

inside is not impacted in any way by sunlight, it has a little roof, also painted white, over it.

My wind reporting and predictions of upcoming weather comes from the internet. I used to go mostly to Weather Underground – wunderground.com – but since they changed the site's format their software guys got confused and now they're reporting temperatures below freezing. They've obviously stuck in readings from somewhere very far north. The opening page is correct as to current temperature but wind direction is confused: the graphic has been stuck on North since last dry season, but underneath is the correct direction.

I've been messaging them to no avail since mid September when the craziness began. It's still the best site I've found for details on major storms and climate changes so I still go everyday. Now I depend on Weather.com for predictions on temperature and precipitation. Also Ventusky.com has a great map that shows wind and rain and predicts 10 days in advance. The best graphic for current conditions is from earth.nullschool.net. It has a globe that you can spin around to see conditions all over the world... it's beautiful, especially when it depicts great storms.

Though it's only November, it feels a lot like high season, there seems to be a lot of people around. It'll be really busy here in dry season. Cambostan

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IN BAD TASTE

Britain excited to suck some corporate cock this evening

The United Kingdom will feast upon the creative seed of John Lewis tonight.

The chain of department stores that's basically an up-its-own-arse version of Debenhams will air its Christmas commercial during the ad-break of Gogglebox.

"I can't wait. I bloody love a good advert," beamed Simon Williams.

"My dad used to say he and his parents used to look forward to some tosh called Morecambe and Wise every Christmas.

"I've not bothered to even check that out because it sounds like it may have been some kind of innocent comedy show designed to do nothing more than make you smile every Christmas.

"Corporate advertisements thinly veiled by festive whimsy are much more my thing."

A spokesperson for John Lewis said, "these aren't advertisements so much as they are works of art intended to remind you of the meaning of Christmas.

"By which I actually mean they very much are advertisements, and we would like you to consume as many of our products as possible.

"Why don't you start by pre-ordering one of our plush toys off this year's advertising gimmick? It's a little monster. Go on, just click 'add to cart'...thaaaaaat's it.... goooooood...."

Seasonal Affective Disorder more punctual than Southern Rail

Your Seasonal Affective Disorder has arrived bang on time yet again, putting to shame those organisations that work to an official timetable.

SAD sufferer Simon Williams said he was hugely impressed with the punctuality of its arrival.

He told us, "There is no promise that it'll reappear at all, never mind a guarantee or a specific timetable – but just like clockwork, every year it appears precisely two and a half weeks after the clocks go back.

"It's almost like it knows I've been getting up in the dark and going home in the dark for precisely that long.

"Honestly, SAD could definitely teach Souther Rail a thing or two about promptness and reliability."

A Southern Rail executive said the comparisons to Seasonal Affective Disorder were grossly unfair.

They told us, "Look, this comparison is just plain wrong, one of us is responsible for delivering misery to millions of people each winter, while the other one... oh. Yes, I see."

Queen tells country to do one

The Queen has hit back after being dragged into the financial scandal of having £10 million of her wealth held in offshore havens. Her Majesty told the gathered press at Buckingham Palace that one does what one fucking well wants with one's cash and furthermore tax was only invented in the first place to pay for royal expenses.

"One's amazed one has actually anything invested in this Godforsaken dump at all. I've even got shares in Southern Rail – yes, you heard it right, Southern Rail. Besides, I shouldn't have to explain myself, my face is on the notes you know. Fuck. Right. Orf," she added, to a broad beam of delight from Prince Philip, who told an aide that he loves it when Lizzie gets angry, because

then she's an absolute animal in the sack.

The Queen's stance has delighted many MPs, who are hoping that a return to a focus on duck houses, exotic tax strategies and dishonest expenses will distract voters' attention from the rumours about groping the fine fillies in the office. One said: 'As always, the Queen is right – when the time comes for me to hang up the parliamentary sex toys bought for me quite voluntarily by an intern who is well over the age of consent, a big injection of cash will make me feel a lot better. I think that's what Her Majesty meant.'

