By Anongnat Saripisut

PHUKET CITY: Two rogue monkeys are wreaking havoc atop Rang Hill, where they have been terrorizing tourists, stealing food from diners in a hillside restaurant – and even biting people.

News of the primates pests was reported to the Kusoldharm Foundation volunteer rescue service by staff at the Tunk-ka Cafe on January 26, months after the monkeys first appeared.

Sukonpit Khijubun, who has a concession to run a small retail shop in the park there, told the Gazette that there are two groups of monkeys living atop Rang Hill. The first is a colony of about 10 monkeys that has lived there for a long time with no problem.

About three months however, trouble arrived in the form of three pigtailed macaques (Macaca nemestrina), easily frightened.

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B1.4bn sports complex proposed for Mai Khao

MAI KHAO: The province will seek private-sector funding for a proposed 1.4-billion-baht sports complex and exhibition center to be sited on 617 rai of government land at the northern tip of the island.

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The size of our newspaper has grown dramatically. We now publish 48 pages every week (soon to be 56 pages), on the same high-quality, industry-standard newsprint used by mainstream daily newspapers worldwide.

Though it is far more costly than the stiff bond or wrinkled coated papers used by provincial Thai-language publications, the Gazette has opted to stay with genuine newsprint in recognition of the quality of its (top-end) readership.

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Duncanson victorious in Phang Nga Bay Regatta

PHANG NGA BAY: Winds of 13 knots gusting to 18 turned January 31 into a thrilling last day to the 2006 QBE Phang Nga Bay Regatta, after three days of less exciting breezes.

Despite making a bit of a mess of things on the final day, Scott Duncanson and crew aboard G45 (also known as Somtam Express) had enough points in the bag from the previous three days to win the Racing class of the regatta.

Second was La Samudra and third Switchblade.

An indication of conditions on the downhill run from Phi Phi Don to Chalong Bay was given by Prtheas Aura, whose spinnaker ripped apart into three pieces, and Ruby Tuesday, whose crew had to haul down the kites after the spinnaker pole came away from the mast.

In the Cruising A class the only woman skipper in the 45-strong fleet, Mia Gillow, brought Maka home to overall victory, followed by Cinders and Simba. Delfina won Cruising B, followed by Blue Jay and Rusalak.

The Multihull class saw Moto Linzi scorch to victory, finally overcoming her handicap. Summersault was second overall and Quoll II third.

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By Suwakon Rakmanee

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Kalayapha Panich, the airline’s Phuket-based District Sales Manager for Upper-Southern Thailand, said that the direct flights from Sydney and Melbourne to Phuket were to be rerouted to Bangkok.

She added, “The main reason for this rerouting is that there are more passengers who want to fly direct to Bangkok [from Sydney and Melbourne]. In effect, the regular flight – TG 980, every Monday, Thursday and Sunday – is the same, except that it lands in Bangkok, not Phuket. If demand increases, maybe we can restart the direct flights to Phuket.”

Siripakorn Cheawsamoot, Assistant Director of THAI’s local office, told the Gazette that Gov Udomsak discussed the axing of the direct service with the Tat, the Phuket Tourist Association (PTA) and THAI management, and asked the airline to keep the direct flights going.

“We don’t want to see THAI stop the direct flights,” he added. “When our national airline stops flying straight here, people may lose confidence in Phuket. Luckily, other airlines still fly here direct.”

The TAT is planning a road show in Australia and Japan this month, he added. “The Governors of Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi will join in the tour, to thank the people there who still visit the Andaman coastal provinces. “Asian tourists still come to Thailand, but some of them have changed their destinations from Phuket to Bangkok or Koh Samui,” K. Siripakorn said.

PTA Vice-President Panu Maswongsu told the Gazette that he believed THAI would have more passengers if the airline had better marketing and management.

“Jet Line Asia, Tiger Air and Silk Air still fly direct to Phuket [from abroad], which suggests there is passenger demand. We must help our province to maintain the airlines that still have direct flights to Phuket and co-operating with them.”

With THAI having also slashed its domestic service, it is becoming increasingly difficult for people to book seats to fly to the island from Bangkok.

Meanwhile, THAI’s budget subsidiary Nok Air has announced that on February 1 it will launch a service between Bangkok and Trang, with one flight a day.

Nok Air already serves Chiang Mai, Haad Yai, Phuket, Udon Thani, and Nakhon Si Thammarat.

**Burmese woman found beaten to death**

By Nattamon Ratcharak

THALANG: A 27-year-old Burmese woman identified only as “Ya” was found beaten to death on January 28 near an abandoned tin mine in Baan Prujampa, Tambon Thepkrasattri, Tambon Thepkrasattri.

It is unclear how the circumstances of her death, but investigators believe that she had died about three days before her body was found.

A clerk at the Krabi Provincial Police Station, said that officers visit the house nearby where Ya lived with her husband, Yusub, also from Burma.

There they found bloodstains inside the house and blood spots as far as 300 meters away from the building.

Yusub, 40, who has been in Phuket for five years and makes a living selling roti, was arrested on charges of murder, which he denied.

**Fever kills 138 water buffalo in Phang Nga**

By Suwakon Rakmanee & Sam Wilkinson

PHUKET: More than 138 water buffalo in the Phang Nga Province have died from hemorrhagic septicemia, known locally as “swollen neck fever.”

Health officials in the province have declared an epidemic and all cattle and buffalo slaughterhouses in the two districts have been closed for at least 30 days.

The disease normally occurs at the end of the rainy season, but has been thriving due to hot and humid conditions. Typically, infected animals develop a high fever and die of suffocation within days, sometimes hours, as the neck and head muscles swell and the airways fill with mucus.

In the Thai Muang and Tambon Thepkrasattri, told the Gazette, “Phubuk is not likely to have an epidemic because we vaccinate our livestock against diseases such as hemorrhagic septicemia. We have had no reports of it on the island.”

“We will, however, vaccinate around 3,000 cattle, especially in the Thalang District which has the most livestock.”

He added, “Buffalo are dirty animals that can expose us to a lot of bacteria. Some farmers do not take good care of them or, worse, do not co-operate with [livestock officers] in vaccination programs. The vaccine is effective for six months, but some farmers are neglectful. Symptoms [the cattle experience] include a swollen neck, high fever and flatulence.”

He added, “Officers at the check-up point at Tah Chat Chai are making sure that any cattle arriving have the correct documentation from the PPLO.”

There are no recorded cases of hemorrhagic septicemia being contracted by people.
Carry on regardless

Among the signs that greet people strolling around Koh Phi Phi Don is one complaining, in English, about the lack of progress in getting Phi Phi back on its feet. “It is because we are not Thai Rak Thai?” the handwritten poster asks. “Or is it because we are just island people? We are not important?”

Another, also in English, asks Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, “You promised within one year Phi Phi Island would be restored. This has not happened and we are very worried. On the anniversary of the tsunami we may question your promise… the plans are always being changed and we are always waiting.”

The patience of the people of Koh Phi Phi Don is wearing thin, and they are showing irritation at the snail-like pace of government decision-making over their future – especially after a much-anticipated meeting on January 21 with Deputy Prime Minister Suwat Liptapanlop made no progress.

Central to the locals’ grievances has been the government ban on any construction whatsoever in the flat area between Ton Sai Bay and Loh Dalam Bay. In the tsunami this area was scoured of all but the most robust of buildings, and this was where almost all of the loss of life occurred.

The government appointed the Organization for Specific Areas Administration Organization (OSAASTP) to make plans for this flat area, and the protracted planning period is what is holding up everything else: the construction of new homes for survivors and the reconstruction of businesses that survivors need in order to make a living.

At a meeting on January 27 with the Governor of Krabi, Sonthi Techanont, some 200 people made it plain that they do not want the OSAASTP involved any longer. They were polite; they said that, with the abilities of the Provincial and Tambon Administration Organizations, they did not think the OSAASTP was “needed”. But the message, which Gov Sonthi promised to relay to DPM Suwat, was plain: OSAASTP, bust out.

Phankam Kitithorakul, Chairman of the Ao Nang Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor), the sub-district responsible for the Phi Phi Islands, told the Gazette, “We have local administration bodies including the OrBorTor, the OrBorJor (Provincial Administration Organization) and the Krabi Provincial Authority. If [the government] gives us the budget, we can handle all the evacuation routes, footpaths and so on.”

“Governor Sonthi will send a report to DPM Suwat stating again that local people here don’t need the OSAASTP to manage [Koh Phi Phi Don].”

“But I don’t know what the government’s reaction will be,” he added.

“As for the new homes for tsunami victims, we have not been able to build these – even though [international charity] World Vision was ready to do so – because of the government’s ban on construction.”

“However, Vichuda Jantcharo, a local businesswoman, has donated 20 rai on Phi Phi Don, in the western foothills, which will be enough room for 166 homes,” K. Phankam said.

Local people have told the Gazette there is a serious shortage of accommodation on the island. Some local people who lost homes in the disaster 13 months ago are still staying with relatives, resulting in overcrowding. Others sleep in their fishing boats.

Some tourists, too, are sleeping in tents because there is not enough hotel accommodation.

For more than a year, sluggish, bureaucratic bungling has kept Koh Phi Phi Don residents from rebuilding their post-tsunami lives.

The lack of progress finally attracted the attention of DPM Suwat, who visited the island on January 21 to meet local villagers and inspect the popular tourist destination.

Tourism would take off again, and fast, if the dead hand of Bangkok could be lifted. Since the beginning of the year, an average of 2,000 day-trippers a day have visited Phi Phi. The demand is clearly there.

But instead of addressing the lack of homes for survivors, or their inability to build businesses and accommodation to cater for tourists, DPM Suwat seemed primarily concerned with the island’s pier. Redevelopment of the pier, at 200 million baht, was the main priority, he said, though no one seems to know yet what form this redevelopment will take – or what its aim is.

One thing the Deputy PM did make clear, however, was that once the pier work is complete, longtail boats will no longer be allowed to beach in Loh Dalam Bay.

Longtail boatman Pichert Urai feels this is ridiculous. “Longtail boats on the beach are a symbol of Phi Phi. I think tourists come to Phi Phi to see them like that, and they always take pictures of them. We beach them in rows to make them look beautiful, but if they do not allow us to beach there, where can we put our boats?” he asked.

The longtail boatmen are also suffering from repositioning of park fees for visiting such iconic places as Maya Bay.

In his January 27 meeting with locals, Gov Sonthi told them that he had already sent another letter to Damrong Phidet, Director-General of the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department, urging him to suspend the 200-baht-per-head Na...
ational Park fee levied on foreign-
ers visiting Maya Bay, on the
grounds that Phi Phi’s tourism
industry is only just beginning to
revive.

Locals have complained
that the zeal of park officials, who
clamber aboard boats to collect
the fee from those who decide
not to set foot ashore, has put off
a lot of tourists.

