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## Ordeal finally over for Aussie bar mat bandit

PHUKET CITY: Australian tourist Annice Smoel on May 20 pled guilty to theft charges at Phuket Provincial Court and was released with a Bt1,000 fine.

Mrs Smoel was accused of stealing a branded bar mat from the Aussie Bar on Soi Bangla in Patong and was told she faced up to five years in jail.

The judgment appeared to put to an end a case that has inflamed the Australian media and even prompted Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to express sympathy with Mrs Smoel's situation.

In what appeared a damage limitation exercise, Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop stepped in to pay Mrs Smoel's fine.

At the time of writing, she was booked on a flight from Phuket to Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok at 9pm on May 20. From there she was due to fly back to her native Melbourne at around midnight.

Interviewed at Phuket City Immigration offices, she expressed her "relief" that the ordeal was finally over.

Pol Maj Songserm Preecha of the Kathu Police told the *Gazette* that the maximum sentence for the theft charge was one year imprisonment and a 2,000-baht fine, but Phuket Provincial Court halved both the prison sentence and fine based on her confession.

The court then suspended the prison sentence because Mrs Smoel has no previous criminal record in the country.

She was arrested and detained for at least two nights in a cell at Kathu Police Station earlier this month after police caught her with the beer mat in her handbag.

The mother of four initially



Annice Smoel, flanked by husband Darren, is interviewed by reporters at Phuket City Immigration on May 20.

denied the charges, saying friends had put the item in her handbag as a prank without her knowing.

The beer mat, 145cm by 45cm, was made of thick rubber and is a souvenir item that can be bought by customers. It sells for about 4,000 baht.

Kathu Police forwarded the case to the Provincial Prosecutor's Office and seized her passport, preventing her from leaving Thailand to go home to her children.

The publicity surrounding the story – and its possible impact on tourism – apparently made the courts expedite the case.

A Thai person facing the same charge would typically have to wait weeks or months for a court hearing.

Maj Songserm denied that Mrs Smoel spent four nights in prison, as was widely reported. She spent two nights in prison and was released after 48 hours, the maximum allowable under the law, he said.

Mrs Smoel, 36, was arrested by uniformed officers after staff at the bar reported the theft, not by

"undercover police" inside the bar as previously reported, he added.

Before Mrs Smoel's expedited passage through the court system, Kathu Police Superintendent Grissak Songmoonark defended the actions of his men in charging Mrs Smoel for stealing the bar towel.

Prior to her confession, the Melbourne mom insisted she was innocent. In a plea to the Australian government, she said: "You've got to help me, I have not done anything wrong, this is a crock".

Col Grissak told the *Gazette* on May 19 that the matter was a clear case of theft and his officers had sufficient evidence to prove her guilt.

"The officers checked Annice's handbag and found the mat inside. The mat is a symbol of this bar. It cannot be bought anywhere else," he said.

"The officers brought her to Kathu Police Station for questioning, but she refused to admit her guilt and continued to insist that she was joking with her friends," said Col Grissak, who has extensive experience in the

ways of foreigners from his work as head of the Tourist Police in Bangkok.

Various news sources reported that Mrs Smoel was abusive to the officers who made the arrest and senior officers in Kathu Police Station, though Mrs Smoel denied the charges.

The owner of the Aussie Bar insisted [at the time of the arrest] that the police press charges and bring the case to court, Col Grissak said.

Mrs Smoel's case wasn't the first time an Aussie prank has backfired on the streets of Patong, he revealed.

"We once had a case of an Australian man who stole a shirt from a deaf-mute street vendor. He ran away, but was later caught. After he was apprehended, he said he was just playing a joke on the vendor. This is not a joke. If we don't catch this bad guy, the vendor loses his shirt," he said.

Aussie Bar owner Steve Wood said Mrs Smoel's problems were largely of her own making and that it was his understanding that all she had to do was sign a statement [confession] at the police station to end the whole case.

Mrs Smoel's case follows the departure from Phuket of British tourist Simon Burrowes, who was arrested and imprisoned following a verbal tirade against a female Immigration officer at Phuket Airport (see page 3).

While Mrs Smoel's plight generated a great deal of sympathy in the Australian media, the feeling among many expat residents that the *Gazette* spoke to was similar to that of Mr Wood (see editorial, page 22).



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# Director of Patong Hospital transferred

By Kamol Pirat

PATONG: Dr Taweesak Netwong, the long-serving director of the government-run Patong Hospital, has been transferred to serve as the director of Takua Thung Hospital in Phang Nga, effective from May 19.

Dr Taweesak has swapped positions with Dr Phumin Silaphan, formerly the director of the 30-bed government hospital in Takua Thung district, just over the Sarasin Bridge from Phuket.

Dr Taweesak said he is unhappy with his new post.

"I have many projects to develop and improve Patong Hospital, but I have been unable to launch them," he told the *Gazette*.

Dr Taweesak served at Patong Hospital for more than 10 years, during which time the facility expanded from just 10 in-patient beds to a 60-bed facility offering a wide range of treatment facilities and services – including a "medical spa".

However, his efforts to transform the hospital's management structure to better serve the unique needs of Patong have proved fruitless, most notably his proposal to operate the hospital as a public organization like Banphaeo Hospital in Samut Sakorn province.

Dr Taweesak blamed official regulations and political problems for the failure, which he said eventually affected staff morale.

The low point of his tenure came last year when a number of doctors and other members of staff at the hospital began to resign in what became a downward spiral that left the hospital without a single full-time doctor – apart from Dr Taweesak – from September 2008.

Dr Taweesak also tendered



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his resignation at the time, but it was not accepted by Health Ministry Permanent Secretary Dr Prat Boonyawongvirod.

Patong Hospital has since been operating with a skeleton staff of doctors on loan from other government-run facilities.

Despite the doctor shortage, the hospital has no lack of patients. At night, the facility sees a steady stream of road accident victims, many of them foreigners operating rented motorcycles under the influence of alcohol.

Last September, Kathu Police Superintendent Grissak Songmoonark said more than half of the motorbike accidents in Patong involved unlicensed foreign motorists.

Most serious cases are transferred to the better equipped Vachira Phuket Hospital in Phuket City or, in the case of foreigners, to privately run hospitals like Bangkok Hospital Phuket, Phuket International Hospital or Mission Hospital.

# Compulsory insurance considered for jet-ski rentals

PATONG: In the latest bid to rein in the island's jet-ski rental industry, provincial officials are considering imposing a mandatory insurance scheme that would cover damages, injury to riders, or both.

A major aim of the policy is to cut down on the number of complaints about operators charging inflated fees for alleged damages to their machines.

A meeting was held at Phuket Provincial Hall on May 18 to discuss the problem.

Vice-Governor Worapoj Ratthasima chaired the meeting, which was attended by representatives from jet-ski rental operators and officials from the Marine Department, Kathu Police and the provincial insurance office.

All agreed to meet again at the end of June, after a feasibility study has been carried out.

V/Gov Worapoj said that the province and other agencies continuously receive complaints from tourists about unfair treatment at the hands of jet-ski operators.

The provincial governor would like to see an end to the complaints by finding a solution



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acceptable to both tourists and jet-ski operators. This would also improve the overall image of tourism in the province, he said.

Kathu Police Superintendent Grissak Songmoonark said that in 2008, Kathu Police dealt with 49 cases involving jet-skis. A total of three million baht in compensation for damage to the machines was paid out, with some individual claims in excess of 100,000 baht.

Col Grissak suggested the establishment of a central repair shop to establish the true cost of damage caused to jet-skis would

be one way to tackle the problem.

Provincial Insurance Office Suwimon Saelim said that she would contact insurance companies to find out if the idea for mandatory insurance was feasible and, if so, how much it would cost.

Patong Deputy Mayor Chairat Sukban said that he agreed with the proposal.

Patong Municipality also receives a steady stream of complaints from tourists about the behavior of jet-ski operators, he added.

Source: *Siangtai Daily*

# PPAO President suspended from duties

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

PHUKET CITY: The Region 8 Court of Appeals has ordered Phuket Provincial Administration Organization (PPAO) President Paiboon Upatising and a fellow PPAO member to cease their duties following a report of electoral fraud from the Election Commission (EC) in Bangkok.

PPAO Chief Administrative Officer Palad Manop Leelasuthanon confirmed the letter and said Mr Paiboon and fellow PPAO member Sawat Muchawej were no longer allowed to perform their duties until the court makes a ruling in the case.

The order was effective from May 15.

Mr Paiboon has vowed to fight the ruling, which judged that he was guilty of vote-buying in last year's PPAO elections.

Mr Paiboon and his pink-shirted Khon Baan Rao team trounced incumbent PPAO President Anchalee Vanich Tephabuttra of the Democrat Party in elections in April last year.

Eleven months later, the EC handed Mr Paiboon and teammate Sawat Muchawej "yellow cards" for vote-buying following a complaint lodged by Thalang District 3 candidate Apinan Wongna, who lost out to Mr Sawat.

Mr Paiboon told the *Gazette* on May 18 that he was com-

pletely innocent and is glad the case is now in the court system so that he can fight the charges.

"When the EC first gave me a yellow card, I was unable to defend myself by any legal means. But the provisions of the 2007 Election Act are very good, so now I can defend myself in the Appeals Court," he said.

Mr Paiboon said he felt sad and surprised by the allegations.

"I feel like someone punched me in the head. Now I can find out the identity of my accuser and fight back in court," said Mr Paiboon, whose business interests in Phuket include the Phuket Villa group of residential estates and the sole distribution rights to Boon Rawd beverages.

The former senator and Phuket Chamber of Commerce president continues to attend a variety of events and functions, but only in an unofficial capacity.

"I haven't done much since I got the yellow card. PPAO Vice-President Chawalit Na Nakorn is now acting president. I think it could take them up to four months to consider the evidence and reach a verdict. I have been slandered and now I have to fight back in the court system because I know I am innocent. That's why I don't fear the charges. I believe Mr Sawat is also innocent," he said.

Mr Paiboon went on to say there was no rule stopping him from entering the PPAO offices in a non-official capacity, so he continues to go in to check on how his policies and projects are going.

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# Homeward bound: Burrowes finally jets off from Phuket

By Nick Davies and Tipwarintron Tanaakarachod

PHUKET: After spending his final night in Phuket under the observation of Phuket City Immigration officers, British national Simon Burrowes finally left Phuket at 5.50pm on May 16 aboard a Silk Air flight destined for Singapore, where he was scheduled to catch a connecting flight to the UK.

Asked why Mr Burrowes had to spend his final night on the island under the supervision of immigration officers despite the completion of his court case and payment of a 500 baht fine for verbally abusing an Airport Immigration officer in January – when he was originally scheduled to go home – an immigration officer told the *Gazette* that as Mr Burrowes had no money to pay for accommodation, they had to make sure there were no more problems.

Before coming to Thailand, Mr Burrowes was living in rented accommodation in Wembley, Northwest London. He planned to return to his job and home after three months in Phuket.

Due to his extended stay in Thailand, he now faces bleak prospects back home, where he no longer has a job or housing.

Mr Burrowes said that he had “learned a lot” from his experience in the Land of Smiles, but had no plans to ever return here.

Mr Burrowes’s troubles in Phuket began in January, when he was held up at Airport Immigration by officers who suspected his passport may not have been genuine.

The suspicion was initially aroused because Mr Burrowes appeared to be shirtless in the photo in his passport, which was in fact legitimately issued.



**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:** Simon Burrowes checking in his baggage before finally leaving for the UK on May 16.

As officers tried to verify the passport, Mr Burrowes realized his non-refundable flight would take to the skies without him.

He then became angry and abusive toward the female immigration officer holding his passport.

After pointing a finger at the officer’s face and shouting, “Give me back my [expletive deleted] passport you [expletive deleted] bitch.” Mr Burrowes snatched the passport back from the officer and walked away from the counter.

That move turned an already bad situation into a complete nightmare.

He was arrested and spent three weeks in Phuket Provincial Prison before being bailed and ordered to appear in court on verbal abuse charges. Mr Burrowes initially planned to fight the charges,

but pleaded guilty on the day. He was fined 500 baht and released.

Penniless, Mr Burrowes was finally bought an air ticket home by an anonymous Thai benefactor, but when he tried to catch the flight on Friday May 15 he was again foiled by inadequate paperwork – he didn’t realize that he needed to get a police report and then have his visa renewed at the Phuket Immigration Office in Phuket City, some 50 kilometers away, before he could be allowed to leave.

Once again, he had to miss a non-refundable flight.

It was “third time lucky” for Mr Burrowes on the evening of May 16, however. He was last seen by the *Gazette* successfully passing through Immigration for his flight to Singapore – again paid for by a friend.

## PIA to get VIP terminal

MAI KHAO: The new director of Phuket International Airport (PIA) has confirmed plans to establish a new terminal for private jets to accommodate VIP passengers.

Pratuang Sornkham officially took over as head of PIA on May 12, then flew back to Airports of Thailand (AOT) headquarters in Bangkok to receive orders on a wide range of development plans for the airfield.

PIA is the busiest airport in Thailand after Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok.

Mr Pratuang’s arrival in Phuket was marked by a “Nice to Meet You” dinner at the Royal Phuket City Hotel on May 12. He said he will continue all of the policies of his predecessor, Wicha Nernlop, who will take up a new position at AOT headquarters in the capital.

In February this year, AOT announced it would invest 5 billion baht to expand PIA in order to bring its capacity up to 11.5 million passengers by the year 2016 – an increase of 77% of its current capacity.

Mr Pratuang confirmed a report in an aviation industry newsletter that the Hong Kong-based ASA Group has been granted permission by AOT to develop Thailand’s first VIP terminal for private jets at the airport.

“We handle so many private flights into Bangkok and Phuket, so the time is right to cater for our growing client base of VIP visitors who have nowhere in the airport to go once they disembark,” the report quoted ASA representative Simon Wagstaff as saying at the May 14-16 European Business Aviation Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

Services offered will include aircraft handling, charters, security, in-flight catering and over-flight and landing clearances, it was reported.

Mr Pratuang said the project is appropriate for the airport due to the growing number of businessmen and VIPs flying in to Phuket aboard private jets, but he admitted he knew little about the details and would need to study the project plan.

The new post is a big step up for Mr Pratuang, who spent the last five years as director of Chiang Rai Airport, which only had a total of 5,419 flight movements in 2008 compared to 37,991 in Phuket.

-Kamol Pirat



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# Phuket property under fire: Lersuang revisited

By Nick Davies and Tipwarintron Tanaakarachod

Earlier this month, property blog *thephuketinsider.com* and the Phuket Gazette reported on an article in the UK's Daily Mirror about the Phuket-based Lersuang Group. The Mirror story put Lersuang in the international limelight, saying that customers were demanding their money back but offering no comments from company management.

The Phuket Gazette promised to get comments from the companies involved and to compile a report on the holding company as well as the fate of several of its individual development projects.

Here is our report, based on comprehensive interviews with Lersuang CEO Errol Salih as well as property industry insiders, Lersuang customers and a new investor in one of the Group's key properties.

## Background on the Holding Company

Lersuang Group Holdings Co Ltd was established with registered capital of 30 million baht (approx US\$ 860,000) on July 19, 2005. Documents obtained from the Phuket Companies Registry office list five individuals as directors and shareholders: Selwyn Casey, Errol Salih, Viroj Chinpracha, Jumlong Sittichok and Maedta Vissessombat.

