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# National Parks fees doubled

By Gazette Staff

PHUKET CITY: Foreign tourists entering national parks independently must now pay 400 baht each, a 100% increase on the previous park entry fee of 200 baht.

Following a protest by the Phuket Tourist Association and other tour operators' groups at the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Region 4 Office in early August, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment deferred the scheduled hike to November 30, 2007.

However, the postponement applied only to tourists using tour operators that registered for exemption status, the application deadline for which passed on September 30.

Some tour companies were left completely unaware of the chance to gain exemption status until after the deadline had passed.

As a result, since September 5 all adult foreign tourists – except those traveling with an exempted tour company – have been paying the 400-baht entry fee, as specified by a Ministry of National Resources and Environment order dated May 18, 2006. Fees for foreign children have also doubled, from 100 baht to 200 baht.

The only exception the Gazette could confirm was at Ao Phang Nga National Park, which includes the Phi Phi Islands. Ao Phang Nga National Park Chief Boonkit Dananupap said, "I can confirm that our park is the only one in the Thai National Park system where the old entry fees of 200 baht for adult foreigners and 100 baht for their children



Tourists at Sirinath National Marine Park in Thalang hand over 400 baht each, double the previous entry fee of 200 baht.

will still apply," he said.

Ekkapon Chuangprayoon, an official at the National Resources and Environment Ministry in Bangkok, confirmed that only tour operators who applied for exemption status before the deadline would be able to bring in foreign tourists at the old rate.

"For foreigners entering any park in the national park system on their own, the new 400 baht rate will apply," he said.

Knut Gisen, a German who has been running Phuket Safari Travel Service Company for 14 years, was the first to inform the Gazette that earlier reports about the postponement of the fee hike were not as clear-cut as it was originally reported.

Gisen said that the TAT never informed his company about the chance to apply for exemption status, saying he only learned about it after it was too

late and the deadline had passed.

"It's a pity, because we send many of our clients to Thai Muang National Park to see the Laem Phi Waterfall. We spend just 45 minutes there, and for each person we have to pay 400 baht."

Gisen said that when he contacted the TAT, he was told that tour operators had been given until September 30 to apply for permission to continue allowing foreigners in their groups to enter at the old rate.

"But I have been a TAT member for 14 years, and I never heard anything from them...not by email, telephone, fax... nothing," he added.

The Government's inability to provide accurate information has hurt his business planning efforts, he said.

"Every time the Govern-

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## Remaining tsunami victim bodies to be buried

By Sompratch Saowakhon

PHANG NGA: Three religious ceremonies – one Buddhist, one Christian and one Muslim – were performed October 16 in preparation for burying 422 unidentified tsunami victims in Baan Bang Muang Cemetery.

Pol Col Khemmarin Hassisri, Superintendent of the Thai Tsunami Victim Identification unit since the disaster, told the Gazette, "These 422 bodies have not been claimed and we have no information about them, so we will bury them at Baan Bang Muang Cemetery."

"Normally we would return them to the relatives, but we have been unable to identify the families of these victims."

"As a part of this process we will place each body in a bag with a code number, and put that number on a plaque on the outside of the coffin so we can go back and identify any of the victims if we need to later."

"We are also going to submit DNA samples from each body to Chiang Mai University for analysis."

Col Khemmarin explained that the victims will be the first buried in the new 15-rai cemetery.

"We will finish burying them by the beginning of December; we must have completed this by the time the cemetery opens on December 26," he said.

He added, however, "We are still trying to identify them, but we must keep the bodies in refrigerated rooms until they are ready to go into the graves."

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## Park fees doubled

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ment announces a rise in the entrance fees, it comes after local tour operators have already signed contracts with tour operators abroad. We are in the big tour operator catalogs in Germany. They start printing this catalog in June, so we signed a new contract in May. Then the government announced the increase at the end of June or early July.

"The tourism business is a hard, calculated business. Each part is very important, so it really hurts us. Mostly we go on four-day trips, visiting three different national parks. You can calculate yourself what this will do to our costs," he said.

"I was initially very happy when I read in the newspaper that the fee hike had been postponed, because that gave me one year to organize something else. Now I am very disappointed. Today, for example, we had 10 people on a four-day trip, during which we enter three different national parks. It's an amazing expense."

Suwalai Pinpradub, Director of TAT Region 4 Office, officially received the protesters' written demands on August 9. She explained that the the National Park, Wildlife and Plants Conservation Department issued a statement August 23, 2006, agreeing to postpone the entry fee hike, but only for those applying for exemption status.

Suwalai said that the announcement was published in newspapers and was well-known throughout the Thai tourism industry. Companies could apply for exemption status either through the TAT or the Tourism Council of Thailand (TCT), she said.

The TAT Region 4 Office processed applications for about 10 tour companies. Other local companies had their applications processed by the TCT, she said.

Now that the deadline has passed, neither agency is accepting applications, she added.

## Pongpayome appointed new MoI Permanent Secretary

BANGKOK (*The Nation; Gazette*): Former Phuket Governor Pongpayome Vasaputi has been promoted from Deputy Permanent Secretary to Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior (MoI).

K. Pongpayome, 58, governed Phuket from 2000 to 2003 and was one of five pioneer Governor CEOs.

After leaving the province, he took up the post of Director-General of the Department of Local Administration (DOLA) and oversaw the introduction of Governor CEOs in the other 70 provinces.

K. Pongpayome's promotion is part of a reshuffle at the top level of government, which will also see current DOLA Director-General Saroj Katchamart replace K. Pongpayome as Deputy Permanent Secretary of the MoI.

The new reshuffle will take effect after it receives royal endorsement.



A familiar face: former Phuket Governor Pongpayome Vasaputi

## Kho En 'death bend' awaiting contractor

By Jenjira Ruengjarus & Natcha Yuttaworawit

MAI KHAO: More than three months after the villagers of Baan Kho En protested unsafe driving conditions along Thepkrasattri Rd by setting up a roadblock, officials and locals have agreed that the problem has been temporarily resolved, with no deaths along the stretch of road since the protest.

Villagers, however, are still awaiting proof that the government will widen the road as promised.

On July 10, a woman from the village was killed after she was knocked from her motorbike on a dangerous bend near the village.

The fatality, the most recent in a series of accidents along that curve in recent years, provoked villagers to block off the south-bound portion of the island's main artery for several hours with large tents.

The villagers agreed to disperse only after Vice-Governor Vorapot Rattasima promised that the government would widen the road at the bend.

Since then, Highway Department officials have negotiated with a local landowner to buy land needed to implement the project, and have installed speed bumps and cones to slow traffic.

However, Kho En Village Headman Somniuk Patee has

told the *Gazette* that the problem has yet to be fully resolved.

"The government has installed cones and speed bumps to slow traffic for about one kilometer. This has helped us very much, and there have been no deaths on the bend. I and the villagers are very happy with the measures that the government has taken to solve the problem in the short term, but I would like [to see] action to widen the road as soon as possible," he said.

Arunee Thammarangsi, an officer from the Phuket Highways Department, said the road widening will go ahead as planned, with the government waiting only for work estimates from contractors.

## Taxi drivers get crash course in English

By Noolek Karaket

PHUKET CITY: Phuket taxi drivers, tuk tuk drivers and airport limousine drivers will have the chance to take a crash-course in English language and hospitality on November 3, as the Tourism Authority of Thailand Region 4 office holds its first such language training sessions in Phuket.

"We have received many letters from tourists who visited Phuket complaining about how bad the taxi [and tuk tuk] services are, and how they being overcharged. So we would like to arrange this course to improve the quality of drivers in Phuket," said Suwalai Pinpradab, Director of TAT's Region 4 Office.

However, Suwalai said, "Drivers who pass the course and receive a certificate but are reported by tourists for overcharging or being rude will have their certificate taken away."

Complaints can be lodged by calling the TAT at 076-211036, 076-212213, 076-217138, or by email to: tatphket@tat.or.th

The TAT will investigate complaints before taking action against a driver.

## Patong Hill claims another victim

PATONG: A hotel room maid was killed in a motorbike accident on Patong Hill as she returned home from work October 23.

Thitima Pradubpetch was struck by a pickup near the Chinese shrine at the top of the hill. She later died from her injuries at Patong Hospital. She was 23.

Sripen Inpunkaew, Chief Housekeeper of Diamond Cliff Resort and Spa, where K. Thitima worked, told the *Gazette*, "She was taken to Patong Hospital, where doctors said she had internal bleeding. She was dead by 9 pm. We are very upset about this, she had worked with us about 10 months, and she was only 23."

K. Sripen said Thitima was not the first Diamond Cliff worker killed in a motorcycle accident and that she hopes that the government can do something to prevent it from happening again.

"There was a similar incident five years ago. Another staff member died in an accident near the same place, and now it's happened again. I hope the government hears this story and fixes the problem. Every time I pass that way I see motorcycle or car accidents.

"Many people, including our housekeeping staff, have to use this road. I don't know when the problem will be fixed. I know it will cost a lot of money, but something must be done to make this road safe," she said.

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# Crackdown halves company startups

By Sangkhae Leelanaporn

PHUKET: Only 76 new companies were registered in September – compared with 135 and 132 during the same month in 2005 and 2004, respectively – following the August 15 announcement from the Ministry of Commerce that rules regarding foreign partnerships would be strictly enforced.

Veerachai Tantiwathana-vallop, Chief of the ministry's Phuket office, told the *Gazette* that the number of new companies registered is fewer than usual because of the ruling that all members listed as shareholders, specifically Thai investors, must present bank statements covering six months prior to the formation of the company to prove that they are genuine investors, rather than merely "nominees".

"If a foreigner invests between 40% and 50% of the capital, or if the foreigner owns less than 40% of the capital but acts as the leader of the company by



**'Those setting up businesses... are scared because officers are going to be more strict regarding nominees...' – Veerachai Tantiwathana-vallop.**

authorizing company activity or by representing it, then Thai investors in the partnership must show their bank statements," said K. Veerachai.

"Currently, however," he added, "if the foreigner owns only 39%, and the Thais can con-

duct business for the company, then bank statements aren't required."

"They – those setting up businesses – are scared because the officers are going to be more strict regarding nominees, and may halt the company registration," he said.

A timely seminar aimed at helping people understand the Foreign Business Act (FBA), and expressly the use of nominees as shareholders in Thai companies, was held at the Royal Phuket City Hotel on October 23.

The seminar, held in English, attracted some 30 foreigners and was moderated by Preecha Hantongtus, Senior Trade Officer at the FBA section of the Department of Business Development, the Ministry of Commerce.

The penalties for using a nominee include a fine from 100,000 baht to 1 million baht, imprisonment not exceeding three years and a court order to stop the "shareholding" of the nominee.



## Princess Sirindhorn opens new centers on Phuket

HRH Princess Sirindhorn talks with Dr Suebsang Promboon (right), Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorJor) Education Consultant and OrBorJor President Anchalee Vanich-Thepabutr at the opening of the OrBorJor's new "E-Library" at Muang Phuket School on Wiset Rd, Rawai.

While in Phuket on October 20 and 21, Her Highness also presided over the openings of the Children's Happy Home Foundation childcare center in Patong, a new wing at Wang Talang International Lapidary Co on Chao Fa West Rd, and a was taken on a private tour of the Rolly Tasker sail loft also on Chao Fa West Rd.

## Two men arrested in Patong drug bust

PATONG: Undercover police arrested two *ya bah* (methamphetamine) dealers in a sting operation on Nanai Rd early in the morning of October 19, seizing almost 100 pills.

Kathu Police Inspector Pol Maj Serm Kwannimit led the arrest after other officers arranged to buy 95 pills for 25,000 baht at the Blue Sky Residence on Nanai Rd.

Somjin Srikwan, 39, and Athen Lenukul, 33, both natives of Songkhla province, were arrested about 4:30 am, after the two men accepted the cash and handed over the pills.

They were taken to Kathu Police Station where they remain in custody.

"After questioning the two suspects, we learned that they are both employed by a hotel in Kamala and would sell *ya bah* to bar girls and teenagers at 250 baht a pop," Kathu Police duty officer Lt Weerapong Rakkito told the *Gazette*.

– Natcha Yuttaworawit

## Another man gunned down

RASSADA: A Kathu man was gunned down while riding his motorcycle near Phuket Rajabhat University around 1:30 am on October 18.

The man, identified by police as Panumas Chusawas, 23, was hit at least four times with .38 caliber bullets while riding, with a friend riding pillion, along the Ban Kuku-Samkong road.

The friend was unharmed and notified police. He declined to reveal his name until the killer has been apprehended.

Pol Maj Chalermchai Hern-

sawas of Phuket City Police said that Panumas worked at Yamaha dealer Likhit Motors in Patong.

Panumas was shot twice in the chest, once in the neck and once in his right leg. He also sustained a broken neck, Maj Chalermchai said.

His body was sent to Vachira Phuket Hospital for examination.

"We presume the motive for the killing was either related to a romantic relationship or a conflict with his coworkers," Maj Chalermchai said.

## Phuket Carnival set to be the biggest yet

PATONG: This year's Phuket Carnival, held to ring in the official start of the high season for tourism, is being touted to be the biggest ever, with a record 3 million baht in funding provided by the Phuket Tourist Association.

This year's activities will be centered along Thaweewong Rd, between Soi Bangla and the Holiday Inn on Soi Ruamjai, both of which will be closed to traffic from 5 pm to midnight during the three nights of celebration.

Two stages will be erected on the beach for the festival: the main stage will be near the Soi

Bangla Intersection and the other near Holiday Inn (Stage 2).

Along Thaweewong Rd will be One Tambon One Products (OTOP) products for sale, food-and-beverage booths, spa services such as foot massage, and many other activities.

The highlight will be the opening parade at 5 pm November 1, which will start in front of the Graceland Resort and proceed to its finish near Holiday Inn. Other attractions include a performance by Modern Dog.

See the *Gazette* website "bulletins" for a complete listings.

## More Maneaters wanted...

KRABI: Thai Occidental Productions is casting for the next in its series of *Maneater* feature films being shot in Krabi and Phuket.

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# SIGNS OF

With initial budget approval given last year, Phuket City's Public Works Department began work on a project to set up attractive, tourist-friendly signposts at 55 locations around the city.

Meechai Teerapongpraisal, chief administrator of the office, told the *Gazette* that the purpose of the project was to standardize the appearance of road signs around the city and also to support tourism.

"The original signs in those locations were printed only in Thai language. They were very small and difficult to notice. Because Phuket City is now becoming a tourist destination, we decided to improve our signs to help tourists find their way around more easily," he said.

The work, originally budgeted for 200,000 baht in fiscal 2004, hit its first snag when no contractor could be found to undertake the work at that price.

Initial survey and design work was done in 2005 by the Public Works Department, with Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwannasuppana approving the proposed design in general, but then insisting that they be in English language as well as in Thai.

Work did not get underway until September 30 last year when project contractor Phuket Khosana (Phuket Advertising) Co agreed to take on the work at a contract price of 301,900 baht. The company completed the work about 10 months later, on July 19 this year.

To some non-native residents of the city, some of the names on signs at road junctions appear rather unusual at first. This is because they are the names used by local residents, following a survey by the town.

"Slaughterhouse Intersection", the four-way intersection where Chao Fa West Rd changes its name to Patipat Rd and Bangkok Rd forks off into the downtown area, is a good example.

It was the site of the city



Above: Meechai Teerapongpraisal, Chief of the city's Public Works Department, was in charge of the project. Below and top left, the slaughterhouse and the Chartered Bank no longer exist, but locals still use the names for those junctions.



slaughterhouse until about 25 years ago.

Other sign names, such as Chartered Bank Intersection (at the junction of Phang Nga Rd and Phuket Rd), also hark back to structures or businesses that no longer exist.

"The reason we use the local name instead of just the road names is that they are still in common use by local people and are easier to remember," said Meechai.

The English language translations of the names were checked, edited and given final approval by the Tourism Authority of Thailand, he added.

Apart from at intersections, many signs can also be found at important municipal water supply locations and alongside canals.

"We installed signs showing the way to waterworks installations so that in the event of a flood workers can quickly find their way directly to valves they need to open to allow drainage," he said.

K. Meechai admitted there were still some minor problems with the signs and that some of them might need to be replaced.

For example, there are currently two signs bearing the name "Samkong Intersection", located at different junctions about one kilometer apart.

One of these signs was erected by the Highways Department at the intersection near Tesco-Lotus as part of its bypass road widening project, completed earlier this year.

At about the same time, municipal workers put up a sign with the same name at the three-way junction, where one turns right off Yaowarat Rd to go to Rajabhat Phuket University and and left to get to Tesco-Lotus.

Taxi drivers the *Gazette* interviewed about the signs had mixed opinions. Choawala Srithai, a taxi driver from Trang who can usually be found near the Robinson Department Store



For a newcomer to any city, figuring out the local road system always presents a challenge.

The most recent census in Phuket, conducted in 2000, puts the island's total population at about 250,000.

However, with over 30,000 hotels rooms, 4.5 million tourists annually and scores of migrant workers and illegal aliens, there are many people in Phuket at any given time who need help getting their bearings. To this end, Phuket City Municipality has installed 55 signs in English and Thai around the city to help people find their way.

The *Gazette's* Noolek Karaket and Sangkhae Leelanaporn report.

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## FACTS AT A GLANCE

**Languages:** Thai and English

**Icon:** Phuket City Hall logo

**Dimensions:** 0.5m high, 1.8m wide, 1.2mm thick

**Height of signboard base:** 1.8m

**Materials:** Stainless steel signboard, steel posts, concrete post anchors

**Colors:** Dark blue background, white lettering

**Number of signs:** 55

**Total budget:** 301,900 baht

**Project contractor:** Phuket Khosana (Phuket Advertising) Company

**Cost per sign:** 5,489 baht



In addition to being erected at intersections, signs have been placed next to major components of the city's water and drainage system

downtown, said he liked the idea in general because the signs can help both taxi drivers and tourists.

However, he disagreed with the use of so many local names

on the signs, which are unfamiliar to him even after living in Phuket City for six years and driving a taxi here for three. He also thinks the signs would be easier to read if they were a bit higher.

Vijit Phuvijit, a Phuket native who has been driving a taxi here for many years, told the *Gazette* he thought the new signs were unnecessary "because there are signs up everywhere already, wherever you go". He

agreed that using local names for intersections was bound to cause confusion, especially among out-of-towners.

At junctions it would have been better just to use the names of the two roads that intersect

because that would allow people to refer to a map, he said. The money would have been better spent on fixing roads in the municipality argued K. Vijit, who usually picks up fares at Tesco-Lotus.

Tuk-tuk driver Paisarn Sutitapan, a Songkhla native with 10 years of tuk-tuk driving experience in Phuket City, was more positive.

He said he had already begun using the signs to get tourists to their destinations. His only complaints were that the signs were "a bit too small" and "a little too low".

He also thought the Chartered Bank Intersection sign was inappropriate because it used a foreign word transliterated into Thai, which he found confusing.

