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## Safe and secure

**P**HUKET has spruced itself up and put on a pretty face to welcome the 27 international delegations who are here for this week's Asean talks at Laguna Phuket.

The roads leading to and from the airport have been cleaned up, gardens have been trimmed and new trees planted to show the island off at its absolute best for our honored foreign visitors.

Even the red-shirts have left town to help ensure the talks, which were marred by violence in Pattaya earlier this year, will go ahead without a hitch.

Phuket began pulsing with vibrancy this week as official cars, police and army officers, and security guards set up camp and took their positions in readiness for the Asean Foreign Ministers Meetings and the Asean Regional Forum, which are being held at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket resort.

The meetings will continue until Thursday.

According to a high-ranking military source, 9,000 troops and 1,000 police officers are part of the massive security effort.

Phuketians have generally welcomed the security measures, despite all the checkpoints and limitations on vehicle movements, because most realize Thailand



Gardeners spruce up the roadsides as Phuket prepares to welcome Asean delegates from 27 countries.

needs to ensure the safety of the diplomats and VIPs such as US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Security chiefs have promised the heightened security won't affect leisure-seeking tourists, although there is no covering up the sometimes stern-faced officers who appear to have taken over the northern half of the island.

Natasha Eldred, the assistant director of marketing and communications at Laguna

said the airport closures and the disruptions in Pattaya earlier this year, had put Thailand in a negative light.

"The success of this meeting will help re-build Thailand's image abroad and bolster the work we are doing in marketing Phuket as a premier destination with five-star resorts," she said.

"We can show the world we have an international airport and the infrastructure in place

to hold such a high-profile event." She said many hotels, local businesses and suppliers were also reaping the benefits of this boost to Phuket's economy.

The Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket's general manager, Jan Kirstein, personally welcomed the delegates and VIPs when they arrived at the resort, which will be the primary venue for the Asean meetings as well as for workshops and subsidiary meetings.

## That's all we need - another 373 tuk tuks

**A**PATONG taxi co-operative has asked the Transport Department to register another 373 tuk-tuks in Phuket.

There are already 1,145 tuk-tuks in action on the island, most of them in Patong.

Nantanat Sealim, representing Patong's Sammakkee

Tuk-Tuk Club, told a meeting with Transport Department officials this week that more than half the tuk-tuks in Patong were rented out to drivers who paid between 350 and 400 baht a day to use them.

As well as the tuk-tuks, there are also 3,053 registered motorcycle taxis, 2,055 mini-van taxis, 69 metered taxis, and 597

limousines for hire on Phuket.

Daroon Suksai, the president of the Phuket City Tuk-Tuk Association, said Patong didn't need any more tuk-tuks.

But the main objection came from Sarayuth Mallam, the Vice President of the Phuket Tourist Association who said the way the tuk-tuks operate were

having an adverse affect on tourism in Phuket.

"The image is bad, and they are harming the tourist industry," he said.

Vice Governor Smit Palawichai, who chaired the session, said he would call another meeting to debate the matter further.





# Swimmer dies after ignoring flags

PHUKET's raging surf claimed another life last week when a Dutch tourist who ignored beach warning flags got into trouble off Kata Yai beach.

The man was rescued by an Italian surfer who saw him inhaling water and realised he was drowning.

He brought the still-conscious swimmer back to the beach, but bystanders said he then collapsed and started vomiting before passing out.

Volunteers and lifeguards administered CPR for more than 30 minutes, but they were unable to revive him and he died a short time later.

Rescue volunteers, including a Swiss dive master, police and paramedics, tried valiantly to save the man's life, but without a defibrillator

machine to stimulate his heart, they were fighting a losing battle.

The man's death brings the number of drownings in Phuket this year to more than seven.

Witnesses said the man had been swimming alone in an area directly in front of red beach flags put up to warn beachgoers it was too dangerous to swim there.

They said most of the other beachgoers heeded the flag warning and stayed out of the water, but the Italian man went swimming anyway.

The fatality has emphasised the need for more lifeguards and lifesaving equipment on Phuket's beaches.

It also highlights the need to educate tourists and other beachgoers on the dangers of swimming in areas marked with the red flags.



Swimmers ignore 'no swimming' signs at Kata Yai beach. Photo by James Goyder

## New bridge but no one's saying why



The Sarasin Bridge will be dismantled and replaced at a cost of more than 378 million baht.

THE Sarasin Bridge will be dismantled and replaced with a new four-lane structure which will cost 378 million baht.

Italian-Thai Development said it had signed the contract to carry out the New Sarasin Bridge Project with the Department of

Highways, Ministry of Transport and Communications last month.

The work, which will take 720 days to complete, will include construction of a four-lane concrete bridge, approach structures and a pedestrian walkway.

The two spans of the existing bridge will be dismantled,

but an ITD spokesman would not say when construction would begin, or give any further details.

The Department of Highways also refused to say why the old bridge needed replacing, and Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop said he was unaware of the details.

## Cafe owners slam shut-down orders

By Dan Waites

INTERNET cafe owners in Phuket have reacted angrily to the government's plan to close them down for two weeks in a bid to prevent the spread of swine flu.

Cabinet last week ordered internet shops and tutorial schools around the country to close on Monday and to remain closed until July 28 while they thoroughly clean and disinfect all their computers.

"I knew they were planning on asking us to close, but I had no idea it would be for so long," said Worawut Wongsuphachat, who owns the B-Icon shop on Soi Noppakoon in Phuket City.

Ekarat Sutiparichat, who operates the Popnet 2 shop on Thepkasattri Road, said two weeks was far too long to stay closed.

"I don't know how we can keep doing business," he said.

"We still have to pay our bills, so we'll have to find other ways of making money during that period."

Denchai Manusarn from the B26 Online internet and games shop on Yaowarat Road said he could not afford to close for two weeks.

"I've had this shop for more than two years, and I have never closed it for more than three days," he said.

"How am I supposed to make a living if my business is closed for two weeks?"

Mr Denchai said it wasn't fair to single out internet shops.

"Kids come into contact with each other in 7-Elevens, shopping centers and playgrounds as well as internet cafes," he said.

"Why don't they close them down as well?"

"Shops like 7-Eleven are open 24 hours a day and they all have air conditioning."

Mr Denchai said it was too late to stop the spread of the deadly disease.

"They can close everything down, but it won't make the problem go away," he said.

"Besides, many tourists rely on internet cafes to stay in touch with their families," he said.

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An awning at HomePro Village in Chalong was damaged by wild winds.

## Wild weekend storms leave a trail of havoc

**W**ILD storms lashed Phuket last weekend, flooding roads and leaving a trail of destruction across the island.

The awning outside the new HomePro Village in Chalong fell victim to the storm and was shredded by the strong winds and torrential rains.

And there could be more of the same still to come.

The Meteorological Department has issued further weather warnings as the entire Andaman region mops up after being battered by storms.

Strong southwest monsoonal conditions are forecast to continue to affect the Andaman Sea and the southwest coast.

The department has also predicted flash-flooding and landslides, and has warned people in high-risk areas to be prepared to evacuate if necessary.

The wild weather has been blamed for the sinking of a Phuket-to-Phi Phi passenger ferry, the *Kacha Marine*, in Phang Nga Bay, about seven miles off Phuket on Sunday.

There were no passengers on board at the time and all five of the ferry's crew members were rescued.

Phuket Marine Police Inspector Wallop Puangpaka said a Marine Police speedboat rescued the survivors, who were waiting in a rubber raft.

He said the modified fishing boat had dropped 25 tourists off on Phi Phi the night before and was returning with only the captain and four crew members on board when the storm hit.

Songchai Na Nakorn, from the Phuket Marine Transport Office, said the boat's owners faced a fine of 10,000 baht for operating without a licence.

# Red-shirts retreat

## Color-coded conflict stopped before it started

**P**HUKET'S red-shirt leaders have left the island, virtually eliminating the risk of any disruption to this week's Asean meeting at Laguna Phuket.

And before he left for Chiang Mai, local United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) leader Wisut 'Ae Inside' Tangwittayaporn, said he hoped the Asean meeting would be an outstanding success.

Mr Wisut said there were definitely no plans for a repeat of the riots which dramatically cut short the talks in Pattaya earlier this year.

He said the 80 UDD leaders from Phuket would travel to Chiang Mai for a series of meetings and would remain there until after the conference concluded.

"We have told the UDD leadership in Bangkok that we will not take any action during the Asean meetings, and that we will oppose any red-shirt members who try to disrupt proceedings," he said.

"To quell any uneasiness the governor might have, we have informed him that all red-shirt leaders in Phuket, about 80 of us, will leave Phuket for Chiang Mai to attend a meeting while the Asean talks are on."

There are about 20,000 red-shirt supporters in Phuket, but without an effective leadership, security officials say they are unlikely to cause any trouble.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the political chasm, the leaders of the Phuket branch of the yellow-shirted People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) have also vowed to ensure the Asean-led meetings go off without a hitch.

Krich Thepbamrung, a consultant to the PAD branch in

Phuket, said his members would be watching out for any potential problems which might arise.

"We have been in touch with the Internal Security Operations Command and we know which danger signs to look out for," he said.

"If anything really bad happens which the security



Wisut Tangwittayaporn

forces can't handle, we will come together as Phuket people and do our best to prevent any disruption of the meetings.

"We also have a network of PAD supporters in nearby provinces such as Surat Thani, Krabi and Phang Nga, and we will pass on any intelligence we get about possible moves to disrupt the meetings in those areas," he said.

Meanwhile, government security forces, troops and military hardware flooded into Phuket last week to provide protection for the 27 foreign delegations expected to attend the top level talks, which include the 42nd Asean Ministerial Meeting, Post Ministerial Conferences and

the 16th Asean Regional Forum.

A convoy of equipment, including armored vehicles, troop transport trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles, rolled onto the island last week and the controversial Internal Security Act came into effect across the island last Friday.

It will remain in force until after the talks are concluded.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop said the military presence would be limited to Thalang, and that day-to-day activities of residents and tourists would not be adversely affected.

Residents will need special passes to drive their cars through the checkpoints leading into and out of Laguna, and no street demonstrations, including peaceful protests will be allowed while the Security Act is in force.

Colonel Piyapong Wongchan, Deputy Chief of the Internal Security Operations Command in Phuket, said the Internal Security Act was imposed to prevent a recurrence of the fiasco in Pattaya in April this year when red-shirted protesters sabotaged the originally scheduled Asean meetings, forcing them to an abrupt halt.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva this week appealed to all Thais, especially those in Phuket, to welcome the visiting dignitaries and to be good hosts.

The meetings would generate good publicity for Phuket which would help stimulate tourism, he said.

Defense Minister Prawit Wongsuwan said the extra security would not adversely affect local businesses and said he was confident the meetings would run smoothly.

-Atchaa Khamlo



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# New police HQ comes under fire



LEFT: Region 8 General Udom Chaimongkolrat. RIGHT: Villagers at Mai Khao Municipality receive compensation after agreeing to leave their homes to make way for new police headquarters.

With the completion of a new Provincial Police Region 8 Headquarters (PPR8) in Mai Khao penciled in for 2011, the police presence in Phuket is set to receive a massive boost.

However, not everyone views the move as a positive step for the island.

None more so than the 26 families who turned up at Mai

Khao Municipality on July 9, angered at the prospect of being displaced from their homes.

Plans to move the existing Region 8 headquarters from Surat Thani province to Phuket were set in motion in 2007.

Krabi, Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Chumphon, Ranong, Surat Thani, Phang Nga and Phuket provinces all fall under the command of PPR8.

The land in question

is owned by the treasury department, but is leased to a total of 26 families living in the Mai Khao area in Thalang District.

All 26 families will have to abandon their homes before construction can progress further.

Police and municipality workers had their hands full dealing with the irate villagers when they arrived to hand over an official complaint letter to Municipality President

Sarawuth Seesakhukham.

The letter, signed by 20 of the families, said they had received inadequate information of the planned headquarters, and had not been visited in person or asked if they opposed the plans.

All signatories of the letter insisted they would not leave their homes.

However, six of the 26 families did agree to a compensatory handout.

Compensation paid to the families varied from 1,700 baht to as much as 825,100 baht in a total payout of 4,420,300 baht for the 224 rai needed to construct the new headquarters.

