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## Hitman's target turns the tables

PHUKET (*Gazette, Kom Chad Luek*): A Dutchman turned the tables on two men who allegedly fired a gun at him as he drove his pickup along Chao Fa West Rd on November 10, chasing them down and ramming their motorbike into a power pole.

One of the two men was killed, the other seriously injured.

Pol Lt Col Jessada Sangsuee of the Chalong Police Station said that he initially received a report of an accident involving a green Isuzu D-Max pickup and a motorbike on Soi Thanuthep, off Chao Fa West Rd, in Chalong Village 8.

Arriving at the scene with rescue workers from the Kusoldharm Foundation, police found a power pole snapped in half by the truck's impact. One of the two alleged attackers was still at the scene, moaning for help, with his arm jammed under a broken section of the pole.

Police identified him as Nakhon Sri Thammarat native Sooksamart Dampheng, 21, the driver of the motorbike. He was sent to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where he is still being treated.

The alleged gunmen, 32-year-old Supoj Jaihao, also of Nakhon Sri Thammarat, was rushed to Vachira Phuket Hospital by local residents before police arrived. He later died in the hospital's emergency ward from internal injuries, his lung having been punctured by a broken bone.

Police noted as evidence in the case a dent in the driver's side door of the pickup, along with the homemade shotgun allegedly fired by the Supoj.

The driver of the pickup, 47-year-old Dutchman Jen Jensen, identified himself to police



Above, rescue personnel work to free the hitman's alleged accomplice, Sooksamart Dampheng. Below, Jen Jensen's pick-up truck has a dent in the door where it was hit by the shotgun blast.

—Photos by Kom Chad Luek



as the owner of the Easy Internet shop on Chao Fa West Rd.

He said he was driving with his Thai girlfriend about 300 meters from the accident scene when he noticed two men trailing him on a motorbike. They pulled up alongside his vehicle and Suphot drew his weapon and fired, missing his intended victim and hitting the driver's side door.

The gunmen then attempted to flee but Jensen gave chase.

When they slowed to negotiate a corner Jensen decided to ram them, he said.

Police are working on the assumption that the attack was the result of a business conflict that arose last August and has resulted in mutual death threats.

Col Jessada said Sooksamart would be charged with attempted murder, and that Jensen would be charged with negligent driving causing death.

## Stricter enforcement of building laws urged

By Anongnat Sartpisut

PHUKET: Provincial government officials and the Phuket Real Estate Club on November 9 made a joint call for stricter enforcement of building regulations across the island.

At the weekly meeting of the heads of provincial government offices at Phuket Provincial Hall, Chalorm Rakmak of the provincial office of the Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning, said, "Construction laws need to be more strictly enforced by local administration organizations [OrBorTor] – especially regarding buildings more than 80 meters above sea level. Our officers have noticed that there are many properties violating this law, among others."

K. Chalorm's comments follow Governor Udomsak Usarangkura's call for stricter enforcement of building regulations after the flooding of Soi Siang Tai last month. An investigation into the cause of the flooding found that a nearby project had violated seven building code regulations.

Support for K. Chalorm came from Phummisak Hongyok, President of the Phuket Real Estate Club. "One problem is that the government is ignoring its own laws," he said. "For example, the Ao Phuket Development project is a government-controlled project. Areas near beaches are regulated with height restrictions for buildings, but government officials have exempted the height restriction for this project, while private investors are still required to adhere to the law."

Prachiad Aksornammakul

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# Tsunami memorial contest attracts 450 entries worldwide

By Sangkhae Leelanaporn  
& Alasdair Forbes

BANGKOK: Some 450 entrants from 44 countries have registered for Thailand's Tsunami Memorial Design Competition, for which registration closed on November 15.

The aim of the competition is to gather conceptual designs for building a memorial at Khao Lak that will be "appropriate and interactive" and "serve as a permanent tribute" to those who lost their lives in the tsunami.

The exact number of regis-

trations had not been compiled as the *Gazette* went to press, but as of November 10, the largest number of registrations, 105, had come from the US, with Thailand in second place with 72. Almost every Western and East Asian nation is represented, and registrations have also been received from Mozambique, Lebanon and Panama.

The names of the seven members of the Stage I Jury, who will draw up a shortlist to be examined in detail by the Stage 2 Jury, have been announced.

They are Jonas Bohlin (Swe-

den), Stephan Braunfels (Germany), Daniel Libeskind (US), David Elliott (Britain), Xu Anzhi (China), and Prof Decha Boonkham and MR Chanvudhi Varavarn (Thailand).

Mr Libeskind, incidentally, is the architect responsible for the original designs for the Freedom Tower and Memory Foundations, which are being built at the World Trade Center site in New York.

The deadline for entries is December 6, with the winner being announced May 22 next year. For details see the website at: [www.tsunamimemorial.or.th](http://www.tsunamimemorial.or.th)

## Sport and music among commemoration events

PHUKET: The provincial government has announced more of its schedule for the upcoming tsunami anniversary, which is to run from December 24 to January 21.

The events will include:

• **December 26:** 10 am-11 am: simultaneous memorial ceremonies to take place at Patong Beach, Kamala Beach and Mai Khao Cemetery.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, along with members of the Thai government and VIP guests, will lay wreaths at 10:30 am at Khao Lak. At 6:30 pm of the same day there will be multi-faith ceremonies at Chong Fah

and Baan Bang Niang beaches, Phang Nga Province.

• **December 1-31:** post-tsunami-themed art and sculpture exhibitions along Patong and Kamala beaches. Month-long international seafood festival at Patong Beach along with fashion shows and live jazz music.

• **December 27:** "New leaf - New life" symbolic tree and shrub planting ceremonies at Patong and Kamala.

• **December 27-30:** International beach volleyball on Patong Beach.

• **December 31-January 1:** Phuket Countdown Party 2006

at Patong Beach. Fair, live bands. Phuket-Phang Nga Marathon, starting at midnight.

• **December 30-January 3:** International fireworks displays on Patong Beach, featuring pyrotechnic display teams from Belgium, China, England, Thailand and Japan.

• **December 31-January 2:** Andaman Music Festival - "The Rhythm of the Island" - and dance show at Karon Beach.

• **January 1:** One-day international tennis tournament, featuring Serena Williams and Lindsay Davenport, at Saphan Hin.

• **January 15-21:** Bangkok-Phuket Tour of Siam 2006 international bicycle rally.

For additional information contact the Tsunami Center at Surakul Stadium, Tel: 076-217-054; at Phuket International Airport, Tel: 076-327230-5; or at the Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa, Tel: 076-370500.



The stand for Alan Zeman's Andara development saw good traffic.

## HK property show 'a success'

HONG KONG: The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Phuket & Samui Property exhibition, from November 11 to 13 at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Center, has been labeled a success by the organizers and most exhibitors.

Organized by Graham Doven and ArtAsia Press and sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*, among others, the show attracted 30 exhibitors - fewer than in previous years - and some 520 visitors over the three days.

Signings of contracts for home sales in at least three developments were reported. The three were Alan Zeman's high-end Andara in Phuket; Destina-

tion Properties' Shambala, on Koh Samui; and Phuket's Richmond Group, which has four projects under construction.

Many other exhibitors reported solid interest from visitors, with appointments made for tours of developments. Eighty percent of the exhibitors declared themselves "happy" with the show.

The next Phuket & Samui Property Exhibition in Hong Kong will be held from November 10 to 12, 2006.

In addition, ArtAsia will stage the Asia-Pacific Tropical Homes Exhibition, also in Hong Kong, at the Renaissance Harbor View hotel next May 13 and 14.

## Mini-marathon to benefit Child Watch charity

PHUKET: Child Watch Phuket together with the Phuket Campus of Prince of Songkhla University (PSU), Suan Luang Runners' Group and Jui Tui Chinese Shrine are staging the Second Child Watch Mini-Marathon on November 20.

The 11.9-kilometer event, to raise funds for Child Watch Phuket, will be divided into the following categories:

Men: Under-15 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50+ years and open;

Women: Under-15 years, 30-39 years, 40+ years and open. There will also be a 3.5-km

fun run for both men and women in the following age groups: under 12 years and open.

Last year, more than 300 runners took part, raising 100,000 baht for Child Watch, which helps abused and underprivileged children.

The main event will start at PSU at 6 am.

Entry fees are 200 baht for the 11.9-km event, which includes a free T-shirt, and 100 baht for the 3.5-km run.

Registrations will be accepted up until the start of the main event. For more information, call Tel: 06-6126387.

## Dog pound to have 'grand opening'

PHUKET: Sunart Wongchawalit, Chief of the Phuket Provincial Livestock Office, has told the *Gazette* that, far from being closed down - which was a possibility - the controversial Mid Road Dog Shelter in Thalang, it is to have a grand opening in December.

At a meeting on August 31, Governor Udomsak Usvarangkura stated that a decision would be reached by the end of September whether or not to shut the controversial Mid Road Dog Shelter.

K. Sunart said, "We need to get rid of this problem [of stray dogs] and make strays less annoying to tourists, so this pound will continue operations and we will set the date for a grand opening in December."

"The pound can take 400 dogs but we have to solve the problem of feeding them," he added.

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# One dead after truck crashes on Kata Hill

KATA: One motorcycle rider was killed and several motorists were injured when a water truck careened into traffic and overturned by Baan Kata School on Kata Hill, around 2 pm on November 10.

The K-Tech construction company lorry collided with two cars and a motorcycle, trapping the bike and its rider, Kittipong Aiyarak, under it. The injured man was rushed to Vachira Phuket

Hospital in Phuket City but later died.

Witnesses and accident victims told Pol Lt Col Jessada Sangsuee of Chalong Police Station that the driver of the water truck was driving irresponsibly.

The driver of the water lorry was injured in the collision and treated in hospital. Police arrested him on a charge of negligent driving resulting in death.

— Natcha Yuttaworawit



The smashed motorcycle, whose rider was killed, lies underneath the capsized truck. — Photo by Franky Gun.

## IN BRIEF

### German dead in hotel

PATONG: German national Wolfgang Schelli, 67, was found dead in his room at the PS Hotel in Patong on November 9.

Pol Sub-Lt Veerapong Rakjito of Kathu Police Station told the *Gazette*, "I don't have a lot of information right now, but when I got to the hotel there was a medical team already there. They told me that Mr Schelli was already dead when they arrived," Lt Veerapong said.

### Free Japanese concert

PHUKET: A free concert featuring singers famous in Japan will be staged on November 19, from 5 pm to 1 am at the soccer field on Thaweewong Rd.

Performers will include Ai Kawasaki, Ryota Mitsunaha, Asuka Hayashi and Kozo Takeda from Japan, plus Thailand's Taxi, Lanna and Bangkok Xylophone.

# Surin Beach gets a facelift, but Nai Yang still a muddle

By Anongnat Sartpisut

PHUKET: In an effort to beautify the Surin and Nai Yang beach fronts for the high season, 100 police volunteers and three local government officials helped to clear the illegal stalls at both beaches on November 9.

Cherng Talay OrBorTor (Tambon Administration Organization) Chief Administrative Officer Suwat Pakobporn explained to the *Gazette* that it is provincial government policy to remove illegal stalls and invite the encroachers to sell their wares from OrBorTor shops instead.

At Surin Beach, 20 OrBorTor shops were built between January and June this year at a cost of 6 million baht. Tenants will be charged rent of 500 baht a month, excluding water and electricity and leases will be for three years only. The shops are located some 50 meters back from where the illegal stalls were located.

Thalang District Office Chief Paisarn Boonlorn joined K. Suwat and Cherng Talay OrBorTor Deputy Chairman Wiwat Doktien as the police volunteers demolished 37 illegal stalls on Surin Beach.

The remaining 17 stall owners have been invited to rent adjacent Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorTor) shops.

K. Suwat said, "We hope to make the beach more appealing and, at the same time, allow local vendors to continue doing business with the tourists who are attracted here."

In Nai Yang, which has had a decades-long simmering dispute over encroachment by vendors, the situation is less clear-cut.

OrBorTor Sakoo began construction of 30 single-story shophouses in December last year, with a budget of 15 million baht from the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT).

However, the Sirinath Marine National Park Authority stepped in to halt construction in August, pointing out that permission had not been given to build

on national park land. At that point, 6 million baht had already been spent and the buildings were 60% complete.

On August 16, Governor Udomsak Uswarangkura ordered them torn down.

Sakoo OrBorTor Chief Surapong Panyawai told the *Gazette* that the houses have been demolished and the remaining

budget of 9 million baht is earmarked for construction of 30 new units on six rai of land in the Pa Son Lek area, 500 meters north of the Pearl Village Hotel.

This land, however, also belongs to the Sirinath Marine National Park and it is not clear whether or not Sakoo OrBorTor will get the green light to build there.

K. Surapong said, "A construction start date has not been set yet. Meanwhile, the encroachers continue to peddle their wares from illegal stalls along the beach."

Sakoo OrBorTor Chief K. Surapong said that he hopes to meet with Sirinath Park Chief Thanapong Aphaisorn to discuss the issue further.

## Senate candidates reminded of tough rules

PHUKET: A committee member of the Phuket Office of the Election Commission of Thailand (ECT), Jarung Khemkang, has warned senatorial candidates of strict ECT rules in the run-up to elections next year.

K. Jarung explained at a meeting at the Phuket Provincial Hall today that the current senators' six-year tenure will expire on March 21 next year. Senators may not stand for reelection.

Candidates may distribute

information leaflets detailing their personal history and qualifications but they may not canvass or present policies or any message that could be construed as encouraging voters to pick them at the polls.

Failure to observe ECT regulations could result in a maximum jail sentence of 10 years and a fine of 20,000 to 200,000 baht and a 10-year bar on the candidate entering politics.

The government has sug-

gested an election date of April 19 or 26 next year.

No local candidates have yet announced their intention of running in next year's senatorial election in Phuket, to replace incumbent Senator Paiboon Upatising.

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Playing chicken with avian 'flu? Not at the Tah Chat Chai police checkpoint, where every shipment of birds is checked to ensure the necessary health certificates are in order.

# Phuket is to ensure

So far, all cases of people infected with the H5N1, or bird 'flu, virus in Thailand have occurred in people working with chickens. However, there is increasing concern – even near-panic – in other parts of the world about the possibility of avian 'flu mutating into a "pandemic" form, leaping from one human to another. Phuket has never recorded an instance of the disease, but is still taking the possibility seriously. Sangkhae Leelanapaporn looks at how the situation is being handled.

Having seen the economic damage caused to Phuket by one disaster, the tsunami, the authorities are working hard to ensure that the island does not suffer additional damage from the bird 'flu outbreak that is affecting other parts of Thailand and neighboring countries.

Although the virus has caused only 13 deaths in Thailand in the past two years, and 51 in Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia combined, there is concern because the death rate among those who become infected is high – close to 50%.

The Phuket Provincial Livestock Office (PPLO) is responsible for taking care of all animal matters in the province. It is headed by Sunart Wongchawalit, who said, "I can confirm that there has been no bird 'flu in Phuket, but our officers conduct frequent random checks on poultry, and have done so since last year.

"We also check every time someone reports a bird death to us. The bodies of dead birds are sent to a laboratory in Nakhon Sri Thammarat to establish cause of death.

"In the case of Phuket, not one of these lab checks has come up positive for bird 'flu. Normally the deaths are from natural causes or from chemicals."

The PPLO has set up a round-the-clock animal checkpoint at the Tah Chat Chai police checkpoint, on the only road into Phuket, and also has staff at Phuket International Airport.

"There is no bird 'flu in Phuket," K. Sunart said. "But in addition to checking on poultry, we are also keeping an eye out for migratory birds."

This year the situation is not as severe as last year, when bird 'flu was detected in more than 100 places across the country. "So far this year, it has been found in only 14 places. In Thailand we can definitely control it.

He added, "Some advice for Phuket people about bird 'flu: don't be frightened about chickens and eggs too much. We check for the disease at Tah Chat Chai and at the airport, 24 hours a day.

"Before a truck can bring chickens or eggs into Phuket, the owner of the cargo must get a license to do so from the livestock office of the province the cargo originates from, as well as a health certificate from the laboratory in Nakhon Sri Thammarat, which is responsible for southern Thailand.

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# taking every precaution bird 'flu stays away

than that and he must start the process all over again."

Backing up the PPLO is the Phuket Animal Quarantine Office (PAQO). Its Deputy Chief, Suthat Ngankanlanathikarn, told the *Gazette* that his staff, too, are on standby around the clock to check birds and animals coming into Phuket through Tah Chat Chai or the airport.

"We spray every vehicle carrying live birds. We have found nothing untoward, and all of them had the correct paperwork to certify the birds were not infected," he said.

Apart from examining birds and eggs coming in from other provinces, the PPLO also checks Phuket's 17 egg farms every 60 days, along with Phuket Zoo and Phuket FantaSea.

"We take samples and send them to the laboratory. So far, all the results have all come back negative for bird 'flu."

If ever there is a positive lab result, the action taken will be drastic, K. Sunart said. "The PPLO will slaughter all the chickens on the farm, and spray it from top to bottom to ensure that there are no virus-carrying feces."

## CHECKS

"We will then slaughter all birds found within a radius of one kilometer of the farm, and spray the entire area."

Tawatchai Pikomol, 33, owns an egg farm in Tambon Rassada, with about 30,000 chickens producing about 24,000 eggs per day.

He is emphatic that he follows all the rules – especially now.

"This farm has been operating for more than 25 years, and we have never had an instance of bird 'flu."

"We get certificates of health from the Livestock Department and always co-operate with the PPLO, which checks us

## HOW THE DISEASE WORKS

Dr Wanchai Sattayawutthipong, Chief of the Phuket Provincial Health Office, explained to the *Gazette* how the disease works.

"So far, there have been no cases anywhere in the world of H5N1 being communicated from one human to another. People can, however, pick it up from birds – especially poultry. Scientists and doctors in Thailand worry about the transmission

of bird 'flu from fowl to pigs. This is because pigs are susceptible to both bird 'flu and human types of 'flu."

"If a pig were to get both viruses at the same time, this could result in a form of avian 'flu that could be transmitted between people."

Sunart Wongchawalit, Chief of the Phuket Provincial Livestock Office, added, "So far, people are unable to get the disease from other people. It must be transmitted by a carrier – a bird. And if someone becomes ill with bird 'flu, they cannot transmit it to other people."

The signs and symptoms of bird 'flu in humans, he said, are very similar to more conventional forms of human 'flu – headache, fever, hot and cold flushes, and a cough.

"But the disease is not easy to contract. Just having birds flying around does not mean you will get it. You need to somehow ingest the nasal mucus, saliva or feces of chickens."

