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## Fire attacker back in Patong

By Sompratch Saowakhon

PATONG: The man who set alight a beach masseuse at Loma Park last year returned to the scene of his crime on September 23, where he was immediately assaulted by the victim's father and brother. The attack was quickly stopped by Kathu Police, who released the pair after fining them 500 baht each.

Few *Gazette* readers will forget the horrific tale of young Saijai Phromdaen, whose life was forever changed in mid-February last year. Saijai was doused with paint thinner and set alight by 53-year-old Somwan Kaewkhaaw (originally reported as Sombun, 43), a glue-addicted vagrant from Chumphon.

Ms Saijai, 21 at the time of the attack, underwent a series of skin grafts and spent many months in hospital. Despite best efforts by doctors and funds raised from *Gazette* readers, she was left with permanent disfiguring to her face and arms.

On September 23, the *Gazette* was contacted by Saijai's mother Pennee, who was at Kathu Police Station with her husband Damnern Phromdaen and their son Anurak, Ms Saijai's older brother.

The pair had assaulted Somwan with punches and strikes with a beach umbrella at about 8 am. The incident was recorded in the Kathu Police daily log, but no criminal charges were filed.

Somwan, this time the victim, was struck in the head, right arm and right leg before police broke up the fracas.

Mr Anurak told the *Gazette* he had noticed Somwan walking



**Somwan Kaewkhaaw sits with head bowed outside Kathu Police Station while young schoolchildren are taken on an educational tour. In February last year, he set masseuse Saijai Phromdaen on fire some 400 meters away at Loma Park.**

around Loma Park earlier that morning and told police that it was not safe to let a madman like Somwan walk about in a public area.

Loma Park, with its dolphin sculptures and children's playground, is probably the most famous tourist attraction in Patong after Soi Bangla, home of the island's nightlife entertainment scene.

Mr Anurak said the assault was motivated out of sheer anger and frustration that the police allowed him to stroll around the area freely.

"I could never forgive that madman for the rest of my life after what he did to my sister; I couldn't control my emotions. It tortures me every time I think about what he did to my sister. It is like a bad dream that never ends. Her husband has left her because she isn't attractive anymore and now nobody will give

her a job. She can no longer live like a normal person," he said.

No longer able to work as a masseuse, Ms Saijai now helps her mother selling drinks to tourists in the same area where she was burned. She now has to be careful to keep her skin covered at all times, to protect against both solar radiation and curious stares.

"I need the police or some other kind of government officer to keep people like this from public areas, where their inability to control themselves poses a danger to others," Mr Anurak said.

Kathu Police Duty Inspector Lt Col Sophon Borirak, who was in charge of the criminal case against Somwan, had earlier informed him that Somwan was found guilty by the Phuket Provincial Court of attempted murder and was sentenced to 18 months in prison for the attack.

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## Kamala hillside projects halted

By Pathomporn Kaenkrachang

KAMALA: A special adviser to the Minister for Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) on September 16 inspected sites in Kamala for encroachment and other building violations, and two hillside projects in the area that had already been ordered halted pending further investigation.

Maj Gen Intarat Yodbangtoey toured the sites with a team including Monthon "Palad Rambo" Chartsuwan, Phuket Forestry Department Office chief Phobpol Sirilaksanapong and local authorities, including members of the Kamala Tambon Administration Organization (OrBorTor).

The tour follows an aerial inspection by Gen Intarat in July and a complaint by the MNRE Phuket office head, Aongart Chanachanmongkol, who alleged that two private projects were being built above 80 meters above sea level.

Construction of permanent structures above 80m has been forbidden in Phuket since 1996, when the MNRE put the measure in place to prevent deforestation, flooding and landslides.

Work on 15 structures of the "Parisa" project on Nakalay Rd in Kamala was ordered halted, along with 11 more at the Cape Sol project, also in Kamala, said Gen Intarat.

An investigation of the sites will determine whether they violate the 80m restriction. The investigation will also check whether the sites occupy a slope exceeding 35%, which is also illegal, he said.

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## Saijai attacker back on the streets

on his sister, Mr Anurak said.

He added that he could not understand how Somwan was now allowed to walk freely in public areas where many children are out playing.

Lt Col Sophon told the *Gazette* that it was likely that Somwan had already served his sentence and been released as a free man, but that fact could only be confirmed by the court and prison system.

The *Gazette* has yet to confirm the exact date of his release with either Phuket Provincial Court or Phuket Prison.

Saijai's mother Pennee said police had earlier shown her the results of a psychiatric evaluation that concluded her daughter's attacker was mentally sound to stand trial.

"But we are not happy to see him back in the same area where he lit my daughter on fire," she said.

After Ms Saijai's father and brother paid their fines and were released, Somwan stayed behind at the station. He was later released, as police had no legal means of detaining him.

Police initially told the *Gazette* they would call "a unit of a government agency" to come and take care of him, but did not specify which one.

Also at the station was Ms Saijai, now 23.

Through tears brought on by the sight of her attacker, she said. "I'm fine, but I worry about my daughter Ice, who is now four years old. She always asks me when I will get better and if my scars will disappear. It hurts me every time she asks and I always answer, 'Soon, darling, soon'."

"As for my life now, nobody around here will give me a job. I know they are scared when they see me because of the funny looks I get. I try to just block it out of my mind and help my parents as best I can, because no one will hire me as a masseuse anymore. It's an unbelievable tragedy that haunts me every day," she said.



**SCARRED FOR LIFE:** Saijai Phromdaen cannot hold back her tears at Kathu Police Station after seeing Somwan Kaewkhaaw, who set her on fire last year.

Ms Saijai said she never received any support money from any government agency after she was discharged, but said she did receive about 5,000 baht in donations from people who donated to the Saijai Aid fund set up by *Gazette* reader Dr Jerry Hoss, who also contributed medicine and financial aid to assist in her recovery.

"I would love to say thank you very much to them and I will never forget them," she said.

Ms Saijai said her biggest worry now was the health of her daughter, who she has raised on her own since her husband left her "without any cares" after her disfigurement.

As for her attacker, she was never notified by the Phuket Court so that she could be present to hear his sentencing.

All she knew about the case came from the police, she said.

When asked by the *Gazette* why he was in Patong, Somwan claimed he was giving "dharma lessons" at the nearby Sainamyen School, a primary school a short walk from Loma Park.

Dharma is the "cosmic order or law," including the natural and moral principles that apply to all beings and things.

## Two injured as floor collapses at Patong construction site

By Sompratch Saowakhon

PATONG: Two construction workers escaped with their lives when the floor of a building they were working on collapsed just after midday on September 18.

The site of the floor collapse was a building under construction near the entrance of "Soi Tun" (literally, "Soi Dead End"), which will one day serve as the southern end of the still-under-construction Phang Muang Rd.

According to a fellow worker at the site, the workmen were laying down a floor on the second level when the weight of the concrete they were adding caused the steel support to collapse, said Kathu Police Duty Officer Patak Khwunna.

He identified the workers as Daeng Kanyaprasit, 54, from Petchaboon, and Nakhon Phanom native Uthit Chamnanlert, 23.

Both men, covered with wood and metal construction materials when rescue workers arrived, were taken to Patong Hos-



The site of the floor collapse is a 6-story building project near the busy intersection near the south end of Nanai Rd.

pital. Four days after the accident no police complaints had been filed in relation to the accident, Capt Patak said.

However, Kathu Police will investigate whether a building permit was issued, he added.

Suppakorn Meetaew of Patong City Planning on September 22 said that he would look into the matter as soon as possible.

Jamrong Petchprasert,

foreman of the Thavornkul Karnyotha Company and in charge of work at the project site, said vibrations from a "road roller" used to compact soil at the project site might have been partially responsible for causing the collapse.

One of the workers suffered only a wound to his hand, while the other is still in hospital for treatment of a broken rib, he said.

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## Gen Intarat steps up Phuket land probe

The land title deeds for the property would also be investigated, he added.

"I worry that local investors will be cheated or persuaded to invest in projects being built on land for which land title deeds were illegally issued," he said.

Some 4,000 plots of land covered by Nor Sor 3 deeds issued in 2001 and 2002 are now under investigation, he said.

The titles were issued while fugitive Thawatchai Anukul, former registrar of the Phuket Provincial Land Office was in office.

The investigation will also check who granted the projects' construction permission, he added.

Phuket Forestry Office chief Mr Phobpol confirmed that the title deeds for the Cape Paradise project in Patong are also

under investigation. Phuket Governor Niran Kalayanamit authorized investigation of the project, which occupies 92 rai of *Nor Sor 3 Gor* land along Tritrang Beach.

Many coastal sites in Koh Kaew have also come under scrutiny for potential encroachment on mangrove forests, he added.

Well-known projects in that area, including the Boat Lagoon and the Royal Phuket Marina, would be asked to cooperate in providing evidence in the form of title deeds and supporting documents, he said.

Similar requests would be made of the Loch Palm Golf Course in Kathu and another project at Kayae Beach in Kamala, he added.

Also being investigated for possible failure to comply with its Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE) approval is the Malaiwana luxury villa project south of Nai Thon Beach, Thalang, Mr Phobpol added.

Construction of one building at the project site was ordered halted on September 11, after Sakoo Village 4 headman Sompong Panyawai complained to Sakoo *OrBorTor* that heavy rains had caused exposed soil at the project site to slide across part of the Nai Thon-Layan road.

"We have received many complaints from non-governmental organizations that coastal property projects, including one Trisara property, are encroaching on public beaches," Mr Phobpol said.

Mr Phobpol asked for cooperation from owners of projects who had been the target of complaints and assured them that they would be treated fairly.

Many Thai observers believe that a number of land investigations over the past few years have been driven more by politics than genuine doubts as to the authenticity of documents or the integrity of other aspects of development projects.

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## August Crime Stats

The top three crimes in Phuket for the month of August were all related to illegal recreational activities with gambling (304 people arrested), drugs (154 arrested) and prostitution (96 arrests).

The gambling arrests were 6% less than the same period last year, drug arrests were up 16% whilst sex-for-sale crimes were up 26%, making Phuket's prostitutes the biggest movers and shakers in terms of arrested criminals.

Serious crimes such as rape-murders, extortion, blackmail, kidnapping and arson were not reported and there was only one pornography related arrest.

The main drug crime was dealing amphetamines with 37 speed dealers booked. A further 34 casual marijuana smokers were arrested for carrying the drug for personal use, and two were caught red-handed and red eyed smoking the drug.

## Brits nabbed in cocaine deal

PATONG: Two UK nationals were arrested in a cocaine deal turned sour outside Baan Pailin Hotel on Nanai Rd on September 21.

Kathu Police Inspector Lt Col Serm Kwannimit identified the alleged dealer as Adam Youssouf and his customer as Liam Peter Gould.

After Mr Youssouf handed over three small packets of cocaine in a plastic vial to Mr Gould, undercover police from Kathu Police Station moved in and arrested both men, Lt Col Serm said.

Mr Gould was released by Phuket Provincial Court on 10,000-baht bail on Friday. He is scheduled to reappear in court on October 1.

Mr Youssouf was released yesterday after posting 100,000-baht bail. His next court appearance has yet to be scheduled.

Sources at the court said the men were granted bail because of the small quantity of cocaine involved.

Both men confessed to the charges and their passports are being held by police, Lt Col Serm said.

The source at the court said that Immigration had been informed of the arrests.

## Man executed in Thalang

THEPKRASATTRI: Thalang Police are investigating the murder of a man found dead from a single gunshot wound to the back of the head in a remote part of Bang Khanon Forest in Village 5 on September 17.

Thalang Police Duty Inspector Anukul Nuket identified the victim as Lor Ramphang, a 45-year-old resident of Thepkrasattri Village 1.

Local residents discovered the victim's shirtless body lying face down on a path in a plantation area. There were no signs that a struggle had taken place.

Mr Lor's body was taken to Thalang Hospital by Kusoldharm Foundation workers for further examination.

Maj Anukul would not confirm the details of a report in a Thai-language newspaper that quoted the victim's son as saying he had heard from villagers that two other men who went out to the plantation on Tuesday had been arrested by government officers on charges of encroachment on public land.

No government officers were under suspicion in the case, which might have been related to a land dispute in the village, said Maj Anukul.

Thalang Police hope to question all witnesses and conclude their investigation "within a month", Maj Anukul told the *Gazette* on September 24.

# Patong Hospital faces staff crisis

PATONG (*Nation*): Medical workers, including the director at Patong Hospital, have quit the Public Health Ministry due to the enormous workload in the area, the hospital's director, Dr Taveesak Netwongse, said.

As Phuket attracts many tourists, Patong Hospital was forced to expand from a 10-bed hospital to a 60-bed one to treat the increasing number of locals and foreigners.

Dr Taveesak said many people visiting the hospital come with high expectations of medical service. "They do not think that this is a community hospital; they think it's like a private hospital or a bigger state hospital," he said.

The hospital has been hit by a lack of adequate [numbers of] medical workers and other limitations, he said, adding that "That's why the medical workers in the hospital have to shoulder the [excessively heavy] workload."

Dr Taveesak said he had tried to find solutions. He had proposed that the government operate the hospital as a public organization like Samut Sakorn's Banphaeo Hospital. His proposal was supported by former Public Health Minister Dr Mongkol Na Songkla because the hospital is located in a special area.

He said Dr Mongkol's backing had encouraged him to develop the hospital's services, but it did not help in improving the facility. He blamed official regulations and political problems for the failure.

The deputy prime minister at that time had asked the Public Health Ministry to conduct a review of the number of hospitals that should operate as public organizations, but so far there had been no progress, he added.

The unsuccessful attempt to push Patong Hospital as a public organization had affected the morale of the medical workers, he said. Two of 10 physicians resigned in August and now there are only three doctors working



Tired of being inundated with patients, qualified medical staff are leaving Patong Hospital for better pay and better work conditions.

regular hours in the hospital.

He said the rest of the physicians have to stand by for 24 hours to provide healthcare service to 420 patients per day on average, because Phuket is a tourist attraction and there are a lot of accidents in the area. "Many of them are tempted to seek higher-paying jobs in private hospitals," he added.

Dr Taveesak resigned from the Public Health Ministry in August but his resignation was not accepted by Public Health Ministry Permanent Secretary Dr Prat Boonyawongvirot.

Dr Prat wanted him to help the ministry and continue his work, but he [Dr Taveesak] said he wanted to work for himself and his family.



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# The war on fake designer goods heats up

Raids in Patong net hundreds of fake designer goods, but what is fuelling the trade?

By Akbar Khan

Hundreds of fake watches and T-shirts were seized from stalls near Patong's OTOP center by local police that were escorted by Mr Phubet "Tom" Mingkwan, who represents numerous trademark owners, in part of a crackdown on intellectual property (IP) violations around Phuket island.

A Burmese salesman arrested claimed to work elsewhere and just happened to be sitting at the shop when officers swooped.

A saleswoman arrested confessed that she had difficulty writing Thai but gave Kathu police a Thai ID card issued in Nong Khai, on the Laos border, with the name Chanakarn Pridipatagoon.

Tom explained that the United States has put Thailand on a watchlist for IP violations, which damages both Thailand's economy and reputation. Tom's assistant added that due to dark influences and protection rackets in Patong, suppressing IP violations is a hard job.

IP agents and undercover officers are not at liberty to divulge full details of the crackdown



LEFT: Vendors of fake watches and T-shirts watch agents document their haul at Kathu Police Station's investigation department.

so the *Gazette* spoke to their superiors in Bangkok on condition of anonymity.

A spokesperson for the conglomerate told the *Gazette* that 40 different organizations in Bangkok have pooled their resources together and joined forces with the Economic and Cyber-crime department and opened a safe house in Phuket to be used as a base for launching their sting operations.

The conglomerate protects not only designer brand labels but also music copyright, DVDs, computer software and many other products. The safe house is changed every 15 days to ensure the safety of agents and officers who are also changed every 15 days in order to maintain transparency.

The spokesperson explained that this transnational syndicate crime is difficult to crack because

there are numerous routes by which the counterfeit goods arrive in Thailand and in Patong. Most of the people involved are not Thai. They claim that there are three main groups of sellers in Patong: Laotian, Burmese and Nepalese.

The conglomerate believes that protection money is paid to support the industry in Patong.

Kathu Police Superintendent Col Grissak Songmoonak

told the *Gazette*, "The gray market in Patong has been in existence for well over a decade – long before I arrived here – and now that I am here, my primary concern is the safety and well-being of tourists, while using my limited manpower.

"My officers are not trained in IP crime and there are other issues that they need to focus on.

"There are many gray areas and police need to consider numerous factors.

"Firstly, there are no fake goods manufactured in Phuket and, just like drugs, it is the manufacturers that should be targeted if there is to be a serious suppression effort.

"Secondly, the mentality of the sellers needs to be changed and alternative sources of revenue need to be established.

"Opening brand outlets at competitive prices would be a good idea for example, and that way, tourists would have better quality goods with reliable guarantees.

"Vendors often complain







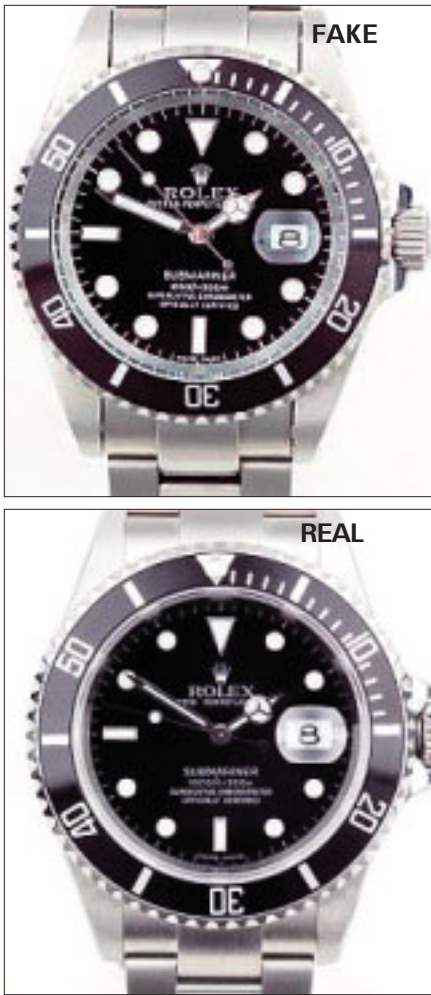


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that they have no other options and we all need to help create new opportunities for them.

"Thirdly, there have been instances where there have been sales of genuine products and police have assumed that they must be fake if they are cheap, but this is not always the case.

"Local police do not receive training in such matters nor have the time to investigate them.

"These markets are not Laos, Nepalese and Burmese as the powers that be in Bangkok claim.

"They are Thai businesses, and like many Thai businesses here, they employ cheap foreign labor to help fill certain menial positions, such as selling to tourists.

"Looking on the bright side, with the current suppression activities, at least the gray market has stopped growing and will shrink as we find alternative businesses for them.

"Tourists are also guilty of fueling these markets, as they actively hunt for places that deal in counterfeit goods. The mindset of these tourists needs to be changed too."

"On a final note Col Grissak added, "Regarding the 'transparency' it is not only the safe-houses that change every 15 days; it is the officers too.

"They need to be changed regularly because there are many people who dream of collecting the protection money currently being paid in the industry."

Vendors at the OTOP market in Patong told the *Gazette* that Tom and his associates are now seen regularly observing vendors and organizing arrests.

He represents the Swiss Watch Industry Group as well as numerous big fashion labels such as Burberry, Chanel and Panerai.

A quick search on Google for "Cartier watch" produces a link to [www.swissexpert.net](http://www.swissexpert.net), a website that sells Swiss-made

replica watches.

The "knockoffs", as the website calls them, can be sent via UPS to your home in America.

If payment is made by Western Union, then there is same-day dispatch.

British customers can receive their fake watches by ParcelForce, and Aussies can track their knockoff merchandise using AusPost.

Then there is [www.amatorywatches.com](http://www.amatorywatches.com), which markets top quality Rolex replicas in bulk for wholesalers that will fool even professional jewelers.

They state that imitation Rolex watches are great for people who do not wish to pay for an original, or already own an original but do not wish to wear it out for security reasons.

They also recommend knockoffs for those wishing to

make personal collections or start up a lucrative business.

Top-notch fake Panerai watches that cost less than 2,000 Baht in China sell for over 10,000 Baht in Patong and can be bought for around 30,000 baht from [www.swissexpert.net](http://www.swissexpert.net).

With both profits and demands for these bogus timepieces running high, it is clearly difficult to find alternative products for Patong's vendors that can return similar revenues.

In the North of Thailand it took a few decades before coffee and macadamia nuts could totally replace opium.

With the Internet blatantly selling fakes and with the help of search engines, credit cards and international courier services, coupled with a market of people that are more hooked on brand names than narcotics, it is hardly

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6. If you remove a Rolex bracelet you should find the watch's case number and model number engraved on the side at six o'clock and 12 o'clock.

surprising that Col Grissak is skeptical about the reasons and motives for the big crackdown on IP violations around the island and in other major tourist destinations.

"Perhaps these designers

have hired people in Bangkok to protect their brands, and maybe those hired feel a need to justify their existence, and so maybe token arrests are needed. Who knows," said Col Grissak.

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# Phuket Vegetarian Festival 2008

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Over the next week, Chinese shrines and the streets of Phuket will be filled with smoke and noise from thousands of firecrackers as processions of people dressed in traditional whites and reds make their way to and from places of worship.

Tourists flock to watch lines of people in varying states of consciousness as they chant, dance and walk through the streets, many with sharp objects piercing their bodies, especially parts of the face.

Devotees who take part are said to feel no pain as they have been possessed by spirits that feel the pain instead.

The list of events is far too long to print on these pages but here's a brief description of some of the rituals that take place over the nine days of worship. This is also known as the Nine Emperor Gods Festival.

## The Invitation Ritual or the Tall Lantern Pole Raising Ritual

This ritual marks the beginning of the festival. It takes place in the afternoon and evening of the day preceding the festival's nine days.

The ritual is performed to invite the Jade Emperor (Yok Ong Tai Te) and the Nine Emperor Gods (Kiu Ong Tai Te) to descend from the heaven.

## The Ritual of Food-Offering to Heavenly Warriors

Performed in the early afternoon, this ritual pays respect to the spirits of warriors and their horses, which are said to possess the spirit mediums participating in the festival.

Vegetarian food, tea and rice liquor are prepared for the spirit warriors and grass for the horses.

## The Incantation

The incantation of Taoist North Star Canon (Pak Tao Keng) takes place 2 times a day after the Invitation Ritual of the Jade Emperor to the shrines - morning and evening.

There are seven incantations. The prayer leader (Huat Kua) reads the names of contributors (Thark Sor) to the festival in front of the Nine Emperor Gods.

