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## Long Live The King

**H**M King Bhumibol Adulyadej pledged, in his Oath of Ascension to the Throne at his coronation ceremony on May 5, 1950, to "...reign with righteousness for the benefit and happiness of the Siamese people."

He has never once gone back on this solemn promise.

HM The King has earned the love and respect of his people in a way that many foreigners – even those from countries that have monarchs – may find difficult to understand.

Beginning in 1952, in the rural areas surrounding the Klai Kangwol Palace in Hua Hin, His Majesty started to take a closer interest in his subjects. This keen concern has seen him journey to every province in Thailand, and there is hardly a district in the country that he has not visited in order to meet his people.

Many Thais are familiar with a story that epitomizes HM The King's deep feelings for his country. In 1955, he had to return to Lausanne, Switzerland, to further his education.

Before His Majesty left, while he was meeting people, a man cried out to him, "Don't leave the Thai people!" The King considered this for a moment before telling himself quietly, "The Thai people have never left me, and I am not leaving the Thai people".

By chance, His Majesty met the same man again some 20 years later. Recalling what the man had said, he told him that his words had always reinforced the responsibility that he, as monarch, felt toward his people and his country.

HM The King pays particular attention to the poorer people. Acutely aware that some farmers – hill-tribe folk in particular – in the north of Thailand were cultivating opium, he introduced programs to steer them away



HM the King has spent much of his 54-year reign visiting his people around the country and listening to their opinions.

from such harmful activities toward more suitable crops.

His suggestions are based on his own tireless research and study, and many of his proposals have been successfully adopted by both individuals and government departments.

Projects initiated by HM The King number some 2,000, and include schemes relating to irrigation, forest and fishery conservation, education, flood control and leprosy eradication. The number of people assisted by these projects is countless.

In the run-up to His Majesty's 77<sup>th</sup> birthday, the *Gazette* asked a number of Phuket people for their feelings about the King.

Suriya Promdan, Director of Kho-en School in Mai Khao said that HM The King means everything to the Thai people.

"In these turbulent times, he is the only person we can rely on. He does everything for the Thai people though, at his age, he should not work so hard.

"He once said, 'It is impos-

sible to live in an entirely good society – one without bad people. We must reduce the power they have so that they do not rule society,' and I apply these words to my job and to my life," said K. Suriya.

Banchar Hadsaithong, 33, a Sea Gypsy living in Rawai, described HM King Bhumibol as "the best king in the world".

"Whatever the king does, he does it for us," said K. Banchar. "I try to abide by his words that we should live life satisfied with what we have, and that we should not be greedy," he said.

"I cannot put into words how well he treats us. I am called a 'Sea Gypsy' but I have never felt that I am not Thai because I am happy to be living under his tree of mercy and care."

K. Banchar's father, Aew, said that he always watches the royal news on TV.

"I may not understand everything he says but I do understand that His Majesty does everything to make Thailand a bet-

ter place to live and that he wishes the Thai people to live their lives well," said K. Aew.

K. "Book", a prisoner and teaching assistant at Phuket Provincial Prison, said that HM the King always forgives and believes that everyone can contribute positively to Thai society.

"I wish to thank His Majesty wholeheartedly for the chances he gives us. [He] is the guiding light in our lives. No monarch does more.

"I pledge that when I am released, I will be a good person and will keep in my mind all the wise words His Majesty has given to us," added K. Book.

Prasit Shinakarn, a 80-year-old Phuketian and a recipient of the "Good Phuket People" award, said, "His Majesty emphasizes how important it is that we all live together in unity and care for one another. I try to live by these words, and instill the same values in my children and grandchildren."

Nicha Thamtanee, 10, a pupil at Phuket Anuban Muslim School, told the *Gazette* that she is proud that Thai people have a king who strives for peace. "I am proud to be Thai; I would not want to live anywhere else.

"The religious beliefs held by all of his people are important to him, and I am impressed with his Oath of Ascension to the Throne, when he promised to reign with righteousness for the benefit and happiness of the Siamese people".

Fellow pupil Lookman Maseng, 8, said that he is impressed that HM The King unites the Thai people.

"I like the way he acts as a peace emissary with countries near and far, which benefits the whole of Thailand."

On His Majesty's birthday, December 5, and every day, the Thai people unite and say, "Long Live The King."

– *Dhirarat Boonkongsan*



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# New law for hotels to come in soon

PHUKET CITY: Owners and operators of hotels and guesthouses have been informed of new regulations governing the industry, expected to come into force in mid-January after HM King Bhumibol signs them into law.

Nilubon Tantichupan, Secretary General of the Thai Hotels Association (THA) Southern Chapter, told THA members gathered at The Metropole hotel that the new Hotel Act will cover many aspects of hotel ownership and management, including licensing, monitoring of standards and how accommodation is categorized.

K. Nilubon said that the THA sees the revised act as good news for hotel operators.

"The old Hotel Act was drawn up in 1935 and parts of it are very out-of-date," she said, "hence the new act, which will be more relevant to the current state of the industry."

"For example," she said, "Under the old act, all hotel licenses ran from January 1 to December 31, and the fee was the same regardless of when in the year a hotel was first registered."

"But under the new act, the license will run from the date of registration; if you li-

cense your hotel at the beginning of April, the license will run until the end of the following March. In addition, licenses will be valid for five years, although hoteliers must still pay fees annually.

"In the industry of today there are many types of accommodation business – spas, resorts, hotels, guest houses – and the new law identifies each category clearly."

Hotel operators seeking more information on the new law should contact K. Nilubon at the THA Southern Chapter, Tel: 076-215050 or Fax: 076-215065.

– Anongnat Sartpisut



The grand opening of Plaza Surin, the new upmarket shopping center near Surin Beach, took place on November 26 in what is likely to be remembered as the opening of the year, attended by some 500 people. Pictured at the event, with guests, is the plaza's owner, Hong Kong-based Allan Zeman (3<sup>rd</sup> from left).

## Burmese found with throat cut

PHUKET CITY: The body of a Burmese fisherman with a three-inch gash across his throat was found in the Rassada Port area on November 23.

Pol Maj Watcharin Jirattikarn, Inspector of Phuket City Police Station, said he received a phone call from local Thai residents informing him that a body had been discovered near the fishing port.

Police officers arrived at the scene and found the body dumped among trees just 15 meters from a table and chairs

where the man had been seen drinking whisky with "friends" on Monday night.

"Local residents told me they saw the victim drinking whisky with group of friends, but none could identify who the man was," Pol Maj Watcharin said.

The body was dressed in a white T-shirt and long black pants. In the pants pockets were two note books with Burmese writing, a mobile phone and 37 baht in change.

See also Life in the Burmese Cemetery: page 23

## Visitors numbers climbed by 10pc in 'green' season

By Dhirarat Boonkongsan

PHUKET CITY: Around two million tourists visited Phuket between January and June this year – an increase of more than 10% on the same period in 2003 – according to the Director of the Region 4 of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), Suwalai Pinpradab.

This year's visitors brought around 38 billion baht into Phuket, around 4 billion more than during the same period last year, though the average amount of time they stayed here fell slightly.

"The average period of stay decreased from 4.97 days to 4.52 days," said K. Suwalai. "It's because during the 'green' season, we welcomed many Asian tourists."

"They tend to stay here a shorter time than European visitors because they consider Thailand as their neighbor."

Around 10% of the visitors were from Germany, the biggest single national group. The market that experienced the

fastest growth was Hong Kong; in January-June 2003, 25,594 visitors to Phuket came from Hong Kong, but in the same period this year, the figure was 103,864, an increase of more than 300%.

This high season, Phuket International Airport expects to handle 381 flights a week, of which 200 will be domestic flights. K. Suwalai said the number of flights from European countries is increasing all the time.

Hotel and guesthouse occupancy is currently close to 100%, though there are still enough rooms to accommodate new arrivals, said K. Suwalai.

She acknowledged that Phuket "no longer has a low season", meaning that natural resources have less time to recover from an influx of visitors.

But, she said, "Tourists come all year round, but we still get fewer tourists in the green season, which is when nature, especially around the Similans and Surin Island, rehabilitates itself."

## Children should learn about corruption, says Minister

PHUKET CITY: School children could be taught about corruption and the problems it causes, Minister of Education Dr Adisai Bodharamik told a meeting in Phuket on November 28.

Dr Adisak told more than 500 education administrative staff gathered at Phuket Rajabhat University that even kindergarten pupils should be made aware of the evils of corruption.

Dr Adisak added that he is confident the ministry is moving toward solving the teacher shortage, by bringing in teachers from private organizations to plug the gaps.

## Blaze damages 8 shophouses

KARON: Eight shophouses near the Central Waterfront Tower in Karon were damaged on November 25 in a fire that caused damage estimated at around 10 million baht. No one was hurt.

Some of the three-story buildings in the row were still under construction and the fire is believed to have started when electricians welding steel in one of the houses dropped sparks into a can of paint thinner, causing an explosion that blew a hole in the wall with the adjoining house.

## CORRECTION

The *Gazette* story about Raoul Wildt (issue of November 27), who was severely injured in a road accident while on a "visa run" to Ranong, stated that Mr Wildt was not insured. This statement was incorrect. Mr Wildt did have health insurance, though not enough to cover all his medical bills.

Anyone wishing to make donations to help Mr Wildt and his family pay these bills may deposit funds into his bank account: Account name Raoul A. D. Wildt; Account number 601 261 061 9 at Siam Commercial Bank, Ha Yaek Chalongs Branch, 16/28 Moo 8, Chao Fa West Rd, Amphur Muang, Phuket 83130; Swift code: SICOTHBK.

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# Health chief worried at continuing spread of HIV

PHUKET: Phuket has the second-highest incidence of Aids in Thailand's southern provinces, and the fifth-highest in the country, according to the Phuket Provincial Health Office (PPHO).

The number of cases is still rising, Dr Wanchai Sattayawuthipong, the head of the PPHO, said. "The number of Aids cases in Phuket has risen in each of the past three years. In Phuket, only cancer kills more people than Aids," he said.

Dr Wanchai was speaking on November 29, at a meeting arranged by the PPHO at the Phuket Provincial Hall, and chaired by Vice-Governor Winai Buapradit.

Phuket currently has 3,313 confirmed Aids patients, of whom 2,310 are male and 1,003 are female, Dr Wanchai said. A total of 869 are recorded as having died of Aids since the disease was first detected in Phuket.

"The worrying thing is that

the age at which people become infected is lower than in the past," said Dr Wanchai. "Most people who die [from Aids] are in the 25-to-44 age group."

He continued, "Moreover, my research indicates that the number of mothers infected with HIV is rising – it's currently increasing 1.67% a year, against a Ministry of Public Health target [for this year] of 1.2%."

Dr Wanchai said he was "worried" about the Aids situa-

tion in Phuket, and said the number of teenagers infected was a particular cause for concern.

Public agencies should work together to slow the spread of HIV/Aids, he said. One example of this would be for the government to zone entertainment venues, as this would make it easier for health officials and educators to reach the sex workers who operate from businesses such as bars and karaoke parlors.

– Kamol Pirat

## 'The law is the law': Pracha unmoved by Patong pleas

PHUKET: Venues in entertainment zones in Phuket must close at 1 am, tourist destination or no tourist destination, Deputy Minister of the Interior Pracha Maleenont has declared.

The deputy minister was responding to a request from the Patong Entertainment Business Association to be allowed to stay open until 2 am.

Speaking on November 29 in Phuket, K. Pracha pointed out that the law defines 1 am as a suitable closing time, and added that he agrees with the law.

K. Pracha conceded that Phuket is a tourist destination, but so, he said, are Chiang Mai, Haad Yai and Pattaya – and all these places must obey the law that entertainment venues must close at 1 am. "The law covers all provinces. No province is exempt," he said. – Kamol Pirat

## Australian student dies in 4-story fall

PATONG: A 23-year-old Australian student died after falling four stories from his hotel room in the early hours of November 30.

Police believe that Christian Jorgen Halkjaer, from Perth, slipped and fell from the balcony of his room at the Patong Beach Lodge, on Rat-U-Thit 200 Phi Rd, after a night out with friends.

Pol Lt Col Chaowalit Niemwadee, Deputy Superintendent of Kathu Police Station, told the *Gazette* that Mr Halkjaer had been on holiday with friends.

He said that he received a call from the hotel at 4 am, and arrived at the scene with a doctor from Patong Hospital about 10 minutes later to find Mr Halkjaer on the ground, dead from a broken neck.

Col Chaowalit said police believe Mr Halkjaer's death was accidental because the body was found lying face-up.

The Australian Embassy was notified so that arrangements could be made for the body to be sent home.

# Worry over shortage of election monitors

By Kamol Pirat

PHUKET: Just over two months before Thailand's general election is due to take place, Phuket still does not have enough observers to monitor the polling to ensure that it is clean, one of Thailand's four Election Commissioners revealed on November 25.

"This is a big problem," Commissioner Prinya Nakchudtree told local officials gathered at Phuket Municipality offices.

K. Prinya said the shortage of monitors was a country-wide problem. He said that if enough monitors could not be found by the time of the election, "My office [the Office of the Election Commission of Thailand – OECT], will ask the governors of each province to provide support officers. And we will get the army and the police to help us [if necessary]."

The Commissioner was in Phuket to talk with local govern-



**Election Commissioner Prinya Nakchudtree: 'We will get the army and the police to help us [if necessary].'**

ment figures – including Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwannasuppana and Phuket Provincial Administration Organization President Anchalee Vanich-Thepabutr – about the preparations for the general election, due

to take place by February 5 next year.

"The OECT is ready to launch the general election," said K. Prinya, adding that his office had already received an allocation of 2.2 billion baht to prepare for it.

Each candidate is to receive a handbook explaining election law and the regulations governing campaigning.

"No one will have any excuse for not knowing the law, or for not following it," said K. Prinya.

He continued, "The OECT will declare the result of the election in each district within 30 days, but we will look for cases of misconduct and we will have a one-year period [following the election] in which we will be able to dismiss from office anyone found to have cheated."

He added that he hoped the election would attract a turnout of at least 60%.

K. Prinya agreed that there may be problems in the southern-most provinces of Thailand, which are experiencing separatist-related violence. But, he said, he would be working with the governors of each province and the situation did not worry him greatly.

Thai nationals wanting to volunteer for duty as election monitors should ask their local *kamnan* or *phu yai baan* to put their name forward to the Election Commission.

See Editorial, page 22

## B1.8bn budget for Patong

PATONG: At a November 30 meeting on developing Patong according to the government's new town planning rules, consultants and local government leaders presented a 1.8-billion-baht budget proposal aimed at fixing the town's many environmental and infrastructural woes.

The budget, to be funded jointly by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization, Patong Municipality, the Ministry of Sports and Tourism and the private sector, was broken down into six categories:

692.4 million baht for development of a "lagoon"-style development and residential center along Klong Pak Bang; 466.4 million baht for work on government buildings and infrastructure; 273.6 million baht for landscape improvements along the beach; 180.7 million baht for the development of a reservoir and recreational area; 144.1 million baht for improvement of Soi Bangla; and 47.9 million baht for improvement of Sawasdirak Rd.

## Spas rally against 10pc excise tax

PHUKET CITY: Pakin Raktae-Ngam, Chairman of the Phuket Spa Business Club, on November 24 lashed out at the 10% excise tax levied on spas, saying that if his spa was forced to pay the tax, he would register it as a massage parlor.

K. Pakin's strong comments were made at a protest against the tax by some 200 owners and managers of spa businesses from Phuket, Krabi, Phang Nga and Koh Samui, at the Phuket Provincial Health Office (PPHO).

K. Pakin explained that the protest had been

organized after Excise Department officers raided the Baan Sukhothai Hotel And Spa, Patong, the previous day.

K. Pakin said, "The 10% excise tax on spas is unfair because spas are one of three businesses that the government supports as part of its plan to develop Thailand into the 'Health Capital of Asia'."

He added that he considered spas to be as much a part of the health industry as hospitals and producers of herbal remedies, which are not required to pay 10% excise tax.

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## Queer News

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**BURI RAM:** A man claiming to have C4 explosive strapped to his chest entered the Thip Phothivej Massage Parlor in Muang District on November 9 and demanded to see his ex-girlfriend, a masseuse working there.

Worapot Noppiboon, 21, threatened to detonate the device if his ex-girlfriend Wilailak Sriwisut, 21, refused to meet him.

When police arrived, they found Worapot holding a wire that appeared to be connected to a box strapped under his shirt. His terrified ex-girlfriend was standing nearby as Worapot professed his undying love for her.

Police officers attempted to prevent a crowd from getting too close while a negotiator tried to persuade Worapot to surrender.

When that failed, they charged, causing the box to fall off. But there was no explosion – the “device” was merely four boxes of batteries tied together.

Worapot was charged with disturbing the peace and causing a public panic, charges punishable by one month in prison, a 1,000 baht fine, or both.

Source: The Nation

THE SERIOUS SIDE  
OF PLAYING GAMES

**M**an is 15 years old and says he normally plays games online – usually Ragnarok – for two or three hours per session in his spare time after playing soccer, but he has been known to play for 10 hours straight.

“If the ministry limits online game playing to three hours,” he says, “I’ll play for three hours in one shop, then go to another shop and play for three hours there.”

“If I’m free, I will go to the game shop rather than anywhere else. I find playing relaxing, but I don’t miss out on my studies because of it.”

Man is not alone in questioning the likely success of the ICT’s latest attempt to curb online game-playing by youngsters.

Wirot Thong-on, the President of Phuket Andaman Webmaster Club, says, “I don’t agree with restricting access because this is not the right solution to the problem in the long term; there will be other problems later.”

“There are a few servers

Walk past any Internet shop at the end of the school day and you’ll see many of the seats inside occupied by schoolchildren engrossed in playing some online game or another.

Last year, the government tried to tackle the problem of children playing the game Ragnarok for hours at a time by banning youngsters from Internet cafés between 10 pm and 6 am.