K. Pichert told the Gazette,
“Before the tsunami each of the
500 longtails here would take tour-
ists to the nearby islands about
every month, which is different
from the Thai media, who have
not updated [their post-tsunami
reports].

The government called for
government officers and local
businessmen to join many meet-
ings throughout the whole year,
but nothing has happened. They
don’t know how we are suffer-
ing. After the tsunami, we re-
cieved help from foreigners from
many countries, and we owe them.

“The Thai government has
not helped Phi Phi’s development
at all.” K. Pitchaya said. “After
the tsunami, many people said
they expected Phi Phi to recover
within about three years. But in
fact, only one year after [the di-
saster] about 70% of tourists are
back, and the accommodation
that is available here now is full.”

Phi Phi now has 1,200
rooms, she said – less than half
the number it had before the tsu-
nami.

Accommodation ranges in
price from 300 baht a night for a
tent to thousands of baht a night
in a hotel.

“Most tourists coming to Phi
Phi are backpackers, who are
willing to pay only a little for their
accommodation, but some stay for
many months and spend a lot on
diving and food.”

But this is not the type of
visitor Bangkok has in mind. It
wants to see the isthmus between
the bays developed to target high-
end tourists, and it wants to move
the local residents’ homes and
businesses to the foothills at ei-
ther ends of the bays.

K. Pitchaya has nothing but
scorn for this idea. “How many
rich people are there in the world?
And why do we have to suffer
for their sake?” she asks.

“Backpackers also have
money to spend. The main rea-
son tourists come here is because
we have no pollution, no big build-
ings. I disagree with the idea of
moving local people to the hills.
The government should be taught
how much rain we have here dur-
ing the wet season and the risk
of landslides.”

She adds that Phi Phi is well
known to tourists and has other
advantages over other tourist des-
tinations in Thailand, such as a
lack of bar girls and prostitutes.
Most bar staff are men, she points
out.

Nattawut Kaenlah, owner
of Phi Phi Inn, says that the main
reason local businesses do
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age Phi Phi’s development is that
they have confidence in the abili-
ties of the local administration
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ernor, who have have been man-
aging Phi Phi’s development for
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“We have no problems with
the number of tourists. The big
problem is the central govern-
ment not being clear about what
it wants to do,” he said.

“The only thing the govern-
ment seems to be clear about is
that it wants to take control of
Phi Phi.”
Anti-graft site ordered shut

A leading anti-corruption website was shut on orders from CAT Telecom, which oversees Thai Internet service-providers.

Auditor-General Khunying Jaruvan Maintaka, who is a founding member of www.corruptionwatch.net, said it was ordered shut with effect from February 1.

“We think it very strange because no reasons for the closing of the site were mentioned… I think somebody is unhappy that many people have been visiting our website, which presents reliable information about corruption cases,” said Khunying Jaruvan, recognized by many as Thailand’s leading graft-buster.

The website team will hold an urgent meeting to discuss the implications of the closure. A source at Corruption Watch Online, which runs the site, said it would appeal the decision to CAT Telecom.

Dhamma DVD: The Tripitaka – the Buddhist Holy Canon – will soon be made into a series of feature movies, said Sangha Supreme Council spokesmonk Phra Tham Kitti Maythee.

The 250-part series, to be featured on VCDs and DVDs, is expected to attract great interest in the Buddhist teachings, as they would be shown in an interesting way.

Each disc would be priced at 200 baht, he said. Production costs would be shouldered by production company Trai Rattana Co Ltd, which is expected to begin the series’ four-year production soon. The massive undertaking, to cost about 97 million baht, is likely to be approved to mark the 60th anniversary later this year of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej’s accession to the throne, he said.

Child care catastrophe: Samut Prakan Criminal Court handed down a five-year prison term to Thananya Hommak, 33, who was convicted of intentionally poisoning dozens of students at Suan Preuksa kindergarten in Samut Prakan. According to court documents, Thananya in June 2004, laced students’ milk with a pesticide, resulting in them needing hospitalization for vomiting and severe diarrhea.

At first she denied the charges, but after failing a polygraph test she confessed to poisoning the pupils to gain revenge on the school’s owner, whom she said had been pestering her to repay 150,000 baht she had embezzled while helping the owner’s real-estate business.

Brought down to earth: Retired Royal Air Force officer Atchariya Wirojsiri, his wife Rungnapha and an associate were each jailed for 18 years for luring five Thai women into prostitution in Japan. A fourth member of the ring, Samart Phromthes, was sentenced to six years for supporting the other three. The four, who pleaded not guilty, were refused bail pending appeal.

According to the indictment, the four tricked five women aged 18 to 28 into traveling to Japan to work in a variety of jobs, later selling them for two million baht each to local karaoke bars, where they were paid to have sex with an average of three men a day for many years.

The five unidentified women later escaped from the bars and returned to Thailand in 2002, filing complaints with the Crime Suppression Division in March, 2003.

Free Flipper: The head of the National Resources and Environment’s newly established police unit will investigate complaints that Samui Orchid Resort on Lamai Beach is training a rare pink dolphin obtained from local fishermen for tourist shows – instead of returning it to the wild.

The Wildlife Friends of Thailand (WFT) group sent a written complaint to the government wildlife agency this week about the dolphin, along with pictures allegedly showing a trainer working with the animal in a pool next to the resort’s small zoo.

“This act is definitely illegal, because the animal is healthy. This is how the illegal trade in dolphins starts,” said WFT head Edwin Wiek, adding that the new police unit has promised to investigate.

Around the Nation news round-up is sourced from the pages of The Nation and Kom Chad Luek newspapers.

WARNING: SELLING ALCOHOL TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD IS ILLEGAL

When the taste is perfect, it can be the start of a friendship.
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A water vendor told reporters she saw the four boys zooming along the roads of Saphan Hin until “Mac” lost control of the vehicle, slamming it into a power pole.

The sudden change in momentum catapulted the unfortunate Wacharapong from the front passenger seat though the windshield, leaving him dead on the pavement.

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Source: Siang Tai

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The vehicle they used was a Toyota CRV sports utility vehicle driven by “Mac” (name withheld because he is a minor), son of a lumber yard owner in Phang Nga’s Takua Tung District.

A water vendor told reporters she saw the four boys zooming along the roads of Saphan Hin until “Mac” lost control of the vehicle, slamming it into a power pole.

The sudden change in momentum catapulted the unfortunate Wacharapong from the front passenger seat though the windshield, leaving him dead on the pavement.

The other boys were injured, including “Mac”, who will be charged [in juvenile court] with reckless driving resulting in the injury and death of others, as well as with damaging state property.

Source: Siang Tai
Despite continued high hotel occupancy rates, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) on Koh Samui is working closely with several government departments to minimize damage to the island’s image in the wake of the murder of Welsh student Katherine Horton.

Emergency meetings to consider appropriate action took place throughout January, and involved officials from the District and Municipality Offices, the Samui Police Department and the Tourist Police, as well as the local Transport Authority.

The first result of these discussions was the production of a brightly-colored car sticker promoting Samui as a “Total Wellness Island”.

All car owners on the island have been invited to claim their free sticker before February 5.

Tourist Police, as well as the local authorities every time they visit, particularly encouraged to display the names of their crew with the municipality and immigration offices.

Meanwhile, three high-ranking police officers have been drafted in from the mainland to help at the new mobile Tourist Police unit in Chaweng, and requiring hotels to register their staff – and possibly even their guests – with the municipality and immigration offices.

Dive world record: Koh Tao’s annual Underwater World Festival will take place on February 7 and 8. The event is designed to promote recreational diving and snorkeling around the island, and to build awareness of environmental issues and reef protection.

Activities include a “Miss Dive Shop” beauty pageant, stage shows featuring live music and DJs, beach games and water sports contests, kids’ activities and conservation exhibitions.

This year’s festival will also include a Guinness World Record attempt, with an estimated 800 people scheduled to go diving simultaneously in the island’s famed waters.

The event is sponsored by several local companies and recognized by PADI, whose Worldwide Diving Society encourages active participation in diving.

Harbour Department move to Samui: The provincial Harbour Department is scheduled to relocate to Samui this year, with its head office to be built either in Bang Rak or Nathon.

The offices are currently located on Koh Pha-Ngan, which makes it difficult for many vessels and boat owners to register their presence or carry out other administrative tasks.

With the Samui yachting scene growing every year, the Harbour Department feels it makes sense to transfer its headquarters, and on January 18 officials in Bangkok gave their permission for the move.

Lopburi Yorthasiri will continue as head of the department and will also live on Samui. “The new office will provide easy and swift access for vessels and improve the registration and licensing process,” he said. “It will also mean greater security and add to the services available for visiting leisure craft.”
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It is that inspiring “essence” that the Phuket Photo Club (PPC) is hoping to invoke with its “1,000 Faces of Phuket” exhibition, on display at the Holiday Inn Phuket, in Patong, until February 11.

On show are photos taken by 14 members of the club, which, after more than 10 years in existence, has about 30 members, mostly Thai but also including people from Spain, Japan and Britain.

PPC member José Gay explains, “Any reality is multiple. For any one person Phuket [may be] the food, a beach, the bars or even underwater. All these media are wonderful, but more importantly, each one has a special meaning for each individual.”

CONCEPT

Among the exhibits are photos of Phuket landscapes, cityscapes, people, buildings and other icons representing Phuket that most people truly cherish only after they have left the island.

Although the content of the show is Phuket-based, the concept reaches further to the northeastern border town of Mae Sai.

All proceeds from sales of photographs, along with any donations made during the exhibition, will go to the Ban Nana Childlife project, which provides meals, housing, medical care and basic education for about 100 street children in Mae Sai.

José says that the connection was made through his work with Phuket-based Life Home Project, which he set up about five years ago. The Life Home Project helps HIV-positive women, mostly mothers, restore their self-esteem by helping them contribute to society by teaching them handicrafts and then selling the products so the women can make some money.

The Ban Nana project was founded by former businessman Mana Jeamrum, who was inspired to set up the foundation after seeing the plight of the Mae Sai street urchins.

“The children [being cared for by the Ban Nana project] used to beg in the streets. They are mostly Akha [a local hilltribe], and cannot get any education,” José says.

Many of the children have drug-addicted parents or have slipped across the border to avoid strife in neighboring Burma, and are often lured into child labor, prostitution and theft.

The main Ban Nana home comprises several houses – one dormitory for boys and another for girls, with a third building for meals – and is about 10 kilometers from the center of Mae Sai.

“The charity has another building in the city where children are first introduced to the project, where they are given special care and taught how to live in society again,” explains José.

Looking forward to next month, José says that the PPC is moving towards opening a small coffee shop and photo lab on Soi Romance in Phuket City.

“We want to open a place where people can enjoy coffee and enjoy the photos on display, and at the same time be sitting in an art loft and a building with wonderful architecture.”

All profits made by the planned coffee shop, along with sales of photos and handicrafts from Life Home Project, will go to charity.

