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## New international school set to open

By Akbar Khan

THALANG: Phuket International Academy (PIA), under construction on Soi Teenped-Nanai, next to Khao Pra Taew National Park, is scheduled to open on September 8 with its first students ranging from nursery through to Grade 4 taking classes.

The school, once complete, will also feature primary, junior and senior high schools and a modern sports and performing arts facility. All construction is scheduled to be complete by September 2009.

The academy's director, Iranian clinical psychologist Mohammed Ali Khakpoor, said, "Phuket International Academy provides an experience-centered, rigorous and well-rounded education for a diverse community.

"Recognizing that students have a variety of needs at each developmental stage and learn in different ways, the school is committed to help each student learn well and developing to be a citizen of the world."

Elaborating on the curriculum to be used, the school's website states, "We believe that academic success leads to career success and that many kids can get there. But we also recognize that there is more than one way of learning – that not all kids learn in the same way.

"Our award-winning curriculum brings lessons to life with a rich mixture of on- and offline teaching tools, including interactive animations, printed books with beautiful illustrations and narratives, original CDs and videos, and hands-on materials for experiments.



Phase I of the school starts taking shape at the site in Thalang, with the first students expected to start classes on September 8.

"Lessons are followed by assessments so you can be sure that your child has mastered a particular area before moving on. Built-in planning and progress tools make it easy to keep on track.

"Each lesson is created by a team of experts, using tried-and-true educational approaches and the patented methodology for online instruction."

The school, located on about 125 rai, aims to have more than 700 students in attendance.

The school's philosophy shows how they realize that students learn in different ways at different developmental stages. PIA is committed to helping its students develop critical thinking, creativity, emotional and physical

well-being.

Students will have a strong sense of both personal and social responsibility and once completing their studies they will have developed into grounded individuals with a life-long passion for learning.

The school is now accepting enrollment at their Phuket Boat Lagoon Marina office.

At the time of going to press, Mr Khakpoor was unavailable to elaborate further on details about the school, such as teachers' qualifications, entrance fees and specific study units in the curriculum.

However, he said he would be available soon to explain exclusively to the *Gazette* all such further aspects of the school.

## Campaign to reduce plastic waste launched

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang

PHUKET CITY: In possibly Phuket's first unilateral move to reduce the volume of trash created each day on the island, the leaders of all 19 local administration organizations on Phuket – as well as representatives of 23 businesses, shops, department stores and resorts on the island – signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at The Metropole Hotel on July 9.

The MOU aims to have the signatories actively take part in efforts to reduce the amount of plastic waste on the island, such as used plastic shopping bags and items containing plastic used by resorts.

Leading the signing ceremony was Pireeyutma Vanapruk, president of the Development of Environment and Energy Foundation (DEE).

Also signing the MOU were Phuket Vice-Governor Worapoj Rattasima, Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) President Paiboon Upatising, Deputy Chief of Patong Municipality Supat Ratanasmahan and Prad Tinnasulanont from CP All Co, the Phuket representative of 7-Eleven stores.

Khun Pireeyutma explained, "This campaign will include assistance from Patong hotels and department stores in Karon and Cherng Talay, while 7-Eleven customers will be asked first if they want a bag for their groceries," he said.

"Kata Thani Phuket Beach Resort Hotel has been appointed as a representative of hotels in Phuket as the resort already has a good waste-management system to reduce many kinds of waste, including plastic bags."



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# One-Two-Go slapped with 30-day suspension

BANGKOK (*Nation*): One-Two-Go and Orient Thai Airlines risk seeing their aviation licenses revoked if they fail to tackle the defects that led to the suspension of their flight services on July 22.

That possibility comes amid growing concerns about the airlines' safety standards.

About 40,000 passengers on their booking lists will be affected by the 30-day flight suspension starting July 22 and will receive combined compensation of 70 million baht. They can also opt to be transferred to other airlines operating on the affected routes.

"Orient Thai and One-Two-Go are the second group to face service suspension after Sky Aviation," Civil Aviation Department Director-General Chaisak Angkasuwan told a press conference on July 21.

"All defects must be solved within 30 days. In case of negligence or incomplete action, the department can further suspend

the service or revoke the licenses. The department will file criminal suits against their pilots, inspectors and the companies in two weeks."

Breaching the Aviation Act, they are liable to no more than six months imprisonment, a 1,000-baht fine or both.

Udom Tantiprasongchai, owner and CEO of both airlines, has vowed to continue in business despite the trouble. He said One-Two-Go was negotiating with a consortium of investors from Hong Kong, the US and Singapore who operate aviation and other businesses in Asia.

One-Two-Go will increase capital and be upgraded to a full-service carrier, so as to compete with rivals, including Thai Airways International, he said. Orient Thai will serve as a cargo and charter flight operator.

One-Two-Go originally said it would suspend services for two months because of financial

losses, but the Civil Aviation Department on July 21 announced it had suspended the two airlines' certificates as low-cost carriers for 30 days. They operate with eight MD-80 Series and seven Boeing 474s. All eight MD-80 Series aircraft must be grounded until all defects are corrected; the Boeing 474s can continue operation.

The department will also suspend the licenses of One-Two-Go's seven pilots – six Indonesians and one Venezuelan – due to false documentation. Two Thai pilots have also been suspended for 30 days on a similar charge.

The Civil Aviation Department said One-Two-Go's defects lie in a general lack of quality assurance. The aircraft lessee, Orient Thai, has been allowed to breach safety standards, particularly on scheduling and administration. Orient Thai also has no staff of its own and is assisted by One-Two-Go staff.

Moreover, One-Two-Go trained Orient Thai's pilots with an unwarranted MD-80 series training program. Orient Thai's training does not follow the manual and the airline submitted false documentation for the pilots' efficiency tests, the department alleged.

One-Two-Go's safety standards first came into focus when one of its planes crashed in Phuket last year. Lawyers for the British and US families of the 90 victims are seeking UK£125 million (8.32 billion baht) in compensation in US courts in a case that may shed a harsh light on the cost-cutting and safety standards of some budget airlines.

hung jasmine garlands around the arrivals' necks.

Khun Suwalai said that Japan is an important source of tourists for Phuket and that the new service is a welcome move to boost visitor numbers in the region during the "green season".

In the year preceding the tsunami in 2004, some 206,000 Japanese tourists visited Phuket.

Last year, although an improvement on 2006, some 115,000 Japanese tourists visited the island.

The THAI direct flights from Narita to Phuket operate on Thursdays and Sundays.

## THAI reopens Narita-Phuket route

MAI KHAO: The first Thai Airways International (THAI) direct flight from Narita, Japan, since the tsunami, arrived at Phuket International Airport on the afternoon of July 17, bringing some 300 Japanese tourists to the island.

The Boeing 777-200 arrived at 3:30 pm, a little ahead of schedule, giving the tourists some more time to be welcomed by Tourism Authority of Thailand Southern Region 4 Office Director Suwalai Pinpradub.

The tourists were also greeted by representatives from Phuket tourism businesses, who



Above: The 40-foot *Sang Samut* lists heavily as water pours into her hull. Below: Almost gone – the vessel's crew wait to be rescued from the upturned hull. Photos by



## Rough seas sink trawler off Racha

KOH RACHA YAI: Crew on board the *Sang Samut* scrambled on top of the upturned hull of their trawler on the morning of July 17 as their 40-foot fishing boat gradually sank in rough seas off Koh Racha Yai.

Sopon Sukkarin, vice-chairman of Koh Racha Yai Conservation and Prevention Network Club, told the *Gazette*, "The boat started taking on water the night before, when there were torrential downpours and big waves.

"The 10 crewmen had already called another boat for help and to be towed to shore."

"They were towed to the east side of the island, but the boat started to slowly sink about 9 am. The crew finally abandoned ship and boarded the fish-

ing boat that had towed them," he said.

Khun Sopon said that the Marine Police and the Third Naval Area Command had been notified. "They have contacted the owner of *Sang Samut* and arranged to try to refloat her when the heavy conditions subside," he said.

"The boat is valued at about 3 million baht and she is now sunk just 150 meters from the eastern coast of the island," K. Sopon added.

Vice Chairman of Koh Racha Yai conservation and prevention network club, Sopon Sukkarin, told the *Gazette* that the *Sang Samut* was refloated and towed to the fishing port at Koh Sireh on July 19.

– Sompratch Saowakhon

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## OrBorJor to offer incentives for hotel rooms tax payment

PHUKET: In a move to encourage Phuket hotels to pay their dues, Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (OrBorJor) President Paiboon Upatising has said that the OrBorJor will start offering incentives to hotels that pay the controversial rooms tax.

Although he did not specifically explain what incentives would be offered, Khun Paiboon said that they would be in the form of personnel or human resources development so that businesses that complied with the tax would be able to enhance skills of their employees.

Khun Paiboon said that Phuket OrBorJor aims to collect at least 80 million baht in accommodation tax this year.

To this end, he has invited hoteliers, the Phuket Tourist Association and other local hotels' clubs to discuss co-operation.

He added that some hotels have not paid any rooms tax – despite the tax being introduced eight years ago – as they do not understand how the revenue generated would be spent.

# General gets bird's-eye look at land shenanigans

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang

KARON: Maj Gen Intarat Yodbangtoey, "special adviser" to Natural Resources and Environment Minister Anongwan Thepsutin, wrapped up his two-day visit to Phuket on July 17 with a helicopter inspection tour of suspected illegally acquired land plots on Phuket.

"About 20 construction sites believed to be illegal are under investigation by the DSI [Department of Special Investigations]. We expect the DSI to announce the results of their investigations soon," Gen Intarat said.

After his aerial tour, Gen Intarat said he had noticed there were many construction sites on Forestry Department land in the hills at Tri Trang, Patong and Kamala.

Following his meeting with Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit to discuss the role of Phuket provincial government officers in preventing encroachment on Forestry Department land, Gen Intarat said, "We may investigate local administration organizations, too. We have selected special officers to investigate encroachment cases, with the team headed by Monthon "Palad Rambo" Chartsuwan.



Gen Intarat: 'Influential persons' are often involved in illegal land deals.

"We are inspecting plots with deeds that were approved in 2002 by a former Land Department officer," Gen Intarat said, referring to Thawatchai Anukul, a former registrar of the Phuket Provincial Land Office.

In 2003, the Criminal Court in Bangkok issued arrest warrants for Thawatchai and fellow Land Office official Uru Thipthep of the Kathu District Land Office.

Uru was arrested that same

year, though Thawatchai avoided capture and has been a fugitive since.

"Approved deeds for land in Phuket were a particular problem in 2002 and 2003, when about 3,000 plots were approved," Gen Intarat said.

To guard against future illegal developments on the island, he said, "We plan to send the rules for approving deeds for land in Phuket to the DSI, embassies, the Land Office and the Royal

Thai Police and warn them to check Phuket deeds carefully before approving them.

He added that illegal projects on hillsides posed a danger to people's safety, particularly those in landslide risk areas. "Investors should know where exactly they are allowed to build, but there are many people who sell illegal land plots and this could be dangerous for people living in Phuket," he said.

"Influential persons" were often involved in such illegal dealings, he added.

Gen Intarat also said that he had received requests to change the ban on building 80 meters above sea level to 120m above sea level. "This will affect land prices and result in more construction sites [in the hills]," he said.

"I worry about more construction sites on hills because even a small earthquake could lead to serious damage," he added.

Phobpol Sirilaksanapong, chief of the Phuket Provincial Forestry Office, told the *Gazette*, "We found a total of about 1,000 rai in Patong and Kamala that has developments under construction. The sites look like resorts and hotel buildings. Of those that I have investigated, some of the project owners have presented title deeds for the land they occupy. I have yet to see the title deeds for the others.

"However, of about 600 rai that had been returned to the state because it was SorPorKor land, including land at Tri Trang and near the Laem Son beachfront in Kamala, some of it had been cleared as if ready for construction and other parts already had buildings on it," he said.

K. Phobpol added that his office was investigating possible encroachment on national forest land.

"We are currently investigating how the owners of the Capsule and Parisa projects were issued titles for some of the land their projects are on," he said.

## Top police line up to investigate Kathu 'professional hit'

KATHU (*Gazette*, *Kom Chad Luek*): The mafia-style murder of Komkai Kositkoon, whose mother owns Jintana Shopping Plaza in Patong, has caught the attention of some of the nation's top police.

"Maj Gen Chatree Sunthornsorn, a personal assistant to the national police chief, was in Phuket yesterday and has taken over control of the case," Thung Thong Police Superintendent Col Arayapan Pukbuakao said on July 22.

Khun Komkai's body was riddled by nine bullets shortly after 7 pm on July 18, when she was attacked about 500 meters from Kathu District Office.

The attacked left seven bullet holes through the windshield, three through the front passenger window, four through the bonnet and two exit holes in the rear window.

Komkai Kositkoon died in the driver's

seat. Her husband, Khun Araya, 53, was taken to Bangkok Hospital Phuket with one bullet lodged in his left ribs and three bullets in his left arm.

Police recovered some 30 bullet casings from the scene.

"The investigation is now to be carried out by four teams: Thung Thong Police, Kathu Police, Region 8 investigators and the Central Investigation Department's Crime Suppression Division," Col Arayapan said.

Although local media reports stated that police had said the motive may be related to the fact that K. Komkai is a beneficiary in her mother's will, Tung Tong District Police Inspector Lt Col Kittipong Klai Kaew told the *Gazette*, "It is too early to jump to conclusions. I am not sure about the motive yet. Investigations so far have revealed only that the car was followed by two men on a mo-

torbike who drove past firing a 9mm automatic pistol before speeding off towards Phuket City."

Lasers were used to calculate the angles of entry and exit of the bullets and metal detectors were used to scour the area to find the bullet cases that villagers had thrown from the road into the surrounding bush, he said.

Phuket Provincial Police Chief Gen Apirak Hongthong said, "Provincial police will now work alongside the local Kathu police.

"The style of execution and proficient use of war weapons shows us that the killers are professionals, and all known professional killers in Phuket will be investigated.

However, he added, "The strongest motive so far is probably a conflict within the management of Jintana Plaza. This is a high-profile case that closely resembles the Hang Tong Thamwattana murder in Bangkok."



The park is popular with Phuket's young and old, and it just so happens to be round the corner from the skateboarders' new clubhouse, called Ketto Child at 32 Thepkasattri Rd opposite the Phuket Inn Hotel. Ketto Child is a double-play on words. Some of the skateboard gang said that Ketto is a cute term for Phuket kids abbreviated from "Phuketto", others said that it was local term meaning "ghetto".

The owner of the building where Ketto Child is located, Anon Thanomsak, explained that the word can mean either or both. Although he owns the building, Khun Anon was quick to clarify that there is no actual manager, and that the arrangement is more of a community co-operative with skateboarders running small businesses in the building, which used to house a photo shop.

Today, there is a quaint bar where the gang hangs out. It is decked out with strange memorabilia, ranging from vinyl records to highly imaginative cartoon art on the walls.

At the back of Ketto Child, there is a skateboard shop where skaters buy pieces for their boards or the parts to assemble their own boards. The shop also makes custom boards to order and also imports them. Upstairs is a tattoo parlor and a crash-pad.

# Phuket's sidewalk

Saphan Hin used to be the place to skateboard, but today there are holes in the park and the area has become a hangout for unsavory gangs where drink, drugs and violence are common.

Today, Phuket's skateboarders perform their kickflips and ollies at Queen Sirikit Park on Thalang Rd, where they share the open spaces with other gangs of hobbyists.

The *Gazette's* Chief Reporter Akbar Khan and Puchit Sansok hung out with the gang to report on the resurgence of skateboards to find out what these concrete surfers are all about.

Anon introduced us to the shop's cartoonist-cum-designer Amann Tanhemnayoo who also maintains a database of the island's skateboarders and helped realize a dream shared by all the skateboarders when Ketto Child opened four months ago.

Amann was born in the Southernmost tip of Thailand – Sungai Kolok, traditionally a party town in Narathiwat for Malaysians until the South flared up. Amann, the skateboarding gang's only Muslim, who came to Phuket nine years ago to study. He also worked in a skateboard shop in Ocean Mall that is now long gone.

More recently, the gang's first female member joined, although, apparently in the past,

Phuket has had a fair number of girl gliders.

The gang is a mixed bag of Thais and foreigners, who like their Thai counterparts, prove that looks can be deceiving. One trendy kid turned out to be quite a socially responsible intellectual for his age; 18-year-old "Dan" was born in South Africa, grew up in the UK and has now made Phuket his home, working as an English, Maths, Health and Science teacher in Wannasathit school's English-language program in Cherng Talay.

"Occasionally, teachers from the island's schools go to meet the skaters looking for volunteer English teachers, as these kids have great ability at communicating with the younger genera-

tion, grabbing their attention and inspiring them," said Dan.

Most of the Skateboard gang speak English, and Phuket police often ask them for help as interpreters when a tourist is in distress. This task does, however, often mean doing more than simple interpretation but the skateboarders are most willing to volunteer their services in return for the appreciation they earn from the local boys in brown.

For these youngsters, the word "respect" is adjectively spot-on as the gang introduced the other "gangs" in the city park. They are all very civilized.

The other "gangs" chilling in the park that evening included the roller-skaters, the radio-controlled-car gang, which hangs out in the sheltered carpark lit up all night, and the "Thai Kek" gang. Thai Kek is like a fusion of martial arts and vogue, it looks like slow-motion kung fu.

The number of skateboarders in Phuket rises and falls continually. The group attributes this to the fact that unlike stamp collecting, it is not a life-long hobby. Nowadays, there are between 20 to 30 skateboarders at the park every evening and with a more organized community the numbers are rising.

"Ten years is about the most anyone keeps up skateboarding for," said Amann, adding that once they get a serious job or a wife they usually move on to more mature hobbies.

One half-Thai half-Canadian lad, Clay Hemmerich, came down from Bangkok with his skateboard and was overcome by the hospitality and friendship offered by the Ketto gang.

Jassada Salideesuk a 19-year-old student at Achiwa Phuket was delighted when he spotted a new face with a skateboard in town and shouted out to Clay, "Follow me!"

Clay followed Jassada to Ketto Child and was told that he could crash at the club and make it his holiday home – which he did.

Clay was thrilled to discover that Phuket does have a vibrant



skateboarding gang that land-surfs in the park almost every evening.

Jassada said that he first learned about skating from television when he was 12 years old and found it challenging. He has seen fellow skateboarders come and go, but now that there is a real club, he is glad to have companions to share his hobby with – so much so, that he spent his 4,800-baht savings on a top-notch board.

If you go down to the park in the evening but cannot see the

gang, then try going up the stairs to the elevated area above the carpark where they will probably be. Up there, there are even more walls and flights of stairs to be used as runways, the concrete equivalents of waves, so that they can fly

through the air on their boards.

Apart from the natural obstacles in the park, the gang have made some of their own, such as a green grind-box and a flat-bar which are just a foot or so off the ground so that they can simulate sliding down a stair railing without the risks of falling from a height when attempting to do it on the real thing.

Seeing these guys fall from their boards from time to time yet bouncing straight back up made us wonder how safe this hobby really is. Amann said, "At the side

Most of the skateboard gang speak English, and Phuket police often ask them for help as interpreters when a tourist is in distress. The skateboarders are most willing to volunteer their services in return for the appreciation they earn from the boys in brown.

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# surfers find a new home

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Skateboarding is not everyone’s cup of tea, but an enjoyable evening in the city park can be had by all.




of the park there is a sheer drop into a murky canal 12 feet below. One guy skated into the canal a long time ago, but luckily, he wasn’t seriously injured.”

Such a lavish park must have cost a pretty penny. Forgetting to put up a wall or railing is a worrying oversight.

Skateboarding is not everyone’s cup of tea, but an enjoyable evening in the city park can be had by all. People-watching and chatting with the informative locals is fabulous free entertainment.

The drinks around the corner at Ketto Child are cheap and even alcoholic if you are old enough to drink.

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## Queer News

# Mistreated monkey takes murderous measures

NAKHON PATHOM: Following last week's tragi-comic deaths through overreaction, this week is an example of another common theme in the Thai press: death through drunkenly taunting vicious animals.

Whether tigers, elephants or cobras – as in the case last month when a man in Ayudhya tried to bite a cobra to death with predictable results – no animal species is too large or too fierce to be immune to drunken tail pulling or random prodding.