Last month, the Cabinet backed the latest attempt by the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Ministry to wean children off online gaming by restricting the time they can play to three hours a day. **Gategao Phetsawang** and **Anongnat Sartpisut** examine the current state of online play.

that host games in Thailand and the ICT Ministry tried to control this by limiting access only to people who could provide specific identification. But children still found ways round this.”

So what’s the harm in children spending hours online gaming? Plenty, according to Dr Kusumawadee Kamkhang, psychiatrist at the Rajanagarindra Institute of Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ICAMH).

She believes children who spend too long playing online games run the risk of damaging their eyesight, as well as their mental health and brains.

“Repeatedly learning the same thing every day can cause the brain to cease functioning properly, a bit like the brain of a drug addict,” she says. “If the brain focuses on something for a long time, it gets giddy and confused.”

The more time children spend on a computer, the less able they can become to interact socially and relate to other humans.

Says Dr Kusumawadee, “Just as a drug addict cannot stop taking drugs, these children find it a struggle to leave their computer games.”

“Online games give an immediate ‘rush’, similar to what a drug user gets from injecting a drug rather than taking it orally.”

“Often, the children are so caught up in the games, they keep playing whether they are winning or losing.”

Dr Kusumawadee adds that there are fears that games can make children aggressive and that they may try to copy the violence they have encountered in the games.

“Some people claim that playing computer games develops their concentration, but actually the reverse is true,” she says. “If anything, computer games may reduce a child’s attention span.”

Games can be psychologically damaging, too, says Dr Kusumawadee. “It takes maturity

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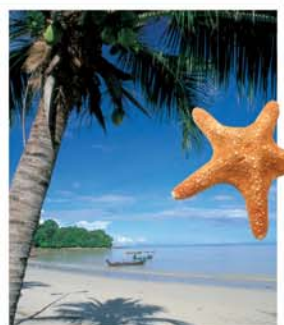
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Kids see online gaming as fun and even as educational, but the government worries that it is bad for them and is trying to limit the time youngsters spend playing them.

to be able to consider things reasonably and separate the real world from the imaginary," she explains, "and that's something many children don't have."

"There are cases of kids who are addicted to games. They are rude to other people, try to hurt themselves or threaten their parents that they will leave home."

"There are children who are not confident and not good at studying or sports, but taking part in these games makes them feel powerful and accepted. Well, that's what they think. In reality, they are gloomy and idle."

Somying Loengpoobang might disagree. The owner of Internet and game café Bonanza, she says, "Gaming is relaxing for children and may help them to learn."

"Sometimes customers ask me something about computer log-ins, for example. I think it can help them to develop their computer skills."

"If children's lives don't revolve [entirely] around computer games and they are watched by their parents, online gaming is not dangerous."

K. Somying says children use her computers on weekend mornings before attending special classes, and they usually spend 10 baht or so on half-hour of gaming.

She said, "Most of those who play for hours at a time are teenagers. They'll play for three or four hours."

Kornkanok Sermsri says most of the children who play games in his Success Internet Café play for less than an hour, after school has finished.

"The longest a child has played is about two hours for 20 baht an hour," he says. "Most of the customers who play for more than two hours are working adults."

"As for the three-hour restriction, I have no idea whether

it will work... if children are allowed to play at a shop, they will, but if they aren't, they'll just go somewhere else."

Kongkiat Nuchkruea, computer teacher of Chalermprakiet School, is similarly sceptical about the new regulations.

"They won't solve the problem. If children want to play for more than three hours, they'll find a way to do that," he says. "The law won't be able to stop them."

He adds, "Games can encourage pupils' imaginations, though if they play them too much, there could be problems."

"It's all right if they differentiate between play time and study time."

Although the school has not caught any pupils who have skipped school in order to play online games, there have been cases of children staying up all night playing games then being too tired to go into school the following day.

Says K. Kongkiat, "The majority of these are 12 to 15 years old. If we catch them, we write to their parents."

Tat is a 12-year-old com-

puter game player. He says, "I usually play games at home for an hour-and-a-half a day."

"Before, I played games at an Internet café for a few hours a day, especially at weekends. But I would be there for a whole day, just to see how other friends did with their games."

"When I got a computer at home, my parents realized how much time I was spending playing computer games and now they limit me to an hour a day because they want me to do other things as well. Now I do other things, such as playing drums with my friends."

Pung, also 12, says, "I used to play on a PlayStation, but then my friend gave me a card for online games."

"I found these games better than PlayStation and they cost about the same. I play only at the weekend, three to six hours, at 15 baht an hour. Sometimes my parents give me money, sometimes I use my savings."

Pung knows of kids who make money from their gaming, by selling the points they have amassed in games such as Ragnarok to lower-scoring players. The going rate is 100 baht for a million points and the practice, he says, is quite common at his school.

He adds, "Online gaming has helped me practice typing in Thai and English, and my mathematics has improved, because when we buy something in the game, we have to calculate how much we should pay for it."

Poom, 13, also likes Ragnarok. "It's good because I get to meet friends. I play for about an hour a day - my parents give me the money - and the longest I have played at any one time is four hours."

"The ICT Ministry wants to limit playing to three hours, but I don't think it could. If children want to play, they'll find a way to do it."

At 26, Ake is a more mature online gamer and he prefers to play against fellow 20- and 30-somethings in games such as TS Online, Mu and Gun Bound, rather than the ubiquitous Ragnarok.

It's not unknown for K. Ake to play from 2 pm to 6 am the

following day, but he says that, as he is working, he can afford the money to do this.

"There are two reasons for playing online games," he says. "The first is fun, enjoying your character and trying to move up through the levels."

"The second is for business, collecting points and assets in the game to sell for real money. That's very common at the moment."

"I know of players who play under different identities; under one they play for fun, and under the other for business."

"Other players will buy weapons for the game because they don't have time to play so much but they want to be on the same level as their friends. Or they can't play the game or they don't know it well enough to amass points so they have to buy equipment to use in the game."

"I don't buy things with real money, though. I pay cash only for my gaming card and Internet access."

He adds, "Online gaming is a good way of relaxing and meeting other people, but I admit that if people get too caught up in it, it can affect their job or studies. There have been times when I've forgotten to eat lunch."

"But if you're sensible, gaming is good for relaxation. Some people relieve stress by smoking or drinking, we play online games."

"The ICT is right to try to limit the amount of time children can play, though, but I don't know how they can monitor it."

According to ICAMH's Dr Kusumawadee, there are good, educational computer games out there, but it is up to parents to find them, and control how their children use their computers.

She recommends limiting access to computer games to just two hours a day, and encouraging children to join in non-computer related family activities.

If a child seems to be addicted to games, parents should take a more drastic approach: ban them from games for two full days, for example, or even, in extreme cases, take them away from a computer altogether by going on a camping holiday.

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By Sangkhae Leelanapaporn

The first rubber balloons were made in 1824 by English scientist Michael Faraday, who wanted to use them in his pioneering experiments with hydrogen gas

But not long after their invention in the rarefied air of the Royal Institution of Great Britain in London, balloons quickly found their way into popular culture – as requisite adornments at all kinds of happy events, from birthday parties to New Year's Eve celebrations.

To see just how far the balloon-making industry has come, one need travel no further than Bloom Decor at Central Festival Phuket. In business since the opening of the mall two months ago, Bloom Decor is a small kiosk on the third floor that few will pass without noticing – because it is overflowing with balloons of every size, color and description.

The brains behind the balloons belong to shop owner Rerkdee "Pui" Thammachod, a self-described balloon enthusiast who has combined her passion for the gas-filled bags with a desire to run her own business in Phuket.

Getting into the balloon retailing business isn't as easy as some may think, explained K. Pui, who took an enlightening course in Bangkok on how to select and use balloons to create unique bouquets and colorful gift decorations.

But K. Pui explained that it was worth all the hard work – because of the enjoyment she derives from watching children smile and marvel at her gravity-defying wares.



K. Pui: 'I have loved balloons ever since I was a little girl.'

offer decoration packages for customers, such as for birthdays and other events," she said, adding that customers should contact her about two weeks in advance of any big event.

Customers who want a balloon bouquet don't need to wait long, however. They can just order it, continue on with their shopping, and pick it up about an hour later, she said.

As one might expect of a purveyor in fine balloons, K. Pui envisages her business as, well, expanding. She plans to open an outlet at Jungceylon in Patong when it opens next year, she said.

"If all goes well, I plan to open a small balloon shop and studio here at Central, where I will work as a design consultant. But I want to test the balloon market in Phuket first," K. Pui added.

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## HELIUM DREAMS

Balloons are by no means the exclusive domain of children. For adult customers who want tailor-made balloons, possibly with a business logo, picture or short message, Bloom Decor can do it all, says K. Pui – the sky's the limit.

And if the prospect of braving the bypass road just for balloons is just too daunting, Bloom Decor also offers a delivery service that could be just the mood elevator needed by an ailing associate or disgruntled girlfriend.

"Balloons are perfect for so

many occasion: birthdays, anniversaries, office parties, Christmas celebrations, new product presentations – and more. Our table-top balloon bouquets are also popular as everyday decorations," she said, adding that they can remain fresh and colorful for as long as a month – try doing that with roses.

The selection is impressive, with a "balloon menu" of over 1,000 different items ranging in price from 80 baht to 900 baht. These include "state-of-the-art" balloons imported from the US.

So what's trendy in the balloon world these days?

"Purple is a very popular color for this year. Our top sellers at the moment are foil balloons bearing images of Ocean Blue Dolphin, Nemo & Friends, and Bunny Hug," K. Pui told the *Gazette*, which noted that all the usual suspects from the world of animation were also present: Mickey Mouse, The Muppets, Winnie the Pooh and more.

"We will order special Christmas tree balloons to sell over the holidays, too. We also

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# Inmates get Net access to relatives

The Corrections Department has launched an "online visits" initiative in a bid to provide inmates of a couple of Thailand's jails and their relatives with increased visiting opportunities via the Internet.

The "online visits" can be made between Chiang Mai Central Prison and Bangkok's Bang Khwang Central Prison. Relatives living in the northern provinces can go to the Chiang Mai prison and get Internet access to their loved ones serving time in the Bangkok jail, and vice-versa.

Senior Corrections Official Siriwat Sairat-in said an online prison visit would cost around 150 baht, and plans are underway to expand the service to other major prisons and to the families of foreign inmates of Thai jails.

**Alcohol abuse:** Some 200 women's rights activists gathered in front of the Public Health Ministry to call for an end to violence against women and children. Citing a survey that found at least 70% of male drinkers beat their partners, assaulted others and committed sex crimes, they called on men to give up alcohol.

The Friends of Women Foundation and the Thai Health Promotion Foundation jointly conducted the survey, which questioned 850 drinkers. The results indicate that alcohol consumption is a major factor in domestic violence. The gathering took place the day before the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25.

**Shape up, be polite:** During a meeting with some 400 command-level officers nationwide, Deputy Prime Minister Purachai Piemsomboon instructed police

**HOME SHOPPING:** Residents gather around a 'mobile supermarket' that offers a motley assortment of goods such as fruits, household goods and snacks. The service is now popular in Chiang Mai, as it offers customers a chance to save time and energy during this period of high oil prices.



to shape up their bodies and their behavior.

"Don't let your waist grow too big. It's unacceptable if policemen look like Santa Claus in uniform," Dep PM Purachai said.

On politeness, Dep PM Purachai said police were there to serve the people and therefore needed to speak politely.

Police commanders needed to get rid of subordinates who failed in their duties and transfer them to inactive posts at police headquarters – instead of simply moving them to another police station. Commanders must sack officers who commit crimes, he said.

**Patriot pupils:** Education Minister Adisai Bodharamik instructed all schools to teach Thai history and culture more extensively in an effort to instill patriotism in children, saying cur-

rent courses and instruction at schools did not highlight the need to have a love for the homeland and pride in the nation.

Schools should place greater emphasis on singing the national anthem, flag-raising cer-

emonies and activities that promote patriotism, he said.

K. Adisai dismissed speculation that the ministry was rushing to promote nationalism because of the ongoing violence in the deep South,

which many blame on separatist movements.

"That's irrelevant. We have been studying the idea for a long time," he said.

**Change of heart:** Police Sgt Somchai Visetsingha, who had earlier confessed to killing two British backpackers, pleaded not guilty when arraigned at Kanchanaburi Provincial Court. He was released on bail after public prosecutors failed to demonstrate to the court's satisfaction that his release would endanger witnesses or allow him to tamper with evidence.

Somchai is charged with the pre-meditated murders of Vanessa Arscott, 24, and Adam Lloyd, 25, in Kanchanaburi Province in September. The court prohibited Somchai from leaving the country and ordered him to report to the court every 30 days. The court set December 20 as the date for both sides to determine how many witnesses they will call during the trial.

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# Reservations over Krabi's future

Krabi province continues to enjoy a reputation as an outdoor-oriented travel destination for families and couples. Visitors often comment on the obvious differences between Krabi and more singles-oriented holiday spots, such as Patong or Pattaya. Most often cited as important factors for people returning to Krabi are the natural beauty, cleanliness, lack of a high-profile sex industry and a feeling of safety.

As Krabi develops, the key to success will be maintaining these characteristics. One long-term resident of Krabi who believes in keeping Krabi a family holiday destination is Chuan Phukaoluan – a prominent businessman and owner of the Krabi Resort, the oldest resort in Krabi.

K. Chuan has a unique perspective on the development of the province. In addition to running businesses in Krabi for more than 25 years, he has been very active in civic affairs, having served several terms as Mayor of Krabi Town. He has also presided

over numerous public- and private-sector bodies, including local offices of the Board of Education, the Thai Federation of Businesses, the Krabi Chamber of Commerce and many charity organizations.

He often cites the Krabi slogan, "Lively Town – Lovely People." This may seem simplistic to some, but he believes that the words have a special meaning for the community. "Lively Town" does not refer to the nightlife or discos, he explains, but to the variety of ways one can enjoy the region's beautiful landscapes, islands, beaches, caves and hot springs.

In addition, he says, the cultural depth of the area, with both Muslim and Buddhist societies living in harmony, provides ample opportunities to explore cultural and culinary experiences.

"Lovely People," according to K. Chuan, is merely an extension of the well-known Thai hospitality. He believes the best way to preserve the good nature of Thais is to try and keep in check



**A BROADER VISION:** Well-traveled and open to different cultures, Chuan Phukaoluan (right) is often invited to be guest of honor at weddings of foreigners in Krabi.

the materialism that has grown out of control in other tourist areas of Thailand. Though he admits this is no easy task, he says projects that help instill traditional values would help make Krabi a more closely-knit community.

K. Chuan was educated in Malaysia, worked in London, and has traveled extensively throughout the world. As a result, he crosses cultural boundaries with

ease. This has helped him formulate another developmental plan for the Krabi area – several retirement villages based on ethnic themes, with the aim of attracting long-term foreign residents and retirees.

The first village planned for development is a Japanese village. The architectural styling and master plan would be designed by Japanese according to their traditional designs, and

would include a farm to grow Japanese fruits and vegetables. The goal is to not only make the commune self sufficient, but also provide local markets with Japanese fruits and vegetables.

K. Chuan feels strongly about this project, and sees the introduction of other cultures to Thailand not simply as positive, but as necessary for the development of Thai people. Indeed, he believes that the transfer of ideas, technology, language and culture can only be a positive for Thai people to succeed in the global marketplace. If this project is successful, he his next retirement village project will be Scandinavian.

The key to developing the region and maintaining traditional values is to promote projects that attract more people with similar values, says K. Chuan.

As Krabi grows and more outsiders are attracted to the monetary gains to be made without respect for the land or people, maintaining these values will become more difficult.

Some may say K. Chuan is too conservative or not realistic in his dreams, but without people like him, there is little chance of keeping Krabi from falling prey to the excesses of over-development and greed that have degraded many areas of Thailand.



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## This week



**VIEW TO A THRILL:** (above) Songkran Issara (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Managing Director of Charn Issara Development, with family and friends at a cocktail party held recently at the company's Sri Panwa development on Cape Panwa.

**OHOLA GOLA!** (left) Pattanapong Aikwanich, President of the Phuket Tourist Association, relaxes at Kata Beach with two players from Spain's team in the FIFA Under-19 Women's World Cup soccer tournament.



**NEWS BREAKER:** (above) Pictured at the ground-breaking ceremony for the Phuket Peninsula Spa and Resort are (left to right): Aleksandra Retinskaya, Phuket One Real Estate; Ekapop Setabandhu, Chairman, Peninsula Group; Suthasinee Setabandhu, President, Peninsular Group; and Larry Cunningham, Phuket One Real Estate.

**MOLD BREAKER:** (right): Displaying another side to her talents — sculpture — is Sandra Marquis (left) with Celia, one her creations. Ms Marquis is soon to have a permanent display of her pieces at Ceramics of Phuket in Cherng Talay.



**HIGH SEAS AND HIGH SEASON:** (above): Seatran Travel staff prepare for the high season with a promotion at Central Festival Phuket.

**VALUED CUSTOMER:** Enjoying her 22<sup>nd</sup> stay at Cape Panwa Hotel is 92-year-old Mary Woolley. Resident Manager Claude Sauter greets their veteran guest — affectionately known to staff as Jackie — during her most recent stay.



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**O**B Wetzell, head of one of most successful companies in the island's property industry, DMG-Thailand, has just returned from Mongolia where he plans to build the world's largest geodesic dome to house hundreds of orphaned children.

He brought back with him Gabrielle Dowling, an Australian Buddhist nun now known as Didi Ananda Kalika. She arrived in the Mongolian capital, Ulaanbaatar, in 1993 to teach yoga and meditation.

But she soon discovered there were hundreds of hungry and unwanted children – many the result of rampant prostitution – living under the streets in construction holes kept warm by hot water pipes.