José reserves special thanks for the Holiday Inn Phuket for providing the venue and to Epson (Thailand) for making the costly digital prints on show.

By Chris Husted
Elizabeth Cameron is from Australia, and she used to work as a nurse in New South Wales. “I had a friend who was an overseas volunteer, and she suggested that I should move to another country. I learned that Empower had just opened in Chiang Mai, helping women with health problems, and needed volunteers, so I went to help there and ended up staying for 12 years. “Every day, sex workers come to study English with me. I call them names like ‘Sweet’, ‘Smart’ and ‘Strong’. Everybody’s in the same family and we all help each other. “I’ve learned a lot, and have had a lot of fun working at Empower. After the tsunami, Empower decided to open a center in Patong to help sex workers, and we in turn were helped by the International Labor Organization and Australian sex workers. “Most sex workers have families to look after and they didn’t give up easily after the disaster. They helped get the bars up and running again, but there were no customers for months. “Empower Patong was established on February 14, 2005 – Valentine’s Day. There are about 30 girls who come and study English with me, but our office is very small and we have to use an old door as a study table! “I think the girls can help tourists, act as guides, and even help to keep the beach clean. The problem is that sex workers do not have social security. There were a lot of sex workers lost in the tsunami who have not yet been found because they were exploited and not registered. This is why we have to teach them to know and to protect their rights in the entertainment sector. “We really need a new office and meeting place. Property in Patong is so expensive and our office is not big enough for all the girls at the same time when they come to study English or for a meeting. “We network with girls in other places such as Chiang Mai, Mae Sai and another towns. The girls here don’t get to keep much money at all, as they’re supporting children and their families and have responsibilities like ordinary people. “We have to teach them to protect themselves from HIV and Aids. The number of sex workers infected with HIV and Aids is actually decreasing, and the girls are insisting that their customers practice safe sex.” Elizabeth expressed the need for a co-worker. “I had a friend who helped me to teach English for four months, but she had to go home and now I’m all alone. I could use some help. “Empower in Thailand works together as a network. We have to teach them to know and to protect their rights in the entertainment sector. We really need a new office and meeting place. Property in Patong is so expensive and our office is not big enough for all the girls at the same time when they come to study English or for a meeting. We network with girls in other places such as Chiang Mai, Mae Sai and another towns. The girls here don’t get to keep much money at all, as they’re supporting children and their families and have responsibilities like ordinary people. We have to teach them to protect themselves from HIV and Aids. The number of sex workers infected with HIV and Aids is actually decreasing, and the girls are insisting that their customers practice safe sex.”
Dmitry Zimin and Alexandra Kozlyaninova, both from Russia, were married at the Kata Beach Resort on January 14.

**CELEBRATION**

“It’s a great pity we had to do this, because many people were tuning in. When we stopped transmitting people told me they thought their radios were broken as they were tuning in as usual on Sunday afternoon and it was just like we weren’t there for them any more. Now, if we start again, we’ll have to start right from the beginning, and we’ll have to inform a whole new set of listeners what Empower is about.”

This year, Empower will be 20 years old. The foundation will have a celebration in Patong on Valentine’s Day.

Elizabeth stresses that her relationship with Empower is like a family bond. She said, “My Mum calls me from home and I generally go back to Australia once or twice a year, but when I’m there I miss Empower and when I’m here I miss my hometown! I love my family and Empower equally. Empower is like my second family.”

For more information Email: empowerphuket@yahoo.com or call Patong Empower on Tel: 076-296574

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**Recent weddings in Phuket**

Soonyana Ratthagai and Thanee Buangkaew were married in the Phra Pitak Grand Ballroom at The Metropole Phuket on January 8.
To be Blunt in Bedlam

Actors, chefs, politicians, journalists and even religious leaders who were once British Army officers abound. Dirk Bogarde (Dirk Van Boegarade) was Mentioned in Dispatches twice in two days during the assault on Arnhem; Keith Floyd was in the 2nd Tank Regiment, as was the BBC’s Mark Urban; Enoch Powell began WWII as an enlisted man and ended it as a brigadier, the then youngest; the Right Rev Dr Robert Runcie, former Archbishop of Canterbury, received the Military Cross while in the Scots Guards during WWII. His nickname was “Killer.”

But what about singers? James Blunt – or Captain James Hillier-Blount, to give him his correct title and proper name – saw service in the Life Guards as a peacekeeper in Kosovo. He once quipped that he had been shot at more times than rapper 50 Cent.

Blunt was also a coffin bearer for the late Queen Mother. Skilled at the piano and violin by the age of eight, to which he has added organ and guitar, he appears to have been something of a wunderkind even then, and his mother, who has a degree in psychology, has caused a few jealous words and his meteoric rise to fame has appeared to have been something of a wunderkind even then, and his mother, who has a degree in psychology, has caused a few jealous words and his meteoric rise to fame has appeared to have been something of an adult nature” – inoffensive. It may even be a little saccharine in places, yet it is not bland.

His voice has been compared to that of a young Elton John, which is an unfair comparison. If he sounds like anyone, then it is surely Al Stewart, writer of The Year of the Cat, particularly on his album’s opening track, High.

A physical similarity also exists between the two, particularly since Blunt has grown his hair after leaving the army, resembling Stewart circa 1972.

Gentle lyrics, wistful almost – but not without power – dominate Back to Bedlam, and it isn’t difficult to find the occasional literary reference in his songs.

Take Track 2, You’re Beautiful, which, as a single, has been a massive hit around the world. “I saw your face in a crowded place/And I don’t know what to do/Cause I’ll never be with you.”

Then compare this to the theme of Douglas Dunn’s poem The Worst of All Loves: “But there’s one face, seen only once, A fragment of a crowd. I know enough of her…”

Those we secretly love, who never know of us:What happens to them? Only this is known: They will never meet us suddenly in pleasant rooms.”

He borrows musically, too, although perhaps not unexpectantly in So Long, Jimmy, his homage to Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison, even slotting the descending electric piano riff from The Doors’ Riders on the Storm and snatching a three-chord interchange from Hendrix’s Hey Joe towards the end of this otherwise reggae-tinged tune.

His lyrics often speak of regret, of wistful thinking of loss. From Goodbye My Lover, reportedly an elegy for a girlfriend who died in childbirth: “Did I disappoint you or let you down?” Later, he sings, “I’ve kissed your lips and held your head/Shared your dreams and shared your bed/I know you well, I know your smell/I’ve been addicted to you.”

From Tears and Rain: “How I wish I could surrender my soul/Shred the clothes that become my skin/See the liar that burns within my needing/How I wish I’d chosen darkness from cold/How I wish I had screamed out loud/Instead I’ve found no meaning.”

I’ve heard what they say, but I’m not here for trouble/Far away; find comfort in pain/All pleasure’s the same: it just keeps me from trouble/Far, far away/Instead I’ve found no meaning.

James Blunt has produced a very self-assured debut album, with moving lyrics to which many will be able to identify. He has also made a rod for his own back; following this album will not be easy.

Back to Bedlam James Blunt, 39 minutes 28 seconds.

“Old men kneel to accept their fate/Wives and daughters cut and raped/A generation drenched in hate/Yes, he has been here/And I see no bravery, no bravery in your eyes anymore/Only sadness.”

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Anyone fancy a bone through the nose? No? Well, maybe a bit of discreet body piercing then?

As with getting a tattoo, people are ambivalent about body piercing – and it’s fascinating, almost tribal in that, for better or for worse, you stand out from the crowd.

Unlike tattoos, body piercings are not permanent. Sure, they can be painful at first, but for some they’re ultimately rewarding.

There’s also a huge selection of designs and materials to choose from out there.

Chakapong Sompipat, the owner of Pong Jewelry Body, on the second floor of Ocean Shopping Mall in Phuket City, told the Gazette, “Piercing is not ugly – it suits a specific group of people who find it elegant and who would like to stand out.”

**SEX APPEAL**

A bone through the nose would certainly stand out, but an earring here or a nose stud there can subtly enhance your sex appeal.

K. Chakapong can pierce your ears, nose, navel, tongue and eyebrows – and even your naughty parts – for prices ranging from 150 to 500 baht, depending on the materials used and the size of your chosen added appendage.

His shop features a veritable cornucopia of jewelry, earrings, spirals, librettes, bananas, and colored titanium bits for one’s body.

K. Chakapong said, “It only takes 10 minutes for a piercing, and it’s a very hygienic process as we use new needles every time.”

He added, “This is a challenge for certain people, as some like to go to extremes.”
Gulu Lalvani opens the QBE Phang Nga Bay Regatta inaugural party at the Royal Phuket Marina.

ArtAsia, which launched the regatta in 1999, can always be relied upon to lend regatta parties additional grace.
Until February 5: The 8th Annual Old Phuket Festival. Phuket City is holding the 8th annual Old Phuket Festival, with main events focused on Thalang Rd, Soi Romane and Krabi Rd. Festival-goers can enjoy local food, crafts and entertainment celebrating Phuket City’s history, people and culture.

Mayor Somjai Suwannasupana said that the walking streets (ngo ka kee) around the historical neighborhood, famed for its Sino-Portuguese architecture, will be a highlight of the attractions. During the three-day festival, an exhibition on the history and preservation of Sino-Portuguese buildings will be held from 1 pm to 10:30 pm in a Municipality-owned Sino-Portuguese building at 63 Thalang Rd.

There will also be boating in Klong Bang Yai from 6 pm to 10:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

For further information call Tel: 07-1129568, Email: cswiftl@swift-mail.com or visit www.swift-images.com.

Until February 11: 1,000 Faces of Phuket photo exhibition. Mounted at the Holiday Inn in Patong, this exhibition features work by members of the Phuket Photo Club. Proceeds from sales of the photos or from donations will go to the Ban Nana Childlife project, which provides meals, housing, medical care and basic education for about 100 street children in Mac Sai, Chiang Rai. For more information, see page 11 of this issue.

February 23-26: Badminton talent search. Phuket will host the first round of the Master Thai Badminton Professional 2006. The aim of the tournament, staged by the Badminton Association of Thailand in co-operation with the Sports Authority of Thailand, is to identify the best badminton players in the country, region by region.

The Phuket round will be played in Building 2 of the Saphan Hin Sports Complex from February 23 to 26, starting around 10 am each day.

There will be three other rounds of the nationwide search for talent: in Khon Kaen (March 16-19), in Rayong (May 18-21), and in Chiang Mai (July 13-16). The finals will be staged in Bangkok in September.

The competition, played to International Badminton Federation rules, will be divided into men’s and women’s singles, men’s and women’s doubles, and mixed doubles.

The winners of the regional rounds will split total prize money of 1.6 million baht, while those who make it to the Bangkok final will compete for a slice of a total purse of one million baht.

Entry fees are 400 baht for singles players and 800 baht for doubles teams.

The deadline for entries is February 1. To enter, or for more information, call Tel: 02-2510712 or 02-2553391-2.

