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## Three workers die in Patong landslide

By Sompratch Saowakhon

PATONG: Following heavy rains overnight, three Burmese laborers were crushed to death by a landslide on July 15 at the site of a new apartment block being built on 50 Pi Rd.

The laborers were part of a construction crew who had been working on building a retaining wall at the site, located opposite Rattana Hill Apartments, to prevent such an incident.

The owner of the apartment project, who declined to identify himself, told the *Gazette*, "It happened at about 11:30 am where we are building a two-meter concrete wall to prevent landslides.

"Actually, the laborers had been given the day off work, but still turned up at the site to pick something up," he said.

"At first, only one laborer was caught in the slide. After the lower part of his body was trapped, he started shouting to two of his friends, who were waiting nearby, to come and help him.

"While his two friends were trying to pull him out, more land started to slide, burying all three of them alive," he explained.

"Then officers from the Department of Disaster Prevention Mitigation tried to use a backhoe to dig them out. Unfortunately, it was too late. They had already died of suffocation," he added.

Phuket Police Commander Apirak Hongthong arrived at the scene with Kathu Police Superintendent Col Grissak Songmoonak and fellow officers.

Col Grissak told the *Gazette*, "We would like to warn



After heavy rains, the embankment gave way, covering the entire driveway and crushing three Burmese laborers below.

people who are building on hills to please be careful. When there is hard rain, we often have problems like this due to the fact that this type of land holds water and does not drain easily.

"Maj Gen Apirak has repeated his call for Patong Municipality officers to check the entire area for risk areas where landslides might occur, especially in the vicinity of this accident," he said.

Col Grissak identified two of the laborers as "Mea", 30, and "So Ong", 45.

"The third laborer has yet to be identified," he said.

The *Gazette* questioned all those at the scene but was unable to find out how the apartment owner could know all the details of the accident without being there.

The owner, when questioned further, was reluctant to elaborate.

As he had only just arrived at the scene, Col Grissak said he had yet to learn the identity of the project owner.

"The police will investigate further to find out whether the apartment owner is at fault and to check whether the laborers were legally employed," he said.

On October 27 last year, a landslide on Nanai Soi 9 (also called Soi Veerakit) left part of a house suspended in mid-air and some of the foundation pilings of a neighboring apartment block exposed.

Patong Municipality set up a committee to investigate the area to determine how many homes in the area are at risk of tumbling down the escarpment left behind by the recent landslide.

The site of that landslide was further south at the foot of the same hills where the landslide occurred on July 15.

## Illegal gas station on trawler busted

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang

AO MAKHAM: Phuket Customs officers on July 10 arrested two men found on board a Thai-registered boat carrying 3,000 liters of illegal diesel off the coast of Satun.

"Customs officers apprehended the vessel at sea north of Koh Adang in Satun province at 5:30 pm on July 11," Somchai Poolsawasdi, director of the Royal Thai Customs Investigation and Suppression Bureau, said at a press conference that day.

He explained that undercover Customs agents had heard that the fishing boat *Tor Sittichai Namchoke 5* had been converted into a floating gas station, being modified with diesel tanks and a pump.

The vessel received fuel from Malaysian fishing boats and sold it on to Thai fishing boats, K. Somchai said.

In 2002, Thailand started coloring its marine diesel green in an effort to deter fuel smugglers. The fuel found aboard the *Tor Sittichai Namchoke 5* was yellow, police said.

"The three tanks in the vessel could hold around 12,000 liters, but most of it had already been sold. About 3,000 liters was left," K. Somchai said.

"They bought the fuel from a neighboring country, probably for less than 20 baht a liter. The gas, boat and pump had a combined value of about 682,000 baht," he said.

Prasert Kaew La-ea, captain of the *Tor Sittichai Namchoke 5*, and his crewman were taken to Phuket City for questioning.



## Drug arrest figures take a dip

PHUKET: Crime statistics released by the Phuket Provincial Police show that the number of drug-related arrests in June was down to 44% of total arrests compared with 66% in May.

In June, there were 171 arrests for drug-related offenses, 104 of which involved *ya bah* (methamphetamine) with a total of 7,052 pills seized.

A total of 41 people were arrested for using cannabis, with 4,581.08 grams and two plants of the illegal herb reported as having been confiscated.

There were seven arrests for possession of *krathom* (an indigenous plant that acts as a mild stimulant) with 74 leaves of the plant seized.

Thirteen people were arrested for possession of solvents, with 12 bags and a can of inhalant seized.

Three people were arrested for possession of *ya ice* (crystal methamphetamine), with 0.44g confiscated. There were three arrests for charges related to one pill and 1.94g of *Ya E* – ecstasy.

Arrests for gambling offenses decreased by about 100 compared with May, with people 158 arrested.

There was five cases of attempted murder reported, but only one related arrest was made.

There were 45 thefts reported, including three for motorcycles. Arrests were made in 22 of these cases.

Prostitution accounted for 51 arrests, while 33 people were nabbed for possession of unlicensed firearms.

– Natcha Yuttaworawit

# Lucky escape no laughing matter

RAWAI: Twelve staff from Tamarind Bar on Wiset Rd miraculously escaped fatal injury when the pickup truck they were traveling in careened off the road and smashed into a power pole, causing passengers to be thrown from the vehicle about 1 am July 11.

Eye-witnesses said the four-door Toyota Hilux Vigo was northbound on Wiset Rd when its left wheels came off the ground as it rounded the corner south of Saiyuan Rd, before slamming down on all four wheels, smashing into a concrete power pole, flipping onto its side and becoming entangled with high-voltage electricity cables.

Passengers in the back of the truck were thrown from the vehicle, which came

to rest next to a drainage ditch about 100 meters from Friendship Beach Waterfront Resort.

*Gazette* reporters were at the scene as paramedics and rescue volunteers began treating the injured. Chalong police officers cordoned off the site and by 2:15 am the officers reported that there were no immediate fatalities as a result of the accident.

However, all of the passengers except the driver sustained serious injuries, including broken bones, concussions and deep cuts.

The vehicle's sole airbag, on the driver's side, deployed during the accident. The driver, a female named "Jay", was the only person unhurt in the accident and subsequently the

last to be removed from the wreckage. Police took her ID card before she was driven to hospital for a checkup.

Expat residents and locals, including a group of Harley-Davidson riders who arrived at the scene soon after the accident, were visibly shaken – some moved to tears – by the sight of mangled wreckage and broken bodies of a dozen people in varying states of consciousness, some bleeding profusely.

Victims who were able to talk to the *Gazette* reporters before being taken to hospital said the driver apparently lost control when she was tickled in the ribs by one of the passengers.

– Akbar Khan

## Chalong Pier operator asks to cancel contract

By Akbar Khan  
& Natcha Yuttaworawit

PHUKET CITY: Following allegations of not fulfilling obligations laid out in the concession offered by the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*), Choke Aree Tour Co Ltd has asked to annul the contract to operate Chalong Pier.

At a meeting at the *OrBorJor* offices in Phuket City on July 3, *OrBorJor* President Paiboon Upatising said that Choke Aree received 300,000 baht a month to collect monthly berthing fees and to run the pier on the *OrBorJor*'s behalf.

The contract stated that 25 staff would work at the pier from 6 am to midnight and that the fees would be collected daily, K. Paiboon said.

However, K. Paiboon alleged that *OrBorJor* officers had discovered that 25 staff had never been on duty at the pier and that some boats were paying a monthly fee of 2,000 baht instead of a daily fee of 100 baht.



Chalong Pier: According to *OrBorJor* President Paiboon Upatising, some of the people listed as staff were not living in Phuket, but in other provinces.

K. Paiboon added that some of the people listed as staff were not living in Phuket, but in other provinces.

Lamphun Tangnoi, managing director of Chokaree Tour Co Ltd, said that owners of boats berthed at the pier on a continuing monthly basis did not have receipts because they did not have to pay until month's end.

He went on to explain that the 25 staff worked in shifts and so were not all present at one time. "Paying salaries of 8,000 baht a month to staff makes it unreasonable to expect them to work 18 hours a day," he said.

Regardless, K. Paiboon said that the contract had to be adhered to, otherwise the *OrBorJor* would be liable to answer to the Auditor General for discrepancies.

Because the concession is due to expire on September 30, K. Paiboon suggested that Choke Aree accept a reduction of 40,000

baht less a month for operating the pier.

However, K. Lamphun said that a 40,000-baht reduction would not be viable and that he would draft a letter asking the *OrBorJor* to mutually agree to end the contract on August 1.

"I told my staff to continue working at the pier if they were happy to do so, but I don't know who will be the next contractor. Perhaps the *OrBorJor* will run it directly by themselves," he later told the *Gazette*.

"It's certainly not fair, but I'm trying to understand it," he said.

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## Rassada municipal officer shot dead

RASSADA: Police believe the killing of Rassada Municipality officer Surin Inkaew, 23, who was found shot dead in his rented room early on July 5, was motivated by *ya bah* (methamphetamine).

Capt Sathit Noorrit from Phuket City Police Station told the *Gazette* that he was notified of the shooting at 4:20 am.

Police arrived at the ground floor apartment, about 500 meters from Rassada Municipality offices on Rassada-anusorn Rd, to find Khun Surin lying face down outside his open front door.

K. Surin had been shot once in the chest with a 9mm handgun. His Honda Click motorcycle was parked in front of the apartment.

Leading the investigation are Phuket's top two policemen: Phuket Provincial Police Commander Maj Gen Apirak Hongtong and Phuket City Police Superintendent Col Nos Svettalekha.

"K. Surin lived alone. Inside his room, the computer was still on with the Camfrog program still running," said Col Nos.

"Fifteen *ya bah* pills were found on the computer desk," he added.

K. Surin was an officer with the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Rassada office.

"We are continuing our investigation into this case," Col Nos said.

— **Pathomporn Kaenkrachang**

## Two men robbed at gunpoint at Khao Rang

PHUKET CITY: Police arrested Saran Permpoon, 25, after a high-speed pursuit through Phuket City July 14 after he allegedly robbed two men at gunpoint at Khao Rang viewpoint.

Lt Col Yongyuth Krongmalai of Phuket City Police told the *Gazette* that at 3.30 am police received a report that two men were chilling out at the viewpoint when Saran pulled up in his Ford pickup.

Saran reportedly got out of his pickup, walked over to Ekachai Sae Tan, 30, and Harinpin Yo, 29, and demanded their wallets at gunpoint, Col Yongyuth said.

After shooting twice into the air, Saran returned to his vehicle and sped off with 3,670 baht and an ID card, he added.

Police were notified of the gunshots and set up a cordon of checkpoints at each road leading down the hill.

However, Saran sped through the checkpoint at Vachira Phuket Hospital, after which police gave chase, Col Yongyuth said.

Saran sped towards Tungka Rd, where he turned right onto Mae Lan Rd, he added.

Saran continued to Chao Fa East Rd, where officers saw him park his pickup truck and run into

Prakasai restaurant. "Police entered the restaurant and arrested him," he said.

On searching Saran's pickup, police found two *ya bah* (methamphetamine) tablets and a .38 handgun, Col Yongyuth said.

Police then searched the car of the restaurant owner, Sakul Chuwaytet, and found a .38 automatic pistol, he added.

Sakul was taken in for questioning for owning an unregistered firearm, as was Saran, Col Yongyuth said.

# PAD march on Provincial Hall

By Gazette Staff

PHUKET CITY: Members of the People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) marched through Phuket City on July 10 on their way to deliver a letter expressing disappointment at the central government's handling of the Khao Phra Viharn Temple saga.

About 300 PAD members led by PAD leader Natjarong Ekpermsup met at about 1:30 pm in front of the Tourism Authority of Thailand office on Thalang Rd before marching to Surin Circle, Narison Rd and on to Provincial Hall, where they were met by Phuket Vice-Governor Tri Augkaradacha at about 2:30 pm.

The protesters, armed with flags and yellow bandannas, carried banners decorated with statements such as "Government treacherous" and "Unesco Very Crazy". Some protesters sang patriotic songs while others chanted "Noppadon go to jail" and "Government get out".

Street vendors and bystanders met the marching group with cheers as the protesters made their way around Phuket City.

The protest followed about 1,000 protesters, many of them members of the PAD and the National Watchdog Foundation (NWF), who massed at Phuket International Airport to welcome



Thais of all ages took to the streets on July 10 to protest the central government's handling of the Khao Phra Viharn temple saga.

controversial Interior Minister Chalerm Yoobamrung on July 2.

K. Chalerm's plane was diverted to land in Krabi, where he received a similar welcome, forcing him to abort his scheduled visit to Phuket and Krabi.

In the week preceding the July 10 protest, the PAD in Phuket had been staging nightly rallies, including associated festivities such as playing nationalistic movies, at the public area at Saphan Hin.

Natjarong Ekpermsup, head

of the Phuket branch of the PAD and the NWF, told the *Gazette*, "We are not planning any more activities other than those at Saphan Hin.. but if anyone from the present government tries to visit Phuket we will of course protest again just like we did with Chalerm."

"Our main target in the meantime is Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej and the bee in the bandana of Phuket protesters now is the soaring cost of living and fuel prices."

## Treasury Dept gets moving on expo center

PHUKET: Nine months after a provincial government committee decided on a 350-rai plot of Treasury Department (TRD) land in Mai Khao as the preferred site for the Phuket International Convention and Exhibition Center (ICEC), the TRD has now decided the project needs prompt action.

Pitak Direksoonthorn, Director of the TRD's State Property Administration Office, on July 9 met Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit to discuss the ICEC and the project's current status.

Renewed interest in the ICEC comes from TRD Director-General Phantip Suratin, who has ordered that the project be pushed through to Cabinet for approval before she retires in September, Khun Pitak said.

However, despite the 350-rai site in Mai Khao being chosen in October, K. Pitak recently said 153 rai of TRD land at Tah

Chat Chai had now been selected for the ICEC instead.

Thamrong Thongtan, chief of the Phuket TRD, said the 153 rai at Tah Chat Chai had been issued with a separate title from the 2,800 rai of TRD land that borders Sirinath National Park.

K. Thamrong explained that a separate title was necessary to ensure the ICEC can be built at

the site, as the Cabinet had expressed its intention to expand national parks in Thailand.

K. Pitak said, "During this visit [to Phuket], we will spend about a week surveying the land and studying the details of prospective plans before creating a summary to submit to the Treasury Minister to hand to the Cabinet." — **Janyaporn Morel**

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Since Ma-an Sumraan, Vice-President of the Cherng Talay Tambon Administration (*OrBorTor*), late last month launched his campaign to rid his neighborhood of all illegal billboards, attention has turned to other areas of the island where eyesore advertisements stand tall and proud.

No exception is Patong, and the greater area of Kathu, where hundreds – if not thousands – of billboards display advertisements.

Municipality officers in Kathu have warned they are preparing to take action against illegal billboards that have sprung up in their area of jurisdiction.

They also said they would give details of specific offenders to the *Gazette* after the local elections – to be held on July 27 – in order to avoid any potential misunderstandings by local influential figures.

One officer did state, however, that owners of illegal billboards could apply for permits even after being found guilty. “If a billboard is put up on private land without a permit and is discovered by his local authority then that authority can enforce a fine of 10,000 baht a day,” he said.

However, officials have to obtain a warrant issued by the local court in order to enter private

# Keeping you posted about Phuket’s billboards

Following the front-page story highlighting attempts by provincial administration officers to curb the plethora of illegal billboards on the island (*Gazette*, July 5-11), *Gazette* Chief reporter Akbar Khan delves deeper into the issue and looks at the laws, acts and regulations governing billboards in Phuket.

land to pull any illegal billboards down. In such cases, fines would be collected whilst waiting for a court order. Billboards illegally erected on public land, however, can be pulled down immediately without a court order.

The regulations pertaining to billboards are the same as those governing all types of construction above and below ground, including renovation, farming – especially artificial prawn ponds – and excavation.

Regulations governing billboard erection in Phuket province are unique to the province, which is further divided into eight zones. These zones were established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in 2003.

Amongst the issues covered

in these laws there are specific rules that also apply to billboards. These laws apply only to areas that have been designated protected areas.

In order to understand these laws more clearly, let’s look at what and where are these special areas, what is not not allowed, exceptions that exist and taxes that must be paid.

Billboard owners are required to pay taxes depending on the size and location of their erections. Many of the billboard owners pay the appropriate taxes leading them to believe that they are operating within the law.

However, even if taxes are being paid for a billboard, if no planning permission was granted for it in the first place, that billboard is illegal.

Planning permission must be obtained in accordance with the law at the time the permission was issued. If a permit was obtained before a new act or law that forbids the erection comes into effect, the billboard can remain until the permit’s validity expires. After expiration of the current permit, billboards on public land are torn down and owners of those on private land are fined until a court order can be issued to remove the hoarding.

Just so there is no confusion when considering laws, it is important to understand the meaning of all the terms used, the word “coastline” for example means where the land meets the sea at the highest point of the sea at high tide under normal and natural conditions whereas the term “sea level” means the average of high and low tides.

The clauses that specifically apply to billboards refers to both the advertisement itself and/or the framework erected to hold the advertisement. Official government signs and billboards are not restricted by these laws.

A billboard is defined by law as any advertisement more than one square meter or weighing more than 10 kilograms.

Billboards on private land must be situated at least double the height of the board away from public land. For example, a board that is 10 meters tall must be at least 20m away from the nearest public land.

A billboard on private or public land must not obstruct views of the road ahead nor – apparently – obstruct views of beautiful scenery from highways, public roads and their immediate surroundings.

A billboard must not create the perception that it might



A pile of advertising billboards that have been collected by Cherng Talay OrBorTor.

are expected to enforce the law and see that they are taken down. Officers issuing permits for erections in zones where such permits are forbidden may find themselves facing investigation by counter-corruption departments, of which there are many.

