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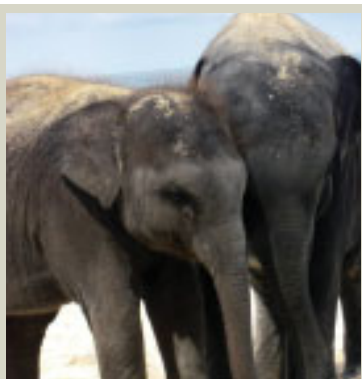
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## One-Two-Go crash: pilots blamed

BANGKOK: The official investigation into the One-Two-Go crash at Phuket International Airport in September, 2007 has concluded that pilot error was a primary cause of the accident.

The Thai-language investigation summary, released by the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) on June 1, said the pilot failed to follow standard operating procedure in the face of bad weather and that co-ordination between the pilot and co-pilot broke down.

The crash in September 2007 killed 90 passengers and crew, including the pilot and co-pilot.

The charred and broken hull of the McDonnell Douglas MD-80 aircraft remains under tarpaulin in a field at the end of the runway, though new airport director Pratuang Sornkham has said removing the wreckage soon will be a priority of his administration.

According to the DCA report, there were sudden changes in weather conditions around the airport at the time of the accident.

The pilot attempted to initiate a "go-around" maneuver and abort the landing approach, but failed to



The crash site as it looked shortly after the tragedy on September 16, 2007. Of 130 passengers and crew, 90 lost their lives.

press the go-around button. The aircraft consequently failed to gain enough speed and height.

The report noted that the pilot had been suffering from stress and was fatigued due to lack of rest.

The report made safety recommendations to three organizations: One-Two-Go and its parent company Orient Thai Airways; Airports of Thailand (AOT); and the Department of Civil Aviation.

One-Two-Go's flight crew

needed to receive extra training to ensure they are fully familiar with standard operating procedure (SOP), it found.

The company also needed to make the procedure for transferring control during a crisis clearer in the SOP; to ensure pilots do not exceed safe flying hours; to develop a safety management system to ensure flight safety; and to build a corporate culture of following company procedures and reporting problems as soon as they appear.

The Gazette attempted to contact One-Two-Go, but no spokesperson was available for comment.

AOT was advised to make runways wider or ensure that airplane landing instruments were appropriate for its runways. It should also implement a safety management system, the report said.

AOT also needed to make it easier and quicker for fire engines to access the runway; to involve the Institute of Emergency Medicine in the emergency plans of the airports under the AOT's control; and to ensure all relevant agencies were involved in its emergency drills.

The DCA needed to ensure One-Two-Go improved safety procedures; to co-ordinate better with air traffic control agency Aeronautical Radio of Thailand [Aerothai] and the Meteorological Department.

It also needed to co-ordinate better with medical organizations in allowing them to treat survivors and collect and examine the remains of the deceased.

## Brazen construction floats to the surface



The quay, which has been under construction since early 2008.

PA KHLOK: Resort developers have converted a section of sea-side jungle into a 200-meter-long quay at Ao Por without official permission, it has emerged.

The developers used heavy machinery to uproot trees, remove earth from the hillside to create an artificial quay near

tambon Pa Khlok, village 6.

Although the work began at the start of 2008, it has somehow only now come to the attention of authorities.

The scale of the project and the length of time it remained "undetected" suggest it may have been carried out in collusion with local government officers.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop is now investigating the matter after receiving a complaint from local villagers at the Damrongtham Center at Phuket Provincial Hall, which serves as the provincial ombudsman's office.

The complaint accused Pa Khlok Tambon Administration Organization (Pa Khlok TAO) officers of colluding with the re-

sort developers to allow the construction of the quay without proper permission.

The developers should have obtained permission from Pa Khlok TAO, the Marine Transport Office, Thalang Land Office and Thalang Police in order to carry out the work.

Pa Khlok TAO President Athipong Kong-nam told the Gazette, "They didn't ask for permission to do this from Pa Khlok Municipality. But we can't blame the landowner until we talk and see their documents. The municipality will follow and investigate the issue."

Gov Wichai visited the site on June 1, following a visit by Phuket Vice-Governor Smith Palawatwichai on May 29.

"The area isn't hidden. I don't know why government officers didn't know about this. We have to investigate those officers and the land owner," Gov Wichai said.

The governor has set up a special committee to investigate the responsible officers. The committee is scheduled to report back to him within seven days.

The governor said his office had yet to determine who the land owner was and whether they possessed title deeds for the area in question.

"Phuket has a lot of problems with encroachment, both on land and sea. We can't let this sort of thing happen anymore," said Gov Wichai.

-Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

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# Patong bar operators seek later closing times



Some of the many beer bars that line Patong's Soi Bangla.

PATONG: Scores of bars and clubs in Patong are shutting up shop in the face of one of the worst low seasons in recent memory.

Yet Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop has reacted coolly to a fresh initiative by nightlife operators to extend operat-

ing hours, saying any extension must come with Interior Ministry approval.

Sompetch Moosophon, president of the Patong Entertainment Business Association, said that local business operators are facing losses resulting in staff lay-offs.

Sharp declines in customer numbers have forced around 30% of some 500 venues, including pubs and beer bars, to close down their businesses, said Mr Sompetch, also the managing director of Dclub Disco on Soi Crocodile off Soi Bangla.

Tourists usually come out late, often just before closing time, so their revenue is cut short, he told reporters during a meeting with local entertainment business operators in Patong on May 28.

Governor Wichai, who also attended the meeting, expressed concern for the club operators' economic hardship.

Nevertheless, he said businesses must strictly observe the law, especially in regard to opening and closing times and allowing admittance to minors.

Gov Wichai, an appointee of the Interior Ministry, told the businesses he would pass on their request to the ministry, but in the meantime they must strictly obey the law.

Violators will face legal action, he said.

Many business operators in Patong had initially expressed hope that the Democrat-led government would push for changes in the entertainment business law.

Powerful Democrat Party figures including party list MP Chalermprakiat Kebsup, whose family has extensive landholdings and business interests in Patong, have thus far done little to bring about such change.

This may be due in part to the fact that the Interior Ministry portfolio is currently held by Bhumjaithai party leader Chavarat Charnvirakul. The Democrats had to cede the Interior Ministry to Chavarat in order to entice his party to join the coalition government, political analysts have noted.

# Phuket's Chief Justice urges more mediation



Phuket Provincial Court Chief Justice Varangkana Sujaritku.

PHUKET CITY: The new Chief Justice of Phuket Provincial Court held a press conference on June 2 to promote greater use of the court mediation system to settle legal disputes. The backlog of the disputes is overwhelming the provincial court system and leading to long delays between trial dates.

Phuket Provincial Court Chief Justice Varangkana Sujaritku said she will promote the use of the mediation system to reduce the caseload currently burdening the court's 18 judges.

Last year 9,000 cases were filed with Phuket Provincial Court, about 6,000 criminal cases and 3,000 civil suits. Some 20% of the total involved foreigners, she said.

To increase public awareness of the mediation system and promote its use, Chief Justice Varangkana will lead a seminar on the topic at the Royal Phuket City Hotel on June 9. Representatives from various clubs and associations have been invited to attend.

She stressed that the mediation system can be used to settle all legal disputes, with the exception of those involved with national security issues like nar-

cotics, money laundering and human trafficking.

In a related development, Chief Justice Varangkana urged her colleagues who enjoy playing golf not to do so at the Blue Canyon Country Club, which has been at the center of a bitter ownership dispute for five years.

Phuket Provincial Court is still investigating evidence in the case between Singaporean businessman Sia Leng Yuen and former partner Rawat Chindapol and has yet to specify when a ruling will be made, she said.

"It is not good that the judges are playing golf at the course, as they may be seen as taking sides with one party in the dispute," she said.

Unfortunately, neither side in the Blue Canyon dispute is interested in resolving the case through mediation, she said.

Chief Justice Varangkana has been in her current position since April this year.

"I will fulfill my duties to the best of my abilities to serve all the people of Phuket, just as my uncles did before me," she said.

Chief Justice Varangkana represents the third generation of a well-known family of adjudicators, many with experience in Phuket.

Her uncle Piyachart Sujarikul served as Phuket Chief Justice from 1971 to 1973.

Another uncle on her father's side, Pridi Sujaritkul, held the same post from 1980 until 1982, when he was shot and killed. The case, which was never solved, was thought to be in connection with a land dispute.

A Bangkok native, Chief Justice Varangkana was transferred to Phuket Provincial Court after serving as the Chief Justice of Ubon Ratchathani Provincial Court for one year.

## Opening hours: the regulations

Entertainment venues are given licenses under six categories, depending on the nature of entertainment and services offered, and are classified as being either inside or outside an entertainment zone.

**Type 1.** The venue has dancing areas and employs staff to accompany and entertain individual customers.

Opening Hours: 9pm – 2am.

**Type 2.** The venue serves drinks, including alcohol, and employs staff to accompany and entertain individual customers.

Opening Hours: 6pm – midnight.

**Type 3.** The venue offers sauna and massage services.

Opening Hours: 12pm – midnight.

**Type 4.** The venue serves food and drink, including alcohol, and has one or more of the following:

- a) Live music and stage performances. Performers and staff accompany and entertain individual customers.
- b) Musical instruments are available for customers to perform. Staff accompany and entertain individual customers.
- c) The venue has stage performance and/or dance areas.
- d) The venue has a DJ booth.

Opening Hours: 6pm – 1am.

**Type 5.** The venue serves food and drink, including alcohol, has stage performances, including live music and is open past midnight.

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**Type 6.** Any entertainment venue that offers services other than those listed in the above categories. Opening hours not specified.

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# Workmen laying cable in historic Thalang Road

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn



**MEN AT WORK:** As of June 3, workmen had begun digging a trench for the new HDPE water pipe. A separate trench is to be dug for the power cables on the other side of the road.

PHUKET CITY: Work on the project to bury power cables along Thalang Road in Old Phuket Town got underway on the morning of June 1, with workers marking lines near the pavement to mark the trench that will house the conduit.

The narrow trench, about half a meter wide, will run along the right-hand side of the one-way road, once the heart of Phuket's commercial district.

Also included in the project is the replacement of an old PVC water pipe with a newer high-density polyethylene (HDPE) main.

Digging of the trench for this new water pipe has already commenced.

Work is starting at the west end of the road, at the junction with Yaowarat Road.

Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwansupana said the joint project between Phuket City Municipality and TOT Public Company Limited has a total budget of just over Bt19.2 million.

Work is divided into three contract phases, with actual cable installation and electric work to be undertaken by TOT from July 15 onwards.

Under the contract, all of the electrical work should be completed by January 11, 2010.

After that, work on drainage and road improvement in the area is set to begin with the aim of sprucing up the area and increasing its appeal to tourists.

One improvement will be the replacement of the hanging strings of exposed fluorescent light bulbs with more attractive streetlamps.

Phuket City Deputy Mayor Thawatchai Thongmung told the *Gazette* work on the project was initially scheduled to begin on May 15, but had to be postponed after members of the Thalang Road Community voted to include

the replacement of the old water main with the new HDPE pipe in the project.

The old PVC pipe is more than 20 years old, he said.

In what could entail some long nights for local residents, work on the project is being carried out after dark, from 6pm to 9am daily.

"During most of the construction we will not close Thalang Road, we will only block off an area about 30 meters long and divert traffic around it. There may be a few times that we will have to close down the road completely," said Mr Thawatchai.

Despite the work, local residents can expect few disruptions to power supply, he said.

"After all the electric work is completely finished there will be a four-hour power cut, after which supply will be restored using the new cable," he said.

"Phuket City Municipality would like to apologize to everyone for the disturbance, but we ask for your patience. After construction is finished, Thalang Road will be more beautiful and will have the first [public] underground electric supply of its kind on the island," Mayor Somjai said.

# Phuket beach gets green carpet

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

PHUKET CITY: The beach at one of Phuket's most popular recreational areas has been inundated with bright green seaweed since the middle of May.

The affected area is at the tip of Saphan Hin park, which juts out into Phuket Bay.

Fisheries specialist Ukkrit Sataphumin of the Phuket Marine Biological Center at Cape Panwa said the seaweed was first reported to his office by people who use the park for their daily morning exercise.

The worst affected stretch of the beach lies in front of the grassy, open area in front of the Chinese Shrine, a popular spot for kite-flying enthusiasts.

Mr Ukkrit said the common Thai name of the seaweed is *saaraay phakkaad thalay*, which roughly translated means "sea vegetable seaweed". He said he did not know the English language name or exact scientific classification.

The seaweed grows quickly on the seabed under the right conditions of strong nutrient loading and lots of sunlight. It is then washed ashore by waves and currents, he explained.

Municipal officials have begun to remove some of the seaweed, but a great deal remains as they have yet to receive an order from park management to keep the beach free of the menace.

The algal bloom at Saphan Hin is the result of dirty water. The site is adjacent to the mouth



**A green carpet of seaweed covers the beach in Saphan Hin. The seaweed invasion is a seasonal occurrence.**

of Klong Bangyai, Phuket's largest watercourse, which has a catchment area covering almost all of Phuket City and parts of Kathu extending all the way to the Patong hillsides.

Phuket City operates a water treatment system in the area, but a large amount of untreated water with very low oxygen content is still released there – especially during the rainy season.

Park volunteer Piamsak Tunphalung told the *Gazette* that the first signs of the seaweed began to appear in April, but that the volume had increased significantly last month.

The appearance of the seaweed is an annual event, he said.

Last year they collected all of the seaweed and disposed of it, but this year the park manage-

ment has not sent an order to do so. Normally the seaweed is piled up and allowed to dry and naturally disintegrate, he said.

The offensive smell in the area is from dirty water and not the seaweed itself, he said.

Similar algal blooms take place every year on Patong Beach from December to February, when sunlight is strong, currents are weak and the seaweed's main nutrient – untreated human waste rich in nitrogen and phosphorus – is discharged into the harbor in great amounts.

As for potential health risks, Mr Ukkrit said the seaweed is non-toxic, but noted that people who eat fish caught in polluted areas run the risk of ingesting toxins which can accumulate up the food chain into fish.

# Thai Immigration crackdown on border runners

BANGKOK / PHUKET: In a crackdown on foreigners who "abuse" the tourist exemption rule allowing 15-day visit extensions at border entry points, the Immigration Bureau has confirmed and informed ThaiVisa.Com of the following new regulation, which went into effect on June 1:

A foreigner who has entered the kingdom four consecutive times on 15-day tourist exemption stamps will not be allowed to leave the country and re-enter Thailand by land.

The only option is to exit Thailand and re-enter via an international airport, which will allow a further 30-day extension of

stay in the country.

The *Phuket Gazette's* partner in the Phuket Forum, ThaiVisa.Com, has confirmed the new regulation with the Immigration checkpoints at the Cambodian border and with visa run companies, saying the new regulation is effective from June 1, 2009.

Immigration checkpoints bordering Laos, Myanmar (Burma) and Malaysia are expected to enforce the regulation shortly.

Most visa runners in Phuket

make the journey to Kawthaung in Burma via Ranong. There are a handful of companies catering to this market.

The new rules do not affect holders of Thai visas issued abroad.

Foreigners are advised to apply for a tourist or non-immigrant visa at a Royal Thai Embassy or consulate outside Thailand, instead of "abusing" the 15-day extension rule.

As usual, holders of Tourist visas will be given a 60-day stay.

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# Asean reaffirms regional confidence in Phuket

By Kamol Pirat and Stephen Fein

KARON: The Asean Senior Officials Meeting held at the Mövenpick Resort and Spa from May 18 to 21 resulted in a number of agreements in addition to the previously reported agreement to hold the twice-postponed Asean Summit in Phuket next October.

Manasvi Srisodapol, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry's Department of Asean Affairs, told the *Gazette* that the Phuket meetings also achieved important decisions on key issues in the region and on moving regional co-operation forward in many areas.

"The Asean Senior Officials Meeting is a meeting between senior officials of the 10 Asean member states. They discussed important issues such as recent developments in Myanmar, which subsequently led to the issuance of the Asean Chairman's Statement on May 18," he said.

That statement warned that the "honor and credibility" of the Burmese regime was at stake and called for the immediate release of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who is now on trial for allegedly violating the

terms of her house arrest.

Ms Suu Kyi is accused of greeting an American journalist who swam across a pond outside her compound to speak with her.

The statement also reaffirmed the readiness of Asean members to help Burma with a peaceful transition to democracy. It was subsequently lauded by the US and EU, but lambasted by the Burmese junta, which accused the Thai-written statement as unprecedented meddling in its internal affairs.

"The officials also discussed preparations for the annual meeting of Asean foreign ministers, an event that would take place in Thailand in July 2009 and include meetings with foreign ministers of 10 other countries that we refer to as 'dialogue partners', as well as a meeting of the Asean Regional Forum (ARF) comprising foreign ministers from 27 countries which addresses regional security," Mr Mansvi said.

"The ARF Senior Officials Meeting, comprising 27 countries, also met and exchanged views on important regional and international issues, such as recent developments in Myanmar and the Korean Peninsula, and basically agreed on a draft ARF Vision



Some of the delegates who attended the Asean Regional Forum (ARF) Defence Officials' Dialogue held at the Movenpick Resort and Spa on May 19. Photo by Kamol Pirat

Statement prepared by Thailand which would be presented to the ARF Ministerial Meeting in July to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the ARF.

"This document essentially lays down goals and objectives of

the ARF by 2020 to enhance co-operation in addressing and reducing all threats to regional peace and security, including those affecting people's lives such as threats from terrorism, transnational crime, pandemics, natural disasters and so on.

"As you can see the results of the meetings in Phuket underscored support from all countries on Thailand's chair-

manship of Asean, as well as the goals, objectives and priorities that Thailand has set for Asean during its chairmanship until the end of this year.

"The meetings were attended by senior officials from all 27 countries, confirming once again the overall confidence these countries have for Thailand as a meeting place and tourist destination," Mr Mansvi concluded.

## Englishman collapses, dies in Rawai pharmacy

RAWAI: An Englishman living in Phuket collapsed and died of apparent heart failure at a pharmacy in Rawai on the afternoon of May 27.

According to witnesses, 59-year-old John Powell entered the pharmacy to buy some medicine but then collapsed.

Chalong Police were notified of the death at about 3:30pm.

They rushed to the scene, a pharmacy in the Baan Saiyuan residential estate, with rescue workers from the Phuket Ruamjai Kupai Foundation.

There they found Mr Powell's body, lying face up and surrounded by onlookers, both foreigners and Thais.

Mr Powell's body was taken to Vachira Phuket Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The British Embassy has been informed of Mr Powell's death.

There were no signs of foul play and police suspect heart failure as the cause of death.

The case is still under investigation, police said.

Mr Powell, a retiree from London, is survived by his wife and one daughter who lives in the UK. His friends on the island paid their last respects to the deceased and attended cremation services at Wat Rawai at 10am on June 2.

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# German ambassador speaks out on jailed teen

*It has been almost three months since a German teenager – who will not be named to protect his identity – was arrested on child molestation charges and incarcerated in Phuket Juvenile Observation and Protection Center. He is accused of conspiring with 41-year-old Briton Dax Young to abuse school-boys as young as nine years old in Patong. Some have rushed to condemn the youth, as they would anyone associated with this most heinous of crimes. Yet anyone who has followed the case closely will be aware that this young man, who was just 17 when he was arrested, spent his adolescence in the most deplorable of circumstances. In a recent interview, German Ambassador to Thailand Dr Hanns Schumacher defended the youth and expressed his hope that he would be dealt with sympathetically by the courts. Dan Waites reports.*

**A**round one month ago, the youth's mother died in Vachira Phuket Hospital on April 23. She was 56 years old.

Though the *Gazette* has been unable to confirm the exact cause of death, it is known that the woman was seriously ill with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease for several years prior to her passing.