When asked what else the municipality could do to improve road conditions in the city, he suggested that they fix the roads, starting with the stretch of Yaowarat Rd near the Dibuk Rd intersection, in the old quarter.

"It was laid with concrete many years ago, and now it's falling apart. It's all bumps and pot-holes," he said.

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## STAMPS

## Naval Academy centenary

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## Queer News

## I've got WHAT in my hair?

**H**air styling has long been a key part of the female beauty regimen, regardless of what fashions have come and gone.

Hair accessories, however, do not usually come flavored, lubricated or coated in spermicidal jelly – well, not until now.

The latest rage in hair products was brought to light by some young women in Chiang Mai, who discovered that the colorful hair scrunchies they had found at bargain prices were not exactly what they seemed.

After a few days of wear, the fabric's outer layer began to wear off, and on the inside, instead of the customary length of elastic, there was a translucent latex tube. On closer examination, the women in question were shocked to find that the pretty bands they had been using to keep their hair in place were once condoms.

Dr Ratthawut Sukmi, from the Chiang Mai Provincial Health Office, said

that the offending products were likely to have been imported from China. He reassured the women of Chiang Mai that in all likelihood the condoms used to make the hair scrunchies had not yet been used for their intended purpose, though he did not specify how he knew this.

Phatchariphon Wongsrida, 28, from Chiang Mai, said she felt disgusted when she heard the news. She added that she would not stop buying hair scrunchies as she considered them a necessity for women, but in future she would be very careful in her selection.

Chuchai Udornpot, a customs officer at the Mae Sai border post in Chiang Rai Province, said that he had warned all the officers to be on the lookout for the rubber scrunchies. He added, however, that this did not mean they would necessarily stop them from being imported, as he did not know if the products actually violated any regulations. – *Kom Chad Luek*



One of the first areas to be featured in Trashing Phuket was Soi Pa-neang – the

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road running parallel to the bypass and linking Yaowarat Rd with Thepkasattri Rd. Sadly, nothing has been done to clean up the verges, which continue to be used as a repository for all sorts of rubbish.

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# Flooding to cost country B20 billion

The National Economic and Social Development Board has estimated that extensive flooding has cost the country 20 billion baht in damages so far this year. The estimate came as the National Water Resources Committee (NWRC) hosted a meeting of agencies to formulate a master plan to tackle flooding problems, present and future.

Water Resources Department Director-General Siripong Hungsreug said the agencies would have to first turn to repairing the damage, beginning with infrastructure repair. Siripong also said the NWRC's flood-relief master plan would be completed and soon forwarded to Deputy Prime Minister and NWRC chairman Kosit Panpiemras for consideration by Cabinet.

The plan includes short- and long-term solutions and focuses on reducing operational and budgetary redundancy, enabling implementation of the first part during the term of the interim administration, he said.

Meanwhile, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported that flooding had affected 46 provinces and killed 104 people. Culture Minister Khunying Khaisri Sri-aroon said 36 historic sites damaged by floodwater in Ayudhya, Ang Thong and Sing Buri would need 181 million baht of restoration.

**Stool pigeon protection:** A new law will be passed soon to protect the public and informers who reveal information about corruption, Office of Civil Service Council (OCSC) Secretary-General Preecha Watcharaphai said.

The spirit of the law will be aimed at assuring people who volunteer information about corruption, or serve as witnesses in



Four girls dressed to resemble a mobile car inspection clinic amuse motorists at a busy crosswalk on Silom Road in Bangkok. The girls were trying to raise public awareness to the need to keep vehicles well maintained as a way of reduce exhaust emissions.

corruption trials, that their lives, and those of their family members, will be protected.

Details on the protective measures, the scope of the law, and other aspects have yet to be specified.

**Jackpots to stay:** The popular two- and three-digit lottery will continue along with the huge jackpot prizes they offer, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Pridiyathorn Devakula said. The abolition of the lottery would only result in even more rampant betting in the illegal underground lottery system, he said.

However, an amendment to the 1974 Government Lottery Act would be needed to allot the huge amounts of money earned through the sales of the two- and three-digit lottery into the govern-

ment budgetary system, in order to make the management of the spending transparent.

Under the current system, the money has been spent too freely and with minimal control, with most of it allocated to fund populist projects initiated by the Thaksin administration.

A Finance Ministry study revealed that since its introduction the scheme had drawn around 1 trillion baht from what would otherwise have been entirely spent on underground lottery betting.

**Exclusive forum:** More than 500 representatives of undocumented Thais and a dozen sea gypsies seeking official citizenship were blocked from coming to Bangkok from Ranong and Prachuap Khiri Khan to join other

grass-roots groups at the first-ever Thai Social Forum, held October 21 to 23.

The villagers hoped to plead their cases to Paiboon Wattanasiritham, Minister of Social Development and Human Security, who was scheduled to attend the forum of some 3,000 activists and representative from grass-roots communities at Thammasat University's Rangsit Campus.

"These people are Thai and have lived on Thai soil for many generations, but the government continues to deny them citizenship," said Preeda Kongpan of the Thai Community Foundation, who was coordinating the villagers' transportation.

"They can't even travel freely in their own country to present their cases."

**Beer girls dodge bullet:** Shops

nationwide cannot have displays of alcoholic drinks that can be seen from outside from December 5 onwards but will be still allowed to display alcoholic drinks inside, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced.

Thawat Sunthacharn, Director-General of the Public Health Ministry's Disease Control Department, noted that the alcohol industry was subject to less strict restrictions than those imposed on tobacco companies. Cigarette packs cannot be displayed at all, but the display of alcoholic drinks in shops, convenience stores and groceries will continue to be legal as long as passers-by cannot see it from outside.

FDA Deputy Secretary-General Manit Arunakul said alcohol advertisements on banners and billboards in public view will be prohibited. Advertising banners in front of shops must also be removed.

Sexy drink promoters would be allowed to work as long as there is no logo of alcoholic products on their clothing, he added.

**Craptacular:** The Public Health Ministry has deployed 20 pre-fabricated toilets to 200 flood-affected families in Uthai Thani Province.

The knock-down toilets, each worth about 3,000 baht, were provided to displaced families forced to leave their flooded homes and camp on the roadside in Uthai Thani's provincial capital district.

The toilets were also aimed at preventing disease outbreaks by water polluted with human feces.

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With its high road accident rate, Koh Samui is often criticized in the press for its lack of road safety regulations.

The Transport Office is keen to deal with the issue. It recently looked into allegations of corruption within the licensing department that allegedly allowed people to buy a license without taking a driving test.

Following the inquiry, Boonnam Phetdam, Chief of the Surat Thani Transport Office, announced that the licensing system is now completely legitimate. In addition, to improve the test process, he introduced a computerized test in both Thai and English.

From November 1, after choosing their preferred vehicle and language, aspirant drivers can study the rules of the road via an "e-learning" program at the test center. They then take a multiple-choice test on the screen.

There will be several different exams in order to prevent people cheating, and the results will be generated automatically. Applicants will still be required to take a physical and practical test, but the process will be much faster, and according to Boonnam, more accurate, with the staff at the office free to perform their duties without the extra burden of monitoring written tests.

The local authorities hope that the new "techno-test" will improve drivers' appreciation of the dangers they face on the island's roads. However, with an average of five road deaths a month, Samui's drivers may well require more than software to protect them in an accident.

**Your land, my land:** Phanee Wirayatanaporn, the chief of the investigation team into forest encroachment on Samui, recently announced that more than 3,000 rai is being used by people without legitimate land titles.

More than 230 ownership disputes resulted from recent in-

# Samui to launch e-driving lessons



Sek Loso plays at Coco Blues at Chaweng Beach during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Samui Music Festival.

spectations and although excessive property development sparked the survey, most cases affect local farmers using untitled land for fruit and vegetable cultivation.

In 10 areas on the island, farmers have been asked to re-

plant trees to compensate for the damage done to the environment. Small plot holders will also be required to keep 25% of any areas they occupy free of crops and buildings.

Development land has also



## FROM THE GULF OF THAILAND

By Barry Singleton

come under scrutiny, with 31 investors, including Thais and foreigners, found to be occupying protected forest land. Any buildings found on public land automatically become the property of the Royal Forestry Department, to be used only as forestry offices or for purposes relating to the protection of the area.

**Locals demand beach access:** Wittaya Sukhum, the Headman of Plai Laem village and a recipient of the government's coveted Best Village Headman Award, was recently asked to help settle a dispute brewing between local villagers and one of the island's major hotels.

Local people complained to Wittaya that the hotel was guilty of encroachment onto a public path and said the staff working at the resort restricted their access to the beach. "I couldn't just sit back and allow such a selfish act, so I jumped in a taxi and headed straight to the hotel to demand an explanation from the manager," he explained.

At first the security guard refused to let the decorated leader into the resort. "The guard said that he'd been told to control access, not letting anyone except hotel guests through," explained Wittaya. "So I told him that his boss didn't have the right to impose restrictions on the use of the path to the beach, as it is a public access route."

Wittaya then put up a poster that said: "This path is a communal path to the beach. Anyone prevented from using this path should contact the local village chief."

In due course, the hotel contacted him and agreed to let local people use the path to the beach on condition that they park their vehicles outside the resort. "I agreed to their proposal and accepted their conditions," he said. "They later asked me to remove my poster and replace it with an arch to mark the entrance to the beach."

**Sek's appeal.** The third Samui Music Festival, 10 nights of blues, jazz, rock, pop and reggae, and some comedy as well, was held at Coco Blues at Chaweng Beach from September 29 to October 8, featuring several international acts as well as Thai acts, including arguably Thailand's biggest rock star, Sek Loso.

Last year, the festival attracted heavy hitters Jerry Lee Lewis and UB40. Although this year's event was smaller, excellent music by several top Thai bands and a few Danish ones entertained the crowds. Only Sek Loso, however, managed to fill the house.

On the Monday night, Sek Loso took the stage after the audience had been listening to The Pirates, Groove Doctors and Blue on Blue, all of whose normally great sound was drowned by excessive bass. It was a top-notch performance despite fans having to listen to his voice through the screaming crowd, mostly Thai girls, and the bass still banging in their ears from the previous set.

Backed by a solid band, Sek Loso played to a very loud crowd that would not let him go.

With his boyish good looks and big smile he held a tight grip on the mostly female Thai audience. The one-hour set ran to two and a half. The girls still wanted more.

The next night, the sound man must have gotten word, as the mixing was notably better. First out was Bangkok's all-girl rock and indie band, Unicorn. This young band delivered a very respectable performance of classic covers.

Absent were two of Bangkok's top bands, Cannonball and Soi Dog Blues. However, they will be in Phuket soon for the Phuket International Blues Festival at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa on February 16 and 17.

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# The gripping tail of a local celeb

By Supanun Supawong

Sitting with his morning coffee at his local café, Poy is one of the most regular – in certain ways – customers, and easily one of the most popular. Every day, visitors and villagers near Bangrong Pier go to see the elderly Poy and feed him pieces of fruit. However, with his small furry face and prehensile tail, Poy the monkey is no ordinary senior citizen.

Local fisherwoman Jitlaykha Chaidam said, “Every morning around 7 or 8 am when he sees a man who works at the Koh Yao transfer boat coming to the café, Poy will come out to join him. The man gives Poy some hot coffee, either with or without cream and *pa tong ko*, a donut snack.”

“Poy eats the snack with his coffee, holding the cup in one hand and the donut in the other. He learned the behavior by watching people do it and mimicking them, and I’ve never seen another monkey act that way.”

Poy is one of 30 to 40 monkeys that live in the mangrove forest near the village, and because of his personable nature and penchant for coffee, he has become a local celebrity.

“I have lived at Bangrong Pier about 10 years, and I have known Poy since I moved here. He is a male, he’s quite old, and he is also handicapped, but he is quite a lovely monkey. One of his hands was injured when he was young. Someone tried to trap him with a rope.

“The villagers around here know Poy very well and everyone loves him,” K. Jitlaykha said.

She said that Poy, a crab-eating Macaque, also acts as a leader of the local monkeys when they go on raids into the village.

“All of the monkeys that live around here come to the village to find food and drinks given by the villagers, and sometimes they’ll go inside the villagers’ houses to find food. Poy is like a leader of the monkey group, and when the monkeys come to the village, Poy will check first to see if the house is empty.

“If it is, he will let the other monkeys know that it’s safe to

come into the house. That’s how clever he is,” added K. Jitlaykha.

Despite Poy’s popularity with people, he is also an easy target for the other monkeys because of his age and his effectiveness at gathering food from friendly humans.

“Poy is the most popular because he is very friendly, clever and people pity him because he is handicapped.

“He likes to stay near people, especially women, and will run to be next to a woman. When people call his name, he will run to them immediately.

“But Poy also gets hurt by the other monkeys when they take away his food. He can’t fight against them because he is quite old and feeble.

“Lately he got hit in the head by another monkey so he hid in the mangrove forest and didn’t come to visit the village for a couple days,” said K. Jitlaykha.

“Another time his hand got hurt and he came to my house to show me his injury. His face looked so sad and showed that he felt pain, it made me cry. Poy will not hurt anyone, but he will snatch food and drinks from people.”

Poy has also learned how to both steal and play on the sympathies of the villagers to ensure he gets his daily meal, K. Jitlaykha noted.

“Poy can eat everything including rice and all kinds of curries and soups, but his favorite of all is fruit. Poy can also drink any soft drink.

“He has a clever way of getting more food than the other monkeys because while the other monkeys stay in the forest all day waiting for people to come to them, Poy stays in the village and waits for a house to be empty.

“When he finds one or sees people leave, he will sneak in and steal something to eat. And if he sees someone with food in their hands, and he wants it, he will make sad eyes at them.

“The people take pity on him and give him food, so he doesn’t try to wrest food from people very often,” she said.

Poy also “works” part-time at the Bangrong parking lot, where he helps the attendant take tickets, whether the help is



**MONKEY MAGIC:** Poy, a regular customer of sorts at a local cafe at Bangrong Pier in Pa Khlok, enjoys his morning coffee.

wanted or not.

“I have known Poy since I began working here two years ago. Poy likes to sit and play at

the entry fee box, and he is quite naughty. When he comes here, he will sit on the chair and use a pen to write on the paper. Some-

times I give him an M-150 energy drink, and he can drink it.

“He raises the bottle up and drinks it normally. There’s also an old man who rides his bicycle down here and Poy knows he has candy in his pocket, so when he sees the man he will go take the candy out himself.

“Everyone around here knows Poy because he likes being around people so much. Sometimes he plays with the children,” parking lot attendant Manus Soyson said.

“Poy is naughty, too. He likes to tear the entry fee tickets so sometimes I scold him and don’t allow him to come in the [parking attendant’s] box.

“He’s afraid of me now and he won’t go into the box, but he’s a very lovely monkey.”

Visit Poy and other monkeys at Bangrong Pier at Pa Khlok, Thalang District, about 10 kilometers east of the Heroines’ Monument.

Visitors are advised to bring food to share with Poy and the other monkeys, but to be careful as they get near the animals. While they are used to humans, the monkeys may still grab for food or bite if alarmed.



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# Tak Bai 58 'should be freed'

Lawyers at the Justice and Reconciliation Center (JRC) on October 19 asked authorities to drop charges against many people in the Deep South, including 58 suspects involved in the bloody demonstration at Tak Bai in 2004.

The center, set up last year in collaboration between the Law Society and the National Human Rights Commission to provide legal assistance to local people, plans to review the charges against all people arrested in circumstances involving violence in the Deep South, JRC Secretary-General Kitja Ali-isha said.

"In cases where we find no solid evidence to prove the charges, we will suggest that state prosecutors drop the charges and release the suspects," he said in a phone interview.

The idea had been raised with the Attorney-General's Office, but was put on hold after the coup last month. With a new government in power, the center plans to raise the cases with the Council for National Security and the Fourth Army Region, Kitja said.

Pramet Intrachumum, Deputy Spokesman at the Attorney-General's Office, said state prosecutors were ready to drop the cases – as soon as they are ordered to do so by the government.

Kitja said justice is a key element to ending the conflict in the predominantly Muslim Deep South, as many people were unfairly arrested and jailed without clear charges. Injustice had caused frustration for local residents and fueled violence, he said.

In many cases, such as the protest in Tak Bai on October 25, 2004, suspects were arrested just because they traveled past the protest. Many were bystanders who had not intended to join in,

## Amulets 'save headman's life'

A village headman in Lan Saka District, Nakon Sri Thammarat, had an apparently miraculous escape after a gunman armed with an AK-47 shot up the funeral party where he was sitting playing cards.

Witnesses attributed the survival of the headman, thought to be the target of the gunman, to the seven Buddha images he was wearing around his neck.

Other members of the party were not so lucky – two were killed and another two were injured in the attack.

The incident took place around 4 am October 14 at the funeral of Sompong Bokkarani, 48, who had died in an accident.

Mourners were sitting playing cards in a tent when two men pulled up on a motorbike.

The pillion passenger then walked into the tent with an AK-47 assault rifle tightly wrapped up in a cloth and fired into the group before getting back on the motorbike and speeding off.

When police arrived the four seriously-wounded victims had been taken to hospital already.

Prasit Kraiwanit, 58, a former village headman, and Winai Tulawon, 39, later died



Village Headman Samreut Phongphrom with the seven Buddhist amulets he believes saved him from assassins' bullets.

from their injuries.

Pol Lt Col Supot Kongnaleuk, Investigating Inspector at Lan Saka District Police Station, said that witnesses had told him that Samreut Phongphrom, Headman of Village 8 Tambon Khunthalay, had been hit by gunfire, but somehow the bullets had not broken the

skin, leaving just small bruises.

"Our investigation so far has led us to believe that the criminals' intent was to kill Samreut. His skin though, appeared to be impenetrable to bullets.

"We believe the other victims were just in the wrong

place at the wrong time. We are still investigating the motive for the attack. At present we think it may be a dispute over local politics or a revenge attack over a personal matter," Col Supot said.

Pol Maj Gen Sudjai Yanrat, Commander of Nakon Sri Thammarat Provincial Police, said that the killers were likely to have been out-of-province hired gunmen who had been following Samreut's movements for a while.

They may well have been waiting for Samreut to leave the funeral but decided to attack the party when they saw it was nearly dawn and that he was still inside, Gen Sudjai said.

Around the same time at a funeral in Don Sak District of neighboring Surat Thani province, Phairot Chupradit, 51, Headman of Village 12 Tambon Don Sak was shot dead.

Police received a call at 4:45 am October 14. When they arrived at the scene they found Phairot lying dead on a buffet table at the roadside funeral.

He had been shot in the head and the chest with a .45-caliber pistol.

Police said that they do not yet have any clues as to the motive for the killing.

he said. "In such cases, I think it's unfair to throw them into jail."

The Tak Bai protest is one of the most notorious incidents from the troubled South. Six peo-

ple were killed when soldiers cracked down on a demonstration outside the local police station, before another 78 died of suffocation while being transported to a military camp in Pattani.

