language is an asset although a number have pretty coloured pictures depicting the end result. Recently I had an interesting conversation with a local gentleman who tried his utmost to foist this shrimp 'velly good,' onto me. I kept trying to tell him shrimps do not have claws which would remove one's littlefinger but it was futile.

So the food is as good as you select and design its accompaniments. It is not totally restricted to sea food with pork being the main alternative. The green and amber bottles are kept very cold and as usual account for the greater proportion of the bill.

So if you can put up with the odd stray cat and dog (just for added flavour) try the Petchburi Food market. To get there, if you don't fancy gliding down Khlong Saen Saeb the entrance is adjacent to the beginning of the Western end of Petchburi/Rajdamri road flyover.

Bon appetit

Bob Coombes





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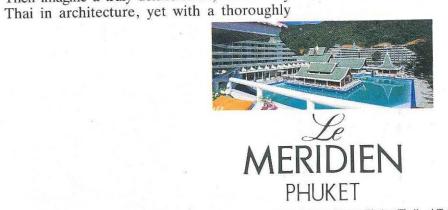
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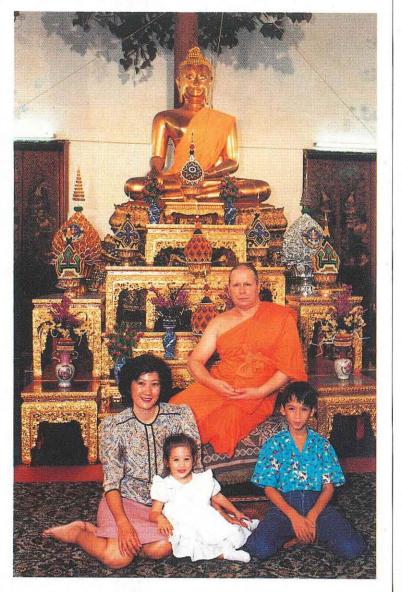
A Day in the Life of Phra Kittisaro

A FARANG BUDDHIST MONK IN THAILAND

A LMOST everyone has seen a Buddhist Monk in saffron robes collecting alms in the early morning but have you ever wondered how he spends the rest of his day. This is a short story of how the Phra (Venerable) Kittisaro, a farang Bhikkhu (Monk) in Wat Po, spends his days.

Every day starts the same with rising at 5.00 a.m. - thisis not difficult when you sleep on a rough straw mat on an even harder wood floor. Monks are not permitted to sleep on raised soft beds. After taking a bath (sluicing down with cold water) it is time to wait for the dawn. Buddhist Monks are required to be within arms reach of their robes at dawn. Dawn is not determined mechanically but naturally by being able to clearly see leaves on a nearby tree or alternatively lines on the palm of your extended hand.

Time between dawn and 6.00 a.m. is spent in preparing for the morning alms round. I normally spend a short period meditating upon this solemn task. Collecting alms is an important function in a Monk's life; it makes you



aware of being wholly dependent upon laypeople; it provides lay-people with the opportunity of making merit. Collecting alms is always done barefoot in quiet contemplation always looking at the ground and carefully averting eyes when alms are placed in the bowl. Silent blessings are offered for people making merit. Receiving alms is a humbling experience - during my morning rounds of approximately 1.5 kilometres am lavished with all kinds of food and gifts but one morning a very old lady stopped me, took off her slippers, kneeled down, paid respects to the farang Bhikkhu and placed a small cup of rice in my bowl. It was apparent this was all she could afford - this simple act of merit - probably in rememberance of a departed husband or a birthday wil remain in my thoughts forever. On returning to the Wat

alms food collected is placed into a central area where Novice Monks divide it into two portions - breakfast and lunch. Traditionally Monks are permitted to eat food only between dawn and noon. After the midday meal only water or strained fruit juice is permitted. When I had been a Monk for three weeks I called on the Abbot to pay respects; his first question was how much weight have you lost: I had to confess to having gained weight which was surprising as I am not partial to curries for breakfast.

The Monks and Novices always eat together in a communial area. It is the practise to ensure that a proportion of alms food is left for the "Temple Boys". These are





boys and young men who have come to Bangkok for an education but cannot afford to pay for accommodation consequently they seek shelter in the Wat. In return they perform small tasks around the Wat, help keep it clean and recite Pali responses for laypeople during various ceremonies. Sometimes laypeople who have fallen upon hard times come to the Wat seeking food, the Monks chant suttras for the benefit of those who provided alms food.

I am always asked what happens if no alms food is collected. I return to the Wat, wash my alms bowl and wait for dawn the next day.

