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# B2bn marina project slated for west coast

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang

PHUKET: Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit on October 31 met with Korean investor Wang Il Lee to discuss a planned 2-billion-baht investment in a condominium, villa and marina project to be built at Layan Beach.

The project, at the north end of Bang Tao Beach in Cherg Talay, would contain the first marina on Phuket's west coast.

The Korean initiative, by the Puvana Phuket company, is the second attempt to develop a marina at the 50-rai site, which in 2005 was earmarked to become Layan Marina before that project stalled and the land was acquired by Puvana Phuket.

If completed, the project would be the largest Korean investment in Phuket, Gov Niran said after the meeting.

"Puvana Phuket is a new company led by its president, Wang Il Lee, from Seoul. He came to discuss his plans and ask for legal advice. The target group would be Korean retirees.

"I think this is a good chance for Phuket to draw investment from Korea; they already have the required foreign investment permit from the Korean government," he said.

The old project name "Layan Marina" would be changed, but Mr Lee declined to say what the new name would be.



'We want to serve as a bridge to Phuket for Korean investors,' Wang Il Lee, President of Puvana Phuket.

The project would also be redesigned to comprise eight condominium buildings with a total of 150 units, 45 villas and a marina with berths for 30 boats.

"The marina will not be very big because of the limited area. We want it to support only property buyers.

The entire project will cost more than 2 billion baht," Mr Lee said.

"We are currently completing the paperwork for construc-

tion permits. After we begin work, we expect the project will be completed and sold out within two years," he added.

"We plan to build the condominiums and villas at the same time, then the marina. The condominiums will cost between US\$600,000 and US\$1 million, while villas will start at about US\$1 million" K. Lee added.

"After Layan, future projects will be in Kata and in Krabi  
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## Spa tax to be scrapped

By Natcha Yuttaworawit

PHUKET CITY: The controversial 10% tax on spa services will soon be scrapped, a member of the National Legislative Assembly (NLA) said during a visit to the Phuket Provincial Health Office on November 4.

Sangsit Piriyanrangan, head of the NLA's finance committee and chair of a special panel set up to review the spa tax, said his members heard from representatives from the Federation of Thai Spas about how the tax and other unnecessary control measures imposed by the Public Health were crippling their industry.

As the panel agreed with their argument the tax would be waived within two weeks, he said.

"Currently, all spa businesses are classified no differently than massage parlors that offer sexual services. This means they are subject to a tax of 10% in addition to local tax, which brings the total to more than 11%. I set up the committee so that we could compile a range of opinions to present to the Ministry of Finance," said K. Sangsit.

"The Excise Department can levy about 100 million baht a year from spa tax, far less compared with other taxes. As only about 20% of businesses advertising themselves as spas are thought to be part of the sex trade, owners of the remaining 80% are firmly against the tax," said K. Sangsit.

"The spa tax should be canceled. The Excise Department itself acknowledges that spas provide a legitimate service to  
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## Layan marina idea refloated

province. But for now I am taking it step by step," he said.

Mr Lee is also looking at long-term developments in Phang Nga, he added.

"The expectation is that Phuket will be like Singapore in a few years because marketing in Phuket is very active. This is important in developing Korean investment.

"Korean investors know about this project; they are always asking me what projects and investments are going on in Phuket," he said.

If the Layan project is a success, Mr Lee is "sure" that more Korean investment will follow.

"We want to serve as a bridge to Phuket for Korean investors," he added.

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## Spa tax scrapped

help revive people. I don't understand how the Ministry of Public Health can label spas as a dangerous business. It's just not true. I think the former government made a mistake when it implemented this tax."

K. Sangsit said that by canceling spa tax, the Thai spa industry will be able to excel and become one of the best in the world, helping Thai people earn better incomes. Most of that income will stay in Thailand, because about 90% of the spas in Thailand are run by local people.

"The government should support these people, he added.

"I would expect the results of this report to be available within about two weeks," said K. Sangsit.

Apichai Chianadisak, the chairman of the Federation of Thai Spas, said, the government should use spas as part of its strategy to develop Thailand into a health center for Asia

"We encountered many problems with spa tax. The ministry will now give the issue due consideration," he said.

# Police arrest island-wide cat burglar

By Janyaporn Morel

PHUKET CITY: Phuket City Police announced the arrest of suspected thief Somsak Kaewdee, 27, at a press conference on October 30.

Somsak, a resident of tambon Thepkrasattri, in Thalang district, is accused of robbing homes and small shops across Phuket.

He was arrested at the entrance of Soi Hone Sai Thong, in Moo 7, Rassada, on October 29 at 2:30 am, said Lt Col Sompong Boonrat of Phuket City police.

At the time of his arrest, Somsak was

wanted under eight warrants for his involvement in eight robberies since June: four in Phuket City, two in Thalang and two in Kathu, he said.

Police were able to collect fingerprints at many of the crime scenes. After checking the prints against their records, Somsak was revealed as the main suspect, said Col Sompong.

He added that Somsak had provided the names of two friends as his accomplices – "Jessada" and "Su" – and had confessed to robberies in all three districts of Phuket; so far a total of 12 in all.

Col Sompong said that police know the location of the homes of Somsak's accomplices.

Somsak told police that the gang wanted to steal cash only and targeted private properties and shops. He estimated that the gang had stolen over one million baht in cash, said Col Sompong.

He added that Somsak said the trio looked for houses with slide windows that could easily be broken into and that their largest haul from a robbery was 1.2 million baht from a home in Kissalai village on Chao Fa East Rd.

# Cholera 'under control' in Phuket

By Semacote Suganya

PHUKET: With 110 cases of cholera reported in Phuket so far this year, the possibility of an outbreak of the disease has raised fears of the threat posed to tourism.

Authorities say that the situation is "under control" and that the high season will not be affected.

Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit and Dr Wanchai Sattayawuthipong of the Phuket Provincial Health Office held a conference call with Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont and Dr Prachit Prarachit, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Public Health, on November 5 to discuss the cholera situation in Phuket.

Dr Prachit said that between January 1 and October 31, there were 600 cases of cholera spread across 36 provinces. All provinces have been put on alert to help control the severe diarrheal disease, which is caused by ingesting contaminated food or water.

Dr Prachit said, "Khon Kaen [221 cases] and Phuket are the areas with the most reported instances of cholera, although the disease is now under control. The



Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont (top) receives a report on the status of cholera in Phuket by conference call.

Ministry of Public Health has worked in each of the provinces to raise awareness of the disease by asking people to avoid eating raw food and meat for now."

The last recorded case of cholera in Phuket was November 1. In Khon Kaen, a patient suffering from cholera was hospitalized October 17, although there have been no cases since, added Dr Prachit.

"We will stay vigilant to avoid an outbreak of cholera so that the disease will not have an

effect on the high season," said Dr Prachit.

Dr Wanchai said, "The Phuket Provincial Office and Phuket Public Health Office have been concerned about cholera and how the disease might affect tourism, but the situation is under control.

"Phuket implements strong measures regarding the cleanliness of restaurants and associated businesses. There have been no cases of tourists contracting the disease."

## Don's Mall robbed

RAWAI: A gang of seven teenagers, six of them masked, tore off the doors to Don's Mall Minimart at 4 am November 2, making off with computers and money from cash registers.

Don Battles, founder of the Rawai landmark mall, told the *Gazette*, "This was a well-planned teenage gang. Six broke into the minimart while one was the lookout. They then broke into the butcher's shop. They stole computers and till float [money]."

The amount stolen has yet to be determined.

"Chalong police are being very helpful and doing a thorough investigation. I believe the police are doing the best they can," Mr Battles said today.

"After speaking with other residents, reading the papers and talking to the police, the crime problem in Phuket seems to be rampant and out of control, which will discourage tourists from coming to Phuket immensely unless this can be brought under control.

"I was told by the Superintendent of Chalong Police Station three years ago that they are short about 100 officers. I hope they can increase their staff and bring this under control before it does too much damage," he said.

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# Cherng Talay Tesco store saga continues

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang

PHUKET: As construction of the controversial Tesco-Lotus Express store in Cherng Talay reaches its final stage, the legality of an alleged ban on its construction remains unclear and local authorities admit they are unsure which authority is responsible for approving – or halting – the store's construction.

On October 31, Samarn Krohle and Apisit Ngarnpresertkit, leaders of a local protest against the store, together with five other Cherng Talay residents took their plight to Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit.

The Governor admitted to the group that he did not clearly understand the background behind the issues involved in the store's construction.

K. Samarn and K. Apisit urged Gov Niran to quickly issue an order to halt construction of the store, which was initially called "Tesco-Lotus Express Cherng Talay" but now sports a sign calling itself "Laguna Tesco Lotus Market Cherng Talay".

They explained to the governor that Cherng Talay residents had staged a protest outside the offices of Cherng Talay Municipality, which issued the building permit.

Following that protest, Cherng Talay Municipality apparently ordered a halt to the construction but work at the site continued.

Gov Niran said, "I have heard about this problem in Cherng Talay and that there is some confusion over the jurisdictional boundaries of the two local authorities on whose borders the project sits," he said.

The two bodies in question are Cherng Talay Municipality and the Cherng Talay Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor).

"I understand it is still not clear which of the two administrations is responsible for the site where the store is being built. I have yet to see the files, but I heard that on October 29 a committee was formed to investigate



Apisit Ngarnpresertkit (right) and Samarn Krohle (center) hand Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit the official request to halt construction of the Tesco store.

this case. I think we have to wait for the committee's findings," the Governor told the protesters.

K. Samarn said, "We have complained about the illegal construction since September, but now Tesco-Lotus is advertising for new employees to work at the Laguna Tesco Lotus Market, which already has a large sign up – and the construction is still going on."

Tesco-Lotus Express stores are usually about the same size as 7-Eleven stores. However, the new Laguna Tesco Lotus Supermarket is much larger.

"The fact is that we do not need a Tesco-Lotus store in Cherng Talay. The construction has gone on without a public hearing."

"I worry about why it was very easy to get a building permit

but takes so long to stop construction when local people say that it must stop," K. Samarn said.

K. Apisit said, "We trust that the Governor will keep a eye on this problem. We don't know what else to do. This will force small shops in the area to close, which will affect about 50% of the people in Cherng Talay – it will change their way of life. Today we came to ask the governor to hurry and stop the construction."

K. Niran reiterated that any decision to order a halt would have to wait until the results of the investigation committee's findings are released and a review of applicable commerce law and other statutes.

A Tesco-Lotus spokesperson in Bangkok declined to comment.

## Thalang woman hangs herself

THALANG: Benjawan Rakkarndee, 30, was found dead in her house at Village 1 Srisoonthornon on November 1 after hanging herself, police said.

Pol Maj Prakorb Boonkwan of Thalang Police said that a letter addressed to her boyfriend was found at the scene.

An autopsy determined the death was suicide, he added.

"The night of her suicide, she went out and drank a large amount of alcohol. She called her mother and sent a message [SMS] to one of her boyfriends."

"We concluded that her death was a suicide because she had had an argument with one of her boyfriends before she returned home," Maj Prakorb said.



## Workers injured as garbage truck overturns

PHUKET CITY: A garbage truck lay on its side in the middle of Chao Fa West Rd on November 3 after its driver lost control of the vehicle as he rounded the curve about a kilometer south of Promphan.

According to a witness, the garbage truck approached the curve at high speed and flipped onto its side as it rounded the bend.

It was unclear how many garbage men were riding in the truck at the time of the accident. Wachira Hospital reported treating one of the garbage men for a broken leg. A witness at the scene said the driver sustained head injuries.

## Mystery surrounds Korean's death fall

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang

PHUKET CITY (*Nation, Gazette*): South Korean tour guide Kim Kyoung Hoon, 39, fell to his death from the rooftop of The Metropole hotel in downtown Phuket City early morning November 2.

Capt Krerkrit Ritnuang, of Phuket City Police Station, said that a hotel security officer found the body of Mr Kim, who was not a guest at the hotel, lying in the hotel car park at 6:30 am.

"Mr Kim's briefcase was found on the rooftop, along with a paint can near a two-meter-high retaining wall," Capt Krerkrit said.

"The briefcase contained court documents stating that Mr Kim was a witness in a lawsuit between Koreans relating to a financial dispute involving checks," he added.

A spokesperson for the hotel this afternoon told the *Gazette* that hotel security cameras had recorded Mr Kim on the premises before his fall.

A hotel security guard also saw him park his car and climb fire exit stairs towards the roof, the spokesperson added.

After an "urgent meeting" with staff from the Korean embassy, Capt Krerkrit said that the embassy believes Mr Kim did not take his own life.

## Major fire drills in Phuket City

PHUKET CITY: Major fire-evacuation drills were to be held in Phuket City on November 7 in order to improve emergency-response plans.

A fire drill was to be held at the Government Housing Bank, on Bangkok Rd, at 7 am, followed by another drill at The Metropole hotel at 9:30am.

"The purpose of these drills is to boost the confidence of our officers and the emergency-response workers, guests and public," Aroon Kerdson, chief of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM-Phuket) office, said.

The three most important aspects were evacuating people from the buildings; improving firefighters' ability to quickly extinguish fires and having quick, clear instructions from those in command of the operations, he said.

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# The hunt for quality tourists

This year, the official high-season slogan thought up by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) as part of an international initiative to attract more "quality" tourists is "Thailand Unforgettable".

Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit recently predicted that a record-breaking six million tourists will visit the island this year, although more recent predictions put the number at five million, which is the highest number since the tsunami in 2004.

While Phuket's tourism authorities have been preparing for the influx of tourists, the TAT has been conducting international roadshows for travel agents in countries where there is potential to attract more quality tourists.

TAT Southern Region 4 office Director Suwalai Pinradap told the *Gazette* that she is expecting 4.7 million tourists this year – the same number that were in Phuket when the tsunami struck – with more anticipated if there are no further setbacks to drive tourists away.

"Although Phuket Airport currently handles 520 flights a week, which is 20% more than this time last year, we are less focused on higher tourist numbers, but rather aiming to attract more quality tourists by promoting a wide range of holiday activities," said K. Suwalai.

"Tourists are spending more money here compared to previous years. On average, individual tourists currently spend about 4,000 baht a day, whereas last year they were spending about 3,700 baht a day," K. Suwalai added.

Over the years, slogans produced by the TAT aimed at attracting tourists have included "Be My Guest", "Thailand Grand Invitation", "Unseen Thailand" and "Amazing Thailand". Although this year's slogan is "Thailand Unforgettable", the TAT is still promoting "Amazing Thailand" as it has been by far the

Patong Carnival in the first week of November usually marks the point when it stops raining and the weather changes from wet to cool and sunny to welcome the influx of holidaymakers to Phuket, who are predicted to number five million this year.

With international roadshows during the build up to the high season, *Gazette* reporters Janyaporn Morel and Natcha Yuttaworawit look at how Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) hopes to attract more quality tourists to Phuket.

most effective.

"This year we have continued to use the 'Amazing Thailand' slogan in our international campaigns as it has received positive feedback from many tourists. We are also aware that the slogan 'Thailand Unforgettable' could possibly be associated with negative experiences," said K. Suwalai.

In order to attract more quality tourists, the TAT has targeted specific nationalities considered big spenders with international roadshows and promotions offered to travel agents in specific countries.

"Tourists at this time of year are predominantly Europeans. We have been focusing on markets in Scandinavia, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, which were targeted because they are developed countries with a supply of quality tourists with high per-capita income and a penchant for traveling," explained K. Suwalai.

"Aside from Phuket's beaches attracting Europeans, we have also received positive feedback from these groups regarding safety, facilities and the friendliness of local people. Most of these tourists spend about a week here, preferring the beach to the city," said K. Wanalai.

"Many tourists also come here for leisure activities, such as diving, except in the rainy season, when groups tend to use resort facilities for conferences and seminars. Our hospitality industry is very competitive and there are many direct flights to Phuket, making it a convenient destination for both tourism and business," she added.

Vice-President of the Phuket Tourist Association, Panu Maswongsa, told the *Gazette* that although he is confident there will be sufficient accommodation for the increasing number of tourists with 10 new hotels providing an additional 2,000 rooms, Phuket is not ready to cater to quality tour-

ists as the island still lacks quality facilities for them.

"Tourist accommodation is not a problem, but what does concern me is the lack of facilities and infrastructure to support the high number of tourists expected this year. We initially anticipated no more than four million tourists, but that number is closer to five million now," said K. Panu.

"If we are to attract quality tourists to Phuket, it is important that we provide quality services for them to ensure they stay for a long time and leave with a good impression.

"The increased volume of traffic, which the road system cannot support efficiently, is a major problem during the high season. I'm also concerned about how the Chalong and Rassada piers will cope with the extra tourists because they are already crowded. These places need to be equipped with sufficient parking space and public toilets," said K. Panu.

## QUALITY

K. Panu defines quality tourism as "FIT" (Fair Individual Tourists), meaning those who stay in Phuket for an extended period while showing respect to the environment and culture. "These kinds of tourists may spend less on a daily basis but they will spend more over a longer period," he said.

"If the authorities wish to attract quality tourists, it is important to focus on providing the kind

of facilities and infrastructure that will benefit both tourists and locals.

"We should be looking to attract repeat visitors to the island by developing facilities that meet their needs. Phuket benefits greatly from the tourism industry, so we must ensure that the island can accommodate them sufficiently," he added.

Atchara Sutiguranond, Director of sales for Deevana Patong Resort and Spa, told the *Gazette* that hotel guests are spending more this year. The resort has increased its room rate by about 15% due to a combination of the TAT's promotional activities, more direct international flights to Phuket and the resort's own promotional efforts.