Some things should go without saying, but it seems some perpetrators behave naively – a billboard is a billboard whether or not there is an advertisement on it or not.

Other violators may be confused when their billboards fall into more than one zone or are guilty of violating laws stipulated

by differing authority. Reading all the small print, it becomes clear that such arguments are, if anything, detrimental: violation of multiple rules is possible. If a structure falls into the category of more than one zone, there are clauses explaining which zone the officer is to use when assessing a board’s legality.

When *Gazette* reporters visited Karon, it came as a pleasant surprise that there were no such illegal structures to be seen in the area. Khun Norasak, Karon’s Municipal Civil Engineer, told us that Karon has a very small, tight-knit community and they

are quick to report any suspicious billboards in their area.

“When any illegal construction, including a billboard, is reported to Karon Municipality, investigators will go and investigate immediately, often concluding the issue the same day.

“Karon has a smaller population than other areas, so it is quite easy to keep everything in order,” said Khun Norasak.

Because society in general is affected by illegal billboards, anyone can visit their local municipality and ask to file a complaint, he said.

Billboards should have

## Mind your language

• If there is Thai text and pictures or logos, or any other languages, the tax is 20 baht for every 500sqcm.

• If, however, there are other languages they must be below the Thai writing, otherwise the tax will be 40 baht per 500sqcm.

• This means that all Thai lettering must be above the foreign languages, not just most of it.

• If a change is made to the lettering on an advertisement making it fall into a higher tax bracket, only the difference need be paid.

For example, if a Thai word were added to the bottom of a board, a higher tax has to be paid.

If the calculated tax for a billboard is less than 200 baht, the tax payable is 200 baht.

small stickers on them that prove that “Billboard Tax” has been paid. Paying this tax does not mean that the billboard is legal. It must also have a license.

Amendments to Billboard Taxation laws were last made by Chaowalit Yongchaiyut when he was Interior Minister in 1992 and define the actual content of the advertisements placed on the billboards. An advertisement on a billboard containing only Thai text is taxed at 3 baht for every 500 square centimeters.

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The regulations governing billboards have been under review since July 15 by a panel

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## Queer News

# Tread lightly on a cobbler's feelings

**PATHUM THANI, SONGKHLA:** As anyone who remembers the case of the football fan shot dead in Pattaya for cheering too loudly while watching Italy's opening match of the 2006 world cup will know, the tragicomic overreaction is something of a staple in the Thai press.

Two unfortunate fellows fell victim to this trend on July 11, receiving far more than they deserved in two separate incidents.

The second of the two incidents came to light at 11:30 am when police were called to Krung Siam St Carlos Hospital in Pathum Thani, where they were met by Sachakhri Anussarawat, 45, a lecturer at a well-known university and advisor to an export company.

Khun Sachakhri was in a sorry state with most of his hair shaved off and a large needle sticking out of his head.

He was about to be wheeled to the operating theater to have the needle removed from his skull.

He told police that in the morning that he had taken his shoes to be repaired at a little stall under an overpass on the Pathum Thani-Rangsit highway.

When the work was finished, K. Sachakhri was less than

pleased with what he felt was shoddy workmanship and told the stall holder as much.

The young cobbler Charoen, however, did not take criticism of his craftsmanship lightly and an argument broke out.

The cobbler, unable to contain his rage, grabbed a needle used for threading soles, ran round from behind his stall and rammed it full force into K. Sachakhri's head before showing a clean pair of heels and fleeing at full speed, abandoning his business.

The stunned K. Sachakhri, still conscious despite the needle wedged in his skull, hailed a taxi and asked to be rushed to hospital, from where the police were called.

Dr Phatrawit Ratkul, who operated on K. Sachakhri, said that the needle was wedged two centimeters into the skull.

K. Sachakhri was lucky that the tip of the needle was slightly bent otherwise it would likely have gone right into his brain and killed him, Dr Phatrawit added.

Police are now hunting for Charoen, who is 25 to 30 years old.

**Kill shot.** Earlier that morning, at 2:45am in Dan Nok, Surachai

Jawit, 25, a toilet employee at Hue Jia Hotel in the town, was found dead outside a snooker hall near Paragon Discotheque, still clutching his mobile phone. He had been shot in the back of the head.

Dan Nok, a small town on the Thai-Malaysian border in Songkhla's Sadao district, is known to be seedy even for a border town and possibly supposedly has one of the highest proportions of prostitutes to population in the country.

From interviewing the many witnesses, police managed to piece together what had happened to K. Surachai, a member of the Lahu, a tribe from the hills around the northern part of the Thai-Burma border renowned for their ferocity in battle.

K. Surachai had been on his way to play snooker. While waiting outside the snooker hall for his friend to arrive, he had been chatting away on his phone.

His chatting, however, had raised the hackles of one of the snooker players who felt it was putting him off his game.

The player came out to remonstrate with K. Surachai, who protested he was just chatting on his phone.

This, however, only served to further enrage the snooker player, who pulled out a pistol and fired four shots at K. Surachai.

K. Surachai fell bleeding to his knees and pleaded for his life, but the merciless hustler dispatched him with a shot to the back of the head before making his escape.

— Sources: Daily News, Khao Sod

## STAMPS



Thailand Post's 'Amazing Thailand' collection features photos of nine orchids from last year's Royal Orchid Paradise held in Bangkok.

## Thailand Post goes floral

**T**hailand Post on June 13 launched a set of nine stamps titled "Amazing Thailand", comprising images of orchid flowers.

Each stamp features a photo of one of the orchids that won an award at last year's Royal Orchid Paradise, which was held at Siam Paragon in Bangkok, with orchids on display from farms all over the world.

The event was held to celebrate HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as to recognize HM Queen Sirikit's initiative to help Thai people develop new types of orchids.

The nine orchids shown on the stamps are the *brassocattleya ploenpit star*, *aerides falcata*, *arachnis hookeriana* x *vanda doctor anek*, *phalaenopsis little Mary*, *dendrobium sutiknoi*, *paphiopedilum callosum*, *grammatophyllum speciosum*, *vascostylis prapawan* and *vanda Robert's delight*.

The stamps, which were designed by Thailand Post's Mayuree Nakanisorn and print-

ed by Thai British Security Printing, measure 38 by 48 millimeters and one million of each design have been printed.

A set of all nine stamps and three commemorative envelopes is available for 55 baht.

In other flower-related stamp news, Thailand Post on May 16 launched a set of sunflower stamps showing the *helianthus annuus linn* in all its glory.

The sunflower is a biennial plant with large flowers, the seeds of which are used to produce sunflower oil.

Sunflowers are commonly seen in Lopburi and Saraburi provinces from October to February each year.

The stamps are available at 3 baht each and were designed by Thailand Post's Parichart Thassanathep.

Each stamp measures 28mm by 28mm and 15 million have been printed by Thai British Security Printing.

All 10 of Phuket's post offices stock the orchid stamps and the sunflower stamps.

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# Godfather on the run found lying low in Cambodia

After jumping bail and avoiding sentencing in a corruption case, former Deputy Interior Minister Vatana Asavahame has been found hiding in the Thai-Cambodian border town of Poipet.

Quoting a report from Sa Kaeo District Police Chief Col Itthipol Piriyaipinyo, who met Vatana in Poipet, Deputy Police Commissioner Gen Jongrak Juthanon said that Vatana fled Thailand before he could be sentenced in the case involving the assignment of budgets to build the Klong Dan wastewater treatment center.

After Vatana's no-show, the Supreme Court's Criminal Tribunal for Political Office Holders on July 9 issued an arrest warrant and seized Vatana's 2.2-million-baht bail money before rescheduling the judgment for August 18.

Vatana, who holds major stakes in two Poipet casinos – the Poi Pet Resort Hotel and the Grand Diamond Hotel – made his getaway on a boat from Samut Prakarn, said Gen Jongrak.

The former minister traveled through Chonburi, Rayong, Chanthaburi, Trat and then onto Koh Kong, where a gang of armed bodyguards were waiting to speed him away past the Thai-border checkpoint to Poipet, he added.

A close aide of Vatana revealed that the former minister had already been staying in the Executive Suite of the Grand Diamond Hotel for a week before he was due in court.

Thailand has no extradition treaty with Cambodia and Gen Jongrak said he is not confident that police will be able to bring Vatana back to Thailand for sentencing.

Vatana has strong ties with Cambodian officials and Thai police had no power to monitor his movements at the time he skipped bail, said Gen Jongrak.

Bail suspects are not permitted to leave Thailand without first applying for permission from the courts.

Gen Jongrak said he was unsure what the court's decision would have been, but he sus-



**Police have confirmed that ex-Deputy Interior Minister Vatana Asavahame is hiding out in Poipet after jumping bail and failing to attend court for sentencing in a corruption case.**

pected Vatana feared he would have been sentenced to jail time. A team of undercover police said that Vatana's son, Poonphol, was seen meeting his father at the Grand Diamond Hotel.

Vatana is thought to be associate of Kock Ann, an influential Cambodian businessman involved in the casino business.

**Drunk driver kills cop.** A police officer was mowed down and killed by a drunk driver in Bangkok on July 12.

Pakorn Kasemwut, 23, slammed into the back of Sgt Maj Aek Pibulsawasdi's motorcycle on Bangkok's Ekamai-Ram Indra flyover near Ladprao Rd. Pakorn then drove his Honda Accord over Maj Aek, dragging him along the road.

Realizing what had happened, Pakorn stopped to attend to the officer, who was caught beneath the wheels of his car.

Eye-witnesses said that when his attempts to revive Maj Aek failed, Pakorn climbed on top

of the flyover wall in an apparent bid to jump to his death, but bystanders were able to dissuade him from taking the plunge.

Police arrived at the scene and arrested Pakorn, who was later found to have been over the alcohol limit.

Pakorn, who had been out partying at a friend's birthday party earlier that night, faces three to 10 years in jail or a fine of 60,000 to 100,000 baht, or both, although his sentence may be reduced as he did not flee the scene and he attempted to resuscitate the officer.

**Teacher expelled.** The results of an investigation into a teacher suspected of exchanging sexual favors for better grades were released on July 15.

Dean of the Rangsit branch of Thammasart University, Professor Dr Surapol Nitikraipot has dismissed engineering teacher Mr Gumtorn Cherdchukiet following accusations of sexual abuse against the teacher.

Although the decision to fire Gumtorn was announced on July 15, Dr Surapol ordered the dismissal to be back-dated to April 24. Dr Surapol said that he had given the accused every chance to defend himself and that a handwritten letter by Gumtorn was not enough to save him from dismissal.

Dr Surapol added that such crimes committed by teachers are highly immoral and that Gumtorn must be removed from his government teaching job, explaining that firing Gumtorn would have been the maximum punishment that he has the power to deliver.

Instead, it was decided to administer a lesser punishment of dismissal as there was no video, audio evidence or witnesses to back up the claims of abuse.

Gumtorn's dismissal means he will never be able to hold another government position. "I, in the name of Thammasart University, would like to apologize to the Thai people that such an incident should arise in an establishment that has been running for such a long time.

"I would like to guarantee to Thai society that care and protection will be taken to prevent such an incident from re-occurring. Any form of sexual molestation, sexual abuse or intercourse between a teacher and student is a severe violation of ethics

"This message will be ingrained in all university staff members," said Dr Surapol.

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# Rocky road ready to give way

The repaired part of Petchkasem Rd that collapsed during last year's low season has begun showing signs of wear and tear. Some parts of the section of road that was repaired have even already had minor repairs carried out.

Although critical repairs were made immediately after the road gave way last September, the road surface around the previously collapsed area now shows that a long, wide cavity is developing.

The supporting mix of rocks and soil is slowly giving way again. As hundreds of heavily loaded trucks pass over this elevated part of Petchkasem Rd every day, locals fear that it is only a matter of time before the whole road collapses again.

**Russian welcome.** Several travel agents specializing in Russian tourists are rumored to be aggressively marketing Khao Lak for the coming high season. Khao Lak residents and business people regard with mixed feelings.

Many fear that the new clientèle will plant the roots for an ever-expanding bar scene similar to the one at Patong Beach – something that Khao Lak has managed to avoid until now. Developers, however, are already rubbing their hands with anticipation of the new money to the area.

The problem for Khao Lak are not the Russians, but the people who like to categorize everything and discriminate against anyone born in a country other than their own. Some people have been saying that when the Russians arrive to Khao Lak will be the time for the rest of us to leave.

There are many Russian families who also like peace and tranquility instead of bars and discos and I believe that these Rus-



Khao Lak is well known for spectacular sunsets and its breathtaking scenery. This photo, taken at Saiyoi Hills Residence, a property development located south of Khao Lak, shows the Khao Na Yak National Park in the background.

sian visitors will find what they are looking for here in Khao Lak. Their arrival will be positive for the area.

**Surprise surprise.** Meanwhile, this year's rainy season in Khao Lak has been full of surprises

with ever-changing weather adding an unpredictable edge to the time. If there were not so many closed shops and restaurants in Khao Lak center and along Nang Thong and Bang Niang beaches, you could almost believe that it's still high season.

Khao Lak and its few off-season guests have been blessed with sunshine and blue skies almost every day in June and the beginning of July. Calm seas offered the opportunity for dive trips to the Similan Islands with the few dive operators who decided to keep their centers open all year, such as iQ-Dive, Sea Bees and Sea Dragon.

Most dive operators have

closed down for the low season, leaving limited options for tourists in Khao Lak.

Keeping as many businesses as possible open during low season would not only reel in more visitors, but might persuade the few people in Khao Lak between May and October to stay a bit longer.

**Big brother is watching.** Frustrating to tourists and Khao Lak residents is the yearly downsizing of the product line at Khao Lak's biggest supermarket.

During the high season, shelves and fridges literally burst under the weight of an unbelievable variety of food, beverages,



## ANDAMAN COASTING

By Franky Gun

sweets and delicacies. In the low season, the supermarket's minuscule assortment and the empty shelves and fridges seem to ridicule any customer walking into the oversized space.

Little compensation for the low-season mini-selection of goods is the company of at least three of the supermarket's security staff, who watch your every move should you dare to go in there to buy your weekly pack of spaghetti.

Regardless of whether you are a well-known expat who has been living in the area for many years or a tourist on a fleeting visit, you will be under suspicion and you will be watched. Put the ketchup bottle down, mister.

There is hope, though, as most of the smaller mini-marts in Khao Lak now offer a better selection and seem to appreciate clients, especially during the annual Big Low.

**Cool packages.** Richard Doring, a Khao Lak veteran, travel guide author and proprietor of the Sita garden resort on Bang Niang Beach, has rolled out his Khao Lak Active program and made it available in English at [www.khaolakaktiv.net/english/index.html](http://www.khaolakaktiv.net/english/index.html)

The program offers a combination of value accommodation and selected activities packaged together in an attempt to attract more visitors to Khao Lak during the rainy season.

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# Couple die in gruesome attack

Violence in the insurgency-racked Deep South took the lives of a Pattani couple on July 8 but left their teenage son unharmed. The attack came after 15 schools closed in response to the ambush of an Army truck ferrying students home after classes.

Chatchawan Sornjamnong and his wife, Ampai Kiewnit, were shot dead while riding to work on their motorbike. Their 14-year-old son escaped unharmed before the gunman doused the dead couple with kerosene and burned the bodies on the roadside.

The schools closed after an incident a day earlier when two Army Rangers were killed and three students wounded by gunfire.

**Councilman killed.** A local councilman was shot dead in Songkhla's Bang Klam district while he was driving to Haad Yai on June 9.

Police believe local politics or a business dispute to be behind the killing.

Amphai Saengchu, 43, a member of Khok Sai Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) in Phatthalung's Pa Bon district was found slumped over the wheel of his Isuzu pickup truck by the side of the Asia Highway in Tambon Tha Chang.

He had been shot several times in the head and neck with an AK-47 assault rifle.

Police said that at the time of his death, Khun Amphai was driving to a garage in Haad Yai that specializes in repairing excavators. While he was driving, a pickup pulled up alongside and a gunman in the back opened fire, causing K. Amphai to lose control of his vehicle and crash into a tree by the side of the road.

Police found 10 spent AK-47 cartridge cases on the road about 100 meters from the victim's crashed truck.

Col Pramot Letbuan, superintendent of Bang Klam Police Station, said that in addition to being an *OrBorTor* member, K. Amphai ran an earth-filling business.

Police believe that his political or business activities are likely to have been the motive for the killing, Col Pramot said.

**Dodgy diesel.** Highway Police arrested one man and seized 4,400 liters of smuggled diesel in Phatthalung on July 9.

Police found the diesel, which was hidden in the back of a six-wheeled truck, while conducting a routine search at a checkpoint on Phetchkasem Rd in Tambon Tha Khae in Phatthalung's Muang district.

Police said that they discovered 110 40-liter petrol canisters concealed in a large tank in the



**NOT REMOTELY SUCCESSFUL:** Security forces inspect the scene of an attempted bombing outside a 7-Eleven at Talat Kao in Yala Town July 6. A remote-controlled device was used in what police believe was an attack on a Community Defense Team. The device failed to detonate properly, leaving two people with minor injuries.

back of the truck normally used for transporting latex.

The driver, Somkhit Phiu-pha, 43, was arrested after he could not produce documents proving he had paid duty on the fuel.

Police said they believe the diesel was smuggled into Thailand through Satun and was on the way to be sold to gas stations in Thung Song district, in Nakhon Sri Thammarat.

Somkhit was taken to Muang Phatthalung Police Station and charged with possession of smuggled goods.

**Bad debt.** The strangled and stabbed body of a money lender was found in a roadside drainage canal in Nakhon Sri Thammarat July 8. Police said that they believe she was killed by one or more of her debtors.

The body of Urai Chu-muang, 43, was found by a passerby behind Ban Huay Sai School in Tambon Pakphun.