The virus can survive in bird feces for about three months, he noted. Background reports on bird 'flu deaths so far indicate that this has been the most common way for people to contract the disease.

Meat and eggs, however, are safe, he stressed. "People can safely eat cooked chicken meat. One cannot contract bird 'flu even from fresh, uncooked chicken because the slaughtering process requires that the chickens, after they have been killed, be immersed in hot water so that they can be plucked. This process kills the virus."

"Mind you, it is safer not to eat uncooked meat, whether chicken or any other kind," K. Sunart added.



Preparing disinfectant to spray a vehicle carrying live birds.



Dr Wanchai Sattayawutthipong of the PPHO



Sunart Wongchawalit of the PPLO

every month. We also report to them whenever something unusual happens," K. Tawatchai said.

"We spray every vehicle [with anti-viral chemicals], and we spray the farm itself and the employees. No outsiders are allowed in, and the whole place is protected against animals and birds getting in."

"We have to take good care of our birds, because if one of them gets a disease that means most of the others will too, and most will die," he added.

Asked about the use of chicken feces as fertilizer, he said, "We sell it to people who want to use it as fertilizer. If it comes from disease-free chickens there will be no problem."

He added that people are now more aware of the realities. "I think that people understand bird 'flu better this year – which is very different from last year, when we could not sell our eggs. This year our income has not dropped at all because people know now that eggs are safe to eat so long as they are cooked."

"If, someday, my chickens were to get bird 'flu, I would destroy them all. But I don't believe that will happen on my farm be-

cause we are so careful."

*Additional reporting by  
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## Queer News

# THE PERILS OF NOT WISHING TO BE IDLE

RASSADA: Nhu Pakjaroong, 59, whose surname means “stop and relax”, was the sort of woman who refused to stay idle, said acquaintances.

Rather than sit at home and look after her grandchildren, the resident of Soi Namchai in Tambon Rassada Moo 1 invited two friends to go out and scavenge the neighborhood for saleable junk.

That, as it turned out, proved counter-productive. It was late afternoon on November 2. The elderly women had been out scavenging all day when they saw eight abandoned terraced houses on Soi Sor Malipant and entered. The houses, damaged by fire on September 11, were being demolished.

Nhu noticed some wires hanging from the wall: “Hey, these are worth money,” she said

to her friends. “Help me pull them out.”

Much to the women’s consternation, however, pulling on the wires brought the entire brick wall down in a heap.

Police found Nhu in her dark blue, flower-print sarong buried under the debris: right arm and left leg broken, her head split open – dead.

Nhu’s two friends were uninjured. Next to the woman’s corpse police found a plastic bag filled with wires and various junk collected that day.

Nhu had hoped to earn enough money selling junk to recyclers to pay her modest day-to-day expenses, said her friend Kaew Wongspakdi, 66.

But that wasn’t her principal motive. In fact, she just didn’t want be idle.

Source: Siang Tai

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Type	Oct '04	Oct '05
Limited company registrations	104	125
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Limited companies changed	256	255
Limited partnerships changed	32	40
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Partnerships deregistered	8	11

Source: Phuket Provincial Business Development Office

## Pride in Phuket: It's all over the place

Lars Ydmark of Grove Gardens Phuket took this magnificent photo of a guard at the Kungliga Slottet, the Royal Palace in Stockholm, supporting Phuket.



Kittipong Soontornrungson (right) collects his prize of a voucher for a Seafood Basket dinner for two at Old Siam Thai Restaurant from Gazette Production Manager Prasong 'Pomm' Pumsathit, for displaying a 'We Love Phuket' sticker on his Mitsubishi pickup truck.

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# Warning systems for temples

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said all 197 temples in Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat provinces will have warning sirens installed and monks will be allowed to carry walkie-talkies.

The latest security measure was announced at about the same time as a 10-kilogram bomb was found tied to a tree near a restaurant in Narathiwat where K. Thaksin was due to have lunch.

The bomb, wired for remote detonation by mobile telephone, was successfully defused by security officials.

Police could not confirm whether the bomb's placement was deliberate, as the premier's schedule is usually not released in advance.

New suggestions aimed at bringing peace to the Deep South include one by Deputy Interior Minister Kosin Keththong to move Buddhists from the poor Northeast region into the predominantly Muslim Deep South.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Gen Chavalit Yongchaiyudh has also suggested setting up a special administrative zone in the region, with an elected leader instead of an appointed one.

He also recommended revising official accounts of the region's history to counter insurgents' claims that the independent state of Pattani Darussalam existed some 600 years before the Kingdom of Siam, which annexed the region in 1908.

**Casino commandos:** Police raided a gambling den in Bangkok Noi District and arrested 59 gamblers in a dramatic three-minute operation supported by a helicopter.

The 90-strong police force broke down the front door of the eight-story Pinklao Condominium



Children line up as part of a road safety awareness campaign dubbed 'Helmets for Children ACE', organized jointly by business group ACE and the Royal Thai Police.

The event was held at Isetan Department Store in Bangkok.

building and police teams cleared each floor up to the rooftop, where the gamblers were playing baccarat.

All 59 gamblers were arrested after police blocked exits to prevent their escape. Some 5,300 baht in cash, and chips worth 150,000 baht were seized.

Two men who confessed to running the den were also arrested. One of them, Thongthong Nilphum, said he had originally rented the rooftop space to use as a warehouse, but started running the gambling den in August.

**Through the trees:** The Natural Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department transferred from their posts 200 national park officials, including 30 senior bureaucrats. The department's Director-General, Damrong Phidet, said some 30 unit-leaders had been transferred "to get the department moving in the right direction" because many leaders had been lax, especially in preventing forest fires.

Sasin Chalermklap, Deputy

Secretary-General of the Seub Nakhasathien Foundation, a non-governmental environmental watchdog group, said the transfer reflects the growing influence of politics over bureaucratic administration.

Because of this growing influence, he said, the work of lower-ranked officials would be affected because people upstairs were more keen on meeting policy than in protecting the Kingdom's natural resources.

**Local schools:** Cabinet ministers responsible for the controversial transfer of government schools from the Education Ministry to local administrative bodies said the plan was dictated by a huge budget allocation already earmarked for it.

Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam said the money, 35% of the entire annual budget, has been readied for 8,000 local bodies nationwide for development projects, including education management.

Following street protests in

Bangkok by teachers opposed to the change, the Cabinet took a softer approach and resolved that the transfer of control would proceed only on a voluntary basis and in administrative districts ready to take control of schools.

K. Wissanu said that of roughly 8,000 local bodies nationwide, only 327 had submitted requests to take over schools.

**Sex survey:** Some 67% of Thai men and 44.5% of Thai women surveyed said they used pornography during sex. The practice is most popular among respondents in the 21- to 24-year-old age bracket, a survey by condom maker Durex revealed.

On average, Thai respondents reported having sex 97 times a year. Some 16% of respondents said they had had an extra-marital affair, less than the global average of 22%.

The average age at which the Thai respondents lose their virginity was 16.2 years, just over the global average of 15.9 years. About 40% said they had sex for

the first time to see what it was like, while 23% said they did it because they were in love.

The poll involved 317,000 respondents in 41 countries.

**Editor gunned down:** Abdulloh Mama, the 37-year-old managing editor of the *Thongtin Thai* newspaper in Narathiwat's Sungai Kolok District, was killed by gunmen who followed him in a pick-up truck and then shot him five times, police said.

He was pronounced dead at a hospital a short time later. Police suspect the killing was either due to a personal conflict or was related to the ongoing separatist unrest in the region.

Abdulloh's killing came one week after the owner of a newspaper in Pattaya was shot dead.

**Hospital heist:** Police in Phrae Province arrested a woman for allegedly stealing valuables from hospital patients and their visiting relatives.

Wipakul Kulsiri, 27, confessed to the charges and told police that she committed thefts at several hospitals in the province. She said she was jobless and needed to feed her three children.

She was arrested at Phrae Hospital when closed-circuit television showed her stealing a cell phone from the pocket of a patient in a hospital room.


Muang Phrae Police Station Superintendent Colonel Somkiat Pradpiew said five victims had complained that their valuables had been stolen while in Phrae Hospital or the Phrae Christian Hospital.

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## ANDAMAN COASTING

By Franky Gun

It is the first month of Khao Lak's first post-tsunami season, and the tourists are starting to flock to it, despite the all too obvious pro-Phuket, anti-Khao Lak politics since the events of December 26.

After the tsunami, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) took Khao Lak, as a destination, off its official website (at [tourismthailand.org](http://tourismthailand.org)). A few days before this column went to press, it was reinstated. It is way down the page, there are no hotel listings, and the general description lacks the detail necessary to show visitors that Khao Lak is one of Thailand's major holiday destinations. It appears that it will be a long time before the TAT again considers Khao Lak a top-rank destination. Sad but true.

Several overseas travel agents have been telling their clients that Khao Lak was completely destroyed, erroneous information for which these agents should be prosecuted.

But despite this, Khao Lak-loving visitors have been taking matters into their own hands; they travel to Khao Lak from Phuket to see for themselves if their travel agents' claims are correct.

Many people visiting Khao Lak have already learned – from Internet forums and related websites before coming here – that the true status of this area is quite the opposite. In fact, 31 resorts are fully operational again, eight of them right by the beach.

**Campaign to backfire?** Looking at the impressive numbers above, and keeping in mind how badly Khao Lak was hit by the tsunami, it is hard to understand why the TAT is treating Khao Lak is like an unwanted stepdaughter.



Back in business: the Nang Thong Bay 1 Resort is open and is receiving guests.

# Don't believe the TAT; believe the reality

This official entity should have only one goal: getting tourism back on track for all provinces equally, while giving the most help to the worst-affected regions, in addition to publishing accurate and trustworthy information on its website.

But what did the TAT do? It simply erased Khao Lak from its website, as if Khao Lak had ceased to exist.

The good news is that it appears the anti-Khao Lak propaganda will backfire.

Tourists, who were led by travel agents to believe that Khao Lak was destroyed and had no infrastructure whatsoever, have told me that they were outraged when they discovered the truth.

They did so by driving though an undamaged Khao Lak center, with shops and banks

open and with reconstruction continuing along the coast.

One visitor, a Mr Siegfriedson from Sweden, told me, "I have decided never to go to Phuket again. Our travel agent lied to us, and sent us to Phuket instead of Khao Lak."

"But they [the people of Phuket] don't need our support. Khao Lak and its people do, however. I will tell all my friends and relatives and spread the word. I want Khao Lak to live and to be as successful and beautiful as it was when I first came here."

I hear the same message repeated over and over again by tourists in Khao Lak.

It appears, therefore, that the misleading propaganda will not be able to harm Khao Lak at all. And that is bad news for those behind this ugly campaign.

**Still waiting:** There is still no sign of a tsunami warning system for Khao Lak. This is a cause for concern.

The government has made statements about a warning system for the area being finished by December. However, despite Grohe, the large German company, donating 2 million baht for such a warning system many months ago, everybody here is still waiting.

The Interior Minister, ACM Kongsak Wantana, said in a statement in mid-October, "We expect that the warning systems for every place [affected by the tsunami] will be finished in March, although Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra would like to see them all finished by this December. The reason it is taking so long is the large number of organizations that are involved."

boats and staff; two of them even lost complete dive resorts. But they still stand strong.

The leading lights of the Khao Lak diving scene, iQ-Dive, Sub-Aqua, Similan Scuba Adventures and Sea Dragon, all reported full boats during the first weeks of November.

Sea Bees, a Phuket dive operator, is optimistic about Khao Lak's future, blessing the area with a brand new dive resort called the Palm Garden Resort, similar to its existing resort in Phuket.

This resort, designed by divers for divers, offers comfortable accommodation while providing diver-oriented amenities such as battery-loading stations and wireless ADSL.

It also features a large swimming pool complete with waterfall and Jacuzzi, where divers can relax while they dream about those giant Manta rays that have recently been reported by colleagues returning from the nearby dive site off Koh Bon.

**Winners:** The winners of Khao Lak's first post-tsunami season seem to be the dive shops. Many of them were hit hard, losing

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# A clear goal in mind for helping Thai orphans

By Stephen Fein

Residents of Hong Kong have long enjoyed Phuket as a getaway from the hustle and bustle of that vibrant but crowded city.

Now a kind-hearted Hong Kong-based German businessman, who has been coming to Phuket for short breaks from his busy work schedule for well over a decade, is giving something back to the island and some of its less fortunate residents.

Combining his passion for soccer with his desire to build a future for underprivileged children, Henrik Lorenz is building a unique orphanage – the Youth Football Home Phuket – on an eight-rai plot of land near Wat Muang Komaraphat in Tambon Thepkasattri.

Legal representatives are in the process of registering the charity in Thailand under the name Youth Football Home Phuket Foundation (YFH), and the provincial government is pleased with the project.

“Henrik has spoken to Phuket Governor Udomsak Usurangkura about our project. The Governor said he was very much interested in it and was happy that such a charity project would come to Phuket,” said one of the project’s trustees, Wing Cheung, a retired Hong Kong businessman now teaching part-time in Sydney.

## SOCCER-MAD

Mr Lorenz told the *Gazette* his foundation would fully fund the home.

“But we would be very happy to receive any kind of assistance in order to find good and reliable staff and boys eight to 10 years of age with a certain football talent,” he said.

Mr Lorenz is soccer-mad, so the concept of a home in Phuket for orphans who also happen to be talented young soccer players came quite naturally. While everyone from Ricky Martin to European royalty suddenly took an interest in the plight of Andaman region orphans after last December, Mr Lorenz’s project is, in fact, not connected with the tsunami.

“The idea was formed well before last Christmas,” explained Mr Wing.

Mr Lorenz, Mr Wing and the project’s other trustees already operate one successful orphanage: The Katja House in Katmandu, named after Mr Lorenz’s daughter.



Above and left: artist's conception of the school and its big attraction – the soccer pitch

Also funded by Mr Lorenz, this project was built in April 2000 and is now a well-run home to 50 former street children, about two-thirds of whom are girls.

Plans for the YFH have been finalized and construction work is already underway, being overseen by project architects Sequences A Co. The school is expected to be completed by the end of April 2006 and ready to accept some lucky boys who will be given – quite literally – the chance of a lifetime.

Mr Wing told the *Gazette*, “We plan to nurture the boys in a loving home, where they will receive a full education in good local schools until they are young adults capable of supporting themselves and contributing positively to the community. The boys will also have daily training in soccer by qualified coaches.”

YFH might see some big-time soccer stars dropping in from time to time.

“Mr Lorenz has some close

contacts with a number of Bundesliga clubs in Germany as well as some Premier League clubs in England. His friends from these clubs have expressed their support for – and possible association with – our project in Phuket in a variety of ways, such as by sending coaches to give soccer courses and inviting some of our more promising boys to spend time in European youth soccer programs,” Mr Wing added.

## HELP WANTED

He noted that because of the small size of the school, only 32 boys can be accepted. YFH is also looking for the right staff to take care of the boys, and two positions are still open for the posts of Warden and Sports Manager.

“With regard to the warden position, we are looking ideally for a local married couple in their late 40s or early 50s with their own children already grown up,

who can come and live in our home as guardians to the boys.

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Those wishing to learn more about the project can contact Wing Cheung at Email: wingdna@exemail.com.au

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# Happily Ever After

## Recent weddings in Phuket

Kornisa Liangphaisarn and Lersan Saubsin were married in the Phuket Ballroom of the Royal Phuket City Hotel on November 4



Left: Also married on November 4, at The Metropole hotel, Phuket City, were Supakarn Yorsaengrat and Thanayuth Chookaew.



Right: Christian Roney and Laetitia Griffin from Australia, were married at Le Royal Spa at Le Royal Meridien Phuket Yacht Club, Nai Harn, on November 1.

Pol Col Khemmarin Hassiri, Superintendent of the Thai Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) unit has been helping the living and the dead day in and day out since joining the Thai Tsunami Victim Identification bureau (TTVI) currently headquartered in Chalong, in February. In an unusually frank interview, Col Khemmarin opened up his heart to the *Gazette's* Anongnat Sartpisut.



Pol Col Khemmarin Hassiri has a stoical approach to his job. "As a police officer, I cannot pick and choose my duties. I must simply carry them out," he says. "When I was supervising the identification of corpses at Yan Yao temple in Phang Nga in February, I worked seven days a week for those six months. I worked like I'd never worked before."

"People wept openly, begging me to find their loved ones. I saw some of them there day after day and I knew [the details of] who they were looking for like the back of my hand. Soon, most of the corpses' names and numbers were engraved in my mind. The job was all-consuming," he says.

Before February, Col Khemmarin had been doing administration work at the Institute of Police Administration Development (IPAD) in Bangkok.

"Normally, police work requires following orders, without much thought. Only patrol police officers think for themselves because when there has been an accident there's no time to waste waiting for orders. In other police jobs, thinking for yourself could cause problems."

He became interested in becoming a policeman when he was in high school, but it wasn't until he was a first-year engineering student at Chulalongkorn University that he made up his mind. "I took the police academy en-

trance exam and never looked back," he says.

"More and more crime was being reported in the news – that got to me. I was probably also impressed by reading the novel, *Pulakom*, which depicted a policeman as a hero. When you read it, you can't help admiring the police."

Col Khemmarin's transition from being a Deputy Superintendent in Bangkok to being the highest in the chain of command at the DVI on Phuket was abrupt.

"Perhaps it was destiny. I approached two policemen to undergo training with the FBI in the US, but it turned out they were already signed up with the TTVI and they encouraged me to join them in this. I decided to see what I could do to help."

"The tsunami was an indescribable, unpredictable event. So many people from around the world lost their lives at one moment, just because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time. And then we were called upon to help deal with the aftermath."

"I had never given a moment's thought to the phenomenon called 'tsunami'. Before I arrived, I never thought about what it would be like to work here, what a long, hard slog it would be to develop the necessary skills to do the job well, or about the close bond people doing this sort of work share."

"Even though we have no past experience to use as a basis



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# Living with the dead



Col Kammarin at the TTVI center. 'There were naturally some cultural differences,' he says.

of comparison in evaluating our work, I can say we worked hard. Foreign DVI teams rotated in and out on a three- to four-week basis, but our Thai staff have been working here non-stop since February 3," he says.

"While the foreigners could change their teams – their human resources were double ours – and they had specific people doing specific tasks, we Thais encountered problems every day.

"We lacked human resources and were overloaded by the relentless onslaught. As individu-

als, we couldn't focus our energy on doing just one specific task. Each of us has had to tackle all the different tasks."

Col Khemmarin says that working in the TTVI has made him a lot of friends from other countries.

