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Gov gets tough on bars, violence

By Sangkhae Leelanapaporn & Supanun Supawong

PHUKET CITY: At the Phuket Provincial Security Committee's monthly meeting at the Thavorn Grand Plaza Hotel February 27, Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit ordered Phuket Provincial Police Commander Maj Gen Decha Budnampeth to continue the crackdown on late-trading bars and to step up police efforts against violence in the province.

He also said he would take greater personal interest in stopping encroachment on government land.

At the meeting, Gen Decha asked the Governor to clarify the province's stance on the crackdown.

"I would like to know what provincial policy on the issue is because I'm sure that if we wanted to we could put a stop to all the entertainment venues that are breaking the law, but I'm worried that it could destroy the atmosphere in Patong."

"If I don't take action, then police from Bangkok will come here and make arrests, and I will be the first one to be blamed," Gen Decha said.

"Some entertainment venues don't even have entertainment licenses, they have only licenses to sell alcohol off site. There are also venues that close at 1 am when the police are around then open again at 4 am or 5 am when police aren't around. In fact we know who the owners of most of the places are but they continue to open illegally," he added.

To that Gov Niran replied, "We must enforce the law. If we do not we ourselves may get in trouble. There is no clause in the law saying that entertainment



SERIOUS SIDE: Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit has ordered police to step up their campaigns against late-trading bars and violence in Phuket.

venues can open longer because we are a tourism province, so we have to follow the law as it is.

"If we have to arrest people, then we must arrest them. We should also introduce new measures to deal with repeat offenders such as permanently closing bars that break the rules a certain number of times."

Gov Niran also raised concern over the high level of violent crime on the island, and urged police to bring perpetrators to justice.

Gen Decha told the Governor that he had recently gone to inspect developments by helicopter and had found many luxury properties, especially around Laem Son and Leam Sing, that have built steps down

to the sea that may be illegal.

Gov Niran said that next time he would go up in the helicopter with him and if he found that any department or organization was not doing its job then action would be taken.

At the meeting Gen Decha also called for police officers to be extra vigilant during the Johnnie Walker Classic golf tournament and over the Maka Bucha Buddhist holiday weekend.

"Police in Phuket, as in all provinces, have a security plan to protect against terrorism. I urge government officers to ask for co-operation from all people to immediately report to police any suspicious behavior because Phuket is a main tourism province," he said.

License plate auction to top B10m

By Natcha Yuttaworawit

PHUKET: A total of 301 "lucky" numbers will be up for bid at Phuket's third two-day auction of auto license plates, starting at 8:30 am on March 15 and 16 at the Thavorn Grand Plaza Hotel.

Phuket Provincial Transport Office (PPTO) Chief Suraphon Tanrungruangthawee told the Gazette that there will be a variety of categories of numbers up for auction, all starting with the letters j and u followed by digits, with those considered luckiest according to Chinese numerology expected to attract the highest bids.

The background image on the license plates will be of Laem Promthep, the same as at the previous two auctions.

Some of the categories are: single digits from 1 to 9; pairs (11, 22, etc); three-of-a-kind (111, 222, etc); four-of-a-kind (1111, 2222, etc); thousands (1000, 2000, etc); runs of three (such as 123), double pairs (1122, 5588, etc); palindromic numbers (1221, 3443, etc); and repeating pairs (1212, 5353, etc).

The starting bids for a solitary number or a series of four repeating numbers will be 50,000 baht, and will increase in 5,000 baht increments. Shorter combinations of numbers will start at 500 baht.

The auction will be open to Thais and foreigners, including those who want to replace the existing number on their car – and even people who do not have a car at all.

Bidders must bring along their ID card, passport or letter of proxy in the case of a representative bidder.

Income from the auction
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will again be donated to the Road Safety Fund to help victims of road accidents and to support traffic safety education in schools.

"The second auction, held in 2006, was a great success. There were a lot of interested people and the auction brought in 13.7 million baht.

The highest bids were for the numbers 9999 (720,000 baht) and 8888 (500,000 baht). The first auction in 2003 brought in 8 million baht. This year we hope for at least 10 million baht," K. Suraphon added.

For more information, call the PPTO at 076-214929.

191 pills seized in Patong ya bah bust

PATONG: Police arrested three men in Soi King Fashion, off Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Rd, for possession of 191 *ya bah* (methamphetamine) pills early on March 1.

At 1:30 am, police led by Maj Serm Kwannimit of Kathu Police Station arrested Jamorn "Bird" Trakulta, 20, from Phetchabun; Sompong "Pong" Sasana, 23, from Buri Ram; and a 17-year-old identified only as "Em", from Nakhon Sawan.

The drugs seized had a street value of about 95,500 baht.

All three men were charged with possession of a Class 1 narcotic with intent to sell.

Access to Central to be blocked

PHUKET CITY: In an effort to reduce traffic tailbacks and the high number of accidents at the location, the center line along Wichit Songkhram Rd where traffic stops to enter Central Festival Phuket be blocked with traffic cones from March 15

Traffic driving west toward Kathu will not be able to turn right into Central Festival Phuket.

Traffic exiting Central Festival will be required to turn left toward the bypass road.

Island gears up for Heroines' Festival

PHUKET: This year's festival honoring the heroine sisters of Thao Thepkrasattri and Thao Sri Soontorn will be held from March 11 to 13.

The festival, a commemoration of Phuket's victory over the Burmese incursion of 1785, will be held at Baan Riang in Thalung district, near the heroines' monument.

The highlight of the festival will be a light and sound performance, which will feature an estimated 800 performers and students. Miss Teen Thailand, Amelia "Amy" Jacobs of Phuket, will be one of performers.

The light and sound performance will be performed each night of the festival at 8:30 pm.

Other highlights include cultural performances such as the *Manora* (classical Thai music and dance) and *Nang Talung* (shadow theater).



Phra Kru Mettaphirom, the Abbot of Wat Ladthiwanaram in Chalong, presents saffron robes to 11 novice monks ordained at the temple on March 4.

The group will remain in the monkhood until March 20 to make merit during this year's ceremonies honoring Phuket's two heroines, Thao Thepkrasattri and Thao Sri Soontorn.

'Most wanted' hitman caught in Phang Nga

By Sompratch Saowakhon

PHANG NGA: Police in Surat Thani on February 15 arrested one of the killers of Phang Nga Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) President Anan "Ko Daeng" Boonrak, who was shot dead in December 2004.

The suspect, 38-year-old Chusak "Muek Chumporn" Numluemkid, was #2 on the Royal Thai Police Crime Suppression Division's Top 50 Most Wanted Gunmen for 2005.

His three accomplices in the assassination remain on the run.

K. Anan was killed as he was driving to his home in Thap Put District, Phang Nga, on December 23, 2004. He was shot multiple times with both a shotgun and an M-16 assault rifle.

Lt Col Sanya Tongasawas, Investigation Inspector at Thap Put District Police Station, told the *Gazette* that the four of them were each paid 50,000 baht up front for the hit, with the another 50,000 apiece to be paid after the killing was carried out.

Before the attack, the assassins went to Phang Nga Pro-

vincial Hall in two pickup trucks, where they waited for K. Anan to leave his office. When he did, they followed K. Anan at high speed toward Thap Put.

About 200 meters from K. Anan's home, the hit squad pulled alongside his vehicle. Chusak and a fellow gunman, named by police as Prapai Hongtong, opened fire. Prapai let off five shots with a shotgun while Chusak sprayed the car with more than 10 rounds from an M-16. K. Anan was pronounced dead at the scene.

After the killing Chusak hid in Phuket, Col Sanya said.

Police are still hunting for the three other assassins. Col Sanya said that he knew the identity of the man behind the killings but did not yet have enough evidence to apply for an arrest warrant for the man.

K. Anan was the second President of Phang Nga *OrBorJor* to be murdered in 2004. His predecessor, Nithat Siribenjakul, was murdered at Takuapa Bus Station on July 30 that year.

Col Sanya explained that though they have not yet caught any of the gunmen in this case,

police believe both killings were ordered by the same man.

After Chusak was arrested by police from his native Chumphon Province he confessed to the crime, police said.

He was handed over to Phang Nga police for a February 22 reenactment of the crime.

At the time of his arrest, Chusak had two outstanding arrest warrants; one issued by Chumphon Provincial Court in 2002 and the other by Songkhla Provincial Court in 2003.

His file with the Crime Suppression Division listed him as a suspect in a "countless" number of cases stretching back more than 10 years.

Of these, police are particularly interested in the shooting of a Mayor of Tha Sala in Nakhon Sri Thammarat Province. Chusak's weapons of choice were .38 and .357 caliber revolvers.

Chusak was charged with premeditated murder, possession of war weapons without a license, possession of a firearm without a license and carrying a firearm in a public place without permission, Col Sanya said.

Teen murder suspect arrested

RASSADA: Police have arrested another member of the glue-sniffing youth gang wanted for the murder of Keittirat Longnawa, a 31-year-old transsexual and glue addict who was beaten and had his throat slashed on January 31.

Police identified the suspect as 18-year-old Thitinun "Wung" Vongnayatt, arrested in his Rassada home about 1 am March 3.

Phuket City Police Investigations Inspector Lt Col Adul Nirapai told the *Gazette* that Thitinun helped beat the victim, but was not among the three youths who stabbed K. Keittirat. As an adult, he will be charged with conspiracy to commit murder at Phuket Provincial Court.

The arrest is the sixth of the gang's nine members. The 16-year-old boy who initiated the attack by stabbing K. Keittirat is already in custody, charged in the Phuket Provincial Juvenile and Family Court with premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

Police are continuing their investigation and preparing to request arrest warrants for the final three gang members, including a 14-year-old girl named "Rom" and a 17-year-old boy named "Pol".

Both are suspected of stabbing the victim and will be charged with premeditated murder as well as conspiracy to commit murder, Col Adul said.

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Kamala school gets fresh water supply

By Stephen Fein

KAMALA: Some 500 students and 30 teachers at the Rajapachanukroh 36 School in Kamala now have fresh water piped in from a groundwater well some two kilometers inland.

The water is piped to the school, where it undergoes treatment with iron oxide filtration and reverse-osmosis (RO) technology installed by the DGR at the cost of 400,000 baht explained DGR Director-General Somkid Buapeng.

The well can supply about eight to 10 cubic meters of water per hour. Of this about 10% will be filtered and treated by the RO system, which can clean up to about one cubic meter of water per hour.

The school is now responsible for the system's operation and maintenance, although DGR officials will provide extra support as needed, K. Somkid explained.

The system is one of six being funded by the "Keep Walking Thailand Tsunami Fund" and the Diageo Foundation by Diageo Moët Hennessy (Thailand) Ltd, which together donated 7 million baht through HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's charitable funds, for the provision of fresh water to tsunami-impacted communities. The other five systems are in Phang Nga and Krabi provinces.

The supply system, designed and installed by the Department of Groundwater Resources (DGR), was dedicated in a March 3 ceremony at the school at-



Somkid Buapeng (left), Director-General of the Department of Groundwater Resources (DGR), samples potable water at Rajapachanukroh 36 School in Kamala. Geoffrey Bush (right), Chairman of the Diageo Foundation, looks on.

tended by Pittaporn Rangchaikul of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's Special Task Force; Vorathep Rangchaikul, President of Diageo Moët Hennessy (Thailand) Ltd; Phuket Vice-Governor Smith Palawatvichai; Seree Suwannapanon, Deputy Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Council, among other dignitaries.

The dedication ceremony was timed to coincide with Diageo's Johnnie Walker Classic golf tournament, held the same weekend. Other activities organized by Diageo over the weekend included a beach cleanup at Mai Khao.

Asked whether other groundwater supplies should be

developed to meet rising demand, K. Somkid said that groundwater should be considered only as supplementary to surface water supplies.

Deep subsurface aquifers in bedrock generally yield too little to serve as a major source for municipal supply, while sandy aquifers in coastal areas are usually too brackish, she explained.

The DGR needed to install a well some two kilometers inland at a depth of 60 meters in order to source the fresh water now being used at the school, she added.

K. Somkid noted that although the DGR is part of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, responsibility for protection of groundwater supplies generally falls to the local administrative bodies where they are located. These local agencies often lack the knowledge needed to adequately protect subsurface water supplies from contamination, she said.

K. Somkid told the *Gazette* that she agrees with a much-talked-about plan to establish a single Ministry of Water Resources to deal with all of the Kingdom's water-related issues.

Hotel owner shot

PHUKET CITY: Suppakon "Ko Yin" Ektaweechot, owner of the Hyton Leelavadee Resort in Patong, was shot in the back with a shotgun February 25 as he was eating dinner at Ban Panun Restaurant on Rassada Anusorn Rd in Phuket City.

He is now recovering at Vachira Phuket Hospital and reported to be in stable condition.

Lt Col Ampolwat Seangraung, Investigating Inspector at Phuket City Police Station, told the *Gazette*, "K. Suppakon's two attackers were eating at another table in the restaurant. One of the men left the restaurant first and started his motorbike, the other

drew a shotgun and shot K. Suppakon in the back.

"At the hospital, doctors found nine shotgun pellets in K. Suppakon's body. The shooter appeared to be under 25 years old and was wearing a yellow tartan-patterned T-shirt," he said.

"K. Suppakon is now at Vachira Hospital and is being guarded by off-duty police officers who are personal friends of his.

"We have no major leads yet and are still investigating the motive for the crime. We believe it may be adultery related," Col Ampolwat said.

— *Sompratch Saowakhon*

'Saijai Aid' launched to help burn victim

PHUKET: People wanting to make donations to aid the recovery of burn victim Saijai Phromdaen, who was set on fire by an itinerant glue addict at Patong Beach on February 13, can now do so via the Internet or by visiting Vachira Phuket Hospital.

Dr Jerry Hoss, who is organizing the aid drive, told the *Gazette* that K. Saijai is just beginning to be able to speak again and that all the bandages have been removed from her face, which her two-year-old daughter Sairung remains too afraid to look at.

K. Saijai is beginning skin graft surgery at the hospital, expenses for which will be covered by her state medical insurance, said Dr Hoss.

"Her family owns a small house in Chalong that is all paid for, but utilities, food and water need to be paid for," he said.

People wanting to make a donation can do so by visiting the information window near Room 3 on the ground floor of Vachira Phuket Hospital, where K. Saijai is staying while she undergoes her skin graft surgery.

People overseas or out of town can send any amount of money securely and discreetly to: SaijaiAid@yahoo.com via <http://www.moneybookers.com/app/érid=2206130>

Donations can be by credit/debit card, bank transfer, cash deposit and even mobile phone.

"My plan is to move K. Saijai into an air-conditioned, serviced apartment with a maid when she's released from the hospital. This will cost 15,000 baht a month until the high season ends on April 1, and 10,000 baht a month thereafter.

"Hopefully we'll get the funds together," he said.

More people register as living in Phuket

PHUKET: Between January 31 and February 20, 3,203 people registered with the government as living in Phuket, bringing the island's official population to 312,074.

Provincial Chief Administrative Officer (Palad) Piya Bharatasilpin reported the increase to Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit on February 27.

The registrations are in response to the Governor calling for island residents to register as living in Phuket so that the provincial government will receive larger budgets from the central government so that infrastructure and government services on the island can be improved.

Of the 3,203 new registrants, 76% are government employees.

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According to a mid-February report in Thai-language daily newspaper *Kom Chad Luek*, the dugong population at Koh Libong off Trang, numbering more than 100, is facing grave danger from illegal fishing practices.

In January alone, five dead dugong were reported off Koh Libong, the largest island in Trang and home to Thailand's most extensive and varied seagrass meadows. Eleven of the 12 varieties of seagrass that grow in Thai waters can be found there, and it is home to about half of some 250 dugong estimated to live in Thai waters, all feeding exclusively on seagrass.

The dugong, or *phrayoon* in Thai, is one of 15 critically endangered species listed for protection under Thailand's Protected Animals under the Conservation Act 1992. Efforts to protect the local dugong population date back as far as 1947, but it wasn't until 1985 that Libong islanders agreed to work together to protect the dugong, making the aquatic mammal the island's mascot.

In 1991, then Governor of Trang Yongyut Wichaidit signed a provincial order banning the use of four types of fishing equipment in seagrass beds off most of the coast of Trang. Among the forbidden technologies are *bed rawai*, long-lines of fishhooks used to snag stingrays and other bottom feeders that often share seagrass beds with dugong.

The population of dugong around Koh Libong, as estimated by aerial surveys, has been relatively stable in recent years, at about 125. Libong islander and long-time dugong researcher Isma-ane "Bung Ann" Baensard told a *Kom Chad Luek* reporter.

"For the past two years, there was not a single recorded dugong death, but with the start of this year there have been five, one after the other. I would guess

Dangerous days

Illegal fishing practices and coastal development are killing off the 250 or so dugong that remain in Thai waters. *Gazette* News Editor Stephen Fein talks to some of Thailand's top dugong experts about the future of the highly-endangered species along Thailand's Andaman Coast.

that there are no more than 80 dugong left around Koh Libong. Most of the dead ones were females too, so I think the entire population is in crisis," he said.

Two of the dead dugong were two- to three-year-old females found just five days apart, on January 12 and 17, the report quoted him as saying.

Most worrying was the fact that some of the dead dugong had injuries indicating that they had fallen prey to *bed rawai*, he said.

"*Bed rawai* is fishing equipment from hell," said K. Isma-ane, "because as soon as a dugong becomes entangled, death is certain. It also kills many sea turtles, and if this weren't bad enough, there are also some fishermen who still hunt dugong. This leaves villagers around here totally dejected. It's time that something was done about this."

"The reports of the *bed rawai* clearly indicate that fishermen in the area have reverted to old fishing methods. On top of this, there is an illegal trade in dugong, which some people mistakenly believe to have medicinal properties. At markets in Singapore and China, they fetch up to 50,000 baht each. The male dugong's incisor teeth alone bringing in 20,000 because, some people believe they have magical protective powers when

worn," he added.

Suwit Sawangwit, who works as a consultant to the Koh Libong fishing community, told *Kom Chad Luek* that the Libong islander's good work in conserving the marine environment to support the dugong may be starting to backfire, because more and more fishermen from other areas are moving in to take advantage of the relatively pristine environment and the marine life it supports.

Among the newcomers are commercial fishing boats that use whatever equipment necessary to maximize their catch, including *bed rawai*. "The situation could deteriorate over the dry season because the seas will be calmer, and that will allow more boats to come in with their *bed rawai*. If this happens will there be any dugong left at the end of the season?" K. Suwit asked.

However, Kanjana Adulyanukosol, head of the Phuket Marine Biological Center's (PMBC) endangered species research program and Thailand's top dugong researcher, is less pessimistic about the state of Koh Libong's dugong population.

