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## Asean postponed

PHUKET CITY: Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya announced on May 13 the postponement of the Asean summit in Phuket from the middle of next month to late October.

Delegations of several countries found the June schedule too inconvenient, he said.

But while Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's government has cited the busy schedules of other heads of state, some skeptics believe unsettled political trouble in Thailand might be the main reason.

The decision to postpone the summit yet again followed news reports that foreign leaders were still feeling uneasy about the political situation in Thailand.

They witnessed the king-

dom's problems first-hand when anti-government protesters forced the cancellation of their meeting in Pattaya on April 11.

Some foreign leaders were even pondering bringing their own guards to the planned June summit, the report said.

This had unsettled the Thai government, with Army chief Anupong Paochinda reportedly saying the presence of foreign guards could damage Thailand's image even further.

On a recent visit to Phuket, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said that the government intended to invoke the Internal Security Act during the Asean summits, which were initially scheduled to be held at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa.



Phuket police officers recruit locals to help them train in anti-riot techniques in preparation for the Asean-led summits.

## No clues to mystery deaths



Laneena Guesthouse on Phi Phi Island is still open for business following the tourist deaths.

PHUKET: Following the mysterious deaths of an American and two Norwegians who had been staying on Phi Phi Island, police, forensic scientists and health officials are still unable to explain how and why the tourists became fatally ill.

The first mystery death was that of Norwegian tourist Erik Liuhagen, 48, who died on April

1 at 8am after being admitted to Phi Phi Hospital with severe diarrhea. Doctors tried unsuccessfully for about an hour to revive Mr Liuhagen. He had been staying at the beach-front guest house Phi Phi Villa.

Mr Liuhagen's body was initially sent to Vachira Phuket Hospital, before being transferred to a hospital in Bangkok for an

autopsy, the results of which have not yet been released, Krabi police told the *Gazette* earlier in the week.

Just over one month later, on May 3, two American tourists, 26-year-old Ryan Kells and Jill St. Onge, 27, both became ill during their stay on Phi Phi and were admitted to Phi Phi Hospital. Ms St. Onge had been vomiting all night, from about 9pm until 7am, before going to the hospital. Ms St. Onge died at about 8.30am – an hour after being admitted. Mr Kells survived the illness and has since returned to the USA.

Jill St. Onge's body was sent to Ramathibodi Hospital in Bangkok for an autopsy. Results from the autopsy are yet to be confirmed.

According to police, the pair were engaged to be married and had been staying in room 4 at Laneena Guesthouse, which is

about 1.5km from where Mr Liuhagen had stayed.

On May 4, Norwegian Julie Michelle Bergheim, 23, – who had also been staying at Laneena Guesthouse in the room adjacent to Ryan Kells and Ms St. Onge's room – died after becoming mysteriously ill with severe vomiting. She died in hospital while talking to police, a short while after being admitted.

Her traveling companion, 20-year-old Karina Refst, also became sick but eventually recovered and flew home after being treated at Bangkok Phuket Hospital. Ms Refst told police that she and Ms Bergheim had been drinking whiskey served in "buckets" at a number of bars the night they became sick.

She said they both began vomiting repeatedly after returning to their room, police told the *Gazette*.

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# More than just rooms for sale at Thai hotels

PHUKET: More than 100 hotels and resorts in Thailand are now for sale, as operators succumb to the effects of the economic crisis and political unrest, industry insiders say.

The number is expected to rise if the situation does not improve within two years, said Chanin Donavanik, chief executive officer of one of Thailand's largest hotel chains, Dusit International. "This year is the worst for our hotel industry in 20 years," he said.

A property sales representative in Samui, who declined to be named, said most of the hotels being sold are in Bangkok, Phuket, Koh Samui, Hua Hin, Pattaya and Chiang Mai. "They include not only small hotels but also five-star hotels," she said.

Hotels in famous destinations such as Samui and Phuket have been quick to feel the effect of the current problems, as their local economies rely on tourists, whose numbers have declined since the seizure of Suvarnabhumi and Don Muang airports by anti-government protesters. Phuket's visitor numbers have declined by 60% in the high season from November to March.

Koh Samui benefited after the 2004 tsunami, which saw many foreign tourists opt not to visit Phuket. Hotels mushroomed on the island in subsequent years.

"But the situation has changed. Many new hotels on Samui are suffering from waning tourist numbers. Some owners have decided to sell as they cannot make any income from tourism, while still being saddled with

loans," said the sales representative.

Forward bookings for Koh Samui's high season at the end of this year have been very slow, as tourists seek to avoid turbulence in Thailand. According to the anonymous property agent's firm, Samui Buri Resort and Spa is selling for 1.1 billion baht, while newly opened Villa Lawana is on sale for 1.5 billion.

Some hotels in Chiang Mai have suffered the same fate. Unlike Phuket or Samui, Chiang Mai's tourism sector relies mainly on Thai visitors. The province has witnessed shrinking domestic tourist numbers this year, as Thais choose to stay at home amid the gloomy economic conditions.

Prakit Chinamouphong, president of the Thai Hotels Association, said many hotels have struggled to survive the impact of the current problems, offering big discounts, making staff cuts and selling off businesses.

Up to 70,000 hotel employees are expected to lose their jobs if the problems are not solved, he said.

To deal with the crisis, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) and the private sector are preparing a series of promotions. The agency also plans to go overseas to rebuild confidence, joining the Arabian Travel Mart in Dubai this month.

Moreover, the TAT is revising its marketing strategies to encourage low season tourism. However, the agency has revised its projected number of tourist arrivals for 2009 from 14.8 million to approximately 12 million.

— *The Nation*

# Warning tower fully functional

SAPHAN HIN: People enjoying their morning workouts at the Saphan Hin municipal park at 8am on May 6 were a bit surprised when the Thai National Anthem was played through the local tsunami warning tower for the first time.

Apart from stirring patriotism, the music also marked the latest testing of the National Disaster Warning Center's (NDWC's) Saphan Hin tsunami warning tower.

Present at the test, which was repeated at 6pm the same day, were Phuket Vice-Governor Smith Palawatvichai and the head of the Phuket Office of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Chotenarin Kerdson.

Although it was earlier reported by some media that the playing of the Thai National Anthem would take place at all 19 NDWC warning towers in

Phuket that same day, DDPM-Phuket officials later confirmed that the tests only took place at Saphan Hin.

Officials would not confirm reports that the NDWC plans to make the playing of the National Anthem through the warning towers part of its weekly tests every Wednesday at 8am and 6pm.

That decision rests with the Nonthaburi-based NDWC, a DDPM-Phuket official told the *Gazette*.

Playing of the National Anthem at 8am and 6pm on radio stations and through village loudspeakers is a longstanding tradition in Thailand. The practice is often referred to as the "time check" by English-speaking expat residents as it affords a convenient means of checking timepieces for accuracy.

None of the people present at Saphan Hin seemed surprised when the National Anthem was

played; most stood to show their respect for the country.

"Many local people and tourists have expressed concern about the reliability of the warning system. From this test, I am confident that the system is working and can warn the public about any impending emergency," V/Gov Smith said.

Other disaster preparedness measures recently undertaken by the province have included training for airlift evacuation of disaster victims, he said.

The province will also conduct additional training and evacuation drills later in the year.

Seaside hotels outside the existing tsunami warning coverage areas are encouraged to contact the DDPM to install equipment to receive the NDWC signals and to set up their own warning systems, he said.

— *Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn*

# Phuket City Police nab bike theft gang

PHUKET CITY: Phuket City Police arrested a gang of nine alleged teenage bike thieves on May 6 and 7. The suspects, eight boys and one girl, confessed to theft charges.

They are also believed to have been responsible for a number of crimes across Phuket, the police say.

The roundup of the gang members followed a series of arrests, some of which took place in front of the Sucha Building in tambon Wichit. Nine stolen motorbikes, a backpack and other items were seized as evidence.

The suspects, ranging in age from 13 to 18, were paraded in front of Phuket City Police Station at a press conference fronted by Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit on the morning of May 7.

Being minors, eight of the suspects were allowed to wear balaclavas to protect their identities. Another suspect, 18-year-old Natthanon Chaitan, was not offered such protection.

The arrests followed a police complaint filed at 3:30am on



The gang receive a dressing down by Phuket City Police Superintendent Wanchai Ekpornpit (far right) and other officers outside Phuket City Police Station on May 7.

May 6 by Rawai resident Phasin Soitong. He was heading past Baan Nabon School on his motorbike when a group of youths on four motorcycles began following him, Mr Phasin said.

The youths surrounded him and one riding pillion snatched his rucksack. The gang then fled, he told police.

The report led to the arrest

of one 16-year-old suspect.

Questioning of the youth enabled police to round up the other members of the gang, the last of which was arrested at around 10am on May 7. A number of reports of robberies by gangs on motorcycles have been filed in the Rawai area in recent months, one reportedly involving the stabbing of a foreigner.

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# Phuket red shirts promise not to disrupt summits

PHUKET CITY: Members of the Phuket branch of the National United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) visited the Governor's Office on Tuesday May 12 to protest against government plans to invoke the Internal Security Act in Phuket during the upcoming, but now postponed, Asean summit.

Dressed in their trademark red shirts, a group of about 20 UDD members, led by Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwittayaporn, presented Phuket governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop with a letter stating that they have no plan to cause a disturbance during the summits, which were – until the recent postponement – scheduled to take place at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort in Karon on June 13 and 14.

"We will not rally or do anything to destroy the reputation of Phuket and Thailand during the meetings," said Mr Wisut, who is also editor of the local political journal Inside Phuket. "We will co-operate with the people of Phuket to prevent the 'other color' group from causing any disturbance during the meetings," he added.

Mr Wisut was making a clear reference to the yellow-shirted People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD), whose members occupied Government House in Bangkok and forced the closure of the two main airports in Bangkok last year. However, Mr Wisut said the UDD continues to oppose the government of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and its decision to invoke the Internal Security Act in Phuket during the meeting.

"The Security Act will impact upon tourism in Phuket. Tourists will be frightened when they land at Phuket International Airport and see soldiers armed with assault rifles," he said. Given that Phuket and six other nearby provinces are the power base of the Democrat Party, there is no reason to invoke the Act Mr Wisut.

While admitting to his role in mobilizing red shirt followers to take part in demonstrations at the aborted summit in Pattaya over the Songkran holiday, Mr Wisut insisted his goal is political reconciliation across the entire

country. To achieve this, Prime Minister Abhisit must call on his party members to stop accusing the red shirts of being the cause of violence, he said.

"If his party's members don't stop barking at the red shirts, there is no way to have reconciliation in Thailand," said Mr Wisut, who in 2007 ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization during a by-election in District 1. He came in third with just 273 votes compared with 839 for the winner, Democrat Party member Somkuan Tansakul.

Gov Wichai accepted the document, saying he wanted nothing more than the Asean summits to go smoothly. "If everyone comes together to host a successful series of meetings, it will benefit the entire island by enhancing Phuket's reputation as a safe tourist destination," he said. If any Phuket people are unhappy about the meetings, they should drive the governor off the island rather than take part in anti-government demonstrations, he added.

-Kamol Pirat



Mr Wisut presents the document to Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop (pink shirt). Photo: Kamol Pirat.

## Local PAD commends Phuket red shirt intent

PHUKET CITY: The People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) spokesperson for Phuket has commended the local "red shirt" group for its commitment not to disrupt the upcoming Asean-led summit meetings – which have since been postponed – but vowed to mobilize PAD members to prevent any incursion onto the island by red shirt protesters from other parts of the country during the proceedings.

Phuket PAD coordinator Aparat Chartchutikumjorn told the *Gazette* on May 13, "Thank you to the Phuket red shirts for announcing that they have no plan to stop or disturb the Asean summit. This is to the benefit of Thailand and it should have happened before at the [aborted summit] in Pattaya, Chonburi."

Miss Aparat was speaking in reference to a press conference held on May 12 by Wisut "Ae Inside" Tangwittayaporn, who heads the "Phuket Protect Democratic Group", an affiliate of the National United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) which remains loyal to

former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

However, Ms Aparat said she had heard from "informed sources" that Prompong Nopparit, spokesman for the pro-Thaksin Puea Thai Party, was planning to mobilize as many as one million red shirt protesters from Isarn and other parts of the country to assemble in Phang Nga during the summit.

"If the Phuket red shirts are really committed to saving our economy, we ask them to help stop this from happening," she said. "The yellow shirts would like everyone to understand that we cannot destroy Thailand anymore. This government is faced with a financial crisis and we must make solving it our top priority. Local and national level politicians must put the needs of the country before their own political aspirations," she said.

"The yellow shirts will not give the red shirts the chance to get anywhere near the area where the Asean summit is being held. We have a plan to block the red shirts," she added.

## UK man dies in bike crash



Mr Ibrahim (left) with his friend Matthew Rankin at the Rawai Muay Thai camp. Photo courtesy Rawai Muay Thai

By James Goyder

RAWAI, PHUKET: An accident in the early hours of Sunday May 10 left a British tourist dead and a Thai man seriously injured.

Tourist Kenneth Nicholas Ibrahim, 27, was killed when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a truck outside the Sai Yuan Bungalows in Rawai. The Thai driver of the truck was also seriously injured.

Mr Ibrahim, a semi-professional soccer player, had spent a one-month holiday training at Rawai Muay Thai with his friend Matthew Rankin.

The accident occurred sometime between 5am and 6am, according to friends. Mr Ibrahim was driving to the 7-Eleven con-

venience store on Sai Yuan Road to buy cigarettes when the accident occurred.

Mr Rankin is still in Phuket arranging to have Mr Ibrahim's body flown back to the UK. Rawai Muay Thai camp manager Diana Campillo said, "Kenny was

only here for a month, but he was hugely popular. Matt is going home devastated from his friend's death and all of us at the camp are truly sorry for his loss.

"We offer our heartfelt condolences to Kenny's family back in London."

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## Mystery deaths

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Following the deaths, officers from the Department of Disease Control (DDC) in Krabi and Bangkok inspected Laleena Guesthouse and nearby bars and restaurants on May 6-7. They also collected samples from the victims' bodies to test for possible bacterial infections. Samples were also sent for testing in US laboratories. Results from America are expected to be known in about one month.

Public Health Department officers have also inspected the victims' rooms at Laleena Guesthouse. The health officers could not immediately find anything to indicate contamination in the guesthouse's air-conditioning units, water supply or food.

According to Dr Buncha Khakong of Krabi Public Health Department, Ms St. Onge and Ms Bergheim both died from severe dehydration and shock after continuous vomiting. "These cases are very difficult to explain and need professional forensic investigation before we know the real cause of the deaths," he said.

"Having inspected bars and restaurants in the area, contaminated food and drink do not appear to be the cause of the deaths. None of the female victims were suffering from diar-

rhea, which would indicate food poisoning. It is now also clear that the victims did not eat or drink at the same places. Mr Liuhaugen's symptoms included diarrhea and vomiting, so it would appear that the cause of his death was something different from the cause of Ms St. Onge and Ms Bergheim's deaths," Dr Buncha explained.

"Tests for possible toxin contamination have also been carried out at the water-bottling plant near Laleena Guesthouse. The results of those tests have not yet been finalized. However, there is no reason to believe that the deaths were due to any kind of gas leak, as that would have affected many more people," he added.

"There are a number of things that can cause the kind of vomiting experienced by the victims, such as too much alcohol or poisonous mushrooms. However, we don't suspect allergic reactions to seafood as the victims would have suffered from both vomiting and diarrhea, but it could be something that affected their nervous systems," Dr Buncha added.

"While we wait for the test results, we've asked Laleena Guesthouse not to rent out rooms 4 and 5 until further tests are conducted," he said.

The guest house remains open for business.

# Landowner blamed for "Nanai River"

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn and Dan Waites

PATONG: As the monsoon season approaches, Patong residents fear that unusually prolonged flooding on a section of Nanai Road will only get worse.

Despite efforts by Patong Municipality to rectify the problem, the section of Nanai Road has been submerged by up to three feet of water in recent weeks. It has become such a constant fixture that local residents have nicknamed the stretch the "Nanai River".

US citizen Gary Robinson, who has lived in Patong for more than 10 years, said he had never seen an area of the town stay flooded for so long.

"They should set up a longtail ferry service," he joked.

The affected stretch runs roughly from the Aroonpat Village housing estate to the Chang Residence Hotel, though the size of the affected area varies with rainfall.

A local motorcycle taxi driver said the area has been



**NANAI RIVER:** The flooding has caused license plates to fall off a number of cars that have braved the flooding. Local people have stuck them to electricity poles in case the owners return to collect them.

flooded on and off since the week before the Songkran festival. The floodwater is partially comprised of raw sewage released by houses and shops on higher ground, he claimed.

Another agreed. "The water is very smelly and dirty. After touching it, you feel really itchy," he said.

Teeranun Boonma, Deputy Director of Sanitation at Patong Municipality, denied that the water poses a health hazard.

"The floodwater has no effect on humans. It's not dirty water, it's rainwater. The dirty water gets sent to another area," he said.

Rainwater used to drain through the Aroonpat Village estate, through a section of private land and into a canal, Mr Teeranun said.