## The Propitiation of the Seven Stars

The ritual takes place on the fifth day of the festival to propitiate the Big Dipper or Seven Stars (Chit Chaen).

Mediums distribute auspicious charms (Hu) to devotees in order to repel evil spirits.

## The Street Procession

This is the most spectacular event of the Vegetarian Festival. Householders and the general public along the streets receive the blessings of the gods possessing the spirit mediums.

The inhabitants set up altars in front of their houses, which are decorated with Chinese embroideries, candles, incense sticks, flowers, fruit, sweets and tea. It ends with a climax of firecrackers.

## The Fire-Walking Ritual

On the sixth day of the festival, devotees walk over hot coals as it is believed that fire overcomes impurity and repels evil influence.

According to tradition, those who are burned by the coals have not been fully "cleansed".

## The Ceremonial Bridge-Crossing Ritual (Koi Harn)

The ritual takes place on the ninth day of the festival, just before the Farewell Ritual that



sends the gods back to the heaven.

Devotees cross a bridge to be cleansed from impurities and future misfortune.

Once across the bridge, a red stamp of the Nine Emperor Gods (or imperial seal) will be stamped at the back of the devotees to signify that they are purified of their sins.

## The Farewell Ritual

The end of the festival is marked with a farewell ritual for the Jade Emperor and the Nine Emperor Gods on the evening of the ninth and last day.

A paper palace is burned for the Jade emperor, then the Nine Emperors are sent out to the sea with a huge heap of gold paper and multi-colored "imperial" paper costumes.

## Street processions (not all shown on map)

### October 1 SAPAM SHRINE

From the Shrine to Phuket Town.

### October 2 LIM HU TAI SU SHRINE (SAMKONG)

From the Shrine to Phuket Town.

### October 3 BAN THA RUE SHRINE

From the Shrine to Phuket Town.

### JANG ONG SHRINE

From the Shrine to Phuket Town.

### KATHU SHRINE

From the Shrine to Patong Beach (not shown).

### TAE GUN TAI TAE SHRINE (BAN PASAK)

From the Shrine to Pasak Village and Ban Don Market.

### October 4 BANG NEOW SHRINE

In Phuket town.

### CHERNG THALAY SHRINE

Street Procession in Thalang town (not shown).

### GIM TSU ONG SHRINE (BAN DON)

From the Shrine to Maikhao Village (not shown).

### October 5 JUI TUI SHRINE

In Phuket town.

### GIM TSU ONG SHRINE (BAN DON)

In Ban Don Village - Ban Kian Village - Ban Sakoo Village - Ban Naiyang Village - Airport - Muang Mai Village (not shown).

### October 6 KATHU SHRINE

From the Shrine to Phuket town (not shown).

### YOK KE KENG SHRINE

From the Shrine to Phuket town (not shown).

### BAN THA RUE SHRINE

From the Shrine to Thalang Town (not shown).


### October 7

### SUI BOON TONG SHRINE

In Phuket town.

### BANGKOO SHRINE

From the Shrine to Sapam and Bangkoo Villages.



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**R**oughly 75% of Bangkok people think new Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat is a polite and moderate man, while 56% think he can heal current political wounds, an Abac Poll Research Center survey of 2,716 Bangkok residents has found.

A healthy 87% said appointing ministers on merit would shore up confidence and pave the way for overcoming political turmoil and almost 63% admitted to feeling "stressed" by the political situation, the survey revealed.

However, slightly more than 63% were suspicious that PM Somchai would play favorites, serving his family's interest before those of the country.

Some 53% remained interested in a government of national unity.

An overwhelming majority, 95%, said it wanted fellow citizens to treat one another with care and solidarity.

**Chlorine baths.** Most swimming pools at schools, hotels, fun parks, condominiums and malls are substandard and put users' health at risk, the Department of Health Director-General Narongsak Angkhasuwapala has warned.

A survey found that more than 85% had residual chlorine with pH values lower than 5.5, compared with the required value of between 6.5 and 7.5.

He urged pool owners to regularly check water quality and update results so that people know pools are well maintained.

The survey was conducted in 2004 and 2005 at 476 swimming pools in Bangkok and nearby provinces.

Some pools used chlorine with too much acidity, causing dental erosion among swimmers, he added.

Another report by his office in 2003 found that 31% of 139 swimming pools in 15 provinces had residual chlorine with a pH value lower than 5.5.

**Smoke risk.** People suffering from respiratory problems in the South should avoid going outdoors after smoke from Indonesian fires on Sumatra covered much of the region, warned Songkhla

# Bangkok believes PM Somchai can resolve conflicts: survey



## CORNY PROTEST

Some 500 corn farmers rally in front of Phrae Provincial Hall on September 16, demanding provincial authorities help shore up corn prices and subsidize their fertilizer purchases. Photo by: Suphat Saengdok

public health official Dr Sanpong Ritthirakmsa.

Smoke pollution had yet to reach critical levels by September 21, but people with respiratory problems might develop eye, nose and throat irritations, he said.

The Pollution Control Department was prepared for the annual smoke pollution.

A source said the department had air-quality watch units in Surat Thani, Songkhla, Phuket, Yala, Narathiwat, Trang and Satun.

Thailand will next month host a transnational meeting on smoke-related air quality issues. Environment ministers from five Asean countries are expected to attend.

**Gang held.** Forty accused members of an international gang appeared before Ratchadaphisek Criminal Court on September 20

as police applied to extend their detention by 12 days.

The gang is accused of imitating police and bank staff in an effort to convince people to transfer money via ATM machines. As many as 1,000 people were allegedly conned, with nearly 100 million baht involved.

All the suspects were ordered detained until October 1. Two aged under 17 will be sent to a juvenile remand center.

Police will interview 150 witnesses. The court denied six applications for bail.

The suspects, arrested and repatriated to Thailand, allegedly used voice-over Internet protocol telephone calls from China to notify people in Thailand that they had fallen victim to credit-card fraud and were in debt. They then conned the victims to transfer money using ATMs to accounts controlled by the gang.

**TB a grave threat.** Following a World Health Organization (WHO) report claiming there are about 18 million tuberculosis (TB) sufferers worldwide, Public Health Ministry Permanent Secretary Dr Prat Boonyawongvirot said Thailand accounts for more than 57,000 TB patients, with 90,000 new cases reported per year.

The figures put the country at number 18 in the list of 22 countries with the highest incidence of the disease.

The WHO report said that to keep the disease under control, the number of new cases annually in Thailand should not surpass 6,400.

Some 30,000 patients in

Thailand who still do not have access to treatment are a danger to other people, Dr Prat said.

Of the total patients in Thailand, only 79% had access to the necessary drug cocktail. In addition, about 5% of TB sufferers in Thailand died as the strain they carried was resistant to treatment.

In a bid to control the spread of TB, Dr Prat assigned medical workers, health officers and volunteers to identify and immediately treat infections among prisoners, people living with HIV/Aids, diabetes, pulmonary and asthma.

**Teen spirit.** Despite the existing ban on shops near schools from selling alcohol, a survey has found that 66% of schools in the capital have shops within 200 meters that serve alcohol.

The survey, conducted by grade 12 youth ranger Montip Lhintara on a voluntary basis, found 33 of the 50 schools she visited had alcohol sold within 200m of school grounds.

"Some schools are just one meter away from where alcohol is sold," she told a September 18 press conference organized jointly by the Thai Health Promotion Foundation and anti-alcohol networks.

According to her findings, as many as 33 schools are near many alcoholic beverage shops, gaming cafes, alcohol advertising boards, massage parlors, snooker clubs, mini-marts that sell alcohol and cigarettes, and karaoke lounges.

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A lot of things have changed in Khao Lak in the past five weeks, some positive, some negative. I recently had the pleasure of visiting Europe with my family for a couple of weeks. It allowed me to look at Thailand, especially Khao Lak, from a different perspective.

While we enjoyed long walks in the woods of Germany and indulged in the variety of cultural pleasures on offer, such as art exhibitions, fairs, events and concerts, one thing really struck me. You see very few children. I didn't realize it at first, but at some point my fiancée asked me, "Franky, where are all the children?" While families in Thailand are often made up of many children, Germans buckle under heavy taxes, fees and fines (we'll be getting back to that later), leaving them with little left over to consider the costs of having children. If you have children in Germany, it's also hard to get day care and pre-school places for them, so most young couples consider it almost impossible to be able to afford raising children.

It gave me the impression that Germans could be almost on the brink of extinction if the German government does not implement drastic and immediate measures to make it more attractive for Germans to raise children.

Readers might ask what this has to do with Khao Lak. The answer is simple: Khao Lak and its residents are not doing enough to make the area attractive to foreign investors who have families. If Khao Lak were to have just one proper international school, property sales and other foreign investments would skyrocket.

If Khao Lak were to develop in this way, it would quickly become an ideal place for foreign families wanting to settle down or do business here. Actually those people are the investors that Thailand wants to attract; families – people with a sound

# Where are all the children?



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foundation, people who are experienced and wise enough to understand a give-and-take relationship, people who would call Khao Lak their home, pay their taxes, run proper businesses and be an asset to the Thai economy. So far, Khao Lak's lack of proper schools and day-care options for foreign kids means it is only attracting foreign retirees at best.

A good indicator showing where our ship is heading due to Khao Lak's inability to attract foreign families to invest here is the massive increase of bars and rather questionable pub businesses all along Bangniang Road. Many Khao Lak expats have been in denial, stating proudly and with emphasis that Bangniang

beach would *never* become another Patong, because 'they' (influential and wealthy local Thai businessmen) would never allow it. Well, it's about time you opened your eyes, folks – Bangniang Road is mutating into a second Soi Bangla at a breathtaking pace.

Some – mostly single – expats find this very amusing and others feel that it is time to look for a new place in Thailand; a place that will remind them of the laid-back and innocent Khao Lak of 1998. Both reactions, I find, are extreme, as we can neither turn back time nor run away from our problems. If the expat investor has a family, however, it might make more sense

A Khao Lak lover known online by the pseudonym "Muecke" ("Mosquito" in German) has been flooding Khao Lak

web forums with his slightly odd comments since 2004. He once wrote, "My paradise is lost!" when post-tsunami construction on Bangniang Beach reached its very peak in 2006. This is yet another extreme point of view, firstly because no one

owns a destination and secondly, because of the word "lost". Khao Lak is not lost, but it is wearing a new outfit. In years to come, Khao Lak's appearance will change over and over again. Whether we like it or not, the area will expand and certainly be any-



## ANDAMAN COASTING

By Franky Gun

thing but the laid-back, innocent backpacker paradise it once was. We have all played our part here, so who is to blame?

Now we come to the rules, fees, and regulations I mentioned earlier, which are handled very strictly by the German government and obeyed by Germans in an utterly submissive fashion. As we all know, influence and money can sometimes help bend rules and regulations here, but sometimes the difference is simply the manner in which one approaches an official in charge. Because of this and countless other reasons, Thailand is a fun place to be, yet in some instances it would be great if rules and regulations were enforced more strictly, especially when it comes to issues of safety.

In the Bangniang Beach area for example, trees and vegetation have grown to cover parts of the roads. On some places the greenery has extended to cover more than half the roads' widths. We are not talking about a bit of grass here and there, but young Casuarina trees blocking half of the six-metre-wide roads, making it impossible to see oncoming traffic. One foreign visitor is now permanently disabled after he was in a motorbike accident that occurred on one of these roads in September. Do we need a fatality before something is done about it?

**Good news:** Kasikornbank has opened a brand new and very shiny branch right in the center of Khao Lak. The branch's more than 14-metre-wide frontage makes it the biggest bank in Khao Lak.

Next to the 70s / 80s Dance pub on Petchkasem Road, a new steakhouse has opened its doors. Marc's Steakhouse is professionally run and uses only selected imported meat. This and the reasonably priced menu make it a tempting alternative.

**Bad news:** Khao Lak, especially the area near the local bus station and market, was flooded after torrential rain in early September. Minor accidents occurred when locals attempted to see whether their motorbikes would work under water...

All along Bangniang and Bangniang Beach roads, speed bumps – also known as sleeping policemen – have been put in place. As it's impossible to drive fast without wrecking your vehicle on the metal gutter covers anyway, the question is, "Why put them there?"

A more effective and cheaper solution would have been to clean the pavement of its wild vegetation so that pedestrians don't have to walk on the road.

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# Girl, 8, dies in house blaze

An eight-year-old girl burned to death in a fire at her house in Surat Thani's Khian Sa district in the early hours of September 15. The following day police found the body of her father, who they believe started the fire, hanging from a tree near the ruins of his house.

The body of Praweenon Janmai was discovered after firefighters had put out the blaze at the house in Village 2 Tambon Phuangphromkhon, where she lived with her father Praphai Janmai, 34, and his girlfriend Amonrat Khongkaow, 26.

Police initially believed Praphai was also killed in the blaze, but after forensics officers found no trace of his body they launched a search for him on suspicion of arson.

At 10:45 the following day, police received a call from one of Praphai's neighbours saying they had found his body hanging in a rambutan tree not far from his house. He had suffered burn wounds over much of his body.

Police said they believe Praphai started the fire after arguing about debts with his girlfriend, who then left to stay with her parents. Police think that Praphai sustained the burns while trying to rescue his daughter from the flames, but after being unable to save her decided to kill himself.

**Major criminal.** Songkhla Police have obtained a warrant for the arrest of a man in connection with the robbery of a bank in Na Mon district on September 12 in which a policeman was shot and injured. A source in the investigating team revealed that they believe the robber to be an Army major based in Pattani.

Maj Gen Wirun Eamphaijit, Commander of Songkhla Provincial Police, said that the warrant had been issued based on pictures of the suspect from closed-circuit television cameras at the Bank Thai branch and at a department store in Haad Yai. He added that he did not yet know the name of the suspect.

On September 17, however, a source in the team investigating the case said that they now



## HOLY MONTH

Some 2,000 Thai-Muslim people attend a religious rite traditionally conducted at a Central Mosque in Pattani during Ramadan fasting period on Thursday night.

Photo by Charoon Thongnual

believe the man in the pictures is an army major who has been based in Pattani for about a year, though he declined to name the man. The soldier is now believed to be in hiding.

The police source said that the breakthrough came from a carrier bag from Diana Department Store that the robber used to carry his gun into the bank. Police contacted the store's security team and asked to examine the CCTV tapes for the day. Police said they found clear images on the tapes of the suspect buying the sunglasses and cap that he used to disguise his identity during the robbery.

**Final lesson.** A school teacher was shot dead in his pickup truck in broad daylight on the afternoon of September 19 in Nakhon Sri Thammarat's Pak Phanang district.

Akhom "Khru Khom" Thongseng, 47, was found slumped over the steering wheel of his pickup at a crossroads on the Pak Phanang-Nakhon Sri Thammarat road in Village 3 Tambon West Pak Phanang. He had been shot three times in the head with a .38 caliber pistol.

Witnesses reported seeing two men on a red Honda Beat motorcycle pull up alongside Akhom as he was waiting for the traffic lights to change at the crossroads. The man riding pillion drew a pistol, shot Akhom three times and the pair sped away.

Police said that they had yet to determine a motive for the attack, but were investigating a dispute between the victim and the family of his wife, who was shot dead in their home earlier this year.

Police said that Akhom, who had two children with his wife, frequently argued with her relatives who allegedly believe he was behind her death.

Akhom had apparently transferred to teach in Pak Phanang from a school in Bang Khan district due to fear of his wife's relatives.

**Violence continues.** A soldier and two teachers were injured when insurgents detonated a roadside bomb in an attack on a teacher-protection unit in Pattani September 17.

Police said the explosion occurred at 3:10 pm on the Pattani-

Narathiwat road in Moo 3 village, Sai Buri district.

The six soldiers on three motorcycles were escorting teachers on four motorcycles back home from Laharn Mittraparb School when the bomb exploded.

**Coach crash.** One man was killed and 21 people were hospitalized after a Bangkok-Koh Samui coach overturned in Surat Thani's Tha Chang district early on September 16.

The driver of the 24-seat

VIP coach, Sanae Janthawat, 49, told police that a motorbike had cut in front of him at high speed in wet conditions causing him to lose control of the vehicle.

The dead man was named by police as Chaleow Phetcharat, 60, from Prachinburi. The 21 people taken to hospital included one Swiss and five Iranian tourists.

**Family feud.** A woman was shot dead in a rubber plantation in Phatthalung early on September 19. Police believe the motive for the killing was a dispute over inheritance and have launched a manhunt for the victim's stepson.

Lt Siriphong Sukkaow, duty officer at Khao Chaison Police Station, received a report of the murder at 5 am from the victim's daughter, Neungthai Keutung, 21. She told police that as she and her mother, Somjai Keutung, 50, were going out to tap rubber when two men hidden by the side of the path opened fire with a shotgun, hitting Mrs Somjai, before fleeing.

Miss Neungthai narrowly avoided being hit, she added.

She told police that she believed one of the men was her half-brother Damrong, who Mrs Somjai had adopted.

Police said that they are hunting Damrong, who was reportedly angry that Mrs Somjai refused to give him 10 rai of rubber plantation that she owned.

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# Much ado about doggy adoption

By Nick Davies

Phuket-based foundation PAWS (Phuket Animal Welfare Society) began as a small animal-rescue center and clinic run by a handful of volunteers dedicated to improving the welfare of the island's stray cats and dogs.

Nearly four years after setting up the clinic on Kwang Road, the foundation now employs three full-time veterinarians, a technician and a maid. In that time the foundation's facilities have been developed into a well-equipped animal clinic with an operating theater, sheltered kennels and a cattery.

"The aim of PAWS is to manage, control and reduce the stray dog and cat populations in Phuket and Thailand," said the foundation's director of operations Athena Cant, who has been the driving force behind the charity's efforts to improve the well-being of Phuket's street dogs.

Athena's role as a volunteer at the clinic is very much hands on. Most days Athena can be found mucking in at the clinic while the doctors take care of their four-legged patients.

When she's not at the clinic, Athena is either out in search of street dogs in distress or planning fund-raising and education initiatives.

"We sterilize, vaccinate and treat all animals in need of care and attention, and promote awareness in effective animal management and animal care. Neglected cats and dogs are either brought to the clinic or we sometimes go to places such as temples to collect animals and take them to the center to be sterilized, immunized and treated for any injuries or illnesses," she said.

Once the animals have been treated at the clinic they are ei-



TAKE ME HOME: Some of Phuket's street dogs cared for and given new homes by the people at PAWS.

ther returned to where we found them or they are put up for adoption if they have nowhere to call home, added Athena, explaining that they have always asked for permission to take the animals away from temples.

According to the foundation's figures, they have sterilized and vaccinated more than 20,000 cats and dogs in Phuket since 2004.

Athena said one thing she has noticed recently that demonstrates the effectiveness of improved animal welfare around the island is that many street dogs are now producing larger litters of healthy puppies.

"When we first started our program about 12 years ago, the stray dogs were producing relatively small litters of just three to five puppies at a time – maybe the runt wouldn't make it – but now the street dogs are healthier and producing much larger litters of up to 12 healthy puppies," said Athena, proving her point by introducing a female dog that had recently been brought to the clinic along with her nine puppies.



A dog is prepared to be X-Rayed by a machine recently donated to PAWS by the RSPCA.

Although this may seem counter productive to the foundation's mission to reduce the number of strays on the island, Athena explained that because the puppies are born healthy they need less medical treatment and are usually well rounded, making them more appealing to prospective adopters, so they have a better chance of being well looked after in the first place.

Judging by the number of people – Thais and ex pats – coming and going from the clinic carrying cats and dogs, the foundation has been effective in finding homes for many of the island's stray cats and dogs. In the space of an hour on a Saturday morning, several people with cats and dogs in various conditions visited the clinic.

Some people bring cats or dogs that have been injured or are suffering from some kind of ailment, while others come to look for an animal they can adopt.

"Looking after the animals that are dropped off at the clinic has become easier over the years as facilities have been improved with the help of donations," said Athena.

Donations come from fund-raising events organized by the foundation, people visiting the clinic, and contributions from charity organizations, such as the UK-based animal welfare foundation the RSPCA (Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Ani-

mals), pronounced "wispa".

"We've gradually expanded the facilities by adding rooms and redecorating the place as donations have come in. Roofs have been added, which keeps the outside area dry now, so it's a lot less mucky than it used to be, and allowed us to plan for the new boarding kennels," said Athena.

The boarding kennels provide room at the clinic for 20 dogs and up to 12 cats. "The sick animals are kept in different kennels to the healthy ones," explained Athena.

The building now has a reception area with a counter, behind which are an examination room and a fully equipped operating theater. The most recent high-tech addition to the clinic is an animal X-ray machine donated by the RSPCA complete with two heavy lead-lined jackets. The machine is housed in a small purpose-built structure away from the main building.

Another room at the rear of the main building is currently under renovation. Athena explained that the room will soon be an area where the animals up for adoption and people looking to adopt a cat or dog can get to know each other.

"It's better if they can spend some time with each other first to make sure they will be compatible," said Athena.

"All the cats and dogs up for adoption have been fully vaccinated and sterilized, and we ask that their new owners bring them

back in for regular check ups during the initial observation period," she added.

As PAWS is a charity, people are not charged anything to adopt an animal but there is a culture among the adopting humans to make a donation that they know will at least cover the costs of their new friend's treatment.

Other plans for expanding the clinic include acquiring use of a vacant plot next to the building.

"I'm inquiring about this land at the moment as I'd like to use it as an exercise area for the dogs and to perhaps run a dog-training school," said Athena.

The vets can also treat animals on-site with the foundation's mobile animal clinic; a trailer that can be hooked up to the back of a motor vehicle. It is equipped with two operating tables complete with lamps and surgical-instrument trays, a fridge for medicines and vaccines, a sink and shelves for storage.

Last year, PAWS raised a total of one million baht in donations, many of which were made at the charity's first large-scale annual fund-raising dinner and dance.

This year's party on Saturday October 11 is set to be an up-market and showy affair of outrageous hats and headpieces for the party dubbed Royal Ascot at Laguna, which includes a Champagne reception from 7 pm, plus dinner and dancing to live music from Back to Black. There will also be prizes for ladies with the best headwear.

Tickets in the "Paddock" are 2,500 baht and include a bottle of wine, free-flow beer and soft drinks, a buffet spread from the Banyan Tree Phuket, entry into a silent auction and horse racing displayed on giant screens. "Royal Box" tickets are 3,000 baht each and entitle holders to all of the above plus a bottle of bubbly.

The event has attracted the collaboration of several prominent organizations on the island, including the event's title sponsor Laguna Phuket, plus Bowen Media Group, Bic Phuket, Phuket Concierge, Media Cake and the *Phuket Gazette*. PGTV will also be filming the island's glamorous animal lovers on the night.