Mr Maedta is the only director not profiled on Lersuang's website. However, buyers of units in Lersuang's incomplete Tamarind Hills project are being told that "Dr

Maedta" is now handling that project, according to Lersuang CEO Errol Salih.

## Completed Projects in Phuket

Phuket residential projects successfully completed by Lersuang include Club Lersuang, comprising 56 apartments; Lersuang Apartments, 12 units; Lersuang Town Houses, with four free-standing villas plus six duplex homes; and Lersuang Apartments Phase 2, comprising six premium apartments. All five of these projects are located in the Bang Tao/Surin Beach area.

## Owner Comments

According to a Lersuang property owner who, like most, was willing to speak to the Gazette only on condition of anonymity, early buyers of Lersuang properties are satisfied. "It's the ones who came in later who are having problems," he said.

Asked if he was happy with the quality of the construction and workmanship of his home, he said that he had been living there since its completion about three years ago and was satisfied with the construction standards. However, although he lives in the property, he and his neighbors are concerned that their assets might now be at risk.

"Nothing that I've paid for can be registered. The land that they [the project's units] sit on is in question. We're in limbo at the moment and we're negotiating to get the matter settled," he said.

The homeowner wouldn't reveal which of the Lersuang developments he resides in but said that the issue he and his neighbors face is whether the units should have been built in the first place.

"I don't think it's a con," the homeowner said. "There is a road that was laid around the



**STILL HERE:** Lersuang's Phuket offices in Surin are still open for business.

property by the *OrBorTor*. It has drainage and electricity poles running along it but there's an issue with the Land Department, who claim that the road is in the wrong place and should have been put somewhere else. Hopefully, there is no need to go to court over this issue and everything can be sorted out," he said.

## An Insider's View

A respected local property professional, who also insisted on anonymity and who claimed to have insider knowledge of the Lersuang Group's operations, contacted the Gazette and said that the group began having difficulties with cash flow in November 2008. "They did do some small developments in the Bang Tao area which were completed and very successful. But the later ones were too big, way out of their league," he added.

He went on to explain that the company stopped paying some of its staff and suppliers late last year. "I know they were having land issues. They didn't exercise enough due diligence. I believe they were still trying to sell to customers while having the land issues," the source said.

"On one of the projects, the access was not correct. It went across land belonging to a temple," he added.

The source told the Gazette that he'd watched Lersuang attract a series of investors one after another from around the world. The company would use

up the advance payments from their first buyer and then find a new buyer to cover their debts, he said.

"Eventually, the growth in debt outstripped the company's ability to generate cash, and they couldn't attract any more investors," he added.

Asked if he thought Lersuang intended to run away from its debts, the source said 'no', that he knew the directors were still on the island and that they had been making efforts to pay the people they owed.

## Stalled Projects – Phuket

About two years ago, Lersuang launched Turtle Cove. About a year later, Tamarind Hills was started in Layan. Both projects remain unfinished.

The group went on to launch Infinity Heights – two- and three-bedroom luxury apartments above Bangtao Beach, with prices starting at 13.4 million baht – again selling off plan. They also launched Lersuang Village, which comprises detached and semi-detached houses in Cherng Talay.

Lersuang Group CEO Errol Salih told the Gazette that Lersuang has a 50% share in the Infinity Heights project with the remaining 50% belonging to a company called A-Plan, which initially raised the capital to start the development.

Pressed for reasons behind the stalling of Infinity Heights, Mr Salih admitted that one of the issues, ironically, is

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the 'height' of the site.

He said that on the strength of advice from an early survey, his company initially believed the entire site was within Phuket's legal height limit of 80 meters over sea level, but that it now appears that some parts of the land are higher than that. He adds, however, that there is still enough land below the 80-meter level to build 'financially viable' homes.

Mr Salih also blames construction delays on local political turmoil and global economic issues, adding, however, that buyers would eventually see their homes completed.

When asked to comment on Turtle Cove, he said that Lersuang originally owned 40% of the shares in that project, but that those shares had now been 'given away' to a private investor who is currently revamping the plans.

On Tamarind Hills, he said that Lersuang initially owned a third of the project, but had also 'given away' its shares – in this case, to Sepco Sustainable Energy Products – and that Mr Maedta Vissesombat was now running the operations and dealing with the project's customers.

#### Stalled Projects – Hua Hin

On its website ([www.lersuang.com](http://www.lersuang.com)), Lersuang lists Infinity Heights, Lersuang Village, Turtle Cove and Sariya Kamala Villas as its current Phuket projects. Also listed are developments in Hua Hin, including the Hua Hin Country Club Apartments (123 luxury units with five penthouses) and the Black Mountain Golf Course.

#### Joe Cole, the *Daily Mirror*, and the Hua Hin Country Club Apartments

It was the Hua Hin Country Club Apartments that received attention in the *Daily Mirror* story, which focused on Chelsea Football Team celebrity Joe Cole's association with that project as the result of his appearance in widespread publicity for it. It's not clear precisely what the footballer's deal was with the developer, and Mr Salih was not at liberty to elaborate, saying only that Lersuang's association with the Hua Hin Country Club Apartments was "as a brand name only".

"No one has lost any money there [Hua Hin]. There will be a project that is done there," he insists.

Mr Salih went on to say that a "new partner" has agreed to take over the Hua Hin Country Club project.

"He's got some other investors. He is going to build something that is maybe not as grand, but something that nobody will lose money [on]. Whatever money we have received is going back to do that development," Mr Salih said.

"As far as I know, they [Joe Cole and the new Hua Hin partner] are on very amicable terms; nobody's going to lose money. Most sales were done prior to Joe

Cole being involved. He has not lost any money and neither have the people there. Nobody has lost any money at all in any of our projects," he said.

The new Hua Hin partner, who also required anonymity to speak with the *Gazette*, confirmed that he was one of the original investors in the Hua Hin Country Club project and that he is working on a "rescue package" to ensure that those who had invested in the development will eventually get something.

"The land in question covers 8.5 rai but we won't need all that for what we have in mind. Nothing has been built so far. At the moment, I've got some drawings; I've got some ideas; and I've spoken to one or two of the buyers," the partner said.

He confirmed that initial plans were for 123 condo units, but that the new plans are for something a lot smaller, a residential project that he expects to be finalized and underway by July this year.

"What I'm telling people at this end is that Errol and the guys down there [in Phuket] haven't run away. If they were going to run away they would have run away with a couple hundred million baht a few years ago," he said.

"The whole thing will be new. It will be a totally new name, new design, new prices – everything," he enthused.

Asked if Lersuang would continue to be involved in the Hua Hin project, he said that it wouldn't carry the Lersuang name or have anything else to do with that company, but that if Lersuang wanted to help out with sales, they'd be "very welcome" to do so.

#### Cash Flow, Buyer Defaults, and the Crisis in Phuket

Back in Phuket, Mr Salih admitted that Lersuang has had "some cash flow problems", and that some Lersuang customers were "understandably upset".

"We could not manage Phuket and Hua Hin under the circumstances and the present political climate.

"Tamarind Hills was prob-



The partially complete Tamarind Hills development in the Cherng Talay area. Lersuang CEO Errol Sahil: "We had no choice but to take that project, even though it was too big for us."

ably one of the most difficult ones for us and we really didn't know how to cope with it. It's complex," he said.

Hong Kong-based companies and financial advisors were responsible for raising the initial capital to start Tamarind Hills, Mr Salih says. "They were looking after all the money in Hong Kong via lawyers' accounts. They have had some internal problems," he said.

"We were originally the minority shareholder... But we ended up having to take over the shares of various parties at Tamarind Hills to protect the original land owners. We had...no choice but to take that project, even though it was too big for us. We would never have done it on our own [in other circumstances]," he said.

Mr Salih gave several reasons for Lersuang's cash flow problems, namely buyer defaults on progress payments; political instability; insufficient support from the banks; and taking on too many projects at the same time.

"After the army took out the government, our turnover went from 80-100 million baht per month to zero for seven months,"

he said.

"If the political unrest hadn't happened, none of these projects would have been that much affected. Our brand name would have been very valuable. And that's what we were trying to achieve. For the future, our plan was to sell the [Lersuang] name, like a franchise," Mr Salih explained.

"We had very little bank support. Any foreign company in Thailand finds it very difficult to obtain credit from the banks [here]," he said.

Asked why Lersuang took on too many projects at once, Mr Salih explained that following his company's initial success, land owners began approaching Lersuang to help develop projects. "It wasn't a plan; it just happened," he said.

Predictably, he also blamed the global economic slowdown. "Many of the buyers cannot complete their purchases," he said. "We've got one guy with two penthouses. He's lost 22 million pounds [sterling] in the last year in England. He told us that he would lose all his money if we finished his house," he complained.

"We have a lot of these

cases. The people would rather go to court and delay a project because they couldn't afford to pay if the project was finished. We've actually written letters to say that we wouldn't enforce the contracts. We would actually do a resale and give them their money back," Mr Salih explained.

#### Salih's Summary

Asked what else needs to be done to solve the issues, Mr Salih told the *Gazette* that, "Going to court is pointless because no one wins. It actually jeopardizes the project because it gets bad publicity," he said.

In closing, he stressed that Lersuang wasn't the only company experiencing financial difficulties in the current economic climate and pleaded for more support from the government and banks for property developers.

"Who wants to invest in a country where they are shooting each other in the streets? We are here. We promote the country and we love the country. It's difficult, though, when the BBC is reporting Thailand as one of the top five most dangerous places in the world," he said.

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## Queer News

# Tragic trajectory: man's head blown off by festival rocket



Booze and ballistics are seldom a good mix, as people at a rocket festival learned on May 11. File photo taken in Yasothorn.

SAKON NAKHON: A man had his head blown off while watching an annual homemade rocket festival in this northeastern town on May 11.

The victim and his friends chose to have a drinking session in a cordoned off area where rockets were landing at the time of the incident.

Police were called to the scene in Village 3, Tambon Dong

Mafai, Muang District, at 3:30pm.

After pushing through a large crowd of villagers, they found the headless body of 29-year-old Prida Wongnatal lying next to a pond. The stump of his neck was blackened with powder burns.

Near the body, police found the rocket that had decapitated Mr Prida, who was a native of Tao Ngoi District.

The projectile was about three-meters long, its head made of PVC piping three to four inches in diameter.

Rescue volunteers who dived into the pond to recover Mr Prida's head were only able to find small fragments.

Sakda Duangsupha, who witnessed the tragedy, said the rocket that killed Mr Prida was the third one launched at the festival. The first two had shot up into the air, but the third took a horizontal trajectory towards Mr Prida and six or seven friends who were sitting drinking about 50 meters away from the launch pad, located by the edge of the pond.

As they saw the rocket screaming towards them, the youths dived out of the way, but Mr Prida was not quick enough. After the impact, he fell back into the pond.

Pulling him out, his friends were shocked to discover that he had no head, Mr Sakda said.

The area where Mr Prida and his friends were drinking had been roped off because of the danger of rockets passing through. With a sense of invincibility typical of youth, the group ignored the warnings, Mr Sakda explained.

Police are now investigating to determine whether Mr Prida's demise was a case of death by his own negligence or whether the festival's organizers were responsible.

Rocket festivals are held annually in towns across the Northeast to mark the start of the rainy season. This is not the first, and no doubt not the last, tragedy at such festivals. In 1999, five people were killed at the Yasothorn festival, the biggest and most famous of them all, when a 120kg rocket exploded immediately after takeoff.

Source: Khao Sod

# Star mayor gunned down

SONGKHLA: The mayor of Khlong Hae Town in Songkhla's Haad Yai District was gunned down in his car on the evening of May 16.

Aphichat Sangkhachat, 39, was shot at around 10:30pm as he stopped at an ATM on Ratyindee Road in downtown Haad Yai City while returning home from a funeral at Wat Khlong Ple. He was hit once in the chest.

Rescue volunteers took Mr Aphichat to Bangkok Hospital Haad Yai, but he later died of his injury.

Suphawut Thapkhliow, Superintendent of Haad Yai Police, said that Mr Aphichat's killers were driving a black pickup truck.

"The perpetrators are likely to have followed the victim all the way from the temple. The killers were unable to get a good opportunity to shoot [Mr Aphichat] until he stopped to withdraw money. The killers then shot him at close

range," Col Suphawut said.

A few days before, Mr Aphichat had been warned that his life was in danger. The victim was taking a risk by traveling alone at night as he knew killers were waiting for the opportunity to strike, Col Suphawut said.

While serving as mayor of Khlong Hae, Mr Aphichat played an important role in the establishment of Khlong Hae Floating Market.

The market is a popular attraction for Thai and Malaysian tourists. Mr Aphichat had served as mayor for over two years. He was reportedly very popular among his constituents and was considered a rising star of local politics in Songkhla.

Commander of Songkhla Provincial Police Wirun Iamphai-chit said that debt or a political dispute were likely motives for the killing.

Source: KomChadLuek/MCOT

## Witness survives shooting

NAKHON SRITHAMMARAT: The key witness in a trial against six security force personnel was shot and injured in Phra Phrom District on May 16.

The victim was due to testify against the men in an attempted murder case stemming from a previous attempt on his life.

Jit Jansiriwong, 52, was shot as he was driving his Isuzu pickup truck through Tambon Thai Samphao Village 9. He was hit once in the right arm and once in the chest. Relatives rushed him to Maharaj Hospital, where he was reportedly in a stable condition.

Mr Jit's wife, 49-year-old Jaruay Amphasuwan, was sitting in the front passenger seat but was unharmed in the attack. At the scene, police collected a number of 5.56mm cartridge cases.

The couple were driving to a relative's home when the gunmen struck, Mrs Jaruay said.

At the scene of the attack, the driver of a metallic gold Toyota pickup parked by the side of the road and shone the vehicle's high-beam headlights

before 10 gunshots rang out, Mrs Jaruay said. The vehicle then sped off.

"Jit used to be a farmer in Krabi and has been shot once before," Mrs Jaruay said.

"This is why Jit left Krabi; he was afraid his life was in danger, so he came back here to his home town to prepare for his court appearance," Mrs Jaruay explained.

Deputy Superintendent Wutipong Thitisaroj of Phra Phrom Police said that Mr Jit is the only witness in the previous attempt on his life and was prepared to identify the six people involved in that attack. Mr Jit is due to appear in court on March 22 of next year.

Police believe the defendants are likely to have tried to have Mr Jit killed to prevent him from testifying, Lt Col Wutipong said.

Mr Jit will be given high-level police protection to prevent any further attempts on his life, Col Wutipong added.

Source: The Nation, Kom Chad Luek

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## Smokers pay more

BANGKOK: Professor Prakrit Vathesatogkit, executive secretary of the Action on Smoking and Health Foundation, welcomed the government increase in tobacco tax from 79% to 85% of factory price, or from 63% to 69% of retail price.

"I commend the Ministry of Finance for another breakthrough on cigarette tax in this country. This will greatly benefit smokers, especially those in the low-income groups, as higher prices will force them to cut down or give up," he said.

Countrywide research conducted in 2006 to evaluate the impact of a tobacco tax increase from 75% to 79%, which led to a 15% price increase, found that 58% of smokers had cut down, 10% had shifted to cheaper brands, 23% now bought cigarettes singly and 9% had begun to roll their own. An impressive 10% gave up, according to the research.