'Voters are far likely to trust an MP who has simply added an extra nought to a taxi receipt after a late night sitting than one whose actions in said taxi are now being investigated by the Metropolitan Police,' said another. 'God Save the Queen an estimated 12.3% after tax by using financial instruments that, I must stress, are perfectly legal in the Turks and Caicos Islands.'

Meanwhile, the BBC has commissioned a new show, Cash in the Panama, where the presenter visits a rich family's house and assesses its assets before taking a visit to their accountants to find new ways to avoid paying tax. A celebrity version is also in the pipeline, rumoured to feature Bono and Gary Barlow.

Presenter and money adviser to the rich, Terence Sidebottom, said: 'Real estate is great. Not only do you make money, you also keep the poor from standing any chance of owning a property of their own. Let's be honest no-one wants to see that when we can see them fiddling the odd tenner on benefits.'

Watford Gap Services visit leaves family in financial ruin

A Buckinghamshire family have found themselves on the verge of destitution following a short stop over at Watford Gap Service Station on the M1.

Speaking from a community foodbank in Newport Pagnell, Sarah Smith described how she and her husband Paul, were forced to steal their kids' holiday money and search under their car seats for any loose change.

"After we pulled up and parked, we went straight to McDonald's and bought two Happy Meals for the kids and three Big Mac Meal Deals for us both and Paul's mum. Then we went to W H Smiths to get some bottles of pop and a few bags of crisps and a tin of barley sugars for the mother-in-law to suck on along the way."

It was then that the family realised they would not have enough fuel to get to the caravan they'd rented in Ramsgate.

"To be honest Paul filled up without looking at the prices and when I saw him turning white and mouthing 'fuck-me' at me, I realised there was something seriously wrong. He got back in the car shouting 'robbing bastards' and asked his mom to lend him fifty quid. She told him she'd spent her money at Newport Pagnell services on an oven-ready chicken and a bottle of Chardonnay in Waitrose after we stopped there for her first pee."

In desperation, the couple purloined their kids' holiday spending money.

"Jessica was fine about it but Jake kicked up a real fuss, it's a wonder Paul didn't kill the little bastard; his nerves were so frayed. After that we turned the car inside out to make up the rest. There was a two-pounds coin wedged under the handbrake which Paul's mom eventually got out with her knitting needle."

After totalling up what they'd spent, the family realised that they

didn't have enough money left to continue with their holiday plans and managed to limp back home to Newport Pagnell where they lived on baked beans and white bread for the next two weeks.

"Paul did a few extra shifts at Fab-Cabs so we could get back on our feet again. Obviously, the kids were disappointed, but next year we've promised to take them to Taunton Deane Services on the M5 and after that maybe down to Gordano. Paul's mom has since died but she left us enough money in her will to make sure we haven't got to rob the kids again."

Budget assigns £3bn to Brexit, £6bn to bullshit, and £12bn to total and utter bollocks

THE government has promised £3 billion in funding for Brexit, a further £6 billion for bullshit, and an unprecedented £12 billion for utter fucking bollocks.

Chancellor Philip Hammond announced the incredible £21bn giveaway in yesterday's budget to cheers from hardline Tories fanatically committed to anything that makes no sense whatsoever.

Mary Fisher, member for Worcestershire West, said: "It's fantastic to see the chancellor finally putting money into the wheelbarrows of complete cock which really matter to my constituents.

"I can't tell you how often they've come in spouting absolute shit and demanding we make it our top priority, and finally the funding is there to do so.

"It looked very much as if we were heading in that direction when we gave a billion pounds to the DUP, but I did have my doubts about Hammond. He seemed too determined to stay rational.

"Thankfully bullshit has won the day, and the chancellor has bravely charted a course to the future of unadulterated and unmitigated balls which is every patriotic Briton's birthright."

Robert Mugabe's leaving party an awkward affair

ATTENDEES of the after-work drinks party thrown for Robert Mugabe have agreed that the atmosphere was 'beyond awkward'.