The owner of the private land had recently blocked the drains and this was what had caused the flooding, he claimed. He admitted that the landowner had the legal right to do this, however.

The municipality has been

trying to remove the water using a pump, but with little success.

"They did put a pump up, but the pump is just obviously not adequate. It's like using a cup to bail out the *Titanic*," Mr Robinson said.

Mr Teeranun said the pump is now broken, but that plans are afoot to buy two more "as soon as possible".

The municipality has plans to solve the problem on a more long-term basis by raising the road and drainage channel beneath it by about 60 centimeters. This will channel rainwater to part of the local drainage network and thus prevent flooding, he said.

The plan would cost from five to six million baht and take three or four months to construct, he said.

Mr Teeranun admitted an urgent solution was needed.

"It's close to the rainy season. We have to solve this problem as soon as possible," he said.

Gary Robinson agrees. "We could easily get two days of heavy rain. If we get that, the whole thing is going to get really crazy," he said.

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# Death of a Golden Buddha headman

By Dan Waites

According to local legend, a precious golden Buddha statue is buried somewhere on the island of Phra Thong, off the west coast of Phang Nga. While nobody knows if there really is any treasure buried on the island, Koh Phra Thong is also home to a different type of treasure: pristine beach front, prime for development. Could this explain the recent death of Yossapol Saedaeng, a village headman on “Golden Buddha Island”?



**Above:** A map of Phang Nga province and Phuket with Koh Phra Thong “Golden Buddha Island” in the North. **Inset:** One of the pristine beaches on the island, which is part of a marine national park.



**K**oh Phra Thong, or “Golden Buddha Island”, as its name translates, is an anomaly. It is one of the largest islands in the Andaman Sea, with 15 kilometers of white sandy beaches, as well as broad grasslands and lush mangrove forests.

Yet, with the exception of a single resort – the upmarket Golden Buddha Beach Resort – and a handful of bungalows, it remains almost entirely undeveloped for tourism.

That makes land on Koh Phra Thong – and the political power to benefit from its development – extremely valuable. That value has led to deadly violence.

*Siangtai Daily* newspaper recently carried a report of a killing at the village of Ban Bang Daet in tambon Kuraburi on the Phang Nga mainland, from which the ferry to Koh Phra Thong leaves.

On the morning of May 4, a 39-year-old man was found dead on a dirt road near the village harbor, the report said. Lying face down in a pool of blood, the man was wearing a batik shirt with the words “We love Koh Phra Thong” on the back.

He had a bullet wound in the nape of his neck. The man, it turned out, was Yossapol Saedaeng, headman of the village of Ban Tha Pae Yoi on Koh Phra Thong.

Kuraburi Police captured their men later that morning. Wararit Damkhong, 41, Anont Klapkaew, 26, and Praditchai Khongchuay, 31, were reportedly in possession of a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver and another .32 caliber pistol, both loaded with bullets, when they were arrested. The three confessed to Yossapol’s murder, police said. The professed motive: a local political dispute.

The pattern of the killing was a familiar one. Wararit reportedly recruited the other two men to carry out the shooting; Praditchai was the driver; Anont pulled the trigger. What the report did not say, however, was who hired the three men. Yet there were clues.

Kuraburi Police Superintendent Prasit Saeng-iam told the newspaper that police suspected the motive was indeed local politics – and a dispute over land. Another source, unnamed by *Siangtai*, went further. According to the source, elections for the

post of headman of Ban Tha Pae Yoi had been due to be held on May 7. The source described Yossapol as a diligent village headman who was loved by the villagers of Ban Tha Pae Yoi and had already been re-elected to his position several times.

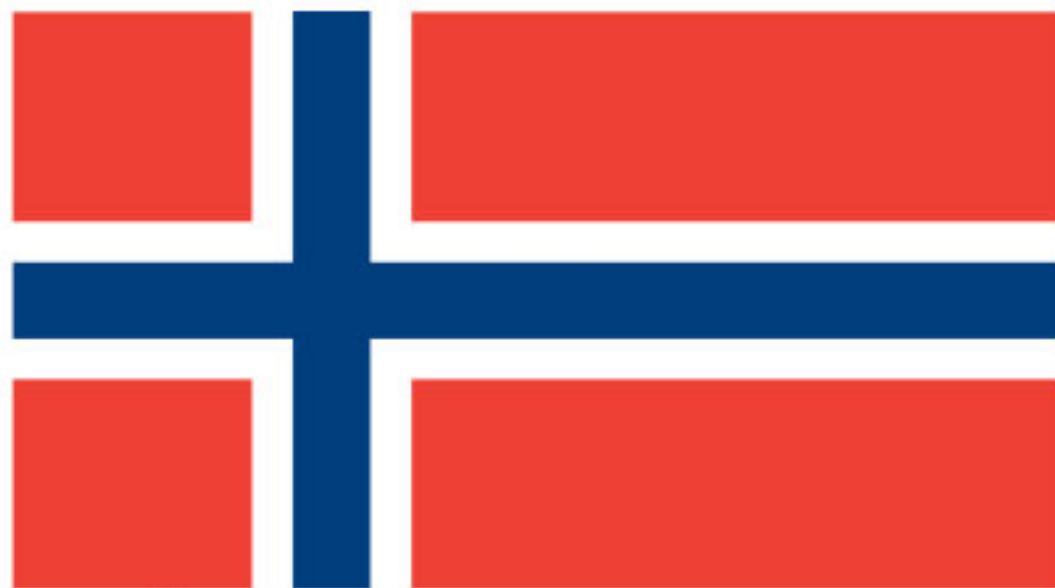
This time, there had been two candidates expected to stand for the post: Yossapol and another candidate the report did not name. Yet on April 27, the official registration day for the election, there was only one registered candidate: Yossapol.

The report did not offer an explanation as to why the second candidate withdrew.

Yossapol, the source speculated, might have been killed by someone who wanted the position. The reason? “It’s well known that land on Koh Phra Thong is of interest to investors buying it up to build hotels and resorts,” the source said.

Could land be the reason for Yossapol’s murder? And will an island with so much potential for tourism development – and money to be made – see the shedding of more blood?

The inevitable developments on Koh Phra Thong will be worth following.



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# Defrocked monk's filthy habit earns him 50 years

BANGKOK: The Supreme Court on May 7 upheld a lower court's ruling sentencing to 50-years of imprisonment a former Buddhist abbot of Nakhon Pathom's Wat Sampran.

The suspect, 65-year-old Chamlong Polseu, was convicted on charges of raping and molesting nine hilltribe girls under the age of 15.

Once a popular spiritual leader known by his clerical name Phra Pawana Phuttho, Mr Chamlong was sentenced to a total of 160 years in prison for raping and molesting underage girls. Under Thai legal statutes, the term was reduced to 50 years.

Charged with the crimes dating back to 1988, the meditation guru was arrested in 1995 after hilltribe girls housed in a dormitory he had built in the temple came forward with the accusations, which led to him being defrocked.

Six female followers were given prison sentences from three to 10 years for conspiring with Mr Chamlong to molest underage girls.



**Chamlong Polseu, 65, a former abbot of Nakhon Pathom's Wat Sampran, was sentenced to a 50-year prison term by the Supreme Court on May 7. He was found guilty of raping and molesting nine hilltribe girls under the age of 15. Photo: Wanchai Kraisornkhaj**

# Blood boils in kettle argument

BANGKOK: Police are hunting for a security guard from Nakhon Sri Thammarat who allegedly beat to death a colleague following an argument over a kettle on May 8.

The suspect, 42-year-old Wayo Upala, fled the crime scene on a bicycle borrowed from another security guard, according to the bicycle's owner, 57-year-old Jamras Sinsuphan.

Mr Jamras told police he found the body of fellow security

guard Sanchai Khlaithong, 26, shortly before 1am in a guard post at Mu Ban Wararom, off Sai Mai Road, where he and the victim were working during the same shift.

Mr Jamras said that he had asked Mr Sanchai to attend to his post while he went out briefly. As he was leaving, he saw Mr Wayo head to his guard post, he said.

On his way back to his post, he bumped into Mr Wayo rushing out of the village, Mr Jamras

said, adding that Mr Wayo asked if he could borrow his bicycle to go and buy some cigarettes, then cycled off.

When Mr Jamras got back to his post, Mr Sanchai was dead, he said.

Mr Jamras told police that Mr Sanchai and Mr Wayo had argued over which one of them was responsible for causing damage to an electric kettle the previous day.

Mr Wayo borrowed the kettle from Mr Sanchai, but left it plugged in with no water. This caused the appliance to short circuit and catch fire.

Mr Sanchai had likely restarted the argument, causing Mr Wayo to lose his temper and beat him to death, Mr Jamras said.

Police believe Mr Wayo is still in the area and have ordered investigation units to track him down.

*Source: Kom Chad Luek*

## Queer News

# Thief lifts trousers

BANGKOK: A shopper at Carrefour supermarket had an embarrassing journey home after a thief stole his trousers while he was on the toilet May 8.

Kasin Siriwichit, 24, reported the incident to Thong Lor Police. Mr Kasin said that around midday he went to use the toilet at the Rama 4 Rd branch of Carrefour.

In the cubicle, he took off his trousers and placed them on the floor behind the toilet. When he had finished his business, he looked down to find that his trousers had vanished, Mr Kasin said.

He said that in his trouser pockets he had his mobile phone and his wallet containing 800 baht in cash, his driving licence and ID card as well as other important documents.

The report did not give details on how Mr Kasin was able to get from Carrefour to the police station with no money and no trousers.

Mr Kasin declined to reveal why he had felt the need to remove his trousers in the first place.

Police said they would review CCTV footage from the supermarket to try and identify the trouser thief.

Carrefour would not let reporters in to photograph the scene of the crime.

*Source: Inn News*

# Most parents satisfied with "free-education"

BANGKOK: Despite financial support from a government program guaranteeing 15 years of free education, many parents still have to meet some expenses related to their children's education.

One mother said on May 10 that she was left wondering whether she would have to pay more when the new academic year started, which has already started in most schools in the country.

However, many parents said they did not want the government to offer them any more assistance, but thought that low-income parents probably needed more.

Under the program, the government offers supplements for students in ordinary programs, including fees for tuition, textbooks, stationery, school uniforms and special activities.

However, 47-year-old Noree Intachit, a state enterprise employee whose daughter is about to start Matthayom 4 at a school in Bangkok, said she had to pay Bt1,500 for her daughter's school uniforms because the school uniform fee granted by the government was not enough.

Ms Noree also plans to pay more for textbooks, despite the government program.

She normally paid Bt2,000 for computer classes and special-activity fees every year, and wondered if she would have to pay some part of these fees because the government's allowances were lower than this.

Nipat Sukyai, 47, from Lamphun, said he had to pay Bt1,500 more than the budget provided by the government for his son's special-activity, computer-class fees and life insurance premium.

All parents interviewed said they thought that the government's financial support was enough for them, even though it didn't cover all of their education-related expenditure.

Ms Noree suggested that the government should conduct surveys to assess the financial status of parents to find out who needed more help before handing out money to parents.

"Low-income parents need more financial support," she said.

*Source: The Nation*

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## THAI announces new direct flights to Oslo



BANGKOK: Thai Airways International Public Company Limited has announced the introduction of direct flights between Bangkok and Oslo, Norway.

The service, to be inaugurated on June 15, will make THAI the first Southeast Asian carrier to serve passenger demand between Norway and Thailand.

THAI's Bangkok-Oslo route will use A340-500 aircraft, with 60 business class seats, 42 "premium economy" seats and 113 economy class seats.

The direct flights will be operate five days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) with an 11-hour flight time.



**FOOD OF FORTUNE:** Royal soothsayers predict an abundance of food production and adequate rainfall in the kingdom in the coming year after reading the signs indicated in the Royal Ploughing Ceremony, which was held at Sanam Luang in Bangkok on May 11.

## Villagers surround park officers

KRABI: Around 100 villagers surrounded national park officers to prevent them removing an excavator found cutting a road through Khao Phanom Bencha National Park on May 4.

After receiving reports of construction inside the park, officers found workmen in the process of building a road to a rubber plantation inside park boundaries near Village 6, tambon Na Khao, Khao Phanom District.

Officers seized an excavator as evidence and prepared to move it out of the park. A crowd of villagers gathered at the scene and surrounded the officers, preventing them from moving the machine. National park officers called for assistance from the Border Patrol Police Unit 426 to control the crowd. The headman of Na Khao Village 6 was also called upon to open negotiations with the villagers.

Somchai Lacharaj, Head of Khao Phanom Bencha National Park, said that the excavator had been brought in by local businessman Somdet Nukaow, 47.

The rubber plantation had been there for many years and national park authorities were not too concerned about it, the park chief admitted.

However, the cutting of the road was creating new damage to the forest and had also disrupted a watercourse, and there-

fore could not be tolerated, he explained.

The villagers had been worried that the actions of the officials meant that they would no longer be able to cut old rubber trees inside the park to sell, Mr Somchai said.

After being assured that the new road was the cause of the problem – not the existing rubber plantations – villagers agreed to disperse.

*Source: Kom Chad Luek*

NAKHON SRI THAMMARAT: A man suspected of shooting dead two young men at a farewell party for a conscript soldier gave himself up to police for questioning on May 8.

Suwit Somraphat, 27, was wanted for the killing of Pte Koson Chuduang, 25, and Noppadol Suthikan, 25, who were both shot dead on April 30.

Mr Suwit handed himself in to Bang Khan Police Deputy Inspector for Investigations Sophachai Pheungpha. The suspect refused to give a statement to police, saying that he would only speak in court.

A warrant for Mr Suwit's arrest was issued following a

shooting murder during a party at the house of Sutham Ketkaow, assistant headman of Village 6, tambon Ban Nikhom, Bang Khan district.

Mr Sutham arranged the party for his son, who had been drafted into the military and assigned to serve at an army camp in Thung Song District.

Many local youths came to the party as a band was booked to play. Later, an argument broke

out between Anandchai Amonlak, 20, a relative of Mr Suwit's, and the two victims.

Witnesses reported that Mr Noppadol drew a knife and then stabbed Mr Anandchai to death. Mr Suwit allegedly then pulled out a .38 pistol and shot both Mr Noppadol and Pte Koson dead.

Mr Suwit was released after relatives posted an unspecified amount as bail.

*Source: Thai Rath*

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# Phuket pulls on the heart strings

Phuket's beaches are becoming increasingly popular places for foreign couples to hold wedding ceremonies. Earlier this month, the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) organized a wedding and honeymoon trip for a celebrity couple from Russia at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa Phuket.

Actors Igor Petrenko and Ekaterina Klimova tied the knot in a Western-style ceremony on the beach, followed by a Thai ceremony on the resort's north lawn.

The TAT's Pattara-anong Na Chiang Mai, who was behind the promotion, said, "we are calling this the 'celebrity honeymoon project'. The aim is to promote Phuket as a honeymoon destination, particularly for people who want to get married on the beach."

She went on to say that although the TAT does not know the exact percentage of tourists who come to Phuket specifically to get married, she estimates it to be about five or six percent. Most of those who do come to the island to get hitched are from Europe or India, she noted. As a result of the TAT's ongoing efforts, however, it was possible the figure could climb to anything up to 20%, she said.

It remains up to individual hotels to offer special discounts and promotions for wedding parties. The TAT currently has no plans for any special staff training at the local district offices, as most of the couples who come here do not want to obtain an official marriage license in Thailand – they're just looking to enjoy the ceremonial wedding moment of a lifetime. Nevertheless, any lovebirds wanting to officially tie the knot in the Kingdom need to obtain the necessary papers from their respective embassy, explained Ms Pattara-anong.

Just as the TAT is not solely focusing its efforts on the Russian market, neither is it restricting its honeymoon destination promotion to Phuket, she said. "We leave it up to the couple to choose anywhere in Thailand to enjoy their dream wedding and honeymoon."



Belgians Erika Samain and Dirk Van Rompuy held their waterside wedding ceremony at Hannik Temple in Cherg Talay on May 5. Dirk and Erika met while working together over 12 years ago. The couple decided to marry in Phuket after holidaying here. They plan to return to Phuket to run a bed & breakfast operation after another wedding ceremony planned in Belgium for June 27.



Igor Petrenko and Ekaterina Klimova tied the knot in a Western-style ceremony on the beach.



The couple also enjoyed a Thai ceremony on the north lawn of the JW Marriot & Spa.

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# Legend of the Indy 500



Seventy years ago, the legendary Indy 500 – which takes place this year on May 24 – witnessed a most unlikely winner. It was a Maserati that triumphed when Wilbur Shaw battled with Louis Meyer for victory. Throughout the 200-lap race, Shaw and Meyer exchanged places until, near the end of the race, Meyer hit the wall, handing victory to Shaw. The car was the Maserati 8CTF, christened the “Boyle Special” for the event.

One-time commentator at the Indianapolis circuit Tom Carnegie says in his excellent book *Indy 500 – More than a Race*, “Wilbur Shaw began his first race at Indy in the same year as Louis Meyer, but he had to wait until after Meyer had won three events to capture his first victory”.

Shaw won for the first time in 1937. Leading by two minutes in the last stages of the race, his oil pressure began to drop. Nursing the car to the finish, four laps from the end Shaw was being caught by Ralph Hepburn and as they exited turn four on the very last lap, Shaw accelerated ahead to win by just two seconds.