Deputy Commander of PPR8, General Udom Chaimongkolrat told the *Gazette*, "This is government land and we don't want to push villagers out."

"But, if the families agree and sign a contract saying they will leave, they will receive other benefits," he said.

Gen Udom said the residents who refuse to sign a contract would be charged with encroaching on government property.

"After being charged they will not be able to claim for compensation," said Gen Udom. "It does not matter if they choose to fight the law, they will still have to leave."

Residents who received compensation have been given 30 days to leave their homes.

Families who had run agricultural businesses in the area would be given longer to harvest their products.

However, police warned a fence would be erected in coming weeks to close off the land needed for construction.

One of the residents who refused compensation was 75-year-old Thanorm Maliwaan.

He told the *Gazette* he was offered only 20,000 baht compensation for being displaced.

"It isn't enough for me to find a new place," he said. "We need the situation handled more fairly."

"We are not against the construction of a new headquarters, but we are against being pushed out of our homes," he said.

Mr Thanorm claims his family has lived on the land for hundreds of years before the treasury department registered it.

He is adamant he will not leave his home, saying he has evidence of his family's close ties to the land.

Compounding delays on progress of the new headquarters are the cost of demolishing existing buildings in the area and compensating farmers for loss of earnings and the presence of a graveyard on the planned site.

One member of the six families who did take the compensation was Songsri Boonchup.

She said her family had used the land for agricultural business purposes for over 40 years.

"We are not against the police, we understand the headquarters will be used for public service," she said.

But Ms Songsri explained she was lucky her home was outside of the Mai Khao area and that her family used the land exclusively for business purposes.

The majority of families who visited Mai Khao municipality, however, were residents and now face being evicted from their homes.

According to Mr Sarawuth, "The treasury department will find new land for poor people who have stayed in the area for a long period of time as well as offering them financial compensation."

But he added no compensation would be given to those unwilling to leave.

In an interesting turn of events, the dispute was taken to Bangkok on July 13, when two appointed agents of the Mai Khao residents, Sanit Saesua and Seksan Sumnuek, went to parliament to demand answers.

The agents met with Minister Sathit Wongnongtoey and PPR8 representatives to discuss the Mai Khao land dispute as well as another land encroachment dispute in Rawai.

Minister Sathit is scheduled to arrive in Phuket on July 23 and will meet with PPR8 officers and the Mai Khao residents.

- Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn

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# Burmese government opens ID centers for illegals

By Atchaa Khamlo



Burmese Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myaint: "Our government is also uncomfortable if our people are working illegally in Thailand."



Thai Labor Minister Phaitoon Kaeothong: "Citizenship verification has long been a stumbling block in getting workers properly registered."

In an effort to legalize untold thousands of its citizens working illegally in Thailand, the Burmese government has opened 'citizen identification centers' at three immigration checkpoints along the Thai border.

Burmese Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myaint announced the plan last Saturday at a seminar at the Thavorn Grand Plaza Hotel also attended by Thai Labor Minister Phaitoon Kaeothong and other top officials.

U Maung Myaint is in Phuket for the 42nd Asean Foreign Ministers Meeting which began at Laguna Phuket on Friday.

The three 'citizen verification' checkpoints are opposite their Thai counterparts in Ranong, Chiang Rai's Mae Sai District and Mae Sod District in Tak province.

In what has been described as a 'last chance' opportunity to register Burmese workers by the current government, employers have until July 30 to register their intention to hire Burmese workers at local employment offices.

About 200 employers hoping to legally register their workers also attended Saturday's event.

Under the scheme, workers who can prove they are from Burma, Cambodia or Laos will be able to register as legal workers.

Stateless Rohingyas from western Burma will be excluded from the scheme, as the Burmese junta sees Muslim ethnic minorities as illegal aliens.

Those whose citizenship is confirmed by Burma will then be issued 'worker's passports' they can use to enter the country legally after getting a 2,000-baht 'work visa' stamped at the Thai border.

The visas would allow them to work for up to two years, though they would still be required

to have their plastic worker ID cards, which are issued by provincial employment offices, extended annually.

"Citizenship verification has long been a stumbling block in getting workers properly registered", Mr Phaitoon said.

According to government figures, about 13,000 of the last 20,000 workers claiming to be from Burma who applied for verification with the Burmese government through the Thai authorities were not accepted.

In many cases this was due to communication problems that could be addressed by having Burmese officials working directly with Burmese people in their own language, Mr Phaitoon said.

U Maung Myaint told the meeting that unofficial estimates of the number of Burmese working in Thailand surpassed the one million mark in the year 2000 and have now reached 1.2 million.

A natural human desire to improve their lot in life has been behind the exodus, he admitted.

"This situation will continue to create problems in the Thai labor market until a solution is found. Our government is also uncomfortable with our people

working illegally in Thailand," he said.

Both the Thai and Burmese governments have been working for five years to find such a solution, he added.

Fees for the 'work passports' issued by the Burmese authorities should not be more than 100 baht, or 3,000 Burmese kyat, he said.

Each center is designed to issue about 200 work passports daily, though they would try to issue up to 600 per day if required.

The Thai government is currently considering a request by the Burmese to lower the visa fee from 2,000 baht to 500 baht, he said.

To ensure the registration process runs as smoothly as possible, the Thai Labor Ministry has contacted some private sector agencies to help process applicants. The Burmese side hopes fees charged by these agencies will be reasonable, he said.

U Maung Myaint dismissed as rumor reports that the Burmese government would use the information gathered during registration to tax or charge workers' families back home.

"I can confirm we will not tax them at all," he said.

All four sides – both governments, the workers and their employers – stand to benefit from the new registration drive, he said.

Labor Minister Mr Phaitoon admitted there were widespread rumors about how the Burmese government would use the information it obtains.

Much of these came from Samut Prakan province, where

thousands of illegal immigrants are employed in the fish processing industry, he said.

"As His Excellency U Maung has said, we should try to give people the best information possible," he said.

Workers who fail to register by the deadline will face prosecution, as will their employers, he said.

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# Rape attacker escapes police

CHONBURI: A young man was stabbed while allegedly trying to rape his friend's mother following a drinking session last Friday.

Around 4am, 22-year-old Suriyon Buengthaisong approached a Sattahip Municipality worker to ask for help with a bleeding five-centimeter stab wound to his shoulder.

The worker called Sattahip Police, who sent an officer to investigate.

Mr Suriyon told the officer he had been stabbed by his friend's mother following a 'misunderstanding', but refused to elaborate.

As the police officer patched up the wound, the woman drove past on the way to report the incident.

When she saw Mr Suriyon with a police officer, she stopped to tell her side of the story.

While they were speaking Mr Suriyon ran to his motorbike and sped away.

The 43-year-old woman told police earlier in the night her son and Mr Suriyon had been drinking outside the beauty salon she owned.

She said Mr Suriyon later came into her bedroom and grabbed her.

She managed to struggle free and ran out of the bedroom, she said.

She then grabbed a knife and chased her attacker out of the house, stabbing him in the shoulder.

She said her son was at the shops at the time of the attack.

The woman was taken to the police station to make an official complaint and police are still searching for Mr Suriyon.

Source: Khao Sod



Monks in Nan province line up to receive alms on the first day of Buddhist Lent last Wednesday.

## Drunken Englishman blocks road for lent

CHONBURI: A drunken Englishman was arrested after he blocked traffic by sunbathing in the middle of a busy Pattaya street last Wednesday, the first day of Buddhist Lent.

Police were called after locals and foreign tourists tried and failed to persuade the man to lie elsewhere.

After failing to rouse the man, police hauled him into the back of their truck and took him away for questioning.

Alcohol sales are prohibited on the first day of lent, and investigators are now trying to find out where the man bought his booze.

Source: Khao Sod

## Crack unit nabs sex aids

SONGKHLA: Border Patrol Police seized more than one-million-baht's worth of sex aids in a raid on a Haad Yai hotel room last Friday.

Acting on a tip-off, officers from the elite paramilitary force searched a room in the Grand Hotel where they found aphrodisiacs, impotency drugs, dildos and tranquilizers of the kind commonly used to commit date rape.

The owner of the stash fled before police arrived.

Police said the contraband was worth more than a million baht.

Police said the goods were produced in China, and were probably smuggled in through Northern Thailand and brought to the South to be sold at markets in Haad Yai.

Sex aids, including dildos and pornography, are prohibited in Thailand.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

## Guns seized

NAKHON SRI THAMMARAT: Highway Police have charged a well-known village chief with possessing drugs and an M-16 assault rifle.

Police said the chief was a suspected hired assassin and drug dealer.

Officers arrested Somphon Saengsri at a checkpoint in Praphrom District following a tip-off.

They found an M-16 assault rifle with a large quantity of ammunition and 21 *ya bah* (methamphetamine) pills in his car.

Mr Somphon said the gun and the drugs belonged to him, police said.

He was listed in the provincial police 'black book' of suspected drug dealers, and is suspected of having carried out a number of high-profile murders in the province, police said.

Last Thursday, police arrested another Nakhon Sri Thammarat politician after finding a cache of unregistered weapons in his house.

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# Lightning kills three on film set

ROI-ET: Three members of a family were killed by a lightning strike while waiting to shoot a film scene last Saturday.

Phaibun Songchalee, 75, his wife Pattama Songchalee, 61, and their daughter Wallopha Songchalee, 27, were sheltering from a storm in a zinc-roofed cow pen when the lightning struck.

They all died at the scene.

Mrs Wallopha's two-year-old daughter Aphinyaphon Intawong survived the strike.

When the lightning hit, the family were preparing to take their six cows and buffaloes to shoot a scene in the sequel to the 2005 hit comedy *Yam Yasothon*.

Star and director of the film Petchtai Wongkamlao, better known by his stage name Mum Jokmok, said he was shocked and saddened by the news.

The Songchalee family had not asked for a fee for using their land and livestock in the film and were only too happy to take part.

Mr Petchai was due to meet the family for the first time during filming later that day.

He said the production team would host the funeral and cover all expenses.

Mr Petchai is best known as Tony Ja's comedy sidekick in the hit marshal arts films *Ong Bak* and *Tom Yum Goong*.

Source: Kom Chad Luek / Khao Sod

## Queer News

# Two-headed piglet hogs the headlines



PHITSANULOK: A farmer was given an Asarnha Bucha Day surprise last week when his sow gave birth to a two-headed piglet.

The piglet, which has six legs and two tails, is the latest in a spate of extraordinary animal births in Thailand.

Ben Thongsuk, 50, said the unusual animal was the last piglet born of a litter of four.

Its siblings all came out with the usual number of heads and limbs.

Mr Ben said he was given the money to buy the piglet's mother during the Thaksin years as part of a provincial development plan to help poor farmers.

Most two-headed animals die soon after birth, but this piglet has been feeding well and is strong and healthy.

Mr Ben is confident his unusual animal will survive because

it has two almost complete bodies.

He said he would not sell the pig because he considered it a gift from above which will bring good luck to his family.

Source: Kom Chad Luek

# Thais divided over pardon for Thaksin

BANGKOK: The debate over the campaign to petition HM The King and ask him to grant a Royal Pardon to fugitive former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra rages on, with residents of Isarn most in favor.

Abac Poll said six in ten people in the Northeast, seen as Thaksin's political stronghold, wanted HM the King to grant amnesty for politicians convicted of corruption.

About half of Bangkok residents felt the same, the poll found.

A total of 4,102 people from 17 provinces across the Kingdom were questioned.

Although on average about half of people nationwide opposed the idea of a Royal Pardon, the intensity of the opposition varied from region to region.

Opposition was strongest in the South, where four out of every five people surveyed ruled out a Royal Pardon for Thaksin.

Individual backgrounds also influenced opinions.

About 48 percent of non-university graduates found a graft pardon acceptable, while 35 percent of people with a bachelor's degree agreed with the idea.

The percentage plunged to 22 percent for people with graduate degrees, while approximately half of the unemployed and retirees were in favor of a royal pardon.

Democrat Party MP Thepthai Senpong said his main coalition party wanted to remind the red shirts to heed criticism

about the appropriateness of the signature campaign.

"Righteousness and appropriateness are two key issues the red shirts should carefully consider before proceeding any further to submit the petition asking for a royal pardon on Thaksin's behalf," he said.

Mr Thepthai was reacting to speculation the red shirts had already gathered a million signatures.