Police said that K. Urai had been stabbed multiple times and her neck showed severe bruising where she had been strangled. In a bag round her waist, police found more than 10,000 baht in cash, a mobile telephone and a notebook.

There were tire tracks leading away from where the body was found, which police believe belong to the vehicle used to transport K. Urai's body after she had been killed.

Police said that K. Urai was well known in Nakhon Sri Thammarat as a money lender and organizer of a "share" informal savings and loan scheme with customers all over the city.

K. Urai's husband told police that the evening before her body was found, she had told

him that she was going to collect money from a debtor who

had rung up asking her to come and collect payment. When she

did not return or answer her phone, relatives searched for her, but to no avail until her body was found the following morning.

Lt Col Thawatchai Dukkakaow, deputy superintendent of Muang Nakhon Sri Thammarat Police Station, said that K. Urai was likely killed by at least two people.

Police have dismissed robbery as a motive due to the large sum of money left with the body. Officers are now hunting for K. Urai's motorbike, which they believe the killers are likely to have dumped.

"We believe that the motive for the killing of this large-scale money lender was to clear a debt.

"We think that one or more of the victim's debtors planned to kill her as they were struggling to make payments due to the poor state of the economy and may have been angered by K. Urai hassling them for money," Col Thawatchai said.

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By Janyaporn Morel

In an effort to provide free public services in the form of legal advice and information on citizens' rights, Phuket Members of Parliament Tossaporn Tepabutra and Rewat Areerob have established a complaints center and coffee corner.

Since its opening in May, staff at the Phuket Democrat Party Office's Complaints Center on Phuket Rd, in Phuket City, have listened to and given advice to members of the public on a wide range of issues, including legal disputes, welfare options, unemployment and civil rights. They have also accepted a variety of complaints from the public and try to find solutions for them.

Khun Tossaporn said that the purpose of the complaint center is to help alleviate some of the problems local residents face by listening to their problems and receiving their complaints. The center employs a team of experts who give free legal advice. There is also a team of advisors who offer solutions for a variety of issues, including advice on how to escape poverty.

"People are not always aware of their rights and may not understand the laws that can affect their daily lives, so we have set up this center to help people avoid being treated unfairly or exploited," said K. Tossaporn.

K. Rewat said that people from all walks of life come to the center for advice, and many come not to complain, but for support. Some people or organizations come to request the party's help in supporting projects, while others come to offer their help with the party's public benefit projects.

Although K. Tossaporn and K. Rewat's busy schedules mean they cannot always be at the Phuket office, leaving the staff to mostly deal with the public, they both try to be there on Monday afternoons if they have no pressing engagements at Government House in Bangkok.

When people come to talk to the MPs or the legal experts, they are treated to a coffee and a comfy chair in the "Coffee Council", a corner of the offices with a relaxing coffee-shop ambiance, allowing people to discuss issues in a relaxed manner.

K. Rewat said that many of the issues he deals with are re-



MP Tossaporn Tepabutra discusses problems with locals over a cup of coffee at the Phuket Democrat Party Office's Complaints Center.

## Democratic espresso: storms in a coffee cup

lated to poverty. "Some people want to start a business in an effort to improve their livelihoods, but don't have enough money for the initial investment.

"Many people need help paying for their children's education, others may not have a job or a place to live, and some need help obtaining residency status," he added.

"These are all issues that people bring to us by themselves.

Whenever a complaint is made, we record it and keep track of progress made in finding a solution," K. Rewat said.

Manager of the office, Weerapong Jarongsathid, said that they have dealt with about 15 complaints on major civil issues so far, including accusations of land encroachment.

Some complaints include members of the public being treated unfairly by government

officers. "In these cases, we advise them on the steps to take for any legal action required," he said.

"We deal with about 100 issues a day related to poverty, especially from parents requesting scholarships for their children. We put the parents and their children in contact with foundations that provide scholarships.

"Since opening the offices, we have managed to help quite a

few people this way," K. Weerapong added. For issues such as poverty, encroachment, residency, alien workers and traffic problems, we record the concerns and pass them on to the central government," he said.

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Over by the dartboard, an octogenarian is repeating his ever-expanding tale of survival and grit in the North African desert to a group of Eastern Europeans; people who nowadays make up an alarming percentage of English high-street solicitors, and I don't mean in the litigious sense.

So when it was suggested I pay a visit to the British-owned Islander, on the undulating leafy road between Nai Harn village and Rawai Beach, I was looking forward to at least some of these luxuries, especially the buxom barmaid.

But none of the above was immediately apparent; especially considering that a mud-spattered dog isn't exactly a welcome sight in a pub in Thailand and that most buxom barmaids here were born with masculine first names.

Before moving some two years ago, the Islander was formerly the Islander Beer Garden located near the Evason Resort & Spa on Wiset Road. I must confess to having musically participated in a few beer-soaked charity events there in the company of the excellent Rob on his five-string bass.

The new Islander is nowadays a higher establishment – literally – as it is up a small flight of stairs overlooking the main road. It's a regulars' sort of place but the welcome extended to this relative stranger was warm, and my dry vodka Martini as cool as I've ever had.

The pub is open-sided with cool breezes wafting through and things are even cooler if you choose a pew overlooking the ongoing grinning madness that people euphemistically refer to as "passing traffic".

Tonight is The Land of the Brave's Independence Day and the irony is not lost on me, nor on the regulars, who ask me why I'm not writing about a certain establishment up the road, sampling its freedom fries, barbecued spare ribs and joining in the sometimes jingoistic fervor characteristic of our stronger-jawed, dentally superior cousins.

Meanwhile, rockets swoosh crackle and bang not a kilometer away, dogs cower for miles around and passing motorcyclists ask themselves why something looking like a chopstick with a tattered banger attached to it has just bounced off their helmet-less



Sunday roast with Yorkshire pudding and lots of gravy.

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skulls. Mind you, it's the same every Chinese New Year, so one could say that jingoistic mindlessness doesn't have any racial or cultural monopoly.

Still, that's no concern for me: I'm here to sample typical English pub food and frankly, I'm salivating as I haven't had, as Kipling may have put it, "a white man's meal" for ages.

The sounds are cool at the Islander. After all, with a choice of 14,000 songs on the pub's computer, you won't be left wanting for your Undertones or White Stripes. Touchingly, when Frank Zappa growls out a typically quasi-obscene lyric on the Islanders' sound system, I feel right at home.

Hearing Zappa reminded me of the French – he once said, "There is no hell. There is only France." With a sigh and a groan I realize that even

more nationalistic flag-waving festivities are on their way in the form of Bastille Day on July 14; the Belgian national day on July 21 and the Swiss bash on August 1, not to mention Canada Day that fell on July 1. It looks as though founding nations and declaring independence from mother countries is a summer sport.

"Bon appetit" the Islanders' menu cover cheekily wishes diners. At 18 pages, it obviously means business, even though Lesley the owner, clearly states, "We're not a restaurant; we're a

bar that sells food." I order homemade cottage pie with garden peas, fresh carrots, spinach and

beetroot (200 baht) and sample the house red (80 baht).

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Alex and Sarah Kovac from Australia were married at Laguna Phuket's Chapel-on-the-Lagoon on May 3.



Chamaiporn Tanputtarak and Techathat Ongpruksa were married at Phuket Ballroom of The Royal Phuket City Hotel on

# Lessons at the university of life – Phuket style

By Akbar Khan

Coming from a town with just 50,000 inhabitants where everyone knows each other, the hustle and bustle of a work-experience sabbatical in Patong hotels has been a rollercoaster ride for 20-year-old Annika Kolmkant from Parnu in Estonia.

After completing the preliminary years of a bachelor's degree in hotel management at Mainor Business School in her home town of Parnu and the Estonian capital Tallinn, Annika began looking for a resort in a foreign country that would accept her as a volunteer in order to gain the work experience necessary for her to complete her degree.

It wasn't difficult for Annika to decide on Phuket as the ideal location to refine her hospitality skills. She had already fallen in love with Thailand when she spent time in Bangkok, Pattaya and Koh Chang on holiday as a teenager.

"I didn't want to go anywhere in Europe because it wouldn't have been much different from my own country. I wanted to go somewhere warm and exotic. Phuket made sense because it's also a major tourist destination," she said.

She began searching on the Internet for suitable resorts and hotels in Phuket, preferably those equipped with a spa.

She sent emails with her curriculum vitae attached to as many 4- and 5-star hotels as she could find, explaining to them her need to get on-the-job experience and that she was prepared to work without a salary until returning to Estonia in September to complete her hotel management degree. Her only other requests were for board and lodging.

Despite offering to work for free, Annika received just one response to her emails. It was from Duangjitt Resort and Spa in Patong. They agreed to take Annika on and arranged for her to be picked up from the airport on June 19.

A Duangjitt Resort representative was at the airport to meet her as arranged, but Annika soon found out that things were not going to be as easy as she had been led to believe.

Her first lesson in the way things are done here was when she was casually told, "Sorry, but the resort has changed its mind and does not want you anymore."

"I was shocked, but did my best to keep smiling as I was determined not to let this bother me and to succeed in what I'd started. The Duangjitt Resort representative took me to Karon



Estonian hotel management undergraduate Annika Kolmkant knows the hospitality industry. She just needs a resort where she can be allowed to prove it.

Sea and Sands, where I was told a position would be arranged for me.

Three days later, the manager came to see me and offered me a position and accommodation at the Blue Marine Resort and Spa in Patong.

Annika's second surprise after arriving was finding out that she had to pay for her accommodation at both resorts.

Her dilemma reached the ears

of the director of Phuket Tourism and Sports Office Promchote Traivate, who promptly arranged for her to stay with a Thai family in Phuket City with meals included, free of charge.

"The host family's daughter would whiz me around town on the back of her motorbike – great fun – but they wanted me to be back home by 10 pm every evening. I wasn't used to this kind of restriction because even when I

challenging.

They asked me to model for photos of the spa, but when I tried asking questions about the running of the hotel, I was stunned to find that they considered these things 'secret and confidential in Thailand'," she said.

"It's been easier to strike up friendships with Thais, but difficult to create deeper friendships due to the differences in our understanding on compromising. Some business people have seemed naïve to me and I've been told that I am the one who is naïve.

"I think that has been confused with trust. To me, if someone tells me something, I expect them to be telling me the truth.

I've learned that [in Patong] this is not always the case, so I've started to take what some locals say with a pinch of salt," said Annika.

Annika said that after seeing the difference in the way things are run in hotels here compared to back home, a lot could be gained by sharing the knowledge she has already gained from her studies and experience in Estonia.

"In Estonia we solve problems using logic rather than just smiling and saying 'mai pen rai'," she said.

Annika speaks fluent Russian and Finnish. She sees that Russians are not warmly welcomed in Patong, attributing it to their demanding nature.

"They are big spenders, though, so they should be entitled to be fussy," she said.

"Many Finns have Thai wives, but not many Estonian men do," she said, explaining that Estonians like women who can be treated as equals and with respect, whereas Finns tend to look for submissive women.

One thing she found strange was that hotel staff wear their uniforms when they leave work, whereas in Estonia, hotel staff have a shower and locker area where they can change into their own clothes before going home.

Although she has identified some negative aspects of the locals, Annika is positive about her experiences. "I love Thailand and the people.

I think I will feel homesick when I return to Estonia. The happy and simple nature of Thais is endearing and I'm trying to convince my parents to retire here.

"The Thais might not make great bosses but they make fabulous friends," she said.

was 14, my parents would let me go out ice skating until 2 am," she said.

"One of my reasons for coming to Thailand was to seek adventure in an exciting land where no-one knows me and I can have my freedom, so I decided to just go it alone and moved into a guest house in Patong," she added.

Now that she had her own accommodation, the Blue Marine Resort and Spa accepted her as a volunteer. "The Resort was very nice indeed, but the duties allocated to me were far from

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# This week



**BUNNY BEDLAM:** Children enjoy a day out at Phuket Sunshine Village (PSV) with staff on June 29 to celebrate the foundation's one-year anniversary. Some 60 children played games, sang songs, ate, drank, and hung out with a giant rabbit.



**LUCKY DIP:** Anoma Wongyai (center), deputy director of Tourism Authority of Thailand, Phuket, presents a voucher for a two-night stay at Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa to Graeme Chuck, managing director of Shades (Thailand) Co Ltd. Mr Chuck won a lucky draw organized by the *Phuket Gazette* and the Evason Phuket for companies that advertise in the Gazette. Joining them is Supanun Supawong from the *Gazette's* sales team.



**GOING COCONUTS:** Sales and Marketing Manager Jay Walker (left) and After Sales Manager Bernie Tebb of The Village Coconut Island resort show off their Green Award from [www.whatgreenhome.com](http://www.whatgreenhome.com) presented to The Village for eco-friendly initiatives used in building the resort.



**BATIK BOYS:** (from left) Artists Yingsak Theptong, Apinan Towankaseam, Sirichai Chansongsang and Sapon Supaviriyakorn join guest Harin Sukavat at the opening of the Khon Batik art exhibition at Phuket Public Library on Phuket Rd, Phuket City, on July 8. More than 30 batik works are on display at the exhibition, open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 7 pm and Saturday to Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm until July 31.



**CHINA BOUND:** Phuket Provincial Administration Organization President Paiboon Upatising (back, center) joins Adisak Lertchoowongsa, President of Phuket Thai-Chinese Federation (back, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and 14 students from local schools on July 14 before they travel to Shenzhen, China, to join an international youth camp from July 18-27.



**ALL ABOARD:** Marc de Champeaux (holding paddle) and partner Qingqing (front) entertain guests at the July 4 opening of their antiques and art showroom, The Gallery, on Thepkasattri Rd, close to Nai Thon. Also pictured are Gerard Garson (right) owner of The Garden, next door to The Gallery, and Mr de Champeaux's son, Gibsy.

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# Hi! My name is Sydney Tutu Florabel

Babies, according to new research, can tell good people from bad at the tender age of six months. In tests, the babies unanimously preferred a "positive" doll over both a "negative" or "neutral" doll. In other words, before we can speak we can distinguish the people who have our best interests at heart.

This is pretty amazing when you think about it – not that babies are programmed from birth, but that we all start out with a foolproof people-radar that is then systematically dismantled.

It starts with your parents making you play with their friends' children. That's when you learn that, for the sake of avoiding awkwardness, you must get on with everyone, even the ones who continually hit you over the head with their toys.

The same way you have to put up with your grandparents' lethal driving and the nutty nanny taking you to the park with her friend and then abandoning you while they go off for a smoke.

You are too young to point out that these people are not acting in your best interests. But you are learning that in the grown-up world nobody listens to their instincts because they have other more pressing concerns – saving

time, saving face, getting through. Then there's school. You are a sneak if you tell anyone that the girl in your class is torturing you during break. You're dead if you don't pick the pretty but unsporty girls first for the rounders team. You must quickly bury your instinctive grasp of who is decent and who is not because the only issue is fitting in.

This distorted perspective becomes normal, and once you hit puberty, thoughtful boys and girls are toast: both sexes are now interested only in destructive types.

Your mother, who has spent the past 15 years or so bludgeoning your instincts into a socially acceptable compromise, starts saying, "Can't you see he's no good for you?" Too late!

Meanwhile, assuming you have a brother, he is definitely a negative doll in your life, as is your mother's shopaholic best friend, your youth-envying aunt and the neighbor who always gets your dad drunk or vice versa. They're all natural enemies, but nobody does anything about it. Instead everyone blames you for being too "black and white".

It gets worse, obviously. All around you are examples of people who are negative. Gradually, your "negative influence"



radar gets furred up, because it's hardly ever appropriate to act on it. When accepting a proposal of marriage, yes. When going into business with someone, yes.

But, for some reason, you are not able to say, "I will not have dinner with them because I sense they would use me as a float in a tsunami."

I realized the other day, on my return from London with a bag full of trashy gossip magazines, that the best things about celebrities was not the details of their new patent clutch bag, nor their endless rantings about how important it is to recycle bottles (yeah, yeah, all right) nor even their weddings. For that matter,

not even their beauty secrets (yes, Touch? Eclat concealer is marvelous, we know).

No, hands-down, the best thing about celebrities is the names they give their kids. The reporters sitting outside London's Portland or Cedars-Sinai hospitals have the best job on the planet. "Harlow Winter you say, love?" "Apple, as in the fruit? Bramley or Granny Smith?"

"Thank you Mr Andre." As in Peter, for those who don't buy OK! He had one hit song called *Mysterious Girl*. "Can I confirm to the newsdesk that you said Princess Tiaamii?"

Sometimes there comes a name that is so magnificent it needs no explanation. Kingston. Seriously. Kingston is Gwen Stefani's son. She thought it was a good name. Mia Farrow liked Satchel. And Victoria Beckham thinks Cruz is OK.

But here's the thing – if you're a superstar celebrity, you will never think your kid is going to be run of the mill. You're never going to picture him or her in a geography lesson, for example.

"Um, Kingston, would you like to come to the front of the class and find Jamaica on the map?"

Nor will you assume they'll end up selling fast food. "Hi there,

I'm Fifi Trixie Belle and I'll be your waitress today." Bob Geldof might get ratty.

Stars think their children will all be proclaiming "Hello, Wembley, we LOVE you!" just like they did. They don't think a dodgy name will hinder their progress in any way.

"No way is Phoenix Chi (one of the Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie – Brangelina – brood) getting teased. If she does, we'll just change schools/friends/cities/lives."

And that is why, last week, I realized that I liked Ulrika Jonsson, a Swedish-born TV presenter in Britain. I do know that she likes to change her life partner, um, every couple of years. Yes, she even scored with Sven Eriksson. I don't care how powerful he is, have you seen him?

But whatever she's done, you cannot accuse her of thinking her new son is above it all. His name? Malcolm. No airs and graces. Just saying it how it is.

"Hi there, Malcolm, I'd like a burger with fries please..."

