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Sports complex plans revealed



This computer-generated view shows the Mai Khao complex as it would appear from the air.

By Stephen Fein & Natcha Yuttaworawit

PHUKET: Governor Udomsak Uswarangkura's idea to build a world-class sports complex in Tah Chat Chai took a small step closer to becoming reality with the official submission on June 8 of the project's 6-million-baht feasibility study.

The Governor says he will continue to push for the project, but does not want "to talk too much about it" for fear that he will be labeled an "all-talk-no-action" leader if the project fails to gain Cabinet approval.

Bangkok-based consultancy Ecosystem Engineering Consultant Co's 45-page Executive Summary Report concluded that, of three choices considered for the project, public opinion favored the project taking the form of a 5.02-billion-baht "Sport & Health Spa Resort" for training and physical rehabilitation, with the target market encompassing both Thai and foreign athletes.

The other two possibilities studied were a 1.02 billion baht "Sports Training Center", to be designed primarily as a training center, but with facilities to host sports competitions; and a 4.06-billion-baht "International Sports Complex" with emphasis on competitions only. The report did not state what method was used to gauge public opinion.

The Sport & Health Spa Resort would be sited on 631 rai of government land, all of which is currently under the supervision of the Phuket Treasury Office. Just 238 rai of land would actually be developed; the remainder, mostly mangrove forest, would be preserved in its original state and promoted for eco-tourism activities such as hiking and kayaking, the report stated.

The study evaluates three possible "scenarios" under which the Sport & Health Spa Resort could be developed, each with different details, designs and construction costs.

"If considering the compo-

sitions of the stadiums, the most appropriate choice would be Scenario 2.2, with an initial estimate of 5.2 billion baht. This is quite a high cost because a movable roof is used [for the football stadium] due to the fact that rainy season in Phuket is eight months long

"However, if a normal roof is used, it could save up to 1.7 billion baht of the construction cost, which means the total construction cost of the project would be about 3.5 billion baht.

"Moreover, the private sector would be responsible for construction of the Health Spa Resort [at a cost] of about 1 billion baht. Therefore the government would be responsible for the construction of the stadium and sports dormitory [at a cost] of about 2.5 billion baht," the English-language version of the report states in its conclusion.

The project as envisioned by the consultants would comprise three zones. Zone A, cov-

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Bike gang terrorizes motorists

By Nattamon Ratcharak

KALIM-KAMALA: Kathu Police Station Superintendent Pol Col Teerapol Thipjaroen has warned motorists using the Kalim-Kamala road at night to take extra caution after one woman was dragged off her motorbike by gun-toting hoodlums and another woman had the rear window of her car smashed by a bike gang.

Vanessa Temple reported that she was attacked while riding her motorbike alone along the road at about 8 pm on June 2. "I was riding my motorcycle from Rawai to Kamala when two young men on a motorcycle came alongside mine and tried to pull my handbag from my shoulder," she told the Gazette.

"I was unaware of them before they grabbed my bag, as there are no street lights on this particular stretch of road and they had their lights turned off.

"They pulled so hard that I was dragged from my motorcy-

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Rotary Club planned for Laguna area

CHERNG TALAY: A meeting to launch the formation of the new Rotary Club of Laguna Phuket was attended by about 20 prospective members at the Dusit Laguna Resort Hotel on June 7.

The initiative for the new club came from Jan Verduyn, General Manager of the Dusit, and Rotarian Hari Bedi, a former Exxon Chemical executive and a resident of Laguna Homes.

At the meeting, Sam Fauma, special representative of the Rotary District Governor, presented the aims and objectives of the Rotary movement, noting that there are now about 1.2 million Rotarians in about 32,000 Rotary clubs around the world.

According to Rotary practice, a new club receives assistance with rules and procedures from an existing chapter. The new chapter for Phuket, the island's seventh, is being "mid-wifed" by the Rotary Club of Patong Beach.

"The areas we cover are far apart," said David Arell, President-elect of the Patong club. "Also, we meet over dinner and the new club plans to conduct its business at breakfast meetings."

Those at the meeting represented a cross section of Phuket's business community, consistent with the Rotary constitution, which stipulates that no club have a membership in which any one business or industry dominates.

There were, however, no women present. "This is something we must rectify if we wish to have the composition of the club reflect the real-world business community here," said Laguna Homes resident John Magee, who is assisting in the formation of the new club.

The Rotary Club of Laguna will cater to members who work or live in areas within easy reach of the Dusit Laguna, where the weekly meetings will be held at 7:30am every Wednesday.

For further information, contact Jan Verduyn at Tel: 05-9180912; Hari Bedi at Tel: 09-9704227 or Kanittha "Gem" Thanthanasap of the club secretariat at Tel: 076-324324.

Official denies extortion, bodily harm charges

CHALONG: Sassiri Klinhom, a district official from Surat Thani, presented himself to Chalong Police Station on June 1 to deny charges of extortion and causing bodily harm.

Pol Lt Col Jessada Sangsuee told the *Gazette* that at about 10 am on May 29, he and other officers responded to a call saying that a woman had been found handcuffed and drugged in a house in the Phuket Country Home estate on Chao Fa East Rd.

They arrived to find residents looking after Jitra Soongsud, 35, who was still in a daze, reportedly from being forced to swallow several pills.

Col Jessada said that K. Jitra explained to police that she was an independent real estate broker and lived in nearby Land & Houses Park.

"K. Jitra said that she had agreed to buy a house at Phuket Sea View development in Rawai from K. Sassiri for 1.8 million baht. She had already paid 1.3 million baht and had 500,000 baht yet to pay," the colonel said.

"However, she said that K. Sassiri had told her that he now wanted to cancel the deal," he added.

K. Jitra told police that she went to K. Sassiri's house to discuss the matter, but when she arrived she saw him waiting with a

man aged between 30 and 40 years old. "She said they grabbed her and took her into the house, then handcuffed her and forced her to take some pills that made her drowsy," Col Jessada said.

K. Jitra alleged that the two men then forced her to sign a document and took 105,000 baht in cash, which K. Jitra was carrying and had intended to take to a bank after the meeting.

"They also took her house and safe keys, and then drove off in her gold-colored Toyota Vios, leaving her in the house," he said.

The car was found abandoned, but undamaged, further north near Wat Thepnimit on June 4.

Asked what explanation K. Sassiri had given as to how K. Jitra had been found handcuffed and in his house, Col Jessada said that he could offer no more details.

"We are continuing our investigation. We have yet to find the other man K. Jitra accused of being involved.

"He is proving difficult to find because all we have to go on is the description she gave, as K. Sassiri has denied all her allegations," he said.

Col Jessada confirmed that K. Sassiri, Assistant Registrar at Kian Sa District Office, was released from police custody after posting bail of 150,000 baht.

Police enforce rules on red-plate cars

By Jenjira Ruengjarus

CHALONG: Traffic Police set up a checkpoint on Chao Fa East Rd in the evening of June 5 to check that all vehicles bearing red "temporary" license plates for newly-purchased cars were registered with the Transport Department and that the vehicles were not stolen or being used to commit crimes.

The checkpoint, near the intersection with Soi Palai, was also manned by officials from a provincial committee to track and examine police work on the island.

Technically, vehicles bear-

ing the plates are not supposed to operate after dark. Police at the checkpoint, however, did not issue fines to motorists for this seldom-enforced infraction.

Only motorists whose plates did not match vehicle registration data provided by the Transport Department were fined.

Speaking at a media conference to announce the crackdown, Chalong Police Traffic Inspector Pol Capt Sutham Rattanasawangwong said that the checks were intended not only to cut crime, but also to encourage all motorists to make sure their vehicles were properly registered and their vehicle tax payments up-to-date.

"The state of the economy is not good at the moment. It is the low season and people are finding it hard to make a living, so some turn to crime. This is especially true of teenagers, many of whom come from other provinces."

"Sometimes they steal cars or use vehicles to commit crimes such as snatch-and-run thefts," he said.

He explained that some had affixed bogus red plates to cars when carrying out crimes, thus hampering police when they begin an investigation after a vehicle is implicated in a criminal complaint.

B5m Mai Khao sports complex plans revealed

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ering 40 rai, would be across the highway from the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization's Welcome Gateway project.

This zone would comprise a 4,000-seat multi-purpose building and 400-car parking lot. Zone B, covering 60 rai, would be home to a 15,000-seat stadium, 11 tennis courts, two indoor sports halls, an X-games field, a 150-room lodging facility and a parking lot.

Zone C, on 68 rai, would have a 200-room resort and physical therapy center, swimming pool and parking for 160 cars.

Gov Udomsak admitted that he had little influence over when Cabinet will approve funding for the project, if ever.

In an apparent reference to the International Convention and Exhibition Center, a project that has existed in the hypothetical realm for well over a decade, he said, "Now we have completed the feasibility study, we will continue to push for this project, but I don't want to talk about it too much. With many projects in the past it has been 'all talk, no action'."

He told the *Gazette* that,

like the project to build a new road to Patong from the airport, the plan was still in its early stages.

"We can conduct studies and draw up plans, but in the end it is up to the Cabinet whether or not they choose to approve it. But I think it is good that we have at least completed the first step, so that if the government chooses to fund it, we can move forward immediately," he said.

Sarawut Srisakornkarm, President of Mai Khao Tambon Administration Organization said he agrees that the project would be a boon to the people in the *tambon*, generating jobs and income for local people and strengthening the local tax base.

Kamala bike gang terrorize motorists

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cle. I fell to the ground and rolled down the hill about 10 meters, and my motorcycle slid about 100 meters on its side to the bottom of the hill.

"The men continued down the hill on their bike, still with no lights on. After getting to my feet, I saw them turn their bike around and drive towards me, shouting.

"As they came closer I could see the passenger had a gun and was pointing it at me. I was terrified. Fortunately, a car came round the corner at this time and the men drove off," she said.

Another woman, speaking to the *Gazette* on condition of anonymity, had her car's rear window smashed by a bike gang.

She explained that she was driving from Patong to her home in Kamala about 1 am when she was involved in a minor collision with a pickup that pulled out into the road in front of her.

"After the accident, I saw a gang on more than 10 motorbikes approaching. One of them threw a rock," she said. The rock went through the back window, ricocheted off the steering wheel and cracked the windshield.

"Luckily, I was not hurt and lost none of my belongings," she said. "But I won't drive along this road alone again."

Col Teerapol said, "We've heard many similar reports recently. We know of a teenage bike gang in Kamala, and I have assigned officers to hunt them down," he said, adding that he believes the two who attacked Ms Temple were from the gang.

"Anyone who is robbed or victimized should report it to police immediately," he added.



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Chalong police issue burglaries warning

CHALONG: Pol Col Chalit Kaewyarat, Superintendent of Chalong Police Station, has urged residents in the Chalong and Rawai areas to take extra precautions against burglaries following a recent spate of break-ins, mostly involving homes of foreigners.

"A house in Soi Ta-ia [Chalong] and another one in Soi Samakkee 2 [Rawai] were recently broken into by burglars.

"A couple of days ago we arrested a man who worked for a mosquito screen shop near Wat Chalong. The man fitted mosquito screens to a house in Chalong, and then returned and robbed the house later," Col Chalit said.

"Yesterday, we arrested two painters who live in Soi Palai who had robbed a house in Soi Naya in Rawai," he added.

ECONOMY

Col Chalit said that it was normal for the number of burglaries to rise as the low season sets in, but added that he believed the current poor state of the economy was aggravating the problem.

The colonel said that in response to the spike in the number of burglaries, the number of police patrols has been increased. "We are also advising people on how to make their homes more secure.

"The police are not ignoring this problem. We are warning people to be wary of servicemen on call-out to homes, such as workers fitting security bars."

He added that residents should be wary of people with motorbikes and sidecars who come to salvage trash for recycling, as some of them might be "casing" homes as they work, preparing to rob them later.

"Almost all of the burglars we have arrested are not local people," he noted.

Col Chalit said that people who witness a burglary in progress should call him direct on his mobile phone at Tel: 01-7375838, or Pol Lt Col Somporn Boonrat, the Deputy Superintendent of Chalong Police Station, at Tel: 01-8951969, or Chalong Police Station at Tel: 076-381247.

— Janyaporn Morel

Direct flights from HK, Korea 'coming in July'

PHUKET: Dragonair still has no plans to restore its direct Hong Kong-Phuket service, but no fewer than three other airlines are planning to start flights on the route, a Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) official has announced. The first of these will start flying as early as next month.

Anoma Wongyai, Assistant Director of the TAT office in Phuket, returned from Hong Kong early this week with the good news.

She told the *Gazette*, "We received good news about direct flight from Orient Thai, which will start the service in July. Another carrier, Hong Kong Express [owned by Macau casino tycoon Dr Stanley Ho], will start in August."

"[Hong Kong-based] CR Airways is

planning its schedule. However, it will test the route for a month and if the demand is strong enough it will carry on flying," K. Anoma said.

"We spoke with Dragonair, but they said they would not resume direct service to Phuket. I understand that the airline has just opened a new route from Hong Kong to China and therefore does not have enough aircraft [to serve the Hong Kong-Phuket route].

"They also said that there is insufficient passenger demand on the route to justify resuming it," she added.

She also announced good news for those involved in the Korean tourism market. "Thai Airways International will resume flying its direct route between Seoul and Phuket in July.

In October it will start direct flights between Phuket and Pusan as well," she said.

K. Anoma was accompanied to Hong Kong by Vice-Governor Vorapot Rattasima, Phuket Airport Director Sq/Ldr Pornchai Eua-aree and a group of 20 representatives of tourism businesses in Phuket, Krabi and Phang Nga who put on a "road show" while in Hong Kong.

"We chose Hong Kong because it is a good target market. Tourists from Hong Kong have a lot of purchasing power that will help generate income for Phuket. We need people from Hong Kong to come back to Phuket again," K. Suwalai said.

"I expect to get good feedback from this project," she added.

Police unravel tale of cash and killing

By Jenjira Ruengjarus

PHUKET: Phuket Police have arrested three people in connection with a web of crime including the assassination of a local newspaper editor and the attempted murder of the ex-husband of one of the accused. A police sergeant was among those arrested.

Local businessman Peerasak "Ko Yu" Aiewpanich was shot on October 19 last year while he was giving alms to monks on their morning round. He was left paralyzed by the attack.

MASTERMIND

On April 29 the editor of local newspaper *Fahkumnod*, Opas Noothong, was shot and killed while walking back to his office after a party. Police now believe the crimes were linked and have arrested the alleged mastermind, Ko Yu's ex-wife, Veenakorn Boonyiun.

She is alleged to have ordered Ko Yu's killing after she became involved with another man and she disputes with her husband over shared property.

Opas was employed by Veenakorn and is alleged to have assisted her in the shooting of Ko Yu. Opas was then killed, it is alleged, to prevent him from talking about the crime.

Police have accused Pol Sgt



WANTED: Police allege that Jaran Soparkij was the gunman in the shooting of businessman Peerasak 'Ko Yu' Aiewpanich.

Niwat Jitrapimom, Veenakorn's son-in-law, of also being involved in Opas's killing.

Pol Lt Gen Sien Kaewthong gave more details about the case saying, "Veenakorn married Ko Yu in 1998 and in March 2005 she went to court to sue for divorce.

"While the case was ongo-

ing she became involved with another man, Ittipon [last name unknown]. They decided to hire a team to kill Ko Yu and enlisted the help of Opas.

"The two men then hired Somporn Kaewmanee to be the driver and Jaran Soparkij to be the gunman. After the shooting, Opas helped the two men to escape to a safe house and Veenakorn fled to Bangkok."

The police investigated the crime but it was not until the killing of Opas that the breakthrough was made.

Investigators found links between the two cases and arrested Veeraporn and Somporn on June 1 for the attempted murder of Ko Yu. Somporn told police that he was glad to have been arrested because he feared for his life.

He admitted involvement in the crime but said that he only drove the car and did not know in advance what going to happen.

Police arrested Sgt Niwat, accusing him of driving the motorbike in the killing of Opas.

The alleged gunman, Jaran, is still at large.

Phuket to get award for 'fastest recovery'

PHUKET CITY: Phuket has won the Arabian Travel Market 2006 (ATM) "New Frontiers Award" for being the tourism destination that recovered fastest from a natural disaster, Governor Udomsak Uswarangkura announced on June 8.

"The Arabian Travel Market has praised Phuket for its outstanding recovery and positive contribution to tourism development after the tsunami," Governor Udomsak said.

"The island was chosen after organizers consulted professionals representing international charities, global travel and tourism associations and journalists from leading travel publications. The short-list included destinations such as Lebanon, Bali, Sri Lanka, Egypt and the Maldives, all of which suffered from disasters."

He added that major factors in Phuket winning the award included then-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra flying to Phuket to supervise rescue and clean-up efforts, and emergency crews reopening Phuket International Airport within 24 hours.

Blood donation drive

PHUKET CITY: The Thai Red Cross and the Blood Bank at Vachira Phuket Hospital are inviting everyone to donate blood on June 20 in an attempt to collect "6 million cc to celebrate the King" in honor of His Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The blood drive will be held from 11 am to 4:30 pm at the Tourist Center on the 2nd floor of Central Festival Phuket, near the banks.

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S...

Thailand has had more than enough horrific fires to serve as reminders of how lethal and lightning-quick a blaze can be. Last month eight staff members of Pattaya's Route 999 club were killed when a fire, reportedly caused by an air-conditioning mechanic's welding torch, ripped through the building.

In Phuket, this year has already seen fires at two nightspots: one at Jammin' in Phuket City, the other at Crocodile Disco, Patong. Fortunately there were no casualties in either case and firefighters managed to bring the blazes under control before they spread to other properties.

Here the *Gazette's* Sangkhae Leelanapaporn and Dominic Earnshaw report on how ready the local authorities are to deal with the threat fire in Phuket.

Thailand has had some truly horrific fires in its recent history. In 1993, 188 people were killed and about 500 people injured in a fire at the Kader toy factory on the outskirts of Bangkok. It was the worst recorded factory fire in history anywhere in the world.

Four years later, in 1997, 91

guests and employees perished in a fire at the Royal Jomtien Resort in Pattaya.

Poor fire-safety standards have been blamed for the high death toll in both of these cases. Following the Kader and Royal Jomtien fires, new regulations were brought in to try and improve standards. However, the

Route 999 incident, where emergency exits were, allegedly, locked from the outside, suggests there is still much room for improvement.

The *Gazette* spoke to authorities in Phuket about incidents here and what measures they have in place to prevent and deal with fires.

Somkit Petchkraw, Fire Chief of Phuket City Municipality, said, "We usually have around 20 fires a year in Phuket City. Most of them are fairly minor cases because the fireman arrive before the flames have time to spread. No one has been killed in a fire in Phuket City for five years."

K. Somkit explained that the systems for reporting fires are still not ideal, leading to valuable time being lost between when a fire breaks out and the time the fire brigade arrives on the scene. Direct communication links between entertainment venues and the fire department are still rare in Thailand.

"In Thailand only banks have a direct link to the fire department. The Ministry of Interior requires all banks to be directly connected to both the Police and the fire department," he said.



Many members of the public also still seem unaware of what to do in case of a fire. "People in other parts of the island outside of Muang District still call 199 when they want to reach the fire brigade. This only goes to Phuket City Fire Department. The fire officers could get to the scene more quickly if people called their local fire station.

"The 199 number should be used only to report incidents in Phuket City.

"On top of this, most people still call 191 to report a fire. This goes to the police, it is not the right number for the fire department.