Organised by army generals, the party had booked the top floor of a Harare bar but when only seven guests had arrived by 7pm, the manager opened it to other customers.

Standing under a banner reading '37 YEARS AT THE TOP!', guests including opposition party members, the South African ambassador and a bishop stiffly attempted small talk while bowls of crisps went untouched.

Former vice-president Emmerson Mnangagwa said: "Wow. Talk about cringe.

"I asked Robert if his wife Grace would be coming but he mumbled a vague excuse about her waiting in for a delivery, then joked about how she'd be seeing too much of him from now on anyway.

"By half-eight there were only five of us, so I got him up to give his speech but he was only halfway through before the barman turned the volume right up on Firestarter.

"I went right after that to get my train, but apparently he was there until closing time buying pints for some young colonel.

"God, I hope they weren't planning a popular uprising or anything. I wouldn't know where to put my face."

Phnom Penh Pub Page

The Evil Publisher is going to hold this over me for awhile – still have not been by SKIRTS lately nor the Wall. I was so concerned I skipped town. Unfortunately, I did not cover my tracks sufficiently and the Evil Publisher was able to subtly remind me that I was running late.

I actually did not make it to as many Phnom Penh bars as I had hoped before running away so even if I make my deadline, this will end up being a smaller Pub Page than usual. I wonder how long it will be before the boss realizes that paying me to go drinking was never really a good idea.

The big news for me this month is that Golden Sorya Mall officially bit the dust. Or at least the central courtyard where I spent most of my time is now gone. The last three remaining bars have found new homes although before I ran away the Swiss Food had not reopened yet. Swiss Food and Chez Dim moved to the outside part of GSM close to the entrance to Vibe. They have double shops facing 51 St. Home Food took a different approach and set up across the street in the old My Linh spot beside Howie's. Am not too happy with the set up this far. None of the spots are as good as the old courtyard locations and, for the first time in years, am considering finding a new local. Spent an evening at White Cobra and expect to be

there a lot more over next few months. Almost directly across the street from the new Home Foods, Istanbul has expanded to be at least two shops wide and actually looks pretty inviting. I suspect once construction starts, it will seem so attractive. Related new, the original Howie's had closed just before I left.

Not sure what is happening there but will hopefully know more on my return.

I did make it to the new Hard Rock at the Exchange Square – it was soft opening while I was in town – they were not sure when the official opening would be at the time but said some time in December was most likely. Space looked like a Hard Rock – very nice and very western. They have a VIP karaoke room and it

looks there will be an outdoor bar/patio space set up. My understanding is that the bar will be open fairly late depending on what is happening that night.

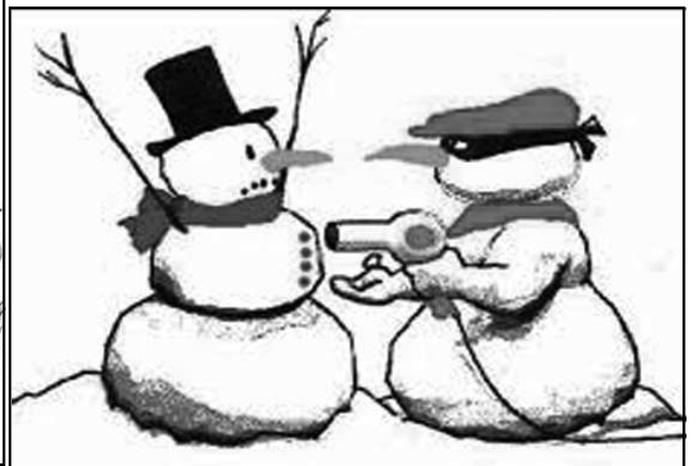
It was well set up for local bands to play and in some ways this could give the current live music bars a big run for their money. One issue – prices – place was pretty expensive. Although the food was way more over priced than the drinks – some of which were quite reasonable. Careful about their signature jugs o booze. Jugs of local drafts seemed somewhat reasonably at USD 5.5. Most basic spirits were USD 3-5. Overall – would go back with friends who specifically wanted to head there, but as many know I am neither a live music fan nor a fan of over-priced food. For those who are more into their tunes, seems like a good option and there beverage options that will not break the bank.