He said the content of the draft petition contained statements which insulted the judicial review done under the name of HM The King.

Senator Prasarn Maruekhatipak said it was wrong to compare the signature campaign carried out on Thaksin's behalf and the tradition of sounding a bell to petition the King in the Sukhothai era, as some have suggested.

"In the past, the petition would not have happened because a convict who showed no remorse and was involved in something like the Songkran mayhem would have been beheaded along with family members dating back seven generations," he said.

Source: The Nation

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# Flesh eating fish feast on femmes



By Phil Teese

**W**omen from around the world are flocking to Patong to be eaten alive by flesh-eating fish.

The fish, tiny Nile Tarpia which eat dead skin and foot calluses, are the latest in cutting-edge beauty treatments.

The Absolute Bar in Soi Bangla has one of the first 'fish spas' in Thailand where clients can soak their feet in tanks containing more than 6,000 of the piranha-like fish.

The tiny fish chomp away, sucking off dead skin flakes, bacteria and germs, leaving customers' feet softer, sanitized and sweeter smelling.

The half-hour treatment only costs 200 baht and includes a neck and shoulder massage as well as a foot massage.

The fish, which are only about an inch long, have a voracious appetite and will eat just about everything.

Importantly, the hungry freshwater species have no teeth, so there is no risk of them eating your feet down to the bone.

The fish were first imported into Thailand in 1966, but their foot-cleaning talents have only recently been discovered.

The 6,000 fish in each of the three tanks at the Absolute Bar, but because they have a lifespan of only about two months 2,000



Australian tourist Navine Mackay and *Gazette* reporter 'Riz' Tanaakarachod being 'eaten' alive in Soi Bangla.

new fish need to be added to the tanks each week.

Navine Mackay, from Townsville in northern Australia, described the flesh-eating fish treatment as 'divinely ticklish'.

"For the first few seconds it tickles, but after that, it is very soothing," she said.

"I first heard about these

fish on an episode of the TV show, 'Ugly Betty', and when I saw them in Phuket, I just had to have a go," she said.

Navine said after her treatment, her feet felt much softer and fresher.

"It was great to kick back with a cocktail and let the fish work their magic," she said.



## Rolly rolls over on land for new road

Rolly Tasker Sails Co Ltd donated eight rai of land to the state for construction of a second airport road.

Mr Tasker, an Australian sailing legend, handed over the title deeds to Phuket Governor Wichai Praisangop at a ceremony at Phuket Provincial Hall, July 14.

Gov Wichai has pushed the new new airport road project since taking office earlier this year.

The new road would run parallel to Thepkasattri Rd for about 20 kilometers and cost an estimated 400 million baht, not including land acquisition costs.

Gov Wichai said the development project has been widely accepted by the public, with numerous land donations since it was first announced in late June.

So far, 12 land owners have handed over title deeds and related documents.

A large majority of the land needed to push through the Governor's new road project is owned by the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand.

However, the proposed route also cuts through 210 plots

of private land, 177 in Thalang district and 33 in Muang District.

Mr Tasker a 17-year resident of Phuket and owner of Rolly Tasker Sail Company on Chao Fah East Rd, said he wanted to help Gov Wichai deal with traffic issues facing Phuket.

"When I heard about the land donation to support the Governor's project, I did not hesitate to donate my land," he said.

Mr Tasker also showed Gov Wichai plans for his company's land to be separated into two plots, with the proposed new road dividing his holdings.

However, Governor Wichai admitted some owners had refused to hand over their lands without compensation and were embroiled in court battles.

Governor Wichai said he would meet land owners personally to try and resolve the dispute.

Mr Tasker also announced that his plans to open another sail making facility in Phuket would not be affected by the new road.

He expects his new factory to be completed within two years.

"The new road will not impact my new factory in the future," he said.

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# Wonton pleasures of Hong Kong

## CHEAP eats

By Dan Waites

There is something rather pathetic about the dumpling. Whether swimming in stew, floundering in broth or drowning in tomato sauce, their fate is the same.

They float helplessly in the drink. Then, with grim inevitability, they are scooped to their doom.

Adults sometimes refer to fat children as 'dumplings'.

While this is meant to mean, "You are small and cute and round," the more angst-ridden child will hear this as, "You will float helplessly through life before being eaten alive at a young age."

But perhaps I'm being a little unfair on the humble dumpling. For it has conquered the world.

There is barely a nation on earth not serving up some variation on the theme of 'lumps of boiled dough, with or without filling'.

The Georgians, the Jews, the Jamaicans, the Germans. They all eat 'em.

But no race has done more to spread the gospel of the dumpling than the Chinese.

Variations on Chinese 'jiaozi' and 'wonton' are eaten all over Asia.

In Phuket, this most Chinese of Thai towns, 'mee giao' (egg noodle and dumpling soup) stalls are as common as 7-Elevens.

The Thais have adopted the dish to suit their tastes, of course.

But the Chinese have recently staged a re-invasion of sorts, with the opening of Hong Kong Noodles, in the heart of Phuket Town, just off Namphu Circle on Bangkok Road.

Here you'll find egg noodle and dumpling soup, Hong Kong style.

It's a different take on the

classic dish to what you'll get at, say, the yellow 'Chai See' stalls which dot Thai roadsides.

Real 'mee giao' addicts will surely want to give it a go.

So what's the deal?

Well, we'd better start with the chef.

Herman Yip Heung Tang was born and raised in Hong Kong and has been serving up Cantonese cuisine all his life.

So authenticity isn't a worry.

"You can get this sort of food all over Phuket, but if you want real Hong Kong-style noodles, you've got to come here," he says.

There's admittedly not much to look at in Hong Kong Noodle.

Gray walls. Metallic furniture. Two massive air conditioning units hanging at the back of the room.

The menu is just as basic, consisting of just six dishes.

But this is a good thing.

Give me a single page menu with six good dishes to choose from over a Byzantine telephone directory any day.

And service is instant – this is, after all, fast food, Hong Kong style.

One thing to note. Although the menu uses the word 'wonton', the dumplings served here are the type known as 'gaau' in Cantonese – or 'giao', 'gyoza' or 'jiaozi', depending on what corner of Asia you grew up in.

Wontons are round. The dumplings here are crimped, giving them a ridge, and they're made of thicker, chewier dough.

I presume this won't bother you too much. But don't say I didn't warn you.

Let's start with the wonton noodle – or 'Egg noodles with Wontons HK soups' [sic] as the menu has it – the *sine qua non* of any Cantonese noodle joint.

You can have the dish 'dry', without the soup, if you wish. But that's a bit like asking for a sandwich without the bread.

It's proper to eat the noodles



**Chef Herman Yip Heung Tang shows off his wonton noodles.**

first, then the dumplings.

Otherwise the noodles get too soft – a no-no for the discerning Hong Kong noodlehead.

The broth is light and delicately flavored, in contrast to the richer brew you might be used to in Thailand.

Herman boils up pork bones, chicken bones, shrimp shells, dried fish and shark bones for 12 hours to make it.

"I probably shouldn't have told you about the shark bones," he says.

"Is that because of the ethical issues surrounding eating shark?" I ask.

"No," he says. "It's the secret ingredient."

"Can we print that?" I ask.

"Yes," he says. I wonder if Herman's idea of 'secret' is the same as mine.

Presumably he isn't overly concerned about the threat of *Gazette* readers starting their own Hong Kong noodle shops.

The noodles are finer and less strongly flavored than standard Thai egg noodles. This is to allow the taste of the broth to cut through.

The dumplings are, of course, the stars of the show.

Stuffed with pork, shrimp,



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Wonton noodle soup, choy sum with oyster sauce, fried wontons, deep fried cuttlefish balls.**

mushrooms and cloud ear fungus – nearly tasteless, but added for a certain crunchiness it provides – each is a highly satisfying mouthful.

You will be sad when they are gone.

The broth is rounded off with fresh green leaves and garlic chives for added zing.

It's a truly delicious bowlful. At 50 baht, slightly more pricey than standard 'mee giao', but easily worth the extra coins for the freshness of the ingredients and sheer novelty.

Also on the menu are egg noodles with stewed beef or pork leg, for those who need more red meat in their belly.

The *Gazette* is treated to the stewed beef. Sweet and thoroughly tender, this variation comes recommended.

The other variation on the dumpling theme – common the world over – is fried dumplings. They're expertly cooked – crisp, but not dry.

We also try 'choy sum with oyster sauce', which is a healthy

accompaniment to the noodle dishes for those who want to keep things balanced.

It's plain and simple stuff. Fresh Chinese cabbage stems in soy sauce, full of iron and salty flavor. What's not to like?

A special dish, not on the standard menu, is also worthy of mention: 'deep fried cuttlefish balls'.

Herman minces the cuttlefish before forming it into balls and deep frying them. Both juicy and yielding, they are a challenge to all those chefs dishing out rubbery fried calamari the island over.

Dishes are best taken with a glass of tea on the side – lemon, milk or chrysanthemum – to leave you feeling fully refreshed.

It's unlikely – unless you're feeling really greedy – that your bill will rise much over 100 baht.

Anyone who appreciates a bowl of hearty Chinese broth is urged to try Hong Kong Noodles.

Though it's the noodles that get the credit, score yet another victory for the humble dumpling.

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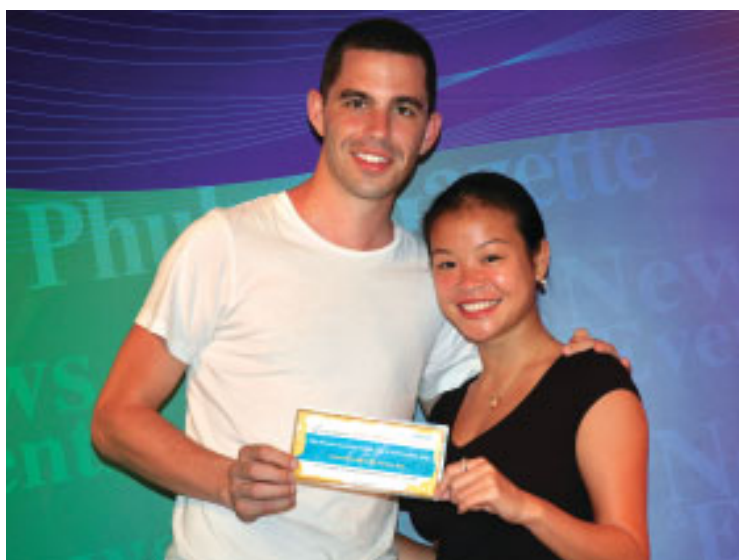
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# Phuket Lifestyle in focus



**A**mateur photographer Stijn te Strake snapped his girlfriend Lin Siu Yin Katharina (right) at Nai Harn beach last year. The photograph, titled *Sunset Jump*, was awarded first place in the *Phuket Gazette* Amateur Photo Contest and has earned the couple three nights of luxury and indulgence at the Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa in Rawai during the Six Senses Phuket Raceweek Regatta.

Mr Strake said he and Lin Siu had holidayed in Phuket for the past five years, and he took the picture on Nai Harn Beach when they were on vacation here last year.

Coincidentally, Mr Strake and Ms Lin Siu have been in Phuket on their annual break since July 9, and originally planned to leave on Wednesday.

"This is great," said Mr Strake. "We will extend our stay for a few days and enjoy the Six Senses Race Week."



A total of 32 photographs were submitted for the *Phuket Gazette* Six Senses Amateur Photo Contest under the theme 'Phuket Lifestyle', giving contestants a broad scope of subject matter to choose from. Photo entries ranged from dramatic sunsets and street scenes to wild parties and parades in Patong, and plain old people.