Naked woman chained-hand-and-foot in loan shark’s home

From the Phuket Gazette, issue of February 1-15, 2001

PHUKET TOWN: Police found a naked woman with hands and feet bound in chains in the house of a loan shark on Soi Talung Chan on January 5 after receiving a tip-off about an illegal gun.

Pol Lt Akanit Danpitaksart, of Phuket Town Police station, said, “When we arrived, we met Kongrit Patan, the owner of house, and found a naked, 46-year-old woman in chains sleeping on the stairs.”

In the house, police also found 23 bullets for a 9mm pistol hidden under a sarong, and a roll of film with seven photos of the woman and a man, also naked.

The woman claimed that the house was being used as an office for loan sharkking and that she had collected loan payments and interest for Kongrit. She said she had come [back] to the house and accused her of skimming 5,000 baht from payments.

Kongrit took photos of her and a former male employee, who was bound and gagged with masking tape, after forcing them to undress. He then threatened to show everyone the pictures if she did not return the money.

The police charged Kongrit with illegal possession of ammunition and deprivation of liberty, to which he confessed.

RAMPANT VICE HITS TAI MUANG

From the Phuket Gazette, issue of February, 1996

TAP LAMOO: Despite being the site of various government and naval units, Tap Lamoo Port in Phuket has been the site of a flesh trade that has now spread all over the area. Drugs are sold widely. The customers are mostly from the group of poor Burmese workers who have come to southern Thailand to find some sort of living, and who are poorer than the local population.

Local people who are not involved in criminal enterprises have urged responsible officials to do something before the place is overcome by violent crime.
Dusty, crusty Phuket City, with its “Western” frontier-town aura, has a way of growing on you, and over the past six months it has become one of my best-loved stomping grounds on the island.

The Sino-Portuguese architecture and the hodgepodge of family-run shops charmed me on the first Sunday I wandered the “old town” – Phang Nga Rd, Thalang Rd, Krabi Rd and Soi Rommanee.

Although its handful of saloons showcasing local bands – great places to hang out “far from the madding crowd’s ignoble strife” – may appeal to long-time Phuket dwellers, the city is sometimes accused of falling short of ideal in terms of sophisticated venues for unwinding after work, or for after-dinner drinks in the company of someone special.

WELCOMING

But standing well back from busy Mae Luan Rd is a Mediterranean-style mansion, a seriously seductive lair set in a small garden. A white villa with a terracotta tile roof and high, arched entranceways and windows, Phukana is a welcoming place with an eye-catching Greco-Romanesque fresco of toga-adorned beauties surrounding a god-like male gracing a wall between the wine cellar and the bar.

The lighting is gentle on the eyes, casting a golden glow across the bar and cozy dining areas.

In front of an ample stage, the dance floor – large enough for perhaps a dozen couples – proves to be an absolute necessity, thanks to the beautiful music played by a four-member Filipino band expressly chosen by Phukana’s management and brought to the island from Singapore not long ago.

Phukana has a good wine cellar which yields a variety of vintages from France, Italy, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Spain, Argentina and Chile. As the manager recommends an item or two from the “snacks only” menu, I savor a glass of the refreshing house red from Spain (180 baht).

A server soon brings a selection of the venue’s most popular dishes: Shiitake mushrooms in red wine sauce, crispy pork jerky, and mildly spicy Phukana chicken wings (150 baht). Each dish complements the wine very nicely.

Softly crooning The Way We Were, Just the Way You Are and other well-known love songs, the band is accompanied by a baby grand piano and keyboard.

When they segue into the latin rhythms of Besame Mucho and Quando, Quando, couples begin to salsa on the dance floor and linger on when the band play Smooth Operator…

Phukana is an intimate hideaway with reasonably priced wines by the bottle (1,200 baht to 2,500 baht).

Cocktails cost between 200 baht and 250 baht each, (half-price during Happy Hour, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm).

There is plenty of parking space, and it’s convenient for private parties, too.

Phukana Wine & Music, 6 Mae Luan Rd, Phuket City. Tel: 076-243495. Open from Monday to Saturday, 6:30 pm to 1 am.
A spike of pain pierced my cheek through the thick layer of cold aloe vera gel smeared across my face.

My whole body jumped, as if jolted by an electric shock. This had been described as a non-invasive treatment using an FPL/IPL device (fluorescent intense pulsed light) to enhance skin rejuvenation and simultaneously break down sun-damaged skin cells or freckles.

With each zap, the heat from the focused beam of light penetrating the top layer of skin felt like a sharp stab of a needle.

FRECKLES

Although Dr Orawan Kitchawengkul, who was wielding the instrument, turned down the intensity, the treatment was unexpectedly harrowing and seemed to take much longer than the scheduled 10 minutes.

The outcome? A few freckles did fade within the following week, and some fine laugh lines around my eyes seemed to diminish.

A regular session of about 45 minutes at the Bangkok Dermatology Center (BDC) in the Bangkok Hospital Phuket costs 18,000 baht, plus a 1,000 baht doctor’s fee.

The BDC advertised itself on the website of the Thailand Health and Beauty Show 2004 as using “…the latest laser equipment and technology to produce instant, visible results without any need for surgery or anesthetic and without any side effects”.

“It isn’t necessarily effective to treat a condition with just one type of therapy,” Dr Oravan says.

“The best of Western and Eastern medicines can be combined with hi-tech innovations for overall improved results.”

The BDC’s slogans are “Skin & Rejuvenation Center” and “The World Class Anti-Aging Institute”.

It also calls itself a “holistic care and medical spa”. It has a huge menu, running the gamut from acupuncture, anti-cellulite therapy, removal of spider veins and birth marks, reflexology, body hair removal, wrinkle and scar reduction, to hair-growth treatment, and treatment for psoriasis or acne or dandruff.

Depending on the type of procedure and the equipment used, the extent of the existing condition and the desired results, several follow-ups may be required and costs involved will vary.

However, a one-hour facial treatment package now on offer costs 5,000 baht – plus the doctor’s fee and the cost of any medicines used.

The BDC is offering a Botox promotion through February: one injection costs 600 baht plus the doctor’s fee.

Dr Orawan offered me a Botox treatment – several shallow injections of Botox in my forehead and above my eyebrows.

The injections were tolerable, but my facial muscles moved the same as ever immediately afterwards and, days later, I could detect no improvement – the frown and surprise lines are still there.

Finally, a soothing collagen mask was applied to my face. For about 10 minutes, I relaxed on a bed in a dimly lit room as a beam of light swept intermittently across my face to stimulate absorption of the collagen.

Classical music played softly in the background, a reminder that the word “spa” comes after “medical” here.

A University of Mahidol graduate in dermatology, Dr Oravan is the founder and Medical Director of the Bangkok Dermatology Center, which was launched in 1989.

A BDC lab in Bangkok conducts research to develop the company’s own exclusive, patented products, such as P-Jojoba Cleanser (55 grams, 1,800 baht) and Hair Growth Serum (30 milliliters, 1,000 baht) for use in the two Bangkok branches and the Bangkok Hospital Phuket branch, which has been open for six years and serves about 25 patients a day.

Dr Oravan says that her name means “Beautiful Skin”, and she has turned that name into a highly successful business. BDC won a 2005-2006 SuperBrands Award.

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Dr Orawan Kitchawengkul has turned the Bangkok Dermatology Center into a very successful business.
One can only speculate about what the ban on alcohol advertising will mean here in Phuket, where the economy practically runs on booze – and beer promotion paraphernalia practically the entire décor of some business establishments.

God forbid if all of the beer-related street signs, awnings and placards lining the sidewalks of Patong were to be removed – people might actually begin to notice the tsunami evacuation signs hidden among them.

We are told this new measure is going to be the alcohol-equivalent of the ban on displaying cigarettes at the point of sale. Does this mean all posters in bars have to be covered over with black hoods?

What about the enormous Heineken billboard on the airport road? Will it be replaced with a digital scrambling splotches imposed over Everton’s Chang shirts?

One thing appears certain: if alcohol advertising really does end, our whole colorful landscape is bound to change. The good news, as predicted by some, is that the 2.6 billion baht saved by the alcohol industry that is spent each year on advertising will be passed on to consumers, and the price of beer and whisky will fall. I’ll drink to that.

Naughty, not nice: Word has it that one tour “agent” is arranging shows of the leastest nature in a small venue off Patong’s Soi Dongtal and denying entry to anyone but members of the select East Asian tour groups for whom the agent caters – Thais and foreigners need not apply. How’s that for a combination of prejudice and poor taste?

Then again, given the prices that Japanese and Koreans on package tours are regularly (over)charged, those denied entry to this particular spectacle can take solace in the fact that they could probably afford to sink their teeth into a Bangkok sandwich at the same price.

After all, it’s always better to take part than just watch.

Yellow liver: For the past few months, O’Malley’s on Montree Rd in Phuket Town (076-220170) has been offering a 700-baht special with free, full-price drinks made from whisky, vodka and gin.

On a healthier note, O’Malley’s owner Scott Shaw is organizing fun seven-a-side soccer matches, to be played at Sapthian Hin on Sunday afternoons. Any interested in fielding a side can call him at 079-729284.

Revenue stream: One barkeep lucky enough to have a bathroom in his establishment told me that charging outsiders five baht each to use the facility was his best and most reliable source of bar-related income.

This just shows that in Patong, they still get you coming, going – and everywhere in between. Both before and right after the tsunami, there was a lot of talk about building public restrooms there – but I haven’t stumbled across any, and don’t expect to anytime soon.

The public restroom situation (if it can be called that, because there are none) is no different from the water supply. Sure, there is lots of talk about grand schemes to pipe water in from hundreds of kilometers away, but don’t expect it to happen anytime soon when people can continue to make windfall profits trucking in low-quality water from the tin mines they control. It’s the same thing in places like Soi Eric and Soi Gonsong, to name just a couple, where the situation is so bad that I no longer bother to go down there on a heavy night out.

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TAKE A BREAK

The Cryptic Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Betrayal! Natives tore rig to bits! (14)
8. New York river back in lax throat. (6)
9. Approve penalty. (8)
11. Strangely, I note Levi’s box. (10)
12. Far from beautiful in thug lymph part. (4)
15. Set fire to Thai lass – and bolt! (9)
18. Away in Scotland? Quiet! It’s flooded. (5)
20. Direct cattle. (5)
21. Difficult to be behind number sphere. (5,4)
22. Sounds like a pointer to corner of sail. (4)
23. He throws down the gauntlet to exploding spaceship. (10)
27. Sure it’s the right terminal? (8)
29. Principality can go back into cow call. (6)
30. Charm may scatter vain set. (14)

DOWN

1. Such exaggerations are not for midgets. (4,5)
2. Agricultural right to mountain range. (5)
3. In zero tax, or south to people with new ideas. (10)
4. Quiet! A knockout piece of headgear. (5)
5. Thanks to company for snack. (4)
6. “Oddly, I owe you, yes,” says Marcel. (3)
7. Two points to five with affirmative jealousy. (4)
10. Want to reach a part of church. (6)
13. Farang with green skin. (5)
14. Fight French artist with badminton gear. (10)
16. Ogre beak holds bird. (5)
17. Silence. Note the French flock. (6)
19. Somehow, I hail ours: very funny! (9)
22. Limits hats. (4)
24. Put audio-visual in this Latin chaos. (5)
25. Sort the slope. (5)
26. Wake up in prison. (4)
28. Bend it into instruction to dog. (3)

Solution on page 22

Brain Buster!