Thanks to continued support for PAWS from local and international donations, veterinarians Dr Waraporn "Aui" Namket, Dr Wimala "Vim" Namket, Dr Wasana "Ning" Wongpurananont, veterinary assistant Nuan Tobgnam and housekeeper Jinda "Sa" Wongsalae enjoy full-time employment at the clinic, doing what they love and receiving love in return from the animals they care for.

PAWS is located at 13/7 on Kwang Road, Wichit. For more information about the clinic visit [www.pawsphuket.com](http://www.pawsphuket.com) or email [athenac@phuket-animal-welfare.com](mailto:athenac@phuket-animal-welfare.com) For further information about the Royal Ascot at Laguna event or to make a reservation call 089-4884050, or email [paws@pawsphuket.com](mailto:paws@pawsphuket.com)

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# Campobasso Chefette brings the real taste of Italy to a small stall in Phuket

**M**ama Mia! Five-star Italian cuisine at a price everybody can afford. After trying Pizzas all over Phuket, I stumbled across a gem where least expected.

A-square, the street-level open-air food court at the intersection of Takua Pa and Rasada roads, has an amazing little eatery called Spaghetti and C, where your expectations will be exceeded. The pizzas come with a big selection of toppings and in two sizes – American and Italian.

An American-sized pizza is good for solo eaters and Italian-sized pizzas are more suited to couples or those with big appetites. The American-sized Margherita costs 80 baht whilst more exciting toppings like Hawaiian, Funghi, Tonnara and Quattro Formaggi cost 90 baht. I tried the Quattro Formaggi first and was mind blown – a pizza in a food court that would put many of the island's upmarket restaurants to shame.

Curious as to how a petite Thai chef could out cook all these big Italians, I decided to make inquiries.

The cook turned out to be humble Mrs Manee Mancini, who studied cuisine and polished her culinary skills in Campobasso, the capital city of the Molise region of Italy. Her husband is none other than the island's exotic cheesemaker and chef extraordinaire Umberto Mancini.

Spaghetti & C opens at 10 am and closes at 8 pm in the low season, but stays open until 10 pm in the high season. Cheap eats don't get much cheaper than this, with sandwiches such as crab, tuna and chicken all costing 40 baht. Hot dogs and servings of French fries also cost 40 baht each.

The Spaghetti menu offers a large range of sauces to choose from, including the likes of Gamberi e Asparagi (prawns with asparagus), Vongole (sweet clams, extra virgin olive oil, garlic and green capsicum) and Alla Arrabbiata (tomato, bacon and chili) costing either 90 or 100 baht.

If you want to splash out on something more lavish, then for 20 baht you can upgrade your spaghetti to fettuccine, or for an extra 30 baht you can upgrade to beef-filled tortellini or cheese-



Mrs Manee Mancini (above) studied in Italy and uses her Italian husband's genuine Italian cheeses to make a range of traditional dishes.



## CHEAP eats

By Akbar Khan

filled ravioli.

There is a pizza menu, a spaghetti menu and a picture menu, which has a couple of extra-special dishes.

I chose the Gnocchi alla Sorrentina which turned out to be a really hearty bowl of happiness that you can eat with potato gnocchi in a pomodoro tomato sauce smothered in mozzarella. The rich tang on my tastebuds was telling me that I had discovered la pièce de résistance and that I would be back again and again. Cappuccino was on offer for 40 baht a cup but I went for the cheaper 30 baht espresso and was delighted. The espresso blend served here is brought all the way from Campobasso by the Mancinis. For those feeling more ambitious, there are dishes such as Gnocchi alla Gorgonzola made with blue cheese.

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# Two people outstanding in

This friendly Aussie couple seem perfectly suited to the niche they have carved for themselves in Patong. They greet all their customers as if they have known them for years and have built a solid network of friends and acquaintances around them.

Their strength as a rock-solid couple has been their ally as they've battled to establish an honest business in a district that is notorious for the frequency at which entertainment venues change hands as proprietors find themselves in legal tangles, both fabricated and real, and ultimately end up losing their investment.

Although John and Debora grew up just across Sydney Harbour from each other and shared the same friends and enjoyed similar lifestyles, they didn't meet until about 10 years ago when they were both in their early 40s.

John is a Manly boy and Debora's a Bondi girl and they eventually met on Noosa's Main Beach on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland when John was walking his dog. He spent the

**John White and Debora Krivoshow call themselves Patong's black sheep because they are an outstanding example of an Australian couple who have managed to build a successful business together in Phuket.**

**Together, they run the popular Aussie pub in Patong 2 Black Sheep, a well-known dining and drinking venue among antipodean travelers that the couple took over about three years ago.**

**Here they tell the *Gazette's* Nick Davies their tale of trials and tribulations in Patong.**

next few months courting Debora until, after getting hold of a flash car for a few days and filling his pockets with cash from a recent bonus from work, he had the courage to ask her to go on a trip with him. They've done everything together since.

They came to Thailand on holiday and made their way to Phuket from Bangkok. They discovered 2 Black Sheep while they were in Phuket and dropped in regularly to the comfort zone where they could listen to good

live music and enjoy the company of the venue's like-minded clientele.

They soon found out that the owner of 2 Black Sheep was putting shares up for sale and that they could become business partners in running the venue. They decided to give it a go.

Neither of them were strangers to the world of business or hard work and they figured that the savings they had were enough to make the investment, but neither were familiar with the

territory they were about to build their business in.

"We immediately saw it as a perfect opportunity, said John. "We were both hippies when we were young but we had also both worked in corporations as top-level managers, so we weren't strangers to the world of business," he added.

John is a "muso" (Australian for musician). He can play any stringed instrument and made a career of performing gigs in Australia and writing music commercially, but by the time he met Debora, he'd already packed his guitars away and had been living and working a high-powered corporate lifestyle.

"I used to tell her I'd played with this or that famous musician on stage, but she never believed me until I started playing again and I could show her that I knew all these songs," said John.

John recently spent time in hospital in Bangkok for a leg operation and on this night it was his first time back at the pub. As the night-shift staff walked in one by one, each was pleasantly surprised to see him back in action and gave him a welcome-back hug.

"Most of the staff with us now have been here since we started," said Debora. "Well, there have been a few who we've had to let go," she added, recounting stories of staff with sticky fingers and a couple operating in cahoots to milk cash from the till.

With the excuse that he can't get around very easily for the time being, John is at least able to keep up appearances on the pub's stage, where live music is performed nightly. Most of the band members are the same ones who were performing when John and Debora first arrived.

John admits that Debora has been working very hard in his absence, but they are both driven people who know that it takes dedication to succeed in anything. They pepper the conversation with positive work-ethic phrases. Deborah seemed fond of the phrase, "To be successful, you only have to work half a day. But there are 24 hours in a day".

Their solidarity as a couple is the main ingredient to the recipe for their success. As with any business, if you can get through the first year, then there's probably something you're doing right. For Debora and John, it's now been three years since they took over the pub, which is now featured in the *Lonely Planet* guide book and comes highly recommended by word of mouth from anyone who's been there and experienced the good grub and hospitality.

Their success has been hard won, though. They struggled financially through their first year and overcame everything that comes with setting up a business



in Patong. They had visits from all manner of uniformed and non-uniformed people, and sometimes they were carted off to windowless rooms and persuaded to sign documents in Thai that later on translation turned out to be very different to what they were led to believe by the people they were paying to make sure everything was above board and legal.

To this day, John and Debora still don't know who some of those people were, or who they represented. They do know that some were local and some were from Bangkok, and they believe that once they had proved they weren't going to simply sell up, pack up and leave town, local "influential people" were able to see that it was better to let them run a business that would continue to make money.

As we chatted, John and Debora reminded each other of some of the legal wranglings and attempted trickery and extortion that took place in the first year or so of business. As they tell their tales, John shakes his head as he thinks about the hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of baht they parted with during their first year of business.

"Eventually though, people could see that we were a straight couple just working hard to make a living," she added.

Asked what cultural differences they've experienced since they moved to Thailand, Debora explained that their staff used to



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# their field



**John White (center, rear) and Debora Krivoshow (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and their flock: the staff at 2 Black Sheep in Patong.**

be shocked to see her mucking in and performing all manner of menial tasks.

"Not long after we started, I had to call a staff meeting to explain that I actually enjoy doing the work and I don't mind whether it's serving tables or cleaning the toilets," she said. "They accepted it in the end and I think they actually respect having a boss who takes a hands-on approach to managing," she added.

"Hands-on is definitely our style," said John. "It makes a big difference to morale and our staff get trained properly as we work alongside them," he added, at which Debora dropped in another of her positive work-ethic phrases, "If you just improve one percent each day, then after 100 days you've already improved 100%."

"I think I'm right in saying that we are the only Australian couple to have set up and successfully run a business in this area. Most other couples running pubs and bars around here are farangs with a Thai wife, and the venues around us are more geared towards an exclusively male clientele," said John.

"This is a place where a whole family can come for a meal, which, as well as avoiding the problems you can get with running a girly bar, makes sense as a business model because it's

much better to have a family of four or five sit down for a two-hour meal and drinks than just catering to men who want to have just a few beers while they look at girls dancing," he added.

"We thought about changing the name of the place when we first took over, but the venue was already well known as an Aussie pub, and we thought that the name really suited us," said Debora, who took charge of the kitchen and the pub's menu, which lists a simple selection of snacks, home-style cooking and imported beers, with a few cocktails thrown in for good measure.

"We had to really clean the place up, though," said Debora. "The kitchen was filthy and even though we hung out here regularly before we entered into the business, we would never have eaten here. The first thing we did was to knock down the kitchen wall, remove everything and clean it up. It's spotless now."

These two black sheep seem to have found their greener pastures and don't plan on hopping over the fence to look for more in the near future.

If you're in Patong and want a break from the constant calls of "Welcome insi, sir", drop into their friendly pub, say G'day and enjoy being treated like a neighbor who has just popped in for a chat.



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# This week

**RIGHT:** (From Left) Thai Dive Association Technical Committee CEO Rainer Gottwald and Promchote Traivate, Head of the Phuket Office of Sports and Recreation Development, welcome Tourism and Sports Minister Weerasak Kowsurat during his recent visit to Phuket.

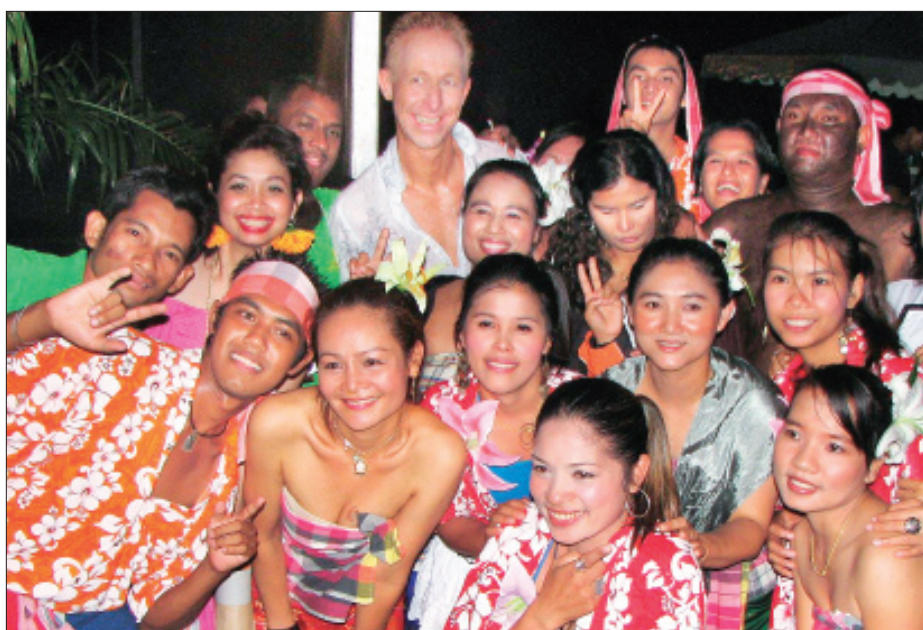
**SPAS LIKE US (BELOW):** Deputy Governor, Tourism Authority of Thailand 5, Mr Wansadej Thavornsuk (2nd left) recently visited Cheraim Spa Village. He was greeted by Spa Manager Panjaporn Limpanavisit (3rd from left), Sales & Marketing Executives Kan Hananupong (4th from left) and Natthinee



**FRIENDS FROM AFAR:** Deputy Chief of the Royal Thai Navy's region 3 Rear-Admiral Likit Jarinsup (right) met with Commander William "Bill" Quinn of Canadian warship *Calgary* (FFH-335) at region 3 Naval headquarters in Phuket on September 18. The meeting was as a symbol of Thai-Canadian friendship and to welcome the Canadian



**BIG SPLASH:** Jackson "JJ" Plant (left) bounces into his 4th birthday on September 19 with his cousins (from left) Bank, Bang and Boom Bim. The party was organized by JJ's dad, Robin Plant, director of the well-known Audio Visual Creations (AVC) in Cherg Talay and founder of the Bangtao Housing Project for people who lost their homes to the tsunami in 2004



**COUNTY STYLE:** Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa team members had a great night out on their annual staff party recently under the theme "We Care—Country Style". The party is organized once a year to let the team members relax and enjoy themselves as a reward for their hard work.



**ART VISIONARY:** Joining Ilse Gibson (center) at the cocktail reception opening of her photo art exhibition 'Life & Vision' at Mom Tri's Boathouse on September 18 are (from left) Lisa Sol, Roger Beaumont, Alasdair Forbes and Michele Hossack.



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By Jeff Heselwood

# Ford Focus 1.8

## It doesn't drag its feet

During a recent trip to New Zealand a Ford Focus 1.8 manual was the selected mode of transport, and while an automatic would have been a possibility, the idea of a five-speed manual looked attractive for some of the mountain climbs.

The Focus is extremely well equipped for a basic family car, with a decent audio system and CD player: essential for long trips going south on the North Island.

On the open road, the little Ford would hold 100 km/h all day long and on occasion, 160-plus km/h was seen on the speedometer. This should come as no real surprise, as small though the car is in overall dimensions, it possesses a 123 bhp (92 kW) motor, which chucks out a healthy 165 Nm of torque.

The Focus has been around for several years already, but it remains one of Ford's top sellers. In Thailand, the five-door Ford Focus Finesse is powered by a similar 1.8-litre engine but is equipped with sequential sports-shift automatic transmission. This model too has a CD player, four speakers, power windows, central locking and electric door mirrors. According to Ford Thailand's website, prices for the five-door start at around 839,000 baht; the four-door version is a little less.

Ford was first established in Thailand in 1960 but is now a solid market leader despite pulling out for a period in the '70s. It re-entered the Thai market in 1995 with the formation of Auto Alliance located in Rayong province. Auto Alliance is 48 percent owned by Ford, 45 percent by Mazda (which of course is controlled by Ford) and two local entities, KPN with two percent and SMC with five percent. This US\$500 million facility produces Ford Ranger and Mazda B-series pick-ups.

Ford Sales & Service (Thailand) Co was established in 1996 and is administered by the US Ford Motor Co., which owns 100 per cent of its shares. The



"The Focus performed admirably; speeding up and executing a perfect handbrake turn that was enough to scare off a local thug."

Thai company is responsible for all Ford marketing activities in the kingdom and controls nationwide sales distribution.

The Focus I rented in New Zealand featured variable intermittent windshield wipers, as do Thai models which proved invaluable in the alternating heavy rain and light drizzle. It almost seemed to anticipate the inclement weather. Central locking also proved invaluable, particularly when trying to locate the unfamiliar car in an unfamiliar multi-story car park.

Over the mountains towards Napier on the south-east coast of the North Island, the Focus performed admirably, although patches of ice on the higher parts of the route would occasionally catch out the front-wheel drive. In general though, the little Ford was very sure-footed.

On one lengthy stretch we chased a Subaru for many kilometers and although the Focus only has two-wheel drive and the Subaru four, it was effortless keeping up. The Kiwi driver of the Subaru was obviously good, rarely backing off the throttle, but the Ford kept it in sight for probably 100 kilometers between Hamilton and Taupo.

On another occasion a local thug in Auckland decided to intimidate the obvious tourists and followed closely on our tail; a little

more speed was required, ending in a perfectly executed handbrake turn, which scared him off immediately. The Focus is so forgiving it performs exactly as required.

Although the majority of cars in New Zealand are from Australia (Holdens and Fords) or

Japan (Nissans and Toyotas), the Ford Focus is a remarkably good car and behaved faultlessly during the 10-day excursion. The Focus came from Apex Car Rentals ([www.nzrentalcar.co.nz](http://www.nzrentalcar.co.nz)) and cost NZ\$53 per day, or about 1,250 baht a day.

Ford's local dealer in



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# Changing your chakras for a chilled out drug-free lifestyle

By Akbar Khan

**S**top smoking in one hour! At least that is what the ad in the classified section of the Gazette claimed. Being a skeptical smoker I decided to check it out and made an appointment to visit Polly Jones who lives and works in Kata district.

The technique used involves being hooked up to an advanced Bioresonance machine. Polly uses the e-Lybra version 8 and although the inventor of the machine, Victor Simms, has come out with his latest version 9, version 8 is more than adequate to deal with simple problems like smoking. Polly is not only a very experienced therapist with an incredible track record, she trained with Victor himself, so I was in good hands.

The e-Lybra machine is able to measure the body's energy and map the details using the software that was developed by the machine's inventor. Imbalances in the energy field are then corrected using specifically tailored electronic pulses and frequencies that help re-align our chakras.

The treatment is almost too good to be true. Once I was comfortably sat, Polly attached the soft wrist and ankle bands to me and set the machine to work. It is painless and totally non-invasive so there is no need to take your clothes off or anything like that.

With the machine, Polly electronically turned off the receptors in my brain that were creating the cravings. The voltages used are very low and the most I felt was the odd pleasant tingle here and there.

My chakras and meridians that had been misaligned due to years of substance abuse were put back in place and I felt 20



Polly uses her e-Lybra machine and a computer programmed with software to measure and map the body's energies (chakras), which are then re-aligned with electronic pulses.

years younger.

I had used basic bioresonance techniques to cure backache in a Bangkok hospital and knew that if done correctly, the relief would be instantaneous.

Such therapies can be combined with before and after blood tests done at a hospital of your choice or with Kirlian photography for the ultra skeptical who need to see that their energies really have been corrected.

After being hooked up to the e-Lybra8 for 30 minutes the feeling was better than just no urge to smoke; there were no urges whatsoever. As an extra bonus, my sinuses were cleared, and there was not an ache left in my body.

If you are in good health and you feel like a little more ink in your fountain pen, then you can just ask Polly for a General Energy Balancing, which tunes your chakras, eliminates lethargy and makes you feel like a teenager again.

Polly has programs specifically tailored to help those with a range of ailments ranging from painful menstruation and menopausal flushing to blocked ears, depression and stress.

Worried about looking like a Michelin man or getting diabetes? The beauty of e-Lybra is that it stops the brain from generating cravings, the need for all drugs disappears – everything from carbohydrates to caffeine.

A basic treatment costs 3,000 baht and Polly also gives free e-mail and telephone consultancy after the treatment, as well as an extra free session should you feel the urges returning within a month of being liberated from your dependency on cripple-crap.

Yes, Polly said she has successfully cured people with dependencies on all sorts of crippling drugs, not only cigarettes, but hard drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

Polly also ran an electronic

detox and recommended that I drink plenty of water to release the poisons that had been accumulating.

Going to the little boys room I could smell lots of nasty tobacco related chemicals being eliminated. A real detox means that poisons – wherever they are in the body – are dislodged from all over the body using the correct energy currents.

Bioresonance, when correctly used, can cure numerous bacterial and viral infections using currents that are 100% safe for us but not for those microscopic critters.

Women suffering from thrush or candida benefit from such treatments immensely.

I predict that as education and science advance, the electronic treatment of ailments will become more accessible and accepted.

Bioresonance has already been used successfully for over 25 years and thanks to Victor and

Polly this cutting-edge therapy is now available to everybody.

I am sure that such revolutionary therapies will create some controversy, as I can see numerous traditional practices dying out as bioresonance gains acceptance – a bit like the plunge in snail mail printed paper that has occurred as a result of the Internet; another one of those “magical” technologies.

If you cannot visit Polly, then you can send her a sample of your hair and she will then use e-Lybra to read your biometric data in order to pre-program an e-Capsule for you. By carrying the e-Capsule close to your body, you will receive the electronic resonance waves of energy continually. Should you develop any other medical conditions, Polly can reprogram your e-Capsule remotely.

Satisfied clients call it magic and that's OK by me. As far as I am concerned, magic is simply a word that we use for science whenever we cannot quite figure out for ourselves how it works.

The science of bioresonance is well documented and those wishing to know how it works will have a fair bit of study to do.

Polly is highly proficient in the administration of therapies that can deal with almost any addiction or affliction that you may have.

She can answer questions related to getting you cured, but don't ask anyone how it works exactly, as it could take years to explain, depending on your existing scientific knowledge. What is most important is not how it works but the fact that it does work. Those wanting to know more can visit polly's website [www.soulconnectionphuket.com](http://www.soulconnectionphuket.com) or call to set up an appointment on 080-0400371.

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# The fringe is coming to town

**D**avid Shrubsole steers Phuket into the first Phuket Fringe Festival and expects to make waves.

Those who know David Shrubsole will say that he's 'very focused'; some will say 'obsessive'. Others may call him 'very determined'.

Well, whatever you may wish to call him there is one thing for certain and that is that he is absolutely passionate about the performing arts and despairs at the lack of recognition of the talent that we have on Phuket.

It is that despair that propelled him into something that started as a vague suggestion over a couple of drinks.

"I was completely surprised that there was no recognition here for the Performing Arts."

Over the last year or so, through the Playhouse, I have met with some very talented people who were struggling to make themselves heard and I decided that enough was enough. It is time to tell the world that Phuket is not a backwater where we all sit on the beach all day and drink from coconuts. It may also



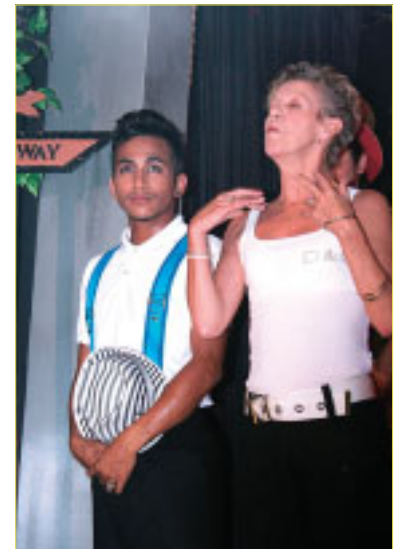
be a good place to park your big yacht but if you look closely enough you will see that there is more talent here than there are species of fish in the Andaman Sea."