We have launched campaigns to teach the public to call 199 in the case of fire, or any other natural hazards such as flooding or fallen trees. We have two stations in town on standby, one on Kra Rd and one in the Samkong area," K. Somkit explained.

Visit Methasoontharapoj, Patong Municipality Fire Chief, was also keen to stress the safety of the area under his jurisdiction.

He said that the fire at the Crocodile Disco was a highly unusual event and that in his 13 years in charge of fire safety in Patong he had had only one fire-related death. That fatality occurred when a man was too drunk had to escape from a burning building.

K. Visit explained about the dangers faced in the discotheques

and bars that abound in Patong.

"The fires in discotheques are usually caused and exacerbated by a combination of combustible insulating foam, large quantities of alcohol and large amounts of electronic equipment. This can be a potent combination for causing fires. Luckily, at the Crocodile Disco, we managed to bring the blaze under control in only 45 minutes," he said.

Both officers expressed the importance of improving the public's fire-safety knowledge. K. Somkit said that Phuket City Municipality runs campaigns to educate local people about fire safety and is trying to encourage people to check that their electrical wiring – a major cause of fires – is safe and not a potential fire risk.

Talking about efforts in Patong to improve awareness of fire issues, K. Visit said, "We are also training community volunteers and hotel staff to know how to guard against fire and what to do if a fire should occur," he said.

Another man who feels Thailand could benefit from more fire-safety education is John Cooper, Station Officer of Altona Fire Station, Melbourne, an Australian firefighter who is hoping to twin his fire station with Patong Kathu Fire Station. He explained how he thought Phuket could benefit from the idea.

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SMOKE EATERS: Volunteer Civilian Fire Defence Centers firemen tackle a blaze at a firefighting drill held at Saphan Hin on June 5. District, Municipality and Tambon level volunteers also staged an exhibition of firefighting equipment and simulated rescuing people from high buildings.

entertainment licenses are issued or renewed a venue must be inspected by safety officers.

"With regards to fire protection, we just check for the presence of a fire extinguisher inside and that front and back emergency exits are provided for customers. All other aspects of fire protection and prevention are the responsibility of the owner," he said.

Mel Purdue, the owner of Jammin' club, spoke about his experience with fire-safety inspections, or the lack thereof, saying, "There are absolutely no checks enforced on us at all. Since we opened we have not been checked for safety standards.

"It's all basically down to what we consider to be appropriate. We felt we ought to employ similar systems as to what would be in place in the UK and other European countries.

"Since we've had the fire, we've fitted things like emergency lighting, smoke detectors, alarm systems, and fire exit signs. No one has ever come to do any checks on these."

This approach to licensing and fire safety seems a long way behind what is expected in other countries.

Mr Cooper, commenting on the recent spate of nightclub fires in Thai tourist destinations, said, "In nightclubs in Australia, the owners are required to have sprinkler systems, extinguishers, fire blankets, properly signed exits, published fire escape plans, fire alarm systems linked to the fire service in that city, among other things.

"It is my understanding that many of these sorts of measures are not enforced in Thailand."

Kathu Fire Station to Altona Fire Station in Melbourne, is to raise the awareness of not just the firefighters, but also the local and state governments, as to how they can help protect the people in their respective communities more effectively.

"All in all, I am hoping to help make both Phi Phi Island and also the Patong area much safer places, not just for the people who call them home but also for the thousands of international visitors who come to visit."

Along with improving public knowledge, another vital factor in preventing and limiting the damage caused by fires is ensuring that buildings used by large numbers of people are equipped

to give people the best possible chance of avoiding injury or death when fires do occur.

New regulations were introduced in 1997 with the aim of ensuring that all buildings in public use are as fire-safe as possible.

The regulations include such measures as fitting fire escapes; clearly affixing plans of each floor of the building showing the location of fire-fighting equipment and fire escapes; providing at least one hand-held fire extinguisher per floor and installing a fire alarm.

Suthee Sirianant, Chief Administration Officer (*Palad*) of Phuket Provincial Defense Office, told the *Gazette* that before

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Spiky-haired bag snatcher learns gravel rash lesson

A 16-year-old punk recently found out the hard way that crime does not always pay. At about 11 pm on June 7, Chalong Community Volunteer Police collared a boy name Ouan (not his real name), after an unsuccessful attempt to rob an 18-year-old girl late at night.

The victim, Phuket Vocational College student Primrita Saisen, was returning home by motorcycle along Chao Fa West Rd when she noticed a boy on a motorbike following very close behind.

Riding pillion on her motorbike was her younger sister, name and age not reported.

Despite the late hour and her duty to protect her young sister and the presence of a mys-

terious man riding unusually close behind them through the darkness, what did she do when her Samsung i700 mobile phone rang?

She answered it, of course.

Seeing his intended prey with only one hand left for controlling her bike, the spikey-haired young thug knew it was time to pounce.

He pulled up alongside, leaned over and snatched the phone right out of her hand.

Perhaps emboldened by the ease of that maneuver, he did not fly off as most snatch-and-run specialists do.

Instead, he decided he also wanted for himself Primrita's shoulder bag and its contents.

He yanked it hard, but

Primrita fought back, tenaciously refusing to let go. Not surprisingly, the high-speed tug-of-war quickly caused both motorcycles to crash onto the road outside the Wiroj Gold Shop.

A split second later, a pickup truck "travelling at high speed" smashed into Ouan's 125cc Honda, leaving it a crumpled wreck on the tarmac.

Primrita screamed for help – and it did not take long to arrive. Members of the Chalong Community Volunteer Police soon had the boy under control.

Under questioning, Ouan confessed to having previously carried out three similar snatch-and-run crimes in Chalong Police District and four or five more in Phuket City Police district.

Chalong Police Inspector Pol Lt Col Chokchai Suttimake said the boy faced charges of snatching aggravated by causing bodily harm and using a vehicle to commit the crime.

Were Ouan an adult, he would face two to seven years in prison and a fine. As a minor, he will probably be back out on the streets by the time this is published. *Source: Siang Tai*



Finding Nemo – at the post office

Something's fishy down at the post office – and it has nothing to do with missing mail.

The latest set of four special-edition stamps to be launched by Thailand Post feature four tropical fish: Clark's Anemonefish, the False Clown Anemonefish, the Pink Skunk Clownfish and the Saddleback Anemonefish.

One million copies of the set of 3-baht stamps go on sale on June 24 from all 10 Post offices in Phuket.

KAMALA-SURIN BEACH ROAD: A *Gazette* reader, who asked not to be named, sent in this picture and commented,:

"Recently a lot of building rubble was dumped on the formerly beautiful seaward side of the road between Kamala and Surin.

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85 bogus doctors arrested last year

The number of phony doctors arrested at private clinics and hospitals increased last year, the Public Health Ministry said.

The ministry's Division of Medical Registration handled 85 cases of people masquerading as licensed medical doctors in 2005, said Dr Tares Krassanairawong, head of the division.

The overall number of complaints filed against private medical institutions was much higher in 2005 than in 2004, with bogus doctor cases making up the majority of the 519 complaints, he said.

Most cases involved two major types of culprits impersonating qualified doctors, he said. Usually, if it was a private clinic in a small town upcountry, the fake doctor turned out to be a person in a related profession – but not a real doctor, he said. Fake doctors found in large cities were usually individuals who knew nothing about medicine, said Dr Tares, adding that they worked shifts when genuine doctors were not on duty.

Complaints leading to the arrests of fake doctors come from both their patients and genuine medical professionals, he said.

"Unauthorized doctors usually worked in unauthorized clinics," said the doctor. Only a few were found working at authorized clinics and private hospitals, mingling with real doctors.

To make sure they are not fooled, Dr Tares has urged people to take a careful look at the walls of the clinic to make sure it is legally licensed.

No way out: Stress caused by a flooded rice field was a key factor in a farmer in Phitsanuloke's Bang Rakam District killing himself, police said.

The body of Thab Saelor, 39, was recovered from a rice-field pond. He had been dead for at least 24 hours, said Pol Lt Col Charan Boonmee of Bang Rakam Police Station.

The man's wife, Lanthom Saelor, 37, told police K. Thab was under tremendous stress after the Yom River submerged his rice-field, which was dozens of rai in size.

K. Thab left home in the evening to inspect the rice-field, but never came back.

Worried, K. Lanthom later went out and found him sitting by the pond, looking stressed.

In front of his wife, K. Thab then stabbed himself in the stomach and jumped into the five-meter-deep pond, K. Lanthom said.

She asked fellow villagers to look for him, but they failed to find him until his body floated up a day later.

Nearly 81,000 rai of farmland belonging to 772 families was reported damaged in Uttaradit's Phrom Phiram, Bang Rakam and Muang districts in the recent flooding. Uttaradit Chamber of



Four contestants in the Miss Thailand World 2006 competition pose in swimsuits during a photo shoot at the Millenium Hilton Hotel in Bangkok.

Commerce President Somchat Khawirat said that the general economic damage caused by the floods may top 1 billion baht..

Hands-on help: In a medical first for the country, a team of surgeons at Songklanagarind Hospital in Haad Yai has successfully performed the simultaneous reattachment of a patient's two severed hands.

The historic operation, which lasted about eight hours, began only nine hours after a neighbor attacked 67-year-old Suchon Pengsud with a sickle in their hometown in Nakhon Sri Thammarat's Sichon District, lopping off both his hands.

Following the attack, Suchon was rushed to Sichon Hospital without either of his hands. Hospital staff immediately instructed Suchon's relatives to return to the scene of the attack and recover the hands, which were kept tightly wrapped in plastic bags and placed in ice. The patient and his hands were then rushed to Songklanagarind Hospital at Prince of Songkhla University in neighboring Songkhla Province, where the operation was carried out.

Doctors described the surgery as a success, given that the severed hands were restored to their original positions and the patient could move his fingers.

Suchon's daughter said her father was attacked because the neighbor mistakenly believed Suchon was making advances towards his wife. The neighbor was arrested.

Nod for subway: The Cabinet has endorsed the construction of three subway lines that are part of the proposed mass-transit mega-project for Bangkok. It said the dark red, light red and purple lines would go ahead, reasoning that the time-consuming project cannot wait for the formation of a new government.

Caretaker government spokesman Surapong Suebwonglee said a subway line takes four years to build, while an elevated line takes about three years.

"If we wait until the new government is formed, the project will be further delayed by six months," he said. The contractors will be selected through an electronic bidding process, he added.

Khao Yai tragedy: Five people were killed and 40 others injured after a bus plunged down a hillside in Khao Yai National Park in Nakhon Ratchasima Province.

Local police speculated the accident occurred because the driver of the double-decker bus with a raised roof, which was chartered by Bangkok-Pattaya Hospital to transport its staff on a trip, was not familiar with the winding roads in the park area.

Four people died at the scene, including hospital executive Khanuengnit Weetheesathokkij. Three others were pro-

nounced dead at a local hospital.

Police said the casualty figures could have been higher had the bus not become lodged in a large bamboo grove before it hit the ground after plunging from the road 100 meters above.

Healthy hotels: Thailand's Green Leaf Foundation has launched a no-smoking scheme for hotels, aimed at tapping health-conscious tourists as well as reducing operating costs.

Supporting the concept, the Thai Hotels Association (THA) plans to send letters to hundreds of its members nationwide inviting them to join the program.

THA Vice-President Prak-it Chinamourpong said the program would help hotels improve their services and attract a more health-conscious clientele.

He said hotels joining the

program would be awarded gold or silver stars. Hotels with 75% or more no-smoking rooms and 85% or more non-smoking staff will qualify for a gold star.

A silver star will be awarded to hotels with 65% to 75% no-smoking rooms, with 75% or more of staff being non-smokers. The Tourism Authority of Thailand is also supporting the program by publicizing smoke-free hotels in its overseas campaigns.

Bomb attack: In the ongoing violence in the Deep South, five police officers died and three others were seriously injured in Narathiwat's Rusoh District when a roadside bomb exploded while they were on patrol to guard teachers.

A 15-kilogram home-made bomb went off in the early afternoon in the village of Baan Pali as the officers were traveling in two pickups to a nearby school.

The explosion hit the first truck, carrying eight officers, killing five instantly. Officers in the second vehicle got out and opened fire into the jungle to clear the scene, but none of the bombers appeared in the area.

Fair fares: Thai Airways International is holding the "Sixth THAI Travel Fair" at Siam Discovery Centre in Bangkok from June 16 to 19, offering all-time low round-trip international fares to 11 overseas destinations for just 4,600 baht.

The event, which aims to boost both international and domestic travel on THAI during the low season, comes one week before the Thai AirAsia Travel Fair, also in Bangkok.

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

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By Dominic Earnshaw

Claire Lester and her partner Surin "Rin" Homhoun have come a long way since the day in December of 2004 when the tsunami struck.

The keimandrian26 café gallery is proof of that. Claire lost three of her family members to the sea (the café's name is a combination of their three names), but keimandrian26 is definitely a place of hope.

"We didn't want to do anything that was negative or 'woe is us'. It's been a bad time, but we've grown from it and we want what we do to be positive," Claire explains. This comes through strongly in the atmosphere of the café gallery.

The gallery displays works by Claire as well as by other local artists, both Thai and Western, and also has works by residents of the Life Home Project for HIV-positive women and children.

VIBRANT

The walls of the café area are lined with vibrantly colored images and there are two more display rooms upstairs.

The welcome is warm and friendly. The ceaselessly smiling Rin, who runs the café, explains that he wanted to make a place where people could come and enjoy good food and drink in a relaxed environment.

He also emphasises that the café is perfect for the many mixed Thai-Western families on Phuket as it offers a range of Thai food as well as Western dishes.

The English breakfast is highly recommended. It has "proper" sausages and bacon, not the sorry-looking frankfurters and fried ham that are so common in Thai interpretations of the dish. The meat pies, too, are excellent.

There is also a wide selection of beers, coffees, cocktails, fruit juices and other beverages.



Art by residents of the Life Home Project for HIV-positive women and children.

Art and food for the soul

'We want what we do to be positive'

One end of the café is devoted to large, comfy sofas and has Thai and English-language newspapers and a selection of books.

In the three months that the café gallery has been open,

Claire has sold more than half the works she has put on display. She studied art at university in the UK, but says that her work has changed considerably since coming to live in Asia. She has been influenced, she explains, by another local artist, Cindy Shaw, whose work is also periodically displayed at keimandrian26.

"My art changed when I met Cindy Shaw. She taught me how to use fiber-reactive dyes. I took to the technique and began to experiment with natural forms," she says.

This can be seen in the earlier pieces from her "Phuket period", where representations of the natural world feature heavily.

"After the tsunami I began to build into my work the sea and symbols protecting against the sea. Every piece has a Buddha that protects you from water.

"I researched the history of all the different Buddha images and what they mean. There are Buddhas of the earth and gods of the sea. All the pictures have, in some way, a representation of the wave. I have also begun to incorporate Chinese symbols for luck and happiness," Claire explains.

Despite the potentially gloomy inspiration behind the pieces, they do not convey a



Rin (left) runs the café side of the business.

sense of sadness. The spiritual imagery and soft coloring are calming and the Chinese and Buddhist symbolism adds a local touch.

Claire and Rin have other projects they are pursuing. Claire is hoping to set up an art workshop in the upstairs rooms of the gallery. The couple are also setting up a service to link Western residents with reliable Thai tradesmen, such as plumbers and electricians. So, in a few months time, there will be a one-stop-

shop in Kathu where you can learn to paint, enjoy a good meal and arrange to get your house rewired.

Keimandrian26 is open daily from 10 am to 8 pm. It is located on Wichit Songklam Rd in Kathu, opposite the Castrol gas station. For more information and a map of the location see the café's website at www.keimandrian26.com or call K. Rin at Tel: 05-7824130 or 04-1935124.



Claire Lester with some of her own works.

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Seniors get into the World Cup spirit



ACROSS THE BAY

By Gus Reynolds

Last month Krabi was one of the hosts for the inaugural Seniors World Cup Football championships.

Now, the seniors version of the FIFA World Cup 2006 being held in Germany this June and July is not exactly a replica of the teams vying for the World Championship. In fact, it was a mini-version of the real thing, with only 10 teams participating. Lacking any true soccer powerhouses, it had a distinctly Asian flavor as well.

But most importantly, the spirit was definitely there – and the crowds in attendance at the Physical Education College Stadium in Krabi were delighted to watch the over-40s players huffing and puffing around the pitch.

Unlike in many major football matches, there were no fisticuffs, cheap-shots or anguished Academy Award-worthy performances by players who trip over their own feet.

In fact, supporters from various countries were heard teaching their songs and chants to their opposition, with some predictably hilarious results. While Hong Kong and Vietnam are hardly front-page football powers, all the players were very highly skilled nevertheless. Best of all, everyone had a grand time and it was a perfect build-up for the World Cup 2006 extravaganza.

Wave of controversy: Krabi and its scenic environs have been the backdrop for many a movie and television advert. This year has seen the filming of a new movie, an HBO-BBC collaboration causing some controversy.

Tsunami, or *Aftermath* to give it its new title, has just finished filming in the Krabi area. The response from the residents has been quite emotional in many cases, especially from those who lost family, friends, jobs, homes and businesses.

Many felt exploited by outsiders seeking to turn a profit from the misery of thousands, especially since it is less than two years since the tragedy occurred.

In addition, fliers advertising for movie “extras” posted around Krabi by the production

company were insensitive in their depiction of the parts required: “Victims: man, woman, girl, any age any nationality. A lot of people!”

These left many local residents quite upset. Thai extras were paid 400 baht a day to play “victims”, staggering about or lying still as corpses.

While production company Kudos stated, “Kudos has been collaborating with local communities,” no one we can discover in Krabi seems to have been a participant in such a collaboration. In fact, the seven letters I wrote to the management team at Kudos in London were ignored.

My email to the general contact address on their website was read, but without a reply. So here, it seems, is how to collaborate and become part of the community that has suffered one of the world’s worst natural catastrophes: stay long enough to film the bits you need and the pack your bags before someone finds out you are in town.

The Little Things: Expats are notorious for their gripe sessions, complaining about this and that, and how things aren’t as good as they are at home, with the inevitable riposte: “So why are you still here?”

SERVICE

We point to the inefficiencies in government services but fail to remember the poor service we got back in our home country. Often we forget the quality of life that attracted us in the first place and many times we take things for granted, failing to recognize improvements in services or a job well done.

It’s only when we take a “reality check” trip back to our own country that these things return to the proper perspective.

Sometimes we notice little things that should be applauded and encouraged. For instance, about three weeks ago a tour bus knocked down a transformer and power lines on the main road going into Ao Nang Beach, leaving the area without power.

While this is not the type of driving skill that should be applauded, the reaction to the accident was. The police were called and responded in minutes, sealing off the area where dangerous live wires lay exposed. They in turn called the Provincial Electricity Authority, which had a truck there in 15 minutes.

The workers in the first truck cleared the area, assessed the damage and called another truck to come with the parts required. Another 15 minutes passed and the second truck arrived, parts and equipment ready.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

By Jeff Heselwood

The New York International Auto Show, held every April, generally offers models that have been seen previously, either in Detroit in January or Geneva at the beginning of March.

New York, though, this year heralded the appearance of the much-anticipated convertible Bentley Continental. The new car completes the model line-up of the Bentley GT series, which began with the high-speed tourer itself in 2003, before the four-door Continental Flying Spur limousine was added to the range last year.