From 1993 to 2007 the government of Thailand increased tobacco tax eight times, a notable feat in a region where it is still very low, Prof Prakrit said.

The increases gradually pushed up the price per packet of local brand Krongtip from Bt15 to Bt45. The current price is at Bt58. The impact was most evident among the poor, where the number of smokers declined from 42% in 1991 to 20.7% in 2007.

The House voted 245 to 33 in favor of endorsing the decree to increase excise tax on cigarettes on May 18.

The endorsement was reached following over two hours of debate.

Eight MPs abstained and 13 others did not vote.

Source: The Nation

## No attempt to lift mystery containers



Dr Pornthip is shown a skull during her visit to a charitable foundation in Chonburi, where some skulls recovered by fishermen have been stored.

CHONBURI: Mysterious containers on the seabed off Chonburi's Sattahip District will remain sunk during ongoing efforts to find out where they came from, Central Institute of Forensic Science Director Khunying Porntip Rojanasunan said on May 17.

Lifting the containers from the sea was ruled out because it would cost a lot of money, so the institute will look for the safest way to cut open the containers underwater, she said.

Dr Pornthip has been assigned to investigate the containers after they caught the media spotlight and rumors spread that they contained the bodies of those who died in the 1992 Black May incident, a bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters. After the turmoil ended, dozens of protesters never returned home and

were feared dead.

Fishermen have reportedly netted human skulls and skeletons from time to time.

Speaking in his weekly television program, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said a scientific test suggested the containers may have rested on the seabed for more than 20 years, making them highly unlikely to have been related to the Black May incident.

The government would get to the bottom of the mystery to clear any lingering doubts in the hearts of people, especially relatives of the missing protesters, he said.

Army spokesman Colonel Sansern Kaewkamnerd said the Royal Thai Navy had already been looking into the mysterious containers and that forensic science tests would provide the answers sought by Thai society.

Source: The Nation



The plight of nine-year-old Thai-Japanese boy Keigo Sato has featured heavily in the Thai press over the past week. Little Keigo, whose mother died recently, was discovered at a temple in his native Phichit province approaching Japanese tourists with a picture of his estranged father, asking if they knew the man. The father has now contacted the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok and asked to have a personal talk with his son, Phichit Governor Somchai Hatayatatani said on May 19. Here Keigo is shown talking to authorities at the temple.

## Police hunting girls' killers

SONGKHLA: Police claim to be making good progress on tracking down the killers of two young girls who were found hanged in their house in Tambon Khlong Hae, Haad Yai District on May 15.

Songkhla Provincial Police Commander Wirun Iamphaichit on May 18 said that they were investigating the activities of a group of suspects known by police to have left the province following the killings.

Investigators would be able to confirm their suspicions once analysis of forensic evidence taken from the scene, including DNA and fingerprints, was complete, Maj Gen Wirun said.

The two girls, 12-year-old Aphisa Thasri and her younger sister Arawan Thasri, 7, were found hanging by the neck from the rafters of their house in Village 5, Ban Koh Mee, at 6:30am on May 15.

The grandparents they lived with left them alone while they went out to tap rubber. The girls had been hit over the head with an ax before being hung. The blood-stained ax was left by the bodies.

The house was ransacked and the owners, the girls' grandparents Sem and Rai Bilayamae, said the killers took Bt13,000 in cash and a two-bahtweight gold chain. The killers left Bt300 by the bodies of the girls, presumably for superstitious reasons.

Initially police said that they believed the killers knew the victims and only intended to rob the house, but then decided to kill them to prevent themselves from being identified.

On further investigation, however, police said they had found new evidence suggesting that a family dispute or debt could also be a possible motive for the killing.

The mother of the girls, 31-year-old Rian Bilayamae, now lives with a new husband after separating from the girls' father, police said.

The mother is hundreds of

thousands of baht in debt. The murders could have been punishment for missing installments on the debt, police said.


The family is also in the middle of an inheritance dispute over a plot of land with a case of alleged forgery of land transfer deeds currently in court.

It is possible that other family members broke into the house to hunt for land documents before being disturbed by the girls, police said.

Police have questioned three relatives of the girls over the killing and have taken fingerprints and samples of their DNA to compare with evidence from the house.


Police should have forensics results within a week, Gen Wirun said.

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**F**ormer Miss Teen Phuket and rising Eurasian star Maria Giulietta Consentino was this year's winner of the Miss Italia nel Mondo contest, which was held at the Phuket Brewery on May 3.

The pageant is modeled on Italy's original pageant, Miss Italia, and is judged by a worldwide commission.

Maria, whose mother is Thai and father Sicilian, was one of 30 Miss Italia nel Mondo participants from around the country who were judged not only on their appearance, but on their language skills, cultural knowledge and the way they conducted themselves.

One of Giulietta's duties as the winner is to host a TAT advertisement on cable TV and feature in a seven-minute infomercial about Thailand that will be broadcast regularly on Italian television channels for one month as an honorary tribute to the host country.

In her acceptance speech, Maria thanked all those who had supported her and promised to represent Thailand and the Thai community living in Italy with dignity.

"I will also proudly represent Italy, the country of my father, and his birthplace Sicily," she said.

Maria also said that it was her firm intention to fight against misinformation and prejudice for Thailand and Italy.

"Both countries have wonderful people who are working and loving their children. These are two countries that people should know and make known because of their wonderful places and culture," she exclaimed.



# Charity for triplets



**TRIPPLE TREAT:** Triplets Pimpika, Petcharat and Pattapong with their mother Melissa sport their new school uniforms outside Wat Arun School in Rawai.

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**FOR THE KIDS:** Lewis Silverman hands over 17,000 baht to Gunaporn Pope to help the triplets through their first year at Wat Arun School.

**RAWAI:** Following the *Phuket Gazette's* report [*Gazette*, April 18-24, "Once, twice, three times a baby"] of Melissa Matchapatao and her triplets approaching pre-school age, *Gazette* reader Lewis Silverman took pity on the fatherless family and made a 17,000-baht donation to be put toward the children's first year of education.

With the money, Helpline – run by Gunaporn Pope, who brought the triplets' plight to the attention of the *Gazette's* James Goyder – was able to pay for the children's school fees for a year and buy a complete set of uniforms for each of the children, including walking shoes, sports shoes and socks.

The triplets, two boys and a girl, were enrolled at Wat Arun School in Rawai for a one-year term earlier this month. Their mother now has some free time on her hands, allowing her to earn a living selling food and making handicraft items to sell.

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This particular exercise uses the traditional Chinese medicine concept that universal *Chi* can be absorbed from nature and passed into the body's energy channels through focused intent and breathing.

To begin the exercise, stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, toes pointing forward, your heels firmly planted on the ground and your back straight. Release the tension in your neck and shoulders by slowly rolling your head first to the left, then to the right. Place your hands over your solar plexus (*Tan Tien*) and with a slow even breath, calm and center yourself.

Shift your weight forward on your right leg, reach out with your arms and begin to scoop with your hands. Keep your eyes open, slowly inhale and absorb the colors and *Chi* of nature.

As you bring your hands up toward your chest, shift your weight backwards onto your left leg, slowly exhale and absorb the *Chi* into your heart center. To continue, shift your weight forward again, and inhale again as you reach out and scoop up renewed *Chi*. Continue the exercise for 15 minutes, then step back with your feet together. Absorb the *Chi* into the heart center then slowly bring it down to the *Tan Tien*.

#### Sequence

**Step 1.** Place your feet shoulder-width apart, knees slightly bent, with your hips tucked gently underneath the spine (back straight). Raise your hands to shoulder height while keeping your head up and your neck and shoulders relaxed.

**Step 2.** Begin the exercise by shifting your weight forward. Reach out with your arms and begin to scoop with your hands. Keep your eyes open, slowly inhale and absorb the colors and *Chi* of nature.

**Step 3.** Continue to inhale while you slowly raise your arms and gather nature's *Chi*.

**Step 4.** Bring your arms up to chest level and slowly begin to shift your weight backwards as you begin to exhale and absorb the *Chi* into your heart center.

**Step 5.** Continue to slowly exhale as you absorb the warmth of the *Chi*. Keep your neck and shoulder relaxed, back straight and allow the *Chi* to enter your energy channels.

**Step 6.** Momentarily hold your hands over your heart area, absorb the healing *Chi* of nature as you complete exhalation. Continue the exercise by shifting your weight forward again. Begin to inhale as you reach out and scoop up the *Chi*.

**Step 7.** After 15 minutes of absorbing nature's *Chi*, cross your hands over the heart area and absorb the healing *Chi* into your energy channels.

**Step 8.** To complete the exercise, slowly bring the *Chi* down to your *Tan Tien* and gather the *Chi* within.

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Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



Step 7



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# Hair today, gone tomorrow... and back again

**A**bsolute Hair Clinic, which opened in December last year, is the first clinic in Phuket to offer hair transplants for people suffering from baldness. Unsurprisingly, given the greater prevalence of baldness among foreigners, they account for around 80% of the clinic's customers.

The owner of Absolute Hair, Dr Kongkiat Laorwong, says he is one of only four doctors in Thailand trained to perform hair transplant surgery. Originally from Hat Yai, Songkhla province, he graduated from the faculty of Medicine at Prince of Songkla University in 1999. He specialized in hair transplants at the Hair Institute in Bangkok under the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) and has a particular interest in hair restoration.

"I became interested in this job because until recently there weren't many people working in his field. What's more, my father and brother are both going bald. I thought I could use what I know to help people with this sort of problem," Dr Kongkiat says.

Hair transplant techniques have been around for a long time and first became popular about 40-50 years ago. However, it was only around 10 years ago that

scientists developed techniques that resulted in natural-looking hair, he says.

In preparation for surgery at Absolute Hair Clinic, clients must have a one-on-one session with the doctor. Treatments are customized depending on the customer's specific hair line and hair texture. The patient will be fully consulted on every detail of the procedure.

The surgery generally involves taking hairs from the occipital and ear areas of the scalp and transplanting them to areas in which hair loss has occurred. General anesthetics are not used in the procedure, though the patient will sometimes be given a sleeping pill or relaxant. The doctor will inject Xylocaine into the scalp in the occipital and ear areas as a local anesthetic. The surgery takes three to eight hours, depending on the surgical location.

Once the hair transplant process is complete, the patient will be given painkillers and a sleeping pill. They will have to return the following day for a check up.

The first week is crucial. The patient is instructed not to touch their head around the hair cell transplant area. The transplanted hair may come off as it takes time for the hair roots to grow in.

The patient may experience



**TEAM OF HAIRDOES:** Dr Kongkiat Laorwong (right) and his team of nurses at Absolute Hair Clinic.

some uncomfortable symptoms. It takes a lengthy period for the hair to start growing in, and the process will leave scabs. The scabs should heal within a week's time.

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# Giving the gift of life

With tragedies on the roads reported on a daily basis, Phuket's Emergency Medical Services are overwhelmed and require the support of rescue organizations to pick up the slack.

The Kusoldharm Foundation is the largest of three rescue services located here in Phuket. With a staff of around 55 – some paid, some volunteers – they operate 15 rescue vehicles and ambulances. On patrol every night, the foundation responds to the call time and time again, often arriving at the scenes of accidents before the police, to be greeted by gruesome scenes of death, horror and destruction.

As a charity, the Kusoldharm Foundation relies upon the generosity of the people of Phuket to continue to provide its service. Given the current state of the global economy, many people are being forced to tighten the purse strings. As a result, many feel that they are currently unable to give as generously as they once might. The work that the Kusoldharm Foundation does generally seems to go unheralded. Perhaps as a result, the foundation is often overlooked when it comes to charitable donation, particularly by foreigners – until now.

Phillip Gordon, a semi-re-

tired travel agency operator based in the United States, recently donated 600,000 baht to the Kusoldharm Foundation; a sum they have used to purchase a new set of extrication equipment, commonly referred to as the "Jaws of Life". After being made aware of his donation the *Gazette* spoke to Phillip about his act of generosity.

Phillip first came to the island about three years ago and, liking what he saw, decided to buy a place so he could see out the winters in warmer climes. But what was it about Phuket that captured his imagination?

"Phuket has a lot of amenities. I don't think my story is any different than most *farangs*. You're on a beautiful tropical island with wonderful people, but you get all the amenities of the West – the restaurants, the shopping malls and so on. Phuket has something for everybody," he said.

With a plethora of worthy charities located on the island, many of which desperately requiring funding, what was it about the Kusoldharm Foundation that urged Phillip to make his donation?

"I don't think the Kusoldharm Foundation gets enough press. I was here long enough without knowing they existed so

I believed that they needed a little more help than they're getting.

"The organization is private and it relies primarily on private donors. There are some incredibly good charities here, but considering the options, this was almost like an insurance policy for the entire island. It's something you'll probably never use but it's got to be there," said Phillip.

Given the financial difficulties that so many currently find themselves in, a donation of this magnitude takes on even greater significance, but what made Phillip decide to give so much and how is the money being spent?

"By Thai standards 600,000 baht is a lot of money, but to many *farang*, it's not an unreasonable amount considering the incredible nature of the work done by the foundation. When I was younger I wanted to do something special. I dreamed of being a police officer, an emergency worker or an aid worker of some kind. In my heart I wanted to do something like that. But the dice fall where they may and I ended up a travel agency operator. However, I'm now in a position to help as many people as I can," Phillip said.

"I walked into the office in Phuket Town with the intention of buying an ambulance. I walked around with the chairman and he told me that they really needed



Phillip Gordon with the Chairman of the Kusoldharm Foundation after donating 600,000 baht to purchase much needed extrication equipment.

some extrication equipment, commonly known by the brand name the "Jaws of Life", used to hydraulically free people from wreckages. This equipment can mean the difference between life and death. Ultimately, if you're in trouble somebody is going to drive you to the hospital in an ambulance or otherwise, but if you're pressed between two pieces of metal and if the equipment is not there, you will bleed to death," he continued.

After giving such a substantial sum of money, many people might think their civic duty was done, but Phillip plans to donate to the foundation again in the future.

"It's probably the only donation for this year, but I intend to be a long-time supporter of the

Kusoldharm Foundation and they've got some very important projects coming up.

"I'm hoping that people will see this and do something similar because a little bit of money by Western standards can do a lot of good here.

"This equipment will save a life every month so I'm told," Phillip concluded.

If Phillip's donation saves just one life, then he can look back with pride knowing that his generosity has made a difference.

If interested in donating money to the Kusoldharm Foundation or would like to volunteer, it is located at 34 Phun Pol Road Soi 9, Tambon Talad Nua, Muang, Phuket, or contact T: 076-246216, 076-211706.

-Dan Ogunshakin

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## EXPAT GALLERY

## Wolfgang Meusburger

Wolfgang Meusburger joined the Holiday Inn at Patong Beach in 1991 as Food & Beverage Manager. He quickly became the resort's General Manager, and over the past 18 years has become an important member of Phuket's community of leaders.

Not only has he supervised the expansion of the property from 260 rooms to the current 405 deluxe rooms, but he co-ordinated the acquisition and renovation of a four-story building, now named Happy Home, that has become a shelter for up to 40 homeless children at risk of exploitation.

"After the 2004 tsunami, we had many guests who wanted to contribute funds to help the local people who had suffered during that tragedy. With the assistance of our owners and a German-Swiss bank, we were able to raise 9 million baht, enough to acquire the building and fit it out for these children."