Wilbur Shaw was born in Indiana in 1902 and won the Indianapolis 500 three times, the first in 1937 and then again in 1939 and 1940 behind the wheel of his Maserati. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway was closed when the United States entered World War II after Pearl Harbor and Shaw was employed by Firestone to test its synthetic rubber tires at the Speedway. Somewhat dilapidated, its then owner Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Airlines, had no interest in the track and informed Wilbur he intended to demolish it. Shaw



LEFT AND BELOW: Wilbur Shaw in his Maserati 8CTF, nicknamed the “Boyle Special”. RIGHT: A more recent occupant takes the famous wheel.

had other ideas and approached Tony Hulman, who was to become a legendary figure of the Indy 500.

A lifelong fan of auto racing in general and the Indianapolis 500 in particular, Hulman listened with great interest to what Shaw had to say. Despite what he saw among the weeds and deterioration, when Shaw took him to Indianapolis Hulman purchased the Speedway from Rickenbacker in November 1945 for \$750,000 and appointed Wilbur its president.

Tom Carnegie said about Shaw, “Wilbur ruled the track wisely, but firmly. He had a number of superstitions about racing that were law at Indianapolis. One was that a green race car was bad luck. Another was that peanuts should never be eaten in the pits. I’ve been known to consume many bags of peanuts at the track, but never where Wilbur could see me”.

The 8CTF was Maserati’s answer to Germany’s all-conquering dominance of the Grand Prix scene of the 1930s. Given the heights to which Auto Union and Mercedes-Benz had raised race-car engineering, the challenge, unsurprisingly, was not successful.

Two factors made the 8CTF possible: a new and complicated international formula, designed with the single purpose of curtailing the German juggernaut

and the acquisition of Maserati by Italian industrialist Adolfo Orsi. This move put the Maserati brothers in charge of the cars and the Orsi family in charge of management – something the brothers had never excelled at. The 8CTF was the first result of this collaboration.

The new car was derived from the Maserati’s voiturette chassis, its engine two four-cyl-

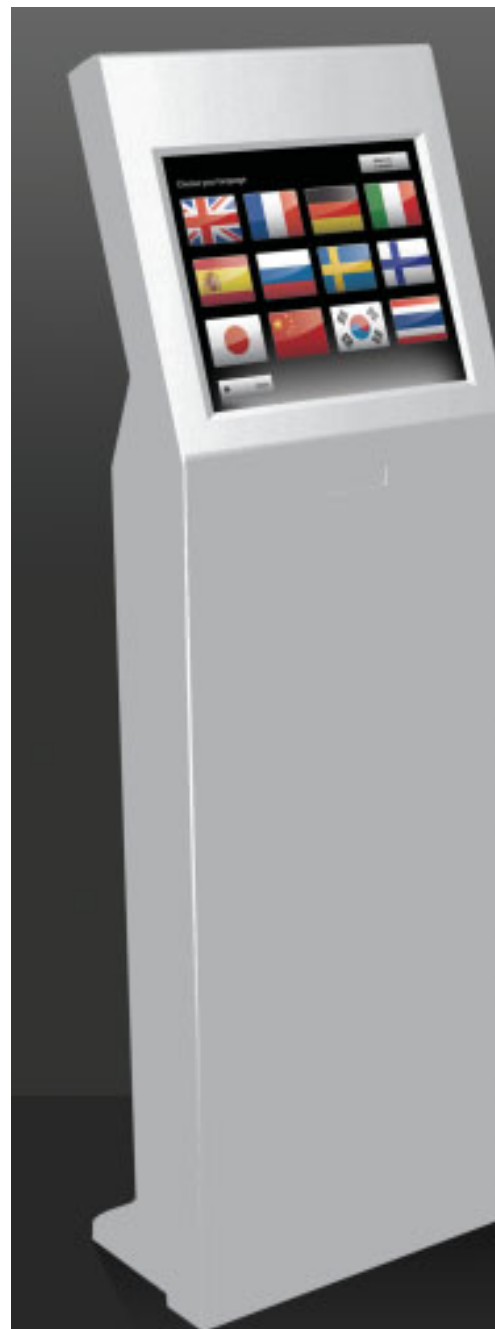
inder blocks placed end to end with integral cylinder heads. The engine featured twin camshafts and twin superchargers. It was, in effect, two four-cylinder engines interconnected. The suspension, meanwhile, was delivered by torsion bar, a novelty at the time.

The Maserati went on to win again in the hands of Wilbur Shaw, taking the “500” in 1940,

making Shaw the first driver to win the Indianapolis 500 in consecutive years.

Wilbur Shaw died in a plane crash in Indiana on October 30, 1954, one day before his 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The pilot, Ray Grimes, and artist Ernest Roosevelt were also killed.

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# Not just for laughs

Punchline Comedy Club is set to return to these shores on May 19, with a difference. The usual mélange of irony, mockery, observation and off-the-cuff repartee will this time be complemented by an additional element: charity. Punchline has teamed up with the Rotary Club of Patong and will be donating money from each ticket sold to the Rotary Club's charities. So by coming along you'll be helping needy children (and I don't just mean the comics). Booked this time are three men representing those strange bedfellows, England, Scotland and Wales, in the form of Greg Burns, Geoff Boyz and Lloyd Langford. The *Gazette's* Dan Waites spoke to them beforehand, so you don't have to.

## Geoff Boyz

Back in '97, when President De Niro confronted Saddam Hussein over his violations of the Iraqi no-fly zone, he didn't take any crap. "You talkin' to me? Saddam Hussein, come over here!" barked the president, nodding his head menacingly in trademark fashion.

"Look at the map. No fly zone. What did I tell you?"

"Don't fly over the line!" Saddam quickly backed down. Well, you would, wouldn't you?"

At least that's what happened in the world of Scottish stand-up Geoff Boyz, who combines sharp observational humor with impressions of the likes of

De Niro, Pacino and Joe Pesci losing their rag with Iraqi dictators.

Boyz has been on the comedy circuit since 1989. He was a comedy fan from an early age. "I used to listen to Les Dawson on Radio 4 at lunchtime every Sunday and watch *Dave Allen At Large* on BBC2, and I remember thinking that that was what I wanted to do," he says. He was 12 or 13 then, but it was a visit to the Comedy Store in London in 1986 that pushed him in the direction of the comedy club stage. "I was only 17 years old but suddenly it was there in front of me and I thought 'Oh yes... There it is! Let's have a go at that!'"

As well as Allen and Dawson, Boyz takes his inspiration from fellow Glaswegian Billy Connolly and satirist Rory Bremner. "Rory Bremner is a hero of mine. He came to my show in Edinburgh and loved it. We went for a drink afterwards and he asked me how I did certain voices. He asked me! It doesn't get better than that."

If Phuket is treated to Boyz's De Niro, you'll see why an impressionist of the caliber of Bremner was impressed. Yet, according to Boyz, his take on the veteran actor wasn't the result of hours of painstaking fine-tuning and observation. "It was something I just did once on stage... really, I didn't plan it, it just came out. I remember the reaction that it got and I thought, 'Good heavens... They liked that!' So it stayed in. People say it's amazing, I think it looks like me pulling a stupid face."

So what's Boyz's view of the art of impersonation? Does he see it as mockery, homage, or something else? "It all depends on what you make the voices say. *Spitting Image* (the British puppet satire show) was brilliant but it was making fools of the characters; that's what the show was about so that was fine. Rory is totally brilliant and his satire is second to none," he says.



Greg Burns: "I've worked with Ricky Gervais a few times and, for some reason, he wrote me a little part. Thank you Ricky!"

But what about Boyz himself? "Me? I put them in a daft place and make them look good. It's just a lot of fun. It's just jokes folks!"

It's just jokes? There's no message behind Boyz's comedy? "I don't really have any message apart from look how silly we all are," he says. "The world has got to realize that if we all strip off our nationalities and our religions, our prejudice and hatred, we are all just silly blobs of liquid trying to have a good time."

## Greg Burns

England's Greg Burns can commonly be found sitting around in an office overlooking Leicester Square doing little more than talking and playing records. Fortunately for him, that's exactly what he's paid to do. He's Capital Radio's Drivetime host. And fortunately for us, he's also a successful stand-up comedian.

Where does his sense of humor come from? "I found it in a bag under a bush," he says. Ask a silly question... And how did he get into stand-up? "Always loved stand up, used to go and watch at my local comedy clubs and eventually thought I'd give it a go... that was 10 years ago," he says.

Since then, Burns has made a name for himself on the comedy circuit as a cheeky, affable and dependable comedian, with regular slots at The Comedy Store and Jongleurs.

He's also worked as a warm-up comic, getting the audience in the mood before such shows as *Have I Got News For You*, *Room 101* and *The Catherine Tate Show*. He even had a cameo role in Ricky Gervais's superlative mockumentary series, *The Office*. How did that come about? "I've worked with Ricky Gervais a few times and, for some reason, he wrote me a little part. Thank you Ricky!" he says.

So what does Greg himself find funny? What's the funniest unintentionally funny thing he's ever seen? "I once actually saw someone slip on a banana skin at a market. I was just waiting for an anvil to fall for the full cartoon effect," he says. But is there anything he wouldn't joke about? "My girlfriend's Northern Irish accent. She'd kill me, so I'd never, ever do that...when she's there."

By some remarkable coincidence, Burns lists his comic influences as Geoff Boyz and Lloyd Langford. Does he see any difference between English, Scottish and Welsh humor, the *Gazette* asks?

"The Welsh have no humor," he says. "None at all. Lloyd Langford is the only funny Welshman in the world. Come see him. He's a freak."



Geoff Boyz: "I don't really have any message apart from look how silly we all are."

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## Lloyd Langford

*Lloyd Langford: Not a Lover, Not a Fighter* was the title of this young Welsh comedian's Edinburgh fringe show last year. But if he's neither of those things, just what *is* Lloyd Langford? "A pacifist who's afraid of commitment," he replies, logically enough.

Langford has an outsider's eye, a ready wit and a charming line in self-deprecation. He has found success as both a stand-up – winning Chortle's Student Comedian of the Year award in 2004 – and as a writer, penning gags for BBC2's *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* and *The Now Show* on Radio 4. Yet despite such success, the self-deprecation remains. Does it come naturally to him? "Yes, because my girlfriend helps me by constantly pointing out my many inadequacies," he says. Always handy, I suppose.

It hasn't always been plain sailing, of course. His worst ever gig was at Plymouth University. "They stared in complete silence for 30 minutes. It was like doing a gig in a monastery, albeit a particularly scummy monastery in Plymouth."

Langford bases himself in London but grew up in the somewhat quieter environs of rural Wales. "My parents live in a little village called Baglan, which is on the side of a mountain. It's very quiet. It's a world away from Bangkok or Phuket. The ping


pong shows can be described as infrequent at best." He'll no doubt have less trouble finding a ping pong show in Patong, should that take his fancy. Does he have any plans for when he gets here? "I'm supposed to be working on my new Edinburgh show entitled *Every Day I Have the Blues*. But I don't think I'll be sat in front of a laptop when I have Phuket to explore," he says.

So where does his sense of humor come from? "That feeling of not really fitting in," he says. "I'm like that jigsaw piece you unexpectedly have left over. After a game of Scrabble."

On the bill with England's Greg Burns and Scotland's Geoff Boyz, does Langford feel there's such a thing as Welsh humor, as opposed to English or Scottish humor? "I think a lot of British humor comes from an inferiority complex. And Wales is generally seen as being inferior to England, Ireland and Scotland. So in a place full of uncertainty, I'm fairly certain that we are the most uncertain."

Well, we'll just have to see...

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# All aboard for a jabu day round the bay

By Nick Davies

The teakwood, pine and mahogany motor yacht *Jabuticaba* cuts a dandy silhouette against the Phang Nga Bay backdrop of hilly isles as it streaks stoically through the water. At an elegant 75 feet (24m) long and 6.5m wide, the twin-masted wooden schooner would be the perfect stage prop in an island-hopping adventure romance movie.

*Jabuticaba*, nicknamed Jabu by her owners Vishal Sood and Sejal Patel, was built in Turkey about nine years ago, where the couple bought her and sailed her to Goa in India.

Sejal named the boat after one of her favorite songs about a Brazilian fruit of the same name. The song goes something along the lines of, "...If I were to name a fruit it would be *Jabuticaba*".

After catering to Goa's hedonistic traveler scene for a while, *Jabuticaba* was given a complete overhaul, right down to the upholstery. All ship shape and Bristol fashion, she was then sailed to Phuket, where she now offers guests the chance to experience sailing round Phang Nga bay in a time-honored, traditional way.

Well, the boat is traditional, but the ambiance on board is decidedly upbeat and untraditional. *Jabuticaba* is a party boat. Once out in the bay, her sails are unfurled as energetic chill out music pours from the boat's high-quality sound system that can accommodate the guests' iPods, adding a contemporary soundtrack to Phang Nga Bay's exotic vista of million-year-old rock formations.

*Jabuticaba* plows on in search of a small island with a deserted beach, where she will cast anchor a few hundred meters off shore. At an average speed of about seven knots when powered by the boat's engine, the scenery glides by at a leisurely pace, and according to Vishal, is what "Jabu days" are all about.

"What we offer on board is a 'Jabu Day'. The idea is for guests to experience the beauty of the boat and the lifestyle on board; not to rush to a destination but to really enjoy the journey itself," says Vishal.

"For a half-day cruise, we leave Phuket at about midday so guests don't have to rush in the morning, and then head for a quiet beach on one of the smaller nearby islands. We spend some time there and then make our way back as the sun goes down," he adds.

Vishal says he also plans to organize overnight excursions for exclusive full moon parties.

"We would anchor off a quiet island for the night, and weather permitting, enjoy the moon and stars from the deck of the boat," he said.

Excursions begin at a private dock in Thalang, down a narrow lane about 10 meters past the right-hand Yacht Haven turning. At the end of the lane, the Jabu experience begins at a small dockside restaurant and bar. Passengers are then taken out in a dingy to the *Jabuticaba*, which is anchored in deeper water.

Once guests have climbed the collapsible stairs and removed their shoes, they are greeted by the friendly crew, who ply them with welcome drinks and later serve up a freshly-prepared lunch, cooked on board, and served on a broad teakwood table under the aft awning that shades a lounging area with seating spacious enough to stretch out on.

There is plenty of open space on the upper deck. The solid timber roofs covering the wheelhouse and cabins are strong enough to support sunbathers atop and dancers amidships. There is a bar in the wheelhouse



Life's a party aboard the 75-foot schooner *Jabuticaba*. The yacht's owners Vishal Sood and Sejal Patel have brought a new boating experience to the bay. "It doesn't matter where we're going. It's about the fun to be had on the way."



where the boat's signature cocktail, the "green monster", is served in shooters. A tray of the lush-colored drinks magically appears on deck from time to time to keep guests in the party mood.

There's also seating on deck at the bow, where some couples just can't help re-enacting that classic

Jack-and-Rose-flying-over-the-water scene from *Titanic*. Jabu days are a great way to kindle romance, especially during the return journey as the sun sets behind the hills on the port side and champagne flows on deck.

*Jabuticaba* is equipped with eight wood-panel cabins, each with a double bed and an en-suite washroom, enabling the yacht to take up to 16 guests on overnight trips, which Vishal says can be as far away as Langkawi.

"We did a four-day 'party sail' to Langkawi in January and limited the size of the group so it wasn't crowded, but 'Jabu Day' trips can be made up of larger groups of up to 36 guests," said Vishal.

"Jabu days start at 3,400 baht per person and can be tailored to meet individual or group needs," he added. For more information contact Vishal Sood. Tel: 085-666 5504 or 076-222 222. Email: info@jabudays.com.

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## EXPAT GALLERY

## Damian Barrett

Damian Barrett is an electrical engineer with an international clientele of yacht owners who depend upon him to keep their electronics in top condition.

When he first came to Phuket in 1989, his work consisted mainly of repairing starter motors and alternators on small boats. But now Damian finds himself diagnosing problems with the most sophisticated equipment and systems afloat, often by consulting manufacturers' websites and advising his clients on repair options.

Today, most of his work is on yachts of over 30 meters.

"My company, Electrical Marine, is based at the Boat Lagoon, which is the most operational marina in Southeast Asia. The growth of yacht ownership and recreational sailing has been phenomenal over the years and I've had to keep up on my training as electrical systems on yachts are mostly computerized, especially high-end navigation and satellite phone systems."

Damian travels around the world to train in these systems. He studies in and around Europe each year, and takes training in America every two years. He can interface between malfunctioning equipment and potential solutions online, and can usually diagnose the problems. Often, he

is able to complete a repair from his laptop. He uses Skype to maintain contact with his clients and manufacturers.

His career started in Phuket and he has risen to the top of his field in the international yachting community.

The young Damien did not plan to become a marine electrical engineer. He was born in Hertfordshire, England, and planned to become a professional photographer. He started working with electrical circuits in a television repair shop while still a teen. In 1978, he accepted an apprenticeship to study power electronics and spent a few years learning to use ultra-sonic cleaning and plastic welding equipment. In 1984, he was recruited to work for British Aerospace.