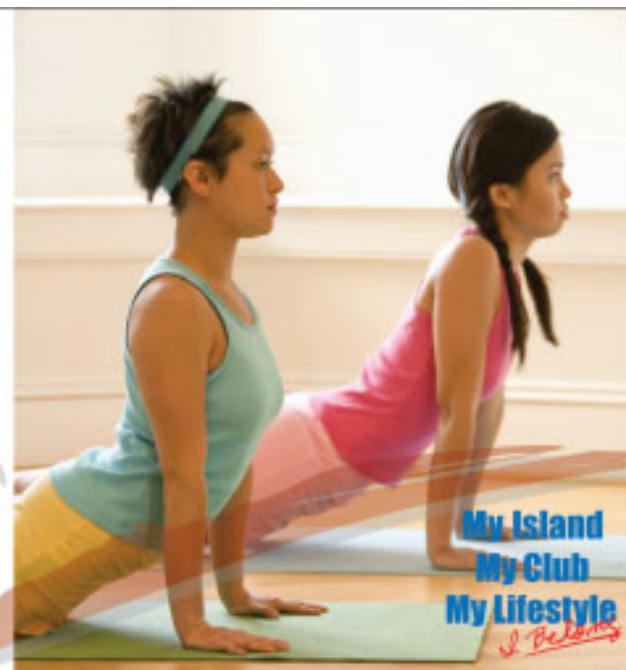
A panel of nine judges voted on the submissions. *Sunset Jump* by Stijn te Strake was a clear winner for the theme but it was closely followed by *Vegetarian Festival 2008* taken by Pavel Grankin; *Sea Gypsie Kids Playing* by Axel Jehangir; *Rawai Sunset* by Narong Rattanya; and *Jetski* by Brian Cole.

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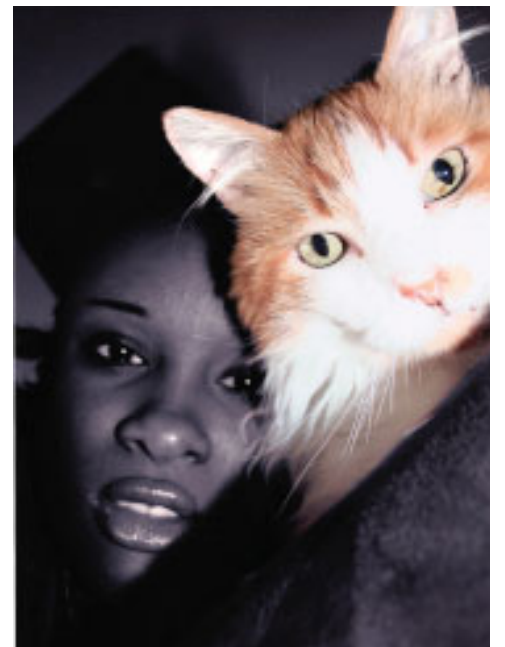






Second place went to *Vegetarian Festival 2008* (top left) by Pavel Grankin, third place was awarded to *Sea Gypsy Kids Playing* (above) by Axel Jehangir, fourth went to *Rawai Sunset* (top right) by Narong Rattanaya, and fifth place was given to *Jet ski* by Brian Cole.

Entries also worthy of special mentions are *Phuket Gay Pride Parade* by Gary Kirk, taken in April 2005; *Two in the Same* (right) by Brooke Berry, and *Fish* by Shane Smith, taken off Phi-Phi Lei.



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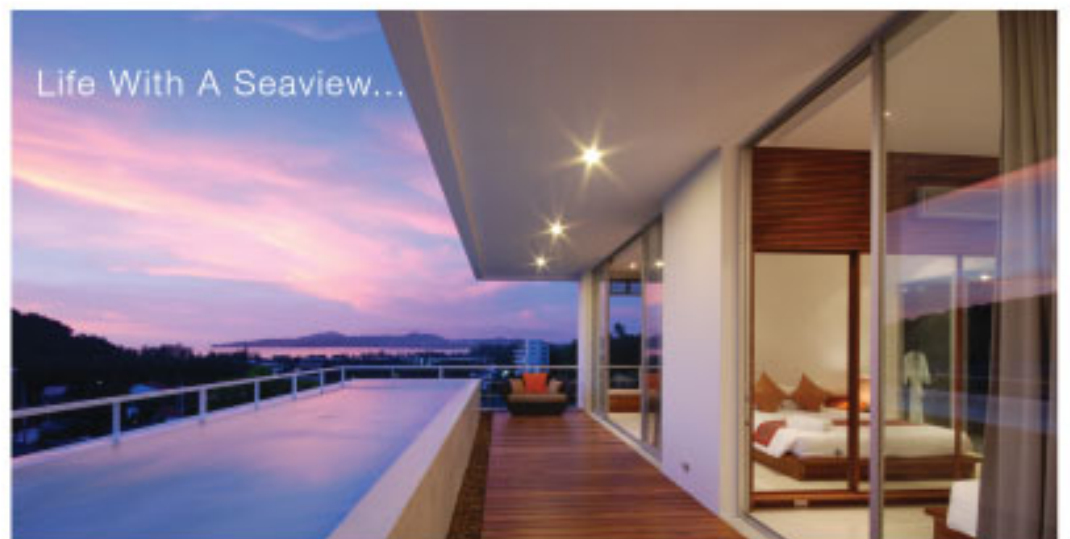
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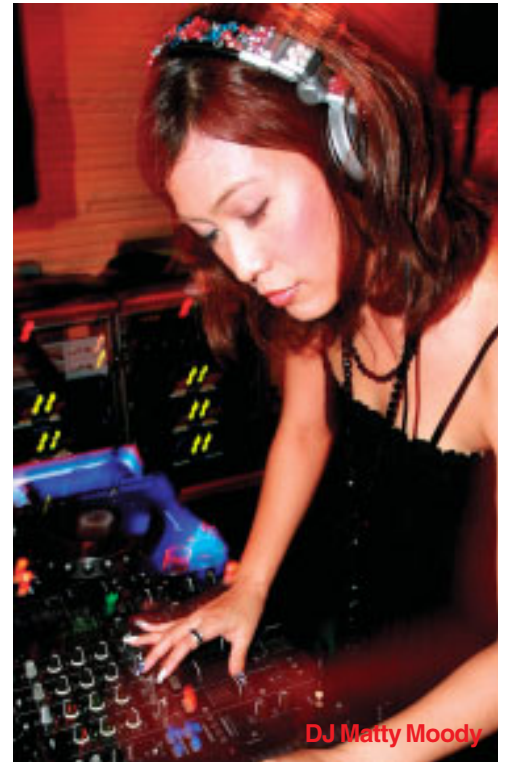
DJ Mysterious



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DJ Matty Moody

**F**ive female DJs popped into Phuket last week to show off their turntable talents with an afternoon workshop for aspiring DJs and live, late-night performances last Saturday at Hung Fats, Kalim Beach, followed by an after party until the early hours at the newly opened Sound Phuket night club.

The five, Phearry (aka DJ Mysterious), Gee, Matty Moody, Tokyo and June, were winners of The Pioneer Lady Pro DJ contest recently held in Bangkok and brought to Phuket by b95FM.

All five like to pump out techno tunes with tempos of around 135 beats per minute (bpm). Phearry, however, prefers to belt out progressive and trance tracks, taking her tempos beyond 140bpm. She was last to perform her set on Saturday, bringing the evening to a climatic end.

DJ Gee does house, minimal and techno and says she still gets nervous before performances. Matty Moody also does house but likes to get funky and take revelers back in time with a bit of retro. Tokyo is a house addict, too, but branches into electro.

Tokyo's first decks were Pioneer CDJ 800s and her first performance was at a Barcardi party. June has been spinning for five years and took up house just last year.

Photos by Tommy



DJ Tokyo

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## EXPAT GALLERY

## Alan Cooke MBE

Alan has made so many contributions to Phuket that it's difficult to know which to mention first. Perhaps he is best known for his outstanding service as the British Honorary Consul during the 2004 tsunami when he coordinated the massive relief efforts for which he was later honored by Her Majesty the Queen.

His intention when he moved to Phuket in 1994 was to retire from "real life" and run Hash and drink beer. But in the past fifteen years he has built Island Furniture, Phuket's top choice for quality furnishings, and The Courtyard, a 31-unit office/shopping center.

He co-founded the British Business Association, well known for its many charitable fund raising events, and was retained as a technical adviser to the Royal Phuket Marina.

He was also founding president of the Marine Alliance of Thailand which successfully worked with the Thai Ministry of Tourism and Sports to reduce the import duties on boats from 47 per cent to zero, thereby breathing life into Phuket's then fledgling marine services and recreational yachting industries.

And now Alan is working to establish a cricket ground on the island by donating ten rai of land that the sport can call home.

It wouldn't have seemed that the young Alan Cooke would have such an enterprising life. He grew up in war-torn London.

"My education was frequently interrupted by the war. I recall as a small child the blitz and V2 bombs hitting London. Many people had to sleep in the Underground. Even after the war, life was difficult. We had rationing up till 1954."

Alan left school at 15 and joined the Royal Engineers two years later to work on his education. He was adventurous and volunteered for everything. This led him to qualify as an RN diver, one of only six in the British Army. He also joined the Airborne Forces and served (by battling up the beaches) in the Suez Crisis in 1956.

On his discharge from the Army, Alan began his long and interesting career as an underwater construction diver and manager of international marine construction projects.

Since 1956, he has only worked in his native UK for six months (as a technical adviser to the Channel Tunnel marine works), and was working abroad for three years before that.

Alan has worked on marine projects in Libya, Ghana, Cyprus, the Seychelles, Indonesia, the Bahamas and Dubai. He was

working in Kuwait during the Iraqi invasion in 1989 and made his escape, on the second attempt, across the desert to Saudi Arabia. He first came to Phuket (for the construction of the Deep Water Port) in 1986.

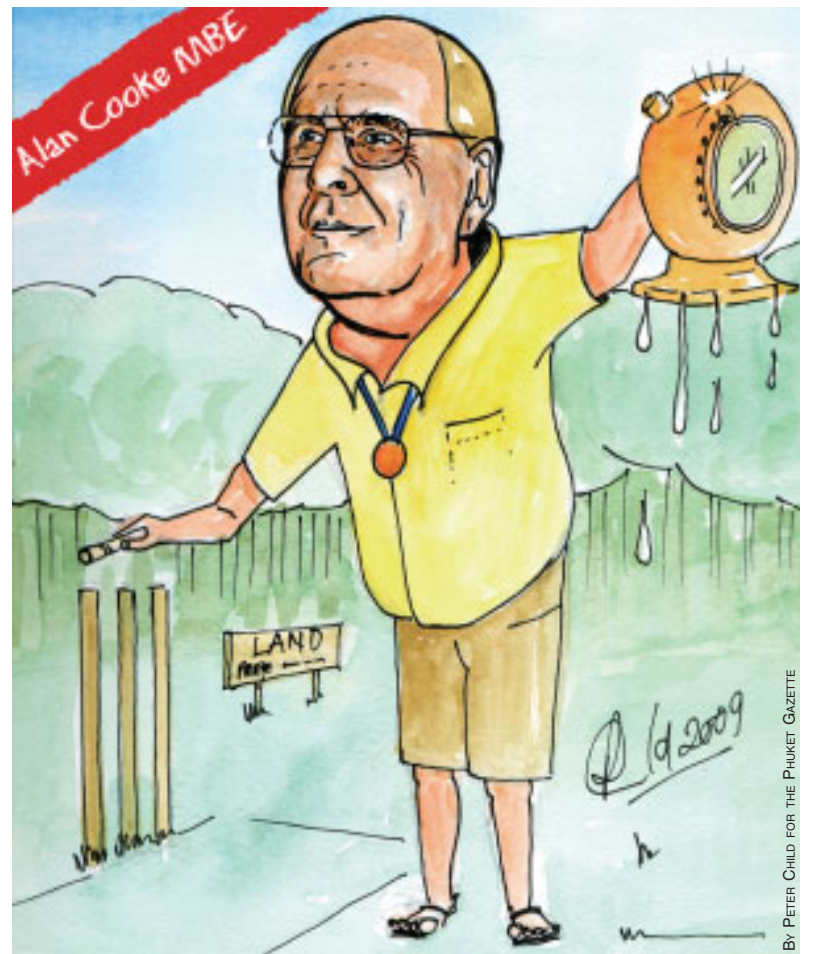
"I was comfortable with Phuket when I first arrived here, but there wasn't a lot for an expat to do, so I founded the Phuket Hash House Harriers, a running group with an international membership", now expanded to six different types of hash.

An experienced hasher, the Grandmaster, using his previously given Hash name "Dubai", started with 30 bemused members in 1986, and today up to 150 hashers run trails around the island every week.

In April, 2001, Alan was invited to represent the British Embassy on Phuket, a post he held until retirement last year. In addition to his valuable work in that role during the post-tsunami period, he was quick to arrive at the scene of the 1-2-Go crash at Phuket International Airport where he worked to identify bodies, assisting the authorities and the families of victims.