*Ambrosia Sakkadas, a Britain-born Greek Cypriot and graduate of Central St Martins College of Art & Design in London, is an artist and interior designer.*

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# Mia's the Winner

**L**ocal yachting Mia Gillow, 23, won the Six Senses Phuket Raceweek Photo Contest, giving her three nights' stay in a Studio Garden View room at The Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa during the annual regatta.

Miss Gillow's photo of *Living Doll* on a downwind charge at Geelong Race Week in Australia early this year also won her tickets to the after-race parties each day of her stay.

In Phuket Raceweek Miss Gillow will be racing on *Minx*, which will fly the white spinnaker of The Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa.

As for her winning photo of *Living Doll*, she said, "I can't believe it – what a lucky shot."

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# Danish defense for Phuket

With Phuket's long and checkered history, it's not surprising that one might stumble across old artifacts scattered around the island without having to visit a museum. Two such artifacts, twin cannons dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, are the focus of this week's column.

These two guns are positioned on the grassy area in front of Phuket City Police headquarters on Chumphon Rd. The cannons stand guard on either side of the police station's flagpole with their barrels pointing towards the road in front of the station. They are more than 200 years old and played a vital role as part of the island's defensive artillery.

Although now outdated, they are still in good condition and are fine examples of the type of artillery used all those years ago.

Visitors will find two plaques at the site providing a short history of the guns, including their specifications, written in Thai and English. The cannon barrels are each a little larger than two inches in diameter and slightly less than an inch thick. Each barrel weighs 606 pounds (275 kilograms).

Because the cannon barrels are relatively narrow, they would not have been used to fire cannon balls. Big guns of the 18<sup>th</sup> century that fired heavy cannonballs were used for bombarding forts and ships in naval warfare. If these cannons were used for such purposes, they would have done little damage because the cannonballs would have been small and light.

Instead, this type of cannon was used to fire canister shots, cylindrical cases containing hundreds of iron or lead pistol balls and other metal fragments. When fired, the cylindrical cases disintegrate and scatter their shrapnel. These were highly effective and deadly at short distances against advancing cavalry or infantrymen.

This type of cannon ammunition was commonly used with artillery manufactured during the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The barrels on display could be loaded with up to 202 pounds of shrapnel and required three pounds of gunpowder that would be ignited in the barrel, blasting the loaded ammunition towards an advancing enemy at a maximum range of about 800 meters.

The cannon barrels were mounted on wooden carriages



**This 200-year old cannon was shipped from Denmark during the reign of King Taksin and was probably used to defend Phuket against Burmese invaders. It now stands guard outside Phuket Provincial Police headquarters.**

with large wheels, allowing them to be moved easily across rough terrain. A single cannon required four horses to draw it and a crew of eight to operate it.

A typical cannon-operation team comprised a gun captain, who primed, aimed and fired the gun and at least one person to turn and raise the gun barrel on the captain's orders. Another would have loaded the gun and

## LOOKING BACK

By Anand Singh

another would damp down sparks before reloading. The others would pass ammunition and fresh gunpowder to the

loader.

According to the plaques, the cannon barrels were cast in 1768 at the Glethuset foundry in Frederiksvaerk in Denmark. They were designed by Maj Gen EG Meehlenburg and cast by Henrik Honhaver. The barrels were made of bronze, compris-

ing 87% copper and 13% tin. Denmark manufactured 208 more of the same type of cannon over the next 30 years until 1799.

The Danish army used the same type of cannon during mid-18<sup>th</sup> century as well. They were an important part of Danish artillery under the command of Prince Carl of Hessen. It is likely that the two guns on display found their way to Siam during the Thon Buri era under the rule of King Taksin when there was considerable trade between Siam and

the Danish Asiatic Company. The Asiatic Company had its base in Tranquebar, a city on the south-eastern coast of India founded by the Danish in 1620.

Here we refer to a historic letter, a copy of which can be found in a book called *Lai Su Thai* by Davidson and Simmonds. The letter was written in 1776 on behalf of King Taksin by one of his ministers and was addressed to Governor of Tranquebar David Brown.

The letter conveys the king's gratitude for a previous delivery of 1,000 Danish flintlock rifles that had been ordered from the Asiatic Company. The King of Siam was considerably satisfied with the rifles.

The letter issued an order for a further 10,000 of such rifles to be delivered to Thon Buri, with Capt Leit in charge of sailing to Tranquebar and conducting this trade deal on behalf of the King.

The letter asked Governor Brown to deliver the guns to Capt Leit and if the governor should wish, he could arrange for a ship to sail to Phuket to receive tin loads in payment for the guns, or if he wanted any other commodities as payment, it could also be arranged from Thon Buri.

This letter from King Taksin was for the purchase of flintlock guns from the Danish, but there was no mention or order of any cannons. However, it is likely that this was only one of the many trade deals conducted between the Siamese King and the Danish traders. The cannons would have been bought in a similar agreement with similar payment methods at around the same period as the flintlock guns in 1776.

Towards the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, these cannons were transported to Phuket to help defend the island against enemy attacks at a time when the Burmese posed a grave threat to Siam. It is not too far fetched to believe that the cannons outside the police station saw action in the conflicts with Burmese military that took place on Phuket soil during the reign of King Rama I.

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**July 22. Green Initiatives in Event Planning: a Seminar.**

"Green Event planning is here to stay," says Shannon Kilkenny, author of *The Complete Guide to Successful Event Planning* – a best-seller – who will present a seminar at Movenpick Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket on green initiatives in event planning.

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The registration fee of 1,200 baht includes the seminar, refreshments and lunch.

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**July 23-27. Six Senses Phuket Raceweek.**

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**July 26. ESPN Star Sports Charity Golf & Dinner at Laguna.**

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**WET 'N' WILD: Phuket's surfing community will be out in force this weekend for the fourth Kalim Surfing Content 2008, organized by the Phuket Boardriders Club. The contest aims to promote the sport of surfing as well as promote tourism in Phuket.**

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**July 28. Mac Group Therapy – Chalong.**

From 10 am until midday at the Sandwich Shoppe in Chalong.

**August 3. PC Group Therapy – Patong.**

From 10 am until midday at the Sandwich Shoppe at Aroonsom Plaza, near Andaman Beach Suites, in Patong.

**August 10. PC Group Therapy – Laguna.**

From 10 am until midday at the Sandwich Shoppe Laguna.

**August 12. HM The Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday).**

HM The Queen's Birthday is also marked as Mother's Day in Thailand.

**August 13. Boathouse Writers' Night with Jim Newport.**

James "Jim" Newport ([www.vampireofsiam.com](http://www.vampireofsiam.com)) is a writer and Emmy-nominated production designer of film and television.

He wrote *The Vampire of Siam* trilogy, which includes the

first novel of the same name, followed by *Ramonne: The Return of the Vampire of Siam* and *The Reckoning: A Tale of the Vampire of Siam*.

The author's latest work, *Chasing Jimi*, is a novel about Jimi Hendrix and was released in May.

The evening at the Boat-house will include readings from *Chasing Jimi* and a Q&A session with the author.

**September 13. SDF Tails at Twilight Annual Fundraising Bone a Fit.**

The Soi Dog Foundation will hold its annual fundraiser "Tails at Twilight Annual Fundraising Bone A Fit" on September 13 at the Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa.

It will be a private beach party extravaganza with raffles, auctions and a prize draw.

The ticket price of 2,000 baht included a buffet dinner, free-flow beer and wine, non-stop entertainment, and lots of fun at the beautiful venue.

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**September 16. Punchline Comedy Club Live Stand-Up Comedy.**

The Punchline Comedy Club, in association with the London Comedy Store, returns to Phuket for a night of international stand-up comedy. More details will be released soon, but expect a madcap night of laughs.

**September 29 to October 7. Phuket Vegetarian Festival.**

This festival is an annual event held during the ninth lunar month of the Chinese calendar, which normally falls in late September or early October. Though

cheeks and other parts of the anatomy with sharp implements. The devotees apparently feel no pain and show no sign of real injury.

**October 23. Chulalongkorn Day (Public Holiday).**

Chulalongkorn Day commemorates the reign of Rama V, who is best remembered for abolishing slavery in Thailand.

**November 19-22. Phuket International Sportfishing Tournament 2008.**

Registration at Captain Hook on November 19 from 6pm onwards. Fishing days are November 20, 21 and 22, starting at 8am.

Free food and beer for all anglers. For more information, please contact Uwe Schitteck. Tel: 081-719 5766. Email: [uweschitteck@yahoo.com](mailto:uweschitteck@yahoo.com)

**November 29. Phuket International Women's Club Annual Ball.**

The Phuket International Women's Club Annual Ball will be held at The Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa. This year's theme is "Diamonds are Forever".

This is the main fundraising event for the PIWC Scholarship program.

PIWC has helped more than 550 students and young people to receive an education.

Further details to be announced via the Gazette soon.

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Tata's Xenon pickup will be sold through more than 20 dealers across Thailand, at prices starting from 539,000 baht.

The takeover by Tata Group of Jaguar and Land Rover was reported in the *Gazette* on April 6 but, closer to home, Tata recently launched the Xenon in Thailand – a one-tonne pickup truck to take on the dominant Toyota, Ford and Isuzu models.

With a 59% market share, Tata is the largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in its native India and is ranked among the world's top six makers of medium and heavy commercial vehicles.

Tata has appointed more than 20 dealers in Thailand and has committed 1.3 billion baht to produce the Xenon pickup.

Initially, the Xenon will have around 50% local content and will be assembled at the Thonburi Automotive Assembly Plant in a joint-venture between Thonburi and Tata Motors.

Thonburi is better known for its assembly of completely-knocked-down Mercedes-Benz vehicles, including the A-Class, C-Class, E-Class and the luxury S-Class, as well as the chassis for

several commercial Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

Tata may be Indian, but it has considerable experience in investing overseas. Tata owns the Anglo-Dutch steel giant Corus Steel, bought Daewoo's truck facility in South Korea, acquired Britain's Tetley Tea in 2000 and supplied the now defunct Rover Car Company with the so-called "City Rover" – a re-badged Tata Indica, which Britain's *Top Gear* presenter James May branded "the worst car I have ever driven".

Commenting on Tata's first foray into the Thai market, Tata Motors Chairman Ratan N Tata said, "I am pleased that Tata Motors (Thailand) is launching the Xenon pickup.

It has been developed and built in Thailand specifically keep-



ing Thai customers in mind. We are mindful that Thailand and the Asean region will become key markets for Tata Motors in the near future."

The Xenon was styled in Coventry, England, and features engine technology from Germany. The motor is a 2.2-liter direct-injection, common-rail diesel with variable turbine technology and an intercooler, delivering

140bhp (103kW) and 320Nm of torque between 1,700 and 2,700 rpm.

The engine currently meets Euro 3 emission standards, but can be further developed to satisfy Euro 4 and even Euro 5 if required.

Technology has enabled Tata to keep the size of the engine relatively compact while maintaining a high output, excellent fuel economy and high durability. The company believes its new sector of customers in Thailand will notice the difference in quality of the new pickup.

The Xenon features high suspension and two-wheel drive. It comes with an exceptionally strong bodyshell, featuring 0.8-1.5-millimeter double-sided galvanized steel sheets, which are resistant to corrosion and thicker

than other pickups on the market. In addition to increased safety, this also improves the Xenon's durability, allowing it to be used extensively in commercial activities.

There are two models to choose from: the X-tend Cab and the Double Cab. The brakes are discs at the front and drums at the rear. Transmission is a five-speed manual and suspension is double wishbone and torsion bar in front, leaf springs at the rear.

Tata Motors (Thailand) is a subsidiary of Tata Motors, which has research centers in India, the UK, South Korea and Spain. On a historical note, the group takes its name from its founder, Jamsedji Tata, who started the company in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to make textiles. Its steady growth as India's largest company coincided with the rise in Indian nationalism and the erosion of British colonial rule.

The Xenon has yet to be rolled out in Phuket. The nearest dealership is AC Automobile in Haad Yai, which, at the time of writing, had five Xenons in stock. Customers can order from AC Automobile and have a vehicle delivered to Phuket. For more information call 074-501642.

Prices of the new Xenon start at 539,000 baht for the X-tend Cab; 629,000 for the Double Cab. For details visit [www.tata-motors.co.th](http://www.tata-motors.co.th)

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# Full force of secondary inflation still to come

It's incredible to think that only one year ago the global economy was in very good shape. Economic growth was strong, inflation was low and energy prices were acceptable. The feel-good factor was all around. Super-economies in the making such as China and India, along with other emerging economies, were growing at epic rates.

In this type of environment, huge, unpredictable shifts are expected. Inflation was low and generally monetary policy was accommodative – the future looked bright. However, gremlins were lurking under the surface. These gremlins were time-bombs: low-quality trenches of debt that banks were rolling off their product lines. Banks often used extra leverage – that is, gearing up debt bundles with the intention of mak-

ing massive profits – to enhance returns.

While the music played, the US central bank (the Federal Reserve) was raising interest rates. As is common in an era of rising rates, bad loans rose and house values fell. A credit crunch arrived – and a nasty one at that. It is going to take some time to re-capitalise this sector.

Banks have mostly returned to business as usual. However, banks are being cautious, entertaining mainly high-quality business at expensive rates. This is natural, but banks in general are still suspicious of the quality marked on their balance sheets.

Before the credit crunch, there had been irresponsible lending by institutions, which was the real cause of this crunch. A mix-

ture of big egos, large bonuses and old-fashioned greed was responsible for the creation of structured products, also called collateralized debt obligations. A lender would put together packages of loans and sell them off to a pension fund or another willing buyer.

A problem was that the credit-rating agencies were not looking closely enough at these new products and the risks they entailed. A new structured product would come out with a top-flight high-investment-grade credit rating.

Most of this mess has returned home to roost with the original lenders. This was never the intention. Lenders knew full well there would be losses on portfolios. For example, they usually contained at least an element of subprime lending as the original lender simply wanted to make a loan and sell it on to another party.

Abuse was rampant with contracts giving short periods of time before mortgages reset to

higher levels. These contracts were misleading. For an initial period, a fixed rate applied, but after the reset, a loan would be set at the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus whatever extra lenders decided to add on.

This was used to sell domestic mortgages to the American public. I doubt that 1% of the applicants even knew what LIBOR was and even less the consequences of their actions.

Banks and other lenders competed as part of their business strategies. The minute a lender is disinterested in the quality of a loan it creates, high losses occur. However, over time, banks re-capitalise.

The success of free-market capitalism is evident in the number of success stories from around the world. Together with a credit crisis and falling housing and stock market values, the world had to face rising food and energy prices.

There will still be a lot of financial pain in 2009. Any hope

of a recovery, which was earlier this year projected for late-2008, has evaporated.

We have yet to feel the full force of secondary shocks on the inflation front. With inflation now at more than 8%, Thailand is not escaping the global malaise, yet the country is one of the lucky ones, with an exportable surplus of food and at least a measure of domestic energy production.

The local banking sector escaped any meaningful involvement in global structured products. This means that banks do not have damaged balance sheets and can carry on lending unimpeded. The largest problem Thailand currently faces is in politics, which could easily become an economic problem.

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## ON THE MOVE

Allamanda Laguna Phuket recently appointed Phuket-native **Pawinee Panan** as Sales Executive. Khun Pawinee graduated with a major in hotel-and-tourism studies from Phuket Community College, Prince of Songkla University, Phuket campus. K. Pawinee brings a wealth of experience with her, having served in the F&B department at Laguna Beach Resort. She then transferred to the sales-and-marketing department in 2006.



The new General Manager of Carrefour Phuket, Jungceylon, is **Paul Rochel** from France. Mr Rochel holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Cergy. He also holds a master's degree in quantitative economics. He has worked as Human Resources Manager of Auchan Thailand, Chiang Mai, and as Customer Service and Productivity Improvement Manager at Big C in Bangkok. He was also Store General Manager of Big C stores in Pattaya and Phuket.



**Ananya Komolsai** from Phatthalung province was recently appointed E-Marketing and PR Manager of IndoChina-Villa Santi. Khun Ananya holds a bachelor's degree from Silpakorn University, Bangkok. Before taking up her new position, she worked for two years as Guest Relations Officer for Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort. She has also worked as Resort Host for Banyan Tree Phuket and as Business Development Executive for Asia Web Direct.



## Pawnshops ordered to reduce interest rates on loans

In an effort to relieve current economic woes, all government-licensed pawnshops in Phuket have been ordered to reduce the interest customers are charged, Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwannasupana announced recently.

The order, which came into effect July 1, was issued by the Office of Local Administrator's Pawnshop Management Committee under the Department of Local Administration of the Interior Ministry.

It outlines new criteria for calculating interest rates imposed on pawnshop customers who trade goods for cash until they return to buy the goods back with added interest.

Before the new regulations came into effect, customers were charged 0.75% interest per month on items valued at less than 5,000 baht and 1% interest per

month on items valued at more than 5,000 baht.

The new regulations are for a 0.75% monthly interest rate on items pawned for less than 4,000 baht and a 1% interest rate on items pawned for more than 4,000 baht but not more than 30,000 baht.

A monthly interest rate of 1.25% now applies to pawn capital valued at more than 30,000 baht.

Mayor Somjai said that more than 27,000 people used local administration pawnshops in Phuket between January and June, with pawnshops paying out 331.73 million baht during that period.

She added that the number of people using government-registered pawnshops peaked in June with 4,898 customers trading in items for a total of 63.35 million baht.

## TAT road shows 'drawing Japanese back to Phuket'

By Janyaporn Morel

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) and Phuket tour operators are expecting increased arrivals of Japanese tourists after a string of TAT road shows in Japan and the reintroduction of twice-weekly flights between Japan and Phuket – suspended after the 2004 tsunami.

