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Ministry of Foreign Affairs branches out to Phuket

PHUKET: Foreign visitors to the region and local expat residents will soon be able to take advantage of a local branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be established at Phuket Provincial Hall.

Phuket Governor Preecha Ruangjan told the *Gazette* on January 30 that he had received confirmation that day to go ahead with plans to establish the Foreign Affairs center, which will offer a range of services similar to those provided at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs offices in Bangkok.

"The new Foreign Affairs branch should be up and running within three months," said Governor Preecha. "There is no need to undertake any construction to house the new center as it will be established in existing rooms at Provincial Hall. However, it will take a while to set up the offices with furniture and equipment, including computers that will be directly linked to the ministry's central offices in Bangkok," he added.



Phuket Provincial Hall, where the Phuket branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be located.

Governor Preecha said that the center is a much-needed addition to the province as the number of annual visitors continues to increase. "Phuket is recognized as one of the world's top holiday destinations and is an international hub for the region. The new center will help bring the island up to date in the eyes of foreigners," he said.

Representatives from the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters in Bangkok will be heading to Phuket to train local staff on a number of ministerial procedures. However, Governor Preecha was unable to confirm exactly when the center would be fully operational and offering the full range of services currently only available in Bangkok.

Once up and running, the center will be 'online' with the

ministry's offices in Bangkok. "This will enable foreigners to carry out ministry-related procedures and process documents in Phuket without having to go to the ministry's offices in Bangkok," he said.

Governor Preecha explained that the center will also be a venue for holding training seminars for businesses and individuals involved in the tourist industry.

"It will be a place where we can learn more about the cultures of different nationalities in order to help us better serve the variety of foreign visitors that make up the tourist sector," he said.

The range of services available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs typically includes consular affairs, such as the arrangement of visa and travel documents for Thai nationals, verification procedures for processing marriages between foreigners and Thai nationals, advice and authorization of naturalization procedures and legal advice.

- Nick Davies

Solution in the pipeline for water-starved residents

PATONG: Residents of parts of Patong who have gone without piped water for more than six months should see at least some improvement in supply by mid-month, when installation of a new water main is scheduled for completion.

Sayan Wareearoonroj, manager of Phuket Provincial Water Supply, told the *Gazette* that within three months the production capacity of problem-plagued Karon water desalination plant will be expanded from 7,000 cubic meters per day to 12,000 cubic meters per day, which should solve Patong's water woes on a

more permanent basis.

Around 10% of Patong's estimated 5,000 residences have been receiving less water supply than they need for the past six months, with many residences on Nanai and Rat-U-Thit 200 Pi Roads receiving little or no water at all.

While there is barely enough water to supply to Patong as things stand, these two streets lie upslope. A lack of water pressure has meant that some residences there have had to rely on truck deliveries for their water supply.

One angry reader wrote to the *Gazette* complaining that he

and his neighbors were spending about 30,000 baht a month collectively for water truck deliveries. However, he said he was still getting a water bill because air pressure was registering as water flow in his meter.

Mr Sayun said his agency has spent more than 1 million baht on laying a new pipe from the main supply that runs along the length of beach road to the water-starved area, and that this work will be completed in mid-February.

However, the main problem is the lack of capacity of Karon's reverse osmosis desalination

plant. The plant, designed to produce 12,000 cubic meters of potable-quality water per day, has never produced more than 7,000 cubic meters.

Problems have included a lack of continuous power supply at the very high voltages required, as well as problems with the intake pipe out in Karon Bay during the monsoon season.

Mr Sayun told the *Gazette* that REQ, the company that built the plant, has commenced work on improvements expected to bring it up to full capacity within three months.

-Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

Police Blotter

Phuket Provincial Police Crime Stats January 2008/2009 comparison

Murder: There were five reports of murder (down 64% on the same period in 2008) with four arrests being made.

Manslaughter: There were 42 reports of manslaughter (down 6.67% from January 2008) with 27 arrests

Theft: There were 79 reports of theft (down 30.1% from January 2008) with 51 arrests. Reports of bike theft stood at 12 (up 50% from January 2008) with six arrests. A single car robbery was reported (down 75%) although no arrest was made. Reports of fraud and embezzlement totalled 13 with a solitary arrest.

Gambling: Statistics are divided into two categories: general gambling and illegal lottery: There were 65 cases of general gambling which resulted in 177 arrests (up 8.33% from January 2008), but there was a 15.38% decrease in the number of people arrested in connection with the illegal lottery (22).

Drugs: Arrests stood at 260 (up 111.65% from January 2008), from a total of 218 cases. Drug seizures for January were as follows: Dry marijuana: 425.19 grams, Krathom: (Mitragyna Speciosa): 1,171 leaves, 0.5 liters of extract, Ya bah: (methamphetamine) 9,853 pills, Ya Ice: (crystal methamphetamine) 52.82 grams, Alprazolam: (Xanax): 29 pills, Heroin: 0.198 grams Cocaine: 5.8 grams.

UV lights to detect fakes

PHUKET CITY: In a bid to combat counterfeiting, Phuket Provincial Administration Organization President Paiboon Upatising has used his own money to buy 1,000 UV flashlights, which he distributed to vendors at two wet markets in Phuket City on January 23.

Mr Paiboon gave the devices away to traders at Kaset Market near Robinson department store, and at the Downtown Market on Ranong Road.

There have been a number of well-known counterfeiting cases in recent months, with fake 1,000-, 500- and even 20-baht bills being detected.

Wet markets are thought to be hotspots for the passing of fake bills. Criminals are known to favor the morning time – when light is poor and vendors are not as alert – as the time to pass on the fakes. Mr Paiboon's actions followed reports that some merchants at fresh markets were refusing to take 1,000 baht and 500 baht notes, fearing they might be fake.

"This is the Chinese New Year season. The flashlights are *ang pao* for the people," he said, referring to the custom of older people giving youngsters money in red envelopes at Chinese New Year.

Police crackdown on illegal guns

PHUKET CITY: Owners of unregistered firearms will soon feel the full force of the law as part of an island-wide crackdown announced by Phuket Chief of Police Apirak Hongtong.

In a statement, released on January 31, Police Major General Apirak said that due to the current economic downturn, Phuket is faced with the risk of rising crime rates. To combat this threat he said he had instructed police officers to raise levels of inspections, particularly with respect to guns. This measure was being taken to pre-empt an escalation in the level of violent crime on the island, he added.



Phuket police are planning a crackdown on unregistered firearms under the direction of Pol Maj Gen Apirak Hongtong.



The paths of the moon and sun crossed above Thailand on Monday January 26, causing a partial solar eclipse that was visible above Phuket. The eclipse fell on the first day of the Lunar New Year.

Seaplane seeks to relaunch service

PHUKET: The Destination Air seaplane shuttle service whose license was revoked by the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) has temporarily suspended all services until the company is bought out.

Destination Air Managing Director Pat James told the *Gazette* that the owners have four parties interested in buying the charter carrier. When one is chosen and the transaction is completed, the service will probably resume "intact", he said.

The new owners should be able to obtain the DCA license because the "political climate" that led to the license revocation

in the first place has changed, James added.

Resort owners at the south end of Patong Bay, where the Destination Air seaplanes were landing, cited safety issues and noise pollution when petitioning then-Governor Niran Kalayanamit to order the service to be stopped.

The order came in early April 2008, at the end of the high season, when the carrier was suspending the Patong service due to monsoon season conditions and the drop in tourists.

The company then had its license revoked for failure to comply with DCA requirements,

such as advertising scheduled flights on its website.

Mr James said the company website, which still advertises scheduled flights to Patong and other destinations in the region, will soon be suspended until sale of the company is complete.

Asked about competition from the recently launched Advance Aviation helicopter shuttle service, Mr James pointed out that seaplanes are a more economical option for tourists seeking a quick ride to resorts on outlying islands.

A seaplane can seat eight or nine passengers at a cost of US\$2,000 per hour. In comparison, it is roughly half the price of Advance Aviation's Phuket-based Eurocopter EC130, which seats six passengers and has costs starting at about US\$2,000 for a half-hour flight.

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Heroines' Monument road system set for upgrade

SRISOONTHORN: Srisoonthorn Tambon Administration Organization (*OrBorTor*) has received a budget of 37 million baht to expand Heroines' Monument roundabout and improve roads in the area. Work is expected to start in late April.

Srisoonthorn *OrBorTor* President Thamrong Tantiw Wachakul said, "With Heroines' Monument located on the main road in and out of Phuket City, there are a large number of vehicles travelling past and there are problems with people walking across the road to pay homage to the monument. This means there are constant traffic problems."

The *OrBorTor* has been approved 27 million baht from the governor's office and 10 million baht from Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (*OrBorJor*) to fix the problems, Mr Thamrong said.

Of the 27 million baht from the governor's office, some will be used to enlarge the roundabout and improve the surrounding landscape. The remainder will be earmarked for improving the road from the monument to Pa Khlok, including the construction of roadside drainage ditches, sidewalks and a rest area for motorists.

Ten companies have already taken out the bid plans, Mr Thamrong said.

The 10 million baht from the *OrBorJor* will be used to widen Srisoonthorn Road by six meters on each side, making it a four-lane road starting 500 meters from the monument.

Bidding will take place this month and work is expected to begin in late April, Mr Thamrong said.

Epic struggle to raise sunken vessel



The *Sa-nguansin*, after it was finally raised and towed to Cape Panwa on February 2. Oil drums, which were used to float the vessel, can be seen on the right of the picture. Inset: Sanor Phopipat, the boat's owner.

RAWAI: It took a week of strenuous effort, but the fishing boat *Sa-nguansin*, which sank off the coast of Racha Yai island on the evening of Sunday January 25, was finally raised and towed ashore to Cape Panwa on February 2.

In a tale of mixed fortunes, all 14 members of the crew survived the accident unharmed, though the boat's owner, Sanor Phopipat, now faces a bill for half a million baht's worth of repairs.

Meanwhile, villagers and fishermen on Racha Yai must have felt their luck was in when whole tuna fish started washing up on the island's pristine beaches on January 27 – the boat was carrying 5,000 to 6,000 metric tonnes of fish when it went down.

The *Sa-nguansin*, 3m wide by 12m long, was laden with sea perch, banana squid, mackerel and tuna when it was hit by three three-meter-high waves and strong winds at around 9 pm, causing it to capsiz.

"It all happened so quickly. Our boat was engulfed by the waves. Parts of the boat broke off and then it sank," Mr Sanor explained.

The boat's crew jumped into the sea and were rescued by the fishing boat *Chokenattaporn*,

which was in the area at the time.

Mr Sanor estimated the cost of the damage at around 480,000 baht: 300,000 baht in damage to the boat's hull and fittings; 100,000 baht to replace the sonar system; 50,000 baht for the global positioning system; and 30,000 for the engine.

Mr Sanor said he was worried about how he would take care of his family now his livelihood had been destroyed: he is married with a son and daughter both still in school.

"I want to salvage the boat and borrow money to get it repaired. I need an organization to help me with the money because I am already one million baht in debt from before," Mr Sanor said before the boat was successfully raised.

"I feel so upset about the accident. I can't even eat, but I won't drink or smoke," he added.

On Tuesday January 27, 2kg tuna from the *Sa-nguansin*'s hold began to wash up on the beaches of Racha Yai, with the number increasing after midnight with the high tide.

Sophon Sukkarin, deputy chairman of a local environmental group, said, "They were found on beaches – Ter Bay, Plabpla Bay, Siam Bay and La Bay – around Racha Yai Island. There were 100 – 200 fish per beach."

Delighted that fresh tuna were washing up on their beach, fishermen and villagers collected them, but exposure to the sun meant they quickly began to decay and smell. "The smell disturbed tourists who swim and sunbathe in the area," Mr Sophon added.

Islanders eventually began to burn and bury the inedible fish, which were still being found on the beach on the evening of January 28.

Meanwhile, Mr Sanor and his crew were trying to salvage the *Sa-nguansin*. After an initial inspection of the site on January 26, the men returned the next day on a friend's fishing boat, the *Submari*, to try and raise the vessel, which was lying on the seabed, 30 meters below the surface.

The men tied a number of empty 200-liter oil drums to the boat and pumped them full of air in a bid to float the vessel. An insufficient number of oil drums, however, failed to raise the boat, which remained on the seabed.

They returned on January 28 and 29 but were once again unable to get the boat to float.

On January 30 they came back with reinforcements, in the form of a team of navy seals from the Royal Thai Navy Third Fleet, based at Cape Panwa.

Navy seal divers helped attach extra oil drums to the vessel, which was, by then, surrounded by dead fish. However, even 15 drums were not enough to make the vessel buoyant.

Junior Lieutenant Puttipat Srijanboon, chief of the navy seal unit, said of his team's work that

day, "It was all to no avail because we didn't have enough air in our diving tanks and we still didn't have enough information about the boat."

A fully equipped navy team would typically use special flotation balloons to raise a sunken craft, but the unit did not possess any. "The Royal Thai Navy Third Fleet has a limited budget for buying equipment like balloons and high-performance diving equipment that could help the navy seal team to work more effectively. If they had an international sponsor to support them, that would give them the opportunity to work and help people and foreigners in the Andaman Sea area," Junior Lieutenant Puttipat Srijanboon added.

On January 31, divers attached more than 30 oil drums to the vessel and were finally able to lift it off the seabed, though not all the way to the surface. Using a navy patrol boat, *Tor 220*, they attempted to tow the *Sa-nguansin*, but the rope broke and the attempt had to be abandoned as night set in.

Then on February 1 the Royal Thai Navy brought the warship *Ruea Luang Tongkaew* to assist the operation. Having successfully brought the *Sa-nguansin* all the way to the surface, the warship towed the vessel to within a mile of the Royal Thai Navy Third Fleet base at Cape Panwa before the tow rope snapped once again.

On the final day of the saga, with the *Sa-nguansin* too close to the coast for the *Ruea Luang Tongkaew* to continue, the *Submari* and *Chokenattaporn* fishing boats towed the boat all the way to Cape Panwa, reaching the port at around 4 pm.

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Airport expansion set for take-off

By Atchaa Khamlo

MAI KHAO, PHUKET: Government officers, airport officials and representatives of a consulting firm met on January 29 to discuss progress on the three-month environmental impact assessment (EIA) now underway on the planned 5-billion-baht expansion of Phuket International Airport.

The meeting, held at Thalang District Office, was opened by Phuket Airport Director Wicha Nernlop and Phuket Vice Governor Worapoj Ratthasima.

Maj Kamon Wongsombun, director of the Airports of Thailand (AOT) Development and Planning Division, started off with an overview of the project, work on which is set to begin in early 2010 and finish in 2014.

The expansion, which would increase the airport's passenger transit capacity to 12.5 million passengers per year, has been divided into four main work groups.

Group one work involves building a new parking area for planes away from the main terminal, doubling the number of taxiway lanes from four to eight, as well as expanding refueling

and other aircraft service and maintenance facilities.

Group two work involves design and construction of a new 52,000-square-meter international terminal with capacity for 5 million passenger annually.

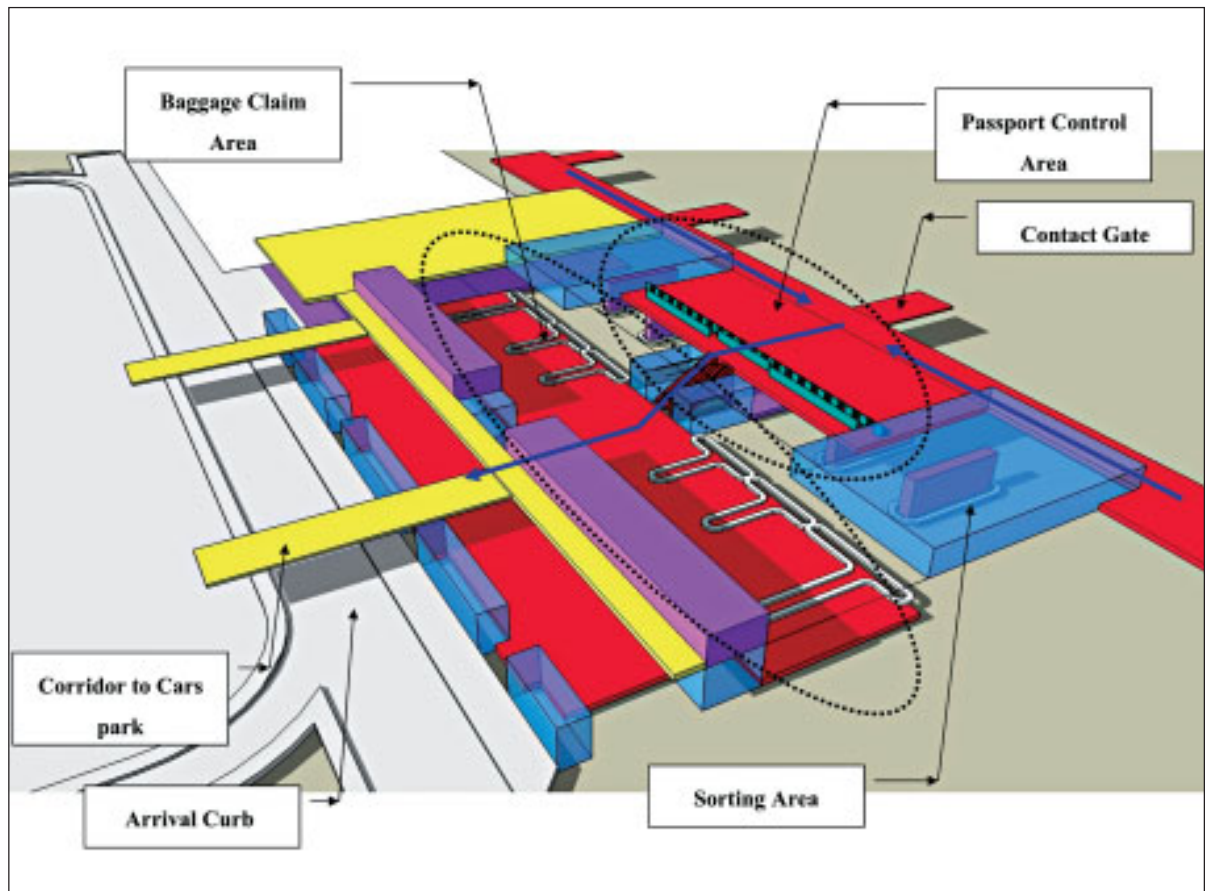
The existing terminal will be redesigned as a domestic terminal capable of serving 7.5 million domestic passengers annually.