K. Kanjana, who conducted aerial studies using a two-seat "microlight" aircraft in 2001 and 2006, says that Koh Libong's dugong population is at least stable – and might actually be growing.

Globally, there are still plenty of dugong left, she explained. By far the largest number is in Australian waters, with



PMBC researcher Kanchana Adulyanukosol, Thailand's premier dugong expert, has undertaken numerous flights in a two-seat "microlite" aircraft to observe dugong mating behavior and estimate their populations. She has so far had two near crashes into the sea while conducting research this way, which may be why she is considering a switch to satellite tracking.

an estimated population of 100,000. Second is the Arabian Gulf, with about 5,000. In Thai waters, she estimates the number at a mere 250, of which 50 live in the Gulf of Thailand.

In the most recent survey in Trang, in November 2006, 128 dugong were spotted. From this figure she estimated the actual population at about 150. In a less comprehensive study in 2001, only 80 dugong were spotted in the same area, with a resulting estimate of 123.

However, she declined to confirm that the population had actually increased. "I would prefer to say that we are sure they have been able to maintain their population...we have to think about the time we spend surveying, too...After the tsunami, we had more money and time, so the

count was probably more accurate," she said.

As for the five reported dead dugong at Koh Libong, K. Kanjana said that she had only been able to confirm two. "For the scientific record, I have to have reliable reports, not just rumors. We need at least a picture or a report by a government official or NGO worker," she said.

"I don't think Bang Ann saw all five dead animals at once. Maybe he saw one killed by *bed rawai* and heard of others," she said.

She added that she suspected that opposition to a new factory in Trang making products from stingray skin may be partly responsible for the focus on *bed rawai* being used. Gill nets are just as dangerous to dugong, she pointed out.

K. Kanjana explained that *bed rawai* had nothing to do with the Phuket beach of the same name. Rather, they are long lines of unbarbed hooks, spaced about one meter apart, attached to a floating buoy. They are set out at night and pulled in early the following morning with a catch of rays and other bottom feeders.

"They are legal to use, but not in seagrass areas in Trang," she said.

"One small hook will not hurt a dugong too much, but if the dugong gets entangled below the surface, such as in his flippers, he can run out of oxygen and die within minutes," said K. Kanjana, who is currently drawing up a "Dugong and Seagrass Action Plan" with other PMBC experts.

One aspect of the plan is how to better understand the movements of these shy creatures, which are known to graze

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This photo was taken in the Arabian Gulf in Egypt, home to some 5,000 dugong. The Gazette was unable to source even a single underwater shot of a dugong locally.

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dugong's movements at low tide, when they cannot be spotted from the air. Also, advances in tracking technology mean that the tracking buoys can be smaller and pose less danger to the animals.

"They are designed so that the tethers break easily if they are trapped under a rock or come under any other kind of tension," she explained.

K. Kanjana said that the most recent dugong sighting in Phuket waters was a few months ago, when two or three were sighted in Chalong Bay.

"Koh Libong still has the biggest seagrass habitat in Thailand. There is a good deal of seagrass in Ranong and Phang Nga, yet numbers are very low. It's difficult to say why," she said.

The greatest long-term threat to the dugong comes from property development, not illegal fishing practices, she said.

"Coastal development has quite a high impact in general, but it is not always easy to see. Sedimentation from construction projects, including those in hilly areas, is all eventually deposited in coastal areas near the river mouth and shore and can have a long-term impact on seagrass habitats by changing the seabed," she said.

As an example, the effect of offshore tin mining had a major effect in Patong Bay, reducing seagrass beds there to just a few small patches in just 10 years. "With no seagrass the dugong cannot survive, and suitable seabed sediments have to be soft, but

not muddy like in mangrove areas. If you walk on it, your feet will go down just a few centimeters, but if it is too hard, seagrass cannot grow either," she said.

Long-term effects of coastal development are almost irreversible, she added.

Seagrass beds can often recover from other physical disturbances, such as those caused by pushnet trawlers, in three to four months – as long as damaging fishing practices cease, she added.

Pisit Charnsoh, President of the acclaimed NGO Yadfon Association in Trang, told the *Gazette* that on February 2 he went to the sea gypsy village on mainland Trang, from which the boat for Koh Libong departs. There he was told by local conservationist Yahed Hawa that the reports of dead dugong were true, and that three carcasses were spotted at Koh Libong's Tha Chin Bay by local tour operator Wese Daengsi.

The other two dead dugong were found nearby by residents of Koh Libong's Batu-Puteh village identified only as "Bao" and "Mutsen". The two carcasses had mysteriously disappeared, he said.

K. Pisit explained that the fertile fishing grounds around Koh Libong attract fishermen from nearby areas, but none from far-off provinces. "I was told that, in addition to crab pots and crab nets, the fishing gear used in the area includes gill nets and long lines for catching rays. Both of

these are harmful to dugong and are banned by the province," he said.

Despite this, he says the dugong population in the area is stable. "I agree with Kanjana. Last year not many dugong died, but we are not off to a good start this year," he said.

He also agrees that the biggest long-term threat is coastal land development. "Several port and pier projects that will affect seagrass beds are already underway in the area. Now there is also talk of building an industrial estate on the Palien River in Trang.

"It is developments such as these that will determine the future of the dugong in Trang," he said.

One such project is the pier planned project in Klong Son Bay on Koh Yao Yai, where a coalition of NGOs and local villagers have been camped out in opposition for more than a month.

Well-known local environmentalist Thanu Nabnien, of Wildlife Fund Thailand's Phuket Office, said the waters off Klong Son Bay are important feeding grounds, both for sea turtles and dugong, and that they extend all the way to Pa Khlok on Phuket's east coast.

About a decade ago this seagrass range supported one group of five dugong and another group of three, he said.

However, in the past five years only two dugong have been reported in the Klong Son Bay-Pa Khlok habitat and there have been "many" reports of dead dugong there during the same period, he added.

"If they go ahead and build the pier, seagrass beds in the area will be degraded even further and it will certainly be the end of the remaining dugong in the area," he said.

on seagrass beds at high tide – but whose movements during low tide are poorly understood.

"Dugong have very thick skin, so it is difficult to inject a microchip beneath the skin...it could hurt the dugong too," said K. Kanjana.

Because of the small size of the population here, renowned

Australian dugong researcher Helene March of James Cook University disagreed with using satellite tracking with floating tracking beacons attached to the dugong, K. Kanjana said.

K. Kanjana appears to still be wrestling with the dilemma. Such an approach would provide valuable information about the

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Queer News

A monk's unusual toys: TNT and guns

KALASIN: Police arrested 38-year-old monk Phra Phornphanom Sommai February 26 after villagers reported seeing him shouldering a gun while sitting pillion on a motorbike speeding through Nong Hua Ling village, Kuchinarai district.

When police caught up with him, they found that he was drunk, said Maj Somchai Phukongchana, Investigating Inspector at Kuchinarai District Police Station.

Police then went to search

the shack where Phraphornphanom was living and found two bars of TNT with a combined weight of about half a pound, a shotgun and 16 bullets for an M-16 assault rifle.

Phraphornphanom said that they belonged to someone else and had been left with him for safekeeping. He refused, however, to name names or give any further details.

Villagers reported that, unlike other monks, Phraphornphanom did not sleep in the temple,

but instead sat around drinking liquor. He often carried "war weapons" with him, Maj Somchai said.

Following the arrest, the Governor of Kalasin Province, Kawee Kittisathaphon, fearing that the monk may have been part of a plan to attack one of a number of festivals in the province, urged security forces and the general public to be on the alert and report anything suspicious.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

Pot luck with the spirits

UDON THANI: When two clay pots covered by a white sheet were found by the side of the road in Ban Pon Sawan village near Udon Thani city on February 19, villagers nervously began to hypothesize what could be inside.

The sheets, tightly tied around the pots, were covered in cryptic inscriptions, so no one dared to open the pots until the appropriate authorities had been called.

Recognizing that the pots had some spiritual purpose, and because the dry season is traditionally the time when *phi pop* (female ghosts that feed on the intestines of their victims) tend to multiply, the villagers decided that the pots were probably *phi pop* traps.

When volunteers from the Udon Sawang Methatham Foundation arrived, they proved to be rather less supernaturally-minded than the villag-

ers and immediately went to remove the cloth from the pots.

Fearing this might release any *phi pop* trapped within and lead to the destruction of their village, the anxious locals stopped the rash volunteers from proceeding.

To appease them, the fearless volunteers agreed to open the pots at their headquarters – a safe distance away from the village.

Inside each pot, the volunteers found a fist-sized parcel wrapped with white cloth containing bits of banana, orange, black rice and betel. No *phi pop* were seen leaving either of the pots.

The volunteers said that they assume the pots were used in a spell to dispel bad luck and nothing to do with *phi pop* and their seasonal intestine-gobbling mischief.

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Heavens deliver mixed blessings

After more than six weeks without rain and hotter-than-normal temperatures, Khao Lak was blessed with much-needed rain on February 24, unfortunately resulting in traffic havoc along the winding road through Khao Lak Lamru National Park.

There were two accidents around 2 pm: one involving two pickup trucks in a head-on collision and another in which a pickup truck rammed a motorbike and its driver into the guard rail, breaking both of the motorbike driver's legs.

The havoc continued until sunset with several motorbikes taken out by another pickup driver losing control over his truck on the first curve heading into the park, slamming sideways into the guard rail, which now – although it was repaired just a few weeks ago – does not have a single 50-meter stretch undamaged.

I recently counted the damaged parts of guard rail while I was driving from Thung Maphrao to Khao Lak. There were 23 of them, though it was difficult to figure out how many cars, trucks and bikes had caused the damage on the first curve, where about 100m of guard rail is just a pile of twisted metal scattered alongside the road.

Back in the books: Alexander Bolle, Regional Manager for Khao Lak of well-known German tour operator Transorient, reports that Transorient now lists 11 Khao Lak resorts – about the same number as before the tsunami. He added that most of their listed resorts are nearly fully booked until April 2007.

Mr Bolle says that many tour operators, both large and small, also have Khao Lak back in their glossy travel catalogs.

More detailed information about Khao Lak's hotel and resort status can be found at www.transorient.de and at www.mykhaolak.de

Bowled over: In central Khao Lak, police are trying to get speedsters under control by placing traffic cones on the road near the Nang Thong supermarket.

However, this works only if police are there in person. Per-



Tourists enjoy the sunset at a beach restaurant on White Sand Beach near the Sarojin Resort.

haps the fear of being fined 300 baht helps truck and bus drivers remember where the brake pedal is.

Regardless, they slow down for a mere 100m, until they pass the last traffic cones, then slam down the gas pedal and speed through the Bang Niang Beach section of Petchkasem Rd at 120kmh or more.

Would you hazard a guess at happens to the traffic cones in front of Nangthong supermarket each day during the 16 or so hours when police are not there? It's bowling time!

Ten-wheeled trucks and tour buses clear the traffic cones off the road in no time, until the police return and place the undamaged cones back on the road.

No need to mention that the recently erected road signs reading "City Limit 50 km/h" and the white vertical road markers in central Khao Lak have had no

effect. It appears that fixed installations that would damage trucks or buses if ignored, including the traffic lights at the Nangthong and Bang Niang Beach intersection, are not making central Khao Lak safer for pedestrians.

But it is not all bad news regarding traffic. On February 19, the Nimala foundation held a "Safety Day" at Kiriket School in Takuapa, where students were educated about road safety, first aid and how to behave in an accident situation. Some 300 helmets were donated to students that day.

Staff wanted: As Khao Lak recovered faster than most hotel and tour operators in the region expected, most resorts in Khao Lak are now understaffed and are virtually begging for qualified service staff.

Local newspapers and job

boards at the employment office are full of job offers for qualified hotel staff with good English skills. Several resorts that cater to up-market guests, such as the Sarojin, have even distributed job offers printed on A4 posters all around Khao Lak.

Some hotels are offering double the salaries that were available before the tsunami, worsening the problem, as qualified staff are always on the watch for a better deal.

A Swedish tourist couple visiting Khao Lak in February said, "We are surprised how quick Khao Lak has recovered, and how fast most of the beach resorts have been rebuilt."

"Our resort [Nangthong Beach Resort] is even nicer than before. Some of the old staff are still here, but most of the staff are new and they are too few to handle the job. We understand that perhaps many Thai people are



ANDAMAN COASTING

By Franky Gun

afraid to work near the beach after what happened and that the number of new tourists came so suddenly that the resort managers have had problems finding qualified staff.

"We can see this even here now while we are eating. English is a problem and sometimes we don't get what we order."

"But Thai people, especially those in Khao Lak, are so friendly that the atmosphere they create helps visitors to easily dismiss such mistakes with a smile. So the staff issue is not really a problem for us."

On site: Construction of the tsunami memorial in Khao Lak Lamru National Park continues after a long period of inactivity. There were many opposing voices from Khao Lak locals and expats alike because many giant trees had to be cut down to make space for car parking areas.

It appears that these voices were heard as there is heavy landscaping going on, with hundreds of very nice, although young, trees and bushes being planted in all the areas where the trees were cut down.

It appears that this rather ugly stretch of road will be green and appealing again in a few months when the rainy season starts.

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Severed arm probe sparks mob

A man's left arm discovered behind a petrol station in Yala town February 28 may belong to a Southern militant, and may have been blown off by a bomb that exploded prematurely, police say.

A trail of blood led officers to the home of Maruding Samoh and Sorbeyoh Cheh-sueni, meters from the store in Tambon Tha Sap, but when police called on the man and woman for questioning, about 100 villagers, mostly women and girls, staged a protest, demanding their release.

The crowd dispersed after blocking Phetchakasem highway for more than an hour when it was confirmed the couple were merely being questioned by investigators and could return home.

Missed the mark: A four-year-old girl in Tha Sala District, Nakhon Sri Thammarat, was seriously injured after being shot in the face by a bullet apparently intended for her older brother in the early hours of February 27.

Anoma Huayhong was buying sweets at Rider Tea Shop with her older sister, Phensai Huayhong, 21, when she was shot in the face with a .38 caliber pistol. She was taken to Maharat Hospital Nakhon Sri Thammarat and is in a serious condition.

Lt Col Somchen Thongyai, an Investigating Officer from Tha Sala District Police Station, said that police believe the gunman was aiming at Anoma's older brother, Somsak Huayhong, 19, who was parking his motorbike outside the shop when the incident occurred.

Police say they have narrowed the suspects down to two groups of youths who are enemies with K. Somsak.

"Anoma's condition is worrying. The doctors are having to keep a close watch on her and her recovery may take up to a year," Col Somchen said.

"As for the perpetrator, we



ROAD BLOCK: Soldiers try to curb a street protest by Muslim women on the Petchkasem highway in Yala February 27. The protesters began blocking the road after a man and a woman were summoned for questioning. The crowd dispersed when it was confirmed that the couple were not detained and could return home.

will wait until Anoma's family have calmed down and then we will invite K. Somsak into the station for questioning to get details of any disputes that could have provided a motive for the crime."

Sizzling shock: Two female students who claim they were served worm-infested steaks at a Sizzler's restaurant in Songkhla's Haad Yai district on Valentine's Day sought advice from the Songkhla Consumer Protection Office on February 21 for their lawsuit demanding 2 million baht

in compensation.

Ramkhamhaeng University students Kasitinart Noomkaew, 23, and Pitchaya Pathumwal, 20, claim they were served the questionable steaks at the Lee Garden Plaza branch of the American restaurant chain on February 14 and were hospitalized for severe diarrhea later that day.

K. Kasitinart claimed that she looked down at her plate and saw "more than a hundred worms crawling on the steak". She immediately vomited, she said.

K. Kasitinart's mother, K. Waraporn, accompanied the two students to the Songkhla Consumer Protection Office to file their complaint.

They submitted reports from Sikarin Hospital saying they had been diagnosed with food poisoning and had suffered from severe diarrhea as well as a tape recording of a conversation between them and the restaurant manager.

K. Waraporn told reporters about the incident on February 25 and said the restaurant denied assistance to the victims.

However, the Sizzler branch manager, Supawadi Kaewsen, said she did not deny assistance or refuse to take responsibility, but that the matter was no longer in her hands.

The company's insurance division in Bangkok is working "to assist the girls", she said, declining to give further details.

K. Supawadi said the "problematic menu" was a promotion and had been canceled

right after the incident. In a statement, Sizzler (Thailand) said: "All ingredients received at Sizzler are temperature-controlled from our suppliers to our stores.

"This temperature control extends through our store as our staff continue to monitor the temperatures of all food and ingredients in our kitchen and at our salad bar.

"At the grill, each and every item cooked has its temperature checked to ensure that we serve our customers products that meet and exceed all international

food safety guidelines."

Rangers 5, Militants 0: At least five militants died in a 30-minute shootout when Rangers stumbled on their training camp in the jungle of southernmost Narathiwat province March 2.

The clash occurred when a dozen Rangers from the 4506th Task Force in Rangae District were sent to check out a suspected militant training camp on Taway Mountain.

About 15 to 17 militants were undergoing training when the Rangers arrived. A half-hour firefight ensued.

It was the first time security officials had discovered an active militant training camp, according to army spokesman Col Akra Thiproj. Previously, only abandoned camps had been discovered, he added.

Two hundred troops were later sent in as reinforcements to clear and secure the area.

The bodies of five militants were found at the scene, but a bloody trail indicated others might have been seriously injured, an official said. None of the Rangers were harmed.

The officials retrieved from the camp two M-16 rifles, a shotgun and some ammunition.

The five dead militants were identified as Ahama Hajimajeh, Maphaisa Dolloh, Abdulphata Aloheng, Ismail Waemameng and Sukri Malae. They came from different areas, including Narathiwat's Sungai Padi, Tak Bai and Waeng districts and Pattani's Nong Chik District.

It remained unclear how officials were able to identify the militants so fast after the clash.

Their identities were released to media shortly after the bodies were brought from the camp to a local public school. The bodies were later moved to Narathiwat Hospital for autopsies.

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Father kills son, pleads poverty

A construction worker in Bangkok's Klong Toei District beat his son to death with a metal pipe, claiming that he could not afford to raise him, police said.

On the morning of February 27, police found Wasan Natthaya, 14, lying in a pool of blood on a footpath near his home. His 43-year-old father Subin Natthaya was sitting nearby.

Witnesses said Wasan, carrying a pipe, chased the boy until he fell down, then hit him until he was dead – despite his pleas for his life.

Subin told police he had lived with his two sons at a campsite in the area for eight years after he split with his wife. Wasan was a bad boy, never lending a hand with the chores and only interested in computer games, he said.