Interviewed in March with her daughter, she appeared to be suffering from anorexia and looked deeply unwell.

In late 2003 she had fled to Phuket with her two children to escape the children's father, who had become abusive and threatened her life after their relationship broke down.

Since then she suffered several severe bouts of the disease,

resulting in hospitalizations in Phuket International Hospital (PIH), Bangkok Hospital Phuket and Vachira Hospital.

During a stay in PIH at the end of 2007, she discovered she was no longer covered by her health insurance.

When she was unable to pay her hospital bills, German Honorary Consul for Phuket Dirk Naumann became involved.

He urged her to return with her children to Germany, where social welfare would see that she was cared for.

But she refused to do so.

"She officially said she was afraid to go back because of the father of her children. I told her she shouldn't be afraid because he's sitting in prison for [an unrelated] attempted murder," said Mr Naumann.

When asked why she was determined not to return to Germany – despite the man's imprisonment – she gave a number of reasons, including the effect of the climate on her condition and "the German mentality".

The family remained in Phuket, supported at least partially by donations from friends and neighbors.

Yet the German diplomatic mission suggests that the youth – and his sister – supported their mother financially, and that in the boy's case some of the money came from Dax Young.

The woman denied that she received money from her son or knew the true nature of her son's relationship with Mr Young.

The truth of what she knew of her son's activities may now never be known.

## Ambassador speaks

In a recent interview with the *Gazette*, German Ambassador to Thailand Dr Hanns Schumacher spoke out in defense of the youth.

"This youngster was irresponsibly left on the streets of Phuket at a very young age for years without any adult supervision. It is therefore no surprise that he was introduced to criminal company. This is the main reason we hope that at the end



German Ambassador to Thailand Dr Hanns Schumacher.

of the proceedings, [the youth] will be considered a victim, rather than a perpetrator," Dr Schumacher said.

The ambassador said the German mission was doing what it could to help the youth, but stressed that the embassy had to respect Thailand's legal rules and procedures.

"We are in constant contact with all responsible authorities and have contributed our view to the investigation process. It goes without saying that we are closely monitoring [the youth's] situation as well as his correct treatment in prison," he explained.

The youth recently turned 18, beginning his adult life behind bars.

When asked if this affected the boy's legal situation, Dr Schumacher said the embassy had looked into the issue.

"We have the assurance that juvenile law remains applicable to his case. I personally made a very strong point that [the youth] should by no means be transferred to an adult prison. He is okay where he is right now. His legal position has not been affected," he said.

"We care for him and rather admire the manner in which he is mastering a difficult situation. I am sure this will have an impression on the prosecution and judge, as well," he concluded.

A court date for the case has yet to be fixed.



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## Queer News

# Local youngster goes for granny

NAKHON PHANOM: While the sight of an old man marrying a young woman is not too unusual in Isarn, when it's the other way round, it manages to raise eyebrows.

Therefore, when word spread that 73-year-old Thongsuk Phuthawan was set to marry 26-year-old Somphon Chanthawong, 47 years her junior, it quickly drew the interest of the local press.

The pair finally tied the knot on May 20, after a three-month courtship. The groom paid a bride price of 20,000 baht and gave his betrothed a 1.5 baht-weight gold ring worth approximately Bt22,500.

A Brahmin priest then divided a hard boiled-egg, giving half to the bride and half to the groom to wish them a long and happy marriage.

Mrs Thongsuk told the *Khao Sod* reporter who attended the wedding that this was Mrs Thongsuk's second marriage.

First falling in love at a military camp at Nakhon Phanom Airport, Mrs Thongsuk first got married at the tender age of 18 and had four children with her first husband. One child died, but the other three now all have families of their own. Her husband died 30 years ago – before her new beau was even conceived.

She said that in the 30 years that she had been single, she had many suitors. These included wealthy businessmen and politicians, but she rejected them all.

She met her new husband one evening in March when she went to have dinner with relatives at a fish restaurant on the bank of the Mekong River. One of the waiters, Mr Somphon, began teasing and flirting with her, before finally plucking up the courage to ask for her number.

The couple chatted all the time, Mrs Thongsuk said. Mr Somphon is a merry soul, a good talker and had what the Thais call a "sweet mouth", she said. He was always concerned about her well-being, asking if she'd eaten dinner or whether she had gone to bed yet.

"Though he's only a child, it was like having a second father," Mrs Thongsuk enthused.

When their love had fully blossomed, Mrs Thongsuk took her relatives to meet her young suitor. She then asked her daughters, all of whom are considerably older than Mr Somphon, for permission to marry. Her daughters said they would not stand in the way of the wedding, but asked only for the ceremony to be fairly small – as they were worried that people would gossip.

Mr Somphon said that he had a girlfriend before but she had broken his heart, adding that he liked Mrs Thongsuk's personality. After knowing her for three months he was sure he was in love and so got his mother to go and ask for Mrs Thongsuk's hand in marriage.

Mrs Thongsuk's elder sister Thongyip Thapket, 80, said that she was glad her little sister had found happiness, especially as this was probably her last chance. She said she had seen lots of old farangs getting married who were clearly on their last legs so she didn't think it was strange that her sister should do likewise.

A close friend of the bride said that when Mrs Thongsuk was young she was a real stunner and had won many local beauty contests. Even in her old age she still managed to turn heads and last year took first prize in the Songkran Mother pageant.

Source: *Khao Sod*

# Woman killed, elephant injured in truck smash



**MASSIVE TRAUMA:** A team of vets try to lift female elephant Phang Kamrai, who was injured when a truck she was being carried in crashed in Sa Kaew Province. Photo: Wijit Chunhakitkajorn

SA KAEW: A woman was killed and an elephant seriously injured in a road accident in Ta Phraya District on May 28.

The elephant, a 10-year-old cow called Phang Kamrai, was being transported in a 10-wheel truck from Surin to Pattaya at the time of the accident.

Phang Kamrai was being taken to Pattaya to be mated.

The elephant's mahout Somsak Salangam, 30, said that as the truck was running downhill at around 11:30pm, the brakes failed, causing the driver to lose

control. The truck overturned, throwing Phang Kamrai onto the road. The truck landed on top of her, pinning her down on the ground.

Mr Somsak was unharmed in the crash but all six other passengers were injured. Luea Salangam, a relative of Mr Somsak's, later died from her injuries.

It took rescuers more than 12 hours to find a crane to lift the truck off Phang Kamrai so she could be sent for treatment.

Source: *Kom Chad Luek*

# Media blamed for publishing intimate images

BANGKOK: Several media outlets have attracted condemnation from many prominent women for publishing very intimate photos of a female politician without her consent.

A lot of people can identify who she is, even though the published photos conceal her and her man's eyes.

"I can't accept such news reports. Be the person in the images a celebrity or an ordinary woman, media should have never published them," said Sodsri Phao-inchan, dean of Chiang Mai University's Mass Communications Faculty.

"By publishing the photos and reporting such a story, the media show they lack ethics," the academic said.

Ms Sodsri said the media had better dedicate their attention to economic and social problems.

There are many better ways to investigate politicians, she said.

The academic also called on the Thai Journalist Association and other media professional groups to help stop the propagation of such news reports, saying it was a serious violation of ethics.

Former senator Tuenjai Deetes, who has long fought for women's rights, said the published photos and story of the female politician had hurt both her human dignity and rights.

"This is a form of violence against women. She's hurt emotionally," Ms Tuenjai said.

The former senator suggested that the female politician should defend her rights by suing the offending media and others involved.

Political organisations and women's-right groups should also discuss ways on how to protect female politicians, she added.

"When women climb to the top, some people will want to hurt them," Ms Tuenjai commented.

Source: *The Nation*

# Excise tax fails to deter smokers

BANGKOK: People continue to smoke even though the government has increased the excise tax on cigarettes, the Suan Dusit Poll revealed on May 31 as it marked World No Tobacco Day.

The survey was conducted May 28 to 31 among 1,092 participants, including smokers and non-smokers in Bangkok and nearby provinces.

The poll found that 41% of smokers continued smoking after the cigarette price increase and most said they would continue smoking cigarettes unless it disturbed other people. Some 30%, however, said they were con-

cerned about their health and the dangers of smoking.

According to the poll, kicking the habit was a top priority of many, but one they could not achieve. Some 42% said they could not give it up because they had smoked for a long time and it had become a habit; while 35% said smoking made them feel relaxed.

Despite World No Tobacco Day on May 31, some 20% of non-smokers said they wanted to try smoking because they had seen others doing it.

Nearly half of those questioned thought the increase in excise tax on cigarettes would not affect their smoking habits, as they knew how much smoking cost them every day, while 21% said the increased prices would reduce the amount they smoked.

Source: *The Nation*

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# Immigrants seized en route to Phuket

RANONG: Immigration Police in the early hours of May 27 arrested 34 illegal Burmese immigrants and two Thais in a raid on a house in Muang District, Rangong province.

Police also seized a number of notebooks listing the names of members of the security forces who had allegedly been bribed to secure safe passage for the migrants.

When the officers arrived, the migrants were already packed into the covered backs of two pickup trucks that were allegedly about to be driven to Phang Nga and Phuket.

At 4am, a team of Ranong immigration police led by Chief Inspector Nachathakrit Pinpak and supported by army soldiers arrived at a house in Tambon Bang Rin.

The home belonged to a man named Khongsak Aduldechakul, reportedly suspected of involvement in a human smuggling ring.

Ranong Immigration Police received intelligence that the house was being used as a way-station for migrants being taken to find work in provinces across the South.

Officers were met by Mr Khongsak's wife, Wilailak Aduldechakul. Outside the house they found two pickup trucks. In the back of one truck, some 21 people were concealed, while the other truck contained 13 people.

Officers also seized drug-taking paraphernalia and a number of notebooks from inside the house.

Mrs Wilailak told police that her husband was in a nearby property. At the house, police arrested Mr Khongsak and seized a 9mm pistol with 48 rounds of ammunition, along with more drug-taking paraphernalia.

The couple confessed that they had helped Burmese immigrants to illegally enter Thailand. At the time of their arrest they were preparing to drive the two trucks to Phang Nga and Phuket, police quoted them as saying.

The couple were charged with aiding and abetting illegal immigrants, then sent to Ranong Hospital to be tested for drugs before being handed over to Ranong Muang District Police.

At the time of writing, results of the drug tests were not available.

Lt Chalermphol Thehokan, commander of the soldiers who allegedly served as backup in the operation, said that Mr Khongsak and Mrs Wilairat were the leaders of a large human smuggling network based in Ranong.

"In Mr Khongsak's house we found notebooks containing names and contact details for members of the network and schedules for when workers would be smuggled to other provinces. [The notebooks also contained] a list of names of officers that Mr Khongsak had paid to secure safe passage. The list clearly stated the names of officers of all levels, from NCOs to senior officers. The books will be passed onto the relevant authorities for further investigation,"

Lt Chalermphol said.

Ranong Immigration Police have passed the notebooks on to the Department of Special Investigation (DSI) for follow up.

Police Region 8, which covers the Upper South, were contacted for comment on the discovery of the names of police officers in the notebooks.

A police spokesperson said they had not yet received a report of the incident, but would take decisive action if evidence emerged that Region 8 officers had been involved in the smuggling network.

A source in the security forces said that Mr Khongsak's network was the 12th largest of 15 major people-smuggling networks known to be operating out of Ranong.

The network moved around 500 migrants a month to provinces around the South. The network had been operating for more than 10 years and had been able to avoid closure as Mr Khongsak had links with officers at every level of the security forces, the source said.

The source did not reveal what led to Mr Khongsak's arrest.

A migrant who was arrested in the raid, Mu Mo Saw, 25, from Tavoy, said that she was on the way to work in Phuket when she was arrested. She paid 10,000 baht to a Burmese agent in Kawthaung to be taken to Phuket, she said.

The migrants were taken to Ranong to be charged and deported.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

# Panda cub expected to boost tourism



A vet holds the unnamed panda cub born at Chiang Mai Zoo on May 27. People have been invited to enter a competition to name the cub. The winner will receive a reward of Bt1 million and a car. Photo: Vorawit Pumpuang

CHIANG MAI: The birth of a baby panda on May 27 at the Chiang Mai Zoo is expected to give a big boost to tourism in the northern province.

As the birthplace and current residence of the first offspring of popular giant panda mates Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui, Chiang Mai is preparing to welcome even more visitors wishing to see the cub.

"Thanks to the cub, the number of tourists should rise at least 10% this year," said Chalernsak Suranant, director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) office in Chiang Mai.

Last year, 5 million tourists visited Chiang Mai, generating Bt38 billion in revenue, according to TAT statistics.

Although tourism in Chiang Mai has slumped 5% to 10% during the first five months of the year, an uptrend is now in sight.

"This is good news and we're delighted," said Mr Chalernsak.

On loan from China, parents Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui have lived at the Chiang Mai Zoo since 2003.

Mr Chalernsak said his of-

fice would consult with the zoo on "panda cub tourism campaigns".

"The cub is cute. Aside from China and Japan, Chiang Mai will be the only place in Asia where tourists can see a baby panda," he pointed out.

Chalernsak said the cub will be put on direct public display only after it grows bigger and stronger.

Zoo visitors can now watch the young panda and mother Lin Hui via a television monitor, as closed-circuit television cameras have already been installed inside their cage.

Veterinarians and panda expert Wei Ming have proclaimed the panda cub healthy and said that mother Lin Hui holds her baby all the time.

"The mother's health is fine, too. Her stress has clearly subsided, and she's begun to eat and rest more," said Zoological Park Organization assistant director Dr Boripat Siriaroonrat.

Pandas are difficult to breed in captivity. The cub weighed 200 grams at birth and is the result of artificial insemination.

Source: The Nation

# Englishman hospitalized after beating

CHONBURI: An Englishman was severely beaten by a gang of two men and two women in South Pattaya on March 28.

Witnesses said the attack was motivated by a dispute with a prostitute over her fee.

The 35-year-old victim, identified only as Peter, was taken to Pattaya Memorial Hospital with a five-centimeter long head

wound and a broken left arm.

He had been set upon by two prostitutes who plied their trade by the beach at the entrance to Soi Pattaya 10. Two men also joined in the attack, beating him with lengths of wood, the victim told police.

Before the attack, the victim was seen arguing with one of the female attackers. The woman

was reportedly demanding money for sexual services rendered, but the victim refused to pay. The argument became heated and the woman left to call her friends before attacking the victim, witnesses said.

Police said they will interview the victim again when he has recovered.

Source: Khao Sod

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# The times, they are a-changin'



## ACROSS THE BAY

By Gus Reynolds

**L**ow season has well and truly arrived and on first impressions it looks set to be a much longer and deeper low season than normal. This is not surprising, given current economic conditions, and many small businesses have decided to close their doors for the next few months.

Some business owners are using the quiet time to make repairs or renovations, while others are seeing it as an opportunity to take a break and relax. Some, however, are simply shutting up shop and waiting for business to pick up again.

Despite the downturn, a few development projects are underway. A row of buildings around the corner on the beach road on the Krabi Resort side of Ao Nang has been demolished to make way for a shopping plaza please, not more T-shirt outlets and opticians! A number of for rent signs can be seen on the beach road, and it seems that the off-season reconstruction projects are probably quieter than in normal years.

While a number of smaller restaurants and bars may be closed, all the major hotels and their restaurants are open for business as usual. Some good bargains can be had at the hotels even better ones than the advertised 50% discounts or three nights for the price of two. Stroll up to any small resort at about 8pm and you should be able to strike a great deal with the manager. Occupancy rates are quite low and if you factor in the price discounting, the yields aren't allowing most to break even.

### Final Encore

Away from the doom and gloom and as they say, all good things must come to an end – who said that anyway? After eight years of putting on live music shows at the Encore Café, I have decided to pack it in. The late nights have taken their toll, especially as I wake up at 6:30am every morning to open up my resort. I'm not getting any younger, either.

But music is my passion and I'm confident that my huge music selection and sound system will resurface somewhere and be put to good use. I will take a lot of great memories from Encore: from Dirk Hamilton's shows on his tour promoting his 12th CD to Grammy nominee Ernie Halter's benefit concert after the 2004 tsunami. Todd Tongdee rocked the house, much to the delight of his groupies, and blues singer Georgia dazzled us with her world class performance.

And who could forget the almost annual visits made by Gary Gates, whose charm and great guitar playing took Ao Nang by storm and made him a huge hit with the girls. Check out his latest acoustic CD produced by Neil



Young's manager. It's great stuff.

Thankfully, I purchased a 16-track Boss recording system and have recorded some great shows over the past few years, so even with the close of Encore, rock 'n' roll lives on!

### Let there be light

For those of you who have lived on Koh Phi Phi, Koh Jum,

Koh Sriboya and Railey Beach over the years, the sound of diesel generators will have been common place. It is like living next to the train station; after a few years you don't hear the trains anymore.

Well the rumble of the generators is about to become a thing of the past as the installation of the main electric lines to the is-

lands nears completion. More than 200 electric poles are being erected on Koh Phi Phi as part of a project with an estimated budget of Bt620 million. The underwater cables to Railey, budgeted at Bt70mn, are currently being installed, while the work on Koh Jum and Koh Sriboya is in its final stages. Let there be light, and quiet light at that!



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# A powerful force for doing good

By Alasdair Forbes

Community Foundations (CFs) are a powerful force for doing good in society. They are also financial powerhouses. For example, Rotary has total worldwide assets – that is, investments from which Rotary clubs draw an income – of around US\$700 million. In contrast, the Tulsa Community Foundation alone has assets of US\$3.17 billion, and the top 10 in the US have assets totaling around US\$18 billion.

Yet in Thailand, few have heard of CFs or know how they work. CFs are different from conventional charities. In the conventional model, donors give to the charity whose agenda is closest to their heart, and the members of the charity then apply the funds to that agenda.

There are several charities in Phuket that already do very valuable work, such as helping stray animals, assisting with children's education, housing orphans and underprivileged children and preserving culture.

Their contribution can never be overvalued. But there are huge gaps, huge needs, that are not addressed by charities, or by national or local government. It is these needs that the PCF was set up to address.

The foundation has a sweeping remit. Its stated mission is "To help maintain or improve the quality of life in Phuket for everyone – regardless of their origins, their beliefs, or their social or financial status – with particular emphasis on poverty alleviation; preserving the environment; education (of both children and adults); promoting art and culture; preserving the island's architectural and historical heritage; improving public safety; and boosting public health."

How on earth is the PCF going to do all of this? It isn't. To use an analogy, the PCF is to charitable or community work what a bank is to industry. Banks make nothing.

They do not own factories, hire workers or turn steel into cars. What they do instead is support these activities through funding, through expert advice and by

providing transparency.

In much the same way, the PCF, of which the *Phuket Gazette* is a founding sponsor, was established to support community organizations and charities (including those already mentioned) by helping to source funds, by providing expert advice or volunteers and by giving social projects the transparency that is otherwise often lacking.

The PCF does, in fact, have a couple of projects of its own. Although we believe these are valuable to society in general, they are also designed to act as a "shop window", to demonstrate what can happen when a variety of elements of society can be drawn together to achieve an aim.