Five athletes complete a cross-country race. Chairat comes third, and Ekkawit comes second.

From the following information, can you tell in what positions Aroon, Boonchuay and Damrong finish?

Aroon is not last, but comes in after Ekkawit. Damrong is not first.

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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. In Biblical Hebrew, what does the word neger mean?
2. What’s the square root of 12,345,678,987,654,321?
3. Campfire Songs: The Popular, Obscure and Unknown Recordings was a 2004 compilation album by which band?
4. What was the occupation of Christopher Condent, Grace O’Malley and Hugh the younger Despenser?
5. Who, on film, has been played by David Bowie, Michael Palin and Frank Thring?
6. How did Tadahiko Okawa achieve fame in 1983?
7. What did the Forty-Seven Ronin do on February 4, 1703?
8. Rerevaka na Kalou ka Doka na Tui is the motto of which republic?
9. What, in degrees kelvin, is the melting point of the element Yttrium?
10. The kelvin is one of the seven Système Internationale base units. Name the other six.
11. How many stars surround the mountain on the Paramount Pictures logo?
12. How many seconds are there in one year?
13. What two countries can be seen from Mount Kilimanjaro?
14. Who was the only living artist at the time to have his work displayed in the Grand Gallery of the Louvre?
15. Who portrayed Eliza Doolittle in Broadway’s original My Fair Lady?
16. Which victim of the French Revolution was known as The Baker’s Wife?
17. What letter is on the hot water tap in France?
18. The Mona Lisa lacks what facial feature?
19. In which year did the US enter World War I?
20. What continent covers the smallest area?

Brain Buster Solution

Since Chairat was third and Ekkawit was second, Aroon could only be first or fourth. But we know that Aroon came in behind Ekkawit, so Aroon could not be first and must therefore be fourth. Damrong is not first, and cannot be second, third, or fourth, so he must have finished in fifth place. If Damrong is fifth, Aroon fourth, Chariat third, and Ekkawit second, then Boonchuay must be first.

Monster Quiz Answers


EZ Trivia Answers


Solution to Cartoon Puzzle

Solution to This Week’s Quick Crossword

Solution to This Week’s Cryptic Crossword

Solution to This Week’s Sudoku Puzzle
E L Doctorow is an oddity among modern American novelists— one who wears his politics on his sleeve. His ethical outlook is consistent with his New York roots and liberal leanings. Rich white people are evil, poor black people are good. Capitalists bad, labor leaders good. This进行 occurs with the occasional warning sign printed in English, often with some urgency: ‘Read me! I have the guts to chronicle his downfall.’ (1)

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That said, Doctorow is a damn fine writer, master of plot and pacing and the artful interweaving of characters. The novel opens with a bang:

“At five in the morning someone banging on the door and shouting, her husband, John, leaping out of bed, grabbing his rifle, and Roscoe at the same time roused from the backhouse, his bare feet pounding; Mattie hurriedly pulled on her robe, her mind prepared for the alarm of war, but the heart stricken that it finally had come...” And on for another 10 lines of vivid description in a single sinuous sentence as the plantation family is warned to flee Sherman’s army marching from Atlanta. The dogmatism is less obvious in his new historical novel, The March (Random House, New York, 2005).

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Blogger chronicles his downfall

Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

“Lovely to be back! The buzz when I walk into Don Muang is always incredible... Ah yes, that’s it all part of the allure of this Thailand. Many bittersweet memories and mixed feelings all come seeping through the haze of jet lag! And, yet, here I am again. I guess it’s all part of the allure of this strange land. ... I feel I have the last laugh at my buggy chauffeur; I give him a couple of Euro coins in change! The dis-mayed look on his face as he takes my change from his pocket. Actually, it isn’t a bad tip at all, by Thai standards. About 80 baht. Anyway, what does he expect? I hadn’t even had a chance to change my travellers’ cheques. Follow me for a taxi! Ha! I won’t be caught out this time around! I know what I should be paying! It’s going to be 350 baht or I’m walking! Well, you know what I mean! First car – 700 baht! I laugh out loud myself! Second car – 500 baht! I walk on. Over to the little desk, Silom Road please? 350 baht! Nice one! Aren’t I a true veteran of Thailand!”

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tion.” (2)

Main courses: “Are foreigners becoming the last vestiges of true and tasty Thai cooking? Are the Thais going through that ugly period of ‘cuisine’ many other countries went or are going through, when you can buy it cheaper in a fancy restaurant?” Let us pray Thai food, one of the best cuisines in the world when cooked as it should be, survives that country’s desire to embrace tourism seemingly wherever and whenever it can. Let us hope Thais never become lazy in the kitchen. Thai food is too precious a crown jewel to lose.” (3)

Eye candy: on a drive from Surat Thani to Phuket: “And I rejoiced that I hadn’t driven this way in the dark, not because of any danger, but for the scenery. My, is that a great and gorgeous country! The Thais’ hospitality isn’t a bad tip at all, by Thai standards. About 80 baht. Anyway, what does he expect? I hadn’t even had a chance to change my travellers’ cheques. Follow me for a taxi! Ha! I won’t be caught out this time around! I know what I should be paying! It’s going to be 350 baht or I’m walking! Well, you know what I mean! First car – 700 baht! I laugh out loud myself! Second car – 500 baht! I walk on. Over to the little desk, Silom Road please? 350 baht! Nice one! Aren’t I a true veteran of Thailand!”

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Marching through Georgia

The American Civil War freed the slaves and preserved the Union.

And thus, near the end of the novel, the war over, General Sherman is moved to these thoughts about history: “Though this march is done, and well accomplished, Think of it now, God help me, with longing – not for its blood and death but for the be-stowal of meaning to the very ground trod upon, how it made every field and swamp and river and road into something of moral consequence, whereas now, as the march dissolves so does the army, the army marching itself into the isolated intentions of dif- fuse private life.”


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Dear Momma Duck,

What exactly is a "gik"? Is it like a minor wife? A girlfriend? Does the word gik imply a sexual relationship? Can a person have more than one gik?  

Stephano

Dear Stephano,

I agree. At Longhorn University students did some research among the student body about the meaning of the word gik. The meaning of the word gik changes over time and varies from place to place and situation to situation, but the basic definition is pretty clear: it is a close but "platonic" relationship between two members of the opposite sex.

In other words, it is more than an ordinary friendship, but doesn't imply being a "fan" (girlfriend or boyfriend). However, it involves special feelings of closeness, sharing thoughts and feelings, without the sexual aspect and thinking of each other often.

As I mentioned, definitions vary, but some of the "rules" for a proper gik relationship are:

1. Feelings of jealousy and "ownership" not allowed;
2. There is no right to demand more than necessary;
3. The status of a gik may change toward or away from becoming a fun, but there should be no sad feelings;
4. There is no question of a gik being "shared" among friends;
5. If your gik is going to have more than one girlfriend or boyfriend, there should be no fighting, but rather acceptance with pleasure;
6. You do not "overdo" taking care of each other because you are "just gik";
7. The number of giks one could have is, in theory, infinite.
8. If you are not afraid of AIDS there could be sex involved. It is not common, but if it does happen there is no sense of implied commitment such as with a fan;
9. A gik should be both modest and confidential;
10. A gik is not normally a lover, unless the relationship may have to cease if a girlfriend or boyfriend enter the picture.

Gik is a very proper word right now in Thai. It is also special because being a derivative of the verb "kuk kik", which refers to the sound that passes between boys or lovers. It is also proper because it is a very short word, with an "almost of "out of" pronunciation" to the Thai ear. We also love to check out short words. We can "see" a full picture when we hear this word.

Thai has a very rich vocabulary which describes subtleties of feelings and relationships between people because this is so important to us. Many people, especially men, seem to equate having a gik with "chuu" (a partner in an adulterous relationship), but I think this is because many men are not comfortable with their girlfriend or wife having a close relationship with another male. Gik is also a great word to use when you want the status of the relationship to remain unclear.

A gik is a person one pays a lot of attention to – much more than a regular friend – but without any sexual or martial commitment. It also has the sense of being a "confidante" and can also describe the early stages of a relationship when you are getting to know someone to whom there is still no commitment.

Having a gik relationship is good. It is certainly much better than being lonely, as it gives one somebody with whom to share thoughts and feelings – without having to be too serious about it. It can also be a colorful way of searching for real love.

In some cases, one’s real girlfriend or boyfriend may be a very boring type of person, and that is why one also needs a gik. Always remember that we Thais do not like to be alone. We like to be constantly with other people in a variety of relationships.

In the eyes of some women, a man who special treats of my love – I could live without you but it would be a meaninglessness existence and I love you best when you’re in my mouth... You are my appendage that I can’t live without. I could stand the empty void in my stomach... You are emblazoned across my heart like graffiti, and you invade my mind like algae on aquarium glass. When you sneeze, it attracts me like the call of a desperate yak in mating season.

With love more bottomless than a teenager boy’s appetite, I wish you all a happy Valentine’s Day.

Momma Duck

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When court-ordered arbitration can work

Mr A and Mr B were share-holders in a local venture building residential homes for foreigners. The venture was effectively divided into two parts: one for long-term rentals and one for building homes. Unfortunately the venture’s contractor died in the tsunami, and subsequent attempts at negotiating a replacement contractor failed.

As a result, the customers of Mr A and B worried that the construction of their homes would not be completed on time. Ultimately, Mr A and Mr B had to employ a person to record their efforts to set up a replacement, using photographic and videotaped evidence in the event that there were further complaints from their customers. This process was both time-consuming and costly.

Finally, a new sub-contractor was employed, enabling building work to resume. Mr A and Mr B were then greatly surprised to learn that their customers had filed a court case against them, and that the court had ordered all construction to be halted while the claims were in force. Mr A and Mr B filed a counter-claim, including all penalty payments, compensation for loss of time, and additional costs.

Having filed the two petitions, the court then made an appointment with both parties to sit down and, through arbitrators appointed by the court, try to resolve the dispute. Mr A and Mr B arrived at the court with their lawyers to find that their counter-claim had achieved the desired effect – the other party was willing to settle the case immediately.

Although it represented something of a financial loss for Mr A and Mr B, it was nevertheless a speedy end to the problem, as their business had to carry on – building costs were rising every day that they were unable to continue with the development.