After breakfast I perform small personal tasks such as cleaning my "kutti". The kutti is the small room in wich I live and receive laypeople who visit for a variety of personal and religious reasons. Two thirds of the kutti is a raised area where I sleep, meditate and perform religious duties. The lower section is for visitors. The room is spartan with just tables for Buddha images and a small mat to sit on when receiving visitors. There are no chairs so everyone must sit on the floor. Farang visitors do not normally stay very long.

Also during this post breakfast period time is taken to wash robes. A Monk's robes consist of three pieces of cloth; a "geevorn" similar to a saraong; an "ansa" which is like a waistcoat covering only one shoulder and reaching to the knees plus a "sabong" or outer robe used to wrap round the body in three different styles. Over 2,500 years ago when the Sangha (Society of Monks) was formed the Lord Buddha declared that Monks clothing could only be shrouds used to wrap bodies prior to cremation, however, in order to make even this cloth of lesser value it was torn into small pieces and then stitched together. The sewn panels of a Monks outer robe are meant to depict the pattern of rice fields. Whilst in the precinct of the Wat the outer robe is wrapped round the body leaviin ing the left shoulder bare. however, when going into public places both shoulders and arms must be covered. When performing religious duties in the Wat the left shoulder is bare and a Sanghati (a wide cloth folded several times until only eight inches wide) is worn over the right shoulder and a sash is tied tightly round the waist. As explained in the story of my ordination, a Monks robes are held in place with tucks and folds plus a lot of determination. During the course of a normal day I change my style of dress several times according to the duties to be performed.

At 9.00 a.m. both Monks and Novices assemble in a Viharn (small chapel) to per-





form morning chanting. Laypeople can attend this ceremony but usually only do so on very special occasions. On religious days (usually twice a month) a separate ceremony is held for laypeople during which a senior Monk will give the five precepts by which Buddhist should conduct their daily lives. Laypeople can adopt either five or eight precepts whilst Monks have to adopt ten.

After morning chanting there are always several duties to be performed. Some Monks go to classes to learn the Pali language. Novice Monks go to school to follow a normal educational curriculum whilst also studying Pali and Sanskrit. Pali language is important for Monks as the teachings of Lord Buddha are recorded in this format and in order to preserve the intended meaning the original language is adhered too. Unless invited to perform ceremonies outside the Wat I normally use this period for my second meditation session.

During mornings Monks are frequently asked to attend a

variety of duties outside the Wat; open business premises; perform rites for occupation of new houses; chant suttras for birthdays or commemorate anniversaries of deaths; annoint aircraft and cars; or just deliver sermons and give the precepts. These functions are important for Monks as you are invariably presented with gifts necessary in daily life such as tooth paste, toilet paper, soap, washing powder, tea and medicines. Although Buddhism plays no part in wedding ceremonies it is customary in Thailand to invite a Chapter of Monks to chant suttras and bless the couple who are to marry. This ceremony is usually preceded by breakfast fortunately without curry and iced wedding cake.

Sometimes, usually on special occasions, laypeople will bring gifts to the Wat. This happened one morning after I had only been a Monk for two weeks, a group of laypeople came to my kutti and asked for the five precepts. I asked the people to go the Viharn, gathered a Chapter of Monks and performed the ceremony but this Venerable Farang made a most udignified exit. As I got up to leave the preaching platform I fell flat on my face. Even farang Monks cannot sit in the lotus position for long periods without losing all feeling in their legs. Fortunately even Monks have a sense of humour and perhaps the laypeople will come back for a repeat performance.

The afternoons, between noon and 4.00 p.m. is a quiet period for study of Dhamma (teachings of Lord Buddha). Sometimes visits are made to sick people or Monks in other







Wat's. On occasions I stroll through the Wat complex which receives over 1,000 tourist each day who come to see the 47 metre reclining Buddha. Without fail some tourist will ask; "are you really an English Monk, why do people put their hands together as if in prayer when they meet you, why do you ignore them, why do Thai women always stand aside for you". Invariably I finish upon as an unpaid temple tour quide.

Twice in the evening of each month it is customary for all Monks to assemble in the Upposatha (the chapel housing the principal Buddha image) where one of their number will recite the 227 rules governing the lives of Monks. These rules have been passed down for 2,531 years and are recited, in Pali, from memory. A senior Monk monitors the recitation from an old manuscript written on leaves to ensure correctness of content and language. This ceremony is quite spectacular, the large Upposatha is in darkness except for two candles and the Monks sit in circles around the reciter who is on a raised chair. The Monks are never more than a forearms length apart.