TAT Phuket Office Director Suwalai Pinpradub said that the TAT and 10 Phuket-based tour operators took a road show promoting Phuket's green season to Fukuoka, Osaka and Tokyo from June 15 to 20 to entice Japanese tourists, who made up the fifth-largest proportion of international tourists before the tsunami.

"We met about 650 representatives from Japanese travel agencies during the recent road shows. We took brochures, CDs and tour information in Japanese.

"The response was positive and we are confident that the number of tourists coming to Phuket from Japan will increase as a result," said Khun Suwalai.

K. Suwalai added that on July 17 Thai Airways began op-



The TAT displays attracted enthusiastic and interested crowds.


erating direct flights again from Japan's Narita Airport to Phuket International Airport. "This route was canceled after the tsunami, so less Japanese tourists have been coming to Phuket since then," she said.

"The number of Japanese tourists visiting Phuket totaled 206,381 in 2004. The number dropped dramatically after the tsunami to 44,262 in 2005. There was an increase in 2006 to 114,882 and a slight increase again in 2007 to 115,751," she added.

K. Suwalai said that the cancellation of the Narita-Phuket route was the main reason for the drop in Japanese tourists. "Without this route, even Japanese tour-

ists who wanted to holiday in Phuket found it difficult to do so because of the lack of direct flights to the island. However, many organizations have been helping to promote Phuket as a holiday destination and are beginning to have a positive impact," she said.

Previous TAT road shows in Japan have included one led by Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit in 2005, a road show promoting Phuket as a medical-tourism destination in 2006 and one advertising the Phuket Walk & Run event in 2007. An exhibition to celebrate 120 years of Thai-Japanese diplomatic relations was also held in 2007.



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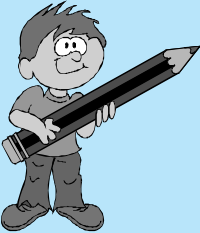
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The BIG Crossword

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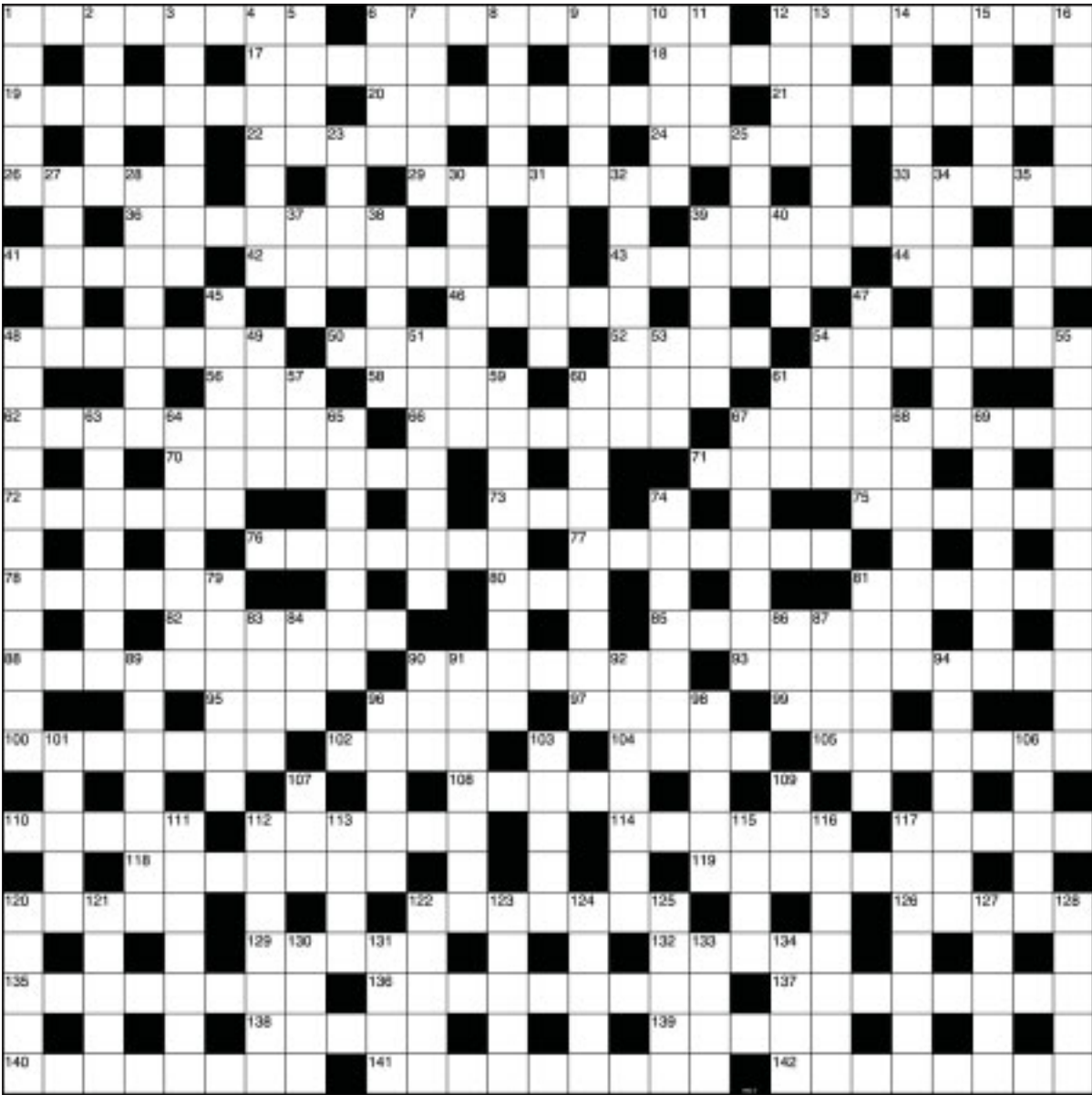
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	4		2	8	6			1
	1		9	5	3			8
		3	4		9	1		
				2				
9		8	5		7	4		6

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. Encode

6. Citizen of France

12. Registered disapproval

17. Worth

18. Festival, ...Gras

19. Seedless raisins

20. Nickname of Mars

21. Overshadows

22. Blackboard writer

24. Raucous

26. Ballet

29. Gave military greeting

33. Unlocks

36. Debts

39. Piers

41. Derives (from)

42. Go by (of time)

43. Whipped dessert

44. Damascus is there

46. Saint Nick, ...Claus

48. Refrigerates

50. Design style, Art...

52. Secure

54. Wife of duke

56. Crazy

58. Flimsy (excuse)

60. In present condition

61. Floating water lily leaf

62. Distorted

66. Wander (of river)

67. Brigade commander

70. Trap

71. Shut

72. S American animals

73. Poetic term for field

75. Undeveloped

76. Offer comfort

77. African nation

78. Cleared up (junk)

80. And so forth

81. Nominating

82. Caught in the act

85. Pistol

88. Film negatives

90. Purge

93. Mightiness

95. Scold persistently

96. Domestic helper

97. Apparel

99. Japanese currency

100. Movie dialogues

102. Ear part

104. Dutch cheese

105. Scratches

108. Makes a call

110. Melodious sound

112. Now!

114. Saudi language

117. Smears

118. Tapers

119. Jack Russell

120. Cinderella's slipper

122. Unfasten

126. New Zealander

129. Stone builder

132. Terminates

135. Man-eating person

136. Unbiased

137. Very thin (fracture)

138. Dining surface

139. Kept for future use

140. Watches

141. Distinguished politicians

142. Orderliness

5. Baby issue, nappy...

6. Roll up (flag)

7. Stinks

8. Everest is there

9. Cardiac organ

10. Alter (text)

11. European pact

12. Dedicatory verses

13. Pedal vehicle

14. News bosses

15. Liking

16. Medicine units

23. Charisma

25. Eye membrane

27. Showy flower

28. Outdoors

30. Stupendous

31. Turn upside-down

32. In a group (2,5)

34. Prepared mentally, ...up

35. Tough, hard as...

37. Alcoholic brew

38. Sales pitch

39. Pants

40. Hallucinogenic drug

45. 24-hour car race

47. Truncheon

48. Ancestry charts

49. Gradually weakens

51. Director, James...

53. LA suburb, Bel...

54. Speaker's platform

55. Tacticians

57. Lion's home

59. Having keen sight (5-4)

60. Moving ahead

61. For

63. Get to feet (5,2)

64. Skies

65. Children's nurses

67. Trumpeting loudly

68. Insistent

69. List (articles)

74. Highbrow person

79. Discourages

81. Subtle shade of meaning

83. Lingerie items

84. Scrounge

86. Fine (weather)

87. Pop group, Bee...

89. Roots

90. Taxi

91. Kip (3-4)

92. Swings up & down

94. Romantic US falls

96. Complains

98. Morocco's capital

101. Vicious

103. Ring-shaped bun

106. Fire fragment

107. To &...

109. Evergreen tree

111. Till operator

112. Ape or monkey

113. Has

115. Inventor, Alexander Graham...

116. Fight for a cause

117. Black mark

120. Small lizard

121. Female relatives

122. Unrealised (of potential)

123. Shoreline

124. Voice types

125. Period

127. Greek fruit

128. Brainwaves

130. Sadly

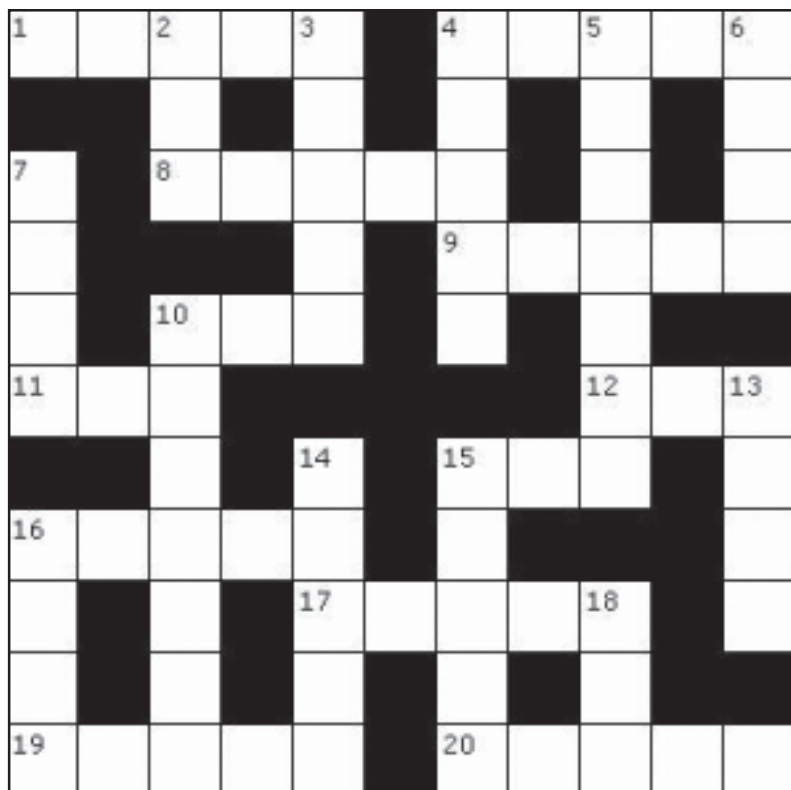
131. Artist's paints

133. Actor, ...Alda

134. Occasionally, now &...

Answers on next page





## Quick Crossword

### Across

1. Garden boundary
4. ...and Scratchy
8. Lovers' angel
9. Problem
10. Plaything
11. Used in snow
12. Top
15. Plump
16. Hit
17. Rock n roll master
19. Stone
20. Decomposes

### Down

2. The Big Apple
3. Void
4. Country
5. Discuss
6. University
7. Laid by chickens
10. Mexican city
13. Bird
14. Cast by witches
15. Feeling hot
16. Catch
18. Save us!

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with The Monster Quiz



1. The Palace of Winds is in the Pink City, but what is the proper name of the city?
2. Who was the first Gymnast to achieve a perfect 10?
3. Who plays the role of Huggy Bear in the 2004 *Starsky and Hutch* film?
4. Who was the first st president of all 50 States?
5. Where in Scotland do the Highland games take place on the 1st Saturday of September?
6. Which computer operating system has a penguin as its logo?
7. What identifies the leader in the Tour de France?
8. Whose backing band was The Mothers of Invention?
9. In which country are the ruins of Troy?
10. Which famous card features a centurion on its face?
11. What was the last album the Beatles recorded together?
12. By what name was terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez better known?
13. What is the only zodiac sign not named after a creature?
14. Meryl Streep holds the record for most female acting Oscar nominations; how many?
15. Who did Tom Sawyer fall in love with?
16. How many Christmas Islands are there?
17. How was the Volsted act better known in the USA?
18. In which year did Iraq invade Kuwait?
19. Which Rolling Stones song did Microsoft use to jump-start the Windows 95 rollout?
20. Halong Bay is in which country?

*Answers below*

*The Monster Quiz is provided by John Aldous, Quiz Master at the Green Man Pub. He can be contacted at Southern Wholesale Meat, procurer of local and imported products. Email: info@swmeat.com*  
The *Gazette's* quizmaster on July 12 mistakenly labeled Istanbul, not Ankara, as the Turkish capital.

# Puzzle Solutions

### Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



### Monster Quiz Answers

1. Jaipur; 2. Nadia Comaneci; 3. Snoop Dogg; 4. Dwight Eisenhower; 5. Braemar; 6. Linux; 7. Yellow Jersey; 8. Frank Zappa; 9. Turkey; 10. American Express; 11. Abbey Road; 12. Carlos the Jackal; 13. Libra; 14. 13; 15. Becky Thatcher; 16. 3; 17. Prohibition; 18. 1990; 19. *Start Me Up*; 20. Vietnam.

### Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

1	8	7	6	4	2	9	5	3
2	9	4	7	3	5	8	6	1
6	3	5	8	9	1	2	4	7
3	4	9	2	8	6	7	1	5
8	5	6	1	7	4	3	9	2
7	1	2	9	5	3	6	8	4
5	7	3	4	6	9	1	2	8
4	6	1	3	2	8	5	7	9
9	2	8	5	1	7	4	3	6

### Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

ENCIPHER	FRENCHMAN	OBJECTED
AOL	VALUE	EEMARDI
SULTANAS	REDPLANET	ECLIPSES
EOY	CHALK	ARNOISY
DANCE	UU	SALUTED
SARREARS	WP	NPILLARS
STEMS	ELAPSE	E MOUSSE
EEP	LEE	SANTA
FREEZES	DECO	SAFE
ARMAD	LAME	ASIS
MISSHAPEN	MEANDER	BRIGADIER
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KTE	TABLE	SO
OBSERVES	STATESMEN	NEATNESS

### Solution to this week's Cartoon Puzzle





# Bernstein redeems himself

Carl Bernstein has come to be regarded as the lightweight of the famed Woodward-Bernstein reporting team. After their two pioneering books about the fall of Richard Nixon, *All the President's Men* and *The Final Days*, Bob Woodward went on to write 10 more books, including an ultimately damning trilogy about the administration of George W. Bush. Bernstein, in contrast, wrote only a pair of biographies about his father and Pope John Paul II.

He has redeemed himself with *A Woman in Charge* (Alfred A Knopf, New York, 2007, 628pp), the definitive biography of Hillary Clinton. In a crowded field – no fewer than 34 books about the Clintons are listed in his bibliography – this is an epic accomplishment of old fashioned shoe-leather journalism, where the reporter tirelessly interviewed hundreds of Hillary's childhood, high school and college friends.

New sources have come to light such as a collection of campaign worker interviews in the first presidential campaign done by her best friend, the late

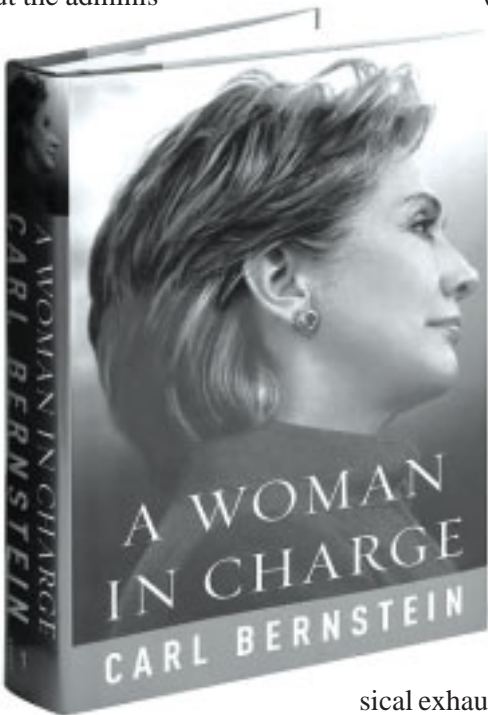
Diane Blair as well as letters from young Hillary to her Methodist mentor and her first two boyfriends.

The result is a full, even-handed yet sympathetic portrait of an extremely complicated character.

Best of all, the book is beautifully written. In contrast to the pedestrian Woodward, Bernstein was always the better writer. His talents show in this bravura passage about Hillary's arrival in Washington as First Lady in January 1992:

"It is remarkable how many of the contradictions of the Clinton presidency and its two principals were on display at the new administration's difficult birthing: the faultless intentions, the reckless fund-raising, the seriousness, the infatuation with Hollywood, the idealism, the physical exhaustion, the sensitivity to

matters of race, the boomer sensitivity, the surprising naivete, the intense religiosity of the new president and first lady; their folksy grandiosity, her disregard for the rituals of Washington and disdain for the press, the rivalry between Hillary and Al Gore, her sense of entitlement and the shading



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

of the truth, her protective instincts toward her husband, her confusing relationship to feminism, her occasional tin ear, her lack of sophistication, her misreading of the voters' health care mandate..."

She had a horrible childhood, dominated by a bullying monster of a father and a doormat of a mother and two useless loser brothers. She took solace in excelling at school and church.

Then at Yale Law School she fell in love with Bill Clinton. As one source noted, they had one thing in common: she was in love with Bill Clinton and he was, too.