The first of these projects is the Motorcycle Back Light Project. Anyone who has driven on a dark road at night will know the heart-stopping experience of having a motorcycle with no rear light appear right in front. Rear light bulbs cost just 20 baht, yet a straw poll suggests that as many as one in four of all motorbikes on Phuket don't have a working rear light.

The PCF has drawn a variety of people and organizations together to address this problem. Motorcycle dealers donated bulbs, the Kusondharm Foundation lent a tent and chairs are borrowed from a nearby temple. Students from the Vocational College give up a couple of days of their free time to change bulbs. The PCF designed and made posters, which bike owners can read while their bulbs are changed, explaining why a rear light can save the rider's life. The total cost to the PCF of the first session, during which we made 150 motorbikes safer, was about 7,000 baht.

Our other current project is to establish toy libraries in different parts of the island. Toys are an important element in developing children's imaginations and, when with other children, their social skills. Yet many families on the island simply cannot afford them. One toy library, from which children will be able to borrow toys to take home, has already opened at Wat Thepnimit on Chao Fa East Road and another at



Kids check out the toys at the Wat Thepnimit Toy Library, one of two already established through the PCF.

Hongyok Bamrung School in Mai Khao. We have earmarked two other schools for action.

Again, the libraries are a demonstration of what can be achieved when different people are brought together. At Hongyok Bamrung School, Bt200,000 was given by the Phuket Direct Fund Association of Zurich to pay for toys and furniture to store them

in. Bamrung Sampaorat, Chairman of the Islamic Committee of Phuket, paid from his own pocket for the painting of the room, which was done in a single morning by sailors and marines from the *USS Boxer* (organized by Brad Kenny of the Patong Rotary). Additional toys came from private donors, including primary students at the British International School. The

library will be run by the school itself. At the opening, the Phuket International Hospital gave free health check-ups, and put on a puppet show.

As can be seen, the PCF is capable of pulling together a variety of good-hearted people to complete a project. But there must be thousands of ideas for projects out there. We can offer help and advice, and ensure financial transparency, but we can't manage them all.

This is why we are now compiling a database of people who have ideas and are willing to put in the time to make them happen; potential donors (in cash or kind); experts willing to give free advice; and volunteers who want to spend time doing something worthwhile.

If you fit into any of these categories, we would very much like to hear from you. You can contact me by email at [alasdair.phuket@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alasdair.phuket@yahoo.co.uk) or, if you prefer to write in Thai, email Roongprakai Sang-in at [gnoor\\_roong@hotmail.com](mailto:gnoor_roong@hotmail.com). The PCF website – which is about to undergo a thorough revamp – is at [www.phuketcf.org](http://www.phuketcf.org).

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# Standing on the shoulder of giants

Dan Ogunshakin

Now that the low season – or should that be summer season? – is upon us and the weather, by and large, has gone to the dogs, it's reassuring to know that there are still plenty of things to do out there that don't require the sun to be shining and the weather to be perfect.

Better still, a large number of those activities are outdoors, meaning that folks don't have to spend the rainy season cowering indoors or traipsing around shopping centers and can go outside and get some exercise and some fresh air.

Over the coming months, I hope to look at some of these activities and perhaps discover that summer isn't as big a wash out as was once thought.

It's easy for people who live and work in Phuket to forget just how beautiful the island is and that despite seemingly constant development, there are still parts of the island that remain relatively unspoilt, providing us with glimpses of what Phuket looked like in days gone by.

The Cable Jungle Adventure in Thalang is located in such a place, amidst seemingly untouched jungle. Heading North

from Phuket Town, turn right and head for towards Ton Sai waterfall at the first crossroads after Heroines' Monument.

I was unsure what exactly the Cable Jungle Adventure was and I suspect that you're thinking the same right now. Well, it's a 1,200-meter-long series of elevated cables that allow you to zip along through the jungle at heights more commonly occupied by birds or free-swinging primates. In total there are 15 cables of varying lengths – some no more than 15 or 20 meters, some a whopping 150 meters – all positioned at different gradients, producing varying speeds and thrills. The faster rides get the adrenalin going, while the slower journeys give you time to kick back in your harness and enjoy the majesty of the giant trees around you and the views that go out to sea.

The short walk up to the office gives you a first glimpse of the natural environment that awaits you as you head deeper into the jungle. Thick green vegetation with randomly appointed brightly colored tropical flowers lines the path before you arrive at your destination and are greeted by the friendly staff.

After filling out the neces-



There are 15 cables of varying lengths, all positioned at different gradients to produce varying speeds and thrills. INSET: The guide will take pictures of the group in the trunks of some massive trees.

sary paperwork – the usual liability release forms that accompany anything that is remotely fun – and enjoying a complimentary soft drink, you are fitted into your safety harness and provided with a special set of gloves and helmet before heading to the practice ground.

Believe it or not, there is a technique to zipping around the jungle at breakneck speed. With that speed comes the need to be able to brake – that's what the practice is for. Once you have successfully demonstrated your skills it's time to head to the real course.

The sensation of whizzing

over the tops of the trees while virtually horizontal is a curious one. You have the adrenalin commonly associated with height and speed, but a sense of relaxation that can only come from lying down – despite being a considerable distance from the ground.

The views are spectacular, and the pristine jungle that surrounds you is vibrant and full of life. Some of the starting positions are a short walk apart and your guide will take the time to tell you about the surrounding flora and fauna. They'll even take pictures of you and your friends in the trunks of some truly gargantuan trees.

Once the course has been negotiated, the staff will provide you with more soft drinks and some fresh fruit while you relax listening to the jungle's very own soundtrack.

*The Cable Jungle Adventure is open every day from 9am to 6pm and costs Bt1,950 per person, which includes soft drinks, seasonal fruits and insurance. A pick up and drop off service is available from most major resorts in Phuket and will cost up to 150 baht. For more information call 076-527054 or 087-8969076.*

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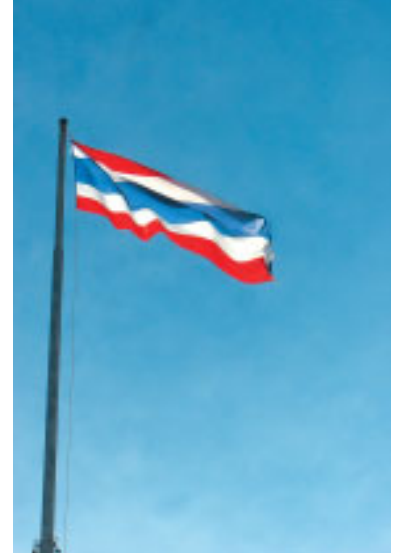
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# Through the eyes of children



**T**he Phuket Has Been Good to Us foundation has been working to improve the lives of the island's children since it was founded by the late Tom McNamara four years ago. The foundation's main focus has been providing good quality English tuition to students at government schools on the island. "Education is a gift that stays with you forever. You can't sell it and nobody can take it away from you. It is the best way for us to give back to this island that has been so good to us," McNamara once said.

One of the schools the foundation works with is the King's Foundation School in Kamala. Around 150 students live at the school. Most of them are orphans. The foundation runs an after-school program for these students called "The Coconut Club". Several months ago, photographer Marsha Lutz visited the school with a donation of six digital cameras from her photography club in the United States. She worked with 12 Coconut Club students, teaching them the basics of photography, including composition, lighting and focus.

On Thursday, May 28, the foundation held a fundraising photography exhibition and sale at Hung Fat's on Kalim Beach. A number of professional photographers donated work to the sale, which also featured the work of the Coconut Club students and students from the British International School. The evening raised a fantastic Bt200,000 for the foundation; money that will be ploughed back into educating disadvantaged children in Phuket.

The images on this page were all taken by Coconut Club students.



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# A roaring success

By Denny Bowman

**T**he Lions Club of Patong Beach celebrated their Charter Night on May 29. Almost 80 Lions from clubs throughout Thailand watched on as Charter President Lion Rohn-Napa Kanjanayothee and First President Claude de Crissey were officially presented with their club Charter by former district governor Somchai Chirayus.

Lions Clubs International has more than 1.4 million members in over 44,500 clubs and is the world's largest secular service organization. It was founded by Melvin Jones in the USA in 1917 and under the motto, "We serve", has since spread its message of helping others and fostering a sense of community to some 203 countries worldwide.

The Lions Club of Patong Beach was established just last year when a handful of local businessmen decided to join forces to form Thailand's only English-speaking club outside of Bangkok. The charter group grew rapidly from the outset and soon had a membership of 25. Its members came from nine different coun-



First President Lion Claude de Crissey (center) and Charter President Lion Rohn-Napa Kanjanayothee (right) receiving awards for founding the Lions Club of Patong Beach. Also pictured are lions (from left) Denny Bowman, Robert Simon, Patrick Legrain, Suthep Satitburana, Pinyo Kerdkantapong and Jean Leon. Photos by Dan Miles

tries, giving the Lions Club of Patong Beach a distinctly international and cosmopolitan flavor.

Following its inception, the Lions Club of Patong Beach immediately became involved with the three existing Phuket Lions Clubs to support several ongoing charity events. These included donating encyclopedias to local schools, supporting local students in an international "Peace Poster" art competition, and organizing a large-scale beach

cleaning event on Patong Beach in November last year.

The one-day beach clean up brought together more than 300 students and teachers from Patong's three public schools who worked with volunteer divers from 10 local dive companies to pull rubbish from the sea and pick up trash along the beach.

The act of cleaning was important, but of equal importance was the educating both teachers and students about en-



hanced eco-awareness and making them understand that we are all caretakers of one of Phuket's most valuable resources, the sea. Support for this event came from local businesses, the Tourist Police, Phuket Aquarium and local government officials, including the Phuket governor.

Lions First President Claude de Crissey said that the Lions Club of Patong Beach wants to recreate this event again this year, possibly expanding the program to involve more schools, more students and more businesses.

The latest community project undertaken by the Patong Beach chapter involves the distribution of 10 rebuilt computers that were donated by a Bangkok insurance company.

Currently, club members are working with education administrators to determine which of the local schools would benefit from the computers the most. And it doesn't end there.

Incoming Lion President Jean Leon said that there is a growing list of projects being added to the club's list for consideration. With the talents and backgrounds of the members of the Patong Beach club available, there is little doubt that they'll be successful.

Incoming Lion President Leon was also keen to point out that every project requires a certain amount of funding support – something that all of us can get involved in – adding that sometimes even a few hundred baht can make a difference for someone in need and that any contributions made to their charity funds are used as they were intended and are not associated in any way with administrative funds.

If interested in learning more about helping or supporting the Lions' projects in the community, please visit their website at [www.lions-club-patong.org](http://www.lions-club-patong.org).



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## EXPAT GALLERY

## Jeroen Deknatel

Jeroen Deknatel, best known as the founder of Fantasea Divers, worked in the movie business in The Netherlands with the intention of becoming a film director. But between location shoots, the wannabe filmmaker traveled the world. As both his parents worked for KLM airlines, he was able to fly for free.

He was fascinated with Vietnam and traveled to Bangkok, hoping to make his way to Saigon from there. This was 1978, a time of major upheaval in the region and his attempt to reach Vietnam via Cambodia failed miserably. He decided to travel south and visit Phuket instead.

"I had a great first impression of Phuket. I'm a very organized person and when I saw the orderly lines of rubber trees, I immediately liked the island. I stayed for three months at Patong Beach which, thirty years ago, was peaceful and very beautiful. I decided to take a new direction with my life and move to Phuket. Fortunately, I had an offer to start a diving business to serve the growing number of tourists."

Jeroen had arrived at a good time. By 1980, prices for ore from the island's tin mines had dropped dramatically, which sparked a shift to the development of tourism. He launched Fantasea Divers in late 1979 by

adapting a typical Thai fishing trawler for use as a dive boat in the waters off Patong Beach.

"I spent a lot of time in the early years just enjoying life on Phuket. With my motorbike, I would go through the jungles. At that time there were no roads between Patong and Kamala, so my mates and I would cut a path through the mountains and jungles to get north on the island."

Over the next nearly 30 years, Jeroen developed Fantasea Divers to become the top diving operator on Phuket. Starting with the modest Thai fishing trawler, he expanded in 1983 with a 50ft sailboat that could accommodate 12 divers. His was the first company to offer regular weekly trips to the Similan Islands, and he spent several years developing other new areas for diving.

By the 1990s, he found himself in direct negotiation with the government of Myanmar to open their territorial waters to Fantasea Divers, an area which became known as the Burma Banks.

"During my many years with Fantasea, I was always pushing the ceiling to offer new dive sites and more comfort to each new generation of diver. In 1990, I acquired a big steel Customs patrol boat which I converted into eight cabins and

named *Fantasea*. And in 2000, I built the *Ocean Rover*, a 100ft, 300 ton flagship, the only boat of its size to receive the IMO passenger safety certificate."

"The *Ocean Rover* was like a five star resort experience. Our guests were pampered and provided with the same level of service as at Phuket's best hotels. But these customers are very particular about safety, so I ensured our crew was trained to international standards and I studied to become a professional marine surveyor."

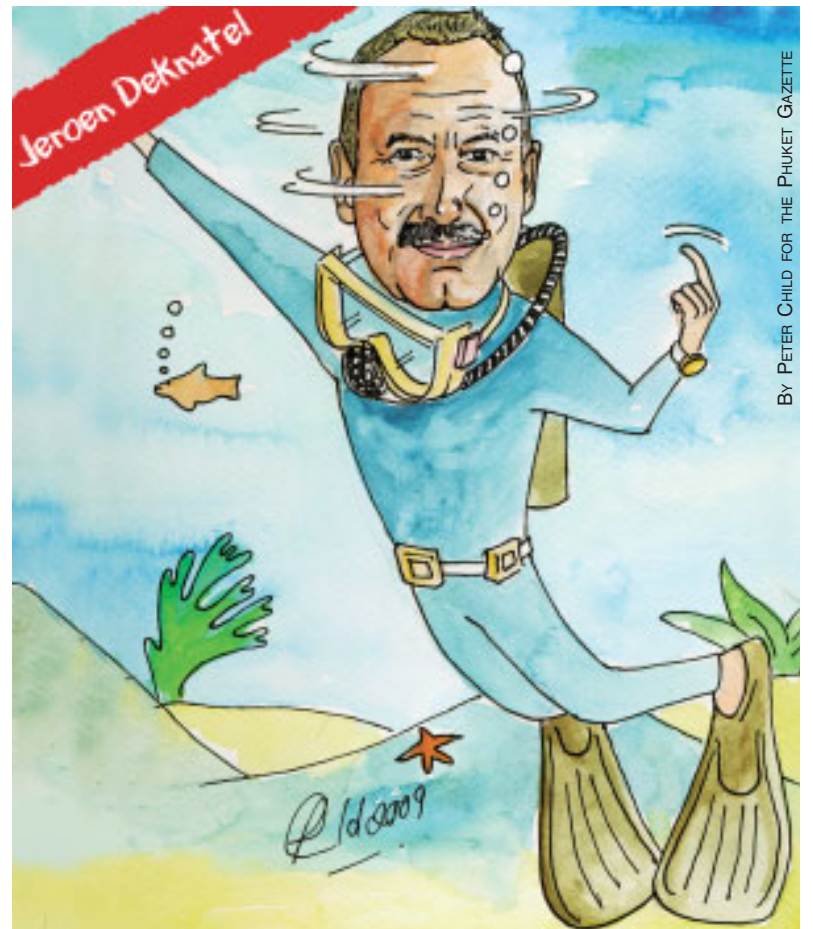
Last year, while taking a group of divers around Sulawesi, Jeroen was approached by an Indonesian dive operator who offered to buy the *Ocean Rover* for an amount Jeroen could not refuse.

The sale of his primary dive boat has enabled him to focus on a second career as an independent marine surveyor with his own company, Waterline Marine.

"Over the past 15 years, I've had to travel abroad three or four times a year to market Fantasea Divers at international trade shows, and I'm always happy to return here. After thirty years, I still love living on Phuket."

"I often read 'complain-about-Thailand' letters in the *Gazette*. Perhaps people forget that the cause of this country's shortcomings, the sometimes undisciplined spirit of its people, is also what makes it such a great place to live. Love it or leave it, but please don't try to change it."

— Bruce Stanley



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

## ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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

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**ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK:** Former Las Vegas entertainer Ricky Zen put on a show for the cameras at his own Rick 'n' Roll Music Cafe in Kata on May 30. The event was televised by Capital TV.



**TURTLE POWER:** The Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation, launched by JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, held its fifth Mini Marathon and Fun Run in support of the Phuket Marine Biology Center's Marine Stranded Animal Rescue Project on May 24. In total, more than 500 runners took part in three categories: a 10.5k mini marathon, a 3.5k fun run and a 2.5k walk.



**SCRUM DOWN:** Boys from the Sainamyen School in Patong and the British International School (BIS) after their first ever 15-a-side rugby match. The match was held at Surakul Stadium in Phuket City on May 31. The game – won by the BIS – was played as part of the 2009 Overgaard Phuket Rugby 10s weekend.



**CUTTING THE RIBBON:** The grand opening of the 101 Country Pub and Restaurant in Phuket City took place on May 31. Those who attended the big opening were treated to feast of live music, including a performance by well-known Songs for Life artist "Ae" Suntipap.



**LIFE IN MINIATURE:** Jungceylon Shopping Center in Patong hosted "The Amazing Thai Miniature World III" in May. The Exhibition showcased a number of dioramas that gave glimpses of Phuket's past and present including the Battle of Thalang. Visitors had the chance to make their own miniatures and were also treated to some traditional music and dancing as part of the 10-day event.



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# Greek gastronomy goes on the road

The Greeks invented wine; they did so some 5,000 years ago and they even have a god of wine – Dionysus. Those were the first things the 150 guests at a buffet dinner of traditional Greek cuisine and fine wines learned from their host, Emmanuel Markianos, who is Head of the Economic Mission for the Embassy of Greece in Bangkok.

Mr Markianos' bold statement was made last weekend during a cocktail reception and dinner held in the ballroom of the Hilton Arcadia Resort & Spa in Karon. The introduction to the delights of going Greek was part of a three-province tour (Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Phuket) by Mr Markianos and his team.

Although the Greek tradition of exporting wine dates back to the classical period of Roman emperors, who insisted on Greek wines for their feasts, the wines are only now beginning to be appreciated here. Mr Markianos' tour of Thailand with an entourage of producers of fine Greek food and wines was aimed at creating better awareness of the culinary delights that the Mediterranean islands have to offer and to open up distribution channels to this island.

Another interesting fact learned from Mr Markianos was that Phuket is the number-one holiday destination in South East Asia for Greeks. About 3,000 Greeks take a few months off each year during their low tourist season. The culinary lifestyles of the two nations are similar – dining with friends is a national pass-time in both countries – but their communities have yet to bond.

Perhaps a few bottles of ouzo would help.

Ouzo will be one of the new Greek products available in Phuket soon but for this occasion, three makers of fine Grecian wines flew in with crates of their reds and whites. Traditional Greek winery Domaine Dereskos brought four regional wines from the Trifilia and Messinia regions. They were Cabernet Sauvignons and Chardonnays from vineyards with ecological orientation that produce low but healthy outputs. The vines are fed with natural fertilizers and the winery does not use chemical herbicides or pesticides. Their *Agrilia Carbernt Sauvignon* is stored in oak casks for almost a year and then bottled for another eight.