Every evening at 5.00 p.m., except twice a month when "Pakimokkha" (Recitation of 227 Training Rules) is read, Monks assemble in a Viharn for the evening chanting. Part of the evening chanting is taken up with the "Paccaya" or recollection of the four necessities of a Monks life; robes, food, lodgings, medicine; all of which are provided by laypeople and to remind us to be







satisfied with whatever is given.

Sometimes in the evenings invitations are received to attend funeral rites which involves chanting suttras for the dead. After performing this ceremony, which can go on for several nights, relatives and friends of the deceased present gifts and new robes to the Monks. Robes to be presented are usually placed on the coffin during the ceremony to allude to Lord Buddha's teaching for Monks to dress in body shrouds.

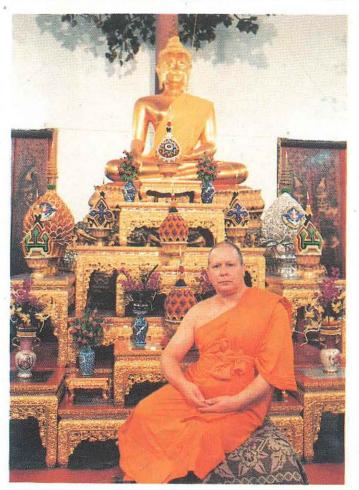
The day usually ends with at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours in meditation to calm the mind, reflect upon the days events and to be concious of the impermance of life.

It is usually 11 p.m. before I unroll my rough straw mat on an even harder wooden floor and try to sleep. A Monk's day is long but very rewarding.

A 1½ hour video will be finished in November which films a day in the life of a Monk together with a short history of Wat Po, one of the Royal Temples of Thailand. Also, a book is being written upon various ways of Buddhist meditation together with a detailed explanation of a simple method which can be employed to relieve stress. If interested in either please let me know.

> Hotu Sabbam Sumngalam. Phra Kittisaro (alias Anthony W. Atkinson – A30).





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A Day in the Life of Thomas Dunne (Aged 8 Months)



Taking some call, for "Save The Children Fund".

I wake my Mum and Dad up promptly at six a.m. each morning. It's the best time of day, cool and fresh, and I've got plenty of energy. They're not very good at waking up, my Mum and Dad, so I have to shout very loud and for a long time. It always works. I'm much better than the alarm-clock, they say, particularly since I threw it on the floor.

My reward for doing such a good job is the first bottle of milk of the day. Great stuff.

Once I've drunk it, it's time to carry out my morning inspection. It's important to

check that nothing's changed whilst I've been asleep. This is particularly true for Mum and Dad.

Eyes, two. Check.

Nose with two holes you can put your finger in. Check.

Hair that comes away in your hand when you pull. Check.

Funny soft bits that produce a loud noise when you stand on them. Check.

All in order.

I enjoy eating. I try to get the most out of the artistic aspects of it. It's fascinating how things change colour when they mix with food. A quick splash, splash on the white table top and its brown. Another one on the blue tee-shirt and its grey. Textures change too. If he's wearin shorts I can mix breakfast with the hairs on Dad's legs whilst he's feeding me. Within minutes they change from being soft and whispy to being crisp and flat. I imagine they would be very easy to snap off, but I've never had the chance to try.

Breakfast over, it's time for my morning "big sit". That's what Mum and Dad seem to call it. It takes a lot of effort and concentration, so I tend to close my eyes and go red in the face. When it's over one of them usually picks me up and looks down my pants.

"Has he done anything?"

"Yes, he's done a big sit" Then, particularly if I

haven't done a "big sit" for a while, they both smile at me and give me hugs and say "Well done". It obviously pleases them greatly — more so, even, than my performance as an alarm-clock. One day, to make them really happy, I'll not do one for a whole week. Then, when I do a really big one, they'll be so excited. We'll have a great celebration.

The best "big sit" I've ever done was when I was six weeks old and on my way to England. We were at 25,000 feet in a British Airways Jumbo Jet.

"Has he done anything?" "Yes, he's done – big sit" "Oh, God"

It was just when they were about to serve Mum and Dad dinner. I smiled a big smile, but this time they didn't say "Well done". Dad and I spent nearly half an hour in the little room at the back of the aeroplane. It was great fun. Dad told Mum that nobody would be able to go in there again for at least an hour. A mark of respect, I assumed, and felt very proud. I always think of it as my Jumbo Sit.