As a keen cricketer, Alan is now working hard to develop a cricket ground to leave as his legacy to Phuket. Time will tell if this dream can be brought to fruition. That said, with his record of successful projects one would not be terribly surprised if the 'Alan Cooke Ground' were soon to become available.

— Bruce Stanley



By PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

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Dusit Laguna general manager Peter Komposch, with Deputy Governor Smith Palawatvichai and Austrian Ambassador Arno Riedel.

## Auf wiedersein

THE general manager of the Dusit Laguna, Peter Komposch and his wife Elanor hosted a farewell party for Austrian Ambassador Arno Riedel on Saturday night.

Dozens of people, including British Honorary Consul Martin Carpenter, turned out to say their goodbyes to Mr Riedel and his wife Lorena who are leaving Thailand after spending four years in the Land of Smiles.

Mr Riedel said he was sad to be leaving the many friends he and Lorena had made in Thailand. Photos by Dan Miles.



Anne Nion and Kwan Sanksuwaw.



Honorary British Consul Martin Carpenter, with wife Lillyan and friend Noi.



Yin Praewprawlin couldn't resist the nibbles.



Nung Choldawalit was stunning in blue.



MY OTHER CAR IS A PORSCHE: A fleet of 20 Porsches cruised into Phuket last week. The drivers were members of the Porsche Club of Singapore. During their stay, the club members made donations at local schools, but finding Phuket's roads too congested to have any real fun in their fast cars, they got their speed fix at Kathu Go Kart circuit, instead.



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# Fifty years of Mini madness



By Jeff Heselwood

In August 1959, a young school kid went along to the local British Motor Corporation dealer to check out the new automobile, the Austin 7 or Morris Mini-Minor.

A shade over 10 feet long and with a wheel at each corner, the tiny car was designer Alec Issigonis' answer to the Suez Canal-induced fuel crisis of the 50s.

Egypt had closed the Suez canal, Syria cut the oil pipeline in its country and the general conflict in the Middle East led to a serious gasoline shortage in Europe.

Sir Leonard Lord, chairman of BMC, asked a designer named Issigonis to produce a car which would see off the tiny bubble cars coming out of Italy and Germany, including the Isetta and Messerschmidt two-seaters.

Issigonis was working for the Alvis car company at the time but took up the offer and set-off on his 'mini adventure'.

The Austin 7's suspension, a product of Alec Moulton's fertile mind, was made of rubber with petite 10-inch wheels, a boot-lid hinged at the bottom, sliding front door windows and simple cords in place of door handles.

The Austin 7's engine was the familiar A-series, which first saw the light of day more than 10 years earlier.

But in the Austin 7, the engine was turned sideways and mated to a gearbox in the sump, which shared its lubrication oil.

Drum brakes and all round power went through the minuscule front wheels making the Austin 7 a machine to behold.

The package provided plenty of space inside for four people with minimal exterior dimensions and came at a very affordable price.

The Ford Motor Company



After 50 years the iconic Mini continues to be modified and appear in movies and stunt shows. Even British designer Paul Smith (center) has one.

bought one of the Austin 7's, stripped it to its individual components, and concluded that BMC was losing at least £30 on every car it sold.

The Mini then spawned an estate version, named the Countryman which had wooden framework around the exterior, and a 'Mini-van' which, because it was classified as a commercial vehicle, escaped taxation and sold for a little more than £300 (about 16,440 baht).

Wolseley and Riley spin-off versions were also released on the market, each with an extended luggage compartment and a more luxurious interior as well as distinctive front grills.

A number of tuning and coach building companies throughout the UK modified Mini's with some flash new paint jobs, electric windows and leather interiors.

Some also upped the power to unprecedented levels.

Mechanic, John Cooper, of Cooper Car Company fame, was so successful, an official Mini Cooper was eventually produced and named after him.

Initially, the Mini Cooper was fitted with a 997cc engine, which grew, first to 1071cc, and then to 1275cc, and named the Cooper S.

The Cooper S dominated the racing circuit at the time, and Ulsterman, Paddy Hopkirk, won the 1964 Monte Carlo Rally in a Cooper S.

The Mini's love affair with

success on the track came to a grinding halt when Ford and Lotus joined forces and released the Lotus Cortina.

But everyone loved the Mini and sales continued to skyrocket.

The Beatles had them, Mary Quant had one, comedians Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers each drove one, and even Lord Snowdon was a Mini owner.

The Mini became a

classless icon and, in the 1960s, the 'Flower Power' generation adopted it with gusto.

Mini's were decorated, fêted, ridiculed, used in stunts and starred in films like *The Italian Job* which starred Michael Caine as a daring bank robber who used a fleet of Minis to pull off one of Europe's biggest robberies.

Action scenes from that movie are considered classics.

The latest BMW-produced Mini is anything but 'mini', but the legend lives on.

Issigonis, acquired British nationality early in his life and shortly before his death in 1988, he became 'Sir Alec' in recognition of his achievements.

In 2006, Mini owners in Gaydon, England, marked the centenary of Issigonis' birthday with a rally.



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# The technology keeping us safe

Airport security measures are the bane of many travelers' lives, but, hold on, help is at hand through new technology.

At least that is what the authorities at JFK Airport in New York are telling travelers as they pass through the rigorous security measures there.

While waiting to go through security (everything out of pockets, belt off, shoes off) at JFK this writer spied two interesting notices.

The first informed travelers that the JFK authorities were working on technology to allow full body scanning without taking off your shoes, belt and jackets.

The second said they were working on technology that would allow computers to pass through the scanners in bags.

How long this will take is anyone's guess, but it does show that the US authorities are working on streamlining the strict security measures that they – quite rightly given September 11 and continued threats – have put in place.

Which brings us to the whole issue of biotechnology, which is being used by airports for security, health and safety and legal reasons to track people.

The best examples of biotechnology safeguarding both travelers and civilian populations are the SARS, bird flu and now A(H1N1) influenza cases.

In this regard Thailand is a very active leading exponent.

When SARS hit six years ago, Thai Airways introduced some of the most stringent measures of any airline, winning

praise from the World Health Organization at the time.

Now, with the H1N1 virus, THAI has again taken the lead by introducing deep cleaning and fumigation of aircraft on flights from 15 high-risk countries.

It is also changing the on-board True Hepa air filters more regularly.

These filters are used in hospital surgical units and ensure air is 99.999% particle-free and pure.

The irony is that no H1N1 has been officially reported on any commercial airlines.

It was the same with SARS. The infections have either occurred at the source (Mexico in the case of H1N1 and China in the case of SARS) or when people have arrived at the end of the flight – but not in flight.

Still, you can never take enough precautions, which is what THAI and the airports controlled by Airports of Thailand have been doing, using thermal scanners to screen arrivals at airports.

At Phuket International Airport they have been scrubbing and cleaning to ensure an H1N1-free airport.

In fact the *Phuket Gazette* reported PIA had advised travelers to sing "Happy Birthday," a song that takes the same amount of time (20 seconds) as it does to wash and dry your hands, one of the best things you can do to guard against H1N1.

So take heart. The security measures in places like the US may get less onerous soon and in Thailand the measures to combat the so-called pandemics are well in hand.

## Talking Planes



by  
Alistair Carthew



A quarantine officer monitors travellers with a thermographic device at an arrival gate at Suvarnabhumi airport in Bangkok on 27 April. Thailand set up thermal scanners at Bangkok's main airport and halted pork product imports from Mexico and the United States as authorities acted against the spread of swine flu. Photo: AFP / Nicolas Asfour.

## Airline food can be 'decidedly dodgy'

There have been many jokes about airline food.

Here's one.

I was on a seven-hour flight to Hong Kong once and tried to get some shut-eye.

The stewardess, woke me to ask if I wanted dinner.

"What are my choices?"

I asked.

"Yes or no," she answered.

In a recent survey in the US, 40 per cent of people questioned said an on-board, full meal was the service they valued the most.

In other words, people want value for money by having a good meal included in the price of their airline ticket.

In this regard, the survey, by SeatGuru, a popular US-based website which provides information about airplane seating (another top priority for long distant flights) showed that Asian carriers like Cathay, Singapore Airlines and Thai Airways all offered pretty good food.

But they are generally long haul international carriers, whereas the US domestic market, by far one of the world's biggest, has a multitude of large carriers flying distances of no more than five or six hours within the US.

Travelers on these carriers are not so well off when it comes to food.

The SeatGuru survey found US airline food offerings, if they have any at all, are decidedly dodgy.

American Airlines, United Airlines, US Airways and Delta Air Lines topped the rankings in the worst food category, while the best food came from Singapore Airlines, British Airways, Continental and, of course, Air France.

Some of the US airlines named are, understandably, disputing the findings.

They quite rightly point out that you are not going to get a full meal on a flight from New York to Dallas because the journey is too short.

Many low-cost carriers now sell the food they serve.

Some of it is not bad and reasonably priced, but at the end of the day, the customer still looks for something a little better in their airline food, which will continue to be the butt of jokes no matter how hard the airlines try to do better.

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## Upcoming events on the island

## Swiss Day and We Know How – August 1



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#### Until August 30 daily at Canal Village Laguna Phuket

Designed to satisfy both kids and parents, the resort is offering a daily Kid's Summer Fun program from 2-5pm, followed by a casual BBQ and beer garden at Laguna's Canal Shopping Village where major international sporting events, such as The Ashes cricket series, will be televised on projection screens.

The Kid's Summer Fun program incorporates a different activity each day from 2-5pm including: whacky games, which are non-skill specific games and races; ten pin bowling (off site); sports clinics with experienced instructors in golf, football and tennis; treasure hunts, mini-golf (off-site), rock climbing and outdoor adventure activities. For parents to truly relax and unwind while their children are kept busy, the Banyan Tree Spa and Angsana Spas at Allamanda and Laguna Beach Resort offers generous discounts of more than 50% off spa treatments. Laguna Phuket Golf Club offers 'buy one get one free' on bags of 50 golf balls for the driving range daily between 2-5pm. Plus, the Laguna hotels all offer an array of family friendly food and beverage promotions during the Summer Family Festival at Laguna Phuket.

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

From 10am until noon, at Sandwich Shoppe Chalong. For further information contact Woody Leonhard. T: 076-290468. E: [woody@KhunWoody.com](mailto:woody@KhunWoody.com). W: [www.KhunWoody.com](http://www.KhunWoody.com).

#### July 22 – 26. Six Senses Phuket Raceweek

Six Senses Phuket Raceweek is a yachting regatta staged off Phuket's southwest coast in the windy monsoon season. Offering four days of world-class yacht racing across seven classes, combined with five nights of fantastic five-star beach side parties, Raceweek attracts yachts, skippers, crew and party animals from around the world. Whether you come to race your own yacht, charter a local yacht to race, find a crew place on someone else's yacht or just enjoy the parties, this is one of the most glittering sailing events in Southeast Asia. Check out our website, including the 'crew wanted' pages – someone is always short of crew. From 10am to 12am at the Evason Phuket & Six Senses Spa. For further information contact Grenville Fordham. T: 076-264491. E: [raceweek@image-asia.com](mailto:raceweek@image-asia.com). W: [www.phuketraceweek.com](http://www.phuketraceweek.com).

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

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

#### August 14 – 16. Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series – King of the Jungle

This is the second event in the 2009 Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series (TSS). Under the rules of the International Surfing Association, TSS will become part of the Asian Surfing Championship ranking system, offering a platform for Thai surfers to compete with other Asian surfers in meets around the region. The events expect to have participants from 15 countries and will feature four divisions: short board, long board, groms (kids), and women. The TSS is organized by the Phuket Boardriders Club and sponsored by government and local businesses. From 7am to 6pm at Kamala Beach. For further information contact Phuket Boardriders Club. T: 081-956 5854. E: [joob@phuketboardriders.com](mailto:joob@phuketboardriders.com). W: [www.thaisurfseries.com](http://www.thaisurfseries.com).

#### September 24 – 26. Phuket International Hospitality Show

This is the first international hospitality exhibition of the best food and drink, hotel, bakery, restaurant and food service equipment, supplies and services for the hospitality industry for Phuket and the nearby provinces of Krabi, Phang Nga and Surat Thani. The show com-

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#### October 4. End of Buddhist Lent Day (Ok Pansa)

On this day, the three-month rain retreat for Buddhist Lent (Khao Pansa) is over for the monks.