Powered by the same twin-turbo W12 six-liter engine as its cousins, the Continental GTC is capable of a maximum of 312 kmh with the roof up, and a marginally slower 306kmh with the roof down. The 0-100kmh sprint time is a remarkable 5.1 seconds.

RAGTOP

The roof is a traditional fabric soft-top, rather than the folding metal type so loved by many manufacturers these days, and features fully automated, electro-hydraulic operation.

According to Bentley Motors Chairman and CEO, Dr Franz-Josef Paefgen, "The Continental GTC is the most distinctive new Bentley yet. It is very elegant, and at the same time effortlessly modern."

"It will appeal to many different customers – people who are tired of driving sports cars that require too much effort; people who will want to move up from more standard convertibles;



The Continental goes convertible



and people who want to make a statement about what they drive – yet still own a car they can use every day."

As usual in a Bentley, the new GTC features supreme

luxury within the passenger compartment. It has hand-crafted leather hide and wood veneers, and the three-layer fabric roof with a heated glass rear screen provides adequate acoustic insu-

lation as well as protection from the elements.

The front seats have a sculpted rear section to provide more knee space in the back, and the roof, when lowered, is hidden beneath a leather tonneau cover. The roof folds in just 25 seconds, and can be operated at speeds up to 30kmh.

Burr walnut is the standard veneer used throughout the Bentley range, but available as an option is bird's eye maple or madrona – a species of tree found mainly on the west coast of the US – in "piano black", or a dark-stained burr walnut. These veneers are cut using the latest laser technology, and are mirrored right to left of the car to ensure symmetry.

To allow the W12 engine to produce all of its 552 horses (411kW) and to transmit them to the road, the GTC features permanent all-wheel drive along with a paddle-operated six-speed automatic transmission from ZF of Germany.

Air suspension is standard, as is continuous damping control, with a choice of four settings according to both speed and terrain.

Brakes are massive vented discs all round – the largest such discs on any series production car in the world. Added to these are

brake-assist, anti-lock braking and electronic pressure distribution. The parking brake is also electronic, and acts as an emergency braking system on all four wheels.

To enhance safety, there is a tire pressure monitoring system and a sophisticated roll-over protection system beneath the rear headrests.

If the car's on-board computer detects an imminent flip, two reinforced steel hoops are deployed within milliseconds, working in conjunction with the strengthened windshield frame to protect front and rear passengers.

The Continental GTC completes the Bentley Continental range. "The proportions of the GTC are the epitome of the elegant modern convertible and clearly distinguishable from the GT coupé," Dr Paefgen says.

"Now our customers have three models to choose from – the GT coupé may be a driver's car and the Continental Flying Spur a more practical four-door Grand Tourer, but the new Continental GTC is the showpiece for Bentley design."

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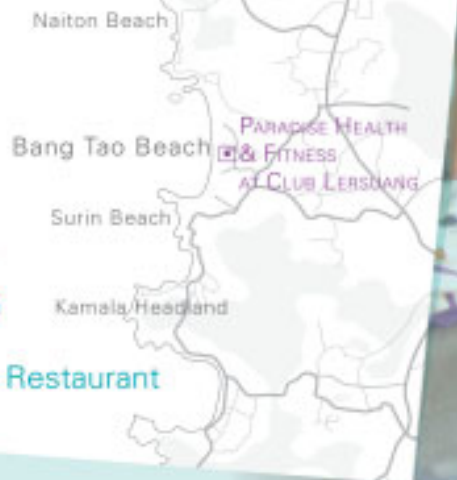
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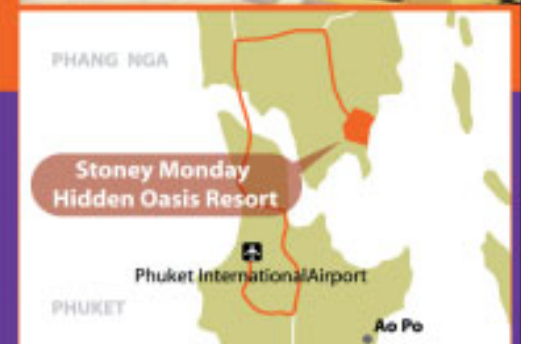
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TALES OF A TRAVELER

By Ed Peters

As casino legends go, Graham "Natural" Chan is one of the biggest. The more the Malaysian-born Chinese entrepreneur drank, the better he played.

A lifelong baccarat fan, he would walk away from the table with his pockets bulging with chips and – flown with alcohol and the glory of winning – he would then tour the casino lavishly tipping every employee he set eyes on.

His largesse did not stop there, for he would also commiserate with losers, handing them a pile of chips and a few sage words of advice.

RUMORS

Chan dropped off the gaming circuit in the late-1990s, amid rumors of ill health, and has not been seen since, but his name lives on, and if the millions of Asian punters who follow in his wake are not so skillful or generous, then they at least reflect the spirit of Natural Chan.

Casinos are the new growth industry of Asian leisure, with Cambodia, Vietnam, Singapore and even North Korea all getting in on the game.

Asia's current casino star is Macau, which is luring hordes of gamblers under its guise as the new Las Vegas.

Casino revenues in the former Portuguese colony topped US\$43 billion last year.

One billion people live within a three-hour flight of the city, and new gaming halls are sprouting by the day.

Cock of the walk at the moment is the Sands. With 277



Australian money-spinner: the Conrad Jupiters on the Gold Coast in Queensland.

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tables and 519 slot machines, it opened in 2004 and recouped its US\$265 million investment in a single year.

Joining the fray this September is the US\$700 million

Wynn Macau, and another casino – the Venetian – is rising fast on reclaimed land on the Cotai Strip.

Malaysia attracts its own gamblers too, and nowhere more so than the one-time hill station

of the Genting Highlands. Gambling is very much the major attraction there – although you might want to take time out from the tables for a round or two of golf. The premier gaming venue

Natural Chan would walk away from the baccarat table, his pockets bulging with chips

is the Genting Highlands Resort & Casino, which provides a deft blend of action and relaxation.

The Philippines are also gambler-friendly. Part of Clark Field – the former US airbase – has been transmogrified into the Fontana Casino, and you can flirt with Dame Fortune at the Hyatt Hotel & Casino Manila, one of the country's smarter accommodations with a high-class casino attached.

Of course, not all gaming operations are land-bound. Star Cruises makes few bones about the fact that many of its passengers rarely make it up on deck during its cruises around Asian waters.

All the line's ships have at least one casino on board and the voyages offer some reasonable all-in prices.

Down Under has not been slow in coming up with gaming options, most notably the Conrad Jupiters on the Gold Coast in Queensland, where casinos were made legal only 26 years ago.

Jupiters is currently undergoing an A\$53 million renovation while still managing to stay open around the clock.

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Happily Ever After

Recent weddings in Phuket



Waranya Rangsinthurat and Manucha Prateep Na Thalang were married in the Phuket Ballroom of The Royal Phuket City Hotel on May 7. Phuket Governor Udomsak Usarangkura, pictured (2nd from left) with the couple and the bride's parents, was president at their ceremony.



Rerkdee 'Pui' Thammachod and Daniel Hogan from Chicago were married at K. Pui's home town in Srisaket Province on May 4.

A chat with

We have it

I know you have a healthy respect for Bernard Trink, yet for most farangs living in Thailand he can seem somewhat set in his ways. By contrast, you display a flexibility in subject matter, attitudes and opinions. Would it be correct to say that you have taken on his mantle in some ways?

I guess in some people's eyes I have taken on the responsibility of producing what Trink did; a weekly column for Westerners in Bangkok that has a slant toward nightlife. I never intended for that to happen. The weekly column was started as a part of the site where I could include information that was topical, and which might date – and could not fit anywhere else on the site vintage 2001.

I really think a lot of people are unnecessarily harsh on Trink. Maintaining a column like that for over 35 years was a huge achievement and despite the fact that all and sundry seemed to give him a hard time, virtually everyone read him.

How did your website start?

It started as something of a personal homepage back in late-1998, although I guess it started to become popular in mid-1999. By mid-2000 it had developed quite a following, but it still wasn't really multi-dimensional back then. For the first year or so it didn't even have any pictures, it really was basic, although some would say it is still quite basic now!



When I started up the weekly column in April 2001, it just took off, huge amounts of positive feedback started flocking in and it grew into something that I never expected.

How has it changed?

There is much less nightlife information now than there used to be, at least as far as a percentage of the site goes. I think there is a lot of other more interesting stuff to write about. That said, nightlife issues are easy to report on, whereas other stuff requires a heap more research.

Do you believe that the experiences shared on the website actually help some people avoid making the same mistakes others have made before?

Sure. There are so many stories on the site that one cannot help but learn about some of the difficulties that other Westerners have faced, and, with a bit of luck, avoid them themselves.

But a lot of people discover the site when it is too late, and they have already been through the wringer!

I currently average about 55 emails a day, and everyday there is at least one tale of woe, someone who has been taken to the cleaners, often by a lady of the night.

The situation is often the stereotypical new guy to Thailand who fell in love with one of those girls and did things that he would never consider doing back in his own country, at least not so fast!

How do you know if a story is genuine or not? After all, many farang coming to Thailand do seem to walk a predictable path in terms of relationships with the opposite sex. It'd be easy to "cut & paste" a story from others' efforts. Or would it?

The truth is I do not know if something is original. Someone could submit a story to me that was not their own work, and that had appeared elsewhere online. I would not know immediately, but the readership is now so large, and so diverse, that readers would

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Stickman? in the bag

Stickmanbangkok.com was originally devoted to keeping expats in Thailand up to date with the Kingdom's nightlife. Nowadays, it also functions as a forum in which contributors, mostly male, describe their experiences and relationships with Thai ladies – be they good or disastrous. The website has grown to an extremely popular touchstone, replacing the now-defunct Night Owl column of former *Bangkok Post* columnist Bernard Trink as the most widely read forum for expats. Stickman was recently in Phuket, giving Sam Wilkinson a chance to share a cuppa and a chat with him.

pick up on it quickly and let me know, so that it could be removed quickly. This has not been a problem, though.

Are you a believer in “you can take the girl out of the bar but you can’t take the bar out of the girl”?

Oh yeah, I love that mantra and agree with it 100%! A small percentage of guys involved in long-term relationships or marriage with ex-bargirls are able to make it work, but most do not. Lots of guys involved with former ladies of the night will swear that they are happy, but you just know they are not. Give it time and it usually comes crashing down around them. Very few last long term.

What percentage of farang, in your estimation, come here to live long-term in Thailand and do not have anything whatsoever to do with the naughty nightlife?

Long-term expats who have nothing to do with it? The percentage would be very low! Maybe a couple of percent. I mean, if I think of every farang I have met in Thailand, precious few have not at least had a peek in the naughty bars – and they were all missionaries. And many guys don't usually stop at just a peek...

Do you feel that you are growing away from the bar scene as you mature? Is it really that important?

It doesn't interest me that much, certainly not from a participant's point of view. Remember, I'm married. But from an anthropological point of view, it remains fascinating. I do cover it in my column because that is what the masses want. Be they guys in Wellington or Glasgow or Melbourne or Los Angeles – or anywhere – most want to know what is happening in the bars back in their favorite corner of Southeast Asia.

How does Phuket – as a holiday resort – differ from Pattaya?

Phuket is a nicer environment, with a greater variety of things to do and some really nice resorts and places to stay. However, it is clearly more expensive and I think the locals are less friendly than those in Pattaya. I used to love Phuket, but this is the one place in Thailand where I really feel like a walking ATM, much more so than anywhere else. For someone based in Bangkok, you need a few days to make it worth the jaunt all the way down here. Compare that with Pattaya, which is so much easier to get to.

Some hold the opinion that Phuket had a golden opportunity to reinvent itself after the tsunami yet it failed to do so. What do you think about this?

I agree to some extent. The main beach area at Patong Beach could have been redeveloped into an area for pedestrians only, with cafés and the like.

Any general thoughts on Phuket?

Phuket has a lot going for it, but I think it is suffering from something of an identity crisis. Just what does it offer that a hundred other beach/island resorts, both here in Thailand, and in other countries, both neighboring and further abroad, do not?

Some places have a definite identity, such as Pattaya, whereas I am not so sure that Phuket does.

Who is the most interesting person you have interviewed for your site?

Captain Courageous was a hoot, to use a “Trinkism”. That interview got more feedback than any other.

Both the authors Jake Needham and Stephen Leather are also interesting characters although the interviews with them, which were done many years ago, were not as inspiring as they should have been.

What's next on your agenda?

Tough question this. I have recently written a number of articles about the future and how I



I'm hardly the most handsome guy in the world ... so not revealing myself helps to keep up the illusion that perhaps I have a few things going for me.

STICKMAN AS HE REALLY IS, MAYBE. OR MAYBE NOT.

feel my future is back in my native New Zealand, not in Thailand. Sometimes I feel that I have put a lot into Thailand and not got so much back.

I am not a young man any more and I have to be very care-

ful about how I spend the next few years.

Will you reveal your identity? Will we ever see your face?

I'm hardly the most handsome guy in the world and hard-

ly the most interesting, so not revealing myself helps to keep up the illusion that perhaps I have a few things going for me. I don't! I'm a geek who sits in front of a computer and is online for most of the hours that God sends.



This week



THE NEXT STEP: The Next Generation dance troupe shake a leg during an entertaining two hours of dance performances by students, young and old, of the Phuket Academy of Dance, at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa on June 3.



ABSOLUTE SENSE: Six Senses Resorts & Spas Chairman & CEO Sonu Shivdasani (center) leads the annual meeting of General Managers of all Six Senses Resorts & Spas properties. The May 30 event also marked the launch of Evason brand wines.



BOOKS BEHIND BARS: British Curriculum International School (BCIS) Head Librarian Diane Therrien (blue top) presents Phuket Provincial Prison Director Paisal Suwanraksa with 29 sets of books for inmates at the prison. BCIS teachers and support staff raised more than 25,000 baht to buy the books. Looking on, from left, are Library Assistant Jarunan Ruamthawee and English Teachers Sarah England and Paul Redfern.



PEARL OF A PICKUP: Toyota Pearl Group (TPG) Managing Director Wiboonchai Na Ranong (front, 3rd from left) with TPG Management Committee member Tassanee Na Ranong and her son and TPG Vice-President, K. Chaipat, celebrate the Southern Thailand launch of the Toyota Hilux Vigo Prerunner. The event included a concert by Thai rock stars Asanee & Wassan at Sapan Hin on May 28.



HEAR HERE: Porntip Kanjananiyot (in red), Executive Director of the Thailand-US Educational Foundation, receives a gift from Asst Prof Pimpaporn Suwatthigul for delivering a speech to freshmen at the Faculty of Service Industries, Prince of Songkla University, Phuket campus, on May 31.



GENER-OZ-ITY: Australian tourists Scott and Maree Walker, visiting Phuket for the first time recently, read in the *Phuket Gazette* about "trash lady" Wilairat Jaemcharoen (right, holding child). They gave her 3,500 baht to allow her to complete the purchase of the motorcycle and sidecar she uses for collecting trash for recycling.

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Prawn farm boss held for murder conspiracy

From the Phuket Gazette, issue of June 15, 2001

PHUKET: Somsak Wongsawanond, the owner of the Wachara Prawn Farm in Pa Khlok, was arrested on May 24 on charges of conspiring to murder environmental activist Jurin Rachapol at the end of January.

K. Jurin died on January 30 after being shot three times while collecting cashew leaves in a forest near to the Wachara Prawn Farm in Pa Khlok.

The man accused of carrying out the shooting, Wachara Farm employee Bancha Noppawong, 34, from Songkhla, was arrested at the farm on February 7 by officers from the Crime Suppression Division (CDS), and was taken to Bangkok for further investigation.

In the early hours of May 24, officers from the CDS again went to the farm and arrested Somsak, who was already on bail charged with illegal possession of

a weapon and discharging a weapon in a public place.

The prawn farm boss, who denied any involvement in the murder of Jurin, was taken to Bangkok while investigations continue.

Jurin was the second victim of what appeared to be a campaign to stop protests against the Wachara Farm's encroachment into protected mangrove forests.

The first victim, in October last year, was Siripoj Cheechang, who survived an attempt on his life.

THE TIME machine

News from the past

Rangoon Airways To Fly To Phuket

From the Phuket Gazette, issue of June 1, 1996

RANGOON: Sombat Kongrit, president of Rangoon Airways Company, Ltd, announced last month that Rangoon Airways will introduce charter flights between Rangoon and Phuket. No date

was given for commencement of the service.

Rangoon Airways, launched on May 1, is a joint venture between Myanmar Airways and Thai-owned Krong Sombat Co.

PHUKET DIARY of coming events

June 18: First Phuket International Marathon.

Laguna Phuket will host the first Phuket International Marathon Festival. More than 10,000 people are expected to attend the event with around 2,500 runners taking part in the marathon and supporting races on June 18.

Promoted under the "Run Paradise!" slogan, the 43-kilometer marathon, half-marathon, 10-km fun run, 3-km community run and 1-km kids' run, all scheduled to take place on the same day, are expected to attract many local runners along with some 500 foreign competitors from more than 30 countries.

The schedule is as follows:

June 16: 10 am to 8 pm.

Registration at Laguna Beach Resort (Cherng Talay room) and bib number pick-up.

June 17: 10 am to 6 pm.

Registration at Laguna Beach Resort. Opening ceremony at 5:45 pm.

June 17: Pasta party 6 pm.

June 18. Race day. Start times are: Marathon 5 am. Half-marathon 6:30 am. 10-km fun run 7 am. 1-km kids' run 9 am.

For more information, visit the International Marathon website, www.phuketmarathon.com or call Roman Floesser or Chuanthong Ittipatachai at Tel: 02-2362931.

Until June 30: A chance to try out Windows Vista.

Gazette columnist and Microsoft Windows guru Woody Leonhard explains: "Microsoft appears on track to ship new versions of Windows, Office and Internet Explorer in January.

"You can try official 'beta' test copies of each now. Give them a run and see if you can break anything - we're reporting bugs daily.

"Drop by the Sandwich Shoppe in Patong, near Andaman Beach Suites, across from CAT and the Patong Language School, between 8 am and 6 pm."

For more information email to woody@khunwoody.com or call Tel: 076-344516.

July 10: Asarnha Bucha Day (public holiday).

Asarnha Bucha marks the anniversary (determined using the lunar calendar) of the Lord Buddha delivering his first sermon to

five disciples at the Deer Park in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India, more than 2,500 years ago.

July 10: Khao Phansa Day (public holiday).

This is the beginning of the "Rains Retreat" - known in Thai as *Phansa*, hence the Thai name for the holiday, Khao Phansa Day - during which many Thais join the Buddhist monkhood for the three-month period.

July 28 to August 28: Free judo course.

Phuket City Municipality is offering a free judo course taught by Prawat Chanasen, who represented Thailand at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

The course, to be held at Saphan Hin, is open to everyone over 10 years of age.

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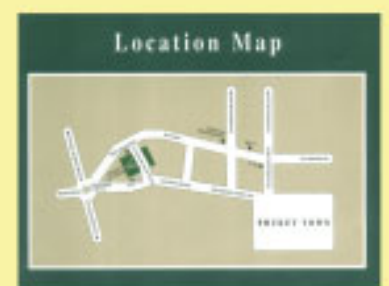
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WAKE-UP CALL

By Andy Johnstone

I was in my car the other day when the editor rang me and said, "You've been promoted." I swerved.

He rang again a few minutes later saying, "You've been promoted again." I swerved again.

He rang up a third time and said, "You're now the Managing Director." I drove into a tree.