"Because the TTVI didn't have experience or in-depth knowledge about tsunamis, our work has been mainly administrative and cooperating with the foreign forensic teams. The TTVI brought specialists from different countries together and

there were naturally some cultural differences.

"For example, when foreigners encounter a problem, they gather and brainstorm to solve the problem. Thais, however, usually think about the problem on our own before asking for anyone's contribution because we don't want an argument.

"That is Thai culture and it's good, too, but not perfect. I had to do things the way the foreigners did, unless a decision on something was up to me alone."

Col Khemmarin works from

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Saturday. He is responsible for managing a team of 60, checking that the information staff have gathered, through fingerprinting, DNA testing overseas and dental records, matches the corpse in question, deciding whether or not additional information or testing is required in order to confirm the identity of a victim, and contacting relatives and arranging for them to collect the dead.

"Previously, I'd done administrative work, but the application of information and knowledge in an operation like this is different from any of my past experience.

"I always sit down and ask myself if I should assign this or that task to someone or do it myself. If I decide to do it myself, I then have to ask myself if I can complete it alone or if I will need help."

At the young age of 42, Col Khemmarin believes he has reached the top.

"For me, this is the ultimate job, possibly the pinnacle of my career," he says. "I have the freedom to decide to take whatever action I think is best, and I don't have to wait for orders from anyone above me. What I achieve depends to a large extent on whether or not I have the strength to carry out the work I set myself."

Although he has been continually confronted with death for some 10 months, Col Khemmarin says is not afraid of ghosts.

"Working with the TTVI certainly has given me a profound sense of my own mortality. I realize that, one day, I too will be a corpse, although not under these circumstances.

"The most difficult thing about the job for me has been dealing with tsunami victims' relatives and correcting the problem of the wrong corpses being sent to families.

"Police work is usually a thankless job. It is not frequent that police receive praise. People readily find fault with us.

"However, for the TTVI team, it has been different. Even though we work slowly, people seem to understand the painstaking nature of our efforts and we have not had complaints."

The TTVI's headquarters in the TOT Corporation building in Chalong will close on December 16 and re-open in Bangkok. The work will be turned over to the Justice Ministry's Central Institute of Forensic Science. Col Khemmarin will work in the Office of Police Forensic Science in Bangkok.

"In terms of my future with the Royal Thai Police, I really don't know how I can be a good police officer when my life is so hectic. At the end of this job, I may be a more patient man or I may become more dynamic.

'If there is a test for being a family man, I have failed it. I have concentrated on my work to the point where I have not had time for them; I haven't looked after them properly. It is lucky my two teenage daughters, Weerapatra and Boonada, are old enough to look after themselves, but I don't think they have time for me nowadays.'

"I am exhausted," he says. "I feel like I have expended five years' worth of energy. Sometimes my brain gets tired. I get headaches, my mood is sensitive and changeable. I sometimes think I have overextended myself."

He explained that after the TTVI closes, he will take some time out for himself and his family.

"My personal goal is to be 'easy going'; I would like to see my life run smoothly and spend time with my wife, Thamvadi, and my daughters.

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"I will miss Phuket. Staying somewhere for more than two months makes you feel at home. I would like to come back again some day to enjoy Phuket's views and restaurants and meet again the people I know here."

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Nor is there any reason to wear cool surf gear only when the surf is up; it looks great at any time of the year.

A swell new surfwear shop called Wildwave opened this year in Kata. Manager Chanita "Mod" Semrat, says she stocks three lines of surf fashion: Wild Wave, Resort and Mission Bay.

Wild Wave focuses on board shorts and unisex T-shirts, as well as bikinis and swimwear. Resort goes for colorful girlie styles suitable for grommets, students and surf debutantes. The brand has bold designs and also makes landlubber gear such as T-shirts, skirts and jeans.

Mission Bay is more down-to-earth in tone terms. Unlike Wild Wave and Resort, the brand delivers no-nonsense color schemes that'll have you blending in rather than standing out as you catch the waves.

"Wildwave sells quality surfwear at reasonable prices, and we choose well-made and designed products that are up-to-date and attractive. We also make sure our surfwear is suitable for Phuket's weather, all year round," K. Mod said.

Wildwave also features a wide range of surf accessories such as caps, belts and bags.

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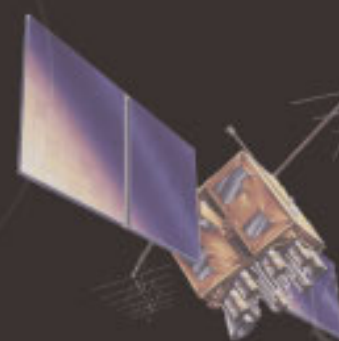
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## This week



**GOOD OL' US AID:** (From left) TTVI Joint Chief of Staff Pol Col Pornprasert Kanjanarin, Governor Udomsak Usvarangkura, US Ambassador Ralph L Boyce and Thai Tsunami Victim Identification Center (TTVI) Chief Pol Lt Gen Acharawit Supanpesat attended the November 4 signing of an agreement for the TTVI to receive US\$1.5 million towards moving the TTVI from Phuket to Bangkok, providing software for the center and to build a seawall off the Phi Phi Islands.



**FLOWER POWER:** Austrian Airlines Country Manager Buranut Limjitti (brown suit) offers garlands to tourists arriving on the first of the new scheduled flights direct from Vienna at Phuket International Airport.



**SEAMAN ON SHOW:** Japanese tourists, visiting Phuket on a Japanese tour operator JTB package, take the stage with local sea gypsies at the recent Seamen Night, held at the Diamond Cliff Resort & Spa.



**FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE:** (From left) Russia HTB NTV Channel Foreign Desk Producer Natalia Potekhina, TAT Phuket office Director Suwalai Pinpradab, Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Stockholm Office Director Nattera Kachornserelikitkul, and HTB NTV Russia Foreign Desk Producer Ayrat Shavaleiev enjoyed a dinner at Thainaan restaurant to celebrate the launch of Thai Airways Moscow-Bangkok return flight service.



**WING AND A FLAIR:** Katathani Phuket Beach Resort CEO Sombat Atiset (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Katathani Assistant Managing Director Nantida Atiset (4<sup>th</sup> from left) pose with travel agents from Germany and Switzerland at the November 5 reopening of the resort's Bhuri Wing.



**TOP PRIORITY:** Markus Sandqvist (center), Marketing Director of Priority Village Co Ltd, takes time out with staff from Priority Co's Singapore office at an exhibition booth set up at the Grand Hyatt Singapore last month.

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Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay, is an explosion of the senses. Not for nothing did award-winning writer Suketu Mehta choose *Maximum City* as the title for his seminal portrait of this mind-boggling metropolis.

The city is India's business hub, it hosts the country's busiest port and most booming stock exchange – and of course everyone has heard of its unbridled film industry popularly known as Bollywood.

Mumbai is currently undergoing something of a minor renaissance. Upgrades are under way at the domestic airport, the 130-year-old, recently rebranded bourse has a new chief executive – the go-ahead Rajnikant Patel – and the renowned sea-side promenade, the Queen's Necklace, is being given a long-overdue refurbishment.

Not that the city's old familiar landmarks have vanished. First stop for many first-time visitors is the Gateway of India, a triumphal arch erected in 1924 which has now become the city's most enduring emblem, and a charismatic gathering place for traders, touts and citizens simply looking for a breath of fresh air.

## CONTRASTS

While much of Mumbai is crammed cheek by jowl, Malabar Hill is a wealth of colonial-style bungalows and gardens; it's a strange conglomeration, with residences and parks contrasting with a gaudy Jain temple, a pilgrims' bathing area called Banganga Tank, and the eerie Towers of Silence where Parsis lay out their dead, though they are well screened from public view.

You don't have to be a railway buff to enjoy the sights and sounds of Victoria Terminus, a soaring Gothic affair that seems far too ornate to be a mere train station. Like Bombay, it has an official name more in keeping with the times (Chhatrapati Shivaji) but most people still call it "VT".

Perhaps the biggest change the city is witnessing is in its hotels, which are taking the best innovations from abroad and blend-

## TALES OF A TRAVELER

By Ed Peters



First stop for many is the Gateway of India (right); and spas are only now really beginning to take off.

ing them with traditional Indian hospitality and charm.

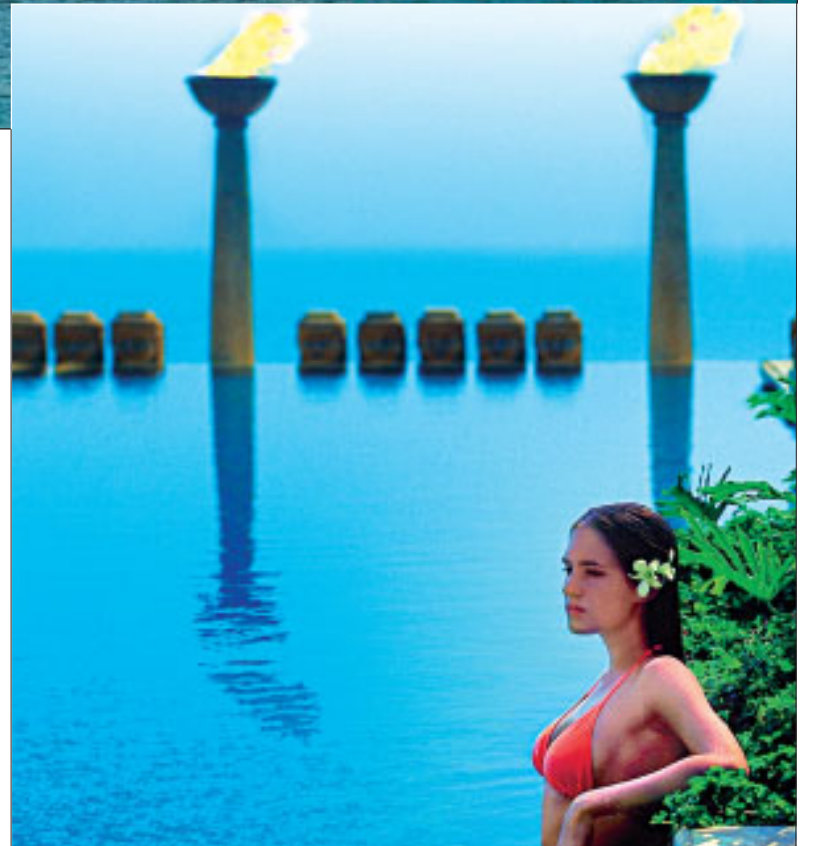
When it opened in 2003, the Intercontinental Marine Drive – overlooking the Arabian Sea – marked a new era for Mumbai's hotels. India is famed for its grand palatial hotels, but the Intercontinental was a 59-room boutique – intimate, charming and instantly the talk of the town.

It would be difficult to imagine anything more traditional than the imposing century-old Taj Mahal Palace and Tower, which stands right next to the Gateway of India. Yet its Japanese restaurant – Wasabi by Morimoto – was recently acclaimed as one of the world's "hottest tables" by Condé Nast *Traveler* magazine.

Massage treatments are by no means new in India, as the

continent gave birth to Ayurveda and many similar philosophies. But the idea of a truly upmarket, deluxe spa, with a standard of décor that matches the menu, is only just starting to take hold. At The Oberoi Hotel – arguably the finest in this highly impressive chain – the spa is run by the prestigious Banyan Tree group, and the age-old treatments and new surrounds meld perfectly to provide an experience that's as rejuvenating as it is holistic.

Many pundits have forecast that Mumbai will become one of the new Asian tiger economies; however at the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the words of Rudyard Kipling – who was born here in 1865 – hold as true as ever: "[Mumbai] lent me worth, and gave me right to pride."




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# The cult of wine and other mysteries

**Q:** What does "cult wine" mean?

**A:** A cult wine is a limited production wine from a small producer, unknown to the majority of wine consumers except a small number of obsessively fanatical, worshipping enthusiasts.

An example of a cult wine would be Napa Valley's Harlan Estate winery, where it may require an introduction and several years of letter writing just to be allowed to buy a few bottles.

Many renowned wines began as cult wines that took advantage of their cult status to grow into mass production wines. New Zealand's Cloudy Bay Sauvignon blanc is one such example.

Cult wines are usually, but

not always, very expensive.

**Q:** I love big red wines and asparagus. But when I have them together in a meal they both taste terrible. Why?

**A:** Asparagus has high levels of glutamate, the ester of the amino acid glutamic acid and the chemical compound responsible for savoriness. Glutamate creates a bitter metallic taste with tannin, which big red wines usually have a lot of.

Many chefs love to pair asparagus with hearty red meats, which almost always guarantees a poor outcome for the enjoyment of wine with the meal.

The best wine for asparagus is usually Sauvignon blanc or Pinot Grigio.

## WINE



By Steven Roberto

If you must have a red wine with asparagus, look to fruity low tannin wines like Gamay, Dolcetto, Grenache, or unwooded modern-style reds.

**Q:** A friend claims to have a secret method for using wine in grilled foods. I have watched him and he does not use wine when cooking or as a marinade. His barbecue definitely tastes different but he won't tell me what it is he does with wine. Any ideas?

**A:** He is probably soaking the wood in red wine then letting the wood dry before barbecuing. This adds a certain tangy sensation to meat that is hard to notice but that does make a difference. Or maybe he is offering so much wine to enjoy while he cooks for you that you think his barbecue tastes better than it does.

**Q:** I have read your articles for years and notice that you never capitalize blanc, as in Sauvignon

blanc. Is there a problem with your spell checker?

**A:** Nice to know someone reads my column. Horticulturalists, including those who work with wine grapes, don't capitalize cultivated varietal name modifiers like blanc by convention. Yes, blanc is part of the name and perhaps it should be capitalized, but old habits die hard – and hardly seem to matter.

*Steven Roberto is a wine-maker and restaurant consultant from California. He is the Managing Director of enVision Phuket, a Phuket-based wine importer and consultant. Email: stevenroberto@lycos.com*

**November 26: HotelTravel Phuket Soccer 7s.** The HotelTravel Phuket Soccer 7s is an invitational tournament that attracts about 20 teams from all over the world and is set to become a major attraction in Asia for expatriate soccer players. For further information call Tel: 06-9998839 or email: alain@reperages-thailand.com.

**November 26: Phuket International Women's Club's Annual Gala 2005.** The Phuket International Women's Club's Annual Gala this year is titled "An Evening with the Stars", a movie theme. It will be at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa, starting at 6:30 pm. Dress as if you were going to the Oscars.

Tickets are 2,500 baht each, including a four-course meal and drinks. The Lai Thai orchestra will provide entertainment throughout the night. There will be many prizes to be won, while other items will be auctioned off. All profits will go to the PIWC education

fund. For more information contact Nor Moorhouse at Tel: 01-9581383 or send an email to: normoorhouse@yahoo.com

**November 26: Turtle Fun Run and Beach & Reef Clean-up.** The annual five-kilometer run and clean-up – to raise funds and awareness about the plight of Phuket's endangered leatherback turtles – will start at 7:30 am and 9:30 am respectively.

They are organized by the JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa in conjunction with the Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation. Registration will be from 6:30 to 7:30 am. Entry costs 100 baht for adults and 50 baht for children and students.

Tickets are on sale at the hotel. For further information, contact Samart Damrongkul or

Siripun Petchai at Tel: 076-338000 or email: samart.d@marriotthotels.com or siripun.petchai@marriotthotels.com

**December 4-10: 19th Phuket King's Cup Regatta.** The 2005 Phuket King's Cup Regatta gets under way at Kata Beach Resort on December 4 with registration and the skippers' briefing followed by a practice race off Kata Beach. Race day 1 ends with a candle ceremony at Mom Tri's Boathouse to celebrate HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej's birthday, followed by prize giving. More information, and the event's full program, can be found at: www.kingscup.com

**December 4: 12th THAI Airways Laguna Phuket Triathlon.** Some 250 athletes, including champion Craig Alexander, have already registered for this international sporting event, which is expected to be the biggest triathlon on Phuket to date.

In addition to the main event starting at 8 am at Laguna Phuket,

while the triathletes are completing the cycling course, there will be a fun run starting at 9 am.

Some 200 people have already registered to take part in the fun run, but as runners must complete one lap of the six-kilometer course before the triathletes return, competitors must be aged 12 or older and the number of entrants is limited to 400. All competitors must register in advance.

For further information, contact Paula Himel at Tel: 076-324060, or email: triathlon@lagunaphuket.com

**December 5: Birthday of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej.** December 5 is the birthday of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej, and is a public holiday. Most government offices will be shut.

**December 8-11: The Phuket International Marine Expo (PIMEX) 2005** will, as in past years, be held at Phuket Boat Lagoon. Around 100 marine, property and lifestyle companies

are expected to exhibit this year. Highlights include 30 in-water displays from many top marine companies.

The opening day will coincide with the rest day of the Phuket King's Cup Regatta. See www.phuketboatshow.com for more information.

**December 12: Constitution Day.** December 12 is a substitution for Constitution Day, which falls on December 10. It is a public holiday, so expect most government offices to be shut.

**Dec 16-17: Phuket International Blues Festival.** Hosted by the Hilton Arcadia Resort, the headliners are the Rich Harper Blues Band (US), and Victor and Kyla Brox (UK). They will be supported by five Thailand-based bands, including Soi Dogs, Cannonball, and The Blues Machine. Tickets are 1,000 baht for one day; 1,600 baht for both days; and 3,000 baht for a two-day VIP pass. See www.phuketbluesfestival.com for further details, ticket sales outlets, etc.

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## On the menu



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3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café

When a Brit thinks of guesthouses, he tends to think of quaint littoral towns such as Burntisland, Prestatyn, Goring by Sea or Bournemouth, which is occasionally known as God's Waiting Room due to the number of old gadgets living and ultimately assuming room temperature while pining for the fjords there.

The guesthouses in such quaint locales tend to have a haridan or harpy in a hairnet running them, offering the unfortunate guest such delights as constant hot water, tea-making facilities and – if male – the chance of a reduced tariff if he plays his cards right. Or wrong.

But heaven help the amorous couple – usually signed in as “Mr & Mrs Smith” – whom the aforementioned landladies suspected of not having had their union blessed by clergy. A look as would curdle milk at 50 paces awaited any such scandalous couple at breakfast the morning after the coupling of the night before.

How refreshing it is to come seemingly half way around the world and find that guesthouses here are nothing like the ones there.

Take, for example, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café, which is also a six-room boutique/hip/trendy guesthouse and the brainchild of K. Kong and K. Kelly. K. Kelly, incidentally, was inspired to name the place 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café in homage to the area of San Francisco where she once lived.