Over the past decade she has built a school and now cares for 130 children. Her most recent project has been to open a bakery to raise funds for food and shelter.

OB explains, "I hope to build a community living space where many hundreds of abandoned children can grow up and have a healthy life and perhaps reconnect with their endangered culture."

"They lost so much of their family structure because of the occupation by the Soviet Union and the migration from the rural areas into the cities, where there is almost 40% unemployment."

This is a great story about Phuket people doing good things with the rewards of their success.

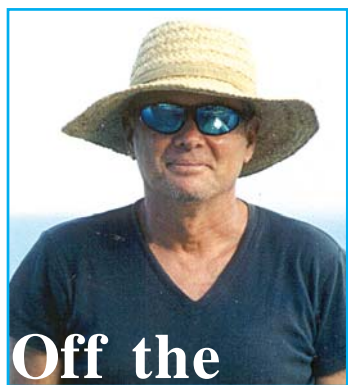
**Red letter day:** Robert Falls has taken over operations at the Red Room in Cherg Talay and has expanded both the menu and the restaurant by adding a new dining room.

Robert arrives from Newport Beach, California, where he divided his time between the better restaurants and working as an actor in Hollywood. He has brought a sense of theater and



Saving orphans: OB Wetzell with Didi Ananda Kalika.

## GIVING IT BACK



### Off the WALL

With Bruce Stanley

good taste to the Red Room, the first restaurant developed by Richmond Properties.

Robert even designed the bright red furniture in the large lounge, which will feature themed

parties over the high season.

"I love being back in an intimate dining room where I can cook and mix with customers," he says.

"We want to make the Red Room the local night spot, with events ranging from classic movies on our large projection screen to events that feature the more than 14,000 selections from our music library."

Robert has stimulated the menu with his personal favorites such as seared *foie gras* on jumbo scallops, smoked duck ravioli and French duck liver served on Japanese scallops drizzled with truffle oil.

His lunch menu provides the perfect opportunity to enjoy world-class cuisine while conducting an informal meeting or an intimate rendezvous.

# Just call me Ajay

'I'm just an ordinary kid,' says seven-year-old computer wizard.

By Gategaeo Phetsawang

**A**jay Puri's computer skills so impressed pupils of Dulwich International College that when he had finished his recent presentation on web design there, that they flocked around him asking for his autograph.

Mastering Microsoft programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Frontpage, Access, Macromedia Flash, Outlook Express, Messenger, Video Conferencing and Visual Basic might not seem to be anything out of the ordinary.

But Ajay is different – he is just seven years old. And he's been work-

ing on computers for five years.

At the age of two, Ajay gave a presentation of his skills to Microsoft engineers and marketing staff. At three he made his own website and was the youngest official invitee to meet Bill

Clinton during the former US President's visit to India.

At five, he passed the Microsoft Office User Specialist examination in Core Level (MOUS) – scoring 98% – the youngest person to pass this examination, and went on to achieve Expert Level, scoring 93%.

Little Ajay's achievements have led to appearances on international TV channels

such as BBC World, CNN and CNBC, and to meetings with the former Prime Minister of Thailand, Chuan Leekpai, and, through him, Microsoft mogul Bill Gates.

Ajay – who was born in Hyderabad, India, and whose name means "always a winner" – was introduced to computing by



Watch your laurels, Bill: Having met the Microsoft founder, Ajay says, 'I would like to be even better than Bill Gates.'

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Ajay signs autographs after his presentation to students at Dulwich.

such as BBC World, CNN and CNBC, and to meetings with the former Prime Minister of Thailand, Chuan Leekpai, and, through him, Microsoft mogul Bill Gates.

Ajay – who was born in Hyderabad, India, and whose name means “always a winner” – was introduced to computing by his grandfather and his father, who now works for the Century Textiles Co Ltd in Bangkok.

Said Ajay, “I first started to type when I was two months old when my granddad took me on his lap and used to make me type on the keyboard ... although I don’t remember much about that.

“I learned to type the English alphabet and started sending emails to my grandfather. Once, my father scolded me and then I wrote an email to my granddad to tell him to tell my father not to do it again.”

Ajay studies at Harrow International School in Bangkok, where his favorite subject is, not surprisingly, science.

But he’s by no means a total computer nerd. “Of course, I play football, basketball, hockey and cricket at school with my friends. We’re forming a cricket team at school.

“Normally I don’t spend much time on chips and other computer stuff. Sometimes I don’t use a computer for a whole week.”

He continued, “Sometimes my friends tell me when they’ve seen me on television and they praise me for doing well, and say they are happy for me.

“Some of my friends have said straight out that they envy me.

“But actually, I feel that I am like normal children. I like playing a lot; I play chess and play the piano and I like Indian dancing and Indian movie songs.

“I’m not at all different from other children. Everybody plays with computers and I play too; what’s the difference? People of any age can learn the computer.

“My brother is five years old, but he doesn’t like computers at all. He likes dancing, but most of all he likes fighting. I have no idea why he keeps on fighting with me. We often punch one another but he is shorter than me, so mostly I win.”

But how many other children have met Bill Clinton, Bill Gates and Chuan Leekpai?

Ajay says that when he met

K. Chuan, he told him how much he would like to meet Mr Gates. K. Chuan wrote an official letter to Microsoft Thailand, which led to the meeting between Ajay and his hero.

That happened in November 2002, when he was invited to India to meet Bill Gates in Hyderabad.

Of all the famous – and not so famous – people he has met, Ajay says Bill Gates is the one who impressed him the most.

He explained, “Bill Gates is a clever person and he is a good person too. He is good at computers. I want to be clever like him.

“Actually, at the age of 20, I would like to be even better than Bill Gates and to have used my brain more than him.

“When people call me ‘the Bill Gates of India’ I feel a bit shy. My friends also call me

‘microchip’ and I feel a bit angry about that, because I just want them to call me by my normal name.”

Ajay may have a brain like a computer, but he also has a big heart. In July, a fire in a school in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu killed around 100 children. Within months, Ajay had used the Internet to compile a presentation on fire prevention in educational institutions, and given it to more than a dozen schools in India.

He gives demonstrations and presentations to schools, then donates the money he receives for such public appearances to homes for the elderly and those with special needs.

He said, “I’d like to do more demonstrations in more schools because many people are

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# OFF THE WRIST

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People tend not to use watches solely for telling the time. They are also accessories and are often chosen with care to accentuate – sometimes subtly, sometimes not – a person's character or aspirations.

More than this, they often display the character of the horologist who designed them, in much the same way that a Jean-Paul Gaultier bustier gives a hint of what the great French couturier has on his mind.

As we are entering the season for giving, now is the time to pick up a watch for the someone special in your life – or drop a hint that they should buy one for you.

Here's a brief look at some of the more unusual models for sale in Phuket.

The Kalwin watch shop in Phuket Shopping Center on Rassada Rd in Phuket City features a range of some of the most popular brands in Thailand: Seiko, Citizen and Casio.

The shop's owner, Anupap Yongchuyos, told the *Gazette* that foreign customers tend to favor



**MARKING TIME:** The Solvil et Titus Magic Trick collection (above and above right) will be available soon from City Chain, on the second floor of Central Festival Phuket.

Japanese watches because they are cheaper than their European equivalents, yet are of comparable quality.

The Citizen Promaster 3740 E with its rugged good looks and built-in depth gauge is, at 13,800 baht, a popular choice with both Thais and foreigners, according to K. Anupap.

He said that the Seiko SKX 007 K is also popular. Perhaps it is the inclusion of "007" in its name, the soft rubber strap and

automatic functions, or maybe its 7,500-baht price tag that attracts buyers.

The Casio Wrist Remote Controller with a built in TV remote control and calculator also has a following, he said. Possibly the ultimate in couch-potato accessories, it can be tuned in to your TV to put an end to arguments over who controls the TV. Pranksters could tune it in to a neighbor's TV for hours of fun.



The Casio Wrist Remote Controller (right), with a built in TV remote control and calculator, is the perfect gift for couch potatoes.



European watches do have their advocates. For them, the good news is that the City Chain shop, on the second floor of Central Festival Phuket, will soon stock the Solvil et Titus Magic Trick collection.

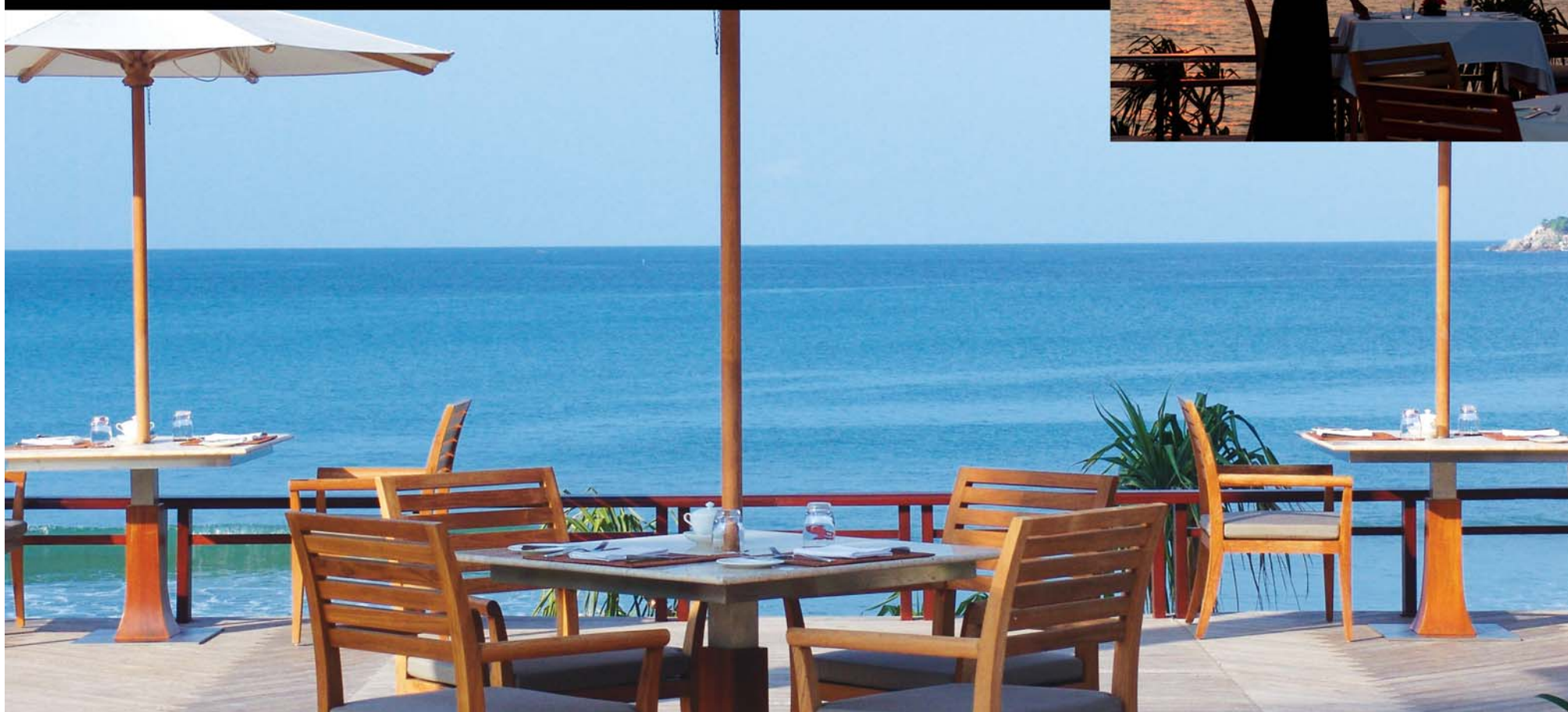
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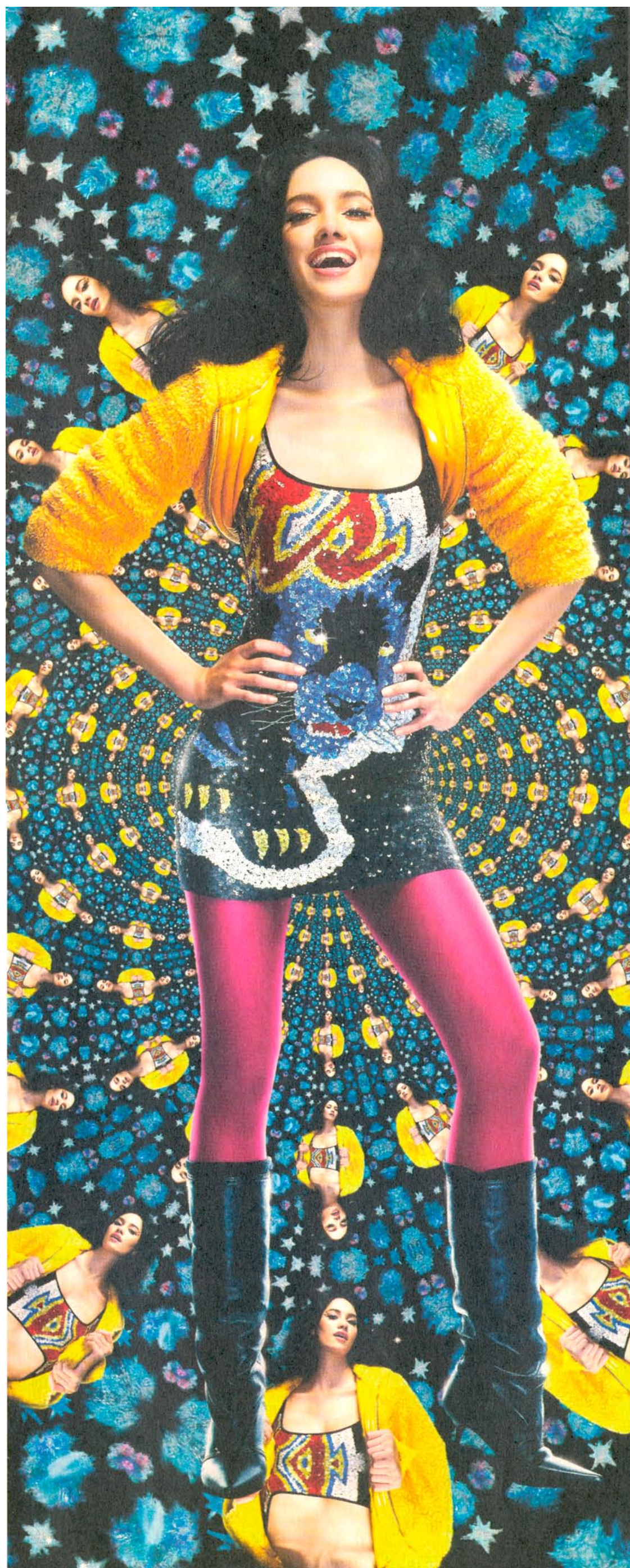
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# STUBBLE TROUBLE

Shaving is, in more ways than one, irritating. For any man with more than the merest hint of down upon his cheek, it is both time-consuming and often, quite literally, a sore point. Or points. Or, in fact, an entire face of soreness and chafing.

But shops in Thailand are not at the – forgive me – cutting edge of shaving technology; why should they be?

Many Thai men do not grow very much facial hair so there isn't the culture of shaving, nor the market for a great range of products, except within the expa-

triate community. Male personal grooming may be increasing in popularity – except among some of the rum fellows who wash up (or not) as expats here – but the blade still lags behind.

At the top end – price wise – of the market here are electric shavers. Every nine years or so,

I buy an electric shaver to see how the technology has progressed.

I recently bought my third, a Philips 586, and I am not that impressed with my 3,500-odd baht investment.

I charged the battery overnight. The next morning, I fired up the shaver, expecting a face as smooth as a baby's bottom.

Some 40 minutes into the shave, the charge was exhausted and I had to plug the thing back in. Even then, my face was no smoother than 12 hours after a wet shave. Not that smooth at all.

Yes, my face was far less irritated and this model was an improvement over my earlier purchases but, ultimately, electric shavers are most suitable for those who don't need to shave – women, castrati and the late lamented, for example.

Wet shaving requires foam, gel or some other lubricant. I have tried the tiny bottles of "King of Shaves" that are accompanied by blurb stating "... 1 or 2 drops are all you need for a close shave!" All lies.

Nivea and Gillette are the top-selling foams and gels in Thailand. Also saturated in hyperbole, they are part of – so they individually claim – a "system approach to shaving".

The gels, particularly the sensitive skin ones with aloe vera or minerals, are best. There are, however, two main problems with all aerosol foams or gels.

First, try to massage the foam into your face – essential to soften the stubble – and the foam breaks down. Second, all foams and gels tend to dry out too quickly. Admittedly convenient, they range in price from 109 baht to around 199 baht per can.

Without a 5 o'clock shadow of a doubt, the best shaving cream

readily available here is produced by The Body Shop.

At 310 baht per 250ml tube, it seems pricey but one needs to use less, therefore it lasts longer, and it produces a better shave.

Build it into a foam by simply rubbing it onto the face, or try to find a badger bristle brush to massage it into far more foam than by using fingers alone.

The Body Shop cream lasts longer on the face and, with the right razor, leaves the face in grand condition.

"Which razor?" is the next question.

The quality of these ranges from diabolical to very good. The Gillette Mach 3 – yep, three blades – provides a very good shave, but is not perfect.

The swivel mechanism feels a little flimsy and I hesitated about applying too much pressure. Also, the blade's "angle of attack" doesn't quite suit my moustache area. Expect to pay around 250 baht for the handle plus a couple of blades.

Tesco-Lotus and Boots sell brand-named – or their own copies of – swivel-headed twin-blade units. However, the quality of the copies can vary between batches; I suppose some of them were made on Fridays.

Prices are around 75 to 150 baht per packet of five. The razor handles sell for around 100 to 200 baht.

Twin-blade fixed-head razors – Gillette G2 and copies – are also available, again of varying quality, with prices similar to the swivel-head varieties.