The latest case to emerge involved 51-year-old Panya Phongpraphan and his long-suffering pet, Jao Jor, a crab-eating macaque.

Monkeys may not seem as fearsome as some of the other animals mentioned above, but as anyone who has seen a macaque open its mouth will tell you, they have fangs that would put an Alsatian to shame.

Panya's eldest son, Phuchet, 26, said that his father was an animal lover who kept many pets, including dogs, cats, squirrels, rabbits and his monkey, Jao Jor. At first, Jao Jor was tied up in front of the house, but as he has a fierce nature and had tried to attack local children, he was eventually moved round the back.

Panya was also a bit of a drinker. When he arrived home drunk, he would often take his

frustrations out on his monkey, beating him with a stick and kicking him, said Khun Phuchet.

Then, on July 12, Panya beat his monkey once too often and the primate struck back, savagely biting his mater's leg. Panya, still the worse for wear after a drinking session, managed to fight off his pet and crawl back into the house where he attempted to dress the wound, but passed out.

When K. Phuchet found his father, he was already dead.

An autopsy on revealed he had died from loss of blood after arteries in his leg were severed.

The following day, Panya's distraught wife, Phraeo Masuk, 47, contradicting her son, said that this was the first time Jao Jor had ever acted aggressively and speculating that perhaps the monkey was stressed. She added that she would give Jao Jor away before anyone else in the house was hurt.

Neighbors were less surprised by the event, saying that Panya had bought Jao Jor about three years ago with the intention of training him to collect coconuts.

Jao Jor, however, was not a very conscientious monkey and would not concentrate on his work, prompting Panya to beat him, neighbors said.

*Source: Khao Sod*

As anyone who has seen a macaque open its mouth will tell you, they have fangs that would put an Alsatian to shame.



WHAT A BEAUTY: This pretty creature was one of the contestants in the goat beauty pageant.

## MISS UNIVERSE, EAT YOUR HEART OUT

CHERNG TALAY: This year's Cherg Talay Agricultural Fair began today with a beauty contest with a difference -- the pageant aimed to find the island's most attractive goat.

Organized by Cherg Talay Tambon Administration Organiza-

tion (OrBorTor), the five-day event offers islanders a chance to cop an eyeful of Phuket's most attractive fruits, flowers and farm animals.

Flowers and other agricultural products are on display and for sale at discount prices. Other

activities include fruit competitions and nightly stage performances.

The event is being held in Bangtao Soi 2, behind the Tesco-Lotus store on Srisoonthorn Rd, and is open from 10 am to 10 pm.

## Tails at twilight annual fundraising 'bone-a-fit'

PHUKET: The Soi Dog Foundation together with the Evason Phuket and Six Senses Spa and the *Phuket Gazette* are holding their "Tails at twilight annual fundraising bone-a-fit" beach party on September 13, starting at 7pm.

The event will be held on the beach at the Evason and promises to be a night to remember.

The hotel will be serving up an international buffet. There will be free-flow wine and beer all night and partygoers will be able to dance the night away to great international live acts, including Phuket's own Ricky Zen, and a state of the art disco.

In keeping with the theme, the dress code is strictly casual.

Tickets for the event, which include entry into a door prize draw, are 2,000 baht.

There will also be top prizes to be won via raffle and auctions.

All proceeds will go directly to supporting SDF sterilization projects in Phuket, Khao Lak and on Koh Lanta.

For those wishing to make a night or a long weekend of it, the Evason is offering accommodation at reduced rates for the nights of September 13 and 14.

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An eight-hour meeting between Thailand and Cambodia to solve the military stand off near Khao Phra Viharn temple failed to reach any breakthrough on July 21.

However, representatives from both countries said they will keep troops and weapons at the site and will try not to use force to resolve the issue.

Supreme Commander Gen Boonsang Niempradit and Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Gen Tea Banh, who chaired the special meeting of the General Border Commission, emerged at a press conference after nearly eight hours of meeting at the Indochina Hotel in Aranyaprathet district in Sa Kaew Province, on the border with Cambodia.

The meeting was called as the military stand-off near the temple reached six days. Both countries deployed troops and weapons to the 4.6-square-kilometer site near the temple. Thais claimed that the area comprises overlapping zones, while Cambodians claimed it is Cambodian land.

Both Gen Boonsang and Gen Tea Banh cited legislation and legal technicalities as obstacles in reaching any agreement on the issue.

Gen Boonsang declined to answer when asked whether the meeting was a failure.

However, the generals said both troops will avoid using force in the area.

**Sexual healing.** A 44-year-old monk was arrested in Pattaya on July 16 for performing a charisma ceremony that required sexual intercourse as part of the ritual.

At about 3 am July 16, Col Noppadon Wongnom, superintendent of Pattaya Police Station, received a phone call informing him that a monk in a saffron robe had been at the Good View Resort motel with a woman.

Police arrived at the motel and gained entry to an unnumbered room with the help of a staff member.

In the room, police found a man in bed with a woman, while a saffron robe and women's clothes were piled on the edge of the bed.

Police ordered the amorous couple to dress before questioning them and allowing media to enter the room.

Police identified the man as Pradong Pukingploy, also known as Phra Prok Dong Tanvaro, from Wat Photisrithangam in Kalasin province.

Pradong confessed to arranging for Nonthaburi native Tanawan Parkutsa, a married saleswoman, to join him at the motel so he could perform a *Mettha Maha Niyom* ceremony with her.

Police recovered from the scene a Buddha image, incense sticks, candles and sacred strings.

Pradong told police that he had been performing a sacred rite to impart holy magic into Tanawan, which required him to

# Talks leave temple stand-off unresolved

ejaculate into her womb.

Tanawan explained to police that she had fallen in love with a rich man, but was unable to create an amorous love-making mood and so sought the services of Pradong, whose ceremonial practices she believed would make her more alluring and erotic.

Police took Pradong to Wat Chai Mongkon to be defrocked.

**Nine lives.** A 30-year-old convenience store thief wanted for nine cases of robbery was arrested on July 19 after a high-speed chase through the streets of Bangkok.

Nanthawut Promjai's latest robbery occurred at a 7-Eleven on Phetchaburi Rd. Police set up a road block, but Nanthawut powered through it on his motorcycle, leading police to give chase on their own motorbikes.

Nanthawut, a repairman of fridges and air-conditioning units, was arrested after being forced off Sri Nakarin Rd near the Lum Salee intersection.

He confessed to nine accounts of robbery, citing a 10,000-baht debt incurred after a failed Jatukham Ramathap venture as his motivation for the thieving spree, police said.

He also told police that he supports his girlfriend, who is studying for a post-graduate degree, as well as his farming mother.

"I am pressured to pay these debts many times a day. I knew the police were looking for



**BUZZ OF RUMORS:** A bee swarm engulfing the face of a Garuda on the Bangkok Criminal Court building has prompted some to wonder whether it's a symbol of a judiciary gone wrong.

me, but I had to rob again. I had no choice," he said.

**Body found.** After complaining about the smell of water in their apartments, which many of them used to cook rice, residents of Patcharin apartment in Soi Thai Thani, Bangkok, received a nasty shock when the body of a young girl was found rotting inside the apartment block's rooftop water tank on July 20.

Gen Kamronvit Toopkra-

jang, chief of Provincial Region 1, said that one of the residents had seen the tenant of room 31 return to the apartment building with a young woman.

Areeyatat Kamonketsarak, 25, the tenant living in room 31, was nowhere to be found, but police contacted his mother, who admitted to police that her son had called her to say he had murdered a girl working in a karaoke bar and that he was hiding at a friend's place.

Police eventually tracked down Areeyatat, who confessed that a friend had given him the phone number of Ratre Man-dee, 26, a native of Chiang Rai and employee at a local karaoke bar who wanted to buy some *ya bah* (methamphetamine).

Areeyatat told police that he called Ratre and arranged to meet her at Karn Karaoke at the Navanakorn industrial estate.

The pair returned to Areeyatat's room where they smoked *ya bah* and had sex, he told police.

After taking a shower, Areeyatat noticed that some of his *ya bah* stash was missing. Confronting Ratre, Areeyatat found 20 tablets hidden in her bag.

Areeyatat proceeded to beat Ratre until she stopped moving before strangling her with a shirt, he told police.

Stuffing her body into black bin liners, Areeyatat carried the dead girl to the roof of the building, where he squeezed the body into the water tank, he told officers.

Police charged Areeyatat with first-degree murder.

Residents of the apartment block have since vacated the premises, saying they are too frightened to live there, despite the owner pledging to replace the water tank and all of the building's water pipes.

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# Vets voice concerns over elephant abuse

The Veterinarians Foundation of Thailand has expressed concern over alleged abuse and exploitation of animals, especially elephants, at tourist attractions on Koh Samui.

Pornpirom Fungtakoon, a representative from the Veterinarian Foundation, said they are looking into practices used by tour operators on the island, such as elephant riding and begging with elephants to persuade tourists to buy food for the animals and have their pictures taken with them.

"We believe that some elephant tour operators are bringing the animals onto the island from elsewhere and may be mistreating or even abusing them, sometimes leading to their deaths," she said.

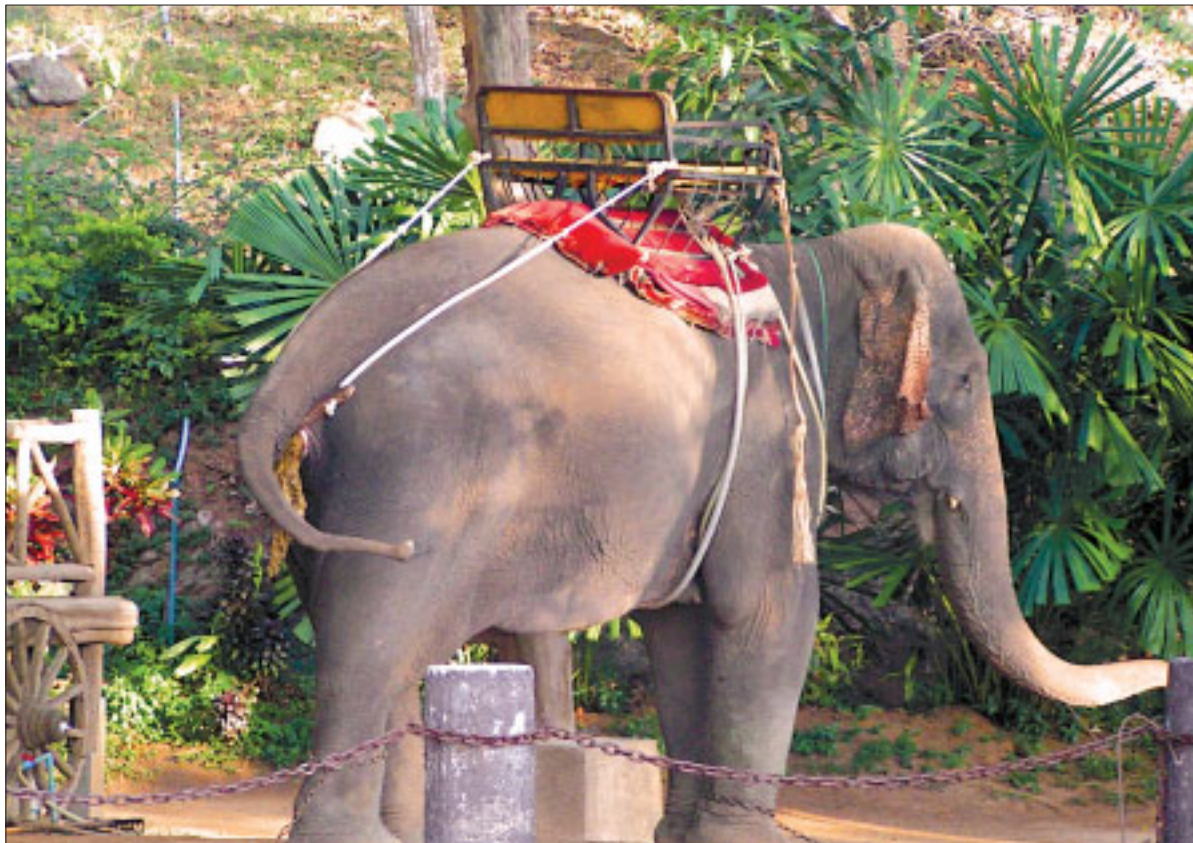
"We are aware of the popularity of elephant tours among visitors to Thailand, but we are keen to promote only healthy practices that do not harm the elephants," she added.

The foundation, which is currently looking into the mistreatment of elephants on several resort islands in Southern Thailand, called on people in the region to report such practices to authorities.

**Missing diver's remains recovered.** The skeleton of a scuba diver missing since 2006 has been retrieved from within the bowls of a shipwreck in waters off Koh Tao.

Thomas Casagrande, a German diving instructor operating from Koh Tao, went missing in February 2006 after diving with friends to investigate a shipwreck site four kilometers off the island.

Friend's of Mr Casagrande



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were said to have been conducting the search to recover his remains while a vessel from the Thai Royal Navy was carrying out training exercises nearby.

A team of 24 members of the Thai Royal Navy, including medical staff, joined in the search efforts, which later led to the recovery of the diver's skeleton, which was said to be stuck inside the engine room of the downed ship.

The wreckage is thought to be that of the ship *Unicorn*, which sank after being caught in a storm nearly 20 years ago, coming to rest on the seabed 51 meters beneath the surface. The site remains popular with diver and was given the nickname "Dog Food Wreck" because of the cargo it

was carrying when it sank, despite apparently being insured to carry tuna.

**High oil prices jeopardize ferry service.** Despite recent hikes in fares to cover the costs of rising oil prices, Seatran Ferry operators have announced their intention to reduce the frequency of trips to mainland Surat Thani.

Seatran Ferry General Manager Srisak Srisawat said that the company has no choice but to reduce the the number of boats crossing from Samui to Donsak due to rising oil prices and declining passenger numbers. "The company is running at a loss," he added.

The company increased fare prices in April, but this has

been insufficient to cover operational costs, with eight scheduled trips per day now reduced to seven by cutting the 7pm departures at both ports.

Khun Srisak said that further reductions in the schedule may be implemented if the situation does not improve, adding that the service could be scrapped in the future.

Seatran now operates daily from Samui to Donsak and back from 6am to 6pm.

**Dengue fever outbreak.** Health officials have warned that Koh Samui and surrounding islands may be facing a dengue fever epidemic. Health department officials from Surat Thani said there have been 311 cases of the po-



## FROM THE GULF OF THAILAND

By Max Rogers

tentially deadly fever reported on Koh Samui in the past six months.

Doctor Nattawut Prasert-siriphong of the public health department said that between January and June, the demographic most infected was people aged 15 to 24 years old.

No fatalities from the disease have been reported, but there are concerns that the virus may spread and infect those at highest risk: babies and the elderly.

Officials believe that unusually frequent rains over the past months may have contributed to the increased number of cases of the disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes.

The health department has launched a program to halt the spread of the disease by urging residents to take precautions such as covering any areas that contain stagnant water and by keeping fish that eat mosquito larvae.

Extra vigilance has been called for and people are encouraged to seek immediate medical treatment if they suspect they have been infected. A number of health department officers have been stationed on Koh Samui and surrounding islands to be on call where cases of dengue have been reported.

Symptoms of the the infectious disease include a high fever and severe muscle and joint pain, which is why dengue is also known as Breakbone Fever.

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# Attacks continue despite 'ceasefire' in deep South

Attacks in the Deep South continued July 17 despite the "ceasefire" announced in a video released that day by a group claiming to represent 11 underground insurgent groups in the southern border provinces.

At 2:30 pm July 17, one soldier was severely injured when his patrol unit was ambushed by insurgents. The shooting occurred on Krong Penang-Bannang Sata road in Ruemu village in Tambon Krong Penang in Yala's Krong Penang district.

The ceasefire video, said to be filmed in Germany, showed three men who claimed to lead 11 "underground" separatist groups. The leader of the men said, "From July 14 onwards, all the militant and political units of our group will support peace formation in Thailand."

Army chief General Anupong Paochinda identified the self-proclaimed leader in the ceasefire video as Malipeng Khan, a former separatist leader who was active from 1984 to 1987 and who tried but failed to unify various insurgent factions.

But an Army intelligence officer who claimed he met Malipeng in Egypt and Syria about a decade ago cast doubt on whether it was him or his brother, Shamsudin, as the person had dyed hair and a fake mustache.

Kasturi Mahkota, foreign affairs chief of the Pattani United Liberation Organization (PULO), said he did not know the affiliation of the three men in the video.

**Never too old.** A 62-year-old father of a government prosecutor was arrested for theft in Trang's Pa Lian district after being caught running from a gold shop with a necklace on July 16.

Mak Lamsa was arrested by two patrol officers on a motorcycle after shopowner Teuanjai Phemphulchokkhana, 65, flagged them down and reported the theft.

K. Teuanjai, owner of the Thong Thaisawat gold shop, told police that Mak came into the shop and asked to look at a gold necklaces. As soon as she gave him the necklace, Mak ran from the shop. K. Teuanjai was chasing him down the street shouting for help when the two officers happened to drive by and come to her assistance, she said.

Mak told police that at the time of the theft, he was on the way to Thung Song, but ran out of money so decided to try and steal some gold. He added that he had recently split up with his wife and that his three children – a prosecutor, a teacher and a farmer – did not look after him at all.

**Police inspect a grocery store where gunmen killed owner Abdulohpa Lohlomae in Yala July 13. The victim was a member of Pohseng Tambon Administration Organization.**

*Photo: The Nation*



**Station stress.** A police major held another officer hostage at gunpoint for more than three and a half hours at Police Region 9 Headquarters in Songkhla after his request for a transfer out of the Deep South was rejected.

At 1:30pm July 15, Maj Nan Phumket, 54, a crime suppression inspector at Yi Ngor Police Station in Narathiwat province, went to the regional police headquarters to speak to Region 9 Police Commissioner Lt Gen Panya Thiansatr to request a transfer out of the area.

After speaking to a senior officer, Maj Nan was told that he would have to wait until he had finished treatment at Prince of Songkla University Hospital where he was being treated for stress.

On his way out of the building, Maj Nan stopped at the front desk and aimed his gun at the duty sergeant, Sen Sgt Maj Jaran Isaro. Maj Nan then removed his belt and tied it round Sen Sgt Maj Jaran's neck and ordered him to walk with him to the canteen next to the headquarters.

At the canteen, Maj Nan handcuffed the hostage and warned officers who were trying to persuade him to release Sen Sgt Maj Jaran that he would shoot him if they approached.

Senior officers negotiated with Maj Nan for more than three hours until Col Wichai Ketmuang, a former commanding officer of Maj Nan, arrived at the scene at 5:30 pm. After speaking with Col Wichai, Maj Nan agreed to put down his gun and release Sen Sgt Maj Jaran.

Maj Gen Phongsak Nakwiji, commander of Narathiwat Provincial Police, said that he had ordered for Maj Nan to be assessed by doctors to determine whether he was suffering from a mental condition. If so, Maj Nan would not be charged.

If, however, he was found to be of sound mind, he would be investigated by a police commission, Gen Phongsak said.

Gen Phongsak also called for the commanding officers of each police station to be vigilant for any stress or mental health issues among their officers.

**Stakeout shootout.** Police in Nakhon Sri Thammarat were shot at by a suspected *ya bah* (methamphetamine) dealer as they were arresting his 14-year-old accomplice July 17. No officers were injured in the incident.

Police said that an informant reported that a drug deal would take place at a house in Ban Lamnao subdistrict, Bang Khan district, on the afternoon of July 17. Officers staked out the house until 3 pm when a blue Ford pickup pulled up outside and a teenage boy got out and headed to the house.

When police moved in to arrest the boy, the man in the pickup opened fire on them with a pistol before speeding off. The boy, whose name was withheld for legal reasons, was arrested.

Police later found the pickup truck crashed by the side of the road about five kilometers from the scene of the shooting.

In the pickup, police found a bag containing a 9mm pistol with 12 rounds of ammunition, 16 *ya bah* pills, a mobile phone and a notebook computer.

Police believe that after losing control of his vehicle and crashing by the side of the road, the suspect fled on foot into a nearby forest.

Lt Thammarat Somkhiowan, deputy crime suppression inspector at Bang Khan Police Station, said that an informant had told police that the suspect was a

large-scale drug dealer known as "Aree", who had been released from prison about a week previously.