World Vision operates Happy Home and Wolfgang has raised operational funds to cover all expenses for the foreseeable future. Currently, he is co-ordinating with his staff to provide funds for school lunches and uniforms for two primary schools in Phang Nga province. It's all part of his belief in community involvement and corporate responsibility.

Wolfgang grew up on a farm in Austria which also had a small restaurant and hotel. The farm had been a family venture for four generations. The young Wolfgang attended hotel management school and spent his early years working in a ski lodge at St Moritz in the winter and in high-end resorts in Sardinia in the summers. By 1984, he was managing Austria's top ski resort.

"This was a fabulous opportunity to learn every function in a resort and to provide the finest possible service available for these very discerning guests. We were open only five months a year. I had over three months free and I spent those months traveling mostly in South America. It was the first time I saw real poverty."

This experience with the poor made a lasting impression on Wolfgang, an impression he never forgot and one that has made him determined to help the poor on Phuket.

After his four years at the Austrian ski resort, he took a summer course at the world's most prestigious hotel school, in Lausanne, Switzerland, where he learned about the higher service standards found in Asia. He was intrigued.

In 1989, he was offered a

job at Le Meridien in Bangkok.

"I had serious culture shock when I first lived in Thailand. But I came to love living in this part of the world. After two years, I decided to join my future wife, who was working in Phuket, and accepted the job at the Holiday Inn. I've stayed at the Holiday Inn for many years because I enjoy working with my owners and I like my staff. After the tsunami, the owners decided to 'move forward' and invest in this property to take it to a new and fresher level, thereby repositioning the resort."

Wolfgang has been awarded GM of the Year three times by Holiday Inn Asia Pacific and has also been recognized by Andy Coslet, CEO of the Inter-Continental Hotel Group which owns the Holiday Inn brand, as one of the top GMs in the entire corporate collection.

"We are fortunate at the Holiday Inn Phuket to have loyal guests. Around 35% of our customers are repeat guests. Plus we have a staff retention rate of 60 per cent. Many have worked here for longer than ten years. I am concerned about our occupancies for 2009, but I believe we will recover and that 2010 will be another record year."

— 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, ah, 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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**ARABIAN DREAMS:** Tesco Lotus Phuket hosted an Arabic dance contest as part of the southern leg of the Good Health and Good Living project on May 17. The Grand Final will be held in Bangkok on June 7, where the victorious dancer will win Bt1.5 million and receive a trophy from General Prem Tinsulanonda.



**SPREADING SOME SUNSHINE:** Mark Cameron (right), organizer of the Phuket Oilfield Classic Golf Tournament, presents a cheque for Bt760,000 to the Phuket Sunshine Village Foundation on May 1. After the presentation, Mr Cameron was treated to some traditional performances by the children of Sunshine Village.



**PHUKET PANEL:** International Business Association of Phuket (IBAP) trustee Adrian Gardner (2nd from left) with panelists who fielded questions from the audience about the state of Phuket's economy at PG's Steak & Rib House in Patong during the monthly IBAP networking event on May 15. Also pictured are (from left) Nick Davies, Managing Editor of the *Phuket Gazette*; Alastair Forbes, Managing Partner of Forbes Communications and Bill Barnett, Managing Director of C9 Hotelworks.



**SAX IT UP:** Jimmy the DJ took a break from "the wheels of steel" at White Box Bar and Restaurant to treat partygoers to the sounds of his saxophone on May 16. Photo by Dan Miles



**WELCOME ONE, WELCOME HALAL:** Mr John Kidd, General Manager of Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa, welcomed Dr Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanich, Minister of Science and Technology, to the Hilton Phuket Arcadia. Khunying Kalaya was visiting Phuket for the World of Halal Science, Industry & Business International Conference 2009 (WHASIB 2009), which was held from May 1-4.



**A LAUGH A MINUTE:** The Punchline Comedy Club returned to Phuket with another fantastic trio of comics who took the Holiday Inn Phuket Resort and Hotel by storm on May 19. Pictured (from left to right): Comedians Lloyd Langford and Geoff Boyz; John Moorhead, Punchline Comedy Club organizer and Boom and Pete Harris, Punchline Comedy Club's Phuket organizers. Photo by Dan Miles



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# Bentley Continental evolves



The newly launched GTC Speed is Bentley's most powerful convertible ever. The introduction of the new GTC range builds on the success of the Bentley Continental GT – a car hugely popular with Premier League footballers in the UK. The new model has undergone a subtle evolution in its distinctive style, plus a range of technical and feature enhancements.

The appeal of the GTC lineup is further strengthened by the addition of the new 600bhp (442 kW) GTC Speed model. This new and robust convertible is to a great extent inspired by Bentley's legendary "Speed Models" from the 1920s.

Bentley won the "24 Hours of Le Mans" classic five times in the 1920s, initially with a three-liter model, then a 4.5-liter version and for the final time in 1930 with a 6.5 liter, hence the "Speed" epithet. The victorious 1930 Bentley was driven by Woolf "Babe" Barnato and Glen Kidston. Woolf Barnato bought the Bentley company in 1926. A wealthy socialite and member of the so-called "Bentley Boys", Barnato won Le Mans three times and once famously raced *Le Train Bleu* from Cannes in the south of France to Calais – a race he won with four minutes to spare.

The racing began to take a significant financial toll on the company but supported by Barnato's millions, Bentley Motors soldiered on valiantly until 1931 when the company was taken over by Rolls-Royce. The two marques remained synonymous until the late 90s when Volkswagen acquired Bentley and Rolls-Royce, although the name, logo and "Spirit of Ecstasy" hood motif was licensed by BMW.

The new GTC models share



The new Bentley Continental GTC Speed with its twin-turbocharged W12 engine can achieve 322 km/h – the magical 200 mph – with seemingly effortless acceleration.

a fresh frontal appearance.

The radiator grille is more upright with a more pronounced square edge – accentuating the Bentley profile – producing bolder and lower air intake. The latest models are further distinguished by chrome headlamp bezels, the availability of two new exterior paints and a new color hide.

For the standard GTC, new low-friction dampers provide improved ride comfort. In addition, two significant new options may be specified on both GTC models: lightweight, fade resistant, carbon ceramic brakes – the largest production passenger car brakes in the world – and a sophisticated "follow-to-stop" adaptive cruise control system with long-range radar sensor that monitors traffic ahead and manages throttle and brakes to maintain a driver-selected time gap.

The GTC's chassis and rigid steel body have proved more than capable of coping with the power of the 552bhp 6-liter engine.

For the new Continental GTC Speed, Bentley's twin-turbocharged W12 now produces 600bhp that with the roof up can achieve 322 km/h – the magical 200 mph – with seemingly effortless acceleration. Even with the roof down, the car can reach 312

km/h. The 0-100 km/h sprint is achieved in just 4.8 seconds and 0-160 km/h in 10.5 seconds.

The Continental GTC Speed is visually distinguished by subtle design enhancements, emphasizing its higher performance credentials. At the front, the radiator

and lower air intake grilles feature a dark tinted matrix as standard.

Larger diameter multi-spoke alloy wheels with specially developed Pirelli PZero ultra-high performance tires, lowered and uprated suspension, wider twin-

rifled exhaust tail pipes and a new boot-mounted lip spoiler enhancing high-speed aerodynamics reinforce the sporting character of the Speed model.

The GTC Speed's 600bhp W12 engine produces 9% more power than the standard GTC, but it is the 15% increase in torque that really distinguishes it. Capable of producing an impressive output of 750 Nm, this is achieved across virtually the entire revolutions spectrum – from just 1,700- to 5,600-rpm.

Bentley chairman and chief executive, Dr Franz-Josef Paefgen, explained the rationale behind the GTC Speed.

"The Continental GTC is an elegant grand touring convertible in the Bentley tradition, exciting the emotions with its distinctive blend of performance, luxury, craftsmanship and modernity. The GTC Speed completes the family of Continental Speed models and broadens the appeal of the GTC to customers who demand a more focused, open-top driving experience," he said.

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# Flying through the turbulence

## Talking Planes



by  
Alistair Carthew

First some bad news, then some OK news and, finally, the good news.

The bad news: Asia Pacific is leading all the other major aviation regions around the recession-ravaged world in the decline of passenger demand – some 14.5% in March – even before the impact of swine flu is felt.

The main reason behind this is Asia Pacific's greater geographical area. Carriers like Thai Airways International have to fly much longer average distances than other large airlines – long haul traffic is contracting faster than short haul.

Now for the really, really bad news that might eventually be good news: Shanghai Airlines and China Eastern, both departing from Shanghai, postponed

scheduled flights directly to Phuket because of the Songkran “red-shirt rumble”.

This decision was devastating news to Phuket hoteliers, many of whom were looking forward to the extra business from China, which, after all, has so far weathered the economic storm better than most.

The better news is that once things settle down here – assuming, of course, that they will – the airlines will be back. The Chinese want to come to Phuket. Both these airlines are taking a severe economic buffeting, so it is crucial to their longer term prospects that they expand their international networks and move away from their current over-reliance on the domestic market.

More sort of bad news: One-Two-Go, a low-cost carrier servicing Phuket from Bangkok, was placed on the European Union's blacklist of carriers banned from flying into the EU.

As a low-cost carrier flying relatively elderly MD-82 aircraft, One-Two-Go does not fly into the EU anyway.

The main impact of such a



INDONESIA, Jakarta, Java: Dancers perform during a ceremony of welcoming the new Airbus A320 at Cengkareng airport in Jakarta on September 24, 2008. The first Air Bus A320 had landed in Jakarta as part of Air Asia's plan to increase their safety and service providing about 40 planes in five years. AFP PHOTO/ADEK BERRY



THAI remains the biggest player serving Phuket by some margin. Photo by Terence Ong

ban would be that should One-Two-Go wish to “wet” or “dry” lease one of its aircraft to a European-based carrier, this would not be permitted (a wet lease is when an aircraft is supplied with the same airline's flight crew. A dry lease is when just the aircraft is leased but is manned by the leasing airline's own crew). The EU ban has had no affect on One-Two-Go's ability to continue servicing Phuket and other destinations.

Finally, the good news: Thai AirAsia plans to establish Phuket as an aviation hub; Nok Air, the THAI subsidiary low-cost carrier is increasing its fleet with two Boeing 737-400 jets, one of which will be used to increase flight frequency to Phuket; Jin Air, a Korean low-cost carrier established by Korean Air, is to launch flights to Thailand in October; THAI's shift of all domestic flights from Don Muang back to Suvarnabhumi in Bangkok will also boost tourist numbers to Phuket; and Firefly, a Malaysian-based

low-cost carrier, begun flying daily to Phuket from 1 May.

Returning to the global situation, the question is how many more body blows can aviation take before there is a massive implosion and many weaker airlines go under, reducing world capacity and the availability of seats when the global recession ends?

It seems we are heading that way; therefore tourism, the world's largest industry, will be badly affected.

Consider the somewhat sorry list of crises the industry has endured in recent years: two Gulf wars, 9/11, SARS, bird flu, unprecedented jet fuel prices, the worst global recession since the 1930s and now a global swine flu scare to boot.

The latest statistics from the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which represents 93% of scheduled international air traffic, tell the story. Passenger traffic in March fell 11.1% compared to 2008 and freight demand was down almost 22%.

In normal times, a reduction in traffic was compensated for by the replacement of older aircraft with new, larger planes so the capacity to meet demand was maintained.

This time around, because of the recession airlines have cut capacity by 4.4%, resulting in load factors for March of 72.1% – a 5.4% drop on the average load factor for March, 2008. Translate that into revenues and IATA estimates it will equate to a drop of 20%.

The only glimmer of hope is that cargo demand has stabilized, albeit at the shockingly low level of -21.4%. As IATA Director General Giovanni Bisignani said, “It's not the end of the recession, but we may have found the floor”.

It makes for pretty dismal reading. One aviation analyst was quoted recently as saying that a “shrink to survive” strategy is not the answer for some airlines as it would represent a “shrink into oblivion”.

Closer to home, Thailand's

aviation industry seems to be staving off shrinking into oblivion by handling the air turbulence better than most.

This, despite all of the above crises plus a number of well-publicized home grown ones.

Take the arrival of a Korean low-cost airline like Jin Air, for example. By flying very up-to-date Boeing 737-800 aircraft it can easily offer customers cheap, point-to-point services between South Korea and Thailand – possibly up to 20% cheaper.

This is important for Phuket, as the island remains a favored destination for Korean honeymooners, especially during the newly renamed “summer season”. Many hoteliers rely on this traffic, driven by agents in Korea, to help them through the early part of the April - November period at least.

Thai AirAsia's plans to make Phuket an aviation hub for the region are good for Phuket International Airport, tourism and employment. AirAsia is one of the few airlines continuing to expand its network despite the recession.

Probably the most important question hanging over Phuket aviation, however, is how effective is THAI's US\$1 billion recovery plan?

The recovery plan demanded by the ministry of finance must be sufficiently robust for THAI to receive much-needed financing to improve its liquidity.

Despite the AirAsias, Jin Airs, Fireflys and various other airlines servicing Phuket, THAI remains the biggest player by some margin – the length of an Airbus A380 wingspan, if you will (79m).

Nobody doubts that THAI will overcome this latest hurdle. There are strong indications that this government is no soft touch and that this massive re-examination will give THAI a fighting chance of continuing to rank in the top 10 for a number of its services and to recover its former position as one of the world's leading airlines.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Upcoming events on the island

**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@maikhaoturtlefoundation.com. W: www.maikhaoturtlefoundation.com.

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

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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.

- 8.20am: Splash 'n' Dash for children aged 5-8 years (Swim, 60m; Bike, 1.5km; run, 800m)
- 9.00am: Adults: (Swim, 900m; Bike, 20km; Run, 7km)
- 9.20am: Junior Race, ages 8-16 yrs (Swim, 250m; Bike,

**Laguna Phuket International Marathon**

The Laguna Phuket International Marathon presented by Nike is Southeast Asia's leading destination marathon. The "family friendly" event held on June 14 offers people a chance to compete in a marathon, half marathon, 10.5k run, a 5k Community Walk or a 2k Kids Run. This year's event will raise money for the Baan Klongsai School in Phang Nga province, a rural school in need of financial assistance. Online registration is open on the event website until 6 June. Registrations will also be accepted at the two-day marathon expo in the big marquee at the Laguna Beach Resort Y-Junction. Every participant will receive a Nike singlet. From 5am to Noon at Laguna Phuket. For further information contact Mr Roman Floesser. T: 076-236931 W: www.phuketmarathon.com

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, Nai Yang, Phuket. For further information contact Bier. T: 081-691 3285. E: tri@triballisticclub.com. W: www.triballisticclub.com.

**May 31. 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.

**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! From 5pm to 8pm at the Mövenpick Hotel, Karon. For further information contact Linda Cumming. T: 081-893 7749. E: lecumming@gmail.com. W: www.phuketdance.com.

**July 7. Asarnha Bucha Day**

This full-moon day of the eighth lunar month commemorates the Buddha's first sermon to his first five disciples after attaining Enlightenment more than 2,500 years ago. Evening candlelit processions are staged in all Thai Buddhist temples.