Even as recently as a few months ago, Watsons used to sell Schick shaving products but have now discontinued this line. Shame!

Finally, void the ultra-cheapo plastic razors unless you have ready access to a blood bank:

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# Southern COMFORT

**S**ongkhla, in southern Thailand, has for many people not living in the South been considered something of a backwater. But in spite of – or perhaps because of – this, it offers an insight into the “real feel” of the region.

A typical day's exploring could begin with an early morning drive – it's around 30 minutes north from Songkhla Town – to Khu Khut Waterbird Park. More than 200 species of bird including moorhens, herons, and water hens have made this 520-square-kilometer haven a home, and its natural splendor is magnified by the variety of birds that visit to escape harsh European and Asian winters.

Boats are available for tours with knowledgeable guides at 200 baht per passenger per hour and although I must confess to not being much of a bird fancier, the tour was interesting and was money well spent.

## Thailand TRAVELER

By Bill Owen

Then perhaps a journey to Koh Yor in Songkhla Lake to see the island's thriving cotton-weaving industry, where artisans still use traditional hand-operated looms. The Institute for Southern Thai Studies, which has on display exhibits of local culture and history, is reportedly the largest museum in the south of Thailand.

More importantly – for me at least – is the vast selection of excellent seafood restaurants. Some of them may be little more than shacks but the area is famous for them, and there are dozens of eateries to choose from, all crammed with locals who flock there to sample prawns and white sea bass, the most popular

dishes. Prices are incredibly cheap, and plenty of ice-cold beer is available.

Far to the south, a more unusual attraction – the Piyamatir Tunnel – can be found at Khao Nam Khang National Park. This 1,000-meter-long burrow was once home to Malaysian communists who fled their home country following World War II.

Reputedly the longest man-made tunnel in Thailand, the labyrinth of 100-odd rooms – the warren took more than two years to build and accommodated more than 200 people – resembles the tunnel systems built by Viet Cong fighters during the Vietnam War. Tours are available through the warren and this is a must-see attraction.

The best way to round off a day spent crawling through tunnels and watching birds is to wind up at Samila Beach, in Songkhla Town. Pop down in the late afternoon and join the locals



**LOLLING ABOUT:** Samila Beach in Songkhla Town offers great views and a relaxed atmosphere.

– Photo courtesy the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Phuket office.

simply hanging out, chatting and relaxing as the sun goes down. It may not be the ideal place for a swim, but it does make a great place for a cold beer.

What is, perhaps, the most photographed statue in southern Thailand rests here on a mound of rocks overlooking the sea. Various described as the Little Mermaid or the Golden Mermaid (it is actually made of bronze), it is a favorite for shutterbugs.

For me, Samila Beach is one of the most “Thai” beaches

in Thailand, and is well worth a visit, not only for the restaurants and bars, but also for the relaxed atmosphere and great views.

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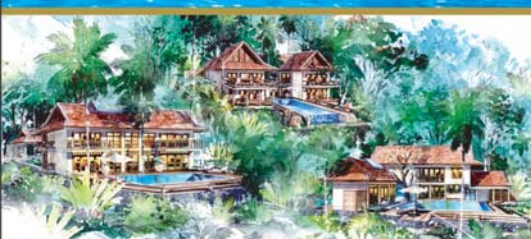
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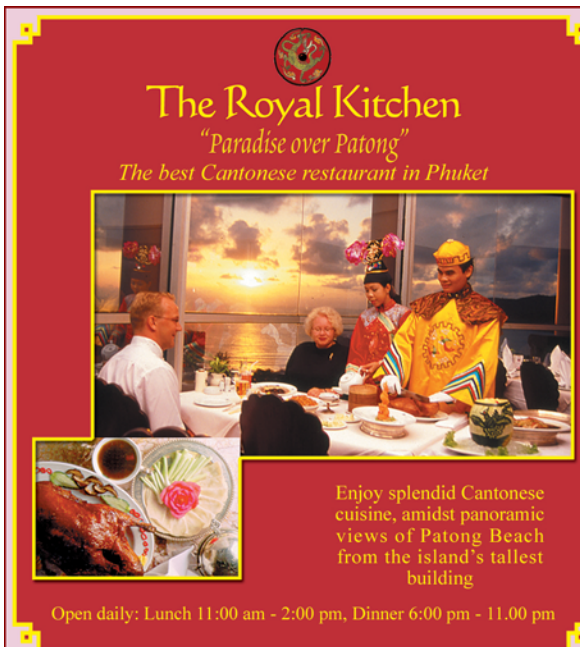
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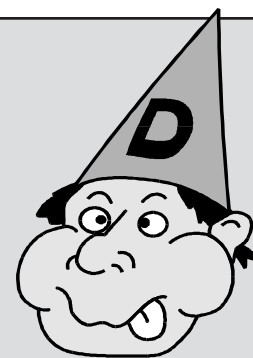


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- Which famous Russian abstract artist was born on December 4, 1866?
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- What is a cruciverbalist?
- Dmitri Ivanovich Mendeleev is famous for what?
- Which element has the atomic number 42 in the periodic table?
- True or false: all NASA mission patches carry the legend "For all mankind" on them.
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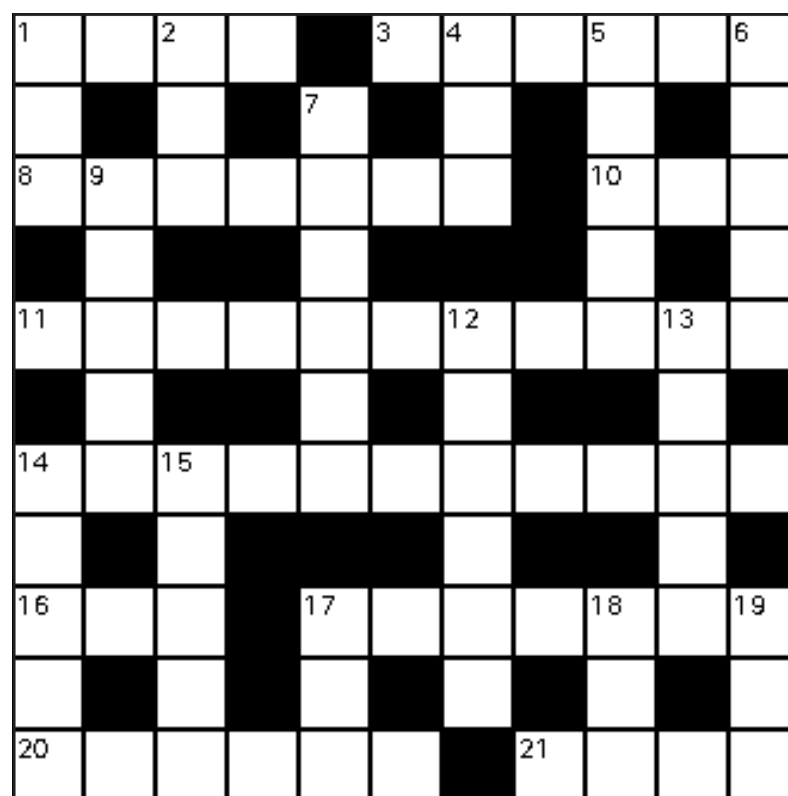
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- Beasts of burden.
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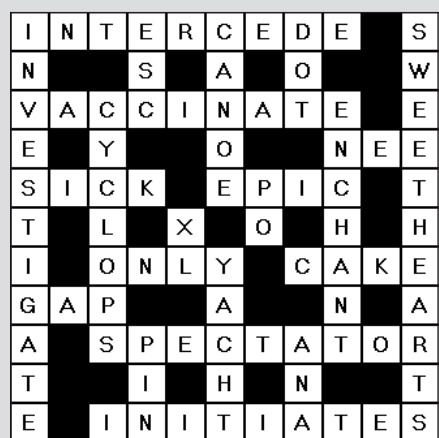
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- Japanese coin.

Solution next week

### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD



### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S MONSTER QUIZ

- John Hanson; 2. Goats; 3. Turkey; 4. William Shakespeare; 5. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*; 6. One; 7. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr; 8. Albert Einstein; 9. Mongkok, Hong Kong; 10. Mt Whitney; 11. Volleyball; 12. Yo-yo; 13. Giant sea kelp; 14. Veterinarian; 15. Sherlock Holmes; 16. 1868; 17. 20; 18. 97%; 19. 300 years; 20. Bob Ford.





# Copyright – and copywrong

In this column, I want to address the question of copyright, which can be a serious matter in Thailand, even though many businesses here seem not to see it that way.

Mr X, a foreigner, had worked in Thailand for several years, for various companies.

While employed by one particular company, Mr X had been working on a book. When he left the company, he used some of the contents of that book to support his newly-opened business.

One day, however, he was invited to the police station, to discuss an accusation that he had violated his former employer's copyright.

Mr X, who did not know what this could be about, went to the police station, to find a lawyer representing his former em-

ployer already there, filing charges against him.

The police officer explained the law to Mr X, and explained that, by using the book to support his business, he had violated the copyright laws, as his ex-employer had already registered the book under his copyright.

The police immediately filed criminal charges against Mr X and placed him under arrest. Mr X's friend posted bail, so he was allowed to remain free while the case was prepared for the prosecutor's office.

Copyright violation is a compulsory case, which means that if both parties can agree to a settlement, the criminal case will be dismissed.

However, the damaged party asked for a considerable amount of money to dismiss the

charges and Mr X, who had just opened his small business, could not afford to pay this sum.

Mr X pleaded not guilty to the charges, as he did not feel he had done anything wrong, and decided to fight the case in court.

After the police investigation was completed, the case was forwarded to the prosecutor's office, and Mr X again had to ask his friend – a government officer – to act as guarantor for his bail.

Mr X then had to wait several months for the hearing, and during this time, not only did he lose his business, but his personal relationships deteriorated and he was left without a job or life partner.

Mr X decided to try to agree to a settlement with the

other party, but his ex-employer continued to ask for more money than Mr X could possibly pay, so

it was left to the court to decide on the case and any resulting penalty.

At the first hearing, Mr X pleaded guilty to the charges. He said he had not realized that he was violating copyright, and that the other party had never warned him about it, and added that he was now throwing himself on the mercy of the court.

The court gave Mr X a suspended sentence, which means he did not have to go to jail, and ordered him to pay a penalty of 50,000 baht.

As he did not have that kind of money, Mr X appealed against the court's decision. As required, he filed the appeal within one month of the sentencing. Again,

his friend stood bail for him.

Before the appeal could be heard, Mr X found enough money to pay the penalty and the case was closed.

However, as happens with all criminal convictions of foreigners, Mr X was then deported from Thailand. If he had settled before being convicted, the case would have been "dismissed" and he would not have been deported.

Mr X's experience shows getting involved in even a small problem – even unwittingly – can have harsh consequences, as a foreigner who is convicted of and sentenced for a criminal offence will be deported to his home country – and at his own expense.

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## LAYING DOWN THE LAW

With Friedrich 'Sam' Fauma

### In The Stars

by Isla Star

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): A steamy weekend is forecast for Sagittarians currently basking in a romantic heat wave. If you're still flying solo in spite of recent searching for a soul mate, Cupid is poised to hit a target on your behalf. Career prospects are about to improve, but you are advised to work harder at making new contacts. Technical hitches are likely mid-week; if equipment breaks down, consult an expert.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): While you're happy to do nothing more strenuous than lie on the beach, your partner will have more active plans. Those Capricorns who appreciate the value of a close relationship will find a way to compromise. As the final few weeks of 2004 start to unfold, consider where you would like to see yourself this time next year. The color sapphire blue will attract clarity of thought.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): While you know deep

down that all that glitters can't really be gold, there's a chance that you may be taken in by a tempting business offer this week. Remove those pink sunshades for long enough to take an honest look, and you should see the truth. On Wednesday or Thursday, a long-lost friend makes contact; this may lead to an exciting discovery. The number 8 could bring good luck.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Romance is well-starred this week. Relationships that have recently been faltering will benefit from more auspicious astral conditions. Pisceans who have doubted their partner's level of commitment will receive proof

that they are the only fish in the sea. On a more practical note, you are advised not to splash out too much when shopping for seasonal gifts.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): The beginning of December will bring communication delays for most of those born under the sign of Aries. If you are still waiting to receive an important package it's worth double-checking that it was sent on time. Disagreements are also highlighted; don't allow your fiery side to take over when dealing with those in authority. Romance, however, will benefit from a spicier atmosphere this week. The number 5 holds promise on Monday.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Those born under the sign of Taurus will be drifting along on a wave of satisfaction this week. High-season highjinks are very much on the agenda for Saturday and Sunday – if you're foot-loose and fancy free, expect to meet your match. Midweek you will have the last word, bringing a long-standing difference of opinion to a very satisfactory

conclusion. A new challenge is looming on the horizon.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): This week sees Geminis feeling as mixed up as a pot of pickled peppers. If you're already considering appropriate New Year resolutions, you might want to include one about facing up to relationship problems. There is no reason to suppose that romance can be rekindled, but someone is doing his or her best to persuade you to try again. This weekend you should accept an invitation that means exploring a new location.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Retreating into your shell really isn't the way to solve a work-related dilemma. Those Cancerians who haven't the confidence to voice their opinions might try putting pen to paper instead. December promises to be a month when you have the power to make things happen, so get working on a plan of action. As your energy becomes more positive, a person with influence will offer an exciting proposition.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): Something that was previously just banana pie in the sky now has a definite chance of becoming reality. Unfortunately, this will probably coincide with a busy period, so Leos are advised to find a way of keeping that promising oppor-

tunity on the back burner. You have a talent for keeping your options open, so put it to good use during the month of December. Wear emerald green to encourage financial gain.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Virgoans who have been toying with the idea of relocating are likely to be presented with the incentive they've needed to make a move. This promises to be a week when everything happens at once, and you will probably have to cancel some appointments. Don't feel guilty about putting your own interests first; others around you are doing exactly that. On Tuesday, Sagittarius has some helpful tips.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Librans can look forward to a shower of dynamic energy this week. Your family and friends will find it hard to keep up with all the new ideas you come up with. There's a strong chance that you'll have to make last-minute travel plans, so check that your passport is valid. This is not the right time to be throwing money around; you are about to get a reminder about an unpaid debt.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Most Scorpios are not really aware just how powerful the sting in their tails can be. This weekend, someone could get quite upset by your dramatic reaction to an innocent remark. If there are things going on in your personal life that are causing you to feel less than content, try having a calm heart-to-heart discussion with the person concerned. On Wednesday, a stroke of financial luck will boost your bank balance.



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# Bangkok bore is no reason to rejoice

Philip J Cunningham's *Peacock Hotel* (Blackberry Press, Bangkok, 2004, 390pp) is a textbook example of how *not* to write a novel.

Let's deal with Cunningham's strengths first. He is a fine descriptive writer. The geographic focal point of his novel is the area of central Bangkok bounded by Chulalongkorn University, Siam Square and the late-lamented Siam InterContinental Hotel.

The opening is striking too. As the sun sets on an old iron bridge between Bangkok and Thonburi, American academic John Joyce is drunk and brooding on a girl he abandoned in Buri Ram many years before.

As night falls, a group of whiskey drinkers are fishing from the bridge and Joyce gets his first look at Apple ("Bun"): "A young woman in red cotton shirt and skimpy denim shorts is joking around with the drunken fishermen a short distance away. Her body rocks gently as she shifts the weight from one leg to the

other, engaged in lively repartee with the leering men, eye level with her bare belly. She's refusing the repeated offer of an outstretched bottle, but she seems otherwise unimpressed."

Joyce strikes up a clumsy conversation with Bun and weeks later meets her again near Siam Square, at a demonstration in favor of replacing the Peacock Hotel (read: Siam Intercontinental) with an arts center instead of another monster shopping mall.

Bun lives in a slum behind the Peacock Hotel; her uncle is a community leader, fighting against the planned razing of the slum to make way for a parking lot. Self-taught in English, she supports herself and her half-farang son by writing emails

from hookers to their boyfriends overseas.

Cunningham effectively conveys the look and sounds and smells of the slum and of Bun's humble abode. What he consistently fails to do is move the story along. There is far too little dialogue and far too much introspection.

Most of the novel takes place in Joyce's head, in great lumbering chunks of expository paragraphs. Cunningham violates the central command of narrative fiction: show, don't tell. Constant annoying flashbacks and needless diversions slow the plot to a crawl.

Joyce finds himself drawn to Bun, but the reason he is in Thailand is his first love, Joy, whom he'd courted while an exchange student in Bangkok, where their first trysts had been at the Peacock Hotel.

Afterwards, he returned to the States for a prolonged academic career in Asian Studies, then spent eight years teaching English in Japan, living with a Japanese lover.

"Being a foreigner was his resumé, speaking his native tongue his job. He found himself back on a campus, a crib he had no urge to stray from."

But on the eve of returning to the US, Joyce is summoned to Thailand by Joy, who has arranged a posting at Chulalongkorn. Joy is now a rich society lady and a

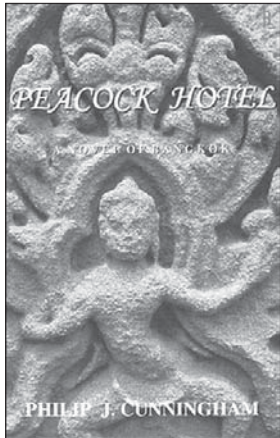
mother-of-two unhappily married to an unsavory tycoon. The hint is that she'd like to resume her old romance with Joyce, though once he's in Bangkok she keeps standing him up.

The problem is that neither Bun nor Joy get much face time with the hero. Joy, in fact, doesn't have a real conversation with Joyce until the end of the book.

Bun does come alive briefly during the rare chapters devoted to her point of view, and her trip to Dusit Zoo with her 11-year-old son and Joyce is the comic highlight of the book.