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café is part of Kata Night Bazaar – itself due to open the day this edition of the *Gazette* comes hot off the press – a complete world away from



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> rate

its dim and distant cousins in the UK.

Of course, the 3<sup>rd</sup> isn't the first trendy guesthouse on Phuket. There were also a couple of rooms at the original – and better – Club 16 in Phuket City. China Inn Café had a room or two but of a wholly different mien.

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café – open from 7:30 am every day to cater for any guest fool enough to be up so early on their hols – occupies a pleasantly quiet corner in the night bazaar, away from the hustle and bustle.

The menu at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café is a welcome amalgam of many holidaymakers' favorites – *pad thai*, *tom yam goong* and *gapow gai*, for example – but served amid the chic concrete and art construction a step up from the average eatery.

Try the *por piad tord* (deep-fried spring rolls) for 80 baht per serving of four. The *nam jim* dipping sauce is sweet and complements more than adequately the golden-crisp batter and crunchy vegetables inside.

Sea bass? Certainly did, and ate the mighty *pla kapong*, deep-fried and served with a sweet and spicy chili and garlic sauce – with delicate steamed rice, naturally.

Enjoy a glass of Cono Sur Isla Negra Cab Sauv, (140 baht for a well-filled glass), with it; the hint of mint and the suggestion of blackberries accompanies it terrifically and makes the music –

Air, Goldfrapp, even Grace Jones – all the better. For those who require beer, Chang, for example, is priced at 60 baht for a large bottle.

*Gaeng massaman moo*, made to an old family recipe – not mine, obviously – is a treat with ultra-tender chunks of lean pork flaking as they are speared by the fork. Worth mentions, too, are the chicken with cashew nuts and the scrummy prawns in a tamarind sauce.

Early birds would do well to remember that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café serves a range of “power breakfasts”. Eggs poached, fried, scrambled, over easy or sunny side up form the basis of these, although the chilled atmosphere here brings images of relaxation, not power, to my mind.



The mighty *pla kapong*, served with a spicy chili and garlic sauce.

Easily one of the more interesting places to stay and eat in Kata, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café gets full marks for innovation, style and taste – in every way.

As a bizarre footnote, Bournemouth – my home town – used to boast an “alternative” nightclub called the 3<sup>rd</sup> Side.

I used to work there in my college holidays and met Cynthia Payne at the opening of the club's fetish night in 1987.

“Madam Cyn”, as the tabloids dubbed her, was England's best-known madam, and used to give her customers Luncheon

Vouchers to be exchanged for “personal services” with her staff.

She is from Bognor Regis, another seaside resort, 80-odd miles east of Bournemouth. The trifling coincidences in life never cease to amaze.

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Café, Kata Night Bazaar 100/3-4 Patak Rd, Karon, Phuket. Visit [www.3rdstreetcafe.com](http://www.3rdstreetcafe.com), email: [info@3rdstreetcafe.com](mailto:info@3rdstreetcafe.com) or even, for the novelty of it, call them at Tel: 076-284510 for details of rooms and rates.

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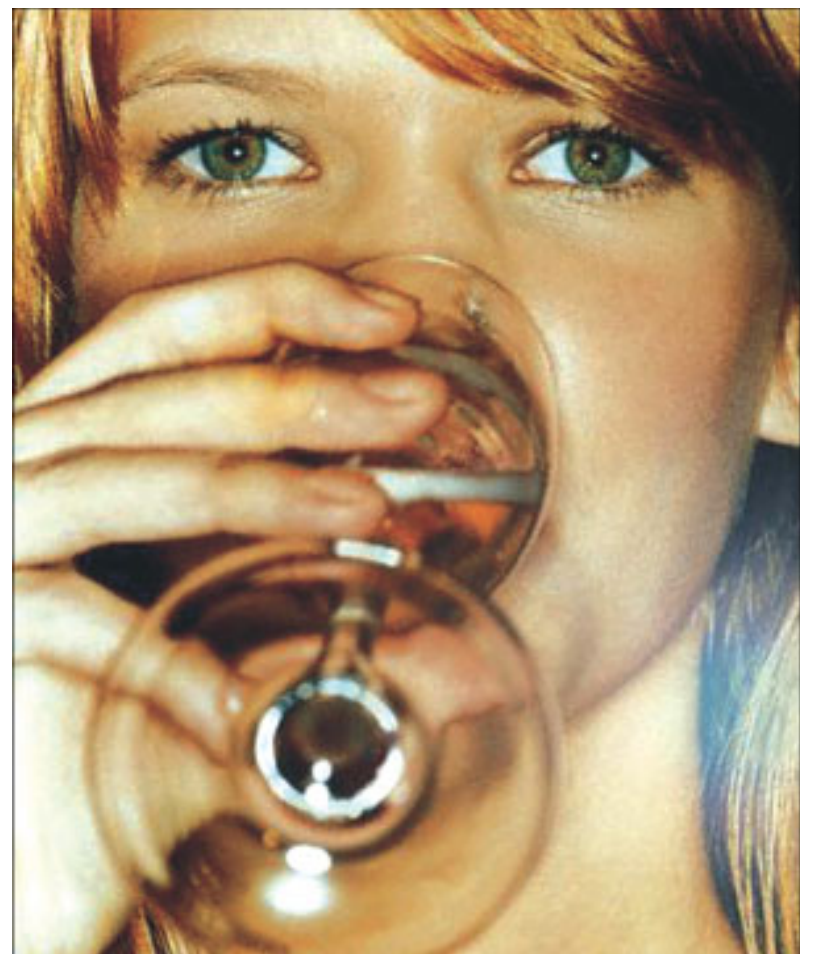
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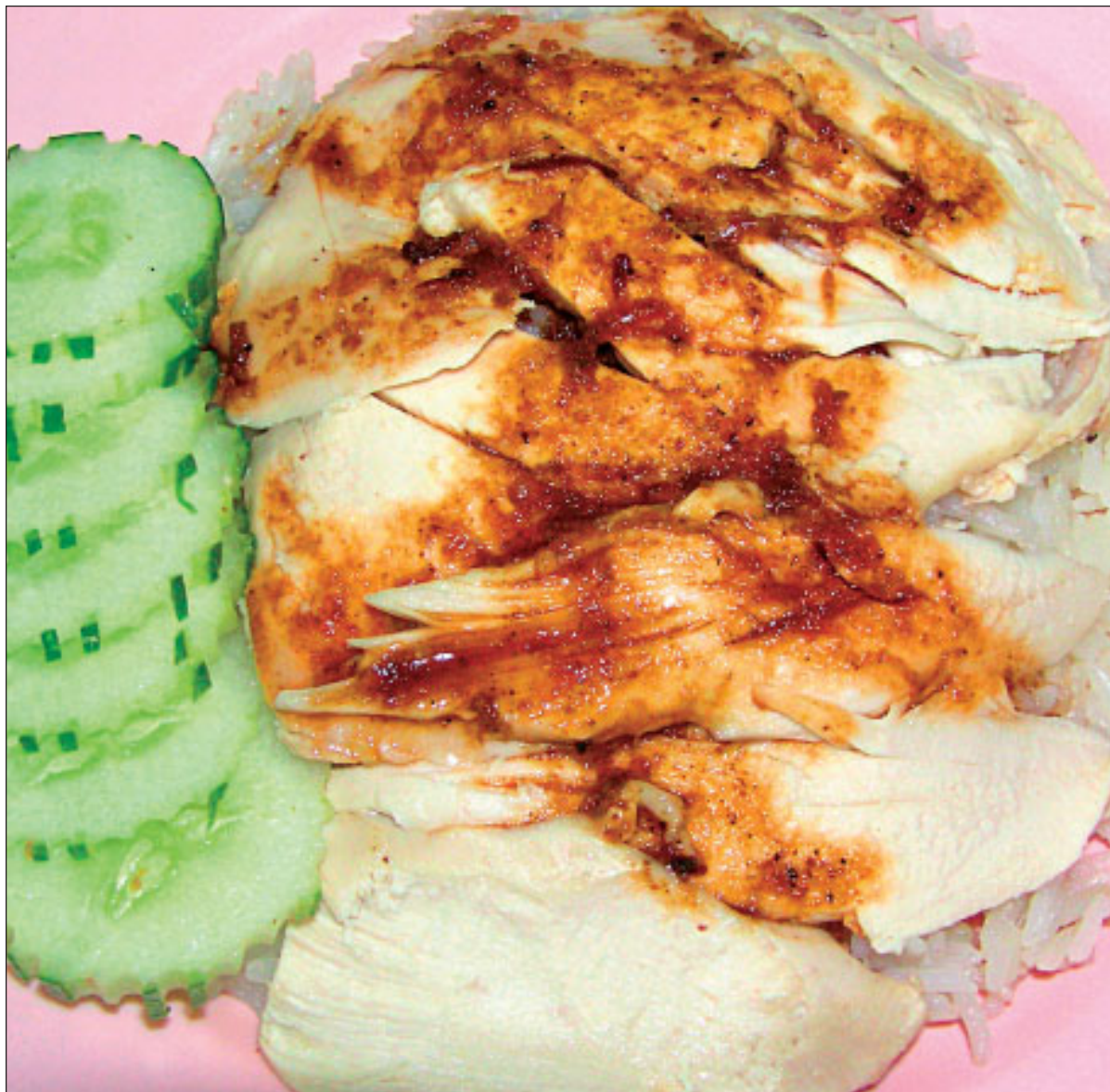


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Khao mun gai, the Thai equivalent of fish and chips in Britain.



K. Somkiat: 'We have our own secret recipe.'

# Yes more Mr Nice Gai

By Athiga Jundee

**K**hao mun gai – slices of tender poached chicken served over rice cooked in the chicken stock – is Thailand's equivalent of fish and chips or the humble hamburger.

Many *khao mun gai* outlets are closed come early evening as they are sold out, such is the dish's popularity with everyone from blue-collar workers to office staff.

Soi Surin's Kota Khao Mun Gai is one such popular establishment.

It has been 30 years since Somkiat Jiramornrat's father, K. Kota, established the restaurant, and the eatery soon became

popular because of the quality of its reasonably priced fare. It has retained its appeal to this day.

"We put the emphasis on quality in each and every one of our dishes and order fresh chicken daily," K. Somkiat says.

"We have our own secret recipe made from fresh herbs and spices we buy at the local market. Some of our customers tell me they like the food here so much that they are in love with our sauces."

Small, regular and large helpings of *khao mun gai* cost 25, 30 and 35 baht respectively, with the accompanying soup made from the remaining stock, garlic and spices.

Kota Khao Mun Gai also offers two other classic lunchtime

dishes: *khao moo daeng* (lean pork marinated in a subtly spiced red basting sauce served over rice) and *khao moo grob* (chunks of grilled pork and crackling with rice). These two dishes are served up in the same portions as *khao mun gai* and are the same respective prices.

"We not only make sure our food is served in the best hygienic conditions possible, but we also major on service," K. Somkiat says. "We can remember the names of our regular customers and know exactly what they like, and in this way we've built up our world-of-mouth reputation."

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Another classic lunchtime dish – *khao moo daeng*.

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# The Cryptic Crossword

## Hidden Words

Hidden in the grid below are at least 20 well known names from the world of fashion. The names may read vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may also read right-to-left or down-to-up. Score: 10 or more, good; 15 or more, very good; 20 or more, excellent.

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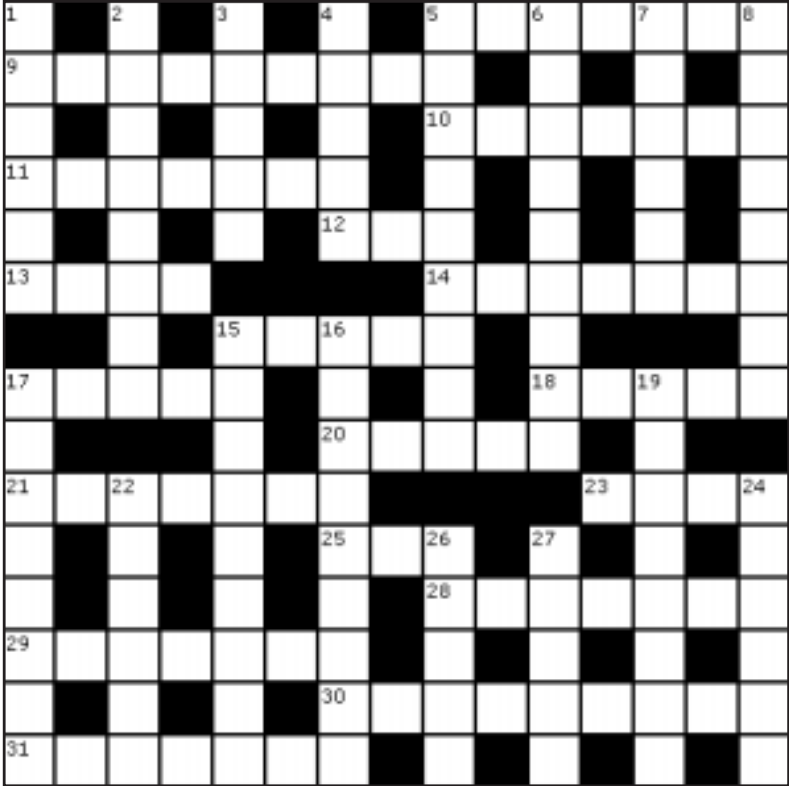
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Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Beware: there is only one solution to this puzzle, which is on page 20.

### ACROSS

5. Circumscribed the company. (7)
9. See patron mangle language. (9)
10. Get out and throw small goose. (7)
11. 500 Rolls Royces have the edge on mine machine. (7)
12. Sailor backs rodent. (3)
13. Want massage technique, it's said. (4)
14. I'm it! Consume copy. (7)
15. Firm animal doctor may lust after. (5)
17. Half-flooded ablution. (5)
18. Ed and his twin took the point, and finished. (5)
20. He has no address, but he's not crazy. (5)
21. Central town where little Henry gets into sharp taste. (7)
23. They're above the king – and way below him. (4)
25. Oh! It's like Parisian water. (3)
28. Ran back to the truck for a meeting. (7)



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29. As Roman, tortured galley slave. (7)
30. Pink color appears! Shorten sail to get to dive site. (5,4)
31. Before, small child becomes recluse. (7)

- scarlet bear's lair. (6)
2. Me ape her confusion? Won't last long. (8)
3. Sword holders may croak. (5)
4. Show contempt as Saint holds Ron back. (5)
5. Record a poem, we heard. Could be handy for math. (9)
6. Young lady led, but was on the wrong scent. (9)
7. River with one and six in thanks for inconsequential things. (6)
8. Stalk a kind of Pekingese, perhaps. (3,6)
15. Confused Michigan with a northern city. (6,3)
16. Retaliation can create acne gene after five. (9)
17. The cure for love? (8)
19. Container holds a couple of notes and a horse's gait. (8)
22. Feeling distaste over a poem? (6)
24. Remove chromosome from unkempt neck part. (6)
26. Lending money for three bends and a right junction. (5)
27. Sniffed Osmerus mordax. (5)

### Down

1. Show embarrassment at

## EZ TRIVIA

1. What kind of wave travels through the earth after an earthquake? Academy Award winner commonly known?
2. What is Winnie the Pooh's favorite food? 7. What is Japan's national sport?
3. What is the antiparticle of the electron? 8. In computers, what does URL stand for?
4. The Lao capital Vientiane is across the Mekong river from which Thai Province? 9. The Malay states of Sabah and Sarawak are located on what island?
5. Who directed the 1994 movie Pulp Fiction? 10. What British naturalist achieved lasting fame as the originator of the theory of evolution through natural selection?
6. By what name is the trophy given to an

Answers on page 20

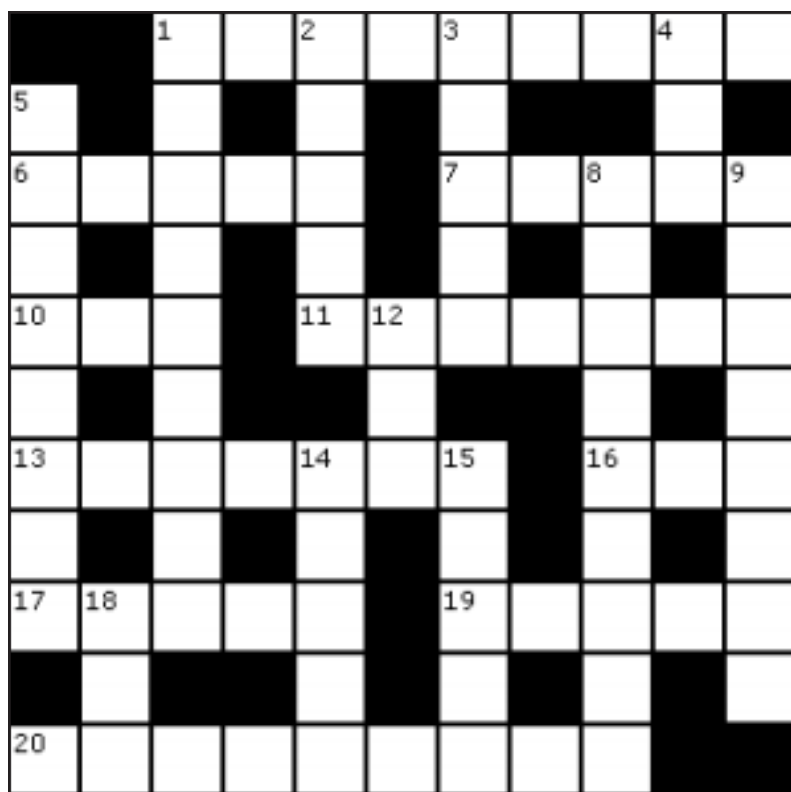
## Brain Buster!!

What is the four-digit number described by the following three statements?

1. The first digit is one-third of the third digit.
2. The fourth digit is two times the second digit.
3. The first digit and the third digit add up to twice the sum of the second digit and the fourth digit.

Answer on page 20





## Quick Crossword

### ACROSS

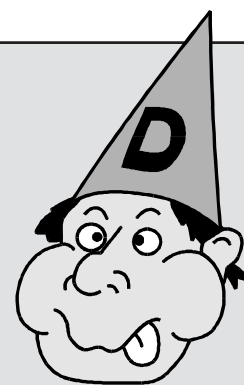
1. North or south or east or west.
6. Boredom.
7. Shouts.
10. North north east.
11. 10th month.
13. Farewell!
16. Tina's ex.
17. Dangers.
19. Very angry.
20. Severely damage.

### DOWN

1. Not at all safe.
2. Horned animal.
3. House of the dead.
4. Black gold.
5. Person between 12 and 20.
8. Use 4 dn.
9. Weaver of spells.
12. Weep.
14. Head-and-shoulders statues.
15. Famous musical.
18. Drink cooler.