The international terminal will be located to the west of the existing terminal, in the area currently occupied by airport office buildings and warehousing.

Group three work also includes construction of a replacement 4,800-square-meter operations and office building and multi-storey parking garage with spaces for 1,000 vehicles. These facilities are scheduled to open in 2012 under the plan.

Group four work involves construction of another 5,000-square-meter multi-purpose building to the east of the existing terminal to house new offices, warehousing and other facilities.

Group four work, in the area currently occupied by the main parking lot, involves construction of new access roads, a small electric sub-station, new water



The expansion work, which is scheduled to begin in early 2010 and finish in 2014, is expected to increase the airport's passenger transit capacity to 12.5 million passengers per year.

supply plant, waste collection and wastewater treatment facilities.

The work is essentially the

same as originally announced in May last year, though plans to expand the existing 3,000-meter runway to accommodate safe takeoff of fully laden jumbo jets have been scrapped.

Nitcharee Promwisuttipon, project manager of Bangkok-based SEATEC Consulting Engineers, who are conducting the EIA, said the three-month study will be concluded by the end of March.

Funded at 1.3-million baht, the EIA includes assessment of the project's impact on a variety

of areas, including air quality, sound levels, water quality, aquatic ecology, land use, transport, public utilities and waste management.

Effects on the local community will also be considered, with public hearings and public relations work due to take place before work begins on the airport's expansion.

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Luxury charter helicopter service launched in Sakoo

By Stephen Fein

SAKOO, PHUKET: Phuket's super-rich take note: the island now has its own luxury charter helicopter service ready to fly VIP tourists and businessmen to luxury resorts in the Andaman region.

Advance Aviation launched its Phuket service from its brand new helipad in Sakoo on January 9, flying about five flights during its first month in operation.

Vice Chairman Chai Nasyvanta said the company's first aircraft, a 4.5-million-baht Eurocopter EC135, was delivered in January, 2008.

The company now operates its second aircraft out of Phuket, a single-engine Eurocopter EC130 in "VIP configuration", with six passenger seats and one for the pilot.

The Advance Aviation helipad is located on a 28-rai plot of land on the old airport road. Total investment in the Phuket base was about 90 million baht, including the purchase of two Chanote title deeds and infrastructure including the helipad, a hangar and offices.

The investment was the company's first venture into the south of Thailand. Advance Aviation also operates a fleet of private jets out of Bangkok, catering to corporate clients like Siam Commercial Bank, PTT and Canadoil.

In total the company ordered four aircraft from Eurocopter, with which it has established a regional maintenance and repair center in Bangkok near Suvarnabhumi Airport. It expects to take delivery of the third and fourth aircraft over the next two years.

Two Eurocopter mechanics will also be based at the Phuket base and 14 more in Bangkok, with staff rotating between bases as necessary. The sole Phuket-based pilot is Capt Burin Phongsuwan.

"The Bangkok base will undertake the servicing of Eurocopters not only in Thailand, but in the region – including the EC155 of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn," he said.

For sales and marketing the company has entered into a co-operative agreement with the

Helithai company, which used to operate its own helicopter service in Phuket a few years ago, to negotiate contracts with luxury resorts in the region. Helithai, run by Frenchwoman Frederique Salti, also has staff based at the Advance Aviation base in Sakoo.

Advance Aviation is the only helicopter charter aimed exclusively at the VIP market, though it will also fly passengers needing medical treatment – but only if they are in stable condition.

Ownership is by Mr Chai and one other partner, who have 270 million baht in registered capital at 100% equity, with no bank borrowing.

Mr Chai said he started the company almost by accident as a service for his father, Privy Councilor Chaovana Nasyvanta, who lives in Sri Racha district of Chonburi.

As a Privy Councilor, Dr Chaovana has regular Tuesday audiences with HM The King, who spends most of his time at his palace in Hua Hin.

"By car it takes four-and-a-half hours, but by helicopter it's only 35 minutes across the Gulf. Initially we bought the first helicopter for my father to use on Tuesdays. We chartered it out on other days to recover some of the costs, but it turned out that the market was so good that we decided to make it into a business," he said.

Asked if the company had ever provided transport for His Majesty, he said, "No, no, no. HM The King has a bigger helicopter that the government provides. But we did have David Rockefeller, who flew to Hua Hin a few weeks ago to have an audience with His Majesty."

The *Gazette* visit to the site on January 29 coincided with the arrival of the fourth charter flight using the Phuket helipad, with two passengers alighting from a flight booked by Six Senses Hideaway Yao Noi, in Phang Nga Bay.

Helithai handles resort clients and any new business outside the company's existing list of corporate clients.

The resort charters flights at

a corporate rate of approximately US\$2,000 (about 70,000 baht) for a half-hour trip, while the published rate is about US\$2,250.

As for competition, Mr Chai said there are only two other private firms operating helicopters in Thailand: Bangkok Hospital and Sri Chang, neither of which cater specifically to the VIP charter market.

Asked about competition from fixed-wing charter services, Mr Chai said it was his understanding that seaplane operator Destination Air was no longer in operation in the region as their license had not been approved by the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA).

Advance Aviation has been granted a helipad operator's license from the DCA for the Phuket helipad as well as a construction permit from Sakoo Tambon Administration Organization and another from the air traffic control body Aerothai, he said.

In addition to corporate charter, the service is offered on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis. It generally takes less than an hour to get permission from the nearby Aerothai office to operate a flight, though night flights on single-engine copters are subject to a stricter process that takes up to about two days, he said.



Advance Aviation VP Chai Nasyvanta in front of the US\$2.5-million Eurocopter EC130, now ready to fly VIPs to luxury resorts offshore.

Asked if they had to file an environmental impact statement on the noise made by the copter, he said it was not a requirement and that there had been no complaints about noise so far and that the company has only flown during daylight hours. "This is the quietest helicopter of its size in the world. In Bangkok our helipad is right in the middle of a residential housing estate," he said.

Safety equipment includes a flotation device, similar to an airbag, that can deploy and keep the entire aircraft afloat for about 10 minutes after a water landing.

Passengers are also asked to wear non-inflated flotation devices for the duration of the flights, as most flights are over water to outlying islands. In the event of an engine failure, the rule of thumb is that a copter can glide though a process called "autorotation" about twice the distance of the height where the failure occurs.

As for landscaping the area, Mr Chai said he plans to grow *ya faet* (Vetiver grass), similar in appearance to lemongrass, to prevent erosion of the hillside behind the helipad.

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Beauty's brat out on bail

BANGKOK: Phraknong Court in Bangkok on January 30 sentenced Kanpitak "Moo Hem" Pachimsawas, the son of a former Miss Thailand, to 15 years and two months in jail on charges of premeditated-murder for his aggressive driving that killed one and injured three others in 2007.

The penalty was reduced to 10 years and one month as the defendant had already paid some compensation to the injured.

Last July, Mr Kanpitak

swerved his car onto a footpath near a bus-stop where many people were waiting for buses after he got into an argument with a bus driver, claiming that the bus hit his car and fled.

In addition to the jail sentence, the court ordered Mr Kanpitak to pay compensation totalling about 3 million baht to three of his victims.

Mr Kanpitak's parents indicated that he has a mental condition and that cannot control him-

self when he is under a lot of stress. However, the court ruling read, "There is no solid evidence to back up the defendant's claim that his mental health problem led him into this violent action" The defendant committed the crimes because he has been spoiled".

Upon hearing the verdict, Mr Kananek said his son would appeal. The young man, now 22, has already been released on 5-million-baht bail.

Crackdown urged to halt student cyber-prostitution

BANGKOK: Colleges and universities should take action against students found to have engaged in "direct-sale" prostitution via social-network websites like Hi5, according to well-known academic Sukhum Chaloeysap of Suan Dusit Rajabhat University.

Some students are said to have touted sexual services on Hi5, which has links to more than 1,000 other websites that openly post students' pictures - many of them in uniform - and suggestive messages.

"Many students' part-time jobs have been affected by the

economic slowdown, driving some to prostitution to earn extra money. Principals of colleges and universities should investigate and join forces to combat the illicit trade," said Mr Sukhum.

Meanwhile, Culture Minister Theera Salukpetch said the ministry would write to the ICT Ministry, Education Ministry, Social Development and Human Security Ministry and Royal Thai Police as well as Internet service-providers asking them to step up the watch for prostitution on the web.

He blamed the online stu-

dent sex trade on faulty values and overspending on luxurious and unnecessary items that drove young people to such lengths to get quick cash.

He called for strong families and proactive educational and religious institutions to counter the trend. "Direct-sale" student prostitution came to light when Thais abroad urged the Culture Ministry to investigate Thai students posting their pictures, vital statistics, universities and telephone numbers with a view to offering sexual favors in return for cash.

Eight die in temple fair attack

NONG BUA LUMPHU: Eight people were killed and more than 100 injured when a man threw a hand grenade into a crowd at a temple fair on the night of January 31.

Sribunruang District Police Superintendent Thammachak Khongmongkhon said the bomb blast was caused by an M26 grenade that was used by a group of young men quarreling with another group.

Uthen Boonmee, 20, was arrested for hurling the bomb in the temple fair, while 31-year-old Somkid Wangsridee was arrested for possession of the grenade.

Mr Somkid said he bought the grenade from a friend in Loei's Phakhao district for 500 baht.

Around 2,000 people were celebrating at the temple fair when the bomb went off.



Forensic police inspect the scene of a grenade attack that killed eight people and injured many others at a temple fair.

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A farmer uses a tractor to plow his fields for growing rice while egrets catch small fish and crustaceans in Bueng Boraphet, the largest freshwater swamp and lake in central Thailand in Nakhon Sawan province. Photo by Narin Kruaklai.

Punishment possible in foreskin fiasco

SAMUT PRAKAN: An inquiry into a mistake at a clinic in Samut Prakan, where a young boy was mistakenly circumcised, determined that the people responsible could face up to two years jail and/or a fine of up to 40,000 baht, the Public Health Ministry said on January 27.

Dr Somyos Deerasamee, head of the Department of Medical Service, said the team looking into the malpractice claim found that miscommunication had resulted in the circumcision of the 12-year-old boy, who should have been treated for an abscess in his mouth.

A fact-finding panel met with related agencies and agreed that the doctor at the clinic was at fault for not properly supervising the male nurse who carried out the procedure.

The ministry would submit the case to the Medical Council to consider punishment in relation to the professional code of ethics, he said.

The ministry also reported the case to the Nursing Council to consider punishment for the nurse, he added.

Meanwhile, the clinic would take care of the boy until his wounds healed and he grows up.

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Man survives shooting

SONGKHLA: A former village chief was shot and injured in Rattaphum district on January 29. The gunmen fled the scene after the victim returned fire.

Chit Chairat, former chief of Village 13 in tambon Khuhatai, was shot once in the ribs while a second bullet grazed his head. Villagers took him to Haad Yai Hospital, where his condition was last reported as serious.

Witnesses reported that Mr Chit, 60, was driving back through Village 13 after having his blood pressure checked by a public health team that was visiting the area. On the way, he stopped by the side of the road, where two men were apparently having difficulty starting their motorbike.

When Mr Chit asked if they needed any help, the pillion passenger pulled out a pistol and shot Mr Chit twice. Mr Chit then drew his 9mm gun and returned fire. The driver of the gunman's motorbike then sped off, leaving his accomplice behind.

The gunman fled on foot into a nearby Soi, where he stole a motorbike at gunpoint from 32-year-old Ari Samabup and made his getaway – carrying gallon drums of latex belonging to Mr Ari with him.

This was the second attempt on Mr Chit's life following another shooting in Village 13 at the end of 2007. Police said that they believe the motive for the shooting was revenge.

Fishy goings on in food aid purchasing

BANGKOK: Food aid distributed to people in the South contained cans of rotten fish, according to opposition Pheu Thai Party, which is alleging corruption in the scheme.

Pheu Thai Party spokesman Prompong Nopparit said on January 27 that he would hand samples of the allegedly rotten cans of fish, which were donated to people in Phattalung, to Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva for investigation.

Mr Prompong brought samples of the survival kits of the Social Development Human Security Ministry, which included canned fish under the brand Chao Doi, for reporters to have a look at. People who received the survival kits opened the

canned fish and found that the fish was rotten, he said.

He also offered 2,000 baht to anyone in the room who dared to eat the fish. A number of reporters took up the offer, saying the fish tasted okay, but smelled a bit funny.

Mr Prompong said he was confident there was corruption involved in the special purchase of 20,000 survival kits, to be distributed to residents in flooded areas of Phattalung, Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani provinces.

The allegation broke in Phattalung, the first province to receive donations.

"The troubled people expected to get help but received rotten stuff. I want the PM to investigate," he said.



Some 1,000 volunteer security officers in Yala's Bannang Sata district participate in a march on January 28 to show their loyalty to HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej and their wish to see restoration of peace in the area.

Brutal double murder on city streets

NAKHON SRI THAMMARAT: After falling off their motorbike while being chased by a gang of youths, two young men were beaten and stabbed to death in front of many witnesses in the early hours of January 29.

The bodies of 27-year-old Chatchawal Chanasak and Khamron Thongrod, 23, were found approximately 50 meters apart on Bor Ang Rd in tambon Tha Wang just after 2 am. Both had been badly beaten and stabbed. Police found Mr Chatchawal with a pocket knife still protruding from

his back. A Yamaha Mio motorbike was lying next to the body.

Witnesses told police they saw Mr Chachawal and Mr Khamrong driving at high speed down the road, pursued by a gang of youths on motorbikes. Mr Chachawal lost control of the bike and crashed. The pursuing gang immediately stopped and set upon Mr Chachawal. Mr Khamrong got up and ran away, but was caught in a vacant lot nearby.

Nakhon Sri Thammarat Muang district Police Superinten-

dent Phudis Narasing said a witness who saw the start of the incident told police that about 10 youths on five or six motorbikes were at a gas station filling up their bikes when Mr Chatchawal and Mr Khamron drove past and shouted an insult at them. One of the gang members said, "Shall we take them out? I've got the gear in my bag; quick, follow them," according to the witness.

The gang are a regular sight on the streets of Nakhon Sri Thammarat and police are now hunting for them, Col Phudis said.

Gang of teenage robbers target local schools after expulsion

NAKHON SRI THAMMARAT: Police in Ron Phibun district arrested four teens on January 30 for a robbing spree of local schools, apparently motivated by revenge for having been expelled.

The arrests followed a tip-off that a gang of adolescents were congregating in a house in the middle of a rubber plantation in tambon Ron Phibun Village 14.

When police arrived at the house they found more than 10 youths, all dressed in black, who immediately fled into a nearby rubber plantation. The officers managed to grab four of the gang, but the rest escaped.

Inside the house, police found computers, televisions and a number of other electrical appliances, all marked with the names

of local schools. Seven motorbikes were parked outside the house.

The four youths, all aged 14 and 15, confessed that they had stolen the electrical goods from schools in the district, police said.

They all also admitted that one of the motorbikes was stolen from Nakhon Sri Thammarat City, but claimed the other six belonged to members of the gang.

All four youths had stars tattooed on their right hands.

Ron Phibun Police Superintendent Phakhaphol Thawitsri said the four detainees had been Matthayom two and three students at a school in Ron Phibun, but had been expelled.

"The worrying thing is that after leaving [school] they started a gang called 'black shirts, starred hands' as every member has to wear a black shirt and have a tattoo of a star on their right hand. The gang has targeted various educational institutes in Ron Phibun district. We believe that it is revenge for being expelled. The gang sold the goods they stole and used the money to spend on having fun," said Col Phakhaphol.

The detainees also tested positive for drugs so will be charged with both drug and theft offences, he added.

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ACROSS THE BAY

By Gus Reynolds

In my last article I highlighted the poor high season revenues for December, which were projected to continue, by and large, through January and February. After a burst of tourist arrivals and activity in Krabi mid-January, it seems business is returning once more to lower levels.

Many readers of the *Gazette* are dependent on foreign buyers; expat business owners, tourist industry employees and real estate developers: the economic downturn is affecting us all. In that article I pointed out the need for the government to address the economic suffering of both small and medium businesses, foreign and local, and to lighten the load being placed upon them by the tax and revenue authorities.

On January 20, the new government announced a stimulus package which provided some relief to tourist-related businesses.

The foreigner visa fee has been waived for three months, but that will probably only have a significant impact on the lower end budget traveler.

Measures that may be more beneficial to tourist-related businesses include a reduction of 50% in national park fees for three months – they should make it permanent – a 200% tax refund for expenses for domestic meetings and training seminars, a suspension of property tax for hotels and a reduction in electric tax guarantee fees by 50%; every little bit helps.

The reduction of the airport

Government stimulus package gives relief

landing fees will reduce costs for the airlines and chartered flights, which, hopefully, will be passed onto the customers and boost arrivals.

The real estate industry, which has been quieter than a mouse, will continue to enjoy a reduction in the special business tax.

Mortgage income tax deductions have been increased, which will hopefully spur the domestic market. Small and medium businesses will also have their minimum level of tax exempt income raised from 60,000 baht to one million baht.

It is hoped these measures will provide some relief for businesses operating in Thailand, and it is heartening to see the new government taking a positive step in the right direction.

However, as we all know, the provincial authorities, such as the tax and revenue department, enjoy a fair amount of freedom in enforcing their powers. We can only hope they have the same caring spirit as the central government and reduce the pressure for additional tax revenues during a severe recession.

Tsunami remembered

On December 26, 2008, the Sripthong Phukaoluan Community Center in Krabi hosted the fourth anniversary tsunami memorial ceremony.