Sometimes Mum or Dad looks at me very seriously and says "Don't you dare do a big sit whilst is here". That means somebody important is coming and so I by my best to help. I've met quite a few famous people in my time. Princess Anne, Ferouk Engineer, Jack Dunford I'm glad to say that I've never done a big sit whilst in their company. One of them, my Dad told me, got "six for six" once. I think it was Princess Anne. She must be a very good cricketer.

Anyway, on an ordinary day, once I've done my big sit, it's time for my bath. Since I've got the hang of this climbing and standing busi-

red bucket to stand in the shower in. I can stand up and look over the top and sometimes grab hold of things. Once, when Dad was having a shower with me, I reached up and grabbed hold of him when he wasn't looking. He made the loudest noise I've ever heard him make and I laughed a lot to hear it. When he told my Mum what had happened she said he'd have to wear a box next time. I thought that wearing a box in the shower was a silly idea. The cardboard would just get all wet and mushy.

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After my shower it's time to eat. I like eating but I've told you all about that already. I've got a busy day ahead of me. There's water that needs splashing, walls, floors and tables that need decorating, and Paddi-Pads that need filling. There's also that very interesting cupboard full of things that needs climbing into....



"I know all that, Pop. Let's get on to the perversions."

GLEANINGS

L AST month I was writing before leaving Bangkok for my holidays and said that British Airways would gradually be weaning us back into the British way of life. They certainly did that — beautifully. For those that have not travelled recently by British Airways they have now made major improvements. The Club Class is equivalent to most airlines' First Class. The dinner was superb and a choice of a lighter meal (poached salmon and salad) was most welcome. The courses were served separately which meant that the usual juggling for space didn't happen. The champagne flowed and I arrived at Heathrow feeling totally relaxed. Well done BA.

Those of you who read my 'Gleanings' last month will recall that I had a rude awakening once I had arrived on 'the other side' at Heathrow. This time I was met by a chauffeur and delivered to my parents' house in style. I was quickly brought down to earth when I opened the door to be met by my father in his underpants. Good MOrning Britain!!

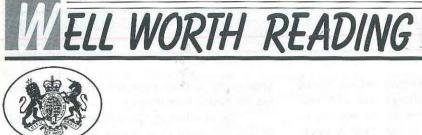
Sunday arrived and along with it the Sunday Times Magazine. Just my luck again that they are halfway through offering a map. I now have detailed maps of Northern ireland and the Outer Hebrides. However, the newspapers have had some very interesting articles. One such article gave recipes for a wonderful evening at Glyndebourne (opera in the open air). We are told that on arrival we would 'gasp at the splendour of it all. Tables and chairs spread out under the trees decked with fine linen cloths, flowers, candles and crystal glass'. The dinner interval lasts for 75 minutes for you to partake of your Salmon and Pesto Brioche, Fillet of Beef and Tarragon and Creme Brulee. Whilst you listen to the first half of the opera you leave your hampers covered with rugs and your wine cooling in the lake. The article also suggests that you pack a few extra glasses for friends who might come strolling by. What a joke! It would be more appropriate to pack your umbrellas, jerseys and use the rugs to keep warm!!

The headline in the Independent declared 'Where inebriated clots behave like sultans in a harem'. No it is not a club in Bangkok that is being written about, but a club in London. And who are the men that use these Clubs? Mainly Porkies. I have always referred to sausages as 'Porkies', but it appears that it is the name given to a 'certain breed of English businessmen who brags about his trip back to Tokyo via Bangkok who has spent a weekend there with a "fantastic" girl who would do "anything" in exchange for a Sony Walkman'. I think most of us can recognise the 'Porkies' and I feel that they get their just reward when they are charged up to £50 for a bottle of champagne and the girls make the bottles disappear before their eyes in a far different way to the Coke-drinking locals in Patpong!

I know I upset a few friends who are avid Filofax devotees. I hope that I don't make the same mistake when I report that the Cabbage Patch producers have filed for bankruptcy. It seems that the more crazy or grotesque the product, the more it appeals to children. I must say that we do not linger too long in the toy shops since most of the current crazes have gone by undetected by my infants since Central is quite a few years behind the times. Thank goodness, I say, since the Credit Card bill has taken a very steep upward curve since I stepped off the plane at Heathrow. I have even found wonderful walls which you put your card into and a nice wad of pound notes comes back in return.

England is certainly a wonderful place to be in the summer if only they had the cost of living of Moscow, the rainfall of Italy, and the sense of humour of the Follies Farang!!