#### October 23. Chulalongkorn Day

Chulalongkorn Day commemorates the reign of Rama V, who is best remembered for abolishing slavery in Thailand.

#### November 2. Loy Krathong Festival

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## ON THE MOVE

**Ms Nadja Savitskaja** has joined the sales and marketing team at Indigo Pearl Resort. Her major duties will be managing sales for the resort, with a focus on travel agencies. From Russia, Ms Savitskaja has been living and working in Phuket since the beginning of 2009. Before joining Indigo Pearl Resort, Ms Savitskaja worked for the newly established English language TV channel TV Phuket, where she managed the sales and marketing department.



**Mr Juan Carlos Torres** is proud to present the new Cha3 Latino Pub and Restaurant. A native of Ecuador, Juan Carlos first came to Phuket two-and-a-half years ago and since then has worked as an executive chef at a number of the island's restaurants including El Toro at the Boat Lagoon. Before opening his own establishment, Juan Carlos worked as an executive chef at the Novotel Phuket Beach Resort Panwa.



**Miss Sirisri Bilyamae** was recently promoted to the position of Guest Service Manager at Laguna Holiday Club Phuket. Prior to her promotion, Miss Sirisri worked at Laguna Holiday Club and Laguna Phuket Holiday Residences for two years as guest service agent. Originally from Songkhla, Miss Sirisri's new duties include handling and co-ordinating all relevant departments in order to serve the resort's guests to the standards set by the company.



# The glass is still half empty



## MONEY TALKS

By Richard Watson

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**M**any analysts and observers saw the rise in global equity markets that started in March as the first sign that the global economy was going to emerge from recession.

The rise, which was substantial, lasted until the end of May.

In June we saw a more sideways trend.

The unemployment figures released at the beginning of July in the US, however, showed the numbers were still rising, and at a faster rate than had been anticipated.

Unemployment now stands at 9.5 percent, the highest since 1983.

The proverbial glass went from half full to half empty.

Even Joe Biden, the US Vice President, admitted the Obama administration underesti-

mated the severity of the economic problem.

There is now much discussion about a second stimulus package for the US.

It would seem logical for the US dollar to fall in value with this news.

In fact, the opposite happened.

The reasons for this are complex but, basically, the worse the outlook the more it favors the US dollar.

Risk is reduced and in this scenario money moves back into US dollars as a 'safe haven'. The Japanese yen also acts as a magnet for capital.

Stockmarkets fall and currencies such as the Australian dollar, New Zealand dollar and sterling drop in value.

Even the euro is not looked upon as a safe haven and feels some selling pressure.

The Chinese publicly renewed their concerns about the US dollar and were joined by statements from Russia and India which supported their thinking.

China has a large percentage of its US\$1.95 trillion in foreign exchange reserves invested in US dollar assets.

It is obviously not in China's interests to see the US dollar fall in value.

However, China is playing a different game; it is repeatedly drawing the world's focus away from China's currency value to that of the US.

Readers may remember

that prior to the current global crisis the US was frequently prodding China to allow the Chinese currency, the yuan, to appreciate in value.

Now the Chinese have shifted the discussion to the state of the US economy, its debt levels and the country's huge budget deficits.

Meanwhile, the Chinese currency appears to be stuck like glue to the value of the US dollar.

The Chinese have been successful in placing the US on the defensive and discussions on the value of the Chinese yuan seem to have disappeared.

The Russians entered the global financial crisis with large foreign exchange reserves of almost US\$600 billion.

This helped them counter some of the worst effects of the current recession, although the Russian economy has still been badly affected.

The Russians again found that the US was a perfect scapegoat for their problems.

These countries are calling for a global currency other than the US dollar; unfortunately, there are no alternatives.

The euro is certainly not placed to assist meaningfully in this regard. The European Union is also suffering during this crisis and, in fact with unemployment at 9.5 percent, is in an identical position to the US.

Neither the Chinese yuan nor the Russian rouble is well placed to form part of any currency bloc as neither currency is even internationally convertible.

The Chinese are making the first moves towards convertibility. They are allowing trade between Hong Kong and the main-



**RUNNING ON EMPTY:** A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images/AFP.

land to be settled in yuan.

It will take years before full convertibility is achieved.

It is unclear if this is even a Chinese ambition.

Meanwhile, there is a growing realization that the global economy is not going to recover in 2009 and 2010 is increasingly being touted as the year of recovery.

This places many global stockmarkets in a difficult position; the sharp rise in values from March to May this year means there are very few bargains out there.

In fact, many stockmarkets look expensive considering that

corporate profits are likely to be under pressure. Another indicator that all may not be well with the global economy is oil prices.

Oil prices have fallen from mid-US\$70s levels to just over US\$60 in a very short space of time as the realization has dawned that stockpiles are larger than expected.

Normally, July is the start of the 'US driving season', when families travel on holiday.

This leads to higher consumption of gas/oil and higher prices.

This year, though, there is lower than expected demand.

Although a second US stimulus package is under consideration, it is unlikely that the full effects of the first stimulus package have had an effect on the economy yet.

In addition, very low interest rates are going to have a positive effect on the economy.

However, until the US housing market reaches bottom it cannot be said that the economy is recovering.

We are certainly not out of the woods yet.

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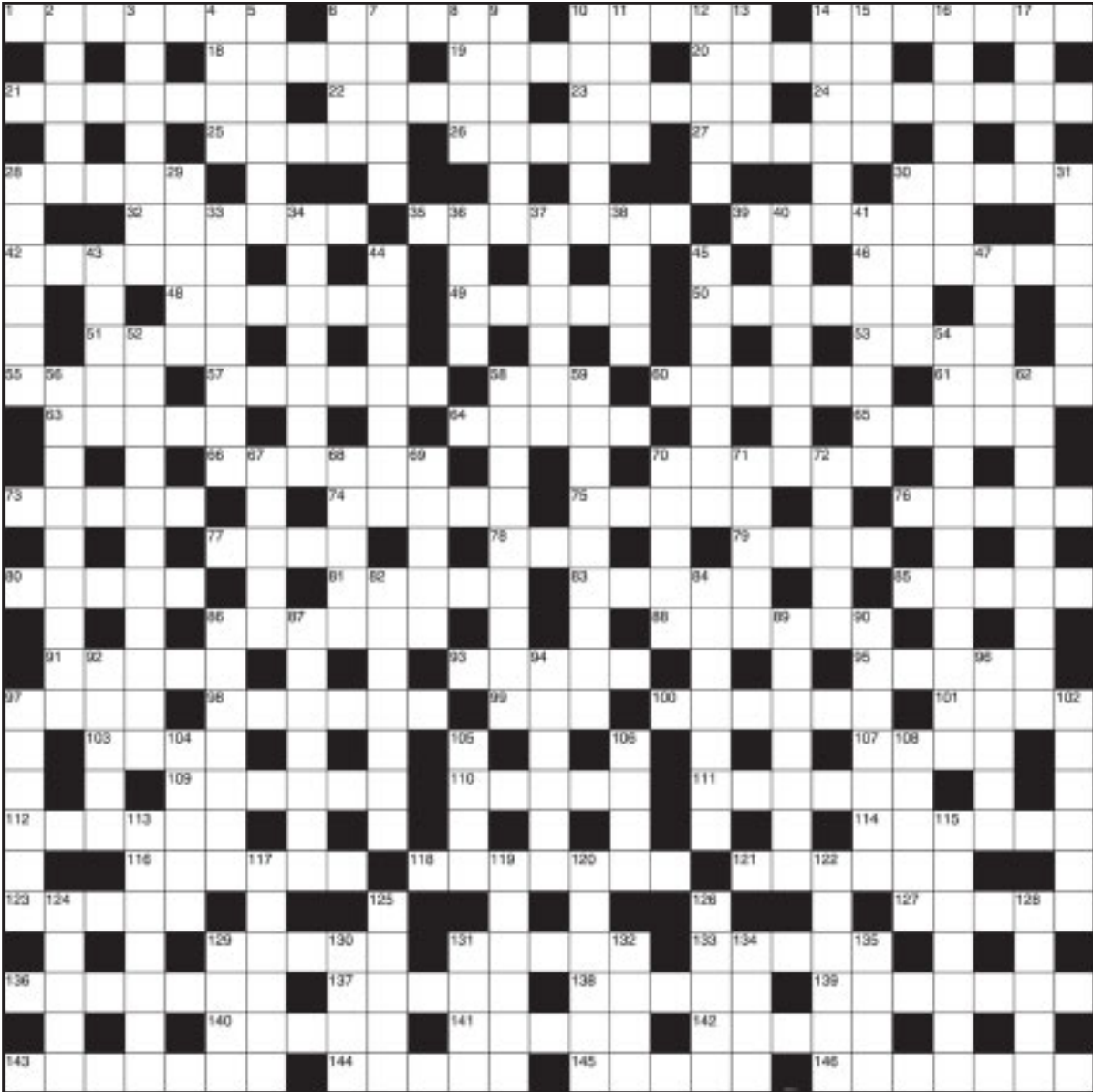
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Across