The Megapanos Winery is a more modern producer of fine wines that was established in 1990 in Pikermi, Attica and uses state-of-the-art vinification methods to produce rich reds, dry whites and a crystal clear rosé in a limited quantity of excellent quality. The *Ameynto Megapanos* comes from the only region in Greece allowed to pro-



Mrs Wipa & Methee Tanmanatragul with Emmanuel Markianos.

duce rosé wine. It goes well with Greek desserts, such as *baklava* (phyllo pastry layers filled with nuts and drenched in syrup), *Kourabiedes* (cookies made with roasted almonds) and bread and butter pudding.

Vatistas Winery with vineyards in the Monemvasia, Mesinia and Pelopenese regions brought dry reds and whites to the banquet. The deep ruby Cabernet Sauvignon Agiorgitiko with tones of vanilla and spices works in harmony with meat dishes such as *moussaka* and *Keftede* (fried meatballs with oregano and mint).

Another host of the evening was Elea Greta Extra Virgin Olive Oil, which is cold pressed in the Plora and Heraklin areas of Crete; perfect for creating authentic Greek salads (*Horiatiki*).

"In the past 15 years, Greece has produced quite a number of new varieties of wine. The wines we brought with us are from three wine makers already well known around the world; Canada, the United States, Europe Australia, Japan, Korea, Singapore – demanding markets. All of them [the wine makers] offer unique varieties that you cannot find anywhere else," said Mr Markianos.

"We try to show that wines from smaller countries like us are worth a try. For business people out there, we are not only here for the wines. Greek businessmen are really trying to become a part of Phuket's business community looking for a number of opportunities," he added.

Mr Markianos said that the producers are in talks with importers and they hope to bring Greek products into Phuket's stores, restaurants and resorts soon. The drive will be backed up with promotions such as wine-tasting events, special offers and more public awareness campaigns.



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# TOT strikes back with FTTx

When the download speedometer crossed over 17,000 K bits per second, I nearly had a heart attack...

I was sitting in a room at the TOT office on Chao Fa East Road, at a briefing put together by Phuket's Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA). Mr Suporn, TOT's Marketing Manager for Phuket, had just finished a presentation on TOT's "ICT Paradise" plans for Phuket. I've heard a whole lot of promises about Phuket ICT City over the years, and it's hard not to feel more than a little jaded about the whole concept.

Before the meeting started, Mr Suporn showed me a fiber optic setup in one corner of the conference room. Coming out of the wall was a thick black cable containing small strands of fiber – like an oversize power cable – with a cylindrical black plastic box, about the size of a baseball bat, wrapped around one section of the cable. Inside the box, Mr Suporn showed me the electronic gizmos that split the signal and feed it to four banks of plastic connectors. Each bank of connectors contains eight plugs, each of which aren't a whole lot bigger than the power connector on my mobile phone.

One of the 32 plugs had a cable attached which fed into a small box mounted on the wall. From there, another cable ran from the wall-side box to a router. And the router, like most routers, sported dancing green lights. The whole rig is called FTTx – fiber to the home – or office, or whatever.

Near the end of the PowerPoint presentation, SIPA's

Mr Pracha, who's been going through the slides and narrating them in English, flips over to Windows. He plugs a regular LAN cable into the router, and into the back of his laptop. He then cranks up Internet Explorer and goes to the Thaivisa.com speed test site – the one that measures internet speeds to Bangkok. At first I didn't understand what I

was seeing: I've never seen a speed test in Phuket that runs much over 3,000 K bits per second (that's 3

Mbps; some CAT lines go that fast), but right there on the presentation screen, the speedometer ran up to – and beyond – 17,000Kbps.

So what's the big deal? If you aren't a dyed-in-the-wool computer geek, why on earth would you care about 17,000Kbps?

Let me tell you why.

If – and I emphasize the word "if" – TOT can reliably deliver 17,000Kbps to your doorstep, you can throw away your satellite TV or cable TV box. If the right companies get hooked into the system, you'll never need to rent or buy a CD or DVD again. 17,000Kbps is twice as much oomph as you need to get full high-definition television, movies that run (and pause and rewind) when you want them and any TV show at any time – even televised college courses.

Within the next year or two, a lot of television broadcasting will be available for free over the internet. Want to watch the local news in Tuscaloosa? Did you miss last week's My Name is Earl? IPTV, as it's called – roughly translated as "television over the internet" – will bring you the lat-

est TV, all in high-definition. We will no longer need to settle for low-res pictures from your satellite provider or lousy sound on cable TV. But, IPTV requires a whole lot of bits per second.

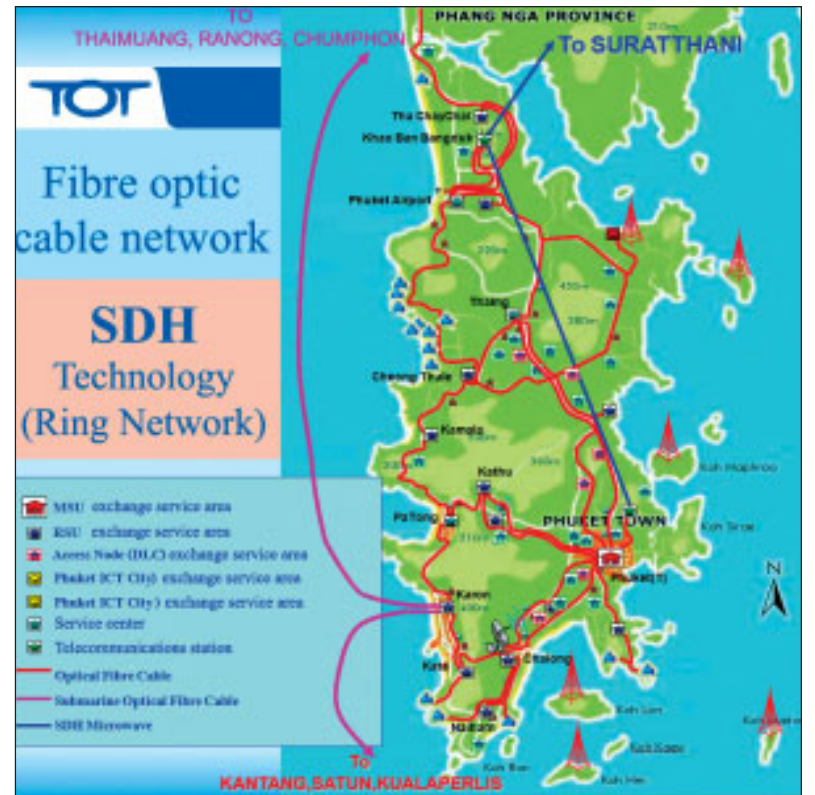
Right now, there is no high-def broadcast television in Phuket. None, nada, zip. Indeed, there's almost no high-def programming of any type. That fancy flat screen TV you bought shows the same scratchy picture that everyone else sees, unless you go to the extreme measure of buying a Blu-Ray DVD player and paying a fortune for Blu-Ray DVDs – if you can find real ones.

Suddenly, with IPTV, everyone who can afford the bill can see high-def media – TV, movies, live broadcasts, you name it.

That's not all. Videoconferencing – even using a webcam to talk with the grandkids – is taken to another level at 4,000 to 5,000Kbps. No herky-jerky pictures or fading sounds. Doctors here in Phuket can communicate directly with specialists in Bangkok, or Bangalore, and show them all the details. Computer aficionados and software companies can download big software packages in minutes, instead of hours or days. Architects can push plans and photos across the ocean. You get the idea...

All of that was rushing through my head when Mr Pracha switched to speedtest.net, and checked the fiber optic line's speed to Singapore. Once again, it pegged over 17,000Kbps. Astounding.

He anticipated my next question, and switched to the speed test that we're running here in Phuket (live-access.com/PhuketInternet.aspx). He ran a test to San Francisco, and it came up 1,600Kbps. Bummer. That's a good-but-not-great ADSL



TOT is rapidly laying the final stretches of its planned Fiber Optic ring network.

speed, as you can quickly confirm by looking at the test results on the live-access site.

But wait, there's a silver lining.

Apparently, TOT expects to connect an IGX – which is to say, a big international switch – in Phuket to one in Haad Yai in July. From Haad Yai, the line will patch into one of the major internet backbones. The IGX is planned to have a 10Gbps capacity (that's 10,000,000Kbps) for ADSL lines, and 9Gbps just for FTTx. That should provide a big shot in the arm for international access speeds. I hope.

TOT currently plans to roll out FTTx service by July, with a maximum of 3,200 customers. Yes, I know, you've heard that one before – back in January 2008, *The Nation* reported that TOT planned to have 3,200 lines installed by December 2008. But this time it's close. Most of the fiber optic ring has been laid and the IGX is said to be up and running, although not yet connected. Some important details remain outstanding however. TOT hasn't announced its pricing and, of course, no customers have been able to run a real-world test.

I will. Promise.

**Free Computer Clinics:** Woody writes computer books and articles. His two latest books, *Windows 7 All-In-One For Dummies* and *Green Home Computing For Dummies*, will be on store shelves in September. Join Woody and other Windows victims at his Sunday morning Computer Clinics, co-sponsored by the *Phuket Gazette*. For more information, see *What's On* on page 17.

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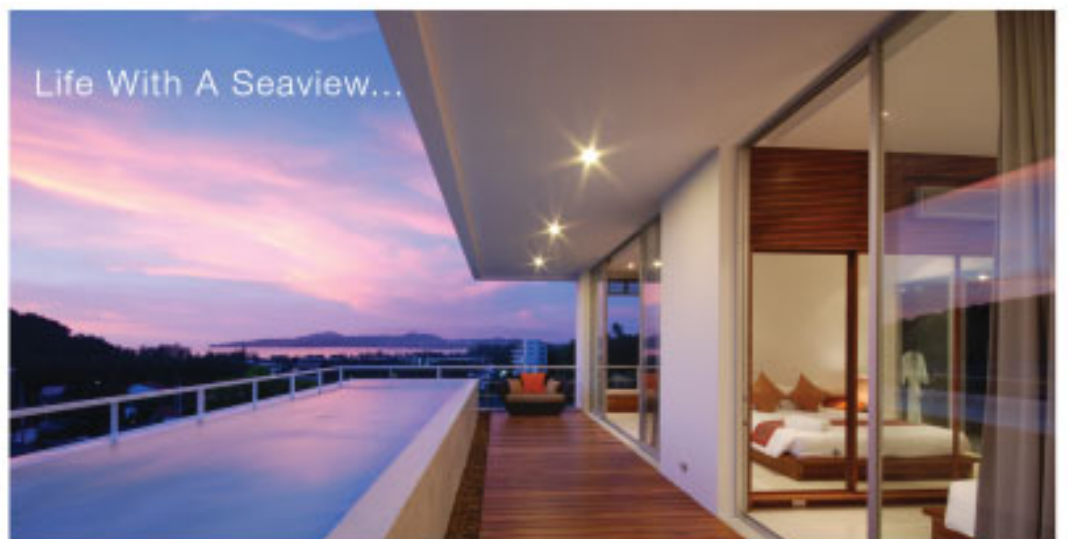
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Upcoming events on the island

## Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series 2009 – Monsoon Riders



The first of three surfing contests organized by the Phuket Board Riders Club and sponsored by surf apparel giants Quiksilver will take place at Kalim Bay on June 12 (7am-5pm), June 13 and 14 (9pm to 5pm).

The Monsoon Riders competition will feature four categories: Men's Shortboard; Longboard; Grom; and a women's competition. Registration is open at Jungceylon shopping center until June 11.

Entry is 500 baht and includes a free T-shirt and entry to the awards ceremony and closing party, which is being at Jungceylon on June 14 from 7pm to 11pm.

For more information visit:  
[www.thaisurfseries.com](http://www.thaisurfseries.com).

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**July 5. FREE Computer Clinic – Patong**

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**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.

**July 12. FREE Computer Clinic – Laguna**

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**July 19. FREE Computer Clinic – Chalong**

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**June 6. Free Nike Running Clinic at Laguna Phuket**

Laguna Phuket and Nike are hosting a free running clinic at Laguna Beach Resort. The 2002 Bangkok Marathon winner, Jason Mayeroff, will be on hand to pass on running tips, while Nike will offer a free trial of their new shoe. From 4pm to 6pm. For more information contact Roman Floesser. E: [direct@goadventureasia.com](mailto:direct@goadventureasia.com).

**June 7. FREE Computer Clinic – Patong**

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**June 14. Laguna Phuket International Marathon**

The Laguna Phuket International Marathon presented by Nike is Southeast Asia's leading destination marathon. The "family friendly" event from 5am to noon at Laguna Phuket offers people a chance to compete in a marathon, half marathon, 10.5k run, 5k "community walk" or 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 June 6. 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. For further

information contact Mr Roman Floesser. T: 076-236 931. W: [www.phuketmarathon.com](http://www.phuketmarathon.com).

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**June 20. Phuket Academy of Dance**

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**June 21. FREE Computer Clinic – Chalong**

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# Placing mutual trust in investment funds



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

**W**ith the introduction of the investment trust in 1868, the idea of a “collective investment scheme” was accepted into the world of investment. In time, this led to another collective investment scheme that would eventually become much larger and more popular: the unit trust, also known as a mutual fund.

The two are one and the same, but the tendency is for the term “mutual fund” to be used in North America and “unit trust” in other parts of the world. Having said that, today, especially in the offshore world, the trend is to simply call them all “funds”.

All mutual funds/unit trusts have the following in common: the “unit price” is calculated by taking the total value of any fund and dividing it by the number of units. These funds can have dealing dates that are daily, weekly or monthly and the number of units issued depends on subscriptions and redemptions. Matter may or may not be created or destroyed, but unit balances (numbers) change continually. It is not the number of units that is of importance, but the value of each unit or part thereof. Unit prices are usually quoted to two or four decimal points.

Investors may wonder why there is such a variety of dealing dates or periods. This is usually caused by the types of investment that any fund is involved with.

The “money market fund” is the most common fund of assets under management by some margin. These funds seek to offer a slightly better return than cash but at the same time can be withdrawn within 24 hours. The assets of a money market fund usually include cash, cash on deposit in the local “money market”, short-dated government bonds and corporate bonds. They may also include such items as bankers acceptances and floating rate notes.

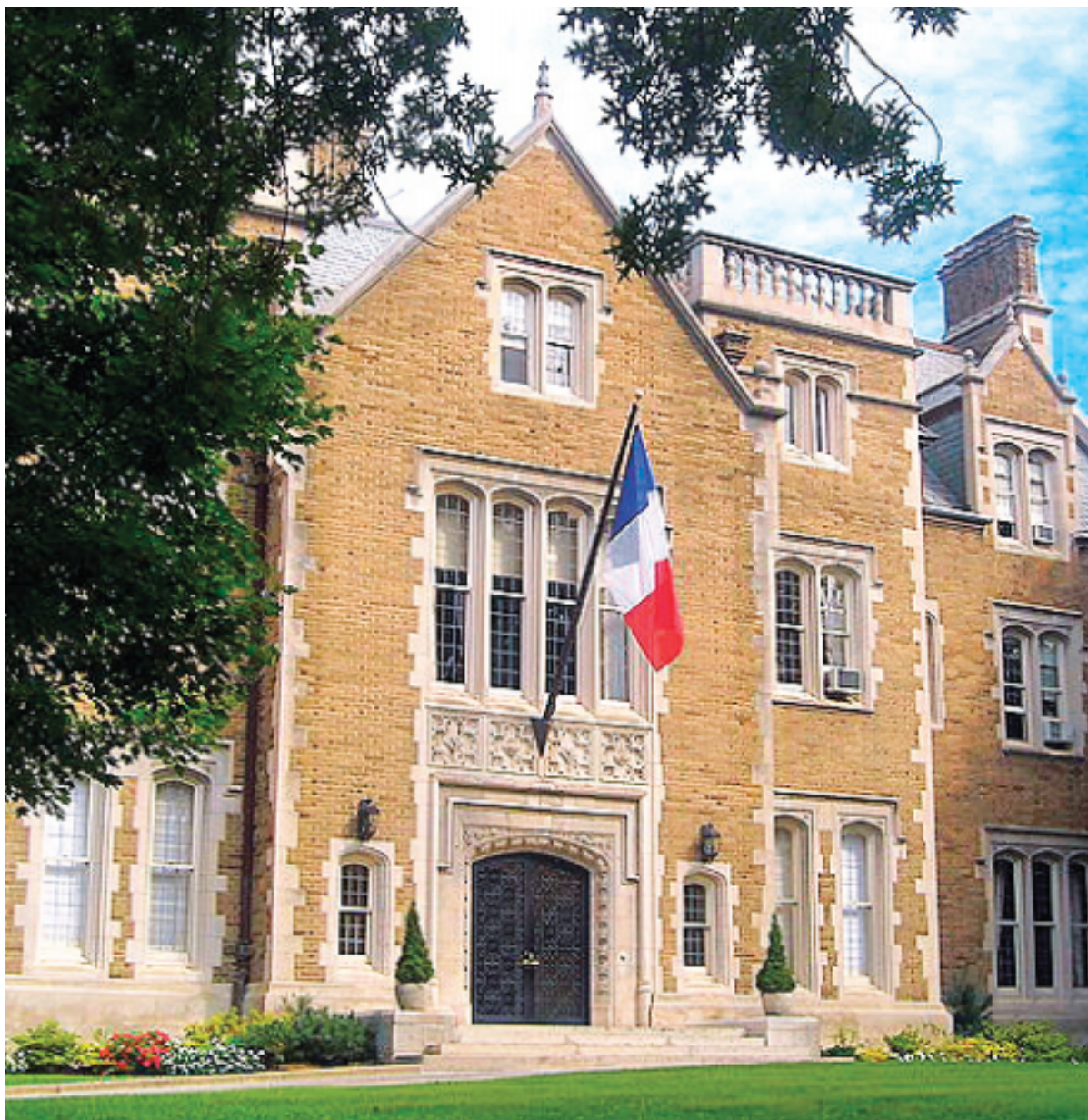
Last year, US money market mutual funds hit the headlines. This was largely because fund managers were investing some of their equity into “toxic assets” such as structured investment vehicles (SIVs). Normally, any investment in the money markets considered by the fund manager would be risk free. These SIVs and related products were the polar opposite. The danger then arose that the unit price could fall below one dollar.

The US has trillions of dollars of individual investors’ money held in money market mutual funds. This has become an area of safety where people and institutions can “park” their extra cash without any thought of risk or possible loss. When it became clear that this trust had been breached, it suddenly became a very serious situation.

America was already facing a financial meltdown and under no circumstances could this be allowed to spread to money market mutual funds. The government subsequently intervened and no investors lost any money.

Money market mutual funds have become so popular in many countries that the concept of a fixed deposit does not really exist. A good example of this is France, where the normal tendency is for customers to ask their bank, “What interest does your money market fund pay?”

A French bank will in turn



**FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, WASHINGTON DC:** It may surprise some readers that France has such an advanced unit trust/fund industry with huge amounts of assets involved. This was instigated by the government of the day about 40 years ago, which noted that funds were the best course for the French public to follow in terms of investment.

ask the customer what period of time is being contemplated, for example zero to six months or six to 18 months. The bank will then offer two different money market funds, depending on the period required.

It may surprise some readers that France has such an advanced unit trust/fund industry with huge amounts of assets involved. This was instigated by the government of the day about 40 years ago, which noted that funds were the best course for the French public to follow in terms of investment. To encourage their use, the government offered tax incentives and the French public responded enthusiastically.