And so the idea for the first Phuket Fringe Festival was germinated. All it needed to take it to maturity was vision and passion.

You need to bear in mind that 'passion' is what David Shrubsole is all about. He created the 'oasis of elegance' which is

now Manathai Resort in Surin, out of passion and is applying the same energy and commitment to the Fringe Festival.

"I want this Fringe Festival to grab the rest of the world by the hair and say 'Look what we can do!' I want it to be the podium for expression, a place for openness, for change and development. I want it to bring the extremely high standard of various Performing Arts that we have here together and showcase them to the world."



We have set the goalposts high because we know that we can achieve that goal. The talent here encompasses all age groups and all nationalities. I want the festival to bring it all together. I also want it to be a source of education for us too. Let's learn about each other."

The festival runs from the 4th October to the 13th October and features many of Phuket's performing artists. The Opening party on Saturday 4th October will be a glittering, red carpet af-

fair. The Governor of Phuket, Niran Kalayanamit, will open the festival and there will be speeches from pertinent people before the partying begins. You can expect some surprises too!

"This Festival will be run by passion" Shrubsole continued. "All the performers are giving up time and energy for this and I am deeply indebted to them. People should also realise that each performer has nominated a charity which will receive money from the festival."

## Phuket Fringe Festival Calendar

October 4th, 2008 Opening Party of Phuket Fringe Festival (Ticket 300 baht including selected cocktail all night)

October 5th, 2008 Phuket Academy of Dance (Ticket 750 baht including 1 glass of wine and tapas snacks)

October 6th, 2008 The Andaman Players "Night in a bar room" and "Check out your Chakra" (Ticket 500 baht show only).

October 7th, 2008 Live performance by DJ Kensho (Ticket 500 baht entrance only).

October 8th, 2008 From Ching Mai with love (Ticket 1,000 baht including Northern buffet dinner and show)

October 9th, 2008 Tongues and Tales: Seductive Stories at Supper Time by Denise Bertrand and friends (Ticket 1,000 baht with dinner).

October 10th, 2008 The Andaman Players present the World Premiere of TIME-SHARED (Ticket 750 baht including 1 glass of cocktail and tapas snacks).

October 11th, 2008 PASUKANG SRIEMAS DIKIR HULE from Sungaigolok (Ticket 750 baht including 1 drink and tapas snacks).

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When I first heard the name, I didn't know what Club 53 was. All that came to mind was a popular antiques shop called 53 Antique, which is high in the Cotswolds in Tetbury, England.

But Club 53 is at 53 Bangla Road, in the heart of Patong's nightlife area, underneath Rock Hard A Go Go across the road from Patong Boxing Stadium. The idea for the club came from Roman Marov, a "clubican" from Estonia, and his partners Redouang Mebarek from Algeria and Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukban.

Mr Chairat, well known in Patong and often seen on the streets of the resort town, was a partner in the previous incarnation of the club, called Rio.

Club 53 has a real Bangkok feel to it, and especially reminded me of the Peppermint Club in the middle of Patpong.

On the club's opening night early last month, Roman and all his friends and pretty ladies warmly welcomed guests to the venue, setting a fine example of how his staff should greet people, and not to harass people on the street to enter the club. The waitresses were all polite, creating a good atmosphere for visitors to relax in.

The open area in front of the club still has tables and chairs where guests can order food and drinks and watch Bangla's odd assortment of people pass by, from tourists heavily laden with shopping bags to ladyboys and even real ladies walking to or from work.

Inside, tourists packed the club, eager to get grooving to the funky house and hip hop music of Thai superstar DJ Monthonn Jira, who started his mix at 10 pm.

There are seating areas arranged around the club's two bars, including a chill-out zone with sofas where clubbers can take a break from the dance floor and rest their legs.

There's a dance floor in front of the DJ's podium areas and a "coyote girl" pole between the two bars. Other visual stimulation comes from colorful spotlights, ambient lighting and television sets placed throughout the venue.

Even though there's a chrome-pole podium for coyote

# Hot new rumblings under the Rock Hard



**NO HASSLES:** (Above) Ladies can relax and enjoy drinks without being mistaken for bargirls.

**HOWLIN' HOT:** (Top right) The 'coyote' dancers add to the nightclub ambience – but make no mistake; Club 53 is no girly bar.

**COME IN SPINNER:** (Right) Kicking off Club 53's guest DJ series was Thai superstar Monthonn Jira.



girl dancers, Club 53 is not a go-go bar – it is classier than that. If you just want to sit and watch scantily-clad girls dancing on stage, go somewhere else. The clubbers here come with their partners and friends. Single ladies can enjoy their night, have a drink and a dance, without being hassled by men thinking all the girls in the bar work there.

As Monthonn got deeper into his set and the dance beats became more intense, guests began massing on the dance floor. After a while though, I began to tire of hearing

the same regular beats. On this night, I was not alone. As I looked around I could see others, including a group of British ladies, starting to feel the same.

Tuning in quickly to the need for change, DJ Monthonn started picking up the set with livelier music.

Of course hip hop is fun, but I think sometimes it can be too much and a switch to pop songs with lyrics that you can sing along to while dancing can inspire a much more fun atmosphere among the crowd.

To add variety to the music and attract a range of regular guests, Roman plans to invite a guest DJ every month. The two resident DJs are Montree "Tam" Pansook and Wanuchit "B" Sorsaree, who regularly spin hip hop, R&B, funky house and Top 40 tunes.

Kicking off the guest DJ series after opening-night guest DJ Monthonn was DJ Spydamonkee from the bay area in San Francisco.

It's also entertaining to watch the mixologists twirl bottles behind the bar and pour liquid refreshments in style.

They serve Barcardi-based cocktails as well as Mai Tai, Cosmo and Sex on the Beach.

Club 53 can accommodate private parties of up to 150 people. To book an evening at the latest club to open in Patong, call Roman and his team – they'll take care of all the required arrangements.

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Contact Patrick De Staercke. Tel: 076-396139-442. Email: patrick.destaercke@moevenpick.com Website: www.moevenpick-phuket.com

## September 27. Wine Tasting at Wine Connection Bang Tao.

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From 10 am until midday at the Sandwich Shoppe Chalong.

Contact Woody Leonhard for details. Tel: 089-1960940. Email: woody@KhunWoody.com



## Kitipong Ngowsiri Art Exhibition

September 26-October 1

Kitipong Ngowsiri, also known as Pui, is a 33-year-old Thai painter, born in Bangkok. A member of the Andaman Club, he paints at "The Love Arts Studio" in Rawai Art Village, Phuket.

His exhibition at the Art Rendez-vous Gallery at 69 Yaowarat Rd, Phuket City, is open daily from midday to 9 pm.

For more information contact Patrick Bois. Tel: 076-219095. Email: art.rdv@gmail.com Website: www.art-rendezvous-gallery.com

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## September 30. Pasta Parade - Mercure Patong Phuket .

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Contact Mr Chonlathich Na Nakorn. Tel: 076-302100. Email: salespr@mercurephuket.com Website: www.mercurepatongphuket

## October 4-13. Phuket Fringe Festival.

From 4 pm - 2 am at the

Playhouse Theatre and Restaurant in Patong. The first Phuket Fringe Festival opens with a party on October 4, with a special performance each night.

## October 5. PC Group Therapy – Patong.

From 10 am until midday at the Sandwich Shoppe Patong.

## October 7-13. 60 Years of Mövenpick.

From 6:30 pm to 11 pm.

This year, Mövenpick celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. From October 7 to December 7, Mövenpick Resort & Spa Karon Beach Phuket will mark the occasion by serving the most popular classics from 60 years of Mövenpick's culinary history.

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created menu, re-interpreted with a contemporary touch. On the menu will be favorites such as tartar and smoked salmon alongside Zürcher Geschnetzelt and Riz Casimir.

This culinary experience will be rounded off with Mövenpick ice cream and apple cake, not forgetting, of course, a cup of delicious Mövenpick coffee.

Contact Patrick De Staercke. Tel: 076-396139 ext 442. Email: patrick.destaercke@moevenpick.com

## October 8. Boathouse Writers' Night with Jim Newport.

From 7 pm to 9 pm at Mom Tri's Boathouse.

The fourth in the Boathouse Writer's Night series will present James "Jim" Newport (www.vampireofsiam.com), a writer and Emmy-nominated production designer of film and television. His film credits include Bangkok Dangerous, Brokedown Palace, The Stepfather and Heart Like A Wheel.

He wrote The Vampire of Siam trilogy, which includes The Vampire of Siam, Ramonne and The Reckoning. The author's latest work, Chasing Jimi, is a fictional novel about Jimi Hendrix and was released in May 2008.

The evening at the Boathouse will include readings from Chasing Jimi and a Q&A session with the author.

Contact Lisa Sol. Tel: 076-330015. Email: pr@boathousephuket.com Website: www.boathousephuket.com

## October 9. Wine Tasting at Wine Connection Chalong.

Wine tasting with the Chilean Winery TerraMater. Includes tapas buffet and live band. 500 baht. Free for club members. From 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

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There will be an awards party in the evening. In the event of bad weather, the swim will be canceled and a duathlon race will be run for each race (run, cycle, run).

Online registration is available at www.triballisticclub.com

For more details contact Shaun Boulter. Tel: 089-5902014. Email: shaunboulter@triballisticclub.com

## October 11. Royal Ascot at Laguna.

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# Bankers' bad decisions bite back

The CEO of banking giant HSBC was quoted (by CNBC) as saying that bankers remuneration packages should be related to the outcome of their decisions over time.

The root cause of the current credit crisis is bankers being paid enormous sums of money for creating financial structures that will perform well in the very short term. In other words, where the "assets" underpinning these structures are performing adequately the banker gets his year end bonus.

What happens in years three and four is now readily apparent. The assets turn sour and the financial structure value falls and, unfortunately in many cases, at more than the value of the assets. The reason for this is "leverage", which is simply burdening the individual structure with heavy borrowings.

Initially, the concept was that if a financial structure could produce an annual profit of US\$100 then if profit margins outweigh the cost of borrowing the more borrowing the better. This tactic is also referred to as "gearing".

Now we have entered the era of deleveraging, which is taking money off the table. The pot is shrinking and losses are rising rapidly. Nobody under this current model can get the money back from the bankers who received huge bonuses.

In the real world, very few bankers out of the huge number in the profession have had anything to do with the manufacture of these structured products, collateralized debt obligations, etc.

It could be compared with working for the history department of a university only to find out that a few colleagues in the chemistry department whom you had never even met had constructed a terrorist bomb.

However, it is always important to remember that we will get through this era; it will not be pleasant but it will pass.

There are also starting to be real opportunities out there. Less than 48 hours after Lehman Brothers entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy, CNBC announced



Lehman Brothers in NYC on September 15 – Bankruptcy Day. Barclays later acquired US\$1.75 billion of their assets. Photo: Robert Scoble.

that Barclays, a major international bank with headquarters in London, had acquired assets from Lehman Brothers for US\$1.75 billion. Within hours reports suggested that Barclays was considering more asset purchases.

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of major US banking group Goldman Sachs said he felt compassion to all those hurt but from a business perspective there would be major advantages to having less competition. CFOs live with the bottom line 24/7, which is after all what they are there for.

It is not just banks involved in this crisis. Insurance giant American International Group (AIG) got itself into financial dif-

ficulties. Its attempts to raise even more money from the private sector after finding that the US\$20 billion loan it received from a subsidiary, with US regulator permission, were insufficient.

Hopes in this direction were quashed as the credit rating agencies rapidly downgraded AIG's credit rating.

Standard & Poors reduced the rating by three notches in one announcement to "A-". This is probably about what they would do to a sinking ship. The two other ratings agencies, Moody and

Fitch Ratings, also gave multiple notch downgrades.

The US Federal Reserve, America's central bank, stepped in and gave AIG a US\$85 billion

loan at a three-month London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus a staggering 8.5% making this very, very expensive money.

The Fed has also taken an 80% shareholding in AIG to secure its loan, which is for a maximum of two years. There are already rumblings from AIG that it wants to pay this loan back much sooner.

Media reports suggest AIG wants to sell assets, causing the shares of its biggest competitors to rise – nothing like a "fire sale" for bargains.

Currently, AIG accounts for more than 12% of the volume of buying on the New York Composite Index and it has enormous counterparty positions on a global basis. In addition, there are many millions of policyholders.

Central banks with agreement from government treasury departments are looking at areas where innocent members of the public do not get hurt.

No little old ladies had savings accounts with Lehman Brothers, for example. But where members of the public had managed portfolios of mutual funds/unit trusts with any members of the Lehman Group then these are protected. They have a market value and in most cases will be sold to other institutions.

These transactions will probably take place in weeks if not days as good fund managers will change jobs and investors will desert. Every cloud has a silver lining though.

Merrill Lynch was also too big to fail and it held huge numbers of retail accounts and mutual funds.

The Fed arranged Merrill's shotgun wedding to Bank of America, the latter paying a US\$80 billion dowry.

Perhaps "wedding" is not the correct term; Bank of America just became bigger and more diverse. It is just over 100 years old.

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CHALONG: Tucked down Soi Sainamyem in Chalong is a small IT startup that is quintessentially Phuket: the key players have decades of experience in their chosen fields and their new company, BitSiren, is set to have a global reach.

The company's directive is simple: take advertising, software development, e-commerce, event marketing and public relations and roll them all into an integrated package.

It sounds like common sense, but even in the West just harmonizing these aspects of business can be a managerial nightmare, mainly because they are usually segregated into separate departments that compete for internal resources.

But BitSiren is looking to do more than just harmonize these critical business functions. "The greatest strength of BitSiren lies in our team's ability to seamlessly combine all of these varied disciplines to drive creation of custom-tailored, integrated business solutions," said Fred Muenger, BitSiren's Managing Director and Head of Business Development.

"There are many graphic design, web design, advertising agencies and so on who are only able to provide a limited range of services. We specifically conceived BitSiren to take advantage of the management team's wide range of professional experience and valuable expertise. This broad skill base allows BitSiren to offer

# Startup targets global market

By Chris Husted

a one-stop shop for integrated business solutions," he added.

"BitSiren develops solutions in multiple programming environments, such as Java, PHP, Flash and Microsoft ASP and .Net. Many IT companies are proficient in one or the other, rarely all."

The key to delivering the integrated package is having the right team: qualified people with a common perspective and the right combination of skills and experience, said Mr Muenger.

Mr Muenger has more than 20 years of experience in advertising and marketing communications and more than a decade of experience in e-commerce, e-business and e-marketing.

Before moving ahead with the BitSiren project, he was CIO for leading e-commerce site HotelTravel.com from 2003 to 2007, when the travel portal grew from a small company to a leading international brand with an exponential increase in revenues: from 35 staff in one office to more than 200 staff in three offices in Asia.

BitSiren's Head of Technology is fellow Swiss national Kilian Bohnenblust, who has more than 10 years' experience developing dynamically-driven web applica-



BitSiren: Quetta Locchi (seated), Kilian Bohnenblust (kneeling) and Fredy Muenger.

tions (CMS, intranets and so on) and object-oriented design at Aseantic, a major player in Switzerland's IT industry.

Head of Marketing & Sales is American Quetta Locchi, whose experience includes event marketing for Lehman Brothers, which required co-ordinating senior-executive level client-focused events, and being Event Manager for the Gen Art Film

Festival in New York.

"BitSiren has consciously focused on hiring experienced specialists in IT and Marketing so that each team member is able to apply a higher level of expertise to each project.

This is essential as BitSiren must compete with other professional IT/Marketing firms worldwide," Mr Muenger said.

"With our extensive profes-

sional network in Europe, USA and Asia, we expect a diverse client portfolio. In general, we target small- to medium-sized companies who are looking for solutions to streamline internal operations and who want take advantage of new sales distribution platforms, advanced technologies and integrated marketing techniques," he explained.

"BitSiren especially excels at providing consultation, strategy and comprehensive services to startup companies," he added.

Although BitSiren launched in May, it already has a staff of 12: seven in IT/web and software development; three in marketing consulting and graphical design; and two in administration.

"Fortunately we are in the unique position of launching BitSiren with a full roster of major projects.

Our conservative projections are that our initial investment will be recouped in the first year," said Mr Muenger.

"It has been a challenge to launch a company while working on major projects parallel.

Because of this, our company marketing took a back seat. We have just finished the conception phase of our website and it should be launched within the next month," he added.

  
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# Fretful frogs find few solutions

I'm lucky that I have a pond in my garden with a little waterfall and some flowers around it and a nice, beautiful veranda from which to enjoy it.

The problem is that I share the same feeling with a family of frogs. They have long meetings in the evening and put on concerts of cacophonous sound.

Any attempt to make them stop is useless, so some days I listen more carefully and try to gain some knowledge from them. I love music and love to play it too, and from these noises I have started to develop a sort of unedited song. Sounds cool, doesn't it?

Days ago, I was in my veranda near the pond and listened to the concert of the frogs. Little by little, from that cacophony a more and more distinctive sound emerged. Suddenly, out of all these frogs, one of them came out from the water. He was huge and addressed me with a very gruff, human sound.

"We are not happy!" said the giant frog. "It has now been a long, long time since we began looking for a prince. Our lives are a mess, confused and troublesome. We need someone to organize our lives. We can't stay like this!"

"I'm very sorry," I said with a surprised and thoughtful expression. "I'm young, and I cannot do anything for you. I read a story in school, that if a princess can kiss you, you instantly become a prince. You look to me to be very wise, and so you can be the prince of the frogs."

"That is only in the story," replied the frog, "but the reality is different. In your garden we can find a little

peace, but outside that door the world is cruel. They kill us, some will eat us and others take away our water just to make us die."

"You must admit," I said, "it is not pleasant to listen to your friends all day. It is a terrible noise."

"Nevertheless, if I can, I would like to help you find a solution to get out of this trouble. Human beings are in the same situation: fighting, shouting, finding temporary solutions and then getting back into trouble again."

The frog replied, "It is good that I can talk with someone like you who will listen to me. Maybe you can do something."

"Go to your school and talk with your teachers, but be careful; do not disclose immediately that you need help for the frogs, otherwise they will think you are

Sure 'I love teaching!...



crazy. Just interview them until you find the right person you can talk to freely."

I thought it was a good idea. "In my school I have a lot of foreign teachers. They know about the world and may have more experience," I answered.

The frog responded, "I suggest you to talk with your Thai teachers, too. Farang have more experience, but the results of their experience, many times, are really disappointing."

Over the next few days I prepared a list of questions for my farang teachers and started to interview them. The questions were many. I asked them where they came from, what they liked to teach, why they preferred teaching in a Thai school instead of an international school and what they thought about their

roles as teachers in a Thai school. I also asked their ages, their qualifications and whether they were here to teach or to have a holiday.

Meanwhile, I started to observe with interest the scholastic and extracurricular activities that the Thai teachers seem to solicit

To the question, 'Do you like to teach?' they all gave a resolute 'Yes'. When asked, 'Do you care more about holidays or taking care of students?' the answers were more controversial and confused.

more: the sports in the morning before the lessons (good for waking up), the flag-raising ceremony, the disciplinary measures for those students who come late to school, cutting students' hair if it's deemed uncared for, and strictly enforcing the rules on uniforms to avoid designer fashion competitions.

The frog gave me the chance to look deeper into life at the school.

I found out that the person who poses the questions is more

comfortable than the one who has to answer.

Some teachers were happy to be interviewed and answered all my questions sincerely. Some just disappeared. Some had to answer in a certain way because of the possible consequences.

What surprised me most was the age of the teachers; younger than 26. All of them said they loved to travel and taught so they could pay for their holidays. They didn't stay in the same place for long. Most were confused about the need to attend international schools instead of a Thai school.

None planned to remain in the same place for long, but they had clear ideas about how to change the country and knew the next place they wanted to visit.

To the question, "Do you like to teach?" they all gave a resolute "Yes". When asked, "Do you care more about holidays or taking care of students?" the answers were more controversial and confused.

I tried to figure out who would be wise enough to find a solution for my friend the frog.

The picture that emerged, I'm afraid, could not be much help for the frogs and their problems, but I must say, it was illuminating for me and my baggage of experience.

And the frogs?

I believe a solution was found for them by a very experienced man, Aesop, who lived in Greece more than 2,000 years ago and wrote many fables about the situations animals (and humans) can find themselves in, but the frog did not like that.

I think this is normal: nobody likes what they have and everybody wants something different.

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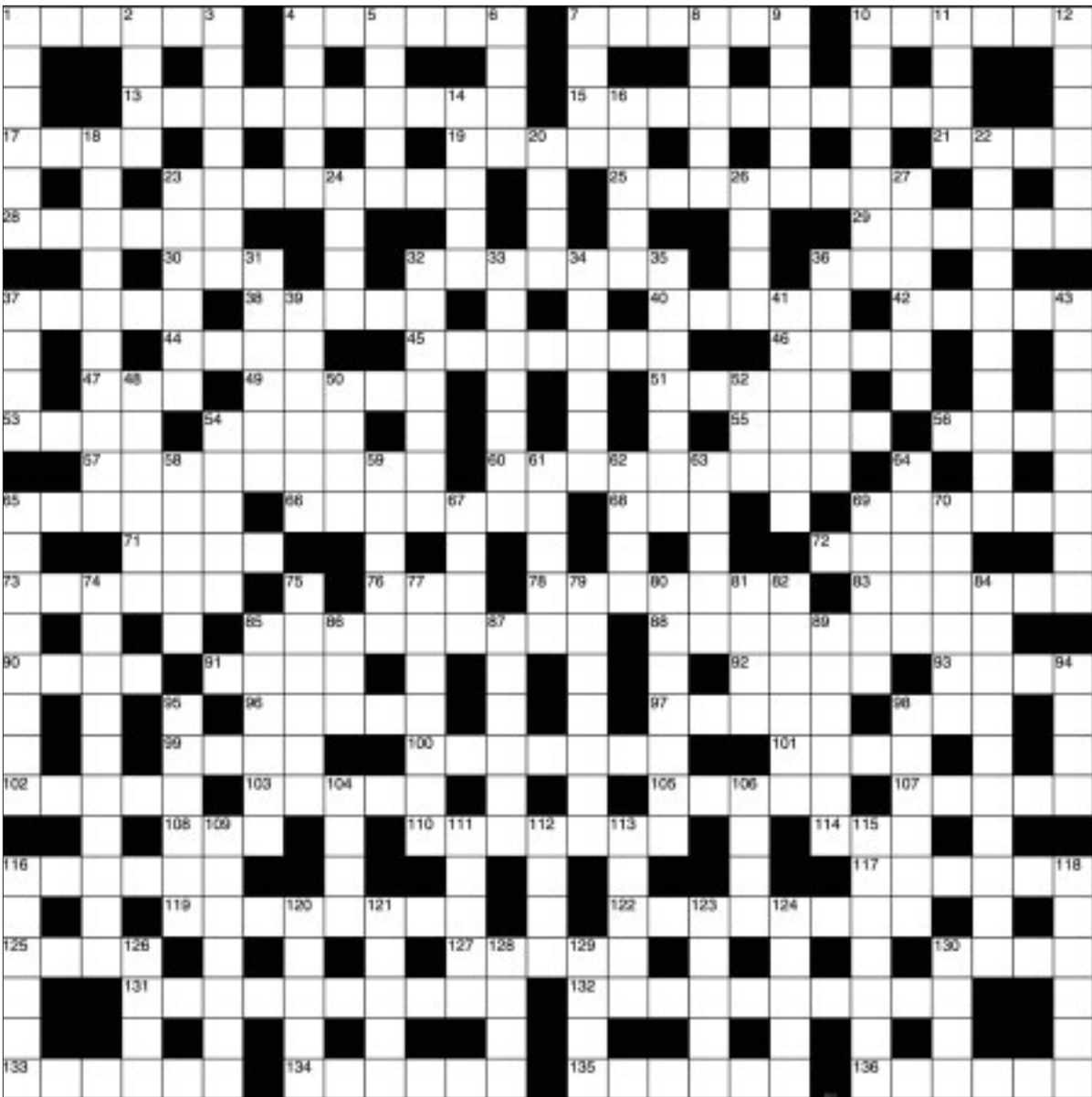
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		3		2				4
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		6	8					7
7				4				2
	8				2	1		
	4					7		
	1		9		3			
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The principle of Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each “box” of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Guess if you will, but each Sudoku puzzle can be solved using logic alone. Beware: this puzzle has only one solution, which is on the next page.