Since his release, Aree and a Bang Khan Civilian Defense Corps Volunteer had started selling *ya bah* in Bang Khan. Police are now hunting for the man, Lt Thammarat said.

*Around the South news roundup is sourced from the pages of The Nation, Daily Xpress and Kom Chad Luek newspapers.*



By Natcha Yuttaworawit

**M**angrove forests at Bangrong in Pa Khlok, once nearly destroyed by the impact of destructive encroachment, have returned to their former glory with the help of conscientious villagers.

The villagers are now reaping the rewards of their conservation efforts with the return of food from the water-logged forests and the increasing popularity of agro-tourism (agricultural tourism).

More than 10 years ago, the mainly Muslim population of Bangrong watched helplessly as their livelihoods were threatened by encroachment of the mangroves, which poisoned the water flowing through them. The destruction continued unabated until members of the local community rallied to restore the area and sought the backing of Phuket Provincial Agricultural Office to preserve the mangrove forest.

The encroachers eventually left and the poisons in the water abated, allowing the fishing community to return to its self-sufficient lifestyle, which now receives a boost from agro-tourism.

Now that the estuary is once again full of wildlife, it has become a popular place to eat, kayak and hike, giving visitors a chance to see how the surrounding community lives a peaceful life of fishing and marine farming.

First stop is the the project's floating restaurant serving a variety of fresh seafood dishes. After walking through mangroves to reach the restaurant, you can rent kayaks for the day or organize one of the other group excursions available, including trips on longtail boats or days out with fishermen. The longtail boats can take groups of up to 15 around the mangrove forest or to nearby islands.

This community project is an example of giving tourists a



grass-roots travel experience. It began several years ago with an initial investment of 27,000 baht and three community members working as staff. There are now 14 kayaks available for hire and about 20 members of the community employed as staff and guides.

"Their English skills are not great but they are learning all the time," said Samart Kerdsup, restaurant manager.

"Tourists come here all year round, even when it's raining, and the trips are educational. The trip to nearby Koh Khai is popular because the water is clear and good for snorkeling," said Khun Samart.

"The main purpose of our agricultural tourism project is to preserve the mangrove forest for



**Above, tourists take to canoes to get a close look at the mangrove trees lining Klóng Bangrong.**

**Local wildlife includes fiddler crabs (left) and amphibious mud skippers, also known as blennies (below).**

baht and take in the wildlife and scenery at your own pace.

Along these trips you can expect to see a variety of interesting animals unique to mangroves. Fiddler crabs are a comical sight with their single bright, oversized claws giving them away as they scurry across the mud and dash in and out of their holes, while blenny fish, or mudskippers, do their evolutionary leaping from water to mud to tree root.

Other fish to be seen include wrestling half beaks – fighting fish unique to coastal regions of Southeast Asia.

Kanda Paenthong, an officer for Phuket Provincial Agricultural Office, said that Bangrong is one of 80 similar eco-tourism projects around Thailand, but the only one in Phuket.

"It's a source of learning about community enterprise following sufficiency economy principles and it is a good model for other agrotourism projects," said Khun Kanda.

The Bangrong floating restaurant is open daily from 9 am to 7 pm. For more information or to make a reservation call 089-8724394.

Programs vary depending on weather conditions and some services are not available during Islamic holidays.

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our children. It also keeps community members employed," he added.

"We get the most tourists between November and April with anywhere between 100 and 150 visitors a day, including students from all over Thailand who come here for educational purposes. It's very nice to share our knowledge and we are proud that we still have this beautiful mangrove forest," he said.

There are several tour programs to choose from, ranging in price from 200 to 700 baht for day trips, to 4,200 baht and 7,200 baht for overnight trips.

Program 1 begins at 9:30 am with a forest trek at Khao Phra Taew, visiting the gibbon rehabilitation project before lunch at the community restaurant. This is followed by a kayak trip through the mangroves to see the wildlife and experience the lifestyle of the waterside community, finishing at 3:30 pm. This one costs 700 baht per person.

Program 2 is an overnight adventure for groups of up to six people, beginning at 5 pm with a trip out to sea to try your hand with local fishermen followed by



overnight camping on Naka Island, returning to Phuket at 6:30 am the next day.

Program 3 is an all-day excursion limited to groups of five. It starts on the water at 9:30 am with a cave exploration trip to Panak Island in Phang Nga.

Visit the bat cave, oyster cave and ice cream cave followed by lunch at Naka Island before returning to Bangrong for a 4 pm finish. This trip costs 7,200 baht per group and includes the cost of lunch.

If you prefer going it alone, Program 4 is the best and cheapest option. Rent a kayak for 200



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## Passion Saké Tiger Prawns (Serves one)

### Ingredients

Two tiger prawns  
Sauce:  
50g Passion fruit  
20g Sliced onions  
15ml Saké  
10g Butter  
5g Salt  
5g Pepper

### Method

Cut off the heads of the tiger prawns. Slice the shell from head to tail but without removing the shell. Grill the tiger prawns on medium heat for 4 minutes on underside first and then for 4 minutes with the sliced-open back on the grill.

For the sauce, put the butter in a frying pan on medium heat and add a couple of chilies first. These will be used for garnish only. Then add the onions and sauté until light brown, then add the passion fruit. For a sweeter taste add some sugar, salt and pepper and a little saké. Garnish with a half-lime.

This sauce can go with any kind of seafood.



## Lime Chili Garlic Snapper (Serves one)

### Ingredients

500g Snapper fish  
Sauce  
15g Chili  
10g Garlic  
10g Coriander  
10ml Lime Juice  
10g Fish sauce  
10g Sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Method

Fry the fish in deep cooking oil, covering half the fish in the pan, on slightly hotter than medium heat for about four minutes each side.

### Sauce method

Put all ingredients together in a frying pan, mix, then serve poured on top of the fish.

At Baba restaurant at the Sri Panwa resort on Cape Panwa, two cultures become one. But not by the usual style of creating “fusion food”, but by simply serving up the food of one culture that already has fused two styles of cooking.

Culinary Executive Syed Mohd Feisal is Malaysian, but his great grandmother is from Narathiwat. It is this natural blend of crossing borders that his cooking epitomizes. “Cooking is in my blood. If I cook a meal and you enjoy it and it makes you happy, then I feel happy. This is the joy I find in what I do,” he said.

## Guest chef

By Semacote Suganya

Feisal is 26 years old, but he has already gained international experience in cooking – indeed, that’s how he came to join Baba. “My family background is in F&B. My parents and my brother are also chefs back in Malaysia. My family is in the catering business, preparing food for weddings and other events,” he explained.

“My first experience in the kitchen was working part-time after school. After finishing high school I went to hotel school for two years and then went to a hotel school in Kuala Lumpur. After two years there, I went to Switzerland to study the culinary arts,” he said.

“There, in management class, I met Khun Worasit, the owner of Sri Panwa. We had an idea of what to do in Phuket. But then in 2004 my father passed away, so I could not come to open Sri Panwa. I stayed with my family for three years and then I joined

Sri Panwa. That was a year ago, already,” he added.

“I came to work here because we had the same idea about ‘Baba’ food. Our concept is not fusion food. We don’t combine Western or Thai food. For example, we take a normal white sauce, but for a Baba influence, we add an extra ingredient – something local, say, lemongrass. This makes the recipe original,” he explained.

“Baba is another word for Peranakan, which means ‘descendants’. The word comes from Chinese people who could not go back to China. They married local people, so the food they cooked at home combined both Chinese and local flavors. This is Baba food.”

“Thailand and Malaysia have many dishes other countries don’t have. My menu, for example, features a traditional Baba-style red sauce that combines chili, onion, garlic and ginger. What we do here is add tomato sauce, oyster and fish sauce.”

“We try to create something new. For example, Thailand has very nice limes, so we combine it with our traditional homemade sauce to make it even better. Baba is two cultures become one, which is not fusion food. With fusion food, you just change the ingredients, but this is more than that,” he added.

In Phuket, many restaurants serve tiger prawns in tamarind sauce, but we want to do something different. Instead of using tamarind, we use passion fruit, which is sour, and then we add saké, which is sweet.

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# BEING BRAHMIN

There are two major schools of Buddhism Mahayana (Higher Vehicle) and Theravada (Teaching of the Elders). Most Thai Buddhists practice Theravada Buddhism, which has many differing beliefs regarding such topics as suffering and nirvana.

The most noticeable difference to tourists, however, is that Thais not only follow Buddha's teachings, but also respect or worship several other deities, such as Brahma, Siva, Rahu, Ketu and Hanuman the monkey. This is because Theravada Buddhists believe that Buddha

Brahmin Daeng is one of only two senior Brahmin priests living in Phuket. Although he remains a Buddhist, Brahmin Daeng conducts Brahminic ceremonies all over Thailand. *Gazette* reporter Natcha Yuttaworawit finds out what Brahmanism means in Phuket and what it's like to be a Brahmin priest.

is only one of the re-incarnations of Vishnu.

Theravada Buddhism is essentially one of many Hindu sects. The ceremonial procedures, their timing and the mantras to be recited by any main-

stream Hindu sect is governed by the highest Hindu caste, the Brahmins, and it is these people that pass the knowledge down through the generations.

Chokechai Phurahong, is a 51-year-old Brahmin priest who

has been living on Phuket for more than 20 years. He explained that the language of Brahmins is, like the Thai language, derived from Pali-Sanskrit. Brahmin influences can be seen everywhere, in the surnames and names of most cities and people that have a strong Brahmin heritage.

He explained that he was born in Suphanburi, which is Sanskrit meaning "City of Gold" and the name Chokechai means "Good Luck". His family name derives from the famous Thai writer Sunton Phu and a royal barge, though he did not go into the deeper Sanskrit explanation.

In Phuket, he is usually called Nakulisamunee or Brahmin Daeng. Although he has been a Buddhist from birth, he did not become interested in Brahminism until more than 10 years ago, following several of his ancestors, including his great-grandfather.

"Being a Brahmin means adhering to the principles of Brahminism and believing in Brahma as the creator of the world," said Brahmin Daeng.

One of five Brahmin priests in Phuket, Brahmin Daeng is one of only two senior priests in the province. However, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ramkhamhaeng University, has a wife and a daughter, and leads a regular life – except for being a Brahmin priest.

Brahminism is embedded in Thai culture, and Brahmin Daeng plays a pivotal role in spiritual

ceremonies, such as the candlelit processions around temples during Buddhist festivals.

"Brahmin ceremonies are part of Thai life and some are deeply integrated with Buddhist ceremonies," he explained.

There are two classes of Brahmin priest: a Royal Brahmin can conduct royal ceremonies, such as the annual Royal Ploughing Ceremony, while a general Brahmin priest is able to conduct general ceremonies for members of the public.

Brahmin Daeng is a general Brahmin, which means, he said, that he does not observe the eight Brahmin commandments as Indian Brahmins do. There are only 10 Royal Brahmins in Thailand, all living in Bangkok, who are seen at royal ceremonies.

"In Thailand, Brahminism is administered by the Brahmin Bureau in Bangkok, which is part of the Bureau of the Royal Household and where I studied to become a Brahmin priest.

"Most people become Brahmins through their family, but those who want to become Brahmin priests can do so through the Brahmin Bureau," he said.

Brahminism has two moral principles. Sanatana Dharma refers to the religious tradition of Hinduism, while Waitika Dharma refers to the moral principles outlined in the Vedas texts – one of the oldest pieces of literature in the world.

"There is evidence to show that Brahmins first came to Thai-



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Left: Brahmin Daeng conducts a ceremony to invite spirits into the spirit house of a new property.

Above: Gongs and conch shells are often used during Brahminic ceremonies.

Right: Offerings made to the spirits often include local produce; in Phuket's case, this means seafood.



land during the Khmer era in places such as Nakhon Sri Thammarat," he added.

Brahmin Daeng, who follows a strict vegetarian diet, wears predominantly white, a pure color, when he is performing ceremonies. Among the ceremonies that he conducts are marriages, making merit for new properties and inviting spirits to live in spirit houses.

Ever wondered where the idea for spirit houses in Thailand came from? In Brahminism, guardian spirits are invited to spirit houses in a ceremony presided over by a priest. The spirits, or

*pra bhum*, will then live in the spirit house to protect people in the main building, warding off bad spirits.

Brahmin Daeng can offer advice on the size and positioning of a spirit house. "You have to take care of the spirit house and the guardian spirits because you invited them to be with you; if you don't respect the spirits, your life might be unhappy," he said.

"The location and design of each spirit house, as well as the food and drink offered to the spirit, depends on each area. Phuket is an island and so you

should offer crab, shrimp, fish and local food to the guardian spirits," he added.

"Many people are curious as to why we use red boiled eggs as offerings. Eggs are a pure food and red is the most auspicious color for Brahminism as it is the color of the sun," said Brahmin Daeng.

Although there are very few Brahmin priests, their influence is everywhere and very much an integral part of Thai culture.

*For more information about Brahminism call Brahmin Daeng at 081-8914928.*

## Happily Ever After

### Recent weddings in Phuket



Jonathan Forth and Yuriko Hirayashu from Singapore were married on the beach at Mom Tri's Boathouse, Kata, on June 21.



Yuta Namaki and Mari Ishibashi of Japan, were wed in the Black Ginger restaurant at the Indigo Pearl Resort, Nai Yang, on June 28.



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# This week



**CALLED TO ACTION:** Suporn Chenpimolchankij (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), marketing manager of Phuket Customer Service Sector of TOT, is joined by guests at a TOT event at Mercure Hotel, Patong, on July 12. During the event, Khun Suporn gave a presentation to local media on how to use Netcall, TOT's new Internet-telephone service, similar to Skype. TOT also unveiled its new 490-baht-a-month promotion for 1Mbps Internet access.



**A ROYAL STAR:** SFX Cinema at Central Festival Phuket held a press conference on July 11 to publicize the forthcoming movie Nueng Jai Deaw Kan, starring HRH Princess Ubol Ratana Rajakanya, which will receive a charity screening at SFX on July 26 at 8 pm. Money raised from the screening will be donated to the Miracle of Life Foundation. Pictured at the press conference are Phuket Vice Governor Tri Augkaradacha (3<sup>rd</sup> from right) and Central Festival managerial staff.



**SWEDEN SENDOFF:** Wichit Na-Ranong (right), chairman of the Indigo Pearl Resort, plays host to a farewell luncheon in honor of Christina C Palm (center), Phuket's Swedish Consul General, at the Rivet Grill restaurant at the Indigo Pearl. Also pictured are Somsak Kusuwan (left), Mrs Palm's husband Amjad Choudhry (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Wipapun Kusuwan (2<sup>nd</sup> from right).



**CHEFS ON TOUR:** Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa chefs Witsanu Jitkhum (4<sup>th</sup> from left) and Vinat Khruabut (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) showed off their culinary skills at a Thai food festival in Bulgaria recently. The duo created a variety of dishes exhibiting the subtlety and richness of Thai food. The event was organized in co-operation with the Royal Thai Embassy of Bulgaria and Tourism Authority of Thailand, Balkan office, to promote Thailand as a travel destination for Eastern Europeans.



**SMOOTH AS SILK:** Dr Allan Zeman (center), chairman of the Paradise Group, is seen here accompanied by his wife (5<sup>th</sup> from left), associates and friends at a recent wine dinner at Silk Restaurant and Bar.



**TREES OF LIFE:** As part of Bangkok Hospital Phuket's mangrove-planting projects in Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi, about 50 doctors and Bangkok Hospital staff are pictured at Klong Thung Maprhao in Thai Muang district, Phang Nga, on July 12. Some 1,500 trees were planted during the day. The aim of the initiative is to restore much of the mangrove forest that was damaged by the 2004 tsunami.

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Liz Westgate looked a little rattled and the rest of the Andaman Players stopped rehearsing and turned to her. "I was just wondering if I have time to throw up before my next line," she murmured.

Even a dose of food poisoning couldn't slow us down at that stage. We were mere days away from the premiere of *Adjoined* and, in less than a month, the Players had pulled together another brilliant original show.

It was hardly surprising that a few of us were starting the fray at the edges; that's a tough schedule even for the pros. But, by that point – far beyond the point of no return – this group of talented amateurs was running on pure adrenalin and if they were fraying, it wasn't showing on stage.

There's a nervous energy about rehearsals that grows exponentially the closer you get to P-Day (Performance Day) and it helps to push the actors beyond usual human limits, allowing them to ignore trivial matters such as life-threatening illnesses.

It also has a very positive effect on line learning and character development; actors focus on these to help them ignore the growing sense of anxiety that surrounds them.

That adrenal buzz carries right through to the after-show party, but the problems begin once the buzz disperses and all those frayed edges start to fall apart.

# Above and beyond



**Molly McGill receives one of the Andaman Players' very first TAPPIES. These awards, designed by the Players' own Michael Flynn, are given for acting above and beyond the call of duty.**

For some reason, this seems to hit me harder than the actors. After the opening performances of the three big shows we've put on since the Andaman Players' inception last year, I've come down with awful, achy, sneezy colds. Talk about suffering for your art... and I don't even get on stage.

I've dubbed this medical phenomenon Post P-Day Syndrome in the hope that a silly

name might embarrass me out of catching it again. I'll let you know.

The premier performance at the Playhouse in Patong was a blast. Tickets sold out days before we opened, which added extra oomph to the final rehearsals and we quickly arranged a return show for the following weekend, which again filled the house.

In between the shows, the Players crashed hard, with Vicky

Hamilton, whose character spends most of *Adjoined* shouting at her husband, losing her voice for two days. But by P-Day Part II, everybody was back in top form and pulled off another excellent performance.

Part of the success of this show must be attributed to David Shrubsole and his professional team at The Playhouse, who designed the sets for the two one-act plays and were so practiced in flipping these sets between the plays that, by the time I made my way from the sound booth at the back of the theater to the stage, they'd pretty much finished the changeover.

Working with pros such as this really adds sparkle to a show. David has invited the Players to be a part of the Phuket Fringe Festival he is putting together for the end of September.

David is currently jetting around the country collecting acts for it, including performers from Rajabhat University's Chiang Mai campus. Karen Alexander of the

Phuket Dance Academy will be bringing her troupe along to add a bit of razzle-dazzle and David has also received commitments

from some of the island's top performers, including Ricky Zen, the Budu Band and Kamel Sougoi, with several others on the verge of jumping on board.

It's still early in the planning stage, but it looks set to be 10 days of serious performance fun. Watch this column for more news.

Meanwhile, the Players are taking *Adjoined* on the road in August. We open with a return to our original stomping ground, the Green Man, on August 1 and are negotiating with several other venues to make sure everyone gets a chance to see us at play. Hope to see you there.

*The Andaman Players welcome budding thespians of all ages and experience. If you enjoy theater or simply want to lend a hand backstage, email: andamanplayers@hotmail.com*



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# SURF'S UP, LET'S PARTY

**A**fter a gnarly weekend of barrelling, peeling, rag dolling and carving up the waves for the Kalim Surf Contest 2008, grommets (young surfers) and old timers were stoked to drop in to Jungceylon for some serious after-beach partying on Sunday night. After the prize-giving ceremonies, it was on with the celebrations while beach babes pounded the catwalk.

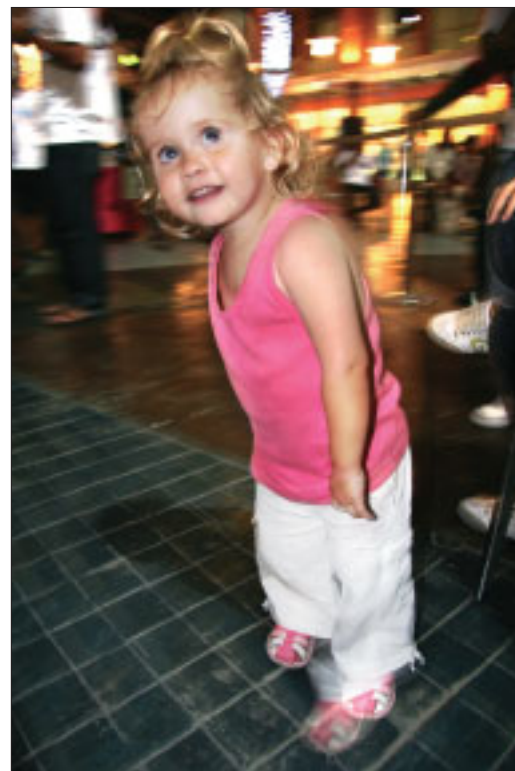


**SURFERS' DELIGHT:** Waves and spirits were high for the 4th annual surf contest, which drew local and international surfers of all ages. Here, some of the weekend's winners show off their boards and prizes.