The French government also introduced “SICAVs”, which are simply open-ended collective investment schemes. However, for the French public the earlier versions had a level of safety incorporated. A SICAV could invest up to 70% of its assets in the stockmarket, but the remaining 30% had to be invested in cash or highly rated bonds, mainly those issued by the government.

This was simply a way of protecting the public from really heavy losses in the event of a major collapse in stockmarkets.

Today, however, with Luxembourg funds effectively being part of the offshore world, their SICAVs are the same as any other mutual fund/unit trust – the 30% rule no longer exists, except in France.

Funds – mutual funds/unit trusts and all the other name variants – are essentially the same the world over. They allow investors the ability to choose what types of investment they want. The list of choices is huge. For example, there are funds that simply invest in one country’s stockmarket, say, Australia. This can then be refined into Australian small businesses, Australian natural resource companies and so on. From here, there are regional funds which could, for example, cover Asean, Europe or Latin America. There are also many funds that cover the whole world or have themes, for example technology or health care.

Investors will also soon find

the “managed” sector, which can have a mixture of asset types. A common example is a “cautious managed fund”, which would typically hold up to 30% in equities (shares) with the balance being invested in bonds, money market securities and so on. A balanced managed fund may allow 40% – 60% in equities with the balance being held in a similar fashion to the cautious fund.

There are funds which invest solely in bonds, some cover only government bonds, while others specialize in corporate bonds. Again, bonds may be selected on a national basis, for example euro bonds, gilts and US bonds, to name but a few.

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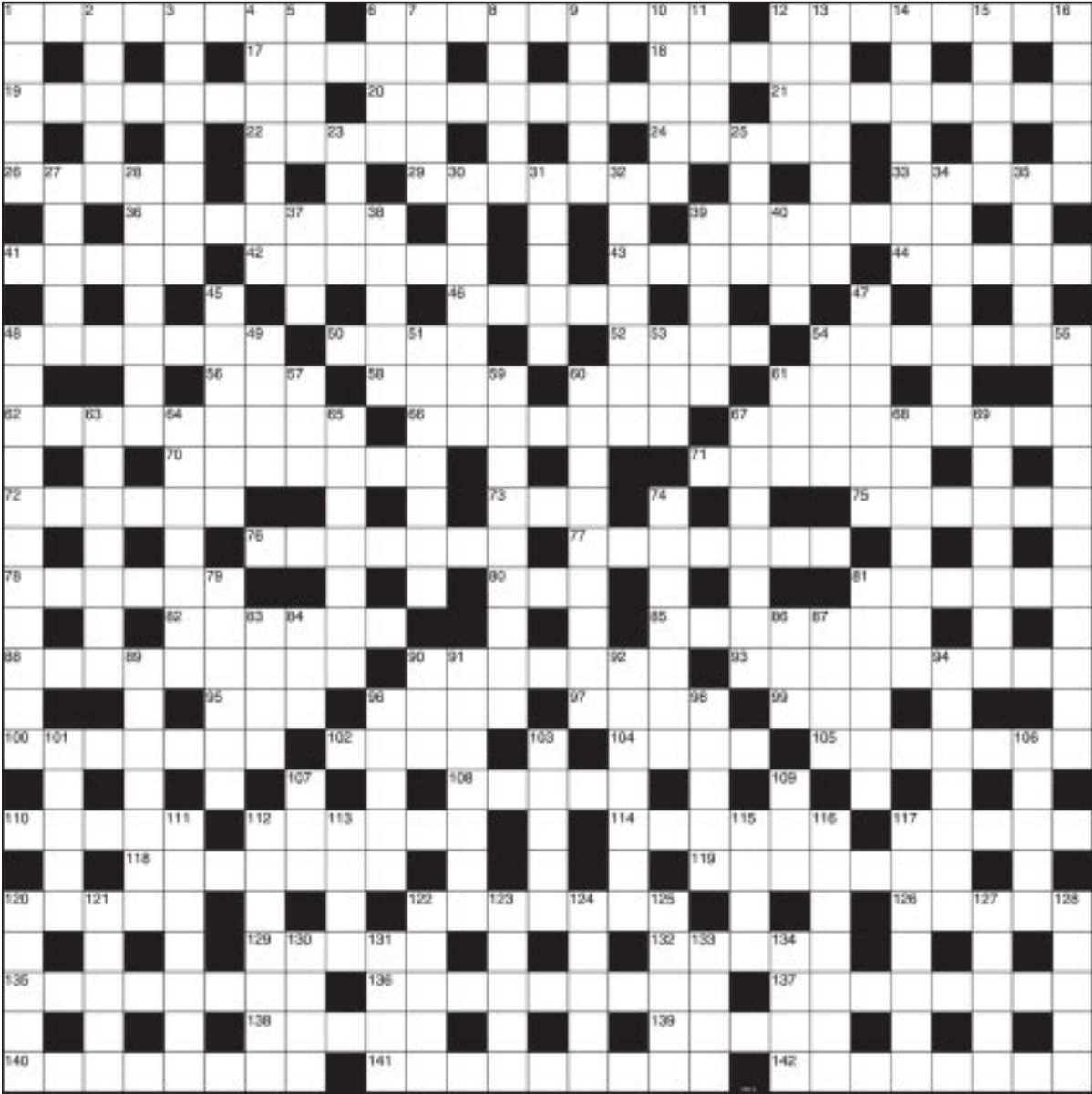
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The BIG Crossword

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Across

1. Restaurant employee

6. Marketing strategies

12. Unseemly

17. Polite form of address

18. Crisp fruit

19. Cosmetic restyle

20. Conversely (4,5)

21. Veneer

22. Enjoys

24. Lock of hair

26. Teamed (with)

29. Meet (requirements)

33. Quotes

36. Old soldier

39. Weasel-like animal

41. Hostility

42. Fled (3,3)

43. Charters

44. Indian prince

46. Very swift

48. Welcomed

50. Filled tortilla

52. Frosted (cake)

54. Special anniversary

56. Bark shrilly

58. Carried out

60. Concludes

61. Haul with effort

62. Wrecked

66. Orchestra section

67. Fertilise by bees

70. Scrutinise

71. Barrister

72. Souped-up car (3,3)

73. Flower, sweet...

75. Most uncommon

76. Old

77. Distinguished musician

78. Sang rhythmically

80. Mischievous kid

81. Medical practitioner

82. Scraping (leaves)

85. Peevish

88. Defiant

90. Collided with (3,4)

93. Off the peg (5-4)

95. Belonging to that

96. Car race city, Le...

97. Dress

99. State further

100. Uranus & Saturn's neighbour

102. Settee

104. June 6, 1944 (1-3)

105. Slim

108. Summarise

110. Hobo

112. Outdoor meal

114. Murky

117.... & senora

118. Loan sharks

119. Bumpier

120. Untidy

122. Prepare for publishing

126. Small islands

129. Poisonous tree-snake

132.... & feet

135. Carton of firelighters

136. Ponders

137. Alpine singer

138. From US oil state

139. Performed slalom

140. Subtracted

141. Headlong rushes

142. Held in contempt

4. Iron extraction plant

5. Hindu garment

6. Underground hollow

7. Wrong

8. Sewn fabric fold

9. Creative thoughts

10. Beastly

11. Box lightly

12. Troubles

13. Rubella, German...

14. Train coach

15. Braid

16. Smells foul

23. Ruler, Genghis...

25. Greek love god

27. Interior

28. Tallest mountain

30. Deliberate insult

31. Unsuitable

32. Collapsing (of business)

34. European language

35. Sidestep

37. Uncooked

38. Drifter

39. Peels

40. Journey stage

45. Farther than

47. Army horn-player

48. Godparents' charges

49. Nights &...

51. Actor, Kevin...

53. Music discs (1,2)

54. Seventh month

55. Vote canvasser

57. Vim

59. Sudden outbreaks

60. Pitching tents

61. Close to the ground

63. Resolves (conflict)

64. Unruly demonstrators

65. Downward climb

67. Co-owner

68. Very crossly

69. USA

74. Actor, Robert...

79. Estimating age of

81. Addle

83. Actress,... Winslet

84. ...& outs

86. Hot beverage

87. Passing fashions

89. Piece of connecting land

90. British military force (1,1,1)

91. Political disorder

92. Immature frog

94. Bodyguards

96. Lunar objects

98. Trite

101. Eagle's nest

103. Result of game

106. Inspire

107. Pastry dish

109. Fe, fie, fo,...

111. Clairvoyant

112. Publicise

113. Compress

115. Multiple birth child

116. Part of a serial

117. Become jammed (5,2)

120. Acted wordlessly

121. Overfilled

122. Gibe

123. Light-splitting crystal

124. Cobra or boa

125. Neither... nor those

127. Loafs

128. Tear into strips

130. Chopped

131. Lingerie items

133. Invites

134. Altered colour of

Solution on next page

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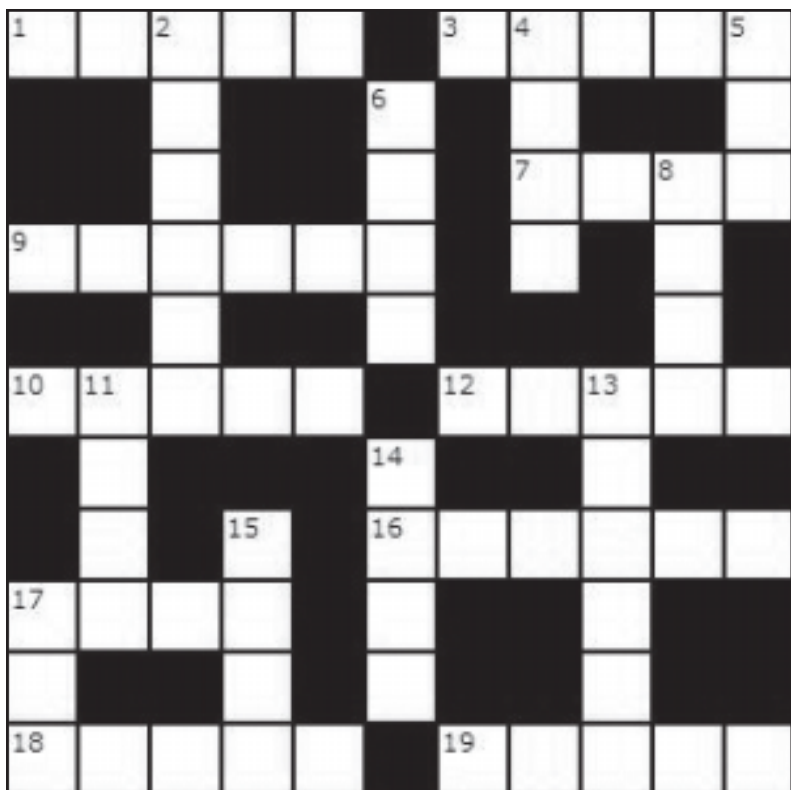
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	4	3			8
			6	5	
		8			2
				9	
	6			7	4
2		5	7		9

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. Get in way
3. Tap
7. I'm ...Partridge
9. Jacket
10. More
12. Boat
16. Creature
17. Mistake
18. LP
19. Start over

### Down

2. Thing
4. Built the ark
5. Family
6. Booze
8. Curve
11. Done in hospital
13. Contain superheroes
14. Fish
15. Health food
17. Beverage

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with the MONSTER QUIZ

1. How many of Henry VIII's wives were beheaded?
2. Where was the 2009 Champions League final played?
3. What is hippophobia a fear of?
4. The death of English cricket marked the birth of what?
5. How many presidents of the US were there before Abraham Lincoln?
6. Name the artist responsible for *The Scream*?
7. Which billionaire privately owns part of the British Virgin Islands?
8. Which Asian country comprises 17,508 islands?
9. Which film had the tag line, "Fear can keep you prisoner, hope can set you free"?
10. Which NBA team plays its home games at the United Center?
11. Hyperoxia can lead to what condition?
12. Who wrote the novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*?
13. Bismarck is the capital city of which US state?
14. What is the Lockheed SR-71 unofficially known as?
15. It takes 119.5 seconds to pour the perfect what?
16. Who won the 1982 football World Cup?
17. Juniper berries are used to make which spirit?
18. Who wrote the children's novel *Stig of the Dump*?
19. Which sport uses the terms "ippon", "waza-ari" and "yuko"?
20. Dodoma is the capital of which country?

*Answers below*



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# Puzzle Solutions

### Solution to this week's Quick crossword



### Monster Quiz Answers

1. Two; 2. Rome; 3. Horses; 4. The Ashes; 5. 15; 6. Edvard Munch; 7. Sir Richard Branson; 8. Indonesia; 9. Shawshank Redemption; 10. Chicago Bulls; 11. Oxygen toxicity; 12. Ken Kesey; 13. North Dakota; 14. Blackbird; 15. Pint of Guinness; 16. Italy; 17. Gin; 18. Clive King; 19. Judo; 20. Tanzania.

### Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

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

### Solution to this week's BIG Crossword

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### Solution to this week's Cartoon Puzzle







## Off the SHELF

By Jim Eckardt

I bought a copy of John Grogan's *Marley and Me* (Hodder, London, 2006, 343pp) because I'd seen trailers for the movie with Kate Hudson and Owen Wilson and it looked like fun. Subtitled *Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog*, this is the tale of a family's 14 years of living with a walking canine disaster.

I was almost finished with the book when I saw the movie on a flight back to Thailand. This prompted some instant reflection upon the differences between print and film.

In the movie, the scene where a leashed Marley yanks away a table at an outdoor restaurant and drags it through startled diners in pursuit of a poodle is a 10 second sight gag. In the book, this merits two pages of description from the point of view of Marley, the author, the

author's wife, their kids and the shocked diners. A dozen laugh lines are served up in contrast to the single sight gag. Read how a master humor writer plays out the scene:

"All we knew was that one instant we were sitting at a lovely outdoor table toasting the beautiful day, and the next our table was on the move, crashing its way through the sea of other tables, banging into innocent bystanders, and making a horrible, ear-piercing, industrial-grade shriek as it scraped over the concrete pavers. In that first split second, before either of us had realized exactly what bad fate had befallen us, it seemed distinctly possible that our table was possessed, fleeing our family... In the next split second, I saw that it wasn't our table that was haunted, but our dog. Marley was out in front, chugging forward with every ounce of rippling muscle he had, the leash stretched tight as piano wire."

A Labrador retriever tipping the scales at nearly 100 pounds, Marley is a gargantuan eater: toy plastic soldiers, bottle caps, ballpoint pen caps, combs, bath

towels, sponges, socks, used Kleenex and Handi Wipes. And he wasn't shy about vomiting:

"We would hear him let out a loud gaaaaack! in the next room and by the time we rushed in, there would be another household item, sitting in a puddle of half-digested mangoes and dog chow. Being considerate, Marley never puked on the hardwood floor or even the kitchen linoleum if he could help it. He always aimed for the Persian rug."

A great comic set piece in the movie comes when Marley flunks out of dog-training school.

In the book, eight pages are devoted to the havoc Marley creates. Again there are a lot more laughs than in the movie.

"Before we were fully out of the car, Marley spotted the other dogs gathering with their owners across the tarmac. A party! He leaped over us and out of the car and was off in a tear, his leash dragging behind him. He darted from one dog to the next, sniffing private parts, dribbling pee, and flinging

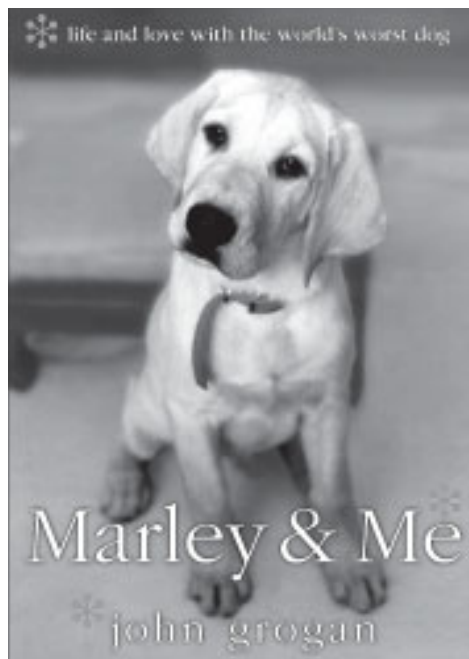
huge wads of spit through the air. For Marley it was a festival of smells – so many genitals, so little time – and he was seizing the

moment, being careful to stay just ahead of me as I raced after him."

Notice here how Grogan can enter the mind of his dog, again something no film can do. For all the many advantages of prose over film, there are drawbacks as well. The movies lingers a bit too long on Marley's final illnesses and death. In the book, the death watch seems interminable. And the first traces of maudlin sentimentality begin to creep in, something Grogan has carefully avoided before in favor of broad comedy.

Still, the reader can't help by being affected by the death of a beloved family member. I'll leave you with one last comic image. The family moves from south Florida to Pennsylvania and Marley has his first encounter with snow, skidding off the front porch and somersaulting headfirst into a snow drift:

"When he popped back up a second later, he looked like a giant powdered doughnut. Except for a black nose and two brown eyes, he was completely dusted in white. The Abominable Snowdog."



## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Geminis who are still crying over spilt milk will have good reason to get their act together this week. New demands in the world of business mean that you will have no time to waste lamenting a romantic mistake. Your chances of financial gain in June are particularly strong, but there is no room for wrong moves. Those with a birthday during the coming days will branch out in new directions in the year ahead.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Those born under the sign of Cancer who are tired of an ongoing situation concerning an earth sign friend will have to accept that this person has a skin thicker than a buffalo's hide. Dropping subtle hints should now be replaced by a direct conversation and Tuesday is the best day for this. The stars support your efforts to find more worthwhile employment – the area of travel is strongly highlighted.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): It will be necessary for Leos to decide which side they're on this week. Your working life cannot continue smoothly as long as you remain sitting on the bamboo fence. The astrological atmosphere becomes more positive as the middle of June approaches and this will have a beneficial effect on problems concerning love. This weekend, you could be shocked when an Aquarian friend has a secret to share.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Virgoans are forecast to find the month of June a challenge.