Pamela Rennie



BRITISH EMBASSY, BANGKOK

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The Editor 'OUTPOST' The British Club 189 Suriawongse Road BANGKOK

Dear Editor,

SPYCATCHER : SEQUEL

"After reading the book, it is not surprising that the British Government in all their wisdom tried to suppress it!" writes Jennifer Sharples in the August OUTPOST. "One can hardly blame him (Peter WRight) wanting to expose the truth and supplementing his pension into the bargain."

There is a simple reason why the British Government tried to prevent the publication of SPYCATCHER, and I am sure we all know it. Peter Wright signed the Official Secrets Act and in publishing this book he broke the law and broke his word. There are literally hundreds of retired MI5 Officers who could produce equally fascinating revelations, but they do not do so because they have a sense of honour and loyalty.

My wife bought me SPYCATCHER for my birthday last December: bit naughty of her. As a diplomat who has served in countries like Warsaw, Hanoi and East Berlin, I have some first hand experience (believe me!) of the sort of things Peter Wright writes about. What struck me most was that his relevations are pretty dated: only the final two chapters (22 and 23) touch on events later than 1968.

As for the rest, I found it pretty boring. Wright does not seem to have been directly involved in any of the causes celebres, but just hints that he was. I suspect that most of his conversations are imaginary; many of the events recorded are unlikely to have taken place. But forbidden fruit sells - and how!

Jennifer finds she can hardly blame Peter Wright. Perhaps he would like to share his fortune with former MI5 Officers who might welcome a little extra financial help in their retirement. But then they do not have chips on their shoulders and an overwhelming urge "to expose the truth".

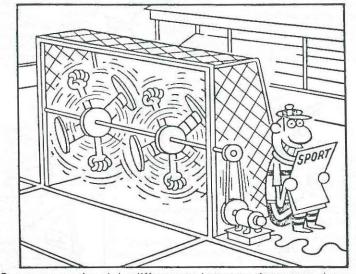
As for never feeling the same way about living in the UK again ... words fail me.

Yours sincerely,

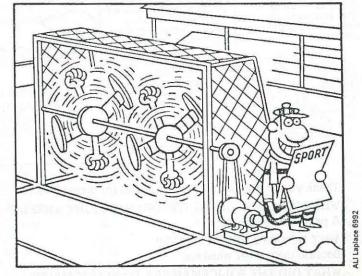
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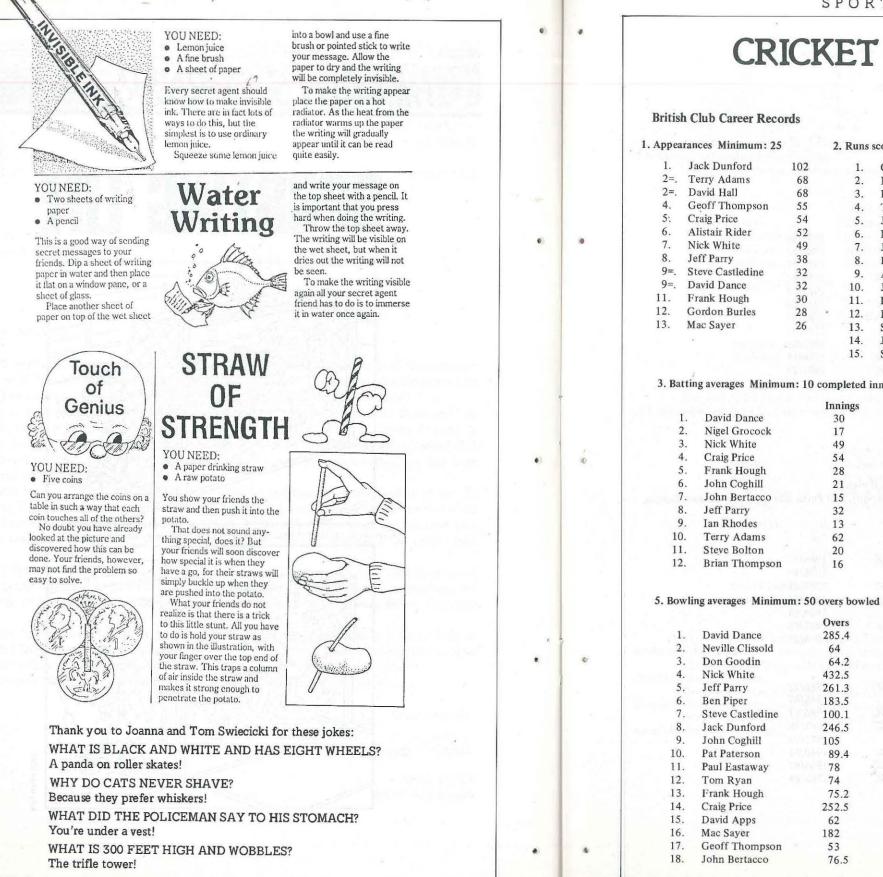
GHILDREN'S CORNER





Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?