**BELOW:** Local wahine (female surfer) and surfing teacher Pathamaphan 'Poy' Ratanaphan (center), gets some media attention for her charitable work teaching Bang Tao kids the joys of surfing.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The youngest grommet knows all about style. No rag dolls here.



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# Time to spend some money



Left: Natawan 'Khun Poo' Wongyai shows off her dazzling smile. Oh, and a 40-million-baht diamond-studded Classical Billionaire Turbillon watch.

Above: These 18-karat-gold Fabergé eggs depict the four seasons. Price between 200,000 and 300,000 baht apiece,

Right: Rather less expensive is the Platinum Turbillon Panoramique, at 6,352,500 baht.



One of the most expensive watches in the world, one of a limited edition of five pieces costing 40 million baht each, was introduced to Phuket at Robinson Ocean Jungceylon recently as part of the Basel In Phuket 2008 Exhibition, showing off the latest exclusive timepieces from Corum.

The 40-million-baht watch – diamond-studded Classical Billionaire Turbillon – is part of the Golden Turbillon Panoramique collection of watches that attracted Phuket's well-heeled socialites to Jungceylon.

Among those in attendance were Natawan "Khun Poo" Wongyai, Royal Phuket Marina's Marketing Director Wilaiporn "Maew" Pitimana-aree and guest of honor Phuket Senator Thanyarat Atchariya-chai.

The Golden Turbillon Panoramique collection

comprises 99 pieces. the Turbillons shown in Phuket feature Corum's sapphire tourbillon movement. The platinum version can be yours for just 6,352,500 baht, while the ruby-and-gold version has a price tag of 6,247,500 baht.

Also on display was the latest collection of 18-karat-gold Fabergé eggs, each depicting one of four seasons. Pastel-green French enamel for spring opens to reveal a diamond-encrusted songbird (216,000 baht); yellow French enamel and a diamond-decorated butterfly inside depict Summer (215,400 baht); Autumn is aubergine French enamel with a golden worm on a rosy red apple (261,900 baht); and cold platinum and turquoise French enamel with a platinum polar bear hiding inside is Winter (307,100 baht).

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The scent of the coconut body scrub being applied on my body for my treatment at Cheraim Spa Village makes me hungry and takes me back to childhood memories of coconut-milk candy.

The sweet smelling treatment is part of the spa's "green season" promotion package launched earlier this month is aptly named, you guessed it, the Coconut Spa Treatment, which focuses on using natural products.

Arriving about half an hour before the treatment, I was greeted with a warm smile and a glass of fresh lemongrass drink to get me in a relaxed mood before my treatment that would last 150 minutes altogether.

It starts with a 20-minute hydrotherapy session followed by either herbal steam or sauna, then a Jacuzzi bath and a body scrub, ending with aromatherapy body massage or facial massage with Cheraim Spa's coconut products.

Khun Panjaporn "Tan" Limpanavisit, the spa manager told me that coconut oil and its products contain vitamins A, E and C, which help eliminate free radicals and nourish the skin. "We have been offering this package only since the beginning of this month and we have had a good response from guests, especially Phuket people," said Khun Tan.

I remembered that my first spa experience at Cheraim Spa was two years ago, when I experienced their signature treatment called Hot Color Stone Massage – still popular among the spa's Asian guests. Today, I can see how much the spa has grown, with many tourist buses arriving to drop off guests while I chat with Khun Tan.

"Apart from these international guests, we are now attracting more locals. We offer many privileges to residents who become members, such as free use of the steam or sauna services for their first 50 visits in a year. After that, members pay just 100 baht a visit compared with the



## Are you *NUTS*?

non-members' price of 400 baht per visit," said Khun Tan.

Other discount privileges for members include 50% off all treatments, a 15% discount on the spa's own products and a 20% discount when using the salon service.

Cheraim Spa took its name from "cher", not the iconic female singer originally of Sonny & Cher fame, but from the Thai word *cher*, meaning "tree", and *cha-aim*, meaning licorice.

The spa's facilities include 36 massage beds, 16 foot massage beds, 10 single-bed rooms for men, 20 single-bed rooms for women and 12 double-bed rooms all in the "group" zone, which has some shared facilities such as



**Spa  
MAGIC**  
By Janyaporn Morel  
Cheraim Spa

shared Jacuzzi baths and shared sauna and steam rooms.

The more private "FIT"

zone, which has exclusive facilities, comprises four single-bed treatment rooms for men, four single-bed treatment rooms for women, 10 double-bed rooms and the part of Thai massage area with eight beds and four foot-massage beds.

Cheraim Spa also has two single suites and two double suites for guests who want VIP treatment from the 90 therapists on hand to serve guests.

After changing, I take a quick shower and step into one of the herbal steam rooms. I always like this part because inhaling the herbal vapor has a lovely calming effect and starts working on relieving stress. Ten minutes is enough, then I step into

the outdoor Jacuzzi for some even more relaxing hydrotherapy from the powerful jets.

When I'm done, I wrap myself in a robe and my therapist Khun Poo is waiting to lead me to a private room to begin my coconut treatment.

It starts with a warm foot bath followed by a foot scrub using cream containing salt, turmeric and peel from kaffir lime. After that, it's up onto the bed for fresh milk and coconut scrubbing cream to be applied to my back, shoulders and the back of my legs.

The scrub contains baked coconut flakes and the smell is wonderful. This is the point where I start remembering my childhood days of the coconut candy I loved all those years ago and start to feel drowsy as the memories come in a dreamlike state.

After a while, Khun Poo arouses me from my half-slumber, telling me to take a shower to rinse off the scrub cream to get me prepped for the next slathering of coconut extract – coconut oil.

Two and a half hours later, my mind is carefree and my skin shines. True to K. Tan's word, the treatment is ideal for relaxation and beautification. I leave the treatment room feeling like a new person.

The cost for the session under the current promotion is 1,590 baht or 2,690 baht for a couple. After August, the price will be 3,900 baht per person.

The promotion also includes 10% discount on spa products for guests who would like to enjoy the treatment in the privacy of their home.

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Contact Woody Leonhard. Tel: 089-1960940. Email: woody@KhunWoody.com Website: www.KhunWoody.com

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

From 10 am until midday at the Sandwich Shoppe Laguna.

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

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

**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 Frank Visakay.**

In a change to the previously advertised Writers' Night, Frank Visakay, not James New-

port, will give a presentation titled "How to Become a Published Author". He will talk about such subjects such as the first sentence, writer's block, what sells and why, and obtaining an agent.

Frank Visakay is a writer whose credits include *Adventure Cambodia – A Travel Guide*, *Everything But Die – a Thailand Novel* and his recently published memoirs *Jasmine Fever, Confessions of a Jaded Expat*.

After traveling around the world twice, Frank has called Phuket his home for the past 10 years and now lives with his faithful companion, Look Chai, a German Shepherd in Rawai. The show starts at 7pm

For more information contact Lisa Sol. Tel: 076-330015. Email: pr@boathousephuket.com Website: www.boathousephuket.com

**August 22-September 26.****Muhammad Rojana-Udomsat Exhibition.**

August 22 sees the opening of an exhibition by Muhammad Rojana-Udomsat at Art Rendezvous Gallery in Phuket City will remain open until 26 September.

Contact Patrick Bois for details. Tel: 076-219095. Email: art.rdv@gmail.com Website: www.art-rendezvous-gallery.com

**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.

For tickets contact Cristy. Tel: 085-4734636. Email: cristy@soidog-foundation.org Website: www.soidog-foundation.org

**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 mad-cap 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.

The festival celebrates the Chinese community's belief that a strict vegetarian diet will purify mind and body and constitute merit-making.

Sacred rituals are performed at all Chinese temples in Phuket. The processions from each temple show spectacles of devotees, ostensibly possessed by gods, piercing their tongues, cheeks and other parts of the anatomy with sharp implements. The devotees apparently feel no pain and show no sign of real injury.

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By Jeff Heselwood

**N**orwegian Petter Solberg finished second in the Acropolis Rally in early June. While that in itself is not astonishing – Solberg is a former world champion rally driver – the fact that he was driving the new Subaru Impreza WRX STI is remarkable, for this was the new car's rally debut.

The new version of the rally-inspired Impreza WRX STI is now available in Thailand and it is a far cry from the outgoing model. This one, while still offering amazing performance, is a little more user-friendly and offers a number of creature comforts that were not available in the previous version.

The interior is finished in black and silver and is supremely comfortable. The front seats are finished in Alcantara fabric and leather. Although Recaro sports seats are offered by the manufacturer as a factory option, they are horrifically expensive and are not part of the package on sale here.

Power steering is standard with a three-spoke leather covered wheel, embossed with the STI logo, and a center console, again with the STI logo, but one that illuminates when the headlights are on.

The instrument panel combines three dials: a tachometer between a speedometer and fuel gauge in a single module illuminated in a tasteful shade of cherry red.

When the ignition key is first turned, all needles of the three meters swing up to their maximums and quickly fall back to their original positions. Why, nobody seems to know or is able to

explain, but it's a traditional Subaru thing.

The new Impreza WRX is a five-door hatchback, offering room for five adults and luggage, while power comes from the familiar turbocharged flat-four "boxer" engine, which produces an impressive 300 bhp (227 kW) at 6,400 rpm. Torque output is equally strong at 422 Nm, delivered at 4,400 rpm.

Mated to a six-speed manual gearbox, the WRX features permanent all-wheel drive, with a central electronic differential that the driver can control if required. Leave it in the auto position and the on-board computer decides for itself which configuration – front, rear or all wheels – to apportion the available torque.

**Right: Petter Solberg in his Impreza WRX STI at the start of the Acropolis Rally. It was the new car's first outing. Solberg came second. – Photo by Georgios Pazios.**



**Not exactly your normal shopping hatchback: The aggressive-looking Subaru Impreza WRX STI.**

On the road, the Impreza is nimble, reacting well to steering input. There is a certain amount of torque steer from the front wheels, but it is not intrusive. However, point it in a straight line and floor the throttle to watch the horizon come towards you surprisingly quickly. The brakes are excellent, requiring less pressure on the pedal than the previous model.

Safety features include eight airbags, including dual curtain bags on each side, and three-point seat belts for the rear seats.

The hood is designed to disperse frontal-impact energy as one of the low-impact features to minimize the risk of injury to pe-

destrians or damage to other vehicles in a collision.

Reduced weight and improvements to the engine have contributed to lower emissions than the previous model, as well.

Inside, the car has a number of pockets and compartments, including door pockets to hold bottles, while two tour-size golf bags or five carry-on bags will fit comfortably in the trunk. In-car entertainment includes a center console that accommodates up to eight CDs.

Looking after Subaru buyers in the region is Motor Image Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tan Chong International, which is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Motor Image introduced Subaru in Singapore more than 10 years ago. It now has outlets in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand.

However, if you want one, you'll have to go to Bangkok, as there aren't any distributors in Phuket, but it's worth the trek if you want if you want something fast, safe and just a little different.

The Impreza WRX STI sells for 2.4m baht. For more information, visit [www.motorimage.net](http://www.motorimage.net) and click on the link for Thailand.

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BeerPhuket has been operating for five months and has already had an impact on Phuket's alcohol distribution.

## Booze mover shifting drink by the truckload

By Semacote Suganya

PHUKET CITY: Wines, beers and spirits: the staple ingredients of any successful bar. For the Phuket consumer, there are a number of places to buy alcohol – pubs, clubs, supermarkets – but for a business on the island, choosing who delivers your booze is less straightforward.

Step up BeerPhuket, a company that has taken the island's alcohol market by the horns, offering a new distribution service.

Danny Cornish, marketing and sales manager of O'Malley's Irish pub in Phuket City, founded BeerPhuket and the company began operating five months ago, supplying the island with alcohol.

"There is a gap in the [alcohol] market where there is a real lack of quality service. We have our bar and we saw a problem with the way we were buying our alcohol stock. It's difficult to buy alcohol here as you have to pick it up yourself, which takes time. There was no company in Phuket offering a reliable delivery service," said Mr Cornish.

Foreign businesses in Phuket sometimes find that buying alcohol wholesale presents problems in communicating with Thai sellers, he said, adding that BeerPhuket overcame this issue by employing Thai- and English-speaking staff.

BeerPhuket, which employs 11 staff, operates on the island without a major competitor, added Mr Cornish.

"BeerPhuket has already made a 15% profit on the initial investment," he said.

Through its fleet of five delivery vans, BeerPhuket offers same-day delivery on orders place before midday. "All we ask is for a minimum order of 3,000 baht," he added.

Orders under 3,000 baht are subject to a 200-baht delivery charge.

With a 1,125-square-meter warehouse in Samkong, Phuket City, BeerPhuket supplies its 200 regular customers with 400 orders a month, with an average order of 30,000 baht. Customers order by phone, email or fax, said Mr Cornish.

"We have many suppliers in Bangkok, where most of our stock comes to us from," he added.

The target markets for BeerPhuket are hotels, resorts and businesses. "There are 30 hotels, pubs and restaurants in Phuket that use our services," said Mr Cornish.

While BeerPhuket suffered a brief boom period when trading began five months ago, the past three months have seen a 35% decrease in orders, for which Mr Cornish blames a combination of low-season slowdown and general problems with the economy.

However, Mr Cornish added, "We are still busy at the moment and high season will be here in September.

"We cross-check our prices weekly with other wholesalers," said Mr Cornish, adding that BeerPhuket, which also supplies cigarettes, releases a monthly newsletter with information about the company's latest products and prices.

### VITAL STATISTICS:

#### New company registrations holding steady

	Jun 06	Jun 07	Jun 08
Limited company registrations	139	100	112
Limited partnership registrations	31	36	26
Limited companies changed	321	331	423
Limited partnerships changed	27	34	42
Companies de-registered	9	1	22
Partnerships de-registered	4	4	9

Source: Phuket Provincial Business Development Office

# World health tourism conference expected to bring in B333m

KARON: An international convention on medical and health tourism to be held in Phuket next year is expected to generate US\$10 million (about 333 million baht, according to the event's organizer, SOS Medical Tourism Services.

The World Medical Health Tourism Conference (TWM-HTC) 2009 will be held at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa from September 16 to 18.

"Phuket is the ideal location to hold the conference because of its tourism and medical infrastructure and it's capacity to host international guests," said Tom Callaghan of SOS Medical Tourism Services.

"TWM-HTC 2009 is a great opportunity where key medical tourism industry drivers representing top healthcare companies and medical-travel associations will all be under one roof to network and do business," said Ms Edubas, managing director of SOS Medical Tourism Services.

"The event is one of the initiatives in making Phuket the major destination for health and wellness in Thailand.

The event will help open more doors for local investors into the international market, as well as help the global healthcare community explore the possibilities of outsourcing medical treatments to Thailand," she added.

The medical travel industry helps "patients without borders" seek more efficient, cost-effective and world-class healthcare facilities and services outside their home country, she explained.

Mr Callaghan said that the presence of well-equipped hospitals, the heartwarming hospitality of Thais and the world-renowned Thai spa and wellness centers around the country help create a unique and rejuvenating experience for medical travelers.

Although the formal conference runs only for three days, many post and pre-conference activities have been planned, expecting to bring a windfall to Phuket of about US\$10 million over the two weeks.

"As the draft agenda has already been set, we are now at the stage of looking at and developing our external itinerary," said Mr Callaghan.

The conference will act as a follow-up to the American worldwide conference in San Francisco this year.

"By securing Phuket International Hospital, Thai Airways as the major airline carrier and the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa as the venue, all is looking good for a hugely successful event," said Mr Callaghan.

"All of Thailand may benefit from this conference as

many conference delegates have indicated that they would like to travel and explore more places in Thailand apart from Phuket and Bangkok," he added.

The conference is expected to be a huge "financial injection in the arm" for the local tourism industry as the event is scheduled to take place during the low season, said Mr Callaghan.

'The event will help open more doors for local investors into the international market, as well as for the global healthcare community to explore the possibilities of outsourcing medical treatments to Thailand'

## Jungceylon venue for 'Amazing Sale'

PATONG: With the aim of generating extra income for businesses during the low season by encouraging tourists to spend more, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) launched Amazing Thailand Grand Sale 2008 at Jungceylon Shopping Mall in Patong on June 1.

A total of 43 local businesses are involved in the two-month promotion, scheduled to run until August 31.

They include airlines, spa operators, golf services and souvenir vendors, said TAT Deputy-Governor Akkapol

Prueksawan, adding that a similar nationwide campaign last year helped bring 142 billion baht to the country.

The grand sale offers customers discounts of up to 70% and other privileges on products and services included in the campaign.

As part of the promotion, customers using Visa credit cards to make purchases of 500 baht or more on items that are part of the promotion qualify for entry into a lucky draw with the chance of winning a domestic travel package lasting seven days and

six nights from Visa International.

K. Akkapol said that the Amazing Thailand Grand Sale 2008 is part of the TAT's plan to promote Thailand as a "shopping paradise" and a good opportunity for TAT to introduce its activity plans for the country's 11 main tourism provinces.

— Janyaporn Morel

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## ON THE MOVE



The *Phuket Gazette* has promoted **Suchart Chan-gate** to Production Manager. Khun Suchart, 31, from Trang, graduated from the Computer Science Faculty at Phuket Rajabhat University. Before joining the *Gazette* he worked as an officer for the Phuket Provincial Livestock Development Office for three years. K. Suchart has been working as a graphic designer for the *Gazette* since 2004.



**Suparat Boonthai**, 25, from Krabi, has been appointed Sales Executive at the Allamanda Laguna Phuket resort. Khun Suparat holds a degree in hotel management and tourism and a master's degree in hospitality and tourism management from Prince of Songkla University, Phuket campus. She was previously Reservation Sales Agent at Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket.



Krabi native **Nutjika Saweksup**, 24, has been appointed Personal Assistant to the Assistant Vice-President of Hospitality Services at Laguna Phuket. Khun Nutjika has a degree in hotel management and tourism and a master's degree in hospitality and tourism management from Prince of Songkla University, Phuket campus. She began her career as a Guest Service Agent at Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket and has previously worked as Marketing Coordinator at Allamanda Laguna Phuket.

# Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to tighten their belts

The chairman of the US Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, is working very closely with US Treasury Secretary Henry "Hank" Paulson. They have identical problems to solve and these problems appear to be getting worse.

The credit crunch and the US housing market, which is still falling in value, have taken matters to a new level with the inclusion of the Federal National Mortgage Association, better known as "Fannie Mae", and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (aka "Freddie Mac") in the focus of financial markets.

These two organizations are best described as government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs). They supply mortgages, normally of smaller maximum amounts, to assist working Americans in becoming homeowners.

Both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and own or back more than US\$5.3 trillion in mortgage debt. Worries about the low capital base of these organizations, combined with losses, has caused a virtual run on the shares of these organizations.

The old joke goes, "You owe a bank \$20,000, you have a prob-

lem – you owe a bank one billion dollars, they have a problem." Shareholders in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have taken huge losses this year, culminating in a loss of more than 40% on July 11.

This had to produce a reaction from the federal government. There are several very serious consequences to the current situation, including the fact that hundreds of billions of dollars are invested in their bonds by everyone from Chinese investors to Japanese banks. Even Swiss Re saw its shares fall when it disclosed it was holding US\$9.8 billion in GSE bonds.

The US government cannot simply ignore the problem. If it did, the lending market across the board would come to a virtual halt. Recession would be guaranteed – a nice deep, long-lasting one; something that economists could include in university courses when explaining how to murder an economy.

Bernanke, in his role as US Federal Reserve chairman, has a standing semi-annual date with the Senate Banking Committee. This time, he arranged for Hank Paulson to be with him.

Paulson simply wants to bail out Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Naturally, the senators wanted to know who was going to pay for the bailout. Paulson made the point that if the US government is prepared to back this situation to the hilt, it would win. He simply said that if you are carrying a bazooka, it is unlikely that

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you will have to take it out and show it; its mere existence is enough.

This was to stop the senate allocating a fixed amount of money for a bailout. Markets love targets. Even if it's a trillion dollars, it gives something concrete. If they believe that they are facing a government that has virtually unlimited funds, it changes the situation.

Fortune does favor the brave.