Solution below, right

## Get your brain in gear with The Monster Quiz



Kids! Ask Mum and Dad to help you find the answers to these questions. They're not easy but, if you do some research, you should be able to find the answers to all of them.

1. Who wrote the novels *Alas, Poor Maling* and *Travels with My Aunt*?
2. Where would one have found the feared Tonton Macoute militia?
3. Who wrote and played lead guitar on *Parisienne Walkways*?
4. To the top of the roof – excluding antennae – which is the world's tallest habitable building?
5. Which Italian singer is famous for *Via Con Me*?
6. What is an armoire?
7. Many French people will celebrate on November 19. Why?
8. Which countries border Laos?
9. What constitutes a "One-Balled Dictator"?
10. How does a One-Balled Dictator become a "Mussolini"?
11. What is Europe's longest river?
12. What is the title of the first Bing Crosby-Bob Hope "Road" movie?
13. Who wrote *To the Devil a Daughter*?
14. Which is Africa's highest capital city?
15. In the popular nursery rhyme, who is said to have put pussy in the well?
16. In which country was tennis ace John McEnroe born?
17. In Greece, what was one hundredth of a drachma?
18. Which country has threatened Belize for many years with territorial claims?
19. Which car is sometimes described as "a pregnant roller skate"?
20. What invention does the principle of conservation of energy render impossible?

Answers below, left

# Puzzle Solutions

## Monster Quiz Answers

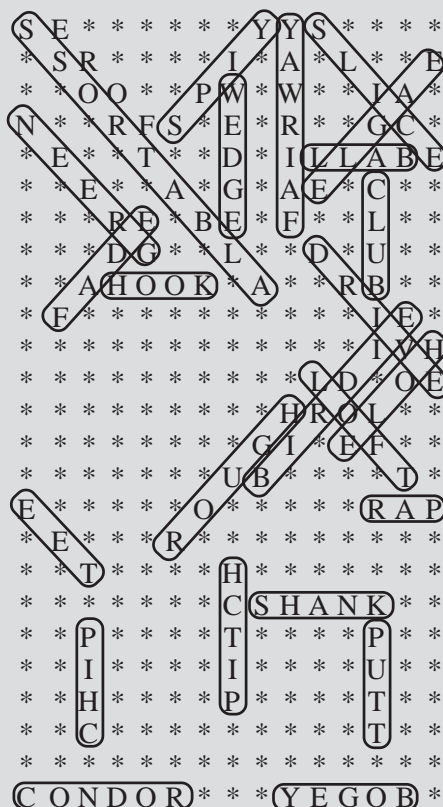
1. Graham Greene; 2. Haiti; 3. Gary Moore; 4. The Taipei 101 tower; 5. Paolo Conte; 6. A wardrobe; 7. The 2005 Beaujolais nouveau wine will be released; 8. China, Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand; 9. One part good Champagne to five parts cheap Liebfraumilch; it is a cocktail; 10. Add a splash of Galliano liqueur. 11. The Volga; 12. *The Road to Singapore*; 13. Dennis Wheatley; 14. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; 15. Little Johnny Green; 16. West Germany; 17. A leptas; 18. Guatemala; 19. The Volkswagen Beetle; 20. A perpetual motion machine.

### EZ Trivia Answers:

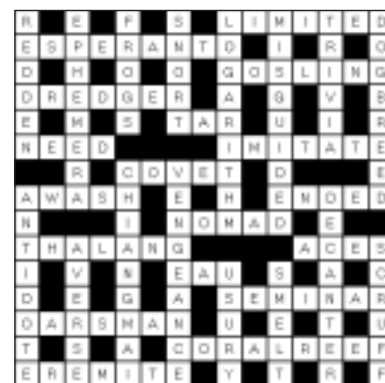
1. Seismic; 2. Honey; 3. The positron; 4. Nong Khai; 5. Quentin Tarantino; 6. An Oscar; 7. Sumo wrestling; 8. Uniform Resource Locator; 9. Borneo; 10. Charles Darwin.

Brain Buster Answer: The number is 3,294.

## Hidden Words SOLUTION



## Solution to this week's Cryptic Crossword



## Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



## Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

7	1	6	2	5	3	9	4	8
5	3	9	1	8	4	2	6	7
2	4	8	9	7	6	5	3	1
3	8	5	6	4	2	1	7	9
4	6	1	8	9	7	3	2	5
9	2	7	3	1	5	6	8	4
1	5	3	7	6	8	4	9	2
6	7	4	5	2	9	8	1	3
8	9	2	4	3	1	7	5	6



# All of the blogs, all of the time

**Himmel and banzai:** This chap seems to be locked into a jingoistic time warp. "Up for another lazy day on the beach – heaven. The peace occasionally disturbed by the heavy artillery fire of the German accents interspersed by the light machine gun fire of their children. While I am at it, who runs Japan whilst they are all on holiday?" (1)

**Tweeze a crowd:** Some people associate Phuket with the most bizarre things: "I'm off to Phuket. In the event of a tsunami, and I perish (touch wood): I hereby bequeath my blog to my Mr. Sexyman for him to do as he pleases, my digicam to Ting, my rascal to Mr. Brown, my MP3 player to my sister Banana, my bras to Mandrake, my thongs to Tetanus, my TV to my sister Prontip, my tweezer used for plucking my armpit hair to Triple Period and my big bag of sanitary pads are to be divided amongst the chicks on my blogroll. Byeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!" (2)

**Driver from hell:** We haven't had a "crazy drivers" blog for a while, have we? "Crazy driver on the loose!!!! What a scary journey, we got a mini bus from Ao Nang to Phuket it took about 3 hours i think...We had the driver from hell. Am not being horrible when i say this but he was a big fat slob (Literally) he stopped for food about three times each time stuffing his face with junk, he stopped at one place and said he was going to the toilet but he was gone for ages and when he came back he had rice stuck to his chin...he must of had a secret munch!!!He was really rude he just grunted and pointed i dont think this was

## OUTSIDE IN

By Lis Kinswoman

Hello cyberchums. The world has gone blog crazy! It is estimated that US workers will waste the equivalent of 551,100 years during 2005 reading blogs, online diaries and website gossip sheets. But Lis has a question for all you lovely readers: why waste your time? You can read the zaniest Phuket-related blogs, quotes and stories from the Internet right here...

anything to do with the language barrier we decided it was just rudeness!!!" (3)

**Dress sense 1:** "The only thing that let down the relaxed atmosphere was the growing number of obnoxious, middle-aged French tourists around the departure gates, rubbing their pot-bellies and making pushy demands of the petite little Thai girl from Bangkok airways who was doing her best to serve them with a smile. Some sported sunburns and sour, surly expressions others were joking in over-exuberant growls and slapping each other on the back. I sat down, and turned my eyes to the sky to avoid the glare of their white tennis socks and flouro-pink Adidas shorts." (4)

**Dress sense 2:** "Thailand has its own unique kind of beauty. Aside from the hundreds and hundreds of stray dogs you see wandering the streets, the mountains and beaches are very different from home, very authentic and beautiful....except for the European men in Speedos." (5)

**Surf's up:** "An exclusive California beach enclave has raised eyebrows by passing out tsunami safety brochures that warn residents, in capital letters, that they should never try to surf one. The pamphlets, part of an emergency preparedness campaign, inform residents of Malibu that tsunamis often follow large earthquakes and advise: 'NEVER GO TO THE BEACH TO WATCH FOR, OR SURF, A TSUNAMI WAVE!' 'I'm speechless,' Malibu surfer Candace Brown told the Los Angeles Times. 'I think the last thing people will think about when they feel an earthquake is surfing.'" (6)

**Mercy buckets:** "Adam decided he was hungry and had the ingenious idea of calling up room service to order a pizza. Obviously the kitchen was closed, but Adam somehow talked the dude at reception into opening it up just for him to make him some Italian cuisine. We were told it was going to be a one hour wait, but twenty minutes later we got a knock at the door. This is when things got weird.

"At the door was someone from room service – he handed Adam a bucket of ice. Yes. A bucket of ice. Not sure exactly what to do, and getting no help from the non-english speaking hotel employee,

Adam handed over 40 Baht to the guy and shut the door.

"So now we were stuck with a bucket of ice. We weren't sure at this stage whether the pizza was still coming, or why the f\*\*k they gave us this instead.

.... "I don't want to go into too much detail about what happened next, but let it be said that the charming folk at room service make a much better pizza during the day than they do at 2am. 'Twas only half cooked you see, and Adam was a tad too under the influence to realise this.

"Remember the bucket of ice, which was now empty? It came in handy." (7)

**Signs and wonders:** "A bus 3 minutes late is now punctual! Trouble with the bus is that the time tables are written by Hans Christian Andersen – it's a fairy tale in as much the given times always assume there are no other road users, road works or traffic lights – or the bus suddenly converts itself into a fast car on the open road." (8)

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## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

The great thing about Colin Cotterill's new novel is that, with the exception of an eccentric Russian lion tamer, there are no white people in it. Most expatriate novels set in Thailand feature an expatriate as the hero and Thais as bit players with the exception of the heroine, who is generally a hooker. This thriller is purely about Laotians.

*Thirty-Three Teeth* takes place in March 1977, two years after the communist Pathet Lao seized power and established the Lao People's Democratic Republic. With members of the former royalist regime thrown into concentration camps, 100,000 of the professional and middle classes have fled Vientiane to Thailand across the Mekong River.

The country is desperately poor and isolated. Seventy-two-year old Dr Siri Paiboon has recently been appointed the National Coroner, with entitles him to a house, a motorbike and the huge salary of \$28 a month.

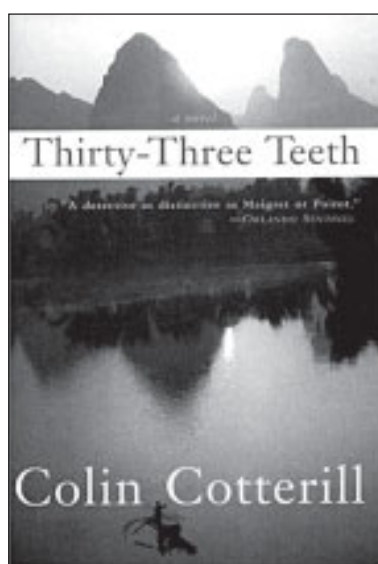
Siri is also the hero of

Cotterill's previous novel, *The Coroner's Lunch*, and Cotterill is now at work on a third. This will be a mystery series like the classic Travis McGee novels of John D MacDonald. And just like Travis McGee had his trusty sidekick Myers, Siri has Comrade Civilai, a high-ranking cadre who actually merits an automobile. The two have spent 40 years in the jungle as communist guerrillas. And a nicer pair of commie rats you'd never want to meet.

The novel sparkles with their constant comic patter. The two septuagenarian friends form the core of a social circle distinguished by wit, charm and grace.

The main plot-line is that a bear has escaped from its cage in the Lan Xang Hotel and is suspected of killing and mutilating people at night. The second is a mysterious trunk that has arrived in Vientiane from the Royal Palace at Luang Prabang. When a policeman tried to force it open, he was flung out of the room and down four stories of the Ministry of Sport, Information and Culture.

Siri takes an interest in this case because he is a spirit medium as well, channeling a 1,000-year-old Chinese shaman named Yeh Ming. He gets a chance to investigate further when the government sends him to Luang Prabang to perform an autopsy on two badly burned corpses



found in a helicopter that was shot down during an attempt to rescue the King of Laos.

In a fruit orchard in Luang Prabang, Siri shares a bottle of rice whisky with the deposed king, soon to be sent to his death in a concentration camp. He consoles the king: "I think the Party refers to them as re-education camps. They're like holiday camps with barbed wire and hard labour."

Later Siri confronts a royal adviser who betrayed the king, prompting this reflection: "Siri was no fan of royalty; he wasn't even that fond of communism; but he was a man of principle. He believed that whatever creed a man chose, he was dependent on the trust and honor of the men

and women who followed the same creed. In Siri's mind, a betrayal of that trust was sinful."

One 10-page chapter, "Doin' the Exorcism Conga", is a hilarious set piece that describes a Luang Prabang town hall meeting between officious government types and an unruly scrum of shamans. The jargon-spouting cadres try to assert official control over this carnival of freaks before finally being forced to flee in terror. Here Siri makes the acquaintance of their leader, a skeletal figure named Tik who recognizes the spirit of Yeh Ming in him. Tik returns with Siri to Vientiane and reveals the secret of the mysterious locked trunk.

Nurse Dtui is Siri's pudgy, persistent and highly intelligent assistant. To her he had entrusted the investigation of the midnight serial killer while he was in Luang Prabang. By the time he returns to Vientiane Nurse Dtui has discovered that the hotel bear is innocent and the real villain is... well, you'll just have to read the book.

I'm snatching up Cotterill's first one, *The Coroner's Lunch*, as soon as I can.



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## BEHIND THE WHEEL

By Jeff Heselwood

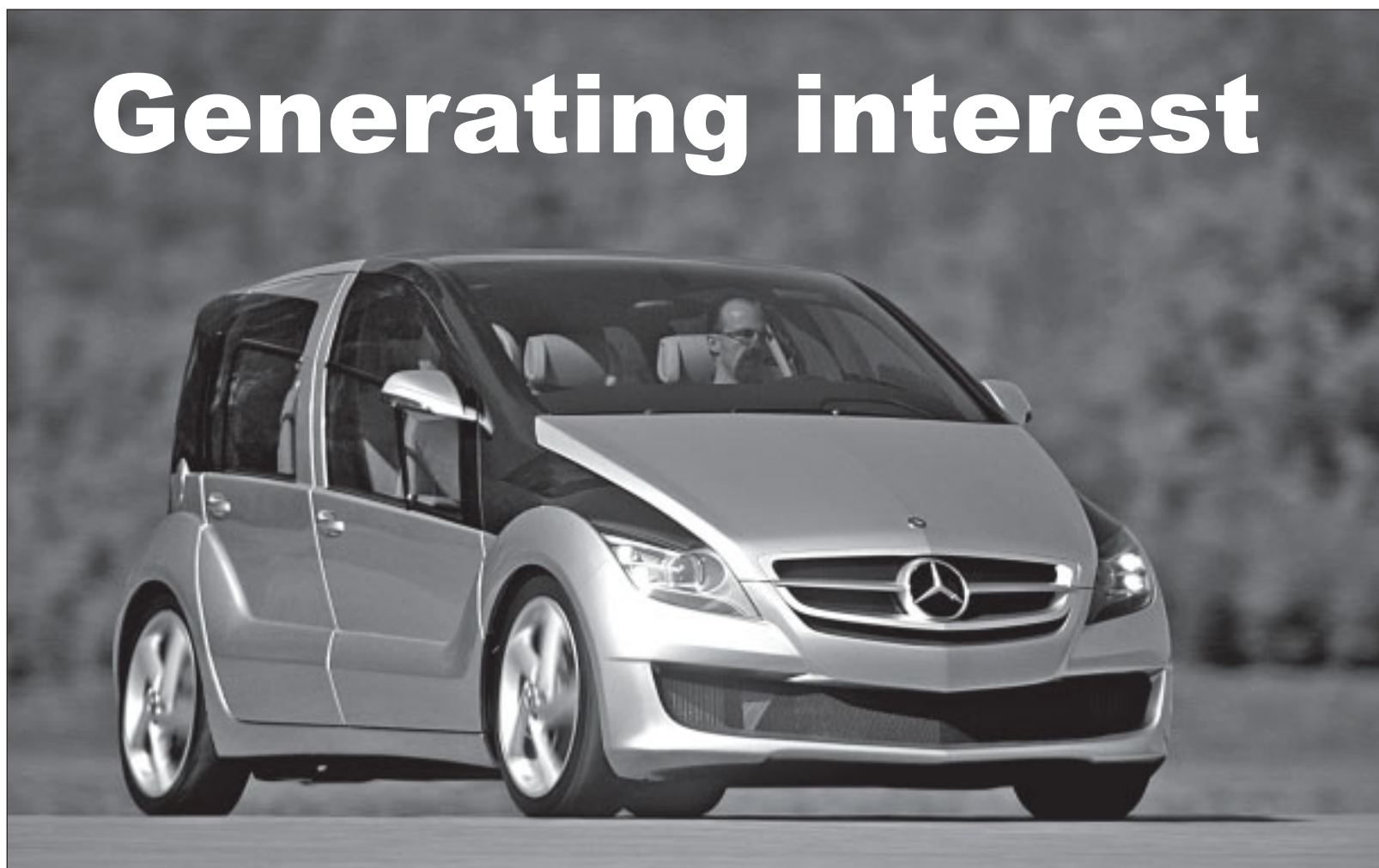
**M**ercedes-Benz has long been touting its fuel-cell technology, but it appears that as the years roll by this eminently clean power source is as far away as it always was.

As well as providing clean energy, the F600 offers innovative features such as powered cup holders that can keep drinks hot or cold, and an external source that can provide mobile energy anywhere. You can operate a television or stereo on a picnic, for instance.

Not many car czars can claim that.

The F600 can deliver up to 115bhp (85kW) from its on-board battery and fuel cell combined. The system acts like a hybrid, selecting the most appropriate power source according to the conditions. When parking, the electric motor is powered solely by the battery, but both battery and fuel cell are used during acceleration.

In addition, again just like a hybrid, the F600 utilizes regenerative braking to charge the battery under deceleration. All this sophisticated technology and its components are housed beneath the floor and do not intrude into passenger space.



As a mobile power source the fuel cell can produce 66kW of electricity; sufficient to light several houses and certainly enough to operate domestic electrical appliances away from home. All that is necessary is to connect the device to the power socket housed in the tailgate.

As well as its advanced power technology, various other innovative ideas are employed on the F600.

The tailgate is a two-piece design, and if space is at a pre-

mium, at the press of a switch the lower part of the tailgate hinges inwards.

The front doors are also designed with practical considerations in mind.

A newly-designed hinge swings the doors upwards at a slant, minimizing the space needed in tight confines. Gas-filled struts hold the doors open in any position.

The car also features an upgraded version of the CO-MAND HUD (head-up display)

as found on the current S600 model.

Launched amid much scepticism in 1994, the NECAR (New Electric Car) was essentially a small minivan packed with 800 kilograms of complex components that comprised the fuel cell power plant.

Top speed was a modest 90kmh and its operating range just 130 kilometers.

Mercedes-Benz claim that the F600 has a range of 400 kilometers.