A policeman came up and asked, "What happened to you?"

I said, "I careered off the road."

All laughing aside, there are few more terrifying moments to be had in a car than the dreaded nod: waking after a microsleep to find oneself careering off the road.

Well, at best all one does is career. At worst, one may experience a close, brief and probably final encounter with a lorry à la Mad Max.

Or, in particularly dramatic style, one may find out firsthand that cars – when they go over a cliff – obey the laws of gravity. Airbags? Forget them. Body bags would be more appropriate.

Falling asleep at the wheel might be the last thing to go through one's mind as, tired after an evening's carousing, one drives off into the night. In reality, however, the last thing to go through one's mind might be part of the steering wheel.

Many are the methods that have been proposed to prevent this, although the most obvious – not driving when exhausted, drunk or stoned – seem to be discarded along the way like so many empty bottles of M150.

Speaking of caffeine, this substance provides but a temporary burst of energy, as do other quick fixes, such as chocolate



A nifty piece of kit for the driver who tends to nod off at the wheel.

bars. Far better to eat lightly, but well.

Other methods of prevention include, so some recommend, driving only in daylight. However, as it is dark in Phuket by no later than 7 pm, this is rarely an option.

There are also a number of aromatherapy products put forward as efficacious in keeping a

driver's concentration levels up. These include:

Peppermint and cinnamon: These reportedly improve concentration levels and make drivers less irritable.

Lemon and coffee: These, too, are thought to help drivers achieve high concentration levels and clear thinking.

Sea air: A breath of salty sea air may make drivers breathe deeply, which helps relieve stress, relax the muscles and calm the mind.

However, more technical devices have also been develop-

ed, one of which is on sale in the Amorn Group shop in the basement of Big C.

For the princely sum of 35 baht – yes, just 35 baht – you too can be the proud owner of the catchily-named "Cure Sleepiness Right Away."

"It's new!" begins the blurb on the front of the packaging. "It's different!" it continues, before declaring it "Especially suitable for long-distance driving, drunk driving and nkght (sic) driving".

How does it work? The technology is very simple. Within the device, which, as shown in the photograph, fits neatly and unobtrusively behind the wearer's ear, is a battery, a high-pitched electronic buzzer and a tilt switch.

When the device – the Cure Sleepiness Right Away – is hooked ... Oh, forget it. It's much more fun to copy out the blurb from the back of the packaging:

"How to Use:

"1. Before long-distance driving, drunk driving or night driving, put the Cure Sleepiness Right Away on the right ear or the left ear and, at the same time, move the switch to the location of "ON" and the Cure Sleepiness Right Away will begin to work.

"2. If drivers feel tired or fall asleep while driving, their heads will usually fall forward. The Cure Sleepiness Right Away will then produce warning sounds like "bi—bi—", which will effectively warn or stimulate the drivers or wake them up immediately.

"* When driving in good mental conditions, drivers' heads are usually attached upright and their eyes are looking directly in front and, at this moment, the Cure Sleepiness Right Away will not produce warning sounds."

The anonymous manufacturers – there is no name on the packaging – helpfully add:

"Used for Other Purpose: Reading or Working Late at Night."

There should perhaps be a health warning, too: "Not to be Used By Librarians, Ethan Hunt, Trappist Monks, The Nervous, Those with Heart Conditions and Those Who Have Been Exposed To CIA Torture Methods." But there isn't.

Always keen to experience anything for the sake of the Gazette, I experimented with the Cure Sleepiness Right Away on my right ear – as was helpfully suggested – by switching it on and tilting my head forward.

The warning "bi—bi—" the device produced sounds like a combination of the Devil's most diabolical fart, a crab being boiled and the end of the world. The pain is, frankly, indescribably painful.

Of course, the Cure Sleepiness Right Away is not a device one should rely upon to prevent road crashes caused by fatigue or intoxication. Better, by far, to drive safely and soberly.

Yeah. Right.

People these days are constantly bombarded with information – and advertising – about what is good for one's physical, mental and spiritual health, and what is not.

The information is often confusing, conflicting, incomplete, inconsistent and difficult to understand – not to mention overwhelming. How can one know what really is best? Should you trust the advertising world to guide you to better health? Should you let the government tell you what is best?

Or maybe you should just go for the things that everyone seems to agree are good for you, such as fresh organic fruits and vegetables.

At Central Festival Phuket is a place that provides just about every fruit and vegetable you can think of, and perhaps a few you cannot, served up as healthy smoothies.

Pun Pun, which means "Shake Shake" in Thai, has a menu that at times borders on the medical in what it has to offer.

To perk yourself up, for example, order a Body Stimulator (cantaloupe, pineapple and orange juice), or a Power Booster – a mix of herbs and spices that can be added to any of the dozens of shakes or smoothies on the menu.

Or how about a Liver Flush (orange juice, lime juice, olive oil, garlic, ginger, cayenne pepper)? Or a Colon Care (papaya, apple, aloe vera, ginger, psyllium)?

Of course, you don't need to be worried about your health to go to Pun Pun. Go there just for the good taste. Try a Shake on the Beach smoothie (papaya, banana, mango and orange juice) or a Rouge Monkey – a mix of watermelon, strawberry, banana and orange juice.

For something different, you might like a Minty Ginger Apple, which is a mix of mint, ginger, lime juice and apple juice.

Other smoothies include Andaman Adventure (papaya, banana, mango, watermelon, pineapple and orange juice); Siamese Fusion (pineapple, papaya, mango, coconut, ginger, lemon grass and lime juice); Berry Blast (raspberry, blueberry, strawberry, pineapple and orange juice); Tropical Mango Tango (mango, coconut, banana, pineapple); Banana Kiwi (banana, apple juice, kiwi-fruit and lime juice); Coco-

Right: Even the tables and chairs at Pun Pun look kind of ... what's the word? ... shaky? Or just plain smooth.

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Guest chef

By Jenna Wise

From the age of nine, Richard Morel helped his father in the family bakery in St Lunaire in Brittany. One of the best known culinary specialties from this area in Northern France is *crêpes*, or thin pancakes, which people would buy plain from the bakery to put their own fillings in at home.

In December 2004, Richard opened his crêperie, Les Korrigans, in Nai Harn. The name refers to the mystic little people who, according to Celtic folklore, live in Brittany. (The "Les" is pronounced French-style – "lay", not "lez".)

Korrigans, it is said, have beautiful hair and red flashing eyes, can predict the future, can change shape and can move at lightning speed.

"Opening at that time – our first day was actually the day of the tsunami, December 26th – wasn't perhaps the best way to begin," says Richard.

"This year I decided to move my business into Phuket City because I think the scope for specialized restaurants is bigger there. Nai Harn is really overcrowded with restaurants now, anyway. There can't possibly be enough business for everyone during low season."

The menu at Les Korrigans has nearly 30 choices of either buckwheat crêpes – *galettes* – which have savory fillings, or plain crêpes with sweet fillings. Richard is happy to combine any ingredients his customers ask for.

He also offers a modest selection of salads and chicken and beef dishes.

Apart from cooking and spending time in the army, Richard has also worked in the body art industry. His own decorations make him a hard-to-miss character in Phuket, and he's considering the possibility of opening a body art studio on the island at some point.



Left, Richard Morel with King Gallon Crêpe. Above, Breakfast time with Rustic-Style Buckwheat Crêpe, bacon and egg.

KORRIGANS AND CRÊPES

Chicken Breast with Cream Normande Sauce To serve 2 people

Ingredients:

2 large single chicken breasts, chopped into bite-sized pieces;
1 red bell pepper, chopped finely;
Black pepper;
Salt;
1 cup chopped mushrooms;
½ cup whipping cream;
2 spirit measures Calvados;
1 tablespoon butter.

Method:

Melt the butter in a skillet and allow it to brown slightly. Fry the chicken pieces for about 3 minutes with salt and pepper. Add the chopped mushrooms and bell pepper with a couple of drops of Calvados. Continue stir-frying for a minute, then add the cream. Cook for a further 3-4 minutes

before stirring in the remainder of the Calvados. Remove from the heat and serve with your choice of fried or mashed potatoes.

Savory Buckwheat Crêpe, Rustic Style To make 5-6 crêpes

Ingredients:

500g buckwheat flour;
4 eggs, well beaten;
1 tablespoon sea salt;
1 tablespoon black pepper;
500ml water.

For the rustic-style filling (per crêpe):

3 bacon rashers;
1 egg;
2-3 tablespoons grated Cheddar cheese;
1 cup small fried potato pieces;
Butter.

Method:

To make the batter, put the flour into a large bowl then add the beaten eggs, salt, pepper and water. Mix well.

To cook individual crêpes, heat some oil in a large flat pan. Spread 1 ladle of batter into the pan, cook for 2 minutes then turn over. Put a dab of butter onto the crêpe and cook for a further 2 minutes. Turn again and put another dab of butter on.

Break the egg onto the crêpe, place the bacon rashers on it and sprinkle the grated cheese over. Slide carefully onto a large flat plate and fold the edges over.

The traditional way to serve this style of crêpe is with the egg almost raw, but you can adjust things to suit your preferences.

King Gallon Crêpe To make about 5-6 crêpes

Ingredients:

500g plain white flour;
3 eggs, well beaten;
100g sugar;

100g butter;
750ml milk.

For the King Gallon filling (per crêpe):

1 apple, peeled, cored, cut into slices and fried in butter until slightly brown;
½ teaspoon (or more) cinnamon powder;
Butter;
1 spirit measure Calvados.

Method:

Put the flour into a large bowl and mix in the butter and a little milk. Add the sugar and stir well before putting the rest of the milk in. Prepare individual crêpes in the same way as the buckwheat crêpe recipe. Put the apple pieces and Calvados on top before serving. For a dramatic touch, light the Calvados – carefully.

Les Korrigans Restaurant-crêperie, 43 Yaowarat Rd, Phuket City. Tel: 01-8942511. Open for lunch from 11.30 am to 3 pm and for dinner from 6 pm to 10.30 pm. Closed on Sundays during low season.



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Every fashion event, as anyone who works in the business will know, is filled with bitchiness of the highest degree – whether it be at a show or at one of the parties.

One thing you must try not to talk about at such events is your diet. I was caught at one London Fashion Week party in February stuffing a calorie-packed dessert down my throat in front of a well-known London socialite. She obviously spends most of the year not eating, and I was given the deadliest of jealous stares.

If looks could kill, I would have dropped dead, there and then. There is a universally-accepted list of things that women obviously hate about other women, and scoffing goodies while others are struggling to contain their waists is definitely in the Top 10.

Just in case you need to be reminded of the other nine unforgivables, I have devised the following list, which is in no particular order.

Lying about dressing up: You ring Wonder Woman on the afternoon of an important party and ask what she is planning to wear. She says, “Oh, just something casual” then turns up in a slashed-to-the-thigh, black “bonk me” dress. Variations include the girl who says, “I’m so fat” when she knows she has Madonna’s figure.

Behaving differently in front of men: We don’t mind ruthless and tough or helpless and winsome, but we cannot forgive switching from one to the other the second a man enters the room. Similarly, rewriting history for the benefit of men (“Oh, I just adore watching football”) is really irritating.

Being sexy during ‘chill out’ time: I mean those weekends away when you have an understanding that it’s to be dressed-down tops and well-worn jeans, but Wonder Woman brings her whole “casual” wardrobe, plus ultra-tight jeans for the evening and a suitcase of “natural” outdoorsy make-up.

Wonder Woman: the unfair sex

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SECRETS

Ambrosia Sakkadasis, a London-born Greek Cypriot, is a graduate of Central St Martins College of Art & Design in London. In addition to being a newspaper columnist, she is also an artist and designer. In this new regular column she turns an eye – only slightly jaundiced – on all things feminine.

Crying when the going gets tough: Sorry, but women who cry at work when they screw up, weep when their car breaks down, or start sobbing when they get criticized by their boss are just letting the side down and making it harder for the rest of us.

Lying about your age, cosmetics, hair color: It’s OK to dodge these subjects in front of prospective partners, but not to be straight with your own sex is creepy. We like a girl who says, “Look! Feel these! Only thirty thousand baht!”

Always keeping the nicest present: There is no point in giving something if you always keep the slightly better version for yourself. We hate this more than not getting anything at all.

Being a one-glass drinker: You don’t have to be a lush, but we tend to be suspicious of the skin-preserving, carbs-watching girl

who sips on a glass of chilled white all night. Total control is alienating.

Not performing for women: We don’t dislike women who flirt – just women who spark up only when the opposite sex is present.

Attention-seeking mothers: These women can’t stop reminding you that they have produced life. And they can only talk to you if Junior is bouncing on their knee. If the subject should stray from Jnr’s wonderful little ways or daily routine, it’ll be back on course again before you can say, “Did I mention I am a mother too?”

I must have been a dermatologist in a previous life. Since the age of 12, when other girls had discovered the delights of cherry-flavored roll-on lip gloss, I have been fascinated with skincare.



A serious no-no: being sexy during ‘chill out’ time.

Photo: EPA/Zayra Morales

My passion for potions began when my mother rushed her precious only-child to the Erno Laszlo counter in London’s Harrods so that the Hungarian saleswoman (at least I think she was Hungarian; maybe she was just putting it on for drama) could advise on how to use her company’s famous bar of black soap to rid from my forehead my first-ever zit, which happened to be about the size of a pinhead.

Since that first exposure to the world of beauty hype, I’ve

discovered that a basic skincare routine and sun-block throughout the year is all that is really needed. Most importantly, what you put into your body will show on the outside – so lots of water and less sugar will also help.

Spas, beauty salons and every kind of skincare product and machine to “cure” this and that have spread all over the world, but it is still surprising just how little most women actually know about looking after their skin.

A simple weekend trip to the beach provides proof that although most Western women do know that the sun ages them and can cause major skin problems, they still expose their skin at the wrong time of day – and end up looking darker than Whitney Houston.

Some return home from their Phuket holiday and then spend hundreds of dollars on whitening products or exfoliating machines to get rid of pigmentation marks that have accumulated from years of sun abuse.

I don’t believe that an expensive product will make your skin look any better than a reasonably priced one, especially if you lead a healthy lifestyle and stay out of the sun as much as you can. If you aren’t blessed with good skin genetically, a visit to the dermatologist can be better than hundreds of trips to an over-enthusiastic beauty therapist – especially one who is also trying to promote her treatments and knows how desperate you are.

Having said all that, I am still fascinated by new products that become beauty hits. In London recently at one store I came across an interesting product for which there was a huge queue. Originally a stretch mark cream, StriVectin-SD has been found to reduce wrinkles and has become a massive hit, netting megamoney for its US makers, Klein-Becker.

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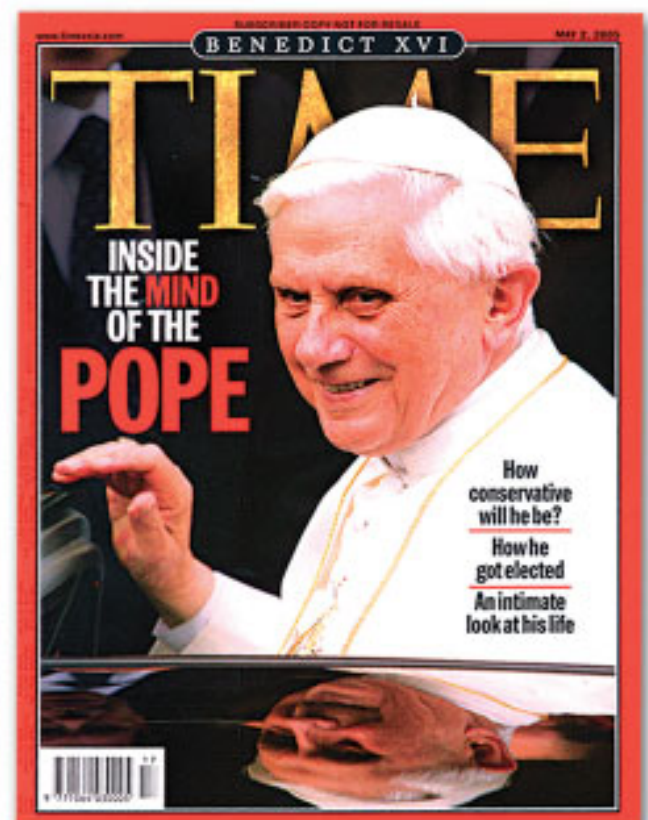
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Hidden Words

Hidden in the grid below are the names of at least 25 Shakespearean characters. The words may read vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may also read right-to-left or down-to-up. Score: 10 or more, good; 15 or more, very good; 25 or more, excellent. Solution on the next page.

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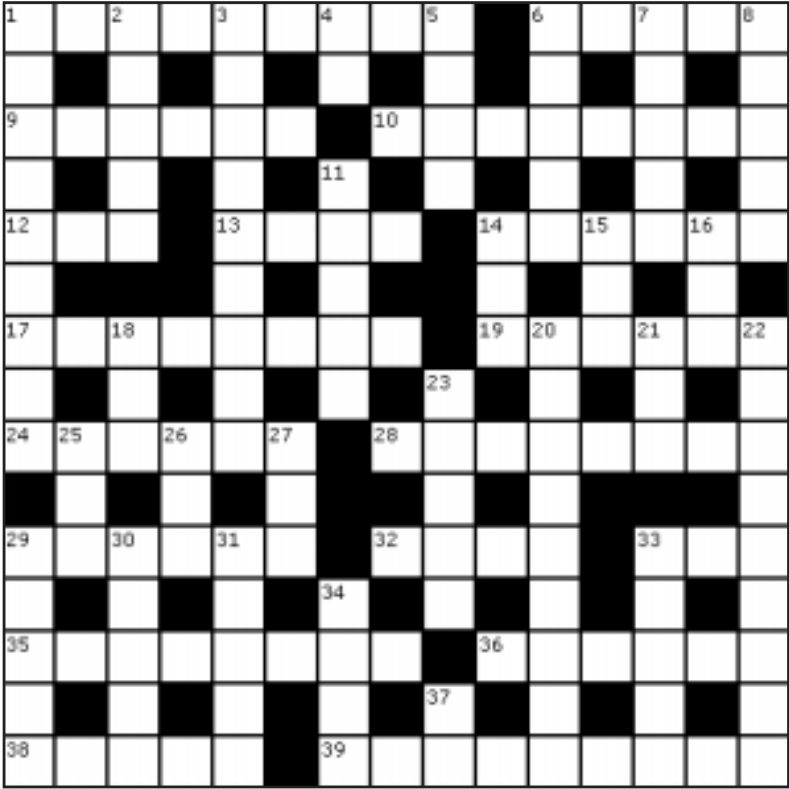
The Cryptic Crossword

ACROSS

1. Forceful ditch worker. (9)
6. Cardinal to throw class. (5)
9. To consider it the same, ride without it. (6)
10. Rob a gull to make cluster. (8)
12. Imitate gorilla. (3)
13. Charge for a burden. (4)
14. Awkward Cy's in nasty slum
17. Damaged, I am put into duo. (8)
19. With double account, I have a tree. (6)
24. Reasonable after tea, I make infusion. (6)
28. Thing, or protester. (8)
29. Give up again, and go back. (6)
32. Volcano – and French not applicable. (4)
33. Fluid sign. (3)
35. Ric's in list with, yes, song-writer. (8)
36. Beer chant? Ha! (6)
38. Cowboy who's out of practice? (5)
39. Takes charge and gives with note inside. (9)

Down

1. The ravisher who works in a spa?
2. And in Paris you take a couple of notes to make piece of music. (5)
3. Ball, oddly, lit no coil. (9)