Thousands of protesters were arrested and 58 put on trial at Narathiwat Provincial Court. Currently, there are 390 suspects in custody, arrested in connection with 78 cases of violence in the Deep South. They face charges under the 2005 Emergency Act. Some 117 of those arrested have sought legal assistance from the JRC, Kitja said.

The JRC has also received

14 complaints about the disappearance of local relatives and family members. Most were suspected of having been abducted by security officials wanting to eliminate suspected militants quickly but unlawfully, he said.

**Major withdrawal:** Four men made off with 2.8 million baht in cash in a daring daylight robbery on a Securicor van replenishing an ATM in Surat Thani on October 16.

When police arrived at the scene they found the van driver and the van's security guard handcuffed and with stunned ex-

pressions on their faces.

Police said that Wachara Singha, 28, the security guard, was opening the back of the van to take out a bag of money when two men wearing black jackets pulled up on a motorbike. The men then advanced on Wachara and the driver, Khanit Munchat, 32, threatening them with guns before pistol whipping them on the back of their heads. The robbers then handcuffed Wachara and Khanit before making off with the cash.

Witnesses reported seeing two other men on a motorbike waiting nearby as the robbery was taking place.

A source in the Surat Thani Police investigation department reported that police suspect that they were the lookouts.

The source added that police believe that the guns used were replicas as the two Securicor personnel were left with only very minor bruising, which would have been more serious if they were struck on the back of the head with a real pistol.

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I suppose there is some crossover between the two, although the day that a government dictates how much one can spend on a meal is the day I check out.

My current line of thought – which has me in something of a stew – stems from a dinner to which I have been invited in Bangkok.

Although I do not wish to give the offending event credence by giving the name of the establishment, the meal costs a cool, if absurd, 1 million baht per person (US\$25,000) – not including applicable taxes.

Admittedly, the price tag includes a stay in swanky hotel, a piece of designer jewelry, a couple of wine glasses and the opportunity to taste some rather nice wines, including a 1955 Chateau Latour, which is even older than I am.

The restaurant is some 60-odd stories up, which – when I was last there – made it an ideal launch pad to drop the olive stones from my dry vodka martinis onto the unsuspecting below.

I could have dropped worse things – indeed have – but one must make do with what comes to hand.

I am nothing if not a hypocrite when it comes to my occasional bouts of anarchism and anti-elitism. I have, for example, a collection of empty bottles – Champagne ones, naturally – carefully stored at home in case of civil disturbance.

Such a disturbance might have been invoked by the meal and wine enjoyed in London in 2001 by six Barclays Bank brokers, who were celebrating the fact that they were six Barclays Bank brokers and not some poor buggers in Somalia.

That meal, in total, cost £44,007, or about 2.8 million baht back then. There are reports that it also cost them their jobs. I hope

# Counting the cost

they enjoyed their humble pie, sour grapes and just desserts.

A million baht could go a long way elsewhere. One could have lots of fun on the snow with it, or buy a boat, or spend a few years eating one's way around Phuket's restaurants.

I can't put a figure on how many I've eaten at in Phuket. However, I can count six that I refuse to return to, eight that I cannot return to because they have closed, and five that I am always delighted to frequent.

Of the last group, there is one – Dibuk Grill & Bar (DGB) on, surprise, surprise, Dibuk Rd in the Old Town – that had yet to be reviewed in the *Gazette*.

"Pourquoi?"

I ask – for it is a French restaurant – a certain Austrian countess with whom the entente is cordiale. I couldn't think why it had not been reviewed before.

The Old Town is a favorite haunt, and has an enviably-high ratio of not only good, but also atmospheric restaurants per square mile that revel in their authentic Sino-Portuguese architecture.

Dibuk Grill & Bar is a prime exemplar, and has – of all things – one of the most beautifully-tiled floors in the realm.

Jean-Pierre, the patron of DGB, knows his stuff. The décor mixes the old – Sino-Portuguese and an Indochine leitmotif – with the new, especially a stunning series of, ahem... artistically-erotic prints gracing the walls.

The menu is, of course, French to the core, bolstered by a strong body of Thai dishes.

French restaurant, French food for us, – after a couple of Ricard et l'eau to get les boules rolling. Last time we had Ricard was in August in Périgueux. Yes, in France. On that night, we also

## On the menu



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Above, Dibuk Grill's assiette de charcuterie. Below, steak with cognac and cream sauce.



decided, in a bar called Ouvrez la Boîte, that Champagne and Crème de Menthe makes a damn fine drink. Give it a whirl.

We then ended up in the soft-underbelly of the town in another bar called Key Largo, after wearing a number of hats,

but that is another story... For the interested, I have the photos.

Back to DGB and our entrée consists of a spectacular assiette de charcuterie, just right for those dreaming of La Belle France or, rather, still addicted to the food of Dordogneshire.

A Francophile? Moi? You shall find "Calais" lying in my heart, even though by ancestry I'm from Normandy.

Homemade paté, saucisson sec, andouillette, garlic sausage, and "waffer-then" jambon cru plus the essential gherkin, parsley and as an homage to L'Orient, a chili plus bread add up to almost more than enough for a starter.

Jean-Pierre, however, has other plans.

He brings out a bottle of robust house red for 950 baht. This is the perfect companion to the main courses of a decadently-rich dish of veal shank with a tomato and red wine réduction and equally divine steak with a cognac and cream sauce.

Amid the gentle atmosphere and splendid Austro-Anglo-Franco bonhomie, the flesh flakes on the fork, mashed potato soaks up the sauce, the wine is drunk and tummies expand.

A plate of cheese is squeezed in, along with a glass or two of a welcome digestif in the form of Armagnac, before Jean-Pierre bids us *bonne nuit* with a smile on his lips and a gallant Gallic shrug of his shoulders.

Dibuk Grill & Bar, Dibuk Rd, Phuket City. Call Jean-Pierre at Tel: 081-3976590. Expect to pay around 2,200 baht for a three-course meal including a bottle of house red. A couple could eat there about 454 times before the bill totaled 1 million baht.

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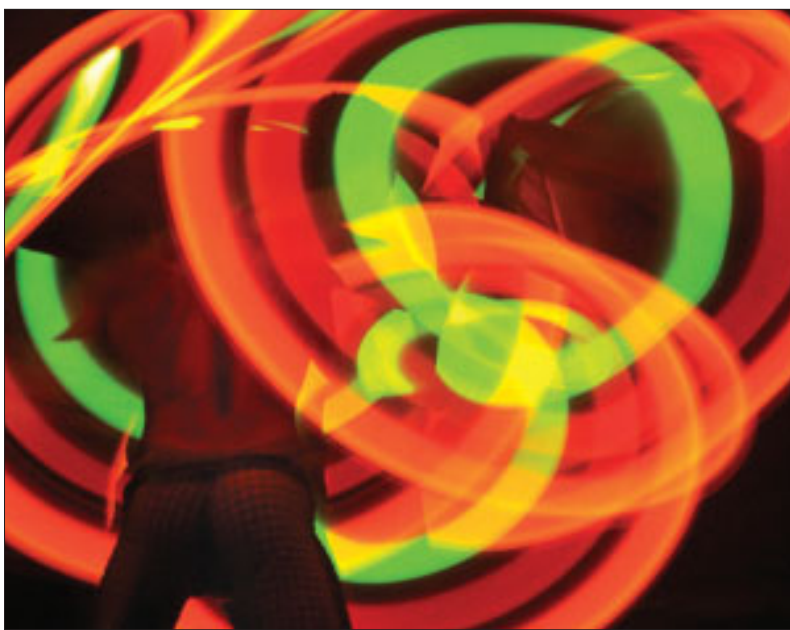
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# Rainbow Nation



After six ground-breaking Nation parties – four in Singapore and two in Phuket – the gay and lesbian portal Fridae.com drew the curtains in Phuket when the last track of the three-day event, spun by Australian DJ Kate Monroe, trailed off into cheers at around 8 am on October 23 at the Hilton Arcadia Phuket Resort & Spa.

The 1,500-plus revelers, many from Thailand, but with hundreds from Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia, Europe and the US, enjoyed an almost continuous three days of partying with top-ranked DJs such as Monroe as well as De Leon and the legendary Tony Moran (above, left).

The Nation parties began in 2001, and enjoyed increasing numbers of guests and a surprising level of tolerance from the Singaporean authorities until last year, when the extravaganza was denied a license, effectively terminating the annual event for good.

Fridae.com brought the event to Phuket, and although numbers were, naturally, down on the preceding year's 8,000 partygoers, many did attend, giving the island a welcome boost after the tsunami.

In a recent interview with the *Gazette*, Dr Stuart Koe, CEO of Fridae, said "When we first started throwing parties, the concept of a multi-day gay party with international DJ and punters flying in from around the world was fairly novel in Asia."

"Now, there are now a number of impressive party organizers in the region – it is time for Fridae to focus on empowering the Asian gay community through other means."

Comments from partygoers, although tinged with an element of sadness that the Nation parties are over, were generally upbeat.

"Sure, Fridae's not going to be organizing these parties anymore, but someone else will," said "Fitz" from Hong Kong.

"There are enough people paying good money to be here – more people than you'd get at any other event except for a major concert or football match – to make it worthwhile. The question is: will someone keep the momentum going, or will it just go flat?"

– Andy Johnstone



Large crowds gathered at Chinese shrines in and around Phuket City last Saturday evening to erect *Ko Teng* poles encouraging the gods to descend from the heavens to mark the beginning of this year's annual Vegetarian Festival.

Throughout the week people in town have had the opportunity to sample some of the best vegetarian fare on the island, as well as parades

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dedicated to Chinese gods, with mediums, called *mah song* in Thai, attracting the most attention.

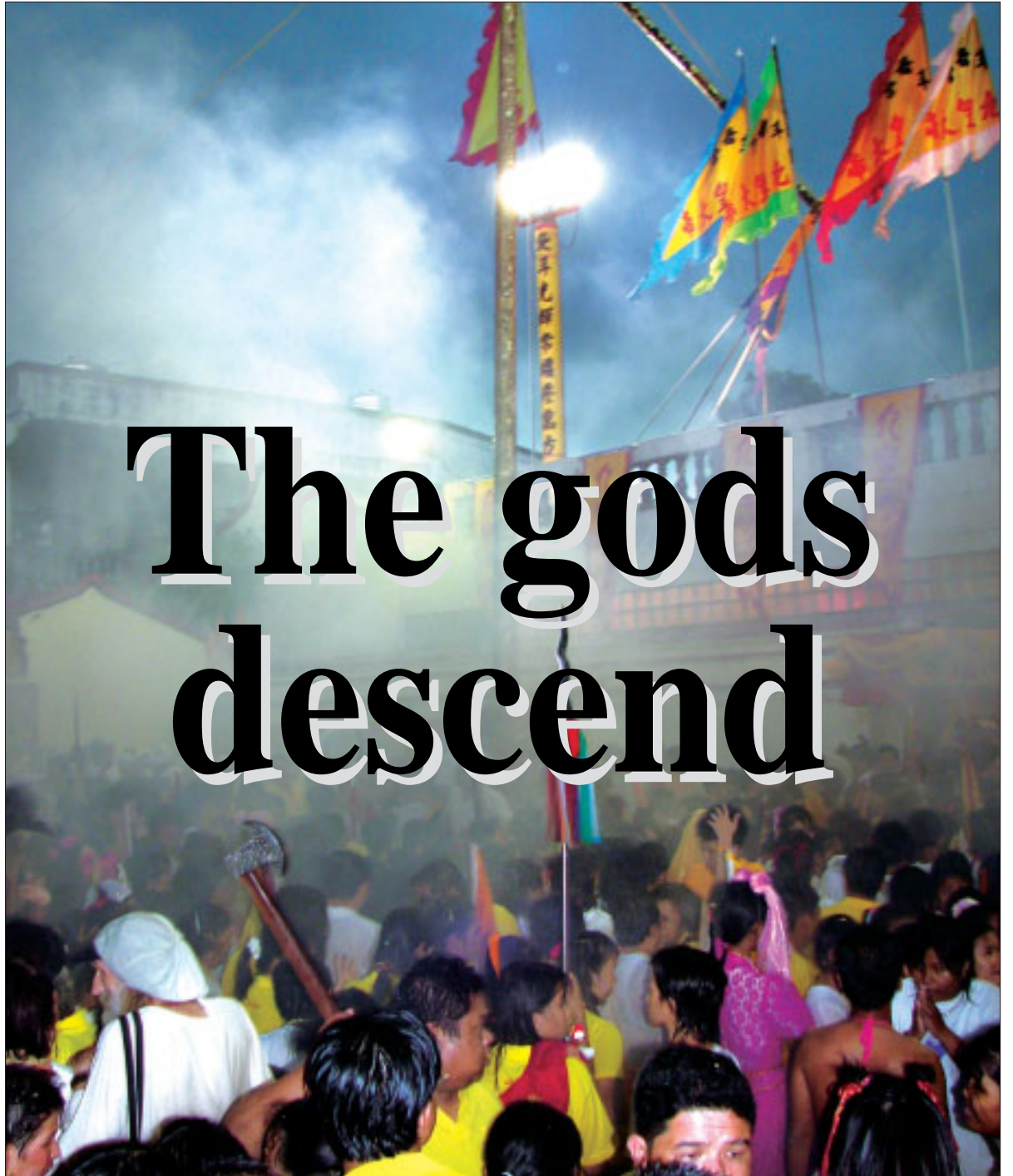
People joining the event traditionally wear white to denote purity, although this year yellow has been endorsed in honor of HM The King's 60th anniversary of his ascension to the throne.

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## This week



**SWEDISH SWANSONG:** At the farewell party (above) for outgoing Swedish Consul General Alf Karlsson (center) at the Watermark bar and restaurant on October 12 are Phuket Vice-Governor Pongsak Praivet (2nd from left), Phuket Provincial Police Deputy Commander Pol Col Chalit Tinthanee (right) and Somnuk Wijitsarat (left), chief of the provincial government's Information Technology & Communication Unit.

**TOP THANI** (right): Ministry of Tourism and Sports Permanent Secretary Sakthip Krailerk (left) hands Kata Thani Group of Hotels & Resorts CEO Sombat Atiset the Thailand Tourism Award 2006 – Outstanding Performance Award in the category for resorts with more than 80 rooms in the Southern Region. The presentation took place at a ceremony in Bangkok on September 27.



**HAPPY LANDINGS:** Chief Executive SilkAir Mike Barclay (right), Phuket Vice-Governor Worapoj Ratthasima (center) and SilkAir Manager Thailand John Sim (left) at the opening of SilkAir's new office at Billion Plaza on October 12.



**IT'S A BRIZA:** Nijaporn Marprasert, Group General Manager of The Briza Resort Group, Krisda Chuenchitpisaikul, General Manager of The Phulin Resort, and Kairap Suwansenee, Director of Sales & Marketing of The Briza Resort Group, celebrate the first anniversary of The Phulin Resort in Karon on October 19.



**CONNECTED:** Wine Connection Managing Director Michael Trocherie (2nd from left), his wife K. Sirirat and Wine Connection General Manager Paul Clark (2nd from right) enjoy a tippie with Pablo Fellmer, Export Manger for Chilean winemaker TerraMater, at the October 14 TerraMater wine tasting night at Wine Connection.



**ISLANDER DAZE:** Rawai rapsallion Neil Rickards (green shirt), one of the founders of The Islander Bar and Restaurant on Wiset Rd, and partner Paul Johns (center) celebrate with patrons and friends the final Saturday night party before the venue closes and the 'new' Islander opens in Nai Harn.



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## BEHIND THE WHEEL

By Jeff Heselwood

There is a new BMW X5 – this time with an extra row of seats. The X5 always was roomy, but now, with seating for seven, it moves closer to the Range Rover in terms of overall space and versatility.

Built in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the X5 has established itself as one of the leading luxury SUVs. This latest model will see it remain at or close to the top, challenging the Mercedes-Benz M-Class and the Volvo XC90 in this lucrative sector of the auto market.

There are three gasoline versions available. The existing 3- and 4.4-liter engines are joined by a top-of-the-range 4.8-liter lump. All are mated to a six-speed automatic transmission, although the smallest motor can come with a manual gearbox if preferred.

In some markets, notably Europe, a 3-liter diesel engine is available, but in its home market of the United States only gas models are currently offered.

The 4.8-liter gasoline X5 reaches 100kmh from a standstill in just 6.5 seconds, which is pretty heady for a large SUV. Maximum speed is electronically limited to 250kmh.

As you would expect at this level, the latest X5 has every imaginable extra built in, including power front seats – the driver's with a memory that also resets the steering column and the exterior mirrors to the correct angle.

There are rain-sensing wipers, a quality audio system with CD player, and also provision for an iPod. Twelve audio speakers are standard on the top model and optional on the other models in the range.

The extra row of seats increases the length of the X5 by around 20cm, but the styling remains much the same. The seats in the second row can be folded individually to increase load area, while for added convenience the rear tailgate is split horizontally with the upper section hinged at the top and the lower at the base.

A high level of safety, both active and passive, is built into the X5. All-wheel drive is standard, of course, but so too is four-wheel traction control. An electronic torque splitter apportions drive to the rear under normal road conditions, but varies this if the terrain or weather dictates otherwise.

Weight distribution is close to a perfect 50:50, front to rear, while electronic brake proportioning adjusts the amount of retardation according to load and, of course, relative traction.

Inside there are two-stage front airbags, side bags and full-

length air curtains. Rear side bags are optional. The front seat belts are provided with pre-tensioners and load limiters and are adjustable for height.

In the stringent Euro NCAP crash tests, the X5 was awarded five stars for occupant safety, although it must be said that for pedestrian safety the large SUV scored a miserly one star. For more information on these tests or to see how your car is rated, see [www.euroncap.com](http://www.euroncap.com)

The original X5 was launched in 1999 and more than 500,000 have been sold to date. The latest version with the extra seating capacity will no doubt continue

the trend, although some countries are currently railing against large SUVs because of their perceived contribution to depletion of resources and global warming.

London's controversial mayor Ken Livingstone in particular is firmly against all SUVs, and has proposed a CO<sub>2</sub> charge of UK£25 (1,750 baht) for cars such as large 4x4 vehicles which emit high levels of carbon dioxide. Livingstone intends to introduce the new charge by 2009.

Several other cities in the UK are monitoring the progress of Livingstone's congestion charge, which has been credited with reducing traffic jams and

# BMW's X5 just got bigger



Above: the attractive new X5. Left: the flexible seating in the rear.

generally allowing cars to flow freely in London. They may also take a closer look at this latest scheme as carbon dioxide pollution continues to increase.

The BMW X5 is currently available in Phuket, by order only, through BMW dealer Performance Motors, on Thepkrasattri Rd in Phuket City (Tel: 076-

236669; Email: [pmt2@dealer.bmw.co.th](mailto:pmt2@dealer.bmw.co.th)), with a three-month wait for delivery. Prices for the 3-liter model start from 7.8 million baht, and the 4.4-liter model starts at 9.8 million baht.

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# LUMIMI ME, PLEASE

By Suganya Semacote

On any given day parks all over the country are full of women running around desperately trying to keep themselves in shape and fight against the inevitable effect of time – and gravity – on the body.