This example clearly shows that the arbitration system used in courts can be an effective, quick, and efficient way of resolving disputes.
The people of Phi Phi do not need this kind of ‘help’

It has to be said – and it has been said many times – that the tsunami, for all the horror it caused, offered an opportunity to clean up much of the environmental mess surrounding the most famous tourist beaches along the Andaman coast.

One of the most directly threatened was Phi Phi Don, with its rattling generators, chronic shortage of fresh water, lack of waste treatment, patchy garbage management (it was not unusual for divers to find plastic bags of garbage strewn across the coral) and ramshackle shackle structures.

A former governor of Phuket even called, four years ago, for the Phi Phi Islands to be run as a state enterprise. He was booed to the rafters and nothing ever came of his suggestion.

After the tsunami, it appeared that the government was serious about cleaning up Phi Phi. A blanket ban on construction in the flat area between Ton Sai and Loh Dalam Bays was announced. In the tsunami this was a killing zone, the government said, and it should be turned into a public park, not vulnerable accommodation.

The locals resisted, not least because they were suspicious that “dark forces” were at work – but also because they feared the area would eventually be sold off to five-star hotel developers with high-level connections in Bangkok.

The government now appears to have backed away from its construction ban is the need to plan and create tsunami escape routes – or at least that was the reason given to the island’s long-suffering residents by Deputy Prime Minister Suwat Liptapanlop. All around Phuket, Khao Lak and Krabi, warning towers have been erected and connected to the national system, and escape routes clearly marked. Planning started soon after the tsunami and construction of the first priority.

Yet on Phi Phi, the clumsily named Organization for Specific Areas Administration for Sustainable Tourism Promotion (OSAASTP) has done nothing about escape routes, and its director says it needs another six months to complete planning them. DPM Suwat told him to cut that to one month, but it appears that only time will tell when this necessary work will be completed, if ever.

This is bureaucratic obstruction of the most monstrous kind. The people of Phi Phi are quite right in saying they do not need the “help” of the OSAASTP. No one in the world needs that kind of help. The OSAASTP should get out of Phi Phi now, and stay out.

– The Editor

Monorail off the rails

Proposing a monorail from the airport to Phuket City is ridiculous. The new bus service between those places never has more than five people aboard, none of them tourists. How many tourists want to be shuttled to a mass of ugly concrete after an international flight, when $20 maximum gets them to their hotel directly? Are they supposed to get taxis once they arrive in Phuket City?

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Cases such as the recent ones on Koh Samui and in Pattaya certainly have an effect on the tourism industry. Both Thais and foreigners travel to scenic areas and, naturally, want to feel safe when they are there. If they do not, then they will stop traveling to them. Safety and security are necessary factors in any tourist’s decision to travel anywhere in the world.

As for the rape and murder cases in Pattaya and Samui, it was lucky that we caught the perpetrators. Rape and murder are big issues, and the Samui case showed that Thai police give tourists’ security top priority. The central government has funds budgeted to look out for the safety of tourists in each province. We have procedures to ensure tourists’ security and we work on these procedures continually, especially during the high season.

In Samui’s case, it has only one police station. Even that is understaffed, despite the fact that Samui is still growing as a tourist destination.

I feel that the government was not monitoring the situation enough [there], although they’re presently increasing the police presence on the island.

The experience of Phuket’s police officers is different from those on Samui. Phuket is a world-class tourist destination and police here are service-minded—much more so than on Samui. We don’t just have ordinary police here; either: we have the tourist police, public security officers and other units operating here. We also have our eyes open for tourists and have Immigration Police at Phuket International Airport as well as an EOD (explosive ordinance disposal) squad to handle any bomb emergency. There are also ongoing training programs.

It’s true that there are some areas of high risk, especially along the three-kilometer stretch of Patong Beach as well as at Kalim and at Friendship Beach, but we work around the clock and if people have a problem, we can be at an accident spot within five to seven minutes at any time of day.

Meanwhile, we have police patrols along Thawee Wong Rd, Rat-U-Thir 200 Pi Rd at night-time, when most of the foreigners like go out.

We have four-wheel-drive beach buggy patrols as well as motorcycle patrols and foot beats for policemen.

Patong’s main business is tourism and so we—local people as well as the police—need to take care of the tourists otherwise they won’t come back. It’s important that everyone works together and that the locals remain allies of the police.

There were 12 cases of rape resulting death in Patong last year, and eight cases in 2004, which resulted in convictions. Someone has an there’s a thin line to be drawn because if a foreigner takes a bar girl to his room and does not pay her, it’s not counted as rape (even though it may be reported as such).

AGGRESSION

Yes, there is quite a lot ofdrink-related aggression that results in people getting harmed because Patong is an entertainment venue, and there can be trouble when people have been drinking.

We had 80 cases of assault in 2004 and 67 cases in 2005. Tourist-related theft is also down: there were 178 cases in 2004 and 149 in 2005.

I estimate police efficiency to be 100% in Patong. Believe me if we are not successful in our job we get punished by our superiors!

The question of safety and crime prevention is all down to police cooperating with local people and vice versa. I would say that if this happens Patong, and Phuket in general, will be safe and secure places for tourists to visit.
There’s no tab like an old tab

by Isla Star

Microsoft Office works in mysterious ways, and even I get a lot of questions about weird behavior in Word. Some of Word’s features will drive you crazy.

Now that most people use Word as their Outlook email editor, the problems that plagued Word have come to plague Outlook as well. Take tabs for example.

Back in the good old days (he says, stroking that virtual gray (beard)), a tab stop was a little piece of metal that stuck out of the back of a typewriter, strategically placed to stop the platen dead in its tracks.

Push the “Tab” key on an old mechanical typewriter, and the platen would zzzzzzzing along until it hit the next tab stop. Literally.

You could “set” a tab stop by pushing a button, which would flip down a piece of platen-stopping metal.

To “clear” a tab stop, you would move down to the stop you wanted to zap, and push a different button, which flipped that piece of metal back out of the way.

Tabbing on a computer doesn’t work the same way. In fact, tabbing on the computer can’t work the same way: there’s no platen to go zzzzzzzing. There are no little pieces of metal to stop the platen; there’s nothing you can touch or see to set or clear.

But the concept of hitting a tab key and having your cursor go zzzzzzzing across the page, stopping in a place that you can define, remains.

In Word, a “tab” is a character – just like any other character, like an “e” or an “@” – and a “tab stop” is a location in a paragraph, a distance measured from the left margin.

The behavior is much as you would expect when Word is displaying or printing a document, whenever it encounters a tab character it moves to the next tab stop before continuing with the display or printing.

The very first thing you must do when working with tabs is to “turn them on” — that is, make them visible on the screen. It’s easy to do: click on Tools | Options | View and make sure “Tab Characters” is turned on. Then, make sure Characters is checked.

While you’re at it, make sure “Paragraph Marks” is checked, too; otherwise you’ll never be able to figure out what’s happening with your tab stops.

In Word, tab stops belong to a paragraph. They’re stored in the paragraph mark. You might be tempted to think of tab stops as properties of lines; that is, you might think that you have to set up tab stops for every line in a document, and can vary tab stops from line to line. Not true. Indeed, in Word it’s not possible. You get one set of tab stops for an entire paragraph, and they can’t change within the paragraph.

To set tab stops, stick your cursor inside the paragraph that’s to receive new tab stops, or select a bunch of paragraphs that are all supposed to receive new tab stops, then click Format | Tabs. You’ll get the dialog shown in the screenshot. Tab stops have a position, measured from the left margin. To put a simple tab stop at 10 cm from the left margin, for example, you merely type 10 cm in the box marked Tab Stop Position and click Set.

As you probably know, the radio buttons marked “Alignment” determine how characters are to be aligned around the stop: “Left” left-justifies (the most common type of tab stop); “Center” centers them; “Right” right-justifies; and “Decimal” aligns on the first period (presumably a decimal point). The other choices were common choices when the IBM Selectric ruled the typewriting roost.

LEADER

The “Leader” (pronounced “lee-der”) is not a leader, not a leader. It’s merely a character that’s duplicated in the space preceding the tab stop – in other words, it’s a character that’s duplicated where the tab character preceding the indicated tab stop is taking up space.

So if you don’t like white space you can fill it up with points or hyphens, or “@” symbols or any other character.

If you don’t do anything to your paragraphs, they will have tab stops already set up at 1.27-, 2.54-, and 3.81-cm intervals. Those are the “Default” tab stops you see mentioned at the top of the dialog box in the screen shot, and you can adjust the location of Default stops to appear at almost any interval. Default tab stops are always left aligned with no Leader.

Here’s the trickly part about “Default” tab stops: they disappear! When you save a document manually, every Default tab stop up to and including the location of that manual tab stop goes away.

For example, if you have Default tab stops set up every 1.27-cm, and you set a tab stop manually at 3cm, the Default tab stops at 1.27-2.54, and 3.81-cm disappear. The tab stops at 5.04-cm and beyond remain, though. Finally, the trickliest part of all: tab stop inheritance. If you set up tab stops in a paragraph, those stops are stored in the paragraph mark. When you are typing in a paragraph and hit Enter to start a new paragraph, the tab stops in the old paragraph are “inherited” by the new paragraph.

(Propel-der head-alert. Okay, okay. That isn’t strictly true, all of the time. In unusual situations, tab stops are not propagated to the newly created paragraph. If the style of the current paragraph is defined as having a different style from the following paragraph, and the cursor is immediately in front of the paragraph mark when you hit Enter – thus creating a new paragraph in the “Style” or “Following Paragraph” style – the tab stops are not carried to the next paragraph. If you don’t understand that sentence, don’t worry about it!)

If your tab stops in a document or an email message suddenly turn screwy, undoubtedly it’s because you adjusted tab stops in one paragraph – or brought in a paragraph with weird tab stops from another document or message – and you hit Enter while your cursor was inside the adjusted paragraph. Those tab stops propagate to all newly created paragraphs.

Watch out! And keep your eyes on the paragraph marks. They hold the key.

Warehousing update: I hope to publish a new, revised “warechalking” list of Wi-Fi hotspots in Phuket by the end of February. If you know of any locations with Wi-Fi, send me a message! Free Wi-Fi spots get special recognition.