"We have seen an increase in bookings from Australians, Singaporeans and Malaysians this year due to the additional direct flights from those countries," she said.

"Some of the complaints from guests include being overcharged for things when they shop in Patong and buses from the airport making detours and trying to persuade the tourists to stay somewhere else," she added.

Last year, tourists arriving at Phuket International Airport (PIA) during the high season were met with long immigration queues and baggage-claim problems.

Phuket Airport Director Sq Ldr Pornchai Eua-aree told the *Gazette* that the airport's facilities have been upgraded and expanded to serve the increasing number of tourists and avoid problems similar to last year's.

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Some six million tourists are expected to flow through Phuket International Airport throughout the coming year.

to deal with the peak in tourist arrivals and departures. A new terminal will open December 1, specifically for tour groups arriving on chartered flights," said K. Pornchai.

Between July and October, PIA handled 520 flights a week, comprising 270 domestic flights and 250 international flights, 57 of which were international chartered flights, which are set to increase this year with additional direct flights expected from Amsterdam and Brussels.

"The conveyor-belt system for passengers' baggage has also been improved and we are providing more space for airline offices in time for the high season," K. Pornchai added.

According to Phuket Air-

port Immigration Office Superintendent Pol Col Surasak Atthapanyawanich, there will be more immigration officers on duty this year, working extended shifts in an effort to reduce the long queues of passengers waiting to go through passport control.

"As we don't receive any manpower support from the central immigration office, our human resources are limited, but we have streamlined the process as best as possible by decreasing the officers' shifts from three to two 12-hour shifts per day so there are more officers on duty at a time," Col Surasak said.

"This year we have nearly doubled the number of passport-control channels to 18, with up to 10 counters for arrivals. Depart-

ing passengers now go through seven counters with 14 channels. We expect to process about 900 tourists an hour through immigration, each person taking about 45 minutes to go through passport control.

"I am confident that the flow of passengers will be more manageable this year if there are not too many flights landing at the same time," he added.

Large tour groups arriving and departing at around the same time was a major cause of delays last year. Some groups arrived late, causing late check-ins and flight delays.

There will be more tourist police on duty at night in popular tourist areas, according to Pol Maj Bundit Kaosutham, chief of

Phuket Tourist Police. "We have not recruited any new tourist police officers but we have about 60 Tourist Police volunteers to patrol Kata-Karon, Patong and Phuket City. Regular tourist police officers will be working 12-hour shifts and more officers will be put on night duty during the high season," he said.

"I am confident that we are prepared for any situation; we have evacuation plans in place if we are faced with another tsunami, terrorism or a major fire. Drunken arguments and theft are the most frequent problems that the tourist police have to deal with during the high season," Maj Bundit added.

The increase in the number of tourists this year is partly due

to more budget airlines offering cheap flights and tour packages direct to Phuket

Australia's low-cost airline Jetstar operates three Phuket-Sydney and four Phuket-Singapore flights a week.

Jetstar Group General Manager Commercial Mr Buchanan said Jetstar's Australia-Thailand services were performing above expectation and attracting significant numbers of Australians to visit Thailand.

National budget airline Thai AirAsia has upgraded its fleet this year with three brand-new Airbus A320 aircraft.

Martinair Holland began providing direct flights to Phuket from Brussels, Belgium and Amsterdam in October. Travel agents Thomas Cook, Necker-mann Pegase and Best Tours confirmed that there will be nearly 15,000 flights per year, with weekly direct flights from Brussels to Phuket.

Runjuan Tongrut, Assistant Director of TAT Southern Region 4 Office, said that the tourists coming from Belgium and Amsterdam usually stay for at least two weeks and spend 4,000 baht a day on average.

"This is good for Phuket. Last year, Phuket welcomed about 44,000 Belgian tourists, which was a 200% increase on 2004-2005. In the first six months of this year, 18,451 tourists have already come from Belgium; slightly more than this time last year. Tourists from the Netherlands have increased considerably with 16,287 arrivals so far, which is 22% more than this time last year," she said.

Director of France-Benelux, Office National du Tourism de Thaïlande, Jamnong Junnapiya, predicts that the additional flights from Europe will bring more quality tourists to Phuket.

"These new flights bring more families of tourists on package holidays who spend about a week here and spend up to 60,000 baht per trip," she said.





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## QUEER NEWS

# Southerners on rocky road to good fortune

PATTANI: With bombings in the Deep South regrettably almost a daily occurrence, it comes as little surprise that some might refer to the region as a "boomtown".

In fact, the Deep South is also in the middle of its own little "gold rush", though the object of the hopeful prospectors' desire isn't gold, but a mysterious black ore thought to have magical health-giving powers.

Some people are saying that the rock is actually *lek lai*, a mythical metal that melts when held over a candle flame and confers invulnerability upon its owner – not a bad thing to possess in the Deep South these days.

The discovery was made in the village of Phru Jud, in Tambon Khuan Nori of Khok Pho district. When journalists arrived on November 1, they found the roads lined with cars, motorcycles and three-wheeled pig transporters.

The village was filled with people of all ages – from teens to grandparents – all lugging spades, pickaxes and buckets up to the hills where the rocks were to be found.

At the bottom of the path to the hills, groups of diggers were sitting around selling what they had found and discussing prices. Some had polished their specimens and were selling them as stones to embed in rings. Glittering black examples sold for 1,000 to 10,000 baht, matte black specimens were fetching between 100 and 800 baht and tea-colored rocks went for 100 to 500 baht.

Raw, unpolished rocks fetched between 50 and 2,000 baht, while large rocks infused with the mysterious black substance were selling for up to 15,000 baht.

Local rubber plantation owner Stapa Waesa, 56, said that the "rock" had first been discov-



**DIG DEEP:** Villagers mine for the mystical *lek lai*, a metal that melts purportedly confers invulnerability upon its owner.

ered by Ma-ae Yusoh, another rubber plantation owner, about seven months ago.

Ma-ae, a member of Khuan Nori Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*), dreamed of an old man who told him to go and dig in the hills and then distribute what he found among the villagers, K. Stapa said.

"After the dream, Ma-ae and four relatives went to dig in the hills, where they found rocks different to everyday rocks. Ma-ae then went and gave them out to local villagers, telling them that an ancestor had appeared in his dream telling him about the rocks.

"I kept my share of the rocks and had a run of good luck, finding they could cure ailments including stomachache, toothache and fever. If you soak the rock in water then rub the water on the part that hurts for about half an hour, it gets better," K. Stapa said.

Some unbelieving villagers threw their stones away, but others polished them and sold them to traders in the market for more than 1,000 baht each. As word of the stones spread, villagers began to go and dig for them themselves, K. Stapa said.

In the first month following their discovery, the stones were plentiful and especially beautiful, he said. Now, some days as many as 1,000 people come to look for the rocks.

People are not sure exactly what the rocks are, but there are many theories, K. Stapa said. Some are saying it is manganese, while others believe it to be a kind of *lek lai*. Some villagers have made the rock into amulets to protect them; others keep them in their cars to protect them while on the road.

Jintadi Phithamaethakul, Head of the Pattani Provincial Natural Resources and Environment Office, said he knew that the villagers were digging for a type of rock but could not yet say what the rock was, though it was likely to be manganese.

He has ordered for samples to be sent for examination in Songkhla.

K. Jintadi said that he could not confirm the health-giving properties ascribed to the substance, but that it was unlikely to be dangerous if just rubbed on the body and not ingested.

**Source: Kom Chad Luek**



**T**he roads around the Nai Harn lake were strewn with

litter one recent Sunday morning after an international sports event passed through during the early hours.

It's such a pity the athletes, who are presumed to take good care of their bodies and lead a healthy lifestyle, don't seem to extend the same care to the beautiful surroundings they pass through.

Perhaps a lesson may be learned from Phuket City Municipality, who did an outstanding job in cleaning up after each parade during the recent Vegetarian Festival.

Taking a run may be fun, but let's at least make it clean fun.

## TRASHING Phuket



## Blood drive for November

PHUKET CITY: The blood bank at Vachira Phuket Hospital has announced it will hold blood donation collections in Phuket City at the following locations and times:

November 8: Satee Phuket School, 9 am to 3 pm;

November 15: Phuket Vocational College, Saphan Hin, 9 am to 3 pm;

November 29: Phuket Technical College, Yaowarat Rd, 9 am to 3 pm.

The blood bank also accepts blood donations daily at its office on the 4th floor of the Patient Building at Vachira Hospital, located on Yaowarat Rd.

The blood bank is open Monday to Friday (8.30 am to 8 pm) and Saturday and Sunday (8.30 am to 3 pm).

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French national Attla Yvan Samnel, 35, was found dead at 9:30 am in a rented room on the third floor of a townhouse on Jomtien Beach Road in Bang Lamung district, Pattaya, on November 1.

Police believe his death was caused by an overdose of the sexual performance enhancement drug Dormilax.

Bar hostess Prom Khorjongsuk, 35, told police that the man visited the bar on the ground floor of the building at 2 am and hired her to have sex with him for 1,000 baht.

K. Prom said the man had slept with her once, then took several pills of Dormilax and asked to sleep with her again. She excused herself out of the room and came back in the morning to find that he had died.

Some 24 pills were found missing from the Dormilax dispenser strips found in the room.

Mr Samnel's body was sent to the Forensic Medicine Institute of the Police Hospital for autopsy.

**Uncharted ban.** Activist Natee Teerarojjanapongs on November 2 filed a complaint to the Constitution Drafting Council that American International Assurance (AIA Thailand) had refused to sell him life insurance because he was homosexual.

K. Natee, President of the Gay Political Group of Thailand, said he had tried to buy a policy from AIA sales agent Pachara Pipatwong on October 28 and was told a few days later he could not do so because he was gay.

"AIA is violating the 2007 Constitution, as it is restricting my rights. [K. Pachara] told me the official said AIA policy stated that it did not give homosexuals insurance," K. Natee said after speaking to the council, which met to monitor how the new Constitution was being implemented.

All nine members of the council agreed with me that AIA is violating the Constitution and suggested that the activist file a complaint with the Insurance Department.

A senior AIA executive responded to the charge by saying that the company did not deny insurance to any group of people,

# Frenchman dies of alleged 'impotence drug' overdose



The Thai Federation for Democracy and National Monks Network collect dry food at the United Nations building in Bangkok to show solidarity and help ease the suffering of the Burmese people.

but considered each application individually.

**Ballot oblivious.** Results of a recent poll indicate that up to 40% of Thais are unaware that a general election will be held on December 23, Deputy Prime Minister Sonthi Boonyaratglin said on November 2.

K. Sonthi was speaking at Government House during a meeting of a government committee in charge of campaigning against vote buying.

DPM Sonthi told members of the committee that the panel needed to step up awareness campaigns to ensure that the voter turnout would be as high as 70%.

High voter turnout would be an effective measure against vote buying, he said.

**Ancient logs.** Khlong San District Office in Bangkok has suspended the construction of its new building because excavation at

the planned site has revealed a part of what is believed to be a historically-valuable fortress built in the reign of King Rama IV, who reigned from 1851 to 1868.

The site is located next to Pongpajjmit Fort, which has been registered as a national historical site since 1949.

Tharapong Srisuchart, who heads the Fine Arts Department's Office of Archeology, said the existing registration does not cover areas surrounding the fort.

While the land on the planned site was being cleared, 98 ancient logs were found.

**Brave new world.** The Cabinet has approved draft legislation to protect children born via assisted reproductive technology, government spokesman Chaiya Yimwilai said on October 30.

The proposal, made by the Social Development and Human Security Ministry, asserts that child-protection measures are necessary because conflicts

might arise between surrogate mothers and donor parents, K. Chaiya said.

The law is intended to help couples who cannot have children on their own, establish the parentage status of children born by assisted reproductive technologies and prevent interested parties from taking advantage of the situation, K. Chaiya said.

The Cabinet also approved draft child-adoption legislation in line with the ministry's aim to encourage more Thai people, instead of foreigners, to adopt orphans and protect children's rights.

**Bad habits.** About 6% of university students drink on all five weekdays according to a joint study by Abac Poll and the Thai

Health Promotion Foundation (ThaiHealth) released on October 29.

Of 4,485 freshmen and sophomores in 36 universities surveyed, 12% smoked more than 10 cigarettes a day. Of all respondents, 11% smoked regularly and 28% had drunk occasionally in the past six months.

Asst Prof Wilasinee Adulyanont, a senior ThaiHealth official, said the joint study was carried out to evaluate a ThaiHealth campaign to reduce drinking and smoking at university initiation parties over the past three years.

**Child porn arrest.** Paul Jones, 59, was arrested at his room at Siwara Condominium on Soi Lardprao 94 in Bangkok on October 30 for having allegedly traded child porn photos via the Internet.

Pol Col Siripoing Timula, commander of the Royal Thai Police technology-related crime investigation center, said Thai police had been asked by Interpol to arrest Jones, who had allegedly committed similar crimes in England, Australia and the US.

Col Siripong said Jones, who had been teaching English at an international school in Bangkok, hired Thai boys and girls to pose for nude pictures, which he sold via the Internet.

Jones was arrested after an undercover police officer pretended to be a transvestite and offered to pose for him to take nude pictures, he said.

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**K**oh Samui is under water once again. The island has seen large amounts of rainfall and flooding, similar to the rainy season of 2005.

The rainy season, which started early this year, has wreaked havoc on the island's fragile infrastructure.

The main ring road on Samui was flooded in several key areas, causing traffic delays and property damage.

Gary Swinston, a Dutch national on holiday in Lamai, said, "There were fish swimming down the street. It hasn't stopped raining since we arrived. It's unbelievable. I have never seen rain like it. The place doesn't look like it can cope."

The island has had to resort to pumping out flooded areas and clearing roadways using heavy machinery.

A new drainage system in the Bophut area has been criticized by residents for what they claim are its poor construction and inefficiency.

One resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "The work has been pointless. The drains are falling apart and a hazard to anyone who dares drive over them."

"The work has caused many accidents. It is like an obstacle course. If you are on a mo-

# Heavy rains flood Samui



Visitors to Koh Samui have been surprised by the amount of rainfall recently. One holidaymaker said that he saw 'fish swimming down the street'.

torbike you may as well forget it."

There have been reports of property damage due to the heavy rainfall, but police say that although there have been a number of traffic accidents caused by the road disruption, there have been no deaths.

The rainfall, which has al-

ready exceeded normal levels for this time of year, is expected to persist until December.

**Samui expat on trial.** Final court proceedings are being held in Bangkok in the case against long-time Samui resident Crispin Paton-Smith.

Paton-Smith, a former member of the British Army, was arrested with the assistance of the Danish NEC in Pattaya last July. Along with two other expats living on Samui, Paton-Smith was accused of a long list of offenses, including being officers in a secret society, attempted murder, money laundering, extortion, drug trafficking, human trafficking, racketeering, prostitution, bribing government officials, illegal land sales and transfers, rape, fraud and illegal weapons trading.

One of the two remaining charges, being an officer in a secret society, relates to Paton-Smith's alleged involvement with an international biker gang known as the Banditos.

The Thai government has been working with Danish officials, who claim that the gang has been involved in criminal activity around the world.

The attempted extortion charge is said to be related to soured business dealings made with other members of the secret society also living on Samui.

The court is expected to hear testimony from 57 witnesses. Noting that the key prosecution witness failed to attend any of the previously-scheduled hearings, sources have said that allegations of extortion are dubious.

The trial began October 29.

**Drug ring busted.** Four of the most-wanted drug traffickers in Belgium were apprehended on Koh Samui after eluding police for over a year.

The gang is thought to have been on the run since police in Belgium busted a large drug-trafficking ring in 2006, seizing marijuana and heroin worth up to US\$150 million.

Belgian Police and Thai Narcotics Bureau officers led by Pol Lt General Wut Liptapallop worked closely in conducting the raid, which took place at the suspects' shared residence. Police also seized cars, documents and accounting information.

Among the arrested was Belgian Koen Van Staay, 30, manager of a Muay Thai training camp that will feature in a reality television show due to be aired internationally. Kelly Cautereels, 25, also a Belgium national, was the only female arrested in the raid.

Two Dutch nationals are also believed to have been involved in the drug operation. Paulus Meyer, 44, was arrested at the scene. The other, Ronald Koornwinder, is being treated in a Koh Samui Hospital for life-threatening

injuries he received in a motorcycle crash. It is unclear how authorities intend to proceed with his case as Koornwinder is on life-support systems and unable to be moved.

Another Belgian, Lotha Gabriel, escaped from police custody and is believed to still be on the island.

All suspects are awaiting extradition proceedings and will face charges in Belgium.



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# Political assassinations continue

The President of Koh Mahk Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor) in Phattalung's Pak Phayun district was shot dead by assassins armed with assault rifles in a longtail boat October 29.

Roj Krairat, 56, was sitting talking with friends at 12:15 am in a waterside sala about 50 meters from his house when a longtail boat pulled alongside. One of the boat's passengers then opened fire, unleashing a fusillade of bullets at K. Roj. He was hit four times and died at the scene.

A police officer working on the case said that the motive for the killing was likely to be local politics as two previous holders of the office of president of Koh Mahk OrBorTor had also been shot dead while in office.

Maj Gen Kattisan Dechasuntharawat, Commander of Phatthalung Provincial Police, said that a task force headed by Deputy Provincial Police Commander Col Torsak Chucham had been set up and that officers from Songkhla province will assist the investigation and share information on known gunmen.