The main area of difficulty is employment. Those in search of a job may need to set their sights further afield – the stars suggest that an overseas contact could have some useful information towards the middle of the month. Affairs of the heart require more input than you usually care to give, but your reluctance to communicate is standing in the way of happiness.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Trying to juggle work and family responsibilities could give many Librans a headache this week. One possible solution comes from a sensible Sagittarian friend who has the right experience to be helpful, but the stars suggest that a streamlining of commitments is the best answer to your dilemma. Money matters are well starred during June, but offering a loan to someone in need isn't advisable this weekend.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Those born under the sign of Scorpio who would like to take a break receive a tempting offer from another water sign friend this week. Travel is positively highlighted until the middle of the month; after then, delays could cramp your style. Work starts to become more rewarding when you are presented with the chance to prove your worth. Wear the color peppermint green to encourage a fresher outlook on old problems.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Your luck in love should gradually get better as June progresses, but some

Sagittarians will find more satisfaction in other directions. The stars promise that your creative efforts can yield a better harvest this summer than in previous years. Property matters are subject to misunderstandings – keep agreements in writing rather than in words that can be blown away in the wind. The number eight can bring some good luck midweek.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Some Capricorns will be counting the cost of a relationship this week. Your loss of pride is probably the biggest blow, but finances are also affected by this affair. As the month progresses, there are signs that being single becomes a status to be appreciated. Friends are ready to provide entertainment and a sparkling social scene provides enough distraction. Wearing the color bottle green encourages a more down to earth outlook.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Your breezy attitude is set to rub people up the wrong way this week. Others suspect that you are not taking things seriously enough and this could af-

fect the progress of an ongoing project. Aquarians are advised to show that they can be business-like and draw a clearer line between socializing and work. Romance is forecast to blossom when an old friend introduces you to a fire sign this weekend. Your lucky number is five.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Diving in at the deep end is not your usual approach to possible new employment, but the astrological atmosphere is ready to support bravery. Those born under the sign of Pisces who can leave familiar waters are advised to do so. Early next week, you discover an innovative way to make ends meet and finances are well starred during June. Wear a piece of clear crystal to encourage more ideas to flow.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Trying to make a water sign see sense this week is a losing battle,

no matter how determined Arians are. Your energy is far better directed towards tidying up personal affairs – a midweek meeting concerning finances requires careful preparation. Romance falls under auspicious astral conditions – a new partner indicates that they would like to take your relationship to a more serious level. Those already committed enjoy better communication.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Those born under the sign of Taurus who have been feeling unsettled since the start of this month receive confirmation that moving on is unnecessary. New neighbors are about to replace others who have made your living situation less than enjoyable. A chance encounter this weekend leaves you looking at another earth sign friend in a more romantic light. Wearing the color terracotta can help you reconnect with your earthy nature.



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# The code of ethics

This week's editorial comes in the form of an open letter to World Boxing Council (WBC) President Jose Sulaiman on the topic of race-based double-pricing policies at the WBC-sanctioned world title fight held at Bangla Boxing Stadium in Patong on May 29.

Dear Mr Sulaiman,

As you are no doubt aware, WBC champion Oleydong Sithsamerchai recently retained his strawweight crown in a title defense against Muhammed Rachman at the new Bangla Boxing Stadium in Patong.

What you might not be aware of, is that the host venue charged foreign spectators a minimum of 2,000 baht (more than US\$58) for seats, while charging Thai nationals a maximum of only 300 baht (US\$8.70) to watch the same contest.

Double-pricing policies based on race or nationality are sadly very common in Thailand, but to our knowledge this is the first time they have been in effect at a WBC-sanctioned event. The *Gazette* views this as a very negative development that could tarnish the reputation of your council, which has long enjoyed its status as the premier international sanctioning body in the Kingdom.

In the previous two WBC-sanctioned events held in Phuket, including Oleydong's first title defense staged in Phuket City last June, admission was free to all. Thousands turned up to cheer on local favorite Oleydong, who comes from the nearby province of Trang.

Free admission has been the case at almost all WBC boxing events in Thailand in the past, ensuring big crowds and the kind of excitement that can only be beneficial to title fights. These contests are also routinely broadcast around the country on free-to-air television.

While the *Gazette* has no problem with stadiums charging for seats, the practice of adopting a two-tiered pricing structure based on perceived race or nationality is inherently inequitable, backward and – in the end – self-defeating. Is it any wonder there were so many empty seats at this latest fight?

We hope the WBC will consider such double-pricing policies in the context of the WBC Constitution and Code of Ethics, which clearly states that people in the professional boxing industry should “oppose discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, religion, and act forcefully to counteract it, never co-operating with those who practice it”.

In view of this, and in order to maintain the fairness and the integrity of the great sport of boxing, we ask that the WBC take steps to apply, as a precondition, fair and equitable ticket pricing structures for events it sanctions in the future.

– The Editor



## 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.

### Blame the yellows

Having read the piece about a gloomy outlook for Phuket tourism [*Gazette online*, May 21], I was amazed to see that flu is being cited as the main reason. I for one don't believe that the outbreak of flu has anything to do with the falling numbers. The blame must rest squarely at the feet of the PAD and their yellow-shirt brigade. Once they started blockading here, there and everywhere, they started to destroy tourism in Thailand – everyone knows that – and tour operators then started to blacklist Thailand.

Thanks to the yellow shirts, I have left Thailand after living there for nine years. They have made Thailand a bad place to stay.

Mr Westgard  
Oslo, Norway

### Congratulations Nick Anthony

Congratulations to Nick Anthony [*Phuket Gazette*, May 23, Perspectives] on getting something done about the deplorable state of Phuket's beaches in the low season. I had always found it depressing to see the sorry state of Kamala Beach through the low season while running along it. I was therefore delighted on my recent jogs, to see that for the most part, the beach was clean. It really does make a difference. Until I read the article, I foolishly thought that the *OrBorTor* had finally got its act together!

However, I don't think the “Summer Season” thing will work. Europeans – the majority of high-season visitors here – get fed up with the cold, rain and

snow of winter and seek a holiday with their families with almost guaranteed sunshine. Why would they come all the way to rainy, humid, Thailand when they can hop on a two hour flight to some beautiful destinations in the Med?

Fantastic, dry, sunny weather, bags of culture and history, stunning beaches, brilliant Mediterranean food and very cheap wine – not to mention the arts and entertainment available in the major cities. Thailand just cannot match it and certainly not in terms of price. This is why I'm looking to buy a Mallorcan pad to spend the low season in. Incidentally, am I the only one to recall last August and September as being one constant deluge?

Andrew  
Kamala

### Summer season?

It is Summer in Phuket, and the scene through my office window is glorious. A pristine azure sky unblemished by a single cloud; tropical sun blazing; palms swaying gently in the breeze...

Wait a minute, I'm lying, and so are the people behind the absurd “Summer in Phuket” marketing drive.

The weather over the past few days has been abysmal. I have seen little more than varieties of rain: light drizzle, drizzle, showers, rain, heavy rain, more drizzle. There has been a smattering of sun, though not much. In short, the climate closely resembles that of a tropical island during monsoon season. What kind of Summer are we talking about here? Summer in a dishwasher?

George Orwell would have

smirked at this cynical little exercise in language manipulation. It has been ripped straight from the pages of 1984. “We have abolished low season, now there is only SUMMER”.

Why not go further? Let's call low season “high season” and high season “higher season”. Then the money would really roll in.

If I was a tourist lured to the island with the promise of “Summer” weather, I might just feel like I'd been ripped off.

Chaps, you can call the rainy season “Summer” if you like. But that won't stop the rain from falling.

Burt Morrissey  
Phuket Town

### I love Thailand

Regardless of all the latest tourist shenanigans, I wouldn't worry about Phuket's tourist image [*Gazette online*, May 31]. Did you see how large that bar mat was? How could anyone “accidentally” carry that off?

Anyway, I will be back again and again, as I love Thailand and its people. But the Thai laws aren't the problem here. Instead, it is the political mess Thailand finds itself in. Someone in the political arena has to consider the Thai people. All my young Thai friends go to school, work two jobs and love their country, but then I see the politicians screwing things up and fighting. How sad that the youth of Thailand have these men and women as role models. Anyway, God bless Thailand.

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## FIRST PERSON

Republican congressional candidate Dana Walsh opposed Nancy Pelosi in the 2008 election in California's 8th Congressional District and is planning to run again in 2010. Nancy Pelosi is the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, making her the second in line for the US Presidency after President Obama Barack Hussein and Vice President Joe Biden. In preparation for her electoral battle, Dana Walsh is currently on a fact-finding trip around the world. Last week she visited the *Phuket Gazette* offices while in Thailand to find out how the country recovered from the financial crisis in the late 1990s.

I am deeply concerned about the economic policies being carried out under Nancy Pelosi's leadership and am exploring alternatives to propose in running against her in our next national elections in 2010.

The United States has been at the center of the financial market problems that have pushed so much of the world into recession, and we have much to learn from the countries that have managed to avoid the worst of the problems, and which have managed to recover from similar financial market upheaval in the past.

I'm therefore here in Thailand after having visited New Zealand, Australia and Singapore.

These are economies which managed surpluses during the good times of the recent past, and which have therefore been able to use their savings to deal with the consequences of a global slowdown. They haven't seen the failure of their important financial institutions.

Thailand was at the epicenter of the financial problems in Asia in 1998, which like our current recession, flowed initially from losses incurred in the real estate sector. Thailand overcame



Republican Congressional candidate Dana Walsh with *Phuket Gazette* News Editor Stephen Fein.

those problems, and its economy again grew rapidly, and I believe we in the United States need to appreciate and understand Thailand's success, and strive to achieve the same success in dealing with our own problems.

Indeed, as the manager of the predominant reserve currency of the world, we need to defend the dollar and to honor the trust the world has placed in us. I believe that our government must

live within its means, and I oppose the exorbitant spending by Nancy Pelosi's Congress, and their use of the crisis to justify a huge expansion of the role of the government.

Who would have believed, even a year ago, that the government of the United States would take over two large auto companies, finance their continuing losses, finance the purchases of the cars they produce, and guar-

antee their warranties?

I am so impressed by the way that other countries have managed their finances, and by the way Thailand emerged from its economic problems a decade ago.

I am determined to see my country learn from all this: there is just no reason that we cannot do just as well, but not with a "tax and spend" and "borrow and spend" approach to government.



CALIFORNIA TAG TEAM: Dana Walsh with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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# How can I legally purchase property for a marital partner here in Thailand?

Having read the recent article in the *Gazette* about foreigners not being allowed to use their spouses to purchase property, [*Phuket Gazette*, May 31, "Land chief warns foreigners against buying land using Thai nominees"] I'm left wondering how it is possible for me to buy my wife a house here in Thailand?

In the country where we were married, the law of the land states that all of the money we have is now "our" money, rather than simply mine or hers.

Given this state of affairs and this apparent new legislation, is it now impossible for us

to purchase a house in Thailand?

Graham Rance  
Singapore/UK

**A Phuket Provincial Land Officer replies:**

As your wife is a Thai national, of course she is able to purchase property here in Thailand. If she has her own account, but doesn't have the necessary funds, then you cannot use her as a nominee and use your own money. Such an action would see your land title revoked.

Should you decide to move forward and purchase a property together using funds from a joint bank account established either inside or outside of the Kingdom, you and your wife will have to sign an agreement stating that the house lawfully belongs to her.

In the event of a divorce, you waive all rights to a share of the property.

Under Thai law, marrying a Thai national does not grant you an entitlement to property accrued during your marriage.

The only way for a foreign national to purchase property in

Thailand is to do so under the condominium 40% rule, which allows foreign nationals the right to own a total of two fifths of the floor space of a condominium development.

In summary, you and your wife may purchase a house in Thailand, but it can only be registered in her name. Should you divorce, you will be entitled to nothing.

For more information on all property-related laws, contact the Phuket Provincial Land Office at 36 Damrong Road, Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-212103 F: 076-212103.



# Dates for 23rd annual Phuket King's Cup Regatta announced

**T**he 23rd Phuket King's Cup Regatta – Southeast Asia's premier Regatta – will once again be hotly contested this year off Kata Beach. The event is scheduled to take place from November 28 to December 5.

The regatta is traditionally held during the first week of December each year, and includes the December 5 birthday of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the regatta's patron. This year, the final day of racing and the closing party will fall on His Majesty's birthday.

Kevin Whitcraft, President of the Organizing Committee said, "We are looking forward to the 23rd Regatta. Following a survey of participants at last year's event, and listening to participants during the event, we are taking on board the feedback and looking to improve the Regatta experience for all this year."

The Phuket King's Cup Regatta will be headquartered at Kata Beach Resort and racing will take place in the waters outside Kata Bay.

The closures of Bangkok airports just prior to the 2008 regatta made it difficult for partici-

pants to make their way to Phuket. Despite the difficulties, 93 yachts made it to the start line on day one and the regatta turned out to be a great success with a number of participants saying "it was the best in years".

Entries for the 2009 regatta will soon open for online booking allowing organizers to gauge the anticipated numbers for 2009.

"Last year was unusual. The global economic crises may or may not affect the number of yachts entering this year, but at this stage it is too soon to say," said Simon James, Race Management Director.

"We have already had a good number of entry inquiries, and queries as to dates, race courses and details, so that is positive," he added.

The 2009 Regatta will follow a similar program of sailing and social activities to previous years.

Registration will take place on November 28 and 29, with the practice race scheduled to be held in the afternoon on the 29th. Racing will start on November 30 and sailors will compete every day – with the exception of the lay day on December 3 – until Decem-



Island Fling at the 2008 Phuket King's Cup Regatta. Photo Guy Nowell.

ber 5 when the regatta will culminate with the Royal Awards Ceremony and Closing Party.

Sponsors of the 2009 regatta include Raimon Land, Kata Group, Chang Beer, Mom Tri's Boathouse, Sunsail, Mont Clair and *Phuket Magazine*. Media

partners include Blue Wave 90.5FM, Ensign Media, *The Nation*, *The Phuket Gazette* and *Yacht Style*.

Under His Majesty's Patronage, the regatta is organized by the Phuket King's Cup Regatta Organizing Committee un-

der the auspices of the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, the Royal Thai Navy and the Province of Phuket.

For more information visit [www.kingscup.com](http://www.kingscup.com).

## Raceweek returns in July

**O**rganizers of the Six Senses Phuket Raceweek have confirmed that the regatta will return for the sixth time in July following the posting of the Notice to Race on the regatta website. The five-day event will be held from July 22 to July 26 at the Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa, while the racing will be contested off the southern tip of Phuket.

Online registration is now open and organizers are offering savings of up to 25% for any en-

tries received by June 19. The hope is that this will encourage people to confirm their entry early, giving organizers as much time as possible to plan the event.

"We hope everyone takes advantage of the 'early bird' entry fees. The participants get a great deal and we get the information we need to plan the best event possible. We all win," said Grenville Fordham, managing director of Raceweek organizers and rights owners, IMAGE Asia.

With about two months still to go, it is too early to predict numbers with any degree of accuracy, but the talk around Phuket's yachting community is that 2009 is going to be a bumper year, despite the global gloom.

A new catamaran built in Phuket will use Raceweek as its sales launch. The Andaman Cabriolet, by Composite Catamarans, is being promoted as the ideal multihull 'cruiser-racer' for the Andaman Sea. The company will team up with Evason Phuket to run a competition worth 5,000

euros to the lucky winner over the course of the regatta.

The 2009 sponsorship lineup, while smaller than in previous years due to the recession, nevertheless boasts some impressive names. Six Senses Resorts & Spas return for the second year as title sponsor and are joined by co-sponsors Jaguar, the Tourism Authority of Thailand

and Rodeo stock. Elsewhere, Composite Catamarans join Canpac Beverages, Nivea and Moorings as official Raceweek suppliers.

A full range of local, national and international media partners including the *Phuket Gazette* and PGTV will ensure that the Raceweek message will be seen and heard on the small screen, in print and on the web. Six Senses Phuket Raceweek enjoys marketing support by Paul Poole (South East Asia) Co Ltd.

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## Nike to host free running clinic at Laguna Phuket



Competitors in the 2008 Laguna Phuket International Marathon

**S**portswear giant Nike and Laguna Phuket are to host a free running clinic and shoe trial on Saturday June 6 as part of the resort's pre-event schedule for the upcoming 2009 Laguna Phuket International Marathon.

The clinic will be held from 4pm to 6pm at the tennis courts of the Laguna Beach Resort and will feature the 2002 Bangkok Marathon winner Jason Mayeroff as guest speaker.

Mayeroff will be on site to share his experience of competing at the highest level, as well as passing on useful tips and information to running enthusiasts.

Following the presentation, Nike will offer attendees a free trial of their latest running shoe, while participants will have the opportunity to win prizes courtesy of a lucky draw.

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# Bangkok Ironman masters Triballistic



**Kids head into the water for the swim leg of the triathlon.**

Perfect weather graced the 2009 Triballistic series that took place in Nai Yang on May 31, allowing race two of four to continue unimpeded. Storms and heavy rain on the Thursday and Friday prior to race day threatened to disrupt the race. At one stage, it was feared the swim might be canceled, and the bike course have to be cut short. On the morning of the event, however, both athletes and organizers were greeted by clear skies and flat water.

The first race of the day was the mixed “Splash and Dash” race for 5-8 year olds, comprising a 60m swim, a 1.5k bike and an 850m run. After the swim, Melanie Preen and Sophie Findlay led the way, but a determined Lilli Daefler established a lead on the bike that she never relinquished. The girls dominated the race from start to finish. Jeremy Kemp was first to cross the line for the boys but only finished fourth overall. Sean Arthur and Ben McMillan completed the podium positions.

Race two saw a "Tri for Fun" race for juniors that was won by Benjamin Hoag for the boys and Casey Underwood for the girls.

The Junior Sprint race, comprising a 275m swim, 6k bike and 1.85k run, was won by Teishca Jones for the girls, who led from the start, closely followed by Clement Opportune for the boys. The remaining podium places went to Victoria Bird and Natalie Dewis, and Max Sonderby and

Sam Bengston Gartner.

The junior team race was keenly contested, but eventually the Flash and Lightening team of Lena Daefler, Chloe Finlay and Olivia took the win with a well-timed sprint finish.

The final race was the Adult Senior Sprint, comprising an 800m swim, 22k bike and a 7.5k run. The sun was shining brightly, making life tough for all the competitors, but Bryan Hoare – a previous Triballistic winner – handled the conditions superbly to record a comprehensive victory. Second and third places went to Chris Sonderby and Richard Schildernect respectively.

The ladies' race produced a great result for Michelle Hossack who took top spot thanks to a fantastic run, pushing Tasneem Allie and Margie Campbell into second and third.

More than 15 teams lined up for the relay, including trios from Indigo Pearl, the Marriott Hotel and RPM health club. The team race was eventually won by an all-Thai team from Bang Tao called Phuket International Academy, beating Ecosse and Crazy into second and third.

Michael Lyons, who qualified for the half Ironman World Championships this year, continued his *annus mirabilis* by dominating the over 50s Master's event ahead of Tony Henthorne and David Frost.

After the day's competition, TriBallistic organizers paid tribute to the athletes, hosts and sponsors who made the day possible and kept the triathlon spirit alive.

# Kukri Badgers maul the Rams in Phuket 10s final

Rugby players of all shapes and sizes descended on Phuket for the 2009 Overgaard Phuket Rugby 10s over the weekend of May 29 and the 36 teams in attendance contributed to a carnival atmosphere at Surakul Stadium.

Spectators with only a passing interest in rugby flocked to Phuket City to witness the spectacle of grown men painted blue, dressed as sheep, attempting some over ambitious choral arrangements and even finding time to play some rugby.

The first day was devoted to the Coffin Dodgers tournament for players over 35. The first round drew up an intriguing clash between old rivals the Phuket Viagrabonds and the Bangkok Bangers.

Unfortunately for the Viagrabonds they were comprehensively beaten by the Bangers who ran out comfortable 34-0 winners.

The main competition got off to an early start on Saturday May 30. Last years' winners, the Kukri badgers, who fielded a contingent of professional rugby players from the UK, lived up to their billing as pre-tournament favorites, comfortably winning all three of their group matches.

The initial 24 teams were whittled down to just four – the Kukri Badgers, the Moorabin Rams from Australia, the Dubai Exiles and the Thai Legends – giving Sunday’s semi finals an international flavor.

In the first match, the Moorabin Rams defeated the Dubai Exiles by virtue of a solitary converted try to book their final spot, while the Thai Legends – an all Thai team featuring players from the Thai national side – battled bravely without reward against the Kukri Badgers who won 10-0 in the second semi.