Some 100 tsunami orphans, children and their families, supported by the Foundation, attended the service, whose keynote speaker was Vice Governor Chalert Piyoratanachot.

Mayor of Krabi Town, Keratisak Phukaoluan, also attended, while his older brother, President of the Foundation and former Krabi Town mayor, Chuan Phukaoluan, presided over events.

Entertainment, in the form of traditional Thai dancing and music, was provided by performers from local Krabi Town schools, along with representatives of the Boy Scouts, the Krabi Police and other community groups. In all, some 300 people



Mr. Chuan Phukaoluan addresses the crowd at the Tsunami Day Memorial at the Sripthong Phukaoluan Foundation Community Center on December 26, 2008. Mr. Keratisak Phukaoluan, Mayor of Krabi is 2nd from right, along with tsunami children supported by the Foundation.

attended and participated in the event. Each tsunami family received household gifts, a nutritious lunch and took advantage of the Foundation's free medical clinic, library and computer center.

Plans for an even bigger event to commemorate the fifth anniversary next year are already underway.

Electric news

A recent trip to Koh Jum confirmed the installation of the main electric lines from the mainland. Heavy machinery was installing the large concrete electric pylons across the island, with the electric cables following closely behind.

The electric mains will also supply power to Koh Sriboya and Phi Phi Don island. Installation is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2009. It should be a boon to real estate prices and a major convenience for businesses and residents.

One beauty salon owner was excited to soon be able to buy a hair dryer for her shop. Should be a lot quicker than sun drying!



Exotiq Thailand CEO Angus Maclachlan

Resort-focused property network Exotiq Real Estate announced the opening of new offices in Ao Nang in January, with plans to become established on other popular islands, such as Koh Hong and Koh Lanta; where a new branch office is planned for next high season.

The high-street brokerage is expected to be fully operational by March. The new Exotiq office will be staffed by European and Thai agents, with Italian, French and German speakers available.

"This area of Thailand has enormous potential for holiday and retirement home development and fits into our network very nicely. Prices here are much lower than in neighbouring Phuket and the infrastructure is improving all the time," commented Exotiq Thailand's CEO Angus Maclachlan.

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A wine madness: German quality, South African prices, and feminine mystique

Wine-making used to be a man's profession; women made jam. "One cup of wine," quoth the Talmud, "is good for a woman; two are disgraceful; three demoralizing; four are barbaric." No longer: whole estates cannot contain their creativity in this field; the greatest wine-makers in the world are women.

It was Heidi Peterson Barrett who made Napa Valley cult classic Screaming Eagle, the world's most expensive wine; in Bordeaux, Corinne Mentzelopoulos runs Chateaux Margaux, and Baroness Philippine de Rothschild, who controls Mouton-Rothschild and a slew of only moderately less esteemed growths, is the region's leading light and propagandist; in Burgundy, Anne-Claude Leflaive oversees the great Domain Leflaive; in Australia, Cullen Vineyards' Vanya Cullen led the way, being chosen as Wine Magazine's "Winemaker of the Year" in 2000; and in South Africa, Reni Hildenbrand is proprietor and winemaker at Hildenbrand Wine and Olive Estate.

Reni Hildenbrand? Unlike the others, Hildenbrand, from Stuttgart, is not linked to a famous winemaking family. "My mother is against alcohol," she said during an interview arranged by local wine and spirits importers Black Forest, so she studied architecture – but "my dream was to make wine".

Although she achieved financial independence, Hildenbrand found the price of vine lands in her home country more forbidding even than the price of their produce. "I could not afford a farm in Germany," she said, so instead "traveled the world", looking for a vineyard to purchase.

In the '80s Hildenbrand visited a client in South Africa and decided the place had potential. The wine was good; the Cape

region had a long history of quality winemaking. But local industry was depressed because of an ill-judged quota system and international boycott – making vineyards quite affordable. In 1991 she found the vineyard of her dreams, the historic Rhebokskloof winery.

Located on sloping hillsides outside Wellington, just northeast of Capetown, the estate had been farmed since 1698, and owned by the same family since 1825. The architecturally impressive wine cellar was built in 1853, the Cape Dutch-style manor house in 1796, and the estate was home to South Africa's first olive orchard, planted in 1893 by Piet Cillie, a scion of Rhebokskloof's owners, who brought the olives from California. The orchard is still there, and now contains 3,500 trees.

Hildenbrand, as befits an architect, is nothing if not efficient. She tidied up the estate; installed new equipment; learned winemaking in South Africa and, in Tuscany, earned a certificate from ONOA, the Italian Olive Oil Council. "I am a certified olive oil taster," she boasted. "We make South Africa's only free-run olive oil." She teaches the subject in Capetown Hotel School – "Those chefs know nothing about olives," she said – and with Wendy Flanagan, Hildenbrand wrote the book "Olives and Oils in South Africa" (220 pages; Mirimba Press).

Her efforts have paid off: in 2000 and 2001 she was chosen as South Africa's Female Farmer of the Year, and in 2006 her Wellington 2005 Chenin Blanc won top honors from the South African Terroir Wine Awards. The latter is nothing to scoff at: the aim of the competition is to recognize winemakers whose wine reflects the special charac-

teristics of terroir in their sub-districts. Certified "wines of origin", alone, could enter, and only 12 wines from eight wine growing areas in the Cape region received certificates. It's not one of those competitions – ubiquitous in the wine trade – wherein each entrant receives a medal.

Hildenbrand's approach to winemaking is typical of many female winemakers – de-emphasis of oak. She ages only 40% of her wines in oak and, uniquely, uses mostly Hungarian rather than French or American oak barrels (actually the smaller "barriques"). "Hungary's climate is cold, so it's a slow growing process. Thus the oak has a very tight grain," she explained, "and the oak flavor integrates slowly into the wine. It doesn't hammer it." To reduce oakiness still further, she uses no more than 50% new oak. "Oak barrels were never intended to impart flavor," she insisted. "I'm not interfering with nature." She added that, to her, too many New World wines lack character because they are "too manipulated".

In the vineyard, Hildenbrand takes a semi-organic approach: "No artificial fertilizers – I use compost from my animals." She has adopted hundreds of unwanted livestock: goats, pigs, oxen, sheep, donkeys, chickens, rabbits and horses. "All are rescued, all are my friends, and I don't eat my friends." They also keep down the weeds.

She prunes vines "to get a low yield" but doesn't manicure the leaves – "That's interfering with nature" – and often ferments with wild yeasts. Still, she hasn't abandoned science altogether: "I do leaf analysis to see if there's a shortage or too much of something. Too much nitrogen makes leaves look great, but you'll have a problem. It can stop fermentation."

That would result in low-alcohol wine, which doesn't appeal to Hildenbrand. Her semillon, for example, is fermented with wild



Reni Hildenbrand (oil painting)

yeast; golden as the sunset; redolent of minerals, earth, spices, bell peppers and dried apricots; it goes down sweetly – and weighs in at 14.5% alcohol.

Her shiraz – "Fellow winemakers say it is more like French syrah," she said – is fermented in open tanks on wild yeast, aged in Hungarian oak, unfiltered, deep purple, peppery, fruity and contains 14.65% alcohol.

Eschewing the hybrids (such as pinotage) and ersatz cherries that long made up the bulk of South African production, Hildenbrand concentrates on pre-

mium European varietals. Aside from the aforementioned chenin blanc, other wines in her line-up include wooded (13.99% alcohol) and unwooded (14.11% alcohol) cabernets; and wooded (13.8% alcohol) and unwooded (13.5% alcohol) chardonnays. Each is honest, forthright, and filled with character – just like the woman herself.

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Managing Thailand

As a footballer, Peter Reid has seen and done it all. He has won the English football league and the FA Cup with his hometown club Everton and was named the Professional Football Association's Footballer of the Year in the process. While in Phuket recently with the Thai national team for the King's Cup international football tournament, Reid talked with the *Gazette's* James Goyder about life after the Barclays Premier League.

Reid's career, both as a player and a manager, has been forged in the furnace of England's top division and it was a major surprise when he was appointed as the new coach of the Thailand national team after a three-year absence from the game, but already Reid has shown signs of warming to the task.

He brought his Thailand team to Phuket in December for the AFF Suzuki Cup where they won all their group matches and were unfortunate to be defeated by Vietnam in the last minute of the second leg of the final in Bangkok. This month they returned to Phuket for the King's Cup held at the Surakul Stadium in Phuket Town which is starting to feel like home for the national team.

"We do enjoy Phuket and we play some good stuff here, I think it's important to get out in the provinces and we've been made very welcome here. It's a terrific place to come to and a good place to play football," Reid says.

Under his tenure, the national team has actually played more times in Phuket than they have in Bangkok and they clearly appreciate the fanatical support they enjoy here, "The atmosphere's fantastic and the people are fantastic and I would like to thank the supporters on behalf of the players," Reid commented after a recent match.

Reid resides in Bangkok for most of the year and is gradually settling in to life in the Kingdom, "I'm enjoying it very much here; it's a fascinating

country and I'm enjoying the culture and being involved with international football here."

His family remains back in his native England but for Reid, this is just part and parcel of footballing life, "My family have been over here once or twice but I've been in football since I was 15, so I'm used to being away, it's not a problem for me. My daughter was born in July and I can count the number of times I've seen her on one hand. It's an occupational hazard I suppose, it's just the way it is," he says.

One of the advantages of working with the Thai national team for Reid is that he gets a lot of time to work with his players, for whom country commitments take precedent over those of their clubs. His English counterpart, Fabio Capello, by contrast, is lucky to get to spend more than a few days at a time with the highly paid superstars that make up his England squad. So does Reid think his job is easier than the England manager's?

"In some ways it's easier because I get to spend so much time with the players but in some ways it's more difficult in terms of trying to get more European



Peter Reid's appointment last year as manager of the Thai football squad was made with the 2014 World Cup in mind.

standard competition to get the players to improve."

While the English Premiership is hugely popular in Thailand, the Thai national league, in which most of Reid's players still perform, is relatively obscure, "I think the national league has got to improve. The top countries in the world have the top leagues; England, Italy, Spain. The Thai national league has got to improve to give the Thai national team a chance to improve."

Despite the lack of quality domestic football in Thailand, Reid does not appear to be missing the bright lights of the Premiership too badly, "You always miss certain things about England but I've really enjoyed it here, I think everyone who knows me, including my brother who's out here now, can see how much I am enjoying it."

He does admit to struggling with the language barrier and is forced to do all his communicating through a translator, "None of the players speaks English; it's a problem but I've got an interpreter and football language is universal. I can show them what I want on the training ground and I can demonstrate a lot of things. There have been a couple of problems when I'm trying to get messages across during games but we will overcome them."

Reid's appointment last year was made with the 2014 World

Cup in mind. Does he think that qualification is a realistic ambition for the footballing minnows such as Thailand? "2014 is a long way away but you've got to build. We've got a lot of young players, if you look at the squad there's a lot of players in their early twenties and mid-twenties and there's a lot of good young players coming through. It's going to be difficult but Asian football is getting stronger and stronger."

While players from other Asian nations, in particular South Korea and Japan, have gone on to play club football in Europe, the Thai players are still relatively unknown outside these shores. Reid does not think that a lack of talent is the problem,

"The players have certainly got the technical ability but we're just trying to build up body strength and core strength, it's something we're working very hard on. I've seen a lot of nationalities come into the Premiership and I think there are certain Thai players who could definitely handle it."

The hopes and expectations of a footballing nation rest on Peter Reid's shoulders. His playing legacy, as a tough tackling midfielder for Everton and England, is assured. Now he is hoping to cement his managerial legacy and upset the odds by leading Thailand to a World Cup for the first time in its history.

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Bodyguard to the stars

By Damir Khamzin

When it comes to bodyguards, few are as qualified or as well respected as Mickey Brett, a man well-known to many of Hollywood's actors and actresses. While holidaying in Phuket recently, Mickey granted the *Gazette* an interview at the Millenium Resort in Patong.

Standing barely six feet tall, Brett does not cut a particularly intimidating presence, but strike up a conversation and you soon have the unmistakable impression of a man very much in command of who he is and what he does.

Brett's journey to bodyguard celebrity began when, at a young age, he took an interest in martial arts. Training in many different techniques of unarmed combat, including Thai boxing, he quickly excelled and, as he got older, took on the role of instructor. Before long, he was approached by the military and was asked if he would teach unarmed combat to special forces divisions. His new job entailed him working with anti-terrorist teams in the UK, Russia, and even Afghanistan.

He started to work increasingly with members of various special forces teams as they left the army, and later on private con-

tracts with various governments.

His career as a bodyguard began with him mostly protecting government officials and Brett soon made a name for himself, which in turn brought him to the attention of a number of high profile people.

He gradually started to alternate between working for governments and people in the entertainment business. It was at this time that Brett caught the eye of a Hollywood bodyguard who at the time was working for actor Keifer Sutherland. The bodyguard asked Brett if he fancied traveling to Los Angeles to meet with Sutherland, to which he agreed. After a spell working with Sutherland, the star of TV's *24*, he received a call from another agent, this time in the employ of Sylvester Stallone.

"...[The producer] Said Stallone had an American bodyguard who wanted weekends off. I went to the studio to meet his current bodyguard and production manager. It went pretty well. They called me and asked if I could start next weekend. I said, 'sure'."

He later got a call saying that Stallone had changed his mind and wanted someone taller than six foot three. Brett said that he knew of a replacement but since the weekend was fast approaching, it was too short notice. After guard-

ing Stallone that weekend, the star of *Rocky* and *Rambo* quickly had a change of heart. Having witnessed the way Brett worked, Stallone decided to keep him on. Brett's reputation grew, and he quickly became something of a celebrity among celebrities.

Since those early days, Brett has worked for the likes of Sandra Bullock, Robbie Williams, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, Richard Gere and Cindy Crawford.

Brett is quick to point out that working with governments and celebrities is very different. "With government contracts, everything is already planned and laid out for you, you just gotta do your job and not miss a beat. With celebrities it's very different. You gotta do all the planning, make sure everything goes smoothly. Every detail is important, like planning the route, back up routes, getting cars to block roads just in case somebody notices a client, finding back-up entrances and exits from buildings. You gotta know what to do in case of an emergency. Its all quite stressful."

Brett said that being a bodyguard is very different from what people see in the movies. Employing the biggest guards does not mean you are going to be safe. "All those guys are good for is just shoving people off. They



don't know how to plan, how to handle things if it all goes off. You just can't rely on them," he said.

Bodyguarding is a very multi-faceted career. You not only have to know how to physically protect your clients, but also how to keep a cool head in an emergency. Basic paramedic skills are also a necessity. As Brett says, "You never really know what can happen, there are some crazy people out there."

When asked about the most exciting moment in his career, Brett mentioned a mob shoot-out in Russia.

Having established a name for himself, Brett is now regarded as one of the most sought after bodyguards in the business. As the voice of experience, Brett

offers some advice to anyone who is interested in a career as a celebrity bodyguard.

"If you want to get into it just to be around famous people, then forget it. If that's your motive, then all it's gonna do is distract you. You are going to become a liability. You also better be prepared to give up your life. It's not just a full time job; bodyguarding becomes your life. You sell yourself to your clients. The reason I don't work full time any more is because I'm married. You are always working, no matter what. That's the kind of thing you have to be prepared for."

In terms of motivation, Brett stated the obvious. "Money! Dealing with high profile clients brings high profile compensation."

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TEEN DREAMS: As part of the 2009 Chinese New Year celebrations, a Chinese Teen Talent Contest was held at Central Festival on January 25. In addition to the talent show, crowds were entertained by Channel 3 TV celebrities, a traditional performance by a Chinese lion dance troupe and other stage shows. Pictured are (from left to right) talent show winners Ms Natticha Marasriemale (left) and Mr Suthep Srisamuth, with Channel 3 actor Mr Suriya "Kong" Suboon (right).



LOVE IS IN THE AIR: Three of Phuket's prominent society couples donned traditional local costumes last week to promote the forthcoming Valentine's Day "Falling in Love" party to be held at Jungceylon Shopping Center, Patong on February 14. Pictured are (from left to right) Mr Suppachai Sakulpipat and his wife Mrs Pranee; Mr Narong Hongyok and his wife Mrs Yaowaluk; and Mrs Nongnapat and husband Mr Supparuek Puteerapat.



I WANT TO RIDE MY BICYCLE: The launch of the first annual Kamala Mountain Bike Race took place on February 1. The event, which included separate races for adults and children, was deemed a great success with more than 200 people taking part in the competition.



PHUKET JEWEL: The Grand Opening of Sea Pearl Villas was held on January 21, lighting up the surrounding hillside in celebration. The party was staged inside the walls of the new luxury residential complex and was attended by many of the island's social elite. Pictured from left to right are Mr Sumit Soontornnont, CEO of Sea Pearl Villas with family members Mr Sitikorn Soontornnont, Deputy General Manager of Sea Pearl Villas; Mrs Krondijit Soontornnont and Ms Mullika Soontornnont. Presiding over the ceremony was former Minister of Interior Chief Air Marshal Kongsak Wantana (right).



SUITE BANGLA: Absolute Group celebrated the launch of the Absolute Bangla Suites Jacuzzi condominium development on January 29. According to the developers, Bangla Suites is Patong's first five-star resort condominium development. Pictured are (from left to right) Ms Svetlana Kostromitina, Director of Sales, Absolute Group; Mr Bryan Lunt, Chairman, Absolute Group; Mr Vladimir Suchevan, CEO & Group Financial Director, Absolute Developments Corp; Mr Andrew Parker, Managing Director, North Shore Real Estate Thailand, and Mr Supachart Ruamsamu, Managing Director, Absolute Resort Management.



GO GANESHA: Renowned Thai artist Veerachan Usahanun (2nd from right) receives flowers from M&E Manager of Jungceylon Mr Nares Jantalukana (center) on the opening night of the "Miracles of Ganesha Collection" exhibition at Jungceylon Shopping Center, Patong Beach, on January 17. The exhibition will run until March 17 with live Indian music performances by Anand Jagota (left) every Saturday evening. Also pictured are performance artist "Lingie" (2nd from left) and batik artist Ms Kai Usahanun (right).