For those disinclined to spend the energy burning off their fat in Suan Luang, you could always try Lumimi.

These specially-designed body-shaping garments are the star products of the romantically-named NOP International Holdings Co Ltd based in South Sathon Rd, a few minutes away from Lumpini Park, in Bangkok. They now also have an outlet on Yaowarat Rd in Phuket.

Their selection of underwear is claimed to help women – and men who don't mind getting strange looks in the gym changing room – get the body that they have always desired.

The company's promotional material claims that wearers of its merchandise can have a beautiful body without having to: have surgery; exercise; have liposuction; take diet pills; have injections; or reduce food intake.

They also claim that there are no side effects, it doesn't waste any time or cause worries and on top of that, users can be certain of results.

"How can that be?" you may, nay should, ask.

Well, the English-language website likens it to the effect of a ring on a finger. When you wear a ring, the part of your finger under the ring becomes thinner; your body is like a finger and Lumimi is like a ring, the website enthuses.

Sure.

"With high-tech materials,



tight weave web and various designs with ergonomic cuttings are specially designed to burn and move away your body fats.

"After wearing Lumimi for some time, you will see changes in your figure and a perfect body shape is sculpt in a natural way," the website explains, with no editing by the *Gazette*.

But what are these magical materials that can do away with the tiresome hours of exercise

and grinding hunger usually associated with losing weight?

The website, again, reveals: "Lumimi uses the same astronomical fiber which is used by the astronauts. The difference is, Lumimi gives you a perfect figure."

Ah, all becomes clear. These astronomical fibers were developed through "extensive research and tedious procedures" the distributor assures.



they developed the "Astronaut Pen". Some of you may remember. It enjoyed minor success on the commercial market.

The Russians were faced with the same dilemma.

They used a pencil.

The garment is also claimed to be particularly good for breasts. "Most females have the wrong concept that having small breasts is natural... Hence, to have firm and beautiful breasts seems an impossible dream to them."

But not to worry, "Lumimi can make your dreams come true!" we are reassured.

## CONFIDENT

Anchalee Treesungsuwan, the distributor of Lumimi garments here in Phuket has experienced the innumerable benefits these miracle products provide.

She told the *Gazette* that she started to wear Lumimi when she was 35 years old after having a child and in only three months she regained her pre-childbirth shape.

"After wearing Lumimi garments, I feel more confident about my body. Before my stomach and hips were much flabbier," she added.

K. Anchalee said that within two weeks of starting to wear Lumimi underwear, the shape of the breasts, hips and waist will have improved and within a month, the wearer will have more "standard measurements", less stomach fat and a clearer waistline.

The star of the product line is the body suit, which can be yours for 15,000 to 20,000 baht depending on the size needed.

This body suit is apparently suitable for a gala dinner or party occasion, though presumably best worn under some kind of dress unless it's a party occasion in a back alley off Bangla.

It, so we are led to believe, massages the body, burning off fats and shaping up the physique as well as raising the bustline to maintain firmer breasts, controlling abdominal fats and raising the hips.

Also available is the fat-burning corset, made from "Japanese photo-electron elastic net fabric" and a range of bras and panties, which according to the website contain "anti-virus material" to improve hygiene. They too have special body-improving properties.

As if getting a perfect body weren't enough, the free Thai-language leaflet promises the garments will give the wearer a "merry spirit" to go with it.

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Conspicuous consumption is back in style with luxury goods sales booming as the acceleration in the global economy helps to forge a new class of super-rich in Asia, the Middle East and eastern Europe.

Whether it is yachts, premium car brands, Champagne, haute couture fashion, hand-crafted watches, high-priced liquor and wines or perfumes, reports from companies making high-end products have been pointing to a robust 2006 for their industry after a solid start to the year.

The increase in worldwide sales of luxury goods is expected to average about 6% in the run-up to the end of the decade, the international consulting group Bain & Co said in a recent report, with the sector growing by a solid 9% in Asia.

This has been borne out by a recent string of reports from the corporate high priests of luxury goods, with France's Hermès International saying it is aiming for 10% annual sales growth in the coming years.

New York's venerable Tiffany & Co reported double-digit first-quarter international sales expansion.

Earlier this year Paris-based luxury goods powerhouse LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA announced that first-quarter sales jumped by 15%, partly driven by strong demand from Asia as well as Europe.

## WATCHES

"All business groups recorded strong progress, continuing the trends observed in 2005," LVMH said, confirming that it expects to turn in "significant growth" for 2006 as a whole.

It has also been high times for luxury Swiss watchmakers with the industry reporting an 11% jump in exports last year of its prestigious timepieces.

The current buoyant state of the global luxury goods sector is in marked contrast to recent years when Europe's economy was battling to emerge from a protracted period of stagnation and concerns were growing about the threat posed by risks such as SARS and war in Iraq.

Now, and apparently unperturbed by soaring oil prices and rising interest rates, emerging markets around the world have been joining key markets in the United States, Europe and Japan to chalk up big sales of luxury goods on the back of the international economy's recent healthy growth rates.

However the recent global financial market shakeout has exposed the vulnerability of the luxury goods market, especially if the world economy slips later in the year, as many economists predict.

But in the meantime strong figures from the purveyors of high-end products keep rolling in.

Luxury German carmaker Mercedes-Benz said sales rose in May by 22% to a record of

# Bling-bling: the cash tills ring



Model Eva Padberg shows off luxury handbags in a Gucci outlet in Berlin. Affluent consumers worldwide are rediscovering luxury brands thanks to a global economic upswing.

create a new sense of wealth and prosperity, as well as brand consciousness, in a section of society.

The result has been a flood of designer shops from Gucci to Valentino, Versace, Louis Vuitton, Dior and Chanel, along with leading watchmakers such as Tag Heuer and Cartier popping up in major cities across India.

Along with the recent buoyant mood in the US, there have been signs that Japan has shaken off its recent tough economic times.

Despite high energy costs having hit consumer confidence in the US and forecasts that high debt levels could cut into household spending in the world's biggest economy, American consumers have told economic researchers that they are still prepared to open up their wallets.

Even Germany's often well-heeled consumers appear to be slowly emerging from a long period of gloom. Consumer confidence in Europe's biggest economy climbed to its highest level in more than four years, a survey showed.

— Andrew McCathie, dpa

101,800 vehicles. Its rival BMW began the year by posting the best total quarterly sales in the Munich-based auto group's history.

Highlighting the arrival of a new wealthy elite in China, another luxury German car group Audi said this week that sales in Asia's new powerhouse economy surged by 65% in May and almost doubled over the last five months.

Having already forged a presence in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, legendary New York retailer Saks Fifth Avenue is to become the first US

department store to open in China.

Analysts said that China could represent 10% of the world luxury goods market by 2015 with the numbers of Chinese dollar millionaires growing at 12% annually.

It has been a similar story in India where Mercedes-Benz said sales have jumped by 16% on average over the last five years. Sales of the luxury sedans in the Middle East leaped by 21% in the first quarter, led by a 116% surge in sales in Saudi Arabia.

A large slab of India's pop-

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# Spa MAGIC



By Andy Johnstone

## Sugar Palm

**B**less their little cotton socks at Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Through their serendipitous ineptitude of losing our luggage – luggage containing both sets of house and car keys – after a long-haul flight and before the hop to Phuket, an overnight stay in a hotel on our adopted isle becomes our best chance for a bed more comfortable than airport waiting-room benches.

And so we make our escape from the delights of Phuket International Airport in a vehicle traveling only a fraction slower than the A320 Airbus from which we have recently disembarked.

The taxi driver asks us where he should take us. Home seems an unlikely prospect unless I am prepared to break into our own house. Then, appearing out of the late afternoon sunshine on the road from the airport is a billboard advertising Sugar Palm Resort & Spa, a new kid on Kata's block.

"There, THERE!" we belatedly, gesticulating wildly at the sign. Not the brightest chap in the world, but perhaps the most comically obedient, he executes a sharp turn towards the billboard, realizing his error just in time.

Happily, incredibly, and minus another of our combined 18



The spa, with its floor-to-ceiling windows, looks nothing like a traditional Phuket spa.

# Sugar Palm with aplomb

lives, we arrive at Sugar Palm, mouthing one word – spa – and decide to be indulged, cosseted and caressed after plowing through a harrowing time that resulted in furrowed brows. I'll field any questions about a rut later.

There is, thankfully, no overly-ornate detailing or faux-mysticism at Sugar Palm. Instead, clean lines – almost modernist in their presentation – and symmetry quietly dominate.

This extends to the spa, which is part of The Royal Spa family, and resembles a dolmen.

The two-room/four-person spa focuses the mind, mostly because it doesn't look like a spa. A palace of glass, it has floor-to-ceiling windows that offer a commanding view over the pool. There are, of course, also floor-to-ceiling blinds.

The charming – a cliché, I know, but they are – and attentive staff sense our lingering stress over the baggage. With the aid of their gentle guidance we decide on a two-hour package with sauna, steam-room, scrub and massage treatment.

A quick change into our

birthday suits and it's off to the sauna.

I'm not sure if the staff here are aware of the ancient traditions inherent in sauna culture that they so effectively evoke, but a quick précis of them, as told to me by my Finnish uncle, may not be amiss for them and others.

The Finnish sauna served – and continues to serve – myriad purposes. Women gave birth in them, and the bodies of the dead would be cleansed in them. Illnesses could be cured in them. Love spells and incantations were cast in them. Their importance and their spirituality is not to be ignored. Even now, the saying "Saunassa ollaan kuin kirkossa"

– Be in a sauna as you would be in church – holds resonance.

The spiritual element goes further. Another Finnish phrase – löyly – relates, in my clumsy translation, to the heat of the sauna, specifically the heat arising from pouring water on the baking stones. Löyly corresponds also to "spirit" or "life".

The sauna's thermometer indicates that it's around 50°C (122°F) inside our pine-lined cabin. The humidity is a bearable 100% and the minutes tick by almost unnoticed. Our first 15 minutes of sauna over, we have a cold shower before another 15-minute session – all without a birch twig in sight.

Another shower for us and our therapists are ready to perform their magic, beginning with a body scrub. A red-wine scrub was recommended for me, a coffee scrub for my companion. Bearing in mind the Finns' propensity for a tippale, a scrub incorporating Koskenkorva Viina or another brand of booze might have been more appropriate, but I keep my counsel.

I expect the scrub to feel rough, yet it is surprisingly gentle while still invigorating – my skin still tingling after the sauna.

Back from another quick shower, delicate hands smooth oil over our bodies. There are many contrasts, many sensations in our treatment – heat followed by cold, rough followed by smooth, post-flight tension followed by tranquility – and what better way to enjoy it than to succumb to it?

We are both lulled to a vaguely trippy, dreamlike state by our therapists, preternaturally aware of all around us except time.

The treatment was scheduled to be two hours, but we have been in the gentle care of the Royal Spa for some 2½ hours by the time we head back to our room.

Time flies, as they say, although we've given up caring that our luggage didn't. After all, who needs baggage?

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# Not just another Korean park

## TALES OF A TRAVELER

By Ed Peters

October sees the Korean peninsula erupt in a maelstrom of color, as autumn spray-paints the deciduous forests of the country's national parks every imaginable shade of red and gold. With the days sunny and clear before the onslaught of winter, it's an ideal time to hit the great outdoors.

Hiking is reckoned to be South Korea's national sport, and as the first leaves start to turn, trekkers besiege the parks by the thousand. Even ruddy-cheeked pensioners are astoundingly fit, ascending the steep pathways as if borne upwards on an escalator.

The parks immediately outside the capital Seoul are naturally the busiest, but further to the south Songnisan's rolling acres provide a greater chance for solitude. The trails here are well-maintained and signposted, and there's a choice of half a dozen or more hikes that can take as little as a few hours or as much as a whole day.

Wherever you roam, however, the scenery is fantastic. It's not simply the soaring mountains dotted with oaks, ginkgos and maples and the far-flung panoramas that appeal, but glimpses of animals and birds such as the Russian flying squirrel and the black woodpecker, and the spectacle of rare plants such as white forsythia sprouting in the wild.

Songnisan also enjoys its fair share of myths and legends. Clamber to the top of Munjangdae mountain above Osong waterfall three times and you are pretty much guaranteed a reserved seat in heaven. The statue-like pine tree by the roadside at the top of Malti Pass was awarded the rank of cabinet minister in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by the somewhat eccentric King Sejo, who was convinced it raised its branches when he passed by.

One of Songnisan's greatest attractions, which lures many visitors away from the hiking trails, is the sprawling temple complex at Popjusa. First built around 1,500 years ago, it was razed to the ground by belligerent Japanese invaders in 1592, and the current buildings date from the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Rising above the temples is the 27-meter high Miruk Buddha of the Future, believed to be the largest statue in Asia. Hordes of local visitors gather round the massive, 1,000-year-old Cholwak rice pot – which used to cater to 3,000 priests – clucking tongues and clicking cameras. Fans of Buddhist architecture and iconography could linger for hours here,



but for anyone else, Popjusa is a blessing as it keeps a lot of visitors out of the park proper.

Most visitors to Songnisan base themselves in one of the hotels outside the park and choose a different hike each day. Accommodation is on the pricey side, and restaurants, too, tend to think they can charge for the

view. However it's definitely worth dining at the village of Songnidong, where the local specialty is the semi-wild and richly flavored tree mushroom. Take your choice of sitting down for a full, six-course meal with the fungi cooked in many different ways and served up accompanied by rice and pickled cabbage, or

toting a bag of air-dried 'shrooms as a trekking snack.

Finally, you don't need to be much of a linguist to learn that

Songnisan means "remote from the mundane world", which is pretty much the essence of travelers' tales.

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# PUZZLES

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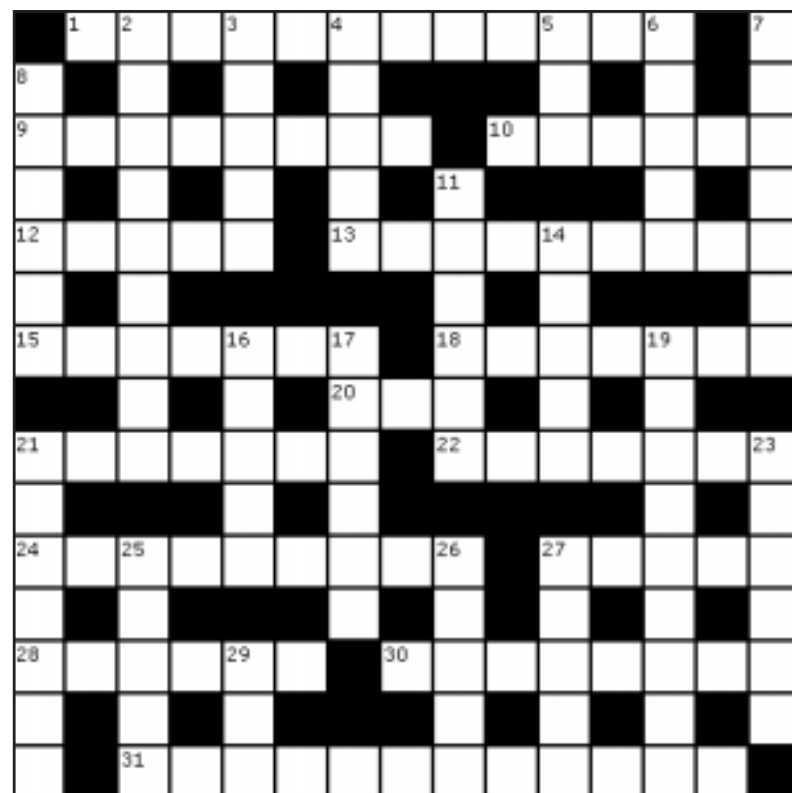
**Can you find the seven differences between the two cartoons below? And can you find them faster than the rest of the family?**



# The Cryptic Crossword

1. Tainting is only for grown-ups? (12)
9. Diana's flower is a complete mess. (8)
10. Rodent gets leg and rib reset. (6)
12. Lavatory manuscript for textile makers. (5)
13. Piece of land can be easy to control. (9)
15. German chaps trying to lose weight? (7)
18. Shows of French and early Scots. (7)
20. A very small whizz. (3)
21. To fill up, sat, and I ate. (7)
22. Tapes about strings. (7)
24. Measurement of length in proper screw. (9)
27. Poetic ghost out of the sun. (27)
28. Cuts short smell in arts. (6)
30. Put arm in a list for one who cries wolf. (9)
31. Digging in, turn over Mr Ten-Cent and hen

2. Untrustworthy beauty has  
no nest. (9)
3. Leans over itemizations.  
(5)



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|----|--|-----|---|
| 4. | Happening may point to outlet. (5)             | 11. | Angrier color. (6)                            |
| 5. | I take Church of England to preserve. (3)      | 14. | Subject to picture. (5)                       |
| 6. | Indian ruler not applicable to Robert. (5)     | 16. | Escape from Eva of the French. (5)            |
| 7. | Steering handles farmers. (7)                  | 17. | Waves of toffs. (6)                           |
| 8. | Rotten student in calculated surroundings. (6) | 19. | Automobile country may blossom. (9)           |
|    |  | 21. | So quiet, ran no singer. (7)                  |
|    |  | 23. | Bedding ropes. (6)                            |
|    |  | 25. | No region for gas. (5)                        |
|    |  | 26. | Fifty stir rice to find old artefact. (5)     |
|    |  | 27. | Saint takes alcohol to play guitar. (5)       |
|    |  | 29. | Tourist org gives thanks for steak. (1, 1, 1) |

*Solution on next page*

## Scribble Space

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

MEDIUM

# 15

The principle of 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. Guess if you will, but each Sudoku puzzle can be solved using logic alone. Beware: this puzzle has only one solution, which is on the next page.

# EZ Trivia Quiz

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. Who wrote <i>Jungle Book</i> ?                         | 6. In which city is the Tate Gallery?                  |
| 2. What is the capital of Greece?                         | 7. How many milligrams are there in one tonne?         |
| 3. How many stripes are there on the US flag?             | 8. Which country gave the Statue of Liberty to the US? |
| 4. Which Thai singer had a big hit with <i>Do Re Mi</i> ? | 9. Hanuman is king of whom?                            |
| 5. Who is President of France?                            | 10. Name the third Harry Potter novel.                 |

*Answers on next page*

# Rhyme Time

**The words or phrases described below all rhyme with “stink”. What are they?**

1. Lizard.
2. Fur.
3. Place for skating.
4. Metal.
5. Become smaller.
6. Cogitate.
7. Shut an eye...
8. ...or two.
9. Imbibe.
10. Edge.

*Answers on next  
page*

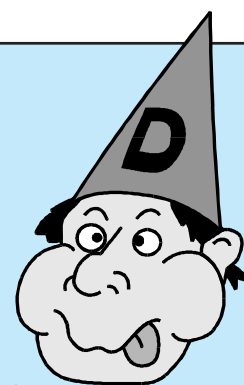




2. Tyrannical leader.
3. Alpine call.
4. Power.
5. \*\*\*\*\* Butler of *Gone With The Wind*.
6. Lariat.
10. Illegal.
13. Latin dance.
14. Nasty smell.
16. Cut into cubes.