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4. I exist in the morning. (2)
5. Lofty, but part of it all. (4)
6. Taxi take A1 to secret group. (5)
7. Discount time for 1,000 in state capital. (5)
8. Blue-blood? Yes, before time. (5)
11. Polishes, and gets bigger. (5)
14. Communist Party a qualification for accountant. (1,1,1)
15. Negatively a girl. (3)
16. Bit of a risk I take on slope. (3)
18. Step is a bit passé. (3)
20. Burning a thousand in God's work. (9)
21. Director's instruction is dropped. (3)
22. As fan, irk a strange language. (9)
23. Lost strength after muscle consumed. (5)
25. I, with reference to choler... (3)
26. ...make beverage with A1 and cardinal. (3)
27. To a point, we are sheep. (3)
29. Monarch may be used to draw the line. (5)
30. Series, we're told, about goddess. (5)
31. Faulty rear seat. (5)
33. Bar in part of Gotham. (5)
34. Employed something secondhand. (4)
37. Two meters? Nowhere near it! (2)

Solution on next page

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

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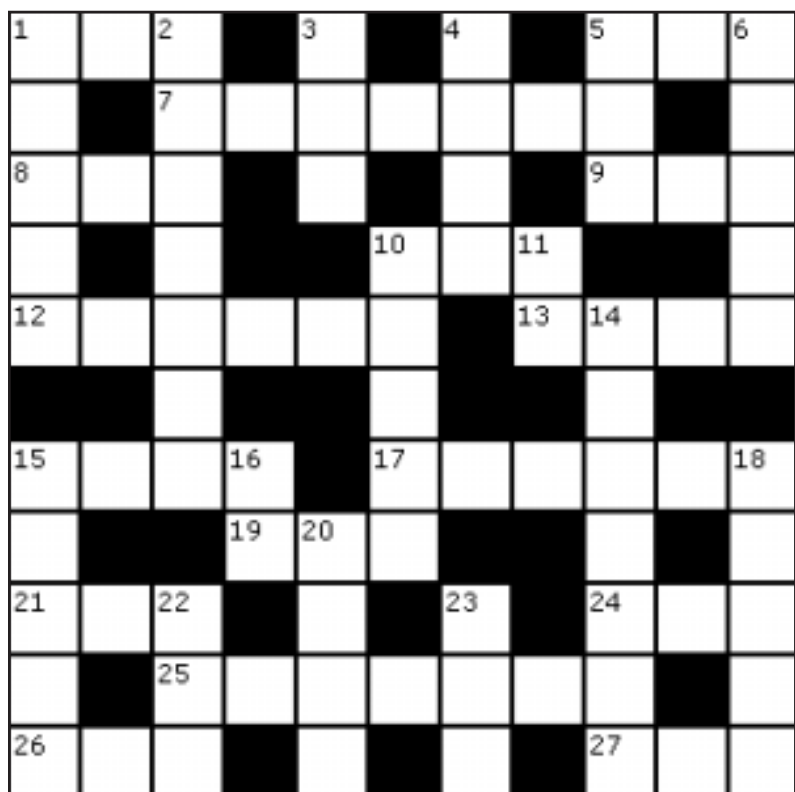
EZ TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What 13th Century Venetian explorer wrote about his travels to China and the Mongol empire?
2. What is the best-selling record album of all time in the US?
3. What do physicists call a concentration of mass great enough that the force of gravity prevents anything past its event horizon from escaping?
4. Who is the widow of Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain?
5. What country gets the least sunshine?
6. Who is the Emperor of Japan?
7. Which country was known as Ceylon until 1972?
8. What Canadian Mountie was always trying to catch his nemesis, Snidely Whiplash, in the Rocky & Bullwinkle show?
9. What is the capital of Somalia?
10. What is the most popular fruit in the world?
- Answers on next page

Brain Buster!

At the vegetable market, a pair of scales will balance if a head of cabbage and a lemon are on one side and 7 tomatoes are on the other. 3 lemons will balance with 1½ tomatoes. How many tomatoes will balance with a head of cabbage?

Answer on next page



Quick Crossword

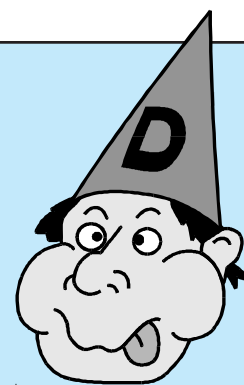
ACROSS

1. Pen part.
5. Bird of the night.
7. Freedom.
8. Dessert, maybe.
9. Started a fire.
10. Drinking place.
12. Hang around.
13. Top of triangle.
15. Returning sound.
17. Spice.
19. Zig partner.
21. Small mouthful.
24. Organ of vision.
25. Not professional.
26. Not high.
27. Use 24ac..

DOWN

1. Kathmandu is its capital.
2. Mark.
3. Computer maker.
4. **** Major, constellation.
5. Popeye's Olive.
6. Liquid rubber.
10. Carry towards.
11. Ancient Egyptian god.
14. Mollycoddles.
15. Artist's rest.
16. Wizard of **.
18. Water bird.
20. Saudi, for example.
22. Dog's foot.
23. Wager.

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. Whose body was found hanging from London's Blackfriars Bridge on June 17, 1982?
2. What nickname was he given by the media?
3. Sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi is best remembered for which work?
4. Eunice Kathleen Waymon is better known by what name?
5. Which airport has the IATA code EGC?
6. What pseudonym did Homer Simpson use in the episode *The Computer Wore Menace Shoes*?
7. Where would you find the village of Beaver Crossing?
8. Whose works include *The Happy Prince* and *The Selfish Giant*?
9. The scattered disc object 2003 UB313 was given what nickname by its discoverer?
10. The Gorge of Eternal Peril features in which movie?
11. In which US city is it illegal to feed alcoholic drinks to a moose?
12. Which physicist and astronomer had a pet moose that got drunk, fell down the stairs in his castle and died?
13. Which was the first vessel to be sunk by torpedoes from a nuclear-powered submarine in war, what was the submarine, and what was the conflict?
14. *Penicillium candida* is a mold used in the production of which specific foodstuffs?
15. *Parallel Universe*, *Dani California* and *Soul To Squeeze* are singles by which band?
16. Who is the the president of São Tomé & Príncipe?
17. Where is the largest meteorite impact crater in Europe?
18. Which element has the symbol P and the atomic number 15?
19. Swedish author Astrid Lindgren is most famous for creating what character?
20. Kopis, takouba and curtana are exemplars of what?

Answers below, left

Puzzle Solutions

Monster Quiz Answers: 1. Roberto Calvi; 2. "God's Banker"; 3. *Liberty Enlightening the World*, commonly known as the Statue of Liberty; 4. Nina Simone; 5. Bergerac, France; 6. Mr X; 7. Nebraska, US; 8. Oscar Wilde; 9. Xena; 10. Monty Python and the Holy Grail; 11. Fairbanks, Alaska; 12. Tycho Brahe, 1546-1601; 13. The ARA General Belgrano by HMS Conqueror in the Falklands War; 14. Brie and Camembert cheese; 15. Red Hot Chili Peppers; 16. Fradique de Menezes; 17. Sijan, Sweden; 18. Phosphorous; 19. Pippi Longstocking; 20. Swords.

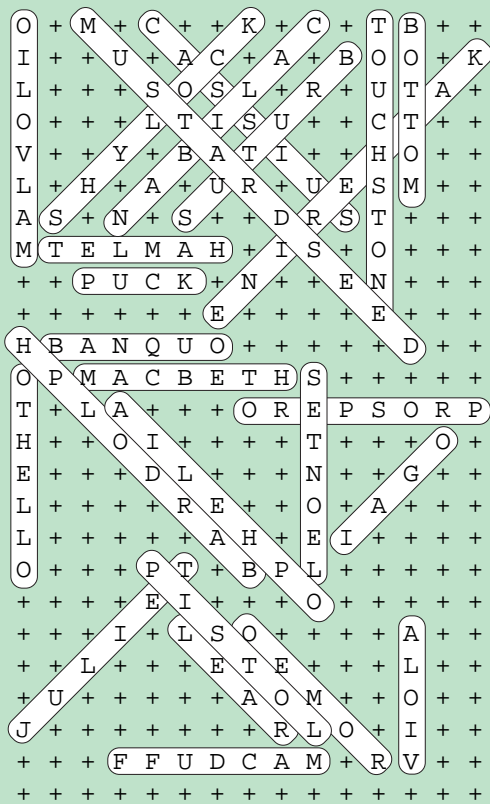
Brain Buster Solution: A head of cabbage will balance with 6½ tomatoes.

EZ Trivia Answers: Answers: 1. Marco Polo; 2. The Eagles *Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975* (28 million copies); 3. A black hole; 4. Courtney Love; 5. Scotland; 6. Akihito; 7. Sri Lanka; 8. Dudley Do-Right; 9. Mogadishu; 10. The tomato (yes, it's a fruit).

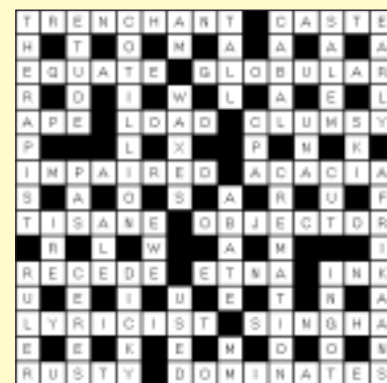


The wrong Cryptic Crossword solution was printed in the issue of June 3. Our apologies if we ruined anyone's weekend. Here is the correct solution.

Hidden Words SOLUTION



Solution to this week's Cryptic Crossword



Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle



Double standards: "Patong Beach ... it even sounds a little sleazy. Actually, the beach itself is rather nice. Soft sand, big waves – went for a relaxing walk (is it wrong to listen to *California Dream'n* in Thailand?) on the beach this afternoon. The town, though, is another matter. The main drags are littered with little kiosks selling CD's and DVD's, Gucci sunglasses, offensive T-shirts and a variety of beachy clothing, tacky objet d'art, switch-blades and flick knives.

"Oh, and then there is the countless massage places (most of which do not appear to offer the 'happy endings' that Thailand is apparently famous for.)..."

"And then there are the bars... now this is a thing to behold. Countless Asian women standing around beckoning men to enter these very dubious 'bars'. I found it laughable that this country goes to such length to keep porn out and then has places like this. LOL." (1)

Free-style: "Thailand has an abundance of natural resources, ideal growing conditions, a wealth of natural beauty, a stunning cultural tradition revealed in dazzling architecture and art, with warm, friendly people.

"The name 'Thai' means 'free.' I sat back in my chair and pondered that four letter F word. It sounded like music to me... 'Free'... I folded up the map. A 'free' Thailand is my kinda place. Money might not be everything, but it's way ahead of what ever is coming second, and the only reason I bought my home next door to the bank is so that I would be close to my money..."

"I followed the line of people out of the plane to the Customs desk. I don't

OUTSIDE IN

By Lis Kinswoman

Oh dearie me. Lis is a bit sniffly this week; and for two reasons. The doctor told me I had a "mysterious cold". I said, "Oh really, is it a Da Vinci cold?" He didn't answer. But there are still plenty of people offering their own answers to the ultimate question, "What is Phuket?" This week, they range from tacky market to Hannibal Lector's bedsit. Read on, and all shall be revealed.

know why the Customs Officials bother to compare the passport photos to the owner of the passport standing before them. We Europeans all look the same to them." (2)

The best, bar none: "Went into an English bar tonight. Sad. Compare Thai bar to English bar.

"Thai Bar: Bar Girl: Hello Sir, welcome, what would you like? Me: Heineken please. BG: Where are you from Sir? What do you do? You like Thailand? Me: Lovely place <some banter>

Girlfriend no have? Take my sister, sir

BG: Here is my sister sir, she loves Englishman because he is so nice but she sad because she no have Boyfriend. <sister smile> Me: <Lesley Phillips accent> Hellllloooooo <evening's entertainment>

"English Bar: Me: <enter, English guy looks up and sees beer gut and shows disdain as if to question why beer drinkers enter his bar>

BG: What would you like to drink? Me: Heineken. BG serves me Heineken. Me: <drink then go back to hotel>" (3)

Edification: "Stay in Karon or Kata or anywhere else. Just pop into town to buy your cheap nicknacks. DO NOT take kids after dark unless you want to spend the rest of the holiday explaining what they do with the darts and the snakes." (4)

Sound familiar? "Bangla Road, perpendicular to the beach road on the north end of Patong, is the little red-light district in town and the hostess girls line up and reel in passersby (goes something like: 'Hey handsome man, where you go?'). It's pretty seedy and you might want to keep the little ones away to avoid any lengthy explanations later, but it's a funny scene." (5)

Life lessons: "The profession of teaching English abroad attracts the most odd assortment of characters. The flotsam and

jetsam of Western civilisation, these ne'er-do-wells wash up on the shoreline of the Third World..."

"Many are undischarged bankrupts fleeing creditors, fugitives from justice, unemployed mercenaries, disgraced or convicted malcontents, missionaries, writers-at-large, delinquent and errant husbands, asylum-seekers – and those recently discharged from mental asylums, crusaders and occasionally teachers – with fake university degrees, of course. This is the state of the industry throughout South America, Polynesia and South East Asia.

"If you are a foreign teacher in Thailand, you are likely to find yourself sharing an office with Hannibal Lector." (6)

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Pluck any book off the shelf of expat humor writers in Thailand and you'll find a laugh line or two per page. Dave Barry can crank out a laugh line in every paragraph, every sentence – even twice in one sentence. But that's because Dave Barry is possessed by the Devil.

Dave Barry is the class clown, the mop-headed kid in the back row of class who sniggered and cracked jokes with a hand over his mouth while his classmates writhed in stifled laughter. He hasn't grown up since. Boogers, armpit-farts, dog doody jokes are the tools of his trade. Incredibly, he's won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

WACKY

Besides writing a syndicated humor column for the *Miami Herald*, Barry has published 23 humor books – with titles like *Boogers Are My Beat* and *Stay Fit and Healthy Till You're Dead* – and two wacky novels about Miami, *Big Trouble* and *Tricky Business*, in the style of his good friend and fellow columnist Carl Hiaasen.

His latest is *Money Secrets* (Crown Publishers, New York, 2006, 227pp), which purports to be a financial guru's guide in how to get rich. His introduction opens:

"Perhaps you're a young person just getting started in life. Or perhaps you're an older person thinking about retiring. Or perhaps you're a hostile space alien planning to wipe out human-

Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

ity by putting tiny radioactive scorpions into the latte machines at Starbucks.

"Well, no matter who you are, you need this book.

"Why?" you ask.

"Because chances are that when it comes to your personal finances, you are, with all due respect, a complete moron. I do not mean that in a derogatory way. I mean it simply in the sense that, when it comes to handling money, you are a stupid idiot."

In a chapter on how to get a job, Barry gives advice on trick questions that arise during a job interview.

How do you respond to criticism from superiors?

"Good Answer: I view it as a chance to improve myself by learning from those with more wisdom and experience.

"Bad Answer: If they're so superior, how come they can't figure out who killed their dog?"

What is your biggest weakness?

"Good Answer: Sometimes I get so involved in my job that I tend to neglect my personal life.

"Bad Answer: Heroin."

Now these are good quick

Dave Barry is possessed by the Devil

rim-shot jokes, but where Barry rises to the level of the comic sublime is a scene where Bob Pronghandle is making a TV commercial by the pool at a swank vacation resort to tout his fail-proof program called "Get Rich By Becoming Wealthy Making Big Money in Real Estate". He invites Norm and Gladys Hingler poolside to tell the audience how they got rich by using his "incredible program".

Norm's job was selling roadside fireworks, and two days before the Fourth of July he shot himself in the scrotum with a bottle rocket while doing a trick for the kids called the Fart of Doom.

Things got so bad that they had to choose between buying food for their five kids or cigarettes. So as their kids were starving, Gladys was thinking about turning tricks. Instead they turned to robbing convenience stores.

"Norm: Not with a gun, of course: we're both religious people. We had this fake bomb we made with duct tape.

"Gladys: Inside it was Tampex.

"Norm: I'd say, 'Give her the money, or I set off this bomb!' It worked the first two times, but



the third time, the guy says, 'OK, OK! Here's your money!' But instead of cash, he pulls out a fricking shotgun. You can't trust anybody, Bob.

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"Gladys: When Norm saw the shotgun, he jumped behind me and yelled, 'Don't shoot me! It's her Tampex!'"

So they wind up in prison and the shaggy dog story continues as Norm recounts seeing Bob's TV commercial in the cell he shared with his "best friend" Skag. "How come he made you get that tattoo, if he's your 'best friend'?" Gladys interrupts. Bob replies, "At least I'm not a whore," and they get into a fistfight and the screen goes dark as the camera falls into the water.

Now that's entertainment.

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Fire safety rules need much more serious application

Phuket has been lucky. Two nightspots suffered serious fires in the past three months, but both venues were closed when the fires took hold and no one was injured. But there is a very real danger that the next major fire, wherever it is, could result in deaths.

Thailand's laws on fire safety, while by no means as comprehensive as those in some other countries, are clear in their intent and offer a considerable measure of security for those at risk.

However – as is so often the case in Thailand – the gap between the law and its enforcement is far too great. There are two main problems, as our story on pages 4 and 5 demonstrates.

The first is that premises are inspected only when owners apply for renewal of their operating license, once a year.

The authorities must take a more active approach to fire safety. There should be frequent, unannounced spot checks on places where large numbers of people gather.

Under current circumstances, owners or operators of such places know that they must have things in order for the annual inspection. But once the inspection is over, they can forget about fire safety for another year. Many do.

The second problem is that punishment rarely – if ever – fits the crime. In one infamous case, in which dozens of people died and many others were maimed because they were locked in and could not escape, the only person to feel the full weight of the law was a worker found guilty of dropping a cigarette and starting the fire.

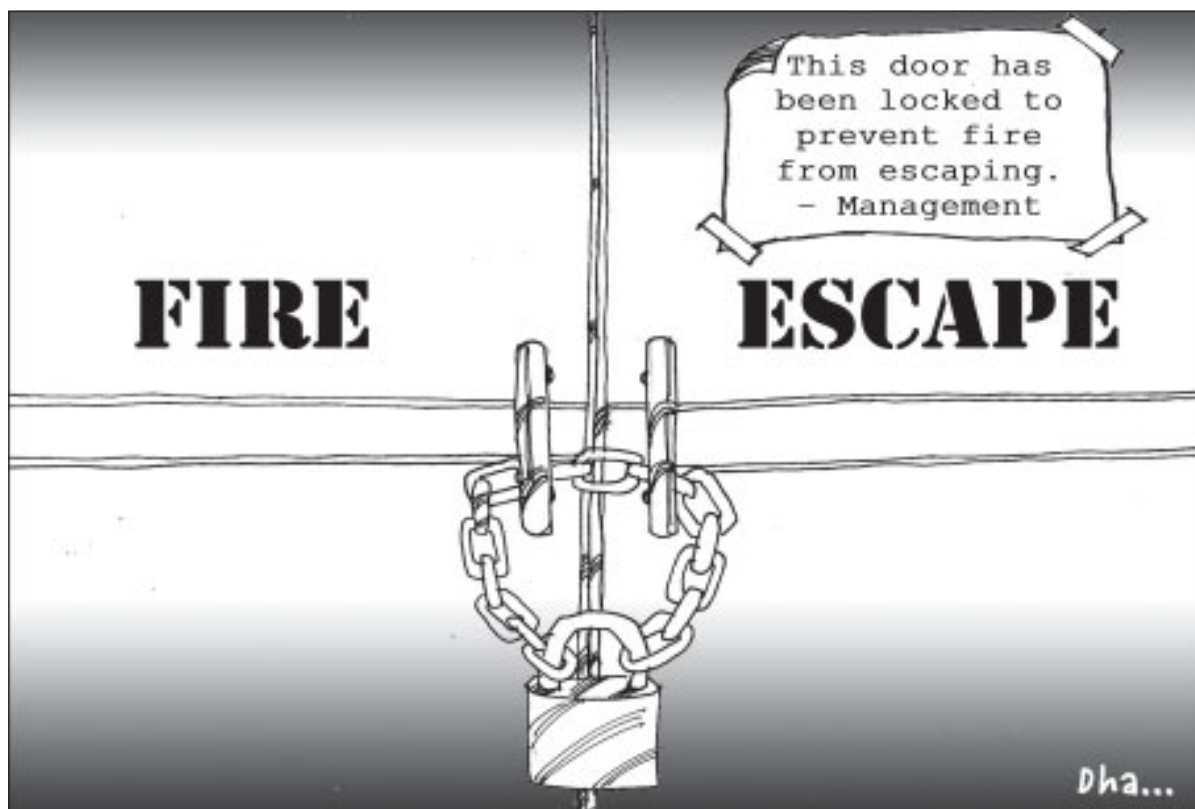
While he was sentenced to 10 years in jail, 14 executives of the company that owned the business were acquitted. The company was fined just half a million baht.