In Arkansas, she – along with advisers Betsey Wright and Dick Morris – picked him up twice: first after his emotional disintegration after losing his second campaign for governor and again when he was forced to decline running in the 1988 presidential campaign for fear of "bimbo eruptions".

The thanks Hillary got was that Bill fell in love that same year with Marilyn Jo

Jenkins. No bimbo, she was a rich, accomplished, highly educated, attractive Arkansas society woman. Bill wanted to marry her. Hillary stuck it out, just like she did later with Monica Lewinsky, but the emotional price must have been horrendous.

She was hardly ennobled by suffering, though. As many sources point out, she was arrogant and self-righteous in the White House.

She surrounded herself with female sycophants in a warren of offices known as Hillaryland. Her own passion of secrecy and paranoia doomed her national health plan.

At a Democratic caucus, she threatened to "demonise" anyone who opposed her, thus alienating potential allies such as Senators Bill Bradley and Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The book does have its dull patches, especially all the tedious legal maneuvering over Whitewater and other scandals, but the pace picks up with Hillary's triumphant election to the Senate.

The book ends with her declaration for the presidency. Bernstein is prophetic about the flaws of her stodgy campaign: "Increasingly, what Hillary serves up for public consumption... is usually deliberately prepared or relatively soulless. This is a true shame.

"As Hillary has continued to speak from the protective shell of her own making, and packaged herself for the widest possible consumption, she has misrepresented not only just facts but often her essential self."

# Everything to all men

Let's look at the difference between *ทั้ง* (tháng) and *ทุก* (thúk), remembering that "th" is pronounced as a "T" while breathing out. In rough translation, *ทุก* corresponds to "all" and *ทั้ง* to "every". You use *ทั้ง* for all of one thing and *ทุก* for all of many things.

As with typical Thai counting, you'll need to remember your classifiers. You know, those special little words that make life difficult. The pattern is the same as for counting, but *ทั้ง* and *ทุก* go in the slot where the number normally goes. So where you would say *ข้าวหนึ่งจาน* (khaaw neung jaan) or "one plate of rice", now you can say *ข้าวทั้งจาน* (khaaw tháng jaan), or "the whole plate of rice" or *ข้าวทุกจาน* (khaaw thúk jaan) or "every plate of rice".

Let's look at some real-world examples. Say you meet a group of friends for dinner. There are many friends, but only one group.

If you want to check whether everyone is present and accounted for, you might ask, *มาครบทุกคนหรือยัง* (maa khrop thúk khon reu yang) "Has everyone arrived yet?" *ทุกคน* (thúk khon) literally means "every person".

Or if you were a group of picky eaters, upon your departure, an exhausted waiter might re-



mark to the chef with relief, *เขากลัวทั้งกลุ่มแล้ว* (khaao klap kan tháng klum laew), "The whole group has left". *ทั้งกลุ่ม* (tháng klum) means the "whole group".

An easy way to contrast the difference is with *ทั้งวัน* (tháng wan) "all day" and *ทุกวัน* (thúk wan) "each day". It's true that I eat sticky rice just about every day, *ทั้งวัน*. But if I ate it all day, *ทุกวัน*, I'd need a stomach staple.

We can also throw the numbers back into the mix, putting the number in between *ทั้ง* or *ทุก* and the classifier.

*ทั้งสามคน* (tháng saam khon) means "all three people". As in, if I loan three friends 1,000 baht apiece, how many will still owe me the money a month later? In all likelihood, *ทั้งสามคน*.

*ทุกสามคน* (thúk saam khon) on the other hand is "every three people". This expression is probably used less often, but we can imagine, say, a restaurant without enough menus. They might

tell the waiters to give out one menu for every three people: *เมนูหนึ่งใบต่อทุกสามคน* (maynuu nueng bai tor thúk saam khon) "one menu for every third person". I think I've eaten there before. Probably didn't leave a tip.

Another phrase that comes in useful is *ทั้งหมด* (tháng mot), or often just *หมด* (mot). It's a multipurpose word for "all" that a lot of the time will get you out of having to remember classifiers.

To revisit earlier examples: The waiter could say, *เขากลัวทั้งหมดแล้ว* (khaao klap kan [tháng] mot laew) "they've all left". And which of your no-ac-

count friends still owes you that 1,000 baht? Why, *ทั้งหมด* – all you were foolish enough to lend to.

It's easy to find new phrases for *ทุก*: *ทุกคืน* (thúk keun) "every night", *ทุกที่* (thúk tee) "everywhere", *ทุกบ้าน* (thúk baan) "every house/home". You may have heard the pop song released to celebrate HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 80th birthday last year: *รูปที่ทุกบ้าน* (roop ti mi thúk baan) "The picture found in every home", referring to the omnipresent photographs of HM The King.

There are many other useful *ทั้ง* phrases, too: *ทั้งปี* (tháng pi)

"all year", *ทั้งคู่* (tháng khuu) "both" – but *ทั้งสอง* (tháng song) also works, or *ทั้งคืน* (tháng keun) "all night", which can describe nocturnal activities like, uh, you know, karaoke and heartfelt chats.

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## Shake your money maker

Shannon Kilkenny is bringing to Phuket some excellent, simple measures that will help event organizers save the environment (see First Person on the facing page).

Ms Kilkenny hits the nail on the head with her prime motivator for businesses to implement her simple suggestions – they stand to make more money for conducting the events they already stage and they look much better in the public eye at the same time by showing that corporate businesses can make a difference to the environment.

However, her examples highlight where the Western world is in comparison to Phuket, an island where the environment has been and is still being dug up, chopped down and paved over to make money.

Ms Kilkenny may find it easy to convince the general managers of international high-end resorts to take small-but-effective steps to save the environment, as in this she will be preaching to the converted. But what will she think as she drives from the airport to Karon, where she will conduct her own seminar?

She will drive past housing estates built without any regard to their tenants' draw on the water table, private homes and resorts high in the hills far above the legal limit of 80 meters above sea level, billboards marring the landscape and much more besides.

What she most likely will not see are the ever-growing mountains of trash behind the public incinerator at Saphan Hin, where more than 250 tons of refuse that the incinerator does not have the capacity to burn is added every day.

She will also not see how a Patong developer – either through greed or sheer ignorance – did not have a temporary barrier installed to avoid a landslide while workers built a permanent retaining wall, which resulted in three people being crushed to death under earth.

All these issues have time and time again graced these pages and they are likely to continue doing so for some time. Phuket has a long history of foregoing decisions made “for the greater good”.

The perpetrators run the gamut, from corrupt officials to money-hungry developers to simple folk who simply have not been taught the environmental consequences of their projects.

Regardless of their motive, the key instigator for individuals to take corrective action has long been, “What’s in it for me?” As the failed glass-recycling project of Chong Talay Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*), clearly showed last week – what we need for action on any of these issues to be effective is monetary reward. Of course, cash could see positive results tomorrow.

– The Editor

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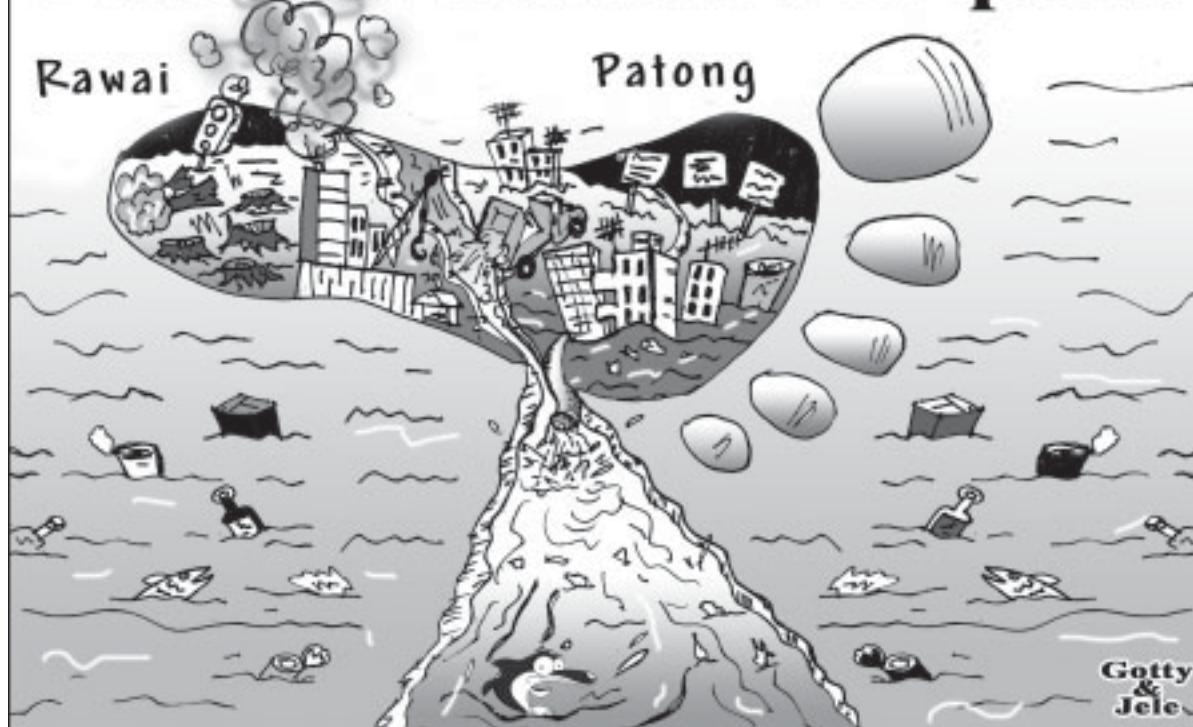
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## Letters

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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.

### Sort yourselves out

We have been to Thailand 10 times, nine to Phuket, as well as to many more places. We first came here 14 years ago and have seen the place become tainted.

We can't understand why the police do not clean up the taxis and tuk-tuks that always try to scam tourists with overpriced services.

We are asked to pay 300 baht for a short ride. And what about the ping pong shows and temple tours that we are so tired of being hassled about?

One more thing. Those tailors who try to stop us all the time and never give up should be sent back to where they came from. They speak to many tourists. Almost everyone hates the tailors and thinks the tuk-tuks are way overpriced.

Thailand is a fine country and there are many good Thai people here, but these two things have become very strenuous for tourists.

Mike  
By email

### Something fishy going on

In explaining why he was introducing more than 1,000 marine creatures into the dangerously polluted waters of Chalong Bay (Clams, fish move into new digs, *Gazette* online July 7), the leader of the fisherman's group commented, “There aren't many of these animals left in the water because of all the sewage released into the sea that has killed the coral reefs and, subsequently, the fish.”

So what chance do these

unfortunate marine creatures have to survive?

Does this make sense or am I once again sadly unable to appreciate the indisputable logic behind such decisions?

SW  
Rawai

### Hello, I'm Mike and I'm a restau-ranter

I was very interested to read Soapbox Sid's latest article describing the use of technology in restaurants. I agree that part of the enjoyment of eating out in Thailand is the charm of the staff and the smiling service.

On a recent visit to Khao Lak, we dined at the Phu Khao Lak restaurant, which occupies a lovely position just on the right-hand side as you enter this rapidly expanding village. We sat down to be greeted by a staff member wielding a palm PDA.

At first I was very curious about this weapon as I'm a self confessed gadgetoholic. I wondered what software it was running and how it synchronized with the server. But my curiosity was short lived. The service was, however, excellent. But it was tainted by the technology.

Later that visit, we dined just up the road in Bang Niang at The Takieng restaurant, where we met Jane. She has the ability to take an order for a table of at least 6, for all the courses, without the use of even a notepad. She does this with great style and accuracy and keeps smiling, even with the most awkward farangs.

So Sid, the answer is definitely “no”. You are not the only one feeling the way you do.

Mike  
Oxford, UK

### Help the aged

I really like getting on an air-conditioned bus in the evening because I like to look at the beautiful surroundings during the journey. Four months ago, I went to a village in Songkhla with my friends. We went there to buy a photograph.

After reaching Songkhla, we could not find the photograph. We just saw pictures and food at stalls and markets. I felt a little tired after having walked for such a long time so we took a rest for a while.

We stopped and sat on chairs at a noodle shop. Smelling the noodles, I felt hungry. I told my friends to order a cup of noodles for me. They said “OK” and then we ate the noodles.

While we were eating, I saw an old lady walking towards me. She asked me if I had any money. I looked at her face and saw that she was tired and hungry.

I felt pity for her and gave her my noodles. I put them in a plastic bag. She thanked me and walked away. This story could be an inspiration for all children to help the elderly. Giving help can be done easily, but it can be difficult to make the first move.

Nanthasan Tohwae  
Yala

### Is Rolf coming?

Is it true that Rolf Harris has bought himself a house in Phuket? I was having lunch in Rawai the other day when someone mentioned that the wobble-board warbler has moved onto the island. Does this mean there will be a Phuket version of *Animal Hospital*?

Jack Fish  
Rawai

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# Green conferences can help save the world

**A**t any given moment, there are thousands of meetings and events going on with millions of guests traveling to and from different locations throughout the world.

The event-and-hospitality industry is perfectly situated to have an extraordinary impact on the world by promoting environmental awareness and by "greening" up choices. Green planning is a responsible way of doing business that includes energy conservation, minimizing consumption of natural resources, reducing waste, reusing resources, recycling and using eco-friendly products.

Green meetings and events are not mainstream, but are evolving. Planners, venues, suppliers and participants are responding by following green practices and implementing environmentally friendly processes and programs. The more planners use green services, the more suppliers and vendors will incorporate green practices.

There are several simple steps people can take when planning an event that will make an immediate difference to costs and the impact on the environment. Here are 10 simple solutions to bolstering the impact of an event.

1. Establish environmental standards in writing. Share your standards with suppliers, vendors, speakers and participants.

2. Use new media and electronic technology to cut down your paper needs. Create an informational website, offer elec-

## FIRST PERSON

**A**merican Shannon Kilkenny from San Francisco has made a career out of inspiring event organizers around the world with advice on how to reduce damage to the environment and save money when planning seminars and conferences. Sometimes people find they can save thousands of dollars.

On July 22, Mrs Kilkenny will speak during a seminar on green event planning at Mövenpick Resort & Spa. Here she explains some of the topics she will cover during the seminar.



tronic registration and confirmation, and advertise through the Internet and email.

3. Choose a local destination to reduce distances traveled by speakers and participants. Choose a host city closest to as many participants as possible and a venue and hotel that are near an airport and within walking distance of each other or close to public transportation.

4. Reduce, reuse and recycle by asking the event venue to provide visible recycling facilities for paper, metal, plastic and glass.

5. Have the food-and-beverage provider serve sugar, salt,

pepper, cream and other condiments in bulk dispensers.

6. Choose a hotel that offers a linen-reuse program and bulk dispensers for shampoos and soaps in guest suites.

7. Plan meals using local, seasonal produce and free-range meats. Include vegetarian meals and order only what you need.

8. Publish all printed materials on recycled paper using vegetable-based inks and print on both sides of the pages.

9. Save energy by ensuring lights, audio-visual equipment and air conditioning will be turned off when rooms are empty.

10. Tell participants, speak-

ers and the media about your success. You will be surprised; green efforts are contagious.

The hospitality industry has a wide influence on other businesses and is perfectly positioned to make a surprising change to our environment. With just a few alterations in our daily decision-making process, we can make a substantial difference. Our global footprint has been large. It is up to each of us to reduce our tracks on the planet.

During a seven-year period in which I did a series of week-long seminars totaling six or seven events a year, I did everything I could at each of those events to

reduce, reuse and recycle, such as car pooling and printing all materials on two sides.

This series included the Green Building Council International conference at which US\$25,000 was saved by using water stations instead of water bottles.

The conference center in Las Vegas brought in a recycling company to handle all of the cardboard and packaging and conducted on-site separation of recyclables after the conference. They recycled about 68% of the materials and saved more than US\$28,000 in trash-removal fees for a single convention.

For local businesses who want to be greener, I suggest creating a "green team" to begin implementing ideas that work best at a particular establishment.

Ideas can be as simple as buying recycled paper for printing in the office or updating cooling systems. It all depends on the specific goals of an organization. What is important is that projects like this are started and continually improved.

There are many case studies from the US about the ecological and economical savings made by green event planning, but that kind of information isn't readily available for green events in Southeast Asia.

For more information try the Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability website at [www.lohas.com](http://www.lohas.com) or the Green Festival's website at [www.greenfestivals.org](http://www.greenfestivals.org)

*Compiled by Nick Davies*

## How can we invite the mayor to our wedding?

I'm looking to have a wedding ceremony in Karon or at a beach in Phuket and I've heard that the mayor can preside over the ceremony. I searched on Google, but all I found were old *Gazette* articles. Do you know how I can contact the mayor?

Kristin  
Sweden

**Tawee Thongchaem, Karon Mayor, replies:**

You can contact Karon Municipality directly regarding your wedding ceremony. We per-

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mit couples to hold their ceremonies on our beach and I would be honored to preside over your wedding ceremony.

Contact Karon Municipality at Tel: 076-330186, Email: [info@karonmunicipality.org](mailto:info@karonmunicipality.org)

Alternatively, call me direct at 081-9784471, though please

note that I am more proficient in Thai than English.

**The Gazette notes:**

You can contact any wedding organizer in Phuket and they can manage all proceedings for you. See previous Issues & Answers about weddings.

## How much for a night at a hospital?

My Thai wife just stayed at Bangkok Hospital Phuket for one night due to having a severe migraine.

When she first arrived at the hospital she was told that the charge for the room would be 2,900 baht, but when it came to time for her to check out, the room rate was suddenly increased to 6,000 baht because my wife was paying for it with her international medical insurance.

Is this the way that Bangkok Hospital Phuket treats its international customers?