But the domination of academic exposition over straightforward narrative makes for a slow, boring read. There is a surprise ending, but I spotted it 30 pages away – and it's ridiculously improbable.

This fat book, nearly 400 pages long, screams out for an editor to trim it down. "Gold-spined Bangkok, at first glance so scintillating and shimmering, is in reality a sinking cesspool of filth suspended on the back of the poor." What to do with such a fustian outburst? Simple. Cut it.



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

I want to convince you to download and install a program called Firefox. It's a web browser – just like Internet Explorer (IE). It doesn't take over anything; Firefox and IE co-exist quite peacefully. Firefox is faster, smarter and easier to use than IE. It isn't riddled with a gazillion security holes, and, most of all, it ain't Microsoft.

I wrote about Firefox a month ago, and filled you in on some of its features, based on a late beta test version. My favorite feature: tabbed browser windows, which let you have more than one web page open simultaneously within one window, and switch among them at will.

You can even have your Home Page appear as a tabbed combination, which for example allows you to have CNN.com, BBC.com and ESPN.com all load every time you start Firefox.

Now that I've had a month to use the full version of Firefox, I'm more convinced than ever that users should drop IE in droves and take up with the "open source" alternative.

However, I've hit one pain-in-the-neck problem with running Firefox in Thailand – a problem that's readily solved, if you know the trick.

If you download Firefox (from [www.mozilla.org](http://www.mozilla.org)) and install it with all the default options, the program works hand-in-glove with Google. Firefox even uses a modified version of Google as its default home page. That's great, except for one little snag. If you install Firefox on a PC in Thailand, you get the Thai-language version of Google.

What happens is that Google detects that you're using a Thai Internet address, and assumes you want to see everything in Thai. My hat's off to those who can read Thai, but un-

# Firefox keeps blazing trails

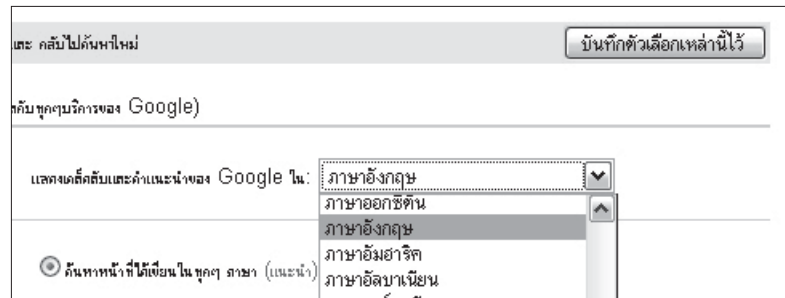
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fortunately I can't. The first time I installed the full version of Firefox, I saw a screen that was a bit hard for my unabashedly farang eyes to understand.

If you find yourself in the same position, have no fear. On the Thai-language version of the Google search page, click on the Preferences link, which is the lower of the two lines on the right side of the box where you type search terms.

That takes you to the Google Preferences page, which is also almost entirely in Thai. To select English as your preferred language, you need to choose the entry shown in the screen shot pictured (It says "English" – in Thai). Then click the button in the upper right corner, and Google will appear in its boring, but comprehensible to me, all-English glory.

Once you have Firefox installed and speaking your language, spend a few minutes going over the introductory tips at [www.nidelsen-it.no/articles/introduction\\_to\\_firefox](http://www.nidelsen-it.no/articles/introduction_to_firefox). That site is particularly valuable if you



To set Google to appear in English, you will need to select the highlighted option shown here on the Google Preferences page.

don't quite understand why or how you might use tabbed pages.

If you find that you're missing the speedy assistance of the Google toolbar, don't fret – Firefox has one built in. Any time you feel the need to Google something, just type your search terms directly into the address bar (called the Location Bar in Firefox). This is a "search term box" that is always available, as is the Search Bar at the top right of the Firefox window, which is set by default to search using Google.

When you type words into the address bar, Firefox realizes that you have not entered a URL. It automatically runs the words through a web search for you, displaying the search results page as if you had entered the terms

manually. This even works for most of the special Google functions, such as solving a simple formula.

Clicking on the Google icon in the Search Bar prompts a drop-down box with a list of other default options. You can add any of hundreds of other search engines to this list.

However, if you'd like to

have the IE-style Google Toolbar in Firefox, there's a version specifically built for Firefox called Googlebar. To install Googlebar in Firefox, click Tools | Extensions, and in the lower right, click on the link to Get More Extensions. You'll end up on the Firefox Extensions web page. Scroll down to Googlebar and click Install, then, when asked, click Install Now. It'll take only a few seconds. Re-start Firefox and your new Googlebar appears.

There are many other extensions available, any of which could make your particular style of surfing the Net quicker and easier. All of them require no more than to follow the same steps as above to install. It's that simple.

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## Where are the watchdogs?

It was disturbing to learn from one of Thailand's four election commissioners that there is a nationwide shortage of poll watchers for the coming general election, and that Phuket is no exception.

The Commissioner, Prinya Nakchudtree, described the shortage as "a big problem". It is. Thailand's democracy is still very much in the fledgling stages, a critical period during which it could take steps forward – or steps back, into the dark, corrupt, power-and-money-are-everything days from which it only recently begun to emerge.

Already there have been accusations that the current government is using its position – and billions of baht in taxpayers' money – to "encourage" less sophisticated members of society to vote for it. The government strongly disagrees with this interpretation of its sweeping campaigns of largesse, but the concern is there nonetheless.

There is, however, nothing that anyone can do about this at this stage; the government is perfectly within its rights to spend taxes as it sees fit. But as soon as the country enters the 45-day campaign period leading up to the polls, all activities and spending by candidates will come under strict scrutiny.

That's the theory, at least. But if too few volunteers step forward to monitor the candidates, there is likely to be a yawning gap between the theory and the reality.

K. Prinya announced that in areas where there are shortages of poll watchers, the commissioners will call on provincial governors to order officials to monitor the polls, possibly including the army and the police.

This is a cause for concern, as it would take a particularly unselfish and objective civil servant, policeman or soldier to remain completely neutral.

Most would more likely be trying to judge which party would be their employer after the election, and many will have a perfectly natural – possibly even unconscious – tendency not to notice irregularities on the part of that party.

Failing some political cataclysm, most bets will be on the current government to remain in power – so it is not difficult to work out whose candidates would be more likely to receive the benefit of the doubt from government employees working as poll watchers.

Back in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, French writer and diplomat Joseph de Maistre observed, "Every country has the government it deserves." That's as true today as it was some 200 years ago.

If Thais cannot be bothered to help ensure that elections are as clean and fair as possible, then they will surely get the government they deserve.

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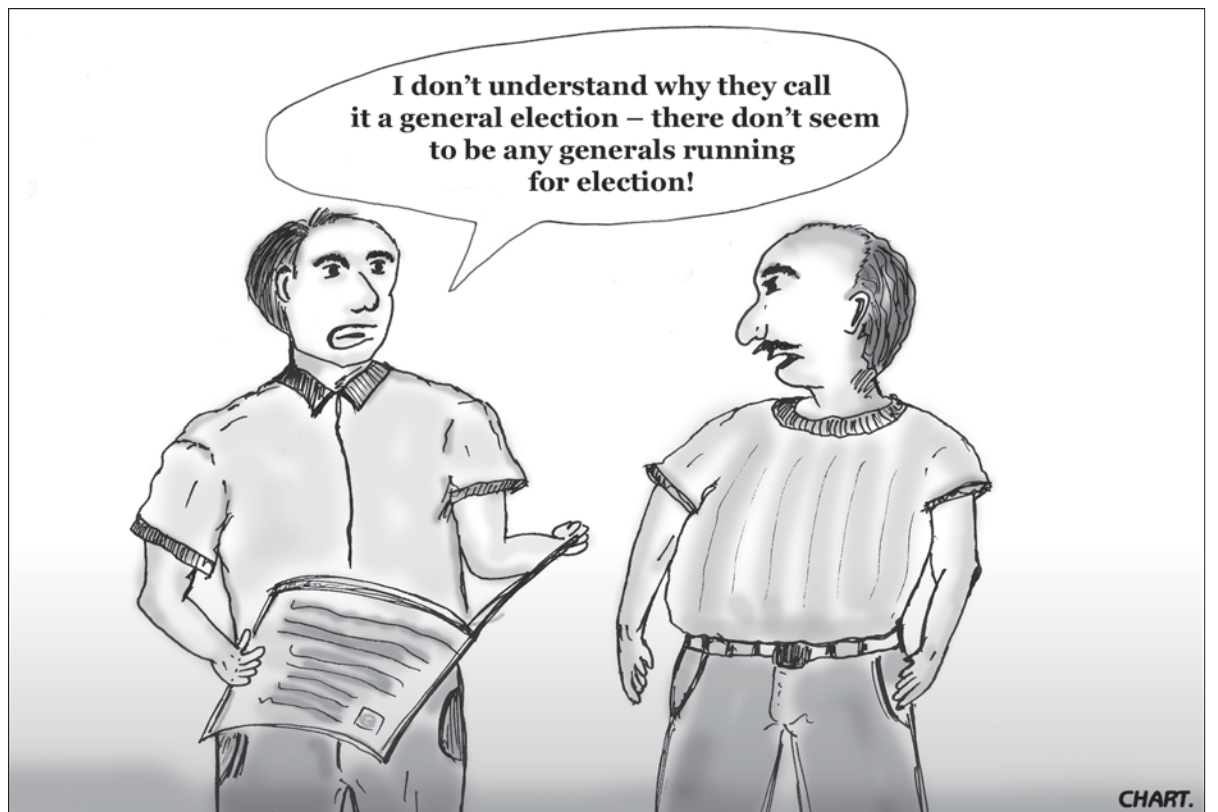
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### A very positive view of marriage

We were recently married at the Kata viewpoint, and were delighted that the *Phuket Gazette* took the opportunity to take our photo. The viewpoint has fantastic views over some of the loveliest unspoiled beaches in Phuket.

The viewpoint was a great place to get married and we hope that many more lucky couples take advantage of this great asset. We would like to thank Karon Municipality for granting permission for our Christian service.

Amanda and Steve  
Hancock  
Melbourne

### Cost-cuts in schools are a serious mistake

The national cost-cutting policy that has reduced the number of teachers across the country and in Phuket is a serious mistake. It should be pro-actively opposed by all concerned. There needs to be action directly in the community: from the teachers' association, school directors, the Brains Trust and parents. Even the school kids themselves should speak up. Committees should be formed to begin organizing public protests and to discuss countermeasures.

Education should be a top priority in Thailand. The money is there – if priorities are thought through. The present policy has resulted in expensive private schools for the rich and understaffed, overcrowded state schools for the rest of the people, a two-tier system. Information Technology is not the answer.

Early retirement is a cynical ruse to dump experienced, but high-salary staff. Instead, the

government should be ensuring that older teachers can stay on, in some capacity, after the age of 60. The schools need all the expertise they can get, not teachers re-hired as "volunteers". That is absurd.

Thai schools need to be "re-invented". Stakeholder committees could network and consider alternatives to the present curriculum, which is inappropriate for such large class sizes.

The kids are also "locked up" inside school walls. Half-day school programs that get the kids out learning "holistically" in the community are one alternative. Volunteers and "local wisdom groups", as suggested by Ajarn Suriya, make far more sense in the context of community-oriented learning.

Bill Templar  
RIT, Sikao

### If you can't beat 'em, regulate 'em

I have been to Patong each year for the past four years and have followed with interest the jet-ski controversy.

There is no doubt that jet-skis and bathers don't mix; I, too, have seen many "near misses" in the shallows of Patong Beach, but is the answer to ban jet-skis?

Here in Perth, Western Australia, it is possible to rent a jet-ski. Renters, and also private owners, are allowed to operate only from certain locations along the shoreline and must keep to designated areas in the river.

Why can't a similar system operate at Patong Beach: have, say, four locations where jet-skis can be hired and from which they enter the water? In these areas swimming would be prohibited.

The amount of space taken up for jet ski operations would be minimal, and between each jet-ski-only zone there would be a "jet-ski-free" zone, about 100 metres from the shore.

Large notices, including a map of the beach in numerous languages, could be erected at each jet-ski point, so tourists could see where they are allowed to go. Operators would have to ensure that each renter read and understood the notice.

I would also have the jet-skis inspected regularly, to ensure they are seaworthy and that safety equipment is in good condition.

In Perth, the same rules are also applied to parasailing – now *there's* something that is operated dangerously.

Edmund Czechowski  
Australia

### Expo center focus must be on transport

It is apparent that the location of the proposed new expo center is becoming a fiasco.

It is possible for the whole island to benefit, but this will only be the case if there are metered taxis.

If an attendee can travel around at the Bangkok meter taxi rate of 80-100 baht, the [convention centre] project could be deemed a success as everyone on the island could benefit from it.

But if convention attendees find that they are "trapped" at the convention centre, they are likely to do their business and leave as fast as possible without spending anything but the company allowances they are on.

Global Conventioneer

Letters conveying views and suggestions are published here. Those seeking comment from government officials and/or business owners are published in *Issues & Answers* on the facing page.



# Living in the 'Burmese cemetery'

**T**ambon Rassada currently has a population of about 20,000. Around half of these people live in Moo 7, and around half of these residents are Burmese people employed in the fishing industry here.

The reason the Burmese workers kill each other is because they aren't as sophisticated as we are, and their way of resolving an argument with someone is correspondingly simple: they kill them.

They don't seem to be able to control their emotions. One minute they'll be good friends drinking whisky together, the next they'll be arguing, and sometimes killing each other.

Over the past three years, many bodies of murdered Burmese have been dumped on the roads around Rassada, but lately, we are finding more bodies floating in the sea.

Some of the villagers say they're scared, but I doubt they are in danger; the migrant workers are scared of Thai people and wouldn't dare attack a Thai.

It's almost impossible to control the situation. Even if an employer tried to solve a problem or resolve a difficulty, the Burmese workers are often at sea on the boats and so are beyond their control.

In fact, we have made serious attempts to tackle the problem – the villagers have joined the police on their motorbike patrols around the village, and I try to join the uniformed officers on their rounds of Moo 7 once a week.

So many bodies of Burmese immigrants have been found floating in the sea around the pier at Rassada Port that the area has earned the nickname, "The Burmese Cemetery".

While some of the bodies are thought to have been carried to Rassada by the tide, most are believed to be the corpses of immigrants from Burma murdered during disputes with fellow migrant workers.

The conflicts tend to be kept within the migrant community, but do they affect the locals as well?

Here, Phuket-born **Chanchai Tantawachirapan**, 31, who has been *Phu Yai Baan* (village chief) of Tambon Rassada's Moo 7 for six years, talks candidly to the *Gazette* about the problem.



The workers have changed their method of killing each other – now they're more likely to commit the murder on a boat and throw the body into the sea.

The most common murder weapon is a knife or similar sharp implement they might use for work on the fishing boat, and which they can make themselves.

They know how to kill efficiently – by stabbing something vital, such as the neck – because many of them have been soldiers. The attacks are usually one-on-one; this is not gang warfare.

The situation has caused big problems for the fishing industry, because if a worker kills a co-worker, he will flee the boat as quickly as possible, either moving to another boat or getting a job in another industry, such as construction.

So the boat owner has to try to find a replacement, and because of the labor shortage, he might have to employ an illegal worker.

Such murders are also difficult to investigate. For a start, the police usually won't get involved because the deceased

has no relatives or friends to report the crime to the police.

And the Burmese don't help each other, either. If someone finds a body, they are reluctant to do anything with it because they are scared they will make themselves a target if they get involved.

Usually, Thai people have to call the police to pick up the body or – if the victim is not dead – take him to the hospital.

To be honest, the situation is less frightening for the local Thais now than it was in the past, because the Burmese workers keep their feuds to themselves and don't kill locals, as was sometimes the case with Thais from Isaan and the southern provinces who came here to work in the past.

Anyone who wants to be a trader around Rassada Port really needs to employ a Burmese, because otherwise they won't be able to communicate with the migrant workers when they want to buy things.

Some of them can speak Thai after living here for a while, but hardly any of them, for example, know the Thai National Anthem.

Most of them, though, do understand the words "*TorMor*" – immigration police – and they run away if they hear these words because they are worried the *TorMor* will arrest them and send them back to Burma.

– *Compiled by Sangkhae Leelanaporn*

## Is brewing my own beer or wine legal?

Is it legal in Thailand to home-brew beer or wine for personal consumption?

Soopchun  
Australia

**Payoon Poolsuwan, of Phuket Excise Office, replies:**

It is illegal to home-brew alcohol, whether fermented or distilled liquor, for either personal consumption or sale.

Section 5 of the Liquors Act (1950) states that it is illegal for anyone to brew their own alcohol, or even to have the equipment to do so without a license.

The maximum penalty for contravention of this section of

the Act is six months in jail, or a fine of 5,000 baht, or both.

If the offender sells the liquor, the maximum penalty rises to a year in jail or a 10,000 baht fine, or both.

Those are the maximum penalties and can be imposed for making and/or selling distilled alcohol (spirits).

The maximum penalties for brewing or fermenting alcohol – wine or beer, for example – are lower: 200 baht for making it and 5,000 baht for selling it.

People who want to produce home-brew liquors legally must apply to the Phuket Excise Office for a licence.

## Bar closing times in Rawai

My friends and I – some of whom have lived at "quiet" Rawai Beach for 25 years – are wondering whether the beer bars between Mae Porn Bungalows and Salalay Restaurant are covered by the new early closing policy, and so should close at midnight.

If they are, that would be great for our quality of life, as two of them are very noisy until 2 am.

We have called Chalong Police Station but to no effect. With the high season upon us, I'd like to know where we stand.

Peter Wyler

**Aroon Solos, Chief of Rawai**

**Tambon Administration Organization, replies:**

Yes, these bars should be covered by the early closing laws. However, so far, nobody has complained to us about them.