The BIG Crossword

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- Across

1. Scorched

4. Last act

7. Seize (aircraft)

10. Steel-belted tire

13. Making a fuss (8,2)

15. Deny

17. Carpentry clamp

19. Eskimo coat

21. Root vegetables

23. Matrimony

25. Wood-eating insects

28. US president, Ronald...

29. Plunder

30. See next page (1,1,1)

32. Speediest

36. Egyptian snake

37. Nonsense, ...jumbo

38. Of the nose

40. Leaders

42. Shopping mall

44. Russian mountains

45. Hospital worker

46. Custom

47. Crooner, ...King Cole

49. News journal

51. Frenzied

53. Converge

54. Female horse

55. Balanced

56. Slow down!

57. Campaigners for change

60. Compression weapons (3,6)

65. Besiege

66. Ice dancers

68. Much... About Nothing

69. Pickled

71. Appear to be
- Down

72. Chess piece

73. Humped desert beasts

76. Born as

78. Encouraged (5,2)

83. Knowledge

85. Top quality (5-4)

88. Meteorology gauge

90. Swedish pop quartet

91. Mardi...

92. Greeting, ...morning

93. Electric fish

96. Foolish

97. Rendezvous

98. Gene acid (1,1,1)

99. Rat relatives

100. From Tel Aviv

101. If not, or...

102. Scandinavian

103. Fire-lighting crime

105. Thick

107. Polishes

108. US city, ...Vegas

110. Biblical sea

114. Yes

116. Macabre people

117. Prance

119. Sailing

122. Popes

125. Lamented

127. Satisfy (thirst)

130. Excessive claim

131. Avoid the issue

132. Elton John song, ...Wine

133. Sewing tool

134. Made snug home

135. Olive Oyl's boyfriend

136. Picturesque
2. Pleasant

3. Inert

4. Theater entrance hall

5. Japanese martial arts fighter

6. Mediterranean volcano

7. Hind leg joint

8. Michaelmas daisy

9. Army color

10. Invaders

11. Task

12. Movie collie dog

14. Musical, Phantom Of The...

16. Promises

18. Loretta Lynn biography, ...Daughter (4,6)

20. Oxidize

22. Snow/land slides

23. Chart (course) (3,3)

24. Little devils

26. Leonardo da Vinci's ...Lisa

27. Depleted

31. Equal (2,1,3)

32. Flower seller

33. Motorbike passenger compartment

34. Spookier

35. Neck gland

36. Incidental comments

37. Mutilate

39. Panics

41. Compelled

43. Haphazardly (2,6)

48. Relaxed (2,4)

50. Furtive glance

52. LA suburb, ...Air

54. Dark skin spots

58. Meadow

59. Is wet (of weather)

61. Small island

62. Sounded (of bell)

63. Actress, Jane...

64. Namely (2,3)

65. Commends

67. Large jug

69. Cut (timber)

70. Unnoticed

74. Caravan (6,4)

75. Nappy

77. Engraved artwork

79. Socially refined

80. Ocean phase (3,4)

81. Wild party

82. Rope loops

84. Badly

85. Brawl

86. Typist's complaint (1,1,1)

87. Celestial

89. Assorted

94. Underwater vessels

95. Stinking

98. Bans

104. Tender

106. Salamander

109. Normally (2,1,4)

111. Acute anxiety

112. Tiny amount

113. Dismiss (from school)

115. Energies

116. Berlin language

118. Clergyman

120. Safe harbor

121. Early Peruvians

123. Sister's daughter

124. Infuse

126. Title document

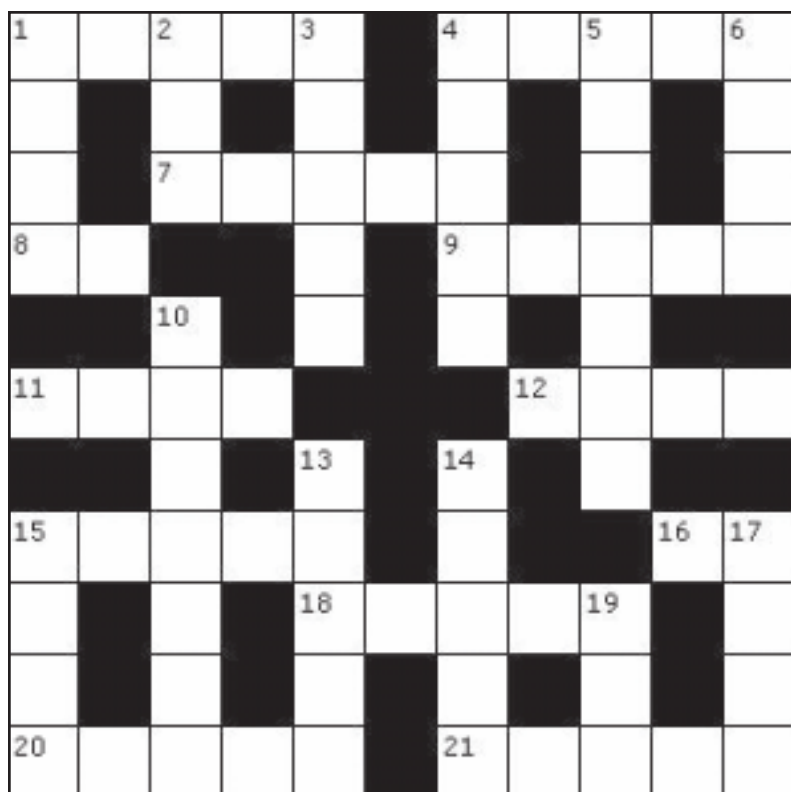
128. Advance a loan

129. Do some exercise, ...fit

130. Dr Jekyll & Mr...

Solution on next page





## Quick Crossword

### Across

1. Unfair
4. Happy
7. Warning
8. Emergency Room
9. More
11. Bishop of Rome
12. Pain
15. Remedied
16. ...The King
18. River mammal
20. Runs away
21. South-Asian country

### Down

1. Sweet
2. America
3. Jumps
4. 007 ...Bond
5. Salad veggie
6. Spiritual practice
10. Sanction
13. Gods
14. Mattress
15. Baby cow
17. Breakfast
19. Type of music

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with the MONSTER QUIZ

1. What is the collective noun for a group of rhinoceroses?
2. What do ungulate animals alone have?
3. Who was elected President of Russia in 1991?
4. In which country is mythological monster the Bunyip said to live?
5. Which company operates the Central Selling Organization?
6. How many riders are on each team in the Tour de France?
7. By what nickname is former tennis champion Peter Sampras known?
8. The US has more airports than any other country. Which country has second most?
9. The French call it the Gulf de Gascoine. What is its English name?
10. Which Greek philosopher taught at the lyceum?
11. Which 5<sup>th</sup>-century king was known as the Scourge of God?
12. Dalmatian dogs originated from which area, in which country?
13. Complete the name of this theory in Physics, Schrodinger's \_\_\_\_\_?
14. Where do the Sami people live?
15. Which European country's national orchestra is larger than its army?
16. Which war was ended by the Treaty of Versailles?
17. In which French colony was an atom bomb tested in 1960?
18. Diane Leather became the first woman to do what in under five minutes?
19. What is the largest environmental organization in the world?
20. Who was the only German Chancellor to have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

*Answers below*



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# Puzzle Solutions

### Solution to this week's Quick crossword



### Monster Quiz Answers

1. A crash; 2. Hooves;
3. Boris Yeltsin; 4. Australia; 5. DeBeers (Diamonds); 6. Nine; 7. Pistol Pete;
8. Australia; 9. Bay of Biscay; 10. Aristotle;
11. Attila the Hun; 12. Dalmatia (once part of Yugoslavia, now mostly in Croatia); 13. Cat;
14. Lapland; 15. Monaco; 16. World War I; 17. Bikini Atoll;
18. Run a mile; 19. Greenpeace; 20. Willy Brandt (1971).

### Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

1	5	3	7	2	8	6	9	4
8	7	4	6	3	9	2	5	1
9	6	2	1	5	4	3	8	7
3	2	6	8	9	1	4	7	5
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6	4	9	2	8	5	7	1	3
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### Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

BURNED	FINALE	HIJACK	RADIAL
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VICE	MEEJ	PARKA	EKDYAMS
EO	MARRIAGE	UTERMITE	SVI
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MUMBO	NASAL	I	EHEADS
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INAT	PAPER	E	IRABID
MEET	MARE	I	CE
REFORMERS	AIR	RIFLES	TEN
ASSAIL	SKATERS	ADO	N
CSEEM	I	W	L
CAMELS	D	NEE	EGGEDON
LOD	FIRST	ATE	BAROMETER
ABBA	GRAS	C	S
I	S	APISH	T
M	L	MICE	ISRAELI
SWED	ARSON	A	E
H	LAS	O	GALILEE
GHOULS	F	N	O
E	M	YACHTING	T
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M	E	QUIVOCATE	E
A	E	L	E
NEEDLE	NESTED	POPEYE	SCENIC

### Solution to this week's Cartoon Puzzle





# The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived?

I read Philip Freeman's biography *Julius Caesar* (Simon & Schuster, New York, 2008, 405pp) for the same reason he wrote it. Author of five histories of the ancient Celts, the Latin professor asked his class what they knew of Julius Caesar. Not much.

I'd read *Caesar's Gallic Wars* in my high school sophomore Latin class, but there was a huge gap in my own knowledge of this seminal figure of Roman history. So I plunged happily into this engrossing biography.

Caesar was of the noblest birth, claiming descent from the Trojan war hero Aeneas, but he grew up in a slum of Rome called Subura and his life-long political allegiance was to the plebeian class in opposition to the wealthy oligarchy of the Roman Senate.

A detailed account of his childhood has been lost destroyed by his grandnephew, Emperor Augustus but an early tale from his youth shows a fully established character.

Captured by pirates off the southern coast of Turkey, he insisted that they triple his ransom money, joked amicably with his captors, but warned them that he

would crucify them all on his return. He did.

His political rise in Rome was bitterly opposed by lifelong Senate enemies like Cato and Bibulus, but he attracted the grudging admiration of the great orator Cicero.

He made his mark in the conquest of Gaul. Vastly outnumbered, his troops teetered on the brink of disaster time and time again. Caesar, who led from the front, often faced certain death, only to pull off a tactical miracle that saved the day. About his exploits, he wrote a master work of terse Latin prose, never omitting his own mistakes.

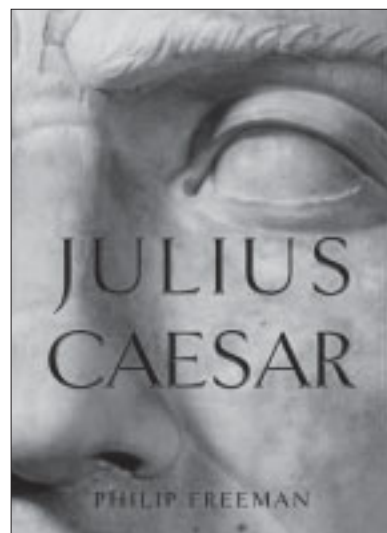
Still, the Gallic Wars were a bloodbath, taking the lives of a million inhabitants of what is currently France, Belgium and Holland. "Most ordinary Gauls lived in isolated farms or small villages, peacefully growing their crops

and herding sheep," the author notes. They were individually brave in battle but never knew what hit them when faced by the disciplined squares of a Roman

legion or their sophisticated war engineering. Even so, the conquest was no walk-over and Caesar suffered a number of annihilating defeats similar to Custer at Little Big Horn.

The analogy is apt because the Gauls, were fatally divided by tribe and language, though united in their opposition to the threat to their land and freedom.

Caesar was no bloodthirsty marauder and routinely spared towns and armies that surrendered to him. Like many an American cavalry officer, he sympathized with his victims, writing, "There was such a passion among the Gauls for liberty and renewing the ancient glory of war that no Roman rewards, no alli-



eran legions, Caesar was in a position to put to flight his reactionary enemies in the Senate and to establish a truly international empire with a flourishing economy and Roman citizenry available to talented men throughout the far-flung provinces.

It would take another war against wily rival general Pompey and Labienus, his former chief lieutenant in Gaul, to accomplish his political triumph a war that would rage through Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia and Spain.

But in the end, before his assassination, Caesar was able to enact a multitude of political reforms, extending even to the Julian calendar, and to bring in a talented new generation to break the power of the old greedy and corrupt aristocracy.

Freeman closes with an anecdote about Thomas Jefferson showing to Alexander Hamilton three portraits of the greatest men in history Francis Bacon, Issac Newton and John Locke. While "a republican to the core", Hamilton replied: "The greatest man who ever lived was Julius Caesar."



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

# How correct is too correct for me and I?

How do you handle it when you're faced with the choice of either sounding correct or actually using correct grammar or pronunciation and sounding ignorant or affected?

For instance, do you correctly pronounce the "teeya" at the end of "poinsettia" instead of the common "ta"? What about correctly using "me" instead of "I" in the case of "...gave books to Katie and me?"

Listen to the radio or sit in a meeting at work and it's clear that most people have no idea that "I" isn't always correct.

I don't like the thought of others cringing when they hear me say something they think is incorrect, but that I know to be proper usage or pronunciation.

Amy Krauss Roy  
Michigan

**Barbara replies:** If everybody else jumped off a cliff... In language as in everything else, we have to make our own decisions. So I pronounce "poinsettia" with all four syllables and say "me" where it's grammatically correct.

If people who do otherwise notice, maybe they'll wonder whether I know something they don't.

Welcome 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.

Then again, I try not to go overboard with grammatical correctness. I say, "Who can you trust?" and "Woe is me," not "Whom can you trust?" and "Woe is I."

The ungrammatical versions sound natural – not just to me but to nearly everyone, including language mavens – and the grammatically correct ones sound stuck-up and phony.

I use trusted reference books if I want to do a reality

check – if I want to make sure that "I" didn't replace "me" when I wasn't paying attention, or that the "i" near the end of "poinsettia" isn't supposed to be silent.

Among my favorites are Garner's *Modern American Usage* by Bryan A. Garner; the wonderful if aging *Modern English Usage* by H.W. Fowler; and the *American Heritage*

and New Oxford American dictionaries.

If everybody else jumped off a cliff... In language as in everything else, we have to make our own decisions.

Let's have a look. The usage books agree with you and me about "me". And the dictionaries give our pronunciation for "poinsettia".

They also give the one we don't like, though, so we shouldn't fault people who say "poinsetta" even as we refuse to join them.

Please advise the correct usage: Can you use the word "artisan" as an adjective – as in "artisan cheese" – or is it "artisanal cheese"? I have seen both but am not sure if both are correct.

Tamara Kayfetz-Kingston  
Ontario

**Barbara replies:** Neither word is actually wrong. Nouns are often used as adjectives. Think of "goat" in "goat cheese", for instance, and "peanut" in "peanut butter".

"Artisanal" does exist as an adjective, but the people who use it always sound to me as if they're trying too hard. Saying "artisanal" instead of "artisan" isn't as bad as saying, for example, "I" instead of "me" when it is functioning as an object – but it's headed in that direction. It's genteel, in the bad sense. May I encourage you to avoid it in your own writing and speech?



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## Patong Hospital

It is always sad when an organization that provides an important public service faces a staff walkout that results in the quality of its services being compromised. When that organization is the local hospital, however, the need to take urgent steps to rectify the situation is, quite literally, a matter of life and death.

This week's report that medical staff at Patong Hospital are leaving the institution in droves [see News pages] comes as little surprise to those familiar with the working conditions they have been forced to endure in recent years. With each departing staff member, those that stay on are put under even more stress, further strengthening an already vicious cycle.

Patong Hospital is not the only case, of course. Government hospitals nationwide are in crisis thanks to the policies put in place by the Thaksin Administration that guaranteed public access to universal "30-baht" healthcare, but failed to provide adequate funding for the hospitals made responsible for providing it.

Fatigue, chronic stress and overwork among staff are never signs of a healthy organization, but in the medical profession impaired motor skills and compromised decision-making can result in lethal overdoses, botched surgeries and death. It is no wonder the Thai Medical Council is currently steeling itself for the full impact of the recently-imposed 2008 Procedural Act for Consumer Protection Cases, which is expected to result in an increase in the number of malpractice cases.

With this combination of factors, it comes as little wonder that many doctors opt out of government-sector work in favor of more lucrative contracts offered by private hospitals, many of which cater to foreign "medical tourists".

Doctors who do stay on in government hospitals tend to open private clinics on the side, where they can boost their salaries through consultation fees and selling medication, in many cases more than the patient actually needs.

Patong Hospital Director Dr Taveesak Netwongse enjoys few of the management tools private sector administrators can employ in addressing staffing problems – or the root causes behind them.

Sadly, his efforts to convince the MoPH to allow the hospital to be run as a public organization have been stifled by ministerial inertia. Patong is a place where 13,000 government-registered hotel rooms outnumber the count of registered voters, not even 11,500 in the most recent election. Unfortunately, it is the number of registered voters, not hotel rooms, on which government budgets are based. If ever a community needed a special-status hospital it is Patong.

– Stephen Fein

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### Back road bottleneck blues

Regrading the Issues & Answers query by Mr Westgard (*Gazette*, August 16 issue), I, too, have often wondered about that unfinished building jutting into the road near on the back entrance

### Chalong Circus Danger

First they use taxpayers money to build a roundabout at the Chalong intersection and then they use tax-payers money to remove the roundabout and install traffic lights.

Some of the new traffic lights are not working and there is no new paint on the road to guide the traffic.

Traffic from the pier is now forced to drive towards Rawai and then perform a precarious U-turn.

The rush-hour traffic jams are getting worse which shows clearly that something is wrong with the new system.

Watching the asphalt antics it is not difficult to predict that there are sure to be some hairy accidents, if the video cameras on the lights work then at least we can see who was really at fault.

From Momi Gezler  
Phuket

### No foreign monkeys in Phuket

After the PAD closed Phuket Airport by force causing tourist numbers to plummet it is bizarre how some Phuket natives

are protesting against the monkey island community project that would help tourism on the island.

I heard on the Tarzan vine that Chalong residents were protesting that only Thai monkeys should be on the island and that their should be no foreign monkeys.

What do these people have against foreign monkeys? Is racism being taken too far or is it because they think that the monkeys should have 800,000 baht in the bank each so that they can apply for retiree visas?

### Crash forgotten?

I am in utter disbelief Thai Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) is even considering returning One-Two Go / Orient-Thai's operating certificates after grounding them on several issues of disregarding regulations, like not training the pilots for emergencies, not having safety manuals etc.

Did not a One-Two Go airliner crash, killing 90 people, last September? Orient-Thai and One-Two Go CEO, Udom Tantiprasongchai should be arrested and indicted for the deaths. And perhaps the head of the DCA, too.

Tourist beware, none of these ridiculously inadequate censures would have come about had it not been for an American woman exposing mismanagement and oversight that the Thai DCA could then no longer ignore.

I urge anyone who may be flying within Thailand to read the astounding list of accusations towards the DCA's apparent inability to properly regulate the airline industry at [www.investigate](http://www.investigate)

Udom.com. Meanwhile, the US FAA is being lobbied aggressively to downgrade Thailand's safety rating.

Failing that, the US congress will be petitioned to stop funding the FAA rating program as an utter waste of taxpayer's money.

Christy K. Sweet

### A comedy of crimes in Phuket's paper

Returning to Phuket this year I was amazed at the development. Phuket has so much to offer and although I read about many horror stories in the *Gazette* it is still in my humble opinion one of the safest places in the world.

Talking about the news with a friend I learned that because there is so little crime the *Gazette* makes a point of running updates on crimes so one murder or accident may appear in several issues.

Another interesting point is that when crimes are reported there is often a story behind the story.

Many aggressive tourists consider Phuket to be dangerous whilst those steering clear of trouble seem to never have problems.

The September 20 edition was hilarious with the Rabbi doing his thing for such a small turnout and when I read that a woman read out the names of the survivors I nearly fell off my bar stool with laughter.

I ask you in what country to they read names of survivors, will they be carving the survivors names in stone too?

I would like to assure readers that if they are cool then Phuket is too.

Samual Gietz

Letters conveying views and suggestions are published here. Those seeking comment from government officials or business owners are published as *Issues & Answers* on the facing page.



# Where thinking tiny could yield big results

## FIRST PERSON



**P**huket was host to the recent 2nd Thailand Nanotechnology Conference, which brought together the country's nanotechnology experts in this emerging field of research. Here, a leading researcher and professor in the field, Assoc Prof Dr Pikul Wanichapichart (Ph.D, Biophysics), of the Membrane Science and Technology Research Center at Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Haad Yai, discusses the potential for nanotechnology to improve many areas of life including health, energy and the environment, and the role that Thailand has to play in furthering its development.

**T**his annual nanotechnology conference aims to support nanotechnology research in Thailand and to develop Thai researchers in this field.

This year's conference called for development and research in many areas including nano-materials, nano-encapsulation, nano-fibers, nano-composites, nano-coating, nano electronics and devices, nano-measurements and characterization, nano-separation and environmental health related to nanotechnology.

Many new technologies were presented in research papers covering nanotechnology topics.