"That would have made for a comfortable career. But I didn't like the huge scale of the operation. There were 7,500 staff and it was a two kilometer hike just to get to the company's canteen. I knew I needed to work for a small, focused operation."

He left British Aerospace and went to work for Guard Electro-Fusion, a small company with just seven staff that was the first operation to get approval for electro-fusion from the British Gas Board.

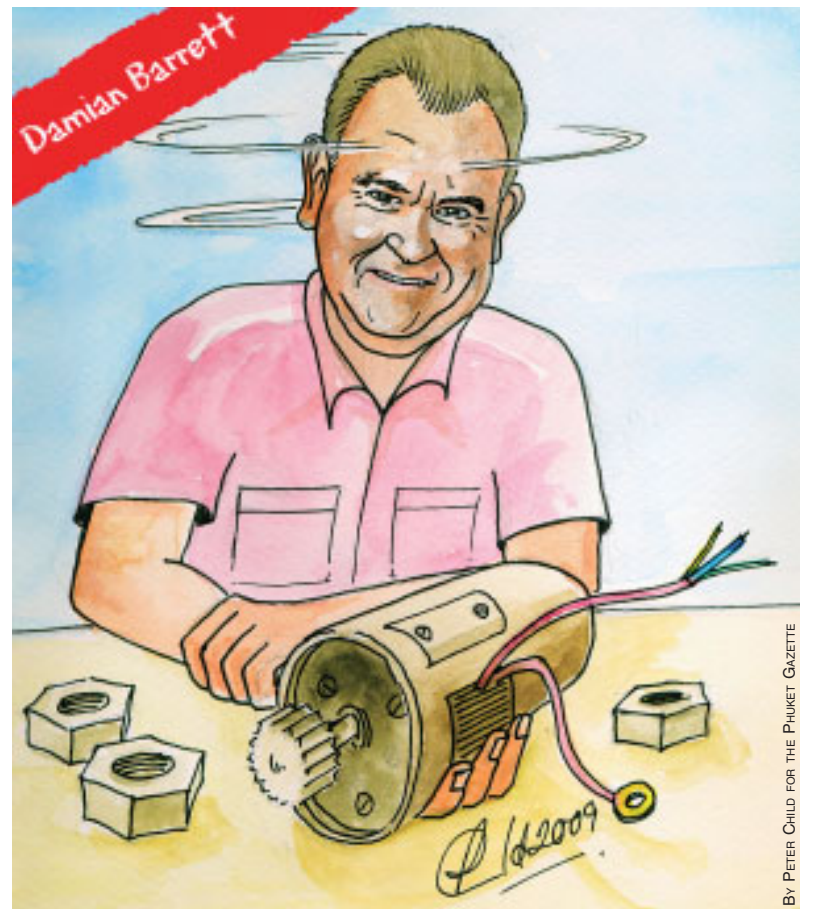
By 1987, young Damien felt he needed to broaden his knowledge of the world.

He spent the next couple years in America, New Zealand and Australia and found work in Singapore repairing the electrical systems on a 60ft ketch. He then came to work in Phuket on small boats in Chalong Bay.

"The skill level on Phuket, from engineering to carpentry to electronics, is the best in all Asia. We often get contracts for installations and repairs from other marinas around Southeast Asia as we provide quality service at a lower price. For example, we recently had a 160ft Braveheart come from Hong Kong so we could repair the satellite television system."

Damian was an important voice in the Marine Alliance of Thailand, which successfully lobbied the Thai government to bring import duties and taxes down on vessels and their parts, thereby allowing the marine industry to grow and flourish. As a result, he says, Electrical Marine has grown 30 per cent every year over the past ten years and is one of only three companies in the world that hold distributorships for top-end marine electronics.

In his free time, he enjoys being with his family, especially fishing or water skiing from his speedboat. "I'm a legal Thai resident now. Phuket's a great place to raise a family, to live and to work," he says. — **Bruce Stanley**



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

## ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

The individuals profiled in the *Gazette's* 'Expat Gallery' series have been chosen on the basis of their contributions to Phuket, and, as foreigners, for having made those contributions in successful partnerships with Thais. For many, the contributions have entailed significant investment, often at a time (mid-80s to mid-90s) when the rules of business were, ahh, not entirely clear. Some of our subjects are not business people at all, but have added real value to Phuket as English teachers, journalists, artists, engineers, fund raisers, etc. But all have one thing in common: if there were a *Who's Who in Phuket*, they'd be in it.



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**DOUBLE ABSOLUTE:** Bryan John George Lunt (right), Director of Absolute Sales Co Ltd, shakes hands with Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop on May 1 during Absolute's anniversary celebrations at Absolute restaurant in Jungceylon. Celebrations also included a birthday party for the company's operations manager Philip Lee Mason.



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:** CMAS President Achille Ferraro (front row, 4th from the left) and CMAS Secretary General Dr Pierre Bernier (front row, 3rd from the left) are joined by CMAS delegates and officials from around the world for a Gala Dinner and awards ceremony held in honor of the dive organization's 50th anniversary on May 4. The event took place at the Phuket Orchid resort in Karon and was part of a week-long CMAS General Assembly.



**BUBBLY FOR BOBBIES:** Winners from The Old Bill, a 27-strong team of Hong Kong policemen on a busman's holiday in Phuket, celebrate after a day of racing at Patong Go-Kart Speedway. The Old Bill were in Phuket to teach rugby skills to boys at Sainamyen school in Patong.




**BEACHCOMBERS COMBINED:** Staff from several companies operating in the Nai Yang area joined forces last weekend for a co-ordinated clean-up of Nai Yang Beach. Participants included staff and managers from Nai Yang Beach Resort, Dewa Phuket, Indigo Pearl, Siam Guardian Service and Nai Yang Kite Boarding School. The group plans to setup a committee to help preserve the beach with regular clean-ups.



**WHO'S LOOKING AT YOU:** The Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket was the venue for the USAID Mekong Malaria Programme Core Partners' Meeting on April 27-29. Taking part were delegates from the World Health Organization's United States Agency for International Development Regional Development Mission - Asia and the KENAN Institute Asia.



**WINNING WORDS:** Kajonkietsuksa School students Dilok Fernando de Groot (center), Grade 5, and Thanacha Wihok, Grade 6, with their teacher Michael Chalermvong at Muang Thong Thani in Bangkok. The students achieved top scores in the Ministry of Education's "Our Best For Thailand English Competition". The contest was held on April 23 and 24. Dilok came first in the Story Telling contest and Thanacha won the Speech contest.




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# Phuket's white night

By Daniel Ogunshakin

The chic boutique White Box bar and restaurant in Kalim Bay hosted one of Phuket's famous "White Parties" on Saturday, May 2, and a number of Phuket's well laundered expat community turned up to catch Brisbane-based Aussie DJ Scott Walker on the decks as he pumped out his special brand of upbeat house.

Party-goers came dressed to impress in DAZ-ling white, creating a heavenly not to say

spotless spectacle on the busy dance floor, as Walker – on his second visit to Phuket – got the crowd going with a sequence of club classics.

Since taking to the decks back in 1999, Scott Walker has forged a reputation as one of the most versatile DJs on the circuit. His ability to span multiple genres has taken Scott all over the globe, playing sets with the likes of Carl

Cox, Sasha and Digweed, and Underworld.

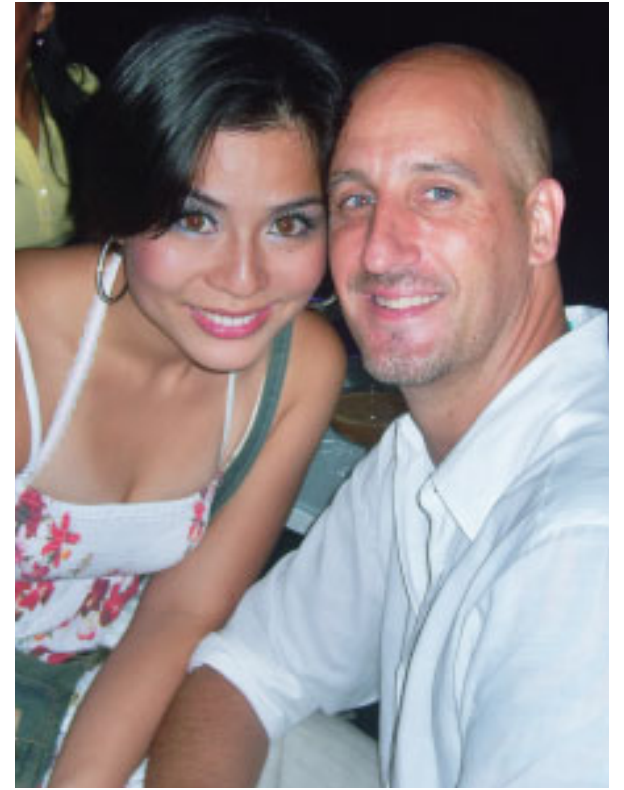
Speaking to the *Gazette*, Scott revealed his reasons for coming back to Phuket.

"When I came here three years ago, it was just a short holiday and I did the whole tourist thing. This time, I was keen to come back to check out the music venues and see more of the island," he said.

"It seems just as good as it was before. The people are always friendly and laid back and I just love the beaches and the water here," Scott added.

Generally starved of good house music, the Phuket faithful were visibly energized by Scott's innovative music selection, prompting the question how does DJing here compare with back home on the Gold Coast?

"The main difference is you can get away with more in Australia because there is more of a niche clubbing market," said Scott.



RIGHT: Scott Walker has forged a reputation as one of the most versatile DJs on the global circuit. LEFT: The cosmopolitan crowd, mostly dressed in white, appreciated the Gold Coast DJ's groove.

"Those who go out in Asia tend to prefer it slightly more commercial," he added.

Watching Scott interact with the white-shirts on the dance floor, it was evident that the consum-

mate pro had already found the groove and was enjoying his stint at White Box. So, we asked what are the ingredients are for the perfect set.

"A great crowd that re-

sponds to different sounds is vital. A good system is as important as a good club. I don't mind playing big clubs, but I prefer more intimate and cozy venues – you get a much better vibe."



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# Living life in the SLOW lane

Many people come to Phuket for its laid back approach to living. The warm weather, friendly locals, Thai food, spas, sunsets and lazy days on the beach all add up to a memorable and relaxing holiday. Indeed, tourists flock here to get away from the hectic pace that exists in most modern cities and take the time to unwind.

At the Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa, taking things slowly has whole new meaning as we found out at the recent "SLOW LIFE" wine dinner featuring Grgich wines from California's Napa Valley.

When told the wines were both organic and bio-dynamic and that we were about to enjoy a SLOW LIFE evening, thoughts of chewing organic brown rice a thousand times before swallowing and waiting an hour between courses swirled around my head. My suspicions were all but confirmed when I was given a glass of wheatgrass juice. However, upon reading the menu, my fears were allayed. SLOW stands for Sustainable, Local, Organic and Wholesome, while LIFE is an acronym for Learning, Inspiring, Fun and Experience.

The Slow Food movement began in Italy in 1986, established initially to resist the opening of a

McDonald's restaurant near the Spanish Steps in Rome and combat the spread of fast food. Since its inception the movement has expanded and now boasts more than 83,000 members with chapters in over 122 countries.

The movement has a series of objectives that include keeping seed banks to preserve ancient varieties of food, preserving and promoting local and traditional foods, educating consumers about the risks of fast food, the drawbacks of commercial agribusiness and factory farms, and lobbying against the use of pesticides.

The special guest and hostess for the evening was Violet Grgich, co-proprietor of Grgich Hills, who provided the wine for Phuket's first SLOW LIFE dinner. Her Croatian-born father Miljenko "Mike" Grgich gained international recognition at the celebrated "Paris Tasting" of 1976.

At the historic and infamous – at least for the French – blind tasting, a panel of eminent French judges swirled, sniffed, and sipped an array of the fabled white Burgundies from France and a small sampling of upstart Chardonnays from the Napa Valley.

When their scores were tallied, the French judges were shocked, amazed and quite possibly appalled. Incredibly, they

had named Grgich's 1973 *Chateau Montelena Chardonnay* as the finest white wine in the world. *Sacre Bleu!*



The special guest for the evening was Violet Grgich, co-proprietor of Grgich Hills, the daughter of Croatian-born Miljenko "Mike" Grgich who gained international recognition at the celebrated "Paris Tasting" of 1976.

had named Grgich's 1973 *Chateau Montelena Chardonnay* as the finest white wine in the world. *Sacre Bleu!*

The results stunned the international wine establishment and immediately earned Mike Grgich a reputation as one of the world's greatest vintners. Indeed, his French counterparts coined the phrase "new world wines" at roughly the same time in a bid to distance their wines from these foreign imports.

So what makes Grgich wine so special? For one, the vines are cultivated without artificial fertilizers, pesticides, or fungicides. Secondly, the winery maintains another philosophy called bio-dynamics and in 2006 switched to solar energy.

Bio-dynamics, though not an ancient system, claims to be based on ancient methods. It was developed in 1924 by Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner to help farmers who were worried that industrial agriculture was stripping vitality from their fields.

That same sentiment resonates today among consumers who seek out organic foods at grocery stores and farmers' markets. Concern over environmen-

tal impact and the growing market for all things "green" goes some way to help explain the rising popularity of sustainable, organic and bio-dynamic wines.

First up was a 2007 *Fume Blanc* that accompanied organic Thai black tiger prawns, served with a lemon honey sauce. The citrus notes of this wine offered an aroma of tropical fruit that married perfectly with the prawns, as did the 2006 *Chardonnay* served alongside Phuket rock lobster with mango salsa and pomelo salad.

With a nod to the French *Trou Normand*, a short pause ensued while we refreshed our palate with a home-grown and homemade mint and yogurt sorbet. Also refreshing, and original, was the Gemstone water being served. Inside the glass jug was a beautiful hollow glass cylinder containing a number of rose quartz crystals which "energize" the water.

Then came the meat and the reds. First, a free-range black pepper "mule" duck with red cabbage and an allspice tomato confit. To wash this down we were served a 2005 *Merlot*. This was a Cabernet lover's Merlot.

Mouth-coating flavors of plums, black tea and cocoa powder were all backed by a nice tannin structure.

Next came the slow organic lamb accompanied by a ginger jus, home grown shitake mushrooms and truffle essence that was not only organic, but positively orgasmic. To complement this masterpiece was a 2005 *Cabernet Sauvignon* packed with anise, black plum and blackcurrant with a dash of peppery spice on the finish. Now I know why they say 2005 was a good year.

By now my perception of SLOW food had irrevocably changed. I could not believe that what I was eating was actually healthy and good for me – especially when a Mud hut dessert made from 70% organic cocoa infused with dates and cinnamon appeared before my very eyes. The final wine was the 2005 *Zinfandel*, aged in oak with an irresistible mix of strawberries and raspberries and a hint of allspice. Divine.

If this is what the SLOW LIFE philosophy is all about, then I am sure all those who were present that evening left well and truly converted.



The chefs prepare wheatgrass shots that were served before dinner.



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**May 19. Punchline Comedy & Rotary Club Charity Special**

This May the Punchline Comedy Club is teaming up with the Rotary Club of Patong to put on a night of hilarious stand-up comedy while also raising much-needed funds for the Rotary club's charities. The Punchline Comedy Club has pledged money from every ticket sold, so not only will you be laughing at some of the best stand-up comedy the planet can provide, you'll also be giving to much needed Phuket causes. Full details and ticket outlets at our website. This show is sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. From 8pm to 11pm at Holiday Inn Resort Phuket, Patong Beach. For further information contact Khun Boom. T: 083-646 4671. E: info@phuketcomedy.com. W: www.phuketcomedy.com.

**May 19 to May 25. Third Annual Boathouse Writing Competition**

The Boathouse Short Fiction competition consists of two parts. Part one is open to all adults and part two is open to young student writers aged 15 to 18. Both parts require original stories not previously published, containing three key words: Boathouse, Oasis and Regatta. Stories can be on any subject but must have a Thai theme or subject matter relating to Thailand. The stories should be between 1,500 words and 2,000 words for adults and 800 to 1,200 words for students. For further information contact Lisa Sol. T: 076-330015. E: pr@boathousephuket.com. W: www.boathousephuket.com.

**May 24. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong**

From 10am to noon, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong. For further information contact Woody Leonhard. T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com. W: www.KhunWoody.com.

**May 24. Mini Marathon & Fun Run 2009**

Our 5th Annual Mini Marathon & Fun Run, raising funds in support of the Phuket Marine Biological Center's Marine Stranded Animal Rescue Project, will take place on May 24. The event comprises a mini marathon race of 10.5k (entry cost: 200 baht); a fun run of 3.5k (150 baht); and a family "Love Turtles" walk of 2.5k (300 baht). Registration takes place on Friday, May 22 from 10am to 5pm at the Phuket Tourism & Sports Office (Surakul Stadium) and on Saturday, May 23 from 10am to 5pm at Turtle Village, Mai Khao. The mini marathon takes place from 5am to 9:30am at Pru Jeh San Lake, Mai Khao. For further information contact Khun Khemwalai "Aim". T: 086-689 2230. E: info@maikhaoturt foundation.com. W: www.maikhaoturtlefoundation.com.

## Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta's Storytelling Evening



Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta presents an evening of exquisite food and enticing stories for adults by Phuket's only professional storyteller, Denise Bertrand (www.denisebertrand.com) on May 27. Ms Bertrand, an innovative Corporate Trainer with 22 years experience as a trainer and consultant in the "art" of communication in business and education, will entertain guests with tales in-between courses. Enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner plus coffee and tea interspersed with stories that will please your palate for 1,200 baht nett. From 7pm to 10:30pm at Royal Phuket Marina.

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**May 29 to Jun 30. The Second "Absolutely Aesthetics" Art Exhibition**

The second "Absolutely Aesthetics" will feature mixed techniques on board and vinyl tiles by talented young Thai artist, Kritsana Chaikitwattana. This series presents the contrasting beauty between classic and 'failed' sculpture and poses the question "What is the true value behind them?" Kritsana has participated in several exhibitions in Thailand, as well as in Korea (2003), Spain (2005), and Taiwan (2006). His exhibition at D Gallery runs from May 29 to June 30. Hours: Tue-Sat: 11am to 7pm; Sundays: noon to 6pm. At D Gallery, Royal Phuket Marina, Phuket. For further information contact D Gallery. T: 076-360867. E: info@dgallery.co.th. W: www.dgallery.co.th.

**May 31. TriBallistic Triathlon Race 2 of 4, Indigo Pearl**

Registration open from 6am to 8am.  
- 08:20hrs: Splash 'n' Dash for children aged 5-8 years (Swim, 60m; Bike, 1.5km; run, 800m)  
- 09:00: Adults: (Swim, 900m; Bike, 20km; Run, 7km)  
- 09:20hrs: Junior Race, ages 8-16 yrs (Swim, 250m; Bike, 6km; Run, 2km)  
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers for each age group, male and female + teams. Free refreshments on race day, also discounts for overnight stay, spa and food and beverage at the Indigo Pearl Resort for all athletes. TriBallistic will be selling sports nutrition and also TriBallistic merchandise on race day. From 6am to 12pm at Indigo Pearl Resort,

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**June 20. Phuket Academy of Dance**

The Phuket Academy of Dance proudly presents the 2009 "Song and Dance Extravaganza". This is a show not to be missed! The performance runs from 5pm to 8pm at the Mövenpick Hotel, Karon. For further information please contact Linda Cumming. T: 081-893 7749. E: lecumming@gmail.com. W: www.phuketdance.com.

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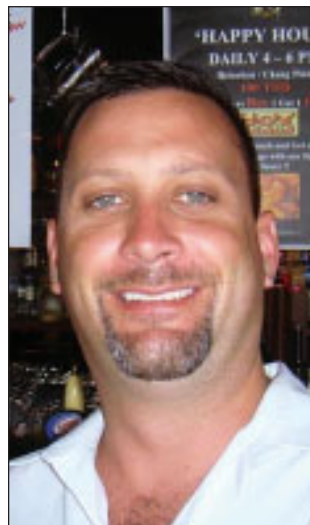


## ON THE MOVE

Mr Robert Merrigan has been recruited as the new Vice President of Property Services Asia for the Outrigger Enterprises Group. In his new position, Mr Merrigan will oversee all of Outrigger's construction projects throughout Asia. Prior to joining the company in 2009, Mr Merrigan had spent 25 years working in the industry as a consultant, including three years running his own business and two years advising Outrigger Hotels and Resorts in Asia.



Mr Kirk Stucker has been appointed to the position of Pub Manager of the Bill Bentley Pub at Turtle Village, Mai Khao Beach. Born in the US, Kirk has spent the last 27 years living in the Philippines, Malaysia, Spain, Miami Beach and Koh Samui, working in F&B, hospitality, guest relations and real estate sales. He began working with the Bill Bentley Pub chain and the MINOR group in January, 2009. His previous job was as GM of Dr Frogs in Koh Samui.



Ms Chanakarn Kanchanadomkit has been appointed Director of Sales and Marketing at the Cape Panwa Phuket Hotel Phuket. A native of Bangkok, Ms Chanakarn brings almost 20 years' experience in the sales and marketing industry to her new position, having previously worked for Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel and Tower, Shangri-La Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel, all in Bangkok, as well as Banyan Tree Phuket, the Accor Group and the Starwood Group.



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

Virtually every stockmarket in the world, regardless of size, has found March and April this year to be extremely profitable months.

This was a huge "relief" rally following the heavy losses experienced in late 2008 that spread into the first weeks of 2009. Selling was grossly overdone; the financial crisis became the new Armageddon and a panicked herd mentality set in as a result.

Following this, the market entered into a position which is technically known as "oversold". A strong reaction in the opposite direction was only to be expected. It was recommended several times in this column to investors who wanted to enter the market that this was a time to commit funds; not all, but some, in a technique called "cost averaging" – just add your "home" currency, for example, "dollar cost averaging".

We face very unusual times but, as May unfolds, there is an old saying in stockmarkets: "sell in May and go away, buy again on Michaelmas Day" – Septem-

ber 30. For reasons that are not immediately explicable, this has proved to be a profitable adage – although to buy at the end of October would have been vastly preferable in 1987 and 2008.

The great stockmarket crash of 1987 seemed, to many, to be virtually the end of the world; everywhere was a picture of doom and gloom. However, within 18 months, most stockmarkets were reaching record highs.

The current consensus is that the "green shoots" of recovery will be slow and unusually weak and there are certainly many reasons for this to be true. However, the general consensus may well be wrong.

The sheer magnitude of the fiscal stimulus packages enacted in virtually every country with a stockmarket may well spark faster recoveries than are anticipated.

However, the behavior of stockmarkets and the real economy often do not coincide. Stockmarkets are discounting mechanisms that usually presage events around nine months ahead.

Retail investors – that is to say, individuals – will be generally hesitant to re-invest, at least until economics and the markets appear to be more stable. This is understandable, as the losses most investors suffered in 2008

were substantial.

The stockmarket rally we have just witnessed may indeed turn out to be a "bear market rally", also somewhat cruelly referred to as "suckers' rallies". This is because it is their nature to rise, encouraging investors to buy, only to fall in value – often back to the starting point or even below.

During the 1990s, when the Japanese stockmarket virtually collapsed losing up to 80% of its value, there was one such rally that actually achieved a rise of 60% before falling right back. Even now, Japan is a living example of how badly things can go wrong. The bear market there has lasted almost 20 years.

Thailand is another example that shows how badly a stockmarket can perform. After reaching a peak of over 1,700 when measured by the SET composite index prior to February 1994, the same index has just moved over the 500 level, some 15 years later.

Most readers have enjoyed buoyant economic growth in their lifetime, with only short periods of recession. Perhaps we shall be fortunate and witness a rapid return to prosperity, but maybe it will take a little longer.

In regional terms, Asia is being tipped by most analysts as the region that will recover first. One of the main reasons is that

# When you see a bear you're not yet out of the woods



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many in Asia learned valuable lessons from the Asian financial crisis of 1997. Asian banks are now in a much healthier state than their Western counterparts.

One lesson that has hopefully been learned by Asian economies is that over-dependence on exports is at best unhealthy and at worst downright dangerous. More measures must be taken to encourage domestic spending to give local economies a better balance. To give an example, Thailand currently relies on exports for around 70% of its gross domestic product (GDP).

For those who wish to in-

vest in stockmarkets there are many questions that require answering, which include: which stockmarket should I invest my funds in? The obvious answer is one's "home" market, as the currency being used will relate to the individual's home currency. However, with expats, the situation is often more complex, with the concept of a "home" currency becoming blurred after many years of residing elsewhere. The easy alternative can simply be to have an international portfolio with funds invested around the world.

Investors may also prefer to limit themselves to regions – North America, Europe, Asia and so on. The next question is how to invest. This can consist of buying shares or collective investment schemes – more on this in coming weeks.

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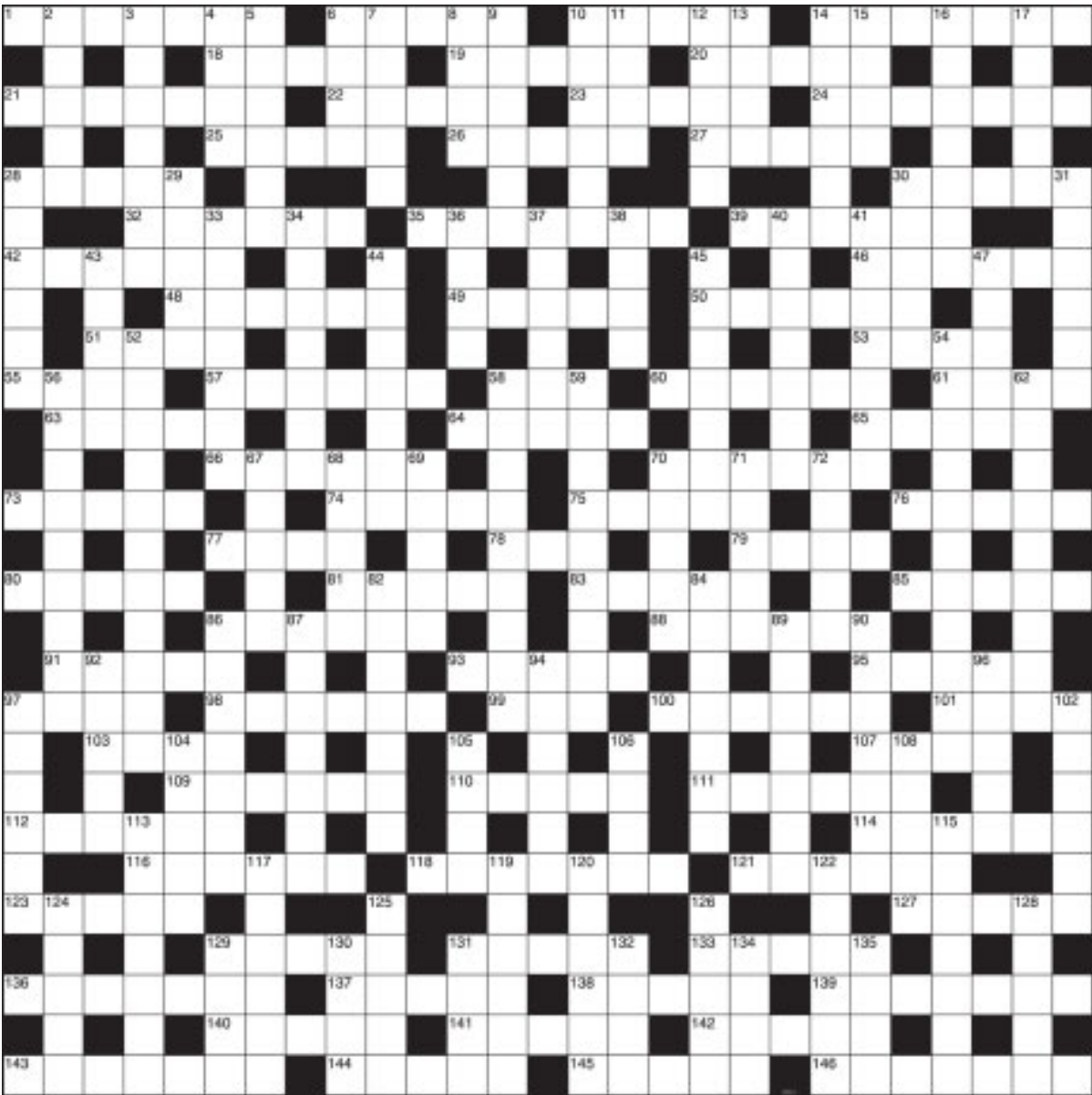




# Hidden Words

Hidden in the grid are the names of famous footballers, past and present. The words may read vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may also read right-to-left or down-to-up. Score: 15 or more, good; 20 or more, very good; 25 or more, excellent. Solution on the next page.

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# The BIG Crossword

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- Across**  
1. Blend  
6. Bubbly  
10. Baby dog  
14. US property agent  
18. Desert spring  
19. Assistants  
20. Pakistan currency  
21. Slight hint  
22. Side of hill  
23. Hindu kingdom  
24. Flexibility  
25. Exhilarate  
26. Smacks  
27. Welts  
28. Incorrect  
30. Access  
32. Ankle covering  
35. Forced one's way (in)  
39. Unspecified person  
42. Inventor, Thomas...  
46. Braced (oneself)  
48. Heavily weighted  
49. Large antelope  
50. Basketball team,... Globetrotters  
51. Speech defect  
53. Kind  
55. Be informed  
57. Jewelled headbands  
58. Leaf drink  
60. French Polynesian island  
61. Raw metals  
63. Swine feed  
64. Diminishes  
65. Cluttered  
66. Palestinian hero,... Arafat  
70. Paltry  
73. Hawaiian greeting  
74. Cause (destruction)
75. Unconcealed  
76. Engine  
77. Worldwide hostel group (1,1,1,1)  
78. Naughty child  
79. Burden  
80. Unmarried  
81. Cantaloupe  
83. Country, Sri...  
85. Later  
86. Quirk  
88. Bun seed  
91. Put off  
93. Reek  
95. Recurrent period  
97. Actor,... Hackman  
98. Docile  
99. Verse  
100. Involve  
101. Irish Republic  
103. London's Marble...  
107. Moreover  
109. Weaving fibre  
110. Stadium  
111. Minor details  
112. Head nurse  
114. Putin's land  
116. Upturned,... down  
118. Fabricate (docu-ment)  
121. Sets free (4,2)  
123. Moves in water  
127. ...& feet  
129. ...or downer  
131. Sweetener  
133. Tibia & ulna  
136. Get  
137. Corpse stiffness,... mortis  
138. Illuminated (3,2)  
139. Slanders  
140. Dimness  
141. Army doctor  
142. Piano adjuster
143. Itinerant caravan folk  
144. Sales pitch  
145. Board game  
146. Chose,... out
- Down**  
2. Proprietor  
3. Fits in well  
4. Not one  
5. Young bird of prey  
6. Clenched hand  
7. Tiny isle  
8. Administers electric shock to  
9. Produces  
10. Friend by correspon-dence (3,3)  
11. Utilises  
12. Shrimp relative  
13. Christmas  
14. Return match  
15. Congers  
16. Trainee  
17. Happen  
28. Funeral garland  
29. Prisons  
30. Foe  
31. Alpine melodies  
33. Clumsily  
34. Lengthways  
36. Fertiliser ingredient  
37. Cowardly  
38. Finishes  
40. Caring for  
41. Former (3-4)  
43. Spouse's mum or dad (2-3)  
44. Attacker  
45. Less expensive  
47. Steers off course  
52. Hunting dog (5,6)  
54. Mail centres (4,7)
56. Promenade  
58. Reprimand (7-2)  
59. Flying craft  
62. Enlightening fact  
67. Pointed gun  
68. Guru  
69. RSVP, please...  
70. Signifies  
71. Map book  
72. Resupply with weap-ons  
82. Moral  
84. Actor,... Branagh  
86. Parentless kids  
87. Overshadowed  
89. Greed  
90. Chocolate pastries  
92. Pass (legislation)  
94. Loafers  
96. Fierce felines  
97. Gadgets  
102. People living over-seas  
104. Horseriding whips  
105. Singer,... Cass  
106. Fish-landing pole  
108. Giggle  
113. Gossip items  
115. Saturating  
117. Incites to action  
119. ...& Hardy  
120. Inclined letter style  
122. Common threads  
124. Zany  
125. Preen  
126. Adjoins  
128. Ballet  
129. Beseech  
130. Cupid  
131. A few  
132. Wealthy  
134. Composer's work  
135. Indian garment

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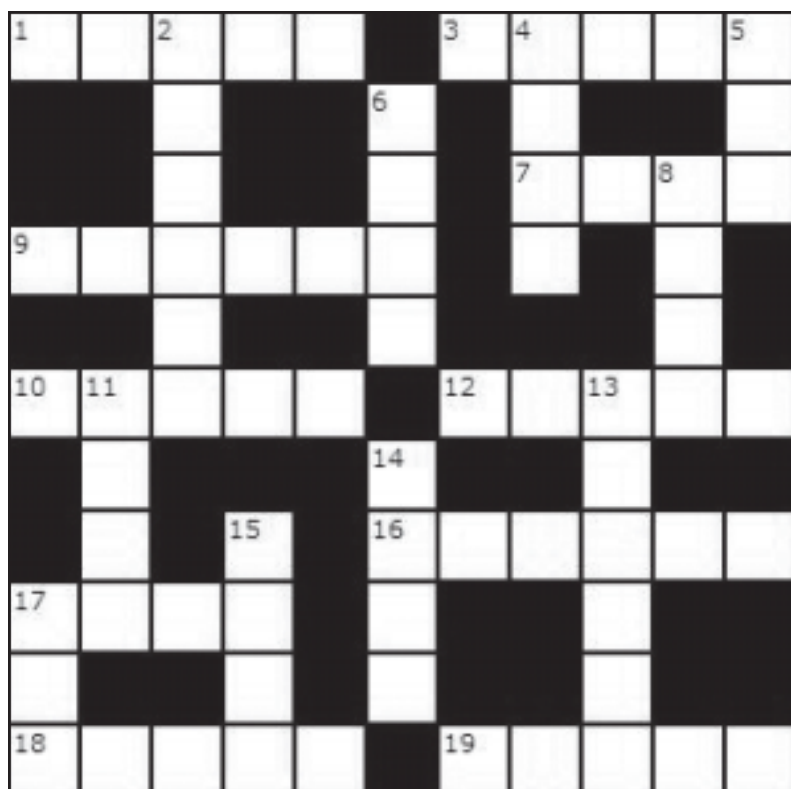
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Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Beware: there is only one solution to this puzzle, which is on the next page.