SPORTS ROUNDUP

CRICKET

1. Appearances Minimum: 25			2. Runs scored Minimum: 250			4. Wickets taken Minimum: 20			
1.	Jack Dunford	102		1.	Craig Price	1652	1.	Nick White	84
2=.	Terry Adams	68		2.	Nick White	1431	2.	Jack Dunford	72
2=.	David Hall	68		3.	David Dance	1087	3.	David Dance	69
4.	Geoff Thompson	55		4.	Terry Adams	897	4.	Jeff Parry	51
5.	Craig Price	54		5.	Jack Dunford	796	5.	Ben Piper	50
6.	Alistair Rider	52		6.	Nigel Grocock	566	6.	Craig Price	47
7.	Nick White	49		7.	Jeff Parry	499	7.	Mac Saver	27
8.	Jeff Parry	38		8.	Frank Hough	512	8=.	Steve Castledine	26
9=.	Steve Castledine	32		9.	Alistair Rider	485	8=.	John Coghill	26
9=.	David Dance	32		10.	John Coghill	414	10.	Neville Clissold	22
11.	Frank Hough	30		11.	David Hall	394	. 11.	Pat Paterson	21
12.	Gordon Burles	28	×	12.	Ben Piper	372	12.	Don Goodin	20
13.	Mac Sayer	26		13.	Steve Castledine	302		Don Goodhi	20
				14.	John Bertacco	280			
				15.	Steve Bolton	268			

3. Batting averages Minimum: 10 completed innings; average 15.00

		Innings	Not out	HiScore	Total	Average
1.	David Dance	30	9	124	1087	51.76
2.	Nigel Grocock	17	1	113	566	35.88
3.	Nick White	49	8	96	1431	34.90
4.	Craig Price	54	5	151*	1652	33.71
5.	Frank Hough	28	8	59	512	25.60
6.	John Coghill	21	0	69	414	19.71
7.	John Bertacco	15	0	47	280	18.67
8.	Jeff Parry	32	5	64	499	18.48
9.	Ian Rhodes	13	0	40	234	18.00
10.	Terry Adams	62	6	51	897	16.02
11.	Steve Bolton	20	3	41	268	15.76
12.	Brian Thompson	16	3	36	201	15.46

		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
1.	David Dance	285.4	52	886	69	12.84
2.	Neville Clissold	64	7	286	22	13.00
3.	Don Goodin	64.2	5	266	20	13.30
4.	Nick White	432.5	52	1332	84	15.86
5.	Jeff Parry	261.3	48	846	51	16.59
6.	Ben Piper	183.5	7	836	50	16.72
7.	Steve Castledine	100.1	5	436	26	16.77
8.	Jack Dunford	246.5	8	1271	72	17.65
9.	John Coghill	105	. 6	481	26	18.50
10.	Pat Paterson	89.4	10	391	21	18.61
11.	Paul Eastaway	78	14	265	14	18.93
12.	Tom Ryan	74	6	292	15	19.47
13.	Frank Hough	75.2	4	370	17	21.76
14.	Craig Price	252.5	20	1043	47	22.19
15.	David Apps	62	5	285	12	23.75
16.	Mac Sayer	182	21	645	27	23.89
17.	Geoff Thompson	53	3	316	11	28.73
18.	John Bertacco	76.5	3	360	10	36.00