When hedge fund manager George Soros took on the Bank of England in a single day on September 15, 1992, he had won by 9 pm.

However, his next ambition was to attack the French Central Bank and the French currency of the time, the franc. The German Central Bank was determined to

see Soros fail and immediately promised their full backing to France – an immediate defeat for George Soros.

Much of what is happening revolves around confidence and

a need to "de-leverage" the economy. Credit facilities are going to remain tight for some time. However, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are not insolvent, but they must be run better with tighter regulations.

Who should constitute Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's shareholders has been questioned. Should they be public or government? The reality is that this time, private shareholders have had to suffer the initial pain. Had these agencies been owned by government, the taxpayer would have had to pay out.

The Federal Reserve has also been taking over the management of several banks and other lenders. The largest in July was Indy Mac, a Californian lender with US\$32 billion in assets on paper and a bankrupt business model.

Chairman Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee that the whole situation had still to reach bottom. The reality is that it is only after these events have finished that will we be able to assess the future. Negative economic conditions will not remain with us forever.

Financial markets often note the need for capitulation before a new upward cycle can begin. Capitulation is simply when most people throw their hands up in horror, sell their assets and walk away – no pain, no gain. Unless, of course, you bear in mind, "If you are going to panic, be the first."

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## MONEY TALKS

By Richard G Watson

Last week in On The Move it was incorrectly reported that Paul Rochel from France is the new General Manager of Carrefour Phuket

at Jungceylon. Mr Rochel is the new General Manager of Jungceylon, the shopping complex itself, not the Carrefour store in the mall.



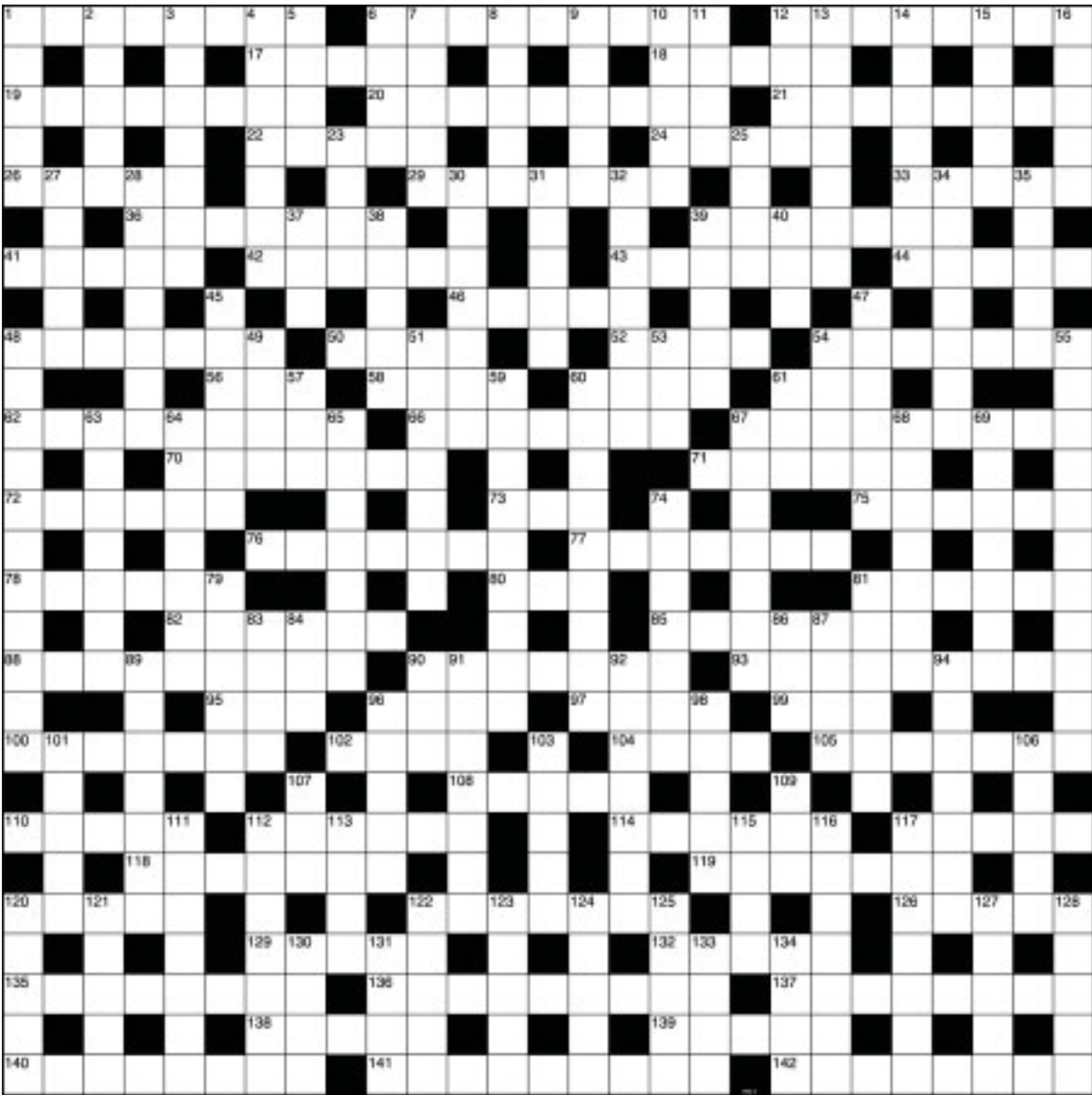


# The BIG Crossword

## Hidden Words

Hidden in the grid are at least 25 words or phrases related to items you can find in your local 7-Eleven. The words may read vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may also read right-to-left or down-to-up. Score: 15 or more, good; 20 or more, very good; 25 or more, excellent. Solution on the next page.

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- Across**  
1. Person leaving native land  
6. Corrected  
12. Acrobats  
17. Church instrument  
18. Canadian flag leaf  
19. Persecution complex  
20. Senior citizen  
21. Hearing membranes  
22. Twitch  
24. More recent  
26. Jerks  
29. Conceded  
33. Frostily  
36. Markets for goods  
39. Insect feeler  
41. Cheep  
42. Servile flatterer (3,3)  
43. Derided  
44. Gather bit by bit  
46. Ethiopia's Addis...  
48. Commonly  
50. Smudge  
52. Highlander  
54. Delicacy of execution  
56. Chart  
58. Concludes  
60. Russian emperor  
61. Underwater vessel  
62. Bloomed  
66. Guided (to seat)  
67. Encumbrance  
70. Solutions  
71. Basketball team, ...Globetrotters  
72. Optic cover  
73. Barrel  
75. Largest desert  
76. Libyan leader, Colonel...  
77. Grain storehouse  
78. Sloping letter  
80. Named before marriage  
81. Put on (play)  
82. Bee's liquid harvest  
85. Make  
88. Local (talent)  
90. Classiest  
93. Says differently  
95. Self-esteem  
96. Car race city, Le...  
97. Designer, Christian...  
99. Disapproving cry  
100. Actor, Michael...  
102. Technique  
104. In a little while  
105. Remarkable  
108. Clan symbol  
110. Sweet herb  
112. St Francis of...  
114. Income cheat, tax...  
117. Cheeky  
118. Top layer  
119. Wool fat  
120. Methylated spirits  
122. Diminished, ...out  
126. Not fresh  
129. Drapes  
132. Morocco's capital  
135. Equatorial  
136. Shouts at  
137. Woes  
138. Seedless orange  
139. Awarded  
140. Easter treat, ...bun  
141. Cause to blush  
142. Paper-selling lads
- Down**  
1. Vacant  
2. Ex-cricketer, ...Khan  
3. Phones (5,2)  
4. Raucously  
5. Capture  
6. ...over the knuckles  
7. Foe  
8. Oral sense  
9. Palm leaf  
10. Remove errors from  
11. Challenge  
12. Joy  
13. Deeply desired  
14. Poking  
15. ...Arabia  
16. Effeminate  
23. Classics studies  
25. Eye signal  
27. Dull pains  
28. Seoul natives  
30. Internal organs  
31. Tibetan monks  
32. All together (2,5)  
34. Most serene  
35. Burdens  
37. Moray...  
38. Grin  
39. Performer  
40. Golf peg  
45. Nut  
47. Holy books  
48. Flawless  
49. Root vegetables  
51. Odd  
53. Boulder  
54. Replete  
55. Name for Ireland  
57. Park bench  
59. Unsteadiness  
60. Set off  
61. Title of respect  
63. Bowling style  
64. Boating  
65. Poker-faced  
67. Bullfighter  
68. Cleverer  
69. ...& lemons  
74. Thames royal palace, ...Court  
79. Breakfast dish  
81. College  
83. Gears  
84. Couple  
86. Young society entrant  
87. On top of  
89. Widespread language  
90. Helicopter landing area  
91. Once (3,4)  
92. Blue-eyed cats  
94. Insistent  
96. Film  
98. Majestic  
101. Give speech  
103. Kitchen cooker  
106. Neighboring  
107. Uncle Sam (1,1,1)  
109. Info  
111. More robust  
112. Long-haired hounds  
113. Examine quickly  
115. Smear  
116. Humdrum  
117. Siblings  
120. Game, set &...  
121. Fish, rainbow...  
122. Sacred song  
123. Royal headwear  
124. ...Federer  
125. Poorest remains  
127. Cowboy's friend  
128. Relieves  
130. Regrettably  
131. Clarified butter  
133. In present condition  
134. Prayer ending

Solution on next page

## su|do|ku

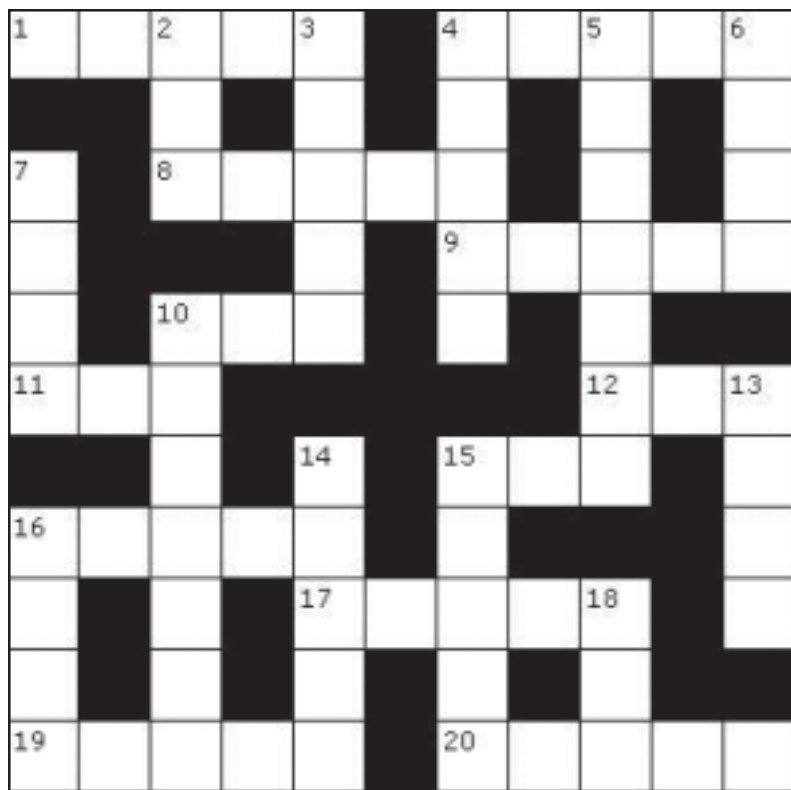
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Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Beware: there is only one solution to this puzzle, which is on the next page.





## Quick Crossword

### Across

1. Light
4. Breaks the rules
8. Wanderer
9. ...and Scratchy
10. Help!
11. ...humbug
12. Computer brand
15. Animal doctor
16. Gun
17. Makes sense
19. Foe
20. Delete

### Down

2. Move fast
3. Church songs
4. Sound receiver
5. Light snack
6. I Love...
7. No feeling
10. Reorder
13. Drink, usually white
14. Singer, R...
15. Undefined
16. Obnoxious
18. US intelligence

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with The Monster Quiz



Kids! Ask Mum and Dad to help you find the answers to these questions. They're not easy but, if you do some research, you should be able to find the answers to all of them.

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|--|--|---|
| 1. In which country is the Ngorongoro Crater?                      | 8. In which city did Alexander the Great die?                            | 15. Which African island is nicknamed "The Spice Island"?           |
| 2. Which work by Handel features the Hallelujah Chorus?            | 9. Which Dutch river is also the name of a beer?                         | 16. Which French city is served by Cote D'Azur airport?             |
| 3. Where can you take a trip on the Blue Train?                    | 10. By what name is Jerry's guide to the World Wide Web now known?       | 17. How many <i>Superman</i> movies did Christopher Reeves star in? |
| 4. How many pieces does a player start a game of backgammon with?  | 11. Which male actor holds the record for most acting Oscar nominations? | 18. Who played Pink in Pink Floyd's <i>The Wall</i> ?               |
| 5. Which US President survived two assassination attempts in 1975? | 12. What Japanese word means "empty orchestra"?                          | 19. What drink is added to vodka to make a Moscow Mule?             |
| 6. Who is Sherlock Holmes' clever brother?                         | 13. Which Roald Dahl book is about a child prodigy?                      | 20. In rugby union, how many players make up a scrum?               |
| 7. Who was the only Oscar to win an Oscar?                         | 14. Who is Winnie the Pooh's porcine friend?                             |   |

*Answers below*

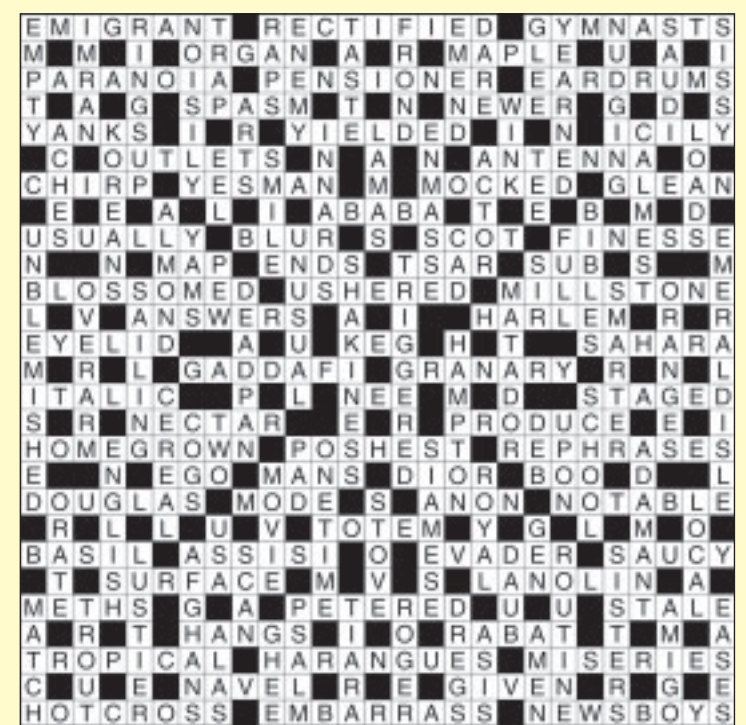
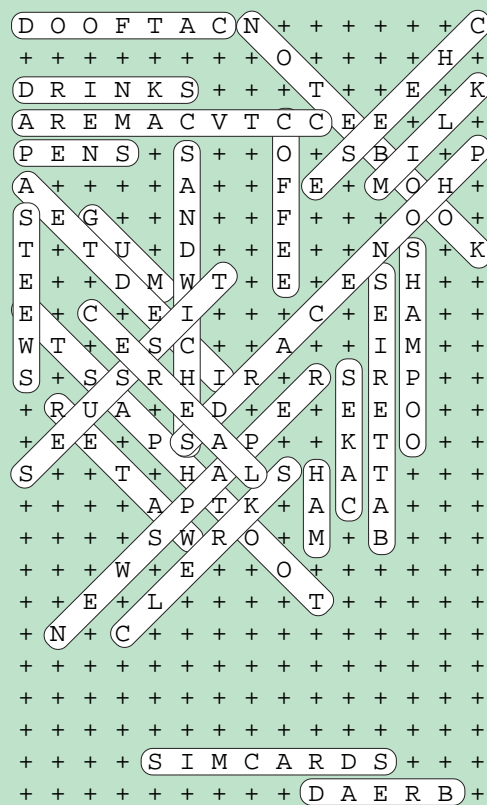
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# Puzzle Solutions

### Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



### Hidden Words SOLUTION



### Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

### Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

2	7	5	1	9	6	4	8	3
9	4	1	3	5	8	6	7	2
8	6	3	7	4	2	5	1	9
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### Monster Quiz Answers

1. Tanzania; 2. *Messiah*; 3. South Africa (from Cape Town to Pretoria); 4. 15; 5. Gerald Ford; 6. Mycroft; 7. Oscar Hammerstein II; 8. Babylon; 9. Amstel; 10. Yahoo; 11. Jack Nicholson (12); 12. Karaoke; 13. *Matilda*; 14. Piglet; 15. Zanzibar; 16. Nice; 17. 4; 18. Bob Geldof; 19. Ginger beer; 20. 16.



# A lean, mean, family saga

**M**aile Meloy is the 36-year-old author of two novels and a book of short stories. All have been lavishly, even hysterically, praised. So when Philip Roth writes, "The quiet, unastonished precision with which Maile Meloy depicts the extent to which everything now goes haywire in so-called ordinary American life is an impressive achievement, literary and otherwise," what you do is pick up the book.

Her first novel, *Liars and Saints* (Scribner, New York, 2003, 260pp), is a five-generation family saga, running from World War II to the turn of the millennium, that takes up a mere 260 pages. So the epic sweep is accomplished at a break-neck pace. And herein lies the book's force. Its charm comes from the eight family members who swap the narrative. Maile Meloy doesn't go for elaborate description or intricate emotional states. The plain prose grabs you from the beginning:

"They were married during the war, in Santa Barbara, after Mass one morning in the old Mission church. Teddy was solemn; he took the Mass very seriously. Yvette, in a veiled hat and an ivory dress that wasn't a gown, was distracted by the idea that she was in California, without her father there to give her away, and she was about to change her life and her name. 'I,



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

Yvette Grenier, take you, Theodore Santerre...' It all sounded formal and strange, as if someone else were saying the words, until she realized with surprise that it was her."

This is the sunny idyllic beginning of a 60-year saga of mad jealousy, unwanted pregnancy, deception, incest, lesbianism, wanderlust, abandonment, religious ecstasy and murder. While outwardly lurid, Meloy tells her tale with discipline and restraint, grounded in the realism of the characters. It's that rare breed: a literary page turner.

The first chapter is told from Yvette's perspective. She's abandoned her family in Canada to marry an American flyboy who can't even speak French. She has two daughters: Margot and Clarissa.

In the next chapter Theodore (Teddy) goes off to fly fighters off aircraft carriers in the Pacific. He's madly tormented by jealousy over his beautiful wife. In the third, Clarissa and Margot go off to Catholic grammar school. Clarissa will nurse a lifelong hate for her perfect older sister. In the fourth, 16-year-old Margot becomes pregnant by Mr Tucker, her high school dance teacher.

The narrative rushes relentlessly forward, each character's take on reality blinkered by their own misconceptions. Thus from Clarissa's point of view, she is at her happiest to have her beloved father all to herself while Margot goes to spend her junior year with cousins in France and her mother retreats to a convent to give birth to Jamie.

But we learn from Yvette that Margot is the real mother of Jamie who grows up thinking that Yvette is his mother and Margot his sister. This is not as outlandish as it might sound. Actor Jack Nicholson grew up under exactly the same misapprehension.

Jamie turns into a wild teenager but

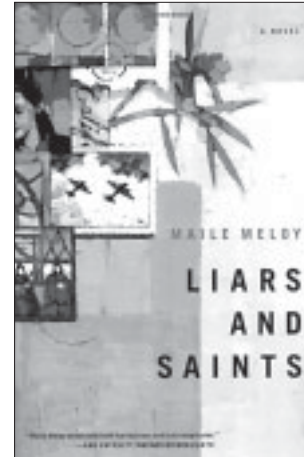
finds purpose in life when a Jesuit priest introduces him to the guitar. But Teddy distrusts the priest, so Yvette arranges for him to spend the summer in Hawaii with Clarissa. What is Clarissa doing in Hawaii? We learn in the next chapter that she has married her college boyfriend, Henry, and they're living in Navy married quarters.