## Quick Crossword

### Across

1. Now
3. End
7. Goodbye
9. Tune
10. Drum
12. Meat
16. Settlement
17. Trickle
18. Worn on feet
19. On faces

### Down

2. Irish city
4. Measurement
5. Star sign
6. Men
8. Hairstyle
11. Finished
13. Part of a song
14. Pain
15. Dot
17. Touch lightly

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with the

# MONSTER QUIZ

1. What is *sake* made from?
2. Affenpinscher, Keeshond and Leonberger are all types of what?
3. In which county was Isaac Newton born?
4. What was Barack Obama's father's first name?
5. In what American state was Barack Obama born?
6. How many stones did David take for his fight with Goliath? One, five or fifteen?
7. In what year was Barack Obama born?
8. Who did Ted Turner, the media tycoon, marry in 1991?
9. What type of material is produced in a ginnery?
10. What does digamy mean?
11. What state does Sarah Palin represent as its governor?
12. What U.S. state did Barack Obama become senator of in 2005?
13. If eating Cambridge No. 5s, Wellands or Bedford Winter Harvests what would you be eating?
14. In which year did Royal Mail introduce self-adhesive stamps?
15. In a standard set of playing cards, which is the only king without a moustache?
16. What is the speed limit on a German motorway?
17. Which fruit contains the most calories?
18. What does a somnambulist do?
19. How old was the title character in the novel *Lolita*?
20. Which US state is home to the Joshua Tree National Park?

*Answers below*



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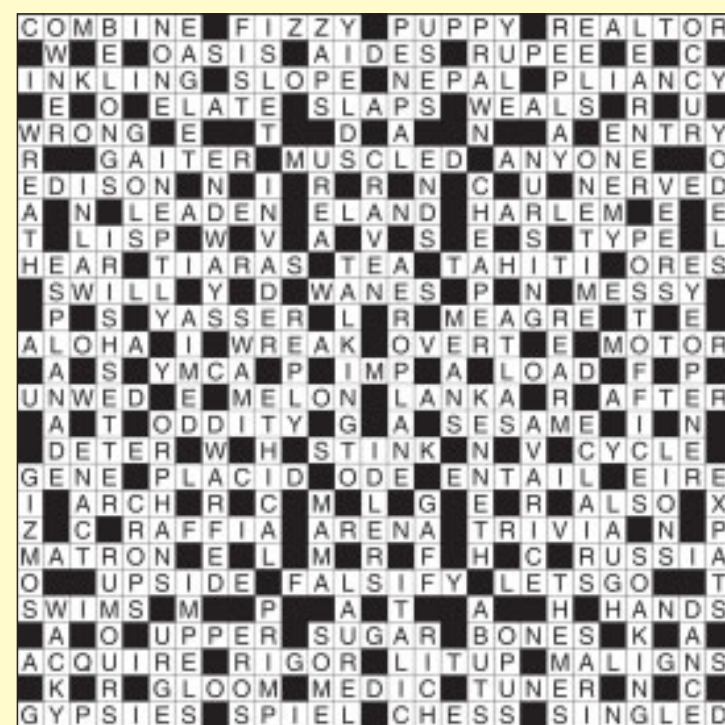
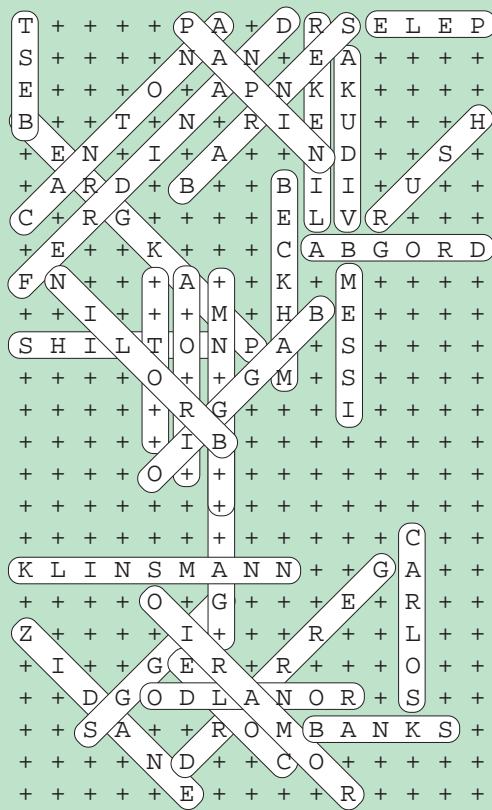
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# Puzzle Solutions

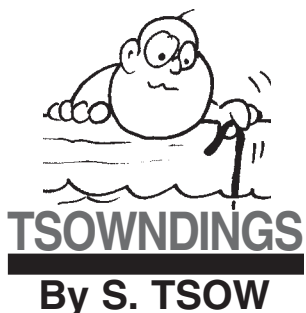
### Solution to this week's Quick Crossword



### Hidden Words SOLUTION







# Questions of footwear

**L**ike many people, I've always wanted to know the answers to the great cosmic questions. Why are we here? What forces control the universe? Is there a God? And why can you never get a taxi on Friday nights?

In Sunday school I learned that God controlled the universe. If I was good, he would let me into heaven when I died. If I wasn't, he'd send me to hell. That sounded fair enough.

But as I grew up, I found that there were questions that Sunday school couldn't answer. If God controlled the universe, why did he permit evil? Why did the car always get a flat tire every time I was rushing to an appointment? Why was the line always busy whenever I phoned out for a pizza?

There were also questions about the universe. Not only was it expanding at an alarming rate, there were black holes in it. They never taught us about black holes in Sunday school. I wanted to know how black holes and flat tires fit into "God's Plan". And I still hadn't tackled the toughest question of all – the unavailability of taxis on Friday nights.

So this past February I de-

cided to get these questions out of the way. I went to India, the source, fount, and wellspring of all spiritual knowledge. There I planned to attain enlightenment. Meditating in a famous temple, I would purify my mind. Eventually, impressed by my sincerity, God would reveal himself, and we would have snappy dialogues like this:

**Me:** Tell me about black holes, Lord.

**God:** Why are you curious about black holes, my child? You ever read Freud? You know what he'd have to say about this unhealthy obsession?

**Me:** No, I want to know about black holes. Also, I want enlightenment. Are you going to give me enlightenment?

**God:** No.

**Me:** Why not? The Buddha got enlightenment, and I want it too.

**God:** In case you haven't noticed, my child, you are not the Buddha. In your case, alas, enlightenment is the knowledge that you're not going to get it.

Disregarding such negative thoughts, I flew off to India all aglow with anticipation of the mighty spiritual revelations I was sure awaited me. But I had reckoned without an insuperable obstacle to my spiritual growth – an obstacle they don't tell you about in the books about meditation. The books warn you about the dangers of pride, lust, greed and



**MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE:** What would Freud have to say about an obsession with black holes? Image courtesy of NASA.

ambition. But they don't warn you about shoes.

On my first day, in accordance with Indian custom, as I started up the steps to the temple I took off my shoes and placed them among the dozens of shoes left outside. Then I noticed a nearby sign: "MIND YOUR SHOES". Another sign elaborated: "SHOE-LIFTERS ARE ABOUT".

That stopped me cold. Apparently Indian temples attract shoe thieves. Once I went inside, how could I meditate properly if I kept running to the door to make sure my shoes were still there? And if I didn't do that, how could I concentrate on my meditation? I would always be worrying that somebody was stealing my shoes.

Now the Indians have anticipated this problem. Most

temples have shoe-checking facilities. Just as Westerners often check their hats and coats when entering a theater, so Indians check their shoes when entering a temple.

An entire profession has grown up around this concept. Outside some temples, small boys will mind your shoes for a few rupees. Outside others, there are free shoe-checking booths manned by volunteers.

Even so, my faith was shaken. I couldn't help wondering, as I tried to meditate, whether the shoe-check boys were honest. Perhaps they would abscond with my shoes and sell them. Perhaps the shoe-checking booths were a scam, part of a vast, Mafia-controlled network of international traffic in stolen shoes.

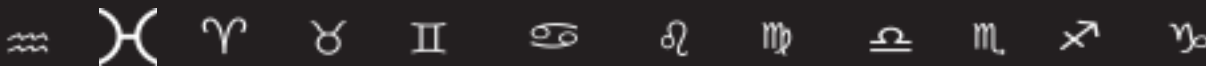
So I never stopped worrying about my shoes while I was in India, and I blame this for my failure to attain enlightenment. I never found out about black holes either – nor about flat tires.

But I did find out why you can never get a taxi on Friday nights. The answer came in a burst of revelation as I was dozing off in the temple:

"The taxis are all full, my child. Other people want to go out too".

*S. Tsow can be flamed at s.tsow@ymail.com, except when he's worrying about his shoes.*

## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): A positive mood allows Taureans to make the most of what is on offer this week. Your greatest success will probably come from a recently made business contact. Love also benefits from a less constricted outlook. You realize that allowing someone more freedom is the key to a successful relationship. Those celebrating a birthday this week will learn a lot to their advantage in the year ahead.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Last minute demands in the world of work could see Geminis trying to come up for air this week. Scorpio in particular could cause you stress on Monday, but it would be wise to maintain a cool heart. The best day for discussing romantic issues is Tuesday when compromise is well-starred, although your hot-headed approach will need controlling. The number eight can bring surprisingly good luck this weekend.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): This is not the right week to take chances or make changes. Leaving the safety of a familiar path can lead Cancerians directly into trouble. The stars suggest that those who stay settled in a comfortable routine will soon

reap more rewards. Your luck in love is strongest on Monday and Tuesday as Virgo is ready to respond to your advances. The number five comes alive this weekend.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): A hyperactive mood overcomes Leos during the second half of May. This comes at an appropriate time as there is much to be accomplished. Wednesday is your best day for talks relating to possible new employment, but accepting the first offer made is inadvisable. A dream this weekend gives food for thought concerning an ongoing romantic dilemma. Wearing the color sky blue encourages your ideas to flow more constructively.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Control is the name of the game for those born under the sign of Virgo. Your ability to handle tricky colleagues will color progress made until next month. A cooling in the attitude of a romantic partner is indicated, but fishing for explanations will bring little success. Those who are single can expect to meet someone who kindles their interest this weekend. Wearing the color charcoal gray encourages more patience.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Team spirit at work is improved following the departure of a difficult colleague. With this person gone, Librans receive the green light to finally chase promotion, although it would better to allow the dust to settle before pursuing your dreams. This weekend, your caring nature is appreciated by a fire sign friend recently disappointed in love. Your personal romantic picture is rosy and the stars suggest that commitment is on the cards.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): An impatient attitude is likely to land some Scorpions in hot water during the next few days. The stars predict that swords could be crossed with an irritable Aquarian on Monday and romantic encounters are also subject to flying sparks. As the week progresses, your outlook calms down slightly, but spending time alone in quiet contemplation is strongly recommended. The scent of jasmine can encourage a softer, sweeter mood.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Life is like a game of chess for many of those born under the sign of Sagittarius this week. Making a wrong move because of your tendency not to

plan ahead is highlighted on Tuesday. In the realm of romance, your lack of willingness to play cat and mouse forces a confrontation this weekend. A friend's confession midweek makes you think twice about this person's integrity and you may want to re-evaluate your relationship with them.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Doubts are raised concerning a business deal and some Capricorns could experience a stressful period early next week. The stars indicate that an air sign is poised to save the day, but at a price. Your reluctance to become romantically involved with an attractive Aquarian is put to the test this weekend. Those already committed are forecast to see a new, intriguing side to their partner. Your lucky number this week is six.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): The working week will be like a seesaw ride for those born under the sign of Aquarius. Take advantage of the fact that Monday and Tuesday should be your most productive days because crossed wires will make it hard to accomplish all you want later in the week. Miscommunication is also highlighted in ro-

mance where an earth sign will be particularly hard to reach an understanding with. Wearing the color strawberry red encourages a more relaxed mood.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Pisceans being too hard on themselves receive a wake-up call this week. An earth sign friend has your best interests at heart and although their words may be hard to digest, it's worth listening to some practical advice. Money matters are well-starred in the second half of May when a work-related bonus is forecast to land unexpectedly in your lap just when you could use the extra cash. The number nine brings good luck this weekend.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Your tendency to charge straight into situations without considering the consequences could have regrettable results next week. Delay acceptance of offers relating to business or property until Thursday or Friday to avoid this happening. Liaisons with water signs are nevertheless best avoided. Events in the area of romance take on new life when your attempts to impress a certain someone finally gain recognition. The scent of sandalwood encourages clearer perception.



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## Third time unlucky for Asean

The postponement of the forthcoming Asean-led summit to late October comes as a real letdown, not just for Phuket, but for all of Thailand.

While Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya has stressed that security issues played no part in the postponement, this assertion appears somewhat tenuous given the turmoil that took place in Pattaya over Songkran, when some unlucky delegates had to be airlifted to safety from the roof of the host venue, the Royal Cliff Resort.

Although the delegates were never really in grave danger, those dramatic images, shown in media outlets around the world, were reminiscent of the US military's helicopter airlift during the Fall of Saigon. They hardly served to inspire confidence in the safety of travel to Thailand.

Less widely known outside Thailand, but just as troubling, was the series of politically inspired acts of violence that followed: attacks on the motorcade carrying Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and his deputy Suthep Thaugsuban; the assassination attempt on PAD leader Sondhi Limthongkul; and red-shirted protesters roaming the streets of the capital, menacing and threatening entire neighborhoods.

Prior to the postponement, much local debate surrounded the government's decision to invoke the 2008 Internal Security Act to ensure there is no repeat of the Pattaya fiasco here in Phuket.

Given the importance of maintaining Phuket's image as a safe tourist destination, it is understandable that some people were uneasy with the government's decision to hand over security planning to the military – which had planned to truck and fly in some 5,000 troops from Army Division One, deploy Navy and Marine Police vessels off Karon Bay and set no fewer than three security perimeters around what was to have been the host venue, the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa.

It is equally understandable that the government would want to make absolutely sure there could be no disruption of the Phuket summit and the inestimable damage that would cause to Thailand's reputation.

Yet it is hard to avoid the conclusion that this latest postponement has done damage of its own. Many observers are sure to question why the government would announce a mid-June summit before ensuring the participation of a sufficient number of member states.

The postponement has cost Phuket what could have been a real low-season (oops, Summer Season) boon and a chance to restore Thailand's image. Let's hope against hope that by the time October rolls around the political situation will have improved. Perhaps then, Phuket can host the summit without the need to invoke the Internal Security Act or allow foreign delegations to bring in their own security details.

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## Letters

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

### Under the rug

I find it odd that your paper chose not to cover the case of Englishman Simon Burrowes. Numerous other publications – both inside and outside Phuket – have followed the case diligently. Surely you must have looked into the case?

His tale of woe should be of interest to your readers – people who also have to deal with Immigration on a regular basis. The story also contains typically printable topics such as controversy, cultural divides and incarceration. I was certainly interested in reading about a foreign national who had been left in jail for three weeks, forced to pay nearly 2,000 pounds sterling and faced a two-year prison sentence – all for insulting an Immigration officer.

Having lived here for five years, I'm well aware of the sensitive nature of topics involving the authorities. I'm also aware of Thailand's consistent – according to most reports – slide down the list of media-friendly nations. I can't help but assume that the *Gazette* has shied away from the story due to basic fears of repercussions from the powers that be here on Phuket.

Just how did the *Gazette* celebrate World Press Freedom day this year?

EW Haeg  
Phuket Town

### Just accept it?

Now, arguing with an immigration official is a crime? Another indication that the Prime Minister's new tourist encouragement plan is working perfectly. Continuation of this policy

will ensure a real change in tourist figures – there will be none!

Don Aleman  
Pattaya

### Public toilets

I, along with many other *farang*, use Phuket bus terminal on a regular basis. The problem is that if we want to use the toilet, there aren't any for foreigners. Perhaps the Phuket administration could look into installing one raised toilet as many *farang* are either are old, disabled or incapable of squatting.

Brian Forlonge  
Korat

### Emergency numbers

Despite having lived in Phuket for a reasonable amount of time, I am currently unsure what number I have to dial if I wish to contact the emergency services. I believe that it is '1669' but I'm not 100% percent sure.

There seem to be four-digit numbers banded all around the island for hospitals, road accidents and of all things fast food chains. Why can't those in charge provide people with a number that is unique, avoiding any confusion. Something akin to 999 or 911 would be brilliant. My biggest concern is – heaven forbid – being involved in an accident or witnessing an accident, dialing what I believe to be the emergency services and then being asked, "Do you want to supersize that, sir?", by someone at the other end of the line.