Gen Kattisan said police were investigating four motives for the killing but would not yet reveal them to the public for fear of jeopardizing the investigation.

**Child found dead.** The body of a four-year-old girl who went missing from Trang Market October 30 was found under a bridge in Phatthalung November 3.

Natjaya "Wawa" Sadan disappeared from a pickup truck, where she had been left by her mother, Rachana Taraodee, 25, as she did her shopping.

Three days later Wawa's body was found under Khlong Tao Bridge by Sawat Jongwan, 54, a farmer who had gone to wash his hands in the river. The girl's body was naked and had been beaten to death.

When officers at Trang Muang District Police Station were notified of the find, they contacted K. Rachana and a relative traveled to Phatthalung Hospital and identified the body as that of Wawa.

Maj Gen Prasert Jansawang, Commander of Phattha-



## Suppressants suppressed

Yala Muang District Police last week arrested Ruslam Dolaema, Esan Dolaema, Harlam Marabae and Abdul Usaman. The four were caught with 30 two-liter plastic jugs and 144 small bottles of Tenadrin brand cough suppressant syrup, an 11-mm firearm and 22 rounds of ammunition.

The syrup, which contains codeine, is a key ingredient in a drug cocktail popular in the Deep South. The drink is made by mixing it with mosquito repellent and water that has been used to boil leaves of the native *krathom* plant, which is a mild stimulant. The four told police they were on the way to deliver the syrup to a client when they were pulled over.

lung Provincial Police, said that police were still awaiting the results of a detailed autopsy on Wawa's body and the case was still under investigation by officers from Trang and Phatthalung police.

Police are following up two motives for the killing: a family dispute or a sexual attack, Gen Prasert added.

**Family feud.** A man killed his brother in law in Nakhon Sri Thammarat's Ron Phibun district November 4 as his sister looked on. The killing was allegedly provoked by a dispute over the family inheritance.

In the early hours of November 4, Lt Col Chertchai Mosika, Deputy Superintendent of Ron Phibun District Police

Station, led officers to Village 3 in Tambon Khuan Kui following reports of a violent disturbance.

At the scene, officers found the body of Suphop Khumphairan, 32. He had been stabbed in the stomach and throat and his head had been beaten with a blunt object.

K. Suphop's wife, Wanida Reuangrak, 27, who witnessed the attack, told police that the killer was her 22-year-old brother Nathaphong Reuangrak.

K. Wanida told police that she had been at home with K. Suphop when Nathaphong had come knocking on the door drunk. When she let him in, he walked to the kitchen, grabbed a bottle of fish sauce and then started an argument with K. Suphop.

K. Suphop tried to avoid a confrontation, but Nathaphong would not back down, K. Wanida told police, and he hit K. Suphop repeatedly over the head with the bottle of fish sauce.

Nathaphong then pulled out a knife used for tapping rubber and stabbed K. Suphop to death, police said.

K. Wanida tried to stop her brother, but could not, she said.

After K. Suphop was dead, Nathaphong fled, she added.

Col Chertchai said that Nathaphong was an army conscript who had recently deserted. He had a long history of arguments with K. Suphop and would frequently accuse him of planning to take his inheritance.

"We have sent people to look for him and think he is still in the vicinity," Col Chertchai said.

**Blast suspects held.** Thirteen suspected insurgents were arrested by security forces at a house in Yala's Muang District on November 4. Six of the men are believed responsible for an explosion at a Yala market that injured at least 10 people the day before.

An electronic scanning device indicated that the six had touched RDX and powergel explosives in the days before their arrest, said Army spokesman Col Acra Thiprach.

The suspects were detained for questioning in a military camp in Yala.

In a separate incident on the same day, police arrested seven people in Yala's Bannang Sata district following a brief clash with

militants in the area the night before.

**Bloody Sunday.** Also in Bannang Sata late on November 4, former village chief Mahama Romlee and his wife, Maneesah Tahamee, died instantly when gunmen opened fire on their house while they were sleeping.

Neighbors did not dare to go to their assistance, partly because of the military-imposed curfew from 8 pm to 4 am.

Bannang Sata District Chief Methee Kanjanaphuva reminded residents not to open their doors to any strangers at night.

The same day, in Rusoh district in Narathiwat, an insurgent was injured in a pre-dawn clash with soldiers. Gunmen hiding in the jungle fired on 300 troops preparing to raid a village.

In a 10-minute gun battle, Aman Salae, 39, was shot in the shoulder and knee before his fellow insurgents retreated.

No soldiers were injured in the shootout.

In Pattani province, also on November 4, 17-year-old student Sa-am Jehsoh was shot dead about 4 pm while riding a motorbike back from his Sunday religious studies class.

One of two men on another motorbike fired at the head of the youth, who died on the way to hospital.

More than 2,600 people have died in the Deep South violence since the start of 2004.

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# Flying Fish welcome new shark

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang & Matt Crook

PHUKET: Phuket's Flying Fish Swimming Club received a boost recently with the addition of Thai swimming legend Torwai "Oat" Sethasothorn to the club's coaching team.

K. Oat represented Thailand in the 2000 Olympic Games Sydney, where he won his heat in the 400-meter freestyle with a time of 3 minutes, 56.68 seconds, placing 24th overall. Although he didn't make the Olympic final, K. Oat became Thailand's pride.

K. Oat received his training at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, USA. At just 25 years old, K. Oat has achieved a great deal during his short career. He began swimming with his older brother when he was three years old.

At his peak, K. Oat was ranked second in Asia and 10<sup>th</sup> in the world for the men's 400 meters freestyle. Sadly, K. Oat's

professional career was cut short when he suffered a shoulder injury.

"I had to stop swimming professionally because I damaged the ligaments in my left shoulder. I can't get fit enough for competition now, but I still want to work for the national side by training the next generation of professional swimmers in Thailand. I want to train the future star swimmers when they are still young. At the moment, I am in talks with a national swim coach in Phuket so that I might be able to help him train swimmers," said K. Oat.

After spending some time teaching at a school in Bangkok, K. Oat moved to Phuket a month ago to join the Flying Fish. His trainer put him in touch with the club and K. Oat was then asked to join the Flying Fish as a coach.

"I was bored with my life in Bangkok and wanted to move to another place, so I came to live here. I don't have any plans to



Flying Fish Torwai "Oat" Sethasothorn gives a few pointers to a child at British International School, Phuket during a holiday training camp. K. Oat represented Thailand in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, competing in the men's 400 meters freestyle.

return to Bangkok yet," said K. Oat.

K. Oat now works together with head coach Peter Rochenste and assistant coaches Luke Remmers and Ralph Goetz, all hoping to nurture the next generation of Thai swimming stars.

"Pete is the one who plans the schedules and arranges training programs for the children. I like to keep an eye on their progress. I can help the children develop their swimming.

"We actually have two national youths who train with us. Maybe they will be stars in the future," said K. Oat.

K. Oat and Peter were part of a five-day training camp held at BIS international school recently for BIS students during school holiday.

"The training was split into age groups. In the mornings, the children were only about six or seven years old. When children are that age, they just want to play, but that's normal really. We have to incorporate that into their training," said K. Oat.

K. Oat said that he enjoys training the young swimmers and waiting to see what success they will achieve. "It's like waiting to finish something that we started. I can now pass on to the children all the tricks that I learned when I was competing professionally."

Although the swimming camp is now finished, K. Oat still trains the Flying Fish twice a day: once in the morning and once in the evening.

The Flying Fish Club is an independent swimming club that trains at British International School, Phuket (BIS).

The club is run by a committee of parents who aim to provide a healthy and fun activity for children in Phuket. The club, which for the moment is only open to BIS students, costs 6,000 baht a year.

There are more than 70 students training with the Flying Fish at the moment – about 10% of the student population. The children train on school grounds in a 25-meter and 50-meter pool.

The club is affiliated with

the Phuket Sports Association, the Thai Amateur Swimming Association (TASA) and the Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) body in Thailand, with 75 active swimmers between six and 17 years old on the roster.

In June, three swimmers competed at the Thai national try-outs in Bangkok. More recently, two swimmers were selected for the Southern regional team, bringing them a step closer to being called up for the national squad.

Two Flying Fish were recently invited to join the Phuket provincial team, while in early November 50 swimmers flew out to Singapore to compete in an international swim meet.

Last year, 17 swimmers traveled to Perth to compete in the All Stars vs Aussies meet, bringing back six gold, one silver and two bronze medals to Phuket.

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In the Isarn dialect, Tum Home means a gathering of friends and relatives for a party. Following this theme, Tum Home Restaurant in Tambon Wichit offers a variety of Thai-Isarn and modern Chinese dishes, all very reasonably priced and designed to make a party for your taste buds.

With a Bali-style jungle setting, Tum Home Restaurant feels quite removed from the city – although it is conveniently located just 10 kilometers from Phuket City on Chao Fa West Rd south-bound, about 200 meters north of Rolly Tasker Sails.

From the outside, the restaurant appears somewhat large and luxurious; inside it is simple, cool and quiet. A large tree grows in the center of the dining area, its branches and leaves mingling with the ceiling structure. Soft jazz seems to slide from the restaurant's speakers in the daytime, while a live saxophone player blows the brass after 6.30 pm.

The relaxed lighting, smooth tunes and late hours (11 am to 11 pm, daily) make Tum Home a good choice for a romantic evening or a relaxed meal with family or friends. Adding to the relaxed atmosphere are the reasonable prices and friendly staff.

With an extensive menu of 70 dishes and 20 featured specials, the blend of Thai-Isarn and Chinese choices are sure to offer something new to just about every diner. Tum Home is a place you can return to again and again without lapsing into gastronomical tedium – or debt.

Upon entering you'll be greeted by the friendly staff, among them Managing Director Suriya "Geng" Thamrangsri.

Describing his inspiration for the restaurant, K. Geng said, "I have always loved living in a quiet place, free of noise pollution. I like to sit and relax in my garden, surrounded by my lovely trees. It refreshes and relaxes me every time I enter it, so I came up with the idea of making a restaurant that offers the same kind of feel," he said.



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Opened in 2006, Tum Home began offering its special lunch menu just two months ago. While many Phuket restaurants are in the tourist trade and thus cater to people who can spend all afternoon enjoying lunch, Tum Home's lunch menu is designed for working people.

"Our lunch specials, available every day from 11 am to 2 pm, are for those who need to order and be served quickly.

"We have more than 20 choices on our one-plate menu,

but you can also place a special order if you want something that isn't on the menu.

"All lunch specials are only 29 baht, so working people can enjoy a low-priced meal in a relaxing setting," K. Geng said.

Their chef an Isarn native,

an expert of both northeastern and modern Chinese cuisines. His four most popular dishes from the lunch special menu are: fried pork with chili and basil on steamed rice; fried rice with shrimp; fried pork with chili and rice; and fried chicken entrails with curry paste and rice. With such reasonable prices, we decided to try all four.

The fried pork with chili and basil on steamed rice (*Khao Pad Krapao*) is a mix of spicy chilies and chopped pork, fried with fresh basil leaves. At the diners request, a fried egg is laid on top.

The fried rice with shrimp, or *Khao Pad Goong*, is a common choice with seafood lovers and is a great deal with fresh shrimp and vegetables for only 29 baht.

The fried pork with chili and rice combines the sweet smell oyster sauce and bite of Thai chili together with tender pork cooked



according to Tum Home's secret recipe.

The last dish we sampled was the fried chicken entrails with curry paste and rice. The word entrails may strike fear in the minds of most westerners, but this Tum Home specialty is well worth a try.

Crispy and with a perfect degree of spiciness from the curry paste, this dish is also a perfectly nutritious and well-balanced meal when served with a fried egg.

Tum Home has an elaborate yet modestly priced dinner menu such as Goong-Jao-Lao for 200 baht (left), but also has a 29-baht lunch special between 11 am and 2 pm daily, offering such dishes as *Khao Pad Krapao* (below) and *Khao Pad Prik* (above).

Tum Home also offers a delicious dinner menu, with meals priced at around 200 baht. Some standouts are: *Majcha-long-yuae* (deep fried seabass topped with green curry); *Goong-Jao-Lao* (steamed prawn topped with special curry powder) and *Pla-song-jak-ka-pad* (Hong Kong style steamed grouper and stir fried fresh vegetables).

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## Recent weddings in Phuket



Ami Steimer from Israel and Mala Soccalingame from France were married at Mom Tri's Villa Royale on Kata Noi Beach on October 30, 2007.



Preeyaporn Boonlon and Sirawit Maknoon were married at Pra Pitak Grand Ballroom of the Metropole Hotel on October 27.

# Emerging

**A**s Thailand races to embrace the modern trappings of a fast-paced world, one man is fighting to preserve traditional forms of entertainment before they fade away in the face of multi-million-dollar movies and electronic in-house entertainment.

Artist Samart Ratanarat talks to the *Gazette's* Nick Davies about his passion for passing on traditional Southern art, music and shadow puppet theater to the younger generation.

**S**amart Ratanarat, 46 grew up in Nakorn Sri Thammarat, the Southern provincial birthplace of shadow puppet theater *nang talung*, as it is locally known.

Over the years he has made and collected the props and puppets of this rapidly fading traditional entertainment and opened a shop in Phuket in the desperate hope of preserving the ancient art before it is lost forever.

The intricately crafted shadow puppet characters made from cow hide are brought to life behind a backlit screen by the puppeteer moving sticks attached to their legs, arms and mouths.

Cow hide is used to craft the puppets as it becomes transparent when it is treated with rubber oil. They would be used in performances lasting up to six hours, K. Samart explained.

The *nang talung* stories and characters have always fascinated K. Samart. When he was a child, he would often watch the shadow shows with rapt attention.

He later began making his own puppets and learned to play the instruments that provide the musical accompaniment to the plays.

Thailand's history of shadow puppet theaters began in Southern Thailand and dates back over 400 years to the Sri Ayudhya period. Traveling shadow puppet theaters were once as popular as today's cinemas.

The troupe of puppeteers and musicians would entertain young and old with re-enactments of fables using a well-known cast of legendary characters.

The concept of shadow puppet story telling is said to have reached Thailand by way of Java with many of the *nang talung* characters originating from Indian mythology and folklore in the Hindu holy text, the Ramayana.

Among the cast are Hanuman, the god-king of the apes, and Pra Isuan or Shiva, the principal Hindu deity.

"There are about 300 traditional *nang talung* characters in all, including hermits, princes, thieves and giants along with animals, such as the lion, tiger and swan, but the most important character, who must feature in every play, is the narrator, Phra Isuan," said K. Samart.

Although modern cinema has become a more popular pastime for both rural and urban com-



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# from the shadows of art



Samart Ratanarat (left) poses with one of his shadow puppets, while one of his shows can be seen in action (above). K. Samart has opened up his own museum-store in Phuket in the hope of preserving traditional Southern art.

munities, K. Samart said that people of all ages still very much enjoy traditional shadow puppet theater and he is devoted to preserving *nang talung* as a form of community entertainment.

"Traditionally, the whole village would come out to watch the *nang talung* performances, which would go on all night, he said.

"Even hyperactive kids who find it difficult to focus will sit still throughout an entire shadow puppet performance.

"To me this is a very valuable part of our culture and a way of passing on traditions to the younger generation. If it is not preserved and passed on somehow, we will lose it," K. Samart added.

They were also a political barometer with doses of satirical humor. "Compared with modern cinema, *nang talung* is not only entertaining, it is informative. The audience has to watch and listen attentively – it makes them think," he said.

Musical accompaniment for *nang talung* is traditionally performed by a five-piece band, playing two kinds of drum, a pair of high and low pitch gongs made of bronze or brass, a pair of small cymbals and the *pi*, which is similar to the oboe.

"As the tradition of *nang talung* disappears, it is becoming difficult to find musicians who can play the instruments and know the traditional music for the performances.

"These skills are not being passed on to the younger generation and these days I often have

to use pre-recorded music to accompany the shows instead of having musicians play live," K. Samart said.

K. Samart's career has always been associated with cultural traditions.

After studying art at Poh Chang art college, he went on to illustrate several books, including those by renowned Thai author Kangpong Songsumpun, who won the SEA Write award in 1996 for his collection of short stories in a book called *Phaendin Uen* (Another Land) before he passed away in 2006.

K. Samart also regularly produces cover art for magazines and books and creates artwork for the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), making displays and murals of scenes from traditional Thai rural life for TAT exhibitions and festivals.

"My work as an artist has taken me to most of the country's provinces, producing artwork for local and national tourist events,

including the Vegetarian Festival in Phuket," he said.

K. Samart recently moved from Nakhon Sri Thammarat to Phuket so that he could join artist and musician friends and open a shop with traditional puppet theater props and musical instruments on display and for sale.

"It is rare to find traditional shadow puppet shows now. Modern Thai society places more importance on instant gratification and is rapidly changing from outside influences.

"As a result, we are losing important aspects of our culture. This is why I have set up my own shadow puppet 'museum' and shop, in the hope that this traditional form of entertainment will be kept alive for future generations," he said.

"Preserving traditional theater and art forms such as *nang talung* is time consuming and takes dedication, but I strongly believe it is a very important to hold on to.

"Traditional shadow theater is a dying art because people have so much more choice in entertainment these days," he added.

K. Samart is also keeping traditional folk music alive with the help of fellow musicians who call themselves the Art Rawai Village Band.

He plays a variety of instruments, including tablas, drums, flute and other traditional wind instruments.

The band has become regular Tuesday and Friday night performers at Yoonique Music Cafe in Nai Harn. They jam with popular folk band, Som Rom and will be joining Reggae fusion band Job 2 Do for an environmental awareness concert on Koh Phi Phi Don on November 19.