Spent a bit more time at the Sports bar on 172 st and actually figured out their happy hour specials at long last.

Happy hour is 3-7 pm (an important clarification since it is a 24 hour joint. Happy hour draft anchor, Angkor and Cambodia are USD 1 each and house spirits and mixer are USD 1.5

Did not hit any of the new hostess bars this month – not even the newly expanded Tiger bar on 136 st. Guess that means I have a lot of new things to try in the coming months – assuming any of them survive.

That is about it – I no promises that I will have a gig next month but if I do I will try to write a full article at least. Just in case I have any loyal readers – happy holidays.





Sinouk ville

With the Chinese pouring into the costal town like flies on s*@t buying up everything in sight. Westerners are moving out fast.

The latest rumour that barangs will need a Chinese visa to visit at the end of 2018 have so far proved unfounded.

But you never know do you, This is the kingdom of wonder!!

Run Rabbit. Run Rabbit

Your car has been in an accident while being transported on a truck. No problem in the west you just claim on the transport-

ers insurance. However when it is a McLaren P1 supercar getting totalled in Koh Kong worth over a million



dollars. We do hope the transport company has insurance. Considering who the owner of the car is we hope they survive!

A solution of sorts

With the opposition being dissolved here. There has been the predictable outcry from the Western powers. Funding for some stuff will be cut off but China seems to be jumping in their place.

More worrying is the possibility that the tax free status of exports to the EU and US may be revoked which will have a huge impact on manufacturing here. One possibility is to have a proxy opposition party for the elections.



The Alkaseltzer party would be good. Just chuck a bucket of water over them and they dissolve themselves!!!

Nories Battambang

A reinvention of the famous bamboo rattler is presently nearing completion very near to Wat Banan. The old track was closed in October 2017 to

make way for the renovation of the state railway. Rails and sleepers from the original route are being used to lay a purpose built 3km track, running through some stunning scenic countryside alongside the Banan hills.

The new track is set to open by mid Jan 2018 and tickets will be \$5.

The new track is part of a larger tourism development project by a Khmer businessman.

MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FAUX NEWS

Best States in the U.S. to Run For Office in If You Are a Sexual Deviant

A new survey arrived out of Science Town today about the mood of people across the country on the subject of sexual degeneracy. They found that:

1. One of the best states for sexual deviants to run for office in is Alabama, based on the states's acceptance of Roy Moore admitted dalliances with underage females.
2. Another state that is good would be California, where the former governor, Ahnold, had a child with the help, right under the nose of his well-connected wife.
3. New York gets a big nod, with Governor Elliot Spitzer spending over \$80,000 on prostitutes, after chastising the sex industry. Special bonus: Anthony Weiner's state!
4. North Carolina, with a Senator who carried on dalliances and impregnated another woman while his wife was dying from breast cancer, also joins the list.
5. President has proved to be a goldmine for sexual deviants, as JFK, George H.W. Bush the First, LBJ, Bill Clinton, and of course Trump, are all well-known for sexual deviant stories. So add Washington, DC to the list.

These are just the Top Five. Other states are of course deserving.

Trump's New Tax Plan Will Give New Hope to Indigent Millionaires

Mar-A-Lago, FL Trump announced, in between Hole 14 and Hole 15 of his private golf course, that his new tax plan is going to help some of the Forgotten Americans, like millionaires and billionaires that are right on the edge.

"Most of all, the new tax plan will provide assistance to billionaires who are about to make the degrading move backwards to millionaire. Under my new tax plan, they will never have to worry about ever having less than at least ONE billion dollars! Imagine how inspiring that can be to our downtrodden wealthy citizens!" said Trump.

Trump said that funding the tax cuts will be no problem once they get rid of all the "charity social programs" that only help lazy people.

Man reported shouting at a Sports Game on his TV. Suspecting possible self-harming, Police taser and kill him to protect him.