**July 8. Buddhist Lent Day (Khao Pansa)**

Occurs one day after the full-moon day of the eighth lunar month (Asarnha Bucha). *Khao Pansa* marks the beginning of the annual three-month Rain Retreat during which Buddhist monks customarily stay at a particular temple to study and meditate. The monks are not allowed to stay overnight at any other location during this period. A candle festival is held annually on this day. Sculpted beeswax candles, generally depicting mythological creatures, are carried in a ceremonial parade in each province before being presented to local temples.

**August 12. HM The Queen's Birthday**

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

**October 4. End of Buddhist Lent Day (Ork Pansa)**

This day marks the culmination of the three-month Rain Retreat for Buddhist Lent (*Khao Pansa*) for the monks.

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## ON THE MOVE

Mr Scot Toon has been appointed General Manager at Paresa, Phuket's newest luxury resort. In his new position, Scot will oversee the pre-opening operation of the resort. A native of New Zealand, Scot brings a wealth of experience to Paresa having spent five years in resort management with the award-winning Per Aquum group as Director of Human Resources. Before joining Paresa, Scot had also previously worked in Borneo and at the exclusive Hayman Island resort in Queensland, Australia.



Mrs Ilenia Morabito has been recruited as the new Guest Relations Manager of the Indigo Pearl Resort. In her new role, Ilenia will head a team of eight and will be responsible for the welfare of the resort's guests. Originally from Italy, Ilenia comes to Indigo Pearl with a background in sales and marketing and has spent time working in England, Italy and the Maldives. Before joining the Nai Yang resort, Ilenia worked as Senior Marketing Executive for a tourism publishing company based in Singapore.



Mr Nithipat Tongpun has been promoted to the role of Executive Director with CB Richard Ellis. Originally from Chiang Rai, Mr Nithipat began his career with American Express before moving to CB Richard Ellis in 1991. Mr Nithipat has run CB Richard Ellis's Thailand Office team since 1995. Under his stewardship, the team has consistently dominated the Bangkok office market with an average market share of 70%, making the company the number one agent for grade "A" office marketing in Thailand.



# The ABCs of investment trusts



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

Following on from recent *Money Talks* articles that have covered stockmarkets, this week we'll look at a variety of investment possibilities and their history.

Stockmarkets afford investors many different approaches to investments. The original method was to simply research companies and then buy, hold and sell individual shares. The technique can be profitable or otherwise, depending mainly on the ability of the investor or market timing.

Surprisingly, this approach became very popular during the "tech boom" in the late 1990s. This was a period in stockmarket history when it seemed that every second person suddenly became an expert on company research.

Unfortunately, reality has a way of interfering with the latest "fads" and the tech era was no exception. What transpired was that tech stocks were rising virtu-

ally regardless of their merits – or lack thereof. It was a classic case of "a rising tide lifts all ships".

Sadly, many tech companies were built upon poor or virtually non-existent business models and had never shown a profit in their history. In the euphoria of the time, none of that seemed to matter for new investors. In March 2000, the first waves of massive share selling started to occur and the dream turned into a nightmare for many.

However, company research is as old as the stockmarkets themselves. For a long time it was the only option available to investors, other than passing this activity on to others, namely banks, insurance companies, trusts and stockbrokers.

In common with other collective investment schemes, investment trusts offer their clients two major advantages over the DIY approach. First, few people have sufficient knowledge to thoroughly research companies enough to create a portfolio – the ability to analyze a balance sheet is only a tiny part of the process. Secondly, having a properly "balanced" stockmarket portfolio requires a large investment. To give you some idea, attaining a balanced investment portfolio typically requires in excess of US\$1 million.

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Foreign & Colonial created an investment trust. Both the company and the investment trust exist to this day, some 141 years later.

Investment trusts are still popular, although other collective investment schemes have been introduced and taken greater market share. Investment trusts have a unique approach: the capital of the trust is decided by its managers in advance. For the purpose of illustration, the capital is set at US\$100 million. These funds are accrued from institutions and the public. When this amount has been raised, it is then invested in the manner in which the sponsoring company illustrated to investors.

The world's first investment trust uses 60% of the assets to invest in the UK stockmarket and 40% overseas. Subsequent investment trusts have had a variety of investment objectives.

Investment trusts are very different to their later cousins, unit trusts. Both are collective investment schemes, but they have little else in common.

An investment trust raises a set amount of capital and invests that amount. When subsequent investors either want to buy or sell their shares in the trust, they have to deal with other shareholders. No new shares are

issued and it is simply a matter of supply and demand for the shares within the investment trust itself. In a rising market it is quite possible for the shares of an investment trust to rise 20%, say, when the underlying shares held by the trust have only gained 15%.

However, the reverse occurs in weak or falling markets when an investment trust's shares usually trade at less than their underlying asset price. When stockmarkets suffer a sharp reverse, especially when this is protracted, the discount can become significant. This offers opportunities for investors to purchase a share of an investment trust at a significantly discounted price.

Some investment groups watch the performance of investment trusts closely. When they feel that the discount is large enough they often make a bid for the whole trust. In essence, this is no different from one company taking over another.

The predator, having acquired the investment trust, can then add the discounted assets to their other holdings. Naturally, shares acquired that are unwanted can be sold at a profit.

Investors in an investment trust are usually beneficiaries in a takeover situation as the discount will narrow and the value

of their holdings increase during any takeover.

While investment trusts do not routinely increase the amount of funds under management, they can and do increase the capital of the investment trust. The example given of a US\$100 million investment trust could see its managers approach the market for an additional large lump sum to increase the capital of the trust. This can happen many times, as is the case with the original Foreign & Colonial investment trust, which now counts its assets in billions rather than millions.

Investment trusts offer investors the ability to have a diversified portfolio with professional management. More recently there have been other types of collective investment schemes introduced. Each has advantages and disadvantages over the original investment trust. These will be discussed in coming weeks.

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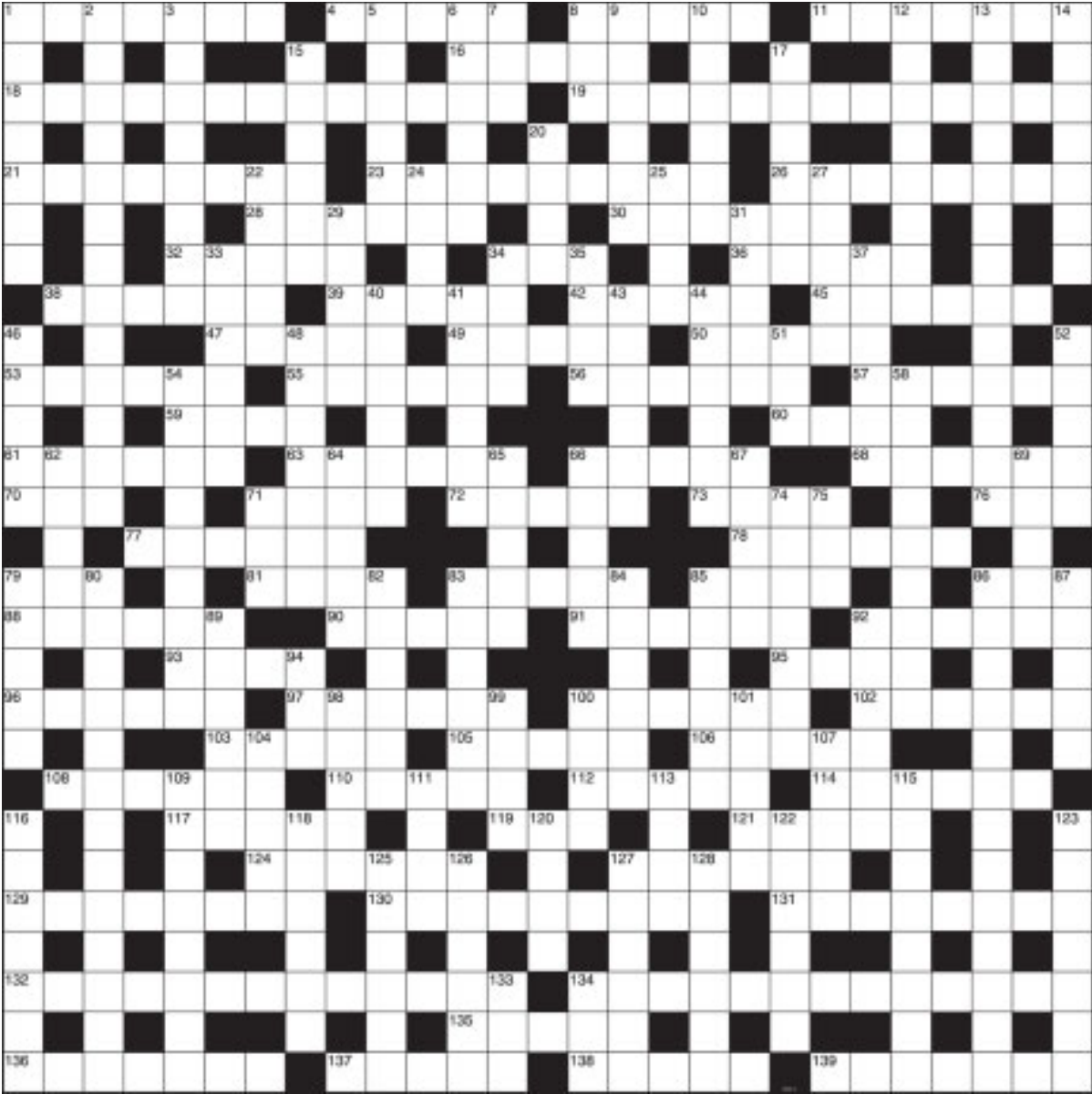
PUZZLES

### Spot the Difference



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





The BIG Crossword

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**Across**

1. Clad

4. Actress,...Foster

8. Hum monotonously

11. Pursuit

16. Newspapers & broadcasting

18. Lethargic

19. Misinterprets

21. Lists down

23. On each occasion (5,4)

26. Misshapen

28. Units of length

30. Spied for police

32. Sound of silk

34. Olympic Games body (1,1,1)

36. Crop up

38. Shredder

39. Aircraft tracking device

42. Slacken (3,2)

45. Golfer's aide

47. UK racecourse

49. Italian fashion & design centre

50. Almond or cashew flavoured

53. Fingerless glove

55. Weapons of mass destruction (1-5)

56. Alongside (4,2)

57. Treat badly (3-3)

59. Allot,... out

60. Leonardo da Vinci's... Lisa

61. Hired

63. Wooden hammer

66. Eyed lustfully

68. Toasts

70. Earmark

71. Harmless lies

72. Yankee Doodle...

73. Pats

76. Aye

77. Monster-like

78. Used close-up lens

79. Nautical shelter

81. Famous English school

83. Cunningly

85. Fire fuel

86. Football arbiter

88. Pushing for

90. Enthuses

91. Concedes

92. More erotic

93. 60s duo, Sonny &...

95. Twitches

96. Chinese fruit

97. Outpaced

100. Sketchy

102. Breathing disorder

103. Name of book

105. Motion picture

106. Certify (accounts)

108. Passes into law

110. Cedars & oaks

112. Kingdom

114. Plant support poles

117. Failure

119. Xmas...

121. Throat growth

124. Saturn & Neptune's neighbour

127. Protective wrap,... paper

129. Thinner

130. Banish from society

131. Accentuated

132. Rebirth

134. Fraternity

135. Cheque recipient

136. Patent payment

137. Fizzy

138. Rims

**Down**

1. Sheepdogs, Border...

2. Arranging

3. Heftiest

5. Novel,... Twist

6. Visual representations

7. Conger or moray

8. Unlit

9. Dried grape

10. More orderly

12. Educated

13. Shamefully

14. Lessened in intensity (5,2)

15. Prejudices

17. Arachnid

20. Printing error

22. Kuwaiti rulers

24. Peddle

25. Dull (finish)

27. Official decree

29. Ache

31. Broken

33. Took (baby) off breast- milk

34. Coloured part of eye

35. Scottish family

37. Common expression

40. Circular coral reefs

41. Sauntered

43. Sun power, solar...

44. Undid (ribbon)

46. Wise guy,... aleck

48. Drug retailer

51. Actor,... Cruise

52. The other way around, vice...

54. Coming into view

58. Vastness

62. Keen

64. Loathe

65. Follows closely

66. Peculiarly

67. Stupefied

69. Embankment

71. Fe,..., fo, fum!

74. Bragged

75. Drunkard

79. Soothes

80. Self-importance

82. Prattle

83. Bun seed

84. Joyful cry

85. Not singular

86. Pompous dogmatism

87. Quirk of nature

89. Slum area

92. Empty-headed

94. Decompose

98. Extremely

99. Nuzzle

100. Horse's father

101. Oil reservoirs

104. Debatable matter

107. Tiny island

109. Medical

111. Large Aussie birds

113. Line of rotation

115. Desire for food

116. Underwriter

118. Making mistake

120. Calf meat

122. Unseated

123. Concert venue,... Square Garden

125. Mafia, Cosa...

126. Deigns

127. Layered

128. Fume

133. Opposite of aye

134. Honey insect

**Solution on next page**

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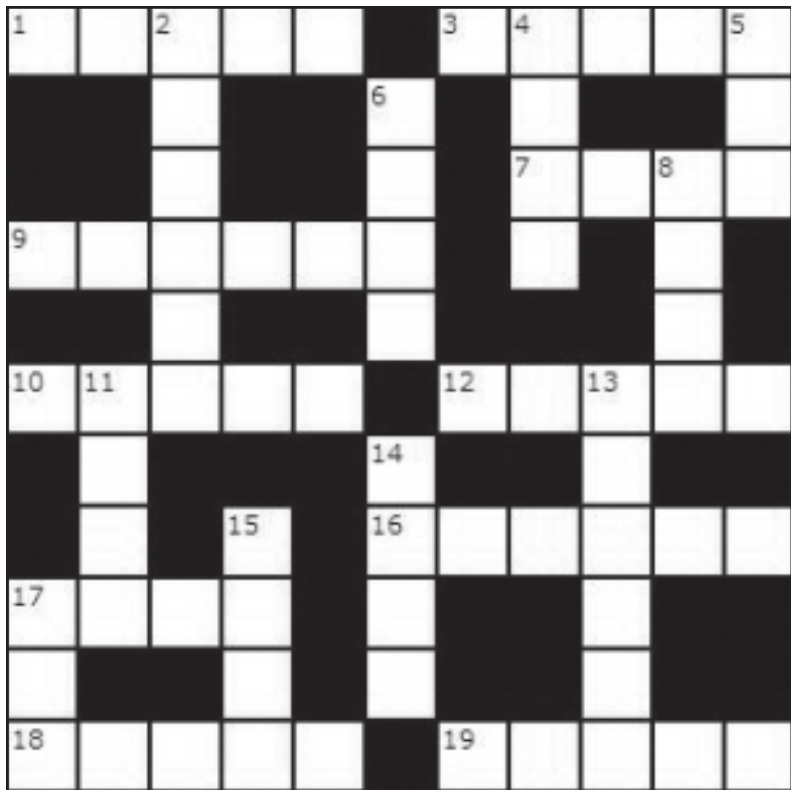
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1		5			7	3		
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	2	9		4				
9				2	4			7
2			8	9				6
				8		2	6	
8	3							7
		1	5		4			3

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





## Quick Crossword

### Across

1. More
3. Pastime
7. In your eye
9. Toy
10. King and...
12. Camera film
16. The ...Dodger
17. Celeb, ...Seacrest
18. Arrange
19. Liquid

### Down

2. Three
4. Leave out
5. Affirmative
6. Legend
8. US state
11. Not pretty
13. Beat
14. Music group
15. Joint
17. In Brazil

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with the

# MONSTER QUIZ

1. "Share moments. Share life" is the slogan to which brand?
2. On which island was Errol Flynn born?
3. In computers, what is the term modem short for?
4. What does FTP stand for?
5. What does RAM stand for?
6. What does LAN stand for?
7. And finally, what does USB stand for?
8. Americans call them bell hops, but what do Brits call them?
9. Which religion celebrates Vesak?
10. 'I am a plonker, not smart' is an anagram of which celebrity?
11. Roughly how many rivets were used in the Forth Rail Bridge? 1 million, 4 million or 7 million?
12. Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt were the last men to do what?
13. Which of these has the same meaning as the 'forensic'? Human, legal or death?
14. What does 'D.C.' stand for in Washington D.C.?
15. If a dish is cooked 'Florentine', what is it cooked with?
16. Which event took place in London in 2002 after rioting forced it to be moved from Nigeria?
17. Which brewer introduced the widget?
18. What's your hobby if you're interested in a Stanley Gibbons album?
19. How old does a vehicle need to be to be called a classic?
20. Which society has its HQ at The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire?