Neil David Williams  
By email

**Dr Narong Budhraj, Deputy Director of Bangkok Hospital Phuket, replies:**

The room price of 2,900 baht is the discounted price for cash payments. If the hospital is being paid in cash, there is an automatic discount.

In cases when a third party is paying for the hospital bill, the rates will be according to those agreed upon by the hospital and the third party.

In this case, it was an insurance company. I would be most willing to answer any other issues of concern to you.

You can email me at [narongb@bgh.co.th](mailto:narongb@bgh.co.th)



# Beware the silver flash



## MAKING TRACKS

By Top Dog

**N**ext time you're out on the road and you see a silver flash of light a few hundred meters ahead, slow down. What you are seeing is one of 2,500 reflective dog collars that will soon be distributed by the Soi Dog Foundation (SDF) to dog owners who live next to Phuket's main roads.

In an attempt to protect drivers from colliding with dogs that are allowed to run loose by their owners – a norm in Phuket – SDF asked 3M Thailand to join a pilot project that incorporates road safety and animal welfare. They were all for it.

There are many accidents each year involving dogs. The most damage a car is likely to suffer are a few superficial marks to the fender, unless you brake suddenly, which could then result in a nasty shunt from behind. For motorcyclists, a collision with a dog inevitably leads to rider and machine parting company and, at best, some nasty cuts and grazes for the rider.

A volunteer at SDF came up with the canine equivalent of a reflective jacket



An SDF dog models the new reflective collar being given away by the charity.

– the type you sometimes see cyclists wearing. The concept is the same: make sure people can see the dog well in advance so that cars and bikes have time to slow down and avoid an accident – and thus the reflective collar was born.

Pavinee Suthivudnarubess and her management team at 3M Thailand donated 2,500 meters of reflective webbing and

SDF set to work, cutting, gluing and threading buckles to make the reflective collars – a long and hard effort, but well worth it.

Excited about the project, Khun Pavinee and her team are keen to see results. If the project is a success, reflective collars may soon be seen all over Thailand.

Initially, SDF will fit collars to dogs brought in for sterilization at its mobile clinics in Khao Lak and on Koh Lanta, where the SDF is working towards sterilizing all the dogs on the island. The SDF will distribute the fully adjustable collars free – though small donations are welcome – over the next few weeks in Phuket.

SDF staff will also advise people about the benefits of neutering dogs and cats to prevent the population of strays growing. Stray dogs put through the SDF's spay-neuter program will receive a collar before being released where they were picked up.

This will help SDF and local authorities identify stray dogs that have been neutered.

For more information on how SDF is trying to improve the lives of dogs, cats and people, visit the website at [www.soidog-foundation.org](http://www.soidog-foundation.org)

On September 13 SDF will hold its annual fundraiser at the Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa. It promises to be a great party and is being sponsored by Evason and the *Phuket Gazette*. For tickets or information about having your pet neutered, contact Cristy at SDF. Tel: 085-4734646. Email [cristy@soidog-foundation.org](mailto:cristy@soidog-foundation.org)

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## In The Stars

by Isla Star

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): A fairly non-eventful week lies ahead, but romance is sparked when you learn of Aries' interest. The birthday blues could affect some of you this week, but good friends can be relied on to bring some sunshine into your life. The year ahead should bring more freedom to enjoy the activities you love, particularly sport. The number 7 can bring luck on Thursday.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): You learn of a way to work less and earn more this week, but it will involve more responsibility than you anticipate. You should investigate the facts thoroughly before making any sudden moves. Leos in a committed relationship are advised to listen carefully to their partner's point of view. If you're single, friends are determined to promote a match with Capricorn. Sunday is a good day to meet the person in question.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Some of you will be unhappy to be reminded of a debt this week. You should view this as a wake-up call to rethink your casual attitude towards finances. A practical Scorpio friend can be relied on to give sensible advice. A dream you have this weekend provides inspiration for a new creative outlet. Tuesday is best for investigating ways of boosting your bank balance. Wear sky blue to encourage fresh energy.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): The windmills of your mind are likely to be turning too quickly until the end of the month. Friends and colleagues will find it difficult to keep up with all this mental activity and you are advised to spend quiet time alone this weekend. Some of your ideas could become productive later, so it's well worth noting all

of them down for future reference. Wear silver gray to encourage calm.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): If you're unsatisfied with events in the workplace, you will be helped by the astral atmosphere this week. Leo's underhand activities are about to come to light and this should pave the way clear for you to achieve more. Love affairs are also boosted by the stars' support; meeting a mysterious stranger this weekend puts a spring in your step.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): You will be reminded that money can't buy love. Your recent attempts to impress someone are being taken for granted, but you receive a clear warning sign this weekend. Try taking a break from romantic matters and concentrating on

ongoing business affairs. Gemini would like to collaborate and has a feasible formula for success. The number 8 can bring some good fortune on Thursday.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): A welcome change of pace is forecast during the last week of July. This is the right moment to focus on relaxation as August promises to be a busy month. Even if you can't get away for a break, there will be opportunities to relax close to home. If you're single, you could enjoy a liaison with another earth sign, although this will probably be a temporary affair.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Putting all your eggs in one basket could lead to losses. You are advised to keep options open for the time being; you will know by the end of this month where the most lucrative possibility lies. Playing the romantic field could lead to stony ground when someone displays jealousy. Those already in a committed relationship benefit when their partner takes up a new hobby.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): You are advised to keep your goals realistic. It appears that you have been wasting time by dreaming of something that will remain out of reach. Financial progress is indicated, but will mean paying a personal price. This could mean relocation before the end of the year. Monday is the best day for contacting a friend you fell out

with recently. Wear the color violet to encourage sharper vision.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Business affairs are subject to delays over which you have no control, but some good news is forecast to arrive in the middle of next week. Those of you who aren't sure whether to proceed with a new romantic connection will learn something to your advantage this weekend. Your creative talents take a surprising direction when a friend's suggestion suddenly makes sense. The number 2 can be lucky on Thursday.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Positive recognition of your creative endeavors is waiting around the corner, but your lack of self-confidence is holding you back. A long-time project needs to be finalized and you should be able to achieve this within the next few weeks. Sagittarius can be of great help in this matter. If you're single, a lively Leo has taken an interest and needs a little encouragement.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Your energy level reaches boiling point this week and much can be accomplished. Even if you haven't been considering relocation, an amazing offer could be too good to ignore. Those of you who enjoy living in the fast lane could soon be opting for a more sedate lifestyle. This will come as good news to those close to you. The scent of vanilla encourages creative thoughts.



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Last week I talked about CAT's new EV-DO Air Card technology embodied in the Comtech CCU-680. The Rev A wireless connection runs marginally faster than the older Sierra 580 and CCU-650 devices. You probably wouldn't notice much difference, except with Skype and highly interactive games.

EV-DO technology is a few years away from being obsolete, but the likely successor in terms of wireless technology in Phuket – called HSPA or HSPDA – is floundering for lack of coherent governmental approval.

There's a lot of money at stake in the brave new world of wireless broadband and powerful people stand to make or lose a bundle.

With the current government under fire, the folks with the big baht don't even have an arena in which to spar. So you and I must wait and see if the government is able to make any decisions at all about wireless.

Fortunately, when it comes to wired Internet connections, the regulatory restrictions aren't as onerous – the big companies that stand to make (or lose) a fortune have to deal with regulators, but much of what they need in order to roll out the fast Internet has already passed legislative muster.

The big news this week? CAT's HiNet is losing its luster. For the past two years, CAT has offered the fastest connections available in Phuket for anything less than usurious prices.

At 2,600 baht per month for a nominal 2MB-per-second line, CAT HiNet is expensive by international standards. But if you need the speed (and many professionals in Phuket do), there was only one

## KHUN WOODY'S COMPUTER

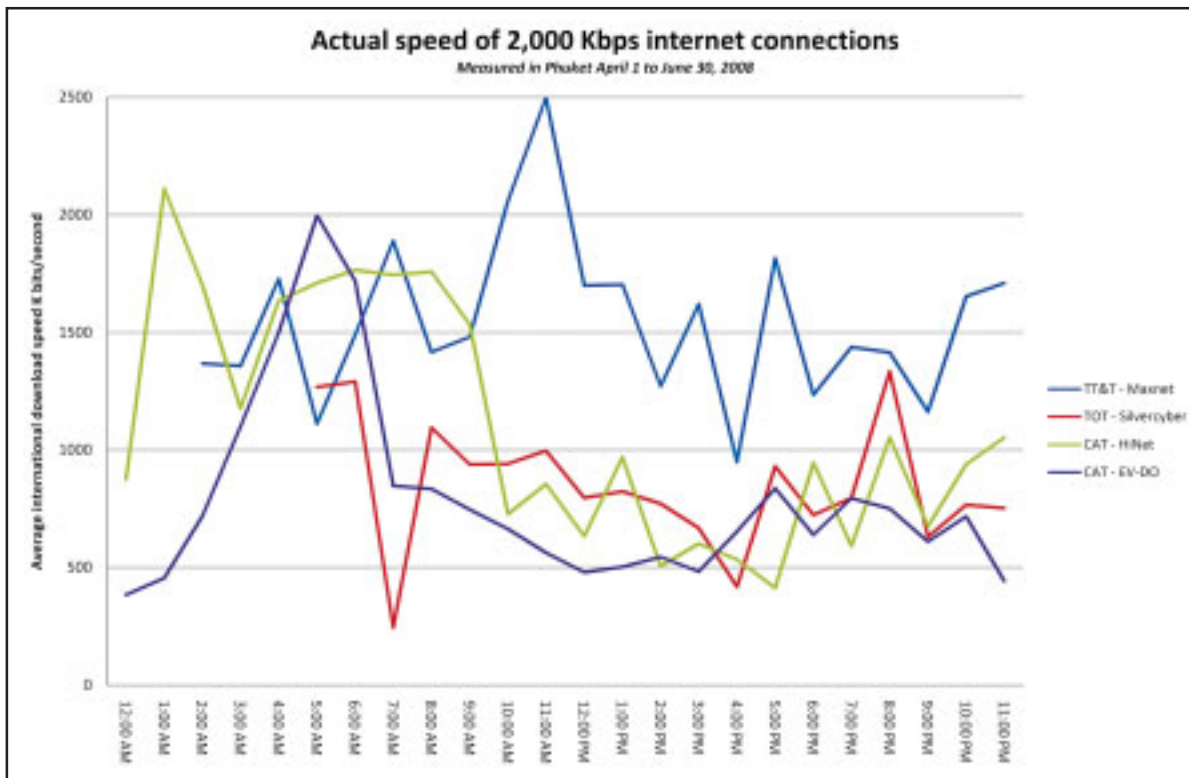
Boy, times have changed. You can see the effect in the graph on this page. In the past few months, CAT HiNet's speeds haven't changed much and nor have the CAT EV-DO wireless speeds.

But both TT&T and TOT have grabbed the CAT's whiskers, stomped on its tail and whizzed right out the door – at a substantially lower price.

The fine print: this graph reflects customer-reported international download speeds, tested by ordinary people like you and me, using a single speed test, anchored to one location in San Francisco.

If you would like to see the raw data – or compare your Internet speeds with those that other people are experiencing –

# Internet times they are a-changin' Part II: Wired



Long-time favorite, CAT HiNet, is being overtaken by higher speeds at lower rates from TT&T and TOT.

drop by [www.live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx](http://www.live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx)

It's a community database. If you're inquisitive, you can download all of the data points and slice and dice the data to your heart's content. Thanks to Henry Habermacher, Microsoft MVP and all-around good guy, and X-NET Computer Peripherals Supply in Phuket for putting together the site and keeping it going.

The graph tells the tale, er, tale. CAT's HiNet is struggling to stay on top. More to the point, CAT's competitors are delivering speeds as good as CAT's and considerably cheaper.

The TT&T Maxnet package that's at the top of the chart runs for 999 baht per month. The TOT SilverCyber line, which in many locations is faster than the more-expensive TOT GoldCyber, runs for 500 baht per month – less than one-fifth the price of a CAT HiNet line.

It's no longer clear that CAT offers the biggest bang for your baht.

A graph such as this is riddled with caveats, so be aware

that your mileage will vary. If you dig into the data (which is easy to do – just hit the website), you'll find that speeds are dependent on location.

For example, one TT&T Maxnet customer in Kata reports speeds of 3500kbps – positively breathtaking – on a 2000kbps line. Yet another TT&T Maxnet user in Patong is bogged down to 195kbps.

Speeds tend to fluctuate by time of day, with slower speeds in the afternoons and early evenings, but several TT&T Maxnet customers see their speeds go up as the day goes on.

What happened? Nobody knows for sure. Yes, the end of high season made a difference. Yes, the increased availability of ADSL switches made a difference (most people can get an ADSL line in days or weeks, not months or years).

There are two other factors at play that, in my opinion, probably account for the lion's share of the performance boost.

First, it appears as if international access from Phuket is no longer being routed through a single chokepoint in Bangrak, outside of Bangkok. Running a

trace route gives interesting results (see my February 29 article at [tinyurl.com/68bhtb](http://tinyurl.com/68bhtb)). In some cases, international access is going through Malaysia, although most access still goes through the CAT tower in Bangrak.

Second, it appears as if TT&T, TOT and possibly CAT have been paying for more band-

width. I know the skeptics in the audience will guffaw, but it's likely that the telecom companies are taking the Software Industry Promotion Agency's memorandum of understanding (MOU) seriously.

You may recall that CAT, TOT and SIPA signed an MOU a couple of months ago "to accelerate their telecommunication infrastructure development plan and to work together to materialize" the Phuket ICT Innovation Paradise Project.

Whether the MOU provided any impetus or not, it's certain that our improved ADSL speeds will help portray Phuket as less of a bandwidth backwater and more of a contender in the Megabit Wars.

The future looks even better. TOT has its fiber-optic plans underway, although I haven't heard of any construction going on. On January 22, it signed a contract with Fujikura to build a 200km-long fiber-optic network in Phuket, connecting 3,200 customers with fast Internet access.

The specific fiber technology chosen is designed to carry video, VoIP telephone and Internet traffic simultaneously.

The Achilles heel, of course, is the problem of ensuring that speeds off the island keep up with the enormous increase in bandwidth on the island.

When the fiber-optic system is working, if we can't have fiber optic speeds to the rest of the world, we'll just be talking to ourselves – quickly.

Woody will be speaking at the International Business Association of Phuket (IBAP) meeting on August 8 at the Yorkshire Inn on Soi Sansabai in Patong. He'll be talking about the current status of Internet connections in Phuket, and the technology that's coming down the pike. Then he'll field any questions you may have about computers. For details see [www.ibap-phuket.org](http://www.ibap-phuket.org)

PC Group Therapy Join Woody and other Windows victims at his Sunday morning PC Group Therapy sessions, co-sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. On July 27, the PC group convenes at the Sandwich Shoppe in Chalong, 1km north of Chalong Circle next to Wine Connection.

The August 3 meeting will be at the Sandwich Shoppe in Patong, near Andaman Beach Suites.

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**A**ren't you afraid of sharks when you go diving? This is probably the most common question from non-divers when they find out you like to spend a lot of your time with creatures with gills.

Unless you're on a suicidal underwater mission in South Africa, Australia or Florida, sharks should, for the most part, be respected but not feared in the way Hollywood portrays.

Sharks are actually quite shy animals. A clownfish is more curious and definitely more aggressive than the average shark. I know what you're thinking, though. You'd be more likely to survive a clownfish attacking your mask than a shark. Seriously, of the 350 different species of shark, only a handful thrive in the areas divers and swimmers play around in. The other sharks are far away in the open ocean or dwelling at the bottom of some deep dark abyss.

Any underwater photographer will testify that sharks are an annoying species; they usually swim away just when they are at

# A real shark's tale



Leopard sharks such as this one are a common sight around Phuket, but rather than eating divers for breakfast, they're more likely to be seen scurrying off in search of small fish.

Photo by Lolo.

the right distance to take the perfect shot. That's why most amateur underwater photographers snap only sharks' tails.

So where does this tall tale

of ravenous creatures come from? Steven Spielberg's *Jaws* movies didn't help. After each film came out, mass hysteria spread and thousands of

"maneaters" were slaughtered during fishing tournaments. The fear of sharks most likely comes from the way sharks attack.

In 2007, according to the International Shark Attack File, there were 71 shark attacks around the world, whereas there were many times more attacks by other sea critters, such as poisonous fish, octopi and jellyfish. I won't bore you with the number of traffic fatalities in Phuket.

Most sharks do not – or simply cannot – attack humans. We're not part of their diet, they just don't like us. If they attack, it is by mistake or as a warning; they can be a bit territorial.

Sharks to look out for (in order of aggressiveness) are great

whites, tiger sharks and bull sharks. None of the above have been sighted at any of Phuket's diving spots. On top of that, sharks are scared of the ultrasonic noise underwater breathing apparatus makes. Air flows through the metal parts at sonic velocity, creating a high-pitched sound that sharks hate.

So, what sharks can we see around Thailand? Most common are leopard sharks. They usually sleep on sandy patches and will slowly swim away if too many divers are patting them. Their mouths contain a field of very small teeth that merely serve to grind up small fish and invertebrates rather than rip flesh apart.

Blacktip or whitetip reef sharks can sometimes be seen in the deeper areas off the islands. They will stay well out of your way and rarely grow larger than humans.

The biggest of all, the whaleshark, has turned some islands into sightseeing spots, since these gentle creatures swim there, close to the surface, scooping up tons of microscopic plankton with their up-to-14-meter-long bodies covered with blue dots. Again, they have no teeth for chomping up humans.

So why do people want to kill sharks? Jealousy? After all, a shark has quite a body, an ultrasonic navigation and tracking system, is capable of swimming at impressive speeds and has two penises – well, they're called "claspers".

Sharks can smell and hear pray from miles away. They don't have to brush their teeth; they fall out on a regular basis and a crisp new row is pushed forward.