Back in California, Henry becomes involved in local politics, neglecting Clarissa and her infant daughter Abby. Clarissa abandons him, driving with her baby cross-country to Louisiana, where Margo is living with her rich chemist husband.

Who should she find there but Jamie, who's fled home after a titanic fight

with his parents and is now working as an oil rig roughneck. Margot is strangely indifferent to Jamie, but Clarissa convinces him to come back to California to live with her. Clarissa is in love with Jamie, Jamie with Abby.

We've two more decades before the incest and lesbian affair and murder but it's a damn good ride.



# Pocketbooks versus purses

**M**y wife, a Texan, and I, a New Yorker, for some time have been engaged in a dispute about the word "pocketbook".

I have always used pocketbook when referring to what she insists is a purse or a handbag.

She avers that pocketbook is completely inappropriate, since her purse is not a book that she carries in her pocket. Can you help us resolve this?

Gerry Perkus  
Texas

## Barbara replies:

Ah, but what is a pocket, really? The word's Anglo-Norman predecessors, *poket* and *pokete*, referred to a small bag.

Originally, a pocket was more general-purpose than a purse, which was intended to hold money.

Eventually – in the 1500s or thereabouts – pockets began to be "sewn into or on clothing, for carrying a purse or other small articles", according to the Oxford English Dictionary (OED).

Pocketbook didn't come into use until the 1600s, but almost as soon as it did, it was used to mean, among other things, "wallet" or "money holder" – pretty much what purse originally meant, though by this point the word "purse" had acquired additional, general-purpose meanings.

The OED's earliest citation for purse as something that would tend to belong to a woman, however, is dated 1955; its citations for pocketbook in this sense date

**W**elcome to Word Court, where **Barbara Wallraff** unravels some of the mystery that shrouds the English language, debunking confusing usage and clearing away the clutter that prevents clear understanding – all by answering reader's questions.

back to 1830. Perhaps you should remind your wife that she doesn't need a pocket to have pocket money nor a suit to pack a suitcase.

Pocketbook is in the same, um, bag. It's a perfectly good word – maybe even a better word for her handbag if she, like me, slings the thing over her shoulder.

**T**here is a trend in the sciences toward dropping the "-al" suffix for adjectives. For example, psychological becomes psychologic, geologic becomes geologic and biological becomes biologic. When is it correct to use these new forms?

Kenneth Lipman  
Beverly Hills, California

## Barbara replies:

Actually, none of those words are truly new – all six appear in my Webster's New International Dictionary, second edition, from 1954.

Nor are questions about "-ic" and "-ical" pairs new. HW Fowler wrote about them incisively in his 1926 Dictionary of Modern English Usage, though most of the specific words he considered, such as casuistic and



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casuistical, diabolic and diabolical, don't trouble us anymore.

As Fowler pointed out, the words in some pairs – for example, politic and political, economic and economical – are distinct, with distinct meanings. That's all to the good. "Every well established differentiation," Fowler wrote, "adds to the precision and power of the language."

But he also argued that "when two forms coexist, and

there are not two senses for them to be assigned to, it is clear gain that one should be got rid of."

Fowler wasn't suggesting we choose either "-ic" or "-ical" and use it across the board. Rather, he was recommending we consider undifferentiated pairs with an eye to what "appears to be the winning side".

So let's do that. Determining the winner is much easier now, in the Internet era, than it was when Fowler had to read stacks of newspapers to search for evidence.

Psychological is so far ahead of psychologic that the latter is hardly worth talking about. Similarly with geological and

geologic. If the US Geological Survey ever changes its name, get back to me.

But biologic does have a differentiated sense – not that it's always used this way. It properly means, as Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines it, "a biological product (as a vaccine or blood serum) used in medicine".

Today, we have biologic mesh, employed in surgery, and biologic drugs. Biologic agents are good; biological agents, the weaponry of biological warfare, are bad.

Thus the word biologic is a rare thing; a once-useless variant whose time has come.

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## The pros and cons of a Patong election

As this issue hits the streets, the people of Patong will go to the polls, with outgoing Mayor Pian Keesin and Somkiet Kuru contesting the seat of Patong Mayor.

It is an interesting twist that Khun Somkiet is one of Khun Pian's former deputy mayors. Whether he is a mayoral candidate as K. Pian's friend or foe remains to be seen.

However, K. Pian's "right hand" and also a deputy mayor for the past four years, Chairat Sukkabal, has said that he would remain loyal to K. Pian. On the campaign trail, he's averred, "A vote for Pian is a vote for me."

Over the years, Khun Chairat has become the "face" of Patong Municipality for most foreigners. He's also been one of the main "go to guys" for major investment projects in the town.

To be clear, the mayor can choose anyone he likes to be his deputy. Phuket Election Committee (PEC) Director Supap Akkam has confirmed the title does not indicate an elected official, which means that a deputy mayor does not need to stand for election and does not need to hold a seat on the municipality council.

However, the nominee must be approved by the governor before he can become deputy mayor.

It has been with the help of these two tigers that K. Pian has ruled. When he rose to power in 2004, K. Pian had just three fellow Rak Patong (Love Patong) members on the 18-seat council. Throughout his entire first term, every proposal had to pass muster with the 15 Patong Progress party councilors in opposition.

Similarly, in the election that installed him as mayor, K. Pian beat rival Songserm Kepsap by just 147 votes. In that election, of Patong's 9,213 eligible voters, only 5,997 turned out for the poll.

K. Pian received 2,934 votes and Khun Songserm 2,787.

Four years later, it is with some irony that the Sunday election in the resort boomtown will be much the same. Patong Town Clerk Phunsak Naksena says that of town's registered population of nearly 19,000, 11,499 are eligible voters, who must be registered as living in Patong for at least a year.

For one of the candidates to become mayor in the fastest-growing town on an island that has become a major foreign-currency cash cow for the country, it will take a majority of only 5,720 votes – even less after the no-voters and spoiled ballots have been discounted.

Nowhere else in Thailand will so few people with the right to vote have so much sway over the fortunes of so many other people.

– The Editor

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### Nice little earner

What a very strange answer given by Dr Narong Budhraj of Bangkok Hospital Phuket to the query as to the hospital more than doubling its room price should the bill be paid by an insurance company instead of the patient paying in cash.

This, in a sense, means that the insurance company is being defrauded. No wonder healthcare premiums are so high.

It would be logical for the patient to pay the bill himself then claim from the insurance company afterwards, explaining the terms of the hospital's policy and that he has saved the insurance company more than 50% of the cost of his stay and thus earn a golden feather in his cap.

I am a long-term out-patient at the same hospital and am prescribed three medications, one of which I don't accept as I can buy it from my local pharmacy for one-sixth of the price the hospital charges.

Unfortunately, for the other two I have to pay the full hospital price as they are not available from pharmacies. I am unable to find their true cost, even on the Internet, so presumably they, too, are marked up by a factor of six.

All being said, it would seem that the Bangkok Hospital Phuket is on a nice little earner.

PB  
Kamala

### I believe I can fly

It's a great shame that One-Two-Go has found itself in so much trouble. I say it's a shame because it looks to be a sign that low-cost airlines just aren't viable business models, which means

that traveling around Thailand will no longer be the cheap and reasonably cheerful experience that we have come to expect.

Air Asia and Nok Air are still operating, for now, but how long will it be before prices are jacked up and more routes are cut?

It's a sad state of affairs, but one that was perhaps imminent given the nature of airlines that strive to keep their prices as low as possible.

From what I can see, One-Two-Go, if it ever returns, will not come back as a budget airline, but as a regular airline, leaving Air Asia and Nok Air to fly the flag until such time as they can no longer take the strain.

I don't know if you have flown with Air Asia recently, but every time I have, my flight has been delayed or canceled. It's frustrating, but after the first couple of incidents I learned to just expect my flight to take off an hour or two after the advertised time.

I think the Air Asia staff have similar expectations. A friend of mine who works as an air hostess for Air Asia told me that the flights are always delayed.

So, what does this mean for most of us? Buses are suddenly looking as if they might come back into fashion.

I have never been concerned about my safety on a plane, but perhaps now I should be. After all, One-Two-Go has been hit so hard by all the controversy that it makes you wonder what the other budget airlines have in their closets.

Hopefully there are no snakes.

Elizabeth Turtle  
Bang Tao

### Release the hounds

Please ask the governor if he plans on making money available for food and staff and a vet with medicine to treat the dogs they are rounding up and dumping at the Mid Road Dog Pound, as they are in a really bad state and no-one is looking after them there.

Also ask him if he will tell the local municipalities to stop rounding up the dogs in the first place.

There is a Facebook group and a petition currently on the go to motivate people to contact him asking for care and attention to be paid to the dogs.

I visited the pound on a couple of occasions and was appalled at the way the dogs are being treated.

I am not a part of any organization, such as Paws or the Soi Dog Foundation, who I thought would have the power to help, but it seems when I contact them both they also say they cannot do anything about it as the government says it doesn't need anyone's help.

I read in your article in the Gazette recently that this is an issue that has happened before and not a new problem, but if people do not know about it then it will never get fixed and the dogs will carry on suffering.

If the governor doesn't know about it or doesn't care then people should be able to email him and ask for his help.

Protect Phuket Dogs  
Phuket

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# Annual Bangkok budget shortchanges Phuket

I just received a report that Phuket has an annual budget of 154 million baht for next year, which isn't a large sum. The total budget for the country is 1.8 billion baht, which is divided between each province based on a number of factors, including population.

The five provinces along the Andaman coast (Phuket, Phang Nga, Krabi, Ranong and Trang) have also been granted 161 million baht for joint projects, such as new roads, road improvements and marketing for tourism.

**More warning towers.** I was happy with the results of the tsunami evacuation drill on July 7 that was co-ordinated from Saphan Hin, but the drill could have been better. We have to run tsunami drills every year from different areas. The more drills we have, the more we learn and the easier it is to find and correct mistakes.

We checked the tsunami sirens before the drill because of the difficulties last year. We have been trying to reduce problems by playing the national anthem through them every day at 8 am and 6 pm.

Phuket has 19 warning towers in 12 risk areas, which I think

## The Governor's Letter

Through tourism, Phuket provides a large percentage of Thailand's national income, but the the province's annual budget for next year from the central government will be an underwhelming 154 million baht, says **Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit**.

Here, Governor Niran voices his concern that the global economy is affecting tourism in Phuket, where there has been a 20% dip in hotel occupancy compared with last year. Furthermore, foreign investors are ready to pump money into Phuket, but are waiting for the central government to instill some stability in Thailand's economy.



is enough for the island, but there are plans to install 144 more towers in risk areas around the region.

**High prices affecting tourism.** We have to accept that the global economy is affecting everyone, especially with regards to the price of gas. I met sev-

eral foreign investors in Phuket recently and they told me they are worried about real estate in Phuket.

Investors have stopped earning money on their investments because of the economy and they are waiting for the central government to stabilize the economy.

Investors are concerned that the government might implement new investment policies with regards to visas, tax reductions and so on. They must wait and see what happens.

With regards to the problem of gas prices in Thailand, consumers are still unsure about running their cars on NGV (natural

gas for vehicles) or LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) because they are waiting for the government to form a policy on the issue.

I think the number of tourists who will come to Phuket this green season will be about 20% fewer than last year. The occupancy rate for hotels in Phuket is currently about 40%, compared with 60% last year.

I have heard that many hotels are already booked at about 80% for the coming high season.

Tourism in Pattaya has also dipped, especially at weekends. There are much fewer tourists there, foreigners and Thais. When I am in Bangkok for meetings, I notice that there are less vehicles on the roads.

People who want to travel believe that the cost of fuel affects everything, including the price of plane tickets. Some airlines have canceled flights as a result.

**Education tours.** Cherng Talay Municipality and Wichit Municipality are planning an educational tour of Italy and Australia to learn more about public security in those countries.

They have invited the vice-governors to lead a committee to travel there, which I think is a good idea to help Phuket come up with a better security system based on the budget we have.

We have only one educational tour a year with a limited number of people who can join it.

When I was in London, I saw that they have six million CCTV cameras around the city. However, given our budget restraints, we cannot do the same as in London.

**Landslides.** I am very worried about the problem of landslides in Phuket because we published warnings about this issue before the rainy season began.

This year there should not be any major flooding problems because we cleared risk areas of potential hazards.

Landslides keep happening in Phuket because so many people like to live high up in the hills.

We have tried to stop this before because sometimes properties are built in the path of water runoff, so landslides occur.

**Niran Kalayanamit,**  
Governor of Phuket

*Complied by*  
**Sangkhae Leelanaporn.**

## Why is Laguna road so bad?

If Cherng Talay and the Laguna area are home to so many wealthy people and the best hotels on the island, why are the roads in such a poor state?

One only needs to turn left at the traffic lights to be met with potholes filled with water and parts of the road in disrepair.

Is Cherng Talay Municipality unconcerned about this situation? Shouldn't they be doing something before next high season's influx of wealthy tourists?

Graham Mac  
Cherng Talay

I haven't seen any big problem areas on the road. It's still usable, but it's normal that there might be some minor flooding when it rains because of how low the road is.

Although this road is a private road, it is being used by many business operators and people, so we all help each other when necessary.

We also receive support from the Cherng Talay Municipality from time to time.

### Cherng Talay Mayor Suniran Rachataprak replies:

That road belongs to a private company – Cherng Talay Pattana Co Ltd.

However, Cherng Talay Municipality has been taking care of it and we have repaired the road many times before.

We can't put the cost of maintaining this road into our budget because it is still a private road, but we can fix it now and then when people request us to do so.

**Surachai Oonmettajit, manager of Cherng Talay Pattana, replies:**

I have the misfortune of living near the building site for the new Tesco store in Rawai, just south of Chalong Circle.

In addition to the constant noise from early morning to late at night, we now have to contend with the smell of what seems to be improperly disposed human waste.

From the stench, it appears that the contractor is discharging sewage along the back of the site and then into the klong (canal) that borders one side of the site.

The smell is overpowering, particularly in the afternoon and early evening.

In addition to being a problem for those living near the site, it looks like there is regular disposal of sewage into a klong that drains into the ocean only 250 meters away. This should be a cause for general concern.

Who should I contact to resolve the problem?

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## Foul play at new Rawai Tesco

I don't even know what the law stipulates for temporary toilet facilities.

Unhappy neighbor  
Rawai

**Suriyon Srinusatr, Chief of Security at the Rawai Tesco site, replies:**

"When there is heavy rain, the water level will rise and the latrines overflow – then there is, of course, a bad smell.

I have contacted the Rawai Municipality and they have agreed to have a sewage truck pump out the toilets regularly.

"Chalong police have already visited us regarding the noise and we now finish construction at 10:30 pm.

Workers may continue quietly cleaning the area after that time. The only noise then is the scraping up of concrete spilled at the site."



# In Praise of the Burmese Junta

I'm told that a good writer ought to be able to argue convincingly in favor of an indefensible thesis. If you can persuade people to believe that the Earth is flat or that it snows every day in Phuket, that makes you a good writer.

Of course, it also makes you a lying weasel, but let us sneak around that minor point.

In an effort to "stretch" my writing abilities, I've decided to write in favor of a thesis so outrageous, so offensive to the conventional wisdom of all mankind, that every reader will want to lynch me.

I'm going to say something good about the Burmese junta.

I know that the Burmese junta is guilty of crimes against humanity. I know they've committed unspeakable atrocities against their own people. Their soldiers wipe out the villages of ethnic minorities, burn down the houses, rape the women, slaughter old men and children, enslave the survivors and work them to death.

The junta lives in posh villas amidst sybaritic luxury while the common people starve. They've turned one of the richest countries in Asia into an economic basket case. They held an election in 1990, lost it

and locked up the winner, who has been under house arrest ever since.

When a cyclone devastated large parts of their country, they were indifferent to the plight of their people. They refused to let in aid workers, assured the world that all was well while thousands starved, and callously focused on pushing ahead with a rigged referendum to give them the appearance of legitimacy.

When it comes to ranking the super-bad dudes of history, these guys are right up there with Pol Pot, Stalin, Hitler, Genghis Khan and Attila the Hun. It's a real challenge to find something nice to say about them, but after an enormous amount of research, I've finally managed it.

Most religions tell us that no one is ever completely lost – the most wicked of human beings must have some redeeming feature; in the darkest heart of absolute evil, some glimmer of good must flicker. And this is true even of that most evil of evil gangs, the Burmese junta.

So what's good about them? They wear cool hats.

I've always believed that wearing a cool hat excuses a multitude of sins. And I know that even those who agree with me on this point will object that the crimes of

the Burmese junta are so overwhelming and horrific that they can hardly be excused by the wearing of cool hats.

But at the very least, may we not consider the wearing of cool hats a mitigating factor? Is it not possible to loathe the criminal, the savage, the monster, the ogre in human form – but still admire his hat?

Yes, you will admit; and having cleverly extorted that answer out of you, I shall be quick to agree.

The generals of the Burmese junta wear a modified, military version of the Australian slouch hat, with the brim turned up at the side. As worn by Australians, this is altogether a noble hat, to be glorified and extolled in immortal poetry. Tilted at a jaunty angle, with the left brim breezily pinned up, the slouch hat conveys dash and verve, a rakish insouciance, an in-your-face cheekiness that charms the eye and wins the applause of all who behold it.

But alas! The junta cannot manage

this. Even when dealt a winning hand, they play it badly. They are soldiers, remember; and generals are not known for rakish insouciance.

While their hats are cool, the heads that wear them are not; and the generals ruin the coolness of their hats by wearing them plonked down square on their heads.

Jaunty angles and rakish insouciance are forbidden.

The result is an image of sinister stolidity, reinforced by dark glasses, grim uniforms, stern expressions, and pot bellies. The junta looks like nothing more than an Asian Mafia in uniform.

So let's hear it for the hats the Burmese junta wears! Full marks to them for this triumph!

But as for the way they wear them, not to mention the other things they've done, I'll let somebody else speak up for them.

*S. Tsow can be flamed at [stsow@yahoo.com](mailto:stsow@yahoo.com) while he's wearing his extremely uncool hat and waiting to be lynched.*



## In The Stars

by Isla Star

# Insecurity and jealousy await Leos

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): Your calm sea could be disturbed by ripples of jealousy this week. If you've been troubled by insecurity since the start of a relationship earlier this year, you should encourage an honest conversation. Those of you due to celebrate a birthday this week can look forward to a year with better business prospects than the year past. Use navy blue to encourage determination.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): The tide is about to turn if you haven't realized your full potential this year. Contacts made several months ago are about to be re-established and you should not pass by opportunities to make career changes. A rocky roman-

tic connection with Pisces could also be rekindled, but you could find it difficult to put the past behind you. The number 8 can bring good fortune on Wednesday.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Auspicious astral conditions should ensure that a work-related disagreement is finally resolved. Take advantage of the stars' support by asking for your skills to be better rewarded. There's no need to view a partner's need for space as negative. It's high time you discovered a new hobby and this can be found through a Taurean friend. The scent of mint encourages inspiration.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): You will be delighted to

discover how to leave a sinking ship this week. The stars indicate new beginnings at work and these could involve travel to distant shores. A relationship with Aries is forecast to bring more satisfaction when confessions lighten the atmosphere. Expect to receive positive news from family far away before the end of this month. The number 6 can be lucky on Thursday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Too many tasks could sap your strength this week. If you have been thinking that family members aren't pulling their weight, this is the ideal time to make your feelings clear. Leos certainly should be put in their place. Those embarking on a new love affair will be floating above the clouds and friends could feel abandoned in the heat of the moment.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): A playful mood means that many of you can't take work seriously this week. Keep your nose to the grindstone for long enough to convince those in charge that the job is being

done. Romance becomes a cat-and-mouse affair, but the other person concerned will want to see some commitment soon. Finances will become more stable until mid-August, when spending could get out of control.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Another Aquarius is preparing to make waves at work and you could be thrown in at the deep end. The best option will be to say nothing and wait for the storm to pass. The stars forecast calmer waters after the middle of August and your finances will also begin to look more buoyant after that. A dream you have this weekend sheds light on a personal worry.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Put those close to you first and you could be amazed by the results. If you've been prone to bouts of selfishness recently, you are probably blissfully unaware of how irritated friends and family are feeling. As your attitude changes for the better, you will appreciate that what goes around comes around. Tuesday is the most auspicious day for a business appointment with Aries, but be aware that this person has hidden depths.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Your killer instinct in business has not gone unnoticed. You could be surprised when others show their disapproval of your approach. In romance, the offer of a raincheck is sure to be appreciated. Wearing color emerald green can encourage a balanced flow of energy.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Your confidence increases during the last week of July and should reach its zenith during August. Many of you are about to receive good news about a creative project that has been simmering for far too long. A meeting with Scorpio gives inspiration for other ways to combine pleasure with boosting your income. Love affairs are subject to delays, but it's safer not to rock any boats.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): The ultimate business deal now lies within your grasp, although you are advised not to take too much for granted. Collaboration with Leo is certain to bring success, but an alliance with Sagittarius probably won't work out to your satisfaction. Spend quality time with family this weekend; children will benefit from your undivided attention. Those who are still searching for true love could meet an alluring Arian. The number 4 can open a lucky door on Wednesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Don't bite off more sugar cane than you can chew. At work, you could be tempted to jump into unknown territory, which may lead to regret. Romance with Gemini thrives as long as you don't expect too much commitment too soon. Money matters enter a more profitable phase – expect a minor windfall soon from an overseas source. The scent of sandalwood can encourage a more down-to-earth outlook.