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In The Stars by Isla Star

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Interpreting ambiguous signs in business matters could cause you headaches this week. If you don’t see what’s really going on, distance yourself from this particular situation until the end of the month. You will achieve most by applying energy to what guarantees results and by staying away from speculation. Birthday celebrations come as a surprise.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): You have a lot to offer others this week. There is a slight danger that having too much on your plate will compromise your enjoyment, so reserve some time for relaxation. As the month progresses there’s a strong likelihood that you will receive an invitation to travel overseas for a family celebration. This is one get-together that really should be missed.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): You run the risk of combining work and pleasure this week. As February progresses, you should keep these two areas of life separate. Where finances are concerned, everything in the garden becomes rosier; you can expect to make a profit on Wednesday or Thursday. On Tuesday alone, you’re in time for you to avoid making a blunder, but remain on red alert.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Travel is on the agenda this week. You may meet some interesting people along the way, so take care to note contact details carefully. Where business is concerned, you have more control than you realize – so start exploiting this asset immediately. Love is in the air for those who are tired of sitting on the shelf. If you’re already spoken for, Sunday holds sensual promise.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Your emotions will be subject to ups and downs this weekend. On Saturday it will be hard to know how to take news that comes out of the blue. On reflection, you will probably realize that this surprise outcome is for the best. Face up to facts on Monday should make you realize that action is called for regarding a business matter. The color sky blue will lift your spirits.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): The stars are ready to support new ventures undertaken by Cancerians, and February is an auspicious month if you’re involved in a new business. An injection of cash is about to be offered by someone who recognizes your talents, but you should ensure that this works to mutual advantage. Cupid shoots an arrow in your direction on Sunday – expect to meet an attractive Piscean. The number 7 looks promising on Thursday.

LEO (July 24-August 22): A magic wand will be waved above you this weekend. By Monday you should be confident that progress is guaranteed regarding a new business venture that has been slow to get off the ground. Nevertheless, cautious optimism is recommended for the rest of February as others will be hard to pin down. Wednesday is the most best day to discuss finance.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Your ship is due in come and will dock before the middle of the month. Those who were beginning to think that Lady Luck had made a beeline for competitors should think again. You will receive good news on Tuesday. Flirtation can lead to something more this weekend; establish whether the person in question is available before proceeding. The number 1 is lucky on Monday.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): If you’ve been trying to send smoke signals lately without success, it’s high time to get the message across more clearly. Dealing with Sagitarians early in the week will prove particularly tedious, but Aries can fulfill the role of go-between. Property deals will go more smoothly during the last week of the month, so don’t force any issues before then. The color russet will help you to feel more grounded.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): You should remember that although silence is often golden it can also be stony, so you should endeavor to find a balance. Allowing others to speculate what your next step will be is definitely the recommended course of action when it comes to business. Romance will benefit from laying your cards on the table. The person concerned is confused about your true feelings. Wear ruby red to encourage a healthier cash flow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Your cosmic agenda this week includes much emphasis on socializing. This will naturally encompass making new business connections that should prove to be profitable in the long run. A personal relationship looks set to be particularly rewarding, but a bit of luck has always been needed. Any dreams you have early next week could hold clues to a long-standing dilemma. Wednesday is the best day for bargain hunting.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Those who can’t hold their feelings back any longer should choose Sunday to reveal deep desires. The astral atmosphere will guarantee the right response on that day, but don’t instigate heart-to-heart talks after then. If you’re looking for an opportunity to make more money, Aries has some useful tips. Aquarius will lead you up the garden path. Possessions are likely to be mislaid mid-week, resulting in a last-minute drama.

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OrBorJor revenues hold steady despite tsunami

By Anongnat Sartpisut

PHUKET: The Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorJor) collected 404 million baht revenue from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005 – only 13 million baht less than predictions at the beginning of the budget year, despite the impact of the tsunami on the island’s economy.

OrBorJor President Anchalee Vanich- Thepbutt told the Gazette, “The revenue collected was satisfactory. Even though we had a tsunami, we still collected 404 million baht. It’s a large amount, considering 80% of businesses in Phuket depend on tourism.”

 Fees for vehicle registrations, change of ownership details and other charges made by the Phuket Provincial Transportation Office contributed 140.79 million baht to the OrBorJor’s coffers, while Value-Added Tax (including VAT paid on hotel bills) provided 65.73 million baht.

“We thought that vehicle taxes would decrease,” said K. Anchalee. “However, we collected 140 million baht, down from our prediction of 145 million baht.”

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The remaining monies collected, 11.74 million baht came from rent and interest on bank deposits, 4.73 million baht was miscellaneous revenue, including from verifying and issuing copies of documents, and 1.68 million baht came from tin mine royalties.

OrBorJor chief K. Anchalee.

In contrast, budgets proposed by the central government are not required to hand any of the 404 million baht over to the central government, and can spend it on projects as it sees fit, such as the 46-million-baht “Welcome Gate” being built at Ta Chai.

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Japan leads downward charge

World financial markets entered 2006 in a positive mood and most stock markets recorded gains for the first half of January.

But then the mood suddenly changed, with Japan leading the downward charge. The initial blame was laid at the door of a Japanese Internet company called Livedoor.

A swarm of uniformed police prompted by the Japanese Securities and Exchange Commission raided the company’s offices in Tokyo. The suspicion was that the company had been falsifying its financial statements to fraudulently boost its results.

Unfortunately, Livedoor was a favorite investment for many small private investors in Japan, and this led to a stampede of “sell” orders on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

It was a perfect example of the herd instinct at work. Everybody seemed to be trying to push through the emergency exit at the same time.

Simply due to inadequate computer capacity, the Tokyo Stock Exchange was unable to process the sheer volume of transactions, and was forced to close 20 minutes early for the first time since it reopened after World War II.

The Tokyo exchange had already been under criticism for the same computer system in late 2005. A trader with the world’s fourth-largest bank, Mizuho, unfortunately entered the wrong sell data. He meant to sell a single share, but instead his order was to sell 600,000 shares in the same company for ¥1 each.

Mizuho found itself nursing a loss of several hundred million US dollars. A director of Mizuho International in London later said in a television interview, “There goes our Christmas bonus.”

The Tokyo exchange came in for a lot of criticism for not having a system in place to detect what was plainly a gross error. This was further compounded by two further instances, in December last year, of errors by other Japanese financial institutions.

This stock exchange was trying to limit the damage to its reputation when the Livedoor episode showed its total lack of capacity in times of over-exuberance. The capacity of four and a half million transactions a day was increased to five million from January 30.

However, situations can often develop into the stock market equivalent of a perfect storm. Intel, the US tech giant, reported disappointing earnings and future outlook, followed by Google, which had disappointed investor expectations. This led to an instantaneous reaction in Tokyo.

In the midst of all this turmoil, it was announced that Japanese consumer confidence had reached 15-year highs. But the market was in no mood to look at the big picture – the glass was half empty, and it was irrelevant to point out that it was also half full.

The Japanese market had recorded a 40% rise in 2005, and was probably overdue for a small correction. Another negative factor was the rising price of oil, which had quietly crept up to higher than the mid-US$60s a barrel. This, at the time, had created little media attention.

South Korea’s stock market had also enjoyed a vibrant 2005, recording a 50% gain. Selling was also prevalent as the market corrected from record highs.

However, South Korea was overshadowed on the world stage by Japan and later by the US as Citigroup, America’s largest bank, and GE also announced disappointing quarterly earnings, confounding street expectations.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which covers only 30 shares, was poised to break through the 11,000 barrier but fell back heavily into its old trading range for 2005. Again, other US indices which had reached all-time record highs, namely the S&P 400 (mid cap stocks) and the Russell 2000 index, which oversees 2,000 small companies, were almost ignored.

The same situation was reflected in other markets, for example in the UK.

The FTSE 100 index, quoted overall situation is still good. Fall- ing prices make for a cheaper entry point. The investor has to choose between two old maxims – “Never try to catch a falling knife” and “The best time to invest is when there is blood on the streets”.

It is almost impossible to actually catch the bottom of a market, but buying close to the bottom is infinitely preferable to buying near the peak.

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Record regatta fills Phang Nga Bay with riot of color

Poor winds dogged the 2006 QBE Phang Nga Bay Regatta on the first two days, Saturday and Sunday, with wind speeds of 3 or 4 knots leaving boats battling to complete races – and the organizers trying every ploy to ensure that there were as few DNFs as possible.

Winds picked up on the third day, Monday, to around 5 knots, when the record entry of 45 boats embarked on the colorful spinnaker run down to Koh Phi Phi Don.

In the Racing class, G4S shone, winning both on Day 1 and 2 by significant margins over second-placed La Samudra – nearly 30 minutes in the first race and 45 minutes in Race 2 (corrected times). Third place on both days went to Switchblade.

In Cruising A, Mixc won the first day, being the only boat in the class to finish in time, but ceded the honor on Day 2 to Cinders, with Sudawadee coming third.

Cruising B saw a similar situation with Delfina being the sole boat to avoid a DNF, but then coming second on Day 2, from Koh Yao to Krabi, two minutes behind Blue Jay, and ahead of Maddalena.

Not unexpectedly, Moto Inzi scorched ahead of the Multihull pack, crossing the line first on both days, but not by a large enough margin to win when handicaps came into play. Day 1 saw victory go to Summersault, followed by Sting, with Moto Inzi third. On Day 2, Mumbo Jumbo managed a three-and-a-half minute victory over Moto Inzi, with Raptor 2001 third.

With 45 boats registered, the Phang Nga Bay Regatta is now the second-largest regatta in Southeast Asia, after the Phuket King’s Cup Regatta.

– Gazette Staff

There have been no complaints about the scenery.

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ICC stamp authority on cricket league

By Rich Brown

PHUKET: The Island Furniture Cricket League, held at the British Curriculum International School, played the third match of its rain-delayed inaugural season on Sunday, January 29.

The previous weekend saw Patong Cricket Club (PCC) enj oy ing its fully comfortable victory over Kamala Beer Garden CC (KBG).

The match on January 22 was between tournament favor ites Island Cricket Club (ICC) and the British Curriculum International School CC (BCIS).

The school team, comprising mostly team captain Millward, elected to bat first, but in the end simply didn’t have enough runs to vanquish ICC.

Results and league table after Round 1

1. PCC: 17 points (including 5 batting bonus points for bowling and 2 for batting).
2. ICC: 16 points (inc. 5 bowling and 1 batting bonus points).
3. BCIS: 13 points (inc. 3 bowling and 2 batting bonus points).
4. BCIS: 12 points (inc. 3 bowling and 1 batting bonus points). 
5. PCC: 11 points.
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Standings:

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1. Amigos (13 pts); 2. Didi’s

By Anongnat Sartpisut

January 29 found the KBG side a little short on players and forced to vanquish ICC.

Bowler Jafa did the early damage taking 4 wickets for 22 over 5 wickets, while Anand at the bowler barricaded off a misfire 2 runs off 4 overs. Mention should be made of Seemant Raju’s 2 for 4 of 3 overs.

ICC began their innings somewhat off form, finding themselves on the back foot for ducks, victims to Millward’s tidy seam bowling.

However, this allowed Raju to join Dev in the fray and they set about the opening attack, bringing them to the verge of victory.
Raju, unfortunately, ran down the wicket to Scattenger – later declared Man of the Match – missed and was easily stumped by Terry Connell for a brisk 21.

This brought Anand to the wicket to hit a two to win the game for ICC in 11 overs.

The players offered special thanks to ICC’s sponsor Terry Hogg and the Surin Big Inn which supplied lunch and refreshments for all the players.

Result: ICC 16, KBG 2.

LEAGUE TABLE


The next match is between KBG and BCIS on February 5 at BCIS. First ball at noon.