Many students with master's degrees from PSU were involved, and I'm the one who has worked closely with them.

One of the innovations we presented involves developing

rubber as a nano-material that can be used as an electric conductor.

NANOTEC, together with its parent organizations the National Science and Technology Development Agency and the Ministry of Science and Technology, is working with eight universities including the local NANOTEC Center of Excellence at PSU to support this technology and to develop Thai researchers to be able to compete on a global scale.

Nanotechnology could support agriculture and improve Thailand's economic base.

We also support using nanotech for health in areas such as developing Thai herbs with nanotechnology. We could show the world a real revolution in this area.

There are some ingredients

from herbs that could help cure heart disease, for example, and this area is one that PSU is well poised to develop.

The big challenge in all of our work is having a sufficient budget to support the materials and experts needed to help our researchers develop their knowledge.

In order for Thailand to succeed, we first have to look at our classrooms at the primary school level. Teachers must keep a good attitude towards science. If teachers say that science is very difficult, then kids will not develop an interest in science at all.

We are not sure how many Phuket people joined this conference; however, we presented innovations about waste management with nanotechnology and other areas that could help conserve the environment in Phuket.

We would be pleased to speak with any company that would like to contact us about this and other areas in which nanotechnology could be beneficial.

The eight participating universities, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, Asian Institute of Technology, King Mongkut Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Chiang Mai University, Khon Kaen University, Prince of Songkla University and Mahidol University, have all established centers to research nanotechnology in Thailand.

Nanotechnology products could help make Thailand become an outstanding country by developing agriculture products and raise their value in the market. Also, 'nano-cosmeceutical' products made with local Thai herbs is another area that offers

good potential.

We know that we cannot be at the same level as the innovating countries such as Japan or the US, but we would like to support nanotechnology in the things that we have and apply it to improve the products important to our economy, including rice and other grains, herbs and rubber.

We are also supporting innovators to register patents on any of the technologies they develop that could have commercial value, including cosmetics and some lotions made using nanotechnology.

Nanotechnology can have an effect on the environment of the country that produces nano-materials, so we also need to study about the impact of the technology and to learn how to safely research and experiment with nano-materials in the lab.

## Prostitution laws

I hear that prostitution is illegal in Thailand, but I would like the law clarified.

I would also like to know how the law applies to both the buyer and seller of sexual services, and when it is considered that the crime has taken place.

Gerome Patong

**Kathu Police Superintendent Col Grissak Songmoonak replies:**

The illegality of prostitution refers primarily to forcing women to have intercourse with clients; these cases usually in-

volve brothels that imprison women in terrible conditions that foreigners do not frequent.

In Patong, there are only three aspects of the law that tourists might like to be aware of:

1. If a woman is under 18, then the client would be guilty of paying a minor for sex, which is a serious offense.

2. Ladyboys are requested not to sell their services on the street.

This is a gentle suppression rather than an arrest, and is done to reduce the problem of tourists having their possessions stolen

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from someone who will be difficult to find.

Many bar-girls refuse many men, while accepting others as clients since it does also largely depend on whether they both like each other as humans.

Ladyboys, however, are often not so choosy and not so sin-

cere in their relationships, which are based more on sex and money, and the police therefore try to ensure that if ladyboys must approach foreigners, that it is done in a suitable way and in a suitable place so that the atmosphere is kept safe and fun.

3. A bar-fine simply entitles someone to take the girl out of the bar, be it to go to a disco and dance, have dinner or whatever. In this, no law is broken.

As long as everything is mutually agreeable then there is no problem.

If a tourist does agree to pay a girl for bedroom antics, then he must pay the agreed price or else he would be guilty of deception or cheating. This has nothing

to do with the sexual aspect. If a client has agreed to pay a bar-girl to act as a tour guide, translator or whatever else, then he must keep his word and pay the agreed fee.

Many people ask me this question including ambassadors and diplomats.

Some, obviously, have difficulty discussing the subject, so it is great that the *Gazette* is finally printing something that will provide answers.

The bottom line is that if she is over 18, agreements are kept and she is not being forced to do anything against her own free will, then there is nothing to worry about when it comes to the law.



## CurRANT Affairs

## View of democracy from the Lowlife Bar

Democracy is the right to make horrendously bad mistakes and have world leaders, like George Dubya Bush, praise you for them.

Surely then, if one of the options on offer is selling your vote for a crisp 1,000-baht note, then democrats would give their right arm to allow you to freely choose that option. They may not agree that it's the best way of electing a responsible, stable and honest government, but as they uphold the right to individual self determination above all else, they have to respect your decision.

So in a democratic country like Thailand, the people do indeed get to choose the sort of government they deserve.

Sid has now enjoyed the hilarious antics of 11 governments, all but two solemnly elected by due democratic process, in his 20 years in this lovely country. But the current impasse does seem a trifle unfair to the protagonists and it's the system that's to blame.

At present we have yet another "elected" Thai government, which the majority of those eligible to vote saw fit to empower. However, a bunch of self appointed rabble rousers are laying siege to parliament because they have decided that Thailand can never actually have a fair election because the majority of the

populace are not yet ready to assume the mantle of voters in a democratic system.

They are just not educated and sophisticated enough the rabble rousers say.

Sid is no great fan of any of the governments he's seen over the past 20 years, with the exception of the Anand government (appointed after a bloody military crackdown in 1992) and the Chuan Leekpai government (elected after the Thai-Tanic financial crash and baht devaluation of 1997).

It seems that only bloody, or pecuniary, apocalypse allows reasonable governments an entrée into the Thai political arena. And then they only survive long enough to restore some degree of international confidence and the financial flows that accompany this. Once, achieved, the "democratic" system allows the same old clique of rich gangsters to desert the golf courses and return to Parliament House.

What's to be done?

You can't have it both ways in Thailand. If you institute a democratic system of voting, the uneducated majority will take the short-term, cash-in-hand, option and surprise, surprise, a bunch of rapacious, self interested gangsters get into power.

To get the good guys into power, you'd have to restrict the vote to those educated enough to weigh up the policy options and so vote for these good guys for the longer term good of the country.

And that sort of restriction just ain't democracy.

Winston Churchill said that democracy was the worst system of government in the world... except for all the others. It cer-

tainly seems to be a pretty bad system for the Land of Smiles.

Given the prevailing top-down, feudalism of this country, some sort of benign dictatorship would seem to be the way forward. But "oops" wasn't that what we had with the billionaire and his Thai Loves Thai Party??

Maybe the key word here is "benign".

Ole Square Head had the right idea, except that his supreme arrogance was a little too much for certain sectors of the power elite to stomach.

All this local turmoil wouldn't be so bad, if it weren't occurring with a backdrop of the worst global financial crisis since the Great Depression.

While Thailand dithers,

Rome and most of the rest of the globe is burning.

Maybe the way out of the current standoff is to bring in an absolute outsider, someone untainted by the local political scene and all its dirty dealings. It is not without precedent to turn to a well-connected farang for this role...think back to the days of Constantine Phaulkon in the court of King Narai of Ayudhaya

So it is with all modesty and a due sense of history weighing on his shoulders, that Soapbox Sid has decided to put himself forward to lead Thailand out of the current morass. Yes, it's a big ask, to have Sid leave his customary corner stool in Patong's Lowlife Bar, but sometimes the grand sacrifice has to be made.

The first thing Sid would do, once appointed, is to usher in a new dawn of transparency and honesty in all things, particularly the naming of political parties. He'd do away with this nonsense such as "Peoples' Power Party" and "All Powerful Supermen with Lots of Cash Handouts for the Upcountry Farmers Party".

Sid's new party will be called the "Drinking in the Lowlife Bar While Pontificating Uselessly About Everything Party".

It may not solve any problems, but by golly, it would get Dubya's attention!



## In The Stars

by Isla Star

## Romance looks promising, Libra

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): You are advised to guard against getting hot under the collar early next week. A series of minor upsets could shake your sense of justice. However, a financial bonus can be expected and a shopping trip with a creative Capricorn should help to soothe your stress. If your birthday is due, look forward to a happier romantic time during the year ahead.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Scorpions shouldn't believe everything they are told concerning business this week. Your desire to hear what you want to know could prevent satisfactory solutions being found. Gemini, in particular, is full of hot air. Affairs

of the heart are well-starred until the middle of next month and you could soon be considering a commitment. If this is a relatively new relationship, be sure that you are not acting on the rebound.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Although the news of a family visit may come as an unwelcome surprise, you are advised to deliver a diplomatic response. If there are bridges to be mended with relations you may gain helpful advice from a Taurus. Work begins to bring more satisfaction when someone notices your previously untapped talents. Wednesday is the best day for negotiating a pay rise.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-

January 20): Dreams of success could become reality for Capricorns when an Aquarian friend offers to help get plans off the ground. The only drawback could be that this person's head is usually up in the clouds, so the practical details should be firmly under your control. A romantic encounter this weekend catches you unaware. Number 4 can be lucky on Monday.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): You are advised not to act before thinking things through first. Your impetuous nature could cause unnecessary difficulties to arise during the last days of September. An investment scheme that you started earlier this year is forecast to provide less income than expected, but this situation should soon change. A love interest wants to become more serious than you are ready for.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Meeting deadlines proves tricky for many of you this week. Distractions need to be firmly brushed aside and socializing should be about quality, not quantity. Your partner's plans to take a short trip come at a good time, even if you're not immediately supportive. Jealousy could be the reason for your negativity, but this will soon sour the relationship.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): You should be aware of a slippery

slope concerning overspending. A partner or someone close to you is full of ideas at the moment and this probably involves dipping into your resources. The month of October will see unexpected bills arriving and less money coming in than you had hoped for. A dream you have this weekend sheds light on a mystery involving a family member. The number 4 is lucky on Tuesday.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Those of you treading a thin line between a platonic friendship and a potential romance will gain insight this week. The stars suggest that you could be pleasantly surprised by a gesture made by the person in question. Helping an Aquarius out on Sunday could lead to more than you were prepared for. The financial picture appears promising as your faith in a daunting project is repaid. Wear cinnamon brown to encourage patience.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): As the month of September draws to a close, many Geminis will be frustrated by others' lack of co-operation. Business affairs are better starred during October, but you are advised to backpedal on a deal involving Sagittarius. Your romantic attraction to Pisces is about to blossom into something more tangible. The number 9 can bring some good fortune on Monday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): A forgotten debt is forecast to be repaid before the end of this month. Your luck in both financial matters and affairs of the heart will gradually improve during October, but a disagreement this weekend could cause you to believe that a romantic relationship is sinking. Taking a short break should show you that compromise is the answer. Thursday is the most auspicious day for negotiating property agreements.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): At work, many of those born under the sign of Leo will find themselves stuck between a rock and a hard place. You should play it cool until October begins as the stars suggest that conditions will smooth out then. A Libran friend proposes an interesting suggestion this weekend which should quench your thirst for adventure. Wear a piece of tiger's eye stone to encourage positive change.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Capricorn has your best interests at heart even though their pushy advice might be hard to swallow. Virgoans who are keen for change in their working lives could find that the answer is closer than they believed. Where cash is concerned, a discrepancy will cause some stress early next week. A long-term relationship is put to the test when your partner makes a startling announcement.



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Phuket residents have been checking and posting their international Internet speed results for almost a year now. The results have proved invaluable in helping people pick the best service in specific locations all over the island.

With dozens of packages to choose from, and conflicting – frequently erroneous – claims being made by all of the Internet Service Providers, having a reliable source of independent information is worth its weight in gold.

Thanks to Henry Habermacher and the good folks at X-NET Computer Peripherals Supply, the information at [live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx](http://live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx) is freely available to everybody.

You can download the files yourself, slice and dice them any way you like, and use the results however you see fit.

That's particularly valuable if you're looking for Internet speeds in a specific part of Phuket – connections in Rawai, for example, are different from the ones in Cherg Talay – and the data will point the way. Who knows? One of these days the island's Internet Service Providers may discover the data and use it to improve their services. Hey, stranger things have happened.

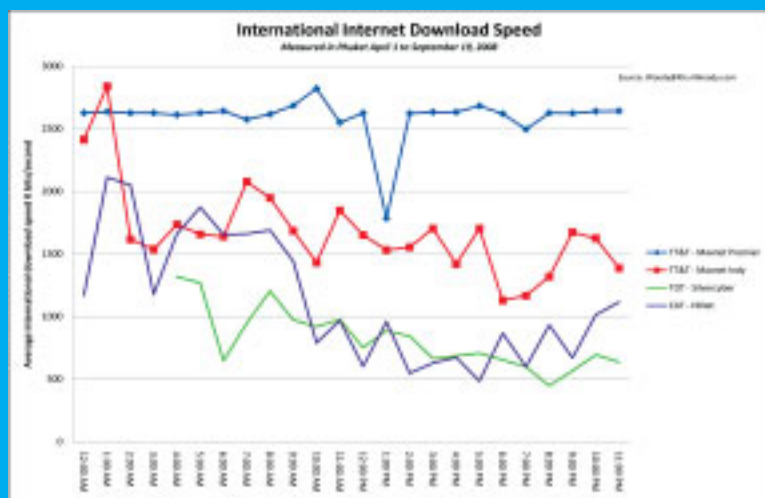
You can see the result of the latest batch of tests in the accompanying graph. I show data starting on April 1, 2008, because the island's Internet speeds suddenly started increasing on or around that date.

If you've been reading my columns, the results shouldn't surprise you: TT&T MaxNet Premier, at 2,000 baht per month and up, continues to provide the fastest service in most (but not all) parts of the island. MaxNet Indy, which goes for as little as 590 baht per month, pulls up a strong second.

TOT Silvercyber, about 590 baht, continues to run faster than TOT Goldcyber, although Silvercyber costs less. And the 2,600 baht-per-month CAT Hi-Net ser-

# It takes a village

Phuket's online community reveals the truth about Internet connection speeds



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vice – once the darling of the online community – falls even farther behind the competition. You can almost hear the cash cow mooing.

Want to help? You, too, can join Phuket's version of the Baker Street Online Irregulars and help in our quest for facts and solutions. Even if you don't know much at all about computers, you can sign up and add to our storehouse of information about Internet speeds. Here's how:

1. Send a message to me, Woody (at) khun woody (dot) com (no spaces; replace the "at" and "dot"; pardon the obfuscation but it'll reduce my spam). When you write to me, tell me

what user name you would like to use, what password, where you are located, and specifically which Internet service you use (for example, TOT Silvercyber or CAT EV-DO Aircard).

2. I will sign you up to submit your speeds on the site, and send a message back with an acknowledgment.

3. After you're signed up, go to the Phuket Internet Speed Reporting site at [www.live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx](http://www.live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx). Type your user name and password in the upper right corner and click the Login button. You should see a page that's ready for you to type in your speeds.

4. Click the button marked Speedtest. If you have a browser that supports tabs (Firefox 2 or 3, Internet Explorer 7 or 8, or Chrome), the browser will open a new tab and run over to a spe-

cific speed test website from a company called Speakeasy. If you have an older browser and you don't get a tab, stop right there bucko. You're surfing dangerously. Take a minute or two and install Firefox 3 ([getfirefox.com](http://getfirefox.com)) or Chrome ([chrome.google.com](http://chrome.google.com)). Then come back to these instructions at Step 3.

We all use Speakeasy for speed tests. There are zillions of speed tests on the Internet. I'm not saying that Speakeasy is any better or any worse than all of the others. But it is consistent.

5. At the Speakeasy speed test site, you'll see a column on the left marked Choose a Server. Click the button that says San Francisco, CA. There's nothing particularly magical about the speed test machine in San Francisco but, again, we're all using that particular site for consistency.

6. Sit back and wait for a little while. Or maybe a long while. The speed test computer does its thing, ultimately reporting both the "down" and the "up" speeds for your specific connection. Those are the numbers that you can use to compare with all of the other numbers posted on the Phuket Internet Speed Reporting site. Remember the numbers.

7. Click the tab for the Phuket Internet Speed Reporting site. Make sure that all of your logging information is correct (your Internet Service, time and location), type in the "download" and the "upload" numbers, and click the Add Result button.

Your results should appear immediately in the table.

8. If you want to test again, click the Logout button in the upper right corner, wait a few minutes, then follow Steps 3 through 7 again. I encourage you to post frequently – particularly during high traffic times of the day (say, between 9 am and 9 pm).

Several of you have asked

me how to report the fact that your %\$#@! Internet connection isn't working at all. The convention we've all adopted is to report a "0" for both the download and the upload speeds. If the Internet disappears completely, jot down the date and time, and wait for your Internet connection to come back. When it's working, follow Steps 3 through 7 and, in

## KHUN WOODY'S COMPUTER

Step 7, type in the date and time you went down.

Type 0 for both the download and

the upload speed, then click Add Result.

Try it. You'll feel better. Believe me.

Right now we have pretty good representation from many of the big-name Internet Service Providers, but very little information from the smaller companies. I'd love to see more info from the likes of Loxinfo, ipSTAR, and all of the GPRS and EDGE mobile phone services.

We're in a unique situation here in Phuket because we have a remarkably close-knit group of computer-savvy people who are critically interested in Internet connections. We have the tools at our disposal to monitor the various packages on offer.

With all of that information freely and readily available, anyone can make an informed decision about choosing an ISP. As far as I know, no other place in Southeast Asia has anything like it.

You can join the effort, keep track of your speeds, and let everybody else take advantage of your experiences. Send me a message and let's get you started.

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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 September 28, the group will convene at Sandwich Shoppe in Chalong, one kilometer north of Chalong Circle, next to Wine Connection. On October 5, we meet at the Sandwich Shoppe in Patong, in Aroonsom Plaza, not far from Andaman Beach Suites. Then on October 12 we'll be at Sandwich Shoppe Laguna, 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.woody.info](http://www.woody.info)

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By Scott Mallon

# Beijing Boxing: Fists of irony

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, and aside from the push-button scoring system used in the boxing, the Beijing Olympics were a massive success.

One hundred thousand people attended the spectacular opening ceremony. Viewed by an estimated 15% of the world's population, it was truly an event of gargantuan proportions. Who would expect anything less? After all, with a population of 1.3 billion, the Chinese are in the habit of thinking big.

By now, anyone remotely in touch with the modern world knows Michael Phelps won an incredible eight gold medals in "The Cube", and Usain Bolt proved he was in a different stratosphere, winning two gold medals in track at the "Bird's Nest", while setting two world records in the process.

But it was memorable for the wrong reasons, too. Cuban Taekwondo competitor Angel Matos kicked a Swedish referee in the head after he was disqualified for exceeding the one-minute injury time limit.

The World Taekwondo Federation banned the Cuban and his coach for life, effectively ending their amateur careers. Most surprising about Matos losing his cool was that he was a three-time Olympian who won gold in Sydney and placed 11<sup>th</sup> in Athens. Fidel Castro publicly defending Matos for his indiscretion, however, came as no surprise.

Boxing is a sport bursting with irony, a theater of predictable unpredictability, and Beijing was its world stage. But if boxing were a Broadway show, it

would undoubtedly be an off-off-Broadway show.

Professional and amateur boxing may have the same bloodlines, but they are unquestionably different sports. The pro style stresses the knockout and breaking down an opponent over the course of the bout; the amateur style uses head protection and is similar to a game of tag, albeit a painful one, and is more akin to a wind sprint than a marathon.

Another difference and the biggest dilemma facing Olympic boxing is the scoring system. Inconsistencies in scoring and refereeing at the Olympic level are inexcusable. Clean punches failing to register, punches tallied without a punch being thrown, combination punching scored as a single point, body shots completely ignored, and the favoritism some officials clearly demonstrate are just a few of the problems endemic to the amateur scoring system.

While the judges stopped short of blatantly robbing most of the fighters of victories, far too many of the scores did not accurately reflect the closeness of the bouts.

Before the Sydney 2000 Olympics, Australian national newspaper *The Australian* published a large cartoon of a referee addressing two Olympic boxers: "Assuming that I haven't



The opening ceremony at the Beijing Olympic Games was stunningly impressive, but the developments in boxing that became evident over the following 16 days certainly lacked luster for the sport.

been bribed, the judges are straight, neither of you are taking a dive and aren't on performance-enhancing drugs, may the best man win."

This may or may not be overstating the situation, but if Olympic boxing is to survive, the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA) will need to develop a more precise scoring system, one fans can agree is fair. If a group of kids watching a schoolyard brawl can come up with a winner, surely a group of boxing "experts" can revamp an extremely erratic scoring system.

Thailand won four medals in Beijing; two gold and two silver. Weightlifter Prapawadee Jaroenrattanakoon and boxer Somjit Jongjohor won gold medals while 18-year-old Taekwondo fighter Buttsee Pueadong and boxer Manus Boonjumnong won silver. Boonjumnong is the first Thai athlete ever to win medals in two Olympic competitions.

While an inexperienced Cuban boxing squad won eight medals – more than any other boxing team – none were gold. Instead, they were forced to accept four silver and four bronze. It was the first time in 40 years that the Cubans had failed to win gold in Olympic boxing.

Despite this, the Cubans should have several fighters returning for the 2012 London Games, and with an additional four years of experience under their belts, they seem certain to improve upon their results in Beijing.

China won four medals in boxing, improving on their tally in Athens. Light flyweight Zou Shiming and light heavyweight Xiaoping Zhang captured gold; Zhilei Zhang won silver; and welterweight Silamu Hanati received a bronze. China benefited from an easy draw and, occasionally, biased judging.

One of the worst decisions in boxing came when Xiaoping Zhang faced Ireland's Kenny Egan. Zhang was given no less than three points for punches he

never threw. The judges were not so apt to press the buttons for Egan, who clearly scored several times and yet received no points. Zhang won the bout and the gold medal, scoring a lopsided 11:7 decision.

At the 1976 Montreal Olympics, American boxers won one silver and five gold medals. In Beijing, they won a single bronze medal – the worst performance ever by an American squad. How did a program that produced some of the greatest fighters ever fall to a depth where its biggest success is an inexperienced heavyweight with marginal skills? Four years is long enough to unearth the answers.

Blame it on the coach, blame it on the judging, blame it on anyone but yourself. Boxing is a one-on-one sport, though, and no one can dispute that the American squad failed to perform when and where it counted most, inside the boxing ring at the Worker's Gymnasium.

Whining about being home-sick, complaining about not having your coach by your side and the "all for me, I'm gonna get rich" mentality demonstrates a lack of maturity and mental dedication that winning boxers from other countries tend to possess. Until the US fighters stop making excuses and change their attitudes, gold medals will be a distant memory.

Each Olympics, the most outstanding and stylistic boxer is presented with the Val Barker trophy. The trophy was instituted in 1920 in honor of Val Barker, the first Honorary Secretary of the International Federation of Amateur Boxing (FIBA).