Anyone who does want to complain should contact the police, because it is their duty, not ours, to do something about them.

**Pol Sgt Maj Chalerm Thanyaphan, of Chalong Police Station, replies:**

I'd recommend you make a written complaint to the police rather than a verbal one, and we can take action from there.

## Issues & ANSWERS

**Want to know how to get something done? Can't understand some of the dafter things that seem to go on in Phuket? Want to pitch an idea to Phuket's authorities or institutions? Then this is the forum for you. Submit your queries or suggestions to us and we'll ask the appropriate people to respond to them.**

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## Birthdate problems

I have a Thai friend who was born in 1943, but he does not know the exact day on which he was born. Even on his ID card, his "date of birth" is given only as 1943, and his passport reads the same.

His daughter, who lives in Rome, wants him to visit her, but the Italian authorities will not allow him into Italy without a birth date in his passport.

How can my friend have his full date of birth included on his ID card or in his passport when there is no record of this from his childhood?

KJ  
Rawai

**Orawan Na Thalang, of Muang District Office, replies:**

If someone doesn't have any documents to certify his date of birth, he should have a relative who does know the date attest to

it before a Grade C3 Thai civil servant.

The Chief Registration Officer is authorized to evaluate this and other "proof" and submit it to the District Office Chief.

**Alessandra Nonnis, head of the visa section at the Italian Embassy in Bangkok, replies:**

We would not refuse someone a visa only on the grounds that they do not know their precise day of birth so there must be some other reason why this gentleman has been refused a visa.

If he telephones this office – on 02-2854090/3, extension 139 or 140 – any afternoon during the week, staff here will be happy to discuss the matter with him privately. We have Thai-speaking staff who can answer any questions he may have.

## How long is the wait for ADSL?

I recently asked the TOT sales office at Central about an ADSL connection and was told that the lines in my area were OK and it would take up to a month for ADSL to be installed at my flat, a time frame I accepted.

But now I have applied I have been told I will have to wait at least three months – and probably more – for the connection. Can I get some clarification on a realistic time frame?

Ian  
Nai Harn

**Somchai Jittphiphatkul, Sales Engineer of TOT's customer service office at Central Festival, replies:**

If you applied during the middle of November, the ADSL installation process should be completed within a month, provided the line is good enough.

If the line isn't good enough, it may take a few weeks – up to one month more – to improve it. If the line is too substandard to provide ADSL, TOT will inform you of this.

You may have heard of someone waiting a long time for an ADSL service. That could well be the case because, a few months ago, TOT did have a problem with the ADSL network, which did cause us to delay installation. Now, though, we're working as fast as we can to install ADSL for our customers.



# Something worth looking forward to

**W**ow, is high season here or what? The island is heaving and it looks like we are in for our best high season ever. Good news for those of you who have the right product for the tourists who are coming.

Sadly, Jungceylon will miss the beginning of the high season, but according to sources inside the project, it will be ready for business in mid-January – and I can't wait.

For those who are curious about this stunning addition to our landscape, I would suggest you eschew the bitter carplings of the deeply threatened and go and have a look at the model on display in their office on Rat-U-Thit 200 Phi Rd to get an idea of what it will be like.

It's huge, and completely enclosed in glass. As a centerpiece there is large man-made lake containing a junk on which visitors can ride. It makes Central Festival look small.

One feature is an entire "street" of entertainment venues and pubs, including a large German beer garden, Mystique nightclub (from Bangkok), a new branch of Saxophone Pub, Hooters Bar and a new Irish pub called Irish Times.

Saxophone has been my favorite live music venue in Bangkok for many years and has featured some of the country's finest musicians in a really cool pub setting.

Specializing in jazz and R&B (the real one rather than the crap that passes for it in Patong's discos), it's a place that will surely drag the bright and beautiful from the extremities of



By Konrad Stalin

Phuket City and into Patong to spend their money, which is no bad thing.

The German beer garden is an old idea, but if done properly, it can be great fun. Witness the success of Suan Lum Plaza in Bangkok, an area where this concept has been done well.

Mystique nightclub is a mystery to me. On several trips to Bangers I have asked those usually in the know but haven't found anyone who knows of this place, so it's safe to assume it plays the same music as most

Thai discos – ie music for pretty young girls to dance to.

I hope I am wrong and there is a half-decent music policy, and maybe just one night a week – or even month – there will be music for us gimmers, so we can cast aside our Zimmer frames and throw

some shapes.

[Looks like you are, Konrad – wrong, that is: here's a quote from Mystique Bangkok's website, describing one of the rooms in the club: "If Dracula were a pimp and listened to Barry White this would be his living room for entertaining his victims..." And that's just one room in the place. – Editor.]

Irish Times should be spectacular, with a state-of-the-art sound system for both live acts and in-house music. Patong has never seen a sound system of this

quality and it will be a treat for the ears.

It will also have the largest big-screen TV on the island, reputedly 100 inches-plus of pure footy-watching heaven.

Although I'm sworn to secrecy on details, I also know it has booked one of the best live acts in Thailand to play nightly.

Hooters should be interesting, given that Thailand is not known for chicks with Dolly Partonesque assets. I have noticed the bar's poster on the hill outside town and it does look it is struggling to find suitably-qualified ladies.

That said, the ladies that have been found so far are stunning – regardless of the size of their chests – and this is one bar I am gagging to see.

To have such a large-profile international brand on our doorsteps is a testimony to the changing nature of the island, from its seedy past into a truly world-class holiday destination.

Now all we have to do is sort out the parking on the beach road, get rid of the touts and the jet-skis and make the taxis charge reasonable fares. Is there anyone in the government with the balls to sort this? We'll see.

**Foot note:** Rumors once more abound that Soi Bangla is to be pedestrianized. To anyone who thinks this is a good idea I have one word for you: Patpong.

If Bangla becomes a pedestrian zone, within minutes every inch of pavement will be covered with more market stalls than you can shake a stick at, and walking down it will be impossible. It's a bad, mad idea and one we should all oppose if it rears its head again.

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# Regulations and reality

**T**o all the bar girls who dutifully attended the rally against the early closing times last October: your right to gainfully ply your beer, seductively fondle pool cues and demand overpriced glasses of cola late into the night seems to be intact – at least in fact, if not theory.

Let's face it, regs are regs and reality is reality. Word on the street is that bars in many parts of the island are staying open just about as late as they want. Any further protest would probably just backfire and draw more attention to this fact. That said, I will now shut up about this.

## Stool Pigeon



short cut is off Hongyok-Utis Rd near the small park. Just follow the signs to the Bukitra housing development and you will go through a valley, up and over a hill and eventually emerge at the traffic lights next to Surakul Stadium.

The road isn't perfect, however. There are speed bumps and it appears that, like many places on the island, a truck has splattered concrete on part of the hilliest section, allowing it to solidify and become a permanent road hazard – not unlike "billboard notch" on the way up Mount Mayhem (aka Patong Hill).

However, the new road is still relatively unknown to most residents of Phuket, making it safer and more pleasant than most routes. That said, I will now shut up about this, too.

**The more things change...** Who said Reformation literature was boring? Check out this opening speech from *The Provok'd Wife*, by John Vanbrugh.

First performed in May 1697, this play has an opening soliloquy that will no doubt resonate with many men today. Make sure to pass on this gem to anyone considering marriage:

Sir John Brute: *What cloying meat is love, when matrimony's the sauce to it! Two years' marriage has debauched my five senses. Everything I see, everything I hear, everything I feel, everything I smell, and everything I taste, methinks, has wife in't.*

*No boy was ever so weary of his tutor, no girl of her bib, no nun of doing penance, or old maid of being chaste, as I am of being married. Sure, there's a secret curse entailed upon the very name of wife. My lady is a young lady, a fine lady, a witty lady, a virtuous lady, and yet, I hate her.*

*There is but one thing on earth I loathe beyond her, that's fighting. Would my courage come up to a fourth part of my ill-nature, I'd stand buff to her relations, and thrust her out of doors. But marriage has sunk me down to such an ebb of resolution, I dare not draw my sword, though even to get rid of my wife.*

Poor guy.

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# Hotels set sights on Naithon Beach

By Sangkhae Leelanapaporn

THALANG: Naithon Beach, one of the few remaining beaches in Phuket that had until now managed to avoid the island's property boom, has become the target of hotel and property developers keen to cash in on the area's natural beauty.

Mual Tiparat, Chief of Public Works of Sakoo Tambon Administration Organization, told the *Gazette* that rental accommodation available along the small beach totals no more than 300 rooms, with most at two- or three-star standard. Other rooms are for rent in private homes.

The most recent hotel opening at Naithon was that of the 53-room Andaman White Beach Resort, at the very south end of the beach, in 2001. However, the community that has up to now been the sleepy hollow of Phuket's west coast looks set to change, and soon.

"Naithon at the moment looks like a good place to invest. Many investors have shown interest in setting up businesses there, especially hotels, resorts and property developments," said K. Mual.

Leading the charge is the group of

investors who built the Cosy Beach Pattaya Hotel in Chonburi, and who are now constructing the 80-room Phuket Cosy Beach Resort Hotel on seven rai of Naithon beachfront. The project is on schedule for the hotel to open in the middle of 2005.

Project Manager Aroon Trisirikasem told the *Gazette*, "We bought the land last year and started construction in February this year. Naithon Beach is very beautiful and doesn't have much [vacation] accommodation yet, which is why we decided to build a four-star hotel there."

The Cosy Beach's claim to being the newest hotel at Naithon Beach is likely to be short-lived.

Maitree Narukatpichai, Owner's Representative of Hilton Arcadia Beach Resort, whose family owns 68 rai at Naithon, told the *Gazette* that the family plans to invest about 700 million baht building 70 luxury pool villas there.

"We bought land there 10 years ago. The location is very close to the beach and close to the hills at the north end of the beach.

"We already have several concepts

in mind, but we have yet to decide on one. I cannot confirm when construction will start, but at the moment our plan is to build about 70 luxury pool villas there next year," K. Maitree said.

"Naithon Beach has very good potential for tourism because it is a very beautiful beach and it is very peaceful. There are also many luxury projects in the [wider] area, such as Trisara.

"Another reason [for building a hotel at Naithon] is that Naithon Beach doesn't have much accommodation yet, and I think it could support a new hotel being built there," he explained.

Although the Naithon area is undergoing a transformation, some doubt remains over how well the new hotels will perform.

Wiwan Ekpaiboon, Managing Director of the 50-room Phuket Naithon Resort, which opened eight years ago, told the *Gazette* that although her hotel is full throughout the high season, occupancy rates drop considerably in the low season, when the area attracts a different type of tourist.

"Most of our guests return regu-

larly, especially tourists from Europe and long-stay guests, some of whom stay here for five months at a time. They love this beach [in the low season] because it's still peaceful; you can literally count the number of people on the beach," she said.

However, she added, "It is very quiet because the water is dangerous to swim in at that time of year."

Describing the pace of development in Naithon, K. Wiwan said, "Phuket Naithon Resort was the second hotel to open at Naithon Beach. Back then it was so quiet and not many people knew about this beach, but now there are many new hotels and beer bars opening there, as well as laundries, Internet cafés and a dive shop.

"The tourism businesses started to boom in Naithon Beach about two years ago. Visitors started to arrive after people became aware that the road through Naithon was complete and in good condition, and after the basic infrastructure was in place.

"I don't think that Naithon Beach will end up like Patong - I pray that I don't see that happening here," she added.

# China contemplates floating yuan

In the aftermath of the Apec (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation) meeting in Chile, it appears that the Chinese are considering altering the value of the yuan.

China has been under pressure for some time to revalue but has so far resisted. The yuan's link to the US dollar is bringing calls for a revaluation as, with the dollar's decline, the Chinese currency is becoming almost lethally competitive.

China, naturally, also has its self interest at heart and for once it can see an advantage in allowing its currency to float. The Chinese economy is still growing too rapidly, despite official attempts to reduce growth to more sustainable levels. If the yuan is allowed to float, it will almost certainly appreciate in value - some people say by as much as 10%.

Currencies are always difficult to assess, and it may well be that the appreciation could be substantially more. China has substantial foreign exchange reserves and a positive trade balance, and the economy is still attracting large amounts of investment capital.

It is unlikely that any flotation of the currency will be a true "free float". Instead, it will probably be managed to allow the Chinese authorities to limit its upward movement.

The advantage to China of a currency revaluation would be to slow export growth and enable the economy to grow at a slower

pace. Its present pace threatens to cause rising domestic inflation and various bottlenecks as the country's infrastructure - such as transportation and electricity - becomes unable to meet the stresses placed on it.

A rising yuan will be welcomed virtually worldwide, including in Thailand.

The Bank of Thailand - the kingdom's central bank - has allowed only a modest appreciation of the baht against the US dollar. Thailand must also maintain a competitive trading position vis à vis China

As the yuan - with its formal link to the US dollar - has been falling in tandem, this has been a source of concern. Many other Asian currencies are also likely to appreciate in value should the yuan revalue.

However, it should not be taken as read that China will float the yuan; the deputy chairman of China's central bank, the Bank of China, appears to be reluctant to move in that direction.

Should the US and Chinese currencies be delinked, it will be of great benefit to the US in the medium term. It will enable the trade imbalance to rectify itself to a substantial degree, though America's major trading partners may not be as enthusiastic about the potential outcome.

**Safe as houses?** The upward price spiral of UK residential



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

property market has been reversed. The Bank of England has been increasing interest rates for more than a year in an effort to rein in rapidly rising property prices and its efforts are showing results.

The latest report on the UK housing market published by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) for October 2004, published on November 16, presents a somewhat gloomy assessment. Around 41% more chartered surveyors reported price falls than rises.

This constitutes an increase of 12% on the figures put out by RICS in September 2004, and is the highest proportion reporting a fall since December 1992.

Sales are down 25% over the past year, to a level that is the lowest in the residential property market since 1995.

A lack of new buyers is reported and the number of new inquiries has dropped for six consecutive months with the steepest price falls occurring in the south of England. RICS reports that sellers are now accepting value estimates more readily, obviously as a result of press speculation about further price falls.

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There are hopes that the London property market may now be seeing some signs of a leveling-off in prices.

One industry insider was heard to say recently that UK residential prices are not related to the commercial property sector because, as the commercial property sector has not had a price bubble, so there is no bubble to burst.

I still recommend commercial property investments, which have continually returned 8% to 10% a year. Glanmore Property Fund and Brandeaux are two good examples.

Meanwhile, Ireland's residential property boom continues unabated. It has certainly provided enormous gains for the lucky participants.

Ireland is a Euro zone

member state so its residential property market has benefited from very low Euro interest rates.

These are not likely to rise for some time; most economists believe that rates will stay at present levels - or even fall - during 2005.

However, in percentage terms, the Irish residential property boom has been staggering and, even without interest rates rising, at some stage the market must peak.

The old adage of "the longer the party, the bigger the hangover" still holds true.

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## BBAP golf tourney raises B600k-plus for charity



**All for the kids:** (from left) Janice Sia; Sia Yuen, Chairman of Blue Canyon; tournament winner Bob Andrews; Dr Suppaluck Karnjanamethakul of Child Watch; and BBAP Chairman Martin Carpenter.

KATHU: At least 600,000 baht for a number of local charities, including Child Watch Phuket, was raised through the British Business Association of Phuket (BBAP) golf tournament held at Blue Canyon Country Club on November 27. (The money was still being counted as the *Gazette* went to press.)

Bob Andrews took the coveted Overall Champion trophy in the Stableford-format tourney with a score of 38 points, beating Tarissa Tanjansiri – who also scored 38 – after a countback over the last nine holes.

Alan Baines took top honors in Division A (handicap 0-9)

with 35 points, with runner-up Martin Carpenter close behind on 34.

Trevor Hanover scored 37 to win Division B (handicap 10-18), while John Connelly scored 36 to claim second.

In Division C (handicap 19-28), Alan Boswell won with a tally of 37 points, and Warwick Renolds was placed second on 36.

Ladies' Champion was Dr Suppaluck Karnjanamethakul, with 37, and the best non-handicap performance on the day was by the youngest player in the tourney, 14-year-old Sia Beng Xi, from Singapore, who scored 36.

## Shanghai Shooters win International Soccer 7s

KARON: Shanghai Shooters, a multinational team including British, Irish, German and Chinese players, took top honors in the Foster's Phuket Soccer 7s tournament held at Karon Municipal Stadium over the weekend of November 27 and 28.

A suitably thrilling – although goalless – final between Shanghai Shooters and Yueting-Joy Speed, also from Shanghai, went beyond the allotted 14 minutes of play into three minutes of extra time.

With the scores still at 0-0, a penalty shoot-out saw the Shooters beat their Shanghai stablemates 7-6 to clinch the cup.

Further down the pecking order, India's Calcutta FC Tigers took the "Plate" championship with Cambodia's Bayon Wanderers in runner-up position. Thailand's SCI Gecko were the "Bowl" champions with Japan's Asaka Celts the runners-up.

The tourney was the second such contest organized by Reperages Group (Thailand), which has already announced two tournaments for 2005: another Open Men's Championship on March 5-6, and another, featuring an Open Women's Cup, on November 26-27.



**Stormvogel** in full cry during last year's overnight return passage race from Port Blair to Phuket. – Photo by travisphoto.com

## Sea Rally set for a series of firsts

PHUKET: The number of entries in the 2005 Andaman Sea Rally (ASR), which will set to sea on January 4, is set to hit double figures, marking one of several firsts in the rally's three-year history.

The ASR, which involves motor and sail yachts racing from Phuket to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and completing several passage competitions before racing back to Phuket, attracted five entries in its inaugural year, and nine in 2004.

Gareth Twist, Director of ASR organizer YSMO Events, said, "Ten entries have already confirmed entry with payment, and 10 more have filed completed registration forms. And we are receiving emails almost on a daily basis from boats wishing to know more about the rally."