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I recently had the chance to hold a PC Group Therapy session at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Patong Beach. In this column I'll tackle the questions they had about Internet in Phuket. Next week I'll talk about a grab-bag of questions about Windows, antivirus, spyware and much more.

#### What is the fastest Internet connection I can get?

A. That's the Number 1 question I hear, everywhere I go – and for good reason. With the notable exception of CAT HiNet, Internet connections in Phuket have been abysmal. The good news is that they're getting better, as I described in this column last week. For the first time since I arrived in Phuket eight years ago, Internet access is finally starting to reach reasonable speeds for most people, most of the time.

Six months ago, the only way you could get an Internet connection fast enough to play a YouTube video or stream music was with CAT's pricey 2,782 baht-a-month HiNet line, which is available only in some areas.

The HiNet service ran up to 1,600Kbps (thousands of bits per second) during the mornings, but dropped off to 500-800Kbps in the afternoons. To get a feel for the speeds involved, 1,600 Kbps is fast enough to watch a small video without having it freeze and leap incomprehensibly; 500Kbps is not.

Many people around the island are now reporting speeds in excess of 2,000Kbps fairly regularly, particularly with the TT&T MaxNet service. However, connection speeds still taper off in the afternoons, depending on location. For example, Phuket City seems to be faster than Kata in the afternoons.

Right now the best deal for most locations is TT&T's MaxNet service, which costs about 1,000 baht a month. I am switching all of my shops, the bakery and my home office over to TT&T's Premiere MaxNet service, rated at download speed of 3Mbps for 2,129 baht a month. I'm also installing several personal lines from TOT at various locations around the island. The TOT lines are rated at 1Mbps and download at 499 baht a month.

Several people have noted that the TOT Silvercyber service (499 baht a month) is faster than

# Speeding on the info highway – or not...

Goldcyber (1,000 baht a month). Many people have complained to me that YouTube videos accessed over TOT connections won't play; videos get marked "This Video Not Available". I'll have more on that topic in coming weeks.

If you want to see the latest speeds being logged all over Phuket, drop by Henry Habermacher's remarkable Phuket Internet Speed Reporting site, [www.live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx](http://www.live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx). There's also a link on my personal site, [www.woody.info](http://www.woody.info). You can take a look at the international Internet speeds people are reporting, and judge for yourself whether a particular service in your location is worthwhile or not.

#### What's the best wireless Internet? How do I get it?

A. That's always the Number 2 question I hear, everywhere I go. If you can't get a phone line or if you want to be able to take your Internet connection with you, wireless broadband is the way to go. Unfortunately, there's a lot of snake oil being sold for very high prices – *caveat emptor* (buyer beware) remains the watchword for consumers.

To be clear, the kind of wireless connection I'm talking about involves setting up your own account with the phone company. Sometimes people overlook the fact that free wireless Internet is available at many locations around the island, using plain old-fashioned – and very effective – Wi-Fi connections.

Chances are good your laptop already has Wi-Fi built-in. Many people find schlepping their laptop to a Wi-Fi hotspot is much easier and cheaper than setting up their own wireless connection.

Right now there are four different kinds of wireless connections commonly used throughout Phuket. The easiest way to distinguish among them is by their relative speeds:

- GPRS runs at about 40-

50Kbps, but it works everywhere.

- EDGE runs at 100-120 Kbps, works everywhere, but it's considerably more expensive than GPRS initially.

- 1X, from CAT, runs at about 120-140Kbps, but the signal doesn't reach all over the island.

- EV-DO, also called "Air Card" and available only from CAT, runs at about 400-600 Kbps – a respectable Internet speed – but signal strength varies.

GPRS uses old mobile phone Internet-access technology. You can expect about 40-50Kbps download speed, which is fast enough to retrieve small quantities of email or look at some websites, but not much more.

It's available anywhere you can get a mobile phone connection – even many miles offshore. To use GPRS, you have to have a mobile phone that supports GPRS (most modern ones do), a cable or Bluetooth adapter that connects your mobile phone to your computer (one probably came with the phone) and an account with the phone company that includes GPRS.

For many foreigners, that last part is hard, particularly if you're accustomed to using "refill cards" for your mobile phone. To set up an account, ask AIS (better known as 1-2-call), DTAC or True for GPRS.

You will need a copy of your passport and work permit. If you



**Pay close attention when buying an Air Card. Sierra Wireless hold the trademark for the term 'Air Card' and sell a range of wireless Internet access cards under the name (see picture) – but many of these cards run at much slower EDGE connection speeds than the CAT's self-labelled 'Air Card' which runs at much faster EV-DO speeds.**

don't have a work permit, the usual advice is to take a Thai friend along who will sign up for you. However, the friend will be held responsible if you skip town and don't pay your phone bill...

Both AIS and DTAC offer unlimited GPRS access for 999 baht per month. I'll be writing about True's GPRS service in the coming weeks.

The EDGE service is identical to GPRS, except it uses a marginally faster – and significantly more expensive – card instead of your current mobile phone. EDGE service works everywhere that your mobile phone works, including way out on the water, almost all the way to Langkawi.

You can buy EDGE cards at many computer outlets. Expect to pay 8,000 baht or more. A more expensive EDGE card does not translate into faster ac-

cess: EDGE download speeds are a function of signal strength, not the card's capabilities, and EDGE download speeds rarely go over 120Kbps.

Note that several of the more popular – and more expensive – EDGE cards are "Air Cards" made by Sierra Wireless, which holds the trademark on the term "Air Card". Don't be confused: if you buy your Air Card anywhere other than CAT, you will not get the CAT EV-DO service and you'll be stuck with a card that runs perhaps one-quarter as fast as EV-DO.

The next step up, 1X, is only available from CAT. There's a CAT office on Phang Nga Rd in Phuket City and another at the southern end of Phang Muang Rd (the new north-south road) in Patong, just after the pavement ends.

1X is only slightly faster than EDGE and coverage in Phuket is not 100%, particularly outside of the main populated areas. Although CAT has several options, most people get 1X telephones – which look and act just like desk phones, except there's no phone cord – then plug their computers into the phone. The phones cost about 3,000 baht and up; service costs 800 baht per month for unlimited Internet access.

By far the fastest wireless connection available today is CAT's EV-DO service. If you go to the CAT office and take your laptop, they'll set it all up. The CCU-680 card costs 10,900 baht plus about 800 baht per month.

In my next column I'll tackle several more questions that I commonly hear around the island.

*Woody will be speaking at the International Business Association of Phuket (IBAP) meeting at the Yorkshire Inn on Soi San Sabai in Patong on August 8. 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).*

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**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, one km north of Chalong Circle next to Wine Connection.

The August 3 meeting will be at the Sandwich Shoppe in Patong, near Andaman Beach Suites. On August 10, the assembled masses descend on Sandwich Shoppe Laguna, located just before the main entrance to the Laguna complex.

Sessions are designed to help everybody – even (especially!) complete computer novices – and they're absolutely free. Driving instructions at [www.KhunWoody.com](http://www.KhunWoody.com).



# Somsak refuses to hang up his gloves

By Scott Mallon

Former WBA super bantamweight champion Somsak Sithchatchawal was back in the ring on July 11. Four months after losing to Poonsawat Kratingdaenggym, Somsak, now known as Somsak Singwangcha, scored a six-round points win over an Indonesian fighter known only as "Zoelfidal".

Somsak weighed in at 130lbs for the bout, 8lbs more than in his last fight. Somsak's promoter, Kokiet Panichayaron, plans to get the Thai a shot at the 126lbs title sometime next year, but winning any title other than a regional one is a long shot.

His weight was blamed for his loss to Poonsawat, but many of Somsak's opponents have rocked the Lampang native and it's clear that his brutal bout earlier with Mahyar Monshipour took its toll.

Somsak looked shaky against Zoelfidal and was hurt

throughout the bout. His chin is gone, his legs are gone and he eats far too many punches. If he faces current WBA champion Chris John, the Indonesian will batter him from pillar to post. Somsak is a shot fighter and can no longer compete with upper-echelon bruisees.

Meanwhile, after suffering a devastating third-round knockout at the hands of South African fighter Vusi Malinga last month, Veeraphol Sahaprom seemed certain to retire. Veeraphol, however, has denied retiring from boxing and is instead taking time off to heal. This is the nature of boxing, as many champions have found it impossible to leave the ring behind, instead ending up punished for returning.

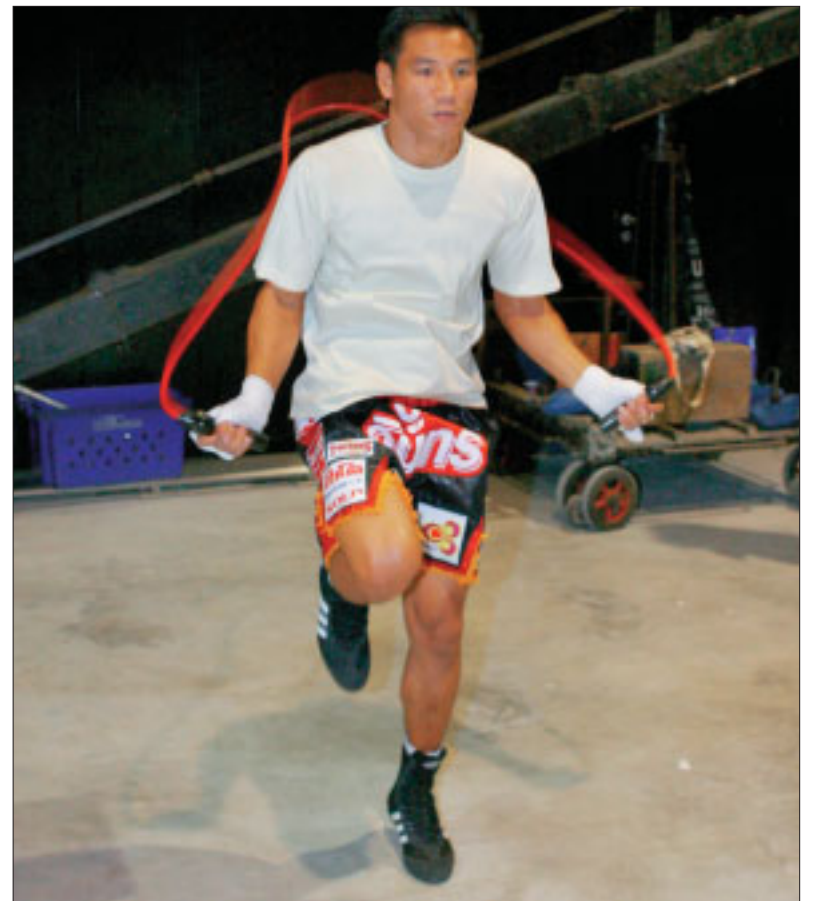
Veeraphol is now busy preparing Napapol Kittisakchokchai for his September bout against Toshiaki Nishioka for the WBC super bantamweight interim title.

Considered by many to be one of the best fighters in boxing,

Israel Vasquez of Mexico currently holds the regular championship and may defend his title in September against Rafael Marquez. The bout would be the fourth in a row between Vasquez and Marquez, reminiscent of the old rivalries in boxing, including Zale and Graziano, and Robinson and LaMotta.

To give an idea of the difference of opposition between Vasquez and Napapol, in Napapol's five most recent bouts, his opponents have records totaling 40 wins, 15 losses and four draws. The opponents of Vasquez have 222 wins, eight losses and 2 draws.

Few people in the industry believe the Thai deserves an interim title shot, much less a shot at Vasquez's title, but this is modern-day boxing. Interim title shots, once given only because a champion was unable to defend his title for a brief period, are now given regularly to earn additional revenue for the sanctioning bodies of the sport.



**DOWN BUT NOT OUT:** Although Somsak Singwangcha's July 11 win over Indonesian fighter "Zoelfidal" was shaky, Somsak's promoter is aiming to give the aging fighter a shot at a title next year.

On July 27, Terdsak Jandaeng will try to stay in contention for a world title when he travels to Zamboanga City in the Philippines to face up-and-coming Filipino prospect Eric Canoy as part of a Thailand-versus-Philippines card.

Terdsak, nicknamed "The Pit Bull", is best known for his three losses: a seventh-round TKO to Juan Manuel Marquez of Mexico and points losses to Joan Guzman and Steve Luevano. Although he lives up to his moniker, he'll need more strategy and technique and less blood and guts if he is to win a world title. But first, he'll need to get past Canoy. The undefeated Filipino needs to beat the Thai in order to reach the next rung on the ladder.

In a Thai-Filipino bantamweight battle on July 8, Pichitchok Singmanassak (14-7, 6 KOs) was pounded for seven rounds before finally succumbing to Jason Egera (10-2, 5 KOs) in a WBO Asia Pacific championship match.

Virtually every main event in Thailand—or the world, for that matter—is for some sort of a title.

As long as television stations refuse to allow non-title main events, ridiculous title fights will continue and bouts between legitimately exciting fighters will continue to be passed over.

In Indonesia, yet another fight involving Chris John has been canceled. John, the WBA featherweight champion, was scheduled to defend his title on July 26 against British Commonwealth champion Jackson Asiku.

For the second time in a row, the promoter of John's bout has failed to produce the necessary fund, thus forcing the cancellation.

An offer of US\$150,000 is on the table for Chris John to fight Chonlatarn Piriapinyo in Thailand. The previous offer was US\$100,000, but it is unlikely the Indonesian will come to Thailand as his reported asking price is US\$200,000 per fight.

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## PATONG DARTS LEAGUE

**PATONG:** Simply Red won their first game of the season, beating Celtic 7-3 while Market Bar lost their first game of the campaign 7-3 to Queen Mary.

With league leaders Queen Mary now having a bye week and the four top teams all meeting each other over the next three weeks, it will be an exiting finish to first half of the season.

**July 15 results:** Market Bar\* 2 - Queen Mary 7; Sick Buffalo 2 - Piccadilly\* 7; Dogs Bollocks 2 - Offshore\* 7; Hilltop\* 5 - Shakers 4; Simply Red\* 6 - Celtic 3; Beach House bye (\*winner of beer leg).

**Standings:** 1. Queen Mary (51 pts.); 2. Offshore\* (48); 3. Piccadilly\* (46); 4. Market Bar\* (45); 5. Sick Buffalo\* (37); 6. Beach House\* (35); 7. Shakers\* (32); 8. Dogs Bollocks\* (29); 9. Simply Red (27); 10. Hilltop\*, Celtic (25) (\* have had a bye week).

**July 29 match-ups:** Offshore vs Queen Mary; Piccadilly vs Market bar; Sick Buffalo vs Shakers; Dogs Bollocks vs Beach House; Celtic vs Hilltop; Simply Red bye (home team first).





This year's Kalim Surf Contest attracted 150 riders with about 200 people turning up each day to watch the action.

# Thais triumph at Kalim surf jam

By Suganya Semacote

**KALIM:** This year's Kalim Surf Contest saw 150 boardriders from around the region take to the surf in three divisions, with Thai surfers riding out to victory in each.

With crowds of about 200 watching the riders as they competed from July 18 to 20, 80 surfers took part in the shortboard event, with Chalong Thongsok beating Aussie Michael Anthony to win the first prize of 10,000 baht and a trophy.

There were 30 surfers in the longboard division, which saw Noppasith Boonchuay fend off opposition from Daniel Robinson and Chalong Thongsuk to win the 5,000-baht top prize.

In the groom division, for surfers up to 14 years old and free to use any kind of board, Pongsakorn Pennualaoong won the top prize of 7,000 baht, beating Preecha Ananthapoom and Muhammed Nazrin Bin Nasruddin, who finished second and third, respectively.

There were waves of four to six feet over the first two days



A troupe of international surfers tried in vain to trump the local riders.

of surfing, although on the final day the waves picked up with consistent 6ft rollers carrying the riders to shore.

After the awards presentation and Miss Phuket Boardriders beauty contest at Jungceylon on the final day, a closing party for the event was held at ClubLime with DJs Joe

Cornelio and Franck Cyber sending out the contest with trance and electro tunes.

Phuket's next surf contest will be held at Kamala Beach August 30 and 31, with shortboard, longboard and female divisions. For more information about surfing in Phuket visit [www.phuketboardriders.com](http://www.phuketboardriders.com)

## Phuket Games underway around the island

**SAPHAN HIN:** The 37<sup>th</sup> Phuket Games kicked off on July 20 with an opening ceremony featuring a performance of martial arts by Phuket Wushu.

The ceremony, presided over by Phuket Vice-Governor Worapoj Rattasima, was held at Gymnasium 1 at the Saphan Hin Sports Center.

Following the performance by Phuket Wushu were exhibition bouts of Pencak Silat (Indonesian martial arts), a sport in which Phuket is represented by six males and three females at this year's games.

The Phuket Games are being held until July 29 with more than 3,000 athletes from 14 southern provinces competing in 33 sports, including swimming, tennis, basketball, weightlifting, Muay Thai and dancing.



Two opponents square up against each other in an exhibition bout of the Indonesian martial art Pencak Silat at the opening of the 37<sup>th</sup> Phuket Games.

Events are being held around Phuket at Surakul Stadium; Loch Palm Golf Course; Phuket Rajabhat University; Prince of Songkla University, Phuket campus; Chalermprakiat Somdejprasarakarin Phuket School, Sanaam Chai and Satree Phuket School.

## PATONG POOL LEAGUE

League standings after July 14

	Team	Pld	Won	Lost	Beer	Pts
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2	Offshore Bar	10	6	4	18	68
3	Shakers	10	7	3	16	64
4	Frog Club	10	6	4	12	63
5	Black Dragon	9	6	3	10	58
6	Montes	10	6	4	10	55
7	Thunder Bar	10	2	8	8	52
8	Skylight II	10	5	5	6	48
9	Kata Spa Club	9	2	7	6	37
10	No Name Bar	10	1	9	0	24

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## Construction Update

by Janyaporn Morel

The total cost of Phuket's Big Buddha image on top of the Nakkerd Hills between Kata-Karon and Chalong is predicted to surpass 100 million baht, said Suporn Vanichkul, President of the Mingmongkol Faith 45 committee, which is raising funds for the project.

K. Suporn told the *Gazette* that the structural work of the Big Buddha is almost finished and that work on the jade exterior is about 80% complete, with the front of the image completely covered and a portion of the back still to be finished.

"We began work on the jade covering about a year ago. The jade was imported from Myanmar. Each sheet is 15 by 15 centimeters and 2cm thick. We use epoxy glue on the body of the image to give a strong bond. It is very difficult work because the jade is like glass and a strong adhesive is needed," he said.

Work on the Big Buddha image, known officially as Phra Puttamingmongkol Akenakkiri, began six years ago. The completed structure will be 45 meters tall and 25 meters wide at the base.

After the jade exterior of the body has been attached, the 40 lotus petal images around the base of the Big Buddha will be decorated.

"Each lotus petal is 6m long. We will cover them with sheets of marble from Saraburi province. This will take about one year to complete," said K. Suporn.

"Alongside the Buddha image, work has been carried out on the concrete access road that runs from the foot of the hill. The road is about four kilometers long and we have already paved the sharpest corners and the steepest parts for safety. Only about 2km of the road still needs to be paved," he said.