*Solution below, right*

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|--|---|---|
| 1. Mount Stolovaya is the highest point of which Russian republic?                                 | 7. How long did the siege of Mafeking, in South Africa, last?                 | 14. If you received a feoffment, what would you get?                                  |
| 2. What is the origin of the word “bedlam”?  | 8. In which year was the British Broadcasting Corporation established?        | 15. In which year was Ferrari founded?  |
| 3. What do you get if you cross bisons with beef cattle?   | 9. Who said, “Deep down, I’m pretty superficial”?                             | 16. Which word is used to describe a horse’s leg joint, a wine and pawning an object? |
| 4. Which founder member of Pink Floyd died on July 7 this year?                                    | 10. Which English word begins and ends with “und”?                            | 17. Which family ruled Germany until 1918?  |
| 5. In 1893, Lizzie Borden went on trial for killing her parents with an axe. What was the verdict? | 11. In which modern country did the Chavin culture thrive from 900 to 200 BC? | 18. What was found in 1871 at Hissarlik, Turkey?                                      |
| 6. In which country would you find Amharic spoken?   | 12. Up until 150 years ago, Who or what would you have found in a pest house? | 19. Sardo, Bokmakiri and Kashkaval are types of what?                                 |
|  | 13. How many kings named Philip have ruled Spain?                             | 20. Which singer was born David Robert Jones?   |
| <i>Answers below left</i>  |   |   |

*Answers below left*

# Puzzle Solutions

## Monster Quiz Answers

1. Ingushetia; 2. The Hospital of Saint Mary of Bethlehem (an institution for the insane); 3. Beefaloes; 4. Sid Barrett; 5. She was acquitted; 6. Ethiopia; 7. 217 days; 8. 1922; 9. Actress Ava Gardner; 10. Underground; 11. Peru; 12. People suffering from plague or other infectious diseases; 13. Five; 14. Land; 15. 1929; 16. Hock; 17. Hohenzollern; 18. The ancient city of Troy; 19. Cheese; 20. David Bowie.

## Solution to Cartoon Puzzle



## EZ Trivia Answers:

1. Rudyard Kipling; 2. Athens; 3. 13; 4. Pornchita “Benz” Na Songkhla; 5. Jacques Chirac; 6. London; 7. 1 billion; 8. France; 9. The monkeys; 10. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*.

### Rhyme Time Answers:

1. Skink; 2. Mink; 3. Rink; 4. Zinc; 5. Shrink; 6. Think; 7. Wink; 8. Blink; 9. Drink; 10. Brink.

## Cryptic Crossword Solution



## Quick Crossword Solution



## Sudoku solution





# In the mind of a young terrorist

In his 21st novel, 74-year-old John Updike takes up a hot topical issue – post-September 11 terrorism.

*Terrorist* (Alfred A Knopf, New York, 2006, 310pp) centers on an 18-year-old high school senior in the decaying town of New Prospect in northern New Jersey. Half Egyptian, half Irish-American, Ahmad Ashmawy Mulloy turned to Islam when he was 11 and is now studying the Koran under the tutelage of a sinister Yemeni imam named Shaikh Rashid who runs a mosque in a former dance studio. Ahmad will soon be drawn into a terrorist web.

His new novel allows Updike to delve deeper into his three favorite themes: God, death and high school. There is no one better than Updike at depicting the sexual urgency, hopeless yearning, inchoate identity and all-round angst of an American high schooler.

Central High School is menaced by rival black and Hispanic gangs, metal detectors and armed security guards. At his locker, Ahmad is approached by a cute black classmate named Joryleen Grant, a fellow “good” student. She sings in a choir at the local Baptist church and invites him to watch her sing a solo at Sunday services. As a Muslim, he curtly refuses. His religion keeps him friendless.

In counterpoint to Ahmad is his high school guidance counselor. Jack Levy, 63, born a Jew and raised an atheist, suffers sleepless nights of dread and despair.

He is intrigued by Ahmad who, despite his high marks, refuses to go on to college but instead is determined to follow the wishes of his imam and become a truck driver.



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

On graduation day, Jack Levy finds himself sliding into a romance with Ahmad's mother. Teresa Mulloy is a nurse's aide, part-time painter and “single mom” of Ahmad, whose father abandoned them when he was three. Her spinster sister Hermione happens to be the chief aide to the Secretary for Homeland Security in Washington. This will move the plot along as Jack becomes

entangled with Teresa, allowing Updike to indulge in his fourth great theme – adultery.

Updike opens his second chapter with a magnificent 25-page set piece on the impassioned Sunday services at Joryleen Grant's church. Ahmad has decided to attend despite himself, and is alternately repulsed and swept up in exultation. He argues about religion as he walks Joryleen home.

“I look around me and I see slaves – slaves to drugs, slaves to fads, slaves to



television, slaves to sports heroes that don't know they exist, slaves to the unholy, meaningless opinions of others,” he tells her. “You have a good heart, Joryleen, but you're heading straight to Hell, the lazy way you think.”

In contrast to the communal joy of the black church, the dialog about Koranic *suras* between Ahmad and his teacher is austere and scholarly. The emphasis is on the Straight Path and avoiding the corrup-

tion of the world. The imam arranges for Ahmad to drive a truck for a furniture store owned by two immigrant brothers from Lebanon. Here he is drawn into a plot to explode a truckload of ammonium nitrate in the Lincoln Tunnel.

Updike is a serious Christian writer with a deep knowledge of modern Protestant theology. The challenge he faces is getting into the mind of a Muslim who is young, fervent, good-hearted and fanatical.

This is Ahmad's state of mind in the last days before his scheduled suicide attack: “The luster of Paradise leaks backward into his daily life. Things will feel big there, on a cosmic scale; in his childhood, only a few years into this life, falling asleep, he would experience a sensation of hugeness, every cell a world, and this demonstrated to his childish mind religion's truth.”

The plot is ridden with Dickensian improbabilities, however. When Charlie, the American son of Ahmad's boss, arranges his first woman for him, who should the part-time hooker be but Joryleen Grant?

And through some nimble hoop-jumping who should wind up in the passenger seat of the bomb-laden truck heading into the Lincoln Tunnel but Jack Levy?

The ending is better than any conventional thriller's, because you just don't know whether Ahmad is going to trigger that detonator...

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### November 1-4: Annual Game Fishing Competition.

The Unofficial Phuket International Tournament (UPIT) is the replacement event for the Phuket Classic Tournament.

Team registrations (Max: 4 anglers per team) at the Tamarind Bar on the evening of November 1, from 7pm.

Fishing days are November 2-4. Trophy presentation and party will be on the last day.

For details contact Uwe Schitteck at Tel: 081-7195766 or by email to: uweschitteck@yahoo.com

### November 1-5: World Tour Phuket Thailand Open 2006 Volleyball Championships.

The island is set to host the joint Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), Thailand Volleyball Association and Pentangle Promotions Company World Tour Phuket Thailand Open 2006, a world-class volleyball competition for women, from November 1-5 on Karon Beach.

Entrance for the tournament – which will feature more than 75 two-player teams from 39 countries, including Germany, Brazil, the US, China and Japan, as well as six teams from the host nation – is free.

Visit [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org) and [www.pentanglepromotions.com](http://www.pentanglepromotions.com) for more information.

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For full details and registration information please see [www.bbap.org/golf2006.html](http://www.bbap.org/golf2006.html)

### November 5: Loy Krathong.

During the annual Loy Krathong ceremony, participants make merit by floating (loy) candle-lit offerings (krathong) on water to invite good luck from the water goddess Phra Mae Kongkha.

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## Protect the young by enforcing the obvious

During the period of optimism that followed the military coup on September 19, many people thought they would finally get a break from social engineering schemes such as those imposed by the Thaksin administration, especially those implemented under the banner of Better Social Order.

However, some social control initiatives have actually picked up momentum since Thaksin was ousted. The first is directed at curbing alcohol consumption by putting in place a strict ban on alcohol advertising, set to come into effect December 3.

The economic effect of this new measure will hit Phuket particularly hard, given that Phuket has the highest concentration of nightspots of any Thai province outside Bangkok and receives a proportionally big slice of the estimated 2.5 trillion baht in advertising currently spent annually by Thai brewers and distilleries. These companies sponsor many events on the island, including international sporting events that dovetail with the island's status as a world-class tourist destination.

What Thailand stands to lose with the advertising ban will not likely be recouped by decreased alcohol consumption, as its proponents hope. Left with only with cost-cutting measures as a way to compete for market share, price wars will ensue. A more likely result will be a surge in the number of young new drinkers.

A similar effect was seen in the alarming rise in *ya bah* (methamphetamine) addiction when street prices of that drug hit rock bottom back in the late 1990s. Young people were still able to find ways to get hooked on *ya bah*, even though it came with no "advertising" at all, just cheap prices and peer pressure.

Another issue the interim government wants to push forward is its plan to stop the expansion of large retailers, the practices of which the Ministry of Commerce feels pose a threat to Thailand's social fabric. It is ironic indeed to see how these two issues relate.

Given that hypermarkets and mom-and-pop shops are the two main retail sources of alcohol available to the public, perhaps the government should look more closely at the role of the mom-and-pop stores and their sketchy record of keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. It is common knowledge that just about every mom-and-pop store in Phuket will sell alcohol products to adults outside the approved hours, with some selling cigarettes and alcohol to minors.

If the government is serious about cutting down on alcohol abuse among young people, enforcing existing laws would be a good place to start. Mom-and-pop stores, not large retailers, would be a good first target.

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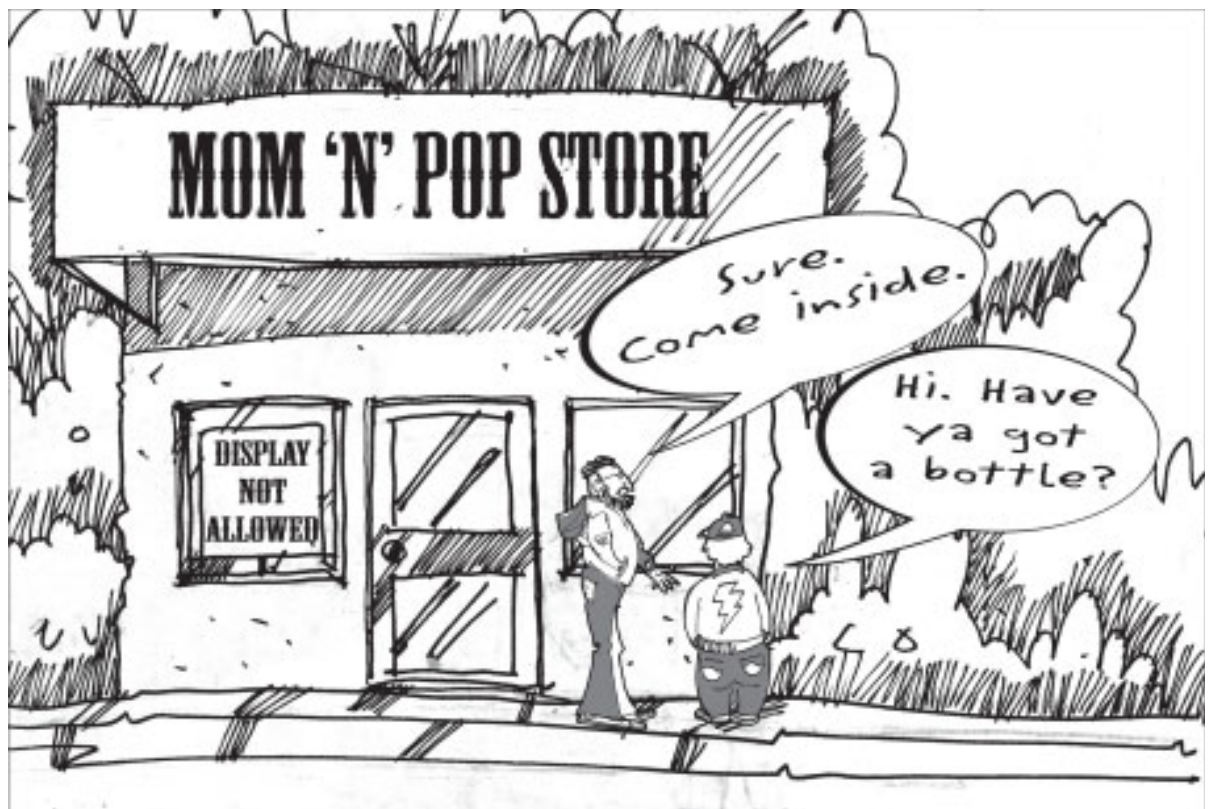
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## Letters

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### Dastardly debris

I am a frequent visitor to Phuket, and I love Kata Beach. However, before anyone can brag that it is one of the most beautiful beaches on the island, something should be done about the litter on the sands.

It seems the tide and waves are the only things cleaning up the debris so far.

Hopefully, the big jump in sunchair rental prices will provide funds for clean-up crews to do the work.

It would also be a good idea if the beach authorities would provide trash cans along the beach so that tourists could help keep it clean by throwing away their glass, cans, plastic bags and more.

Let's show some pride and keep the beach clean. By keeping the tourists happy, the word will quickly spread and more business will result. Also, it can then be labeled "Best and cleanest beach in Phuket".

Maybe then the cleanup effort would spread to all of the beaches.

Art Champagne  
Kata Beach

### Metal fatigue

They make it look so easy, walking down the street carrying half the kitchen sink from their cheeks.

There must have been hundreds of people through the ages of the Vegetarian Festival who have pierced, poked and skewered themselves, I figured, so why not me?

I may not follow the religious implications of it, but after getting several piercings (five in

each ear, one in the nose, two in my right eyebrow and a couple in places I cannot reveal in polite society) I figured I could use one more piece of hardware, at least temporarily, to remember my holiday in Phuket.

Granted, it was probably a bad idea to do it while I was drunk, and I know that all piercing equipment should be sanitized, but my buddy's car keys seemed like they would dangle nicely from my jaw.

I guess the point is that there should be some sort of warning. I am no longer a skeptic about the powers of mystic trances, because after I was through screaming, crying and back out of the hospital, I realized it takes a lot more than a piece of metal to make a mystic.

Albert Prince  
Des Moines  
US

### Wright and wrong

How do you know when the plane just landed is full of Brits? Easy - when the engines stop the whining doesn't.

In my few months here in Phuket, I have read and heard a litany of complaints ranging from tuk-tuk prices to the weather.

I have come here to retire and find the way of life and the people very much to my liking.

Sure, not everything is as I would wish but this is Thailand, it belongs to the Thai people who, of course, do things differently to wherever we foreigners come from. I respect that and go along with it knowing that, had I been content where I come from then I would not be here.

So, a full day's rental of a beach lounge costs UK£1.43?

You can pay more than that for a cup of coffee in the UK. Have you hired a deck chair on Blackpool Beach recently?

So, there are two prices for some items, a price for Thais and a price for foreigners? So what? By Thai standards, if not by ours, we are rich people in the main.

No-one forces us to pay over the odds, that's our choice and I for one see nothing wrong with it. Call it a Robin Hood tax if you like.

So, you don't like the weather, the traffic, the bureaucracy and any other thing you can find to complain about?

Then my advice to you is to vote with your feet and leave this delightful country to us foreigners who genuinely love living here.

Go back to your motorways, traffic police, speed cameras, dreadful weather, appalling service, the politically-correct nanny state, and direct your complaints to the caring sharing government there.

You see, all you are doing is making life just that little bit more difficult for those of us who feel privileged to be allowed to live in Thailand.

John Wright  
Cape Yamu

### Why, it's the weather woman again...

Although there have been a number of downpours and electrical storms in Phuket recent days, the weather has, generally, been gloriously sunny and warm.

Has the high season come early this year?

Carla Spotnick  
Surin

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## FIRST PERSON

The news that Phuket trailed third behind the Maldives and Bali in Condé Nast Traveler magazine's annual poll of Top Asian Islands To Chill was something of a surprise. Not so much because The Morning of the World and The Sunny Side of Life eclipsed The Pearl of the Andaman, but that Phuket wasn't much further down the list.

Both Male and Denpasar have done a far better job of marketing themselves and preserving their natural attractions.

In contrast, Phuket has simply waited for visitors to drop out of the sky, and seems to think that something like yet another cookie-cutter mega mall is going to get the punters slaving.

Wrong.

What Thailand's best-known island needs to do is build less, not more, and capitalize on its current assets. This is not wheel reinvention, but a simple matter of common sense and a modicum of imagination.

Many of the dollar-heavy Condé Nast voters regard getting to Hawaii as infinitely exotic. Tempting them to travel the same distance again to this particular corner of Asia needs something unique, that means not another Starbucks and the like.

Exclusivity is the new watchword among the world's holiday makers, who actually appreciate Bermuda's banning of fast food joints and Bhutan's compulsory daily levy.

So here's a 10-point plan – though it could be very much longer – to preserve the island's true attractions, all aimed at assuring Phuket's place in future top-spot rankings.

**SLEAZE.** Close the dodgy bars forever and crack down on prostitution. The single males of a

# Where Phuket is getting it wrong

certain age and mien will stay away in droves and be replaced by families, couples and other travelers who employ ping pong balls in their traditional role.

The worldwide headlines – taking the four-letter word out of Phuket – will be worth a multi-million-dollar advertising campaign.

It doesn't take an academy of sociologists to work out that many of the island's problems stem from sex tourism.

**POLLUTION.** From piles of litter in the streets to jet-skis pouring oil on troubled waters, there is much in Phuket that is thoroughly shameful. Rigorous, regular beach cleanups, starting before dawn, should be enforced year-round.

**PRESERVATION.** Restore and beautify the older parts of Phuket City, introducing pedestrian precincts and giving grants to owners to renovate their homes. Why not aim for listing as a UNESCO world heritage site?

**INTERPRETATION.** Apart from in Phuket City (see pages 4 and 5) minuscule, or totally non-existent, street signs make it difficult to get around. Permanent way-side maps and directional signs are imperative. Guided walking tours of old Phuket Town or a pedal-powered cyclo or two, as opposed to breadbox-on-wheels tuk-tuks, would help put visitors in touch with the island's roots.

The annual *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Awards for 2006 – compiled from the views of some 21,000 leisure and business travelers and valued by many for their candor – have just been released.

Phuket placed third behind The Maldives and Bali in the awards' "Top Islands – Asia" section, causing the wringing of hands here and some self-congratulatory back slapping there.

Travel writer, editor of the *Insight Guides* books and *Gazette* columnist Ed Peters casts his eye over Phuket's problems and offers some candid ideas to get the island rated higher.



**BEYOND THE BEACH.** A network of hiking and biking trails – dotted with cafés and hilltop lodges – around and across the island would reveal parts of Phuket that at the moment very few see.

It would not be expensive to build, and would push tourism beyond the current – and rather tired – sun and sand formula.