*Answers below*



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# Puzzle Solutions

### Solution to this week's Quick crossword



### Solution to this week's Cartoon Puzzle



## Monster Quiz Answers

1. Kodak; 2. Tasmania;
3. Modulator-demodulator; 4. File Transfer Protocol; 5. Random Access Memory; 6. Local Area Network; 7. Universal Serial Bus;
8. Porters; 9. Buddhism;
10. Tara Palmer Tomkinson; 11. 7 million;
12. Walk on the moon;
13. Legal; 14. District of Columbia; 15. Spinach;
16. Miss World; 17. Guinness;
18. Stamp Collecting;
19. 25 years old; 20. RSPB.

### Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

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

### Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

CLOTHED	JODIE	DRONE	PASTIME
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GRATER	RADAR	LETUP	CADDIE
S A	ASCOT	MILAN	NUTTY
MITTEN	HBOMBS	NEXTTO	ILLUSE
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S E	TITLE	MOVIE	AUDIT
ENACTS	TREES	REALM	STAKES
I T	LOSER	M EVE	X
N R	I URANUS	E TISSUE	P U
SKINNIER	OSTRACISE	STRESSED	
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# The Protester's Arms

## LARGER THAN LIFE

By Graham Doven

Protesters closed Stansted Airport in England in December last year – a move that left hundreds of angry passengers stranded. Imagine that, closing an airport to protest against the expansion of regional airports in the UK. What kind of brain-dead idiots could think that closing an airport is going to accomplish anything except creating a financial catastrophe, making a hell of a lot of people angry and provide terrorists with some great new ideas?

Perhaps the people who did it may have been in Thailand recently and were trying to recapture some of the nostalgia of Bangkok a few months ago. People do miss the protests apparently. One lady was quoted in the paper as saying that she did not know what to do now after work. "I really miss the friends I made there," she said. It was a

whole new social world.

With no riot or protest giving her the chance to meet up with her friends, she has to go home alone. She cannot simply leave work and happily go along with her flask of tea and little yellow clacker and enjoy destroying the lives and jobs of millions of people. Life has really taken a turn for the worst for the little protest lady.

Maybe there is a whole new business venture here. We could start a whole chain of protests. A huge franchise operation expanding out of Thailand could provide sustainable protests and even provide a source of income for the revenue department. The "Protester's Arms" right opposite Government House could have a big billboard on the roof that complains about the evil politicians and promotes the jazz band on Friday night. That way the politicians could pop over and get abused and protested at while enjoying a cold beer or two.

They could have red nights and yellow nights and karaoke in the Lobby Bar, or more likely, the Lobbyist Bar on Saturday night.

The Cabinet Lounge could

serve lobster with champagne and Sauvignon blanc; the Back Benchers Bar, cold Singha and Heineken; and the North East Beer Garden, some fine Beer Chang and ice cold *lao khao* with sticky rice.

It really could become the "in" place, especially for people bidding for political positions.

Now here's a thing, and it gets a bit confusing. In Illinois in the USA, a governor is trying to flog a seat in the Senate and get the Senator to give him a big bag of money for the seat, whereas here, ex-politicians are trying to give politicians big bags of money to sit in a seat in Parliament. Very confusing.

But back to the main point, we could have protest venues opening up everywhere, from The Protester's Arms opposite Government House and Protester's Music Café's opposite all the City Halls, to Protester's Pubs opposite the regional government offices and even Protester's Karaoke and Coffee Shops opposite the local councils.

You might assume that some politicians may not want to go there and be protested at. The



The establishment of venues like The Protester's Arms would put an end to scenes like this. Photo by Michael Cusick

easiest way to solve this and ensure that they do is to pass a new law that says they have to produce receipts for at least two different nights for a minimum of say, 1,000 baht, to be eligible to vote.

This is the perfect solution to the misery and loneliness of the

sad little protest lady.

Once again, she can head off after work with her little yellow clacker and clack at the evil, greedy politicians without stuffing things up for the rest of us. Not only will she be happy, she will be creating a job for somebody.

## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): A gold-plated offer is predicted to land in your lap during the last week of May. Taureans who want to get onto the fast track will be ready to lap up this opportunity, but others may be reluctant to leave their comfort zones. Those who are celebrating a birthday this week will find new ways to eliminate stress from their lives in the year ahead. The number four brings good luck this Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): A lucky week lies ahead for many Geminis. A romantic partner is prepared to forgive you for a mistake you made, but you should take a serious look at your behavior in this relationship. Those who are single are forecast to encounter a down-to-earth Taurean, and this could lead to the balance you've been seeking in your personal life. Wearing a piece of light amethyst can encourage more creative thinking.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Lightning strikes twice for those Cancerians who took unnecessary risks in business recently. The stars suggest that the only way out of your dilemma is to start moving in new directions. Aries can be trusted to be truthful, but Sagittarius is liable to be sneaky. If you're single, romance picks up when a casual friend confesses that they would like to

get closer. Those in a relationship realize that their partner's support is priceless.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): Going with someone else's flow could take you too far out to sea this week. Leos are advised to stick to the course they had planned at the start of this year for best results in business. A chance meeting with Aquarius early next week reminds you that love can be found where you least expect it. If you already have a partner, quality time together this weekend helps to smooth out problems.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): The emphasis for Virgoans this week is on overcoming obstacles. One particular issue at work can be laid to rest after discussions – these should be scheduled for Tuesday as the stars will support your efforts to be heard. However, peace in the world of romance remains elusive until you are ready to appreciate that someone else's point of view is just as valid as yours. The number eight can be lucky this weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Your talents for spotting a bargain are appreciated by a water sign friend on a shopping trip this weekend, but you may be tempted to splash out on a luxury item that could break the budget. Librans with too much time on their hands and not

enough money to spend are advised to look at ways of earning more. Gemini may have ideas worth listening to. Wear the color bronze to encourage more productive energy.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Keeping your head above water demands strong focus during the coming week. Many of those born under the sign of Scorpio have a lot of demands on their energy at present, but there are indications that your commitments can be reduced. Cancer can be relied upon to provide support if you want to accept it. Where love is concerned, a thought-provoking discussion with Capricorn is highlighted this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Business is set to boom for many Sagittarians this week and the trend should continue until the end of this month. Property matters are particularly well starred, although you should be on the alert for an unscrupulous Piscean's actions late next week. Where love is concerned, your desire to have the best of both worlds could land you in hot water this weekend. The number nine can bring good luck this Sunday.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): The astral atmosphere should mostly suit

Capricorns down to the ground this week. Your need for more stability where work is concerned is forecast to be met when a new job with less demands is offered. Romance is also well highlighted and those who are single and keen to mingle can look forward to a fun-filled weekend. Money matters are subject to crossed wires when someone reminds you of a forgotten debt.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Aquarians frustrated by lack of success concerning work projects should try going for gold. Even if this effort does not yield the results you expect, there are signs that other benefits may compensate. Surprises are predicted in your love life – this could easily mean the return of someone you thought you would never see again. Taking time to smell the roses this weekend reminds you that simple pleasures can soothe your soul.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Money continues to fall under auspicious astral influences and many Pisceans could see more financial rewards during the last week of May. An event early next week causes you to reflect on a recent decision connected to work, but the stars suggest that it would not be wise to go back on your word. Wednesday is the best day to talk about serious issues with some-

one close to your heart.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): This week, Arians are able to see the lighter side of life thanks to the reappearance of an earth sign friend. Your tendency to take some things too seriously and others not seriously enough has sent you on an emotional rollercoaster ride recently, but better balance is indicated during the final week of May. A confusing romantic situation is best left on the back burner until the other person is ready to share their true feelings.



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## Keeping a cool heart

Recently there have been two high profile instances of foreigners behaving badly in Phuket. Both have attracted the attention of the international media and in both cases the initial reaction was one of sympathy.

"Poor Simon Burrowes, trying to board a plane home but prevented from doing so by the heavy handed immigration officials... poor Annice Smoel, stuck in prison because of a harmless prank..."

However, closer inspection of both these cases reveals that the problem lies less with the officials than with the behavior of the foreigners in question – and what they seem to think constitutes acceptable behavior in Phuket. If either Simon Burrowes or Annice Smoel happened to witness someone hurling abuse at officials in their own countries, it's very unlikely they would deem it appropriate behavior.

Simon Burrowes used highly offensive language towards an immigration official – language that no man should ever use towards a woman, and certainly not one in a position of authority.

Furthermore, while his passport was eventually verified as being genuine, he acknowledged that the picture in it had been cut out from a larger picture. This is clearly in contravention of British passport regulations which state that passport photos should not be trimmed.

So if an error had been made, it was not by the astute immigration officials who noticed that Burrowes' passport appeared suspect. In the post 9/11 era, it is difficult to condemn an official for being cautious about who they allow on a plane.

With Ms Smoel, there was much sympathy for the mother of four who, stuck in Phuket and unable to return home, missed her child's birthday because of what was reportedly a harmless prank.

As the story unfolded, it turned out that the beer mat in question was 145cm by 45cm and made of thick rubber. Taking a foam beer coaster might constitute a harmless prank, removing an object of this size is stealing.

Ms Smoel may consider herself unfortunate that staff saw her leave the Aussie Bar with the stolen beer mat and called police, who confronted her. At this point, rather than stop and explain herself she chose to run away.

Then, after finally being apprehended, she was extremely abusive towards them. Such behavior would never be tolerated anywhere else in the world. Why should we tolerate it here in Phuket?

Maintaining a sense of *jai yen* allows the vast majority of conflicts here in Thailand to be resolved with little more than a smile.

Mr Burrowes and Ms Annice Smoel have paid stiff prices for their behavior. They are lessons that all of us here in Thailand can learn from.

– The Editor

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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.

### Lighten up

I read with horror the case of the Australian lady who is being prosecuted for stealing a bar coaster. Most bars encourage customers to take these disposable mats as collectors items as they are very good, not to mention cheap publicity.

Perhaps more to the point though, do the bar owners, the police and everybody else involved think that this petty nonsense won't get into the Melbourne newspapers and further damage Phuket's battered and much-maligned tourist industry? I'm not saying theft should be excused because of low tourist figures, but shouldn't somebody lighten up when it comes to petty crimes such as this?

Ken Sowton  
Tianjin, China

### Bad policing

These heavy-handed tactics are totally unnecessary and give Patong a very unwelcome image. I myself have often been stopped by police for no reason, rudely answered and badly treated.

Patong, and indeed Phuket as a whole, is one of the most tourist unfriendly destinations police-wise that I have ever worked in here in Thailand.

Hotelier  
Patong

### Sort out the touts

When reading the article online about the new head of Phuket International Airport (*Gazette online*, Sunday May 17), I did allow myself a little chuckle.

Aggressive touting? Perhaps he would like to sort things

out along Patong Beach and outside Jungceylon! I'm afraid he hasn't seen anything until he goes there. I travel through the airport three or four times a year.

When, oh when will they lengthen the runway? It is frightening landing there in the rainy season – or is that the new summer season...

What's more, am I getting older or are AirAsia pilots getting younger?

Alan Vacquier  
Nai Harn

### Tell the truth

The people who say they were with Florian and Sebastian before Sebastian's death, if they actually exist, are liars (*Gazette online*, Thursday, May 14). Florian and Sebastian are definitely not gay and they would not have kissed other men, even if they had drunk more than they reportedly did.

This story is a cheap excuse designed by the authorities, who are neither willing to or interested in investigating the truth.

Please stop spreading these lies and find the murderer. Sebastian has already been killed and Florian has lost his best friend. Please do not ruin Florian's life as well.

A friend  
Munich, Germany

### It's not all white

I'm trying to get my head round Phuket's obsession with white parties. Yes, it looks alright and creates a bit of a spectacle, but why does every Tom, Dick and Harry on the island feel the need to have one. More to the point, who in their right mind owns

white trousers?

I can understand White Box having one every now and then, given that the theme of the venue is white, but surely other places on the island can show a bit of creativity and some originality and capture the imagination.

With Phuket entering what could be the lowest of all low seasons – sorry, that should be summer seasons – it is up to these places to entice the public in by offering something exciting and bold. Come on folks, wow me.

Adam Graves  
Rawai

### IBAP meet a success

The IBAP meeting was well attended by a diverse range of business people throughout Phuket who responded to the panel with many interesting and probing questions. The members of the panel all made informative and thoughtful responses. One of the best IBAP meetings of recent times and the promised "Legal Eagles" meeting next month should be the icing on the cake. All of you who have the best interests of Phuket at heart should attend what should be another very informative panel discussion.

Over the years I have watched IBAP develop from a small gathering of business people with occasional, topical speakers, into a group that constantly strives to provide quality topics every month and succeeds through the hard work of a group of dedicated volunteers, despite all having their own business to run.

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# Keeping Phuket shining brightly



## FIRST PERSON

Having lived on Phuket for the past seven years, Nick Anthony, Managing Director of Indigo Real Estate, has seen the island develop significantly and has also witnessed the trials and tribulations that have befallen Phuket, its locals and its expat population. With “low season” occupancy rates expected to be up to 50% lower than the year that followed the 2004 tsunami, Nick took it upon himself to “make a difference” and re-brand low season as “Summer in Phuket”. Following the launch of the project at The Chedi Hotel in Surin two weeks ago, Nick spoke to the *Gazette* about the project and how the hotel industry and the community at large can both make a difference.

We're blessed in many ways to live on a tropical island like Phuket and have the opportunity to fully enjoy what it has to offer. Its raw beauty along with its world-class beaches and seas are complemented by a local culture that remains genuine, traditional and respectful of the past. Phuket is a safe haven from the world's troubles, particularly if you turn off the TV and instead read a good book and watch the sunset.

As a resident of seven years, one of the most striking aspects of Phuket life to me is the April to November “low season”, where the island virtually shuts down. Tourism drops to a trickle, the world's weather websites point to inaccurate weather posts and forecasts, and in the world's eyes Phuket seems to be cursed with rain 24 hours a day and an inhospitable climate.