In Canberra Australia and man who was a bit drunk and was shouting in his lounge room was deemed to be a huge public risk and was tasered to death.

Police say he was shouting nasty things at them, like get out of my house you pack of storm troopers and other such uncomplimentary things. So based on these insults to the integrity of the most honorable police attending, they decided he must be self harming and in order to protect him, terminated his democratic rights with a blast of 50,000 volts. Police deny they did this because they were upset with his insults, but insist this was for his own protection.

Further after his dog barked they called the SWAT team and gunned down the benign dog in a hail of automatic weapons fire.

Integrity Commissioner has launched an investigation as to why this obviously criminal heathen thought he could say nasty things to police who had barged into his house, whilst he was shouting at a football game on his T.V. The commissioner said that as well as death by taser he could face further charges relating to his insults about us being storm troopers. He reminded Australians that they had every right to barge into anyone's house if they were barrack-

ing for the wrong team.

Neighbors said they guy lived alone and bothered no one and were seeking urgent information from the government on which were the unendorsed teams to barrack for, so that they did not appear to be self-harming.

The government is said to have raised a task force of 3,259 federal bureaucrats to investigate this disturbing trend of barracking for unendorsed football teams. They have said they will publish the endorsed list of teams with 2 years and in the meantime citizens would be safer no to barrack for any team in case they choose the wrong one. Attorney Generals noted that the law will be retrospective so that if in the ensuing period before the publishing of the endorsed list they barracked for the wrong team they may be subject to statutory tasering without notice.

Britons wondering how you go about starting a coup

THE UK is wondering just how one would forcibly remove an unpopular leader with no democratic mandate hell-bent on ruining the country.

The recent military coup in Zimbabwe has set Britons musing on what it would take to bring such a thing about and if there is anything they are able to do to help it along.

Tom Logan of Ludlow said: "My brother-in-law's in the army. I could ask him.

"I mean I'd always thought of coups as bad, but you reach a point when seeing a soldier presenting the Ten O'Clock News would come as something of a relief. At least they're adults.

"Surely if Burkina Faso can manage eight coups since 1980, we could pull off a little one, or even just a putsch. I'd prefer bloodless, though obviously you have to be flexible.

"We just need a military strongman, a load of tanks in the streets, and some light shelling of a palace and we're away.

"I'm happy with anyone in a vintage army jacket festooned with medals being in charge. Can't be worse."

Middle class foodie who 'sources ingredients' actually just going to Tesco Express

A MIDDLE class man refers to his food shopping as 'sourcing ingredients' as opposed to 'going to the shops', it has emerged.

Julian Cook told friends he likes to 'source his ingredients' when cooking for a dinner party or a date.

Cook said: "I like to source the freshest vegetables, the finest turmeric and free range Weetabix. Because it's all about provenance, I mainly use small local suppliers like Tesco Express and Lidl."

Friend Nikki Hollis said: "All this shit about 'sourcing' did make him sound like an arse. But he was shopping for a date with someone who sounds like an arse too, so she'll probably lap it up."

Cook explained: "Like me, my date is a bit of a foodie, but also a fucking vegetarian.

"So, I did what any man would do and lied convincingly about my hatred of the meat industry and my passion for organic shitake mushrooms.

"If she sees the massive black pudding I've got in the fridge I'll just say it's vegan cheese."

Voters give strong backing to testing driverless government

The voting public has insisted they would be perfectly happy to test a driverless government, given the quality of driving from recent humans at the controls.

The move comes as the public admitted technological improvement are removing the need for morons repeatedly steering the country into an abyss.

"The simple fact is that humans make lots of and lots of stupid mistakes," explained voter Simon Williams.

"They can be going along perfectly well, looking for all the world like they can have everything under control, and then they can suddenly veer off to the right towards a cliff face because they were distracted by someone shouting at them, and before you know it tens of millions of people will be facing a massive financial crash.

"What we need to do is remove that human error from the equa-

tion, by allowing the government to become truly driverless.