Before his death, Wasan boasted to Subin that he was an immortal spirit medium who could not be injured by knives. Hearing this, Subin stabbed the boy in the neck, but the knife broke and the boy ran away.

"When he fell down, I started to beat him. Then, fearing that he would suffer from his injuries, I decided to kill him. I couldn't take care of him on my own. I've had a difficult life and raising him was getting too much, so I decided to kill him," Subin told police.

Subin was charged with murder and sent for psychiatric evaluation and drug testing.

Death and taxes: The Constitution Drafting Subcommittee has proposed imposing an inheritance tax as part of an effort to bridge income disparity.

"We have a huge income disparity gap. Multi-billionaires can cause trouble to the country. We have to curb their influence with inheritance tax," said subcommittee member Krikkiat Pipatseritham.

Citing statistics showing that 20% of wealthy people now hold 58% of Thailand's assets, K. Krikkiat said the poor are becoming poorer because of unfair tax structures.

Some 99.9% of the population would not be affected from the collection of inheritance tax if it were collected only from peo-



OUTREACH: Hundreds of Chiang Mai students take part in an activity entitled 'Extending Love from Northerners to Southerners', covering the old city wall with messages of encouragement from students to residents of the violence-plagued Deep South.

ple with more than 1 billion baht in assets, he said.

Several panel members backed the proposal, saying that if it could not be implemented by this government it would never be carried out by an elected one.

Breathtaking blues: Air pollution in Chiang Mai and Lamphun has reached critical levels, Chiang Mai University (CMU) researchers have announced.

Assistant Professor Mongkon Rayanakorn, Dean of CMU's Faculty of Science, said air pollution research in the two provinces from 2004 to 2006 found that air quality during dry season was at levels adversely affecting local people's health, causing respiratory diseases, lung cancer and allergies.

Assoc Prof Dr Pongthep Wiwanthanadech said his own study on the impact of fine-particle dust on asthmatics in Chiang Mai and Lamphun also found that 10-micron particles carried a severe carcinogen – Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons – that came from cooking fires and burning dried grass and leaves.

The number of patients with respiratory diseases was rising every year, with the number in Chiang Mai already surpassing Bangkok, he added.

Researchers said that in the short-term, air-pollution controls must be imposed and all outdoor fires banned.

Auspicious event: All 84,000 chapters of the 100-year-old Tripitaka were recited for the first time in Thailand during the one-week Makha Bucha Festival at Sanam Luang in Bangkok as part of celebrations for His Majesty the King's 80th birthday this year.

"It will be recorded in history that the complete Tripitaka recital was held for the first time during the reign of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej," said Preecha Kanthiya, Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department, which organized the event.

The reading of the 45 books of the Tripitaka, the Buddhist canon published during the reign of King Rama VII, began at the auspicious time of 9:09 am. One hundred monks and lay Buddhists performed non-stop for seven days and nights to complete the marathon reading.

Hospital wins fight to move: The Public Health Ministry has agreed to relocate Map Ta Phut

Hospital in Rayong far away from the controversial Map Ta Phut industrial complex, after finding that a young nurse had developed ovarian cancer and more staff were suffering respiratory ailments than other hospitals.

Public Health Minister Mongkol na Songkla said after visiting the hospital and nearby communities that he planned to find 40 million baht to move the 30-bed facility by 2009.

For many years, doctors and staff have appealed for a safer site. K. Mongkol said earlier that he could understand why doctors wanted to distance themselves from a privately-owned toxic-waste landfill site in their neighborhood.

Baby elephant walk: At least five Thai baby elephants have recently been smuggled to Germany, a senior official at the National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department revealed on

March 4. Transport was arranged at the beginning of the year by people claiming to represent officials "in high places", said Dul- asit Sanitwongsa na Ayuthaya, a wildlife expert at the department.

In other incidents, 20 elephants, all younger than nine, were smuggled to China and another eight were shipped to Australia, K. Dulasit said.

He was visiting a wildlife breeding center in Ratchaburi, where a five-year-old elephant was being cared for after it was rescued from smugglers.

Those involved with elephant smuggling included a former minister and many bureaucrats working for agencies concerned with wildlife issues, K. Dulasit said.

The department was taking legal action against them and trying to bring the smuggled beasts home, he added.

Burma shave: Police on March 2 raided a house in the heart of the Mae Sot district, arresting 18 Burmese nationals believed to be members of the Burmese opposition party National League for Democracy (NLD).

The Burmese were said to have been holding NLD membership cards. NLD flags, along with printed materials, were confiscated during the raid. Police did not, however, file any charges.

Soldiers and police were out in full force, setting up roadblocks in case Burmese exiles tried to protest against the arrest of the NLD members.

Mae Sot has long been a safe haven for exiles fleeing violence and political persecution by Burma's military government.

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By Semacote Suganya

Ecuatorian Jorge De la Torre says that Latin dancing is in his blood. "I've known how to dance since I was born," he says. "In Latin America we start to dance when we are growing up. It is our tradition, everybody in the family does it."

Thailand, of course, has its own tradition of dance, but Jorge's style of hot, sweaty bodies pressed together to a lively Latin beat is a world away from the more formal Thai *ramwong*. Since the beginning of this year Jorge has been imparting his skills to the people of Phuket at Latino's, his restaurant in Nai Harn.

Salsa music has Spanish Caribbean – mainly Cuban and Puerto Rican – origins and contains both European and African influences. It was developed in immigrant populations in New York City in the 1960s and '70s and quickly gained popularity throughout South and Central America before spreading to dance clubs around the world, and finally, now, to Phuket.

"People in Thailand these days like to go out, like to party. They like to dance. Young Thais, as well as a lot of foreigners here, are interested in Latin dance."

"Before there were only a few places to learn, but they didn't really have professional people to teach. They taught only old styles, steps that are about 100 years old," Jorge says.

The staff at Latino's are from South America. Apart from Jorge, there is one other dance teacher at the restaurant. The classes are graded from basic to advanced and Jorge says that he can teach all types of Latin dance,



Bright murals set the scene at Latino's (left). Below, a couple cut a rug. If you want to dance latin, says Jorge de la Torre, you can't be shy.



though salsa is by far the most popular.

Jorge explained that the most important point for beginners to remember is that they cannot be shy. "Latin music is open music. People know they want to learn and, they want to

move, so they mustn't be shy.

"Most Latin music is for couples, so we dance in couples. Dancers need to learn how to dance in pairs: man and woman. It's very close, rubbing against each other. People become more and more confident as they learn."

"With the salsa, the rhythms are always similar so even when we change the song they can dance in the same way. They can still dance the same steps. Students have to learn many steps and have many different things to concentrate on."

"Latin American music is quite 'hot' music, something you really feel. You can really express yourself. You must go ahead and

not be shy to dance. It's also very active, passionate. The songs all speak about relationships and love. When people understand the style of the music they can understand this. It's a very happy spirit," he enthuses.

Jorge's collection of music spans all of Latin America and he hopes to expand the musical side of the business. "We are planning to bring Latin bands over for concerts. We will work with Latin American embassies in Bangkok to try and bring bands and dancers to promote Latin dance," he says.

As would be expected from a restaurant called Latino's, there are a good selection of Latin-in-

spired cocktails including the mojito from Cuba, caipirinha from Brazil and the pisco sour from Chile or Peru. "These three are the most popular cocktails in Latin America and we give them to guests for free. In truth, I think the alcohol can help motivate students when they are beginning to dance."

Jorge has also laid on activities for children with dance-based games and the Latin American classic pinata. "As well as the games, we also teach dance steps to children. They really get into it, they're not shy at all," he said.

Phuket residents serious about learning to salsa can become members of Latino's dancing school which includes all lessons and free cocktails.

Hour-long lessons for beginners are held at 7 pm on Fridays and advanced lessons are at 8 pm Saturdays. Lessons are 300 baht per hour and includes one Latin American cocktail or fruit punch.

The membership fees are: one month, 3,000 baht; three months, 8,000 baht; six months, 15,000 baht; and one year, 25,000 baht.

Fees include dance lessons any time of the week as well as discounts for food and drink at the restaurant.

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Fart from the madding crowd

I am in a colder place than Thailand at the moment, and boy, does the colder weather of northern European climes make a difference when it comes to relationships.

As the nights draw in, is a cuddle on the sofa, re-runs of Friends and a shared tub of ice-cream too much to ask? If you've ever seen a man center part his own chest hair for fun, it's because you have, no doubt, attempted to share a night in with someone special.

It seems as though all women have been shown a short, black-and-white public information film which has established their idea of the perfect evening in.

A couple entwine on a sofa, both shoeless and wearing thick cashmere socks. The young man is administering an epic foot massage to his other half and saying, "Why don't we watch that video of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* again, darling?"

Every now and then he will spontaneously administer a squeeze of the hand, warm eye contact and a boyish smile. Foaming mugs of hot chocolate are near at hand.

At no point in this ideal evening does the gentleman unleash an explosive volley of flatulence...

Believe me, from a male perspective the lounge is a blessed refuge from the absurd conventions of society.

Your normally suave, fragrant, international playboy will take a damp Thursday in to be a green light for blast off.

He will be pleased that you've reached "that relaxed stage".

He may well also take his trousers off and allow his legs to see a bit of light, but feel no obligation to remove the thin black office socks that he has been wearing all day.

No, he will head for the big armchair, where, rather like the

fakirs of India – who can live indefinitely underground without food or water by slowing their metabolisms – he will allow every muscle to go limp.

The jaw will fall slightly open as the head lolls back onto the upholstery.

Men adopt this approach because, more than anything, they fear casual open-ended conversation. Women yearn to "chat", which invariably means a faux-casual exploration of the best way for her to regain her figure – exercise, diet, or radical surgery –

his feelings about the women at work, the quality of love-making he enjoyed with his ex, and what he thinks about during sex.

Willing to do virtually anything to cut down the free time for such chitchat, your man may undertake a series of time-wasting errands before

even approaching a chair.

He'll brave any weather to buy a multi-pack of Lays (the potato chips – no pun intended) that he feels is essential to an evening in, and will return gabbling excitedly about the five-for-three offer they're running on beer.

It goes without saying that he will drink as though on a stag

weekend, and in no time he's unfettered his legs and will be making faces out of his own abdominal fat.

The truly magic part of this domestic clash of cultures is that he'll awake eight hours later in a cloud of his own noxious methane, go into work and complain that his night at home failed to deliver the vigorous sexual congress he'd been banking on.

Fortunately, there are things you can do to avert this ugly scenario once in a while.

Exploit the fact that, for men, being in a relationship is competitive. Your man must feel that every time he sensitively remembers your feelings, he is outdoing his ugly, loser mates.

Before the quiet night in, hint that one of your friends has complained about her oafish partner – and paint a frightening picture of belching, incompetent foreplay, wham-bam-thank-you ma'am, and then an all-night stare at the TV. Your other half will immediately see the opportunity to outperform another man.

With the help of this ruse, he may even rediscover his charm, or at least remember to go to the bathroom when he wants to pass wind...

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Foreigners and land ownership

Foreigners buying land is still the one of the hottest topics in the country. In the following example, Mr A is a foreigner living with a Thai woman but yet to marry her. The couple decided to buy land and construct a building on it.

An agreement was signed with Mr A as the "pre-purchaser" for the land, and payment was made. On the day the land ownership rights were to be transferred, the landowner refused to transfer the land as the agreement was made with a foreigner. Instead, a 30-year lease with extension rights was registered, the argument being that Mr A had no right to own land.

The building permit was then applied for in the name of the foreigner and at least he became the registered owner of the building on the leased land. Fearing he might lose the money he had already paid, Mr A registered the building in his name.

If this case were taken through the courts, a previous Supreme Court decision would likely be applied and show that a foreigner has the right to be the registered owner if he is approved by the Ministry of Interior under certain regulations.

The Dika Appeal (Supreme Court Appeal) 5825/ 2539 stated that even though Mr Z was a foreigner who had wrongfully acquired land, the method of acquiring the land was not the basis for his legal standing. Mr Z still had

his right under Section 94 to sell the land within a period of time prescribed by the Director-General or until the Director-General himself sold the land.

Therefore, as long as Mr Z or the Director-General did not sell the land and the building, it all still belonged to Mr Z.

However, the Land Code has been amended with Section 96 providing that, since January 19, 2002, an alien may buy Thai land for residential purposes. The land is limited to one rai and the following conditions must be met:

1. The foreigner must bring at least 40 million baht into Thailand for investment, and maintain the investment for at least five years;

2. Permission must be given by the Ministry of Interior;

3. Money brought in must be invested in one of the following businesses or instruments:

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By Sompratch Saowakhon

We like to think, don't we, that if we had a lot of money we would be happier, that life's bumpy roads would be smoothed out a bit, or even a lot.

But not everyone thinks like that. Yuwadee "Hiang" Yuttitham, certainly does not. She donated 30 million baht and six rai of land to the Sapam Thammaram temple. She has found greater meaning in life through Buddha's teachings and meditation, and has devoted her life to his lessons.

"I came from Supanburi Province to Phuket in 1955, when I was 18 years old. I met my husband here and we started out selling fish. We saved our money and eventually bought a fishing boat. We worked very hard, worried a lot and had little time to think of anything else or do anything else.

"It wasn't easy, but we were successful and were able to buy more boats and build a successful business. Our two daughters and son helped to run the business with us," says K. Yuwadee.

"Like many children, they didn't want to work as hard as their parents, particularly when they were teenagers. They didn't understand why I always had to make them work so hard. They didn't know or feel the pressure we felt when we were building the business. I worried a lot about them."

Worries about her children and their future, worries about the business and money, she felt her life and head were full of worries and stress. And that is when the change came. "One day I went to Sapam Thammaram temple, at that time just a modest building, and met the one monk there who was teaching Buddha's lessons. His name was Phra Chuang and he is now the abbot of the temple.

"He looked at me and warned me about my state of mind. He said, 'You look like you have so much sorrow. If you have time, would you like to meditate with me?'," she recalls.

The next day K. Yuwadee returned and mediated with the monk. "The first time it was so

difficult because I had so many things in my head that were bothering me. I couldn't concentrate. I had family responsibilities, so I couldn't stay and meditate for long – but I did get a sense that my life was already a little bit better," she says.

"I started going more regularly, and since about 1985 I have been going every morning and evening," she says. "I had to separate my family and temple life. I meditated in the morning and evening, and worked the family business during the day. At first my family didn't like it and didn't want me to go, but after a while they came to see it was my duty. Now they understand me and

support my involvement with the temple."

Today, K. Yuwadee has not worked the family business at all for the past three years, and devotes her energy to the temple. She goes to the temple at 7 am to help prepare breakfast for the monks, helps with the house-keeping at the temple, and then leads meditation until lunch time. She prepares food for the monks again and goes home about 2 pm.

"It's my duty to do it," she says, "I do it because I like it – everything starts with your mind. If you can communicate with your mind and control it, then you can control your body and your life. Most people cannot control

their mind, and because of that they can not control their body or their life – and that leads to unhappiness. Only through this control can you learn to say 'enough' and to give up the things in life, the desires, that take away happiness."

The story could stop here; a person has found peace and happiness. A person has put the pursuit of money and success behind her. But it doesn't. The Sapam Thammaram temple as it stands today is a testament to K Yuwadee's devotion.

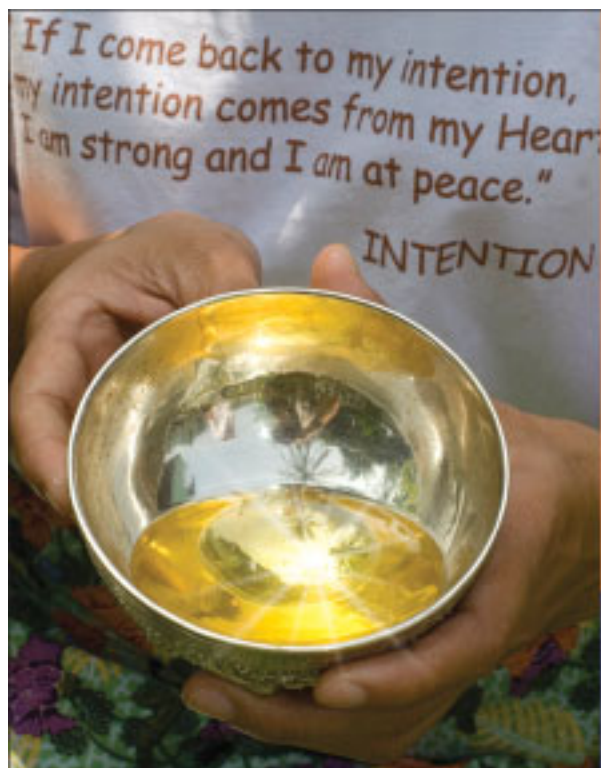
In 1987 she donated six rai and about 30 million baht to the temple and helped build a special meditation building which was completed in 2002. "I felt that it was my duty to do that," she says. "I don't know why but I was happy to do it. I did it for the many monks and people who want to meditate. It's good for their life because it is the 'truth of life'."

K. Yuwadee philosophizes, "You can make a lot of money, own many possessions, but you can't take them with you when you die. The truth is only your goodness or badness will be remembered."

Temple abbot Phra Chuang told the *Gazette*, "K. Yuwadee is a person who really knows meditation. When she first came here it was very difficult for her, with so many distractions from her work and her family and even from the physical discomfort of meditation.

"But now she is an excellent teacher. She has learned and knows to not react to life's distractions. She has developed a tolerance of distractions – and this is an important principle that is very hard to do, but when you learn it, it will create happiness for you.

"Before K. Yuwadee came here the temple was very small



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'Only your goodness or badness will be remembered,' says Yuwadee 'Hiang' Yuttitham, who made a huge donation to Wat Sapam Thammaram (left).

and as quiet as a graveyard. With the help she has given the temple, it has become a comfortable place for people to come and learn meditation.