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Valentine's Day romantic wine dinner at Sala Bua restaurant in Impiana Phuket Cabana Resort and Spa.

Enjoy stunning sea views, candlelit elegance and the soothing sounds of the sea. Savor the exquisite five-course fusion menu by celebrity chef Ronnie Macuja, a selection of four different wines, and the romantic tunes of a jazz duet. Price: 1,980 baht ++ per person. Reserve before February 10 and receive a 10% discount. For information and reservations contact Impiana Phuket Cabana Resort and Spa. T: 076-340 178, 076-342 100. E: rsvnipc@impiana.com.

Romantic Valentine's Day Thai style at Silk restaurant and bar.

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specialties, romantic music from our band and special shows for a blissful night of romance at Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort's Pakarang Restaurant priced at 1,900 baht per adult.

Happy Valentine Dinner and Party and Baba Beach Club, Sri Panwa.

Enjoy a sumptuous six-course romantic dinner at Baba Beach Club (2,500 baht ++), followed by the "Sweet, Sexy and Spicy" Valentine's Party, featuring DJ Bonnie Anderson. Special for *Phuket Gazette* readers; please call for reservation with Jared to get 3 free drinks at the party. Valentine's party starts from 8pm till late. T: 085 918 1969

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Rise and shine with the sun



Welcome to the first installment in a new alternative-health feature entitled Yoga Moments. Content is provided by Dr Abhishek Agrawal, who runs Abbysan Yoga & Wellness Center in Phuket. Each month, Dr Abhishek will be giving readers step-by-step instructions on how to combine a series of postures to form a simple routine.

The Sun Salutation is an effective way of loosening up, stretching, massaging and toning all the joints, muscles, and internal organs of the body and is ideally practised before other *Asanas* (postures). Its versatility and application make it one of the most useful methods of inducing a healthy, vigorous and active life.

Sun Salutation is composed of three elements: form, energy and rhythm. The twelve *Asanas* are the physical matrix around which the form of the practice is woven. These *Asanas* generate *prana*, the subtle energy which activates the psychic body. Their performance, in a steady, rhythmic sequence, reflects the rhythms of the universe; the twenty-four hours of the day, the twelve zodiac phases of the year

and the rhythm of the body/mind complex generates the transforming force which produces a fuller and more dynamic life. The ideal time to practise the Sun Salutation is at sunrise, the most peaceful time of the day. Whenever possible, practise in the open air, facing the rising sun. Sunset is also a good time to practise as it stimulates the digestive fire.

However, the Sun Salutation can be practised any time of the day provided the stomach is empty. Beginners should start with two or three rounds and add one more round every week to avoid fatigue.

Advanced practitioners may practise a larger number of rounds; however strain should be avoided at all times. For physical benefits, practise three to 12 rounds more quickly and for spiri-

tual benefits, three to 12 rounds slowly.

Contraindications:

The practice of the Sun Salutation should be immediately discontinued if a fever, acute inflammation, boils or rashes occur. These may develop due to excess toxins in the body.

People suffering from high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, those who have had a stroke should not practice the Sun Salutation, as it may over stimulate or damage a weak heart or blood vessel system.

People with back conditions should consult a medical expert before commencing this practice. Although some back problems may be alleviated, conditions such as slipped discs and sciatica will be better managed through an al-

ternative *Asana* program.

Completely avoid the practice if suffering with a hernia or intestinal tuberculosis.

Benefits:

The Sun Salutation stimulates and balances all the systems of the body, including the endocrine, circulatory, respiratory and

digestive systems. Its great influence on the pineal gland and hypothalamus helps to prevent pineal degeneration and calcification. This balances the transition time between childhood and adolescence in growing children.

Synchronizing breathing with the physical movements of the Sun Salutation ensures that the practitioner, at least for few minutes daily, breathes as deeply and rhythmically as possible.

This removes the carbon dioxide from the lungs and replaces it with fresh oxygen, increasing mental clarity by bringing fresh, oxygenated blood to the brain.

Position 1: *Pranamasana* (Prayer Pose)

Stand upright with your feet together and eyes closed. Slowly bend the elbows and place the palms together in front of the chest in *namaskara mudra* (as shown in first picture), mentally offering homage to the sun, the source of all energy. Breathe normally and relax the whole body.

Position 2: *Hastha Utthanasana* (Raised Arm Pose)

While inhaling, raise and stretch both arms above the head with arms separated, shoulder width apart. Bend the head, arms and trunk backward.

Benefits: Tones spinal nerves, opens lungs and removes excess weight.

Position 3: *Padahasthasana* (Hand to foot pose)

While exhaling, bend forward until the fingers or the palms of the hand touch the floor on either side of the feet, keeping your legs straight or bent at the knees. Try to touch your knees with the forehead without any strain to your back and neck. Do not be alarmed; it's very common to feel the deep stretch at the back of your legs (Stretching hamstring muscles).

Benefits: Improves digestion and helps to remove constipation.

Position 4: *Ashwa Sanchalanasana* (Equestrian pose)

Inhaling, stretch the right leg back as far as possible, keeping the foot flat and toes pointed. At the same time, bend the left knee, keeping the left foot on the floor in the same position, with the arms straight.

In the final position, the weight of the body should be supported with both hands, the left foot, right knee and right foot. The head should be tilted backward, the back arched and the inner gaze directed upward.

Benefits: Improves the function of abdominal organs by massaging them and strengthens the leg muscles.

Position 5: *Plank Pose*

Exhaling, move the left leg back to meet the right and position the whole body in a straight line like a plank of wood. Keep the heels vertical to the floor, contract the muscles of the thigh and pull up the knees, wrists resting under the shoulder.

Benefits: Strengthens the shoulders and the muscles of the arms.

Position 6: *Balasana* (Child Pose)

Drop both knees onto the floor, keep the feet flat and toes pointed. While exhaling move the body back, resting the buttocks on the heels. Do not place your hands in order to move your body back.

Benefits: Stretches the shoulders and back muscles.

Position 7: *Ashtanga Namaskara* (salute with eight parts or points)

Keeping the trunk parallel to the floor, actively exhale and lower the chest between your palms on the floor. In the final position the knees, chest and chin should touch the floor simultaneously. The buttocks, hips and abdomen should be raised.

Benefits: Strengthens the legs and arm muscles, develops the chest.

Position 8: *Urdhva Mukha Svanasana* (Upward facing Dog)

With a deep inhalation, lift the chest, abdomen and thighs up, stretch the arms completely and push the head and trunk as far back as possible, with or without resting the knees on the floor. The spine, thighs and calves should be fully stretched, and the buttocks contracted tightly.

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Position 9: Adho Mukha Svanasana (Downward facing dog)

Exhale completely, lift the hips very high and press the heels on the floor. Straighten the arms, move the head inward towards the feet without strain, keeping the elbows straight and extending the back. Keep the legs stiff and do not bend the knees but press the heels down. In case your hamstrings are tight and it's not possible to press heels on the floor, bend the knees slightly.

Position 10: Ashwa Sanchalasana (Equestrian pose)

This is same as position four. Inhaling, bend the right leg and bring the right foot forward between the hands. Simultaneously, lower the left knee so that it touches the floor and push the pelvis forward. Tilt the head backward, arch the back and gaze at the point where the eyebrows meet.

Position 11: Padahasthasana (Hand to foot pose)

This position is same as position three. Exhale and bring the left foot forward next to the right foot. With legs straight or slightly bent at the knees bring the forehead close to the knees, without straining.

Position 12: Hastha Utthanasana (raised arm pose)

This stage is a repetition of position two. Inhale, raising the torso and stretching the arms above the head. Keep the arms separated, shoulder width apart, bend the head, arm and trunk backward.

Position 13: Pranamasana (prayer pose)

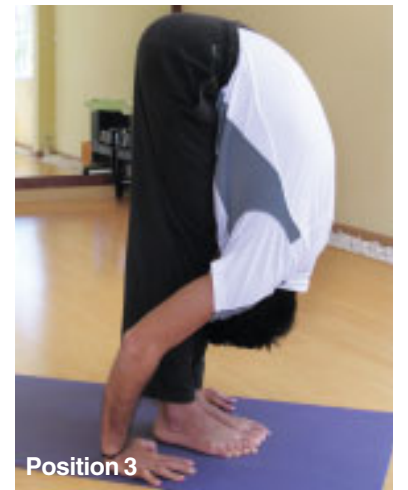
This is the final position and the same as position one. Exhale, lower the hands, bring the palms together in front of the chest.



Position 1



Position 2



Position 3



Position 4



Position 5



Position 6



Position 7



Position 8



Position 9



Position 10



Position 11



Position 12



Position 13

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On a recent edition of the BBC's *Top Gear* program, Clarkson, May and Hammond were let loose in a variety of Alfas. And while the boys inevitably caused havoc with 'their' cars, they did confess to having a soft spot for the marque. "A real driver's car," says Clarkson.

It is true: although sometimes temperamental and at times unreliable, an Alfa Romeo is immense fun to own and drive. These days they have been



somewhat sanitized but there are still good ones to choose from. One such is the Alfa Romeo GT. The GT offers a choice of

engines, from a 1.8 liter, producing a modest 140 bhp and 163 Nm of torque, to a 2.0 liter with 165 bhp – this motor is available with the optional Selespeed transmission – or a 1.9 liter common-rail diesel with just 150 bhp, but a massive amount of torque at 305 Nm, delivered at the low engine speed of 2,000 rpm.

All models are equipped with ABS and EBD, as well as a form of electronic stability control (ESC). The original ESC was developed in Germany by the Robert Bosch company; Alfa Romeo's version is produced by Magneti Marelli, which like Alfa, is part of the Fiat Group.

Fiat has recently agreed to take a 35 percent stake in ailing Chrysler in the United States and it is predicted that one or more Chrysler plants in the US will be

turned over to the manufacture of Fiat and Alfa Romeo vehicles in the future, particularly as Fiat specializes in small cars which, in the current economic paralysis, US consumers may well turn to in the coming years.

The optional Selespeed gearbox is a cross between an automatic and a manual, in that you can change gear without use of the clutch. It has its critics as being neither one thing nor the other, but in practice it is easy and extremely rapid to use.

A conventional gearshift involves three stages. First, the clutch is disengaged to disconnect power from the wheels; secondly, the driver selects and engages the gear and then the clutch is engaged to resume sending power to the wheels and engine speed begins to increase again.

The Selespeed gearbox carries out these maneuvers fully automatically. When the driver changes gear, it is no longer necessary to release the accelerator pedal and depress the clutch; the Magneti Marelli electronic unit controls the gearbox and requests the clutch opening, reduces the torque regardless of the accelerator position and selects the next



gear.

The Selespeed is essentially a robotized manual gearbox. The decision of which gear to be engaged is left to the driver, but three actuators intervene to carry out the actions that are normally performed during conventional gear shifts. One controls the clutch, the other controls the engagement and the third controls the speed selection. A fourth actuator is linked to the engine's fly-by-wire throttle.

This system manages power delivery on the basis of requests received through the gearbox control system. During gearshifts, Selespeed is in charge of the engine to ensure maximum performance and removes any risk of damage to any part of the drivetrain as the Selespeed system runs through its programs.

Developed from Magneti Marelli's experience in Formula One, particularly with Ferrari – also part of the Fiat combine – the major advantages of the Selespeed system are its speed of gear shift and the reduction of power losses normally associated with automatic gearboxes. Alfa Romeo is distributed in Thailand by Thai Prestige Auto Sales in Bangkok. There are a number of Alfa models available in the Kingdom and as the *Top Gear* boys said, they are still all 'driver's cars'. Well worth a look.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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February 8. Free Computer Clinic - Laguna.

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February 9. Makha Bucha Day (public holiday).

Makha Bucha Day, which falls on the full moon of the third lunar month, commemorates the Buddha's ordaining of 1,250 monks who had arrived unannounced from afar only seven months after the Buddha began his teachings. It is also the date the Buddha delivered his Fundamental Teachings - just months before his death.

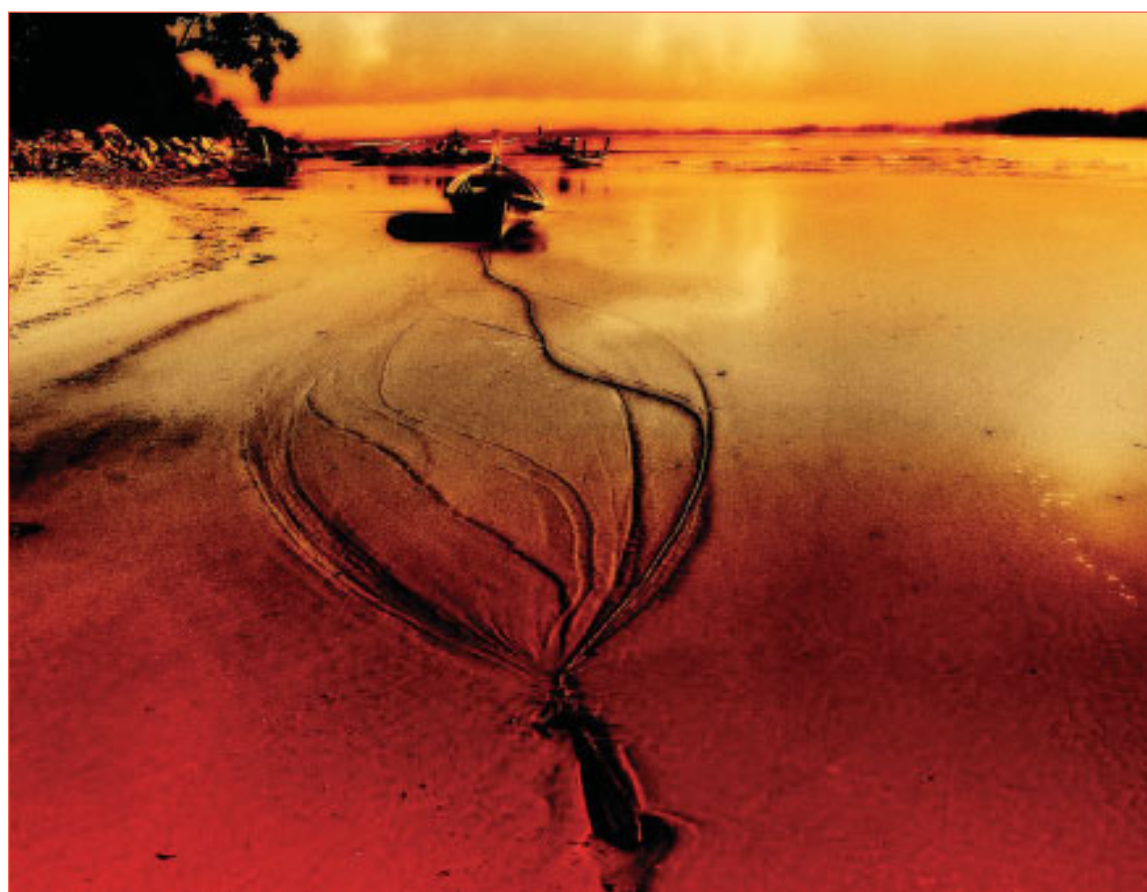
February 14. Valentine's Day Dinner at Royal Phawadee Village

Come join us for an unforgettably romantic Valentine's dinner with your loved one. Choose from either La Boucherie Grill and Steakhouse or Mae Naam Restaurant at Royal Phawadee Village, from 7.30pm until 10pm at Patong Beach. Price: only 2,000 baht per person. For more information and reservations, contact Mr Claude de Crissey. T: 076-344581

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February 14. Valentine's Day at Les Anges.

Celebrate this special Valentine's Day with the one you love. Enjoy the atmosphere of a romantic night and a chocolate menu "Love by Chocolate" at Les Anges restaurant. From 7pm - 10pm at Royal Phuket Marina.



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February 15. Free Computer Clinic - Chalong.

From 10:00 to noon, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong (1km north of Chalong Circle). For further information contact Woody Leonhard. T: 089-196 0940 E: woody@KhunWoody.com W: www.KhunWoody.com

February 18 Flowering Body Art Exhibition.

"Flowering Body" will feature a

collage of dyed fabric on canvas by top female Thai artist Nitaya Ueareeworakul. This series is imbued with the touch of a woman's story that subtly conveys a sense of the role as a wife and mother. She has appeared not only at eight solo exhibitions in Thailand, but also participated in international group exhibitions abroad. She is one of the founding organizers of the annual 'Womanifesto' event. Her exhibition at D-Gallery runs from February 18 through until March 18, 2009. Hours: Tues-Sat - 11am till 7pm; Sundays: noon till 6pm. For further information contact D Gallery at Royal Phuket Marina. T: 076-360867 E: info@dgallery.co.th

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February 20-21. 2009 Phuket International Blues Rock Festival.

The fourth annual top music event in Phuket in 2009 features

international star Eric Bibb - one of the greatest contemporary blues artists. Eric has performed at the world's largest festivals including Glastonbury and tours the world constantly. We are extremely lucky and very excited to have him!

Next on the big newcomer list is California's Mitch Woods and his Rocket 88s. Mitch is a world class New Orleans style boogie-woogie piano man and has set crowds abuzz around the world for over 30 years. From Europe comes Bert Deivert & Janne Zander; a top rated blues duo from Sweden, and representing Australia this year is KNIKI, a soulful lady with a seductive voice, fresh from releasing her second album, "JUST".

The 2009 festival welcomes a tribute act for the first time. "Chasing Jimi", featuring Jimmy Fame of the USA, is in homage to the legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix. By popular demand, Rich Harper (USA) will return along with The Blues Machine and Bangkok's Cannonball. Our very own Groove Doctors fronted by Tony 'Chainsaw' Wilson will also be back for some on-stage surgery. We will also have a festival warm-up show February 19 as well as post-event jam session February 22. For further information contact Andy Andersen, Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa. T: 086-6822639 E: info@phuketbluesfestival.com W: www.phuketbluesfestival.com

February 22. Free Computer Clinic - Chalong.