Looking at last year's weather patterns, the reality was far removed from a gloomy and dire monsoon period. We were blessed with an amazing April to November in 2008 which afforded great swimming and boating virtually all season. There was no heavy humidity like Singapore, very few storms that didn't blow over in a few days and nothing like the rainfall Hong Kong receives, where it seemingly rains for weeks on end.

The storms that come through are dramatic, lightning-filled and exciting, lighting up the sky. The sunsets are often incredible and when it does rain, it's usually for no more than an hour before the sun comes out once again. This is the ideal time to enjoy cooler weather, hide in a small restaurant, read a book or drink fresh coconut juice.

A friend canceled his trip recently because a website had wrongly included a negative weather forecast and used depressing language to describe “low season”. Understandably, he went elsewhere. That was something that really angered me and was the last straw.

It was at that point that we started collaborating with the

major Phuket hotels to “cancel” low season and instead rename the period “Summer”. We launched the new website [www.summerinphuket.com](http://www.summerinphuket.com) to help standardize the language and breathe some life into what many of us locals regard as a fantastic time of the year.

Following the launch of “Summer In Phuket”, the aim is to roll through the year, promoting Phuket as a “year-round” destination. We hope to show the true Summer weather in Phuket by using a number of island webcams, highlighting the diversity of weather patterns within Phuket. It can be a glorious day in Surin, cloudy mid-island and raining in Ao Po and vice versa. Despite Phuket being a small island, the Andaman Sea generates diverse and forever changing wind and weather patterns that are affected by the interior hills and the flat waters of Phang Nga Bay.

September and October are always the wettest months, and this is acknowledged by all. Hotel rates drop even lower and the island hunkers down. But again, the patterns have been changing and last year we had some glorious weather that even afforded flat water off the west coast from time to time. Last November we had some great water-skiing off Surin Beach.

The new “Summer In Phuket” campaign has two distinct sub-groups working towards similar goals: the hotels and the local community.

The launch at The Chedi Hotel in Surin two weeks ago drew more than 200 industry professionals and galvanized the hotel industry to work together for a better Phuket. It is an industry that has been putting out fires all year and is now facing occupancy rates this summer of up to 50% lower than the year that followed the 2004 tsunami.

Phuket's hotels have banded together in support of a “year-round” Phuket and will re-brand the period, standardizing the language when discussing Phuket's seasonality. The hotels now have a common goal and message to



Should the Keep Phuket Clean project be a success, sights like this on Phuket's beaches will become commonplace. AFP Photo: Christophe Archambault

promote the next six months and are moving forward collectively and sending out a strong message to tour operators and international booking agencies.

Through the initial hotel support we have been able to start a community outreach effort called “Keep Phuket Clean”. This project is designed to help keep the Phuket beaches sparkling over the Summer season and to help create a working model so beach communities can continue this task all year round. Through education and private sector support, this beach model is being used to encourage the local community to be part of a cleaner, more aware Phuket.

Keeping Phuket Clean is our way of integrating the Summer in Phuket campaign into the daily lives of people who live and work in Phuket's beach areas. The program includes a general review of the beach infrastructure as well as an ongoing action plan for the cleaning of each beach in conjunction with an over-

all education strategy.

The program has already begun in both Nai Yang and Kamala where an impressive number of people came together to help make the beaches look pristine. Kamala, for example, was voted one of the top 10 beaches in the world by *Conde Naste* in 2006 and after the clean up, it was evident why.

Groups from Mai Khao, Nai Thon, Bang Tao, Surin, Kalim, Patong, Kata, Nai Harn, Ya Nui, Rawai and Panwa are all mobilizing for an island-wide “Clean Phuket Day” on May 28 at 4pm and are counting on the support of locals and residents to make a difference.

Patong is a prime example of how an ongoing project can make a difference. There are 20 hotels that will each take a beach zone and work in conjunction with existing beach vendors and sunbed rental concessions to keep their area clean all year round. This effort is being co-ordinated with the local government and is a sustainable long-term initiative.

The JW Marriott is involved in its own project and notes how much is collected daily by the four hotels and beach vendors in its area, while Kamala was zoned last week. With the help of some private sector support, it is hoped that the beach will be kept clear of debris.

Much of what washes up on Kamala and Nai Yang Beaches is natural debris that comes up with the tides – sticks, wood chips, palm fronds etc – and accounted for about 95% of the debris collected along the beaches. Only about 5% was comprised of synthetic items like plastic, old fishing pots and other items.

Unfortunately, it's that 5% that is most noticeable. That's what we are trying hard to eliminate through education and daily effort, and through private sector support.

With the hotels and the local community working in tandem, we are hopeful that we can change the way people view Phuket in the period from April to November.



# Peaches on the beaches: women's volleyball set to return to Phuket

The Women's Beach Volleyball World Tour is all set to return to Phuket this November. While there has yet to be an official announcement, negotiations to bring the Swatch FIVB tour to Phuket for a second consecutive year are believed to be at an advanced stage. Last year, the American pairing of Jennifer Boss and April Ross took the title, defeating compatriots Nicole Branagh and Tyra Turner in the final.

Should the event get the green light, it is likely to be staged once more in a specially constructed arena at Karon Beach.

Phuket's pristine beaches and world class facilities make it an ideal venue for any beach based sporting events.

Eam Thavornwongvong, former president of the Phuket Sports Association, said he was due to meet Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop about the competition soon.

"Karon is now in the circuit for international beach volleyball and they have put us in the events calendar for November, which is

very good," he said.

"Phuket is one of only four places on the tour where the volleyball actually takes place on a beach and out of these four places, Phuket has the highest quality of sand," he added.

Mr Eam also revealed some ambitious ideas for future sporting events in Phuket.

"Personally I think we should aim at hosting a major event like the SEA games. Saphan Hin would be an ideal venue for a conference and exhibition center and a place near Causeway Bridge has also been suggested," he said.

Plans to host an ambitious 24-hour beach football tournament in Phuket were shelved after previous governor Preecha Ruangjan – the driving force behind the idea – was transferred. However, the Thai FA are still interested in Phuket as a venue for beach football.

"The Thai FA are keen to have a competition here. Hopefully in two years Thailand can host international beach football for FIFA and one day the world



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championship will be here," said Mr Eam.

Keen to put Phuket on the international sporting map, Mr Eam does have some concerns

about the ambitions of others in positions of responsibility.

"No one else seems to share this vision. We need the support of the local governor and then the

money should come in from the private sector. It's just a question of getting the ball rolling," he said.

-James Goyder

## Sea Dragons crash to defeat once again

Phuket FC's dismal home form continued as the Sea Dragons slumped to a fourth consecutive defeat at the Surakul Stadium, losing 2-1 to Pattani.

Despite taking an early lead, the reverse means that Phuket FC are still without a point in front of their home fans.

The Sea Dragons started brightly and were rewarded with an early goal. Stocky center forward Ronarrong burst through the Pattani defence and poked home the opener after an initial save from the Pattani keeper.

The initial excitement was short-lived as Phuket allowed Pattani to grab an equalizer following some poor defending. Failure to clear a routine corner led to a frantic goalmouth scramble and the ball was smashed

past the helpless Phuket keeper from close range.

With the scores level after 45 minutes, Phuket FC were half way towards securing their first ever home point. Disappointingly, the second half was severely disrupted by players from both teams repeatedly going to ground in search of free kicks – much to the frustration of the crowd.

Phuket made a promising start to the second half as goalscorer Ronnarrong again got behind the Pattani defence, only to be denied by the goalkeeper.

After their narrow escape, the away side pressed forward and a Pattani striker was sent clean through on goal only to take a theatrical tumble in the penalty area.

Bizarrely, the referee awarded Pattani a free kick on the

edge of the box, much to the evident frustration of the players of both Phuket and Pattani.

A moment of comedy ensued from the resulting free kick as the Phuket FC keeper attempted to palm a high ball into touch only to watch in horror as the ball went towards his own goal.

He was saved from the ignominy of pushing the ball into his own net when it bounced back off the bar and dropped into his arms. Soon after this near miss, Pattani sprung the Phuket offside trap and their striker held his nerve, scoring the goal that would ultimately condemn Phuket to yet another home defeat.

As time ticked by, Phuket forced a smart save from Pattani's Cameroonian keeper and from the resulting corner rattled the cross bar with a thunderous half volley.

Despite their endeavor, it was too little, too late for the Sea Dragons as Pattani closed out the match to seal the win.

A change of management has delayed the farang football trial. For the loyal Phuket FC fans it cannot come soon enough as they watch their side struggle week in, week out.

Next up for the Sea Dragons is a trip to Narathiwat on May 23 before the mid-season break. Phuket FC's next home game will

take place at Surakul Stadium on July 5, also against Narathiwat.

If interested in joining the Phuket FC supporters club to help spur the club on please email Dan at [phuketfcsupportersclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:phuketfcsupportersclub@hotmail.co.uk) or visit the Phuket FC Supporters Club group on Facebook.

-James Goyder

Despite the early goal from Phuket FC's number 10 Ronarrong, the Sea Dragons slumped to a fourth consecutive defeat.



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# Viagrabonds to face stiff opposition in Phuket 10s



Action from the match between the Phuket Vagabonds and Hong Kong's The Old Bill played at Saphan Hin Stadium earlier this month.

The Overgaard Rugby 10s is all set to kick off on May 29 and has once again attracted teams from Thailand and overseas. This will be the 10th year in a row that the tournament has taken place and the money raised will go towards the Asia Center Foundation's Children's Home.

Around 500 rugby players are expected to converge on Phuket for the competition, many of whom will bring family and friends. In the midst of one of the bleakest low seasons in recent memory, this minor invasion should provide a welcome boost to Phuket's ailing economy, while bar owners across the island will be rubbing their hands in anticipation.

This year the competition has been moved to the Surakul Stadium in Phuket City, much to the obvious delight of organizer Pat Cotter.

"There is a perception that rugby will ruin the grass, which has made it difficult for us to use this pitch in the past. Even the Thailand national rugby team was refused permission to play here at one stage.

"Hopefully that is a perception we will be able to change and I think the players are going to be pleasantly surprised by how good the facilities are, particularly compared to Karon Stadium where the changing room is basically a toilet cubicle," he said.

The Phuket 10s comprises two separate tournaments: the main tournament open to all competitors, and the "Coffin Dodgers" tournament, which is restricted to players over 35 years old. The competition is likely to be fierce in both.

In this year's open event, 2008 winners the Kukri Badgers – a team from the UK comprising mainly professional and semi-professional players – will be

hoping to retain their trophy. They are likely to encounter stiff opposition in the form of South African side the Kriel Roosters, currently top of their domestic league, and the Emirates Airlines Flying Muppets – the 2007 Phuket 10s champions.

An impressive total of 24 teams are currently entered in the open tournament. The line up includes some old favorites, namely the Bucks, the Pot Bellied Pigs, the Wanderers, the Bangkok Bangers and Phuket's very own Vagabonds.

Twelve teams are confirmed for the veterans tournament, an event which has been won by the Extinct Volcanoes for the past two years. The Volcanoes can be expected to feature strongly once more, along with the Moorabin Rams. Although teams have traveled from almost every corner of the globe, the most anticipated match is sure to be when old rivals the Phuket Viagrabonds and the Bangkok Bangers meet in the group stages.

The Vagabonds are trying to introduce rugby to Thai children and hosted a rugby camp in Phang Nga earlier this year for children from all over the South of Thai-

land. Prior to the finals there will be a 15-a-side game between children from the Sainamyen school in Patong and the British International School.

The Sainamyen boys were originally a football team who have taken to rugby like the proverbial fish to water. It will be a fantastic opportunity for both sets of players to compete in front of an anticipated crowd of more than 1,000 people.

Last year some 680,000 baht was raised for the Asia Center Foundation, which currently cares for 120 disadvantaged children and children-at-risk, providing them with care, training and education. The annual cost of running the program is around 1.2 million baht, and tournament organizers are hoping to raise even more cash this year.

The Coffin Dodgers competition gets underway at 10:30am on the morning of Friday May 29 with the finals scheduled to take place that evening. The main competition kicks off the following day at 7:30am with the finals and the match between BIS and Sainamyen due to take place on the Sunday.

-James Goyder

## Filipino sporting event hoping to encourage community peace



The series of contests is also being conducted to improve ties to the local Thai community and to help Filipino's become an important part of Phuket society at large.

The second stage of the four-part Pinoy Sports Fest 2009 will take place at the QSI International School on Sunday, May 24.

The event was launched to help bring together Phuket's 850-strong Filipino community (*Pinoy* is slang for Filipino) and is being held over four consecutive Sundays. So far the competition has attracted some 200 competitors.

Following Manny Pacquiao's stunning victory over Ricky Hatton in Las Vegas on May 2, Filipino sport is currently in the limelight, and, like the "Pacman", this event is hoping to spread a message of peace and unity amongst Filipino's, albeit at a local Phuket level.

The event was the brainchild of a small religious cell group known as the Peacemakers from the Phuket Christian Center, who wished to use sport as a means of uniting Phuket's Filipino expat population.

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The first part of the event took place on May 17 and the Pinoy Sports Fest 2009 will eventually conclude on June 7.

The event is giving the participants the opportunity to compete in badminton, table tennis and chess for both men and women, volleyball for women only and basketball – the most popular sport in the Philippines – for men.

An award ceremony will be held on June 14 – a date which also marks Philippine Independence Day – where the winners and runners-up will receive prizes.

-Daniel Ogunshakin

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# Monkey business

## Nature & Nurture



By Patrick Campbell

Visitors to Phuket will certainly encounter monkeys in some shape or form. The species they are most likely to see is the crab-eating macaque, a monkey that inhabits the mangrove swamps of Koh Sireh and many of the islands in the province of Phang Nga. Or possibly they will have seen a larger monkey tethered in the back of a pick-up, atop a pile of coconuts, or, more bizarrely, riding pillion on a motorbike. The clue is in the coconuts. For these arboreal animals, usually pig-tailed macaques, are trained to climb coconut palms and twist the nuts off the trees.

Fascinating stuff which I will consider another time. For the moment, I want to focus on the gibbon, of which there are several species in Southeast Asia – black-handed, white-handed and pileated varieties. Of these, one species, the white-handed gibbon (*hylobates lar*), is particularly associated with Thailand. Sadly, and precisely because it is so cuddly and endearing, it has become an endangered species. It is the victim of its own good looks.

Let me explain. Gibbons make adorable pets, but the meth-

ods used to capture them are barbarous in the extreme. The babies, which cling to the fur of their doting mothers for several months, if not years, are the ones that are commercially desirable. Unfortunately, unscrupulous poachers find it easy to locate these family groups of gibbons because of their vocal interchanges – often a duet between a mated pair that can be heard up to a kilometer away. So Thai hunters go into the rainforests, locate these happy families, and shoot out the brains of the mothers – with the baby still attached. The poacher hopes of course that the baby will survive the double trauma: one of falling from a great height; two, of losing its mother.

But why babies? For two reasons: one, they are saleable for large sums of money as desirable pets; two, they will “imprint” on their human captors. That is to say they will become socially bonded to their new owners, who are, paradoxically, the murderers of their real mothers, and maybe their fathers too. Thus it is that tourists in Patong or Karon have, in the past, witnessed the sight of young gibbons fearfully draped round their Thai “mothers” (I use the word advisedly), being paraded up and down the bustling sois, or used to ensnare customers to bars. “Want a photo with the gibbon? Only 200 baht.”