"K. Yuwadee has a good mind and believes in meditation – and she makes a good leader here. When you meditate, you can talk with yourself and you can think about everything that you did before. Sometimes you will think of good things, sometimes bad things. Meditation will remind you to not do the bad things again. Everyone has done something in the past, and the results of those

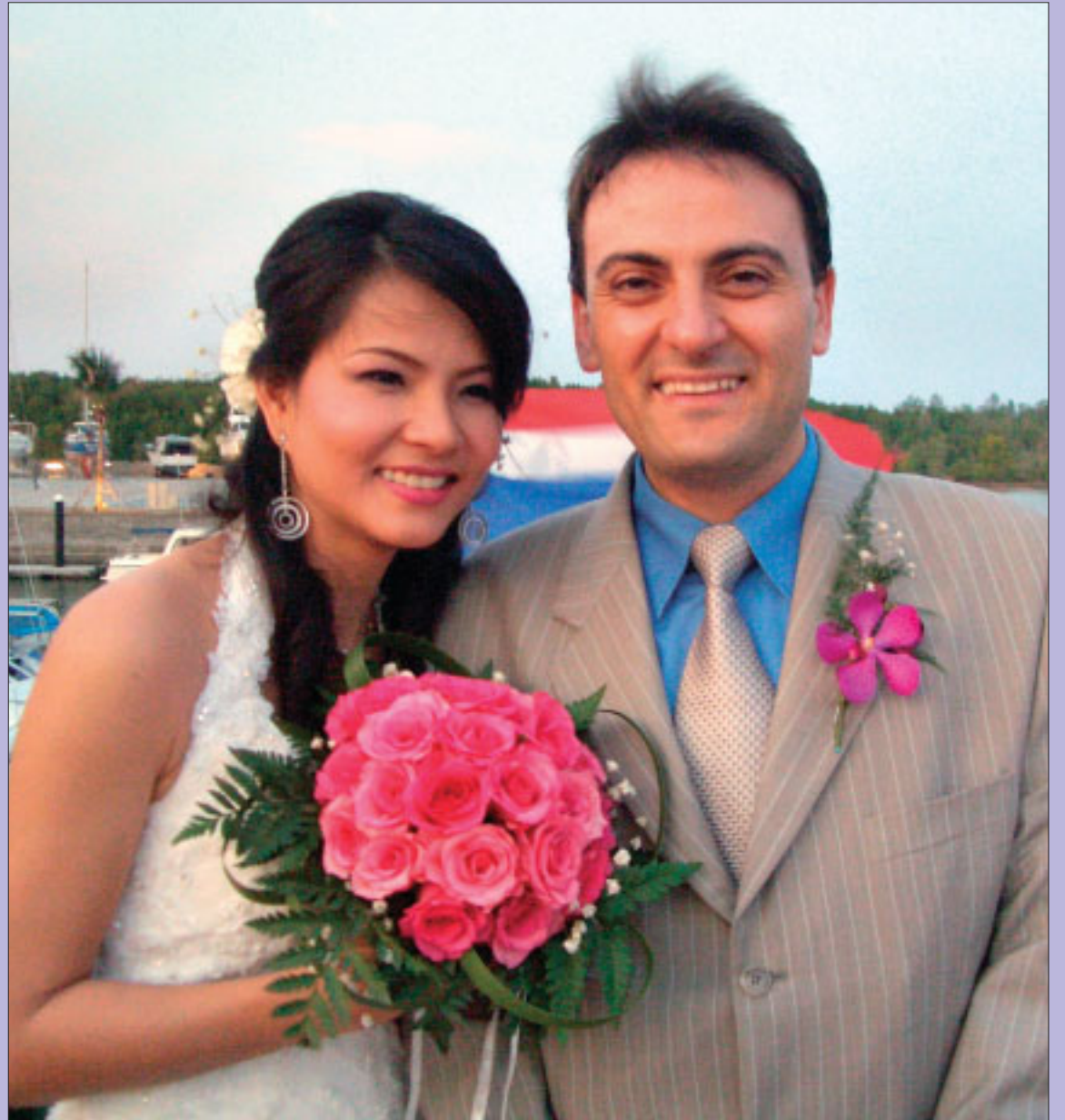
deeds will show in the future," Phra Chuang adds.

"Almost all those who come to meditate come after something has made them unhappy. No one thinks about meditation when they're happy – strange, but true. This is what happened to me," K. Yuwadee says.

"Money and possessions can't help make your life happy, and if all you think about is money and property and if they are the most important things in your life – you will never know the meaning of 'enough' and you will never know the 'truth of life.'"

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SUITE LIFE: Phang Nga Governor Vinai Buapradit and his wife K. Ratree (center) celebrate the launch of The Heritage Suites in Kathu with Phuket Real Estate Club President Phummisak Hongsyok (2nd from left), Phuket Chamber of Commerce Vice-President Dr Pongsak Kerdvongbundit (left), Heritage Suites Director Tanan Tanphaibul (2nd from right) and his wife K. Suttida.



QUAY TREATMENT: On the opening day of her new Pearl Beauty and Spa at the Royal Phuket Marina, Melinda Briend-Marchal (left) welcomes Royal Phuket Marina Director of Marketing Wilaiporn Pitimanaaree.



CLASS GRUB: Australian actor and TV personality Ernie Dingo (3rd from right) and his TV crew learn Thai cooking at the JW Marriott's new Ginja Cook cookery school. Joining them are the school's instructor, Chef Tun Pinnapa (2nd from right) and JW Marriott Public Relations Manager Siripun Petchai (2nd from left).



BUOYANT BEAUTY: Miss Universe 2005 Natalie Glebova (middle) is welcomed to Praew Magazine's swimsuit fashion shoot at the Royal Phuket Marina by Thai tennis star Paradon Srichaphan (left) and Gulu Lalvani, developer of the Royal Phuket Marina.



GEARED TO GO: At the launch the new Suzuki Hayate 125 at Central Festival Phuket is Ban Suzuki Co Haad Yai Marketing Manager Thanachporn Chanthana (2nd from left), Southwest Suzuki Co Managing Director Surachai Chaiyawat (left), Tiansin Co Ltd Phuket Sales Manager Vairawan Varronchukty and Tawan Suzuki Co Ltd Krabi Managing Director Noppadol Palukpetch (right).



MAIN EVENT: Ketsara Saetae (standing, 2nd from left), Senior Events Manager of Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, celebrates her birthday with friends at Ba LD restaurant in Phuket City.

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In The Stars

by Isla Star

PISCES (February 20 – March 20): You could be in a vulnerable position this week if you don't have the courage to resist listening to friends' opinions. Follow your heart and politely reject others' advice. Spicing up your love life is easy this weekend, as the stars indicate that passion will be at a high. Birthday celebrations will be low key, but more meaningful than previous years.

ARIES (March 21 – April 20): A dramatic development at work ensures that you have your hands full during the coming days. The outcome appears to be positive, but overcoming difficulties could take its toll on your optimism. Capricorn can be helpful if you seek advice, but Leo's opinions will only add to confusion. Wear the ultramarine blue to encourage mental sharpness.

TAURUS (April 21 – May 21): Just when it seems someone isn't going to deliver the goods, it works out. Monday and Tuesday you certainly will be satisfied with results. Romance sparks when you meet a bewitching Aries; this match could have been made in heaven. A dream you have this weekend gives food for creative thought and new projects are well starred until the end of the month.

GEMINI (May 22 – June 21): You find a meaningful way to say you're sorry for a romantic wrongdoing this week. The offended person will be pleased and a second chance is likely. Finances demand your attention; balancing the books is advisable if a minor crisis is to be avoided. A Piscean friend passes on information that will be useful further down the road. Number 7 is lucky on Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22 – July 23): You aren't renowned for bulldozing your way through life, but this week you're seized by a desire to get what you want by using more than your usual subtle sideways movements. Others will be taken aback by your new-found approach to life, but it's only temporary. This powerful astral atmosphere is forecast to calm down by the end of the month. In the meantime, wearing dusky orange will help mellow your energy.

LEO (July 24 – August 23): If you still believe in fairytales, you won't be disappointed this week. Magic is in the air, ready to sprinkle stardust over the romance in your life. If you're single, a new relationship will put a spring in your step and if you're already involved you will be delighted by your partner's spontaneity. Prioritize work commitments to avoid burning the candle at both ends and make time for relaxing.

VIRGO (August 24 – September 23): Ensure that your presence is felt more if you want to move ahead. Lounging in your hammock wondering why the world is passing you by is exactly why that is happening. Monday and Tuesday are good days to get noticed; wear the colors magenta and cream to make a statement. Avoid allowing the sun to set on an argument with your partner this weekend.

LIBRA (September 24 – October 23): If you've been feeling hot and bothered recently you are set to cool down this week. A personal problem is resolved mid-week and you will be thankful to Leo for pulling some strings. Where love is concerned, you have the power to persuade Cancer to come out of their shell this weekend. A journey of mutual discovery is about to begin. No 5 is lucky on Thursday.

SCORPIO (October 24 – November 22): Your tendency to open your mouth before your brain is properly engaged could land you in a sticky spot on Sunday. A Piscean friend won't appreciate hearing what they know to be true, but prefer to ignore. The road to true love is turning out to be longer and more winding than you expected. Allow the other person some space or see this relationship fizzle out fast.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 – December 22): A less dogmatic approach wins the support you need. Remain open to new ideas and suggestions from well-meaning friends, particularly from Cancer. You receive uplifting news from abroad mid-week that could prompt a visit to the travel agent. Romance has you dancing on eggshells this weekend; if you're tiring of this roller-coaster ride, perhaps it's time to cool things down. The number 1 is lucky on Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (December 23 – January 20): You will be feeling particularly capricious this week. A burst of energy encourages you to think about making changes to your domestic situation. Monday is the most auspicious day for seeking a new dwelling, but don't jump at the first possibility without waiting to see what else is on offer. Leo is waiting for you to show romantic interest, but their personal situation is more complicated than was first apparent.

AQUARIUS (January 21 – February 19): The game is on if you're ready to play. A business proposition that didn't look like getting off the ground late last year is about to be resurrected and foundations could be laid quicker than you thought possible. If you are tiring of living in a concrete jungle, you may consider searching for a more natural environment in which to put down roots. Romance is subject to crossed wires this weekend, so keep lines of communication as open as possible.

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By Ed Peters

Of all the terms in Australia's rich, distinctive vocabulary, "fossicking" must be one of the most deliciously evocative of what it describes.

When Cairns was the major port for the gold fields in the interior, prospectors poured through here by the thousands to fossick (pan gold or gemstones) for their fortunes.

Cairns is a frontier town no longer, but it's the ideal jumping-off point for exploring, with rain forests, ocean and the "bush" to discover, all within easy reach of the town itself.

Cairns exudes the sort of fresh and breezy new-found confidence one automatically associates with Australia. It's an outdoorsy, suntanned place, mildly heroic and proud of its attributes without being boastful. Everyone from this part of the continent looks healthy and well-off.

They're straight-talkers too. After all, this is the gateway to Crocodile Dundee country. "Have you lived in Far North Queensland all your life?" a visitor asked one old-timer. "Not yet," he replied.

Did any of the gold prospectors in the 19th century pause for even a moment to look over the side of their ships as they passed the Great Barrier Reef? Probably very few.

Today though, the situation is reversed with boats, aircraft and helicopters buzzing out over



Above: the sun sets over Cairns. Left: cool verandahs surround an elegant building in the city.

the 2,000-kilometer-long Great Barrier Reef specifically so their passengers can admire the longest coral reef in the world, which apparently is also the only living structure on earth that's visible from the moon.

Its pristine islands, 1,000 species of fish and 200 different corals make it Cairns' chief draw, and you can simply take a day-trip out there or drop anchor for a while and stay overnight.

There's a similar diversity of attractions on shore. Cairns has woken up to its potential, and there's a host of activities to indulge both the hyperactive and the most indolent.

Beaches run out to the north and south of town, uncluttered and clean and just about everything Patong is not.

Four-wheel-drives bump through the rain forest and outback, and trail-bikes zip along

wilderness tracks. Hot air balloons drift over the Atherton Tablelands, and rafts roller-coast down rapids in a roaring mass of spray and spume.

There's even a cable car that swings silently along above the rain forest, and of course A J Hackett and his bungy-men are always willing to encourage dare-devils to take that great leap into the unknown.

Cairns and the surrounding area is at its climatic best from May to October.

Back in the relative calm of urban Cairns, there are two other points on the itinerary that definitely shouldn't be skipped.

Even in a world where chilled seafood can nip across the

time zones in a matter of hours, there is nothing like dining *al fresco* in one of the restaurants on the Esplanade, munching on prawns, barramundi, mud crabs or reef species such as coral trout and red emperor.

And of course, this being on the edge of the bush, kangaroo, emu and crocodile – the last very much an acquired taste – are also on the menu.

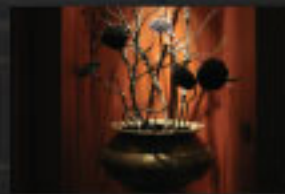
Finally, while you can still buy a permit and try striking it rich up in the Tablelands, it's a lot less strenuous, to say nothing of being a lot less sweaty, to browse around the gem stores in town. Prices are hot, but air-conditioned fossicking is cool.



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By Janyaporn Morel

Among the many famous Thai appetizers, fried spring rolls, or *poh pia tord*, must be close to the top of the list of must-try treats for visitors here.

Although spring rolls originated in China, they are now available throughout Southeast Asia, with local variations in Thailand and Vietnam. A popular item in Vietnamese restaurants is the more organic version, the fresh spring roll, *poh pia sod*.

The fillings of spring rolls are limited only by the imagination of the cook or the consumer. The most common variations include shrimp, taro or a mix of veggies and small meats, but can be expanded to whatever the customer chooses.

One place to sate any cravings for a good roll is K. Samran's shop in Patong, where time-tested Vietnamese recipes and cheap prices combine to produce a top-end cheap eat.

The first shop on the right in Soi Maneetong, off Ratpatanusorn Rd, the shop is about one kilometer from Sainamyen Rd.

Samran Thanasuwan, the 50-year-old owner, is originally from Nongkhai province but has been selling *poh pia* and other Vietnamese meals in Patong for about five years.

The recipes for Samran's spring rolls came from her mother, Khun Hae, now 70. The recipes were handed down to Khun Hae from her Vietnamese grandparents, for whom she made spring rolls for when she was a child growing up in Vietnam.

The most distinctive aspect of Vietnamese dishes is their incorporation of vegetables and herbs, such as lettuce, peppermint, Thai parsley, fennel, shallot, sweet basil, betel leaves or whatever happens to be on hand in the restaurant.

K. Samran's spring rolls are stuffed with pork or chicken, eggs, carrot, glass noodles, onion and bean sprouts before they are fried to a golden yellow. The rolls themselves have a mellow taste that is accentuated by the vegetables and herbs that accompany it on the plate.

The fresh spring rolls are stuffed with boiled pork skin or seasoned pork, lettuce, bean sprouts – all wrapped with a rice pastry sheet that K. Samran orders especially from Nongkhai.

Vietnamese legacy



Left, spring rolls, both fried and fresh.

Below, K. Samran.

Below left, *pho* – Vietnamese noodle soup – served with shrimp paste and fresh chillies.



The fresh spring rolls are also served with a sweet dipping sauce that complements the meaty flavors well.

K. Samran's shop also serves Vietnamese noodles, or

pho (pronounced *fer*), along with Chinese rice noodles (*kanom jeen*), white noodles with coconut curry soup (*mee kati*), and Vietnamese white sticky noodle soup (*kao piak*).

All of the dishes in K. Samran's shop cost 30 to 40 baht and are good for eating at the shop or on the run. For more information call K. Samran at 087-2827612.

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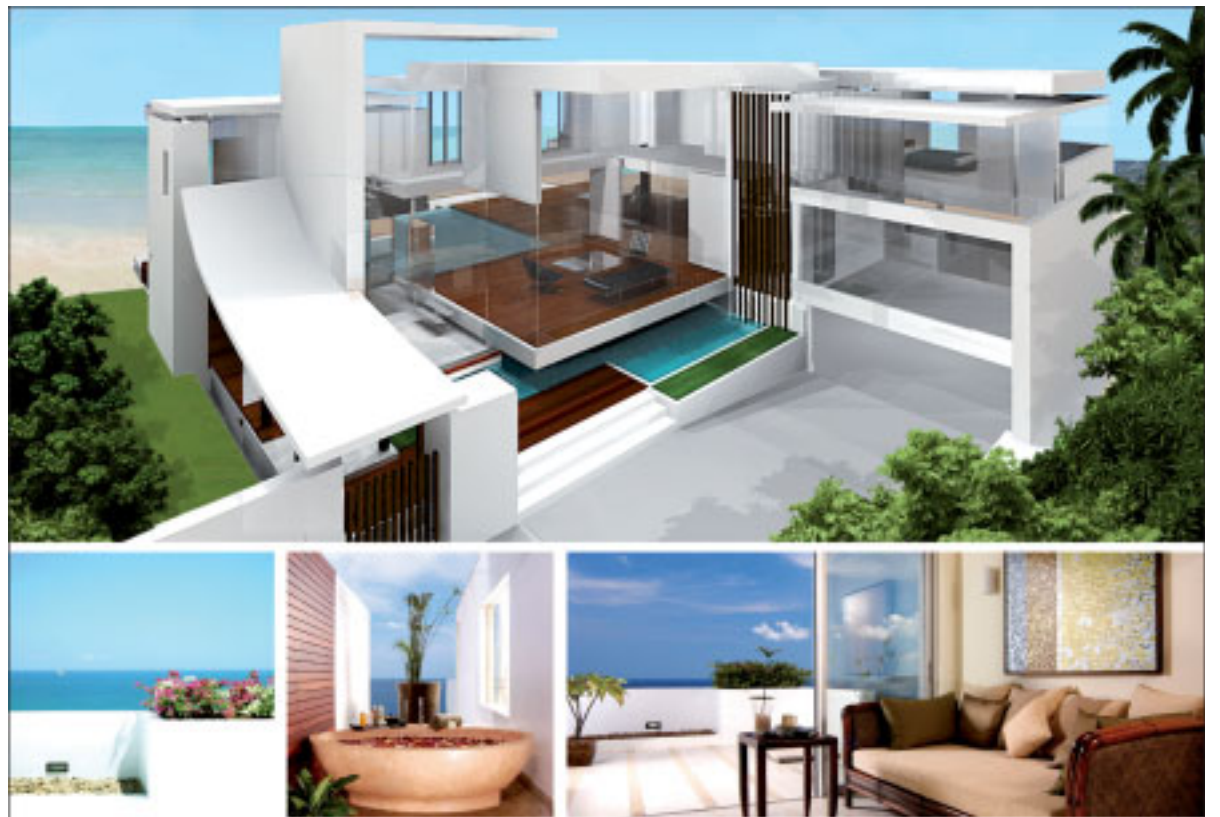
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The Cryptic Crossword

Hidden Words

Hidden in the grid below are the names of 20 parts of the human body. The names may read vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may also read right-to-left or down-to-up. Score: 10 or more, good; 15 or more, very good; 20 or more, excellent.