Having too many numbers is just confusing and could lead to delays costing precious minutes in the race to save lives – please, let's have just a single

easy-to-remember number that won't phone McDonald's.

Jo Garwood  
Nai Yang

### Protect the Reef Squadron

I read with great interest your news feature about the Coral Reef Squadron [*Phuket Gazette* May 9-15] and was saddened to discover that it has already been damaged and that fishermen are catching the life that call the wrecks home. Given the site's proximity to the beach, I can only assume it's being done illegally.

The decommissioned aircraft must have cost a decent sum of money just to buy, let alone transport and lay to rest. It seems that nothing can be precious anymore and people will desecrate anything for a few baht. Creating the site was a move by the TDA to help establish Phuket as a diving hotspot.

This is never going to happen if the sites aren't policed. It seems that paying a yearly fee is the only way to ensure that there is something left to enjoy.

Derek Gaultier  
Surin Beach

### Three cheers

I have been looking at the *Gazette* for three weeks now and I have just seen your photos and live interview with regard to the beach clean up. I will some day retire in Phuket and visit at least once a year. I really look forward to seeing more of your excellent work.

John  
Las Vegas

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# Protecting Jacques Cousteau's legacy



## FIRST PERSON

In 1959 legendary marine explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau was appointed president of the newly formed *Confederation Mondiale des Activites Subaquatiques* (CMAS). To mark the 50th anniversary of CMAS, Phuket hosted the federation's General Assembly at a gala dinner that brought more than 100 CMAS delegates, officials and dignitaries from around the world to the island. As Secretary General of CMAS, and an avid diver for more than 30 years, Dr Pierre Dernier has seen the diving industry move away from being the domain of the military into mainstream culture. Dr Dernier spoke to the *Gazette's* Daniel Ogunshakin about these changes, the challenges facing the industry and what Phuket must do to establish itself as a world-renowned diving hotspot.

**D**iving has evolved so much since I first became a certified diver. I have dived for more than thirty years and back when I started, the people who went scuba diving were quite different from those who enjoy it today. Back then you had to be somebody like John Rambo to be able to dive.

Now diving is most definitely a leisure pursuit that can be enjoyed by people from all walks of life. In my club – before I became more associated with CMAS – we had 50- and 60-year-olds who wanted to learn to dive; in the past they would have just said no.

Everyday more and more people are getting involved with diving and it's not limited to those who want to become instructors and divemasters, as perhaps was the case in the past. Today, people simply want to attain this unique passport that enables them to explore and experience the sea first-hand.

The biggest challenge facing the dive industry at the moment is to ensure that the tech-

nology evolving within the industry is safe and reliable. It is human nature to push the boundaries as far as possible, but we must ensure that the technology that supports it is not only available, but safe.

Highly technical diving such as trimix diving – which uses a mixture of helium, oxygen and nitrogen – or the use of electronic systems, such as closed circuit rebreathers, is becoming increasingly popular. I wouldn't say that this is problematic and should be discontinued, but it is something that needs to be simplified and made easier and safer to use.

At the moment if you're diving with trimix you need four or five tanks and four or five regulators. It's a lot of equipment meaning a lot can go wrong. Also advanced technical diving is an expensive activity. The amount of equipment required to perform these dives means the cost rises dramatically. Making it safer and more cost effective is one challenge we face.

Another big challenge for us all is environmental protection. If

we are not careful, we will face the same problems that have befallen natural parks such as those in Kenya and Tanzania and so on, which must now strictly regulate the tourists who visit them, limiting what they are able to do. It is imperative that this does not become the case for divers, not only for diving in sea water, but also fresh water diving.

If Phuket is to become a world-renowned dive destination, everybody must work together and take the measures necessary to avoid the destruction of the underwater environment.

This is something that everybody on the island can contribute towards, not just the dive centers and divers, but everyone who lives here and all those who visit Phuket.

Unfortunately, this is much easier said than done. I visited Thailand about 20 years ago and the country was beautiful. If you look at it today – and I cite the volume of traffic that is present on the roads as an example – it would appear that people do not care for the environment in Thai-

land. This will ultimately impact upon the dive industry here in Phuket, damaging its chances of becoming an established destination on the world diving stage.

Over-fishing, pollution and rising sea temperatures are major concerns for the diving industry, but the biggest problem we face is one of lack of awareness. The majority of people are unaware how serious the situation is and in the past I would have included myself on that list. At the General Assembly in Monaco, I asked one of the marine biologists who was present, "The ocean is so very big. How can we destroy it?" He said to me, "The ocean is a desert, but the reefs are an oasis and they are at risk".

It became clear to me how important it is to ensure that the world's coral reef systems are protected. Without them, there is no diving industry.

It is a responsibility that we are all charged with, particularly divers and the dive industry as a whole.

It is very important for governments, dive federations, scien-

tists and dive centers to work hand-in-hand to protect our way of life. The governments must create and control protected zones around these precious ecosystems, preserving them for future generations.

The role of the federations is to teach everybody, starting with divers, about environmental protection. About 10 years ago, CMAS produced a list of 10 golden rules – 10 commandments, if you will – for environmental protection. This list is available on the CMAS website.

Although it is important to have the backing of governments and dive federations, if we are to truly make a difference, environmental protection and awareness must begin at school, teaching both divers and non-divers.

If we can make people aware of the problems from a young age, they will be more inclined to help make a difference and pass on their knowledge to both older and younger generations and together work towards protecting these beautiful yet fragile ecosystems.

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### Importing tools

I am planning to buy power tools via the internet and ship them to Thailand by mail. The package is about 30kg and valued at about 30,000 baht. Is it correct that the package will be held in Bangkok? Can I pay the import tax in Phuket?

If so, where? Will Thai mail send the package to Phuket after I pay the import tax?

Gerar Teuben  
Kathu

**Ketsarin Sombatsawat from the Customs and Excise Department replies:**

You can pay the tax at the Customs office in Phuket. Because your package is valued at more than 20,000 baht, the package must go to customs in

Bangkok to be checked, and will then be forwarded to the post office in Phuket. The post office will notify you of its arrival by sending you a green slip. You should take the slip to the customs office in Phuket together with your passport and the money to pay the import duty. To speed up the process you should provide the invoice, including the name and value of the items and your current address in Phuket.

For more information contact Phuket Customs office. Tel: 076-211105 or 076-211106.

### Name change

This summer I will have my name legally changed in my home country. However, I own vehicles and have a five-year driver's license in Thailand. What is Thailand's position with regard to

legal name changes? Specifically, will changing the registration name on my cars and motorbikes be understood, along with the driving licenses? Can visas be easily moved between passports or must I get new ones outside Thailand?

Sefton Hanley  
Phuket

**Sub-Inspector Police Captain Rassarin Teerapattanakul of Phuket Immigration replies:**

If you change your name you need to apply for a new visa in the same manner you did before.

**Mr Charote Klinmanee, Chief of Registration Department replies:**

To change your car and motorcycle green books you will require the following documents:

your new passport and work permit with copies of both; a certificate documenting your name change translated in Thai with confirmation from your embassy; the green books for your car and motorcycles and a 55 baht fee.

**Ms Supaporn Wilairat, Chief of the Driver's License Department replies:**

For the driver's license you will need the following: Your new passport plus a copy; your new work permit plus a copy; a certificate documenting your name change translated in Thai with confirmation from your embassy and your old driver's license.

For more information contact the Driver's License Department. Tel: 076-214 930-1; Registration Department. Tel: 076-214 929 and Phuket Immigration. Tel: 076-221 905.



# Vagabonds clobbered by The Old Bill at Saphan Hin

**L**abor day weekend saw the return to Phuket of The Old Bill Rugby team – so called because the team is made up of members of the Hong Kong Police Force – who traveled to Phuket for their first tour since the 2007 Phuket Rugby 10s. Having arrived in the wee small hours of Thursday morning, the lads from law enforcement were quickly into their stride, singlehandedly reversing the Patong economic crisis.

On Friday – presumably sometime in the afternoon – members of The Old Bill held a coaching clinic for the Sainamyen school under-12s rugby team. The students had fun learning new techniques, meeting new friends and were delighted to receive an assortment of rugby equipment for future use.

The match against old foes the Phuket Vagabonds was originally slated to take place at the British International School, but had to be relocated to Saphan Hin Stadium as the school could not guarantee that the match would go ahead in the event of rain.

As a curtain-raiser to the big match, the Sainamyen school under 12s played a game of 10s, much to the delight of the visiting team, who were reportedly surprised by the kids' level of skill and commitment.

After the youngsters had cleared the stage, the two teams took to the field for the main

event. The Old Bill – sporting a new kit for the occasion, though not riot gear as reported elsewhere – fielded a team of both youth and experience. The addition of new players from New Zealand and the UK has added strength to the already considerable depth and the team appeared more focused on the job in hand than in years gone by. The Vagabonds – having seen it all before – adopted their more customary laid back approach to proceedings.

Right from the kick off, it was clear that the visiting side was more organized and only some heroic defensive play by the Vagabonds kept the scores level. Vagabonds full-back Alexandre Cressard was particularly impressive, making two try-saving tackles.

The Old Bill continued to ask questions of the Vagabonds defensive line, and it was just a matter of time before hosts helped them with their enquiries, conceding two tries in quick succession to trail 10 points to nil at the first break.

The rest appeared to revitalized the home side. Stand-off Irish John was outstanding in the tackle and broke the visitors line on numerous occasions, ably supported by Paul Johnson and the stalwart of Phuket rugby Ben “snake hips” Hennessy.

A solid scrum 10 yards out resulted in some fluent passing



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down the line, allowing full-back Alexandre Cressard to dive over in the corner.

A quick turnover straight from the kick off saw The Old Bill re-establish their two-try advantage but the Vagabonds responded with some superb forward play, which saw them stopped just inches short of the line. Quick ball from the resulting ruck saw Irish John surge for the line, before off loading the ball to Cressard who crossed the line unopposed for his second try of the match.

At half-time and with the score at three tries to two, everything was still to play for. With the wind at their backs, The Old Bill turned up the heat in the second half and some fine rugby saw them ease further ahead, courtesy of two tries in as many minutes.

In the closing stages, a steal at the breakdown by Vagabonds winger Chat started a majestic back line move that saw the Vagabonds register a consolation try. With time almost up, The Old Bill forwards drove over for a well

deserved try following a contentious penalty awarded close to the line. The final score: Vagabonds 15 - The Old Bill 30.

The Vagabonds “clubhouse” – the Aussie Bar on Soi Bangla – hosted the after-match party where the official presentations were made.

Dave Lewis of the Old Bill was named “Best forward of the day” while Irish John and Alex Cressard jointly scooped the Vagabonds’ “Player of the day” award.

-Pat Cotter

## Phuket community invited to walk for charity

**T**he Laguna Phuket International Marathon 2009 is inviting the local Phuket community to take part in the 5k walk, which will be held in conjunction with

the marathon at 8:00am on Sunday, June 14 at Laguna Phuket.

In 2008 more than 800 walkers took part in the 5k walk with a large number of them raising money for charity. Leading the way were the associates of Laguna Phuket who raised funds to build a new roof and drainage system for the Baan Klongsai School in Phang Nga province. This year the charity activity will

be open to all participants and groups, giving everyone the opportunity to help the school.

To receive sponsorship details and learn more about the program, interested parties should e-mail [csrinfo@lagunaphuket.com](mailto:csrinfo@lagunaphuket.com). Race entry information and group registration forms can be obtained from Mattie, the Group Registration Manager at [mattie@goadventure.com](mailto:mattie@goadventure.com). Indi-

viduals can register online at [www.goadventureasia.com/registration/pimregistlocal.php](http://www.goadventureasia.com/registration/pimregistlocal.php).

The entry fee for the 5k walk is 200 baht and includes a race number, Nike singlet, finisher's medal and food after the race. The registration deadline is June 6.

For the second year in a row participants have a chance

to enter a photo competition to win prizes. Every runner, spectator or volunteer will have the opportunity to submit their favorite photo taken on the day of the marathon. All pictures submitted will be shown at the farewell party on the evening of June 14. The best pictures will win prizes such as hotel vouchers for next year's event.

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# Oledong to defend WBC title in Phuket

PATONG: Undefeated WBC minimum-weight champion Oledong Sithsamerchai (29-0-0) will defend his title against former IBF champ Muhammad Rachman from Indonesia (62-7-5) on May 29 in Patong.

The fast-fisted Oledong, 23, is the pride of Trang's Rassada District. He won the WBC title by beating fellow Thai Eagle Den Junlaphan on points in Bangkok in November, 2007. The contest will be Oledong's second title defense here in Phuket. In his first, at Saphan Hin in June last year, he knocked out Japanese boxer Junichi Ebisuoka in Round 9. In his second defense, he recorded a unanimous decision points victory over compatriot Pornsawan Porpramook in Phitsanuloke last November.

His opponent, Muhammad "Rock Breaker" Rachman, is a former IBF minimum-weight champ. In his last fight, held in Cebu City in the Philippines in March this year, he lost a unanimous points decision against hometown favorite Milan Melindoof. Boxing analyst Scott Mallon said that at 38 years of age, Rachman is well past his prime and most likely will have a very difficult time against the speed of Oledong.

Young champs generally like to fight aging former champions to make their career records more impressive. Unless he pulls off a huge upset, the fight could be Rachman's last big pay day.



## Sea Dragons suffer another home defeat

PHUKET CITY: Surakul Stadium remains less than a fortress for Phuket FC as the "Sea Dragons" were once again beaten on home soil, this time suffering a 1-0 defeat at the hands of bottom-of-the-table Yala – who picked up their first points in the league after four consecutive losses.

After five matches, high-flying Satun top the table with 13 points, followed by Nakhon Sri Thammarat (12) and Narathiwat (11).

In a match that could have gone either way, Yala capitalized on a defensive lapse by the home side midway through the second half to take the lead. It was only the second goal that Yala had scored all season – having conceded nine – and their players were understandably jubilant.

The few hundred people in the crowd included a small contingent of foreigners.

Entrance to the matches is 50 baht for adults and free for children and spectators are allowed to bring in their own refreshment – including coolers of beer.

Despite the fine weather and optimal conditions, attendance was lower than expected, due largely to a poorly-publicized rescheduling of the match from 5pm to 7pm.

A number of people who showed up for the match at the originally scheduled time didn't want to wait two hours; many of them were more interested in the Manchester United vs Manchester City match that was taking place at the same time. In fact, the biggest cheers of the night came when the stadium announcers read out the scores from that match.

Also greeted with a loud cheer was the announcement that Narathiwat had beaten Nakhon Sri Thammarat in the only other match played on the same day.

Phuket currently languishes sixth in the standings with four points, having registered a win, a draw and three losses thus far in the campaign. Next up for Phuket is a home game against Pattani, scheduled to start at 7pm according to the league's official website.

*-Thanyawee Sookthong*

## Flying Fish strike gold at Phuket swim meet

Swimmers from the Flying Fish Swimming Club continued their successful season, both at home and abroad, with a series of impressive performances at the annual Phuket Sprint Meet, held at Saphan Hin on April 25-26. The event attracted 366 swimmers from 22 clubs with events for competitors aged between six and 19.

With just a small squad of seven, the Flying Fish managed to scoop 19 individual medals, victories in a number of the freestyle and medley relays, plus two "swimmer of the meet" trophies for the 11- and 12-year-old boys categories – not to mention a host of personal bests.

Andy Heinz and Marcus Goetz, who both recently competed for the club in Singapore, were the stand-out performers for

the Flying Fish. Star swimmer Andy won a total of nine individual medals – including six gold – also adding two relay golds on his way to becoming the 12-year-old boys' overall champion. Marcus also excelled, winning six individual medals – three of them gold – and anchoring two relay victories. Following such a prodigious medal haul, Marcus was deservedly named overall champion for the 11-year-old boys.

Completing an outstanding team performance, Raymond Windsor won three individual bronze medals and two relay golds; Kenneth Carter was part of the successful medley and freestyle relay teams in the nine-year-old boys category, while Christina Bebbington and Alysa Marinas both recorded several personal bests.

*-Bianca Goetz*

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# Life after death for Phuket



## PROPERTY WATCH

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Flat as a pancake; ground zero; the patient has flatlined. The market hasn't simply slowed – that would be good – it's dead. All these phrases have been used to describe the state of the Phuket property market of late. This sentiment seems to be growing. A piece recently written in the global edition of the *New York Times* said Phuket's "rampant development has ground to a halt". As if to illustrate the point, the article was accompanied by pictures of a construction crane not moving at twilight and a deserted beach with unmanned sun loungers.

Looking closely at the caption reveals the words "photo agency", indicating stock photos. Most likely, the beach photo was taken at six in the morning, and construction site snapped when people were on their lunch break – it's all too staged to be real.

What it does prove is that the all-important market sentiment has turned. Even locals are becoming more vocal about the downturn and current market conditions. The line between truth and fiction remains a very fine one and to find out what is really happening requires more than simply looking at some facts and figures.

The current downturn has been compounded by a market that was hit hard a few years ago thanks to the Foreign Business Act scare and the Thaksin coup. Since then we've had subprime lending, a few prime ministers and prime time news events including swine flu, airport closures and the emergence of so many different colored shirts that I've lost track of who's who.