At the California Fuel Cell Partnership in Sacramento, which comprises members as diverse as BP, Volkswagen, United Technologies and the US Department of Energy, research is being conducted on an increasing number of test vehicles. By 2007 the partnership aims to have more than 300 fuel cell vehicles in California; currently there are just 37.

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## 42 Million Baht Budgeted For New Pier At Ao Chalong

From the *Phuket Gazette*, issue of November 1, 1995

**AO CHALONG** After years of delay and wrangling between interested parties, construction on the new pier at Ao Chalong – on the “urgent list” for nearly a decade – is about to begin. During an inspection tour of recent repairs to the existing pier, Governor Sudjit Nimitkul said he ex-

pected work to commence this month.

The new pier is now in the final stages of design by the provincial government, but implementation is dependent upon formal approval of the project by the Office of Environmental Policy and Planning. Before considering any project, the OEPP, pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Preservation and

Improvement Act of 1992, requires an Environmental Impact Report, and that document, prepared by the University of Songkhla, has just been submitted.

Stories in the local Thai press have indicated that 532,000 baht would be spent to repair the existing pier for use during construction of the new one, and that the Governor considered this “an urgent matter of safety.” The *Phuket Gazette* spoke with local people who are frequent users of the pier. The repairs, which have included replacement of hundreds of meters of rotten planking, appear virtually complete. But people are concerned that much of the old timber that remains is worm-eaten.

One local businessman, who asked not to be identified, said that during the high season the road leading to the pier is “jammed with traffic taking tourists from first class hotels to what is basically a slum. The road is potholed and lined with trash, and then the visitors have to walk down that half rotten pier. It’s crazy, particularly at a time when less important projects are being implemented all over the island.”

Spokesmen for the local administration insist that the problems that have dogged construction of the new pier are genuine

and complex. However, the sheer numbers of people using the pier – an estimated 3,000 per day during the high season – have forced their hand. Ten years ago, efforts were delayed because it was confidently expected that traffic would naturally be diverted to the Phuket Deep Sea Port at Ao Makham, but that proved to be unsuitable. Five years ago, planning for a new pier was initiated and completed just in time to be

## THE TIME machine

News from the past

thwarted by the arrival of the National Environmental Preservation and Improvement Act of 1992.

*Editor's note: The new Chalong Pier was finally opened in October 2001, almost six years after this story was published.*

## Swift arrest for motorbike hitman

From the *Phuket Gazette*, issue of November 1-15, 2000

**PHUKET:** A finance company employee was shot dead while on his way home on the morning of October 12. His killer was arrested just three hours later.

Pol Maj Sanya Thongsawas of Phuket Town Police Station said that the victim, Aroon Yutitham, 28, was riding his motorbike from Phuket Town to his home at 8/4 Moo 1, Tambon Wichit, and had stopped at an intersection near the ST Hotel on Sakdidet Rd, to wait for the traffic signal to change.

Two men on a blue Honda Wave motorbike stopped next to him. The passenger pulled out a gun and shot K. Aroon once in

the right side of his chest, killing him instantly. The killers then fled towards Ao Makham.

Witnesses described the two men and were able to give police the license plate number of the motorcycle.

Just three hours later, 18 detectives from Phuket Town Police Station surrounded a house in Moo Baan Eravadee 1 on Sakdidet Rd and arrested the alleged gunman, Mano Boonkeua, 31.

“Mano has confessed to the police that he and a friend decided to kill Aroon because they had had many problems with him – private conflicts and troubles over a woman.”

The shooter’s accomplice, Hin, is still being sought.

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## In The Stars

by Isla Star

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): A better week is predicted for you. If you're celebrating a birthday, there is a surprise visit in store that will put a smile on your face. Showing rebellion at work won't help to make friends; on the contrary, going against the grain at this time can only help resentment to brew. A romantic dream will be fulfilled, but will involve giving more than you're prepared to.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): You shouldn't believe everything you hear this week. The gossip grapevine is too fruitful to be true, so check facts before spilling the beans to others. The motto this week is to behave towards others as you would wish them to behave to you. This weekend, there's food for romantic thought when Leo confesses their true feelings. Finances are looking stronger, with the chance of a sure-fire investment just over the horizon.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Greedy goats could be about to receive their come-uppance. If you have been helping yourself to something that rightly belongs to another, the cat is about to be let out of the bag. Get ready to deal with some fireworks early next week, and to learn a lesson from this situation. A dodgy business proposal can be immediately recognized for what it is, but there is another opportunity lurking in the shadows.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Your ability to see the bright side where others can only see gray clouds comes in useful this weekend. While cheering up a friend, new ideas are born which will lead to a bountiful business development. If you are being driven nuts by a relationship, take a break. Both of you will soon see the alliance is going nowhere fast. The number 5 comes alive on Wednesday.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Innocent flirtation could land you in hot water this weekend. If you thought that you could safely play while the cat's away, think again. Domestic harmony will be subject to an unsettled atmosphere until the end of the month, so don't rock the boat unnecessarily. Work matters demand more attention than you really want to give them on Monday and Tuesday, but burning the midnight oil will be the only way to meet commitments.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Astute Arians will soon see that the facts don't quite add up regarding a business proposal. Someone has underestimated your talents for spotting mistakes, but don't enjoy pointing this out too much. On Saturday, you will be the life and soul of a party and Scorpio sees romantic potential. Those already in a relationship are advised to listen carefully to their partner's plans for the future to avoid unwelcome surprises.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Your resistance to change is put to the test this week. Once you can see that the outcome will improve your quality of life, it shouldn't be hard to accept that a certain situation cannot stay the same for ever. Those of you embarking on a new relationship will discover yet more good qualities about the person concerned. Wear light lotus pink to encourage peace and tranquillity.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Don't turn down the offer of a helping hand this week. Proud Geminis will soon realize that they've bitten off more sugar cane than they can reasonably chew. Where romance is concerned, this Saturday is the right moment to make your feelings known over a candlelit dinner. Next Tuesday is the best day to instigate business discussions, as others will be in the right mood to listen.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Your ambivalent feelings concerning a certain person are setting the scene for major confusion. Those of you who can't decide which direction they want this relationship to go in need to make up their minds once and for all. A third party is set to move into the equation and they do know exactly what they want. The number 7 can bring good luck next Wednesday.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): You will need to freeze out the unwelcome attention of a persistent admirer. Tactful hints simply won't do the trick. At work, offers of help this week will have strings attached. If you are frustrated by not being able to put some brilliant ideas into operation, next month will offer more supportive astral conditions. The color moss green encourages patience and perseverance.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Courage is on your side this week. Those of you who haven't yet dared to make a particular business-related move will appreciate support offered by the stars. From now until the end of the year, there are no foreseeable barriers in the way of your progress. As long as you don't put all your eggs in one basket, you can aim for the moon and expect to reach it.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Romance hits a rocky patch during the coming days. If you are dismayed to find out that someone has been economical with the truth, you are advised to call his or her bluff. If you don't act now, there are more disappointments ahead. On a brighter note, finances are set to receive a welcome boost when a dispute is settled in your favor. A social invitation on Saturday will lead to new friendships.



A computer-generated image of the courtyard concept at the Lalana Court development.

# Making the most of a small plot

**S**uburbia, or your average, everyday housing estate, wastes a huge amount of land. What usually happens to a 400-square-meter plot when you build a house on it? You lose the use of a large portion of the land area.

Normally, the house is built smack-dab in the middle, leaving a narrow strip of useless land on either side. Often the eaves or the overhang of the roof almost touches the house next door and the sun rarely shines through the windows on that side.

Most developments in Phuket follow this pattern, as so many people prefer a separate structure, even if there is hardly enough space to walk down the side of the house.

However, it seems to me that some of the new projects in Phuket are making better use of their land by, effectively, bringing the whole garden inside the house.

A number of the newer developments, such as Layan Estate, The Residence and others, produce fine examples of this 'courtyard' concept, although they are generally larger properties than the type that makes up your average Thai residential complex.

With smaller plots of land, the advantage of the 'courtyard' is greater. One exponent of this is Lalana Court, a new development on the road between Mission Hills Golf Club and the main road near the airport turn-off.

## LARGER THAN LIFE

By Graham Doven

Some of the plots are around 200sqm, but if you consider a 200sqm 2-bedroom house with an internal courtyard garden, it's a very liveable area.

It is an excellent option for someone who can afford an apartment as a holiday home, but who doesn't want to stay in an apartment. Building an ordinary detached house on a 200sqm plot of land would be a rather crowded affair. Hence, the benefit of a private home with the facilities of a luxury villa is an appealing option.

Lalana Court's developers, Anita and Dan Whooley, came to

Phuket from Ireland about two years ago and decided to invest. Their research and consultation has resulted in what can be described as a pool villa, but is a private residence for less than US\$200,000. The international real estate company CB Richard Ellis is marketing the Court, suggesting solid confidence in the project.

The development is located about seven minutes from Blue Canyon Country Club and the airport, and 20 minutes from my own office in Cherng Talay.

It reminds me of Laguna's situation a few years ago, when the Dusit opened. People questioned why they built a hotel "way out" there, thinking nobody would ever go that far. People do, and the prices, of course, reflect the land prices of the area – still reasonable.

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## Island at crossroads needs zoning more than ever

There used to be a time in Phuket, four or five years ago, when anyone researching a plot of land and asking the Land Office, "How high is this piece of land?" would receive the reply, "How high do you want it to be?"

The helpful people in the Land Office would even provide a computer-generated contour map showing that the top of the land was just enough below the 80-meter limit to allow construction.

Since then, things have changed somewhat, thanks to the repeated raids on "bad" land by officials from Bangkok, and the arrests of some of the bigger players in the Land Office.

But the 80-meter rule, and other regulations about building heights close to the shoreline, remain, and are still contentious.

Phummisak Hongsyok, President of the Phuket Real Estate Club, made a telling point this week (see news pages) when he accused the government of ignoring the law in its ambitions for the Ao Phuket project, which – if it is ever built – would see skyscrapers soaring into the blue just off Saphan Hin.

Phuket, it seems, is coming to a crossroads. With its ever-expanding road network, the arrival of malls and traffic jams, much of the island is no longer the serene paradise discovered by backpackers in the 1970s – and still touted as such by the Tourism Authority of Thailand and many property developers.

Nor is it yet, however, another Pattaya, with huge condo buildings rising along the shore – for the existing rules do not allow this.

If, however, the government can flout the rules, it seems likely that everyone else will also be allowed to do the same.

Such is the close relationship between government and business these days that either the rules will be changed or there will be a decision that they will simply no longer be enforced.

The waters where the Ao Phuket project is slated to rise could hardly be described as beautiful. The distant views are enticing, but the Ko Phi garbage dump and incinerator are a couple of breaths away and the shoreline is generally unattractive – certainly not on par with the western beaches.

This is why it is vital that Phuket gets zoning laws. This would ensure the more beautiful parts of the island are not spoiled by thoughtless development but are preserved for low-rise, low-key projects while other areas, less attractive, are slated for mega-developments that could, it might be argued, improve the coastline.

The key to success, of course, will be who decides which is which.

– The Editor

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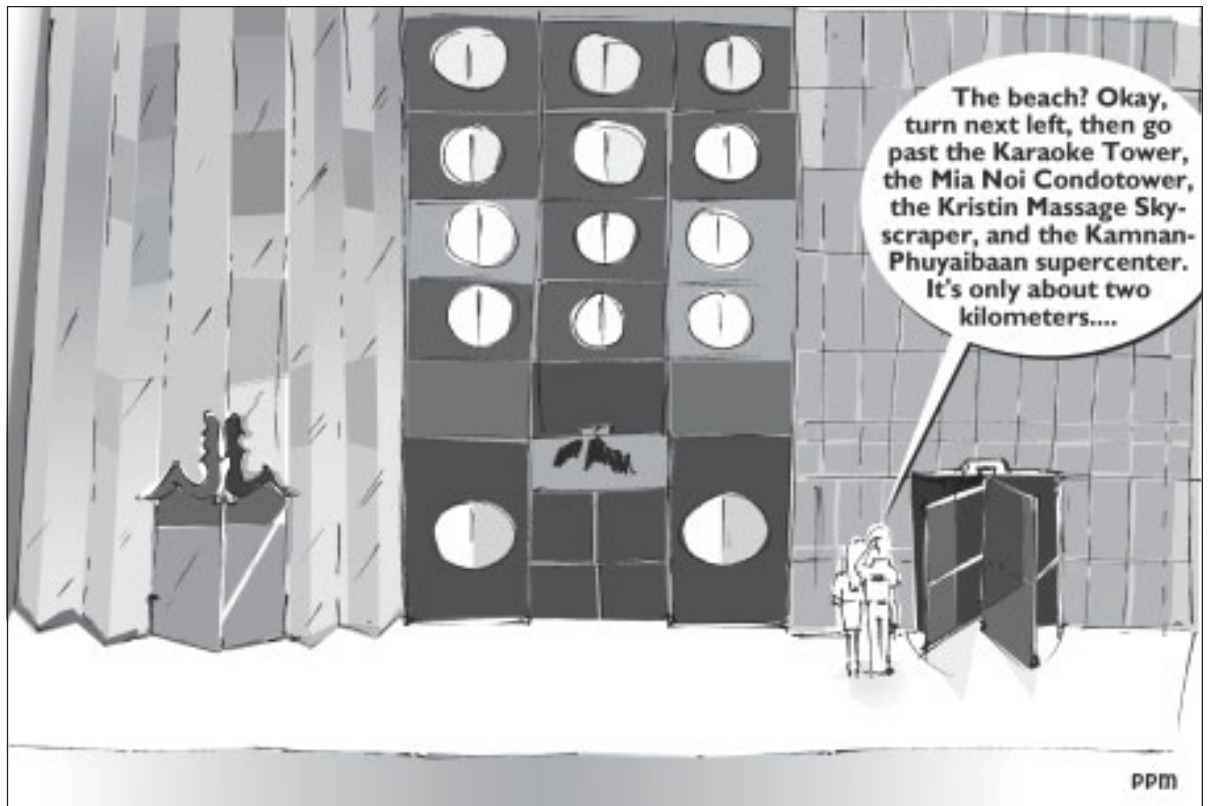
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## Letters

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### Fed up with New Year meal rip-off

I write about what seems to be profiteering taken too far by certain hotels in Thailand over New Year and Christmas.

For the past two years, my company has brought people to Thailand for kite surfing, wind-surfing, skydiving, climbing, scuba diving and so on, thereby promoting tourism.

We use various hotels in Thailand through an agency, and I think we all know and understand that rooms have seasonal rates; this much is accepted by most people. However, some people are not interested in paying for a fancy dinner or festivities which they will not be present to enjoy.

We have clients who will be going on a trip with us on New Year's Eve, so I was surprised to find, added to our booking on their behalf, a charge amounting to almost as much as four nights in the hotel for a "New Year's Eve Gala Dinner".

Assuming this was a mistake, I contacted our agent who told me that it was part of their contract with the hotel, and there was nothing they could do.

My next call was to the hotel's Group Manager (GM). The GM stated frankly that it was a "good way for the hotel to make extra money over the holiday period". I said I understood, but my clients would not be at the hotel on New Year's Eve, and they were unhappy about being forced to pay for a meal they did not want.

He admitted that this was the case with many visitors, but they still had to pay for the meal.

I appealed to the GM as a

loyal customer who brings him good business each year to waive this charge on this one occasion for these specific clients. He refused, saying that it was standard practice globally. I do not believe that this is true.

It is time some kind of protest was made against the exploitation of people coming to visit Thailand.

My business, for one, will no longer bring custom to the hotel group in question, and will never recommend them to others.

Furthermore, in 2006, my company will not support any hotel in Thailand that has such a policy over holiday periods.

We feel that seasonal room rates serve the hotels' purposes well enough, and the shortsighted business practice of profiteering from customers who have limited choice in accommodation at specific times of year is immoral.

Stephen Northcott  
Nonhaburi

### Inhospitable hoteliers in Khao Lak

I think Khao Lak hoteliers have forgotten that they work in the hospitality industry.

Smaller hotels should be making an effort to rebuild their customer base by pleasing their customers, and showing that they value their guests so that these guests extend their stay and return home, telling their friends about Khao Lak.

Khao Lak is still being rebuilt. The beach is still not clean and it is generally a hazard for tourists.

As of November 1, hotels raise their prices as they did before the tsunami, but this year

most hotels are nearly empty. They would have been wiser to keep low season rates right through this year in an effort to rebuild their customer base and acknowledge that Khao Lak is presently not 100% attractive.

In a nutshell, hotels seem to expect tourists to pay high season prices, even though they are staying on a construction site.

The hotel staff in Khao Lak are fantastic. They all have the wonderful Thai smile and enthusiasm, but I feel the management is a different story.

Management in some hotels takes an aggressive stance with tourists. Even though empty, they will not discount for long stays. They charge for late checkouts, again even though empty, which makes me think that the management needs training in hospitality and flexibility skills.

We returned for up to four months to assist families, spend money in the village and help wherever possible, but it is very difficult to obtain a reasonable rate for a potential stay of two to four months. Securing a reasonable rate will determine our length of stay.

The aggressive attitude of some hotel managers is starting to leave a bad taste in our mouths, as well as in those of many friends who are staying here as well.

We are now wondering if we will return after this trip, but if we do so it will be the friendships we have made with the local Thai people that will bring us back.

Does the Tourism Authority of Thailand offer training for hotel managers and customer relations personnel?

Stuart  
Darwin, Australia

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



# The rights and wrongs of Nation V in Phuket

**O**ur municipal committee, which is made up of hotel operators, municipality members and locals, first decided to host this party at Karon Stadium, although it must be said that – at first – we were worried about the image we would be projecting [by hosting the event there].

Although gays and lesbians may still not be accepted in Thai society, they are present in the community and should have the chance to stay in it.

However, after Phuket Governor Udomsak Uswarangkura asked us review our decision, the conclusion was that the organizers should hire a security company from Bangkok to monitor partygoers' behavior and to ensure that the party didn't spread beyond the areas designated for the party.

Concerns over image aside, we could see the positive side [of the party] and in our meetings we discussed the benefits the party could bring to the local economy.

Now that the party is over, I can say that, yes, [local businesses] reaped a lot of revenue at a time that when they're still affected by the tsunami, even if

## FIRST PERSON

**A**fter much discussion for and against, the fifth annual gay, lesbian and bisexual Nation party was eventually held at Karon's Crowne Plaza Hotel from November 4 to 6.

Singapore, its host city for the preceding four years, rejected calls for it to be held there this year, and the event was moved to Phuket.

Kata-Karon Municipality (KKM) had expressed concern that local teenagers would be adversely influenced by what the municipality perceived to be an over-liberal atmosphere pervading the series of nine day-and-night parties and had second thoughts about holding the party there.