From 10:00 to noon, at Woody's Sandwich Shoppe Chalong (1km north of Chalong Circle, near Wine Connection. For further information contact Woody Leonard. T: 089-196 0940 E: woody@KhunWoody.com W: www.KhunWoody.com

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Ms Sayamon Sittirit has been appointed Director of Villa Operations at Anantara Phuket. Ms Sayamon will be responsible for managing room operations at the resort. A native of Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Ms Sayamon was previously employed as Director of Front Office at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, where she held the position for nine years, before joining Anantara Phuket on August 11, 2008.



Mr Thamarat Thongdang has been appointed Food and Beverage (F&B) Manager of Club Andaman Beach Resort, Patong Beach. A Bangkok native, Mr Thamarat has been working in restaurant management for the past four years and was previously employed as the F&B restaurant manager at Blue Wave Entertainment Co Ltd and held the same position at M&B Milk Bar & Restaurant in Bangkok before joining the team at Club Andaman Beach Resort.



Ms Siriphan Uasrikongsuk has been recently appointed Assistant Director of Sales, Leisure at the Sheraton Grand Laguna Phuket. A native of Bangkok, Ms Siriphan has worked in the international hospitality industry for nine years with many leading hotels and resorts, including spells with Six Senses and Marriott International Hotels & Resorts. In her position Ms Siriphan will be responsible for driving leisure and conference business in key emerging Asian and European markets for the hotel.



MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

Last week's article covered London-based AMT Futures and the component funds that make up its CFL Fund. Over the last decade this fund has returned, on average, 16.8% per annum in US dollars, and even in the difficult environment of 2008, still returned 11%. This year also promises to be very difficult, or to coin a term seemingly in vogue with CEOs everywhere, "challenging".

Moving from the CFL Fund, which AMT Futures describes as "conservative", to the other end of the spectrum, one meets the aggressive IQS Fund. In well over a decade this fund has just about seen it all, so to speak. Its most trying time was "9/11", which quite literally destroyed the New York Futures Exchange. The

Exchange thereafter relocated to New Jersey and initially was able to trade for only two hours a day. The management of AMT was faced with a dilemma: IQS does not in fact have any human beings at the helm. It is a "black box" strategy (an industry term) more commonly called computer-based, and as such, it behaves in the manner of its program. It was decided that it would be left in its original state, as tampering with what had been established could also contaminate the system. Obviously, the fund and its trading system were completely unaware of 9/11.

One of the great advantages of computer-based trading systems is that they don't have egos. Traders have egos and this so often interferes with profitability. Computer trading is referred to as "emotionless trading". IQS in its original form only traded 14 different commodities, including oil, gold and so on, and in reality very often only held positions in less than half of this amount. The great advantage of futures in-

cludes the ability to be both "long" and "short".

It is worthwhile to mention that the majority of investors are only experienced in "long" investments; in other words, appreciating in value. For example, a typical mutual fund/unit trust/UCITS investor expects to profit when the price of something appreciates, for example when the S&P 500 index moves from 800 to 900.

Investment, when the investor or fund seeks to make a profit from a falling price, almost seems, to many, as being somehow immoral. Even regulators were sucked into this opinion in various stockmarkets during falling markets in 2008. The regulators eventually saw the error of their ways and rescinded bans on various short selling techniques in equity (stockmarkets). Even in stockmarkets, short sellers are useful contributors, since they add depth to the market, which is another way of saying they add liquidity. Markets that are liquid are much easier to trade in than illiquid markets.

However, going back to futures markets, selling short is not just an *option* for the whole market, it is an *essential*. There must

be a counterparty in every transaction. Without wishing to deviate too much from the core story, it is a major problem when there is no counterparty. This is exactly one of the problems that is facing the financial system. Banks and other parties are holding huge "blocks" of what are commonly termed "toxic assets". These blocks, with labels such as structured investment vehicles, SIVs and the rest of the alphabet soup, never had a counterparty. They were created mainly by banks and based on in-house or other mathematical models instead of being "marked to market".

Futures markets are not a sophisticated "game". Major players in agriculture, mining, financials, currencies and energy need to use futures to reduce risk and enhance clarity in their businesses. One very common use of futures is by airlines; an airline that is not using futures is described as being "unhedged": in other words, they are at the total mercy if aviation fuel jumps in price. Since its inception in 1996 the IQS Fund has recorded an average compound annual growth rate of over 33%. Therefore, last year's return of 15.11%

was actually below average. However, anyone who made 15.11% in US dollars in 2008 would have beaten almost all other investors. For those with pounds sterling base to their portfolio, and there are many on this island, AMT was a godsend, returning almost 40%.

During 2008, IQS changed in nature from a single fund to two funds. It was felt that the original IQS had simply become too big to be as agile as it needed to be to look to the future. The decision was taken to add another fund, IQS-A, as it was renamed, on a 50% share with IQS. The name still remains IQS. IQS-A, the "new kid on the block", is, in fact, the Altis Fund, which has long been a component of the CFL Fund. It has been described as Altus with added vigor and turbo-charging.

The SAV Fund, which AMT Futures labels as "moderate" and which is my personal favorite, is a 75% mix of CFL and 25% IQS. Formed in 1998, the SAV Fund returned 13.83% in 2008 and has returned 23.40% annual compound growth. SAV might be my preferred fund but my clients usually move to IQS: it just seems irresistible. All funds have the same custodian, administrator and accountants as detailed last week. Listed in the Cayman Islands for tax purposes, the fund is directed from London and AMT is fully regulated with actual trading taking place on the major futures markets of the world. Through the fund range, a huge number of different commodities are traded, be it lumber to bonds, energy to metals, soya to currencies: the list is almost endless. This is real diversification.

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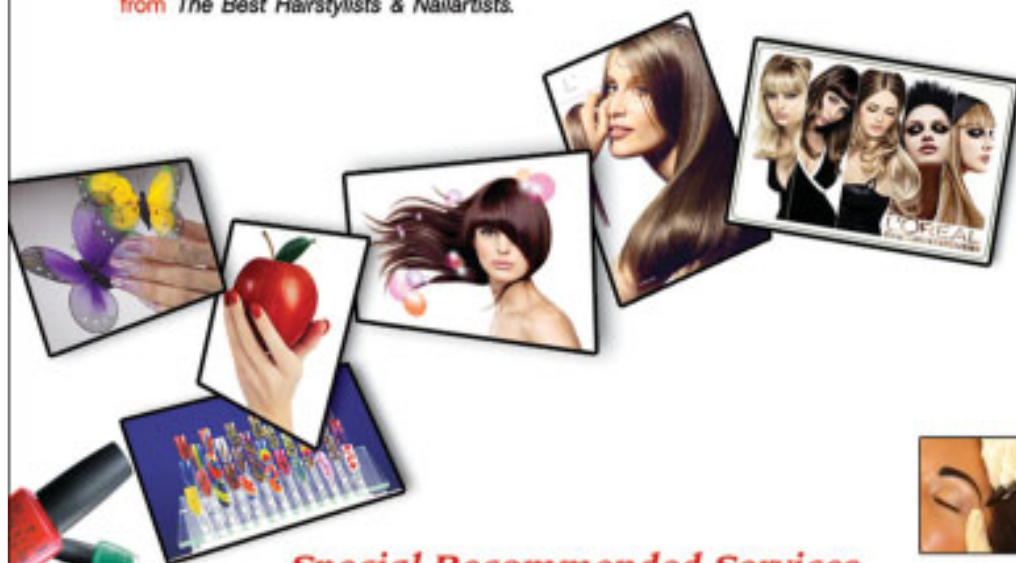
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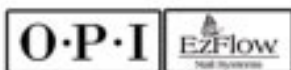
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22:00 Festival Warm-Up Session @
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Friday, February 20th, 2009

17:00 Gates open (food and drinks)
 18:15 Showtime

Saturday, February 21st, 2009

17:00 Gates open (food and drinks)
 18:15 Showtime

Sunday, February 22nd, 2009

18:30 Jam Session @ Royal Phuket Marina
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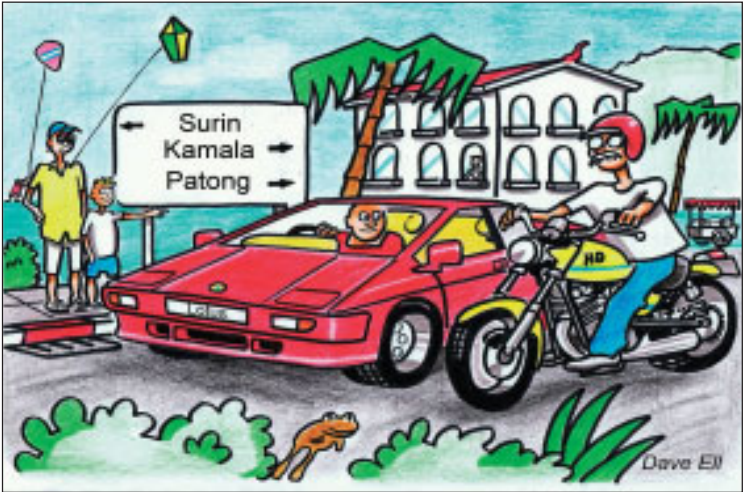
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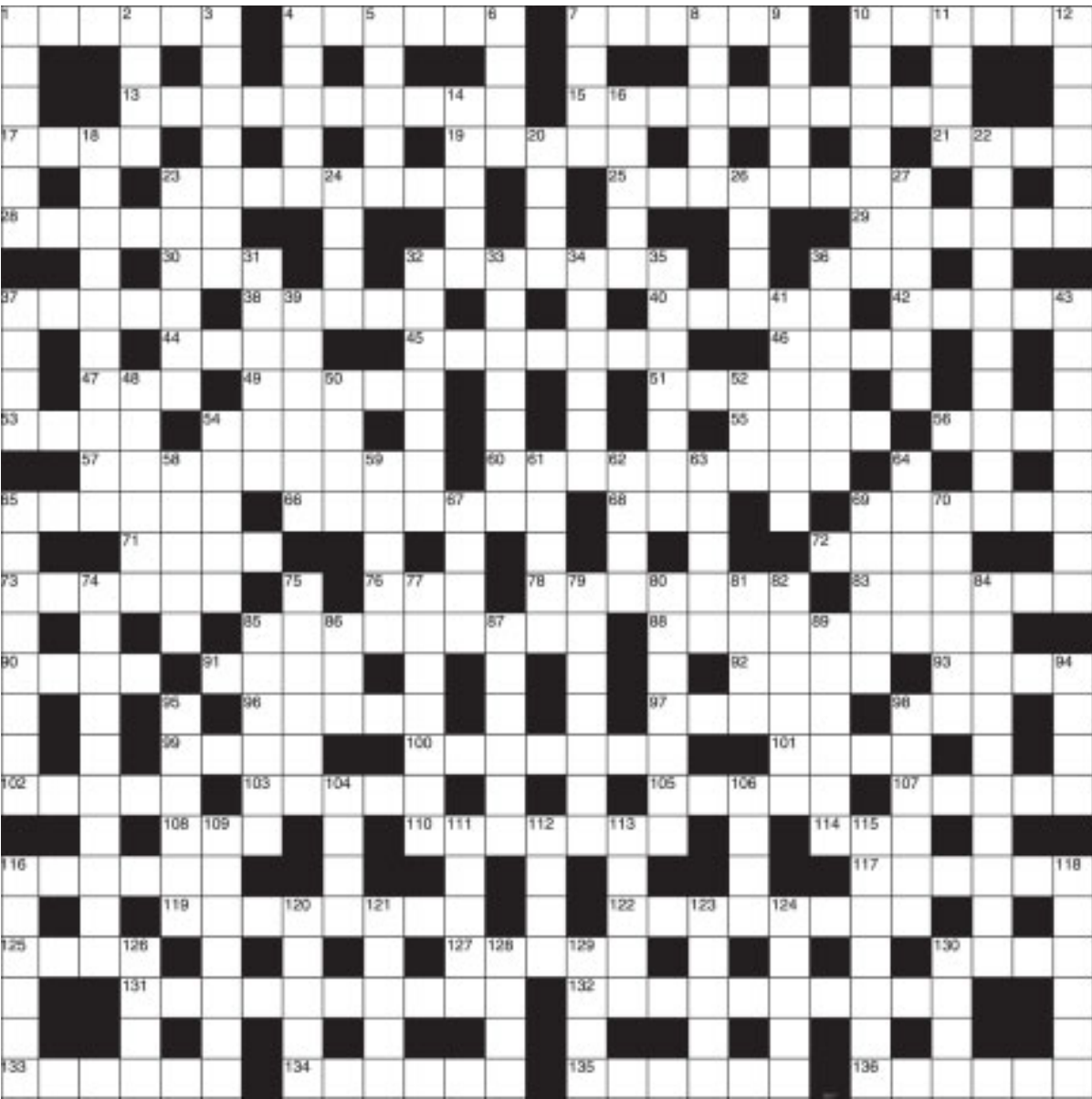
PUZZLES

Spot the Difference



Can you find the seven differences between the two cartoons below? And can you find them faster than the rest of the family?





The BIG Crossword

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- Across**

 - 1. Hawaiian naval base, Pearl...
 - 4. Saturate
 - 7. Laughed sneeringly
 - 10. Returns (of symptoms)
 - 13. Let in again
 - 15. Cementing
 - 17. Fluid-filled pouches
 - 19. House lizard
 - 21. Long tale
 - 23. Double-crosser
 - 25. Tampering
 - 28. More honourable
 - 29. Readily
 - 30. Extrasensory perception (1,1,1)
 - 32. Diplomatic aide
 - 36. Queer
 - 37. Store for future use (3,2)
 - 38. Practice
 - 40. Italian fashion & design hub
 - 42. Distress rocket
 - 44. Famous guitarist, ...Clapton
 - 45. Hoisting anchor cry (5-2)
 - 46. Molest
 - 47. Elderly
 - 49. Drift (into coma)
 - 51. Replenish (3,2)
 - 53. Harvard's rival
 - 54. Agreeable
 - 55. Unfortunately
 - 56. Genuine, ...fide
 - 57. Dreamers
 - 60. Artiste
 - 65. Hordes
 - 66. Turn to spray
 - 68. ...& only
 - 69. Buggy
- Down**

 - 71. Upon
 - 72. Ear part
 - 73. Ample
 - 76. Kind
 - 78. Charges
 - 83. Sow's baby
 - 85. White-sauce stew
 - 88. Confrontation
 - 90. Precious Australian gem
 - 91. Russia's ...Mountains
 - 92. Mekong valley nation
 - 93. Very eager
 - 96. Greased
 - 97. River-mouth land
 - 98. Ham & ...soup
 - 99. Tingling, ...& needles
 - 100. Wealthy
 - 101. Anxious
 - 102. A fragment of pottery
 - 103. Refine (software)
 - 105. Scent, ...cologne (3,2)
 - 107. Fibbing
 - 108. Donkey
 - 110. Soviet exile area
 - 114. Musical pair
 - 116. Development
 - 117. Shelled gastropods
 - 119. Aural medicine
 - 122. Light fittings
 - 125. Bottom
 - 127. Remove completely
 - 130. Hideous monster
 - 131. Wildly extravagant
 - 132. Diaries, personal...
 - 133. Oven clocks
 - 134. Waltzed
 - 135. Feigns (4,2)
 - 136. Canada's Nova...
- Down**

 - 1. Actor, Rock...
 - 2. Saloons
 - 3. Harvesters
 - 4. Raise petty objections
 - 5. Ledger item
 - 6. Animal skin
 - 7. Actor, ...Nicholson
 - 8. Hurried
 - 9. Live
 - 10. Ruled (of monarch)
 - 11. Toothed wheels
 - 12. Perspiration-soaked
 - 14. Heron-like bird
 - 16. Panache
 - 18. Small compartments
 - 20. Cocaine source
 - 22. Moving cartoons
 - 23. Honked (horn)
 - 24. Saudi native
 - 26. Writer, Roald...
 - 27. Cattle-biting fly
 - 31. UK Queen's husband, Prince...
 - 32. Godlessness
 - 33. ...& saucers
 - 34. Intelligent
 - 35. Anger or love
 - 36. Equal (2,1,3)
 - 37. Slack
 - 39. Wattle tree
 - 41. Talisman
 - 43. Gum tree
 - 48. Classroom session
 - 50. Annoyance
 - 52. Tennis ace, ...Shriver
 - 54. Unpleasant
 - 58. Dollar divisions
 - 59. Subject
 - 61. Strange
 - 62. Nourishment
- 63. Arrive at
 - 64. Ship's office
 - 65. Atlases (3,5)
 - 67. Aggravates
 - 69. Moves listlessly
 - 70. West Indian music style
 - 74. Estimators
 - 75. Laud
 - 77. Pampered pets
 - 79. January celebration (3,4)
 - 80. Chilled leaf beverage (4,3)
 - 81. High
 - 82. Tiled
 - 84. Legitimising
 - 85. Palm leaves
 - 86. Infirm
 - 87. City district
 - 89. Burdened
 - 94. Dinner bell
 - 95. News flash
 - 98. Cable supports
 - 104. Pig
 - 106. Single entity
 - 109. Silhouettes
 - 111. Magnified section
 - 112. Famous volcano
 - 113. Construe
 - 115. Pointless
 - 116. Chalice
 - 118. Reddish/brown pigment
 - 120. Allotted, ... out
 - 121. Heart or lung
 - 123. Skeleton photographs (1-4)
 - 124. Alliance
 - 126. Fencing sword
 - 128. Perused
 - 129. Cleansing cake
 - 130. Norwegian capital

Solution on next page

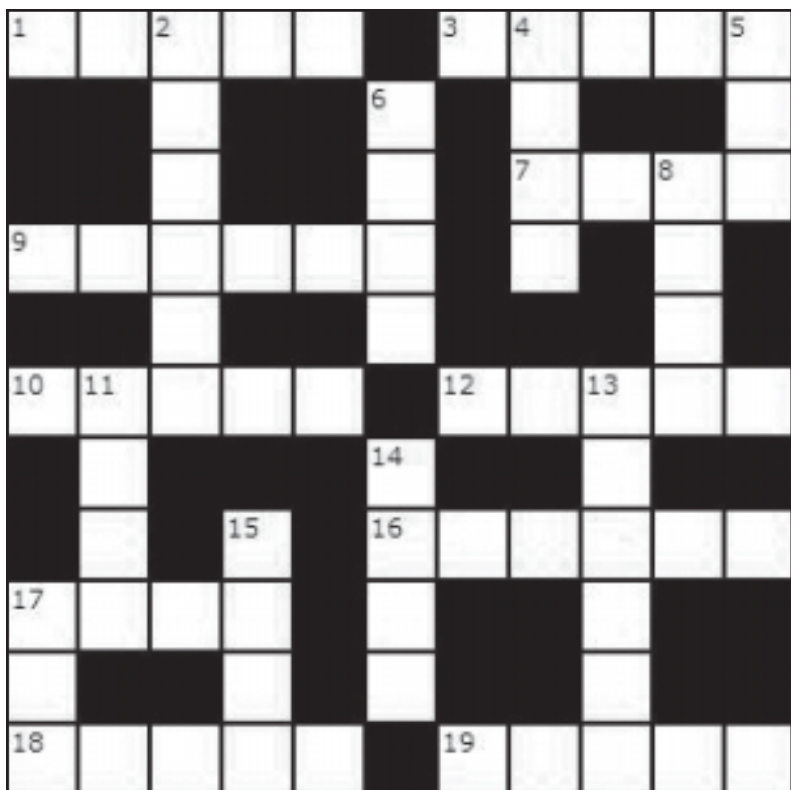
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5							7
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The principle of Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. 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.