2006 to 2008 saw new project launches arrive in double-digit waves. Supply came so fast in all segments that it was simply impossible for demand to keep up. At the same time, new segments, namely resales and rentals, enjoyed a slice of the pie for themselves, further displacing new project sales.

If you look at the broader real estate market, there has been and continues to be a reasonable volume of registered transactions. The problem however, is that the pace of sales is decidedly slow, largely because there is so much for sale out there.

During the past few weeks I have been out visiting projects from north to south, east to west, to see exactly what was happening on the ground. Here is a recap of what's on offer, as well as what's selling and driving demand:

Jonathan Gascoyne, Sales and Marketing Director of Andara Phuket, said, "The Andara Villas are now 100% sold



**Property lifeline:** Projects are selling at a slow pace, but the fact is, transactions are being made and many developments are being completed. Phuket's property market is still alive.

out. Now the focus is on the boutique-design hotel lifestyle condominium – the Andara Resort Residences". Of the 37 Resort Residences units, 40% have been sold. The prices for the remaining units range from 33 million to 84 million-baht. Completion is scheduled for October, and the opening of the resort – touted to compete with Amanpuri, Trisara and Banyan Tree – will take place in December. Introductory rates will start from US\$1,500 to \$2,600 per night, while amenities will include a beach club and an Asian fine dining restaurant. In keeping with all things developed by Allan Zeman, attention to detail will ensure this is a quality operation.

Ian Spurdle, Sales Director of Tawan Views, commented, "The East coast location has been a strong plus, with its proximity to boating, the island's best golf course and access to Phang Nga Bay and its islands, wooing many buyers". Of 24 units, 11 have already been sold – the key feature of having only one apartment per floor proving to be a strong

selling point.

Additionally, the Ao Po Grand Marina has drawn many high net worth individuals to the location, generating demand.

Steve Brajak, General Manager for Raimon Land Phuket, told me, "Of 51 condominium units, only eight are left for sale following some notable transactions recently". The key factor for this project is that it is 100% complete, making them preferable to some buyers who do not want to take risks on unfinished developments. A design brief from project leader Hans Brouwer, which created plenty of "wow factor", has also provided some important unique selling points that have attracted purchasers.

Richard Pope, Developer of Kata Rocks, added "Pre-sales are going well with 16 of 34 units gone and the aspect of ocean-front property driving interest". With premium pricing of over 150,000 baht per square meter, the development has shown that location, even in a challenging market, will prove to be a trump

card. The project hit the papers recently when Edward "Bear" Grylls, host of the Discovery Channels' *Man vs. Wild*, bought a penthouse unit. It's rumored that he is looking at a Patong segment where he dropped into Soi Bangla at midnight wearing only a loin-cloth and a set of knock-off havaianas for survival.

So there you have it without looking through rose-tinted spectacles. Projects are selling at a slow pace, but the fact is, transactions are being made and many developments are being completed. Unlike the US, homes are not selling for 10 cents on the dollar and banks, for the most part, are not foreclosing on developments, precipitating a freefall in market prices.

Phuket is no ghost town at and all those reports of our imminent demise are, for the most part, hugely exaggerated.

Still, sentiment has raised its ugly head and therefore the priority must be to keep a balanced and informed view here and abroad. Wait. This patient isn't dead. We've got a heartbeat...

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# Ensuring a successful sale

Thailand is becoming an increasingly popular market for buyers looking to acquire property to use as a residential hideaway or simply for investment purposes. In due course, many such investors will be looking to resell. When doing so, it is paramount that all parties to the transaction are fully aware of their responsibilities and obligations, in order that the deal may progress smoothly towards a successful conclusion.

Whenever planning a resale, it is advisable that prior to advertising the property on the market, the seller consults a lawyer and an accountant and/or tax advisor to ascertain what documentation needs to be prepared and provided both to the prospective buyer and his lawyer, who will carry out a due diligence.

Such documentation may include title deeds showing unencumbered title to the property in question, a description of secured access, official sale and purchase agreements issued by the relevant authorities, relevant building permits, as well as all sorts of company documents if a corporate structure has been used to hold the property.

As a general rule of thumb, every seller should try to put him-

self in the position of a reasonable buyer and prepare a comprehensive set of self-explanatory documents, the same as he would rightfully expect to receive if the role was reversed and he were the buyer.

Once completed, such preparation of all relevant documents will significantly ease the work of the buyer's lawyer as he conducts due diligence. This will facilitate a speedy closure of the transaction.

Generally, it is the seller's responsibility to provide all documentation requested by the buyer and to assist him and his lawyer in carrying out the due diligence. Accordingly, a seller should also instruct his legal counsel to support any such due diligence performed by the buyer and offer assistance as and when requested.

Such co-operative and proactive conduct will engender trust, minimizing the risk of a buyer walking away from a deal prior to successful completion.

In the event that some documentation requested by the buyer's lawyer is difficult to locate, an experienced agent will assist to keep the ball rolling.

Such assistance will be appreciated by both parties and their lawyers, while the lawyers



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remain bound to protect client confidentiality and adhere to their independence.

A seller should always keep in mind that a successful property sale depends to a large degree on psychology. A buyer is more likely to remain committed to a deal as long as the seller demonstrates effective co-operation and gives his best efforts to satisfy the

buyer's requests.

In summary, professionally prepared legal documents, full disclosure of any reasonably required documentation, as well as transparent and fair business conduct during the process of negotiation are the key to a swift and successful sale and a satisfactory conclusion for both parties involved.

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## Construction Update

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# Mission possible: non-profit hospital continues expansion

**W**ork on a new seventeen and car park project at Mission Hospital Phuket began in early May and is scheduled for completion some time in July, hospital management has told the *Gazette*.

Assistant Chief Operations Manager Atikom "Tom" Sriratanaprat said the 10-million-baht project, clearly visible from Thepkrasattri Road, is being designed and built on a turnkey basis by Bangkok-based Atitaya Construction and Management Company Ltd.

The project contract was signed on February 1 this year.

The two-storey structure, located in the area formerly occupied by a section of the front parking lot, will house a cafeteria on the top floor and car park with space for 20 cars below. The entire structure will occupy 650 square meters.



With the completion of the new covered car park, the hospital will have parking for 120 vehicles.

The air-conditioned cafeteria will have glass walls offering views of the Kathu hillsides. It will serve a variety of food and beverages, especially vegetarian fare, which the hospital has promoted in the decades since it first opened in 1940. Service will be available to the general public as

well as hospital patients and staff.

The cafeteria and car park is the latest expansion of the hospital, which last year raised its number of in-patient beds to 50 following the completion of its new Hongsyok Ward, on the fourth floor of the in-patient building.



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The 16-room ward, completed in October 2008 after seven months of construction, offers private rooms with impressive hillside views and brand new medical equipment.

The Hongsyok Ward was fully funded by a five-million baht donation by Boonsri Hongsyok, whose family have long supported Mission Phuket.

With the completion of the new covered car park, employee spaces and the new 80-space parking lot behind the hospital finished last year, Mission Phuket will have parking for 120 vehicles.

Other improvements include several WiFi computer terminals open for general use. There are two terminals in the out-patient ward, another in ward two and a few more near the parking area. However, the hospital plans to greatly expand the number of terminals throughout the facility.

Mission Phuket also hopes

to build a new four-storey building to house new pediatric, obstetric and intensive care units as well as a large meeting room. The project had to be put on hold due to the downturn in the economy, but the management now hopes to begin construction next year.

The building would be located at the back of the hospital, in the area currently occupied by the small parking lot near the Hongsyok Physical Therapy building, Mr Atikom said.

Mission Hospital is a "not for profit" medical service and is one of more than 400 health services operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world.

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# A green thought in a green shade

## Foliage plants

### Nature & Nurture



By Patrick Campbell

I observed a few weeks ago that most shrubs and herbaceous plants in Thailand are more-or-less evergreen. And since they have to stand up to extreme conditions, their leaves need to be tough and adaptable. At the risk of boring you, dear reader, let me briefly explain. Plants give off water through their pores (stomata) in a process known as transpiration. This modus operandi is necessary for a range of very different reasons: one, to draw up nutrients from the soil in solution; two, to promote photosynthesis, a process absolutely vital to our continued existence on the planet, whereby the leaves convert carbon dioxide in the air to organic compounds; and three, simply to cool the leaf in hot conditions.

For example, it is estimated that at a temperature of 30 degrees Celsius – normal in Phuket – leaves lose water three times faster than at 20 degrees. So all plants, except those that naturally enjoy constant humidity under the rainforest canopy, need to have adaptable leaves that can reduce water loss by closing or contracting their pores.

But extreme conditions in the tropics do not just mean high temperatures. As we all know, Phuket experiences torrential rain in the monsoon – up to 250 centimeters of the stuff. So plants have to be adaptable in other ways; namely, to have the capacity to shed water rapidly from their leaves so that the branches don't hang heavy and break. Thus it is that some leaves are deeply

grooved and veined to allow run off, others have oily or shiny surfaces, while a few have small pointed leaves that droop. As a result, there is huge diversity in leaf shape, size and color. Little wonder, then, that many of these plants are cultivated for their foliage alone. And why not?

Note that I am not talking about foliage that actually mimics flowers – the multi-colored bracts of the bougainvillea for instance, or the yellow or red of the poinsettia (*kristmas* in Thai for obvious reasons). Nor is this the occasion to consider the many varieties of palm that are grown for their attractive fronds, though I will mention, *en passant*, the golden cane palm, the sealing wax palm, the traveler's tree and the ruffled fan palm as species that are all well worth cultivating – if you have the room in your garden.

No, the following recommendations are about plants that possess foliage that looks like foliage, leaves that look like leaves.

One of my favorites is *acalypha wilkesiana*. It has a string of common names – Jacob's coat, Fijian fire plant, or painted copperleaf – all of which accurately describe its handsome appearance. I like it because it is a strong grower, will put up with lots of sunshine provided its roots have water, and, most important of all, produces a dense show of variegated leaves that range in hue from coppery red to shades of green and yellow. That it is often used here in sheared hedges speaks volumes for its durability.

Another useful shrub is the absurdly named caricature plant (*graptophyllum pictum*), for which camouflage plant might be a better name, on account of its colorfully blotched leaves in yellow and vivid green, sometimes suffused with reddish pink. Its livery reminds me of the combat gear one sees so many young people wearing around the place. This erect shrub, hailing from New Guinea, grows to two meters or so, and will tolerate sun or partial shade. Both of these shrubs, mostly propagated from

cuttings, are residents in my garden – they provide variety and color when other plants are not in bloom. That is always one of the chief merits of a good foliage plant.

My other top choice is the croton (*codiaeum variegatum*), a plant that grows everywhere in Phuket. I have seen mature specimens in Thai forecourts that are 10 feet tall, but usually they are much smaller and appear in rows or in formal arrangements. The croton will be familiar to most Europeans as the most ubiquitous of all house plants, its showy, leathery and deeply veined leaves arranged around a central stalk. There are many cultivars and many colors; the foliage on one specimen can be anything from deep green through yellow to orange and red – hence its Latin tag of *variegatum*. It is, in its natural jungle habitat, one of the understory plants, preferring moist conditions, and capable of existing beneath the forest canopy. Thus it should not be planted in unremitting sunshine. If it gets overheated or dry, it will let you know by shedding its lower leaves. But it does well in the spaces between larger shrubs.

So too the dracaenas, a large genus of perennial herbs that dislike full sun even more, and which, for this reason, were once fashionable as container plants in English drawing-rooms. Commonest in Phuket is *marginata*, a variety with, glossy, sword-like leaves of a distinctive deep purple or greenish violet color. Referred to in some plant taxonomies as *cordyline*

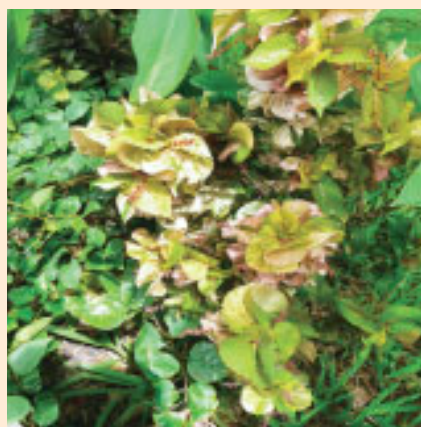
*terminalis*, it grows quickly in ideal conditions – I have one in a shady border which is already two meters tall. Moreover, the coloration makes the dracaena a popular contrast plant in any garden, provided you can keep its roots moist and avoid getting the leaves scorched by the midday sun.

Not remotely similar is the golden dewdrop or pigeon berry (*duranta repens*). This woody shrub has tiny, bright yellow or green leaves that, at a distance, can be mistaken for a mass of bloom. In fact, its flowers are, as with all these plants, upstaged by the foliage, but it does produce orange-yellow berries in long racemes. It has the twin advantages of thriving in full sun and of withstanding clipping. Indeed, it is usually grown as a hedge, often in conjunction with orange ixoras. A very useful coverer of bare spaces.

On the other hand, the

quezonina (*clerodendron quadriloculare*) does bloom – its spectacular clusters of pink umbels appear from December to January – but, like all these plants, it is primarily grown for its distinctive leaves, which are glossy green above and purplish-red underneath. And it attains a good size, quickly reaching a height of four or five meters. Very popular with hotel proprietors. And popular with yours truly. Aren't they all.

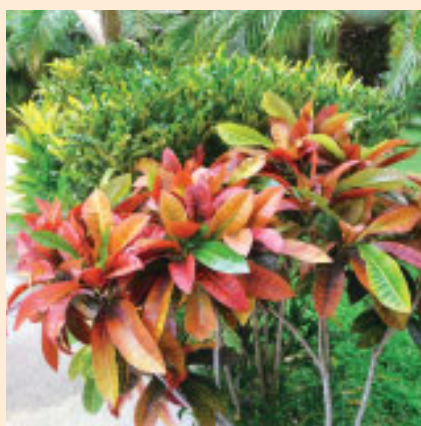
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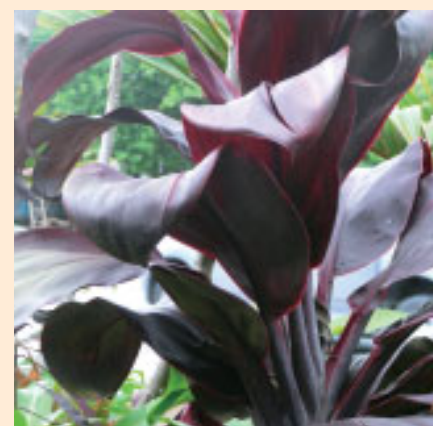
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## HOUSE IN PATONG

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## SEA VIEW KATA LAND

for sale. 8 plots available. Starting price 3.8 million baht. Email: kaiteedin@hotmail.com

## PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



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## PHANG NHA LAND

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## NAIHARN STUDIO CONDO 1.65 MB

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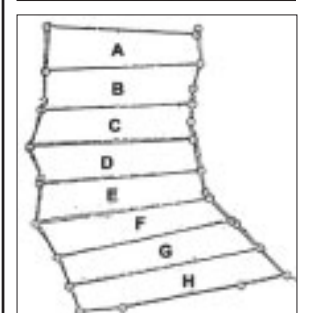
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## LAND AT SAI YUAN



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## PANORAMIC SEA VIEW



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## TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT



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## LAND AT PA KHLOK



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## NEW APARTMENTS FOR SALE

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## EXCELLENT LAND

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### CHALONG CIRCLE

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### THAI VILLA AND POOL

in Nai Harn. Long-term 35,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-270 5126. Please send email to: mervyn.crocker@yahoo.com

### KATA LUXURY APARTMENTS



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### HOUSE AT SAIYUAN

for rent. Soi Nanachart, 5 minutes to Nai Harn. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, furnished, phone line, ADSL, big garden. 25,000 baht per month (negotiate). Tel: 081-535 1570.

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### PALAI GREEN FOR RENT

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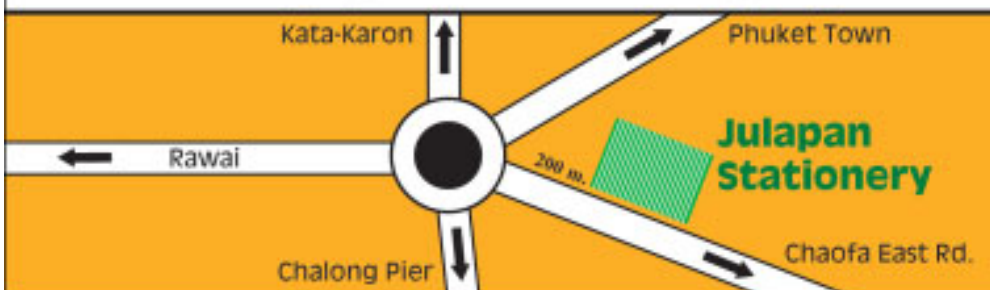
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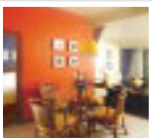
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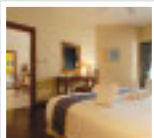
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