**TROPHY.** Phuket needs the equivalent of a Sydney Opera House or an Eiffel Tower. The obvious choice is for an out-of-this-world-class aquarium, taking Ocean Park in Hong Kong as the

benchmark, and then exceeding it.

**AIRPORT.** A rapid infusion of style and substance at Phuket International is long overdue. If Condé Nast ever starts handing out prizes for blandness, HKT is going to be heading the short list. Take a look at the airport on Koh Samui to get an idea, then renovate the current concrete monster so it trumpets Phuket.

**TAT.** Was there ever a more apopposite acronym? The Tourism Authority of Thailand currently

maintains one office on Phuket. Every main destination, such as Patong, Kata, Nai Harn and others, should host a TAT information booth, run by multilingual, informed, informative, enthusiastic Phuket natives. What could be simpler?

**GREEN BELT.** Rather than let Phuket disappear under yet more fast-buck housing developments, there's a definite need for more parks, open spaces, and wilderness areas protected by law and patrolled by rangers to let native flora and fauna flourish.

**PRIDE.** On top of the hardware, instilling a sense of pride into Phuket's tourism workforce would do wonders for international image making.

Rather than yet another vacuous awards system, training programs and incentive schemes should give everyone – from the cab driver to the immigration official to the deck chair attendant – a sense that visitors aren't just gormless baht on legs, but guests who if treated with respect and courtesy will come back year after year.

To the age-old question "Where's the money for all this going to come from?", there's a stunningly simple answer.

The money's going to go away unless Phuket takes a long hard look in the mirror and into the future. The island needs more investment, less laurel-resting.

## Who will pay to repair my motorbike?

I recently was involved in an accident with a Thai man on a motorcycle on Chao Fa West Rd, not far from the PTT gas station.

Immediately after the accident, we stood by the side of the road and talked about it. The other party said that it was not his own motorcycle, that he had no driving license, no indicators and no money, but that he was really sorry.

Because he was injured, I agreed he should go home and clean himself up. While he was gone, I waited for a policeman to come along; I could not call the police because I had no mobile phone.

After about 30 minutes, when no police had arrived, I went back home in Chalong on my bike and returned in my pickup truck because my bike had a hole in the gas tank.

### Issues & ANSWERS

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The motorcycle driver, who still had not had his injuries treated, returned with the owner of the motorcycle.

We spoke a little, but because of our language differences it was not possible to make a deal, so I proposed that we go to Chalong Police Station. The guy agreed, but never turned up.

Today, for the fourth time, I went to the police station with my Thai wife and we tried to learn more about the other party in the incident.

However, the police said that they could not help me be-

cause they have too much work to do. I believe them – they showed me the daily log and since my accident there have been around seven more.

The police also said that they could not identify the owner of the other motorcycle because the phoneline of the provincial vehicle registration office was out of order.

Fortunately, I have a photo of his license plate – I took it because I cannot read Thai.

My questions are: who will pay for the repairs to my motorbike, and when can I take my

motorbike to Honda to get it fixed?

Richard Market  
Chalong

**Adisorn Chanta, Lawyer, International Law Office, Patong Beach, replies:**

You can have your motorbike repaired now. It is best to take photos of the damaged parts before and after the repairs.

However, you will have to pay for the repairs yourself and then file a civil case in court against the owner of the other motorbike. If you know who the driver was, you can also file for damages against him.

This would involve hiring a lawyer to find out from the records who the owner of the motorbike is and to file the case in court. You are entitled to file for damages for your actual expenses only.

## When will the blackouts end?

I live on Muen-Ngern Rd in Baan Suan Kamnan, just south of Patong. For the past few months we have had daily power cuts ranging from 30 minutes to an hour. When can we expect these outages to end?

Bjorn Ostrom  
Patong

**Suthep Jitseree, Manager, Phuket Provincial Electricity Authority (PPEA), replies:**

Power outages occur for many reasons. We need to know the address of your house so we can check.

Any person who has a problem with his or her electricity supply, please inform the PPEA by calling Tel: 076-217326 and give us your address, and we will have our service team come to help solve the problem.



# Deep thoughts

The area shown in the photograph is the main entrance road to Phuket's most up-market area, which includes five-star resorts, five-star restaurants, five-star residential developments, millionaires' mansions, golf courses and five-star spas.

I've written about this before and I'm writing about it again, because it's a disgrace. It's also dangerous.

This is not a flood because heavy rainfall has caused the rivers to overflow. It's an overgrown puddle that hides potholes under its surface.

Motorcycle food vendors with sidecars spill their goods and motorcycles spill their riders and passengers into the murky depths. The water is there every time it rains because it has nowhere to go – there are no drains.

Why are there no drains? There are no drains because nobody accepts responsibility for the upkeep of this road. It's not a public road, but a private one. The owner thinks that the people who use it should take care of it.

The people who use it don't seem to care that the construction trucks delivering materials for their five-star developments and residences are breaking the road up under the water.

It's not only the concrete trucks, it's the buses, pickups, Maseratis and Toyotas that use the road every day that are adding to this woe.

The fact is, the road has to be fixed, one way or another.

So I have decided to do something about it, especially as it's right in front of my office.

The local council has agreed to fix the road, if we can find enough contributions from private businesses to pay for the materials involved.

The road bit is the easy part, however; it's the floods that have to be taken care of, and that means a proper drainage system.

I am going to take responsibility for finding the money to build the drains. The council is getting a quotation together, and then I am going to go around the whole damned five-star world with the collection plate.

I'm wondering about how to ensure that everybody contributes a bit. Possible incentives include a promise

not to park a pickup truck with AC/DC playing on the stereo at full volume outside your spa, or not practicing with my new Calloway driver opposite your restaurant.

I'm sorry if I offended any sensitive millionaires, but I don't care. We'll see how the collection goes before we decide if they can redeem a few brownie points.

I have received some contributions this week from a resort operator and a well-known local restaurateur towards what will be a partial solution – to drain the water from the entrance during heavy rain.

Council staff have now started to dig a ditch.

It's some progress, I guess, but a bit late for some. A girl coming home from work was killed and another, I understand, was badly injured in an accident on this road during a rainstorm on the evening of October 18.

The price of neglect is already too high.

## LARGER THAN LIFE

By Graham Doven



## In The Stars

by Isla Star

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): If you are celebrating a birthday this week you will enjoy a surprise visit from a close friend. The year ahead is set to be smoother and your desire to travel should be realized. On the home front, it's important to take care of overdue tasks – particularly administrative ones relating to financial matters. Not doing so could result in a costly shock in the middle of November. Wear the color emerald green to calm your hot temper.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Storm clouds hovering above the area of relationships in your life mean that unfinished matters can't be settled yet. If you are tired of being caught in the middle you must make this clear and step to the sidelines to wait for calmer conditions. Work is forecast to progress well; if you are ready to accept more commitments make this clear to those at the top. Tuesday is an auspicious day for doing so.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): A sudden outburst from a colleague disturbs your peace early next week. Whether you like it or not, there's a strong likelihood that your diplomatic skills will be called upon to diffuse this heated situation. Take a break from it all this weekend by heading for the nearest tranquil setting you can find. A lonely Libra would appreciate being invited along. The color ice blue will encourage a peaceful mood.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Your inventive skills will come in very useful during the coming days. An Arian acquaintance is certain to be impressed by your creativity, and this could lead to an offer that will be hard to refuse. If you are looking for a change in your career you might have to make quick decisions by the middle of November. An intimate relationship will benefit from a spontaneous gesture this weekend. The color burgundy can encourage healthier finances.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): You will no longer be able to ignore the fact that something fishy is going on. If you are prepared to dive to the bottom of the pool to investigate in depth you will be shocked to discover the truth. This will make you realize that you have put too much trust in people you don't know well enough. Regard the experience as part of a learning curve and then leave it behind you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): You can look forward to some peaceful days ahead. If travel is on your agenda, a trip could bring more pleasure than you would anticipate, as romance in a faraway place is highlighted for those single Arians who haven't found their soul mate close to home. If you're already in a relationship you will reach a new level of understanding with your partner. The scent of jasmine promotes relaxation.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): If you are trying to make your mark in a new career area you will receive positive signs that all is not in vain. This should give you the necessary motivation to put even more energy into your endeavors. Romance is forecast to provide distractions later in November; expect to receive some sort of proposal before that month has ended. Some modest minor adjustments to your diet will help you feel fitter.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Family communication will improve as you realize that it's really not possible to have your banana cake and eat it too. If you would like to see closure in a longstanding, tricky financial matter you will learn that there is only one solution. A Scorpio friend lands in hot water and asks for help later in the week. Your tendency to overspend needs to be curbed on Sunday, when you are faced with serious temptation. You should resist.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): A shower of good fortune is on the cards for you. The stars are shining on investments made earlier in the year, and a golden opportunity to jump in the same boat as a successful friend comes along. In the area of close relationships, you need to be more open or the person concerned will get the wrong end of the bamboo stick. The number 7 can bring luck on Monday.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): An interesting new project is bubbling under, but many of you will have too much on your plates to devote much attention to it. Try to delegate where possible to avoid overload this week. Sunday should definitely be earmarked for relaxation in easy, convivial company. A misunderstanding resulting from a language barrier is forecast on Monday; make sure that your point is not lost in translation. The color mandarin stimulates your senses.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): If you're counting the days until you are reunited with a loved one, you will find it difficult to concentrate on mundane matters. Nevertheless, you are advised to pay careful attention to a situation that arises at work on Wednesday. Not being on the ball at the time it happens could result in you losing out financially. A dream you have this weekend gives food for thought regarding an old friend.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): A long awaited mail item should finally arrive. If you have been putting off making a serious decision until the postman has delivered the goods, you can breathe a sigh of relief and move forward. The coast is also clear for you to focus on affairs of the heart; Capricorn is getting impatient waiting to receive a sign of your interest. The number 6 can bring luck next Tuesday.

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Driving on the bypass road to Phuket City six days a week, I often wonder why I left Los Angeles: Phuket's explosive growth is turning our streets into another urban sprawl.

Just as in America, at least half the vehicles here are either SUVs or pickup trucks. They sit idling in traffic, starting and stopping at short intervals, minimizing fuel efficiency and maximizing the amount of pollution they produce. It seems as if Phuket's traffic and its two-cycle speedboats and jet skis are competing to see which can pollute the planet and poison our children first.

There are simple solutions, but market forces rule. Options exist in a new breed of hybrid cars. But as environmentally-conscious owners of Thailand's bio-fuel cars can testify, new technical systems need state support. It's great to buy bio-fueled cars, but can we fill the tank?

Dr Chamniern Vorratnchaiphan, Director of Grassroots Action Program at the Thailand Environment Institute, has correctly pointed out that until there is an adequate network of service stations selling bio-fuel, there will be little demand for the cars.

There are at least six alternative fuel options, all less polluting than petroleum-based fuel. They include ethanol (blending corn, sugar beet, etc with petrol), methanol, used cooking oil, electricity, natural gas and hydrogen.

But there is an even better option. I'm talking about so-called hybrid cars. But with hybrids, costs vary as much as with conventional cars. There may or may not be tax breaks. All in all, figuring out whether or not to make the switch to a hybrid is not that simple.

For example, the difference in fuel efficiency between a hybrid-engine car and a gasoline-powered car of a similar model may be only 10-15%. But when an SUV owner trades in his big wheels for a Toyota Camry hybrid, fuel costs are halved.

There are many factors that affect fuel economy, but wind drag, vehicle weight, engine size, driving habits and fuel type are the most important. Automobile manufacturers started streamlining cars back in the 1930s, lost their way in the '50s, and then returned with refinements that have reached a pinnacle with 21st century Formula One cars.

These get poor mileage, but are so powerful, aerodynamically efficient and create enough downforce that they could race upside-down – if someone designed a track that way.

Although a bit slower that

## THE GRAY AREA



By John 'Caveman' Gray

Michael Schumacher's Ferrari, hybrid car design still needs to address all the same parameters. Using common sense and advanced technology, engineers have developed Hybrid-Electric Vehicles (HEVs) that use internal combustion engines and electric batteries while minimizing weight and wind drag to maximize fuel efficiency.

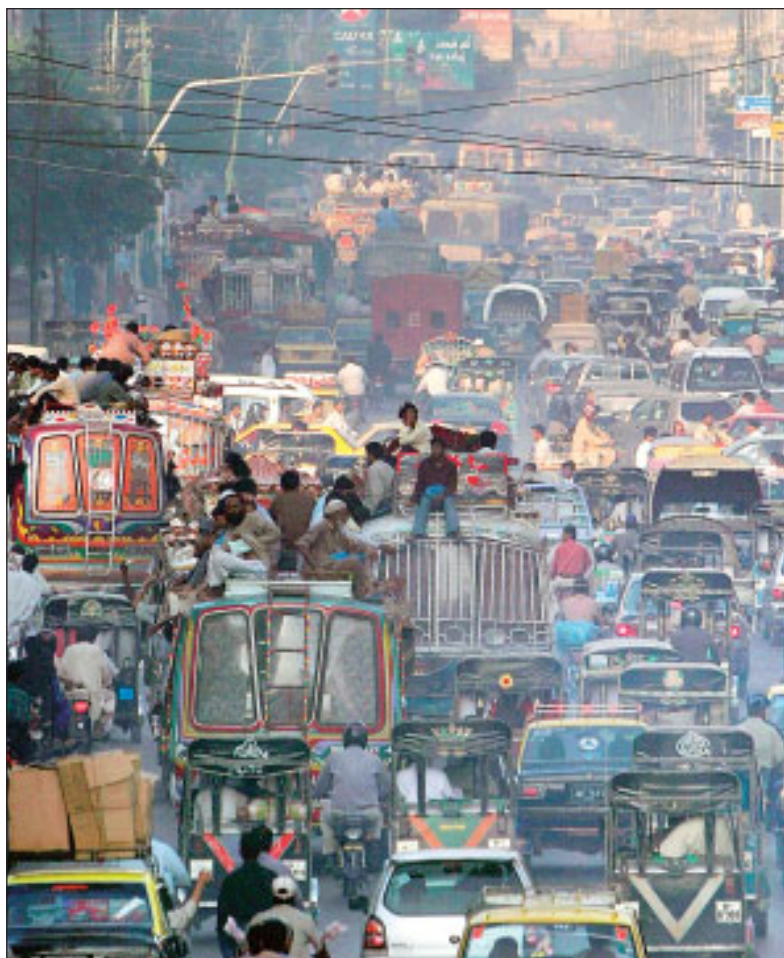
By using a rechargeable electric motor for stopping and starting, most hybrid car engines actually turn off while traditional cars idle in traffic. When it is time to move, the electric motor starts and accelerates the car to about 30kmh, thus eliminating the high fuel consumption and pollution.

Braking is another inherent drain on fuel economy that traditional car design accepts as a necessary evil, one better than running off the road at a curve or slamming into a tree. But hybrids actually win back some of the energy lost in braking by transferring it into battery recharge.

Next time you drive in Phuket City during rush hour, log the time you spend idling in traffic, waiting at red lights, and starting and stopping from zero to 30kmh. On my recent commute, my rough estimate was that about 75% of my driving fell under this category. Had I been driving a hybrid, much of the energy would have transferred to an electric motor.

So I went hybrid shopping.

# How hybrids help prevent pollution



Phuket has yet to reach the levels of air pollution suffered by other cities, such as Karachi, above. But give it time...

Photo by EPA/Akhtar Soomro

As always, I checked the Internet and found Toyotas, Hondas, Nissans, Fords, and even a hybrid Lexus. Although inspired by "green" motivation, all manufacturers realize that economics rule, so the cost-saving sales pitches are factual, prominent and persuasive.

There's something for everybody, from the PRIDA midget car to a muscle-bound 4x4 Dodge Ram pickup, designed for large contractors and sporting a 325hp Cummins Diesel and a 200hp electric engine. Payload

capacity? Somewhere beyond the Moon. The Dodge Ram certainly fills the needs of Phuket's most macho Fat Tire freaks. My wife might even trade in her beloved (and non-negotiable) Toyota 4x4 for one of those babies!

Don't think that just because hybrids are green they don't appeal to the Muscle Beach crowd. All the sales pitches note that electric and traditional engines can be applied simultaneously at acceleration. In the Dodge Ram's case, that's 525hp off the line – in a 4x4 format.

But where to buy my hybrid? Although Thailand is all about SUVs and pickups, none of the hybrid manufacturers actually offers hybrids here. When I asked further, I discovered that I can only buy an environmentally friendly hybrid in Japan and the US, not in Thailand.

It will take some time to bring hybrids to Thailand but, like it or not, the market rules. Buyers vote with their pocketbooks. So whenever you shop for a new car, ask for a hybrid. When the salesman tells you to go to Japan, smile as you give him your card and say, "Have your manager call me when the hybrids come in."

We also need to involve the government. This post-coup period presents a tremendous opportunity. Thais must ask decision-makers to take the environmental high road in this new era. Make the "environmental ethic" government policy, and give it teeth in the new Constitution. Make it policy to waive customs duty on hybrid vehicles.

Tax breaks also make sense, not only on purchases but also for dealers in training their mechanics and, eventually, for manufacturing hybrids here in Thailand.

Just think what this would do for tourism and the international credibility of the post-coup government. It's common sense and benefits owners, operators, drivers, and all of Thailand.

After all, without clean air and clean water, we have nothing – and our children will have even less.

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I have finally had a chance to put the new CDMA2000 1xEV-DO card – better known as “dee-oh” – from the Communications Authority of Thailand (CAT) through its paces, and I am impressed.

Although I’ve already written about it, I’ve refrained from making a recommendation, pending the results of extensive testing all over the island. Well, I’m here to tell ya – it’s great.

To recap, EV-DO works over the “3G” new generation telephone service that CAT calls CDMA. It’s a mobile phone technology, so the service is available everywhere CAT has CDMA coverage through mobile phone towers.

I spoke to the head DO guy at CAT and he claimed that you can get a DO signal almost everywhere in Phuket. As you’ll see in a moment, he’s right – much to my astonishment.

CAT also claims that you can get a DO signal most places in Bangkok, Pattaya, Chiang Mai and Khon Kaen, and that DO service is being set up in most major population centers in Thailand. With the exception of the Deep South, where political troubles have hampered installation of DO equipment on mobile phone towers, it looks like DO will be widely available around the country by the end of the year. Wherever you see CDMA (or 3G) mentioned in Thailand, you should read “DO” because the DO service operates over a CDMA connection.

The card offered by CAT, the Sierra Wireless Aircard 580, isn’t a top-of-the-line DO card. In fact, it’s the least-capable card that Sierra Wireless sells. There’s no guaranteed service speed, so you don’t sign up for “512K service” or “2 Mbps service” as you do with ADSL. Service speed tends to be a bit illusory anyway. Those of you who have 2Mbps

# DO delivers — at a price

ADSL service over your phone lines have come to expect, say, 20 to 200 Kbps.