“It sounds risky, but just imagine a government where the likes of May, Gove and Johnson have literally no say in the direction it takes.”

Not everyone has welcomed the idea of a driverless government, with some claiming that technology is still a long way from replacing the cabinet.

As one sceptic told us, “Sure, It sounds good in practice, but Siri insists on calling the curry house instead of my Mum and Alexa ordered me a box of nappies when I wanted to know what the weather was going to be like – but I will admit the pair of them would probably be doing a better job of negotiating Brexit than David Davis.

“I’m just saying that maybe technology isn’t the answer. Maybe, instead of going driverless, we could just embrace what we have and model ourselves on a clown car where the doors fall off everytime you press the horn.”

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TECHNOLOGY PAGE

How to delete or disable your Facebook account

Deleting your Facebook account may be a fantasy you entertain briefly every time you see one too many intrusive ads or political posts on your feed. We understand.

The good news is, you have two options for fulfilling this fantasy: deactivation, which can be undone, or full-on deletion—and even then, you have a chance to change your mind. Here's how they both work.

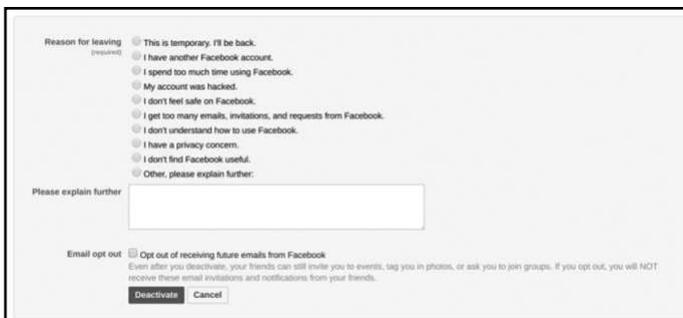
Deactivate your Facebook account

Go to your Facebook Settings and select General to find the deactivate option.

Deactivating your Facebook account puts it on hiatus. Your profile will be removed from the site, as will most of what you posted to Facebook, though messages and other things will stick around).

Deactivation can be undone. Facebook will retain your data in case you decide to come back. You can always reactivate your account later by logging in to Facebook. If you're not sure you want to leave permanently, this is a great way to try the Facebook-free life before you make a final decision.

To deactivate your account, log in to Facebook. At the top of your Facebook page, click the down-arrow icon at far right. Choose Settings from the menu that appears, and then on the next screen select General from the list along the left side of the window.



A screenshot of the Facebook 'Reason for leaving' form. It features a list of radio button options for reasons like 'This is temporary, I'll be back', 'I have another Facebook account', 'I spend too much time using Facebook', 'My account was hacked', 'I don't feel safe on Facebook', 'I get too many emails, invitations, and requests from Facebook', 'I don't understand how to use Facebook', 'I have a privacy concern', 'I don't find Facebook useful', and 'Other, please explain further:'. Below the list is a text box for 'Please explain further'. At the bottom, there is an 'Email opt out' section with a checkbox and a 'Deactivate' button.

You'll find the deactivate option in the Manage Account section. Once there, go to the Manage Account section at the bottom to find the option to deactivate your account. Click Deactivate your account to start the process.

Facebook tries to talk you out of deactivating your account, natch, by reminding you of all your friends who will miss you if you leave.

Facebook will try to guilt you into staying by showing you photos of your Facebook friends, and then asking you why you want to deactivate your account.

Lastly, Facebook asks you why you want to deactivate. The actual Deactivate button is at the bottom.

Once you tell Facebook why you don't want to be friends anymore, click the Deactivate button, enter your password one last time, and Facebook will proceed to deactivate your account. Remember, you can always go back by logging into Facebook.

Delete your Facebook account

Deleting your Facebook account, on the other hand, kills it completely. You won't be able to log back in to retrieve or view anything you've posted to Facebook, and if you want to use Face-

book again, you'll have to start from scratch. You can find all the details if you hit the help icon at the top right of your Facebook account page (it looks like a question mark) and type deactivate account into the search bar that appears. Hit the let us know link in this description to start the deletion process.