"The total cost of the project

# Cost of building Big Buddha expected to exceed B100m



Inside the Buddha image will be a 436 square-meter museum displaying Buddhist artifacts.

now stands at 60 million baht," he added.

Inside the image will be a 436-square-meter museum to display Buddhism exhibitions. Work

on the museum will be done after the lotus base is finished, followed by work on a meditation park and a grass area for candlelit processions, said K. Suporn.

"We need about 20 million baht to complete the work on the statue, road and museum. We then need another 20 million baht for the meditation park and pro-

cession area. The total cost of the project will be about 100 million baht," he said.

"It is amazing to see the work being done with help from many people, including monetary donations and help from experts in the field of construction. Prasit Lubliam joined the team as our Buddha image expert, while Burapa Rodari is our resident expert on all the stone decoration," he added.

"We have received donations from all over the world, even from people who are not Buddhists. Some Muslims from Turkey were unable to donate money, but gave us their flags to decorate the image with.

"We now have tourists visiting every day, including big groups from hotels and resorts around the island. The tourists are impressed by the work and they have been donating money. We get about 400 to 500 visitors a day at weekends," said K. Suporn.

"The image helps people to gain an insight into the fundamentals of Buddhism. People who come to see the image are curious to know what our aim is, and so we explain it to them," he said.

"Buddhism teaches people to be kind, loving and forgiving, which I think is a common aim for everyone," he added.

The Big Buddha image, which is 400 meters above sea level, is sat in the *pang marnvichai* meditation posture.

For more information about the Big Buddha image visit [www.mingmongkolphuket.com](http://www.mingmongkolphuket.com)

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A nine-meter-long swimming pool is set next to a Thai-style sala, offering yet another place for outdoor relaxation in the 200-square-meter garden.

Inside, wooden floors and gypsum wooden ceilings spread across an open-plan area comprising a living room, dining space and Western-style kitchen.

The living room features two wooden three-seater settees, complete with white cushions, all near a flat-screen television and wooden coffee table. Wood carvings throughout the area reflect the architect's vision of attention to detail.

A large eight-seater dining table dominates the dining area,



**This spacious four-bedroom property has expansive views of the fairways at Phuket Country Club.**

while high patio windows in the surrounding area present views of the swimming pool and golf course.

Dining needs are catered to in the kitchen by a breakfast bar and a range of modern appliances.

Up the staircase on the second story are a separate lounge area and family room, complete with another television and invit-

ing settees. The four bedrooms all have bathrooms en suite and balconies.

Each bedroom again features wooden flooring and gypsum ceiling, as well as a built-in wardrobe and white walls. The en-suite bathroom of the master bedroom also has a Jacuzzi.

On the top level, a large roof terrace suggests lazing in the sun while enjoying a cool breeze as golfers saunter along in the distance.

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## Design

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Computer-generated image of a living room at Saisawan. The late Tucker Bishop, architect for the project, made a point of designing for spacious, open-air living.

# Packed to the rafters with style

The homes of Saisawan seem to float on their beachfront plot at Bang Tao. The modern design conceived for opulent outdoor living by the late Tucker Bishop focuses on providing residents with breathtaking spaciousness.

The curved roofs of the separate living, dining areas and master bedroom are shaped like those of aircraft hangers, reaching over five meters high with walls comprised mainly of sliding glass doors to make the most of the project's beachfront breezes.

Managing Sales Director of Tawan Properties Ian Spurdle explained that developing the design on the 1.2-rai plot took nine months and was conceived to capture the essence of beachfront living through a sense of openness and harmony with the elements.

"This is a very special piece of land. It's the last large plot of beachfront land [at Bang Tao] where you can walk from the garden straight onto the beach.

With this in mind, we wanted the design to represent a modern beach house, but something very different from the contemporary Thai style that has become common," he said.

"The brief we gave the three architects who initially competed to be the project's designers was for a modern beach house with lots of Asian elements, but nothing over the top. It had to be intuitively Asian, comfortable and practical," he added.

The end result is eight secluded villas in a resort-like environment, which are still under construction, with each villa comprised of three separate pavilions.

On the upper floor of the two-story bedroom complex are three bedrooms, each with an ensuite bathroom and a private balcony separated from the other balconies by shrubbery. On the lower floor is the large master bedroom as well as a grand living area and a study or games room.

These common areas for relaxing, coupled with the en-

trance hall and a spiraling staircase leading to the guest bedrooms, give the impression that the home is part of a luxury resort.

Another feature adding to the resort feel, is the expansive pool deck running along the front of the home with an open-air sala and barbecue area replete with bar.

"Many Thai-style designs are inspired by temples and use clay tiles, but we wanted a more interesting shape and materials, so we used cedar shaped to look like airplane wings – something you rarely see – which helped give the project a distinctive character," said Mr Spurdle.

"We used locally sourced materials as much as possible, such as limestone for the pavings and sandstone for the walls. Inside, teak has been used for the floors.

"A lot of glass has been used to allow the homes to be well lit with natural light. Teak also makes up much of the structure, which although an expensive

choice, complements the beach-house concept," he added.

The master bedroom, main living and dining area and sala surround the pool, which is lined with volcanic rock from Bali. Each of the areas has large, tinted glass doors that give direct access to the pool and allow the sea breeze to flow through.

Adding a natural touch, the dining area set back from the living area is surrounded by water.

"For the kitchens [there is an open-air cooking area outside], we have used imported resin for the counter surfaces as it is easier to maintain than black granite, which can become stained from oil splashes when cooking. These stains on granite are very difficult to remove, whereas the resin is durable and easy to look after," said Mr Spurdle.

Lighting can be controlled electronically throughout the house and garden for different moods, from romantic to vibrant.

"We wanted as much natural light to enter the property as possible, so we made the ceiling

as high as possible. The roofs extend so that direct sunlight doesn't come into the rooms, but glass partitions at the top of the walls indirectly allow light in. The roofs also hide the air-conditioning units.

"We don't imagine that Thais will like the design, but it will appeal to Europeans, particularly French and Italians because of the modern feel. We expect owners to work with their own interior designers to choosing furniture that suits them," Mr Spurdle said.

The master bathroom is designed to be simple yet elegant using polished limestone. It also opens out onto a little secluded garden.

Altogether, the homes are luxuriously stunning, yet simple and practical. The design, although unique, isn't overzealous or too rich. It simply blends with the surroundings and offers complete comfort on the beach front and an ideal place to have guests over for a meal or even a few nights.

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Hunting season is now open and the "woods" are teeming with "bears". We've seen a rapid regression in global and regional growth, so it seems that if you want to run with the bulls, a plane ticket to Pamplona would be the most likely way to accomplish it.

Here in Thailand, snack boxes full of cash seem easier to come by than boxes of chocolate and what appears to be the eminent demise of the Samak government is causing uncertainty for overseas investors.

While this column appears in the *Gazette*, and thus to its wide range of readers abroad, I yearn to return to the routine issues of the local property market. Fortunately – or perhaps unfortunately, depending on where you sit – the local property market remains highly leveraged and somewhat dependent on foreign buyers. In short, the fate of Phuket's market outlook goes well beyond this island's shores.

As the world turns at an increasingly active and reactionary pace, so do events in our own backyard. The critical questions are what threats and opportunities exist in the Phuket property market today and where will trends take us on this roller-coaster ride.

Given the huge across-the-board fall in sales demand during the first half of 2008, the question on every developer's tongue is: when will the mass of buyers return? With pockets of growth, such as strata-titled freehold condominiums in prime locations, together with resales of upper-tier luxury villas, generally the wind is out of the sails in market momentum.

In the short to medium term, an ongoing US recession, global oil shortage and hyperinflation point to challenging investment conditions.

Tourism dominates Phuket's fortunes and despite 2007's five-million-plus visitors, ongoing

# Distant thunder



The credit crunch and baht dipping may be slowing the property market, but get ready for the thunder of hoofs further down the road as the market switches from bear to bull. Photo: Håkan Svensson

oil crises will have a marked impact on travel. Much of the current growth has been as a by-product of the entry of a multitude of low-cost airline carriers (LCCs).

Over the past few months, we've seen Jet Star cease Singapore flights and Nok Air is now in the throes of a fiscal crisis. In all likelihood, there will be a culling of the herd within the LCC sector. Airlines that stand to suffer are those that operate on lower margins and simply don't have the balance sheets to ride out losses from astronomical increases in operating costs. For all

the industries that depend on tourism, lower airlift capacity will mean reduced tourism numbers.

At the time of going to press, Orient Thai, which also operates One Two Go, announced they had suspended all flights until September 15. Whether this was due to rising fuel prices, as CEO Udom Tatiprosongchai announced, or due to growing pressure for action against the airline for the crash of flight OG269 in Phuket on September 16 last year, has yet to be seen.

Today's hotel room pipeline of new supply highly favors products intended for the five-star market, with substantial new inventory entering over the next 12 to 36 months.

Market fundamentals of supply and demand indicate that

average room rates during the absorption period would most likely flatten or decline.

Should the region experience a large-scale economic downturn, hotel rates would be affected across the board, with pressure from upper-tier hotels hitting mid-market hotels and cheap properties. It's a domino effect that naturally occurs when supply outstrips demand.

A secondary key indicator would be that with higher airfares, there will be fewer affluent long-haul business travelers and greater dependency on lower-rate paying, short-haul and domestic visitors.

Considering these factors looking at the long term, while keeping in mind Phuket's tourism infrastructure, world-class resorts and easy access to key feeder markets, Phuket's ability to weather short-term pain for long-term gain is a key advantage, as history has shown.

One of Thailand's greatest strengths in tourism is its quality hotels and value for money for tourists.

With continuing depreciation of the baht against major currencies, pent-up demand will focus on the most attractive mar-

kets during an upswing, which is a compelling advantage for tourism here.

Given that a wider diversification of residential pool villas is expected, condo hotels and managed properties will start eating into the traditional hotel market. The increasing trend towards direct Internet bookings is also leveling the playing field between internationally branded properties and independents.

With its interdependency on tourism, the property market is poised to develop into a more mature industry. The mixed-use formula currently used by many developers to fund or capitalize on hotel-managed properties is already starting to see some cracks in the silver lining and guaranteed returns on capital for such projects may be at risk if tourism numbers decline.

The growth in resales, which is becoming a major segment in transactions, is a given at this juncture. This growth displaces a portion of new sales or off-the-plan purchases.

With rising construction costs and a slowdown in sales demand, delays in large-scale projects are being incurred and a number of new buyers view completed projects as carrying less investment risk.

These conditions point to a supply surplus and most probably a flattening of prices, with some segments even experiencing short-term declining values.

With strong market fundamentals, the lack of domestic buyers leveraging real estate and most buyers having the necessary liquidity, we appear to be headed for a soft landing – unlike other markets.

Investment horizons for property vary and most buyers take a long-term view.

Phuket has already survived long, drawn-out recovery from the 1997 Asian Crisis and shown

shorter recovery times through Sars, the tsunami and the 2006 coup.

Owners in the market today should set their sights on the long-term, but there remains every reason to believe the Phuket market basics remain sound.

As for potential new buyers, cur-

rency depreciation means greater buying power with dollars or euros, and there are more products to choose from new developments and resales.

We can't ignore the world around us, but buying opportunities arise during recessions.

The bears may be behind every tree in the forest, but keep an ear to the ground for the sound of hoofs thundering down the track as the bulls return.



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## TOWNHOUSE

in Than Thong 3 estate. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. 19sq wah on Phattana Thongtin Rd, near Khao Khad viewpoint. Fully furnished. Price: 1.2 million baht. Tel: 087-2770978.

## 2-STORY HOUSE

5.5 million baht. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 72sq wah with some furniture, at Villa Samkong. Contact K. Nan. Tel: 081-6779837. Email: knahnies@hotmail.com or okika\_j@hotmail.com

## 1 RAI OF LAND

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Bangla area, 4 floors, good rent, company included. Contact Nok. Tel: 080-5362400.

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1/3 rai: 2.9 million baht. 0.5 rai: 3.74 million baht. Also house for rent/sale. 25,000 baht per month. Sale: 5.6 million baht. Tel: 081-3709661.

## HOUSE, 2 BEDROOMS

2 bathrooms, carport and garden in Phuket Villa 3. 2.1 million baht. Tel: 084-0648148.

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Resort in Chiang Rai situated in a beautiful place in natural surroundings including lychee trees and 2,500 Arabica coffee trees. Convenient location in the middle of Chiang Rai, just a 25-minute drive from airport, 35 minutes from town, and 20 minutes to tourist attractions. Comprises 23 guests rooms and 1 conference room. 50 rai at 39 million baht (negotiable). Contact owner's representative. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com for more details.

## COCONUT ISLAND LAND



for sale. 4.5 rai, Chanote, hill-side panoramic sea view, close to beach. 14 million baht. Please call K. Buddha for more information. Tel: 089-2900484.

## POOL VILLA, CHALONG CIRCLE

Brand new, 1 floor, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 aircons downstairs, big kitchen, living room, dining room, outside kitchen, laundry, shower, private garden, roof over swimming pool, Internet, TV, includes furniture. 6.5 million baht. Tel: 087-8907561 (Thai), 080-5322136.

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Largest lot: 1,320 sqm. Private corner villa, 5 bedrooms, 2 stories with open loft. 52 million baht. Infinity salt-water pool, large sala, guest house, 10 min walk to BIS, 28.5 million baht ono. Tel: 089-6527818. Email: kevindad@netvigator.com

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## THE WHITE HOUSE VILLA



for sale (27.5 million baht) or for rent. The White House Villa is one of the finest tropical pool villas in Patong. Best location for nightlife and touring Phuket. Located high on the hill above the Amari Coral Beach Resort at the south end of Patong. No agents! Email: png.phuket@gmail.com

## KHAO KHAD, AO MAKHAM



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## KRABI LAND

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## AO POR LAND FOR SALE



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## DOUBLE SEAVIEW VILLA

Kata, 5 bedrooms, private pool. 466sqm, top quality. 24-million baht. Tel: 085-7839062.

## BEACHFRONT LAND, 5.9 MILLION BAHT

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## FURNISHED TOWNHOUSE

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## HOUSE IN NAI YANG

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## HOUSES, KARON

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## NICE HOUSE LOTS

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## BEACHFRONT LAND

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## GARDEN VILLA AT BAAN SAKOO



on 1 rai with 3 big bungalows and 1 big house. 7 bedrooms & bathrooms in total, swimming pool, fully furnished, 2km to Nai Yang Beach and 5 minutes to Phuket International Airport. Only 9 million baht. Tel: 087-2709093, 087-6899679. Email: png.phuket@gmail.com

## HOUSE IN KATHU



Quiet location, 3 bedrooms, detached with garden building plot. Chanote title, company available. 3.25 million baht. Tel: 081-3263269.

## RAWAI VILLA WITH POOL

Brand-new, 3 bedrooms, salt-water pool, steam sauna. 650sqm land, 220sqm villa, Chanote, outstanding, double walls, tropical garden. Must see, great price. Finance or trade in is possible. 5% commission for agents. Tel: 085-7831890.

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## BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



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## SEAVIEW LAND

6.1 rai in Mai Khao. Chanote. Tel: 084-4413871. Email: sawasdee-khrap@hotmail.com

## LAND IN KATHU



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## FAMILY HOUSE, CHALONG

for sale. Good, quiet location, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, big kitchen, living room, swimming pool, big garden. True TV, phone, Chanote title. 8 million baht. Tel: 076-281352. Email: slazenger5@yahoo.com

## RAWAI VILLA WITH POOL

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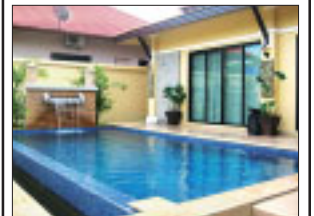
## TOP SEA-VIEW LOT

2 rai, Yamu hills. Chanote, gated, good road, 11.5 million baht. Tel: 080-5358767, (US) Tel: 0011-760-7808584. Email: phuketone@gmail.com

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  - Completed: 2008
  - Bedrooms: 2
  - Bathrooms: 2
  - Aircons: 2
  - Private pool: 7m x 3.5m
  - Land area 320 sqm
  - Price 6.5 million baht
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## HOUSE IN RAWAI

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### B.L. APARTMENT

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### PATONG APARTMENTS

Sea view, beach road. 12,000 to 30,000 baht. Tel: 084-8473304. Website: www.selectphuket.com

### AMAZING SEA VIEW



Big colonial villa set in rolling countryside with fabulous sea views, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, private gardens and pool, exclusive Cape Yamu development. 10 mins to BIS. No dogs. 80,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-2796283.

### KAMALA HILLS APARTMENT

Superb 3-bedroom, ground-floor, unfurnished condo. Parking and high-speed Internet. 24hr security at spectacular serviced site. 26,000 baht monthly. Tel: 076-317534, 081-3977598. Email: kajoda1954@yahoo.co.uk

### KATHU GOLF-VIEW VILLA

for rent. 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, big pool, 4km to BIS, lake, hill and valley view. Quiet, on top of private hill, furnished, Wi-Fi, True TV, Long term: 65,000 baht per month. Tel: 087-2698492.

### PATONG STUDIO

Great 38sqm studio for rent. Fully furnished, aircon, top floor, corner unit, wifi, great view. Soi Veerakit, next to Sunhill Resort. 8,500 baht per month. Tel: 085-9888601. Email: macxsea@yahoo.com

### SHOP FOR RENT

Prime Patong location, 20m from the beach. Suitable for cafe, snack bar, ice cream shop or other use. Tel: 083-6469906. Email: tsabest@gmail.com

### THE WHITE HOUSE VILLA



for rent or sale (27.5 million baht). The White House Villa is one of the finest tropical pool villas in Patong. Best location for nightlife and touring Phuket. Located high on the hill above the Amari Coral Beach Resort at the south end of Patong. No agents! Email: png.phuket@gmail.com

### VILLA FOR RENT ONLY 28,000

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### NICE HOUSE



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### SINGLE HOUSE, TALANG

60sq wah. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished, 1km from Heronies' Monument, Talang. 18,000 baht. Tel: 087-2839181.

### RAWAI POOL VILLA

Brand new, 10m pool, security, big garden, 3 bedrooms, low-season offer: 45,000 baht/month. Fully furnished. You see, you take! Tel: 085-7831890.

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### NEW HOUSE (BAANDON)



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### NEW HOUSE

for rent. Talang, 3 bedrooms, 142sqm, True TV, furnished. Only 25,000 baht/month. Tel: 084-1824505.

### NICE AND COZY HOUSE FOR RENT



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### LUXURY HOUSE

for rent. 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, beautifully furnished, pool, garden. Pool cleaning and gardening included. 5 minutes from Mission Hills golf course. Contact Khun So. Tel: 081-3444473.

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2-bedroom, furnished home for rent. Phone line, True TV, aircon. Tel: 089-6521473.

### HOUSE, CHALONG

2-story home; 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, hot water, aircon, car park, furnished, True TV, telephone. Long term: 30,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-7417260. Email: rattapia453@hotmail.com

### HOUSE IN PHANG NGA

for rent. Traditional Thai house near Phang Nga Town. Has a beautiful view, natural surroundings, on the way to Sa Nang Manora Forest Park. 2 bedrooms. Monthly rent: 20,000 baht. Includes water and electricity. Contact K. Poo for details. Email: rukwith@yahoo.com

### RENTALS

3-bedroom townhouse, brand-new and fully furnished, close to BIS, on small private complex. 20,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-9241447.

### 5-BEDROOM HOME WITH POOL NEAR BIS

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\* 35 foot. Location: Workshop in Phuket City, waiting to kit out and fit engine (included in Price). Engines: 2x200 Yamaha 4 stroke (New). Fuel tank: 600 liters. Onboard toilet, fresh water tank. Carrying capacity: 2 crew + 20 pax. Offers around 5 million baht. Tel: 081-0868041.

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## LIVEABOARD

22m/6m, 7 cabins, 3 toilets, 3 showers, 330 hp HINO, 20kW generator. Make an offer. Tel: 081-7874690.

## SAILBOAT WANTED

Racer/cruiser, 35 to 40 ft to charter for King's Cup. US\$3,000 or nearest offer. Negotiable. Contact Neil. Email: air2cure@yahoo.com

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Requirements:

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- Cook (Thai & European) 2 positions
- Bakery 1 position
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