This year's winner was featherweight gold medalist Vasyl Lomachenko. The Ukrainian-born fighter, beaten in the amateur world champions by Albert Selimov, gained revenge in the first round of the tournament when he defeated the Russian 14-7.

He then blew through his next three opponents by scores totaling 35-5 before stopping France's Khedafi Djelkhir in the first round to win gold. What made Lomachenko so exciting was his ability to conform to the amateur style while simultaneously demonstrating the skill and power he will need to become a world champion in the professional ranks.

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Chris Jongerious on *The Frog* (center) struggles to keep the spinnaker full in shifting winds as he follows Ben Copely's *Katsu* as they head out of Chalong Bay toward Koh Maiton.

# ACYC regatta hits low-season high

By Leslie Hand

AO CHALONG: The local fleet sailing Course 8 in Race 11 of the Image Asia Ao Chalong Yacht Club (ACYC) 2008 race series was delivered a rewarding day on the water on September 21.

A cruise to Koh Maiton in

## Patong Darts League

PATONG: The end of the season promises to be exciting, with the top four teams all meeting over the final five weeks. League leaders Queen Mary still have a bye week in hand, so Offshore and Piccadilly will be looking for big point wins in their attempt to overtake them.

In last week's match at Beach House, newcomer Rob of Piccadilly scored a 180 en route to a nine-point away win.

Send match notes to: [darts@phuketgazette.net](mailto:darts@phuketgazette.net)

**September 16 results:** Queen Mary\* 7 Dogs Bollocks 2; Beach House 1 Piccadilly\* 8; Offshore\* 8 Simply Red 1; Hilltop 1 Market Bar\* 8; Celtic 6 Sick Buffalo\* 3; Shakers = bye (\* = winner of beer leg)

**Standings:** 1. Queen Mary\* (110 points); 2. Offshore (107); 3. Piccadilly (104); 4. Market Bar (98); 5. Sick Buffalo (77); 6. Shakers (74); 7. Beach House\* (68); 8. Dogs Bollocks (58); 9. Celtic\* (56); 10. Hilltop\* (50); 11. Simply Red\* (48) (\* = One bye week remaining).

**September 30 match-ups:** Queen Mary v Market Bar; Piccadilly v Sick Buffalo; Offshore v Dogs Bollocks; Shakers v Hilltop; Celtic v Simply Red; Beach House = bye (home teams first).

good winds saw the three classes, which included 10 boats, starting downwind, showing off their foresail colors with sheets taut on the reaches.

Upwind beats back to the finish concluded the roughly three-hour long race.

"A boring route" said many sailors afore the start, yet conditions dictated otherwise, as the wind picked up from the still air of the early morning with changing tides adding to a tactician's concerns.

It was a well-sailed day with no major follies, aside from the need to remove a forestay in order to untangle a spinnaker. Ahh... Life on *The Four Winds*.

Multihulls returned in force from the previous race with four catamarans competing for a place in the limelight. Coveted prizes, courtesy of day sponsor Octopus Electrical Services, be they fine bottles of wine or the latest in the ACYC novelty gifts were up for grabs.

Top-place finishers *X Cat Riot* and *Charro* earned the "imbibables" while *The Frog* now showcases a can of baked beans – possibly for farting around on the course – and *SEA Property* found herself with the "support"

of a pink brassiere.

The Image Asia Encouragement Award went to Cruising Class winner *Chetak*, just for getting out for more and more races, with kudos to Jim Kane and Nida, who are often out on the bay sailing on their own.

### Race 11 results

**Racing class:** 1) *Katsu* (Ben Copely); 2) *Minx* (Mick Kealy); 3) *Remington* (Jim Ellis).

**Cruising class:** 1) *Chetak* (Jim Kane); 2) *The Four Winds* (John Fenn).

**Multihull class:** 1) *X Cat Riot* (Bob Brindley); 2) *Charro* (Mark Horwood); 3) *SEA Property* (Peter Dyer).

The full race results for the day, the progressive series results and the performance handicap can be viewed at <http://acyc.asiaaustraliattech.com>

At the after-race prize-giving presentation, special mention and applause went to Race Official Steve Hatchett and MC Tony Knight.

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## Phuket divers unite for underwater cleanup

By Semacote Suganya & Stephen Fein

PHUKET: Several boatloads of experienced divers took to local reefs on September 20, taking part of the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2008 activities organized by the UN-affiliated Green Fins Thailand initiative.

Off Koh Maiton, some 30 divers led by Sea Bees Diving tour operator Stefan Hinterberger descended on a dive site known to collect a lot of debris.

Leaving from Chalong Pier aboard the 27-meter *Excaliber II*, the team in a one-hour dive managed to fill two large containers with debris, including bottles, fishing nets, anchors, shoes and flip-flop sandals, from depths of up to 10 meters.

However, calm seas soon gave way to choppy seas as winds picked up and the vessel had to head back to Chalong Bay at about 11:30 am.

Sea Bees' Public Relations Manager Frank Mueller explained that the event was not only aimed at removing such coral-killing debris, but also at raising public awareness of not throwing such items overboard in the first place.

The Sea Bees cleanup was organized with support from the Thai Dive Association (TDA), accreditation body SSI and Green Fins.

Also taking part was the 23m Dive Asia vessel, which headed to Koh Khai Nok; an islet equidistant from Koh Yao Yai and Koh Sireh. Koh Khai Nok is one of the



A diver painstakingly removes a fishing net entangled on coral.

Photo by South Siam Divers.

most popular snorkeling destinations in Phang Nga Bay.

There, the 30 divers aboard the Dive Asia vessel painstakingly removed some 150- to 200 kilograms of tangled fishing net.

Juergen Schenker of Dive Asia told the *Gazette* one diver reported taking an hour to safely remove one square meter of netting without damaging the coral on which it had caught.

Three other dive boats – from South Siam Divers, Sea Fun and Scandinavian Scuba doo – left at about the same time as Dive Asia and headed to Koh Racha Yai, where a huge net drifting between Phuket and Koh Racha Yai was recovered.

Making their way to the east side of Koh Racha Yai was the Scubacat dive boat, with about 20 divers who took part in four dives at about 22m deep, where they recovered about 600kg of debris.

Scubacat Operation Manager Prasith Boonsob said that about 85% of the recovered debris was netting and rope. Also recovered were various kinds of fishing tackle, plastic bags, bottles and even an old car tire.

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## Home of the Week

Cherng Talay

# Nice homes come in small packages

**T**his week's Home of the Week features a single-story luxury pool villa in a new low-density, modern tropical residential development in the Tanode area of Laguna, an exclusive residential area in the northwest of Phuket.

The development will eventually comprise just six villas – each with four bedrooms and three bathrooms – in a quiet, secluded setting.

Two homes have already been reserved and two empty plots – one 856 square meters, the other 900sqm – are yet to be built on.

The 650sqm U-shaped home shown here is the development's show home. It comes fully furnished and is available freehold for 16.8 million baht.

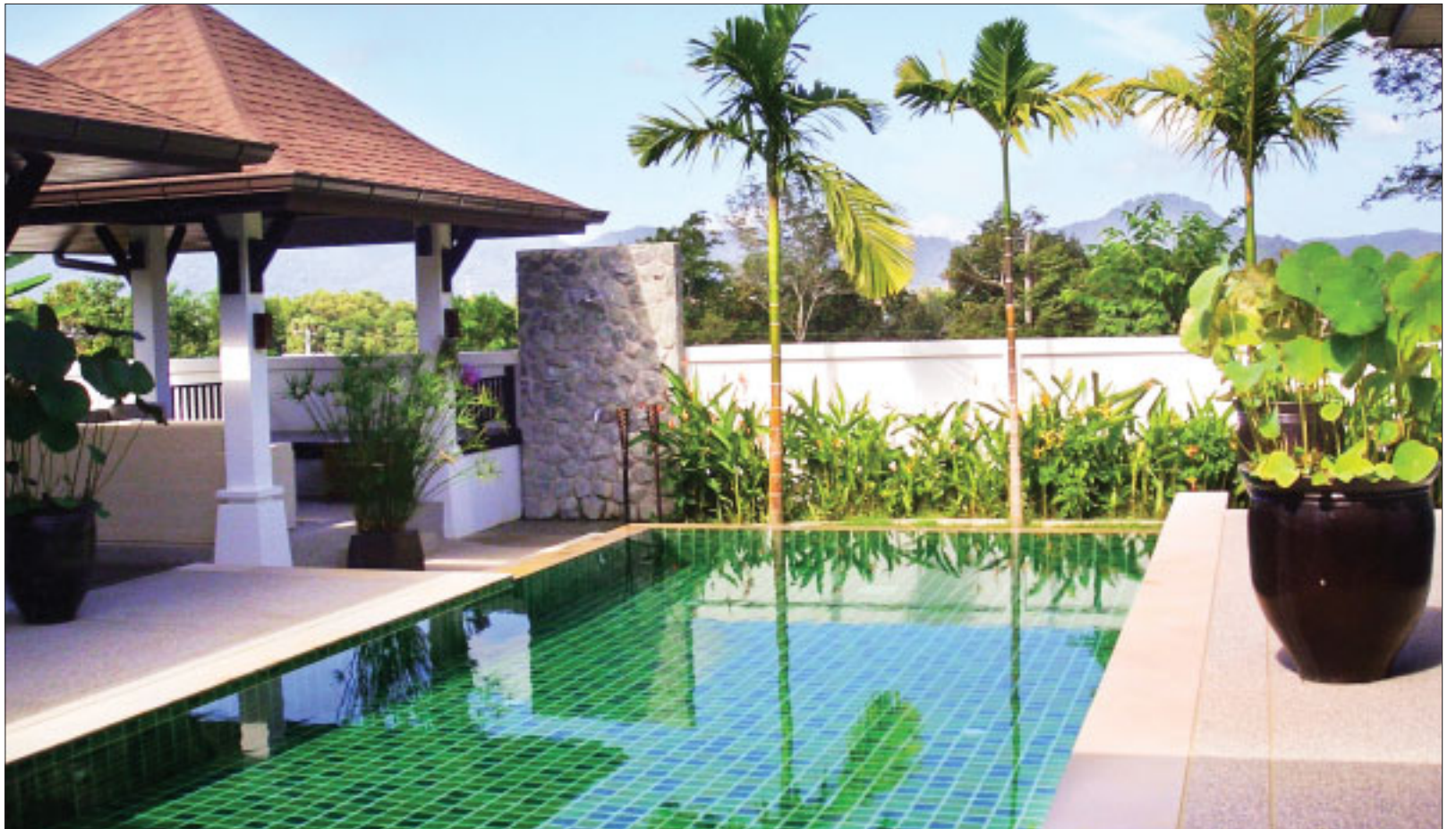
It has an open-plan living area and bedrooms surrounding a central green-tiled swimming pool and terrace with a large wood sala and an outdoor shower.

The bedrooms are spacious with hardwood floors throughout. Each of the bedrooms has an en-suite bathroom with a large bathtub while the master en-suite bathroom is fitted with a Jacuzzi.

Off the master bedroom is a private terrace. The pool-terrace area can also be accessed direct from the master bedroom and second bedroom.

High-quality construction materials are used throughout the villa, which is fitted out with three-phase electricity, ducted air conditioning, cable TV and Internet access. It also has a carport with space for up to two cars.

The development's location is four kilometers from Layan Beach and gives easy access to golf courses, tennis courts, res-



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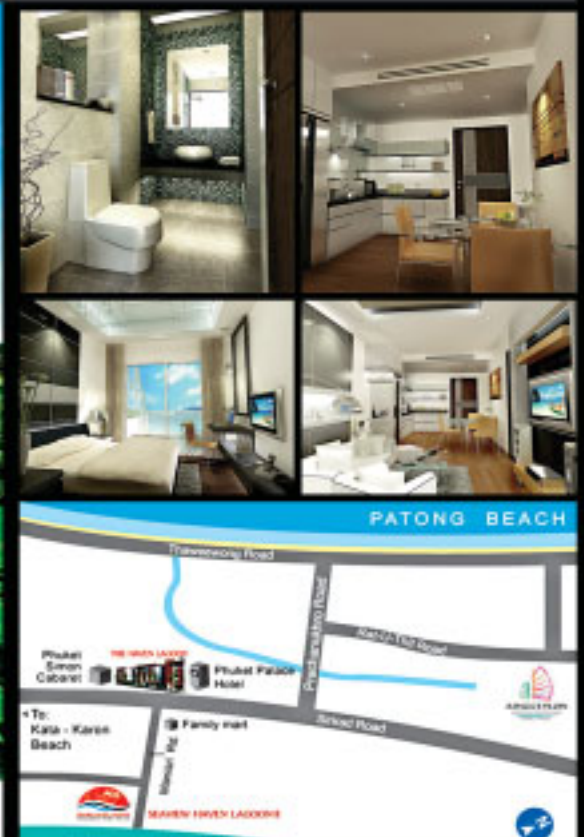
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## Construction

## Patong

# Urban living with class

## Condo-resort construction underway in the heart of Patong

by Nick Davies

Construction of Andakira Condominium on Nanai Road in Patong is set to begin in April next year and expected to take about one year to complete.

The residential development will be an addition to the 105-room 4-star Andakira Grand Hotel, construction of which is already underway and is expected to be complete by the time construction begins on the condominium in April.

The developer is Likit Property and the construction contractor is Phuket Build Co. Interior design is being handled by I Am Design. The building's design incorporates energy-saving ventilation and the colors chosen for the interior and exterior have been selected to create an ambience of class, said Likit Property's managing director Mrs Eam-on Likittitiruks.

Mrs Eam-on added that the name of the development refers to its location and design concept, which is one of naturally harmonious balance: "Anda", as in the



Three-meter high ceilings and modern interior design will give each unit a touch of class.

sea and "Kira" relates to mountains, as the development is situated between Patong beach and hills in the background.

The condo-resort development covers a total area of 350 square wah – almost one rai. Mrs Eam-on said that the seven-storey condominium will comprise a total of 46 units ranging from 51 square meters to 149sqm.

"The concept is luxury city living and will appeal to

new-generation couples with its modern design and facilities," she said, adding that the units have been designed to be spacious with three-meter-high ceilings.

"The modern concept is expected to attract property investors and foreigners who want to have a holiday home in the heart of Patong," she said.

The condominium units are one- and two-bedroom apartments with prices currently ranging from 4.2 million baht for studio units to between 13 and 19 million baht for



partially furnished, including a fitted kitchen comprising a granite counter top with a stainless steel sink, a hob and ventilation hood, and teak plywood cabinets.

All rooms will have 60cm x 60cm ceramic floor tiles and the balconies will be fitted with 30cm x 30cm non-slip washed-sand floor tiles. Other facades include hardwood planks, terracotta tiles, glazed ceramic tiles or terrazzo depending on the room and property type.

Each room will have its own air conditioning unit, which will be concealed by gypsum board ceilings, which will also be fitted with down lights.

Security features will include CCTV, 24-hour security with access by keycard and a fully-automated fire prevention system with smoke detectors, fire alarm, fire hose cabinet and emergency lighting in all common areas. Condominium residents will also have use of the neighboring resort's facilities, such as the gymnasium, swimming pool and other common areas.

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## Design

By Semacote Suganya

# Ocean Breeze, Plantation design

**A** drive around Layan, at the north end of Bang Tao beach, reveals many developments in nearly the same style – countless “Bali-style” homes with pavilions and the obligatory sala with pointy roof, just in case the buyer forgets he is still in Thailand.

A welcome reprieve from the monotony is Ocean Breeze resort and apartments, set a little way back from Bang Tao Beach.

Bringing a genuinely original idea to the island is Canadian Peter Jensen, who opted to use the design of the grand plantation mansions of colonial yesteryear as the basis for the entire development.

Five grand “mansions” comprising 50 units, resplendent in all white, stand proud around a lake and a free-form swimming pool centered among tropical landscaped gardens.

Peter, who is managing director of Ocean Breeze, explains that the idea of using the “plantation-style mansion” design was inspired by such homes built in Hawaii.

“We explained to our architect that we wanted to use the same design as the plantation homes in Hawaii, which is also a tropical island with a similar climate to Phuket, and has many buildings with a lot of architectural style that was developed for living there,” he says.

“The homes are very eco-efficient, mainly because they are not a dark color.

All the buildings have the same look and all are in white, which reflects the sun’s heat and contrasts well against the natural colors of the landscaping.

“All the roofs are also a light color so they do not attract heat. This means electricity bills are cheaper as not a lot of air conditioning is needed.

A lot of roofs here in Phuket – and other places – are a dark color simply for aesthetics. But heat from the sun makes it more difficult to maintain a comfortable atmosphere inside those homes,” he says.



Peter adds that light-colored, concrete roof tiles made from long-lasting local materials are used to reflect heat and keep the homes cool.

“We took our design concept from countries that have a similar climate to Phuket. Many places in tropical countries use this design, and the architect who designed this project grew up in Jamaica, so there is also a Caribbean influence in this design.

“But places in the tropics – India, Sri Lanka, the Caribbean, Australia, South Pacific islands –

all use similar design ideas because it is in keeping with the hot climate,” he adds.

Replying to my comment that Ocean Breeze reminded me of the Sofitel resort in Hua Hin, Peter explains that the hotel was built a century before air conditioning was invented, and so its original guests had to rely on a natural breeze to remain comfortable.

“One of the big things we told the architect was that we wanted a big covered balcony with a ceiling fan.

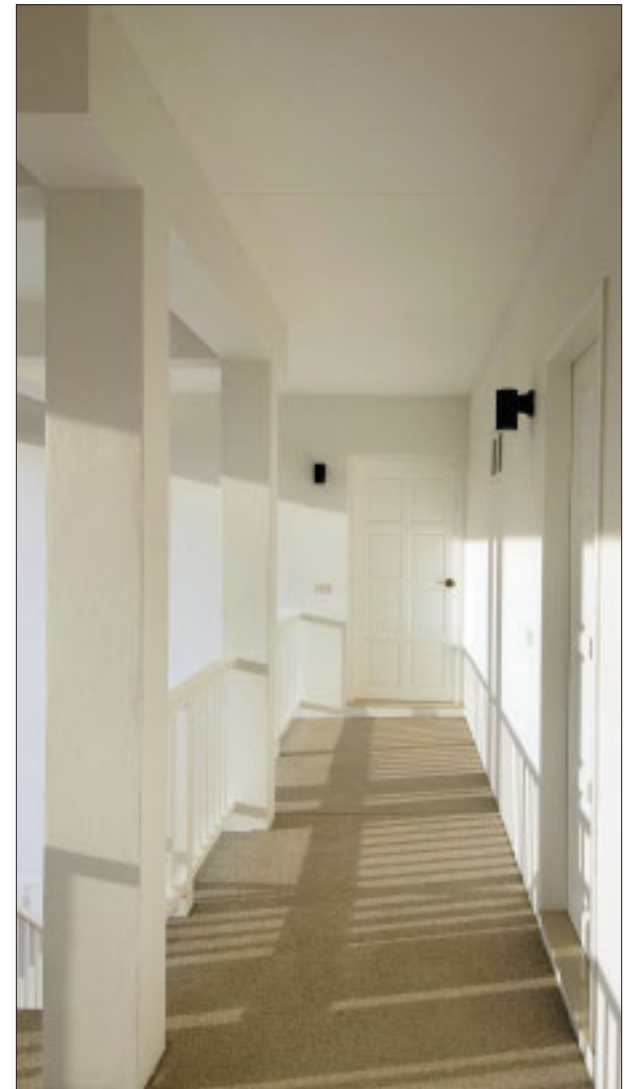
**“All the roofs are also a light color so they do not attract heat, making electricity bills cheaper.”**

Every apartment has a 30-square-meter covered balcony, which can also be the dining area, and it has a day bed and can be used as the outdoor living area.

“Even when it’s raining, you can still be outside. When you buy a house in Phuket, you want to sit outside, but you still want to have comfort, want to be cool, be dry, be in the garden,” says Peter.

“The design took about six months. Our architect submitted different styles and we selected one main design but then modified it as we went along to ensure we had precisely what we wanted,” he adds.

Another design aspect is that the buildings all face inwards.



The plantation-like design of Ocean Breeze is based on times before air conditioning, when homes were designed to let nature do the cooling.

“We did that to create our own environment.

All buildings look over the pool and the lake, so every unit has nice pool and lake views,” says Peter.

“The free-form pool is designed to look like a natural lake. If we put in a square pool it would look funny, whereas the free-form pool looks natural like a lake or pond.”

Another common-sense element incorporated into the development’s design is a 1,600m3 water tank installed under the parking lot to ensure water supply throughout the dry season, (December-March), when island residents regularly find themselves high and dry.



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# Koh Samui Update Part II

In my last column I covered the historical growth of the property market and specifically important issues such as airlift capacity, infrastructure and tourism numbers. This now sets the stage for a more detailed look at Koh Samui's real-estate market.

Historically, Koh Samui has traded land and developed product at a lower level than Phuket. At the top end of the market, there have been practically no reported transactions above 65 million baht, with the notable exception of the Four Seasons Estates.

By comparison, Phuket's cumulative annual transactions at that level are in the double digits.

In analyzing the significant amount of new product either launched or in the planning stage and its corresponding pricing, it is not possible to link demand to historical trading figures.

Rather, it is paramount in assessing supply-and-demand to look into transactional figures in order to calculate absorption or take-up rates of existing supply. Uniquely, the product coming onto the market looks to be based solely on induced demand and projected market growth.

In a nutshell, one might best describe the state of the market as 'untested'.

Much has been written in the past about the development curve and maturation of the real estate market and certainly there have been hurdles, including the FBA (Foreign Business Act) scare, land and title challenges, a high profile court case and a certain large development selling units which ultimately defaulted on contracts.

As with many nascent markets over the years, more sophisticated investors are gradually



The beachfront at the Four Seasons Koh Samui is every prospective property buyer's dream. The main focus of the luxury market is branded hotel-managed villas similar to those seen in Phuket.

entering into projects, including high profile Thai and international firms.

For the most part, this has brought with it a renewed sense of security and has helped to restore the good image of Koh Samui's property trade.

In truth, we in Phuket have experienced our own share of similar issues over the past 5-6 years of the boom economy, so it is only natural to witness some shake-out as growth continues in this relatively new real estate economy.

The lion's share of ongoing projects is targeted primarily at overseas investors and typically embraces condos such as Infinity and Chaweng Sila in the 17-35 million baht range, up to luxury villas including Dhevataru Cove, Baan Rim Talay, Napa, Samujana, Naissance, and Magic Beach, with pricing from 60-125

million baht.

In the case of non-branded villas, these tend to comprise larger plot sizes and built-up areas and are aimed at the primary or secondary residential market, with a good amount of product now coming onto the market at the 100 million-plus baht level. As for the existing market size of non-resort projects, there are presently just over 30.