Anyone interested in finding more about cricket on Phuket should contact Rich Brown at Tel: 01-7193414 or email: richardwbrown@hotmail.com

SOUTH KOREA’S HALLELUJAH FC TO PLAY IN PHUKET

By Anongnat Sartpisut

PHUKET: Hallelujah Football Club, which plays in South Korea’s K2 League, will take on a team of Phuket’s finest footballers as part of its upcoming tour of Southern Thailand, which kicks off on Phatthalung Province on February 5.

The Phuket side will be made up of players from the Phuket team that competed in the Southern Division of the newly established Thai League.

The match will take place at Surakul Stadium on February 16, starting at 6 pm.

On February 15, the Korean stars will hold a soccer instructional clinic for children starting at 4:30 pm. Admission to both events is free, and all are welcome.

Hallelujah FC, runners-up in the K2 League last year, have created many stars – including South Korean national midfielder Lee Young-Pyo who also plays for England’s Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur.

Appearing in Phuket will be Lee Sung Kil, the K2 league’s leading scorer last year.

Wirat Nissapajon, who will travel with the team during their tour, told the Gazette that Hallelujah has a perfect record against Thai squads.

“They came to get ready for the upcoming soccer season in Korea. We hope that the youth clinic will help to stimulate young Thai footballers and develop their skills. It will give kids a chance to see just how hard Koreans train and what it takes to get a national side to qualify for the World Cup finals,” he said.

“This will also be the first time their team has ever visited Southern Thailand,” he added.

Founded in 1980 by a Christian missionary group, Hallelujah FC was a founding member of the K-League in 1983, winning its inaugural championship before dropping out at the end of 1984.

A win in the 1988 President’s Cup amateur competition followed as the team prospered in the non-professional ranks.

Hallelujah FC moved their home base to the city of Iksan and joined the K2 League for the 2003 season, but took part in only the first of the two championship stages as protests by radical Buddhist groups in Iksan forced the Christian side out of their home stadium. For 2004, the club moved to Gimpo.

Their tour of Southern Thailand will also include stops in Satun Province (February 10-12) and Krabi (February 14).

For more information contact the Sports Authority of Thailand’s Phuket Office at Tel: 076-250110.

Patong Darts League

January 24 results: Queen Mary * 9 The Boss Bar 0; Dog’s Bollocks 8 Shak eerk 1, Amigos 5 Coyote Bar 4; Vahalla 9 Winchester 0 (walkover); Piccadilly 6 Two Black Sheep 5; Offshore 3 Didi’s 6 (* = Winner of beer leg)

Standings: 1. Amigos (13 pts); 2. Didi’s (12); 3. Queen Mary, Vahalla (11); 4. Dog’s Bollocks, Piccadilly (9); 7. Shakers (8); 8. Offshore (7); 9. Coyote (6); 10. Two Black Sheep (3); 11. The Boss Bar (2); 12. Winchester (1).

February 7 matchups: Winchester v Shakers; Amigos v Dog’s Bollocks; Piccadilly v Vahalla; The Boss Bar v Didi’s; Coyote Bar v Two Black Sheep; Offshore v Queen Mary. (Home teams listed first)

February 7 results: Winchester 3 – 2 Shakers; Offshore 2 – 1 Piccadilly; The Boss Bar 2 – 1 Amigos; Didi’s 3 – 1 Coyote Bar; Two Black Sheep 3 – 1 Vahalla; Queen Mary 1 – 0 Winchester.

February 11 results: Shakers 2 – 2 Offshore; Piccadilly 4 – 1 The Boss Bar; Amigos 3 – 1 Didi’s; Coyote Bar 3 – 2 Two Black Sheep; Vahalla 0 – 0 Queen Mary; Winchester 3 – 1 Two Black Sheep.

February 14 results: Shakers 3 – 1 Queen Mary; Offshore 4 – 0 Amigos; Didi’s 0 – 0 Coyote Bar; Two Black Sheep 0 – 0 Piccadilly; Vahalla 0 – 0 Winchester; The Boss Bar 1 – 0 Coyote Bar.
Spacious privacy close to Patong

This is a new villa with 160 square meters of floor space, designed in tropical fashion, with living areas and bedrooms all opening to the terrace and a large free-form swimming pool.

It is on a peaceful 424-sqm hillside block with both forest and valley views, above the hustle and bustle of Patong, but with all the facilities – including shops, bars, a wide variety of restaurants, banks and Post Office – just a short distance away.

The landscaped garden has a large sala and the roomy terrace area is ideal for entertaining and al-fresco dining.

The single-level floor plan features a large living and dining area. The adjacent kitchen is equipped with the most modern appliances, including a two-door fridge, granite bench tops and ample storage in attractive timber cabinets.

A guest toilet is located at one end of the living area.

Two bedrooms, both with en-suite bathrooms, are at either end of the home, ensuring privacy. The master bathroom has marble tiles and counter top, and quality sanitary ware has been used throughout.

Hot water is on tap throughout the home.

The floors are marble and polished teak, and timber is also used in the sliding terrace doors, internal doors and furniture. This fine home is offered fully furnished and includes air conditioning, high ceilings, undercover car parking and store room and well water.

If required, a rental management service can be arranged. The land title is Nor Sor 3 Gor and the price is 12.5 million baht.

For more information contact Richard Lusted at Siam Real Estate, at Tel: 076-288908, Email: info@siamrealestate.com or visit the website at www.siamrealestate.com
Rebirth for Phuket commercial area

PHUKET CITY: Two rai of land on Phang Nga Rd in Phuket City have been cleared in order to build 27 three-story, 216-square-meter Sino-Portuguese shop-houses that are expected to be completed by September 30.

Each unit will cost 1.3 million baht.

Tamrong Tongtan, Chief of the Phuket Treasury Office (PTO), told the Gazette that, before being demolished, the buildings on the site – one-story shophouses erected in 1959 – had been rented out monthly for 1,300 baht per unit.

Former CEO Governor Pongpayome Vasaputi gave the land to the PTO which reached an agreement with the tenants to develop the area in order to increase its commercial viability.

K. Tamrong said, “We help local people borrow from the Government Savings Bank to rebuild better shop-houses,” adding that “each tenant is responsible for the building of their own shophouse.

“However, the Phuket City Municipality has laid down architectural guidelines that the tenants must stick to,” he said.

He added, “Phuket City’s rapid development made us realize that these buildings were too old and dilapidated, and that a mixture of tradition with function is more appropriate and suited to the tone of the city.”

K. Tamrong explained that there are long-term benefits as each shophouse would cost only 900 baht a month to rent under 30-year rental contracts.

“We are sure that when these buildings have been completed, residents will be satisfied with the design, construction and living space,” he said. “The rent will also be very reasonable.”

Tenants’ consultant and PTO tenant, Likit Thaneerat, explained to the Gazette that three options were presented to the tenants: under the first option Phuket City Municipality would pay for the construction and then set the rent; under the second, the PTO would allow private investors to come in and build, then rent out the properties themselves; and under the third, the tenants themselves would pay the investment cost and the PTO would allow private investors to come in and build, then rent out the properties themselves; and under the third, the tenants themselves would pay the investment cost and the PTO would allow private investors to come in and build, then rent out the properties themselves.

K. Likit said, “All of us agreed with the third idea, because that way the tenants still had the right to rent the buildings after the old contract terminated last year.”

He added, “Twenty of the 27 tenants are borrowing money, and when the project is completed we’ll all get straight back to business.”
Dinosaurs of the plant world

I'm rather fond of dinosaurs. My favorite projects at primary school always involved prehistoric animals and gray, scaly-skinned monsters that nobody knew the names of except me. If nothing else, dinosaurs are distinctive and they still exist today, in a somewhat different form.

Having left my school days some time behind me, I find modern-day dinosaurs much more interesting. These are the people who are convinced that little has changed since the halcyon days of their youth, and certainly have no intention of changing their own ways.

They're convinced that the music of their youth is the only logical and sensible choice, and want none of this modern nonsense. CDs? A fad. What's wrong with good old-fashioned vinyl? They will even argue that the music emerging from the vinyl? They will even argue that CDs are an abomination, that the sound quality is inferior. LPs? They'll never change.

I’m hardly a paragon of fashion myself, but what is it with those dinosaurs of today? Now grey business socks that would look much more at home poking out from the elbows of their jackets? I have absolutely no idea why. They’re convinced that the condition of these brown patches are their jackets. Why can’t people understand that there is just something inherently wrong with wearing socks with sandals? The worst are those gray business socks that would look much more at home poking out from below the legs of a suit. It’s just not right. Are these people worried about getting cold feet? If any sandal-sockers are reading this – don’t worry. Your feet will be perfectly warm in the heat of day. This is Thailand.

And how about those grammar school teachers who insist on wearing leather patches on the elbows of their jackets? I have absolutely no idea why. Then there are the sock dinosaurs. Why can’t people understand that there is just something inherently wrong with wearing socks with sandals? The worst are those gray business socks that would look much more at home poking out from below the legs of a suit. It’s just not right. Are these people worried about getting cold feet? If any sandal-sockers are reading this – don’t worry. Your feet will be perfectly warm in the heat of day. This is Thailand.

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Whether or not they are into that kind of thing, it’s actually a sign of health – clones of the parent. Ferns reproduce through spores, which are the brown spores grow into mature plants over a period of years. The plant is named for the fern group. They are fairly unusual in the sense that they grow semi-epiphytically. In other words, they survive with very little soil, if any, and are often attached to tree trunks or branches or some other vegetable matter. They get their nutrition mainly from the air.

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Most staghorns are easy to grow. In general, they like bright, light beneath a canopy of trees. They don't like to be sopping wet or bone dry for extended periods of time. Water them thoroughly with a hose and then let them dry out. In average Phuket conditions, they should be watered every couple of days in the dry season. These ferns thrive best on palm trunks or on the branches of trees, in filtered light beneath a canopy of trees.

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Decor

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Yes, the old hong nam has come a long way from the days of being banished to the end of the garden, and with interior designers' more innovative creations come a wider range of bathroom accessories. Let's have a look at a few available on the island.

For readers with 168,000 baht to spare and a yearning for a water massage, Home Pro is currently stocking Ozen whirlpools with eight standard jets, 17 "air pool" jets and 12 micro jets. The model, believe it or not, is called the "Tsunami", and the whirlpool can be fitted free-standing or sunken.

If you're going to blow 168,000 baht on a whirlpool bath, then the chances are you can afford a glass washbasin and counter for a mere 32,950 baht.

However, for those who have children within a 50-kilometer radius of their house, perhaps a more robust stainless-steel washbasin would be better, also from Home Pro, for 5,140 baht.

Keeping up with the Joneses has never been easier with stainless-steel soap holders for 490 baht (the glass model is 699 baht), and if you don't want to languish at the bottom of the social totem pole, then you could do worse than buying a matching toothbrush holder – 395 baht in glass, 799 baht in stainless steel.

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