**Anurak Yaemklai**, a member of KKM, talked to the *Gazette* about the event.



the number [of partygoers] was down on what was expected. The bombings in Bali in October were probably the cause, and only 2,000 partygoers came [to the Nation party].

That said, they all stayed in five-star hotels and they obviously had money to spend over their three-day stay.

But what did the local community get out of the party? Not

that much. They [the partygoers] spent money on the beach on massages and souvenirs but apart from that, generally they spent very little.

Did they behave them-

selves? Well, the hotel was exclusively theirs for three days and the security firm did their job very well. It's their personal right to behave – within reason – as they want, and even though the parties were held day and night, the visitors seemed to keep to themselves and didn't misbehave in public.

They behaved the same way as [other] tourists do, and they did nothing offensive outside their hotels and therefore the [wider] community was not affected too much.

What if they want to come back again? It is up to the committee to discuss matters thoroughly, remembering that our aim is to preserve Thai culture.

We have no problem with them as long as they do as they say and keep their promises.

Still, if tourism in Kata-Karon is back to normal next year, then it won't be necessary to host this event again.

I am Thai and I want to maintain Thai traditions and culture, and I will only endorse projects that bring benefit to the whole community.

Karon is like a big family, and we cannot accept it if people bring bad things to our community.

## Are switchblades legal?

Are automatic knives, more commonly known as switchblade or flick knives, legal in Thailand? I want to present one as a gift to a policeman friend of mine in Bangkok.

However, I don't want to create an embarrassing situation when I enter the Kingdom again.

John Kiser  
USA

**Pol Lt Col Chatchai Nicrodhanon, Deputy Superintendent of Crime Suppression at Phuket City Police Station, notes:**

The law regarding knives is different from guns in that you are not required to register them.

However, one is not permitted to carry either of them in public.

The law mentions nothing, however, about vendors selling knives by the roadside, even though this may be frightening to see and may encourage crime

**Charnchai Wutthipisarn, a Customs officer at Phuket International Airport, replies:**

There is no problem if you want to bring a switchblade knife into Thailand.

Of course, when you check in for your flight you will most likely need to surrender the knife temporarily to the airline for security reasons.

At Thai Customs there will be no problem and no duty will be payable.

**The Gazette notes:** The Customs Department of each country, and individual airlines, may well have different policies regarding carrying knives and other sharp objects including pliers, nail files and nail clippers onto airlines.

Most, if not all, will not allow such items in hand luggage. As a general rule, however, these items can usually be carried in one's checked luggage.

Check with your airline before traveling.

## 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.**

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## Why are some bodies sent to Bangkok for autopsy?

I have heard conflicting reports on autopsies for foreign residents who die in Phuket.

Under what circumstances will the body of a foreigner who died in Phuket be sent to Bangkok for autopsy, and under what circumstances the autopsy may be performed at the government Wachira Phuket Hospital?

Juliet Toland  
Phuket

**Pol Lt Col Chatchai Nicrodhanon, Deputy Superintendent of Crime Suppression at Phuket City Police Station, replies:**

In fact, autopsies of Thai people and of foreigners can be and are done in Phuket.

After the results of an autopsy have been delivered by medical staff along with the police to the deceased's relatives,

if the family members question the results, the body may be transferred, at their request, to the Royal Thai Police Institute of Forensic Medicine in Bangkok for further investigation.

The bodies of public figures and cases with apparently complicated causes of death or those thought to be suspicious are also routinely sent to Bangkok for autopsies.

## When are the school terms?

I have a 14-year-old stepdaughter studying at Dowroong Wittaya School, and it is almost impossible to find out in advance when the school terms start and finish.

Is it so hard to let the students and their parents know well in advance?

Frustrated, Chalong

**Fr Pakpoom Worrapornatassana, Director, Dowroong Wittaya School, replies:**

Most problems such as this happen with foreign students or students with foreign parents or

stepparents. It may be because of communication problems between the child and the parents. The school terms and examination dates are announced at the start of each year.

Students can ask for this information from teachers or at the administration office. We also send to parents a letter, in Thai, announcing the school's schedule a month before exams begin.

The current school term will end on March 16, 2006 for primary students and March 17 for those in secondary school.



## ON THE MOVE



Bangkok-born **Siripakorn Cheawsamoot**, 38, has been appointed Assistant Director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), Southern Office, Region 4 (based in Phuket). K. Siripakorn graduated with a bachelor's degree from Kasetsart University's Faculty of Education. Before moving to Phuket he spent four years as Assistant Deputy of the TAT in Hong Kong, as well as marketing and promoting the TAT for 11 years in his home town.



**Colin Quayle** has been appointed Training Director of Evason Phuket Resort & Six Senses Spa. Before coming to Phuket Mr Quayle spent one year at the Sila Evason Hideaway on Samui. He has been in the training industry for more than 12 years and has worked throughout Asia and the US at luxury hotel groups such as Banyan Tree, Swissotel, Ian Schrager Hotels, and on luxury cruise lines as Director of Quality Control and Training.



**Chanita "Mod" Semrat**, 29, from Nonthaburi, has been appointed Manager of Wild-wave surfwear shop at Kata Beach. K. Chanita graduated with a master's degree from the Faculty of Environmental Science at Chulalongkorn University and also earned a master's degree from the Faculty of Science at Kasetsart University. Before moving to Phuket she worked as an Environmental Consultant in Bangkok.

# Spies, busybodies and ignoramuses

**Q** I had to re-install Windows because there was a problem with my computer. My dad said there were too many games on it, but I only have four games. Can you tell me what I can do to keep from having more problems?

MR, Cherrng Talay

**A** Keeping spyware and other crapware off your computer is a complex task. At a minimum, you should have Windows XP Service Pack 2, a good anti-virus program (I use and recommend the free-for-personal-use AVG Free, [www.free.grisoft.com](http://www.free.grisoft.com)), and at least one anti-spyware program.

As we were going to press, Microsoft had just announced that Windows Antispyware ([www.tinyurl.com/47cus](http://www.tinyurl.com/47cus)) would acquire a lot of new features and be re-branded as "Windows Defender". We'll see how that plays out, but at least for the moment, Windows Antispyware is free – and a must-have for every computer.

My website ([askwoody.com](http://askwoody.com)) goes into detail about Microsoft playing footsie with various scumware manufacturers, and for that reason I recommend that you run a second anti-spyware package, in addition to Windows Antispyware.

Sunbelt Counterspy adds a worthwhile extra level of protection ([www.sunbelt-software.com](http://www.sunbelt-software.com)); it's about 800 baht for a year of updates.

That should keep your system pretty clean.

Having programs installed, in and of itself, doesn't necessarily mess up a machine. A lot depends on whether any weird software came along for a ride when you installed the games. Your system can get bogged down if you run many programs at the same time, and for myriad other reasons, both innocent and nefarious. Keep an eye out for the January 2006 issue of *PC World*, and my cover article on "Getting the Gunk Out of Windows."

## CYBERNANNY

**Q** When TOT installed my ADSL line, I had no problem getting to any website. The line was slow – still is – but that's another story. Lately, I've hit two problems. First, when I try to go to a site, I get a page all in Thai before being dumped at [ict.cyberinspector.org](http://ict.cyberinspector.org), the ICT Cyber Inspector site. Second, I can't get to any "secure" websites – so I can't log on to Hotmail, can't get to my bank's website, can't buy an airplane ticket, and so on. What am I doing wrong?

GL, Nai Harn

**A** You aren't doing anything wrong. The Thai government's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Ministry has been busy blocking sites hither and yon.

I talked about it in a column last year, and the censors continue

unfettered. Some of the most explicit sex sites are blocked, as you might expect. ICT has also taken the liberty of blocking sites that have absolutely nothing to do with public morals and the protection thereof; the authorities block access to anonymous Web surfing sites, for example, email relay sites, and others.

Of course, the government couldn't possibly block even a small percentage of all the "naughty" sites on the Web. Even if ICT employed a hundred droids, and each of the droids could find, verify, and block

a dozen sites a day, the number of new "naughty" sites far outpaces any droid endeavor imaginable. Think of the guy with his finger in the dike, if you'll pardon the metaphor.

Secure websites are a completely different kettle of fish. I've written about that problem, too, but I've finally found a workaround.

In a nutshell, every Internet Service Provider, including TOT/CAT, is responsible for setting up a computer called a Domain Name Server (DNS).

The DNS translates Web addresses that you and I can understand (such as [www.phuketgazette.net](http://www.phuketgazette.net)) into numbers that the Internet can understand (a so-called "IP address", in this case, 203.146.21.166).

I don't know why, but the DNS that TOT uses for some of its customers doesn't work with "secure" websites – places such as Amazon.com or ThaiAir.com

or SCBEasy.com – that need to establish secure connections with your computer.

I had that problem at my Sandwich Shoppe for almost a year – and dozens of phone calls to TOT in Bangkok didn't solve a thing.

I finally found the trick. I called the local TOT installation folks and had them re-install the ADSL line.

When they left, I went snooping, and was astounded to find that they had over-ridden the main DNS setting on my computer.

I changed all the other computers on my network, and *voilà!* suddenly – after months of trying to get the problem solved via TOT tech support in Bangkok – it all worked.

Here's how to tell if you have the problem. Start your favorite Web browser and go to Hotmail ([www.hotmail.com](http://www.hotmail.com)). If you have a Hotmail account, log in with your ID. If you don't have a Hotmail account, follow the instructions on that page to sign up for one.

## LOST IN SPACE

If you get all the way through to the main Hotmail page – that is, if you can read and create email messages – breathe a sigh of relief. You don't have this particular problem.

If you can't get through – if your Web browser just sits there at some point, frozen, lost in space – here's how to fix things.

Note, this isn't official TOT advice. It's just a hack that works. Click Start | Control Panel | Network and Internet Connections | Network Connections.

Right-click on the entry for your network card (or your wireless card, if you connect to the Internet via wireless) and choose Properties.

At the bottom of the middle box you'll see an entry that says *Internet Protocol TCP/IP*. Click once on that line, then click Properties.

You'll see a dialog box. Click the button marked *Use the Following DNS Server Addresses*, then type these four numbers in the box for Preferred DNS Server: 203 121 130 39

Click OK twice. It'll take a while for your computer to digest the new settings, but when you're done, you should be able to get onto any secure site. Blame the folks in Bangkok. They're completely clueless.

**Q** Is this email for real? "Microsoft and AOL are now the largest Internet companies and in an effort to make sure that Internet Explorer remains the most widely used program, Microsoft and AOL are running an e-mail beta test."

"When you forward this e-mail to friends, Microsoft can and will track it (if you are a Microsoft Windows user) for a two-week time period."

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CD, Bangkok

**A** Sorry, CD, but the message you forwarded is completely bogus, from beginning to end. (See [www.wired.com/wired/archive/12.07/hoax.html](http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/12.07/hoax.html) or [www.hoax-slayer.com/ms-money-giveaway-hoax.html](http://www.hoax-slayer.com/ms-money-giveaway-hoax.html) among many others.)

Microsoft and AOL aren't the largest Internet companies. Nobody can track email. AOL couldn't care less if IE remains the most widely used Web browser – and the day may come soon when AOL wants to pull people over to Firefox.

Microsoft has made some moves to work with or acquire AOL, but in the past month, so have Google, Comcast and Yahoo. Please, please, don't forward junk like this to other people.

Note: I'm working on a comprehensive comparison of under-3,000-baht Internet services in Phuket and a story on free wireless connections on the island.

Please shoot me mail if you know of any free wireless hot-spots ("free" means "no additional charge to customers"), and/or if you're willing to run speed tests on your current Internet connection.

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By Chris Husted  
& Stephen Fein

WICHIT: The new Rolly Tasker sail loft being built at the junction of Chao Fa West Rd and Thepanusorn Rd, claimed to be the largest sail loft in the world, is due to open before the end of this year, with the official opening scheduled for February 2006.

General Manager Michael Tasker – no relation to founder Rolly Tasker – told the *Gazette* that the company is already preparing to move stock to its new premises – a massive building offering more than 9,000 square meters of space to accommodate the loft, sail production quarters, chandlery, offices and even a crèche for the staff's children.

The loft sits on more than six rai, and when complete will have cost about 150 million baht to build, Mr Tasker said.

Aiding the expansion, he explained, was the increase in the company's capital from 600,000 100-baht shares to 1 million shares. "We are now in the process of boosting that to 2 million 100-baht shares," he added.

The idea to build a new loft was a logical conclusion, said company founder and Australian sailing icon Rolly Tasker, explaining that this is the twelfth loft he has built during his sail-making career.

# Tasker gears up for more sales



The cavernous interior of the new building where the sails will be made.

## TURNOVER

He also said that the company's turnover has been increasing 40%-50% since the company moved its operations from Pattaya to Phuket 12 years ago. The land for the new loft was bought in 2003 and construction began in January this year.

The company will keep its existing loft opposite Wat Chalong to house a new export company. "It will be a BOI [Thai Board of Industry-registered] company, though we have yet to decide which direction to head in," Michael said.

"We have been in discussions from making parachutes to export to France, to microlight wings to Jacuzzi covers for the US, and even in talks with [yachting goods supplier] Harken – all using the same Dacron and nylon used in making sails," he added.

Both Michael and Rolly Tasker agreed that the decision to stay in Phuket was an easy

one to make, although both also stressed that being in Phuket was not critical to their business. "We're an export company; we could be anywhere, but we are already here," said Rolly.

Michael added that access to an international airport was an important factor. "We ship everything by DHL, and we can deliver to anywhere in the world within five days. A sailor puts to port as soon as he can and sends us an email, maybe even from his boat, and says, 'I need a sail now.' And we can get that sail to him," he said.

Another factor, he added, was the skilled labor the company already employs. Rolly Tasker currently employs 96 staff, all Thai and trained in-house, and all of whom will move to the new loft. "And we are looking to double that number by the end of next year," he said.

Another aspect adding to the sailmaker's competitiveness, explained Rolly, is the lack of a sales team and marketing budget.

"Last year we spent about 30,000 baht on promoting [the company], and that was more of a donation for a regatta." He said that word of mouth has served the company well over the decades.

"Also, everything is made in-house. We even have our own rope machines," Michael added.

While Rolly Tasker is enjoying its success, at Yacht Haven Marina Australian Rob Williams, the Managing Director of SeAir Sails, a division of Yachtpro, told the *Gazette*, "We're booming. We're making sails all over the world now. We're making cruising sails. Probably 80% of our market is high-tech sails now. We're very busy."

He declined to give sales data or the number of orders, simply saying, "We're just busy,

busier than we were before." He said the Internet remained an important source of orders, and that much of the actual sail-making work was done in Hong Kong.

Mr Williams said he was unaware of any tariff reduction on imports of boat parts. "It would have a spectacular effect on our business, but I don't think it's happened yet," he said.

He said SeAir Sails would not have an exhibit at the upcoming PIMEX boat show, to be held at Boat Lagoon December 8-11, as he was happy for the company's main marketing tool to remain word-of-mouth referrals.

"People see the product and they say 'Wow! Where did you get those?' Then they come to us. You see, we custom-make sails, we don't mass produce sails."

"There are a lot of very interesting things happening in the sailmaking industry," he said. "We have some new cruising laminates that are really good. We're doing some graphite and carbon-fiber sails now," he added.

Mr Williams explained that he believes the sailing market overall has recovered to pre-tsunami levels. "We're at about the same as we were last year, before the tsunami," he said, adding that he expects steady growth over the next few years.

When asked about the new marina projects, he said, "They're long-term. It takes a long while for those. There's a lot of time between saying 'yes' and actually having a marina. So while it would be good for everyone, it will take a while for it to actually happen."

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# Pryde returns on revamped Hollywood Boulevard

By Chris Husted

PHUKET: Neil Pryde will return to defend his title in the 19<sup>th</sup> King's Cup Regatta (KCR) next month, although this year he will be sailing *Hi Fi*, the recently refitted Farr 52 formerly known as *Hollywood Boulevard*, which won the Koh Samui International Regatta and the Raja Muda Regatta in Malaysia in 2003.

Simon James, of the King's Cup Race Committee, told the *Gazette* that it has yet to be confirmed whether *Yo!*, which came second in the Racing class last year, will be back to vie for top honors in the December 4-10 event. He said that Peter Ahern sold *Yo!*, which was then taken to Dubai, before he returned to Australia.

Pryde and his crew will still have their hands full keeping *Mandrake*, owned by Nick Burns and Fred Kinmonth, at bay. *Mandrake* was third overall in the KCR Racing class last year, and won the Raja Muda in the Asian yachting circuit lead-up to last year's KCR.

Singapore's Bill Bremner, who placed second overall last year in IRC 1 class on *Foxy Lady*, is expected to race on his new Sydney 40, apparently keeping the same name.

*Mahligai*, *Drumstick* and *Scallywag* will also return, hoping to create an upset, as will *Buzz*



Yo! in action during last year's King's Cup.

8, winner of last year's Sportsboat class. *Buzz 8* has been modified and moved up to join the Racing class.

In IRC 1, John Vause on *Ruby Tuesday* will be aiming to repeat his Phuket Race Week win of earlier this year. However, Phuket regulars *Big A*, *Switchblade* and *Minx*, as well as *Master Blaster*, are expected to provide some competition.

The Royal Thai Navy, though yet to register, are expected to defend their IRC 2 first- and second-place titles from last

year. Moving up to IRC this year will be *Ma Du Zi*, which last year raced in the Premier class.

The Sportsboats class continues to grow, with four locally built Phuket 8s – *Pla Loma*, *Vino*, *Image Asia Attitude 8* and *Somtam Express* – lined up against David Bell's always competitive *Pink Pussy Cat* and two Platu 24s from Yachtpro.

The rapidly developing Multihull class will now be divided into two classes, each competing for its own King's Cup trophy.

*Coco Blues*, the Radical

Bay design from Koh Samui, will be back to defend its trophy from Phuket's Mark Pescott on *Moto Inzu*, the new 8.5-meter Firefly catamaran. The original Firefly, *Voodoo Child*, which debuted during Phuket Race Week earlier this year, was later clocked doing 18 knots on Chalong Bay.

Other Pescott-designed yachts and high-performance cruisers, including Ao Chalong cats *Chameleon*, *Kilo*, *Chimera*, *Cerberus* and *Charro*, are also expected to offer challenging competition.

Andrew Rickards, the new owner of former Premier Class winner *Moonblue*, will be aiming to add another King's Cup prize to the boat's past awards.