The instructions for deleting your Facebook account are easy to find: Just hit the question-mark icon at the top of your account page and type delete account into the text bar that appears.

(Note: Facebook recommends that you download a copy of the data you've published to the site before you delete your account. Open the Settings menu on Facebook as described above, and go to the General page. You'll find a link at the bottom to download a copy of your Facebook data. Click the link. The service will then guide you through the process of downloading an archive of all your Facebook data.)

Facebook wants to make sure you are who you say you are before it deletes an account, so you'll have to enter your password and pass a text-recognition test to proceed.

When you decide to delete your Facebook account, you have to



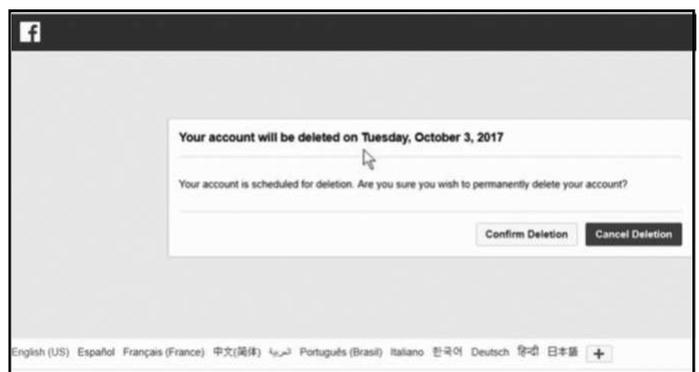
log back in first and prove you're not a bot.

Once you've proven you're not a bot, a Permanently Delete Account dialog box will appear. Take a moment to read the explanation of what's going to happen. Note the 14-day window to change your mind before your Facebook account is really, truly dead to you.

This is it: If you hit the OK button, Facebook will begin the account deletion process.

When you delete your Facebook account, you get 14 days to change your mind.

If you choose to delete and then change your mind, no problem! All you have to do is log back into Facebook within those 14 days. You'll see this dialog box where you can cancel the deletion.



Bits from the Beach

Greetings from Sinoukville. Sorry to harp on about the Sino invasion yet again but it is the biggest and nearly only news in town. The huge news is that the bars on the beach on the land owned by the Royal group will apparently be gone on January 4th. This is the land to the left of the Serendipity Hill road, stretching several hundred metres.

The beachfront area is the part where the bars moved back last year, including popular expat hang outs Purple Bar and Martini's. It includes (as far as we can tell) all these bars, the new pub street that is still not finished, the established bars in the New Pub Street entry, such as Sky bar and the recently built shops behind the bars around the purple Bar, the parking area and the new container market/bear plaza. We are not sure if it includes the restaurants that face beach road including the many pizza joints.

This land has been owned by the Royal Group for many years and the Uncle of the Royal group boss, managed the land and the buildings thereon. All the business were on a rolling 6 month lease, so in all fairness they landlords have not broken the leases, however it is a bitter blow to the business owners. Included is the popular Toy's bar that had recently moved (forced out by impending redevelopment by the Chinese) from Beach road to Pub street. All the beach bars were forced to move back to expand the beach area for the people to have a greater part of open beach. This cost most about \$20,000. Most recovered this money but it has meant that they worked or ran businesses for about a year with no real reward for their effort. No compensation has been offered as the Royal group has not broken the leases. Expect some decent parties from New Years Eve onwards and lots of bar chairs and tables and kitchen equipment offered for sale in January. Many will pull down what they can of their beach shacks and will store or try to sell the materials.

This has badly hit one greedy little piggy, who bought a bar there a couple of years ago and was forced to pay for the move back. All the while the business was declining compared to what he bought it for. This business has been on the market for \$100,000 (with only a guaranteed maximum 6 months lease) for a while and remains on the market still. If the greedy had asked a reasonable price they may not be facing the significant loss. Remember a couple of tried and true maxims about most business' in Cambodia – The best way to make a small fortune in Cambodia is to start with a large one.