Although fire regulations say nothing about penalties for those whose negligence or willful disregard of the rules result in death, the Thai Penal Code mandates sentences of up to 10 years for acts of negligence resulting in death.

Yet convictions under the Penal Code for fire deaths caused by negligence are as rare as hen's teeth. Not until owners are severely punished for contravening fire regulations – including jail sentences – will others be likely to pay much attention to the law. Fire escapes will continue to be locked as a "security" measure. Fire extinguishers will not be checked to ensure they will work in an emergency.

Death by fire is a horrible way to go. The most effective way to minimize such deaths is by holding those who are responsible for fires accountable.

– The Editor



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The real deal when it comes to land

In response to your editorial and Graham Doven's comments in his Larger than Life column (both in the *Gazette*, June 10 issue), some points need to be addressed.

The issue of foreigners buying land in Thailand needs to be dealt with honestly and clarity. Unfortunately this is seldom the case.

Under Thai law, foreigners have few options when it comes to buying land. For those who reject leasehold or holding the land in a Thai national's name as too risky, the only option is freehold ownership through a Thai-registered company.

There are thousands of foreigners who own land using this company structure. However, very few of these companies are actually trading; they are simply formed as a holding mechanism for the land.

Usually it goes something like this: A foreigner comes to Phuket to buy a holiday home. After consulting with real estate agents and lawyers, he discovers that the only way he can retain full control of ownership over the land is through a Thai company, and he will often provide "nominee" Thai shareholders, who typically receive 1,000 to 2,000 baht each for their names being used.

The structure of these companies can vary, but by using ordinary and preferred shares or by simply ensuring each Thai shareholder pre-signs a blank share-transfer form, the minority foreign shareholder retains control over the company and therefore the land.

The Thai "nominee" share-

holders receive a small fee for their names being used and play no further part in the proceedings.

Although few in the real estate industry will admit it, the above structure with minor variations is how the majority of foreigners own land in Thailand, whether it is a 2-million-baht bungalow or a 25-million-baht, sea-view villa.

The bottom line is that Thai nominees of such companies are the rule rather than the exception, and to pretend otherwise is simply delusional.

Bob Bryant
New Orleans, US

Visiting Immigration is downright fun

How long has it been since you have had a pleasant experience at the immigration office? What! You say you have never had one? My goodness, you don't know what you're missing. My past few visits to the Patong Immigration office were not just pleasant – they were enjoyable.

On my first visit I arrived at 9:40 am thinking I would get there early and be the first in line. (The Patong branch opens at 10 am). Well I was the first one there and the Immigration officer was also just arriving. I figured he would let himself in and have me wait outside.

To my surprise he invited me in, turned on all the lights and asked if he could help me. This man and his staff of two were not only nice but very helpful as well.

Their English was very good, which was a major help as my Thai is just about non-existent. They just smiled each time

I tried to impress them with my limited knowledge of their language.

I needed an extension to my visa. This was granted and then the officer in charge explained to me that his office could grant only a 10-day extension for my type of visa, but that if I needed longer I should go to the Phuket City office. I explained to him that 10 days was sufficient.

I was in and out in 15 minutes – before the 10 am opening. Other people had arrived and he had them come in and relax on the couch in their front office.

On my second visit to the office I needed a "proof of residence paper" in order to buy a motorcycle and have it registered in my name. The same man was there – this was two years later – and he was just as pleasant and friendly and still smiling as he was on my first visit.

How hard is it to keep smiling when you have foreign tourists on your doorstep every morning? The officer explained to me what paperwork I would need to get. I returned the next day with these and he had me processed with my "proof of residence paper" in about 20 minutes.

I needed to have some copies made and figured I would have to head down the street then return with the copies. He explained to me that I could use their copy machine. Now how special is that? I have been in many immigration offices and have had to walk blocks to get a copy made.

After making my copies, I asked how much I owed for them. He pointed to a little plastic cup sitting by the copy machine. I put in 20 baht; it was worth every baht of it.

This office has been very

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Politics have no place in development of sports

I would like to see people in Phuket, including the government, local administration and private sector, working together more to support sport in the province.

We should try to separate sport from politics so that sport in Phuket can go hand in hand with tourism.

Phuket has the greatest potential for hosting international sporting events of any location in southern Thailand. We already have a strong tourism base and connections with many organizations. We can build on this to establish the island as a center for sport.

Phuket should support sport as it brings attention from the world media and promotes the island to an international audience. Unfortunately we lost the Asian X-games that were held in Phuket for two years. When we had to arrange a budget for the third year, we were told by TAT that they would not fund the project as the games in X-Games are not Olympic sports. That is why the event moved to Malaysia. It is a shame for us to have lost it, because it helped to promote tourism.



FIRST PERSON

Phuket has great potential for sporting events. With its highly-developed tourism industry, the island already has much of the necessary infrastructure – and event organizers are eager to hold events to the island.

However, as demonstrated by the difficulties faced by the organizers of the recent International Rugby 10s tournament, things are not always made easy for people wanting to set up sporting events here.

Eam Thavornvongwongse, President of both the Phuket Chamber of Commerce and the Phuket Sports Association, is hoping to change this and bring sports tourism in Phuket closer to its full potential. Here he explains why he thinks sporting events are important and discusses some of the misguided attitudes of those in charge.

The next big event here will be the Beach Volleyball World Challenge that will be held at Kata beach in early November of this year.

I was recently invited to be a speaker at a meeting arranged by the Sport Authority of Thai-

land in Bangkok about developing sport plans. I told them that in order to develop sport in Thailand dealing with the bureaucracy needs to be simplified. For example, when we are contacted about arranging sporting events, such as the International Rugby

10s, we often take a long time to give an answer because of the different people we have to clear it with.

Local teams have also suffered from problems with bureaucracy. A Phuket soccer team that had 12 days to train for an im-

portant match was told that they could not use Surakul Stadium because they did not have the proper permission. The Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorJor) then told them that they could use the stadium, but had to change days and could not play when it was raining.

In the end, the team had to play their game in the rain and lost as they were not used to the wet conditions.

The international rugby 10s tournament that is held in Phuket is another good competition that the government and local administration should support.

The players and supporters spend a lot of money on accommodation, food and sightseeing while they are staying on the island.

There were a lot of problems in organizing this year's tournament. I think the local administration doesn't understand that rugby does not damage the grass too badly and it is common in other countries for rugby to be played on soccer fields.

Sometimes the local administration seems to think that the sports fields belong to them and are not for general use.

Letters

helpful in answering many of my friends' visa run questions and referred them to safe, reputable and reliable companies.

So if you need a pleasant immigration experience give the Patong Immigration office a visit. Thank you to all of the staff and Immigration officers in the Patong office. Keep up the wonderful job you are doing in helping all of us.

Mike Pence
Patong

Amity Treaty confers no land owning right

The letter from Mr Weldon (*Gazette*, June 3-9 issue) inspired me to look at the US-Thailand Treaty of Amity he referred to. Unfortunately, his claims don't quite pan out.

I am no lawyer but what I read said nothing about US citizens being able to enjoy any special rights in Thailand other than those spelled out in the treaty, which pertained mostly to maritime trade and conducting business.

It did, however, stipulate among other things that the freeholding of "immovable prop-

erties", which would include land, is *not* permitted under this treaty.

I'm not writing to blast Mr Weldon out of the water. I wish he were right!

Dave Starr
Phuket

Horried by wage slaves at mall

I live near Central Festival Phuket, where I have discovered that the staff working in the small kitchens on the restaurant level work 12 hours a day without any days off.

I accept that Thailand is low-wage country and that people have to work for about 5,000 baht a month. but I cannot accept that a superior shopping mall such as Central Festival allows this kind of modern slavery.

I will approach the mall management and demand that these people are given at least one day off a week without their already-too-low salary being docked.

If Thailand wants more investors and wants to work more closely with European and other communities, this form of slavery has to stop – not only at Central Festival Phuket, but nationwide.

However, I need support from foreigners living in Thailand and from local organizations who care for Thai people and also want to stop this form of slavery. Without support, I will get nowhere. I fear that if the staff themselves complain or go public, they will be fired.

I know for a fact that the owners of the kitchens make lots of profit while paying their workers wages hardly enough to survive on.

Marc Heylen
Kathu

Jaruwan Udomsub, Marketing & Promotion Department Manager of Central Festival Phuket, replies: *Thank you for your kind assistance. We are really sorry to hear that some restaurants in our shopping center force their staff to work 12 hours a day without a day off.*

Generally, our shopping center opens 11 hours a day (11 am to 10 pm) and the restaurants operate themselves with many separate working shifts, such as a morning shift and an afternoon shift, to cover their service hours.

However, we will work with our tenants to get the best solution.

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Have the entry regulations for yacht crews changed?

An amazing thing happened today as we were checking in at the one-stop shop for yachts in Chalong. The very pleasant Immigration officer gave the skipper a white immigration card because she had a visa in her passport. I waited until we were in the next room to check, and all was in order, just like a normal tourist.

Remembering the old system that required that a 20,000-baht bond be paid by or on behalf of any crew member wanting to land in Thailand, this was a pleasant surprise.

I went back into the office to check that there would be no problems for the skipper at the airport and was told, "Yes, no problem, just go to the airport."

It seems that the new rule, as of a few weeks ago, is that everybody on board a yacht who has a visa, including captain and crew, will be granted the period

of stay in Thailand indicated by the visa.

If you do not have a visa, you will get a 30-day stay in port, just like with the old system.

This fixes a long-standing problem about coming to Thailand on a yacht for an extended stay. I certainly do not know why the rule was changed but, Happy Days! Have I got this right?

Rowdy

Pol Capt Krissarat Nuesen of the Phuket Provincial Immigration Office, replies,

"As of February 15 this year, if you are aboard a yacht and have a visa, you do not need to pay the 20,000-baht bond. You will be allowed into the country [as a normal tourist] and may leave any way that you wish.

"But if you do not have a valid visa you must either leave on the yacht after your stay, or put up the the bond as before."

Adventures with Maggot Therapy

A Thai company has introduced a medical innovation that promises to revolutionize the removal of dead tissue. Instead of using surgery, they set maggots loose on the dead tissue to eat it.

Curious to investigate this phenomenon, I interviewed a specialist in maggot therapy, a charming maggotologist named Dr Maggie Eetcha.



Me: Dr. Maggie, I understand your maggots eat dead tissue.

Doctor: Yes. We're currently trying to breed a new super-species of mega-maggot that will be able to consume an entire carcass in one feeding.

Me: That will certainly save lots of money on cremations and funerals.

Doctor: Yes, it's an exciting new field that shows unlimited promise. We call it maggot technology.

Me: How do you get the maggots out of the body after they've finished eating the dead tissue?

Doctor: Oh, they die in three days.

Me: Well, then, how do you get their, uh, corpses out?

Doctor: We don't have to. These maggots are the larvae of *lucilia sericata*, the green bottle fly. After they die, they turn into chrysalises, and then into flies. They fly out.

Me: What if you get a rogue maggot who goes berserk and starts eating live tissue?

Doctor: We control our maggots through microchip implants and computerized communication. A quick command will easily bring rogue maggots into line.

Me: I'd like to try this. Can you find out if I have any dead tissue?

Doctor: Certainly. Just let me hook you up to this scanner.

(Pause.) Well, it seems that there is a remarkable amount of dead tissue in your brain.

Me: That's what my readers tell me.

Doctor: We'll assign you to one of our maggot superstars, Maggot #354, to clear all that dead tissue out. But before we begin such operations, we like to have the host organism – that is, the patient – establish a warm rapport with his maggot therapist of choice. So here's #354. (Shows me a maggot.)

Me: Hello, #354.

#354: Hello, hansum man. Whass you naem, wheah you come fom, you sa-tay what hoten, you buy me kolah.

Me: Errrr...where did this maggot study English?

Doctor: She comes from a nest of maggots found under a bar on one of the side sois off Soi Bangla.

Me: I thought so. Her speech patterns sound familiar.

Doctor: A warm rapport having been firmly established, we will now deploy Maggot #354 through your left ear. (Does so.)

Me: Er, could you ask her to clean out some of the earwax as she goes in?

Doctor: Sir, this maggot is a highly skilled technician who has been trained to eat only dead tissue. She does not eat low-class excretions like earwax. She has her dignity, after all.

Me: Of course. How thoughtless of me. I apologize.

Doctor: Now, #354, get to work on that dead brain tissue.

#354 (smacking her lips): Oooh, aloy maak-maak! Smack, smack. Why he no buy me kolah? Dis guy one Cheap Charlie.

Me (giggling): Oh, it tickles!

#354: Ooooh, some live tissue over here. Not much, though. Dis guy practically brain-dead. Munch, munch.

Doctor: #354, stop eating that live tissue immediately!

#354: Houston, you have a problem. I am rogue maggot. Also mutated. I like live tissue. No die in three days. Gonna live 30 days. Not enough brain in here for me to survive on, though, so pretty soon I gonna start on his eyeborr.

Me (screaming): My eyeballs? No! No! Get her out of there!

Doctor (sternly): #354, cease and desist immediately, or you shall be terminated with extreme prejudice.

#354: Ohhhh, dat eyeborr look delicious. Smack, smack.

Doctor: I warned you, #354! (Presses a button on her computer console. Crackling sound from my brain. Scream from #354, followed by deathly silence.) Damn! I did so want to save her. (Weeping) She was one of our superstars.

Me: Er...you zapped her, right?

Doctor (still crying): Yes. What a waste! Such a marvelous specimen! She showed so much promise! But we cannot have our maggots running amok and eating our customers' eyeballs.

Me: I guess not. Now, uh, how are you going to get her corpse out of my brain?

Doctor: Oh, it'll fall out after awhile and come out through your ear.

Me: Well, ma'am, I guess your maggot therapy could use some fine-tuning.

Doctor: Yes, of course. But next time, buy her a kolah.

S. Tsow can be flamed at stsow@yahoo.com, except when he's buying kolahs for his new maggot therapist.

In The Stars

by Isla Star

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Inspiration comes from an unlikely source this weekend. If you have been feeling that life was getting dull, you will be encouraged to seek more exciting occupations. If you're coming of age next week, your birthday should be a night to remember. Financial improvement is forecast and your dreams of climbing higher up the property ladder should come true later in the year.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Luck blows your way this weekend. Even if this opportunity appears to be out of your league, grab it with both hands. Family news received later in the week also puts a spring in your step. If you have been spinning your wheels with regard to making a romantic approach, you should move forward. Wear the color butterscotch yellow to brighten your aura and attract people who can have a positive effect on your future.

LEO (July 24-August 22): When an Arian asks if you can keep a secret, think twice before answering. This information will be loaded and could have unforeseen consequences. Children demand your attention this weekend; any social plans you've made will probably need to be delayed. The most auspicious day for business is Tuesday. Avoid serious discussions on Monday as communication will be hindered by storm clouds. The number 6 should bring imminent luck.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): If you prefer an uncomplicated life you would do well to look the other way when you spot something untoward this weekend. Getting involved in anything else is inadvisable now, when you already have so much on your plate. A spiraling romance is about to really sweep you off your feet; Cupid is determined to succeed this time and you will become totally smitten.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Leave ulterior motives at home when you have a business-related appointment early next week. If you are branching off in new work directions you should be honest from the start. Your personal life settles onto a more even keel after some rocky times during the first half of this month. Single Librans should seek romance with a Leo or Gemini.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): You will need to be as sharp as a razor to spot a bargain this weekend. There's definitely one to be had, but there is also a chance of being taken for a ride. If you are bogged down in family matters you deserve some time out; treat yourself to a day at the spa to soothe your frazzled nerves. You are advised to err on the side of caution when dealing with authorities, particularly on Wednesday when short fuses are likely.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): A new enthusiasm could take over your life. This promises to turn into a more costly pastime than you may now envisage, but it will certainly spice up what is now rather a humdrum existence. Sagittarians who have been going it solo can expect to meet someone who sets their heart racing this weekend. Maintain an air of mystery to impress this person. Wear the color mango orange to add to your allure.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): A fly in the ointment stops you in your tracks early next week. Capricorns who were sure that the path ahead was smooth will be disappointed by this turn of events. Pisces can help you sort out this problem, but Aries will only add fuel to the fire. A former flame is thinking of getting in touch; this could turn your love life around. The number 7 looks lucky on Sunday.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): You will be in a position to share some bounty with others this week. This should prove to be an ideal opportunity to get together with some people you haven't seen for some time. Sociable Aquarians will make sure that it's a night to remember, for all the right reasons. Your charisma is building up to the irresistible mark and Scorpio is about to take the bait. Delay business meetings until after Tuesday.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): You may be tempted to crawl back inside your shell when the going gets tough, but you must try to face the music. An unresolved bureaucratic matter that you had conveniently pushed to the back of your mind is about to rear its ugly head again. If you don't deal with it now, it's sure to be much more difficult to put it right later. Listen to a Capricorn friend on Monday.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Your cash flow starts to look healthier this week and this trend will continue well into next month. Arians who finally have some money and have worked hard for it are entitled to treat themselves. Your usually frugal approach to life can be laid aside temporarily. Play Cupid by introducing two friends to each other this weekend. The number 6 can be lucky on Wednesday.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): You can look forward to seeing a green light clearly this week. If you have been feeling insecure about romance, you will now be able to relax. If you're not already involved with somebody, take advantage of auspicious astral conditions to meet new people. In the midst of all this excitement, guard against forgetting about a work commitment that needs to be finalized soon.

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A Jolie good way to make money

Over the years, for those who have lived and breathed the daily existence of life in Pattaya, the world OP (Outside Pattaya) starts to look more unreal and less relevant and, dare I say it, stranger and less recognizable.

Of course, for the rest of the planet looking in on Pattaya, it is we, the expatriate inhabitants, who appear unreal, irrelevant and somewhat strange.