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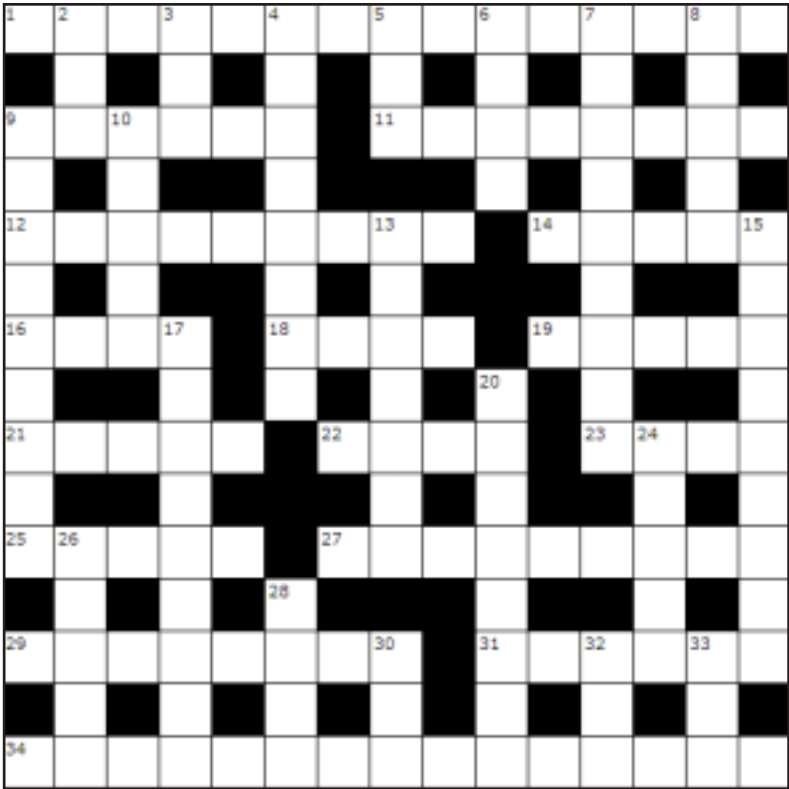
Solution on next page

ACROSS

1. Not officers, men on mission get doc confused. (15)
9. After right, go in to lessee. (6)
11. Roy goes back after five in pure seller. (8)
12. Bovine note? Right, to cubes of yellowness. (9)
14. I had a part of hotel in state. (5)
16. Being lazy, I'd take the French. (4)
18. Biting a kind of power identity. (4)
19. As to the left, in charge of old souvenir. (5)
21. Clumsy, it takes pen back. (5)
22. Month a pre-Columbian appears. (4)
23. Fruit is not quick, they say. (4)
25. And in ship, dunes. (5)
27. Mom's cut in a mess - red! (9)
29. Said "Go away", not so much as barefoot. (8)
31. Perform karaoke? Ha! Beer! (6)
34. Musician this month takes spirit to odd nail test. (15)

DOWN

2. O! The French Spanish cry. (3)
3. Reduce slice. (3)
4. In French sea I had Ian and world line. (8)
5. I'm quiet little devil. (3)
6. Fly high, it's said - that hurts! (4)
7. Where to wear apron? That's too much. (9)
8. Ech! River's in era. (5)
9. Wrecked - if eyes rights. (9)

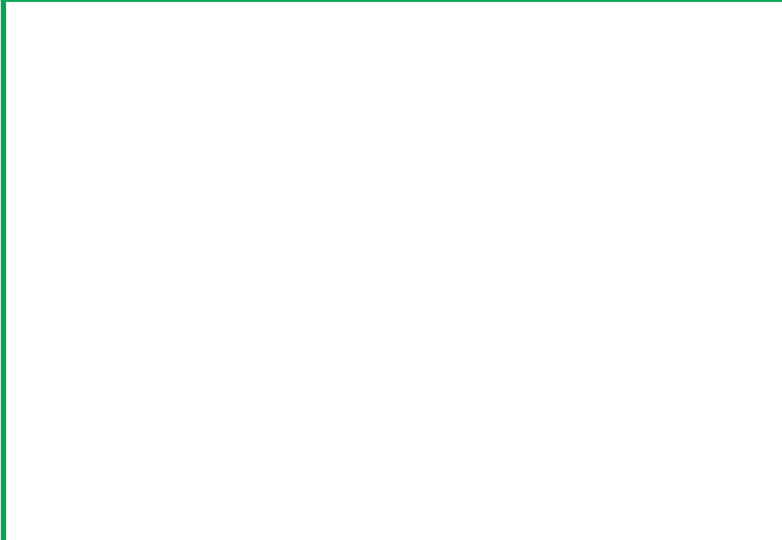


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10. New before the Spanish post. (5)
13. City was trendy in the past. (7)
15. 34 ac's place, or box right to note. (9)
17. Edit pen - ex is appropriate. (9)
20. Monkey Mose is in the market. (8)
24. Prone to dissembling. (5)
26. Pale as hen. (5)
28. Boyfriend's note to French water. (4)
30. Female? Points outside hospital. (3)
32. There's nothing at the start of the Nile. (3)
33. Possesses laughs. (3)

Solution on next page

Scribble Space



EZ TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Who was the king of the Roman gods?
2. From the top, what is the order of colors in the Thai flag?
3. In which country is Timbuktu?
4. Which two countries does the Gobi Desert straddle?
5. What is Paddington Bear's favorite food?
6. Stegosaur, Brontosarus and Diplodocus are types of what?
7. What does FBI stand for?
8. Where would you normally find a colander?
9. On which date does the US celebrate Independence Day?
10. How many are there in a baker's dozen?

Answers on next page

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Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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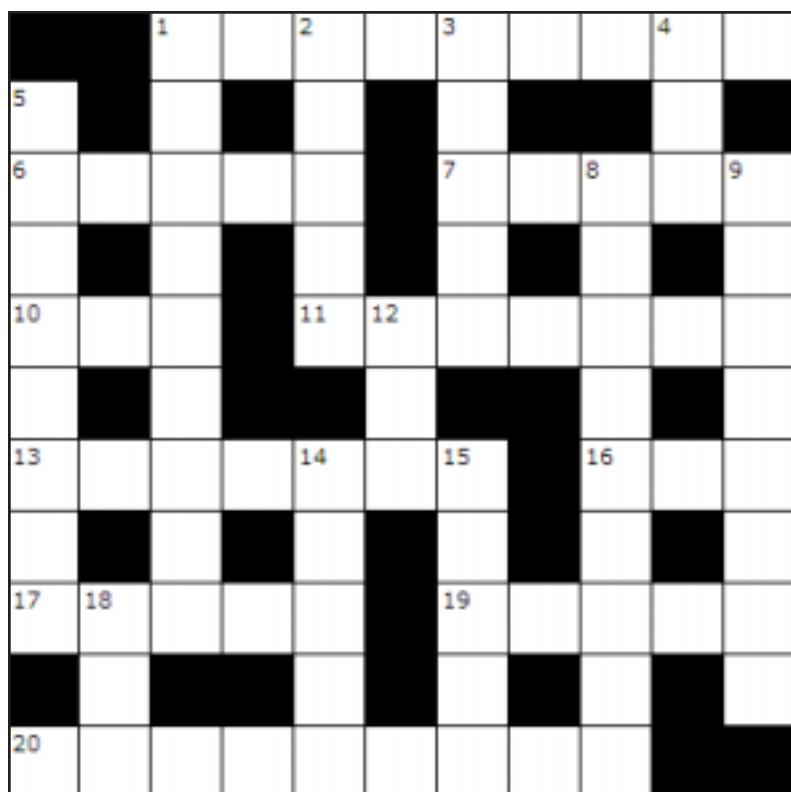
Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Beware: there is only one solution to this puzzle, which is on the next page.

Rhyme Time

The words described below all rhyme with "came". What are they?

1. Point the finger at.
2. Handle.
3. Old love.
4. Announce.
5. Public praise.
6. Halt.
7. Picture surrounding.
8. Libel.
9. Soldiers' practice.
10. Assertion of right.

Answers on next page



Quick Crossword

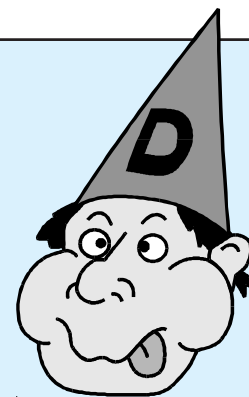
ACROSS

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| 7. Well-researched. | 1. British lawyer. |
| 6. Beautiful Trojan woman. | 2. From now on. |
| 7. Mr Eastwood, actor. | 3. Filthy money. |
| 10. Giant mythical bird. | 4. Mr Chaney, actor. |
| 11. It spoils the view. | 5. Deficit. |
| 13. Try. | 8. Protect against disease. |
| 16. Ref, in the US. | 9. Theatrical performer |
| 17. Mistake. | 12. Small dog sound. |
| 19. Japanese city. | 14. Thanks in Paris. |
| 20. Blasphemous act. | 15. Type of steak. |
| | 18. Record label. |

Solution below right

Get your brain in gear with The Monster Quiz



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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Raymond Chandler collaborated on the screenplay of which Hitchcock movie? | 8. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle made 10 first-class appearances with which cricket team? | Kenneth Millar better known? |
| 2. What was Leslie Charteris' original name? | 9. Ellery Queen was the pseudonym of which duet of writers? | 15. What was the name of the detective in 20 of his novels? |
| 3. How many Simon Templar books did he write? | 10. Which was the first Ellery Queen novel to be published? | 16. Which crime writer bore an illegitimate child in 1924? |
| 4. When did Agatha Christie publish her play <i>The Mousetrap</i> ? | 11. Who became assistant editor of <i>Burton's Gentleman's Magazine</i> in 1839? | 17. Who said, "My work may be garbage but it's good garbage." |
| 5. She also used the pen name Mary... what? | 12. Who wrote the novels featuring the detective C. Auguste Dupin? | 18. Name the detective who featured in most of Mickey Spillane's books. |
| 6. Which Christie character has been portrayed on screen by Albert Finney, Peter Ustinov and David Suchet? | 13. Which American crime novelist joined the Communist Party in 1937? | 19. In which movie did Spillane himself star as his own creation? |
| 7. In which book did Sherlock Holmes first appear? | 14. By what name was detective fiction writer | 20. How old was Margery Allingham when her first novel was published? |

Answers below, left

Puzzle Solutions

Monster Quiz Answers

1. *Strangers On A Train*; 2. Leslie Charles Bowyer-Yin; 3. 37; 4. 1952; 5. Westmacott; 6. Hercule Poirot; 7. *A Study in Scarlet*; 8. Marylebone Cricket Club; 9. Frederick Dannay and Manfred B. Lee; 10. *The Roman Hat Mystery*; 11. Edgar Allan Poe; 12. Edgar Allan Poe; 13. Dashiell Hammett; 14. Ross Macdonald; 15. Lew Archer; 16. Dorothy Sayers; 17. Micket Spillane; 18. Mike Hammer; 19. *The Girl Hunters*; 20. 19.

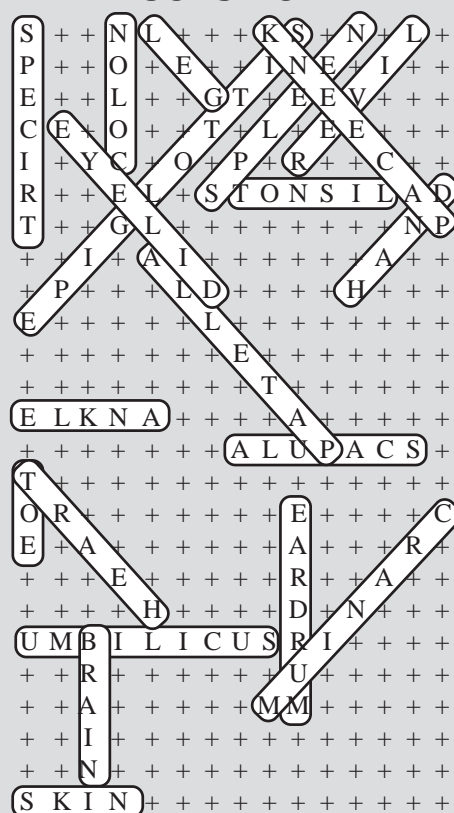
EZ Trivia Answers

1. Jupiter; 2. Red, white, blue, white, red; 3. Mali; 4. China and Mongolia; 5. Marmalade sandwiches; 6. Dinosaurs; 7. Federal Bureau of Investigation; 8. In the kitchen; 9. July 4; 10. 13.

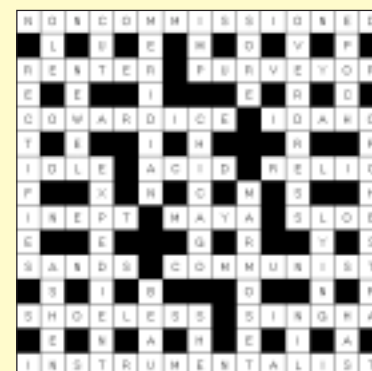
Rhyme Time Answers

1. Blame; 2. Name; 3. Flame; 4. Proclaim; 5. Acclaim; 6. Lane; 7. Frame; 8. Defame; 9. Wargame; 10. Claim.

Hidden Words SOLUTION



Solution to this week's Cryptic Crossword



Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle



A tall tale of identity theft

Fledgling writers are always told to write about what they know. So what did 33-year-old Californian T. Coraghessan Boyle write about in his first novel *Water Music*?

He wrote about the expeditions of 18th century Scottish explorer Mungo Park into the Niger River interior of West Africa, as narrated by a London ex-con and shanghaied soldier. You wouldn't think this would be an occasion for humor, but it is – wild extravagant humor bursting with the sheer joy of words.

He followed with *Budding Prospects*, about growing marijuana in northern California, something he seems to have known quite a bit about. His ninth novel, *Drop City*, was one of his best, about a California hippie band that resettles in the wilds of Alaska.

His latest novel, number 11, is *Talk Talk* (Viking, New York, 2006, 340pp). Dana Halter is an attractive teacher at a high school for the deaf, and deaf herself since age three after a bout of meningitis.

Her boyfriend is Bridger Martin, who works for a computer-generated special effects company. Martin met her, improbably enough, at a disco where she was dancing to the vibrations of a giant speaker. He learns to communicate in Sign and is totally devoted to her.

We learn that 90% of deaf people marry their own kind and that 90% of those who don't, eventually divorce.

We also learn that a deaf person can



Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

lip-read only about 30% of ordinary speech.

Dana is a sympathetic character right from the beginning, as we watch her rush out of her apartment, late for a dental appointment and final exams at her school.

Suddenly she's stopped by a patrol car and handcuffed by a cop who accuses her of multiple counts of fraud. As it's a Friday, she's tossed into jail for the weekend and only on Monday, with her boyfriend's help, is she released by a court, a victim of identity theft.

A few hundred miles to the north, one William "Peck" Wilson has been living high off the hog on her credit cards. A former pizza chef and ex-con from upstate New York, he lives in a seaside condo with Natalia, a beautiful Russian shopaholic, and her whiny 5-year-old daughter Madison.

Infuriated, Dana swears to track him down. Now this is a good set-up; the two couples are fully fleshed and the villain him-

self is not such a bad guy. Though he's lethal with feet and fists since becoming a tae-kwon-do black belt at 17, he is a non-violent criminal whose weapons are computers and identity documents. He is a gourmet cook, in love with his natural daughter Sulkie back in New York and tolerant of his adopted daughter's weakness.

Where the novel becomes unhinged is the plot. When Martin phones Wilson to taunt and threaten him, Wilson does another identity theft and becomes "Bridger Martin", promptly buying a new Mercedes in his name to flee back to upstate New York.

When they learn his address, Martin and Dana drive up to northern California with a faxed police mugshot of Wilson to check him out, rather than have the police simply arrest him. When they arrive at the house, Natalia shoos them away as Wilson watches from hiding.

That's when he's shocked to learn

that "Dr Dana Halter" is a woman, and a deaf woman at that: "And then the strangest thing happened: the two figures stayed there on the doorstep a long moment, conferring, but without saying a word. Their hands – they were working their hands like ghostly shrouded puppets, and it took him a moment to understand.

"They were deaf. Or she was deaf. She was the one who hadn't spoken and so here she was juggling her hands as if she were molding something out of the air and passing to him and then he juggled it and passed it back."

Through a series of implausible plot twists, Martin and Dana track the other couple back to New York, driving cross-country instead of taking a plane and again insisting on confronting them. There's the violent climax of a suspense novel, followed by the bittersweet transformation of a literary one.

All in all, a disappointment.

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March 11. Island Furniture 2007 Cricket League.

The Island Furniture Cricket League continues its second season until April 8. Four local teams will play 12 round robin matches with the top two teams playing in the final. Games are 11 a side, 35 overs and played every Sunday at Chong Talay School from 11 am to 4 pm.

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March 14. Punchline Comedy Club.

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March 17. Le Meridien 7th Golf Tournament.

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March 27. Chess on the beach, Patong.

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Group A of the tournament is open to all players, rated and unrated. Group B is open only to players rated under 2000 and unrated players.

Ratings are based on International Chess Federation (Fédération Internationale des Échecs, or FIDE) or Thai ELO ratings –

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Up to six players from the same country may enter as a team. The total score of the best five players will be used to determine the winning team.

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Backtrack on jet-ski ban stores up trouble for the future

The reasonable plan to rid the island of jet-skis by March 2011 fell off its tracks during a recent meeting at Phuket Provincial Hall.

Under pressure from Karon Municipality, where 36 people were arrested for operating unregistered jet-skis early last month, Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit on February 26 agreed to allow the island's "troubled" rental jet-ski operators to replace old, deteriorating jet-skis with new units.

This decision effectively rips the heart out of the March 2004 order by then-Phuket Governor Pongpayome Vasaputi to phase out jet-skis over seven-years, which was a sufficiently generous period of time to allow jet-ski operators to find an alternative sources of revenue.

The problem with most provincial regulations is the inability or lack of desire of local police to enforce them. Given this fact, it was heartening to hear that the Marine Police had stepped in and arrested the owners of the 36 unregistered jet-skis.

Gov Niran's ruling, however, has effectively undone the good work accomplished by the Marine Police and set upon the island's most popular tourist beaches a Pandora's box.

By allowing new registrations, the ruling is likely to result in jet-ski operators continuing to operate as many jet-skis as necessary to maximize their profits – at the expense of public safety, common sense, good taste and the basic tenets of the much-touted, little-practiced "sufficiency economy".

In addition to the lives they have claimed in Phuket, jet-skis harm our tourism economy. Hardly a week passes when the *Gazette* doesn't receive a letter of complaint about jet-skis, which are not only a source of air and noise pollution but also cause traffic jams daily in Patong, where operators move them on the streets with the same contempt for public safety as they do when they are on the water.