K. Samart's shop is called Come Peang, which means "full moon" in Southern Thai. The shop is between the Love Art Studio and Tawan Ook Gallery on Wiset Rd, Rawai. At Tawan Ook, original sculptures and paintings by local artists are on display, including K. Samart's abstract paintings.

"We have opened these venues next to each other to create an art center that will be accessible to the international community on Phuket.

"We hope that this will help us to generate more exposure and interest in keeping Southern cultural traditions alive," K. Samart explained.

K. Samart and the Art Rawai Village Band perform at the center every Saturday night, beginning with *nang talung* performances from 7 pm followed by traditional and contemporary music. For more information call Tel: 083-5966066.

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## This week



**CZECH THIS:** Anurak Tansiroj (center), Czech Republic Honorary Consul for Phuket, hands a kid's toy set made in the Czech Republic to Phuket City Deputy Mayor Sornsiri Koopongsakorn at The Metropole Hotel on October 28. Vaclav Matousek, Deputy Director of the the Czech Republic Department Bilateral Economic Relations, looks on. Many more toy sets were donated to Phuket Municipality schools as part of the Czech Republic National Day celebrations.



**FLOWERS WORK:** Peerapong Paosura, general manager of The Metropole hotel, and his team congratulate Chalermpong Khantee with a flower basket for his promotion to Director-General of Labor Court Region 8.



**DELIVERY DAY:** Former Phuket Senator Paiboon Upatising (in white) presents a bouquet to Anupong Rangsinthurat, general manager of the DHL Patong branch, at the grand opening of DHL Service Point Patong on October 18.



**CELESTIAL CELEBRATION:** Father Richard Woodarek (center), of the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata, celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood at The Metropole hotel on October 28.



**MAKING A POINT:** Plus Property Sales Manager Karuna Pattarawalee (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Property Consultant Chadaporn Makchumnum (right) join Pimolrat Dechanipont (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), assistant manager of The Point condo development, at the project's launch at Central Festival Phuket October 28.



**OPDC OFFICIALDOM:** The Office of the Public Sector Development Commission Thailand (OPDC) held its "New Proportion of Thai Officialdom" seminar at Kathina Hotel in Phuket City on October 29. OPDC Official System Consultant Nonthikorn Kanchanajitra (center) is joined by fellow OPDC officers (from left) Nattika Nawanno; Raphiporn Maneepong, Siriwan Menaphoe and Sansunee Chiamton.



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The choice is simple: you either queue or come back another day and hope that the queue is not there. In the case of a concert or football match, you sleep on the ground all night at the ticket box to avoid the possibility of queuing and then missing out altogether.

It is the avoidable queues that fascinate me. Why would people stand in a queue when there is nothing to queue for? Airports are the best places to view this extraordinary phenomenon.

Waiting in the departure lounge for an announcement that the aircraft is ready for boarding, you see a bizarre sight. About the time when you would expect the announcement, passengers begin to form a queue.

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# Right on queue



Airports are one of the best places to see queues in action, but why step up for unnecessary hassle?

for everybody, yet people would rather stand for up to 20 minutes, hanging on to kids and bags, staring at somebody's back.

One of my friends wrote an interesting report in a magazine about a queue in Bangkok. This queue was something of a puzzle to my

friend, as he has lived in Thailand for many years and is used to the way things are here. This queue, however, was a matter of perplexity.

There was a bus stop across the road from his apartment. Both foreigners and Thais took this particular route.

The mystery was the behavior of the waiting passengers.

The Thais were lined up in single file, as straight as soldiers on parade for inspection by their commanding officer.

The foreigners milled about in a totally haphazard manner, scattered all over the place. What happened next made it even more puzzling.

As the bus pulled up at the stop, the foreigners formed up in

a straight queue to board the bus and the Thai line broke down into total chaos as people started pushing and shoving their way on board.

My friend decided that the only way to get some possible clue as to what happened was to join the passengers, whereupon from the other side of the road, the solution became clear.

The orderly line of Thais was due to their dislike of the sun, so they were lined up in the shadow of a power pole. The foreigners were scattered around under the overhead branches of a large tree, looking for spots where they could catch a little sun. There you go, a little cultural tale for you.

While it would make a lot more sense for people waiting to board an aircraft to wait in the seats instead of a long queue, you wouldn't want to go too far the other way.

Imagine if everybody wanting to be the last one on stubbornly staying in their seats in spite of the last-call announcements. The powers that be would have to force passengers out of their seats, while officials ran around with batons, driving herds of unwilling travelers into the air-bridge tunnel.

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# HALLOWEEN

**N**ight owls came out in costume for Halloween celebrations at Seduction Disco at Patong on October 31. Doormen gave grisly greetings and looked particularly menacing in *Scream* masks, black cloaks and armed with scythes to keep the masses in order (see left, center photo).

Many of the venue's clubbers also got into the spirit of the evening, arriving dressed as counts, witches, warlocks and monsters. Even a few aliens beamed themselves down for devilish dancing to Halloween hits such as Micheal Jackson's Thriller club mix. Vendors on the streets were doing a roaring trade in headbands with glowing horns.

**Top:** George Svensson (left), co-owner and PR manager of Rock City in Patong, joins Jim Wallenborg, star singer and guitarist of Rock City's Metallica tribute band. "What's Halloween?," asked George. "Somebody asked us to play *Hotel California*, that's why we look like this..."

**Below, left:** Martina Juergens (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), manager of the Siam Adventure Club at the Ramada Resort in Karon, leads a sortie of little witches and ghosts trick or treatin' around the resort, which was redecorated for the special night.

**Below:** More than 50 kids joined the Halloween festivities at the JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa's Children's Pavilion. The party started at 6 pm with trick or treat rounds, followed by a magic show by Dave Paul Jones, Halloween games and a children's buffet dinner and, of course, snacks.



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# It's official – the high season is here!

The official party to mark the arrival of the high season kicked off on November 1 with the annual three-day Phuket Carnival. Called the Patong Carnival just a few years ago, the event this year had a much stronger focus on art and culture than in preceding years, which traditionally has been a much louder affair.

After the opening ceremony led by Commerce Minister Krirk-krai Jeerapat (below center), parades took to the streets with dancers in full traditional costume. Leading the initial foray along the beach road were artists dressed as figures in the *Khon* dance, including Hanuman, the monkey god (left).


Sporadic showers – and a few last-minute rainy season downpours – over the three days did not stop some revelers enjoying the party (right), which included a nightly DJ Foam Party on the beach.

For the more subdued visitors, art and handicraft displays lined the beach road, as did local snack vendors selling a variety of local delicacies.

The carnival wrapped up with the traditional fireworks display, earning oohs and ahhs from on-lookers all along the beachfront, and a concert by Thai rock band Black-head at Loma Park.



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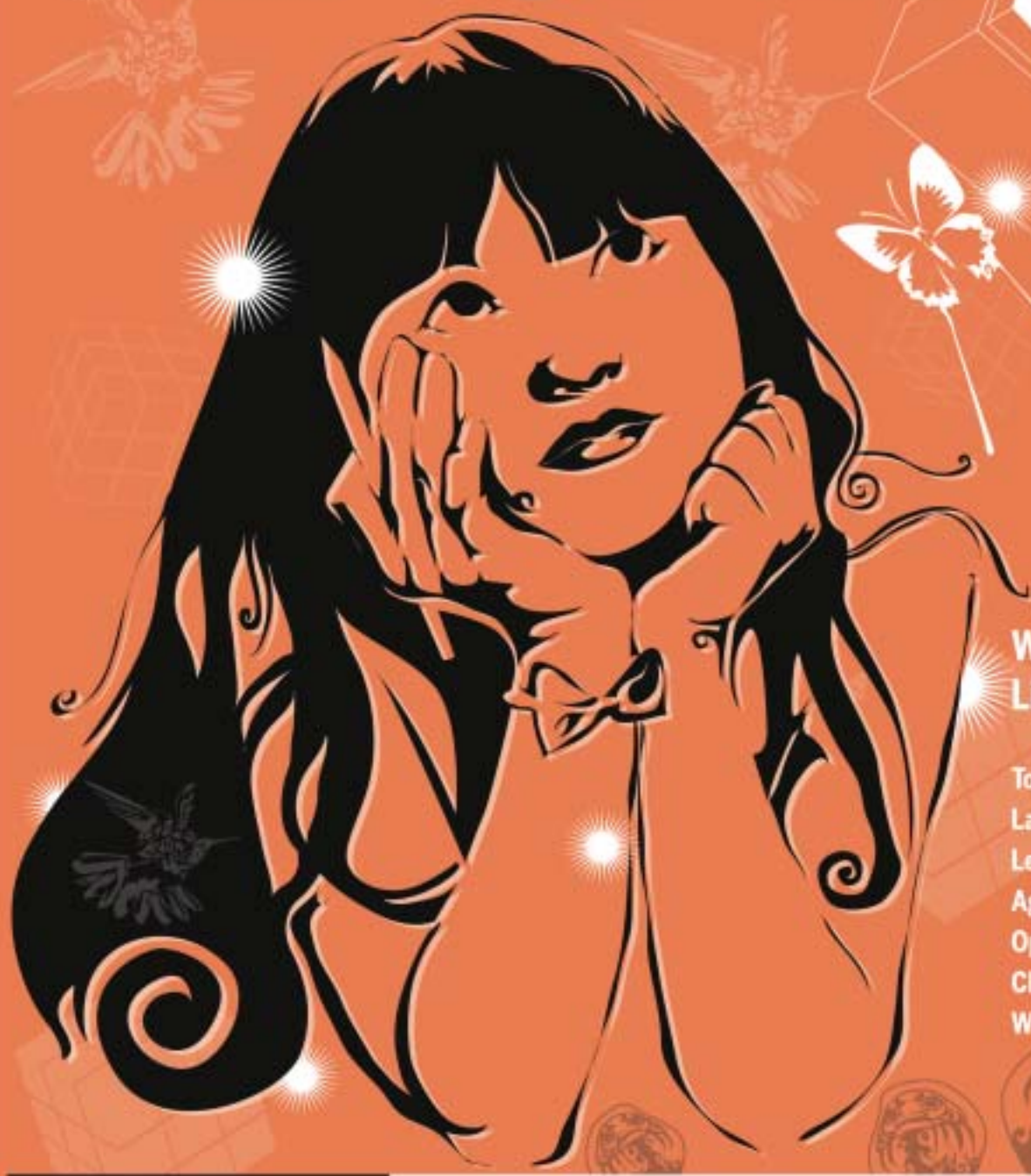
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# In a land of milk and honey

Heavenly treatments in a spa named after the Greek god of earth are found at Gaia Spa at Alpina Phuket Nalina Resort & Spa. Milk and honey are blended with local herbs for rejuvenating treatments in a luxurious setting.

A small bridge across a lotus pond at the 150-room resort on 20 rai near Kata Beach takes guests into the spa reception area, where guests immediately begin to relax in the tranquil surroundings of cooling marble water features and the clean lines of Shinto, Eurasian fusion architecture and decor.

The 'Nalina' in the resort's name means lotus flower. The native plants of the gods feature throughout the resort and spa, both inside and out.

The blend of architectural styles and decor of the spa, enhanced with soft lighting is impressive but not distinctive of any particular region or era.

This is intentional, On-Uma "On" Jitbunjong, the spa's manager explains. "The style is a mix of Asian and Western concepts so as not to define a particular regional style, while being luxurious and inviting."

Catering to individuals and couples, the two-story spa has four double-bed rooms, seven single-bed rooms and 12 Thai massage beds, with eight therapists on hand. Today the spa is busy with couples and groups of friends who will also be able to enjoy the large sauna and steam room, plus large, inviting hot and cold Jacuzzis.

K. On-Uma arrives and jokingly enquires whether I had brought the customers with me, explaining that most guests usually come in the afternoon, but that 10 guests had already come to the spa today.

"About 90% of those com-



Above: Some of the almost edible blends of herbs and natural ingredients in the body and facial scrubs.

Left: Large massage beds look inviting in the luxurious surroundings.

ing to the spa are guests at the resort, most of whom are Scandinavian or Australian," K. On-Uma said.

"With many more guests expected for the high season, we will be taking on more staff to increase the number of therapists to around 25," she added.

Usually, Thai massage rooms will have large bowls on the floor for therapists to wash guests' feet in but at Gaia Spa guests cleanse their feet in a bed of smooth cool stones.

The massage beds are also unusual in that they are more than two meters long and 1.3m wide; plenty of room for the European guests and the therapists to maneuver.

The massage and skin therapy products used at the spa have a local theme though. They are supplied by Lemon Grass House in Cherng Talay, while fresh local herbs are used in the facial treatments.

All guests receive a herbal foot bath of fresh citrus and salt before any of the treatments.

The focus is on giving guests a personalized service at

Gaia Spa. K. On-Uma explained how this is achieved. "Before giving treatments, it's important that we know as much as possible about our individual guests and their needs. All guests are given a questionnaire to complete before receiving treatment and all Gaia therapists must first pass a series of tests set by two trainers before they are allowed to treat spa guests," she said.

The range of treatments is extensive and so are the prices. Treatments start at 500 baht for a herbal steam, sauna and Jacuzzi session. For 10,000 baht, couples can enjoy the four-hour Romantic Spa Escape package, which

includes a foot bath, steam room, body scrub, floral bath, aromatherapy massage and aromatic facial refreshments for two.

The "Secret of Gaia" signature treatment comprises a foot bath, a steam-room session, a white sesame polishing scrub, a milky massage with a warm, white sesame compress, and finally a milky bath. All this takes 2½ hours and costs 3,500 baht.

"Our massage therapies mainly focus on massaging the back more than the legs because the back is the nerve center and has many important meridian points, where the body's energy channels join," K. On-Uma said.

Massage therapies are administered in private with warm and personalized service. I started mine with a shower, which I returned to five times between the different treatments. I then took about 20 minutes in the steam room, followed by a body scrub with white sesame and honey, topped off with the milky massage with warm white sesame compress.

The relaxing treatment accompanied by soft music and the sound of rain outside put me to sleep. I awoke feeling refreshed with clean skin. My therapist told me that the sesame scrub is very good for regenerating dry skin as the oil in the sesame compress deeply moisturizes.

K. On-Uma suggests that guests leave at least an hour between eating before a treatment, which will ensure the treatment is deeply relaxing.

"Although the treatments are therapeutic, guests shouldn't come if they are ill or suffering from muscle pain, as the treatments are not a panacea or a substitute for physiotherapy."

Gaia Spa is open daily, from 9 am to 10 pm. Located at the Alpina Phuket Nalina Resort & Spa, 7/1 Ketkwan Rd, Kata. To make an appointment, Tel: 076-370903 or visit the resort's website for more information: [www.phuketnalina.com](http://www.phuketnalina.com).

## Spa MAGIC

By Sangkhae Leelanaporn

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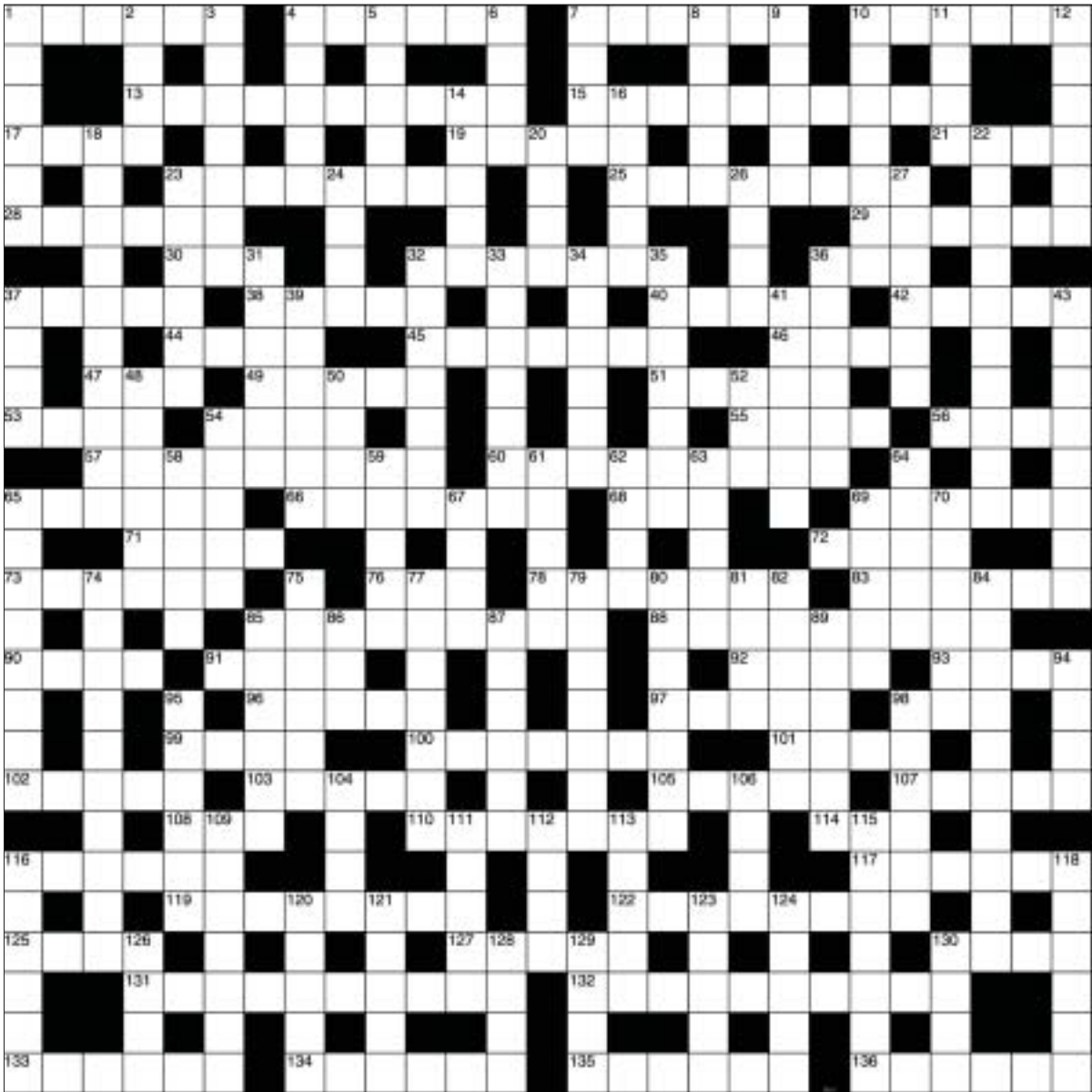
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Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each “box” of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Beware: there is only one solution to this puzzle, which is on the next page.