I don't intend to turn this little missive into a psychological or philosophical argument about who may be right or wrong, but I would like to point out to my readers the number of what I consider very strange pieces I've written based on activities, events and stories that have originated outside Pattaya: the Bulgarian version of the Nigerian scam email for one, or the proposed ban on fox hunting in Britain for another. The World Toilet Summit and the Penang panhandler are others.

Once again, for inspiration, I have been drawn to the world OP. This time by a few paragraphs that appeared in *The Nation* some time ago and taken from the Agence France-Presse wire service.

It started, "An enterprising



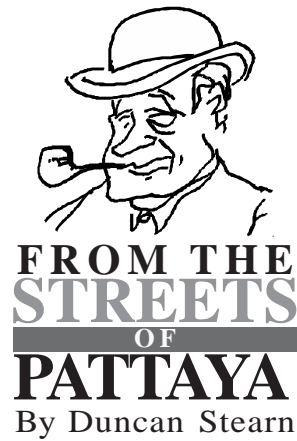
Rare air: Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. Photo by EPA/Walter Bieri

celebrity spotter is offering fans the chance to buy a jar of fresh air allegedly breathed by stars Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie..."

According to the report, the item went on sale for US\$9.99 but 53 bidders had pushed the price to just over US\$15,000 (more than 600,000 baht). His blurb was simple: "Be the first to own this jar of celebrity air, which may contain air molecules that came in direct contact with

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt!!" He even offered "13 pictures of the celebrity air being scooped up as Pitt and Jolie sashayed down the red carpet..."

As an impecunious journalist and scribbler of bargain-basement tomes, I am always on the lookout for ways to turn a quick financial profit. So, based on the idea of celebrity "fresh air", I came up with the idea of obtaining some "hot air". As we all



know, the people with the hottest air on the planet are politicians (memo to self: Investigate relationship between the growth of parliamentary democracies on Earth and the rise in greenhouse gas emissions).

So, at great risk to life and limb, I went to Parliament House in Bangkok and waited for what seemed an eternity until I was able to obtain the "material" I required.

I now have the following sensational offer ready to go online: "Be the first to own this jar of political hot air, which may contain air molecules that came in direct contact with Fearless Leader and Preacher Malcontent!! The Fart-in-a-Bottle Co Ltd are proud to announce the

marketing of a limited number of these unique specimens. We will open our bidding at just 25 satang."

As proof of the provenance of the hot air bottle, I have a series of digital photos showing me first in front of Parliament House, then with my jar in hand, then attempting to scoop the air nearby Fearless Leader and Preacher Malcontent into the jar.

I have to admit to not getting within spitting distance of either exalted personage, but there was a fair bit of wind around on the day in question so I'm certain enough of the hot air made it into the jar.

I also have the related police report and psychiatric evaluation as well as the bail receipt and court report, although the latter is in Thai only.

I recommend readers visit www.fart-in-a-bottle.com and make me an offer.

For my next trick I am hoping to obtain celebrity urine samples to market alongside the hot air bottles. I already have the website set up for this: www.all-p*ss-and-wind.com. Now, if I can just find a way of gaining access to the plumbing at the Thai Grammy Awards, I reckon I'll make an absolute fortune.

Why do people buy homes in Phuket?

Why do people buy houses in Phuket? Phuket is pleasantly warm all year round, but so are a lot of other places. It is also easy to get to, and has good restaurants, adequate shopping and most mod cons – but that's also true of a lot of other places. Phuket is beautiful. So are a lot of other places. So why Phuket?

The answer is that Phuket gives good value for money. Spain was once the hot holiday home destination, but now it's getting expensive. The English have started going to Eastern Europe – Bulgaria and such places – but it's still cold in those places in the winter.

At the bottom of it all, Phuket's buyers are still coming primarily because the island is good value. Certainly there have been unexpected events that have slowed the market down – that have stopped people from coming to visit with a view to buying.

Most recent was the strange order from the Ministry of Interior to land officials, telling them to enforce more rigidly laws regarding foreign ownership of property through Thai "nominees".

Before that, of course, it was a run of natural and man-

made threats, both real and imagined: disease of the month, tsunami, political turmoil, terrorist plots.

Yet the property market has weathered all these storms and continues to grow apace because of Phuket's basic attraction: good value for money in a convenient location with a pleasant climate year-round.

There are several reasons people buy property in Phuket: they want retirement or holiday homes; they see it as a good investment; they just want to be by the sea, or a combination of these.

It is interesting to note which types of properties are selling – and who is making the sales.

Price is always a major factor, of course, but connections and recommendations also have considerable influence.

In many projects, more than half of the units have been sold by referral. In other words, people end up buying in a certain project because they know somebody else who has already done so.

Buyers often prove to be the best sales people. Naturally they want the project they have invested in to work. They want to own a home in a place that it is all sold out, not only because it

increases the value of their own property, but because no one wants to live in the middle of a construction site for 10 years.

In analyzing where buyers learn about Phuket or about a particular project, websites are clearly a major source of introduction. Interestingly, however, they do not appear to figure prominently in final sales.

In an informal survey over the past few months of several projects in the middle to upper-end of the market, some interesting results appear.

Many developers and buyers are reporting that, on average, referrals from existing buyers account for more than 50% of sales, while information "passed on" from friends and acquaintances or other industry people account for a further 20%.

What is clear is that more and more people are talking about Phuket in other parts of the world, and this is reflected in both the property and tourism industries. The level of investment in hotel and resort properties here and along the rest of Thailand's

Andaman Sea coast is nothing short of stunning. Clearly there is a great deal of confidence in Phuket's future.

It is perhaps ironic that after years of knee-jerk bleating by local politicians about the need to establish Phuket as a world-renowned tourism destination, it took a disaster – the tsunami – to finally secure Phuket's position in the global consciousness.

Perhaps the continued strength of the property market is the silver lining to the lingering cloud left by the tsunami.

LARGER THAN LIFE

By Graham Doven

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KHUN WOODY'S COMPUTER

Day in, day out for years, Internet access has rated as the No 1 computer topic in Phuket. I receive more email from Phuket residents about Internet connections than about all other topics combined.

For years I've gone on about how Phuket lags far, far behind its neighbors in terms of fast, reliable, cheap Internet.

But, but... don't get me wrong, I'm not about to tell you that we're getting the jump on Singapore or Hong Kong or Korea – or even Bangkok, but in the past few months the hourglass has started appearing less like it's half empty and more like it's half full. If you get my drift.

The change hit me full in the face one morning when I received a message from a reader who actually *liked* his TOT ADSL connection. TOT had installed the line promptly, it worked as advertised, and it beat the living daylight out of struggling with dial-up. His experience represents, in no uncertain terms, progress.

SPEEDS

The chart on this page (drawn with Excel 2007 Beta 2, mind you, which won't be generally available until January) shows typical download speeds that I've been experiencing over one week with my three ADSL connections.

It's low – er, rainy... uh, green season – so I would expect demand to fall and speeds to rise. I was delighted to see by how much.

Let's examine the chart from the bottom up. At my house in Patong I have a 1,000-baht-a-month TOT line that runs well in the morning, but bogs down most afternoons – a typical pattern for Phuket. I use the second 1,000-baht line, from TT&T, for most

Gross connections become Net gains

of my work. The TT&T line is consistently faster than the TOT line.

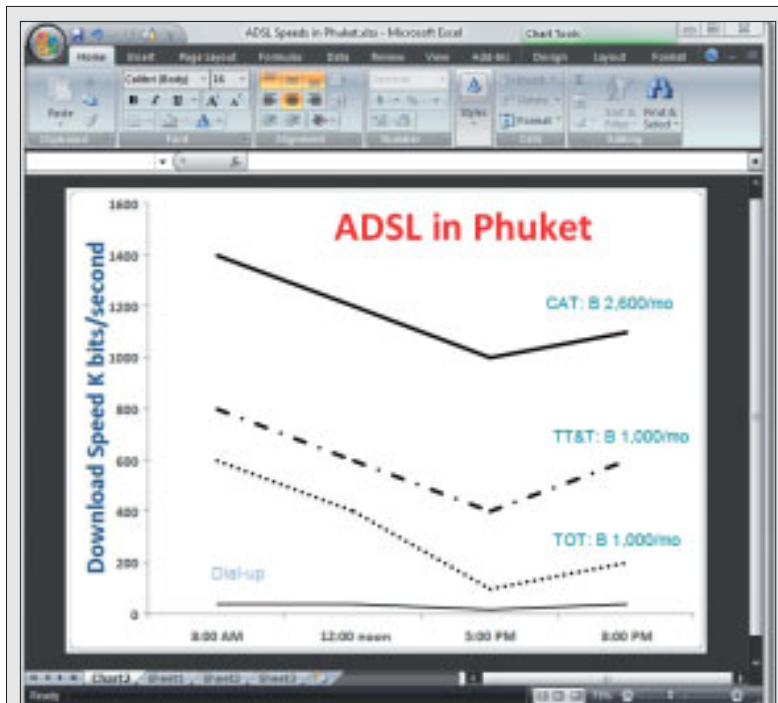
The third line, from CAT, costs more than twice as much but the connection speed at times is breathtaking... for Phuket, anyway. I've clocked the CAT connection in the morning at 1,650 Kbps, which is a respectable speed almost anywhere in the world, and positively stunning for Phuket.

This is the new line that I talked about in my column in the June 3 issue of the *Gazette*. It's installed in the Sandwich Shoppe, which just happens to sit across the street from the CAT network center, near Andaman Beach Suites in Patong. Location, location, location, eh?

Your connection speed may vary, of course, depending on how many lines are connected to each of the phone companies' inbound ports, and how many people are using your line simultaneously.

Note that I don't pretend to have a scientific sample – the results here are anecdotal, not rigorous – and I regret that I don't have reliable data on other companies' connections.

But the pattern here is still worthy of consideration, particularly when you compare these numbers with the ones I published just six months ago. It seems pretty obvious that ADSL speeds and reliability are improving rapidly. Whether that's an aberration or a long-term trend remains to be seen.



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Singapore. I say “apparently” because I've met people who swear it's true, but I can't find any official confirmation.

Island Technology also routes through Singapore. CAT and TT&T remain on the land line to Bangkok, but that line doesn't seem to be bedeviled with as many problems as it once had. I have no idea if the Singapore connection will prove better than the Bangkok line in the long run, but competition is good. Everybody wins. I just wish we could convince True to launch broadband in Phuket.

Soon, new technology may out-flank the competition. CAT is setting up “3G”-style broadband at various locales of the island.

DATA

The new broadband uses mobile phone-style transmitters and receivers, pumping enormous quantities of data.

Right now you can buy a GPRS telephone, subscribe to a telephone service that supports Internet access, connect the GPRS phone to your computer, and get 40 Kbps (dial-up speed) service anywhere on the island. When the new CAT service kicks in, we may see connections 50 to 100 times as fast. Mobile, too. No phone line.

Service providers change, too. In my previous column I mentioned a couple of packages from Island Technology (www.islandtechnology.com) that don't exist any more.

Island Technology now allows you to use Skype/VoIP with all their packages, and has lowered its prices as well.

Its webpage prominently displays the number of concurrent connections to each inbound port – probably the single greatest source of slowdowns in Phuket.

If you'd like to help me keep tabs on Internet speeds around the island, and you have a few minutes to spare, I'd like to enlist your help.

Please drop me a line, tell me which Internet service you use, and where you're located. I'll send you a spreadsheet you can use to log a few speed tests.

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I always use the Broadband Reports download test with an Internet backbone connection in Seattle, Washington (www.dslreports.com/stest?loc=97).

It's important to realize that many factors come into play when measuring ADSL download times.

Some you can control, and some factors you can't control –

wet weather and poorly insulated lines may make your phone line scratchy; or all of your neighbors with the same Internet Service Provider may be downloading huge files simultaneously, for example.

The complexion of ADSL in Phuket gyres and gimbels. Apparently TOT now connects to the Internet backbone through

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ON THE MOVE

Christoph Spiess, from Switzerland, has been appointed General Manager of Central Karon Beach Resort, Phuket. A graduate of the School of Hotel Management at Belvoirpark in Switzerland, he has more than 22 years' hotel experience in countries including Switzerland, the USA, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia. He has spent 12 years in senior management positions in large hotels, boutique resorts and international hotel chains in Thailand. Before joining Central Karon Beach Resort, Mr Spiess was General Manager of the Central Samui Village for more than two years.



Adison Sitthiwong, from Nakhon Ratchasima, has been appointed General Manager of the Club Andaman Group, which comprises Club Andaman Beach Resort and Andaman Beach Suites. K. Adison has more than 20 years' experience in the hotel and hospitality industry, and has been working with Club Andaman Beach Resort for eight years, most recently as Resident Manager at Club Andaman Beach Resort for five years.



Roman Claudio Cucchiarellis, 54, has been appointed Italian Chef at La Trattoria restaurant at the Dusit Laguna Resort Phuket. His experience includes working at the Kempinski Hotel Grand Arena, Bulgaria, where he was responsible for the opening of the hotel's new Italian restaurant, and a pizzeria located at the gondola station next to the hotel. Before joining Dusit Laguna he was the Chef at Pendolasco Italian Restaurant in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



Phuket Programmers launches accounts software upgrade

By Stephen Fein

THALANG: After two years of research and development, software developers Phuket Programmers on June 15 was due to launch Version 2 of its A++ accounting software for Thai businesses.

The launch marks the start of the company's push for market share in Thailand, with the intention of making A++ one of the premier accounting programs in the country.

Mick Tonkin, major shareholder in Phuket Programmers, which now trades under the name A++ Software, told the *Gazette* that the A++2 software is modular, offering numerous new features as options that were not offered in the original version, A++.

Among them are calculation of indirect costs; multi-location for stock; different numbering systems for departments/branches; entry of contract details to jobs and direct transfer to quotations; calculation of change on point-of-sale (POS) invoicing; configuration of tabbing for data entry; profit and loss, balance sheet and VAT reporting by department or branch.

Improvements on features in the original A++ software include more preferences for more specific individual configuration; breakdown of products; detailed breakdowns on reports; and more levels of password control for greater security.

Mr Tonkin explained that the new and the upgraded features allow the software to be adapted to meet the needs of a wide range of businesses, from small businesses looking to computerize for the first time to larger companies needing a powerful accounting system to aid their expansion and control.

Prices for A++2 range from 17,500 baht to 47,000 baht, depending on the options included.

How much did it cost to put together: "It would be difficult to give a definitive figure on development costs, but somewhere between five and eight million baht," Mr Tonkin said. "We spent almost three years developing and writing A++ version 1.

"We have since spent another two years writing SME+ software, designed for retail outlets with POS options, and our GL+ software, designed for companies who produce their invoices in another system," he added.

The A++1 package, which the company plans to phase out gradually, ranges in cost from 20,000 baht to 29,000 baht, depending on options, while the SME+ package costs 22,000

baht. The more basic GL+ software costs 4,000 baht for the stand-alone version, or 7,500 for the multi-user option.

A++2 is intended to replace both the A++ and the SME+ software packages, though existing users of both these programs will continue to be supported and upgrade is not compulsory. Users with an existing support contract will be offered an upgrade to A++2 at a preferential price, Mr Tonkin said.

Like other products from the company, A++2 is offered free of charge for a 15-day trial, after which a license must be bought to continue using it. Trial users can test the software by creating as many data files as they wish, and a "guided tour" has been created to help prospective customers understand the various options available in the program.

To help market the new software, Phuket Programmers is also establishing a network to retail CD packages of the software.

"Over the past year, we have started creating a network of business partners who will be working with us to provide sales, support and training. The set-up has been relatively slow to enable us to train their staff and ensure professional backup," he said.

"We now have an outstanding product forming the basis of our new marketing campaign. It is our intention with our business partners to have launch presen-



Phuket Programmers: the A++ development team with, front row, center, Mick Tonkin and partner Carol Frye.

tations all over the country. We will also be increasing our advertising in newspapers, magazines and on radio," he said.

"We will first launch in Phuket, and then in other areas where we have business partners. Our business partners in Phuket are IT Life, IT Access, U2 Computer, Mr Com, Z Square Management, Andaman Accounting and Jintana Accounting," he said.

"There are other accounting programs available in Thailand, but some are finding it difficult to make the transition from Dos to Windows; others are not written for the Thai market, so do not accommodate the idiosyncrasies of Thai accounting; others are aimed only at large companies; and yet others need expensive setting up and installation," Mr Tonkin said.

"We believe we offer a high-quality international-standard accounting program that is suitable for most companies at a realistic price ... Companies will always need accounting. With the increased need of businesses to react quickly to changing circumstances, high-quality flexible ac-

counting software will become a must. Reports at the touch of the button allow managers to control their businesses.

"We anticipate that as the economy strengthens the sale of world-class accounting programs backed by solid support and expertise will increase.

"We hope that by the end of next year we will have increased sales sufficiently to look at recovering most of our initial costs. As we intend to continuing to improve and expand our programs, we will have a policy of continued re-investment," he said.

Phuket Programmers is researching the development of a payroll program that will stand alone or integrate with A++2 and which should be ready by next year, he said.

A++2 can be downloaded at www.phuketprogrammers.com. For more information about A++ software contact Phuket Programmers at 249/11 Moo 8 Thepkrastrtri, Thalang, or call Tel: 076-313137; 09-4744637 or 09-4744647; or Fax: 076-313137; or Email: admin@aplusplussoftware.com

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MONEY TALKS



By Richard Watson

Hank gets the job he did not want

The nomination of Henry "Hank" Paulson Jr for the post of US Treasury Secretary was certainly a surprise.

The media had been buzzing with speculation that the incumbent US Treasury Secretary, John Snow, was about to be replaced.

It was widely believed that Don Evans, a former Commerce Secretary and friend of President George Bush, would get the job; he had even spent the previous weekend as a house guest of the President. Then, suddenly, the Paulson announcement was made.

His position has yet to be approved by Congress, but the prevailing opinion is that this will be a mere formality.

Paulson, in addition to his Wall Street credentials, is known for his environmental interests and he has, on a part-time basis, held prominent offices related to these interests.

The nomination was not quite as straightforward as it may appear. Hank Paulson is the Chairman and CEO of Goldman Sachs, a very prominent Wall Street investment bank.

SALARY

He certainly did not take the appointment for the money; at his new salary of US\$174,000 (6 million baht) a year he probably took a 99% pay cut (although, undoubtedly, he is receiving compensation from Goldman Sachs).

Another interesting point was that, just a month before, Joshua Bolten, a colleague of Paulson's from Goldman Sachs, accepted a position as White House Chief of Staff.

It took the White House much arduous wooing to sign up Paulson; he had reportedly been approached previously and had refused the offer.

Getting him to agree was a major coup for President Bush; his two previous Treasury Secretaries, Tip O'Neill and John Snow, had both wanted the position. The new nominee did not.

Plainly, he cannot have been lured to his new position by vague promises; much hard bargaining took place.

It is probably no mere coincidence that China announced, less than 12 hours after the Bush/Paulson press briefing, that it would, in future, impose less government control over movements in its currency and would allow market forces to assume a more important role.

However, it is still very unclear what Paulson can actually achieve. The role of interest rate adjustments still lies with the US Federal Reserve, which is totally independent. The tax situation has been firmly set by the Bush administration and spending is in the hands of Congress.

It is apparent that some major concessions have been made in order to get Paulson on board; pressure will have been applied not only on China but also on India and others to revalue their currencies against the US Dollar and to recycle the major part of their foreign reserves into the Dollar.

Should Paulson not achieve at least most of his plans he can be expected to resign, which

would be a very damaging blow to the Bush administration.