Unfortunately, sharks are ill-equipped to deal with fishing nets, trawlers and mankind's habit of eating shark-fin soup. The biggest enemies of sharks are humans.

Shark meat is not the tastiest meal found in the sea. It contains a high level of ammonia and also stores an unhealthy amount of heavy metal dumped in the sea by humans.

Therefore, most shark meat is worked into fish food, cosmetics, cat food and so on. Sharks are often thrown back into the sea, alive, after their fins are cut off.

Too bad, since sharks play an important role in the planet's eco-system. As with most predators in nature, they keep fish stocks healthy by taking out the sick, weak and old fish.

Sharks are also good at cleaning up ocean debris such as cadavers and plastic bags with no adverse effects.

If you see a shark, think yourself lucky, stay at a distance and respect the shark's privacy and territory – but don't try to pat the shark.

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By Ben Reymenants

# Serving the right stuff

**T**ennis has changed dramatically over the past 30 years, with the major changes being advances in the technology of rackets and strings. Players' attitudes towards conditioning and training have also changed, with Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova leading the way in the mid-1980s.

If we classify the qualities needed to play high-level tennis as mental strength, physical ability and natural talent, somewhere along the way from Lendl to Nadal, the balance between these qualities shifted, which in turn caused the game to become what we know today.

During the wooden-racket era, the primary requirement was natural talent (how well a player struck the ball and could make shots) followed by mental strength (how well a player could execute shots under pressure) and physical ability (how a player's body performed over a

period of time, especially with regards to footwork, flexibility, strength and stamina).

Today, the focus of importance has switched to physical ability, followed by mental strength and then natural talent.

New technology in tennis rackets has made the game much easier to pick up, which is great from a teaching standpoint because the game is now more enjoyable for players who might have struggled before. People who played with a wooden

racket, however, were suddenly given the ability to smack a ball so hard that it took some of the artistry away from the game.

To create a champion, you need a physically stronger player with slightly less natural talent rather than a naturally talented player who is physically weaker. It's sad, but true.

If you can strike a perfect balance between all three – hello



John McEnroe was one of the great tennis players of his era, but how would he fare in a battle of wooden racquets against the likes of Roger Federer?

Roger Federer – then something special happens. Federer has many positive attributes, but his ability to stay healthy during an increasingly packed schedule has been the reason for his dominance over the past five years.

There are many youngsters around the world with good technique, but it is the mental strength and physical qualities that will define how far they can progress.

If your body will not allow you to train and perform at a high level without becoming injured, then it is irrelevant how strong you are mentally and how gifted you are with a racket.

It would be interesting to see

the current crop of elite tennis stars competing with heroes of the past (in their prime) in a tournament with uniform wooden rackets and strings.

If you take a cross-section of players from about 30 years ago against today's players, the players from the earlier era would excel in talent exercises and the current crop would excel in the physical side. There would be a few exceptions, with Bjorn Borg being one of the greatest natural athletes ever and Federer and Pete Sampras being exceptionally gifted.

The good news is that we are close to the limit of racket-technology evolution and the powers that be are trying to slow the game down to bring talent back into tennis. Some believe it's too little too late, with the latest range of baseline ball machines coming off the production line with laser-like groundstroke's and a game plan that is simple: hit it hard, then hit it harder.

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## Futsal fanatics

**PHUKET:** Phuket Vice-Governor Smith Palawatvichai (left) joins Director of Laem Panwa School Chob Boonlueat (orange shirt) at the opening ceremony of the Care and Share Futsal Cup Project held at Saphan Hin Gym on June 28.

The event was organized by Bangkok Hospital Phuket. Money raised will go towards supporting sports activities at Laem Panwa School and Baan Bangku School.

Nine teams took part in the five-a-side tournament, with the side from Thepkasattri Municipality beating the Phuket Reporters' Club 5-2 in the final, and Bangkok Hospital Phuket defeating Sakoo Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) 2-1 to take third place.

# Nippy Mamba fends off Sharks to top Fireflies

By Chris Husted

**CHALONG:** Henry Kaye's *Mamba*, racing under the name Sea Horse Interiors, sailed well to beat racing stalwarts Mark Pescott on *Twin Sharks* and Roger Kingdon's *Moto Inzi* to win the Firefly 850 One Design class in the inaugural SEA Property Multihull Championship on July 12 and 13.

In the Ocean Multihull class, Neil Ayre's *Shanghai Baby* won top honours, outclassing local racer Bob Brindley on *X Cat Riot*.

Richard Simpson's crew on *Dingo*, in Phuket expressly for the Multihull Championship and Phuket Raceweek regattas, sailed well to claim third place in the class.

Crews were off to an easy start on the opening day, with catamarans and trimarans crossing the start line in light winds.

Although the regatta entailed only two days of racing, it attracted a large number of local multihulls, including many of the Phuket designed and built Firefly 850s.

Among the Fireflies was Chris Jongerious' *The Frog*, joining a fleet of boats that have all won prizes at previous international regattas.

Crews unwound at Ratri Jazztaurant in Karon on July 12 before Day 2 of racing.



**CLEAN PAIR OF HULLS:** The view that *Mamba*'s rivals had of the winning boat.

The event concluded with a prize-giving ceremony and party at Jimmy's Lighthouse on the Chalong beachfront.

The Multihull Championship came just nine days before this year's Six Senses Phuket Raceweek, to be held

on and around Chalong Bay from July 23 to 27.

This year's Phuket Raceweek is set to draw a record fleet, with nearly all the entrants in the Multihull Championship expected to take part.



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## Construction

by Janyaporn Morel

# Night market, commercial center going up in Chalong

CHALONG: Construction of the Chalong Center 2551 project on three rai of land on Patak Rd is now about 20% completed, with the remainder of the work expected to be finished by the end of the year.

Local developer Samran Jindapon, managing director of Chalong Center 2551 Co Ltd, told the *Gazette* the project has been under development since February and is his company's first project since completing Chalong Center Point last year.

Construction of this latest project is divided into two phases. The first is being built on two rai of land facing the main road.

This phase comprises seven commercial units in a four-story building. Each unit measures 4.7 by 15 meters, with prices starting from 7.8 million baht.

There are also seven 4.4mx14m commercial units, priced from 4.8 million baht, in a three-story building and 12 6mx12m home-office units, starting at 2.8 million baht, in a two-story building.

The second phase will comprise serviced apartments, built next to Phase I, that will support tourism in Kata-Karon and Patong.

"The project has had good feedback from customers who want to run a business near the Chalong roundabout. Units went on sale two months ago and the



This site in Chalong will soon be home to Phuket's newest night market, all housed under a purpose-built roof.

only units still available are five commercial units in the three-story building," he said.

"Chalong has been growing very fast. People buying into our project are confident about the location," he added.

Businesses that will be run out of Chalong Center 2551 are expected to include restaurants, convenience stores, bank offices, travel agents and guest-houses.

Construction of the project is being carried out by an in-house team.

"This project is worth about 200 million baht. We will provide parking for business owners and

their clients. Also, the road will be 12m wide," he said.

K. Samran is also responsible for four rai of land opposite Chalong Center 2551 that has been cleared and paved with concrete to accommodate 298 permanent market stalls for a night market, with roofing currently under construction.

A downsized version of the market has been opening on the site on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays since June 20, with about 30 stalls selling clothes, gifts and food from 4 pm until 8 pm, said K. Samran.

The night market and adjoining toilet facilities will be fin-

ished by the end of the month, he added.

The front area of the market will house about 20 vendors, he said.

"We provide the vendors with everything, including trash collection, water, electricity and parking spaces – all free of charge," he added.

"We want the market to become well known before we start asking the vendors to pay a daily fee. We let the vendors sell for free at the moment because the market has only just opened. The fee will be decided later on, but it will be fair for everyone," he said.



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## Home of the Week

## Patong

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The master bedroom connects to a walk-in dressing area and each bedroom opens onto its own private garden.

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The airy three-bedroom property comes with a swimming pool and spacious garden.

For added comfort, air conditioning has been fitted throughout the house.

The development is near Royal Phuket Marina and Boat Lagoon, both home to a range of

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This property is on the market freehold with Chanote title, with or without furnishings, from 15.9 million baht.

For more information contact The Oasis Phuket at Tel: 085-7969324 or Email: [oasisphuket@yahoo.com](mailto:oasisphuket@yahoo.com) or visit the website at [www.theoasisphuket.com](http://www.theoasisphuket.com)

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## Decor

by Natcha Yuttaworawit

# Treasure Trove – French style

If you were driving around the French countryside and saw a homemade sign with the word “Brocante” hastily painted on it you would be well advised to follow that sign to see what treasures you could find.

Brocante is the French equivalent of a bric-a-brac sale or yard sale, but in France the items for sale are bound to have a touch of class, some of them likely to be of value.

Phuket has a brocante. It's a traditional Thai-style home transformed into an antique decor shop called Treasure Trove on Srisoonthorn Rd in Thalang. The French connection is the shop's proprietor, Supharp “Daeng” de Borde, who was inspired by her love of all things antique and the thrill of finding tucked-away treasures.

Married with children to French native Thierry de Borde, Khun Daeng has adapted the French tradition of picking through attic clearing sales that she enjoyed doing when they lived in France. Her passion for all things old has taken her to remote villages throughout the country in search of items that she has restored and gradually added to her extensive collection in Phuket, where she and Thierry have been based for more than a decade.

The cluttered hodge podge of Asian objects d'art and traditional tools from yesteryear is deliberately faithful to the theme of a brocante, encouraging customers to rummage about until they discover something that feels as if it were waiting for them to come along. Surrounded by K. Daeng's collection of Asian artifacts, shoppers also find Treasure Trove a charming place to relax



**Above: A stone pot and old shears can look really attractive when displayed in the right way. Right: Brass and leather give a glow to old telescopes and opera glasses that cannot be found in their modern plastic counterparts.**



with a freshly brewed coffee.

“I love to fix old wooden furniture and ornaments as a way of keeping the past alive. Sometimes I find things that are broken and no longer considered useful or attractive by their owner, but once they've been restored, they not only have the value of being complete, but their sentimental value is priceless,” said K. Daeng.

Many of the items in the shop can be traced back several generations, she said, pointing out

an old wardrobe and a small decorative box for keeping wax.

“I have been collecting items for the shop for more than 10 years and some were passed on to me after being handed down through my family from generation to generation. These things help us understand how life was for them,” she added.

“Sometimes, you have to go only as far as your own kitchen to find things from 50 years ago, such as the coconut grater that grandma used. We often have

these kinds of things lying around the home but we become so accustomed to them that we often don't realize their true value as artifacts,” she explained.

Elaborating on the coconut grater, K. Daeng said that they were made differently depending on the region. Coconut graters from Southern Thailand are simple benches, sometimes with

a “horse's tail” added on one end, whereas those from Northern or Northeast Thailand were made to look more like a small animal.

As many of the items are genuine antiques, some of them are more expensive than some shoppers anticipate. However, K. Daeng explained that friends often come to her shop or ask her to find something suitable as a special gift.

Of the all the items in the collection, K. Daeng said, “I like the wooden cabinets and green ceramics. I started collecting jars when we moved to Phuket. They have charming shapes and colors,”

K. Daeng says that the beauty of the antiques in her shop is that they can be easily adapted to fit in a modern home.

“A betel-nut box set, for example, can be used in the bathroom to keep spa paraphernalia or in the kitchen as storage jars for herbs and seasonings. Brass and earthenware pots and bowls can be filled with water and decorated with floating flowers.” K. Daeng also recommends the traditional method of cleaning brassware with a mixture of tamarind juice and water.

*For more advice on looking after classic keepsakes and to experience the thrill of the hunt, pop into Treasure Trove on Srisoonthorn Rd in Cheryn Talay, about four kilometers from Heroine's Monument. The store is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm, except Mondays. For more information call 089-8668070.*



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## Gardening

by Bloomin' Bert

# Picking apart Phuket's pests

**P**ests are a pain. They appear in a number of forms. I never thought I'd include children and cockroaches in the same sentence, but bear with me. I'm not trying to liken kids to disgusting insects; it's just that they're both annoying.

I don't mind insects. I'm quite happy to allow spiders of all sizes to roam the house freely. Cockroaches, however, have to go. Out with the bug spray, to which the cockroach reacts by going berserk – I probably would, too, under similar circumstances – and then unceremoniously flipping itself onto its back. I never did understand that rather dramatic last bit.

And what are those incredibly irritating tiny black flying bugs that insist on hovering around the mouth and face. It's almost as if they're doing it deliberately. My reaction is predictable. I'm now at a kill rate of about one in three for the clap-in-front-of-the-face technique.

Back to kids. Pests. In my youth, we had big leather reins strapped to our backs; we could not divert anywhere without our mothers' approval. This was perfect for mum as we could walk only where she wanted us to go. This would be illegal today, of course. Such a sensible control measure would have the parent hauled up in front of the European Court of Human Rights.

Whose idea was it to start spouting this nonsense about children being able to express themselves? Hogwash. Kids should know their place. I'm not quite of the opinion that they should be seen and not heard (though that system would certainly work for me), but they should know when to stop talking.

Why are they allowed to make so much noise? Stick them in a field or playground and they can scream and shout all they want – no problem. Leave them there, please. Wandering around the local supermarket – a chore I despise – isn't made any easier



The flowers may look attractive, but *coccinea grandis* can completely smother your plants.

with dozens of riotous kids using Bert as a slalom pole, or worse.

Kids and certain bugs aren't the only pests around, though. There are the Nigerian gentlemen who email me on a regular basis convinced that I'll believe that they want to give me 30% of the hidden fortune of their late uncle who died mysteriously in a plane crash.

We have more than our fair share of pests on the island, too. Patong is near the top of the list. I never realized that all the tailors there are my personal pals, shaking my hand and insisting on reacquainting themselves as I innocently amble down the street.

Tuk-tuk drivers are up there. Do they really think that screaming "Tuk-tuk?" at me as I go about my daily business will entice me to say to myself, "What a jolly good idea. I think I'll stop what I was doing and take a tuk-tuk ride somewhere?"

Well, it had to come – pests of the plant world. Elsewhere in the world, the *coccinea grandis* is considered one of the most invasive, insidious plants around.

Nobody here seems to be too worried about it, even though it is taking over the island.

While doing some research on this plant, I received an email from a professor at the College of Micronesia. I was too idle to go out and take a photograph for myself, so I asked him if he had something I could use. He responded by saying that they had completely eradicated the plant from Micronesia. They loved it that much.

The *coccinea grandis*, a member of the pumpkin family, also known as the ivy gourd or *tam leung* in Thai, is a strange plant. It really does take over completely. Some vines do the job with a degree of subtlety; not the *coccinea grandis*.

You probably already have these in your garden. If you've ever noticed what look like squashed tomatoes dotted under some of the trees in your garden, the *coccinea grandis* is likely to be the culprit. These strange fruits appear regularly around the washing machine at the back of my house.

The ivy gourd is a vine capable of completely smothering forests and other plants if it's allowed to. The vine forms a dense canopy enveloping vegetation, grounds, fences, utility lines and forests in low-elevation areas. Power cables, telephone lines, trellises – whatever it can grab hold of, it'll cover it.

The *coccinea grandis* has five-point palm-shaped leaves. White, star-shaped flowers separate this plant from other vines. The white flowers give way to small, green, pickle-sized fruits that eventually turn bright scarlet and fall to the ground.

Each of these fruits contains seeds, which help with the rapid spread of this weed. It's primarily spread by rats and birds that eat the fruit and seed. Humans, who plant it for food or ornamental purposes, also contribute to the process.

Some people argue that we should do our best to control the spread of this weed. Normally I'd spout some nonsense about how to grow the plant; this week, with pests in mind, I'm more inclined to say how to get rid of it.

Dig out the root of the vine. If you can't do that, cut the vine near the root of the plant and treat the cut stump with herbicide. Destroy all parts of the vine to prevent regrowth. You need to be careful when handling fruit of the plant and try not to break it open.

The ripe red fruits and the green unripe fruits are, apparently, fine to eat raw or cooked. The green fruits are good in stir fries and remain crunchy; the leaves are all right in soup.

At the end of the day, I'd take 10 of these pests over one screaming child in Tesco-Lotus, but in the same way, they should know their place and put up with being controlled. I just wish I could attach a pair of leather Internet reins to those Nigerian gentlemen.

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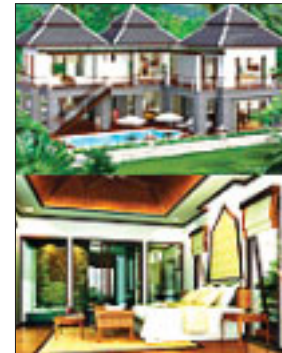
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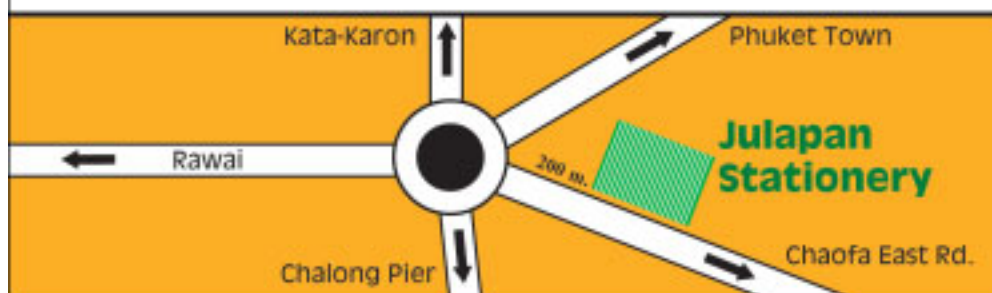
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**KRABI LAND**  
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- Good organisation skills, energetic, outgoing, hard working, team player, resourceful, enjoys challenges and quick thinker.
- Knowledge of yachts is not required but is an advantage

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