"It's great to see both power and sail yachts out on the water enjoying the same event. The Andaman Sea Rally is open to all types and all sizes of vessel, and

offers a great way to visit the Andaman Islands – flotilla-style," said Twist.

While last year's winner *Intrigue of Stormway* will not be racing in the 2005 ASR, both *Stormvogel* and *El Samali*, which came second and third respectively, will be back to race in the ASR next month.

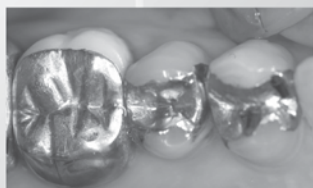
Also ready to race, in its debut in the rally, is the 68-foot Ferretti motor yacht *Double Issue*, which recently arrived in Phuket.

The 2005 rally will also mark the first time that *Ocean Rover*, a 30-meter purpose-built dive tour boat, will be the "mothership" for the flotilla, coordinating the racers and acting as the center for communications.

For more details of the 2005 ASR, visit [www.andamansearally.com](http://www.andamansearally.com). The entry form for the event may be downloaded at [www.andamansearally.com/registration/registration.htm](http://www.andamansearally.com/registration/registration.htm).

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## PATONG DARTS LEAGUE

PATONG: With just five matches remaining, OffShore maintains a two point lead over Happy Days at the top of the standings in the Patong Darts League. The team formerly known as In-Between has been renamed Queen Mary, playing out of their new bar (formerly Wai-kiki Bar) on Soi Patong Resort.

**November 23 results:** Amigos 4, Queen Mary\*5; Champs 7, Shakers\*2; Piccadilly\*7, Didi's 2; Nag's Head\*6, Two Black Sheep 3; OffShore\*7, Fat Boy Saloon 2; Valhalla 2, Happy Days\* 7. Make-up match:

Nag's Head 5, Queen Mary\* 4. (\*Winners of beer leg)

**Standings after November 23:** 1. OffShore (36 points); 2. Happy Days (34); 3.= Nag's Head, Piccadilly (32); 5. Queen Mary (30); 6. Champs (29); 7. Didi's (27); 8.= Amigos, Two Black Sheep (19); 10. Shakers (11); 11. Fat Boy Saloon (9); 12. Valhalla (1).

**December 7 fixtures:** Fat Boy Saloon v Shakers; Didi's v Amigos; OffShore v Champs; Piccadilly v Happy Days; Two Black Sheep v Queen Mary; Valhalla v Nag's Head.



# Paradorn beats Kiefer in straight-sets victory

By Stephen Fein

CHERNG TALAY: In the Paradorn Super Tour 2004, Thai superstar Paradorn Srichaphan won the marquee singles event over German Nicolas Kiefer in straight sets, 6-3; 7-5.

Playing on the all-weather surface at Laguna Beach Resort on November 27, Paradorn, who is currently No 27 in the ATP rankings, got off to a slow start. In the first set of the best-of-three exhibition match, Kiefer (ATP No 20) broke the Thai's serve in the second game and then easily held serve to go up 3-1.

Paradorn continued to look tentative at the start of the fifth game, missing two easy smashes on consecutive points, but fought back to take the game with a deft drop shot at the net.

Kiefer, who appeared to be having trouble adjusting to the surface, was broken in the sixth game. He began to show signs of frustration after falling on the carpet while diving for a drop shot, grazing his knuckles on the unforgiving surface.

Back on serve at 3-3, Paradorn cruised through his next service game before breaking the German again to go up 5-3 after four deuce points. Serving for the set, he closed out the game on straight points, finishing off with an ace, to go up 1 set to 0.

The second set stayed on serve to 5-5 and featured some highly entertaining play. In the fourth game, with Paradorn serving, Kiefer hit an improbable between-the-legs return to fight his way back into the point – only to hurl his racket in disgust after failing to salvage the point, thanks to a questionable line call.



Paradorn took time settling into his game against Kiefer, but played determinedly to win in straight sets.

Kiefer also failed to take advantage of two break point opportunities with the set tied at 4-4.

Paradorn, however, moved to the net aggressively and broke Kiefer's serve to go up 6-5 in the next game and served out the set 7-5, winning the match 2-0.

In the brief on-court interviews after the match, Paradorn expressed satisfaction with his play while Kiefer passed off his exhibition loss as a case of not taking advantage of opportunities.

After the singles, rain forced the postponement of the second scheduled match, a mixed-doubles encounter featuring Paradorn and compatriot Tamarine Tanasugarn against Kiefer and Russian teenager Anna Chakvetadze. The match, truncated to a single set to prevent player fatigue, was

played the next day. Paradorn and Tammy won the exciting set in a tie-break, 7-6 (7-3).

In other matches played on the Sunday, Kiefer paired up with veteran left-hander Rick Leach of the US to down Paradorn and his brother Thanakorn 7-6 (7-3); 6-3.

Despite improved organization and spectator seating, this year's event lacked the attendance and rock-concert atmosphere of last year's Phuket leg of the inaugural Paradorn Super Tour, played when Paradorn had climbed to No 11 in the ATP rankings and was under intense media scrutiny following his break-up with Thai pop star Tata Young.

Last year in Phuket, Paradorn went down in straight sets, 6-4; 6-4, to Chilean Marcelo Rios.

## Bangkok down Seoul mates in seniors tennis

PHUKET CITY: Bangkok took first place overall in the Asian Inter-City 2004 Seniors Team Tennis Championships held November 22 to 25 at the provincial tennis courts next to the Phuket Provincial Hall.

More than 180 seasoned competitors took part in the tourney, which pits seniors from Asia against players in the same age bracket.

This year's event attracted a total of 10 teams from Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, China, Japan and Thailand.

Playing single-set matches in tie-break format, doubles teams were divided into two groups, Group A and Group B, with divisions for 70+ men; 65+

men; 60+ men; 55+ men and 50+ men. Womens doubles were played in the 50+ and 55+ divisions.

The top three seeds before the event were Yao City-Osaka, Bangkok and Seoul. But as play progressed it was the Bangkok team led by Jaruek Hengrassami and Suthasinee Sirikaya who prevailed, outscoring Seoul 5-2 in the championship final.

The Phuket side came in eighth, losing the seventh-place final to China's Shenzhen 4-3.

**Final results:** 1. Bangkok; 2. Seoul; 3. Yao City-Osaka; 4. Tokyo; 5. Nonthaburi; 6. Shanghai; 7. Shenzhen; 8. Phuket; 9. Hong Kong; 10. Singapore.

— Anongnat Sartpisut

## Kids Tri entrants get lessons from a champ



Carol Montgomery, Canadian Olympic team member and two-time winner of the women's title in the Laguna Phuket Triathlon, held a workshop at Dulwich International College on November 26 for junior athletes in advance of the first Kids Tri Phuket triathlon to be held today (December 4).



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## BEHIND THE WHEEL

By Jeff Heselwood

**B**MW has launched its "entry-level" 1-series though, ironically, in Thailand, because the car is made overseas, heavy import duty means that it will actually be more expensive than the traditional entry-level BMW, the 318, which is manufactured in Thailand.

There are several models in the 1-Series line up, starting from a 1.6-liter gasoline engine and including a couple of 2-liter versions with different specifications and two common-rail diesels. It is the latter that are expected to be the top sellers, both in Europe and parts of Asia.

The 120d is the best of these, with 163 bhp (120 kW) on tap and an impressive amount of torque, peaking at 340 Nm. This will give a top speed in the region of 220 kmh and a 0-100 kmh sprint time of a shade under eight seconds.

Although the off-the-shelf 1-Series inevitably has few extras, there are a number of options which allow the buyer to "personalize" his or her car.

Standard, though, are six airbags, electronic stability control, brake corner control, traction control and a six-speed manual gearbox; a six-speed auto transmission is an option. Run-flat tires are also fitted as standard equipment.

An aero package is available "to enhance the already distinctive look", to quote BMW. The package includes a different front spoiler, rear valance and additional spoiler extending from the top of the tailgate.

These additions are purely cosmetic and will do little to enhance the road-holding of the car, although the current drag coefficient of the 1-Series is already a class-leading 0.29.

A single disc, in-dash CD



The new BMW 1-Series: In Thailand, thanks to the country's swingeing car import taxes, it is more expensive than the larger 318 model.

# BMW's baby brother

player is standard on all cars, with a six-disc autochanger optional.

The 1-Series engines are produced at BMW's Hams Hall plant in Birmingham, England, which the Munich-based company acquired from Rover when Rover was owned by BMW.

Although the plant had been upgraded, it was running at a fraction of its capacity until BMW decided to locate 1-series engine production in the UK.

Last year Hams Hall made 125,000 engines against a production capacity of 400,000. It is estimated the 1-Series will increase the output to around 200,000 next year, but the plant may also be used to supply motors to Spartanburg in South Carolina, where the Z4 is produced.

It will also produce the



power unit for the next-generation Mini, replacing the Brazilian Tritec engine currently used.

Tritec, in Curitiba, Brazil, is a joint-venture between BMW and Chrysler, established before the American automaker got into bed with BMW's German rival Mercedes-Benz.

More than 70% of buyers

of the 1-Series are expected to be new to BMW, new even to the luxury sector, and will previously have been owners of front-wheel drive machines from Volkswagen, Audi and, possibly, Alfa Romeo.

The front-engine-rear-wheel-drive layout of the BMW is unique in this segment of the

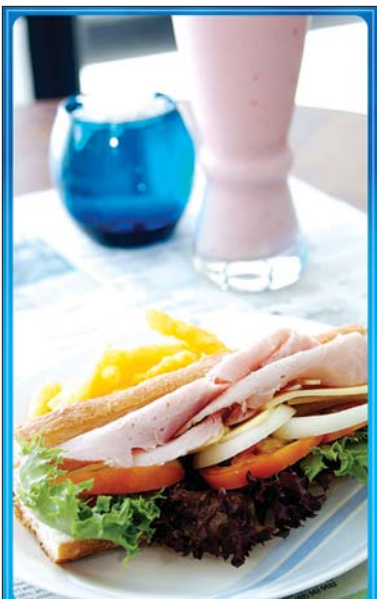
market. An advantage of this configuration is that the pedals are located in front of the driver and do not need to be offset.

There are two keys – his and hers, probably – which the microprocessor will recognize. It will adjust seat and mirrors according to which key is inserted.

In Thailand, the 1-series, being an import, is not cheap. Performance Motors in Phuket is quoting a price of 2.8 million baht for the 2-liter 120 gasoline model – some 600,000 baht more expensive than the 318, which is made in Thailand.

The Phuket agent does not have the car in stock, but can order it from Bangkok.

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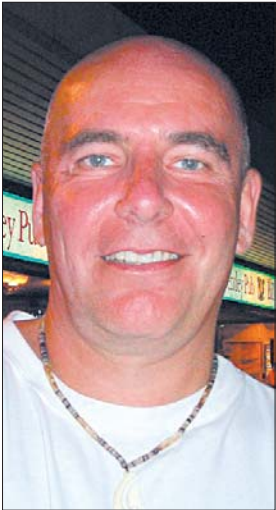
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# HEARD & scene

The *Gazette's* **Siripansa Somboon** went out and about recently and asked,  
*"Which piece of music makes you cry, and why?"*



**Risto Honkanen**  
**Age:** 47  
**From:** Finland  
**Occupation:** Hotel Manager

I'm not really an emotional person, but sometimes a piece of music will make me sad and nostalgic because it brings back happy memories. For example, two years ago when I returned home from Thailand, I had Carabao and Loso CDs which made me very nostalgic because they reminded me of the great time I had in Thailand.



**Monroj Yupapin**  
**Age:** 37  
**From:** Bangkok  
**Occupation:** Interior decorator

*Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya*, by Doon Huntakun, is an old song that few people know, but, for me, it conjures up images of old Thailand and the things that happened during the wars with Burma. It makes me want to cry. There is also some music from northern Thailand, a kind of jazz played by a string band, that makes me sad.



**Patamaporn Na Phuket**  
**Age:** 29  
**From:** Phuket  
**Occupation:** PR Manager

The music most likely to make me cry is *Baan* by Boyd Kosiyapong. It's a well-written song, with good words and a nice tune. It conjures up images of the warmth that can be found inside a home. When I'm feeling down, I listen to this song and it makes me cry, because it makes me feel homesick.



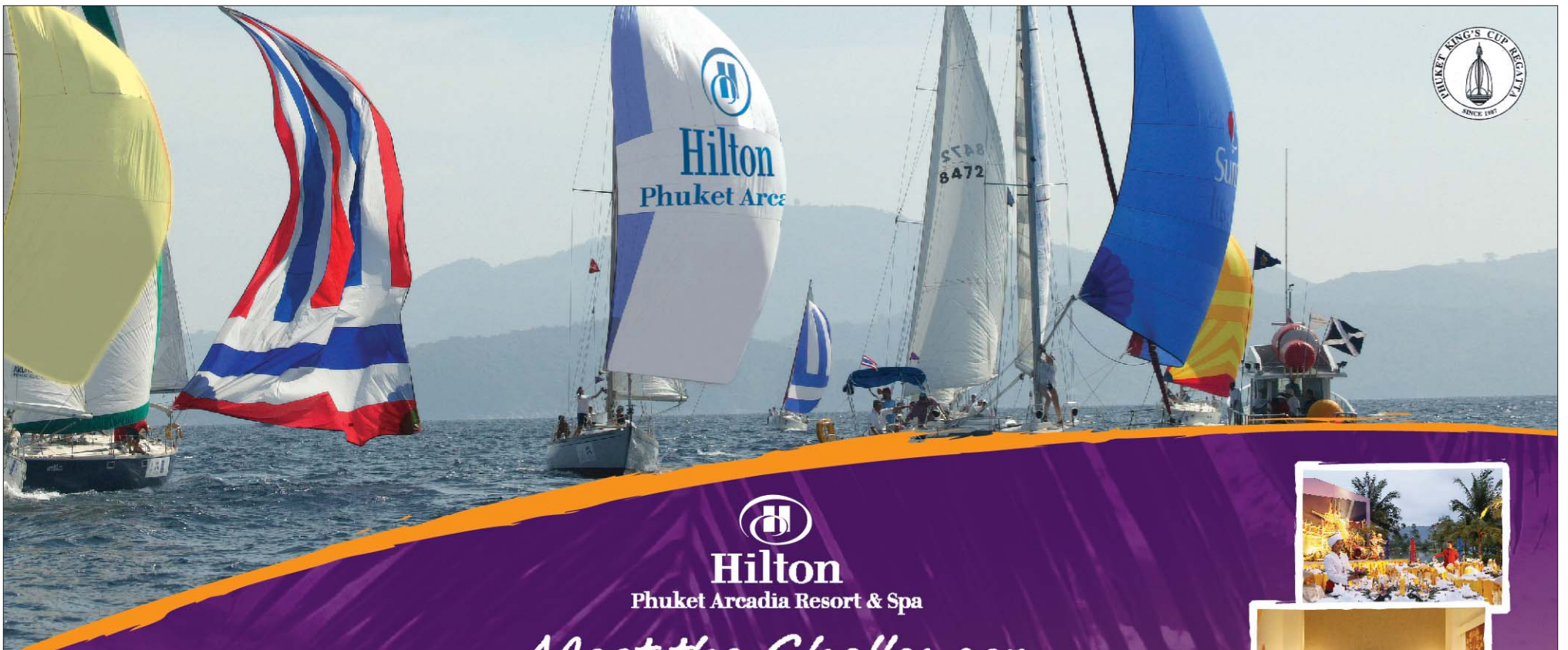
**Kewalin Sukumjittanon**  
**Age:** 22  
**From:** Bangkok  
**Occupation:** Sales Co-ordinator

*Jai Soam Soam* by Amphon Lumpoon makes me cry when I listen to it. I really like Amphon – as a singer, he can really touch my heart, and this song in particular has a really moving melody. Even though the song makes me sad, I think it is a good song, thoughtful and true. I've never heard any other song quite like this.



**Natalie Green**  
**Age:** 22  
**From:** England  
**Occupation:** Student

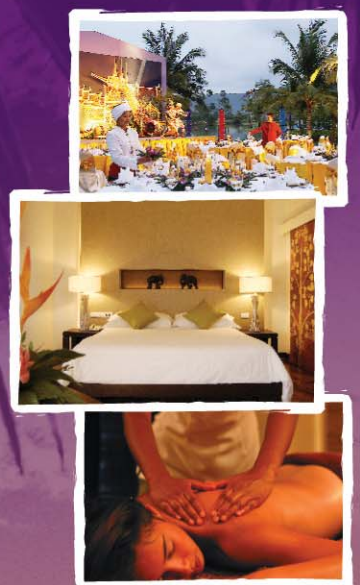
The only piece of music that can make me cry is by *The Cheeky Song* by The Cheeky Girls. It's a song about the girls being cheeky and flirting with boys. Every time it comes on the radio, my eyes fill with tears, though not for the reason you might think – it's a pop song, and it's *really* not a good song at all. Sorry, girls!



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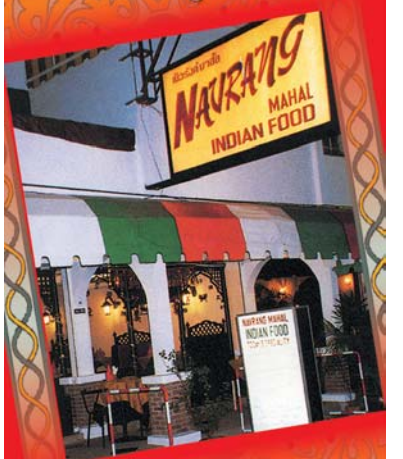
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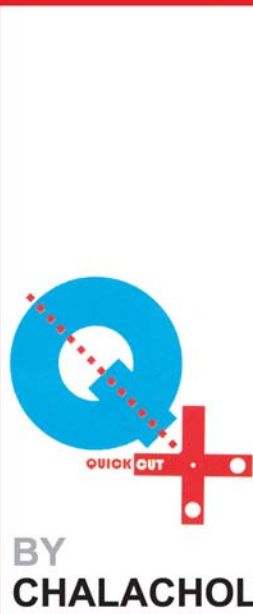
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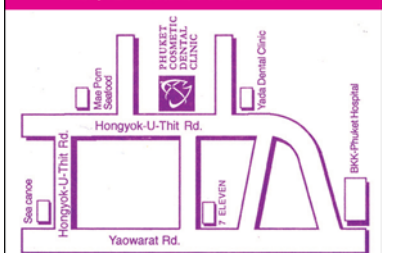
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# What's a good wine to eat?