Why should any of this be of real interest to readers of the *Phuket Gazette*? It is all about the economy.

As a regional strategist for Asia from Goldman Sachs said in a recent TV interview on CNBC, if one looks at the dependency of the Asian economies on the health of the US economy, on a scale of 1 to 10, then it is now somewhere around 5.

His point was that, in previous decades, the economies of Asia were more highly dependent on the US economy. Today, due to economic size and greatly increased regional and other trade the dependency has lessened. But is still very meaningful.



Henry 'Hank' Paulson Jr.

Photo: EPA/Martin H Simon

He certainly did not take it for the money

improving. The latest European manufacturing output figures have reached a six-year high, and job creation is starting to rise – especially in Germany.

There is still an enormous amount of structural change required in the Euro zone. Some progress has been made, though France is mired in serious problems.

Italy is in an even worse position. For decades the Italians were able to get out of difficulties by periodically devaluing their currency.

Today, as a member of the Euro, they do not have that option.

This has left them between a rock and a hard place, and Prime Minister Romano Prodi and his political allies are going to find there is nowhere to hide.

DEFICITS

The options are unpleasant and the decisions even more difficult to make for a left-leaning government faced with large budget deficits and national debt.

There has even been an open discussion with analysts pondering the possibility of Italy leaving the Euro currency, devaluing and then coming back into the Euro. But no one believes that, in reality, this is an option.

Because of their tiny electoral majority, Italy's new rulers have to rely on the support of minority parties consisting of communists and ex-communists. This reliance had led to the appointment of some very dubious individuals to important cabinet positions.

This does not augur well for positive reforms.

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Phuket's karate girls, from left, Patsuda Maithong (captain), Janjira Makepayap, Jatuporn Ngarnpinyo, Pornthip Thong-yu and Kojniphap Chumpornpan.

Karate kids head for Singapore

PHUKET: Nine Phuket karate students, five girls and four boys, will travel to Singapore to compete in the Karate-Do Goju-Kai Singapore Annual Invitational Tournament 2006 to be held on June 24.

The five girls are Patsuda Maithong (captain), Pornthip Thong-yu, Janjira Makepayap, all 18, and Jatuporn Ngarnpinyo and Kojniphap Chumpornpan, both 17. The boys are Thanapat Jaiyen, 16, Pannatat Ordul, 15, and Parinya

Don-ubon and Chaiwiwat Manuchantaran, both 14.

Leading the squad will be Karate Club of Phuket President and coach Jitrapanu Kongtham, who will be joined by national squad coach Pol Sub Lt Chaiya Tey-pha and five karate students from Bangkok.

For those wanting to cheer the karate kids on, the squad will fly out of Phuket at 8:05 am on June 22. They will return on June 25.

A roaring good time as top riders rip into Rawai

By Jenjira Ruengjarus

RAWAI: Motocross fans in Phuket were treated to a weekend of top-class racing as the country's best motocross riders massed at the purpose-built track in Rawai for Round 5 of the Top Gear Supercross Masters of Thailand 2006 on June 10 and 11.

Arnon Theplip from Saraburi outclassed the field on his Honda CRF 250 to win the premier race in the MX2 A class.

His clean jumping and bursts of speed off the banks put him well ahead of Wattana Kulaya, from Prachin Buri, who finished second on his Suzuki RM-2 250F.

Amorntheppalit Sri Kasikij, also from Prachin Buri, fell off the pace in the final laps and cros-

sed the line third on his Yamaha YZ 250F.

Samart Tumasing, from Amnat Chareon, won the MX2 B class on his Suzuki RM-2 250F, ahead of Bangkok boy Kanit Wonghajuk on his Honda CRF 250. Kriangkrai Tiannork, from Nakhon Ratchasima, also on a Honda CR 250, finished third.

A clinical race from Pakasit Suksripaisarn, from Aydhuya, won him top honors in the MX2 C class.

Kanabadee Chanapai from Satun on his Kawasaki KXF 250 finished second and Apichart Thepsathit, from Maha Sarakham Province, was third.

PHUKET PLACE

Utthaphol Jundui, from Prachin Buri, won the MX2 Juniors class for riders up to 16 years old. Puthinat Sinsup, from Pathum Thani, finished second and Thanarat Penjun, from Amnat Chareon, finished third.

Phuket finally scored a place through Wichan Prawanram, who finished third in the MX2 Novice class.

First past the checkered flag was Supaluck Nin-noparat, from Bangkok, followed by John Patrick, also traveling from Bangkok.

But the crowd really came alive to cheer on the little guys in the Little Star 50cc race for rid-

ers up to seven years old, who competed on the same track as their older counterparts.

Thanachart Kraising, 5, from Kanchanaburi, proved that enthusiasm can overcome size and experience by winning the class ahead of Siwakorn Warit, 7, from Nakhon Pathom, who came second.

The only girl in the race, Nutthanit Gertsiri, 8, from Samut Prakan, finished third.

Nawaphol Wansawatdikul, 9, from Bangkok, won the Little Star 50cc class for wannabe big bikers up to 9 years old. Kobkarn Klorbngern, 8, also from Bangkok, came second and Nuthanon Moonthong, also 8, from Prachin Buri, came third.

Local hero of the day was Sutthichai Tuakaew – the only Phuket rider to score a first place.

He won the Kawasaki KLX 110 Super Kids Standard class for riders up to 11 years old, ahead of Phisit Moonthong, from Prachin Buri and Kittitat Thepgaew, from Krabi.

Proving that motocross is not just for boys, Supaluck Nin-noparat, from Bangkok, on her Yamaha YZ 250F won the MX2 Ladies class.

Sopaporn Monnamorn from Surat Thani placed second on her Yamaha YZ 125 and Duangkamol Sukthawee, also from Bangkok, finished third on her Honda CR 125.

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Above: It's all about how much air you can grab. Left, kids roar down one of the steep hills while, below, riders wait for the gun to start one of the MX2-B races.



The results for the other classes were:

65cc Super Kids up to 11 years old. 1. Apiwat Junchai (Suphan Buri), 2. Kanawat Suraynoo (Ayudhya), 3. Nopaphol Wirakul (Prachin Buri).

85cc up to 12 years old. 1. Apiwat Junchai (Suphan Buri), 2. Nopaphol Wirakul (Prachin Buri), 3. Thanachote Chareonying-Paisarn (Khon Kaen).

85cc up to 14 years old.

1. Utthaphol Jundui (Prachin Buri), 2. Tragarn Tungtorng (Trat), 3. Pornthep Yamsribua (Ayudhya).

Kawasaki KLX 110 Super Kids Open. 1. Kittitat Thepgaew (Krabi), 2. Kanawat Suraynoo (Ayudhya), 3. Nopaphol Wirakul (Prachin Buri).

Round 6 of the series will be in Sri Racha on July 9 and 10.

Blue Canyon to be venue for mega tournament

BANGKOK: Blue Canyon Country Club will host the Motorola Blue Canyon International golf tournament in March next year.

The event will be the first golf tournament ever sanctioned by all the major golf tours in the Asia-Pacific region: the Asian tour, the Japanese tour and Australasian tour.

The four-day event, with more than US\$1million (35 million baht) in prize money up for grabs, will be held from March 8 to 11 of next year.

Play will include a qualifying round during which 70 finalists will emerge from the 200-strong field of the best golfers from the Asia-Pacific region.

The tournament is intended not only to boost golf in the Asia Pacific region, but also to allow golfers on the three different tours to compete head-to-head.

PATONG DARTS LEAGUE

Didi's off to good start in League

PATONG: In the first week of play in the new Patong Darts League competition, defending champs Didi's got off to a good start by taking all three points on the road at Piccadilly.

On Soi Patong Resort, sharpshooter Raymond, who has switched from Queen Mary to Coyote, hit the first 180 of the season against his old teammates, but Queen Mary took the match by the narrowest of margins, winning 5-4. Coyote came back to take the beer leg.

Of the three new teams in the league, Jungle Juice had a strong performance, taking two points at Valhalla. Footrot Flats were no match for Denzil and the boys of Dog's Bollocks, losing 8-1 – and then having to buy them beer.

June 6 results: Queen Mary 5 Coyote Bar* 4; Dog's Bollocks* 8 Footrot Flats 1; Amigos* 6 Shakers 3; Valhalla* 3 Jungle Juice 6; Piccadilly 3 Didi's* 6; Offshore* 9 TaiLife 0 (no show). (* = Winner of beer leg.)

June 20 fixtures: Queen Mary v Footrot Flats; Dog's Bollocks v Jungle Juice; Amigos v TaiLife; Valhalla v Didi's; Piccadilly v Shakers; OffShore v Coyote Bar. (Home team first.)

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New TAT office to open in July



The new office is being built in Sino-Portuguese style to match the buildings around it

The new Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) office for Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi (Region 4) is almost complete. The building, on Thalang Rd in Phuket City, is being built at a cost of some 14 million baht, not including the cost of the land and interior decoration.

TAT Region 4 Director Suwalai Pinpradab told the *Gazette* that the new office is being built on one rai of government land and includes a parking area for 10 cars.

"Our current office was built more than 30 years ago and

is very old fashioned. When it rains water always leaks in. It is too small to cater to the number of tourists we have, especially in high season," said K. Suwalai.

"We have about 60 to 100 tourists visiting every day, which are the highest figures for any TAT office in the south of Thailand. Furthermore, [the existing building] does not offer the kind of facilities that people expect these days, such as toilets and drinking water. These are the reasons why we wanted a new office," she explained.

"The Governor of Phuket, Udomsak Uswarangkura, wants

the traditional style of the neighborhood and buildings in this area to be preserved. Therefore the new office is being built in Sino-Portuguese style and colored green and orange to match the buildings around it. The building will combine traditional and modern elements. We hope that when it is finished it will become a model for other buildings in the area.

"The new building will have two floors. The first floor will have an office for 15 TAT officials as well as two washrooms and a library, which will be stocked with literature about the whole of Thailand. On the second floor there will be three offices for TAT Region 4 executives, a 15-person meeting room, a consultation room and two further washrooms. There will also be an information center and a computer with high-speed Internet access for tourists to use," K. Suwalai said.

"Construction is nearly complete. I think we will be ready to



The building is near the Sea Dragon statue unveiled recently.

open in July. Work on the project started in September 2005, so, when it is finished, it will have taken around 10 months to build. The contractor is Christiani & Nielsen. The building work should be finished by June 16, then we have to paint it and pave the floor with rubber tiles. The inside of the building will be blue. We want to

have a marine theme so when tourists visit they will feel like they are at the beach," she added.

"It will be decorated simply because we are limited by our budget. It will, however, be neat and tidy. We have to make a good impression and give a warm welcome to tourists from all over the world," K. Suwalai concluded.

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Mongkolsin and Baan Mai Thai, next to Thainaan restaurant on Wichit Songkram Rd, has bamboo lamps in many styles and sizes, ranging from small square lamps with white paper lampshades at 480 baht to tall single-color free-standing versions at 1,200 baht.

“Our products are high-quality and most of our lamps are made by experienced tradesmen in Chiang Mai and Bangkok,” says owner Kriangkrai “Ken” Usawaraksakul.

The shop, which is open daily 8 am to 7 pm, will deliver free – especially handy for those who still have only a motorbike to scoot around the island on.

“We accept wholesale orders, too,” says K. Ken.

Another option for quality-made bamboo lamps is the Ministry of Industry’s OTOP (One Tambon One Product) website www.thaitambon.com, which lists bamboo lamps made by villagers in Samkoke District in Pathum Thani province in Central Thailand.

This selection of lamps, which won the Product Champion 2004 prize in the five-star category of OTOP products, includes lamps featuring motifs of animals and Thai angels and even illuminated bamboo aquariums.

Nikom Arunrat, the sales representative for the Samkoke villagers, said, “We sell the lamps both wholesale and retail. Our customers like ‘natural furniture’ in Thai style, and our prices range from as cheap as 220 baht to 850 baht, not including shipping.”

For more information about the range of lamps at Mongkolsin and Baan Mai Thai call K. Ken at the shop at Tel: 076-248355.

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Home of the Week

Kata



Mature tropical gardens surround the house, affording privacy.



The view across the pool to the Andaman Sea and nearby Koh Pu.

Rocks and a soft place

This villa, designed by developer/architect ML Tridosyudh Devakul – who designed and developed Le Royal Meridien Phuket Yacht Club, Club Med in Kata and The Boathouse hotel, also in Kata – is located on the westernmost tip of the southern headland of Kata Beach.

The villa is on the side of a steep hill, the grounds including several huge boulders that have been incorporated into the landscaping. The villa fronts onto the

rocks that lead down to the sea about 15 meters below.

The six-by-15-meter swimming pool sits by the edge of the rocks and has a dramatic infinity effect. Facing west overlooking Koh Pu, one of the few islands off the west coast of Phuket, the pool area also offers sunset vistas. The tastefully designed wall around the villa and the surrounding lush vegetation provide privacy and seclusion.

The villa comprises four pavilions, with a total of 315

square meters of living space on 836sqm of land. Although modern throughout, the villa has been designed to be as much in harmony with nature as possible, featuring balconies, large windows, high ceilings and light beige sandstone exteriors. All the doors and windows slide back into walls to give an open, spacious feel.

The owner's wife is a Japanese interior designer who incorporated Japanese, Balinese and Thai influences throughout the property.

The general level of finish throughout the property is superb. Many of the artifacts, statues, carvings and even doors in the villa and garden have been brought from Bali.

After descending the private path from the parking area on top of the hill, visitors come to a large, old Javanese door that is the main gate to the property. The white sandstone walkway beyond the gate is flanked by lotus ponds.

Behind the pond on the left is the service building, which includes the kitchen, storeroom and servant's room.

Across stepping stones over the pond to the right is the guest pavilion, with private patio and garden with sea views. The guest bathroom is next to a huge rock that forms one of the "walls" of the outdoor shower.

Directly ahead, on the main entrance path, is a large boulder that is used as a landscaping feature in the central area, behind which are the two main pavilions that are close to the cliff and overlook the sea.

Behind the rock and to the left is the guest pavilion, with a ground-floor bedroom that has a patio and small garden opening onto the swimming pool. The spacious living and dining area, with its high ceiling, is on the first floor. It has a large balcony with a spectacular sea view. At the rear is a pantry and bathroom.

The building to the right is the main "master pavilion", which has a large study on the ground floor that opens onto a covered patio and the swimming pool.

The master bedroom on the first floor has a private balcony and large bathroom featuring a bathtub and an outside shower with sea view. The master bedroom features a high-quality teak floor – the other bedrooms have white terrazzo floors – and the living/dining room has a beige polished sandstone floor.

Entrances to the living room, master bedroom and front bedroom by the pool are through Balinese doors. All rooms are individually air-conditioned, but also have window and door screens and fans for those who prefer natural breezes at night.

To the right of the main pavilion and beside the swimming pool is a Balinese-style sala, which has been built from rocks, with panoramic views of the sea and the rocky shoreline in front of the villa. The sala can seat six people comfortably for lunches, sundowner cocktails and general relaxing.

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Gardening

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NETTLESOME MATTERS

We've all got up to some daft things in our time. And I do mean all of us. Alcohol can be conveniently blamed for some of our odd activities, of course. After all, I'd hardly be tempted to sing *Hotel California* (without the words) on the stage of a pub in Chalong when sober.

Then there are the daft things we do willingly without any alcohol consumption whatsoever. What sane person would want to jump off a tall building or even out of a plane flying several miles up in the air? I know they've got this parachute thing on their backs, but still.

Kids are the worst at daft things, and even enjoying them, in the way that only kids can. They seem fascinated about inflicting pain on each other, and even more worryingly, themselves. Everyone knows that those little 9-volt batteries will give you an unpleasantly weird, acidic sensation when you touch both terminals with your tongue.

Yet kids do it for fun, in much the same way as when they get enthusiastic over each others' remarkably obnoxious gaseous odors. Weird.

I remember as a little Bert doing that biting-your-finger-for-a-minute stunt. What this ludicrous act involves is putting the ends of both forefingers between your front teeth, in the middle of the nails, and biting down for exactly one minute as hard as you can. As soon as you release the bite, make a J-shape with both fingers, hook them together and try to pull them apart.

It hurts! I mean this is really painful. But watch a 10-year old do this and I guarantee that after experiencing this initial pain, they will do exactly the same thing again, to see if it hurts a second time. Any other 10-year-olds watching will also, without fail, perform the same procedure to



Coleus, or painted nettles, come in a variety of color schemes, and all of them with no sting.

see if it hurts them too. It always does of course.

Nettles are another rather horrible thing that kids enjoy torturing each other – or themselves – with. I remember the surge of pain on plunging into a nettle bed as a youngster after I was dared to. But like most kids, I was even dafter not to learn from the experience. Nettle stings were not an uncommon occurrence in the English countryside of my youth.

So it's just as well that we don't have stinging nettles here in Thailand. This corner of the globe is much too civilized to have something so downright rude.

The Thai version of the nettle has more in common with Thailand's old trucks actually. No, it doesn't make ridiculous noises when it changes gear, or belch out plumes of choking, sooty exhaust fumes. Well it wouldn't, would it? It's a plant.

But what it does do is to adopt a spectacular paint job (like the old trucks). Not content to be the same color as every other plant on the block, it "paints" its leaves in spectacular fashion.

Its name? Not surprisingly, the painted nettle, or Coleus. Thais know it as the *rue sii phasom laeo*.

Coleus is part of a huge group of plants that ultimately belong to the mint family. The genus consists of well over a hundred species, many cultivated for their brilliantly colored foliage.

The leaves are usually variegated, which means that they have more than one color on a leaf. The shape of the coleus leaves varies, too, with some looking like a regular nettle or mint leaf, and others having girly, scalloped edges.

Common varieties of garden coleus that we see here are herbs

that grow up to about 60 to 90 cm. They have 10-cm-long regularly toothed leaves, vividly colored with hues varying from red or yellow to purple and even a shade of bronze.

In some varieties the patterns are regular. In others the leaves are blotched with colors and patterns. Imagine letting your six-year old loose with the crayon box on a color-by-numbers picture without giving him the numbers. You get the idea.

If you're a fan of spectacular, showy, extravagant flowers, then the coleus will be a disappointment. When they can be bothered to make an appearance, the flowers are really rather pathetic.

They consist of a few minuscule pale violet things on the end of a long protruding stalk that only seems to appear when the plant's starting to get a bit strag-

gly. Keep the painted nettle looking healthy and the flowers probably won't even make the effort.

In fact, if these flowers even threaten to show themselves, twist them off anyway, as blooming redirects the plant's energy from its leaves to the flowers, making the leaves smaller. After all, the leaves are the reason the plant is in your garden in the first place.

This is a plant that should be grown in part-shade in moist, organically rich, loose soils. In Phuket that's easier said than done though – but luckily coleus is pretty tolerant. Some recently bred newcomers that have been created actually enjoy languishing in the sun.

Some say that that the more red pigment there is in the plant, the more sun-tolerant it is, but filtered shade is probably the safest option. Unless the little man in the garden center stresses otherwise, go for the compromise.

I haven't had much success with houseplants here generally, but this is one of the few that can be brought indoors successfully.

Reproducing coleus by encouraging cuttings to take root isn't exactly taxing either – roots will appear within days if you put a healthy off-cut in a glass of water.

Thankfully, the painted nettle has a lot more going for it than its distant cousin in England. Dive headlong into a bed of these and you'll have little to worry about. No doubt that will be a huge disappointment to many 10-year olds.

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HOUSE FOR RENT

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RAWAI HOUSE

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