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6. Catch	es Minimum: 10	7. St	tump	ings	1			
1.	Alistair Rider	31	1.	Alistair Rider	9			
2.	Jack Dunford	24	2.	Gordon Burles	3			
3.	Craig Price	21	3.	Brian Thompson ⁷	2			
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9.	Nick White	13						
10.	Jeff Parry	15						
10.	Jon Fairy	11						
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8. Top i	ndividual scores							
of rop .								
1.	Craig Price	1	51*	vs AIT		1985/86		
2.	David Dance	1	24	vs Post		1986/87	1.11	
3.	Nigel Grocock	1	13	vs ICC		1986/87		
4=.	David Dance		96*	vs CMGC		1986/87		
4=.	Nick White		96	vs Scb		1987/88		
6=.	Craig Price		94*	vs RBSC		1983/84		
6=.	Nick White		94*	vs Comb'd		1980/81		
8.	Craig Price		90	vs Post		1984/85		
9.	Nick White		88*	vs RBSC				
10.	Nick White		81			1987/88		
11.	Nick White		77*	vs CMGC vs RBSC		1986/87 1987/88		
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10 times		ck White						
3 times								
Twice	: Terry Adams, Sto	eve Castledine,]	Nigel	Grocock, Frank Houg	gh			
Once	: Brian Brook, Ne Alan Stamper.	wille Clissold, J	ohn	Coghill, Chris Cowpe	r, Ben	Piper, Alis	tair Rider, Linds	ey Semp
0 High	est partnerships Minir	100						
		num 100 runs						
1.	White/Dance	10	65	vs CMGC		1986/87		
2.	Adams/Dance	10	60	vs Post		1986/87		
3.	White/Hough		47	vs RBSC		1987/88		
4.	Adams/Price		13	vs Post		1004/05		
5.	Price/Rider		12	vs Post		1984/85		
6.	White/Grocock		10	vs Wnds		1987/88		
7.	Adams/Price		08	vs Whas		1987/88		
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1.	David Dance	8	33	vs CMGC		1000/07		
2.	David Dance		26			1986/87		
3.	Nick White		20 34	vs ICC		1986/87		
4.	David Dance			vs CMGC		1986/87		
5.	Jack Dunford		46	vs RBSC		1987/88		
6.	Bob Lanham	6-		vs ICC		1987/88		
7.	Nick White		30	vs RBSC		1980/81		
8.	Neville Clissold		48	vs CMGC		1986/87		
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GOLF GOLF

Safcol sponsored our recent Rose Garden outing which was a well attended event with many good scores. The weather and conditions were excellent.

The results of the stableford competition at The Rose Garden were as follows:-

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	Flight	A		Flight B	
Winner	Roy	Barrett	41	Peter Speed	44
Runner up	Steve	Chappell	36	Siriwam Forrest	42
Front nine	Ian M	cClean	19	Dougal Forrest	22
Back nine	Les V	ize	19	Dick Chessman	20
Nearest pin	hole 4	Alex Forbes			
	hole 6	Koi Armstrong			
	hole 14	Roy Barrett			
	hole 15	Eric Hudson			
Ladies' long d	rive	Koi Armstrong			
Men's long dri	ve	Eric Hudson			

Our last outing was at Unico where although the course condition is poor we were able to keep moving at a reasonable rate and winter rules were allowed. The results of the stableford competition was as follows:-

	Fligh	t A		Flight B	
Winner	Doug	al Forrest	39	Derek Pott	43
Runner up	Roy	Barrett	37	Peter Speed	32
Front nine	David	1 Williamson	17	Kristeen Chappell	15
Back nine	Ian M	IcClean	20	Siriwan Forrest	18
Nearest pin	hole 4	Eric Hudsor	ı		
	hole 8	Jim Gilsena	n		
	hole 12	Siriwan For	rest		
	hole 17	Rob McEwa	in		
Ladies' long drive		Margaret Mo	Ewan		
Men's long dri	ve ·	Tommy Say			

The last Pattaya weekend was so successful that your committee have arranged another event for the weekend of September 17-18. Please sign up on the golf notice board and arrange you accommodation in good time. The next regular competition is at Muang Ek on September 4 with the first tee time at 09.40. The sign up sheet is on the notice board.

Our ever suffering handicaper appealed to all golfers to fill in score cards clearly and in a legible manner. Samples of how score cards should be filled in were handed out at our last outing.

Our official photographer, Peter Bond, took a number of candid shots at The Rose Garden recently which are being featured in OUTPOST.

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CLASSIC FAULTS



"Standing too far away from the ball."





"Not using a club to hit the ball."



"Using a club which is too short."



"Taking the game too seriously."



"Guess who?"



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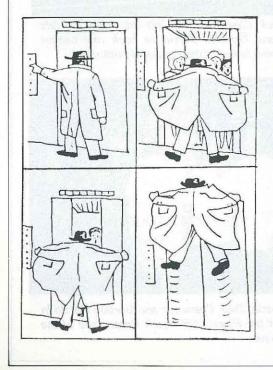
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Not too much activity to report on this month. The main event being the Castrol 15th Anniversary league winners were:-

Division 1	-	Pieter Fangman
		Craig Rennie
Division 3	5 -	James Nichols
Division 4		Dick Souter
Division 5	-	Paul Myers
Division 6	-	Mike O'Connor
Division 7	-	David Fewster
Division 8	-	Jonathan Brazenel

Well done everyone.