Last weekend I took a CAT Sierra 580 up and down the island. I tested the 580 with the speed test at [dslreports.com](http://dslreports.com), working with their Internet backbone-connected server in Seattle. The results shocked me. Here’s a sample of the speeds I saw:

At the airport, I got 348 Kbps down, 43 up. A bit south, across from Phuket Programmers’ offices, the speed test hit 426 down, 128 up. Thalang clocked in at 298 down, 36 up. Just north of Heroines’ Monument, 523 down, 64 up. At the intersection with the bypass road, 397 down, 86 up.

At Royal Phuket Marina, right next to the docks, I measured 259 down, 120 up. Super Cheap hit 413 down, 67 up. All over Phuket City I got good numbers, with a top speed of 471 down, 58 up at Banana Variety, next to Robinson’s.

Inside Bangkok Phuket Hospital, I hit 608 down, 75 up. Chalong Circle, 611 down, 75 up. At Don’s Café in Rawai I saw 412 down, 50 up. At the Kata Viewpoint I measured 258 down, 32 up.

In Patong, at my Sandwich Shoppe I got 518 down, 108 up. At my home in northern Patong I measured 563 down, 69 up. At



**WARCHALKING PATONG:** Woody Leonhard checks speeds on the new DO service from CAT. He discovered that it delivers broadband speeds almost anywhere in Phuket.

the same moment my 2 Mbps TOT ADSL line was drawing 180 down, 40 up.

However, I couldn’t get a signal at Nai Harn Beach, and I’ve heard that coverage along Nanai Rd in Patong is spotty. But in the vast majority of cases, I was stunned. CAT really is delivering broadband speeds all over the island with a simple PCMCIA card.

So what’s not to like? For a start, it isn’t cheap. Also, it doesn’t work everywhere. Service is great now, but may turn bad later. Some day there will be something better, cheaper. But that’s about it.

At this point, DO only works with one Air Card, sold exclusively by CAT. The Air Card

plugs into a PCMCIA port, which you typically find only on laptop computers. That means it’ll be difficult – although probably not impossible – to connect your home or office network to the CAT DO service. If you need to connect your wireless network to the CAT DO service, email me at [woody@khunwoody.com](mailto:woody@khunwoody.com) and I’ll try to step you through setting up Windows XP’s Internet Connection Service – which isn’t easy when there’s a wireless access point in the middle.

Most importantly: there are no speed guarantees. If everybody suddenly runs out and buys an Air Card – and given the response I’ve seen, that’s a distinct possibility – it’s almost certain that the current network will develop bottlenecks. Whether those bottlenecks will turn into degraded service is anybody’s guess.

CAT has a big advantage in keeping up with demand. Since DO is connected to the CDMA backbone, accommodating more traffic on the network is relatively cheap and easy. It’s certainly much easier than adding more copper wires. The CDMA towers, like mobile phone towers, are connected with super-fast links,

so as long as the main Internet connection from Phuket to Bangkok stays up to speed, DO access should be able to keep pace.

CAT chose Phuket to roll out its CDMA because, well, we’re pretty sophisticated out here, didn’t ya know? The towers are up, DO is switched “on”, and we’re the guinea pigs. I say go for it.

To get connected to DO, you must drop by a CAT office and sign up for the service. There are CAT offices in Phuket City (Phang Nga Rd), Patong (Aroonsom Plaza, near Andaman Beach Suites) and Central Festival Phuket (behind the banks on the middle level).

CAT will send someone to your home or office to install the card. Installation is straightforward – you plug the card into a PCMCIA slot, run the installation CD, and you’re off. CAT staff then triple-check and make sure that you can get a signal at your location. If all is well, you sign off, and they bill you.

The Sierra 580 costs 15,900 baht. That’s more than elsewhere in the world, but it isn’t outrageously overpriced. If you buy a card now, CAT will give you free unlimited DO service until the end of the year. Starting January 1, unlimited service runs 1,290 baht per month.

I don’t know whether CAT will offer an upgrade price when better cards become available, or if they’ll have some sort of swap-out deal so you can get a rebate if you trade up to a DO based wireless access point – something that I, personally, could really use.

I do know that the CAT DO service works only with this one, specific card. On the bright side, though, the card should work most places in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and anywhere else CAT has CDMA running.

I wouldn’t count on being able to use the CAT card when other CDMA services become available – but that’s a rather moot point at this moment because it doesn’t look like any other companies are ready to install 3G third generation mobile phone technology yet.

So what are you waiting for?

Currently, Woody Leonhard ([woody@khunwoody.com](mailto:woody@khunwoody.com), [www.askwoody.com](http://www.askwoody.com)) spends all of his waking hours slaving away on two new Windows books, Windows Vista All-In-One Desk Reference For Dummies, and Windows Vista Time-saving Techniques For Dummies. They should be available worldwide in January.

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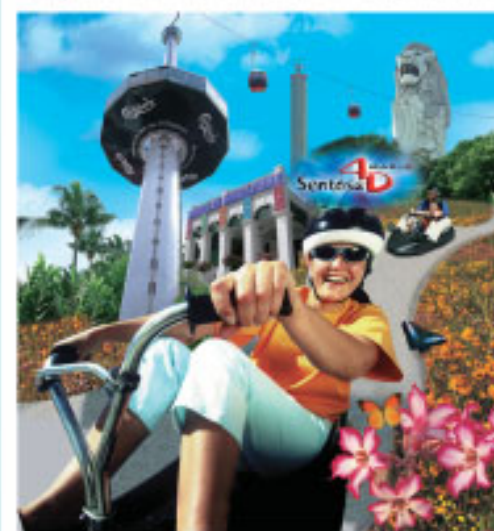
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## ON THE MOVE



**Kritchawat Kittipiroon** has been appointed Food and Beverage Manager at the Dusit Laguna Resort.

A native of Bangkok, Kritchawat studied hotel management at the Tourism Authority of Thailand's Hotel Tourism Training Institute in Chonburi. He has 20 years of experience in hotel food and beverage operations, having worked with five hotels in different parts of the country.

Before joining Dusit Laguna, he was the Director of Food and Beverage at Santiburi Resort on Koh Samui.

**Sutha "Chef Noi" Keawpeng** has been appointed Executive Sous Chef of The Mangosteen Resort & Spa.

Originally from Trang, Chef Noi has more than 11 years' experience in the food and beverage industry, most of it in Phuket.

Before joining The Mangosteen, Chef Noi served stints as sous chef at Baan Yin Dee Boutique Resort, Cape Panwa Hotel, Royal Paradise Hotel and Patong Merlin Hotel.

He will assist the Mangosteen's food and beverage director in all aspects of the resort's culinary operations and expansion plans.



Bangkok native **Yutthapoom Sukphandee**, 26, has been appointed Front Office Manager of Le Meridien Khao Lak Beach and Spa Resort.

Educated in England, he has a degree in sports science.

Yutthapoom worked for one year as Trainee Manager at the 590-room Travel Inn in England and spent another year as Night Manager of the 649-room Renaissance Hotel, also in England.

Before moving to Khao Lak, he was the Assistant Front Office Manager at the 350-room Sheraton Skyline Hotel in London for two-and-a-half years.



# Siam Winery signs up agent in Phuket

By Sangkhae Leelanapaporn

**PHUKET:** In a move to bolster its retail presence in Phuket, Siam Winery has announced the establishment of Phuket Bestfood Co Ltd as its Phuket agent for its flagship Monsoon Valley range of wines.

"Currently we sell about 60,000 bottles a year in Thailand and 25% of that, or about 15,000 bottles, in Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi. We expect that to get up to about 25,000 bottles a year in the near future," said Kim Wachtveitl, Siam Winery's Director of Business Development.

Monsoon Valley Thai Wine began in 2003 with five products: Malaga Blanc (white), Columbard (white), Rosé, Pokdum (red) and Shiraz Special Reserve (red). The wines have been available in Phuket, mostly at hotels, but the recent addition of an agent in Phuket means they will be more readily available at supermarkets and restaurants in the Thai Andaman provinces.

The company also produces the popular Spy Wine Cooler and Sabai Wine Spritzer.

Mr Wachtveitl told the *Gazette*, "In general, I think the feedback we have received for our Thai wines is good, and [the Thai wine industry] is growing well since it started being promoted 10 years ago. We have re-



'The feedback we have received for our Thai wines is good': Kim Wachtveitl.

ceived good reports [about Thai wines in general] from both Thais and foreigners," he said.

Siam Winery opened in 1986, using Thai grapes grown at its vineyards in Hua Hin, in the Pak Chong Hills in Nakhon Rachasima province and at the popular tourist attraction the "floating vineyards" south of Bangkok.

The wines produced in Thai-

land are reputed to be better suited to accompany the strong, spicy taste of Thai and Indian food than their European or Australian counterparts, Mr Wachtveitl explained.

"We produce about 300,000 bottles of this wine [Monsoon Valley] every year, but export 80% to other countries, including the US, UK, Japan, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, New Zealand, France, Malta, Czech Republic and Australia," he said.

Siam Winery's main market in Phuket is the top hotels, Mr Wachtveitl said, but added that promotional displays will be set up at venues such as the Big C and Tesco-Lotus supercenters, and at Tops supermarket in the Robinson department store in Phuket City, to boost customer awareness of its product range.

Regarding the potential impact of the bill banning alcohol advertising and promotions being debated at national level, Mr Wachtveitl said, "Siam Winery mainly does not promote through the media anyway. We prefer direct contact with the customer, such as through a wine tasting or a launch, and most of our products are exported, which will not be affected by a ban."

Monsoon Valley Wine costs between 375 and 435 baht per bottle.

## Low-cost airline Jetstar to launch Phuket-Sydney service next month

**PHUKET:** Jetstar Airways, a low-cost airline based in Australia, will launch the only direct-flight service to Phuket from down under with three weekly

flights from Sydney beginning November 25.

Simon Westaway, Jetstar's General Manager for Corporate Relations, said interest in travel to Thailand in Australia has increased, spurring the airline to launch the service.

Jetstar will also begin direct flights between Melbourne and Bangkok on November 23, he added.

Jetstar's sales are on target and the company expects to continue its schedule of three weekly flights aboard its 300-seat Airbus 330 for the foreseeable future, including after the end of high season.

Mr Westaway said, "We believe three a week is the right capacity. We will increase capacity when the market responds."

The airline is advertising the new Phuket route as a low-cost holiday from Australia, touting one-way fares as low as AUS \$199 (5,622 baht).

As of press time, fares as low as AUS\$402 (11,385 baht)

were still available on the first day of service.

Mr Westaway said that Jetstar had not yet received authorization from Phuket International Airport to land its aircraft, but that he expects permission to be granted by the time the first flight takes off from Sydney.

Phuket International Airport Director Sq/Ldr Pornchai Eua-aree agreed, saying that Jetstar should have no problems getting the required approval. He added that the service should prove to be popular.

"I think that there will be many passengers because currently we have only Phuket-Bangkok-Perth. We have no direct flight to Australia at the moment."

Also to ramp up its service, Dragonair will add daily flights between Hong Kong and Phuket from December 15.

Dragonair's flights, however, will cost HK\$5,860 (about 28,000 baht) for a round trip. If fully-booked, the daily flights can bring in 1,155 passengers a week.

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In the investment world there are very few choices that offer a predictable and profitable return. It can be argued that bonds and cash are exceptions; tune into a business television channel and chances are you will not have to wait long before some talking head is commenting on the stability of bonds.

The cause of all the excitement about bonds is that an investor taking a 10-year view, for example, will have a guaranteed income of around 4.75% in US dollars or sterling and around 3.75% in euros.

The other benefit of bonds is that your capital is guaranteed to be returned after the investment period has ended. However, after taking into consideration the eroding effects of inflation, bonds actually offer a very small real return.

Similarly, cash invested in bank accounts, money market funds or fixed deposits are not exactly a recipe for instant wealth, especially when viewed in real terms after inflation. Their benefit is that there are very few investment choices that outperform cash and bonds on a sustainable and predictable basis.

One of the very few exceptions to this rule, creating both a stable and profitable return, is investment in student accommodation, which I have covered many times in this column. To those unfamiliar with this type of investment it may seem to be a strange way of making money, but it has its advantages.

Unfortunately, only one country, the UK, offers this investment vehicle. However, there is also an emerging category that is offering similar investment returns: key personnel accommodation.

So far investment in key personnel accommodation extends only to the nursing profession. It is available only in the UK, although there are plans to extend the program to include other occupations such as police and fire department personnel.

Nurses in the UK are currently poorly paid, earning annual salaries of around £15,000-£25,000 sterling. This equates to between 1 million and slightly less than 2 million baht – a salary level that

Thai nurses can only dream about. But in the UK, nurses could hardly be called rich.

Nurses in a UK city such as Manchester, for example, often find themselves having to live on the outskirts of town where housing prices are cheaper. Nurses work unsociable hours and often have to commute at dangerous times, such as the middle of the night.

Small wonder, then, that



The traditional image of students is a long way from the reality; in Britain nowadays, many are grown-ups getting further qualifications – and they can pay good money for accommodation.

– Photo: EPA/Orestis Panagiotou

# Nurses, students offer good returns

hospitals in UK cities are beginning to offer blocks of accommodation near the hospitals to their nursing staff.



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

Leaving aside this category of accommodation there is another, much larger need for accommodation – university students. The UK now has over 100 universities and a student population of around 2 million, which is rising at a rate of 3% to 5% every year.

The prevailing image of university students is a group of people, young and generally poverty-stricken, living in crowded, poor-quality dorms, emerging now and then to engage in protests against and battles with the authorities.

The reality in recent years is that more students are older and have money to rely upon.

One individual in the student accommodation business said

there are an “unlimited number of accountants wanting to become lawyers and an unlimited number of lawyers wanting to become accountants.”

Add to that the number of people from wealthy, or at least affluent families, in Britain, as well as the sons and daughters of well-off parents in other countries sending their offspring to university in the UK, and you have a very large number of people with the financial resources to pay for quality university accommodation.

The universities do not have

the money to provide high-class accommodation, and where they do have accommodation they lack funds to renovate the poor-quality rooms. This creates a

market demand for quality accommodations.

Brandeaux moved into the student accommodation market in the late 1990s. Similar to their strategy with ground rent funds, they offered student accommodation with investment returns of between 8% and 10% every year, after management fees and all other expenses.

Brandeaux have been selectively buying blocks of housing throughout the UK, increasing capacity from around 3,000 beds to 10,000 beds in the past year. All of their rooms are reserved via the Internet and, to ensure the financial viability of each student, they also require bank guarantees.

The company collects 50% of the annual accommodation fees before the students move in, and a further 30% at the beginning of the second term, and in the key personnel sector, it has contracts with the The National Health Service Trust instead of individual nurses.

The great attraction of Brandeaux is that they always deliver what they promise, and sometimes just a bit more.

Brandeaux also provides another alternative to this pound-sterling-driven investment via three funds: the Brandeaux sterling, US dollar and euro funds, depending on the investor's choice of currency.

These funds contain four different asset classes: ground rents, ground rents with significant reversionary interest (in other words, properties that are nearing the end of the leasehold period and are soon to revert to Brandeaux as the land owner), student accommodation and key personnel accommodation.

This has been very profitable for investors with returns of almost 12% for the sterling class and over 10% for the US dollar fund. Even more attractive when investors consider that not one of the Brandeaux funds has ever fallen in value.

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# Songkhla drivers shine in Phuket Challenge

Janyaporn Morel

RASSADA: About 40 teams of off-road enthusiasts from around the southern region found it hard going at the Phuket Challenge 2006, an off-road contest that took place at the new off-road track near Hill Hut Restaurant on bypass road in Tambon Rassada on October 21 and 22.

Thanks to a deep mud-filled trench and other gnarly obstacles, many of the 43 competitors found the course too tough, reducing their four-wheeled pride-and-joys to immobile, mud-covered toys.

When it was all over and all the vehicles were towed or winched to safety, the following mud-splattered winners emerged:

In the Standard category, Phuket driver Sakkarin Tassana-wiriyakul and co-driver Too of Team Silverstone TH topped 10 other teams, winning the three-circuit competition in Car 31 with a total score of 295.

Coming in second 20 points behind was Somnuk Promraksa and co-driver Sumon Meephon of Krabi, driving Car 37 for the Somnuk Motor Team.

Well behind in third were Phuket driver Noppadol Palawong and co-driver Niwat Liangsakul, who scored 177 for the Pornsawan Auto Tires Team.

In the Classic competition, for 4WDs with diesel or gas engines up to 2,500 cc and original suspensions, Wimon Choorin and co-driver Jaturong Buacharoen of Surat Thani's Tapee Off-road Club took top honors with 195 points.

They were followed at 180 points by teammates Phansak Supasarn and co-driver Sathaporn Yingsawad.

Third place went to Classic Phuket Club Team, represented by driver Phusit Tortid and co-driver Somsak, who also got a score of 180, but lost out on time differential when they took 20 seconds longer to complete the second circuit.

Eleven competitors took part in the grueling six-circuit Leaf Spring category, with Team Clas-



No time to wallow in the mire: Successfully plowing through the mud are Sophon Hongfongfa and co-driver Phukrit Jindara of Songkla, who took third place in the Leaf Spring category for the GR4 SV Auto Tires Team from Songkhla.

sic Car Phuket drivers Paisarn Tanta-ariya and co-driver Wichai Singtian winning with 385 points.

Second place went to Fluke PP 4X4 Ranong Off-road Team driver Suchart Khamwasri and co-driver Theerachai Chanthip with 359 points.

Third place went to GR4 SV Auto Tires Team from Songkhla, driven by Sophon Hongfongfa and co-driver Phukrit Jindarat, who scored 355.

In the five-circuit Coil Spring category, driver Songwut Kangchae and co-driver Lertchai Suebsai of Trang, representing Team Jimmy Garage, topped the 11-team field with a score of 420.

Second place went to the Samui Off-road Team from Surat Thani, driven by Chutiwat Yothanan and piloted by Phongsak Wassuwan, with 377 points.

Third place with 373 points was Team GR-4 Columbus Team from Pattani with driver Noppa-

don Rattanyikun and co-driver Thitiwit.

Only five entrants competed in the six-circuit open category, with driver Chairat Ruangwiroonwattana and co-driver Thanakorn from Songkhla's Team GR 4WD winning with 585 points.

Second went to Team Samila, also from Songkhla, whose drivers Samak Kulkanok and Wimon Ratboonmuang scored 570.

Third place was Team NP-4x4 Wiang Sra Off-road from Surat Thani, driven by Piya Limprasitwong and co-driver Jaroon Rodyoo, who scored 555.

Winner in the open category received 15,000 baht in prize money, while second-place team received 9,000 baht and third place got 6,000 baht.

In all the other categories, first place received 10,000 baht, while second and third-place winners received 7,000 baht and

5,000 baht respectively. The top three in each category also received trophies.

At the end of contest, there was also a lucky draw event. Walking away with a new Yamaha Mio motorcycle were driver Narong Soontrakorn and co-driver Sawai Imtan of Phang Nga, who ironically were among the handful of teams that failed to complete even a single circuit in the competition.