It was a successful all round tournament for the Moorabin Rams, whose veterans side reached the final of the Coffin Dodgers tournament where they faced the Wanderers Wrinklies. With the game scoreless at the end of normal time, the teams went into sudden death extra time, where the first team to score would be victorious. Both sets of aging legs were clearly tiring and as many in the crowd started to wonder if either team would ever score, the Rams ran in the decisive try in the dying seconds to lift the cup.

Elsewhere, the Coffin Dodgers Bowl was won by the Dubai Hurricanes and the Plate lifted by the Cottesloe Pirates.

The Rams were unable to make it a double. Their team featuring many of the same players who had just featured in the Coffin Dodgers final were decisively beaten 38-0 by the Kukri Badgers in the open final.

Chris Webb of the Kukri Badgers, said, "We go on 11 tours a year but this one is by far the best. The fact the money goes towards helping kids is a bonus."

In the other competitions, the Singapore Bucks took the Bowl and the Kriel Roosters the Plate.

While the majority of players on show were in the twilight of their rugby careers, there was also a glimpse of the future of rugby in Phuket.

Before the finals there was a short 15-a-side match between the British International School and the Sainamyen School in Patong, which saw BIS avenge their March defeat with a 5-0 win.

Organizer Pat Cotter said he hoped the event will have raised more than Bt300,000 for the Asia Center Foundation.

"The event was tremendous. The venue and pitch were perfect for rugby and we will definitely be back next year," he said.

*-James Goyder*

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# Pimp your ride

## Adding hinges to your pickup's back seat



in place. Photo 1 shows the pin areas of the hinges, all that is visible of them beneath the seat when it is down. Some black magic-marker would render them almost invisible, if desired. Photo 2 shows the hinges as installed.

The seat bottom's base is thin plywood, and the "floor" beneath the seat is thin metal. Anchoring hinges into thin material requires either reinforcing the material – impossible in this instance – or using the thickest screws possible. Since the latter was my only option, I used three inch hinges, both to distribute the stress over a wider area of wood, and also because the larger the hinge, the larger the screw holes and the thicker and stronger the hinge pin. I used bevel-headed, #12 x 3/4 inch screws. The holes were cut for #14s, but 12s fit in, with the larger shafts gripping the floor and seat bottom more securely.

The hinges' positions were dictated somewhat by the irregular shape of the metal floor's raised and lowered areas. They had to be attached at a low point where they could contact the seat bottom, yet allow it to rest evenly on the floor when lowered. If the hinges protruded above the floor, and supported the weight of the seat bottom when lowered and especially when sat upon, they would eventually wear through the wood and ruin the seat bottom.

First make a vertical chalk line down the exact center of the

Photo 1



Photo 2



front edge of the seat bottom, continuing across the "crack" between the seat and the floor and onto the front, vertical part of the floor.

This will give you something to measure against. If you can't find chalk, buy some of that ant poison that comes in little white blocks at your local 7Eleven – only 19 baht. It's designed to be rubbed around the legs of furniture, and is sort of chalky. Once you mark out the line, remove the seat bottom.

Next, find the locations for your hinges on the metal floor beneath the seat. Important: Make sure you are installing the hinges with the correct sides against the floor and seat. Hinges can only close fully one way, so when positioning them on the floor, make

sure they are closed flat.

Position them, with the "pins" over the edge, so that they will touch the seat bottom, yet not protrude above the metal of the floor area – lay a piece of scrap plywood, almost as wide as the seat bottom, over the hinges to see if they are too high. If you can't find a proper "sunken" area in which to mount them, you can try pounding a spot for them with a heavy ball-peen hammer, or small sledgehammer, but be careful not to go too deep.

Once you've determined their positions, hold them in place one at a time, and outline them with the chalk. Measure their distance from the vertical chalk mark for transfer to the seat bottom.

Lay the seat bottom down, with some pieces of wood or

bricks under the front edge, to stabilize it as you drill. Measure outwards from the vertical chalk mark to find the hinges' locations. Place them at the right spot, and drill the holes. Remember to use a bit slightly thinner than the screws.

Attach the hinges, but don't tighten the screws all the way yet. Now lift the seat bottom into position with its front edge against the front edge of the floor, position the hinges' other sides within their marks, and drill the holes into the floor. It may help to have someone hold the seat bottom for this.

Install and tighten the screws, then lower the seat making sure that it rests on the metal of the floor and not on the hinges. If all is well, tighten the screws.

That's it! Have a beer! See you next time!

I drive a 2000 Mitsubishi Strada 4x4, and while I love the truck, there are a few design flaws that irk me somewhat. Some I can't change, but one I could and did. This fix may be of help to others, because from the numbers of "twins" I see on the roads, this seems to be a very popular model of truck.

The bottom section of the back seat was held in position by Velcro strips, which had worn out over time. Each time I'd stop, the seat bottom would come loose and slide forward. When I arrived at my destination, it always bothered me to have to shove it back into position and push down on it to try and reseat the Velcro.

I wanted to be able to lift the seat, allowing access to the small storage spaces beneath, yet still have it anchored securely. With this in mind I installed a pair of regular door-type hinges beneath the front edge of the seat bottom.

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## Construction Update

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# Bt119mn for new Rajabhat Uni commencement hall

Work is well under-way on a Bt119 million conference room and commencement hall complex being built on the grounds of Rajabhat Phuket University.

A contract between the university and Bangkok-based project contractor Kumjornkij Construction Co Ltd was signed in mid-November last year.

The contract completion date is scheduled for December 27, 2010.

The project oversight director is Rajabhat Phuket University Associate Professor Jaroern Boonyom, while Assistant Professor Vorasak Watsoontorn chairs the construction supervision committee.

Kumjornkij Construction is a well-established construction firm that specializes in university projects, including study halls and dormitories. The company is now busy installing the steel lattice support structure for the

enormous roofs that will cover the buildings.

As a public works project, the complex was designed by architects from the Interior Ministry's Department of Public Works and Town and Country Planning.

The project site is roughly square in shape, covering about 16,200 square meters.

The main building is a three-storey structure with a total floor area of 7,900sqm. It will comprise parking facilities, offices, a storeroom, an electric power control room and security control booths.

The second storey will house the main 7,000sqm conference hall, along with smaller meeting room facilities and a VIP room for members of the Royal Family presiding over commencement ceremonies.

The top floor, covering 1,300sqm, will house water tanks. The complex will have two elevators.



When completed, the main commencement hall could be among the largest of its kind on the island.

Punpak Punsawad of the Kumjornkij Construction Purchasing Department told the *Gazette* the building must be constructed to the very highest safety stan-

dards, as HRH Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn is expected to attend the graduation ceremonies to be held there and confer degrees upon graduating students.

Mr Punpak said the main hall would have seating for over 1,000 people, making it one of the largest meeting facilities on the island.



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# Buying property through an offshore company



**OFFSHORE PARADISE:** The British Virgin Islands is a haven for offshore companies. Using offshore entities as a holding vehicle is a popular method among property buyers.

It has become hugely popular for property buyers to purchase their dream home through an offshore entity as a holding vehicle. It is likely, therefore, that a property buyer may be offered the offshore company that owns the desired property as part of a resale package.

In such an event, the parties would need to enter into a "share sale and purchase agreement" that stipulates the terms and conditions that apply to the sale and purchase of the entire issued share capital in the company, as well as the change of directorship from seller to buyer or its designee.

While negotiating the terms of such an agreement, a buyer should insist on a share sale and purchase agreement that contains comprehensive warranties and representations given by the seller in the capacity of shareholder and/or director, as well as by the company itself, in order to protect and serve the buyer's best interests.

Such warranties and representations might include: the offshore entity holding the sole and undisputed title to the target property; shares being free of any encumbrance whatsoever or rights of third party; the seller being the sole and undisputed owner of the shares; the offshore entity having no outstanding debts or liabilities; and the company not being involved in or threatened by litigation or other governmental action or investigation.

It is further recommended, if available under the offshore company's home jurisdiction, to request the provision of a so-called "Certificate of Good Standing" – an official document issued by the registrar of corporate affairs – that states the existence and compliance of the company with the relevant legal requirements, ideally dated with the date of the completed share transfer.

However, the above-mentioned should not be used as a substitute for performing an extensive due diligence regarding the company and the property itself, including, but not limited to, a title search and verification of secured access to the property.

It is advisable, serving the interests of both seller and buyer, that the parties agree to use an escrow arrangement when conducting an offshore company sale, offering the advantage that both parties will be protected if the defaulting party fails to perform as it should.

Typically, under an escrow arrangement, the buyer pays the funds required to purchase the shares into an escrow account of an independent third party; the escrow agent.


The agent releases and disburses the funds to the seller upon the seller fulfilling their contractual obligations, namely the transfer of shares to the buyer, the seller's resignation as the company's director, along with the provision of relevant evidence showing proof of both.

In the event of the sale of a British Virgin Islands (BVI) company, a "Certificate of Incumbency", issued by the BVI company's appointed registered agent, may qualify as such evidence, and should also state the name(s) of the current director(s) and shareholder(s).


In summary, a property purchase through the acquisition of an offshore entity that holds the target property is a straightforward and transparent transaction, and one that can be organized by the legal representatives of both buyer and seller to the satisfaction of both parties.

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# Phuket's surreal estate



## PROPERTY WATCH

By Bill Barnett

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It was interesting reading comments from a local resident recently published in the *Gazette* on the issue of property consultants pushing speculative investments in the newspaper [Letters, *Phuket Gazette*, May 30]. The writer painted the real estate industry as one that takes, rather than contributes to the island on a fairly wide scale. The letter, which contained some facts and a lot of opinion, portrayed those working here in the industry as only after a fast buck and claimed that absent investors don't contribute to the community.

The property industry has grown over the past decade,

mainly fueled by the island's tourism industry. While the full-time expatriate population has skyrocketed, the number of part-time owners and investors in villas, condos and homes has fast outpaced all other transactions. We've moved from a business model that was a very rudimentary framework to a more developed model, which is the logical growth pattern seen the world over, with investors viewing property as a secure long-term investment.

As for what is written about real estate in the *Gazette*, I took the opportunity to actually re-read the most recent columns the writer admonished as not being neutral property assessments. Looking at stories such as the Lersuang verses Joe Cole dispute, Bali outpacing Phuket for investment, and transaction figures from developments such as Andara, The Heights, Kata Rocks and Tawan Views, it seems to me that what's being published is a mix of the good, the bad and the ugly, and certainly no evidence of rose-colored shades on the state of play in property.

As for the claim that absent property owners who don't live full time in their units do not support the economy, well, that's hardly an informed statement. The majority of these types of buyers purchase property at the higher end of the spectrum and employ estate management firms who provide jobs to maids, gardeners, drivers, pool cleaners, maintenance staff and a host of other services. They purchase

furniture and interior decoration from local shops. For those employees who are locals, the salaries pay for schooling and essential goods. All of that money flows back into the local economy. All of these local companies pay VAT as well as municipal and government taxes, which again comes back into the national and local revenue stream.

The industry's contribution on a socio-economic basis is well documented. Laguna Phuket, which has a large core property business, was one of the first businesses to offer air conditioned bus transportation for staff, as opposed to them being herded like livestock in open trucks as hotels had done for a number of years. Laguna Phuket's daycare center for staff, commitment to education and support of local charities amount to one of the largest outlays made by any company on the island.

The Phuket International Women's Club annual events provide scholarships to needy students, among other things. This has been embraced by marquee property firms on an ongoing basis. Look also at the recent "Summer in Phuket" clean up campaign, which brought thousands of people out looking to improve the island's fragile environment. This was instigated by Indigo Real Estate, who are also "property consultants".

Furthermore, the writer's claim that most overseas buyers purchase units offshore, with the money never reaching Thailand, simply does not add up. Construction costs here are some of the highest in the region. Any developer has to pay a local contractor, who again employs many workers on site in the various required trades.

The largest part of a project cost is the actual construction. That money has to come to Thailand in order to get the villas and condos built. These local workers buy food and clothes and support their children's education as a result. All the money flows back into the local economy.

On top of that, add the marketing and legal costs for firms who support a development and employ a significant number of



**LANDSCAPED GARDEN:** Those who own property at the higher end of the property spectrum employ estate management firms who provide jobs to maids, gardeners, drivers, pool cleaners and so on who spend their earnings on schooling and essential goods. All of that money flows back into the local economy.

Thai staff.

A local community is something we all want and strive for. Phuket has attracted investment and full-time residents with its international schools, hospitality, marinas, golf courses, shopping and business opportunities. Certainly a great deal of these see demand generation from real estate development and growth in the property sector. There is an increasing segment of people who first purchased homes in Phuket as holiday homes or investment, and in time, plan to move and live here full time.

There will always be people who view the past more favorably than the present, forever asking "why can't things be how they used to be?" Imagine seeing Thai people live in abject poverty with few career or educational opportunities or the ability to set up their own businesses. While it might be charming for some to see people living in bamboo huts, ploughing fields with

water buffalo and entrusting their food intake to the mercy of the weather, it's questionable in terms of simple human dignity.

All in all, I'd have to say I'm proud to be a good member of the community here and certainly have no plans to go anywhere soon.

There is no question that, as in any business model, there has to be balance and the right fundamentals for investors.

As we have always advised here, investors must make long-term and informed decisions. I believe that's what the *Gazette* and other publications are aiming to facilitate by providing informative commentary and relevant news.

Furthermore, printing comments such as the one we've discussed today shows an enlightened approach. Feedback from readers helps to make us aware of issues we weren't aware of, and lively debate is certainly always interesting.

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### PRIVATE SALE OF HALF A RAI

in Ao Makham. Land is located opposite Port of Phuket and next to Bel Air Cape Panwa Resort. Price 4.2 million. Tel: 081-891 5932, 089-035 6702.

### HOUSE & FURNITURE FOR SALE

Single house, 60sqm. 2 floors, 3 bedrooms and 3 toilets. In Chaipayruek Village at Land & House, Chalong. Good location and entrance from By-Pass road. Built 2 years ago. Tel: 084-627 7001.

### PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



35/20 Soi 1. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 aircons, some furniture, 50sq wah, garden. For sale or for long-term rent. Must see. Contact Nina. Tel: 087-689 9679. Email: tasuwan@hotmail.com

### NEW BRAND CONDO

Mid Town, Royal Place Project. Studio condo, fully furnished, reasonable price. Tel: 086-4769612.

### 80 RAI FOR SALE, CHANOTE

Located at Natai Beach. 15 minutes drive from Sarasin Bridge. Price 1.6 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-538 7050. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

### LAND AT PA KHLOK

1 rai, 18sq wah, Nor Sor 3 Kor, Tha-Rue-Pa Khlok-Muang Mai Road. Near Mission Hill. Price 3.5 million baht. Tel: 089-472 9118.

### DOUBLE VILLA IN KATA



Panoramic sea views - 5 bedrooms, 466sqm living space, 36sqm pool with Jacuzzi, 4 minutes from Kata Beach. Ready to move into. Only 24 million baht. Email: allservices29@gmail.com

### LAGUNA VILLAGE 4-BED T-HOME

Luxury 4-bedroom, 4-bathroom townhome w/ private pool in highly sought-after Laguna Village development. Very close to Bang tao Beach and includes Laguna Golf Club Membership. Price on application. Tel: 02-651 3014, 080-451 4483. Email: stefbreschi@yahoo.co.uk For further details, please see [http://www.rentals-phuket.com/rentals/propertyforrent\\_166.asp](http://www.rentals-phuket.com/rentals/propertyforrent_166.asp)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS** for sale. Each building has 3 floors. On big road at Kamala Beach, near Krungsri Bank. Price 20 million baht. Tel: 083-180 2143. Email: pookie.lovely@gmail.com

### PERFECT LAND

Nearly 2 rai at Bang Tao. Very good location for business. 18 million baht. No agents. Tel: 086-944 2065, 087-689 9679. Email: tasuwan@hotmail.com

### NEW HOUSE IN NAI HARN-RAWAI



for sale or rent. 3-story villa, sea view, hill view, garden, pool, 4 bedrooms with 2 en-suite bathrooms, 6 bathrooms, ADSL, Jacuzzi. Big living room, kitchen/dining, laundry room. 5 aircons. 8m x 3.5m private pool. 2 parking spaces. Tel: 081-677 9837, 089-646 4786. Email: sync\_koji@hotmail.com

### LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

390sqw, nice flat land, quiet area, chanote. In Pasak Soi 5 near Laguna Home. Price: 6 million baht. Tel: 089-472 9118, 086-709 2933.

### KHAO LAK HOUSE

Beautiful new private house: 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 5 additional rooms, 4 aircons, 1 out house. Quiet area, only 4 mins to beach. 6 million baht. Tel: 084-849 8699. Email: ursulaspd@gmx.net

### PERFECT LAND FOR SALE

on the main road to Cherrng-Talay and Surin. 43 rai, 1 ngan, 85sq wah. For sale by owner. 5.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-956 2406. Email: phatsarar@gmail.com

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Email: [info@queenmarines.com](mailto:info@queenmarines.com)

### BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



9.5 rai, beachfront. 5 minutes to Phuket airport. Asking price: 120 million baht. Chanote. Must see. No agents. Please contact via by email: [allservices29@gmail.com](mailto:allservices29@gmail.com)

### NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



In Srisuchart Grandville 3, not far from Tesco Lotus. 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms, 1 car park and little garden. Very nice house contact to come see at 087-277 0978 or [koyangle99@hotmail.com](mailto:koyangle99@hotmail.com)

### SURIN BEACH

Land on Soi Haad Surin 2 for sale. 2.2 Rai, 5 min walk to Surin Beach. Tel: 087-883 6112.

### 30 RAI IN TOWN

Long lease. Near Dowrungs School in Phuket Town. Tel: 081-6912526.

### RESORT IN KATHU

60 rooms, swimming pool, restaurant and spa. 5 rai. 200 million baht. Tel: 081-803 7189. Email: [robinbglee@gmail.com](mailto:robinbglee@gmail.com)

### OCEAN VIEW, KATA 5 MB

Price includes furniture. One year old. 90 square meters. Or 30,000 baht per month. Tel: 087-041 8821. Email: [maurick1@yahoo.com](mailto:maurick1@yahoo.com) For further details, please see our website at: <http://oceanviewkata.shutterfly.com>

### PHANG NHA LAND

21 rai of beachfront land, 10 minutes from Phuket bridge. Ideal for resort project. 15 million baht per rai. Tel: 081-396 3784. Email: [oligi10@hotmail.com](mailto:oligi10@hotmail.com)

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## NEW TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT



In the project "The Indy", opposite Boat Lagoon, Koh Kaew. Townhouse is at the corner and adjacent to the project's public garden. 2 floors, 6.5 meters wide, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, western kitchen. Land: 33.4sq wah. For rent: 20,000 baht per month. Tel: 089-472 9118.

## CHANOTE, 29 RAI

at 1.6 million baht per rai. Nice and cheap land 12 minutes from Phuket airport. Located 200m from main road, electricity/ water well/ road access to the land. Good for housing project. Tel: 081-538 7050. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

## OPPOSITE JUNGCEYLON

absolute prime location. 3 level shop! Lease for sale or sub-lease. For more info you must book an appointment. Tel: 081-537 9684.

## LAND AT PA KHLOK



49 rai, nice flat land. Chanote, 2.5km from Heroines' Monument. 1.7 million baht per rai. Tel: 083-180 2143.