**Q** My cookbook says that, when using wine to make a sauce, I should use the highest-quality wine possible, preferably the same wine that will be enjoyed with the meal. This seems expensive and unnecessary. What do you think?

**A** It seems logical that using the same wine would produce a seamless flavor match between the food and wine, but I doubt most people would be able to tell the difference.

Most people can tell if a sauce clashes with a wine, but I doubt there are many people who can positively identify the wine on the table as the same one used in the preparation of a sauce.

Chefs I have talked to about this are equally divided between those who insist on using the same wine and those who think it makes no difference what wine you use in cooking.

What I can tell you is to always to

use the best wine you can afford and one that is as similar in style as possible to the one called for in the recipe. Most important of all, never use a wine that is unsound or flawed in some way.

**Q** I own a restaurant and nothing I do seems to help my staff feel comfortable selling wine. They are afraid of it. Any quick tips you can offer?

**A** First, tell your staff to remember that wine is just a food, like any other. If they can describe spaghetti with clam sauce, fried rice with curry, or roast leg of lamb to a guest, then they should also be able to describe a wine.

Second, invest in training. Make wine fun for your staff by demystifying it.

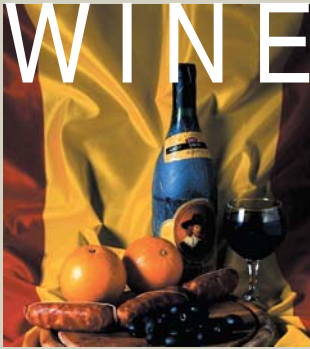
Let them taste the wines you sell. If they have never tasted the wine, you certainly cannot expect them to describe it to your guests.

The confidence that comes with staff having wine knowledge is usually all that is needed for guests to recognize that their server speaks with authority; thus they become receptive to what she or he has to say.

Third, tell your staff not to go directly for a sale, but to first help the guest relax by smiling and speaking confidently while making direct

eye contact.

By building trust with the guest and demonstrating their product knowledge, your staff will get a better feel for the guests' needs and can give them better advice.



By Steven Roberto

Tell your staff to offer at least two or three choices so guests don't feel pressured.

Guests always judge a server by what they say and how they say it, by what they do and how they do it.

Guests can recognize a well-trained server who genuinely cares about pleasing them.

Your job, as the owner, is to hire the right staff, motivate them and give them the knowledge and tools they need to do their job. After that, let them have fun with their work. Your guests will be pleased if you do, and sales will follow effortlessly.

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**W**hizzing to or from Nai Harn Beach – as I am wont to do – involves passing enough restaurants and food stalls to dine out at a different place every night of the week for a few months.

With so many to choose from – and with the maniacal hotel “limousine” drivers tailgating anyone driving at less than 100kmh – one can end up zipping past a restaurant mouthing a wistful “maybe next time” as it disappears in the rearview mirror.

“Was that Oasis?” I ask one of my dining companions. “Yes,” is the answer, although by this time I have gone past it and it has disappeared from the rearview mirror. This is not to say that Oasis is hard to find, but I am so familiar with the area that I can't see the wood for the trees, nor the Oasis for the torrential rain.

A U-turn in the entrance to a massage parlor – much to the concern of my companions – follows and we are soon pulling into the last unoccupied parking space outside the restaurant.

My companions and I are greeted by the enthusiastic Daren and his charming wife, K. Nong.

K. Nong appears to know, if not haute cuisine, then precisely what it takes to put bums on seats

## A fine little watering hole

around a dining table: unpretentious, homemade food served in portions that can be described as generous-to-gargantuan, and at modest prices.

Take, for example, the “signature dish” of barbecued chicken. Four pieces of chicken – chicken quarters mind you, not namby-pamby wings or drumsticks – for 100 baht.

There is a taste to it, something pleasantly unusual, that I detect in the first bite.

It takes two pieces of chook before I pluck up the courage to ask K. Nong what the main ingredient of the marinade is.

Most chefs would never divulge any of their saucy secrets but, as if to prove how open and friendly the staff at

Oasis are, K. Nong tells me immediately.

“Milk,” she says.

She soaks the chicken pieces in milk for anywhere from a few hours to overnight, and blow me if it doesn't produce the tenderest barbecued chicken to have graced my palate.

For those of you watching your figures (as opposed to somebody else's), Oasis also as-



Diving into a sub at Oasis can be a fulfilling experience.

sembles a rather good salad. We began with a simple – though large – dish, only to have an “Oasis salad” brought to our table.

The crisp vegetables are augmented by heaps of Cheddar cheese, shredded chicken, crispy bacon and ham, and garlic mayonnaise applied with gay abandon. All this for 100 baht.

We are then presented with a baguette filled with the same Oasis salad, which is even better than its non-submarine cousin and, even split three ways, is beyond even our stout appetites.

Drinks are priced to sell, with a spirit and a mixer going for 50 baht, and Tiger Beer for the same per bottle.

To round things off we have two huge slabs of moist chocolate cake as well as an Irish coffee – made with Jameson whiskey – just to settle the stomach, you understand.

The ambience at Oasis is undoubtedly friendly and unostentatious while the décor is ... well, it is decorated, but this is not why people flock here. The restaurant is popular with expats returning home from work – although Oasis is open from 8 am – and holidaymakers straight off the beach because it serves good, down-to-earth food fast and under-priced.

Pull out a 1,000-baht note and expect to get sufficient change from a meal for two at Oasis to have a couple of suits run up for you in Patong. Just remember to go for elasticated waistbands.

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## Construction Update

by Anongnat Sartpisut

# Taking the natural approach

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The project – being built on a 34-rai plot between Rawai Beach and Laem Promthep – will eventually consist of 51 homes. Ground was broken for the 950-million-baht development in July this year, and the project is set for completion in 2006.

Phase one will comprise 12



Artist's impression of the Rawana 'Aquamarine' design. A show home to the same design will be ready for viewing later this month.

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Each home will also have its own swimming pool, and most houses will have sea views. The living area will range from 326 square meters to 360sqm. The

Aquamarine show home will be ready for viewing later this month.

Prices for homes in Phase 1 are pegged at 20 million baht. K. Kornrat said that properties in Phase 2, which will be built to different designs, will also be priced at around 20 million baht, while those in Phase 3 will be around 15 to 18 million baht.

K. Kornrat said that the Rawana sales office has been getting three to four inquiries a

day, and that five phase-one properties have been sold. She sees the development having wide appeal in the European, North American and Asian – predominantly Hong Kong – markets.

For more information, visit the development's on-site office at 49/1 Moo 6, Wiset Rd, Rawai, Tel: 076-383945, Fax: 076-383946, Email: srmrawana@yahoo.com.

## Home of the Week

## Living

Currently taking pride of place among the luxurious developments on Cape Yamoo, on the east coast of the island, is Peninsula Mansion.

Its 4,614 square meters of land is home to a large two-story home with swimming pool and extensive landscaped gardens, and offers superb sea views taking in islands in the bay, the Boat Lagoon, as well as Phuket City and the hills beyond.

Entering the home through the large hallway, guests find themselves facing a large teak staircase, the central feature of the home.

On the lower floor, the open-plan sitting and dining areas make the home's 750-plus square meters of floor area seem even more spacious, while the modern appliances and granite work tops in the fully-equipped kitchen add to the home's classy appeal.

It is not always as simple as it looks. You would think that spending twice the amount of money on promoting an event would produce at least twice the number of visitors. But that was not the way it happened at the recent Phuket & Samui property exhibition in Hong Kong.

Although there were twice as many exhibitors as there were at last year's Hong Kong show, the number of visitors was down on the previous year, but most exhibitors seemed to agree that there were fewer "tire kickers" than in 2003.

The fact that there were more exhibitors and that the exhibits were in three different rooms meant that many exhibitors were not as busy as last year. Some were in low-traffic areas and, naturally, were disappointed.

As I was part of the organization of the exhibition, I was

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## LARGER THAN LIFE

By Graham Doven

left in no doubt as to their feelings. I know what it's all about – I, too, am marketing a project.

Others complaints I heard were about booth allocation, favoritism, "preferences to mates" and the like. But I want to point out that the first choice of location is normally offered to those exhibitors who have attended the largest number of shows.

This is standard practice at many exhibitions. For example, the Diving Equipment Manu-

facturers Exhibition (DEMA) in the US allocates booths purely on the basis of attendance at previous shows. But still some people seemed to think that the organizers had deliberately set out to make things difficult for them.

As the saying goes, you can't please all the people all the time.

If there had been more visitors, everybody would have been busier, which, apart from theoretically bringing more business opportunities, also helps pass the time – sitting in an exhibition booth for three days can be tedious.

It may better in coming years to hold the whole exhibition in one room and to limit the number of exhibitors; visitors have limited time, and looking at a property as a potential investment can take a substantial amount of time.

That said, most of the experienced developers I talked to

were happy with the exhibition. Bill Barnett of C9 Hotelworks said that he'd had the best results yet from an exhibition. "We signed a reservation at the exhibition, and not only have they followed up, but two more clients have come down already and are negotiating a purchase," he told me.

Steve O'Brien of Knight Frank Phuket said he was pleased with the high quality of visitors. "The buyer potential was excellent and some deals are being done right now. We were very happy with the results."

CBRE's David Simister also felt the show was a success, yielding good contacts, a couple of which look likely to convert into sales.

The main thing is that, as organizers, we learn something every time, and try to correct mistakes and improve the chances of making sales.

One thing we learned was

that exhibitors at the Hong Kong show are interested in Dubai as a market. Two major property companies with offices in Dubai are preparing a report on Dubai's potential, which I hope to have within a couple of weeks.

**The price of bacon:** I received a phone call the other day, in which a gentlemen with whom I had never spoken before informed me that he knew the whereabouts of the missing Concrete Pig of Manik.

He said that he had spoken to the owner and offered to buy it. The owner informed him that another foreigner had already offered him 2,500 baht, but that he was not prepared to sell it that cheaply "because it's now a famous pig". Negotiations continue.

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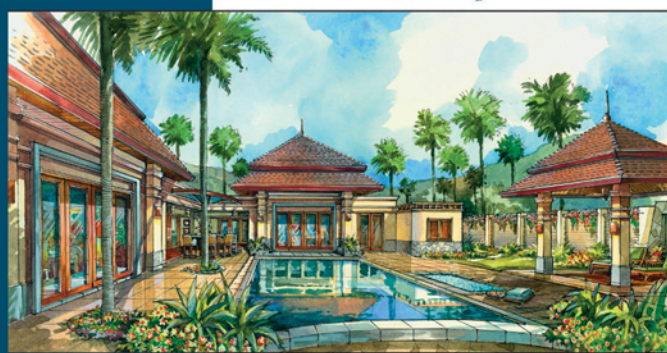
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Cape Yamoo

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All upstairs bedrooms have access to an external veranda that leads down to the pool terrace, which has a 10m x 5m swimming pool, a Jacuzzi and large sala.

Next to the main building is an air-conditioned office, staff quarters complete with en-suite bathroom, a laundry and a separate shower/toilet.

The two phone lines serving the home are hooked up to a PABX switchboard and printer in the office, and there are phones in each room in the main building.

Built to Western standards and completed in 2000, the home is powered by a three-phase elec-



All of the five large bedrooms in the home have direct access to an external veranda leading down the pool terrace, which has a Jacuzzi and a large sala.

tricity supply. Water supply is from an on-site well, pumped to a 5,000-liter holding tank and then through a modern purification and water softening system. Water is heated through a large solar-heating system, which has an electric heater as backup.

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## Gardening

with Bloomin' Bert

# Horticultural tongue-twister

I'm a bit of a coward at heart. That's probably why I write about gardening, rather than world politics, current affairs, or anything else that really matters.

I wish I had the gumption to say something that made people listen or that was in any way contentious or controversial.

Gardeners have been that way for centuries. They're quite content to sit back and watch the world go by, content with the fact that very little of what they say is ever going to make a difference to the world.

After all, most of what they say can't be disproved until later, since the results of the advice and wisdom they're dispensing won't be evident for some time; plants rarely grow instantaneously.

Gardeners are not really in the habit of making people sit up and listen. They give the plants they either discover or breed predictable, inconsequential names, few of which ever raise an eyebrow.

Hats off then to Karl von Linné, the 18<sup>th</sup>-century botanist better known as Linnaeus, who took one look at a new type of tropical pea plant and had no hesitation in naming it *clitoria*.

He wasn't bothered in any way at the thought of ruffling the feathers of the gardening establishment – the shape of the plant's petals leaves little to the imagination.

There are about 70 species of *clitoria* in total, the most common in Thailand being the *clitoria ternatea*, or butterfly pea, known to Thais as *anchan*.

A cunning linguist will argue that the *ternatea* part of the name comes from the ternate leaves that are sometimes in groups of three, as the term is often used to describe a compound leaf divided into three more-or-less equal parts, but no.



Left, *anchan* fills lots of space very fast.

Below left, for those who fancy munching some, *clitoria's* vivid indigo color is a great way to brighten up a salad, though the flower itself is tasteless.



The name actually comes from the fact that it was first discovered on the Indonesian island of Ternate.

The closest thing we have to the butterfly pea in the West is the sweet pea, and *clitoria ternatea* behaves in a very similar way – it's an incredible climber. I have a dividing wall with a concrete lattice near the top, which

isn't the most attractive of garden features.

My next door neighbor decided to put a few butterfly peas in pots on his side, with bamboo poles for them to climb until they reached the height of the concrete trellis.

Over several beers next door one night, he asked if I would be willing to push the tops

of the plants back through the trellis to his side when they started growing through to mine. It was his turn to go to the fridge, so I agreed.

That was six months ago. Now I can't redirect the plants toward his side quickly enough, and the former concrete wall is now peppered daily with incredibly vivid little indigo flowers on both sides.

The *anchan* climbs by clinging to whatever it can get hold of.

It doesn't "stick" to things in the same way as plants such as ivy, but wraps its tendrils around anything in reach, and thickens its stems until they're strong enough to climb a little further under their own steam.

The flowers, about 3 centimeters across, have gorgeous colors – mostly the kind of deep indigo you normally see only as a "pretend" color in a set of children's colored pencils, with

a vivid yellow stripe in the middle.

Unlike most other flowers, the part of the butterfly pea flower that dusts insects with pollen is on top instead of underneath, so the insects' backs – rather than their bellies – carry the pollen.

Once the flowers have done their job of attracting insects in to fertilize them, they wither away to be replaced a few days later by a seed container – the peas in the pod.

The seeds aren't exactly the most complicated plants in the world to grow. To kick-start them, wait until the pods have turned a gray-brown color, then crack them open as you would do with regular pea pods, and remove the seeds inside. Soak the seeds in water for three to four hours before sowing them – about 10cm apart – in moist potting compost. The resulting plant will be blooming in as little as six weeks.

The butterfly pea needs full sun to partial shade, and in theory likes to be shaded from the hot afternoon sun. My neighbor's plant doesn't seem to mind though. The plants tend to get leggy very quickly, so pinching off over-adventurous tendrils helps to keep them bushy.

Linnaeus has a lot to answer for. You really have to admire a gardener who is also a cunning linguist.

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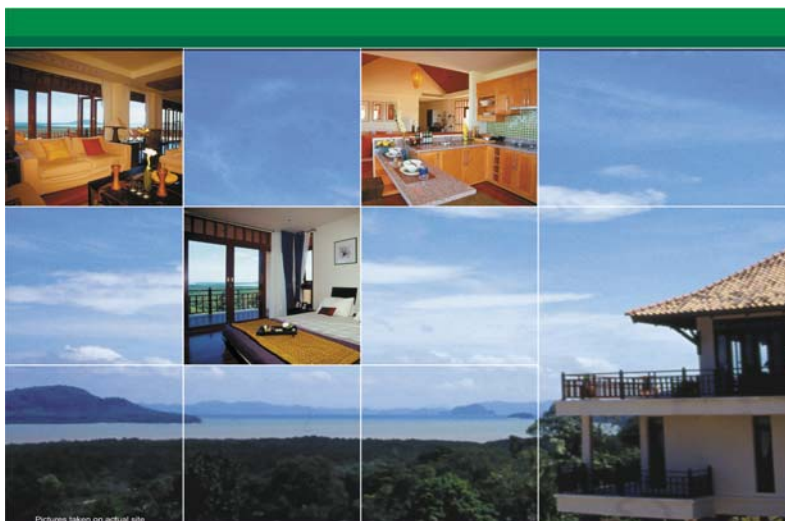
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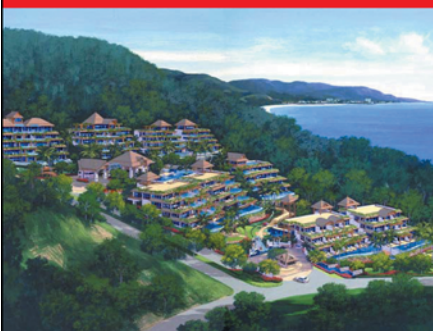
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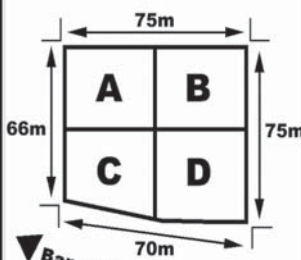
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