More recently, complaints have been lodged against jet-ski operators who extort money from renters by claiming excessive "repair fees" for damages that never occurred.

Gov Niran insists that the ban on jet-skis will still go into effect as planned, in early 2011.

However, by undermining the recent efforts of the Marine Police, the Governor has practically ensured that the ban can never be enforced at that time, as there will still be 219 well-funded jet-ski operators who will no doubt scream in protest.

We'll have to see what the Governor of Phuket in 2011, whoever that may be, can do about it.

– The Editor

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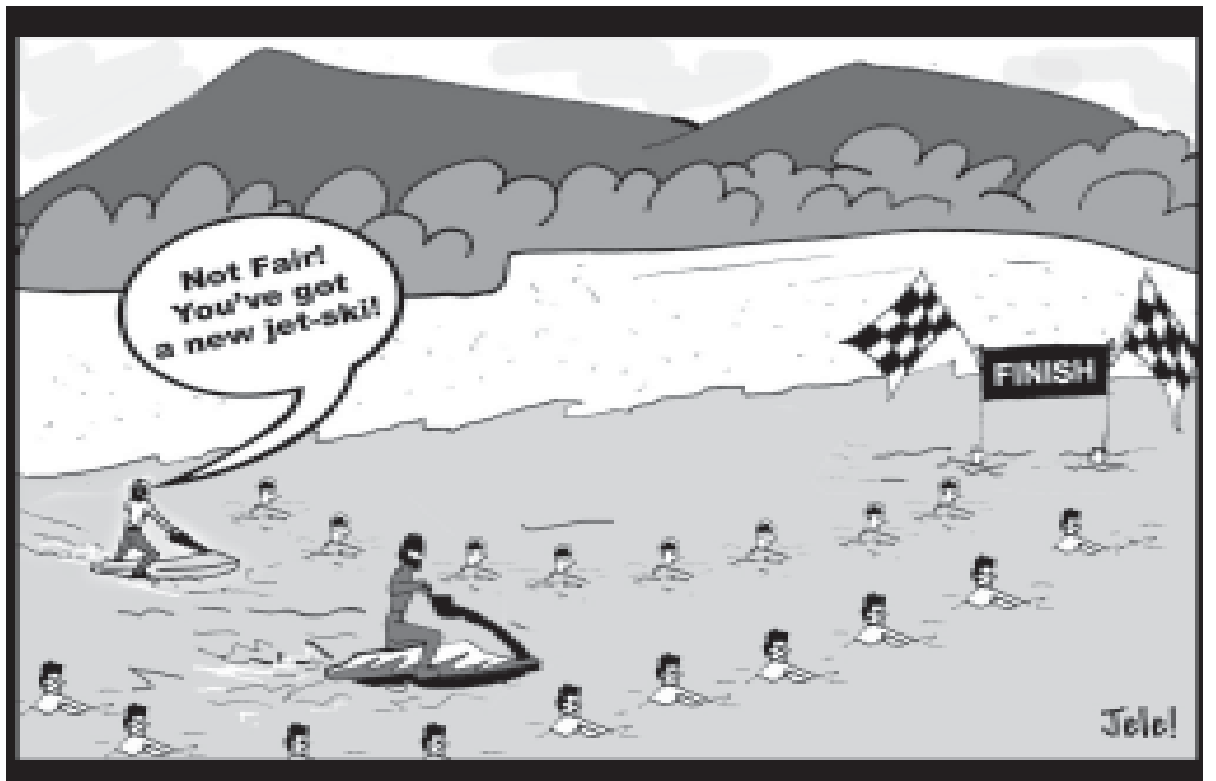
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The bizarre side of violence in Phuket

It seems bizarre to me when I read that foreign laborers are not allowed to have a mobile phone to call their families while living a slave life on Phuket, all in the name of public safety.

Imagine what evil they could do with a mobile phone without having a house registration, a Thai friend told me one day.

Following the news in the *Gazette* and other newspapers I think the true culprits are not foreigners. Gunning down people for business disputes seems to have become a common practice, especially in Phuket, where you can read it in almost every edition of the *Gazette*.

Nice business practices; I am impressed by the ethics of the local business people here – now even accounting firms are included, not just dodgy night venues!

And who plants bombs in the South and in Bangkok? It's certainly not the poor chaps from Laos, Burma or Cambodia. No, it's locals gone mad about religious and political issues and learning fast from their idols in the Middle East.

Shooting Russian women in Pattaya? My bet is the killer isn't from a neighboring country either.

Not to mention being shot at a Phuket traffic light on your way home for looking in the wrong direction? Or the transvestite beaten to death by a bunch of youths who had nothing better to do? The list goes on and on.

I have lived in Thailand more than 15 years, and I have seen a scary increase in violence over the past four or five years

and it seems to be getting worse by the day. Always pointing the finger at the other guy certainly doesn't make it better.

Welcome to Phuket tropical paradise, but don't forget to bring your bullet-proof vest.

And always, always be friendly because if you complain to a tuk-tuk driver about being ripped off he may well stab you with a knife. And he'll probably get away with it.

Mike Horwood
Phuket

Private donations to police – or bribes?

Am I the only one who thinks it is very unethical for private companies, private organizations and private persons to give money or donations to the police force?

Whether it is part of salaries, full salaries or motorbikes, surely it must be considered a form of bribery.

How can a society function with a police force that is paid by private funds?

I also find it very sad that policemen do not get their proper overtime salaries or that they have low salaries, but this cannot be solved by the private sector. It can really be a double-edged sword if these companies or private persons receive favors. It is particularly problematic, if the donations come from the "gray economy" in Phuket.

Name and address withheld

Pricey Phuket

My wife and I arrived in Patong Beach from the UK in the middle of January for a two-month stay at a good hotel. We have visited

Patong Beach many times in the past for long stays, but this is our first post-tsunami visit and we have been very impressed by the improvements in everything since our pre- tsunami trips.

We have been less than impressed, however, by the huge price increases in just about everything we have purchased, from clothing to footwear, watches, meals, taxis and tuks-tuks, food and the astronomical beach charges!

On our first beach visit in January, we offered 100 baht for two sunbeds and two umbrellas (the pre-tsunami price). We were told by the site operator that the price was now 160 baht, a 60% increase! Swallowing hard, we have been paying these new charges daily. This week we were asked for 200baht. When we asked for the reason for another 25% increase, no explanation was forthcoming, just a blank stare. No tariffs are posted anywhere on the beach, so it would appear that any charges can be made at any time.

Such price increases are rife throughout the town on all goods and services bought by us, pushing Thai prices very close to European and Australian costs. It would seem that, rather than encouraging visitors to come to Thailand by offering discounted rates for goods and services, they are doing completely the opposite.

Farangs come to Patong Beach firstly for the sun and secondly for the "bargains". The sun is guaranteed but the bargains' have disappeared!

Next year, we shall consider the Canary Islands, the Balearics, Dubai or South Africa for our winter breaks.

Geoff Hill
Andaman Beach Suites, Patong

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IS PHUKET READY for 'quality' tourists?

In the two years before this high season, not many tourists came to Phuket and many qualified tourism staff moved to work in other provinces.

We didn't have many problems supporting the tourists who did come here, as there weren't all that many.

Everything worked with no problems: the airport, traffic, water supplies and basic infrastructure. However, this year the tourists are returning to Phuket in great numbers – and the problems are returning as well.

Quality tourists spend more, but they aren't careless with their money.

If high-quality tourists are not impressed with problems like immigration keeping them waiting for hours, serious traffic problems, pollution and lack of water, they will not return. Tourism will not be stable if we cannot support the level of quality that "quality" tourists want. But if we solve our problems, they will come back again and again.

The provincial government is already aware of the problems. For example, the water desalinization plant in Karon was built to support Kata, Karon and Patong. But I think we should be doing more.

For example, the province buys water from owners of tin mine lagoons to fill Bang Wad reservoir. This year there is not enough water in Bang Wad, so many hotels still had to buy more water. Holiday Inn, for example, had to spend about 900,000 baht just in January. This shows we were not prepared for the return of our guests.

In terms of traffic, the provincial government has always

FIRST PERSON

Maitree Narukatpichai, President of the Phuket Tourism Association and owner's representative of the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa, sounds off in Phuket's 'quality versus quantity' tourism debate. He says the private sector is ready and able to solve problems quickly – but he is not so sure about the government.



been aware of the problems in Patong and arranged for the one-way traffic flow. However, with the one-way traffic people are driving much faster and this has created problems. The police should limit the speed of the traffic. It might be that this is just a new problem, and it seems they are trying to care of it.

At the Heroines Monument, they controlled the traffic and improved the flow. Even at Central Festival traffic control is getting better.

There are about 100,000 cars and trucks and 400,000 motorbikes here – maybe too many, and I wonder if we have enough roads to support them. I think the basic problem has been solved for the moment as traffic is only a

problem during rush hour, so it's fine – for now.

Currently most complaints from tourists are about immigration at the airport. At peak landing times, people spend a lot of time waiting to check in with immigration. Tourists often waste two or three hours there. It's the responsibility of the Airport Organization of Thailand (AOT) to coordinate arrivals with immigration. They need to know how to expand flights and schedule them so they do not arrive all at the same time. The AOT and immigration know the problems, but they still aren't being solved.

The provincial government knows about all the problems. However, compared with the private sector, the government

moves far too slowly. Something needs to be done to make the budgeting process more responsive.

We don't seem to have any serious safety issues here, but what I am concerned about now is a bombing. I am afraid that if such bad thing happens here, it will seriously affect tourism. The Phuket Tourism Association (PTA) has tried to help fund the police by contributing one million baht to the Phuket Provincial Police to increase the number of police officers on patrol.

The Office of the Police Commission, Personnel Records Division is keeping track of this fund and its expenses. We started this for high season, December to April, and if there is some

money left and they keep sending the manpower needed, we will continue to support the police.

I like the idea of having quality tourists, and not just quantity. If the government and supporting agencies saw this as important, we would not need to worry so much about traffic, safety and infrastructure. Four million quality tourists a year are enough. Fewer tourists in quantity but more in quality would lessen many problems and still increase income. Our water supply, traffic, airport, sea traffic and natural resources would all be under less stress.

Phuket's tourism industry has grown tremendously over the past 20 years. Although there have been disasters such as the tsunami, we can and have recovered. Phuket has an international reputation and many people want to come here. If we can improve our facilities, infrastructure and services to support higher-quality tourists, they will keep coming.

If we make our home look nice and everything is ready, our guests will be impressed with their first visit and they will return. But if we bring too many guests to our house and it is dirty and ill-prepared, our guests will not be happy. So good facilities, and preparation to support our tourists is important.

We have discussed these issues many times at provincial government meetings. We need better focus on facilities at tourist areas, to help them look good, clean and in order. We don't want vendors selling food or products on the sidewalks, garbage everywhere, power cables and so on. We need more discipline to keep these things in order.

Phuket has adequate facilities to support the number of tourists who come here now, but only if we integrate services and improve. We need to plan for the future. If tourist numbers reach five million or more, there will be problems. We can't wait for the the infrastructure we need, the government's budget allocation must be adjusted quicker.

As much as 80% to 90% of Phuket's facilities are complete or good enough to support an increase in tourists, but everything depends on the budget from the government.

If we have a good integrated plan and good management, that will also help. I am not worried about the private sector because we are all willing to help to get it done.

– Compiled by
Semacote Suganya

So where are the police when you need them?

It is now 11:40 pm. I have called the Tourist Police twice about the infernal racket at my villa complex. The noise from the party nearby rivals Patong.

The first time I called the Tourist Police said that they would come and sort it out. The second time they said, "We cannot help. You must call 191."

I called 191, and they said that they would come. I waited about 30 minutes. The second time I called 191, the same man on the phone said, "No speak English" and slammed down the phone.

Can somebody please explain to me why the whole neigh-

borhood must endure this? Can somebody also explain why the police are useless?

Sleepless in Phuket City

An officer at the 191 emergency call center replies:

Some officers here speak English, some do not. To file a report to an English-speaking police officer, call the Tourist Police at 1155.

Phuket Tourist Inspector Maj Bundit Khaosutham replies:

In case of noisy neighbors, you can call either the regular police or the Tourist Police for help. But I don't know about this case. Maybe police went out to

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help, but couldn't find the exact location.

However, I will check and see which Tourist Police officer received the call and I will talk to him about it.

This is a responsibility of the Tourist Police and they should not say they, "cannot help". I would like you to send an email to me directly at bundit4832@hotmail.com and tell me more about the situation.

Police assistance at serious accidents

I have never seen police officers on the scene of a serious road accident offer any sort of first aid. Do they have any training in first aid?

Bob Anderson
Phuket

Maj Teerawat Leamsuwan, Traffic Inspector at Phuket City Police Station, replies:

Police help people with minor injuries and send them to hospital.

However, we do not move people with serious injuries because this might make their injuries worse. So we wait for people with medical training to arrive.

Police officers undergo basic first aid training once or twice a year.

TECHMAN RISING

Finally, in the twilight of a misspent life, it happened. Like a sequoia falling beneath the ax-man's blows, like an eagle shot from heaven by the archer's arrow, like a stag brought down by the ravaging wolf pack...I succumbed.

I bought a mobile phone.

Yes! The serpent in the garden, the tempter who ensnared me, the author of my fall from grace, was the redoubtable Fardley Nerdwell. "Tsow," he told me over a bottle of beer one afternoon, "you need a mobile phone."

"I don't need any such thing," I growled. "My father didn't have a mobile phone. George Washington didn't have a mobile phone. Daniel Boone didn't have a mobile phone, and neither did Kit Carson, Davy Crockett or Wild Bill Hickok."

"Why do I need a mobile phone? Nobody ever calls me."

"Maybe they would if you had a mobile phone," Fardley observed.

"All my life I've been fighting the mobile phone and everything it stands for," I frothed. "The decline of moral values. The degeneration of human intelligence. The craze for every passing fad. The frenzy for frills and fripperies. The obsession with everything that is shallow, superficial and sub-moronic."

"If you had a mobile phone, you could call in and vote for your favorite singer on *Academy Fantasia*," Fardley suggested.

Suddenly I saw the light. "Oh," I said.

"I'll help you pick one out," Fardley offered. "This historic event will mark the beginning of your transformation from Jurassic Man into Techman. You're only 20 years behind the times, but even in



your advanced stage of putrefying senility, it's never too late to change. I suggest a tasteful model in screaming lavender."

And so we found ourselves surveying the vast array of mobile phones in our local department store.

I eyed them with mistrust. They were about the size of a Snickers bar.

I wanted something more impressive – a big black walkie-talkie, perhaps, bristling with antennas and space-age accessories, like the ones the SWAT teams carry. But all they had were dinky little models all tarted up for the "Hello Kitty" generation of prepubescent bubblegum-chewers.

Eventually I succumbed to a Nokia 110. At 1,990 baht it

was pricey, but I was willing to overlook this defect if it met my innermost spiritual needs. Chief among these was a ring tone that would mark me as a man of dignity and gravitas, of charisma and machismo.

"I want a ring tone that plays the William Tell Overture," I announced.

"I don't think they have that," Fardley said.

"Something splendid and soul-stirring and Wagnerian," I declared. "The Ride of the Valkyries, perhaps. The triumphal march from *Aida*. The crescendo from Ravel's *Bolero*. At the very least, Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*."

They didn't have any of those. They had only tinkly ring tones suggestive of ice cream wagons and merry-go-rounds.

"I require something more mature," I informed Fardley, somewhat testily. "Something more stately and majestic. I cannot possibly wage war against the demons of shallowness and superficiality without a cool ring tone."

"Wait, there's more," Fardley assured me. He pressed a few buttons, and a variety of ring tones assaulted

my ears: noises that sounded like a xylophone, a cuckoo clock, a choo-choo train and a giggling child.

"We're still in 'Hello Kitty' territory," I growled.

"Okay, we'll shift into the Major Sophistication mode," Fardley said. There followed the croaking of a bullfrog, the crowing of a rooster and something that sounded very much like a train wreck.

I was tempted momentarily by the bullfrog and the rooster, but wondered why the inventors of this machine couldn't come up with something more manly: the sound of an incoming mortar round, perhaps, or a thermonuclear explosion, or a squadron of fighter jets screaming overhead.

Finally Fardley found a ring tone that stole my heart.

It was called "Nostalgia", and it was the ringing of an old-fashioned telephone.

At last! An umbilical cord linking me to the long-dead, pre-tech past. I seized upon it like a drowning man grasping for a floating log.

"That's it!" I cried.

"That's what a telephone should sound like! Thank God! I thought that sound was extinct."

So now I'm up and running with my spiffy Nokia 1110 and its classic ring tone. Next week Fardley promises to show me what an iPod is. Bill Gates, watch out! Techman is catching up.

S. Tsow who, despite his fantasies, will never catch up, can be flamed at stsow@yahoo.com

I just reviewed a Thai university paper on how disasters and pandemics influence the travel decisions of tourists. The study was spawned after the great "fear of the unknown" SARS epidemic in the hope of understanding how to maintain markets in the aftermath of pandemics, disasters or terrorist acts.

The survey results were unexpected. Tourists might avoid a particular destination until epidemics or terrorist acts pass, but people still travel, returning to a destination once they feel safe. Worldwide opinion shows common sense – bird flu and terrorism are just as likely to occur back home as in the areas we visit, so let's go on vacation.

Results showed that on a scale of four, disasters, pandemics and terrorism all come in at under 1.8.

The three highest factors impacting tourism selections – all well up the scale between 3.8 and 3.5 – were the real surprise.

Third on the list was "cheating while shopping". Not a problem for honest Phuket, since no Phuket merchant, agent or tuk-tuk driver ever "cheats" tourists. Perhaps Phuket can rely on our inherently strong ethics to keep tourists coming back.

Second was "a bad experience on vacation." Phuket does pretty good here. Considering Phuket's arrival numbers and "energetic" night life, our violent crime rate is respectable – especially when compared to other destinations.

Then again, there are "bad activities" experiences. We hear them all on our boat. Last year's favorite was the school kids still upset with their speedboat lunch – not included. The 8-year-old shouted, "They told us lunch was included, then tried to sell us jelly sandwiches made with white bread – for 600 baht a sandwich. I told them to eat mine . . . What a rip-off!" Then came the usual complaints about the congestion at a famous movie site and another stop to feed the monkeys. These days, even kids know it's not cool to feed wildlife.

That trip was criminal, but it wasn't a crime. Even so, that affluent Brit family won't be coming back to Phuket – but they will discuss their rip-off trip around the office water cooler for months to come. That's sad. Plenty of good people worked hard over the years to build Phuket into a respectable world-class destination. It only takes a few greedy boneheads to tarnish Phuket's good name.