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- Across

1. Short trip

4. Barking noise (3-3)

7. Vancouver is there

10. Infected

13. Not caring for

15. Meat & plant-eating

17. Starchy tubers

19. Utilization

21. Swearword

23. Smiled coyly

25. Washes clothes

28. Eire’s capital

29. Rooms within roofs

30. Golfing body (1,1,1)

32. Plume

36. Wildebeest

37. Throat growth

38. Exaggeratedly masculine

40. Shrub fence

42. Snaking dance

44. Writer, ...Blyton

45. Loudly

46. Legendary guitarist, ...Clapton

47. Possessed

49. Gawked

51. Leg bone

53. Debatable

54. Moon about

55. Hideous

56. Country, Costa...

57. Showbiz idols

60. Made best use of

65. Extracts (information)

66. Standing

68. Hallucinogenic drug (1,1,1)

69. Duchess of York

71. Japanese wine

72. US space

organisation

73. Nook

76. Sheep’s cry

78. Most reckless

83. Maladjusted person

85. Unrestricted

88. Devotion

90. German Mr

91. Alternatively, or...

92. Copied

93. Wood-dressing tool

96. Weight unit

97. Hauled

98. Beer

99. Child’s play objects

100. Slant

101. Red-skinned cheese

102. More pleasant

103. Ship’s floors

105. Care for

107. Slow down (of car)

108. Military actions

110. Conquers

114. No score

116. Fit to be eaten

117. Feeble-minded through age

119. Loafer

122. Vegetables, ...sprouts

125. Roman dress

127. Eskimo hut

130. In contact with

131. Static

132. Aides

133. School-defaulter

134. Hurls

135. Seamy

136. Elbowed

Down

2. Charged particles

3. Silencing

4. Censoring tone

5. Melted ice

6. Toupees

7. Become blocked

8. Farewell

9. Audibly

10. Highlander’s pouch

11. Mexican currency

12. Swaps (check) for money

14. Prod

16. Riot

18. Caravan (6,4)

20. Father’s sister

22. Making hostile

23. Drank slowly

24. Long tale

26. Requirement

27. Wall coating

31. Cowboy’s friends

32. Most cherished (memories)

33. Flyer

34. Altitude

35. Musical beats

36. US president, ...Ford

37. Reddish-purple color

39. Modifies

41. Radiation gauge, ...counter

43. Tank’s weaponry

48. Relaxed (2,4)

50. Bog fuel

52. Tour coach

54. Disguises

58. Grind (teeth)

59. Jewish scholar

61. Tapering fruit

62. Woes

63. Lazed

64. Tree secretion

65. Composer, George...

67. Russia’s ...Mountains

69. Well-known

70. Knave

74. Righting

75. Abuse

77. Disbelief in God

79. Straddling

80. Rushes

81. Playwright, George Bernard...

82. Sioux tents

84. Association

85. Renowned insurance body

86. Soldiers

87. Constructs

89. Blush

94. Rim

95. Saunter

98. Lopes

104. Cradle

106. Races (motor)

109. Early farm worker

111. On the move

112. Bluish-green color

113. Manlike machine

115. Pacific nation, Solomon...

116. Length

118. Fled to wed

120. At an angle

121. Makes pig sound

123. Waste pipe (1-4)

124. Teamed (with)

126. Continent

128. Exercise clubs

129. Stupid louts

130. Knuckle of veal stew, ...bucco

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*Answers below*

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# The wonderful world of Walt

Neal Gabler has written the definitive biography of Walt Disney, appropriately subtitled *The Triumph of the American Imagination* (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 206, 851pp).

Walt Disney was a complex man and, to his credit, Gabler presents a very complex portrait. While there are occasional longueurs, the narrative generally gallops along in the wake of this protean genius who gave the world Mickey Mouse, Snow White, Bambi, Mary Poppins and, his ultimate triumph, Disneyland.

His childhood was idyllic and Dickensian. He grew up on a farm near the small town of Marceline, Missouri, which he would idealize as the "Main Street" of Disneyland. The family then moved to Kansas City, where Walt was put to work on a brutal paper route. Dropping out of ninth grade, he lied about his age and escaped to France as a WWI ambulance driver.

Returning to Kansas City, he set himself up as an animator. He went bankrupt and fled to Los Angeles to join his older brother Roy, who would later run the business side of the Walt Disney Studios.

His big breakthrough was the first sound-tracked cartoon, *Steamboat Willy*, starring Mickey Mouse, who later developed into a combination of Charlie Chaplin



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

and Douglas Fairbanks.

Mickey's creator was plain-spoken, plain-dressed, generous and genial to his staff, all of whom addressed him as "Walt". He was a man of simple tastes, a faithful husband and doting father to two daughters. But he had always been unknowable and the older he became, the more impetuous he became.

Yet he was a born entertainer with his finger on the American pulse.

"If you want to know the real secret of Walt's success," Gabler quotes longtime Disney animator Ward Kimball as saying, "it's that he never tried to make money. He was always trying to make something that he would have fun with."

On a winter night in 1934, Disney

jumped on stage before 50 writers and animators and for the next three hours acted out the story of *Snow White*, assuming the characters' voices and mannerisms. He announced they were going to make the world's first animated feature film.

"That performance lasted us three years," one animator claimed. "Whenever we'd get stuck, we'd remember how Walt did it on that night."

Snow White was a triumph, followed by *Pinochio*, *Dumbo*, *Bambi* and *Fantasia*, Disney's collaboration with conductor Leopold Stokowski.

Gabler maintains that the studio was Disney's refuge from the real world.

That world was abruptly shattered in 1941 by a strike led by animator Art Babbitt, a communist and bitter enemy of Disney. The Second World War also cut off overseas revenue needed for the expensive animation movies. After the war, Disney seemed to lose interest in the studio. Here the book also loses focus and direction.

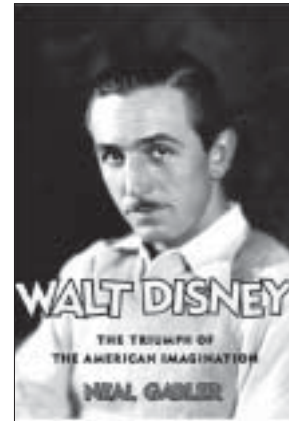
But Disney bounced back in 1954 with his foray into television: the daily Mickey Mouse Club and the Wednesday

night Disneyland tied in with the giant amusement park he was building in Anaheim, California. This was to be his new refuge.

On Disneyland's opening day, July 17, 1955, Disney surveyed the crowds from his apartment atop the firehouse on Main Street. He was grinning widely, a tear streaming down his cheek. "I have never seen a happier man," observed his daughter Diane.

By now, his studio was producing mostly dreck, but there were exceptions: *Cinderella*, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, *The Lady and The Tramp* and *Mary Poppins*.

Gabler sums up Disney thus, "He was a Horatio Alger hero whose life demonstrated social mobility. He was a naive artist whose work demonstrated a Jamesian humility and common sense. He was a visionary whose plans demonstrated the breath of American imagination and the power of American will. And however he behaved privately at his studio, he was publicly a modest, affable, and decent man whose image demonstrated America's own decency and generosity of spirit."



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### November 14-17. Chalong Bay Fishing Tournament 2007.

Registration night is November 14 and the registration fee is 7,000 baht per team, including free beer.

Fishing days will be November 15-17 with prizes given on November 17 from 8 pm.

For further information contact Uwe Schitteck. Tel: 081-7195766. Email: uweschitteck@yahoo.com

### November 16. Jazzed Up on the hill.

An evening of entertainment set around the pool overlooking the bay of Karon with jazz singer BB Queen, a hurricane to knock you off your feet on arrival, followed by a barbecue and fireworks at midnight making for the perfect night out.

Tickets are 700 baht, 850 baht on the night if available.

For further information contact Keith Wickers. Tel: 084-3060303. Email: keith.wickers@gmail.com Website: [www.eden-thailand.com](http://www.eden-thailand.com)

### November 16-17. BIS International School Football Sevens.

This international football tournament is one of the school's highlights. The tournament will take place at BIS 8:30 am until 4:30 pm on each day.

There will be more than 500 visiting football players from Thai schools and international schools in Southeast Asia.

For further information please contact Patrick du Preez. Tel: 076-238711/20. Email: ppreez@bcis.ac.th Website: [www.bcis.ac.th](http://www.bcis.ac.th)

### November 16-24. King's Cup 80-80 International Rugby

In celebration of HM The King's 80th birthday, we hope you will join us for the 2007 International Rugby-80 Tournament at Sanam Chai Stadium in Phuket City, featuring international teams from Thailand, Australia, Laos and Sri Lanka.

For details contact K. Kwanta at 081-5858222. Email: [thairugbyunion@yahoo.com](mailto:thairugbyunion@yahoo.com) Website: [www.thairugbyunion.com](http://www.thairugbyunion.com)

### November 17. ChildWatch Charity Golf Competition

The British Business Association - Phuket (BBAP) will hold 4-ball Texas Scramble golf tourney on the Canyon Course of Blue Canyon Country Club, with proceeds going to ChildWatch Phuket.

Registration at 11am and shotgun start at midday. Prize giving dinner at 6 pm. 4,950 baht per golfer includes green fee, caddy fee, event shirt and prize-giving dinner. Limited space left.

Contact BBAP at Tel: 089-8749080. Email: [martin@bbap.org](mailto:martin@bbap.org) Website: [www.bbap.org](http://www.bbap.org)

### November 17. How to survive a Tax Audit.

Network Advisory Team Ltd (NAT) would like to invite you to join a half-day seminar with advice about how to survive a tax audit. You will have the chance to learn and ask questions directly from the managing director of NAT, a chain of professional, English-speaking accounting firms in Bangkok, Phuket and Koh Samui.

The seminar will be held at the Phuket Merlin Hotel, 1 pm until 4:30 pm.

For details call K. Jantima at 081-5379285 or contact NAT, Phuket, at Tel: 076-212989 or Email: [info@thaiaccounting.com](mailto:info@thaiaccounting.com) Website: [www.thaiaccounting.com](http://www.thaiaccounting.com)

### November 24. Sixth Annual QSI Fun Run, 1- & 6.5-kilometer races.

QSI International School of Phuket holds a fun run and auction each year to help raise money for important school projects and to promote good health.

This year's run will be held at the Bang Wad Dam. The run will be divided into two separate runs: 1 and 6.5 kilometers. Participation medals will be given to the first 200 registrants, along with gold, silver and bronze med-

als to the top three finishers in each age category, male and female.

For further information contact QSI International School Phuket. Tel: 076-354077, 081-6334279. Email: [qsi.funrun@gmail.com](mailto:qsi.funrun@gmail.com) Website: [www.qsi.org](http://www.qsi.org)

### November 24. PIWC Gala Ball.

The Phuket International Women's Club will hold the most prestigious event of the year - the annual Gala Ball - on Saturday, November 24, at the Indigo Pearl, Nai Yang Beach.

For further information contact Carol (Tel: 087-4178860. Email: [carol@aplusplussoftware.com](mailto:carol@aplusplussoftware.com)) or Sue (Tel: 087-2776948. Email: [arnulphy@loxinfo.co.th](mailto:arnulphy@loxinfo.co.th)).

### November 29. Wine Dinner at Mom Tri's Boathouse.

Mom Tri's Boathouse will host an exclusive wine-tasting dinner, featuring wines of two very prestigious wine chateaux in France: Chateau Pichon Comtesse de Lalande (Pauillac, France) and Chateau L'Angelus (Saint Emilion, France).

Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information call the Boathouse at 076-330015.

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## Let the sales begin

Moving into what many expect to be a banner high season for tourism, it is difficult not to be impressed by the resiliency Phuket has displayed in its ability to continue attracting ever more tourists despite a long series of serious setbacks over the better part of a decade.

With the crash of One-Two-Go Flight OG269 in September and the military coup a year before, there have by now been so many serious hurdles for Phuket's tourism industry to overcome that the growing tally can no longer easily fit on the front of the popular tourist T-shirt released after the tsunami: "2001 Bomb Alert, 2002 SARS, 2003 Bird Flu and 2004 Tsunami... What's Next?"

Barring all-out civil war or an asteroid impact, all indications are that the total number of tourist arrivals to Phuket in 2007 will easily surpass the five-million mark by year's end. At a recent meeting of the provincial security council, Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit speculated that the number could reach six million.

Notably, the governor urged all the security heads present at the gathering not only to do their best to provide good security, but also, in effect, to ensure visitors have a pleasant stay.

That's a tall order, given the demographics involved. With Phuket's official resident population just barely exceeding the 300,000, six million visitors works out to about 20 tourist visits annually for each registered resident of the province.

Even if the estimated population of unregistered Thais is taken into account, the ratio still hovers around 10 to 1. Such a ratio might cower lesser populations into the malaise known as "hospitality fatigue", but we here in Phuket say: bring 'em on!

Jokes aside, there have been some promising developments in Phuket's tourism infrastructure during the past year [See Inside Story, pp 4-5]. Apart from the addition of 10 new hotels adding about 2,000 more rooms, there have been considerable improvements at Phuket International Airport to help cope with growing transit figures.

The opening and subsequent development of Jungceylon with the recent addition of a second department store and cinema complex also go a long way to enhance the hitherto one-dimensional image of Patong and offers a wider range of activities for tourists there.

More good news comes with the recent announcement that within two weeks, the National Legislative Assembly could scrap the controversial 10% spa tax that has unnecessarily hindered Phuket's development into a truly world-renowned hub for top-quality, affordable spas, medical tourism and "wellness" treatments.

— The Editor

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your views for publication in our next issue. We reserve the right to edit all letters. Pseudonyms are acceptable only if your full name and address are supplied.

### Island blues

I wonder: is it time to change the place to go for holidays after reading every day about robberies around Rawai and the rest of the island? For about 10 years I have been coming to Phuket for long periods and have seen the crime grow.

At the moment, I am looking for a property. All this makes me wonder about Phuket. Maybe it is too dangerous a place for farangs to settle down in. I will stop searching for a moment and look for other places, maybe in another country. So sad.

Bengt Jansson

### Merci, Gazette

I just want to congratulate you and your team for the contents of the newspaper's articles. I also wanted to congratulate you for the positive aspect of your website.

Mrs Mounier  
France

### Bring back the boyz

What happened to the Patong carnival this year? I was looking forward to the usual party-like atmosphere of smiling, confetti-throwing katoeys wooing the crowds with their energetic displays of dancing on imaginatively decorated floats to start the high season with a real bang.

What I saw, though, was not a parade, but a sombre procession of people finding it difficult to smile at the thin crowds looking on.

I imagine that whoever was in charge this year wanted to give tourists a taste of Thailand's more conservative culture. That is a shame, because

Patong is a party town, that's why millions of people come here every year. Bring back the katoeys – they really know how to throw a party.

Disappointed,  
Phuket

### Phuket – a haven for hypochondriacs

It may sound ironic, but after many years of living here I am convinced more than ever that Thai people have an unhealthy addiction to – and possibly even a psychological dependence on – unnecessary medical care. It seems that every time I am not feeling well the only questions I ever have to field are: Have you seen a doctor yet? Have you taken any medicine?

In the West, some doctors advise against taking pharmaceuticals unless necessary. Overuse of antibiotics and the subsequent emergence of drug-resistant microbes is well documented.

Nobody here seems to care about that, though. Take your average patient who goes to see a doctor for a viral complaint for which only time and rest are the only known cures.

He or she is typically sent home with three or four bags of pills or syrups. It seems that the doctors seldom, if ever, explain that the medicine is only to relieve symptoms and is not a cure. Why would they explain, when prescribing these mostly useless (and often potentially harmful) medicines are the chief way many of them turn a profit on the clinics they run?

Even worse are the drug stores, where people with no certified background in pharmacology regularly dole out medicine.

Hospitals here are more like

hotels, with doctors admitting patients who only need some rest in order to keep "occupancy rates" high. Officials here in Phuket like to trumpet the place as a medical hub, but for me, it's more of a hypochondriac's haven.

Somchai Huasaikul  
Samkong

### Light me up

I was riding in the car with my friend the other day and we approached a busy junction. I was surprised to see that the traffic lights were not functioning. Never mind, I thought to myself. We braved the junction and eventually edged our way across, only to be greeted by another set of dud lights further down the road.

The next night, I was again out with my friend when we came to another set of traffic lights that were blinking aimlessly.