*Vida* and *Stormvogel*, which came second and fourth respectively in the class last year, will be hunting for improved performances, while the largest newcomer, Dean Pollard's New Zealand-built 111-foot yacht *Silver Tip*, which has just arrived in Phuket from Tahiti, and the recently arrived *Lady M*, will both be looking for impressive results.

This year will see the introduction of the Bareboat Charter class, which will give charter competitors in the region an opportunity to compete for their own King's Cup prize with yachts carrying standard charter sails and inventory.

Christian Eschenburg will be back to defend his Sunsail One-design class trophy. At the time of going to press, *Asri* was the only entry so far in the Classic class, while in Ocean Rover Class, last year's winner Hellmut Schutte on *Aquavit III* was lined up to take on *Shockwave 1* and *Zoom*.

Don't forget PIMEX 2005, the Phuket International Marine Expo, at the Boat Lagoon from December 8-11. For more information about the show, visit [www.phuketboatshow.com](http://www.phuketboatshow.com)

## Three international soccer tournaments in Phuket

By Anongnat Sartpisut

PHUKET: The Football Association of Thailand (FAT) is to hold international football events in Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi Provinces between December 21

and December 30 to mark the first anniversary of the tsunami.

The Vice-President of the FAT, Sombat Kinpha, said that Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had asked the association to arrange tournaments in the

three provinces worst affected by the tsunami.

The 36<sup>th</sup> King's Cup 2005, International Football Tournament for the King Bhumibol Adulyadej Trophy, will feature four teams this year: North Korea, Qatar, Malaysia and Thailand.

K. Sombat said, "This is the first time this tournament has taken place outside Bangkok.

"The Thai national squad will field stars such as Kiattisuk Senamueng, Tawan Sripan, Dusit Chalovermsan and Issawa Singhtong."

The qualifying matches will be held in Phang Nga and Krabi, with the final taking place on December 30 at Surakul Stadium in Phuket City.

The second event is a friendly between the Thai and Singaporean women's teams, and will be on December 27, also at Surakul Stadium.

The third tournament is a five-a-side beach football tournament at Kata-Karon.

The prizes will be split into two categories, Thai and foreign: for Thai teams the first, second and third teams will receive 80,000 baht, 50,000 baht and 20,000 baht; the top three foreign teams will receive 100,000 baht, 50,000 baht and 20,000 baht.

K. Sombat said that the FAT would like to invite foreigners attending the tsunami commemorations to take part in this tourney.

The only qualification for foreign participants is that they show their passports to Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT) staff when they apply. They can come in groups or apply individually and SAT staff will then place them in a team.

K. Sombat added, "I inspected Surakul Stadium on November 8 and it is nearly 100% ready for the tournaments. The pitch, facilities and lights are ready to host games by day or by night."

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## 'A' makes a splash in wakeboard finals

By Sangkhae Leelanapaporn

RAWAI: Thailand's Tatsanai "A" Kuakoonrat emerged the clear winner of the final round of the Asian Men's Open category of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wakeboard Pro Tour 2005 over the weekend of November 11-13.

Thirty-eight athletes from five countries took part in the third and final rounds of the Tour at Nai Harn Lake, after previous rounds in Japan and Singapore.

Pairat Vareesri, Deputy Chairman of the Asian Wakeboard Association, told the *Gazette* after the competition that Phuket will again host the final round next year.

"There was great interest in the competition from spectators," he said. "Most of the athletes and their friends who came from other countries also liked the location for the event, Nai Harn Lake."

He added that there were some problems. Spectators complained about the long gaps in between competitors' acts, caused by the need to wait for the surface of the lake to settle again, and also a lack of toilet facilities. But he said he hoped these problems could be solved by next year.

Athletes from Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan took part.

### PHUKET RESULTS

**Men's Open:** 1. Bunyalo "Rotta" Jumrung [Thailand] 170 pts; 2. Tatsanai "A" Kuakoonrat [Thailand] 81.67 pts; 3. Manabu Nagatsuka [Japan] 73.11 pts.

**Men's Master:** 1. Suter Tan [Singapore] 47.78 pts; 2. Amos Boon [Singapore] 37.78 pts; 3. David Ngiam [Singapore] 32.44 pts.

**Women's Open:** 1. Yoshiko [Japan] 58.89 pts; 2. Michie Iida [Japan] 53.33 pts; 3. Kiyomi Chioda [Japan] 35 pts.

### OVERALL RESULTS

**Asian Men's Open:** 1. Tatsanai "A" Kuakoonrat [Thailand] 185

pts; 2. Bunyalo "Rotta" Jumrung [Thailand] 170 pts; 3. Toshimitsu "Zucky" Suzuki [Japan] 160 pts.

**Asian Women's Open:** 1. Miku Afai [Japan] 200 pts; 2. Yoshiko [Japan] 185 pts; 3. Kiyomi Shioda [Japan] 155 pts.

**Asian Men's Master:** 1. Suter Tan [Singapore] 185 pts; 2. Amos Boon [Singapore] 145 pts; 3. Stephan Liew [Singapore] 130 pts.

The top three in each category of the Phuket Round won 100,000 baht, 60,000 baht and 30,000 baht respectively, while the top three overall received cash prizes of 300,000 baht, 200,000 baht and 100,000 baht.

## Hundreds join Evason fun runs

PHUKET: Some 266 runners turned out on November 13 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Evason Phuket Mini-Marathon 2005, which comprised a 10.5-kilometer "mini-marathon" and a 3.5km fun run.

The races raised 118,850 baht to go towards renovating the community hall at Wat Sawang Arom School in Rawai.

In the mini-marathon men's competition, Prasert Srisamoot came first in the Under-18s division, while Sitthipong Chenglai won the Open category.

Karuna Nakkara was first to finish in the Under-18s women's mini-marathon, with Sriyakorn Kamlai the fastest woman in the Open division on the day.

## Alexander to defend triathlon title

PHUKET: Last year's winner of the Laguna Phuket Triathlon, Australian Craig Alexander, will be back to defend his title at Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket on December 4. The grueling race begins at 8 am.

Other confirmed competitors include Australian Olympic team member Simon Thompson, winner of the 2004 Cobbs Triathlon and the 2003 ACT Sprint Championships, and the three-times World Ironman champion, Canadian Peter Reid.

Notable female athletes at the event will include Canadians Carol Montgomery, 2002 and 2003 Laguna Triathlon champion, and Lisa Bentley, six-time world Ironman champion, and Barb

Lindquist from the US. Last year's ladies champion, Australian Nicole Hackett, has had to withdraw because of illness, but is hoping to compete in 2006.

The running course consists of two six-kilometer loops through the Laguna complex and finishes at the Laguna Beach Resort Y-junction.

The 55km bike course takes competitors over steep terrain and through villages, rice paddies and rubber plantations before winding back to the finishing line at the Y-junction.

There is also a 1,800-meter swim. Competitors will swim 1,200 meters in the sea before sprinting 100 meters across the beach to swim the last 600m in a

lagoon, also finishing at the Y-junction.

The arrangement will allow spectators to remain in one location where they can enjoy the entire event.

Race registration will be on December 3 at the Andaman Hall Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket hotel from 10 am to 4 pm.

The prize money, which is the same for men and women, is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> US\$3,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> US\$2,500, 3<sup>rd</sup> US\$2,000, 4<sup>th</sup> US\$1,500 and 5<sup>th</sup> US\$500.

For more information, visit [www.lagunaphukettriathlon.com](http://www.lagunaphukettriathlon.com) or Tel: 076-324060 or Fax: 076-324061 for full details.

– Natcha Yuttaworawit & Suwakon Rakmanee

## Tour of Siam draws 150 top cyclists

PHUKET: Twenty-six teams have confirmed that they will compete in the 870-kilometer Bangkok-to-Phuket Tour of Siam 2006 bicycle race, to be held from January 15 to January 21.

The event is being organized by the Union Cycliste Internationale and the Asia Cycling Federation.

More than 150 international entrants are to participate, from South Africa, Australia, Denmark, Japan, USA, Singapore, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Germany, Italy, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Croatia, the Isle of Man and China.

### THAI TEAMS

Thai teams registered include competitors from the Royal Thai Air Force, Royal Thai Army, Royal Thai Navy and the Royal Thai Police.

Top Thai cyclists taking part include Jatupoom Lekwat, winner of the King's Cup in 2004, and Prajak Mahawong, a member of the Thai national team in the 2001 Southeast Asian Games in Malaysia.

The winner will receive the HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Trophy.

– Anongnat Sartpisut

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The entrance to the home is through ornate wooden Chinese doors that open to a spacious reception and office area with views to the garden and beyond. Floor-to-ceiling windows and subtle tones of yellow highlight this room.

## EXTENSION

A large, open-plan living room combined with a "soft area" of cushions and rugs make this the ideal family room, and the dining area is an extension of this open-plan part of the house.

Only the kitchen, which is equipped with modern European appliances, can be closed off from the rest of the home.

The stairway leading to the master bedroom, an office and three more bedrooms is very special.

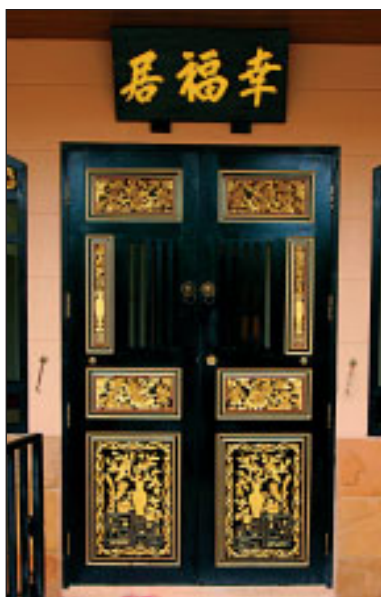
From the ground floor to the top of the first floor, vertical sections of glass offer incredible views outside.

On the second floor the master bedroom and en-suite bathroom are situated on the east side, taking full advantage of the rising sun.

With its own balcony and views to Koh Lon, this is a private place to relax.

The three other bedrooms, all with en-suite bathrooms, are

## Feng shui and seeing the light



generous in size. A large office area with built-in storage completes the rooms upstairs.

The east-facing entertainment and outdoor living area provides more than 460 square

meters of covered terrace, plus a 3sqm sala beside the 65sqm swimming pool.

The substantial outdoor covered area provides good shade, and the landscaped gardens boast

mature coconut, frangipani trees and palms.

A large guest room with en-suite bathroom is attached to the house, while the separate maid's quarters, with a bedroom, living/dining area, bathroom and kitchen, adjoin a double carport.

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The Residence II is no exception.

Eighteen townhouses and four villas, being built at a cost of some 120 million baht on nearly 2.2 rai (3,444 square meters) in Cherng Talay, will comprise The Residence II, a project from Richmond Group.

Richmond Group Managing Director Graham Bibby told the *Gazette* that construction of the development – next to the existing The Residence I at Bang Tao Beach – is expected to start in December with a completion date in November 2006.

He said, "Phase I, which comprises two- and three-bedroom villas with pools, has been a great success. Demand – and the target market – this time is different, and Phase II will consist of one- and two-bedroom units."

Ten of the single-story, one-bedroom units will be built, each also having a bathroom, a living and dining room, kitchen, swim-

ming pool and lawn. Each will also have a flat roof with a sala.

The two-story two-bedrooms units will have one bedroom on the ground floor, bathroom, living and dining room, kitchen, pool deck, swimming pool and lawn.

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The total area of the townhouses will be from 162sqm up to 267sqm – 92 to 141sqm internal space – while prices will range from 7.6 million baht to 9.1 million baht. The one- and two-bedroom villas are offered with furniture packages of around 400,000 baht and 550,000 baht, respectively.

The four villas, each of which will have a quartet of bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, range in size from 400 to 500sqm. They, too, will include rooftop salas and barbecue/entertaining areas as well as swimming pools.

The developer is still considering the price at which to sell these villas.

The stylish houses – which break the near-ubiquitous "Thai-style" mould – will blend natural materials, such as *maka* for the bedroom floors and cedar for the salas, and granite for living and



The two-bedroom and one-bedroom villas (left and right). Below, the view from a living room.



dining areas, with modern touches such as strings of halogen lights.

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## Gardening

with Bloomin' Bert

Regular readers of the rear-end of the *Gazette* may have noticed that I'm not exactly a huge fan of political correctness and that I have on occasion "had a go" at vast swathes of society.

Americans (obviously), anyone even slightly French, the Welsh, flags, lurkers, people who name their daughter "Trixiell", moths, and anybody at all from Milton Keynes have had their fair share.

I feel that in the interests of fairness, it's important not to discriminate and that I should simply slag off everybody. So who is this week's target? Well, on a boat the other weekend, I met an Italian lady and promised her that this week Italy would get a mention.

What is it with those Italian arms, and I don't mean their tanks, which have one forward and four reverse gears?

They're everywhere. Italians somehow seem to feel it necessary to punctuate every utterance they make with some kind of arm-flailing ritual. That's nothing compared to the preponderance of vowels in their language – are they going for a record?

If the canna plant, which I will move on to shortly (honestly), were to choose a nationality, it would probably be Italian – it just sounds right.

## IMMORTAL

But I decided I wouldn't actually have a go at the Italians, but instead go straight for the jugular of a far more menacing group – Trekkies. You know them, those people who dress up in Klingon costumes and spend their weekends at conventions swearing death and destruction on Captain Kirk.

I did think long and hard about how to satisfy your average Trekkie and somehow incorporate a *Star Trek* quote into a gardening article. Thankfully, the ever-reliable canna plant came to my aid, bringing Scotty's immortal line, "She canna take it, Captain", to life.

The canna, or *Buddha Raksa* in Thai, is so common that many of us take it for granted. In fact, discussing this particular plant over a beer, a friend of mine (yes, I do have the odd one) actually said "Oh, that's what it's called". They're everywhere in Thailand.

Of all the flowers that bloom radiantly in this part of the world, the canna has possibly the most vivid – spectacularly so – colors of the lot. The variation is huge, from canary yellow to scarlet and orange, and even dark purple.

They come in an infinite number of hybrid forms, but they all conform to the basic pattern – a fleshy stalk, up to a meter tall, with large pale-green leaves sticking out on opposite sites, topped off with a cluster of large flowers that seem to emit radiant color for a few days at a time.

Once their job is done, the flowers start to mope a bit, then

## CANNARY WOLF



Of all the flowers that bloom radiantly in this part of the world, the canna has possibly the most vivid colors of the lot.

wither and drop off, after which the whole stalk inevitably meets the same fate – it will only flower once. These shoots always appear in clusters from the ground, as they all share the same root system.

I remember after first arriving in Thailand, taking a friend of mine to meet her potential parents-in-law in Trang Province. Thai flora was a novelty to me at that stage, and I recall being fascinated by the richness of the colors in this flower that I'd never seen before.

I'm still convinced that her potential father-in-law considered

me insane for wanting to take some of these plants home, as they were so common and inexpensive. Nevertheless, he dutifully helped me to dig a few out of his garden to throw in the back of the car, so that I could give them a new home elsewhere.

It was one of the first flowers introduced to this region, originating in Central America and the Caribbean. It was brought here to add yet another splash of color along the driveways and avenues of the well-to-do of a couple of centuries ago. We now see them in most Thai gardens – even mine, and well-to-do I am not.

The downside is that this is a fairly high maintenance kind of a plant. While it's happy just to sit there, grow, flower and multiply, it definitely appreciates being looked after. Once the flower has turned brown, the best way to encourage future growth of the whole plant is to snip off the whole stalk at its base.

The canna multiplies by root division, and new shoots will appear much more quickly if it's treated in this way. There is a school of thought that says the whole lot should be dug up after a year and planted again, but I'm not sure if I'd go that far. It sounds

a little too much like hard work to me.

They do enjoy lots of sunlight and soil with plenty of nutrients along with copious supplies of water. If any of these elements don't form part of its everyday life, then it won't do anything drastic, but the flowers will simply refuse to appear until it feels the plant is once again receiving the treatment it deserves.




I canna believe that I got through the whole thing with only mentioning Scotty from *Star Trek* once. Well twice now. That should keep the Trekkies quiet for a while. Now, about the Italians...


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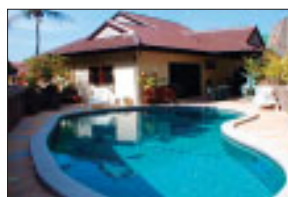
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The size of the plot is 2 rai 2 ngan and 53 talang wah – that equals 4.212sqm, and all the land is under the 80-meter height restriction. This plot is very interesting for a small villa project. Great spot with many opportunities. Price: 30 million baht. Tel: 09-8715192.



## 1,500 SQM SEAVIEW PLOT IN PATONG

This great seaview plot is located in Kalim (north of Patong). It has road access, and water and electricity supply are available. The land is 3 ngan 75 talang wah (1,500sqm) with Chanote title. Price: 13.5 million baht. Tel: 09-8715192.



## 3-BEDROOM THAI-STYLE VILLA

Besides the nice landscaped garden, you can enjoy a common pool. There is also space to park at least 3 cars. The living space is 440sqm and the land size 468sqm with Chanote title. Value for money. 6.7 million baht. Tel: 06-2726508.



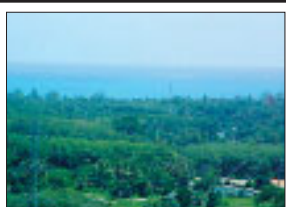
## 3-BEDROOM VILLA WITH POOL

Villa comprises 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, guest toilet, kitchen, living and dining room, maid's room, outdoor shower, terrace around the house, pool and a garden. Price: 14 million baht. Tel: 06-2726508.



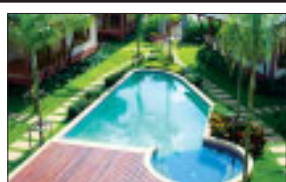
## 6 RAI ON THE BEACH

The plot is located on the east coast at Ao Por and has beautiful views of islands in Phang Nga Bay. The land is flat with a slope at the back. It has road access, and water and electricity supply are available. Price: 40 million baht. Tel: 09-8715192.



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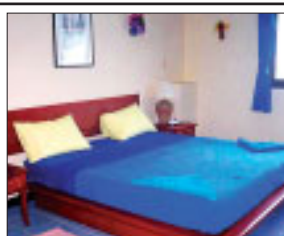
## 3.5 RAI WITH SEA VIEW

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## 3-BEDROOM VILLA WITH SEA VIEW

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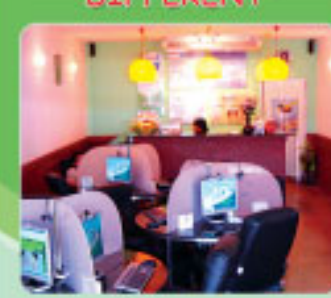
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