In other Sino news the Beach Road hotel has been sold. It was initially on the market for about \$1.4 million, but when the Chinese invasion happened the price jumped up to \$2.4 million (for a very long remaining lease). Like the Reef Resort, this lease has been bought by the owner who is probably planning to capitalise on the current white hot real estate market in the area. Beach Road hotel and presumably the shops from there to Utopia, including Ana Travel and Top Cat Cinema will close at the end of the high season in May 2018. Meanwhile The Beach Club is nearly constantly full as one of the only and largest Western run hotels within a couple of blocks of the beach. Mind you we are not sure how much beach will be left to use in the future.

Business owners have reported a noticeable decrease in Western Tourist numbers, while the Islands and going along swimmingly. Correspondingly western expats have been leaving in droves, many headed for Kampot and some to Vietnam (interestingly not too many to Phnom Penh), often after the second or third time they have been forced out of their rental accommodation as it is taken over by Chinese interests. The record we have heard is one person has been Chinesed (forced out of their accommodation as it goes to the Chinese) 5 times in the past year, with 2 to 3 times being a common number. There is a dire lack of accommodation and

very little of it is affordable as rents are skyrocketing. Recently a Western owner advertised a studio in a far back area, accessed only by a muddy road, for rent at \$290 per month, giving the sitting tenant who was paying about half that amount in rent, short notice to move out.

Up on Brewery Hill road, an apartment block was under construction. This is now, surprise, surprise, a Chinese Casino. The Khmer owner was also the owner of a large apartment block in town that was taken over by the Chinese. They offered for the tenants to move into this block when completed. It looks like that offer has now been withdrawn.

There are also rumours of our new Sino overlords employing some underhanded tactics to get control of buildings. They have apparently been working with the Police, that local institution that is a bastion of honesty and fairness, to raid some accommodation occupied by Westerners and lo and behold illegal substances are found and the westerner is turfed out. Now this is only a rumour and is not confirmed and we at the Bayon Pearnik are sure that the Sino overlords would never stoop to such underhanded tactics and that the police would never be involved.

This and the beach bar closures are having a negative impact for many of the low budget expats who have enjoyed rents of around or under \$100 per month and 50 to 75 cent beers on the beach for ages. It is not just Westerners who are complaining

Meanwhile Kampot is booming as well and rents and land prices appear to be rising, especially for places located close to the riverfront. The area around the Old Market is quite vibrant with lots of good little restaurants and quaint little bars. People who have visited there and Sinoukville say that there are almost more western tourists in Kampot than Sinoukville.

Meanwhile in Kampot there have been a few Western deaths lately including a well-liked expat. But the big news was the two girls, from the UK and Canada, in their 20's, who died and the Simeon enclosure. These girls, apparently both had a bad case of food poisoning (the only ones reported) and spent most of the day in their dorm room. They went to the pharmacy and obtained some medicine to help them. The next morning both girls were found dead in their beds. Rumours that illicit drugs were involved have circulated, but the official story endorsed by the Kampot social media Nazis, is that it was the prescription medicine that did them in, even though no one else has been similarly affected. People should be aware that for the most part the people in the Pharmacies are untrained. You go there with a symptom and ask for some medicine and you get a bag of different multi coloured pills; some of which will help you, many, including the steroids will not. Check out everything you get before you consume it.

In Sinoukville a very popular rebellious expat died late at night as a result of an accident on the road to Otres. There are a couple of stories doing the rounds as to what happened, (the Rebellious one was known to ride on the fast side) but there was a collision between him on his dirt bike and a couple of (apparently drunk) khmer lads on a moto which resulted in all three being killed.

He was considered by many to be a gentle giant and was popular and well known around town, there was a considerable turnout to the Rebels Handlebar for his wake. He leaves behind a not three year old daughter. There was a fund raiser for his daughter at Above Us Only Sky, with many items auctioned, donations made and all profits from the night donated to a fund to be administered by the little girl's Aussie grandmother. Vale Locky.