As in Phuket, internationally-branded mixed use hotel projects continue to be the darlings of the developers, with Four Seasons Estates, W Retreat & Residences and Conrad Resort and Spa now all selling.

Selling prices for these range from 44 million baht for the Conrad, with Four Seasons averaging 130 million baht and the top-end W Retreat & Residences five-bedroom villas a whopping 190 million baht.

It should be noted that a typical three-bedroom villa at W Retreat & Residences averages 120 million baht. Other such products selling at expected yields are

Karma Samui and The Sea.

Other brands coming into the market include Banyan Tree and yet-to-be confirmed deals for St. Regis, Intercontinental, Starwood Luxury Collection, Shangri-La, Armani and Park Hyatt.

While not all of these will materialize, it does, however, suggest that the supply of hotel-managed villa product will undergo large increases in the short-to-medium term. Given that Samui faces constraints in attracting a large share of year-round or part-time high-end residents, the gearing of lifestyle investment products is a logical approach and will no doubt gain momentum.

Freestanding and conversions of rental pool operations for residential-only projects are also anticipated with owners looking to leverage returns once these projects have been handed over. As in Phuket, the non-traditional villa and condo market is poised to emerge as a key long-term competitor of the mainstream hotel supply.



## PROPERTY WATCH

By Bill Barnett

Looking at shifts in location, Chaweng, Lamai and Bo Phut are all reaching saturation point. Rapid development on the northern side's Mae Nam, which is home to the W Retreat & Residence, has a solid foothold. This leaves the western and southern areas, including Bang Kao and Tong Krut, offering larger tracts of development land.

As with Bali and now Phuket, geographic shifts are inevitable and we can expect to witness a similar phenomenon in Koh Samui over the coming year.

All in all, Koh Samui is building up an impressive list of projects, brands and tourism infrastructure that will be competing with Phuket for a very long time in the leisure and property market. While both are islands in the same area, it's certainly a positive direction that our neighbor is taking in becoming a larger regional and global player.

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# Property Gazette

## Properties For Sale

### PATONG FREEHOLD B1.8M



with Chanote. Montana Grand, 6<sup>th</sup>-floor hotel room. Aircon, pool. Modest & priced accordingly. Tel: 087-173-1773, 089-4746670. Email: seanthepilot@hotmail.com Website: [http://seabluephuket.com/patong\\_condo](http://seabluephuket.com/patong_condo)

### MAI KHAO LAND



For sale, 11 rai, Nor Sor 3, 500m to the beach. Contact Tor. Tel: 084-5071834. Email: mrpantor@hotmail.com

### COMMERCIAL BUILDING PATONG

Centrally located commercial building in Patong Beach. Currently used as a bar/restaurant/guesthouse, but suitable for conversion. Call me to view. Tel: 076-341555, 086-2827779. Fax: 076-345444. Email: gritchanok@gmail.com Full details can be seen at <http://patonghouse.t35.com/index.html>

### GOLF VIEW LAND FOR SALE

1 rai, Kathu (near BIS): B5.7m. 1 rai, Pa Khlok: B2m. 1 rai, Baan Porn: B3.5m. Tel: 086-5205564, 084-1069906. Email: jack\_filtech@hotmail.com

### RAWAI, 2-STOREY HOUSE

160sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 40m from beach. Price: 1.7 million. Tel: 086-9408914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

### NEW CONDOS IN PATONG



Best location, deluxe condos, fully furnished, ready to move in. Top Western quality. 2 rooms: living room with pantry kitchen, bedroom, big bath. 67sqm, pool, garden, car park, 24-hour security, TV, Internet, safety box. 3.6 million baht (70,000 euro). Lotus Residence. Please contact Peter for more information. Tel: 081-8928526. Email: info@phuket-besthomes.com Website: [www.phuket-besthomes.com](http://www.phuket-besthomes.com)

### LUXURY APT NEAR BEACH

No 321, corner 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 108 sqm, freehold, 2 bedrooms, big balcony, kitchen, fully furnished, quiet and nice complex. Private use or for renting out. Special price: 9.85 million baht. Tel: 076-344350, 087-2646354. Email: gerardvanhal@gmail.com For further details, please visit [www.residencephuket.com](http://www.residencephuket.com)

### ON THE BEACH

2-bedroom apartment in north Patong. Foreign freehold, top floor, swimming pools. 9.7 million baht. Tel: 086-2765117. Email for photos: jihshand@gmail.com

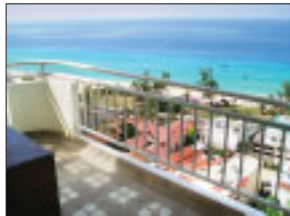
### FOR URGENT SALE

44 sq wah. Chanote, for sale in Pen Villa soi, opposite The Plaza, Moo 3, Surin Beach. 1.5 million baht. Contact Khun Nantana. Tel: 084-2611161.

### INEXPENSIVE LAND

0.5 to 1-rai lots near Mission Hills. 10 mins to airport. 1.25 to 2.05 million baht. Tel: 086-9421930.

### KARON LUXURY SEAFRONT



18<sup>th</sup> floor condo in guarded 5-star high rise, just steps to beach and pool. Spacious (110sqm), fitness, spa, tennis. 8.5 million baht. Also for long-term lease with furniture @ 45,000 baht per month. Tel: +1-480-2345608. Email: topviewhome@yahoo.com For further details, please see our website: [www.phuketfurnishedapartments.com](http://www.phuketfurnishedapartments.com)

### LARGE POOL VILLAS



near Boat Lagoon Marina. Tel: 089-8731019. More details and pictures at: [www.phuketexclusiveholiday.com](http://www.phuketexclusiveholiday.com)

### SHOPHOUSE IN PATONG

The only unit on the prime area on Rat-U-Thit Rd. 5-story corner unit, more than 240sqm usable area. 9.5 million baht ono. Tel: 089-7804568. Email: taaree@yahoo.com

### FOREIGN FREEHOLD

Condo in Rawai, 250 meters from the pier. 580,000 baht. Tel: 086-9408914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

### NICE PLOT

near Layan Hills Estate and pool villas project. Chanote title and road access on 4 sides of the plot. 4.5 million baht. Tel: 081-5399269.

### NEW HOUSE

in Srisuchart Grand Ville 3. 47.5sq wah, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, some furnishings. Located in Phuket City, near Tesco-Lotus. 2.8 million baht (negotiable). Contact to view. Tel: 087-2770978.

### 2-STOREY HOUSE

5.5 million baht. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 72 sq wah with some furniture at Villa Samkong. Call Khun Nan. Tel: 081-6779837. Email: knahniesz@hotmail.com or okika\_j@hotmail.com

### FOR URGENT SALE

126 sq wah in Bang Tao area, very close to Amanpuri Resort and Surin Beach. Price is 22 million baht. Contact Khun Nantana. Tel: 084-2611161.

### WOODLANDS HOUSE



Largest lot: 1,320sqm. Private corner villa, 5 bedrooms, 2-storey with open loft. 52sqm pool. Large sala & guest house. 10-minute walk to BIS. Rent to own option. 28.5 million baht ono. Tel: 089-6527818, 085-296868475.

### HOUSE IN LAND & HOUSES PARK



6.7 million baht, 119 sq wah, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, aircons, nice location in Land & Houses Park Phuket. Tel: 081-8921715.

### HOUSE IN KATHU

2 storeys, 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, patio, garden. 86 sq wah, 7.4 million baht. Tel: 081-9565650, 089-6469278. Photos, map and more details at [www.kathu-property.com](http://www.kathu-property.com)

### HOUSE, NAI YANG

for sale. Airport area, 800m to beach, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, new, 300sqm. Tel: 080-5358767, (US) Tel: 0011-7808584. Email: phuketone@gmail.com

### 3-BEDROOM HOUSE

in housing estate near Heroines' Monument. 2.3 million baht. Tel: 089-9732917. Email: brunuiviv@hotmail.com

### PERFECT LAND

Nearly 2 rai at Bang Tao. Very good location for business. 18 million baht. No agents. Tel: 086-9442065, 087-6899679. Email: tasuwan@hotmail.com

### LAND AT NATAI

near Khao Pilai Beach. 20 rai with Chanote title, only 1.7 million baht per rai. 300m from the beach, road, electricity access. Urgent sale. No agents. Contact by phone. Tel: 081-5399269.

### BRAND-NEW CONDO

Great location near Tesco and Big C. Pool, gym, fully furnished with washer, dryer, fridge, aircon and TV. 45sqm, corner unit with 2 balconies. 2.5 million baht. Tel: 087-277-0978. Email: koyangle99@hotmail.com

### LAND IN PATTAYA

52 sq wah land in a nice village. Company and Chanote. Price: 1 million baht. Tel: 085-159-0597.

### 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

### KARON SEA VIEW



Located between Centara Karon Resort and Secret Cliff Resort. 10.5 rai with Chanote. Very good location for business (hotel & resort). Asking price: 250 million baht. No agents. Please call: 087-2709093 or email a.pueng@gmail.com

### PERFECT LAND FOR SALE

on the main road to Cherng Talay and Surin. 43 rai, 1 ngan, 85 sq wah. For sale by owner. 5.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-9562406. Email: phatsarar@gmail.com

### HOUSE NEAR BIS

2-storey house with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, ample parking space and nice landscaping. Total area: 336sqm. 4.5 million baht. Tel: 089-7247073. Email: jutima021@hotmail.com

### THALANG, PA KHLOK - CHEAP

Single house, 190sqm, with big fruit tree garden, 2 bedrooms with aircon, 2 bathrooms, living room, kitchen, 1 room without aircon, store-room, car port, 30-year-old fruit trees, more than 1 rai, Chanote title, surrounded by wall. 5 million baht ono. Call Kamonwan at 084-4454574.

### KOH SAMUI SEAVIEW LAND

Hillside with sea view on Koh Samui. Size: 3,200sqm (2 rai). Chanote. Tel: 02-2771992, 083-6113020. Fax: 02-961-0072. Email: pharawee@yahoo.com For details visit [www.lovesamui.com](http://www.lovesamui.com)

### AO POR LAND FOR SALE



150 rai. Nor Sor 3 Gor, sea view. Priced from 2.5 million baht per rai. No agents. Please contact by email: [allservices29@gmail.com](mailto:allservices29@gmail.com)

### NEW BUILDING FOR SALE



in busy area, Soi Sai Nam Yen, Patong Beach.

- \* 4-storey
- \* 8 apartments on floors 2, 3 and 4
- \* Chanote title
- \* Electricity, water
- \* 2 minutes to the beach

Asking price: 52 million baht. Tel: 087-2709093, 081-8687676.

### FRUIT FARM IN PHANG NGA

Chanote title. 9.8 rai, 4km from Phang Nga Town, 50km from Phuket Airport. 300 fruit trees, fish ponds, 2 farmhouses, 100sqm. 6 million baht. Tel: 085-1510823 (Thai), 086-2740056 (English). Email: stefanmariaschmitz@yahoo.com

### SAKU: 1 RAI, 4 HOUSES 9 MILLION BAHT

Saku Garden Villa, Chanote title, 1 rai + 4 houses, 2km to airport and beach, fully furnished, 2 swimming pools. 9 million baht. Call Sumon at Tel: 081-6919346. Email: sumon@ridethailand.com

### MUST SELL FAST

155-sqm, 3-bedroom house on 1.54 rai of land. Worth 4 million baht but will take 2.5 million for quick sale. Tel: 084-8524257. Email: bobcoppage@yahoo.com

### 3-BEDROOM HOUSE

Cherng Talay in gated community, brand-new, only 3.5 million baht. Tel: 089-1956822.

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## 2-STOREY HOUSE



3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 81sq wah, Kathu. Tel: 089-6493612.

## PATONG TOWER CONDO

Quick sale, 5 million baht freehold, 6th floor, 75 sqm, mountain view. Tel: 085-7839062.

## RAWAI-NAI HARN

Perfect walled land 2x80 wah. Mains water, power, telephone. Chanote. 2.5 million baht each. Tel: 085-7827551.

## HOUSE WITH POOL - RAWAI

130sqm, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, living room, aircon, alarm, sala, 8x4m pool, terrace on 2 levels. Walled garden and parking. Chanote. Tel: +45-24419447. Email: bo@motto.dk

## LUXURY DEVELOPMENT LAND



Ao Po, Phuket, Thailand 23.5 rai seafront/view. Ideal for development or subdivision. Neighbors include The Estate luxury development, the new Ao Po Marina and Jumeirah Private Island. Quick sale. Call 081-9704765. www.phuketluxuryland.com

## TOP SEAVIEW LOT

2 rai, Yamu hills. Chanote, gated, good road, 11.5 million baht. Tel: 080-5358767, Tel (US): 0011-760-7808584. Email: phuketone@gmail.com

## HACIENDA POOL HOUSE

Cherng Talay, garden, 4 bedrooms, furnished, ready to move in. Only 9.5 million baht. Tel: 089-1956822.

## KAMALA SEA-VIEW LAND

6 rai with Chanote. Can be divided. All with good sea view. Road, water & electricity supply. Priced from 6 million baht per rai. Tel: 086-2742308. Email: kim@kamalafalls.com

## RAWAI HOUSE



3-4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms at Rawai Beach. High-end building materials and furniture. Asking price: 220,000 euro. Email: png.phuket@gmail.com

## HOUSE NEAR LAGUNA

4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, maid's room, European standard, swimming pool. Jacuzzi. Big house near the beach. Price: 18.5 million baht. Tel: 083-1036578. Website: www.oriental-realestate.com

## LAND IN KATHU

Fabulous elevated block opposite national park in Kathu. 1,360sqm. Nor Sor 3 Gor. Comes with architect's plans for house and building permit. 6.4 million baht. Tel: 089-6498703.

## KOH YAO YAI

2 rai, water, electricity. Chanote. Price: 500,000 baht per rai. Also, 3.2 rai, sea view, 2 million baht. Tel: 081-892-8208.

## KOH SAMUI SEAVIEW LAND

Hillside with sea view on Koh Samui. Size: 3,200sqm (2 rai). Chanote. Tel: 02-2771992, 083-6113020. Fax: 02-961-0072. Email: pharawee@yahoo.com For details visit www.lovesamui.com

## TRANG LAND



for sale. 3 rai in Baan Po, Muang, Trang. Very good location for business, suitable for house projects. Electricity access, road. Sale by owner. With Chanote. Price: 7 million baht ono. No agents please. Tel: 075-210646, 087-2709093. Email: a.pueng@gmail.com

## BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



9.5 rai, beachfront. 5 minutes to Phuket airport. Asking price: 120 million baht. Chanote. Must see. No agents. Contact by email: allservices29@gmail.com

## RAWAIYA SUITES CONDOMINIUMS

Rawai Beach, 27 units, fully furnished, 65sqm, one-bedroom condos with en-suite bathrooms. Construction complete November 2008. Available freehold. Price: 2.7-3.9 million baht, full facilities. Tel: 076-245964, 085-7842004. Fax: 076-245962. Email: hakan@tharadonestate.com See our website for further details: www.tharadonestate.com

## SEA VIEW IN KAMALA

Small plots, 1 rai. Very good sea view. Road, water & electricity supply with Chanote. Priced from 7.5 million per rai. Tel: 087-6050365. Email: tim@kamalaparadise.com

## BEACH SHOPHOUSE

Kamala, 5 bedrooms, perfect guesthouse. Great investment. 25 million baht. Tel: 089-1956822.

## HOUSE IN NAI YANG

for sale, airport area, 800m to beach, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, new, 300sqm. Tel: 080-5358767, (US) 0011-7808584.

## NEW APARTMENTS



in Nai Harn Beach. Safe and quiet area with large garden and pool. Complete high-quality furniture and kitchen in modern style. Aircon and TV in every room. Opening in December. Our apartment complex has units of 35sqm, 60sqm, 100sqm. Starting price: 1.7 million baht. Tel: 084-8419250. Email: svenknorr@gmx.de

## URGENT SALE, TOWNHOUSE



3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Price: 3 million baht, 28 sq wah, Manomom Soi 2. Tel: 089-6493612.

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High-end condos, beach houses and commercial properties for sale. Tel: 081-9944492. Email: julian@phuketsail.com More details at www.phuketsail.com/property

## BRAND-NEW POOL VILLA

Near Kata. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 kitchens. Fully furnished in quiet, nice location. 6.8 million baht. Tel: 086-2809416. Website: www.landandhouseforsale.phuket.net

## PEACEFUL 3-BED VILLA

Great location close to both Nai Harn & Rawai beaches, private estate, 24-hour security, large common pool. Contact for viewing or photos. Sale or rental welcome. Tel: 080-7183554. Email: micsta75@hotmail.com

## NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT

2-storey house. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully furnished, True TV. Internet. 300m from Heroines' Monument, toward Pa Khlok. For sale at 3.7 million baht, rent: 25,000 baht/month. Tel: 087-2646808, 083-1743880.

## SEA VIEW IN KAMALA



Small plots from 1 rai up to 100 rai with very good sea view. A few minutes from city center and beaches. Chanote, road, electricity & water supply. Priced from 6.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 086-2742308. Email: kim@kamalafalls.com

## LAND AT PA KHLOK



49 rai, nice flat land, Chanote, 2.5km from Heroines' Monument. 1.7 million baht per rai. Tel: 083-1802143.

## SALE/RENT, KAMALA

Single house near beach, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, kitchen. 4.2 million baht. Tel: 086-2773381.

## HOUSE WITH LARGE GARDEN

3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house on small development with 24hr security and swimming pool. Only 5 mins from Heroines' Monument. Fully furnished with solid teak furniture throughout and with all appliances, curtains and blinds. Full security and fly screens, 3 aircons, 5 ceiling fans. True TV, cable TV, phone, ADSL. Walk-in condition with great potential for extension and/or private pool. Now 3.8 million baht. Tel: 085-7823273.

## PATONG BUILDING

Bangla area, 300sqm. No agents. 16 million baht. Tel: 081-0787743. Website: www.shophousephuket.com

## 2 HILLTOP VILLAS

+ apartment. Private residence, Loch Palm Golf. 65 million baht. Tel: 089-1956822.

## URGENT SALE KARON VILLA

Must sell my villa due to financial circumstances. Villas on same estate of similar standard are selling for 13+ million baht. Offers over 11 million considered. Tel: 084-327-9642. Email: greggordon2006@yahoo.com.au

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## NEW KATHU POOL VILLA



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## SPECIAL PROMOTION SALE



11 big new luxury villas in Kamala with private pool. Modern Thai-Balinese style. 24-hour security in a gated community. Exclusive location a few minutes from beach and town center. Built in natural surroundings on flat land with a very good hill view. Chanote. 4 bedrooms. Fully fitted modern kitchen. All bedrooms with separate bathrooms and built-in cupboards. Jacuzzi. Rooms have aircon. Freehold or leasehold. 2 show homes fully furnished. Ready now. From 17.5 million baht. Contact for more information. Tel: 076-279289, 086-2742308. Email: kamalaparadise@yahoo.com Website: www.kamalaparadise.com

## HOUSE WITH AMAZING SEA VIEW



in Rawai. Super-modern, furnished, 3-storey house, 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. All rooms are air-conditioned. Alarm system, water-filter system, large private pool and safe car-parking space. 320sqm block of land with Chanote title. The price is only 11.5 million baht. Email: png.phuket@gmail.com

## HOUSES IN OLD PHUKET TOWN

At Thalang Rd. Price: 13 million baht. At Soi Soon-U-Thit. Price: 8.4 million baht. Land in Koh Sireh for sale: 1-1-66 rai. Price: 2.9 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-3979809, 081-9700121.

## KRABI LAND

10 rai, 20 minutes from Ao Nang, Krabi. Chanote title. 600,000 baht per rai. Tel: 084-8502499.

## BEACHFRONT LAND

Beautiful breathtaking view on Koh Lanta, 20 minutes away from Trang and 45 minutes from Krabi Airport. Road access, electricity, water. Chanote. 4.5 rai. Only 1 million baht/rai. Quick sale. Tel: 084-8419794, 087-8821959.



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## PANORAMIC SEA VIEW



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## LUXURY SEAVIEW CONDO, 120SQM

at Rawai Beach. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Jacuzzi bathtub, fully furnished, pool, Jacuzzi + restaurant on roof. 7.2 million baht. Tel: 086-8147460. Email: nicthi77@hotmail.com

## 14 RAI OF BEACHFRONT LAND



with wonderful view in Coconut Island. Ideal for a housing, resort or villa project. Tel: 089-8116191.

## COCONUT ISLAND LAND



for sale. 4.5 rai. Chanote, hillside panoramic sea view, close to beach. 14 million baht. Please call K. Bouddha for more information. Tel: 089-2900484.

## VILLA & LAND

Villa near Heroines' Monument. Built 2007, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, pool, furnished. Living space: 450sqm. Land: 1,400sqm. 12.9 million baht. Also: Land: 1,100sqm, 2.5 million baht. Tel: 084-6907057.

## NAI HARN LAND

700sqm. Residential area, road, electricity, water, fully fenced, ready to build on. Chanote. 4 million baht. Tel: 087-8821959.

## URGENT SALE: CONDO

Opposite Tesco-Lotus, 1 studio, 35sqm, fully furnished. Tel: 081-9793369.

## CORNER SHOPHOUSE

Cherng Talay, brand-new, 3 storeys, near main road. Only 5 million baht. Tel: 089-1956822.

## RAWAI APT, YANUI 2

84sqm, 1 bedroom, fully furnished, pool, aircon, rental service. 3.2 million baht. Tel: 083-3964939. Email: smadih@hotmail.com

## TOWNHOUSE IN THE PROJECT 'THE INDY'



at the entrance to BIS. Townhouse is at the corner and adjacent to the project's public garden. 2 floors, 6.5 meters wide, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Land: 32 sq wah. Tel: 089-4729118.

## LAND AT PA KHLOK



49 rai, nice flat land, Chanote, 2.5km from Heroines' Monument. 1.7 million baht per rai. Tel: 083-1802143.

## 1 RAI LOTS

in gated community. Ocean view. East coast, Pa Khlok starting at 3.5 million per rai. Royal Coast Company Ltd. Tel: 076-353926, 081-693-2791. Email: eam1008@mac.com

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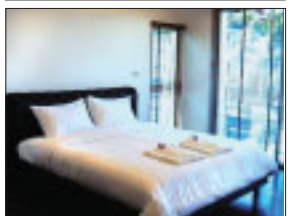
## Properties For Rent

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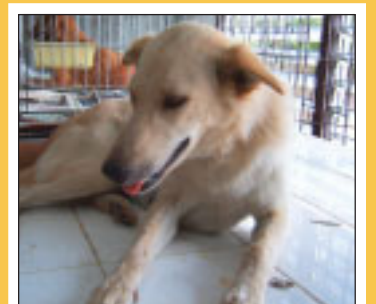
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