Apparently, now get this, they turn the lights off after midnight because people don't want to stop at them. What a fool-proof way to promote road safety – traffic lights that get turned off when it's pitch black.

Who came up with such a grand idea? It couldn't have been any of the motorists killed in road accidents this year. It certainly wouldn't have been any of the confused tourists who come here and find themselves running the gauntlet at every junction. So I can only deduce that such a hairbrain idea came from the island's soi-dog mafia.

They may look like haggard old hounds, but those dogs are obviously up to a lot more than they let on. I certainly won't be giving out any bones for a while.

Won't someone turn on the lights?

Barry  
Kata-Karon

Letters conveying views and suggestions are published here. Those seeking comment from government officials and/or business owners are published in *Issues & Answers* at [www.phuketgazette.net](http://www.phuketgazette.net).



The media published a lot of incorrect information about the case of the Dutchman who was injured in an attack outside the entrance to Jungceylon on October 14. A police investigation revealed that the Dutchman actually hit one of the security guards first after grabbing his baton.

The guard asked the Dutchman not to park where he had because the area was reserved for taxis bringing tourists to Jungceylon. The Dutchman was defiant and parked there regardless. The guard then walked away, but came back armed with his baton. The Dutchman thought that the guard was going to hit him, so he tried to grab the baton from him first.

The guard called out for help and then about four or five taxi drivers came to his assistance and beat the Dutchman until he needed to be hospitalized. The taxi drivers who helped the guard are not part of a "mafia", as many people said.

The Dutchman then went on to demand a million baht in compensation from the taxi drivers, but it seems that the taxi drivers pooled together and paid for his hospital treatment – about 16,000 baht – and that's the end of the matter.

The media response to the incident was terrible. There were stories about mafia in Patong harming a tourist. I read that he needed 40 stitches in hospital, which is simply not true.

One point of confusion in Patong is that tourists often mistake other workers for the police because they wear similar uniforms. It's important to remember that a person wearing a uniform could be a member of the tourist police, a volunteer, a government officer, a Municipal officer, a member of the Phuket Amateur Radio Club – or even a security guard.

# Solving Patong tuk-tuk problems will take time

## FIRST PERSON

With the high season already upon us, Kathu Police are preparing for a surge in the number of tourists to Patong.

Here, Kathu Police Superintendent **Pol Col Grissak Songmoonak** talks about some of the challenges faced by the police during the high season and some preconceived notions the public has about his team.

After just four months as Kathu superintendent, Col Grissak's has a good deal of experience with crime in tourist destinations; his previous assignment was as head of the Tourist Police in Bangkok.



If tourists want to report something or file a complaint, they can do so with the Tourist Police, with the police from Kathu Station or the Immigration Police. We all work with each other so that we can solve the problems tourists have.

In total, we have about 150 police officers and we do not receive extra help during high season. We ask for help from public volunteers. We try to do the best we can for tourists because if they are happy during their stay, it means that they will probably return to Phuket in the future.

The most common reason for tourists to make a complaint to Kathu Police Station is for cases of items being stolen from hotels. In my experience, many hotels don't report robberies to the police because they worry how it will affect their image. In some hotels, it's actually the tourists who are the thieves. Most hotel staff don't expect foreigners to steal from each other.

This happens all over Thailand – in Pattaya, Samui, Haad Yai, Bangkok. For cases of theft, we have to look at each situation from all angles. There have been

many cases of tourists who report items being stolen so that they can make claims on their insurance. Thailand is one of the top countries for insurance fraud, according to a recent police report.

Some people travel to Thailand, file insurance claims and get a free holiday with their insurance money. Every time tourists report a case of theft, we have to question them to get as many details as possible. Sometimes the tourists get very aggressive with the police officers, as if they are trying to stop us from questioning

them. We always ask the tourists to show us receipts, but most of the time they say that they lost them.

Sometimes, when tourists report stolen items, we will go back to the scene and check the CCTV cameras. Often, we won't see anything and the tourists will then confess that they lied to the police so that they could claim the items on their insurance. We then charge the tourists with lying to a police officer.

A lot of people are unhappy about transport in Patong, such as the tuk-tuks, motorcycle taxis and taxis. Tourists complain about the cost, the lack of parking spaces and how aggressive the drivers can be.

I held a meeting with local taxi drivers to try and resolve the problem. This is something that must be dealt with slowly, piece by piece. I must ask people to give me more time because I am new to my position and my work only began a few months ago.

I would love to see Patong safe and in order because this is an area popular with tourists. If I am able to manage Kathu Police Station for a long period of time, I have many things that I would like to try and improve in the city.

Whether it be early in the morning or late at night, my officers have to always be on standby, which makes us different from other police stations. The police officers who are here work very hard.

– Compiled by  
**Sangkhae Leelanaporn**

## Can I still get a permit-to-stay extension in Patong?

The Patong Immigration Office has apparently stopped issuing visa extensions (extensions to "permits to stay") and is referring applicants to the main Immigration office in Phuket City. Is this temporary or permanent? I ask because the Patong Immigration Office has always been very helpful in the past.

Concerned  
Patong

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

The immigration office in Patong does not have enough officers to process extensions to permits to stay throughout its full office hours.

To reduce the number of applications for permits to stay that the Patong office receives, it now accepts applications on Mondays and Fridays only, from

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9 am to 2 pm.

Any foreigner who wants to extend his permit to stay should come to the Phuket Immigration Office in Phuket City, which is open Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The Patong Immigration Office is still open Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 3 pm, for other regular services, such as

foreigners registering their residential address.

Please note that we will probably close the Patong Immigration Office when the new Phuket Provincial Immigration Office in Phuket City opens later this year because the building that the Patong office is in belongs to Patong Municipality and they want it back.

## What's so elite about Elite Visas?

I would like to find out more about the Thai Elite Visa.

Graham  
Phuket

**Pol Capt Krissarat Nuesen, of Phuket Provincial Immigration Office, replies:**

Thai Elite Card holders are issued a multiple-entry permit that allows them to stay in Thailand

for five consecutive years.

Although they do not need to leave the country on visa runs, they must report to an immigration office every 90 days to register that they will stay for another 90 days, which costs 1,900 baht for each 90-day period.

For more information or to apply for a Thai Elite Card, visit [www.thailandelites.com](http://www.thailandelites.com).

## No cable TV on flat-screen TVs?

We were out looking for a flat-screen TV over the weekend and when I said that we had cable TV we were told that you could only have a plasma TV.

The smallest plasma was a 42 inches, and we only wanted a 32-inch screen. Why?

Michael G Finn  
Wichit

**Woranut Saencharoen, Manager of Phuket Cable TV, replies:**

Televisions of any kind of screen can show cable TV; it is not a technology that can be

shown by plasma screens only. I guess the salesperson suggested that you buy a plasma screen because he or she thought that it's the best-quality screen they had.

**Supaporn Malawanno, OA department chief of Power Buy at Central Festival Phuket, replies:**

Manufacturers of plasma-screen TVs do not make screens smaller than 42 inches. I think it's because of the quality of the image on the screen and also for marketing reasons.



My buddy Fardley Nerdwell is really proud of his girlfriend Noy. "Singlehandedly, this modest and unassuming Thai girl will revolutionize the teaching of English as a Second Language," he predicted recently.

"She has developed a new method of language teaching which, if adopted, will result in a quantum leap in the English language skills of Thai students."

"I'm agog," I said. "Tell me more."

"Simply by watching television, Noy has figured out that there are only two expressions which any student of English really needs to know in today's fast-moving world. They are 'y'know' and 'absolootly'."

"In the US," Fardley continued, "and even in Europe, every movie star, singer, sports star and public figure peppers every sentence with the utterly meaningless interjection 'y'know'. In fact, I believe that you can scientifically measure a person's verbal facility by counting how often he says 'y'know'. The more he says it, the more verbally incompetent he is."

"Y'know' has no meaning. All it tells me is that the speaker is inarticulate. Each time he says it, he is actually telling me: 'I am groping for words here, but I am trying to hide my incoherence by using this shameless little filler. I hope you will take it as a friendly attempt to interact, to draw you into my discourse, to reach out to you, my listener, in a desperate but inarticulate

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plea for bonding."

"Amen," I said. "So if the intent is to be friendly, why do you object?"

"Because it has no meaning and it interrupts the flow of the sentence," Fardley snapped. "It is verbal incompetence masking as the tail-wagging of a friendly dog. Every time I hear this idiotic expression, I want to scream, 'Do I know WHAT? No! I DON'T know! YOU're the one who's speaking! YOU tell ME!'"

"Careful of the capital letters, they're hard on the eyes," I cautioned him.

"Then there's the brainless word 'absolootly,'" Fardley fumed. "What's wrong with 'yes'?"

"Absolootly' is more vigorous, more hearty, more definite and firm," I replied.

"Well, I have a problem with it," Fardley huffed, "and so did Jesus Christ. 'Let what you say be simply yes or no,' he says in Matthew 5:37. 'Anything more than that comes from the Evil One.' I bet people would stop saying 'absolootly' pretty fast if they knew it came from the Evil One."

"What was your point about Noy?" I asked.

"Ah. Well. Noy has figured out that if you're listening to an American, even if you don't understand a word he says, you can make him think you understand him completely if you just nod wisely and say 'Absolootly' after every few sentences."

"And in speaking to such a person, every time you're stuck for words, just throw in a 'y'know' or two. He'll think you're speaking perfect idiomatic American English, when in fact you're simply struggling to remember your grammar rules."

"That's great," I said. "Noy has figured that out, has she? The girl will go far in life."

"This is part of her new method of teaching English. But mostly she focuses on reductions. Noy says we can forget about grammar, structure and sentence patterns. English consists of nothing but

two words commonly spoken morphed into one. You just have to memorize them all. It's a little like learning how to read Chinese, where you have to memorize every character."

"For instance?"

"Take the idiom 'tayka'. She identified this reduction by listening to me. I'd say I have to tayka nap, tayka bath, tayka break, tayka look, tayka pee, tayka poo. Do you realize how many times a day we use the expression 'tayka'?"

"Not until now," I said.

"Dozens of situations require us to use this indispensable reduction, yet so far as I know not a single methodology that teaches it systematically. Tayka trip, tayka walk, tayka ride, tayka bus, tayka train, tayka taxi, tayka boat, tayka plane, tayka swim, tayka pill, tayka chance, tayka vacation..."

"Okay, okay, I get the picture," I said.

"By introducing Noy's method, called Reductionist English, we can create a new English-teaching methodology that will sweep the world," Fardley concluded.

"Absolootly," I concurred. "Y'know?"

S. Tsow can be flamed, y'know, at: stsow@yahoo.com

## In The Stars

by Isla Star

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Sparks will fly when you encounter a past romantic partner this weekend. Control your emotions so that unfinished business can be settled. If you're celebrating a birthday this week, the year ahead offers financial gain and the chance to expand your horizons. Wear olive green for patience and understanding.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Put your talent of pouring oil on troubled waters to good use this week. A practical outlook lets you to plan for the future, but you need to convince those close to you that their unrealistic expectations are causing financial problems. Number 6 is lucky on Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Even if you can't catch a falling star, good luck is due this week. Work stresses will

dissolve when you stop burying your head in the sand. Tuesday is best for an honest discussion with someone who can help. Love with Aries has Cupid's support, but a relationship with Pisces will fail. The number 5 is lucky on Thursday.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): If you're looking for love, you will be in the right place at the right time this week. If you're in a relationship, spoil your partner as your busy work-life has left them feeling neglected. Gemini's business proposal is worth careful consideration, so stall for time. The scent of pine sharpens your instincts.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): A love affair that didn't appear on the cards becomes a possibility, but you may have other fish to fry by now. Taurus' work opportunity could be ideal, but

you need to see something in ink before leaving your job. Family overseas are likely to plan a visit; if you're not keen on house guests, make this tactfully clear.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): As high season unfolds, you will feel the urge to find peace and quiet. Ask a Leo to join you as amusing company encourages you to see the lighter side of life. After the middle of this month, the astral atmosphere gradually becomes less intense and relaxation easier.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Give planning for the future a rest and concentrate on enjoying what you have achieved so far this year. A transition will take place next year, but the details are not yet clear. Mutual interests encourage romantic interest from a lonely Leo; backpedal until you learn more about them. The number 8 is lucky on Tuesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Despite lessons learned, do not presume a relationship with Libra will not work. Too much comparison with an old flame could burn out this liaison unnecessarily. Romance has the stars' support until the end of the month. Money matters will improve when a debt is repaid out of the blue, but avoid splashing out on frivolous items.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): A stressful week lies ahead. Just when you thought a fiery work issue had been put out, someone rakes through the embers. The best day for a cool confrontation is Wednesday. Your partner has surprising news this weekend; take time before reacting.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): Romantic sparks will fly this weekend and single Leos will leave their lairs in pursuit of an attractive Taurus. A financial error may

have been made to your advantage on Thursday. Money matters are well-starred until the end of the month. Ginger and cinnamon encourage energy to flow.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Work will ease after the weekend, which could be a mixed blessing. Nostalgia threatens to dampen your spirits unless you make an effort to bury the past. A new romantic interest is indicated to appear before the end of the month. Single Virgos should focus on brightening up their appearance beforehand.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Important information could be mixed up due to Chinese whispers, so get the facts from the horse's mouth. Thursday is best for a spending spree. A younger family member will benefit from some quality moments of your attention.

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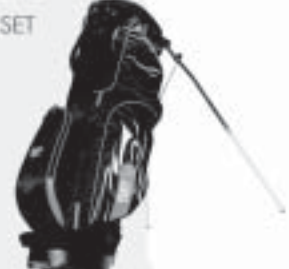
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Information security is an exciting field in IT that happens to have been my day job for the past four years. Over the past 10 years, information security (infosec) has morphed from the boring confines of network and system administration, firewalls and anti-virus software into areas including enterprise architecture, mobile device security and security research.

The three pillars of information security are integrity, confidentiality and availability. Integrity means that data is not modified while it is in transit or in storage. Confidentiality means that data is not accessed by unauthorized entities.

Availability means that any activity from a stupid user or malicious person does not prevent another entity from using an application or accessing data.

One of the top strategies of protection is layering, or "defense in depth". Layering ensures that a single failure of a security control element does not render an entire solution ineffective.

One method of classifying security controls is the action of the control. For example, "directive controls" are related to laws, regulations and security policies.

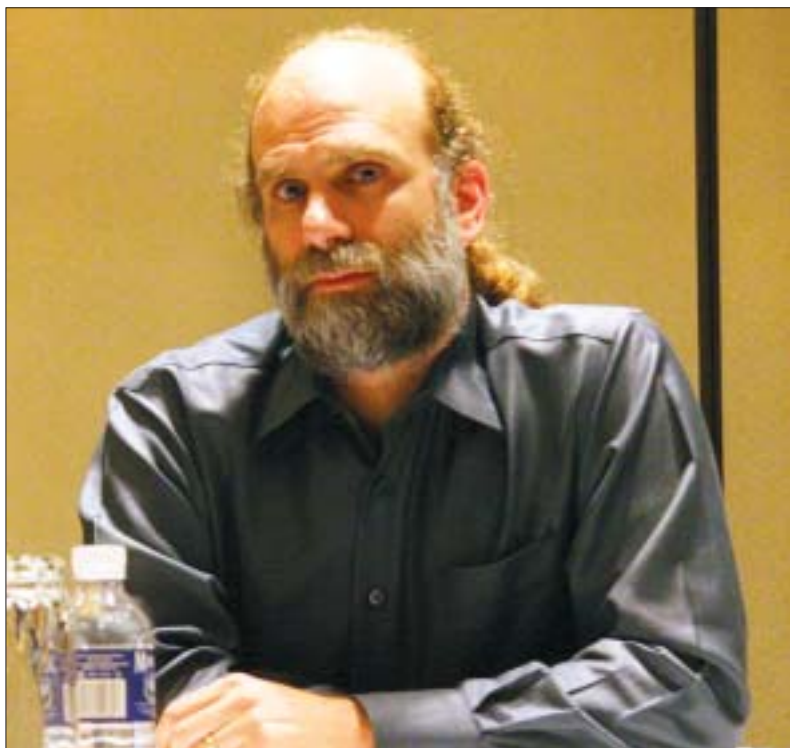
"Preventive controls" stop or reduce the occurrence of crimes, avert human failure and errors, and reduce risk. Making up the bulk of today's security spending, these are typically represented by firewalls, anti-virus software, authentication and encryption.

A "detective control" verifies whether directive and preventive controls have been successful and include log files, intrusion-detection systems and closed-circuit television (CCTV).

"Corrective controls" reverse the effects of an unwanted activity resulting from human error or attack. Examples are incident handling and fire extinguishers.

A "recovery control" returns an affected system back to

# An introduction to information security



Cryptologist turned security guru Bruce Schneier is author of the definitive book on information security, 'Secrets and Lies'.

normal operation after an error or an attack has occurred.

You can see how cyber security affects security in the physical world, except that in IT the bad guy can now be anywhere on the planet.

"Normal" software bugs affect reliability or performance and are discovered rather quickly. However, bugs that break security are undetected for at least some time, leaving the bad guys a window of opportunity. The success of a security program is hard to measure because "success" means that nothing happens.

One of the first infosec books I read was *Secrets and*

*Lies: Digital Security in a Networked World*. Published in 2000, it is by uber-guru Bruce Schneier. In the past couple of days, I re-read it from front to back.

Only now, after averaging 50+ hours per week over the past four years am I starting to understand how much I don't know about information security.