By the time you receive this edition of OUTPOST the expected repairs to court 2 should be well underway. After we had some professional advice it was decided that the floor needed raising to bring it above ground level to prevent any re-occurrence of the flooding that has basically caused the current problems. This means that due to the amount of work involved the court will be out of action for a little over a month from the starting date. However, when it's finished we should have a very good court.





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THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL OPEN VETERANS' TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 3-7 August 1988, Pattaya

The inaugural Thai Airways International Open Veterans' Tennis Championships saw four of our British Club tennis stalwarts participate: Julia Freeman, Michael Poustie, Mal and Dick Chessman.

Mal Chessman had the most success as she beat La-ed Boondemlaeo in the first round, Julia Freeman in the second round, and lost in the semi-finals to the eventual

winner, Mrs. Nam Young-ja of Korea.

Julia Freeman had a walkover in the first round and was beaten by Mal in the second round.

Julia and Mal entered the Ladies' 40 Doubles and were defeated in the first round by Khunying Vilawan Kambhu and Elizabeth Prinvarnussorn. Dick Chessman and Michael



Dick and Mal Chessman.



Pustie teamed up in the Men's

45 Doubles and were defeated in

the first round by Thongchai

Junsiriwong and Prannadd Issarakul

Gordon U.A. Martin who partici-

pated in the Team competition and

was on the winning team. Mal and

Dick Chessman were on the runner-

Tour Tournament Director was

na Ayutthaya.

up team.

Mal and Dick Chessman, 1st and 3rd from the left (standing) and Gordon Martin in back row behind the two Korean ladies in their national costume.



The Freeman family supporters with Deck Michael Poustie, Dick Chessman and Gordon Martin in side on court.



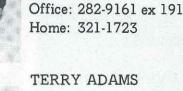
Chessman lending support to their distaff the lobby of the Royal Cliff Beach Resort, site of the Championships.

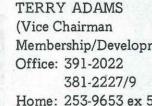


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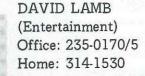


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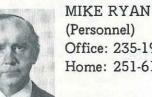


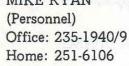
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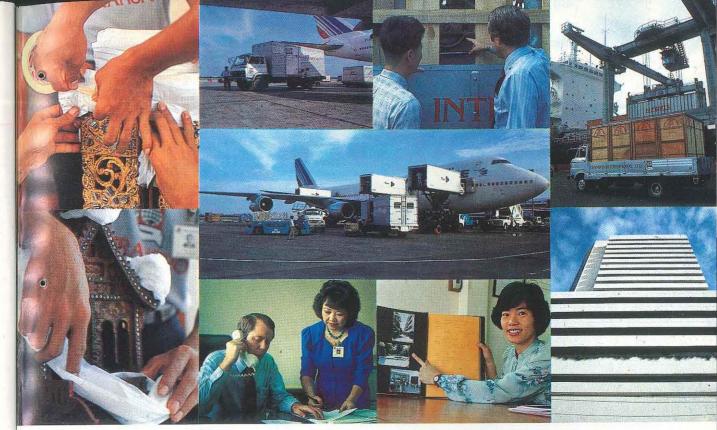


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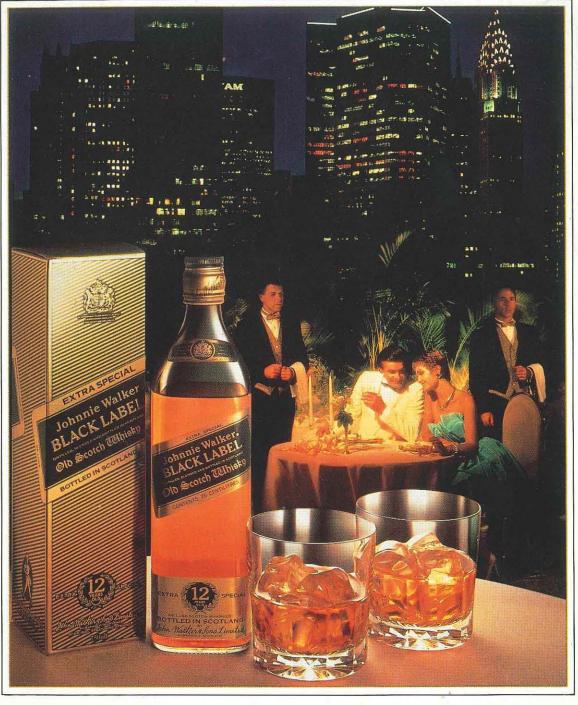
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