Quick Crossword

Across

1. Divide
3. Young person
7. Particle
9. Scandi country
10. Delicious
12. African country
16. Attack
17. Bar
18. Question word
19. Like a canoe

Down

2. Basketball team
4. Shape
5. Meat
6. Sound
8. Follow orders
11. Continent
13. Tidily
14. Joob joob
15. Thai band
17. Argument

Solution below

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1. What country is landlocked within the Republic of South Africa?
2. What does "cenotaph" mean?
3. What's the name of Dr Evil's cat in the Austin Powers films?
4. What was the currency of Holland?
5. How many in a gross?
6. Who was known as Mike and practised in Colorado Springs in the 1860s?
7. On which river do the cities of Quebec and Montreal stand?
8. Which poet composed Paradise Lost?
9. Trent Reznor fronts which band?
10. In which sport would you throw stones at houses?
11. Who was the first Catholic to become American President?
12. Ingvar Kamprad founded which furniture company?
13. Which actor was in the Dirty Dozen and The Magnificent Seven?
14. According to Oscar Wilde, what is 'the name everyone gives to his mistakes'?
15. What three words in the English language end with 'ceed'?
16. Why can't a man living in York be buried west of the Trent?
17. On what ship did Charles Darwin begin developing his theory of evolution?
18. Whose released the LP 'Left of the Middle'?
19. Who was the 1st non-Englishman to play James Bond?
20. In which country did playing cards originate?

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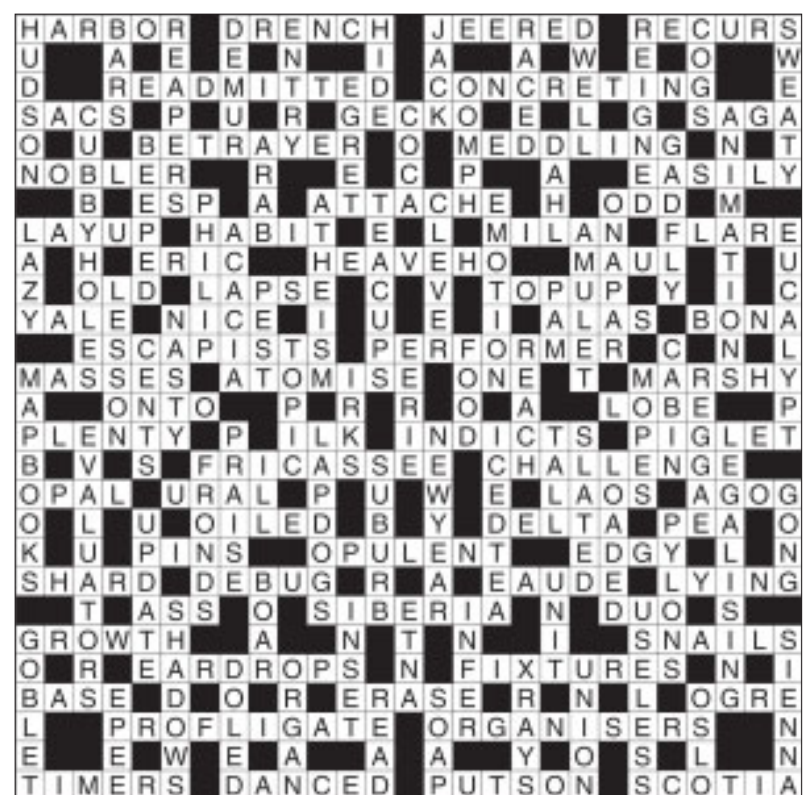
Monster Quiz Answers

1. Lesotho; 2. Empty Tomb; 3. Mr Bigglesworth; 4. The Guilder; 5. 144; 6. Dr. Quinn (Medicine Woman); 7. St. Lawrence; 8. John Milton; 9. Nine Inch Nails; 10. Curling; 11. John F. Kennedy; 12. IKEA; 13. Charles Bronson; 14. Experience; 15. Exceed, Proceed, Succeed; 16. Because he's not dead; 17. The Beagle; 18. Natalie Imbruglia; 19. Sean Connery (Scottish); 20. China.

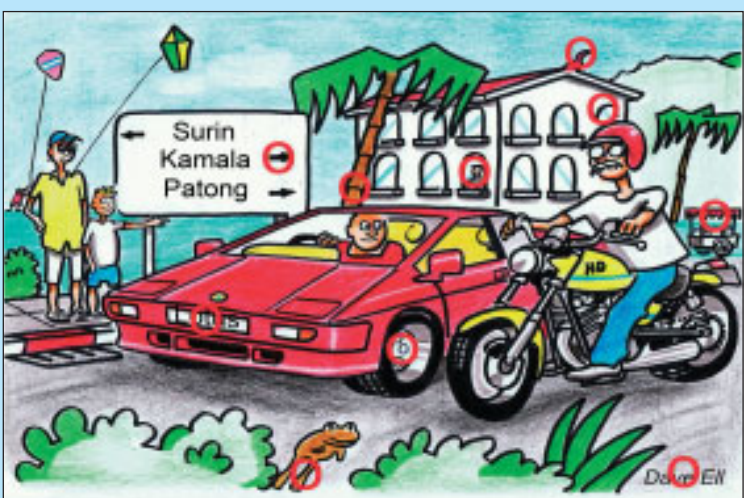
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Solution to this week's BIG Crossword



Solution to this week's Cartoon Puzzle





Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

Bill Bryson is a supremely versatile writer with a laid-back conversational style and a easy sense of humor. He has written travel books about America, Britain and Australia, a funny memoir about his childhood, a scholarly work on American and British English, and a catch-all masterpiece called "A Short History of Nearly Everything". His thirteenth book is a biography: "Shakespeare" (Atlas Books, London, 2008, 200pp).

This is a slender volume because Bryson doesn't really have much to say. Not much is known about Shakespeare's life, so Bryson contents himself with describing what his schooling would have been like and how London looked when he first arrived.

Much Ado About Nothing

"Boys normally attended school for seven or eight years, beginning at the age of seven. The school day was long and characterized by an extreme devotion to tedium. Pupils sat on hard wooden benches from six in the morning to five or six in the evening, with only two short pauses for refreshment, six days a week. Discipline was probably strict. A standard part of a teacher's training was how to give a flogging. Shakespeare had a great deal of Latin, for the life of every grammar school boy was spent almost entirely in reading, writing and reciting Latin in the most mind-numbingly repetitious manner."

Bryson trots out all the mysteries of Shakespeare's life – what was his relationship with the effeminate Earl of Southampton to whom he dedicated his two early long poems; who was the "W.H." to whom he wrote the sonnets, and who was the Dark Lady – and fails to solve them. What he does manage is to summon up his en-

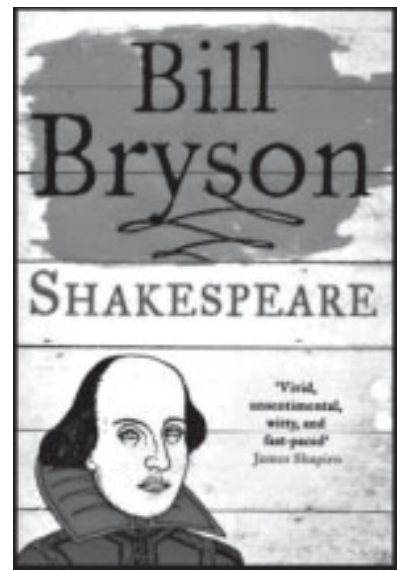
thusiasm for the sheer delight of Shakespeare's language.

Hundreds of every day phrases were coined by Shakespeare and his neologisms were legion. "Anyway, and obviously, it wasn't so much a matter of how many words he used, but what he did with them – and no one has ever done more," Bryson writes. "It is often said that what sets Shakespeare apart is his ability to illuminate the workings of the soul and so on, and he does that superbly, goodness knows, but what really characterizes his work – every bit of it, in poems and plays and even dedications, throughout every portion of his career – is a positive and palpable appreciation of the transfixing power of language. A Midsummer Night's Dream remains an enchanting work after four hundred years, but few would argue that it cuts to the very heart of human behaviour. What it does do is take and give, a positive satisfaction in the joyous possibilities of verbal expression."

Bryson is also very good at summoning up the atmosphere of the early theaters of London. The Globe was built in 1599 and lasted a mere fourteen years till it burned down in 1613. This was the period when Shakespeare wrote Julius Caesar, Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Measure for Measure, Othello, King Lear, Macbeth, Anthony and Cleopatra.

"We thrill at these plays now," Bryson writes. "But what must it have been like when they were brand new, when all their references were timely and sharply apt, and all the words never before heard? Imagine what it must have been like to watch Macbeth without knowing the outcome, to be part of a hushed audience hearing Hamlet's soliloquy for the first time, to witness Shakespeare speaking his own lines. There cannot have been, anywhere in history, many more favored places than this."

It is this enthusiasm for the subject that carries the reader



along, though there's isn't much meat to this book. Compared with his huge all-encompassing "A Short History of Nearly Everything", which delved into the beginning of the universe and the rise of man, this is pretty weak beer. It's as if he wrote this book on contract and not any grand passion. Still, his occasional moments of passion make the book worth reading.



Barbara Wallraff is a weekly syndicated columnist for King Features and a contributing editor and words columnist at The Atlantic Monthly, where she has worked since 1983.

There's no such thing as a complementary lunch

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 readers' questions.



Free dessert: "complementary" or "complimentary"?

Q: I am distressed at the prevalence of the word "complimentary," instead of "complementary," when referring to something free – as in "a complimentary dessert with your meal." Is the dessert going to say nice things about me? Perhaps I am mistaken. Has the word "complimentary" become acceptable for this purpose?

Patty Potter
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Barbara replies: How tactful you are to say "Perhaps I am mistaken," instead of coming out with both barrels blazing at the fools who spell the word "complimentary." Tactful – and also wise, because in fact one meaning of "complimentary" is, approximately, "free."

"Complementary" means "additional and completing." So a dessert that is "complementary" to sweet wine goes well

you start thinking of it that way – that the dessert is a courtesy on the part of the restaurant, much as kind words are courteous – it begins to make sense that "complimentary" can mean "free."

Q: A co-worker and I have been in a week-long dispute over the past tense of the word "sneak." I was brought up that "snuck" is not a word and that the correct word is "sneaked." Is 'snuck' a perfectly acceptable word, unbeknownst to me? Or is "sneaked" perhaps a perfectly acceptable word, unbeknownst to him?"

Allan Schwegmann
Santa Monica, California

Barbara replies: "Sneaked" is perfectly acceptable and has been throughout our lifetimes, and it continues to be the more common word. But according to six major contemporary American dictionaries, "snuck" is becoming or has become acceptable too, especially in informal English.

Q: Years ago I watched television talk show host Dick Cavett interview a celebrity who used the word "forte" to mean another person's strong point. He pronounced it "for-tay." Mr. Cavett

corrected him, saying he should have pronounced the noun "fort," one syllable. "Forte" pronounced "for-tay" is an adjective that means "loud" in classical music.

Jack Dillon
Albany, New York

Barbara replies: Years ago Dick Cavett was right. But the standard pronunciation of "forte" meaning "a strength" has been changing during the past half-century. These days, most people, including about three-quarters of the American Heri-

tage Dictionary (AHD) usage panel, pronounce it "for-tay." As the AHD notes, "Speakers who are aware of the origin of the word (it comes from French, whereas the musical direction comes from Italian) may wish to continue to pronounce it as one syllable but at an increasing risk of puzzling their listeners."

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Abhisit's new measures give too much power to AoT security guards

A few months after the closure of Bangkok's two main airports by People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) protesters, the new government of Abhisit Vejjajiva is working to enact legislation that would give Airports of Thailand (AoT) security officials the power to block, disperse, fine and even detain for up to 24 hours persons causing damage at AoT airports – before handing them over to police.

While adopting new measures to minimize the chance of another airport takeover is certainly a good idea, giving security guards employed by a public company *de facto* police powers hardly seems an effective or logical way to go about it.

The matter also raises human rights and constitutional issues that deserve careful scrutiny by the Council of State and a very serious debate in Parliament. Even PM Abhisit himself has conceded that the draft version passed by his Cabinet should be amended before passage.

If passed in its current form, the draft would set a new precedent and could even lead to a request by other private security firms for similar upgraded powers "in the name of national security".

This is particularly troubling when considering the number of violent crimes carried out in Thailand over the years by private security guards, a good number of whom are former police or military men who have been kicked off the force for disciplinary reasons. There is also a large number of ex-convicts among their ranks, thanks to lax vetting by some security firms.

The takeover of Bangkok's two airports from November 25 to December 2 has cost the Thai economy up to 290 billion baht in lost income, according to a Bank of Thailand estimate.

However, a review of these events and the earlier takeover of Phuket Airport reveals that the police had more than enough time to react and intervene, using measured force if necessary.

In fact, the police should have been on high alert, given the fact that the PAD leaders had publicly threatened the action days before.

As admitted by the government, the proposed legislation is in large part a public relations exercise aimed at convincing foreign tourists that there will never be another airport closure in Thailand. But news of the passage will likely get little, if any, coverage in the international media and that aim will go unmet.

More likely, it will backfire when some rogue security guards, drunk on their newfound powers, begin to use them to harass, extort or otherwise intimidate innocent air travelers.

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Plus-plus equals a negative

One thing I love about living in Phuket is the incredibly high standard of food that is available here.

My friends and I frequent the high-end places as a treat when we can afford it, but one thing that does vex me is the refusal by the upmarket establishments to quote a true price. Everywhere you go, it's the price followed by ++. Now I understand that it is an attempt to use psychological pricing, in a similar vein to charging \$9.99 instead of \$10, but everybody knows that an additional 17% is going to be added to the bill so why not simply quote the total price?

What's more, it's quite cheeky to charge for service before you've even been attended to. Yes it can be removed should poor service be given, but it's a cocky statement of intent and one that, personally, isn't easily digested.

Andrew McInnes
Bang Tao

Thailand Open

I was delighted to hear that the Thailand Open is returning to Phuket. I thoroughly enjoyed the 2005 event and was hugely disappointed when the competition was canned due to lack of sponsorship. As a keen golfer and a proud Phuketian, I am very excited about the thought of seeing Asia's finest golfers strutting their stuff on the Laguna course.

We are privileged to host a number of high class sporting events on the island and this tournament will be broadcast to a global audience placing Phuket un-

der the spotlight for positive reasons. With the lack of tourism following the current financial crisis and political problems, this is just what we need to help us get back on our feet.

Steve Perry
Chalong

Thanks SFX Cinema

I would like to thank Khun Nitima Niphattanaphan (SFX Phuket) and Khun Parama Siriprasartsook (SFX Bangkok) for their genuine concern and regret regarding an incident that took place on January 10 at the SFX cinema in Central Festival, where horror movie trailers suitable only for adults were screened before a "G" rated children's film.

I was assured that this was a one-off occurrence and not a common unregulated one as I had feared it might be. Robin Plant
Phuket

We will soon find out who Obama really is

At best, Obama will be an empty suit who promises everything for everybody; on one side of his mouth he will placate his supporters in the Democratic Party with false promises and empty rhetoric, while on the other hand he will quietly continue to implement Bush's foreign policy and Bush's domestic policy of tax cuts in order to stimulate the economy.

At worst, Obama will be a socialist – he already said he will "redistribute wealth" – and hugely expand the role of government, creating a new society of dependents. Contrary to popular belief – and the re-writing of history by

liberals – FDR prolonged the Great Depression by seven years with his New Deal, and an Obama New (Raw) Deal will have the same consequences. You can't fool the stock market, and the 4.2% loss on inauguration day was the worst of any president on record.

Previously, nobody could criticize him without being accused of being a racist, so at this point in time we really don't know who he is. Sooner or later, though, the kid gloves will come off, we will start to find out who Barack Hussein Obama really is, and it's not going to be pretty.

Ignacio Evans
Samkong

Happy shoppers are a danger to drivers

At 2 am last week I was driving past Homeworks on the bypass road when I saw a man standing on the grass verge. Surprised by the apparition, I braked. Was he about to cross, I thought?

No, he wasn't. I realized quickly that the man was two dimensional: a cardboard cut-out of a man accompanied by several friends, all standing on the grass verge looking very happy to have spent money on DIY equipment.

I refer, of course, to the row of happy shopper figures Homeworks have placed along the road as a marketing gimmick. They are life-size and therefore easy to mistake, at first glance, for real people.

Please Homeworks, remove these figures before they cause an accident. They are a distraction. The roads in Phuket are dangerous enough as things stand.