Mr Schneier simplifies the security controls mentioned into three classes: prevention, detection and response (which includes recovery). His first specialty was cryptography, which is all about prevention.

About two-thirds of the way through writing *Secrets and Lies* he realized how wrong he was to apply cryptographic principles to information security. Why? Because 100% prevention is impossible. Why? First, bad software. Most developers and architects still have had no security training. Second, for many reasons bad guys will always stay one step ahead of the good guys.

Fast forward to today and

the top infosec pundits are finally realizing what Mr Schneier expressed seven years ago.

If you are familiar with any IT operations, you know the mess that the infosec cartel has created. Mr Schneier calls most of them "snake oil salesmen": a morass of one-off point solutions to solve specific technical problems without any regard to looking at an enterprise's security system.

"Management by magazine" bosses and "stuck in the box" research outfits dictate increased IT security spending, but with no strategy behind it. Many companies have so much security product crap that they don't even have the resources to read the log files.

For example, I was once parachuted in to firefight a large corporation's mess of an anti-virus installation (bought from my employer); the poor, beleaguered, underpaid, overworked IT guy had as one of his

duties to manage 2,500 corporate desktops and laptops. He didn't have enough time to check the management console for alerts, yet alone track log files on suspect devices.

Soon there was so much malware that the network was slowing to a crawl. The anti-virus software on the devices couldn't even phone home to the anti-virus servers.

For the sake of brevity, here are some of Mr Schneier's nuggets of wisdom, along with some explanation when necessary:

- "If you think technology is going to solve your problem, then you don't understand technology and you don't understand your problem."

- "Security is a process, not a technology." This is probably Mr Schneier's most famous

quote. Security is a continuous process – it is not a product that comes out of a box. As old problems are solved, new threats emerge and the landscape shifts.

- "Security is a chain and only as secure as its weakest link." This is where "defense in depth" comes in. Unfortunately, people are often the weakest link in a security defense-in-depth chain. Security awareness training and directive controls such as regulations and security policies are what is needed.

- "Complexity is the worst enemy of security." The complexity referred to here is the result of more and more features, on more and more technology devices.

- "It is impossible to design a security system devoid of trust." If you read my previous

article on backing up, you would know that somewhere along the security chain you must trust somebody, somewhere, sometime.

Instead of pouring cash blindly into security-prevention products, risk management evaluates the assets being protected and introduces appropriate detection, response and recovery procedures.

When information security is considered part of risk management, it becomes a business enabler instead of a cost center.

There is a brilliant series of podcasts by Gary McGraw, one of the top application security experts in the world, called Silverbullet.

His guests are a Who's Who of the pioneers and legends in information security. It is not overly technical, it is very easy on the ears and the anecdotes are priceless. See: [www.cigital.com/silverbullet/page/2/](http://www.cigital.com/silverbullet/page/2/)

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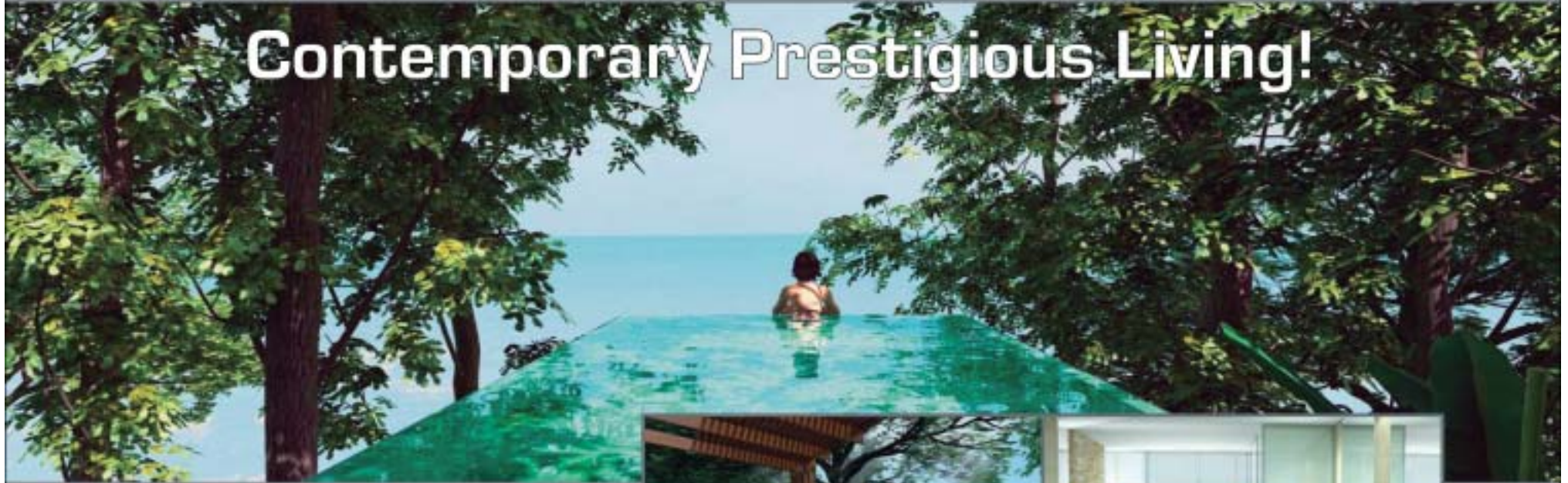
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# Asia update: India surges as Myanmar falls further behind

July 1997 saw the start of the Asian financial crisis with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) providing billions of dollars to ease the disastrous situation.

Ten years later and the situation is reversed. The Asian Tiger economies are living up to their name. Economic growth is strong and foreign-exchange reserves are enormous. Far from needing IMF bail-outs, Asian economies are now looking at where to invest their wealth.

One major US investment bank predicted that the Malaysian ringgit, then at RM3.37 to the US dollar, would rise in value to RM3.35 to the dollar by the end of 2007. Currency predictions are always difficult. The prediction was correct, but it took only five days.

By October 26, the Malaysian ringgit had reached RM3.34 to the dollar. The second part of the prediction was that the currency would appreciate to RM3.00 to the dollar by end of 2008.

The Malaysian Central Bank, Bank Negara, is considering a move to allow the ringgit to trade offshore in an attempt to relieve the pressure on its currency, which keeps appreciating in value.

Thailand is currently in a similar situation, having instituted capital controls in December 2006 to restrict the rise in value

of the baht.

Although it escaped the brunt of the Asian financial crisis, India is in the same position. Five interest-rate increases in the past year have slowed down the growth of the economy. The effect on the value of the rupee has been negligible.

The currency has risen steadily and is now starting to erode the competitive position of many exporters, to such an extent that major Indian firms are considering moving part of their operations to less-fortunate countries.

The Indian situation is different to that of Thailand, where exports heavily outweighing imports has caused the baht to rise. In India, it is this factor combined with huge foreign investment that has caused the rupee to surge in value.

The Indian Central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India, is faced with a dilemma. India needs foreign direct investment to bring technical expertise to many areas of industry and it needs investment to upgrade its domestic infrastructure.

The rapid economic growth in India is attracting massive capital flow into the stock market. In an attempt to reduce some of this investment flow, the Reserve Bank curbed overseas borrowing by Indian companies, although inflows from foreign direct investment and stocks and bonds



A Burmese man leads his cows along a dirt path. The vast differences in life expectancy and literacy between Myanmar and other Southeast Asian countries can be attributed to the impact the ruling government has had on the country.



By Richard G Watson

## MONEY TALKS

continued.

After several hours of concern, there was relief from foreign investors when the Central Bank announced that it still wanted investment in the stock market.

Stock markets are often viewed by the public as some sort of gambling concept. In reality, as any central banker knows, stock markets are a mechanism for companies to raise capital for expansion. India is trying to expand its financial markets to make them deeper and more liquid. At the moment, India does not want this to coincide with a continually-appreciating currency.

One measure taken recently was to increase the amount domestic investors were allowed to invest in overseas portfolios. It is almost certain this limit will have to be increased again.

A major problem the world is facing is population growth. Every year the population of the world rises by about 70 million people. Most of this can be attributed to poor families in poor countries.

Many countries want immi-

grants, but few want unskilled people. The gap between the incomes of skilled and unskilled workers is widening and causing problems in countries such as China and America.

It would superficially appear that transfers of capital from wealthy to poor nations benefit the recipients.

However, on CNBC's *Global Forum* show, in a panel discussion held in Johannesburg, Themba Sono, an indigenous African professor of economics at Pretoria University, pointed out that wealthier countries have donated some US\$500 billion to Africa over the past 40 years and that this money has been wasted.

Most economic problems are caused by governments. Comparisons between countries such as Thailand and Myanmar show massive differences in life expectancy, living standards, nutrition and literacy.

Myanmar is falling behind in every category. Considering that Myanmar, 50 years ago, had a higher literacy rate than Thailand, its military government has a lot to answer for.

The disparity between North and South Korea is another example of the differences that governments can make. Ultimately, however, it is not governments that create wealth – it is the individuals in society who achieve it.

In 1979, Deng Xiaoping, then the newly-installed leader of China, embarked on a tour of Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. He noted how advanced these countries were in comparison with China and on his return, he scrapped communist economics in favor of a free market.

This led to a transformation of the Chinese economy. India, noting the Chinese experience, had discarded its socialist economic model by the early 1990s. Free enterprise works.

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## ON THE MOVE



**Adam Beasley**, from Australia, has been appointed Director of Food & Beverage at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket. With more than 17 years of experience in the F&B and hospitality industries, Mr Beasley has also worked at the Sheraton Towers Southgate and The Ivy Restaurant in London. Before joining Laguna Phuket, he was F&B Manager at the Langham Hotel in Melbourne, Australia.



**Ashleigh Brayshaw**, from England, has been appointed Marketing Communications Manager at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket.

Ms Brayshaw has worked for more than 11 years in the industry at many leading hotels in the UK and US including the The Broadmoor Resort in Colorado, the Sheraton Park Tower in London and The Westin Turnberry Resort in Scotland.



**Hansruedi Frutiger**, from Switzerland, has been appointed General Manager of Movenpick Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket.

He has worked in many countries including the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and Egypt during his more than 30 years as an hotelier.

Before moving to Phuket, Mr Frutiger was General Manager at Eastin Hotel in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

By Lana Willocks

LANGKAWI: Phuketsail, a Phuket-based regional distributor of leading marine equipment brands, is expanding its operations to Langkawi in a move it says will dramatically reduce costs and improve efficiency.

Phuketsail, which distributes marine equipment brands such as Lewmar, Plastimo, ITT, Jabsco and Starbrite from its base in Koh Kaew, just north of Phuket City, will open Phuketsail Sdn Bhd at the duty-free Malaysian port at Langkawi at the end of this month.

The new location, which will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Phuketsail Co Ltd, will serve as the primary stocking and logistics center for the company.

More than 60% of the company's revenue is generated from online orders for yacht equipment, said Phuketsail Managing Director Julian Hill.

Setting up a distribution center in Langkawi will serve the growing local market and provide better support for export markets, said Mr Hill. The duty-free status of the island will allow the company to import and export its product range cheaper and more efficiently than before, he added.

The Phuket headquarters will continue to support the domestic Thai market and also serve as the center for the company's IT, administration, sales-consultancy, special-order and website-development operations.

Setting up the Langkawi-based office means the company can slash product prices by 25% to 30%, said Mr Hill.

# Local marine business sees big savings in Langkawi



**Phuketsail Managing Director Julian Hill pictured with some of the marine merchandise that he will now be shipping through Langkawi.**

"On products that are subject to high import duties, such as life jackets and life buoys, we will be able to cut prices by half," he added.

From the new outlet's Langkawi location, bureaucratic procedures would involve only a third of the paperwork for similar orders processed through Thailand, said Mr Hill.

In an email to the *Gazette*, Mr Hill wrote that with the new "paperless" customs clearance system in Thailand, he still "counted 52 pieces of paper to clear a small shipment that came by mail (a small box with one item in it).

"It took three hours, 25 minutes to complete and submit the

paperwork at the customs office," he added.

By shipping through the Langkawi office, the time spent sending products to customers will be reduced from several days to a matter of hours, said Mr Hill.

"Courier shipments... can take over a week in Thailand to clear customs. They have to go to Bangkok first, then we have to do itemized customs entry, translate the shipping paperwork into Thai language and script, pro-

vide photos of the products, explain the purpose, transfer money to customs, then ship to Phuket.

"In Langkawi, there is no customs; we pick up from the airport an hour after the plane lands," said Mr Hill.

For urgent shipments, which

Mr Hill said represented 60% of the company's trade, the average lead time will be cut by one-third. "Speed is everything for my customers. The benefits of speedy customs clearance are better than the 25% cost improvement," said Mr Hill.

Mr Hill said that the ease of merchant banking and good communications infrastructure in Langkawi also played a role in the decision to set up there.

Eric Limbos, acting general manager of Phuketsail Sdn Bhd, said that in the 12 months following the opening of the office, the central stocking of more than 4,400 chandlery items will be moved to the Langkawi export center.

The company distributes to Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, China, Hong Kong, the Maldives and other locations around the Asia Pacific region.



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KARON: Tournament favorites Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh from the US were pushed all the way, but maintained their composure to walk away with the title and US\$32,000 first-prize money in the Second Phuket Thailand Open held October 31 to November 4. The pair overcame stiff opposition from compatriots Nicole Branagh and Elaine Youngs to win the exciting three-set final.

The world's top women beach volleyball stars graced the sands of Karon Beach for the event, the last stop on the Swatch-FIVB Women's Beach Volleyball World Tour. With US\$200,000 in prize money up for grabs, it attracted the very top international teams competing and firmly cemented its place as one of Asia's biggest beach-volleyball tournaments.

Qualifying rounds were held on October 31, with the main competition from November 1 to 4. Sixty-two teams from 26 countries signed up for the tournament, with play taking place on four match courts.

Among those in contention for the title were the Chinese duo Xue Chen and Zhang Xi, who were Swatch FIVB champions last year.

Ranked number two in the world, fellow Chinese Tian Jia and Wang Jie were also out to leave their mark on the tourney, along with teams from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Cuba and France.

Before the tournament, Dane Selznick, coach of the American Olympic duo, said, "The Phuket Thailand Open is the only open event on this year's calendar that has drawn a field of the same strength as a Grand Slam tournament."

On October 31, Thais Manerat Udomchavee and Julaluk Radarong narrowly missed out on a place in the second qualifying round after a closely-fought battle, narrowly losing 2-1 (21-16, 19-21, 15-12)

# Tourney favorites win US volleyball final showdown



Nicole Branagh (above) dives for the ball during the final of the Thailand Phuket Open, while Misty May-Treanor (right picture, left) and Kerri Walsh show off their winners' medals after beating Branagh and Elaine Youngs in the final 2-1. Photos taken by FIVB.



to Dutch pairing Sanne Keizer and Mered de Vries.

After the two qualifying rounds, the first round of main competition began on November 1. May-Treanor and Walsh almost suffered a shock defeat at the hands of number 32 seeds Galyna Osheyko and Svitlana Baburina from the Ukraine, but recovered to take the win.

The Americans went down 1-0 (21-18) before clawing back the final two sets (21-15, 15-9). In the second round, they beat Imara Esteves Ribalta and Milagros Victoria M. Crespo from Cuba 2-0 (21-19, 21-19).

Walsh and Treanor had to come from behind once again to move a step closer to the final on November 2 with a 2-1 win over Ana Paula Connelly and Kelly Shelda from Brazil (15-21, 21-16, 16-14). They then booked their place in the semi-finals by defeating fellows Americans, Rachel

Wacholder and Tyra Turner, 2-0 (21-18, 21-12).

Winners of last year's Phuket tourney Xue Chen and Zhang Xi from China were forced to forfeit their match against Efthalia Koutroumanidou and Maria Tsiartsiani from Greece and bow out of the tourney after one of them suffered an injury.

Thailand had two teams in the main competition. The two Thai teams had mixed fortunes. On November 1, Kamoltip Kulna and Yupa Puklongploy were defeated 2-0 in the first round by Eva Hamzaoui and Deborah Giaoui from France (19-21, 23-21, 15-12).

On the same day, Usa Tenpaksee and Jarunee Sannok had better luck, beating Germans Geeske Banck and Anja Gunther 2-1 (21-10, 21-18). Later in the day, however, the Thai duo were defeated by Germans Katrin Holtwick and Ilka Semmler, who

eventually bowed out to the Austrian team of Doris and Stefanie Schwaiger.

In the semi-finals on November 3, two American teams won convincingly to book their places in the final. Walsh and May-Treanor were first up, fending off opposition from Germans Rieke Brink-Abeler and Hella Jurich 2-1 (21-17, 21-16). Meanwhile, Branagh and Youngs upset the Chinese team of Tian Jia and Wang, winning in straight sets (21-17, 21-17).

On the final day on November 4, the Chinese team of Tian Jia and Wang were first on court, taking on Brink-Abeler and Jurich in the third-place playoff. The Germans never looked to be a threat to the Chinese, with Tian Jia and Wang emerging victorious in straight sets (21-18, 21-15).

As the third-place playoff ended and the two finalist teams took to the court, heavy rain began to fall. The two American teams looked to be in top physical form. Walsh and May-Treanor took the first set convincingly, winning 21-18, but as Branagh and Youngs started to find their form, the match became fiercely contested.

Both teams demonstrated

some of the skills that took them to the final, with a number of rallies that saw all four players spectacularly diving for the ball. As the second set began, the rain stopped and the sun shone down on Karon Beach. Branagh and Youngs took this as their cue to step up their game, walking over their opposition 21-16 in the second set to set up the a final-set showdown.