What was the big surprise for the "disasters" poll, coming in at #1 with a 3.83 out of 4? The tourist attitude that's death to a vacation spot is . . . "Overcrowded and polluted destinations."

Phuket is overcrowded from Patong south, but most people in Patong and the beaches to the south want to be there; and it's a good thing to have a designated "hot spot" that doesn't spill over to quiet areas. Up north, because of our island's sheer size, there is still room for reasonable growth. The same cannot be said

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THE GRAY AREA



By John 'Caveman' Gray

for other nearby "satellite" destinations.

I recently had a too-close-to-home encounter with some of the destruction of the natural environment being wrought on the island. When I left home in the morning, our house was hidden in jungle – exactly as we like it. When I returned in the early afternoon, it looked like a battlefield.

Without warning, our jungle was gone, chopped to ground level by fans of the *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* who invaded our private property without even asking. Five years in the making, our garden of elephant ears, tropical flowers, and sapling trees looked like a medieval battlefield. My 80-year-old mother in law, too frail to stop the carnage, was in shock after witnessing the disaster from start to finish.

She was agitated and speaking like a machine gun. I managed to pick out the words *fai* (electricity) and *tam ngan* (work). I ran back along the soi. Sure enough, another fifty meters further down, a crew of electricity workers in a huge truck were clipping vegetation away from the electric wires.

That trimming was justified. Large trees limbs were leaning on electric wires several meters above ground. Thanks for keeping those wires safe and sound.

But our shrubbery was meters from the wires pumping electricity from the soi into our house. Even the most vigorous specimens were well below the wires. Not brain dead, we planted low-lying vegetation on a slope where they would never reach the electric wires. It's called planning.

Elephant ears never grow to tree-top level, but their soft trunks are easy to slash with a machete – so the crew had the equivalent of a shark feeding frenzy. The photo tells the story.

It was a personal tragedy, but nothing worthy of wasting ink were it not for the symbolism of greater things – like the entire island.

Phuket and the surrounding provinces are a boom town with



Damage done: Years of careful planning destroyed in one morning due to thoughtlessness.

a gold rush mentality. We came back strong after the tsunami, too busy counting our money to remember that our natural beauty is why tourists leave their treasure with us. In many ways, we've gone too far, and it isn't going unnoticed.

Tourism Authority of Thailand arrival count numbers may stay strong thanks to Eastern-European and East-Asian mass tourism, but the demographics will change despite the new high-end

hotels – almost all in the still "natural" north.

It seems like a natural progression, but detrimental in many ways. Most legitimate planners recognize that "high quality, low volume" is better economics than regressing into a "high volume, low quality" destination.

It's called "sustainability", a favorite buzzword in the era of global warming.

Over the last three decades, business departments at

several internationally-known universities have developed their own versions of a destination life-cycle. They are all similar. Level One is a backpacker renting a beachside sala from the local fish-

ermen. Things are all uphill until about Level Eight, where the curve drops like a ski-jump. All the business models say it's almost impossible to turn back the clock, returning uphill from a Ten back to an Eight.

Tourists themselves are telling us we've gone too far already. Return to the peak, stay on top while you can, they say.

As I write this column, the *Gazette's* headline story covers the clash of cultures on Koh Yao Yai as developments begin impacting an area that common sense says should be "green space."

It's sad to see, especially since only three months ago, this column predicted this scenario. We fear things will only get worse until common sense prevails.

Economics is certainly important, but only one factor in quality of life. I once visited a remote village about to become a lake for an unnecessary dam. The plan was to relocate the villagers to the capital, where they could live in public housing and work in factories, finally joining the world economy.

The planners with PhDs and MBAs praised the gifts and opportunities they were forcing on the villagers, but the villagers were simple and direct, "If we want to join the world economy, we can move to the big city anytime we want. But we don't want to work in a factory so we can shop in a supermarket. We stay in the village because this is the lifestyle we want."

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CDMA vs GPRS

Which delivers the faster Internet connection?

Q We are thinking of getting a CDMA phone for Internet access. We have a friend who reports that it is much faster than GPRS, as does a computer shop at Central Festival.

Do you know if that's true? Can we upload large files of 2 Mb or so? We can't even upload 1 Mb on GPRS.

I was also told that the phone sets are more reliable and get a better signal than the PC card. Any information you have would be greatly appreciated.

CW
Phuket City

A I've received two reports on the CDMA desktop phone currently available from CAT, and both of them are glowing. Those of you who read my column regularly are probably going to accuse me of turning into a shill for CAT...

There's no question that the "PC card" – which is to say, the Sierra Wireless AirCard 580 EV-DO ("dee-oh") card from CAT – provides fast (say, 400 to 600 kilobits per second) Internet access over most of Phuket.

The DO card isn't for everybody: it requires a PCMCIA slot on your computer; the card itself has been discontinued by the manufacturer; the card is expensive (13,000 baht), although the service is cheap (590 baht per month); and some parts of the island can't get a signal. If you have a choice, the DO card

is a great option.

CAT now has regular, everyday desktop phones that work with the "DO" network – which is to say, they work like phones, but they don't require a phone line because they use the same CDMA mobile phone network that serves the DO cards.

From a computing point of view, the CAT desktop phones are a good alternative if the DO signal is weak where you live. Why? They have a directional antenna, so it's much easier to line up the antenna on the phone than it would be to twist and turn your AirCard.

These CDMA desktop phones attach to a computer through a standard USB port, so you can use them for Internet access from almost any computer.

The downside? These desktop phones aren't as fast as the AirCard 580 – they deliver around 100 to 200 Kbps.

That still runs rings around any GPRS (plain old mobile phone) connection, but falls short of the DO card.

To answer your question, yes, absolutely, you can upload large files with the CAT desktop phones. It'll be slower than the DO card, and much slower than a CAT ADSL line, but it won't take overnight, as it would with GPRS.

A note on terminology: to a first approximation anyway, the

terms "CMDA," "EV-DO" and "3G/third generation mobile phone," all refer to the same network technology.

At this point, only CAT has DO/CDMA/3G service. It works in most parts of Thailand, and it's a godsend.

Q My computer is connected to a Linksys wireless network, and it works fine, but when my son tries to connect his computer to the network he gets the message, "Unable to assign a network address. Access denied."

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LJ

Kamala

A If you can't get wireless networking to work on your computer, you need Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2).

Microsoft bills SP2 as a, uh, well, as a Service Pack – a collection of bug fixes and minor changes. It isn't. In fact, it's a major upgrade to Windows XP in many respects, and the improved wireless networking alone is worth all the hassle.

[In this case, installing SP2 immediately solved all of LJ's problems.]

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Sipa launches 'Pitch' contest

The Phuket branch of the Software Industry Promotion Agent (Sipa) is accepting entries for its "SIPA Pitch 2007" animation and multimedia competition, with a total of 400,000 baht in prize money up for grabs.

The competition derives from a worldwide animation competition held in Singapore called "Super Pitch". The local version aims to develop the abilities of local animation multimedia entrepreneurs and to give them the opportunity to use their talents in multimedia marketing.

Competitors can choose from 10 topics from seven Phuket attractions as the subject of their entry:

- The Thalang National Museum: "Treasure of Thalang";
- Phuket Tin Mine Museum: "Phuket Tin Mine Museum public relations" and "The difficulties of mining tin";
- Phuket Aquarium: "Phuket Aquarium promotion" and "Sea turtles";
- Phuket Provincial Health Office: "Don't let your loved ones die from dengue fever" and "Decreasing people's fear of people with AIDS";
- Phuket Provincial Public Relations "Tsunami traceability";
- Tourism Authority of Thailand Southern Region 4 Office: "Sino-Portuguese architecture" and "Eco-tourism"; and
- Old Phuket Foundation: "Return to Thalang Rd and Krabi Rd".

Entrants must submit a plan in sketched-out storyboard form of the presentation they would create addressing the chosen

topic. Entries are being accepted until March 30.

The competition is divided into two divisions: Battle (high-quality work) and Rookie (amateur-quality work).

The judges, including representatives from Bangkok ACM Siggraph and Thailand Animation & Computer Graphic Association, will then select the projects that best match the objectives of the attraction, and on April 10 will announce the names of the finalists.

On April 19 and 20 the finalists will present their pitch to the panel of judges and field their questions.

On April 30 the top five teams will be announced and awarded 400,000 baht each to create their presentations.

The top three Battle entries and the top two Rookie entries, once created as promotional presentations, will be used to promote the Phuket attractions they promote.

The competition rules do not specify animation techniques to be used or the presentation length.

Teams must be of two or more people, one of whom must be a southern Thailand native.

Entries can be submitted in person at the Phuket Branch of SIPA on the 1st floor of the Academic Service Center in Saphan Hin, Phuket City.

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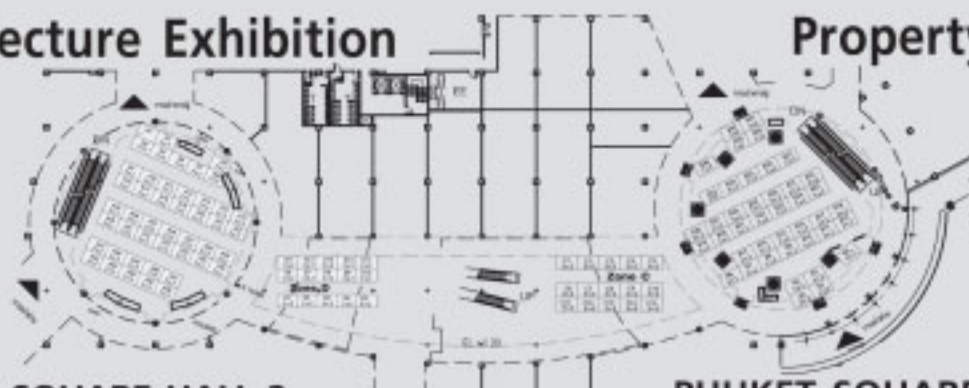
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Property is always an investment that attracts a substantial amount of interest, and readers frequently ask about investment opportunities available in global commercial real estate.

The only way to overcome the enormous capital involved and to minimize risk is to use a "fund of funds". This term is used when a fund invests in a number of other property funds to achieve a true global spread of investment while benefiting from different investment approaches.

Frontier Capital recently launched its Frontier Global Real Estate Fund PLC (FGREF). This fund invests in a portfolio of six different property funds to give access to the global property market. The first fund is the Morgan Stanley SICAV Asian Property Fund, which gives investors access to Asian property markets including Japan and Australasia.

In the past, the fund has achieved an annualized return of 18.42%. Morgan Stanley is a major US and global banking and investment group with assets of more than US\$430 billion under management.

The second fund in the FGREF is the London & Capital German Real Estate Fund, which targets prime, well-let institutional assets at high yields. Among the assets owned by London & Capital German Real Estate Fund are properties bought from German state insurer Provinzal.

London & Capital forecast a return of 15% per annum over the next three years. The fund is managed in Germany.

The third fund is the Schroder ISF Global Property Securities. This group has about US\$25 billion under management including more than US\$15 billion in property assets. The fund adopts a total return approach seeking to maximize returns in countries they deem attractive while limiting or avoiding exposure to any benchmark.

Fund number four is the



DIVERSIFY: Buying commercial real estate may seem an attractive investment but it is expensive and carries risks, too. Buying into a fund that invests in such property is a less cardiac way to go about it.

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Landing a good deal

Merrill Lynch European Property Fund, another US banking and investment giant. The fund invests throughout the European Union and Switzerland. Merrill Lynch recently merged with another major group, Blackrock, and the real estate investment teams have also joined together. Average experience in this sector in the management team is 17 years.

Fund number five is the In-

vista Property Portfolio, a listed group on the London Stock Exchange. The group manages 15 commercial property funds and trusts with assets of around US\$16 billion invested in the UK.

Lastly, the M&G European Property Fund is managed by M&G's in-house property team — Prudential Property Investment Managers (PruPim). PruPim manages over €25 billion in prop-

erty assets and has a team of over 320 people. They use "in-house" experience together with leading external real estate advisers. The fund holds physical property; it does not hold property shares. This has been a very successful fund returning 13.6% annualized, more than double the return of IPD Euro Zone Index.

The second "fund of funds" is the VAM Property Fund. This fund, while holding a variety of funds, is truly diversified. It uses many of the funds held in the FGREF but adds many more, including UBS Triton Property Fund from the Swiss banking giant, Deutsche Land; Barclays Capital; Unite Student Accommodation Funds, who are the market leaders in this field; Standard Life Shopping Centre Fund and many others.



MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

In all, it has 26 holdings. There is even exposure into a fund that invests only in Indian commercial property.

The UBS Triton Fund, for example, has returned 1017.0% from mid 1994 to late 2006. The VAM Property Fund has returned over 10% per annum since inception. The fund is available in pounds sterling, US dollars or euros. There is no fixed-investment term.

VAM Funds may seem a new name for many investors but in fact they are simply the marketing arm for Fleming Family & Partners. The Fleming business was founded in 1873 in Dundee, Scotland and grew to encompass Robert Fleming, the banking group, and Jardine Fleming, the famous investment house (especially in Asia). In 2000 the groups were sold to Chase Manhattan bank of the US which, in turn, merged with JP Morgan to create the current entity of JP Morgan Chase & Co.

However, not everything was sold; Fleming Family and Partners still manage some US\$7 billion on behalf of the Fleming Family, individuals, charities and institutions.

The Group Investment Director, Bob Michaelson, was previously Chief Investment Officer of Citibank Global Asset Management. The VAM Funds range covers various investment areas from equities, balanced-managed, property and even hedge funds. Funds are domiciled either in the Isle of Man or Luxembourg. VAM Property Fund has HSBC as custodian bank and Ernst & Young are the auditors.

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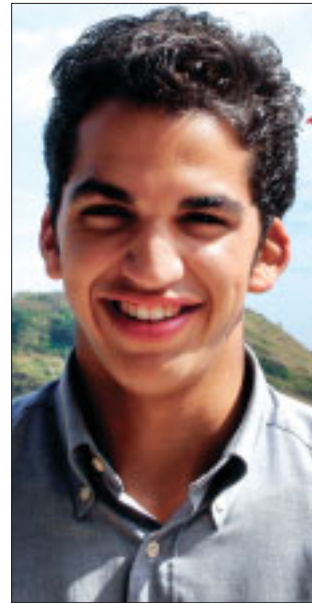
ON THE MOVE



Natsima "Deer" Kunajarasdech, 38, has been appointed Director of Sales & Marketing at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa. A communication arts graduate of Pacific Western University in Hawaii, she has 15 years' experience in sales and marketing with leading international hotel chains, including Holiday Inn, Westin, Dusit, Royal Orchid Sheraton and Marriott. Before joining the Hilton Arcadia, she was Cluster Director of Sales for four years for Marriott properties in Bangkok, Pattaya and Hua Hin.



Hajime Yamano from Japan has been appointed Senior Sales Manager – Japanese at Central Hotels & Resorts. Mr Yamano has a master's degree in Political Science from Mt Carmel Agana University in the US. He previously worked for five years with the Hilton International Bangkok as Sales Manager, and he has more than 10 years' experience as a manager of commercial companies. Before joining Central Hotels & Resorts, he was the Managing Director of Izumi Senkosha (Thailand) in Bangkok for two years.



Omar Alaoui, 22, from Morocco, has been appointed Assistant Food and Beverage Manager at Le Royal Meridien Phuket Yacht Club. He is a graduate in International Hotel Management from VATEL, The International Hotel & Tourism Management School in Nimes, France. Mr Alaoui has worked as a management trainee in the F&B department at Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, and as a management trainee in the financial department at the La Mamounia Palace in Marrakesh, Morocco.

Filing of income tax returns now online

PHUKET: As the deadline for filing tax returns for 2006 fast approaches, the Phuket Area Revenue Office has announced a reminder that personal income tax returns can now be completed online through the Revenue Department website www.rd.go.th

However, the service is currently available only through the Thai version of the website.

As the traditional March 31 deadline this year falls on a Saturday, people have until close of business on April 2 to file Por Ngor Dor (PND) 90 and PND 91 personal income tax return forms.

To be able to file a tax return online, taxpayers must first register through the website. Once a password has been issued, which should be received

immediately after registering, the taxpayer can fill out PND 90 and 91 tax return forms online.

Tax rebates will be paid within 15 days after the tax return submission date.

Outstanding tax payments can be paid online by direct transaction from an ATM card or bank account.

People using the service are urged to print out the completed forms, and to keep documents supporting tax deduction claims for two years after submitting the claim.

For more information call K. Jira at the Phuket Area Revenue Office at 076-214 950 ext 113 or 116; the Thalang Area Revenue Office at 076-311494; or the Kathu Area Revenue Office at 076-211403.

Results of property study to be released at seminar

PHUKET CITY: The Thai Appraisal Foundation, in cooperation with independent property consultants Agency for Real Estate Affairs, will hold a conference and workshop entitled "Phuket Real Estate: Challenges & Opportunities" at the Royal Phuket City Hotel from March 22 to 24.

Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit will deliver the opening speech and keynote address to boost investor confidence in the local property market.

He will also provide results of the latest market surveys on Phuket and surrounding areas, including changes in property prices.

Key real estate and tourism figures to speak at the conference include Tourism Authority of Thailand Southern Region 4 Office Director Suwalai Pinpradab, Phuket Real Estate Club President Phummisak Hongsyok, Raimon Land Public Co Ltd CEO Nigel Cornick and the President of the Thai Appraisal Foundation Dr Sopon Pornchokchai.

Highlights will include in-depth analysis of field surveys of Phuket properties with the aim of revealing price changes and effects of zoning, land regulation and property development, including government infrastructure plans.

Thai and foreign developers are expected to benefit by receiving a clearer perspective of the Phuket property market to help inform investment decisions.

Organizers expect a large number of participants from property funds and real estate investment trusts in Asia, local and foreign investors and developers to join the event.

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1,200 athletes took part in the March 3 competition. Sinchai Suriya, from Phang Nga, won the Men's Open division of the 10.5-km run, followed by Raywat Rakkhaphan, also from Phang Nga, and Sitthipong Chenglai from Cherng Talay Municipality in third place.

Matthika Rattanaphan, from Phang Nga, won the Women's Open 10.5-km run. Leenaree Deewich from Spicy Phuket Thai Hua was second and Sirima Mosika from Phuket Bang Wad Dam finished third.

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Piccadilly clinch title at last

PATONG: Despite being on a bye week, Piccadilly clinched the Patong Darts League title when Offshore took all three points at home and mathematically eliminated second-place Queen Mary.

It is Piccadilly's first title after about five years of trying.