1. Page formats

6. Monarch

10. Tin or lead

14. Basis

18. Snapshots book

19. Fabricator

20. Coupled

21. Suspension of commerce

22. Regarding

23. Motto

24. Threatens

25. Fuzzy leather

26. Grain stores

27. Epic tales

28. Cult heroes

30. Good judgment, common...

32. Position after seventh

35. Bothered

39. Ancient (3-3)

42. Surges

46. Stating

48. Within reach (2,4)

49. Pigs

50. Curio

51. German Mr

53. Please reply (1,1,1,1)

55. Rate

57. Creeps (towards)

58. Mesh

60. Two-piece swimsuit

61. Father's sister

63. Primp &...

64. Great Lake

65. Prickly desert plants

66. Sealant

70. Span

73. Sweetener

74. Command

75. Elk

76. Absolute

77. Princess Royal

78. Application

79. Cry of relief

80. Deflects,... off

81. More wan

83. Martial arts expert

85. Funny magazine

86. Army dining halls

88. Cold meals

91. Liking

93. Finished

95. Spotless

97. Shout

98. String along (4,2)

99. Gallivant

00. Pierce with spike

101. Expand (of dough)

103. Exited

107. Loch... Monster

109. Sex drive

110. Scam

111. Roman XC

112. Fabled sleeper,... Winkle (3,3)

114. Actor,... Borgnine

116. Motor

118. Reducing car speed

121. Artist's workplace

123. Narrow incisions

127. Fringed

129. Dame Nellie...

131. Put faith in

133. Weepy

136. La Paz is there

137. Potato type

138. Athlete's foot

139. Survive longer than

140. Transparent

141. Unfastened

142. Blunder

143. Coalitions

144. Posts (mail)

145. In... & bounds

146. Paper hankies

Down

2. Bearing weapons

3. Prophecies

4. Manufacturers' labels

5. Slump

6. Rectangular courtyard

7. Shade of brown

8. Large Aussie birds

9. Country

10. Recollection

11. Historical periods

12. Awry

13. Tibetan priest

14. Womanly

15. Dedicatory verses

16. Sad play

17. Wants

28. Suffused

29. Indian instrument

30. Kills

31. Young eagle

33. Garment (1-6)

34. Hypnotic states

36. Inquisitive

37. Director,... Stone

38. Pitcher

40. Overindulging

41. African flightless bird

43. Alternate

44. Clung (to)

45. Comes

47. Contribution

52. Poetic name for Ireland (7,4)

54. Holiday-makers

56. Military jacket tab

58. Tending

59. Goaded

62. Lagos natives

67. Sharpshooter,... Oakley

68. Preserves

69. Ploughs (soil)

70. Chop cuts

71. Kathmandu is there

72. Social fashion

82. Pressurised spray

84. Filling to excess

86. Thawing

87. Mammal (3,4)

89. Averse to

90. Perfumed

92. In total (3,2)

94. Serviette fabric

96. Between pews

97. Longs (for)

102. Delighted

104. Open tarts

105. (From) a distance

106. Garden of Creation

108. Mountain nest

113. Appraising

115. Nodes

117. Standards of perfection

119. Cooking smocks

120. Gradually implant (ideas)

122. Pull from ground

124. Untethered

125. Soldiers' chaplain

126. Unduly high (price)

128. Take place after

129. Small rodents

130. Favouritism

131. Dull heavy sound

132. Sea phase, low...

134. Listening organs

135. Cosmonaut,... Gagarin

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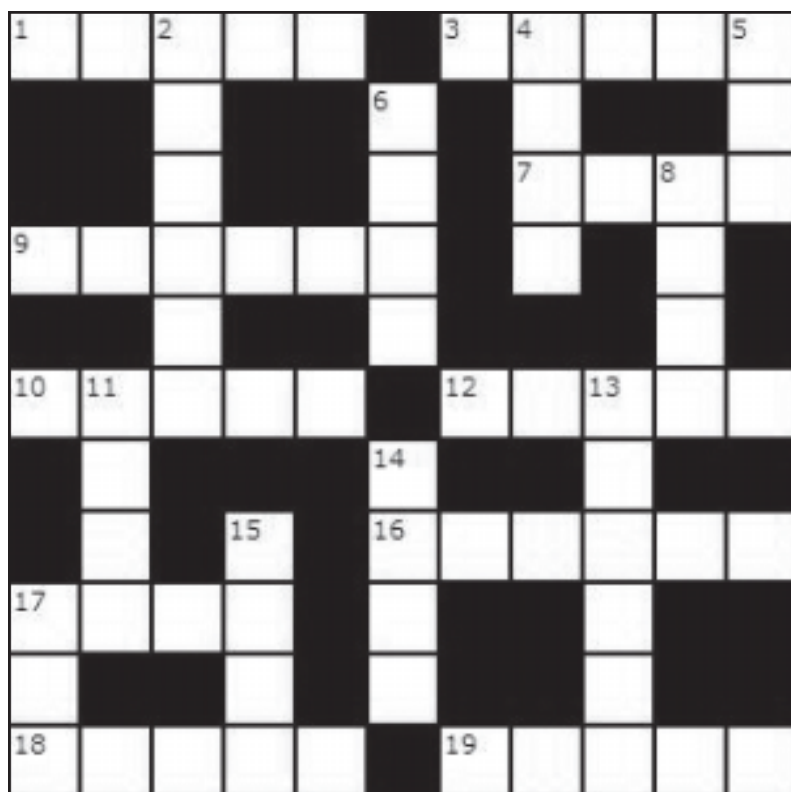
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The principle of Sudoku is very simple: each row, each column and each "box" of nine squares within the puzzle must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9 with, naturally, no repetitions. Guess if you will, but each Sudoku puzzle can be solved using logic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





## Quick Crossword

### Across

1. Places to live
3. Lost and...
7. Comply
9. Fruit
10. The devil
12. Sound
16. Holiday
17. Lazy
18. Unimportant
19. Dance

### Down

2. Humble
4. Instrument
5. When it's light
6. Condiment
8. Test
11. Corrosive
13. Temp
14. Cheese
15. Champion
17. Computer firm

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with the

# MONSTER QUIZ

1. Who wrote the opera *Madam Butterfly*?
2. What links Goa, Kerula, Assam and Bihar?
3. Eric Arthur Blair was the real name of which famous author?
4. A cordwainer is an alternative term for which profession?
5. Which country do Sinologists study?
6. Ruby Stevens became famous under which name?
7. Which non-alcoholic cordial often used in cocktails is made from pomegranates?
8. What is Orchestis – either professional or amateur?
9. What should you see in a Hippodrome?
10. Who wrote the *Man in the Iron Mask*?
11. Which 1993 Disney film starred Bet Middler as a witch?
12. Who piloted the first flight across the English Channel?
13. What was the first James Bond film?
14. What 1991 film won the Oscar for best film?
15. What is the capital of Ethiopia?
16. Asclepios / Aescapalious was the Greek / Roman god of what?
17. Giacomo Agostini won 15 world titles in which sport?
18. What is the largest state in the USA?
19. Len Deighton's trilogy *Game Set Match* is situated in which three places?
20. Alan Stuart Konigsberg is better known by which name?

*Answers below*



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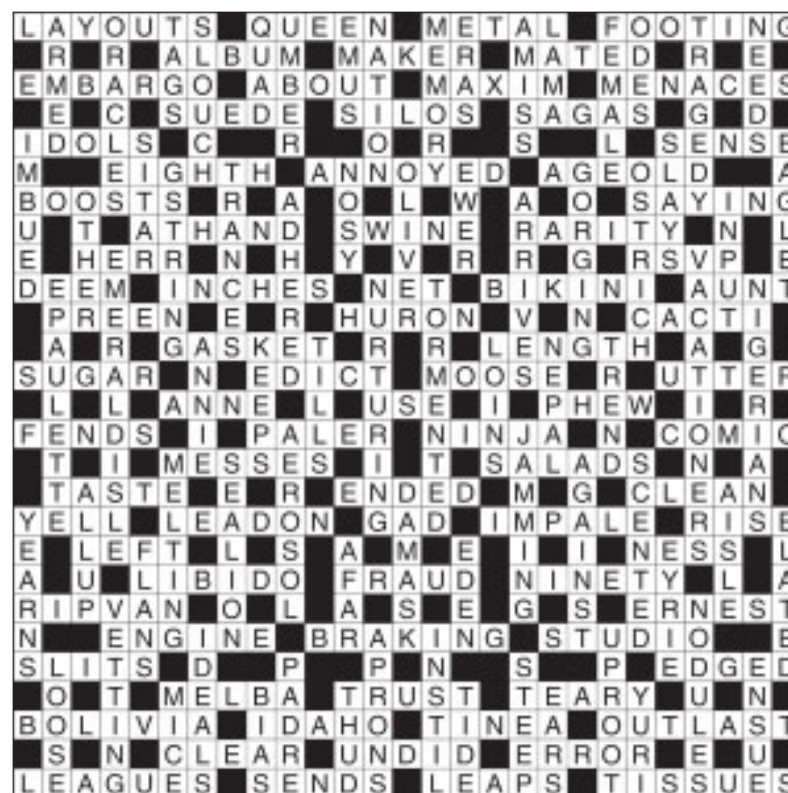
## Monster Quiz Answers

1. Puccini; 2. India;
3. George Orwell; 4. Shoemaker; 5. China;
6. Barbara Stanwyck; 7. Grenadine; 8. Art of Dancing;
9. Horses; 10. Alexander Dumas; 11. Hocus Pocus;
12. Louis Bleriot; 13. Dr No; 14. Silence of the Lambs;
15. Addis Ababa; 16. Medicine; 17. Motorcycle Racing;
18. Alaska; 19. Berlin, Mexico, London; 20. Woody Allen.

### Solution to this week's Sudoku puzzle

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

### Solution to this week's BIG Crossword



### Solution to this week's Cartoon Puzzle





# The architect and his four women



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

There are scores of writers I revere so much that whenever I see their names on the cover of a new book, I buy it immediately.

One of those writers is T. Corehessian Boyle, who publishes in Britain under the name T.C. Boyle (his friends call him Tom).

Boyle writes seven days a week while sporting a publishing image with lavish hair and crocodile skin jackets.

*The Women* (Bloomsbury, London, 2009, 451pp) is his twelfth novel.

The story tells of the three wives and one mistress of Frank Lloyd Wright who, even during his lifetime, was recognised as the greatest architect of the century.

This is a loving portrait of a protean genius – simple, earthly, shrewd, gregarious, tricky with

money – who erected not only a new school of architecture, but also a way of life at his rural Wisconsin retreat of Taliesen.

His family and co-workers established a commune here and lived off the land.

It was a place of hard work, hearty food, songs, jokes and lots of laughter.

Frank Lloyd Wright might be considered the leader of the first hippie commune, although he neither drank nor smoked, and never used drugs.

But he did have an eye for the ladies, and much of this novel is told from their point of view.

Kitty was his first wife of two decades and the mother of his four children, Mamah, was the young free spirit he left her for, and Miriam, the American bohe-



mian from the Left Bank of Paris and Olgivanna, was the young Monte-negrin aristocrat and a lover of the arts.

The story starts with Olgivanna meeting Frank Lloyd Wright at a ballet performance in Chicago in 1924 and leads up to her rapturous first night

at Taliesen.

The story then moves to his embittered and separated second wife Miriam scoring morphine in Mexico before settling in a friend's house in San Francisco.

Her take on Frank Lloyd Wright is quite different:

"She left him. Of course she had. Anyone would have.

"A saint – even the martyrs in their hair shirts and bloody rags.

"He was impossible, the single most infuriating human being she'd ever met, what with his God complex and his perfectionism, fussing over every last detail as if the world depended on it, his snoring, his musical evenings, the utter soul-crushing desolation of rural Wisconsin where he all but kept her prisoner and every overfed house-wife and goggling rube staring at her as if she had the letter A sewed to the front of her dress.

"Of course she'd left him. But that didn't mean she didn't love him still."

From here, the narrative moves mostly backwards in time, which is a shame because I really got fed up with Miriam's vain, haughty, self-enclosed point of view, but then found I had to endure more of it as the story moved back to the early days of her romance with Wright.

What is lacking is the

uproarious humor of Boyle's early novels, *Water Madness*, about Mungo Park's eighteenth century expeditions in West Africa, and *Budding Prospects*, about marijuana growers in the state of California.

That kind of manic energy is naturally tempered by maturity.

The point is that Boyle gives us a rich and subtle portrait of the one of giants of the 20th century.

Moving the narrative forward in time are the 'introductions' to the four sections on Wright's women by his Japanese disciple, Sato Tadashi, a graduate of MIT and Harvard, who arrives in his Stutz Bearcat at Taliesen in 1932.

A decade earlier, Wright had built the famous Imperial Hotel in Tokyo and was enthusiastic about Japanese culture.

The text itself is written by the Irish American husband of Tadashi's granddaughter.

The four introductions move the story along through World War II and into the 1950s when Sato Tadashi finally has an emotional reunion with his master.

This is the real climax of the book, though there is still a section to go of arson and mass murder at Taliesen.

It is all improbable and totally true.

## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Your luck in most areas continues to be strong, but there will be a slight downturn towards the end of the month. This will probably affect romance and the stars suggest that someone close to you could be planning relocation. In the meantime, the best approach is to encourage honesty. Those Cancerians celebrating a birthday this week can expect the coming year to bring a variety of opportunities to prove their worth.

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): The stars indicate that Leos could feel let down by someone's behavior this week. However, this will remind you to choose your friends more carefully. A quiet weekend at home with family will help recharge your batteries more than going out on the town. Next week at work, there is talk of streamlining responsibilities which should come as good news. Wear the color emerald green to encourage a crystal clear insight.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): This week, you reach your destination in a more roundabout way than hoped for. However, the journey brings benefits that will become apparent later in the month. Money matters are well highlighted this week when a discrepancy in your favor comes to light. Romance continues to be affected by someone's inability to get to the point. Virgos who stay

some distance from this affair will soon see other possibilities.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Important questions are about to be answered in the area of romance. Librans who are ready to take a relationship to a higher level will be celebrating later in the month. Those who are still attached to their freedom will have to make a serious choice. Wednesday is highlighted as a good luck day at work which could involve an offer of promotion.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): Certain Scorpios will need to accept that recent efforts to get ahead at work have been fruitless. The relief at being able to stop banging your head against a brick wall should compensate for disappointment. The astrological atmosphere during the second half of July will encourage more realistic goals to be set. A romance with a fire sign is put to the test when their ex-flame returns to the scene.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): You find that where there's a will, there's a way this week. Sagittarians' tenacity should be rewarded by the end of this month. The stars show that there is promise of financial gain from an unusual source, but your integrity could be compromised. Romance with an

air sign has better chance of success when you realize this person needs more time to share their feelings. The number three will be lucky on Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Capricorns are reminded that life is a journey of discovery this week. You will have enough inspiration to reconsider plans recently made and the remainder of this month should prove to be an exciting time. Information received from overseas may not be quite what you expected, but your current creative energy will help you turn things to your advantage. Wearing the color aquamarine encourages better luck with finances.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Aquarians will be pleased to find their opinions are valued in high places this week. The world of business falls under positive astral influences until the end of this month and you should make the most of this situation. Early next week, someone you never expected to see again reappears and this could cause ripples in your romantic life. The number eight can be fortunate this weekend.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): An eventful week lies ahead for Pisceans where personal relationships are concerned. Those

who were recently rejected learn why their romantic approach didn't succeed and that there is still hope. If you are already committed, the stars indicate there are fences to be mended. Employment remains a tricky issue, but it is probably best to stay on familiar territory for the time being. The scent of vanilla promotes a more carefree attitude.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Arians who have had a hard week at work are advised to stay close to home this weekend. Your grumpy mood could have a negative effect on others in your social circle, particularly a water sign friend. Spend some quality time sorting out things you don't use at home anymore and this will allow fresh energy to enter your environment. The number seven can bring some good luck on Wednesday.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): The last two weeks of July are likely to be low-key for Taureans. Someone you may have met recently could suddenly leave town and this might lead to a romantic disappointment. However, the stars suggest that there will be another encounter later in the year. In the meantime, Sagittarius is starting to wonder whether something more than a platonic friendship is possible. This person's patience could be the balance you've been seeking.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): An earth sign business colleague could be difficult to deal with or reach agreements with early next week. Those born under the sign of Gemini who are champing at the bit to get a project underway might need to put a totally new proposal on the table if they are to get results. The stars will be more supportive after Wednesday, so delay meetings until then. Romance will be both sweet and sour. Aries will have other things on their mind, but Leo will appreciate your sense of humor.