Walsh and May-Treanor won the toss, opting to receive. The match went right down to the wire, with Branagh leveling the score up at 12-12.

Walsh and May-Treanor took the next two points, but Branagh and Youngs saved the first match point. Branagh looked to be in some discomfort during the final set, constantly needing ice packs applied to the back of her neck.

Youngs served once again to save the match, but after a brief rally, May-Treanor spiked the ball hard and killed the final point to take the title. At the awards presentation, May-Treanor was also honored as the best player of the tournament, while Ana Paula Connelly scooped the award for the fastest serve of the tournament.

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# Phuket's golfers prepare to swing for local charity

PHUKET: This year's Child Watch Charity Golf Event, organized by the British Business Association, Phuket (BBA-P), is scheduled to take place on Saturday November 17 at the Blue Canyon Country Club.

Now in its ninth year, the Charity Golf Event is a popular occasion on the island that has achieved resounding success thanks to sponsors who have donated prizes for both the competition winners and the charity auction.

Since the competition began, more than five million baht has been raised for various local charities.

This year, organizers are hoping to raise enough to top the 1.45 million baht donated to Child Watch Phuket last year, of which 30% has gone towards a scholarship program for children.

Child Watch is once again set to benefit from money raised by the tournament this year.

Child Watch is a registered charity that helps abused children, while also maintaining a care center for the children of incarcerated men and women.

This year's competition will be a 4-ball Texas scramble with

11 am registration and a 12 pm shotgun tee-off time.

A raffle and auction will take place after the post-tournament dinner at the Millennium Hotel, Patong.

The dinner is open to everyone, even those who do not compete in the tournament.

A range of prizes, featuring everything from cruises, hotel stays and gift items, will be up for grabs in the auction.

All items have been donated by sponsors of the event. Donations are still welcomed for the auction and as bonus prizes for the winners of each hole.

Entry for dinner and golf is 3,150 baht for Blue Canyon members and 4,950 baht for non-members. The cost for dinner without golf is 900 baht.

Blue Canyon Country Club was named "Best Golf and Spa Destination 2005" by Spa Asia magazine, while the Canyon Course was named "Best Golf Course in Asia" 2003, 2004 and 2005 by Asia Money's travel poll.

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## PATONG DARTS LEAGUE

PATONG: It was a good night for guys named Billy in October 30 play in the Patong Dart league, with Billy from Queen Mary and Billy from Offshore leading their teams to victory.

League leaders Queen Mary stretched their lead to six points by clobbering last-place Beach House 8-1 and taking the beer leg. Scotsman Billy tossed in a 180 on his way to winning his singles match. Then, with 60 left in the doubles, he closed with a x20, x10 rather than the standard 20, x20.

At Soi Nanai 2, Offshore Billy checked out with 100 remaining in the beer leg with a T20, x20 close. Paul of Offshore walked off with the high score – a 140. Offshore took the match 6-3.

In a match for second place, Dog's Bollocks playing out of Soi Seadragon easily swiped all three points off Piccadilly.

The win moved Dogs Bollocks past Piccadilly into second place.

Send match information to [darts@phuketgazette.net](mailto:darts@phuketgazette.net) for inclusion in this weekly round-up.

**October 30 results:** Dogs Bollocks\* 7 Piccadilly 2; Beach House 1 Queen Mary\* 8; Offshore\* 6 Shakers 3; Market Bar\* 6 Valhalla 3; Simply Red bye (\* = winner of beer leg).

**Standings:** 1. Queen Mary (27); 2. Dogs Bollocks (21); 3. Piccadilly (20); 4. Offshore (19); 5. Shakers (16); 6. Market Bar (11); 7. Simply Red (9); 8. Valhalla (5); 9. Beach House (4).

**November 13 matchups:** Market Bar v Queen Mary; Beach House v Piccadilly; Valhalla v Offshore; Simply Red v Shakers; Dogs Bollocks bye (home team first).

# Triathlon rivals set for Phuket showdown at Laguna Phuket

PHUKET: December 2 will see a clash of triathlon titans in Phuket as 2007 Hawaii Iron Man champion Brit Chrissie Wellington will go head to head with Canadian Samantha McGlone (pictured), who finished second in Hawaii.

Samantha will be out for revenge as the pair face off in the 2007 Laguna Phuket Triathlon. Chrissie, a professional triathlete for a little over a year, won the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in Hawaii in nine hours, eight minutes and 45 seconds; Samantha finished in 9 hrs 14 min 4 sec.


Samantha is a two-time Laguna Phuket Triathlon champion, while this year will mark Chrissie's debut on the island.

The race will start at Laguna Beach Resort at 7 am, with the swimming leg leading into a 55-kilometer bike ride from Laguna to the Naithon Hills.

Other pros in for the event this year include Italian Massimo Cigana, German Faris Al-Sultan and Australian Mirinda Carfrae.

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The minimalist interior styling features clean, crisp lines.

Stylish interiors have been decorated with tasteful art, light fixtures and furniture made of natural materials.

The ground-floor car park leads to the spacious living area, which includes a dining room, kitchen and bathroom. A European-style kitchen features a stove, grill, oven and microwave, while the dining room has seating for eight.

Many decorative features can be found in the living room, such as a built-in shelving unit that hosts a widescreen TV.

Sturdy glass doors and windows built into one wall allow natural light to flood into rooms from the outside pool- and private-patio area.

A master bedroom, featuring a small sitting area and walk-in closet, occupies the second level, where there is also a private living room and designer bathroom. Glass doors, which can be covered by blinds, open out onto a balcony.

The third level hosts two additional bedrooms, both en suite

and with private balconies. All bedrooms have hardwood floors and plenty of closet space.

Dimmer lights, water filtration and broadband Internet are all included. The "infinity" glazing system with pivoted windows fully integrates the outdoor area with the interior.

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## Construction

by Janyaporn Morel

KAMALA: Despite being less than one-quarter complete, all 66 units of the 250-million-baht The Trees Residence condominium project in Kamala have already sold out.

Begun in August this year, construction is scheduled to finish by November 2008.

First-time property developer Phuket Plus Co Ltd is behind the project. Project Director Manus Nararatwanchai attribute the fast sale of the units to superior design work, location and affordability. The units, available to buy from January 16, sold out in August.

"We used post-modern designs to make everything look as attractive as possible," said K. Manus. "We don't offer a sea view. Instead residents will be in the hills, surrounded by trees. There are a lot of projects that offer sea views, but they are far more expensive than ours."

"We saw value in hillside land before many other developers. The room designs and interior decor are of the highest quality. We finished our sample unit in July. That greatly helped complete the last of the sales."

"In previous years, Kamala was not perceived as a desirable area because it is located between Surin and Patong, with what some say is an inferior beach. Now, Kamala is becoming

# Kamala condo project sells out



The modern design is one of the major factors in the quick sell-out of all 66 units at The Trees Residence, say developer Phuket Plus.

ing popular because of the quiet surroundings.

"It's a great place to live and it is within easy reach of Surin, the airport and Patong. A lot of property developers are now starting to see the potential in Kamala," said K. Manus.

The Trees Residence is a low-rise condominium, with seven three-story buildings on seven rai of foothill land.

The project comprises 54 one-bedroom apartments, six two-bedroom apartments and six studios, ranging from 63 square meters to 159sqm. Prices range

from 3.6 million baht to 12 million baht.

With only about 40% of the land area used for construction, there is a large area allocated for parks and a range of other facilities.

"We designed the facilities to complement the location so we could give our customers everything they will need. Aside from basic facilities, such as a swimming pool, gym and sauna, we will provide a library, and hot and cold hydrotherapy pools," K. Manus said.

"The ponds, set on 40

square meters, help to improve blood circulation. Located next to the 20-meter-long main swimming pool, the two pools have been designed to resemble a yin-yang symbol," said K. Manus.

"There will also be squash and tennis courts. Our customers will have a range of activities that other projects don't offer," he added.

The Trees Residence is aimed primarily at foreign buyers, said K. Manus.

About 80% of his customers are Scandinavian, while the remainder is made up predomi-

nantly of Americans and Thais, he added.

K. Manus said that he was surprised to see a number of Thai customers buying into the project. The Thais were won over by design and affordability, he said.

"We can see that the property market in Phuket is stable and will continue to grow in the future. Most condos in Phuket sell for between 60,000 and 100,000 baht per square meter."

"We have a very close working relationship with our construction contractor and architect, Island Architect Co Ltd, which means that we were able to lower the cost of construction and control the quality of the work," said K. Manus.

"We are happy with the progress of this project. I think that when customers see the quality of the work we are doing, they will buy their next properties from us as well," he added.

For more information contact The Trees Residence sales office (45/11 Village 1, Kamala, Kathu; Tel: 076-279225; Email: info@phuketplus.co.th) or visit: www.thetreesresidence.com or www.phuketplus.co.th

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It is astounding to see the rapid emergence of the property market in Danang, central Vietnam. For markets such as Phuket, it's important to track existing competition and to look at up-and-coming destinations vying for real-estate investors' cash in order to draw comparisons and see what is driving demand.

Danang is the fourth largest city in Vietnam with a population of just under 1 million people. It has a permanent expatriate population of less than 1,000. There is an international airport with direct links to Singapore and Siem Reap, along with numerous domestic flight routes. Tourist arrivals for 2006 were about 700,000, with foreigners accounting for more than 200,000 of those.

As a key domestic city, Danang is home to government offices and close to a seaport and booming petroleum-refining industry. With China Beach rated among the finest in the world and cultural tourism attractions including My Son, the Cham Museum and Marble Mountains in nearby Hoi An and Hué, there is more than enough to keep visitors busy.

To draw a comparison with Thailand, you'd have to combine the commerce of Surat Thani, the culture of Chiang Mai and the beaches of Phuket.

Already host to international hotels, including the Furama and Nam Hai, Danang currently has nine internationally-branded projects under development by operators including Raffles, Hyatt, Intercontinental, Four Seasons, Sofitel and Novotel.

More than 3,200 new hotel rooms are also being supplemented with an excess of 1,000 residential villas and condominiums. Two 18-hole golf courses are under construction, including a Greg Norman course that Greg actually visited recently. One of the more ambitious projects is a mixed-use, integrated resort similar to Laguna by Banyan Tree founder KP Ho.

Nam Hai, one of the first branded lifestyle resorts in Danang, is managed by Adrian Zecha's GHM Group – in Phuket they manage The Chedi and The Yamu. The villas are in the US\$2-

# Danang muscles in on regional market



**Danang's Nam Hai-hotel managed villas are currently commanding prices over US\$2 million in what is shaping up to be a boom market.**

to US\$2.5-million bracket.

Unique to the market is the massive expanse of vacant land available for beachfront hotels and residences, with a four-lane highway and modern electrical infrastructure skirting lots that range from 300 to 500 meters long.

Developers in Nam Hai want sites such as these and there is nothing directly comparable in Thailand that I am aware of. Most of the lots have been snapped up and are at some stage in the project cycle, but there remains a bullish resale market with companies looking for partnerships.

Danang is similar to Phuket, attractive to both the long-haul travel market and the regional sector. Travel time to the Hong Kong and Singapore is under two hours, although there are no direct flights to South Africa.

Over the next three to five years, developers in Danang will be asking: if we build it, will they come? Looking at the pulling power of international brands, a

Two key issues have been the increase of land leases from 50 to 70 years and the ability of foreign firms to directly invest in the country. This bodes well for a competitive edge over Thailand's wait-and-see attitude about property and foreign ownership.

It's important to remember that Vietnam has its potential issues. While still a communist country, visa requirements and an enormous bureaucracy remain byproducts of a hostile era. As for the depth of the property market, there will be a shakeout from the highly-speculative double-digit growth market.

Weather also plays a factor, given the number of days with little sunshine and likely a nine-month-a-year beach-holiday season. Possible oversupply issues also loom as most of the branded

projects offer lifestyle villas and apartments that are commonplace in Phuket.

It will take time to assess how Phuket can compete with destinations such as Danang. With beach destinations such as Langkawi, Sanya, Boracay, Nha Trang and Kota Kinabalu all staking their claim for their share in the market, both Danang and Phuket have some stiff competition.

Danang, however, already has the foundations for a thriving property sector.

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By Bill Barnett



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## Gardening

by Bloomin' Bert

# Looking for peace, love and pepper

People don't tend to be rude. Most of us have a hidden regulator inside us that stops us spouting off when somebody annoys us. That's not to say there aren't rude people around. The same people most of us do our best to ignore. They may not walk up to you and insult you, but there's something downright antisocial about those who have a mobile phone conversation while sitting in the middle of a packed restaurant.

Mobile phones seem to be a common theme with rude people. You must have seen those buffoons who decide it's a good idea to send text messages while driving, swerving all over the road. They're probably the same people who scream by a queue of traffic waiting patiently at a red light and expect someone near the front to allow them to cut in – now that's rude.

Then there are those who wouldn't want anyone to think that they may be acting just a little bit rude – avoiding any form of confrontation. I am, of course, referring to the British. Not lager louts

or those uptight Londoners, but “proper” British.

The British are so un-confrontational it's embarrassing. We're terrible at complaining. We don't want to cause a fuss – we just grin and bear it. You'll hear a British person in a crowd apologize when someone else bumps into them – very bizarre.

We'll happily go to a restaurant and pay inflated prices for an average meal and sit there whining to each other about the terrible food served cold, bland, too salty, too fatty and so on. We won't send it back even if it's inedible. When the chef comes over, we say something like, “What a lovely meal.” Pathetic.

When it comes to waiting for the food to arrive on the table, our transatlantic cousins would sue the living daylight out of the same restaurants where we Brits sit and quietly wait for our first course.

Speaking of restaurants, why are chefs allowed to say and do whatever they want just because they wear a big white shirt, silly trousers and a funny hat?



The often-overlooked *peperomia pellucida*, or *pak gra sang* in Thai, is a prodigious grower, popping up uninvited in spare pots and places in the garden.

What gives them the right to hurl a tirade of abuse at an innocent diner who feels that his meal should have just a pinch more salt. Worse, what if the diner asks if he can have some pepper? Oddly enough, it's pepper that brings us to the actual

gardening part of the page; specifically, the peperomia.

Peperomias are popular here in Phuket. They belong to the pepper family, piperaceae. This extensive family includes *piper nigrum*, whose fruits are used to make black pepper. Not surprisingly, the genus name *peperomia* means pepper-like.

There are probably more than 1,000 species of peperomia worldwide. Most of the species are native to Central and South America, where they mainly grow at sea level but some at high altitudes, but a few of them have made their way to Asia.

Peperomias grow either in the ground or epiphytically (rooted onto another plant). The four- to five-centimeter-long leaves taper at the end, giving them a cute heart shape. The leaf stalks, or petioles, are red and the flower-stalks white.

The height of most peperomia is usually less than 30 centimeters. The succulent leaves and stems allow them to withstand the seasonal dry spells we have in Phuket, should you feel a bit idle with the watering in the dry season.

The watermelon peperomia (*peperomia argyrea*) is a common garden plant, named for its distinctive leaves. They are thick and smooth with light and dark-

green stripes, apparently resembling watermelon rind.

Another favorite is the *peperomia obtusifolia*, more commonly known as American rubber plant, baby rubber plant and pepper face. The first two names are confusing, as the plant has as much to do with the rubber plant as the Spice Girls do with music. Most of the varieties in cultivation have variegated leaves, usually green and cream colored, or with red or silver leaf margins.

Another type of peperomia, and this one grows incredibly quickly, is the *peperomia pellucida*, or *pak gra sang* in Thai. This rather insignificant-looking succulent with bright green, heart-shaped leaves, is found in shade and is sometimes used as a vegetable. Although it's used as a salad addition in other regions, it's not particularly popular here.

This one grows unprompted more often than not. I can virtually guarantee that if you have an unused pot in a quiet, shaded part of the garden, a *peperomia pellucida* is likely to appear.

All peperomias make great house plants. They enjoy bright light but not direct sun, so they'll probably do best near a window. The only thing to remember is to water the soil in the pot from underneath the leaves, as the leaves mark fairly easily.

Peperomias are usually propagated by seeds, but cuttings root easily, too. The plants can be divided: just separate them into smaller pieces that have a few roots attached. Remove the lower leaves of the shoots and put them in some potting compost.

Come to think of it, the edible peperomias could be a perfect antidote for rude chefs. He may throw his teddy out of bed about sprinkling pepper over the top of his creation, but would he whine about a few natural leaves? Yes, he probably would. Let's just shout back at him instead.

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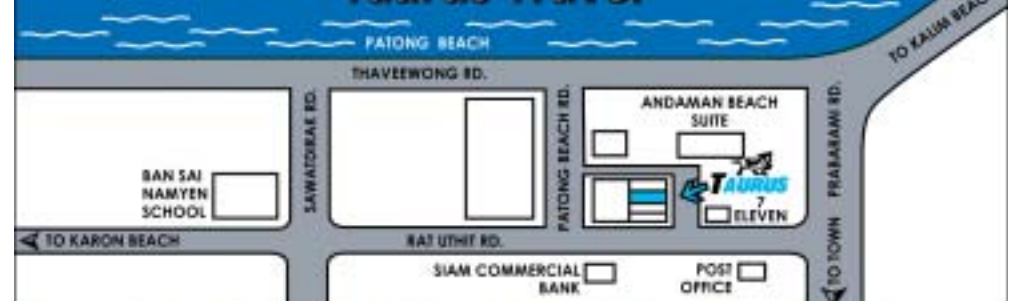
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