Andy Partridge,
Phuket City

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A question of infrastructure



The Governor's Letter

As the development of Phuket's hotels and resorts continues, the long-term goal is to cement the island's reputation as one of the world's top 10 holiday destinations. In the latest edition of The Governor's Letter, Phuket Governor Preecha Ruangjan reveals some of the areas of Phuket that need upgrading, from both government and private investment, to guarantee that Phuket can deal with a large transient population, and highlights some measures that are being implemented to improve the level of service provided to the island's multinational visitors.

Looking ahead at Phuket's prospects as a tourist destination in the long term, we are expecting to be welcoming more than 12 million visitors per year to the island within the next five to 10 years. Now is the time to consider how we will cope with the extra demand put on the island's infrastructure.

Phuket is already recognized as one of the world's top 10 holiday destinations and development of Phuket International Airport is central to ensuring convenience for our visitors. However, once people arrive at the airport, they need to be able to get to their final destination conveniently.

We need to offer more options than just the current taxi gangs; we need to develop public transport that will take tourists from the airport directly to regional destinations, such as Phang Nga, Krabi, Trang and Koh Phi Phi.

With regards to getting around Phuket, this also raises the question of how the island's roads will cope with the increase in traffic. Even though Thepkasattri Road is four lanes wide, traffic still builds up on it. There are no flyovers or underpasses, leaving only dangerous U-turns.

Is it time to build a motorway that will take people from the airport directly to main destinations around the island? If

such a motorway is built, vehicles could travel directly to Patong, Cherg Talay, Karon and Phuket City.

I have asked civic groups to look into and debate the possibility of whether a motorway should be built, and to discuss solutions for some of the other infrastructure development challenges facing us.

Those involved in public water supply have been asked to consider solutions for the demand that will be put upon the province's water reserves and treatment of waste water, while others have been asked to come up with ways of ensuring that the island has some kind of back-up electricity supply so that we can avoid island-wide blackouts like the one that occurred in late December 2008, when there were problems with the power supply from Surat Thani.

We must make solid plans to deal with these kinds of issues if we are to continue developing Phuket as a world class destination. The developers and entrepreneurs, who benefit from the boost in business provided by the increasing number of visitors, need to take on some of that responsibility and implement their own self-sufficient power- and water-supply systems, rather than relying solely on public infrastructure, because public facilities simply aren't adequate to deal with the demand.

Investment to improve the island's infrastructure will have to come from joint ventures between government and private sectors. There are plenty of private investors ready to contribute to developing the island's infrastructure that are looking at the long-term – 30 to 40 years – before they will see returns on their investments.

Many of these private investors come to me seeking approval for projects, such as the proposed tunnel between Kata and Patong, but as the governor, I do not have the authority to approve such projects; that is up to the central government. However, I can advise different options and then oversee cost control if and when projects are given approval. In my opinion, private investment is key to effective development.

Compared to other provinces, Phuket is unique, so development of the island has to be looked at from a different perspective. Provincial authorities in the Northeast, for example, must handle issues related to agriculture, whereas here in Phuket, the focus is on convenience for our foreign visitors and the strain on resources by the large transient population.

Alternative rapid-transport options have emerged recently. A new helicopter service – see this week's 'Inside Story' on pages 4 and 5 – started up in Nai Yang recently. The helicopters are

modern and surprisingly quiet; they make about as much noise as a large truck and can carry family groups. Helicopters are an advantage in emergency situations when people need to be transported from surrounding islands.

On the other side of the island in Pa Khlok, the new Air Park, where small private aircraft can take off and land, is another positive development in offering more travel options to the island's visitors.

Although these two services are obviously aimed exclusively at wealthy clientele, it is this kind of private investment in alternative transport options that will allow us to cater to the growing demand.

As for improving visitors' experiences on the ground, we're working on improving public facilities and services around the main tourist beaches by establishing organized associations for taxi drivers, speedboat and jet ski operators in each area to join, rather than them operating as individual gangs. The aim of doing this is to ensure better safety standards and fair treatment for customers.

On January 30, I received confirmation that we have the go-ahead to establish a branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Provincial Hall (See this week's front page story). Representatives from the ministry in Bangkok will be coming to train local staff

and the center should be open within three months. The center will provide a range of advice and services for foreigners, so that they won't have to go to Bangkok anymore to process documents, such as marriage certificates, as operations will be performed on line.

The center will also be a venue for holding training seminars for businesses involved in the tourist industry. It will be a place where we can learn more about the cultures of different nationalities in order to help us better serve the variety of foreign visitors that make up the tourist sector.

Following requests from producers of brand name products to clamp down on copyright infringement, I have ordered the police to carry out more frequent raids on vendors and producers of fake goods. Raids are conducted almost daily in Patong, Kata and Karon.

Vendors of fake goods are abundant in those areas, but they are just the tip of the iceberg. We really need to be apprehending the producers of the fake goods. However, it is not easy to find the factories where the counterfeit goods are produced, as they are usually located elsewhere. Some of the goods are brought down from Bangkok, while some are offloaded from boats. However, we will continue to suppress copyright infringements as they come to our attention.

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Can I arm myself for personal protection?



The recent spate of attacks in Phuket has made me feel unsafe when I am riding my bike home late at night. I have begun to consider the possibility of arming myself so I feel a little more reassured when alone on an evening. I was wondering if it's legal to carry a small knife or some pepper spray on me for protection when riding home late at night?

Mike D
Chalong/Rawai

Pol Col Nos Svetattlekha of the Muang District Police Station replies:

Despite the unfortunate reality that attacks are continuing to take place in Phuket, and the fact that this makes you feel unsafe when you ride your vehicle home at night, it is still illegal to arm oneself with any weapon or pepper spray, regardless of how small it is.

We don't want vigilante groups in Phuket and we the police are doing all we can to stop

these attacks.

For more information contact Pol Col Nos Svetattlekha at the Muang District Police Station on 076-216-856.



Horoscopes

Isla Star

Birthday Aquarians will enjoy exploring in 2009

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Aquarians will see a golden opportunity to get ahead in business this week. Your aptitude for moving on after a disappointment enables you to seal a deal before others realize what they are missing. Romance needs to proceed at a more sedate pace – someone born under a water sign could be put off by your enthusiasm. Those celebrating a birthday this week will have the chance to discover new places in the year ahead.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A friend is economical with the truth this week. Patient Pisceans will get to the bottom of the matter, but the strength of a friendship is about to be tested. Where romance is concerned, a committed relationship needs to be spiced up – planning a special surprise for your partner will be appreciated. Singletons who would like to take flirtation to the next level should be able to do so this Sunday.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Mingling with a new social crowd can lead to interesting possibilities. The stars predict that many Arians will realize that work can be more fulfilling this month. Someone born under the sign of Scorpio should prove to be a particularly useful future contact. A financial predicament is eased mid-week when the tide turns in your favor. Wear the color ivory to encourage a more imaginative outlook on life.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Many of those born under the sign of Taurus will be over the moon when they learn of financial gain this week. Property matters are well-starred during February and another earth sign has good tips this weekend. Affairs of the heart start to look more promising as the middle of February approaches – someone who you thought was a passing acquaintance shows romantic interest. Number seven is

lucky on Thursday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Success in business will depend on asking the right questions this week. Geminis should not assume that they have been told everything there is to know. Your social life becomes less hectic when party-loving friends go out of town, but there is much pleasure to be had by sharing candlelit dinners and sunset walks on the beach with a romantic partner. Wear the color burgundy to encourage a calmer frame of mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): The rocky road of romance continues to occupy your thoughts and this could lead to important appointments being forgotten. Wednesday is a day when Cancerians should concentrate on work matters as there are signs that your absent-mindedness could be taken advantage of. Money flows towards you more freely after the middle of February – refuse requests for loans in the meantime. The number five can bring some good luck late next week.

LEO (July 24-August 22): Lucky stars shine on those born under the sign of Leo this week. A Sagittarian friend shows you how to take better advantage of your skills and you may soon consider a deviation in your career path. Money matters are also well highlighted – investments made during the remainder of February are forecast to reap rewards later in the year. Wear the color terracotta brown to encourage stronger grounding.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23): Refusing to let go of old habits has been a serious stumbling block for many Virgoans since the beginning of the year. Your reluctance to try something new in the world of work needs to be addressed and a water sign friend is ready to offer advice that's worth its weight in gold. Thursday is the best day to schedule

appointments relating to financial loans. The number six can bring good luck on Tuesday.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23): Lazy Librans who are suffering from low energy syndrome are advised to consider taking up a new sport. The stars suggest that fulfillment can come from more physical movement this month. Where love is concerned, allowing the sun to set on a disagreement this weekend could cause unnecessary stress in a relationship. Those who are unattached are about to be singled out by someone born under an earth sign.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22): You are advised to be on the lookout for a tricky business colleague this week. This person could try to mislead you during important discussions and it would be wise to delay signing agreements until you are sure of the facts. Where your personal life is concerned, Cancer could come out of their shell for long enough to express romantic interest. Wearing the color silver gray can encourage more creative energy to flow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Sagittarians who have been toying with the idea of changing jobs will have new food for thought when an exciting development at work happens this week. Your need for motivation could soon be satisfied and financial rewards are also well indicated. In the world of romance, start planning a Valentine's Day surprise for someone you would like to make an impression on. The number eight can be lucky next Thursday.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Legal matters fall under the spotlight this week. Capricorns should choose words carefully when dealing with officials and be prepared to admit that there are two sides to a story. An encounter with an air sign early next week fills you with romantic longing, but a waiting game is forecast to try your patience. Those already in a committed relationship are puzzled by their partner's mood swings this weekend.

Horrid Airways and the Airport from Hell



On my visit to the United States last fall, I was appalled at the deterioration of the airline service and the chaos that engulfs some airports – we're talking Third World stuff here folks, and the US is supposed to be a First World country.

I was flying on an American airline, mainly to rack up some mileage as part of their frequent flyer program. Lets call it 'Horrid Airways', just to avoid any potential lawsuits. Their motto: "If it's horrid, it's Horrid."

Gone was any hope of gorgeous young stewardesses offering free beer and wine and serving delicious hot meals that would shame most five-star restaurants.

Some of the flight attendants appeared to be grandmothers, tottering down the aisles dispensing their culinary largesse; a packet of mini-pretzels and a soft drink.

If you wanted anything more, they offered packed lunches at five dollars a shot. Alcoholic drinks also cost five dollars, of which they only allowed you only one.

I sought solace in the in-flight magazine, which advertised robotic sharks and nail fungus remover. I wondered what kind of people would buy such things. Cramped in my window seat, starving and forlorn, I figured things couldn't get any worse; then I arrived at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

O'Hare has gained infamy as possibly the most chaotic airport in the world. Delayed flights, planes piled up on the tarmac and fleets of desperate aircraft circling overhead waiting for a place to land. The tales of frazzled passengers waiting days on end for connecting flights have become legendary. They should rename it O'Hell.

My ordeal was a fun-fest by comparison. My incoming flight had been delayed leaving me just 15 minutes to make my connecting flight. That was a concourse away so off I galloped through the walkways till I came to the relevant gate.

"Need to get on the flight to Boston," I gasped, thrusting my boarding pass at the gate attendant.

He didn't even look at me. "Gone," he barked. "Go there," pointing to a line of barriers bear-

ing signs that read "DO NOT ENTER."

Charmed by his helpfulness, I sought out a customer service booth. It was staffed by a human being, a rare occurrence in a country increasingly run by machines.

The lady was friendly and helpful. "Go over to the kiosk by the dinosaur and rebook your flight," she said, pointing. The dinosaur? Baffled, I thanked her and headed off. Eventually I came to another service booth and said, "I need to rebook my flight. I was told to do it by the dinosaur."

"But there's no dinosaur here, and anyway, who would be so stupid as to put a dinosaur in an airport?" I added.

The lady laughed. "Oh, the dinosaur is right there," she said, pointing upward. I goggled upward, and sure enough, high above me loomed the skull of a brontosaurus, attached to the complete skeleton. "Jesus!", I cried.

I began to have serious concerns about the mental health of a populace who bought robotic sharks and nail fungus remover and put dinosaur skeletons in their airports. The 'weirdification' of America had made alarming progress.

More weirdness awaited me. You couldn't rebook a flight via a human being; you had to tap out your choices on a computer screen. The procedure was new to me. When I begged for help from the attendants hovering in the background, their answer was, "Use the computer, sir."

What were they there for? Window dressing? Maybe their function was to prevent crazed passengers from smashing the computers.

Finally I managed to rebook. Now, nearing death due to starvation, I bought a sandwich from a scowling vendor. The price: \$7.16 (250 baht). The outrageousness of such larceny was exceeded only by the staleness of the sandwich. How I pined for a steaming bowl of noodles served by a smiling Thai vendor!

My flight was scheduled to leave in two hours – which soon stretched to four, plus they changed the departure gate five times. These changes were posted on the "Departures" board. If you didn't keep a close eye on it, you'd end up sitting at the wrong gate and your flight would leave without you.

By the time I got on the plane, those mini-pretzels tasted pretty good. Mind you, even the grandmotherly flight attendants looked good....

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Hallelujah! It has come to pass. Yes, the iPhone 3G – the one that was launched in the US back in mid-2008 – is finally here courtesy of True Move, the only service provider currently licensed to sell it in Thailand.

So, what is the fuss regarding the iPhone 3G all about? Its measurements read 155.5mm long by 62.1mm wide and it weighs in at a hefty 133 grams.

The 3G's touch screen measures 3.5 inches diagonally and uses a 480x320 pixel resolution. For those of you who are not *au fait* with the latest and greatest in user interface technology, we can tell you that the 3G has just a couple of what you might call buttons. The phone uses a touch screen interface that Apple calls the most innovative leap in user interface technology since the mouse.

The 3G acts like a regular mobile phone. It allows you to make and receive calls, use SMS, store contacts and keep schedules, in addition to all the great things cell phones are used for. But the real appeal of the iPhone lies in its other capabilities. Internet access, Bluetooth, GPS, music player, camera, video recorder, e-mail, and over 100,000 third-party applications. The phone, as the name suggests, uses a 3G connection, which is supposed to be faster and more streamlined than its predecessor. It boasts a quick memory, easy-

I came I saw iPhone



to-use interface, and a sleek design much beloved by iPod touch and current iPhone users. The iPhone 3G comes in 8GB and 16GB versions.

The 8GB version alone can hold up to 1,750 songs, 10,000 photos, and 10 hours of video footage, ensuring hours of entertainment for the user.

The recent release of the iPhone 3G in Bangkok received somewhat mixed reviews. AIS, the leading network provider in Thailand, declined to sign a deal with Apple, stating that the inventory costs would be too high in relation to profit margins. Also, data exchange, SMS, and mobile Internet use covers only 10% of mobile phone use in Thailand. The majority of mobile users in

the country primarily use their phones for voice calls.

Critics say that the market and technological environment in Thailand is simply not ready for it. The reception for voice calling on the iPhone 3G is also known to be less than great in this area of South East Asia. Other more seasoned hand-held developers like Nokia and Samsung are busy developing their own state-of-the-art touch screen mobiles, keeping Apple on its toes.

The competition in the short term will force Apple to significantly lower its prices, another reason why the bigger service providers remain hesitant to jump on the iPhone bandwagon.

True Move is the only company in Thailand that has so far

inked a deal with Apple to sell the 3G. The company held a launch party in Bangkok at Siam Paragon on January 17. Customers waited patiently in line for hours to purchase the iPhone. Unfortunately, True Move, underestimating demand for the iconic accessory, were forced to turn away customers when they ran out of stock. Others were turned away simply because they did not have the proper documents for extended payments.

Purchasers of the iPhone wishing to pay via monthly installments were required to produce documents confirming them as previous True Move customers, or equivalent documents from their bank. Some of them waited in line as long as eight hours, only

to be turned away. So, what's the bottom line with the 3G? Despite misgivings and obvious distribution issues, it's still a fine piece of technology.

Long-time Apple customers who enjoyed the iPod touch and the previous versions of the iPhone will not be overawed by a wide array of new features, but will definitely experience a faster connection, more convenient interface and a generally streamlined product. In all honesty, unless you are a die hard Apple fan, waiting a while before purchasing the 3G is advisable, at least until it receives coverage on a wider array of networks. It should not be long before the 3G becomes more suited to Thailand.

Until then, I'll stick to surfing the web on my laptop, and navigating by the stars. The iPhone 3G is currently available from True Move for 23,275 baht, with a basic monthly plan costing 599 baht per month for 12 months for the 8GB version. The 16GB version costs 27,075 baht, with the same monthly plan.

The service plans come in Basic, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. The Basic package is available only to current True Customers. The Bronze package costs 1,199 baht per month for 24 months, silver is available at 1,399 baht per month, gold is 1,699 baht per month and platinum is 1,999 baht, all on 24 month contracts.

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Youth Rugby tackles Phuket

The weekend of January 24 and 25 witnessed the first southern regional 'Youth Rugby' coaching clinic hosted by the Phuket Vagabonds, Thai Youth Rugby Foundation and the Old Bangkok Bangers at the Phang Nga naval base.

Among the coaches who flew in from Bangkok were Andy Campbell of Leicester and England; Bob Pearson of Scotland; Carlos Bolakoso from Fiji; Heath Buggs of the USA and Peter Burgess from NZ; along with local vagabonds Pat Cotter, Alf Hodges and 'Aussie Dan'.

Children came from far and wide to attend the clinic, as well as the Sai Nam Yen School in Patong. Along with the regular schools, the clinic welcomed 18 kids from the Scholarship Fund who enjoyed their first taste of rugby. In all 160 kids attended.



We have lift off: one of the kids gets 'lifted' while practising line-out techniques at the first southern regional 'Youth Rugby' coaching weekend

Saturday was devoted to teaching the students basic skills including passing, tackling, scrumming and line-out drills. Sunday was about playing games and

using the new skills in a game environment.

The Patong team won the under 12's who, although being a football team with no rugby ex-

perience, showed great handling skills to beat the Songkhla kids. The ACF scholarship kids were at sixes-and-sevens during the first half of their game, but enjoyed a vastly improved second half.