## LAND FOR SALE, PATONG BEACH

Beautiful 590 m2 land plot, in the hills at the north end of Patong Beach. Very quiet, natural setting; you would never know you were in Patong, yet only 2 minutes to the beach and town center. Comes with wide concrete access road, very good water supply, and underground utility. Contact Andy. Tel: 081-891 3466. Fax: 076-296160. Email: antc@phuket.ksc.co.th

## LAND FOR SALE IN KATHU

1,096sqm near Loch Palm golf course. 3.9 million baht. Tel: 089-724 7211. Email: info@botanvillage.com

## TOWNHOUSE IN KATHU

for sale. 2 storey, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Call for more information. Tel: 076-322211, 089-288 8519, 087-885 1567.

## PATONG STUDIO

2.3 million baht. New decor, pool. 3 min walk to Jungceylon, 5 min to beach. Tel: 081-087 9639.

## LOCH PALM POOL VILLA



600sqm land, 230sqm living space, garden, 4 bedrooms, golf course view, on main road. Ready to move in. Partly custom made, fully furnished. Price all in, only 14 million baht. Email: allservices29@gmail.com

## BAR & RESTAURANT FOR SALE

Includes accommodation, aircon, fully furnished, sea view balcony. Turnkey business. For quick sale freehold at 2.5 million baht. Location: Koh Lanta. Tel: +44-798-452 7057. Email: karlayres@hotmail.com For further details, please see our website at www.kohlantalife.com/barcode

## BALINESE POOL VILLA

2-3 bed with built-in furniture, A/C, living room, kitchen, garden. Price 10.6M baht. Tel: 076-289900, 081-970 0743. Fax: 076-613114. Email: natcha@twovillas.com

## 1 RAI @ PASAK SOI 8

Chanote title. Flat land, main road, 3-phase power. Email: jgkg24@hotmail.com

## PHUKET COUNTRY CLUB



Duplex renovation project directly on 15<sup>th</sup> fairway for sale. Reduced price. See www.fairway15.com Tel: 081-894 1994.

## AS-NEW TOWNHOUSE IN PATONG

Situated in an exclusive estate with pool, gym and 24-hr security in the heart of Patong. Easy walk to shops and nightlife. Immaculate, with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Western kitchen, laundry and extra utility room. New aircon, fixtures and fittings throughout. Satellite TV and phone line. Negotiable at 5.95 million baht. Tel: 087-267 9280. Email: philsk@ihug.co.nz

## SINGLE LAND PLOTS FOR SALE

Chalong. On the Big Buddha road. Fully serviced. From 4M baht per plot. Tel: 087-265 0118. Email: ant\_p\_clark@yahoo.co.uk Please see our website at http://phikunvillas.blogspot.com/

## 2-STOREY HOUSE IN PATONG



sea view, 2-storey house, 60sqw. 2 bedrooms with balconies, 2 bathroom, air-con, fully furnished. Chanote. Price 17 million baht ono. Tel: 087-270 9093.

## BEAUTIFUL 2 STOREY HOUSE

for sale. Sai Yuan, Rawai, Phuket. Sea view from 2nd floor and roof terrace. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, custom woodwork, swimming pool, fully furnished. Good investment. Two 80sq wah lots, both with concrete fences, house and pool on one, next lot cleared. Build and return your investment. 10 million baht. Tel: 080-999 8784.

## LOVELY HOME

Hillside, big pool & shady garden. 3 bed, 4 bath & office. Freehold. Quality. Nice! Best offer. Tel: 076-388236, 089-727 5407. Email: cosmo campbell@yahoo.com For further details, please see our website at www.villa-sale-phuket.com

## VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



same as Soi Villas Solitude, Na-Kok, Chalong. 8 rai land for sale, Chanote title. Can buy separate. Price 7 million baht per rai. Contact to see. Tel: 087-689 9679.

## COCONUT ISLAND LAND



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

## VILLA URGENT SALE

4 beds, 6 baths, private pool (4x12) with jacuzzi, security system, solar hot water, sala and landscape garden on a 1,606sqm land. More than 400sqm of living area. Special price at 18 million baht. Email: nisaya19@yahoo.com

## 2 STORY HOUSE CENTER RAWAI

for sale or lease. 160sqm, 2 bed, 2 bath. 1.5 million baht, close to the beach. Tel: 086-940 8914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

## PATONG BUILDING BANGLA

Huge 6m wide shophouse. 4 floors, Chanote, fully fitted. Cheap at 22 million baht. Tel: 087-881 7600.

## LAND IN BANG JO

4 rai, nice flat land. Very good location suitable for luxury condominium or business development. Price 4.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 082-413 8677.

## LAND IN PATONG

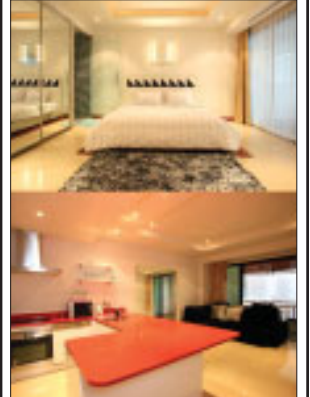
5.5 rai available in Patong near Simon Cabaret. Tel: 081-409 5175. Email: jaspal\_karon@csloxinfo.com For further details, please see our website at: http://bluewaterphuket.com

## MAIKHAO BEACH FRONT



Beautiful land. 4 rai, 3 ngan and 67sq wah. 140 meters of beach front. Contact owner. Tel: 081-895 4811.

## CONDO FOR SALE/RENT



at Phuket Asia Land, Surin Beach. Sale: 6.5 million baht. Rent: 30,000 baht per month. Tel: 089-474 0461, 089-588 8818. Email: info@methaya.com

## LAND AT PA KHLOK

flat, 13 rai and 8-metre access road. Tel: 081-979 0122 (Riam), 089-866 2816 (Lian).

## RARE OPPORTUNITY

Choice 1,100 sqm plot located in Cape Panwa with arguably one of the finest panoramic sea views on the island. The hard works done: cleared and leveled, concrete access road, building permit previously issued. Buy and build! Tel: +971-50-293 2183. Email: email2bill@gmail.com

## MAI KHAO OCEAN MTN VIEW

One rai lots (in red) with chanote title. Dramatic, unrestricted ocean views to the west and north; stunning mountain views to Phang Nga; and eastern views of Phang Nga bay. Concrete road, water, electricity. Upper limit of property is 80 meters. 15 million baht per rai. Tel: 089-996 9177. Email: doc@russbo.com For further details, please see our website at www.phuketrealstate.us

## KOH YAO YAI

Cheap land, good investment. 2.8 rai, Chanote title, water, electricity. Price: 900,000 baht. Tel: 081-892 8208.

## KATHU HOUSE

4 bedroom house. Excellent condition. Near Kathu market. 4,900,000 baht. Tel: 076-296309, 087-278 6439. Email: shall@loxinfo.co.th

## BIG COLONIAL HOUSE



Anuphas golf view. Built 2005, 600sqm. Living space, 2 floors with 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, dream kitchen, large foyer, large dining and sitting area, separate entertainment room and snooker room, maids room. Built on a 1,700sqm tropical garden. 40 million baht. Tel: 089-587 8173.

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# Property Gazette

## SALE OR RENT VILLA



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**No other deposit required. For sale 45m.**  
For details, please email me your interests at  
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## PATONG HILL CONDO



As-new, luxury 85sqm 1 bedroom unit with panoramic Patong city and water views. Furniture included. 7 million baht. Tel: +61-2-9904 2073, +61-43021 8110. Email: [mbohlsen@gmail.com](mailto:mbohlsen@gmail.com)

## TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY



opposite Boat Lagoon. 24sq wah, 3 beds, 2 baths. Email: [info@allaboutwebanddesign.com](mailto:info@allaboutwebanddesign.com)

## HURRY! 25% OFF LUXURY PATONG APARTMENT



Effective Freehold 2 bedroom, boulevard style, furnished apartment with management and private parking. Only 3 years old up for sale.



Just reduced for quick sale this lovely hillside, seaview apartment presents with seaviews to the front and mountains to the rear. 240 sqm with 2 large bedrooms both with ensuite. Two person Jacuzzi, sitting room overlooking the swimming pool and sea, large well-fitted Euro-style kitchen and cool living area. The apartment is provided with a hot water storage tank and back up generator to complement the main supplies. Access to superb fitted spa & gymnasium with just 5 other units in the development.

Must be seen to be appreciated. Email: [ian@phuket-estate.com](mailto:ian@phuket-estate.com) or Tel: 0874178187 to view. Was 16.9m now 12.7 m Baht  
Rental also possible - 70k/month (Long Term Only)

## 3-STOREY APARTMENT



for sale. 70sq wah, 14 rooms, motorbike park. Four years old with Chanote title. Currently fully rented out. Good return. Asking price: 9 million baht. Tel: 087-270 9093.

## NEW CONDO



for sale. At Royal Place Project, opposite Tesco Lotus. 42sqm at corner, swimming pool view, fully furnished, ready to move. Price 2.8 million baht. Tel: 081-691 2526.

## LOCH PALM VILLA W/ FINANCE

4 bedroom courtyard villa w/pool and tenant. For sale at 14.5 million baht. Tel: +60-3-2176 3000, +60-12-292 6511. Email: [steve.miller@pactotal.com.my](mailto:steve.miller@pactotal.com.my)

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## BANG TAO APARTMENTS FOR SALE

2 luxury apartments for sale. Both 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with 2 pools and gym. One is a pent-house (3 years old) with private roof garden the other is a ground floor with private garden (brand new). Both less than 200m to Bang tao beach. Tel: 084-630 2416. Please email for further details. Email: [jonhassall@aol.com](mailto:jonhassall@aol.com)

## QUICK SALE

Thai-style home. Only 5.1 million baht. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Near to Laguna. Tel: 087-893 8590.

## PATONG STUDIO

2.3 million baht. New decor, pool. 3 min walk to Jungceylon, 5 min to beach. Tel: 081-087 9639.

## POOLSIDE APARTMENT

One and two bedroom poolside apartments for sale or long-term lease. Located in the hills at the north end of Patong Beach. Very quiet and natural setting. You would never know you were in Patong Beach, yet only 5 mins to beach and town center. This is a very special project, consisting of only 3 apartments, under cover secure parking and swimming pool. Now under construction: 80% completed. Now is the time to buy and have a say in the finishing details. Contact Andy. Tel: 081-891 3466. Fax: 076-296160. Email: [antc@phuket.ksc.co.th](mailto:antc@phuket.ksc.co.th)

## 2.5 MILLION BAHT

home in Khok Kloy, Phang Nga. 4 years old, 118sqm, 904sqm plot. 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, aircon, phone line. 2 car covered parking. Chanote. Tel: 081-728 4821.

## HOUSE IN PATONG

for sale. Baan Benjamas. 2 bedrooms. Neat, solid and secure corner position and garden. 6.5 million baht neg. Tel: 076-203516, 087-900 8445.

## STUNNING HOUSE

Modern tropical style, brand new, fully furnished, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 living rooms. 350sqm of living area with outdoor jacuzzi. 14.5 million baht o.n.o. Tel: 083-201 4621, 081-537 5544. Email: [whispertheway@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:whispertheway@yahoo.co.uk) For photos and details: [www.tropicalhomephuket.com](http://www.tropicalhomephuket.com)

## BEAUTIFUL SEAVIEW

90sq wah at Ao Por, overlooking Por bay and Jumeriah private island. Price 4.5 million baht. Tel: 086-204 7573.

## HOUSE SALE THALANG

2 bedrooms, 1 ensuite, built-in furniture. Gated community, quiet and peaceful. 2.2 million baht. Email: [john867332@yahoo.com](mailto:john867332@yahoo.com)

## BAAN BAI MAI



for sale in Samkong near Bangkok hospital. 2 storey, 2 bed, 2 bath, 1 car parking space. Email: [info@allaboutwebanddesign.com](mailto:info@allaboutwebanddesign.com)

## PATONG FREEHOLD GUESTHOUSE

Furnished guesthouse at Patong Beach. Best offer! Will sell to best offer! Call or mail for more info. Tel: 081-755 0350. Email: [shopisland@gmail.com](mailto:shopisland@gmail.com)

## HOUSE FOR 6.9 MTB

2 bedrooms with private pool. Ready to move in now. Tel: 086-274 6886, 089-867 4724. Fax: 076-521554. Email: [mammy399@yahoo.com](mailto:mammy399@yahoo.com)

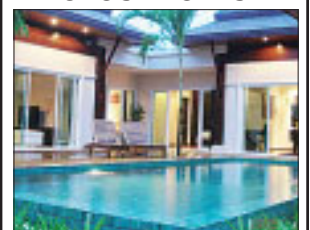
## PATONG TOWER 63 SQM

renovated freehold 2 room terrace, nice view, pool beach 200m, furnished, TV, WiFi, 2 aircons. 4.6 million baht. Tel: 086-976 0809.

## PEACEFUL SEAVIEW

1/2 rai, Chanote. Seaview, near waterfall, Mission golf, airport, pier of Ao Por. Road and electricity. 4.5 million baht. Very private and peaceful. Tel: 089-081 4913. Email: [thureewan@gmail.com](mailto:thureewan@gmail.com)

## VILLAS CLOSE TO BIS



Pool villas with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and swimming pool. Close to British International School. From 13 million baht. Please Contact: K. Prasong 081-3969307 (Thai), K. Hua 089-7492186 (Eng).

## BEAUTIFUL LAND

for sale in Ao Nang. Close to beach with Chanote. 4.5 rai for 22 million baht (minimum purchase: 2 rai). Also available: 22 rai for 70 million baht (minimum purchase: 5 rai). Tel: 084-762 5293.

## LUX 4 BED/RM VILLA W/POOL

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## BIG NEW HOUSE

Great location on the main road to Laguna area. 3b/r, 2b/t and 2carports. Land plot 240sqm. Price: 2.5 million baht. Tel: 081-396 5239. Email: [mnobnorb@hotmail.com](mailto:mnobnorb@hotmail.com)

## LAND BEHIND LAYAN HILLS ESTATE



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## Properties For Rent

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### BAR PIZZERIA RAWAI BEACH



200sqm, garden, pool, rent / lease: 20,000 baht per month. Tel: 086-940 8914. Email: rawai1@yahoo.com

### RAWAI HOUSE

for long- or short-term rent. Fully furnished, pool. For further details, please see our website at <http://www.ferienthailand.com>

### B.L. APARTMENT FOR RENT

New in Kathu. Big rooms, 1 bedroom, 1 living room, aircon, cable TV, ADSL, hot shower, garden, car park. 8,000 baht per month. Tel: 081-692 3163.

### RARE BEACHFRONT DUPLEX APT

Two bedrooms, two bathrooms, gallery/office and two balconies with idyllic sea views. Fully furnished. 175 sq meters. 30 seconds from the beach. Communal pool, undercover car park, store room. 50,000 baht per month ono. For further details, please contact. Tel: 852-9033 3379 or 852-6438 3379. Fax: 852-2865 3966. Email: cmcgee@netvigator.com

### LUXURY KATA BEACH SEAFRONT

Five-star one-bedroom apartment available now. Comes with spa, gym and swimming pool. 30,000 baht per month. Email: asiasail@yahoo.com. For further details, please see our website at <http://koumbele.com/kata1/>

### KAMALA HOUSE FOR RENT

Satellite TV + CableTV + ADSL Internet. Private, secure. Soi The Bell, behind Phuket Fantasea. For short term rent at 30,000 baht per month. Long term: 25,000 baht per month. Tel: 089-867 5122, 087-883 6625. Fax 076-274161. Email: sales@eldsat.com

### POOL VILLA KOH KAEW

Short term til July 15th. 25,000 baht per week or 70,000 baht per month. Near Boat Lagoon. WiFi, cableTV. Tel: 084-783 9054. Email: oggyowen@yahoo.com

### DELIGHTFUL TROPICAL VILLA



for long-term rent in Rawai. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. 50" TV/cinema cable included. 2GB internet and phone line. Available fully furnished throughout. Large veranda, beautiful tropical gardens and large managed pool. 55,000 baht per month. This villa is also for sale at 12,000,000 baht. Price to include second smaller 1 bed house & a hairdressing shop. Chanote area 628sqm. Contact Kevin. Tel: 087-891 6438. Email: captainkev69@hotmail.com

### HOUSE IN PATONG

2 bedrooms with aircon, internet and cable TV. 15,000 baht per month. Tel: 076-212229, 089-650 5135. Fax 076-212229. Email: kalayap@hotmail.com

### HOUSE IN KATHU

for rent or sale. Long-term 45,000 baht per month. Sale 10.5 million baht. Fully furnished, UBC, pool, ADSL. Tel: 081-925 1730.

### HOUSE IN CHALONG

Near Palai Beach for rent. 3 bedrooms, aircon, ADSL, fully furnished, garden, car park. Tel: 089-728 8311.

### HOUSE IN KATHU

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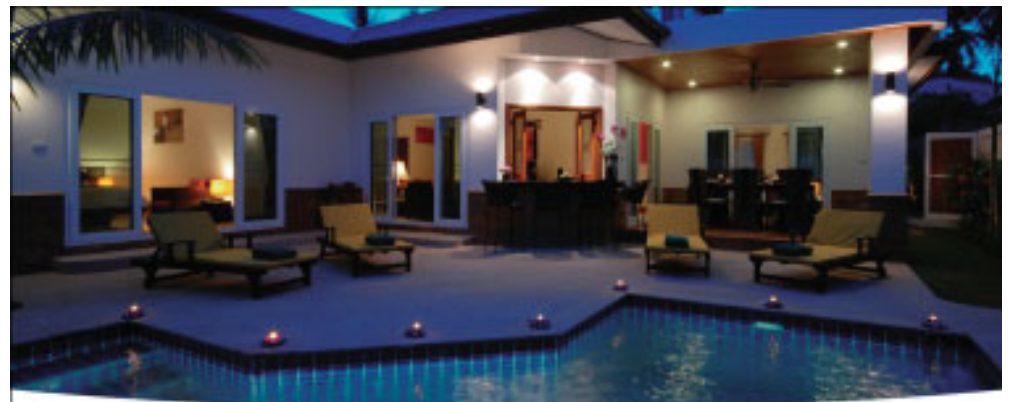
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- Fast-moving, excellent service mind & positive thinker
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- Budget Planning, Business strategy & Planning (Overall)
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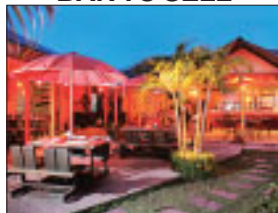
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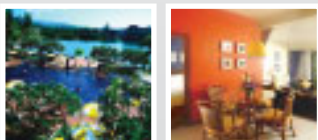
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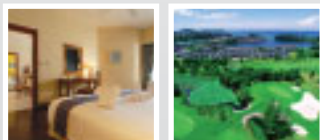
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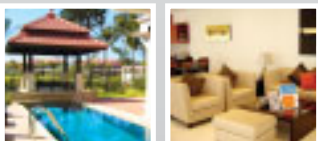
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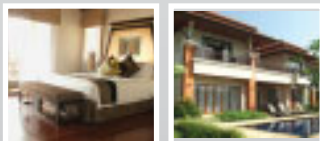
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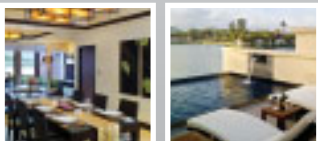
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