In other matches, last-place Beach House moved to within one point of Valhalla with a surprise three-point win against Coy-

ote, as Valhalla went down 7-2 at home against Dogs Bollocks and also lost the beer leg.

Any bars wanting to enter a team for the upcoming league, tentatively set to begin March 27, can visit any of the participating bars or email darts@phuketgazette.net for more information.

February 27 results: Valhalla 2 Dog's Bollocks* 7; Coyote 3 Beach

House* 6; Offshore* 5 Queen Mary 4 (* = winner of beer leg).

Standings: 1. Piccadilly (29 pts.); 2. Queen Mary (25); 3. Didi's (21); 4. Dog's Bollocks (20); 5. Offshore (19); 6. Coyote Bar (17); 7. Valhalla (10); 8. Beach House (9).

March 13 matchups: Coyote v Didi's; Offshore v Piccadilly; Queen Mary v Valhalla; Dog's Bollocks and Beach House have byes (home team first).

Municipals scoop hack club title

PHUKET: Phuket City Municipality won the 6th Reporters' Futsal Cup March 4 with a 4-1 win over the Mission Hospital team.

The tournament was graced with a special guest appearance by Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit captaining a VIP team of high-ranking provincial officials in an exhibition match against the Reporters' Club team.

Twelve teams joined in the cup held at Sapan Hin Stadium March 3 and 4 as part of the events scheduled for Mass Communication Day on March 5. The event's stated purpose was to foster good relations between reporters, the government, the private sector and local organizations.

The media team included players from Channel 11, Channel 5, *The Nation*, *Phuket Gazette*, *Khao Sod*, Channel 9, *Siang Tai* and others.

Teams were fielded by the police, Phuket Prison, Mission Hospital, Phuket Provincial Administration Organization, Pa Khlok Tambon Administration Organization, Phuket City Municipality, the Bankers' Club, Rajabhat University, Satree Phuket



Governor Niran Kalayanamit (left) demonstrates his ball skills in the exhibition match against the Reporters' Club team.

School, Phuket Administration Office and the Phuket Football Club.

And the game of VIP provincial officials versus the report-

ers? The VIP team took the match 3-2 amid scandalous rumors circulating in the crowd that the reporters had let them win.

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Haig wins Walker cliffhanger

By Oliver Bates

THALANG: The Johnnie Walker Classic ended with high drama March 4 as three top pros tied after the regulation games and had to turn to a sudden-death playoff to determine the cup winner.

Anton Haig, 20, emerged victorious against Oliver Wilson and Richard Sterne after he birdied the 18th hole twice in a row to claim his first Johnnie Walker win and snag the US\$404,993 (13.9 million baht) prize money.

He joined the elite of Greg Norman, Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Nick Faldo in becoming a Johnnie Walker Champion.

The South African was in the top three for the final three days of the tournament, but had not led until the final day, when he slid to 13 under.

Fellow South African Sterne and Englishman Wilson tied the playoff hole as well, each earning US\$213,688 (7.2 million baht).

The challenge from the big names failed to materialize on the last day of play. Retief Goosen shot 70 (-2) on the final day for a

total of -10, while Colin Montgomerie closed with another under-par round of 71 to finish on -8.

On the third day, Goosen was consistently inconsistent, with six birdies, six pars and six bogeys for a par 72. In the end, he had to settle for a disappointing fourth place.

Goosen wasn't the only inconsistent player. The Blue Canyon Country Club course provided many birdies and bogeys again, proving its championship status.

TRIPLE BOGEY

On the second day, Jeev Milkha Singh started on the 10th, birdied the 440-yard 12th to move six under, then hit a double bogey on the difficult 17th.

Singh followed that with a triple bogey on the 18th and finished his front nine in 40 shots to fall back to -1. However, he then regained composure and rolled in four birdies on his back nine to return to -5.

The spectators were treated to some great golf on the final day, when Haig and his long hitting produced a key shot under

pressure on the par-4 13th. There were roars from the crowd as he hit his tee shot over the pin to 10 feet from the cup, setting up a great birdie and a grandstand finish.

The challenging par-3 holes played a large part in the drama. Both Haig and Sterne bogeyed the 17th on the crucial final day, and a par from Wilson made the 18th exciting viewing for the Phuket crowd.

The course record of 64 set by Greg Norman was equaled four times during the tournament, once by Haig, twice by Sterne and once on the final day by Indian Gaurav Ghei, who shot an eagle on the 1st hole.

Final results: 1st Anton Haig (-13, won in the playoff); 2nd Richard Sterne, Oliver Wilson (-13); 4th Retief Goosen (-10); 5th Mike Weir (-9); 6th Ernie Els, David Frost, Guarav Ghei, Colin Montgomerie (-8).

Other notable finishes: 25th Brad Kennedy, Adam Scott, Jeev Milkha Singh (-4); 42nd Thammannoon Srirot (-1); 52nd Thongchai Jaidee (par); 63rd Thaworn Wiratchant (+3).



VICTORIOUS: South African Anton Haig won the Johnnie Walker Classic in a sudden death playoff against Oliver Wilson and Richard Sterne on March 4.

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Construction Update

by Janyaporn Morel

Site clearance for Vachira Phuket Hospital's Baan Khun Phum Child Care, Rehabilitation and Development Center has begun and construction is due to be completed by the end of July 2009.

Dr Jessada Chungpaibulpatana, Director of Vachira Phuket Hospital, told the *Gazette* that after the 2004 tsunami, Vachira Phuket Hospital proposed the project in order to help tsunami orphans and other children affected by the tsunami – and to serve as a memorial for HRH Princess Ubol Ratana Rajakanya's son, Bhumi "Khun Phum" Jensen, who was killed in the tsunami of December 2004.

"After the tsunami, we were requested by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's Private Secretary's Office to propose the project as a memorial for K. Phum.

The project was later approved as a tsunami-relief center for children in the Andaman region and as a health-care center for children needing long-term follow-up.

"Princess Sirindhorn intends to visit Phuket every year and we will invite her to the ceremony for laying the foundation stone," he said.

Site clearance begins for Baan Khun Phum Center

The project, being built directly behind the hospital, will be a seven-story concrete building with underground parking. The budget is 344.5 million baht, of which 326.5 million baht is from the Government Lottery Office and 18 million baht is from the Public Health Ministry.

The Baan Khun Phum project aims to help all children who have physical, mental and emotional problems, whether they need short- or long-term care. The focus will be on health care for orphans, abandoned and HIV-infected children. The project will also help parents with autistic children and act as a research center for children's health issues.

"We will have 100 inpatient beds. All the pediatric clinics except maternity will be moved from the main part of the hospital to the new building. There will be an Intensive Care Unit (ICU)



Architect's model shows how the completed Baan Khun Phum Center will look.

for children, which we currently do not have. Baan Khun Phum will integrate the different departments that treat childhood diseases," Dr. Jessada said.

The seven-story building will be built on a land area of 47 by 66 meters and will have an interior space of 19,792 square meters. There will be a basement with utility control rooms, water supply tanks and 51 parking spaces. The first floor will house the out-patient department, examination rooms, psychiatry department, two children's play-

grounds and a clinic for checks on healthy children. There will also be an exhibition room featuring K. Phum's biography.

The second floor will contain rehabilitation facilities for children suffering from serious injuries and illnesses and a hydrotherapy pool. There will also be an area for training children with special needs.

Inpatient rooms for children with common health problems will be on the third floor along with a few private rooms for children needing them. The fourth

floor will be reserved for children with serious physical, mental and emotional problems. Also on the fourth floor will be a children's development nursery and health research center.

Management and administrative offices will be housed on the fifth floor, along with a Public Information Center, Quality Development Center and Health Service System Development Center.

The sixth floor will be offices for Princess Sirindhorn and her assistants, a library, doctors' offices, a meeting room for 60 people and a larger meeting room for 300 people, as well as a Medical Staff Organization Office. On the roof deck, there will be a helicopter landing pad, water supply tanks, and an elevator control room.

"When the project is finished, it is expected to provide pediatric services for the south of Thailand. We will need an additional 15 pediatricians and psychiatrists and more than 100 nurses and staff run the center," Dr Jessada said.

"At present, we have about 60 inpatients and each day we see about 300 children as outpatients. Our beds are always full. The most common diagnoses for children here are respiratory and alimentary diseases.

"The most serious disease we have encountered is encephalitis, but it is very rare. The new facilities will help us support health care and children's development projects in the region," he added.

The contractor for the project is J. Group Consortium.



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Gardening

with Bloomin' Bert

I have never been religious. I suppose I get bored too easily. I get a little impatient with religious fanatics of any variety, and try put as much distance between myself and them as possible. Personally, I'm quite content to wallow in a sea of disbelief.

It's probably because there are so many fruitcakes around. I could be wrong, but wasn't there some evangelical TV preacher bloke a few years ago in America who was disgraced when he was caught providing a little surreptitious night-time "preaching" to one of his secretaries?

He was then discovered funneling off church funds to keep her quiet, then got done for fraud, I seem to remember. The best part was that at this stage he appeared on TV in tears, and told the eager nation that God would forgive him if they sent him more money. I believe that this particular appeal raised around two million dollars. Some people really wanted to save him.

How many wars around the world have been waged in the name of religion? The vast majority, surely. Too many people seem to want to make life difficult for other people, to put it mildly, and spout religion as their just cause. Sorry for getting all serious for a paragraph. I'll try not to let it happen again.

Jehovah's Witnesses. Bless. They mean well. They traipse around towns for days on end, knocking on numerous doors and handing out leaflets. They don't have Christmas or birthdays, they don't recognize flags or national anthems, and aren't allowed to associate with non-

A growth divine



COVERING A LOT OF GROUND: Moses-in-a-boat, also known as the spiderwort, will look after itself.

witnesses. They can't even have blood transfusions. They're a strange lot, but in common with Seventh-Day Adventists, they always look jolly smart.

Before I first came to Thailand, about the only link I could make between gardening and religion was those over-enthusiastic old ladies who insist on raiding the vicar's garden, hacking off every flower in sight so that they can tastefully arrange them in various corners of the church. They were dead within a few days (the flowers didn't last much longer). I always wondered why they couldn't just leave the flowers where they were in the first place. Most of them would prob-

ably have outlived the old ladies had that been the case.

Thankfully, generally speaking there are few intrusions from the world of religion into the world of gardening. Apart from Moses, of course. You know, that chap with the huge white beard and the long stick who did that sea-parting thing. One of the more common varieties of ground covering plants in Thailand is known as Moses-in-a-boat, or *waan hoi khraeng* in Thai.

Also known as spiderwort, it's an odd little plant really. It consists of a spiky rosette-shaped cluster of leaves with a purple-green hue. The leaves look quite normal if you look at them from the top; the strange thing is that the underside is a deep maroon color, for no particular reason.

It has quite a short stem, and doesn't usually get much taller than about 30 to 40 centimeters. It gets its name from the fact that tiny white flowers appear from the base of the leaves near the stem. I suppose that if you have a few Heinekens (or Beer Laos, as I've recently discovered), and squint with your eyes half-closed,

that in a certain light, the shape does slightly resemble a boat containing a white blob. Quite how this looks like a bearded baby bloke in a papyrus basket, I'm not sure.

This is certainly not the user-friendliest of plants, as all parts of the spiderwort are poisonous. Any contact with the sap may cause some stinging and your skin to itch. Attempt to eat this unassuming little shrub, and a severe burning in the mouth and throat will be the result. This is not the ideal plant to chew on.

If you have a patch of ground in your garden that you're just tired of looking at, and want to cover in the easiest way possible with the minimum of effort, this plant is the one. Once it is established, it will require little further input or effort from you. It will be less enthusiastic if it's too shaded, but with plenty of sun, it will continue to cover more ground quite contentedly.

You can encourage more growth and help it on its way by simply splitting plants and replanting them elsewhere, but I wouldn't bother – it's quite happy to do that

for itself. Although it prefers soil with plenty of organic matter (compost-type soil), the spiderwort will grow in sand or even coral rock; frankly, it doesn't really care.

Although here in Phuket, the spread of Moses-in-a-boat is something that we would actively encourage, as that's precisely what we want it to do, in other parts of the world they don't share our enthusiasm.

In Florida for example, life is so suited for the spiderwort that it's actually become an "invasive exotic species". It roots from any small, broken piece of plant, and the seeds are wind-dispersed. As a consequence, it turns up in all sorts of places over there.

Here in Phuket it seems to behave itself, and be happy to grow on the ground as normal. In Florida, you can even find it as an epiphyte growing on city buildings. It's also causing problems in forest areas, creating a dense groundcover that prevents native plants from germinating on the forest floor. Luckily we've seen no such takeover bids here.

Even though technically it's poisonous, the flowers of the Moses-in-a-boat are used medicinally in South China, to treat ailments such as dysentery. Found commonly around the ancient Mayan sites in Guatemala, Yucatan and Belize, it was probably cultivated for use as a cosmetic, though I'm not sure why anybody would want to smear this stuff on their face.

Moses-in-a-boat isn't your average plant; the leaves are different colors on both sides, the whole thing is poisonous, it has tyrannical tendencies, and a rather daft name. Thankfully, you can be pretty sure that it won't bonk its secretary and then plead for cash, or knock on your door to offer you a magazine and salvation.

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Investment rents and raves

Lifestyle investment and its reliance on rental options and ongoing yields is quickly becoming a hot topic in the Phuket property market.

From hotel-managed residential units connected to hotels to short- and long-term rentals there are a variety of schemes out there chasing the real-estate investors' money. How do you get to the bottom-line return and make an intelligent decision before dipping your feet into the market?

Once upon a time in Phuket, property buyers were primarily interested in buying a second home either for holidays or as a place to retire in later years. In the past few years there has been a dramatic shift and a flood of overseas buyers are now looking at property as an alternative investment vehicle, thus lowering their horizons to ongoing returns versus the more traditional capital appreciation model.

Enter the hotel-managed mixed-use projects – while

other developers introduced guaranteed returns and estate-management companies started to focus on villas and condo rental products. Each of these has its various merits and a certain degree of risk and reward that requires more than a superficial glance by the buyer.

Let's look at the different products currently in the market. For hotel-managed projects there are rental pools or, in certain instances, lease-back arrangements. Typically, owners receive a cut of top-line revenue based on the rent paid, excluding sales from food and beverage, spa and income items. Though there is no set standard, most offer between 30% to 50% of rental revenue on a "pooled" basis (pooled being all the units rented divided by the number of units).

For international-brand managed projects, most require mandatory entry into the rental pool versus either living in the unit or

renting it out independently. The owners receive annual usage from 30 to 60 days and in many cases a charge is applied to cover the cost of occupying the unit (electricity, linen, hotel amenities, daily cleaning and so on).

In most cases there are often other deductions that apply against the owner's return. Generally these relate to a capital reserve for repair and replacement of furniture, fixtures and equipment (often 3% to 5% of revenue), credit card and travel agents' commissions and reservation expenses. When looking at the contract and calculating your return it's important to look at all of these other deductions in order to better appreciate the return you will receive.

Many of these projects now offer buyers straight capital-guaranteed returns. In most cases these range from 5% to 6% over a period of three to five years. While it's a more secure short-term investment, the buyer does not benefit from any upside on the investment. That is, if the units

are returning 8% or 10% then the developer benefits from the difference between the guaranteed and actual returns. Often the reality of guaranteed returns are that these are priced into the purchase price and once the term is over then all bets are off on future returns.

When viewing projects offering aggressive projected returns or term-guaranteed returns, it's important to view fundamentals such as location or proximity to traditional hotel markets, facilities and the capacity to attract guests year round. Branded projects offer some assurances to buyers with global sales and marketing networks, though there are many independently-managed properties that have achieved impressive returns over the years.

For owners of estate-managed and freestanding villas, both the short- and long-term markets have been growing. A large influx of overseas investment has



TOUGH MARKET: Owners need to fit out units to full hotel standard in order to maximize rental yields.

created more expat jobs and business opportunities with many of these folks choosing to rent instead of buy. A host of local real-estate companies focus on offering units on long-term rentals (six to 12 months) and work on 10% to 15% commission basis. The long-term option is preferred by many owners who don't want to

use the unit and, while locking in a safer ongoing return, remain focused on capital appreciation and eventual asset divestment.

With the recovery and growth in the tourism market, short-term vacation rentals look to be a long-term factor in the accommodation market. Rentals ranging from a day to a month,

work on higher commissions, for the most part.

Viewing the present market, commissions are in the 15% to 25% range with agents often consolidating bookings from other agents, and splitting the commission between agents. Firms such as CBRE and PIPS have introduced and promoted holiday rental programs aimed at this market and demand is rapidly increasing.

To sum it all up there are a number of new products out there for investors. Matching risk and reward goes back to good research and making an informed decision. In the next column we will look at some of the long-term issues facing lifestyle investment projects and what buyers need to look for in contractual commitments.

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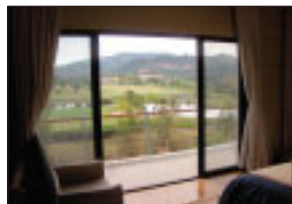
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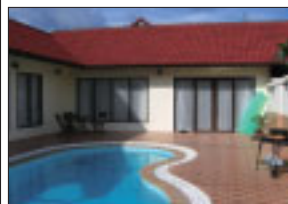
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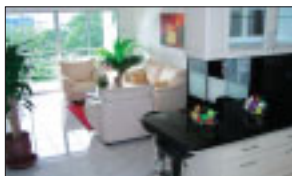


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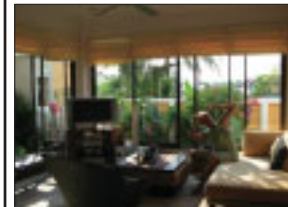
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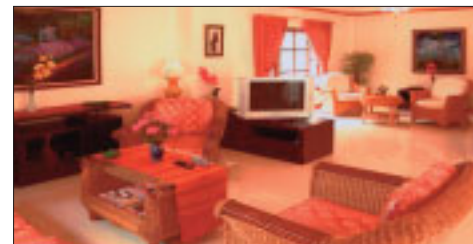
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- Experience in QuickBooks is an advantage
- This role is at management level
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- Ability to work under pressure
- Full-time: Mon to Sat, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm
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- BA in Sales & Marketing or related fields
- At least 3 years experience in Sales & Marketing
- Knowledge of Land Development Act, Thailand Taxation structure, excellent PR skill
- Possess own vehicle
- Proficiency in both written and spoken English

2. Sales Executive: (4 positions)

- Male or Female, age over 25 years
- BA in Sales & Marketing or related fields
- At least 1-2 years experience in Sales & Marketing
- Self-motivated & able to work independently
- Possess own vehicle

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- Able to work under pressure

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