The contest was organized by Phuket Rajabhat University (PKRU) and four Phuket-based off-road clubs – the Thalang Off-road Club, the Chao Fa Off-road Club, the Classic Off-road Club and the Family Phuket Club.

The event was held to promote tourism during the Vegetarian Festival 2006 and to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of PKRU. All proceeds will go to Royal projects under the patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

## Call for entries to TriBallistic triathlon series

MAI KHAO: The second of six SILK TriBallistic Triathlon Series events will be held November 5, as part of the season-long, family-oriented competitions held around Phuket.

The SILK Triathlon Series of six races is specifically designed for junior triathletes and their parents, with age divisions ranging from 6 to over 60.

The November 5 event, to be held at the JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, will be divided into three distance categories: the "Splash 'n' Dash" (8 years and under: 50-meter swim, 3-kilometer bike ride, 750m run); the "Junior" (200m swim, 6km bike ride, 1.5km run), and the "Senior" (750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run).

Registration will begin at 7 am on race day, with an official start time of 8 am. Each competitor will receive a kit bag including a race series shirt, race number and swim cap for the season.

The athletes' accumulated points from their best four results in the series will be totaled to determine the series award winners.

The top three males and females in each age category will receive awards at the TriBallistic annual dinner at the end of the series next June.

For more information, visit [www.triballisticclub.com](http://www.triballisticclub.com); or contact organizer Hugo Jones at Tel: 081-0782024; or Email: [hugodeb@hadyai.loxinfo.co.th](mailto:hugodeb@hadyai.loxinfo.co.th).

## Big turnout for Satee charity bowling tourney

PHUKET: Ninety-five teams took part in the October 22 bowling competition at CS Bowl at the Big C supercenter to raise funds for Satee Phuket School.

Computer Team ended up the high rollers, knocking over 1,480 pins en route to winning the first-place trophy. The Anupas & Sons Team came in second, with 1,455. Taking third were the Valley 2 Team, with 1,425 points. Winning a prize for coming in next-to-last were the Kuansa Team, who managed to knock down 825 pins.

Individual honors went to Raviwan from the Samsib Yang Jaew Team, who scored a three-game total of 495 points; and Wirot from Phisana Team, who bowled a one-game high of 190.

Satee Phuket School held the competition to raise funds for a new building on their campus, which will honor HM the King's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday next year, as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Satee Phuket School.

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# Marathon attracts 1,000 athletes

KARON: About 1,000 runners joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phuket International Mountain Beach Marathon 2006 at Karon Public park near Karon beach on October 22. About 20% of those were international runners from about 15 foreign countries, including Germany, the UK, the US, France, Canada, Switzerland, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa.

The competition was divided into four races: marathon (42 kilometers), half-marathon (21km), mini-marathon (10km) and a fun run (5km). The start and finish line was at Karon Circle.

In the full marathon, Karsten Schiemann from Germany took top honors in the men's category, completing the course in 3 hours 7 minutes.

Dussanee Saeheng, from Thailand, finished in 3 hours 45 minutes to win the women's category.

The top three marathon finishers in each category received prize money; 5,000 baht, 4,000 baht and 3,000 baht respectively for males and 3,000 baht, 2,500 baht and 2,000 baht respectively for female.

— Janyaporn Morel



**FOR THE RECORD (top, right):** Kathu District Chief Registrar Suksan Siang-Ake paces himself during the full 42-kilometer Phuket International Mountain Beach Marathon. About 1,000 athletes took part in this year's event.

**WHEELY GOOD FUN (right):** An elderly woman overtakes a runner during the race, although with a little help.



## PATONG DARTS LEAGUE

# Coyote hungry for darts title

PATONG: Didi's took a three-point beating by second-place Coyote and found themselves on the wrong end of a 5-4 match for the first time in a long, long while. However, Didi's still lead by four points with just two matches remaining.

Should Didi's trip up in their matches against Funky Monkey and Shakers in the last two weeks of the season, and end up tied with Coyote on points, Coyote would likely become the new champions because they had a 65-point win/loss games differential at the end of week 20. Didi's at that stage had a differential of only 42 points.

Interesting matchups coming up in the last week of scheduled play include Funky Monkey versus TaiLife to see who will take the wooden spoon award, and a game with possible third-place implications when OffShore play at Piccadilly.

**October 17 results:** Queen Mary 3 Piccadilly\* 6; TaiLife 3 Jungle Juice\* 6; Valhalla 2 Dog's Bollocks\* 7; Funky Monkey 3 Shakers\* 6; Didi's 4 Coyote\* 5; OffShore\* 7 Amigos 2 (\* = winner of beer leg).

**Standings:** 1. Didi's (49 points.); 2. Coyote (45); 3. Piccadilly (42); 4. Offshore (39); 5. Dog's Bollocks (34); 6. Amigos (30); 7. Shakers (29); 8. Queen Mary (25); 9. Jungle Juice (23); 10. Valhalla (22); 11.= TaiLife, Funky Monkey (11).

**October 31 matchups (last week of season):** Funky Monkey v TaiLife; Queen Mary v Dog's Bollocks; Amigos v Valhalla; Shakers v Didi's; Jungle Juice v Coyote Bar; Piccadilly v OffShore (home team first).

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## Home of the Week

Kamala

**T**his detached house overlooking Kamala uses a mix of Western and Thai styles, as evidenced by the pointed roofing and the use of wood as an exterior decor feature and not just as a construction material.

Positioned on a hillside outside Kamala, with some sea views, the 800-square-meter plot is surrounded by a high fence and tropical gardens with ferns, palms and other local plants.

There is also a 40sqm swimming pool in the back yard. To one side, on a raised level near the pool, is a sala to relax in while keeping out of the midday sun.

The house, with 200sqm of interior space, has been well constructed with concrete walls, tiled roofing and wooden features all around, including six balconies.

All bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms, all flooring is hardwood, and the home is cooled by three air-conditioning units.

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On the ground floor is one bedroom and bathroom, living and dining areas and a Western kitchen, fitted with solid wooden doors gas cooking appliances, storage space and a double sink.

On the second level are the other two bedrooms and a home office.

Also included are UBC TV, two telephone lines, hot water, three-phase electricity, undercover parking and a home security system.

The home is available fully furnished as the owner is moving abroad.

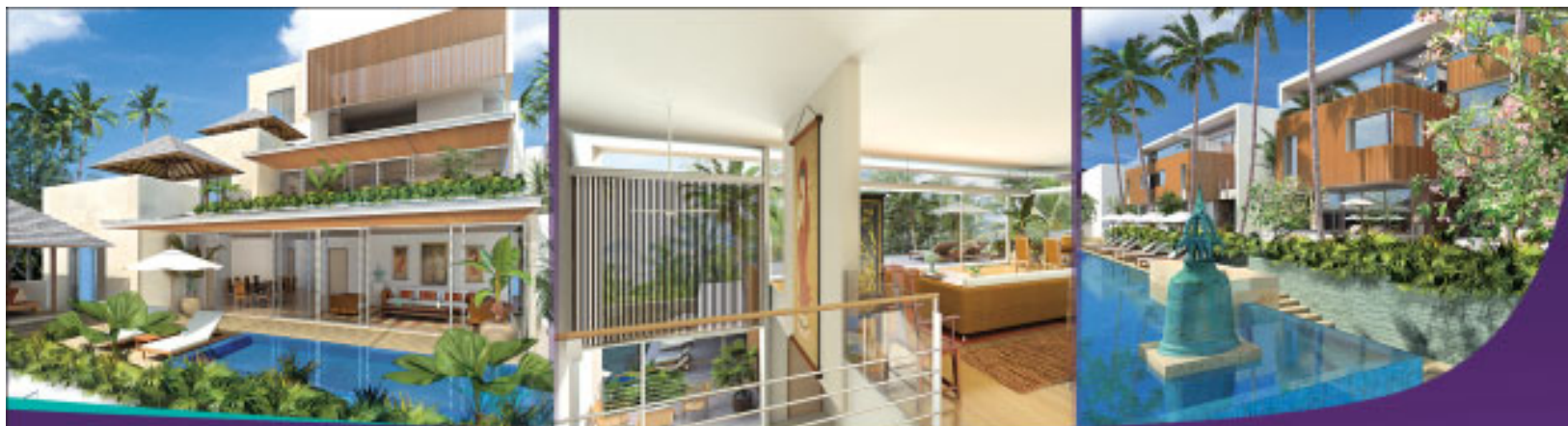
An existing company structure is available with the property, which has a Chanote land title and is available for freehold purchasing terms.

The owner is asking 16 million baht for this residence.

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## Construction Update

by Janyaporn Morel

The 56-rai plot on Srisoonthorn Rd that will become Lersuang Village is being cleared, and contractor Holbrook Construction Co Ltd expects to break ground on the project in December.

About 30% of the site has been set aside for a retail park, set to house a cinema, bowling alley and retail shops. Jo Swain, Group Sales & Marketing Manager of Lersuang Group Holdings Ltd, told the *Gazette*, "We are preparing a section to have a retail park on similar lines to Central Festival. We will include a supermarket, too."

The project will include a total of 223 units comprising townhouses and detached and semi-detached houses. "We are now clearing the land for the project and expect to start construction in December this year. We will need about 18 months to complete the housing project. The retail park will come after the houses are finished," added Swain.

## OPTIONS

"More than 50% of the [residential] development will be taken up by the Single Houses. They will be three-bedroom houses, but there will be a family area upstairs that could be used as a fourth bedroom, therefore we will market the houses as having three- to four-bedrooms," Swain said.

There will be 93 two-story Single Houses set on plots averaging 224 square meters each, and each with 200sqm of living space. On the ground floor will be two car parking spaces, a living and dining area, toilet and kitchen.

Upstairs will be a master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and a covered balcony, as well as two other bedrooms – one with a covered balcony – that share a second bathroom. There will also be a "family area".

The base price for a Single House is 6.499 million baht, including two air conditioners. Options include Thai or European kitchen at 120,000 and 240,000 baht, respectively, and a 3 x 5-meter pool at 899,000 baht.

"The standard plot size is 224sqm, but if you take a house on a corner you have the option of buying more land. The extra land is priced at 24,000 baht per square meter," Swain said.

The semi-detached, two-story Twin Houses will each have a total living area of 150sqm. The dining room, living room, kitchen and toilet will be on the ground floor, with a large covered terrace area and a car parking space outside.

The second floor will have a master bedroom with en-suite

# Lersuang set to break ground in Cherng Talay



Computer-generated impressions of a stand-alone house at the Lersuang project (above) and of town houses (below).



bathroom and covered terrace, and two other bedrooms that share a bathroom. The upper floor will feature an additional living room that could be used as a fourth bedroom.

Each Twin House, of which 60 will be built, will sit on an average land plot of 160 sqm. Prices for these start at 4.499 million baht a unit.

The Town Houses, each with 120sqm living space over the two floors, are being targeted at small families and part-time Phuket residents.

As with the Single and Twin Houses, the dining room, living room, kitchen and a toilet will be on the ground floor. There will be a covered terrace area and a car parking space. The second floor will have the master bedroom and one guest bedroom. These will share a bathroom.

The average land plot size per Town House will be 80sqm. Each unit will be priced at 2.499 million baht.

Lersuang Group's other projects include Club Lersuang apartments and penthouses at Bang Tao beach, Tamarind Hills

condominiums at Layan and Turtle Cove condominiums in Mai Khao.

"We are doing many modern projects for the Western market, but we have had nothing for the Thai market. We think Lersuang Village should be the choice for those who want modern Thai houses.

"We want to serve every market; this project features houses at affordable prices to cater to both Thais and foreigners," said Swain.

Lersuang Village will also feature a shared pool, clubhouse, playground and 24-hour manned security.

For more information, contact Lersuang Village Sales Office at 62 Srisoonthorn Rd, Cherng Talay, Thalung, Phuket 83110. Tel: 076-271289. Fax: 076-271418. Website: [www.lersuangvillage.com](http://www.lersuangvillage.com)

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## Gardening

with Bloomin' Bert

I used to annoy the hell out of my parents. I'm still adept at annoying people today, you may say, but my most irritating habit when I was little was asking questions. Lots of them.

"Mum, why's that man so fat?" "Dad, why did you just drive through that red traffic light?" "Why is the sky blue?" "Why...?"

There was never really an answer to any of my inane inquiries, but I didn't see that back then, so my next move was inevitably to ask yet another question. Later on in life I discovered that there are thousands more questions that really don't have answers:

When French people swear do they say "pardon my English"?

Why don't envelope makers make the sticky stuff on envelopes taste like chocolate?

Why is it that when things get wet they get darker, even though water is clear?

How come you play at a recital, but recite at a play?

Why is toilet bowl cleaning liquid always blue?

If something "goes without saying", why do people still say it?

Why is it that it's good to score under par in golf but it's bad to be "under par" in anything else?

How come car keys are the only keys with teeth on both sides?

How do snow plow drivers get to work?

How important must a person be before being considered "assassinated" instead of just plain "murdered"?

How come Americans choose from just two people for president but 50 for Miss America?

If shampoo comes in so many colors, why is the lather on your head always white?

# QUESTIONS and some answers

Is there anything easier done than said?

What are those little things on the end of your shoelaces called?

Why is it considered necessary to nail down the lid of a coffin?

There are readers of the *Phuket Gazette* who, for some reason, are under the impression that I have enough knowledge in the gardening department to be able to offer some sage words of advice on anything green and growing (or not) in their garden.

A few people have written to me via email, asking for my thoughts – here are some of their questions, along with my limited responses.

**Q: I saw your article in the Gazette about the passion flower [Passiflora]. Is this a flower that can grow easily in Thailand, and can we buy this flower in Phuket? Where can we buy it? In Belgium I had this flower, and I loved it.**

A: The passion flower grows very easily here in Phuket. I've never actually seen it for sale to be honest, but it's common as a wild flower, especially during the rainy season. Just look in a shaded, damp, overgrown area – it will probably be there. Pluck a few plants from the soil and take them home. It stinks a bit though – mainly why it's known as the stinking passion flower.



**Q: What's the relevance to the article of this picture of a papaya tree? A: There isn't any, really.**

**Q: My once-beautiful frangipani [Plumeria] trees have been infested by the rust fungus and now look dreadful. I would be forever grateful if you can advise me on how to get rid of this fungus, or at least control it.**

A: As presumably the fungus is only on certain areas, the best advice I can offer is simply to cut off the affected parts – that's what I usually do with this kind of thing. The missing parts should grow back quickly enough, unless the trees are particularly unhappy. I'm not a big fan of store-bought chemicals for the garden, as you are never quite

sure what else may be affected, and how.

Horticulturists who know far more about this kind of thing than I do have mixed thoughts about how frangipani rust can be controlled, or even if it can be controlled at all. Rust is fairly common to frangipanis. It is actually a fungus called *coleosporium plumeriae*. One bright spot is that the rust is species-specific, so you shouldn't worry about it spreading to other types of plants.

Control of the rust is tough. Some experts believe there is simply nothing you can do about it except to immediately remove

infected leaves and dispose of them away from your landscape.

**Q: I've moved to Phuket recently and I want to grow some fruit and vegetables from seeds: chili peppers, melons, papaya, rambutan, etc. I've never grown anything before in my life but would like to start now I'm living in a respectable climate.**

I tried to grow some chili peppers from seeds that I took from peppers and from a packet I bought, but the seeds didn't grow, maybe because I couldn't understand the instructions, as they were in Thai. I know you have to get the seeds to germinate first before planting them but I don't know how to do that. Could you please give me some basic instructions?

A: The best way I've found to grow seeds from scratch is to lay them out on a sheet of damp cotton wool, making sure they're well spaced apart. Moisten the cotton wool every day and wait until they germinate.

Once you have an inch or two of growth, transfer them over to some potting compost.

Don't try this with seeds you've brought back from Europe, as it's unlikely that they'll cope with the heat here.

Use only seeds bought locally, or seeds you've saved from fruit that you've eaten here. Actually, the latter is where the vast majority of my fruit trees originated. I'm a bit too miserly to go out and buy them for myself.

Some questions do have answers then, I suppose, though I really would like to know how snow plow drivers get to work and what those little things on the end of your shoelaces are called. Answers to the email address below, please.

Want to know more about a plant in your garden?

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## Decor

By Natcha Yuttaworawit

Imagine a chandelier and you may envision sparkling pieces of glass crystal above an elegant ballroom, but chandeliers made by Underwood Design & Development on the bypass road are created from a range of materials, including bamboo and metal.

Alex Miron came to Phuket eight years ago from Romania to work as a sculptor and designer, and is currently General Manager at Underwood. He explained that the company creates unique designs infused with a combination of Thai and traditional elements.

"Each chandelier takes about three months to complete, including research, design and trial building," says Alex.

"We also produce the biggest chandelier on the island, it is about nine meters tall," he adds.

With chandelier prices ranging between 150,000 baht and 1 million baht, Underwood's clients are hotels, spas and companies throughout Southeast Asia, with only a few individual residences featuring the centerpieces.

"Our main customers are five-star hotels, including JW Marriot and the Pearl Village Hotel on Phuket, and we have overseas clients, such as the Four Seasons Hotel & Resort in Langkawi and the Sheraton in Hong Kong."

All of Underwood's products, from chandeliers to bronze and aluminum casting work, are individually designed based on customers' specifications. The result is that many of the creations are unique, such as an outdoor shower designed to look like a bird cage.

The creations are produced using computer-assisted cutting machines to make them as precise as possible, but are finished to look handmade.

"Our company is enjoying 100% growth year on year," Alex says

"We started with only 20 employees, and now there are 200 employees working in the company."

Company founder John Underwood originally owned art de-

# Underwood Overhead



Underwood chandeliers in the Four Seasons hotel in Langkawi, Malaysia (above) and the Hotel de la Paix in Siem Reap, Cambodia.



sign house Art Buster in Bangkok, but after the financial crash of 1997 he closed the business and moved to Phuket, where he opened the Underwood studio.

The company is currently focusing on big resorts and luxury villas for their large lighting fixtures, including the Pearl Village at Nai Yang.

Underwood is also planning

to expand to other Asian countries and is in the process of building a new showroom near the current shop on the bypass road.

For more information call Tel: 076-261104 or see [www.underwood-phuket.com](http://www.underwood-phuket.com) or visit the office on the bypass road – a green building opposite Num-sang Khakhao at the U-turn.

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## BEACHFRONT

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## 20 RAI IN KATHU

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## SPANISH-STYLE

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for sale. 1,125 sq wah, 30x130 meter with Nor Sor 3 Kor. Sukorn Island, Trang. Price 1.6 million baht. Tel: 084-8516845. Email: odo\_jp@hotmail.com

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## LAND FOR SALE

Land for sale at Karon-Kata. 11.5 rai, sea view, on hilltop, 2 minutes to beach. Tel: 081-5392617.

## 2.5 M BAHT RAWAI

2-bedroom, 2-bathroom house in quiet location in Rawai. 2.5 million baht ono. Tel: 076-388685. Email: info@andamanthaiproperty.com For further details please see our website at: www.andamanthaiproperty.com/atp\_property\_396.htm

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