Thailand is quite rightly trying to eradicate this “monkey business” by fining or imprisoning the hunters and traders and by establishing rehabilitation centers for orphaned and deprived gibbons. But the fines imposed on these traders are derisory: they can easily recoup the money in a matter of weeks or even days.

Fortunately, the double whammy of fines and informed policing means that these side-shows have now pretty much vanished from the bright lights of south Phuket.

In fact I knew of only one location where you could still see “imprinted” gibbons – a mountain bar between Kata and Nai Harn. Last week I went to see the gibbons there – a seven-year-old black male and an eight-year-old buff-colored female. They have always enjoyed a measure of freedom, gamboling in the playground of the surrounding jungle, or coming to the bar to beg for a banana. A bit of an institution. But they were not there.

I spoke to the barman. “Where have the gibbons gone?” I asked. “Oh,” he replied. “We had to put them in a cage because they started to bite customers.” He looked at my camera. “Don’t take any pictures,” he said. Sad.

Nonetheless, I think I understood why they had become resentful in their behavior. For though these gibbons were, in a manner of speaking, free, and had, so far as I am aware, not been mistreated, they had never experienced extended parental love, had never been part of a long-term family unit. They had been deprived, years before, of a natural upbringing in the wild, isolated from their social and biological environments. Now that sense of deprivation and separation had finally come home to roost.

Happily, there are initiatives in Thailand to try and help these gibbon orphans. In Ranong province for example, there is a project whereby gap year students can spend four weeks caring for gibbons at a sanctuary. A small repayment to nature. Nearer to home, at Pa Khlok in Thalang, there is another project centered on a gibbon rehabilitation center where 15 gibbons, largely reclaimed from unscrupulous traders, are readjusting to life in the



White-handed gibbon babies cling to the fur of their doting mothers for several months, if not years. Unfortunately, unscrupulous poachers find it easy to locate these family groups of gibbons because of their vocal interchanges. Photo: Vassil

semi-wild before being returned to the jungle from whence they came. At this site, each gibbon family has its own territory, for gibbons are monogamous and mate for life. A measure of the success of the venture is that three babies have been born to gibbon families since the inception of the project.

You may ask why these creatures are worth protecting. You should not need to. They are not only beautiful, but are the most acrobatic of all tree-dwelling mammals, capable of swinging from tree to tree at speeds of up to 35 miles an hour and of making leaps of up to nine meters. Gymnasts on the high bars? Eat your hearts out! Moreover, they are an endangered species. It is estimated that there are only 90,000 gibbons in the whole of Southeast Asia – maybe one tenth of the human population of a tiny island such as Phuket.

So if you see a Thai parad-

ing a gibbon around the flesh-pots of Phuket, think only this: that man, or the person he bought the animal from, is certainly a murderer – and probably a double murderer.

For gibbon parents never desert their young. Only a bullet through the heart or brain will separate them from their offspring. If you value the principle of conservation, contact the police immediately and bring the criminal to book.

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# New Best Western resort fashioned on old Phuket

PATONG: Global hotel chain Best Western has announced the September 2009 opening of Best Western Sawazdi Patong Hotel, which will be the brand's fourth resort in Phuket.

The new resort stands alongside the Jungceylon shopping mall, in close proximity to Patong's lively entertainment area. The modern Sino-Portuguese-style property consists of 146 rooms in total, spanning three towers.

The resort has four different room types available and is made up of 49 standard rooms, 88 superior rooms, six deluxe rooms and three suites.

The resort's swimming pool is complemented by a large sun-deck and poolside bar. Dining options include an all-day coffee shop serving Western and Oriental food. The fully equipped fitness room is accompanied by an entertainment room, children zone and spa.

Business guests are served by a business center, while internet is available throughout the resort on demand.

"Phuket is recognized worldwide for its natural beauty and vibrancy," said Glenn de Souza, Best Western's Vice



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"We see many attractive opportunities for us to be here, especially in light of strong government support for tourism and more low-cost international carriers plus chartered flights extending their networks here," he said.

"Best Western hotels and resorts specialize in the quality accommodation and consistent standards and services that are demanded by both Thai and international travelers to Phuket and we are proud to add this fine

addition to our Thailand portfolio," he continued.

Best Western International provides marketing, reservations and operational support to over 4,000 independently owned and operated member hotels in 80 countries and territories worldwide, hosting around 400,000 guests worldwide each night.

The company already operates three hotels in Phuket: Best Western Premier Bang Tao Beach Resort & Spa, Best Western Phuket Ocean Resort, and Best Western Premier Supalai Resort & Spa.



The resort's swimming pool is to be complemented by a large sun-deck and poolside bar.



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## West Sands' green design concept fits in at Mai Khao Beach

**O**n the edge of Sirinath National Park along Mai Khao (White Wood) Beach, one of Phuket's longest, 450 prestigious villas and condominium residences are currently under construction as part of the 121-rai (50-acre) West Sands resort, which is due to open in September.

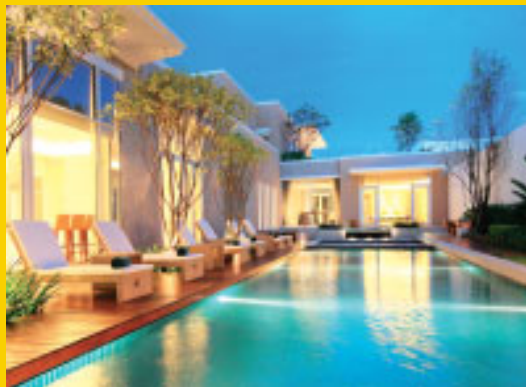
The residential units, including beach villas, lake villas, town homes and duplex pool penthouses with private roof terrace swimming pools, are nestled among gardens, waterfalls, lakes and pools and follow the development's green concept, which is designed to have a positive impact on both personal health and the environment.

In line with West Sands' green design concept, which has won the developer the Thailand Property Green Development award for two consecutive years, all the properties are energy efficient with silent air conditioning and double glazing. At the resort there are also water conservation systems, solar energy plants, biodegradable refuse plants and an organic vegetable garden in place, creating within the resort a unique and sustainable lifestyle and holiday experience.

The residences range from single-bedroom to 5-bedroom units with prices ranging from 6 million baht for a luxury apartment residence to 120 million baht for a five-bedroom beach-front villa. Construction is being carried out by Central & City Developments Ltd., who plan to complete phase 1 by September.

Secure walkways give residents private access to the beach and all condominium properties have quality fitted interiors, air conditioning, cable/satellite television, high-speed wireless Internet access, European kitchen, balcony and high ceilings.

Floor space in the condominiums ranges from 85 to 335 square meters while the more prestigious villas go from 408 sqm up to a maximum of 1,223 sqm. The villas are exquisitely designed for luxury lifestyles and make the most of the tropical surroundings. They each include a separate maid's room, a private courtyard, a barbecue terrace, an outdoor shower, a spacious swimming pool with a sala and even an outdoor Jacuzzi.




According to West Sands, the majority of owners plan to put their condominiums and villas back into the rental program, which will be managed in-house by the West Sands team. Unit owners are guaranteed up to 7.5% return on their investments for the first five years with West Sands' fully-flexible "Mix & Match" rental return program. The program bases the return on how much usage the owner needs each year. A 6% annual return offers 30 days complimentary usage and increases to 7% if the usage is reduced to 14 days. For the serious investor a no usage option delivers a 7.5% return. The owner can alternate their usage and guaranteed rental return option on an annual basis.

A full building warranty is offered and owners of the properties have the option of furnishing their property themselves or choosing from a number of furniture packages. Owners will also be able to enjoy the resort's five-star amenities, including a beach club, private clubhouse, free-form swimming pools, health and fitness center, tennis courts, a holistic fusion spa, cookery school, restaurants and bars as well as the five-star PADI Eco care National Geographic dive center by Nautica Divers.


The resort will eventually include the island's first water park, which is being built by White Water West Industries, the largest specialist in the field with Disney and Sea World among its customers.

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# Stools of the trade

## Building a sturdy, durable wooden stool



Like many women here in Thailand, my wife makes frequent use of small stools when she is doing certain outdoor tasks, namely weeding the garden or preparing food for one of our outdoor family barbecues. The plastic ones available here are adequate, but not exactly what I'd call durable. With that in mind, I decided to build my wife a small wooden stool – cheap, but designed to last. The next time we visited my wife's family's house upcountry, my wife waxed lyrical about this stool to her mother and I was asked to make two more.

I built a low stool for her mother and a taller stool, with legs of dark wood, for her father (photo 1). Photo 2 shows the stool I built for my wife. The designs are identical, and visually self-explanatory, except that on the low stool – in order to install the two top "seat pieces" without a gap (per request) yet still maximize the width between the legs – the wide side cross pieces are on the inside of the legs. Placing them on the outside would have made the legs closer together on the narrow axis and reduced stability. The only other difference is that it has just two seat pieces.

These stools were all made from pieces of recycled wood, so the sizes varied. However, the measurements are not really important, as this type of simple design allows the item to be built to suit one's needs. Just make sure all "matching" pieces – the

four legs, the two long and two short cross pieces and the seat pieces – are identical in length with each other.

This type of stool derives most of its strength and rigidity from the tight joints of the box-type "frame" created by the crosspieces attaching to the legs and to each other's edges. With this in mind, make sure your cuts are square, that the long cross pieces' edges are flush with the sides of the legs, the short cross pieces' edges are flush with the face of the long ones, and all the cross pieces' top sides are flush with the top edges of the legs.

Always build the wide sides first. Lay the legs on the floor and position and mark the location of the cross pieces on the legs. Mark the positions of the screw- or nail-holes on the cross piece, then remove. Make sure the cross piece's edge is flush with the side of the leg (photo 3). Screws are best, but if using nails, remember that you can pre-drill nail holes in the piece being attached, but not in the piece it is being attached to.

Placing the cross piece on a scrap of wood, drill holes just slightly smaller than the thickness of the nails or screws being used. Drive the nails in until the tips barely protrude. Apply some glue to the legs where the cross piece will go, position it on the legs and drive the nails the rest of the way in.

If using screws, first position the cross piece and then drill the screw holes through it and into the leg, ensuring that the holes line up – remember to place the scrap piece of wood beneath the leg. Remove the cross piece and start running the screws into it. Apply glue to the legs, then reposition the cross piece and run the screws the rest of the way in. Build the other side the same way.

Now stand the wide side leg assembly on its side with one leg's long side against the floor. Hold one of the short side cross pieces so that the short edge is flush



with the face of the long side cross piece. Pencil mark the locations of four screw holes so that one pair of screws goes into the edge of the long side cross piece and the other pair goes into the side of the leg.

Be careful not to have the screws at the same height as the screws holding the wide side cross pieces to the legs or they'll collide inside the wood. If using screws, drill the holes now. If using nails, set the narrow side cross pieces on a scrap piece of wood, drill the holes, apply glue and then install.

Now, set the "frame" of the legs and cross pieces on its feet. Set your top seat pieces in place, and do all the same things; mark the screw- or nail-holes' positions, and drill them if using screws. If not, remove, set them on the drilling scrap, and drill. Start the nails or screws, then apply the glue to the top sides of the cross pieces and install the seat pieces.

It's always best to sand the pieces before assembling, but if that wasn't done, sand everything now, especially the corners and edges – you definitely don't want splinters in your posterior. Finally, cover with a thick coat of polyurethane, which is far more wear-resistant than lacquer or varnish. That's it! Have a beer! See you next time!



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for sale. 4.5 rai. Chanote, hillside panoramic sea view, close to beach. 14 million baht. Please call K. Bouddha. Tel: 089-290 0484.

## PRIVATE SALE OF HALF A RAI

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## SINGLE LAND PLOTS FOR SALE

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### CHALONG NEW HOME

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### 4 BEDROOM VILLA RAWAI

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### HOUSE IN CHALONG

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### STUDIO CONDO IN PHUKET TOWN

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### NEW STUDIO WITH POOL

for rent in Patong. 46sqm. Fully furnished. Daily-monthly rental. Tel: 089-728 4005. Email: [thamad17@yahoo.com](mailto:thamad17@yahoo.com)

### PATONG TOWER CONDO

1 bed, seaview on Beach Road. For further details Tel: 084-847 3304. Please see our website at [www.selectphuket.com](http://www.selectphuket.com)

### LARGE HOUSE KATHU

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### HOUSE IN KATHU

Furnished 2 bedroom house. Quiet area. For long term rent at 8,500 baht per month. Tel: 089-875 2532. Or send email: [paulstrong23@hotmail.com](mailto:paulstrong23@hotmail.com)

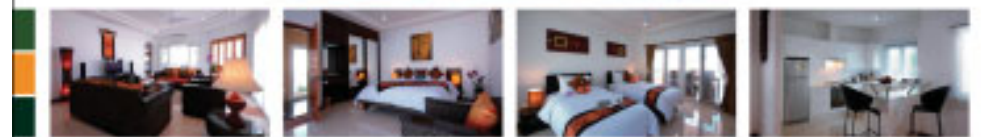
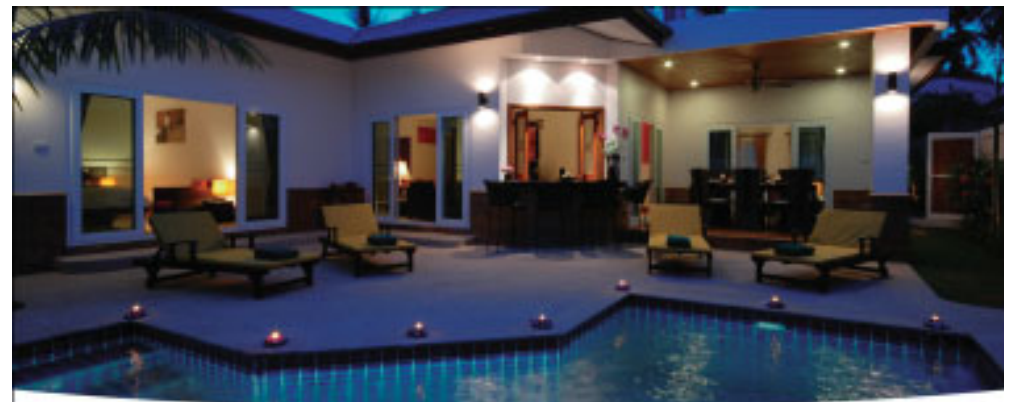
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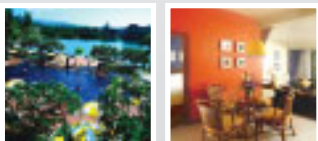
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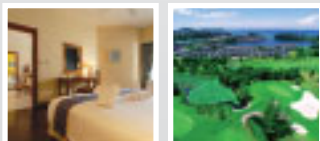
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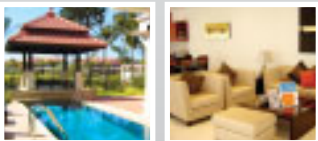
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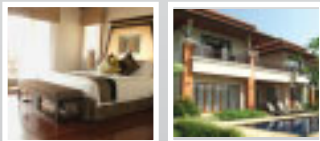
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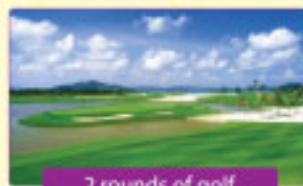


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