The girls got in on the action and the teams from Trang and Krabi proved to be the most talented of the weekend.

The senior boys category produced a couple of feisty encounters between Prachuap and Krabi, and the Ao Luk - Krabi local derby which resulted in an entertaining draw.

On Saturday evening a dinner was hosted by the coaches, who entertained the kids with games and handed out rugby shirts and balls.

Once the rugby matches were completed on Sunday afternoon, there was a presentation ceremony for the schools, who were presented with tackle bags, balls and rugby shirts for the

coaches.

The happy students left somewhat battered and bruised but with smiles on their faces. The school coaches gained a little more experience and left with training equipment to help the game develop at their schools and the volunteers could reflect on a job well done. After the event the Phuket Vagabonds, Thai Youth Rugby Foundation & the Old Bangkok Bangers offered their thanks to all the sponsors.

The objective is to hold future coaching clinics with the aim of hosting regional schools competitions and developing the Patong students in the hope that they will be able to represent Phuket in future national competitions.

Anyone who would like to get involved in future rugby clinics or would like to help sponsor the Thai youth development please contact the Vagabonds at phuketrugby@gmail.com

Tiny Firefly stars in Phang Nga Bay Regatta

The tiny *Firefly Voodoo Child* became the toast of the town after registering a very credible performance during the four day annual Phang Nga Bay Regatta which ended on January 30.

Helmed by owner Hans Rahmann, the twin hulled *Firefly* recorded two firsts, a second and a third in its class over the Regatta week. Remarkably, on day two, Rahmann sailed through

the record-sized fleet of 51 yachts to take line honors, six minutes ahead of the much larger *Yo!2*.

Rahman's performance was all the more remarkable given that he had only bought *Firefly* just prior to the King's Cup Regatta last December.

This year's regatta began on December 27 and ran from the new Ao Po Grand Marina at the north-eastern end of Phuket Island to Laem Sak in the far north on day one; south to the Paradise Resort on Koh Yao Noi on day two; across to Railay Beach in Krabi on day three, and finally back to Ao Chalong on day four.

Peter Ahern from Perth put in a huge performance on *Yo!2*, chalking up three firsts, and a second to take the Racing Division, three points ahead of rival *Katsu* (Ben Copley). *Yo!2* is a high performance Farr 40 built by DK Yachts of Malacca. It is normally berthed at Port Dickson.

Other notable performers over the week included *Phoenix* (Niels HS Degenkowl), *Remington* (Jim Ellis), *Sunsail Princess*



Phuket based Voodoo Child crosses with superyacht Silolona in very quiet conditions off Krabi on Day 3 of the annual Phang Nga Bay Regatta.

Sharda (Luke Mills) and *The Sting* (Dave Wales).

There were a few incidents during the week. One charter boat sailed too far north and ended up on a sand bar. Another was caught by the out-going tide at the Paradise Resort and ended up on the reef, much to the skipper's embarrassment; a couple of the *Darwin* crew misjudged a strong current and ended up under the very long bowsprit

of start boat *Seraph*, and on one occasion, the huge super yacht *Silolona* got close enough to *Seraph* for their dinghies to kiss and make up!

Major sponsors of the highly popular regatta included Raimon Land, SEA Yachting, Kingfisher Beer, QBE, the Ao Chalong Yacht Club, Ao Po Grand Marina and Outrigger Serenity Terraces Resort.

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
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Laguna Phuket Golf Club, an 18-hole, par-70 course, designed by Max Wexler and David Abell

The Thailand Open will make an emphatic return to the golfing calendar next month as Singha have signed as title sponsor while Laguna Phuket Golf Club will be the host venue.

The Singha Thailand Open, brought to you by the Singha Corporation, will be played from March 5 to 8 and boast prize money of US\$500,000.

Having not been played since 2005 due to a lack of sponsorship the event is now back in full swing. The tournament also welcomes on board the Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) and PTT Public Company Limited as premier sponsors.

It will be a full-field event on the Asian Tour and in another boost for the event US PGA Tour star Daniel Chopra will compete.

The Swede is a two-time winner in America having claimed the Ginn sur Mer Classic in 2007 while last year he won the Mercedes-Benz Championship in Hawaii.

Singha Corporation's sponsorship of the country's professionals has been one of the main reasons why their players have been able to perform so well on the international stage while their support of golf tournaments in The Kingdom at all levels has been unrivalled.

Last year the Thailand Golf Association (TGA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with promoter World Sport Group (WSG) to revive the Thailand Open, and this agreement has quickly reaped rewards.

WSG will promote the Thailand Open for three years and in another development it will be broadcast live at the weekend on Star and local channel.

Singha Corporation's support is a wonderful development together with Laguna Phuket,

a world class resort. Voted in the top 10 for Best Golf Resort in Asia, Best Clubhouse in Asia and Best Golf Course in Thailand by readers of Asian Golf Monthly magazine, Laguna Phuket Golf Club is an 18-hole, par-70 course, designed by Max Wexler and David Abell.

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The Thailand Open, first played in 1965, was an annual golfing tradition with some well known names inscribed on the trophy such as Australians David Graham (1970) and Graham Marsh (1973), and Taiwanese golfers Hsieh Min-nan (1972) and Chen Tze-ming (1983 and 1986). Unquestionably the most popular winner of the event is Thailand's most famous golfing son Boonchu Ruangkit, who took top honours in 1992 and 2004.



Another boost for event, US PGA Tour star Daniel Chopra



Boonchu Ruangkit, who took top honours in 1992 and 2004.



Thai favorite, Thongchai Jaidee

Design

Patong

Cementing styles of chic simplicity

By Tipwarintron Tanaakarachod

A new boutique hotel that features the innovative use of mixed cement as a decorative medium opened recently in Patong. The design of the Tique Boutique Hotel is a testament to how cement can be applied to create simple yet chic environment, perfectly suited to the ambiance of a three star hotel.

Using mixed cement as a decorative material has been popular with Thai interior designers for more than a decade. Its gritty modern texture makes it popular with contemporary designers looking to blend ultra modern styles with antique flavors. The versatility of cement makes it a popular material, adapting well to most colors and styles.

In many new property developments or hotels, designers are always looking to incorporate some unique element, striving for a quality that is at once original and compatible with current trends in interior design.

The application of raw cement as a material in interior design allows for the creation of uniquely bold concepts. Used in combination with a variety of different products and styles, it can produce a wide diversity of aesthetic impressions.

Although cement is a relatively simple material to work with in design, it is nevertheless important to apply it with a light touch to avoid creating the feeling of coldness and austerity often associated with a prison cell. As a general rule of thumb, whenever cement is used on the floor, the walls should be painted, and vice versa. This helps to maintain an aesthetic balance of texture and warmth.

The key to the effective use of cement as a creative medium is simplicity. Rather than over-elaborating, trying to create a particular look, cement can be used as a backdrop for antiques or other special decorative items,



The simplicity of the design and furnishing can leave a room feeling spacious as well as stylish and chic, particularly when used in conjunction with ambient lighting.



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which focus the attention and serve to complete visual effect inside the room.

One of the obvious advantages of raw cement, is that it does not require painting. Not only does it look good but can be altered simply with a lick of paint, keeping redecoration costs down to a minimum.

Many designers look to incorporate natural furnishings,

namely wood, plants and flowers, when using cement. This produces a harmonious blend of man-made and natural products, which can provide a beautiful contrast of colors, but can also increase the minimalist tone within a room when applied economically. The simplicity of the design and furnishing can leave a room feeling spacious as well as stylish and chic. This technique can

be applied to any room throughout a house or hotel, particularly used in conjunction with ambient lighting.

A popular conception among designers is that combi-

nations of dark colors should be avoided when decorating a room. Cement is one medium that allows for darker hues to be used in the creation of a deep, emotive and tranquil ambiance.



The gritty modern texture of cement makes it popular with contemporary designers looking to blend ultra modern styles with antique flavors.

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Kata

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Quality materials run through the entire house. This is evident the moment you walk into the foyer, which is finished with Terrazzo white floor tiles, smooth rendered and painted walls and Gypsum ceiling boards on galvanized steel frames with a paint finish.

The open-plan living and dining rooms offer great views overlooking the garden and swimming pool. Floor-to-ceiling windows let in life-giving natural sunlight that illuminates the living area. The



marble: high-quality materials are in abundance throughout the property.

The three ensuite bedrooms are decked out with Makha hardwood flooring. The master bedroom is furnished with a large solid hardwood walk-in wardrobe, while the two guest bedrooms feature built-in hardwood closets. The bedrooms have large windows that display expansive views of the pool and the distant Andaman sea.

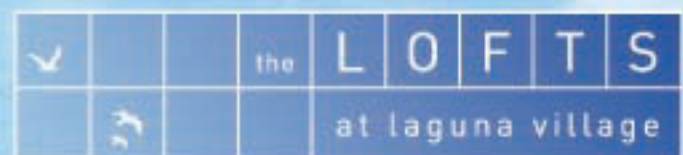
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Gardening in Eden

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Since moving into my house in Phuket, a rapid twelve months has passed. Time enough to watch the growth spurts of a garden that has burgeoned and greened during the monsoon and now catches its collective breath – at least most of the plants do – for a diminished existence during the dog-days from December to April. Little rain and a thermometer reading that can reach the upper thirties. A swimming pool at midday almost the temperature of blood. But I take comfort from the fact that at least the situation bears no resemblance to that of southern Spain, where years ago I had carved out a ter-

raced garden from a hillside.

In mountainous Andalucia, when the December rain came it fell in wintry torrents, cold and unremitting – the soil saturated for days on end; here in Phuket, the rain may fall with a tropical intensity but it is a warm rain and quickly absorbed by the receptive earth. My Spanish plants might endure six months without a drop of moisture. Here, even in the dry season, there will be always be some precipitation to alleviate the drought.

I should say at this juncture that I am no expert on tropical horticulture, merely an enthusiastic amateur whose love of nature was first fostered by a country childhood in South Worcestershire and a father in

love with opera and roses. So when I began planting my garden in this wondrous tropical paradise, I inevitably made mis-

takes. Small potted plants need special care when transferred to open borders. Some succumbed to a literally scorching sun, others because they were planted out in shade too deep for their liking.

I have still not found the right situation for one or two shrubs. Take, for instance, my solitary Angel's Trumpet (*Brugmansia*). Several of these exotic – and toxic – plants had flourished in Spain; I had also seen superb pink-bellied specimens the size of small trees on the terraces of Doi Inthanon in Chiang Mai. But here in Phuket the *Brugmansia* took neither to the shade of my walled back garden or, moved in desperation, to the full sun of a border. I am still without an answer.

Of two original trees on the land, one, a magnificent sixty-foot tree and home to several species of birds, was too close to the foundations and reluctantly consigned to the tender mercies of the bulldozer; the other, a *pseudoacacia*, was far enough away from the business end of things to be relieved.

This tree now daily drops its small round leaves into the swimming pool, but at the time, it provided and still bestows a small oasis of shade for newly established plants. But more shade was needed. So one of my first tasks was to identify small trees and substantial shrubs that would grow quickly enough to provide the dappled light, the *chiaroscuro* shading so essential to a garden in southern Thailand. Of this more anon...

The answer lies in the soil

If the climate is one of the key considerations in establishing a garden anywhere, the other is – self-evidently – the soil. This is particularly true of Phuket. There seems to be only a thin covering of top soil on most of the island. When you dig down, you rapidly encounter a reddish sub-soil that looks most inviting, but which is pretty much devoid of organic nutrients for all but the hardiest of plants. Earthworms just do not go there, with the result that there is little humus, and the leaf litter that, rotted down, could become organic nourishment for plant roots, tends to stay on the surface.

This situation was com-



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pounded by a problem familiar to all new homeowners with gardening aspirations. And after all, my house was brand new, a three-storey affair built on 700 square meters of land.

Big enough, you may say. But however large the plot, building techniques inevitably scour away most of the existent top-soil and leave behind a residue not only of concrete, brick and breeze-block fragments but worse, soil saturated with all the cement run-off from the construction process. Lime-hating plants beware! The answer had to be lots of compost. And there is plenty of that around the place: it is the stuff piled up in sacks at every garden center in Phuket.

One of the consequences of these conditions – the fierce mid-day sun and an impoverished sub-soil that resembles kiln-fired clay when baked dry – was that conventional grass was unlikely to thrive. And a lawn was a must-have.

Of course, conventional grass – rye or fescue or Bermuda – looks superb when assiduously

watered and tended (witness the Honda showrooms on Chao Fa East Road), but for low maintenance – and I knew I would be away from Phuket sometimes – I settled for the coarse-leaved variety known as St Augustine grass. This variety grows steadily and will put up with being trampled on, so long as it gets watered during the dry season. If you don't water it for two or three days, it starts to look stressed and then turns brown. It has good powers of recovery, but I have to confess that the hundred bags of compost that provided a mulch before the turf was laid proved in the end, a tad inadequate.

One of the first rules of life and gardening – don't skimp unless you absolutely have to...

I realize that all this sounds a bit doom-laden. Not a bit of it. Understand the requirements of your flowers and shrubs, and gardening in paradise can be a delight.

I am still learning, but that, after all, is part of the challenge – and part of the fun.

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Not since the vaunted presidency of John F. Kennedy, nearly four and a half decades ago, has the hot seat in the White House garnered such worldwide attention. While many compared the term of Kennedy as a throw-back to the mythical world of Camelot; no doubt Barack Obama must have woken up the day after his inauguration and, in something akin to a lost drunken weekend, wondered just how he got himself into this "save the cheerleader, save the world" storyline. It's worse than a bad sitcom and, unlike even the worst hangover, this is going to last at least four long years.

Harking back to the 1960s, the world was indeed a chaotic place. Emerging democracies in far away places like

Africa, Asia and South America were suffering growing pains and the 'red menace' of communism posed an ongoing threat; fueling paranoia, war and a true division between races and nations.

While this was the era of civil rights, the birth of a new generation of young political activists and flower power, it was also the start of a long march forward, through media and business, of a more consolidated and interconnected world. Financial markets were starting to realize that entire new markets existed beyond the intersection of Main Street and Wall Street.

Meanwhile, back in 2009,

democracy remains a fragile concept in every far-flung corner of the planet. While communism, for the most part, has gone the way of the vinyl record; terrorism and cultural conflict, coupled with religious extremism, have taken their place at the top of the list of potential doomsday scenarios.

Add to this a financial downturn that blindsided nearly everyone, taking on the rich, poor and in-betweens without any bias, and we have ourselves a witches brew of toil and trouble, bubbling over, with flames licking the night sky.

Which takes us back to Obama. It is easy to picture him waking up in the White House in an unfamiliar bed, on the first day of a new job desperate to make an impression, and deciding if he really wants to get up and save the

world. That die has already been cast and, while the collective gaze of foreign eyes are focused impatiently on the leader of the free world, here in Thailand, things seem to be moving at a decidedly more pedestrian pace.

While the stabilization of the Abhisit government has been well received and strife in the Big Mango has subsided, Thailand, which has stuck its head in the sand regarding domestic politics for nearly two years, is hardly making progress on economic reforms. In today's climate you are either going forward or backward; there is no middle ground. While the positive effects of a



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new government have pushed us forward a little, a much bigger swell has gathered and has thrown us back into a much larger maelstrom; something akin to the wave that struck the fishing boat in "The Perfect Storm."

Abhisit and Obama are indeed strange bedfellows, but are not in completely different situations. The fate of their nation's economies firmly rest upon their political willpower, vision and ability to get things done. In the past, Thailand was able to ride along comfortably in the wake of its more developed neighbors, Hong Kong and Singapore, and more recently, the nascent tigers of China and India.

In today's marketplace it's every man for himself, and it requires a big effort to reach the surface just to get a breath of fresh air. The past 12 months have been costly, and when you speak to international risk man-

agers on the prospects of reviving the local economy, they consistently place this country in the lower echelons when making comparisons.

For real estate in Phuket, we rely, and will continue to do so, on foreign investment. What's missing from government reforms are changes in ownership laws so foreigners can own property on a freehold basis; an absence of debt for overseas buyers and an inability for most developers to obtain bank gearing.

Tourist visas have gone backwards. Those who enter Thailand across land borders are given only 15 days on arrival, instead of thirty, making it more difficult for those wishing to spend money in the Kingdom to do so. Currently, the reactions from the institutional overseas investment market and foreign chambers of commerce have

highlighted that the current agenda offers nothing significant in attempting to bring foreign money back after its rapid migration in the past few years.

The reality is that the current property market is like a barren desert, and while there is some demand at the very top and bottom of the property markets, it's like ordering a cheeseburger and not getting the meat.

We all hope for the best for Abhisit and Obama and their respective challenges. Democracy, at the end of the day is, in principal, a good thing. At the same time, the servicing of needs in a market such as Phuket, where tourism and property are such significant drivers of growth and prosperity, will hopefully fall under a greater national spotlight in the coming months.

While it's nice to sleep in, it's high time to get up and out of bed.

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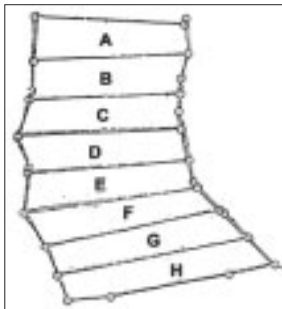
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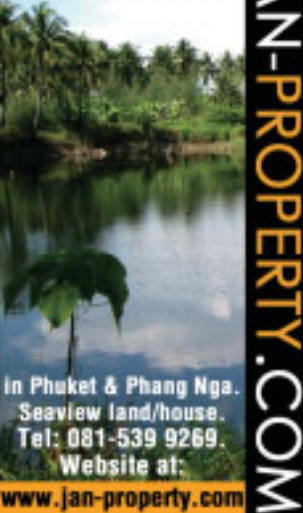
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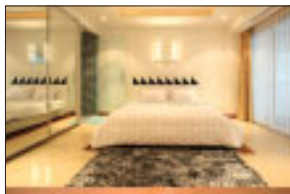
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- Price: 12.5 million baht
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Property Gazette

Property Wanted

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