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## Welcome to fortress Phuket

The decision by the leaders of the small United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) movement in Phuket to leave the island for Chiang Mai during the Asean Ministers Meeting was a commendable way of defusing political tension in the run up to the event.

However, while invoking the controversial Internal Security Act and deploying the military on the island may seem extreme to many people, the government is right to adopt a 'better safe than sorry' approach.

Thailand cannot risk a repeat of the security breach and resulting fiasco that took place in Pattaya over the Songkran holidays.

Given that both Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban have already been attacked by goons in red shirts, they can hardly be faulted for not accepting at face value promises made by UDD leaders that there would be no repeat of the Pattaya chaos here in Phuket.

Claims by the UDD that the people who attacked Mr Abhisit and Mr Suthep outside the Interior Ministry at the height of the Songkran turmoil were not 'real' red shirts were about as convincing as claims by People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) leaders in Phuket that 'real' PAD members had nothing to do with the takeover of Phuket Airport in late August last year.

As both cases prove, what starts out as a peaceful gathering to exercise the right to free expression can quickly degenerate into mob violence, especially when fiery rhetoric, alcohol and other catalysts are thrown into the mix.

Another good reason to bring in the military is that the organization responsible for maintaining law and order inside national borders has proven time and time again it is simply not up to the task.

Recent training of provincial police in crowd dispersal techniques makes for great television footage and might even come in handy some time in the future.

However, the record of the Phuket Police in dispersing illegal protests can only be described as abysmal.

The protest culture is so thoroughly ingrained in Phuket that hardly an eyebrow was raised when a sitting MP recently led a band of protesters in blocking a public road in Patong over yet another land dispute.

While the causes differ, the result is always the same: innocent people suffer and our reputation among foreign tourists – the lifeblood of the local economy – is battered.

Many have been quick to complain about the presence of the military on the island, but at this crucial moment for Thailand a little extra security is something Phuket is crying out for.

– The Editor

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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.

### Women are not sex objects

With regard to the story, 'Phuket energy exhibition ends Thursday' [*Gazette online*, June 30]. We do not think females, especially the ones as young as those in the energy article, should be treated as sex objects. No wonder sex offenders gravitate to Thailand and other crimes are prevalent there. Very alarming press coverage.

Mary Buche  
California,  
USA

### Crazy speed

I feel so sorry for Mrs Sirintip and her family ['Woman killed by truck', *Gazette online*, July 9]. I live just off Thepkrasattri Road and see the maniacs driving extremely quickly along it every day.

My wife also had a motorbike accident on this road recently and I am very thankful that she and our three-year-old son only suffered broken bones.

When is someone going to do something about the crazy speeds at which these people drive on this road, especially the airport limos?

The answer is certainly not another new road to the airport.

Ian Lenton  
Thalang

### Asean security

Personally I think the increased security is a good idea. Remember, it's only for two weeks. I feel sorry for Thailand though. The country gets bashed to pieces – on this website – for letting protests get out of control and then bashed for trying to put

an end to 'peaceful protests' that, from what I have seen, don't stay peaceful for long.

I just hope it all goes well for Thailand's sake.

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### Swine flu closures

Very sad to hear of the death of a student from swine flu [*Phuket Gazette*, July 11], but closing down all the internet cafes is a bad idea.

It seems the Thai authorities are determined to slow down the tourist trade!

What about the dozens of discos in Phuket that have hundreds of people dancing cheek to cheek every night?

Surely this has to be a much greater threat?

All we get is just a silly notion to close internet cafes, thereby denying tourists the chance to keep in touch with folks and business back home.

When, oh when, will Thailand learn?

Mr E Squires  
Hertfordshire, England

### Sick of Asean, bored of swine flu

I'm sick of reading about the Asean meetings in this and every other newspaper.

For a start, everyone knows Phuket is a Democrat stronghold and the chances of the 'red-shirts' sabotaging the meetings are zero.

I simply don't care what a load of trumped up politicians have to say to each other. These meetings will have absolutely no

effect on my life or those of ordinary people in Phuket.

And while we're at it, I'm bored of constantly reading about swine flu too. Why does the Thai government insist on counting every new case? We're all going to get it sooner or later. The horse has already bolted.

Find something else to write about.

Bernard Curtis  
Phuket Town

### Tuk-tuk courtesy

Great news about Phang Muang Road project [*Gazette online*, July 11], but how about giving the tuk-tuk and taxi drivers lessons on how they shouldn't cheat tourists.

We are losing more tourists in Phuket because of these people than because of swine flu and the economy.

The 'service' they provide has become one of the most expensive around.

Why can't they all have taxi meters fitted?

Please could you pass this on to the governor.

John Devenport  
Chalong

### New bridge design

Can someone please ask the bridge developers to build the new bridge [*Gazette online*, July 11] three meters above the water line? This would be great for super-yachts as it would allow them easy access to the Similan Islands.

If they do this it will represent a big A+ for tourism in Phuket.

Graham  
Laguna Phuket

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# Preah Vihear, temple of confusion

**T**he government has locked itself into a stance over the Preah Vihear temple that is highly damaging to Thailand's interests.

The Democrats have bound themselves with hoops of history and hoops of politics.

First, the history.

The 'nationality' of the temple is complex.

Treaties between Siam and France in 1904-8 set the Thai-Cambodian border in principle along the watershed of the Dangrek hill range.

But the French, who then drew the map of this border, put a wiggle in the line to include the temple in Cambodia.

That was a bit naughty, but at that time, the area was very remote and nobody on the Thai side really noticed or complained until the 1950s.

In 1962, ownership of the temple was decided by the International Court.

The military-dominated government of the time whipped up nationalist fervor over the issue, and people were asked to donate towards the costs of the case.

Many invested their emotions along with their cash.

The Democrats were heavily involved because their former leader, Seni Pramoj, led the Thai legal team, and the government's nationalistic campaign made a loss seem unimaginable.

The announcement of the International Court's decision is one of those days that many Thais can still remember, 47 years later.

It was considered a national tragedy because of the over-inflated expectations, and it hurt to be 'bested' by a country that

Thailand looked down on as small, poor, jungly, and a dependent tributary for a long part of history.

Many Thais simply refused to accept the validity of the ruling, blaming the politics of the different nationalities represented on the bench of the International Court at the time.

In the pit of their institutional stomachs, the key bodies involved – the army, the foreign ministry, and the Democrat Party – have never really accepted the ruling and always wanted to overthrow it.

Of course nobody can say that outright, but that is what truly lies behind Thailand's disruption of Cambodia's application to Unesco.

This is the hoop of history with which the Democrats have bound themselves into an absurd diplomatic position.

Then there is the hoop of politics.

By fate, the Preah Vihear issue reappeared on the scene just as the 'judicial war' was launched against Thaksin Shinawatra.

The foreign minister, Noppadon Pattama, became one of the targets in the campaign to overthrow the pro-Thaksin government – and prevent a revival of Thaksin's power.

On June 18 last year, Mr Noppadon agreed to sign a joint communique to Unesco

about the heritage application.

He claimed this was simply an act of good neighborliness, but the nationalists accused Noppadon of conspiring to give away Thai territory to Cambodia.

Mr Abhisit joined the chorus and the PAD took up the is-



Preah Vihear temple, which is 543 kilometers north of Phnom Penh. Photo: AFP / Tang Chhin

sue, adding the accusation that this concession to Hun Sen and Cambodia was a quid pro quo for commercial concessions, including a casino project, for Mr Thaksin on Kong Island in Cambodia.

The only evidence for this allegation was a stray sighting of a square-faced man on the balcony of a Kong Island hotel.

The Administrative Court issued an injunction against the communique, and then the Constitutional Court ruled that the communique which Mr Noppadon signed had the status of a treaty which, under the constitution, should have been submitted to Parliament.

Mr Noppadon took responsibility and resigned as foreign minister.

The legal decisions have created some constricting precedents. More importantly, several Democrats including Mr Abhisit and current foreign minister Mr Kasit took a leading role in whipping up public emotion over Preah Vihear in order to overthrow Thaksin.

In short, they have revived the emotions of 1962.

If the Democrats now decide to co-operate with Cambodia over the temple and make any agreement with the man

they painted as a co-conspirator of Thaksin, it would be political suicide.

The border issue at Preah Vihear is messy because the International Court in 1962 clearly assigned the temple to Cambodia (largely on grounds that Thailand had failed to object to the French map for far too long), but was totally vague about the position of the border.

Cambodia naturally claimed the old French map therefore remained valid, but Thailand, with US help, drew an alternative map in which Thailand claimed an extra 4.6 square kilometers of territory. Thailand has since resolutely blocked any final definition of the border.

Recent statements on the Preah Vihear issue by the prime and foreign ministers would be sidesplitting if they were not so sad.

They claim the International Court assigned the temple to Cambodia, but not the land.

They claim their dispute is with Unesco, not Cambodia, although this is patently absurd.

They also claim the World Heritage project will prejudice the border issue even though the disputed territory is quite clearly separate.

And they come out with the usual brave commitment not to

allow the loss of even a single square inch of Thai territory.

In truth, over the last few years, Thailand has lost far more than 4.6 square kilometers of territory to another hostile neighbor, the sea which has been inflated by global warming.

For consistency, perhaps Messrs Abhisit and Kasit could wade out waist-deep into the flooded fields of Bangkhunthian south of Bangkok and demand the sea withdraw from its illegal encroachment.

Taking a more reasonable line on Preah Vihear would have many advantages.

It would save the lives of soldiers, and it would give the tourism industry a much-needed boost, especially in lower Isarn.

It might even make it possible for a Democrat politician to visit this region some time in the next century.

It would greatly improve relations with a key neighbor, and might save some Thai businesses from conflagration at the next, seemingly inevitable, clash.

It would also help to halt the plunge of Thailand's international image over recent years.

The costs of the Democrats' backward-looking and crudely nationalistic stance are very high.



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Victor  
Kathu

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## Where can I find a good dog trainer in Phuket?

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Stephen Prince,  
Phuket

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# When mother nature returns

John 'Caveman' Gray explains his Phi Phi island heartbreak, why the world's problems are caused by ignorance and urges everybody to 'follow the middle path'

After the 2004 tsunami, the Tourist Association of Thailand Phuket Office invited more than 250 travel professionals, including myself to attend a marketing conference at Laguna, dubbed 'visions for the future'.

They talked, we listened.

It quickly became clear the 'forward visions' were in fact knee-jerk reactions and went against the grain of virtually all visitor attitude surveys.

The Planning Director briefed us on his plans.

"Now that mother nature has returned Phi Phi to its natural state, can we return the island to its National Park status with no permanent structures allowed?" I asked.

"Don't worry, I've got it all under control," he replied.

It's a simple fact of history that Thailand's 'land of the free' mentality regarding forward planning for mass-tourism, has wreaked havoc on the country's sought after 'destinations'.

From Phang Nga Bay to Pattaya, Koh Samui and the Phi Phi islands, mass tourism has been allowed to ravage the environment.

On Phuket, in Patong, Kata and Karon, internationally accepted planning concepts which focus on carrying capacity are being ignored.

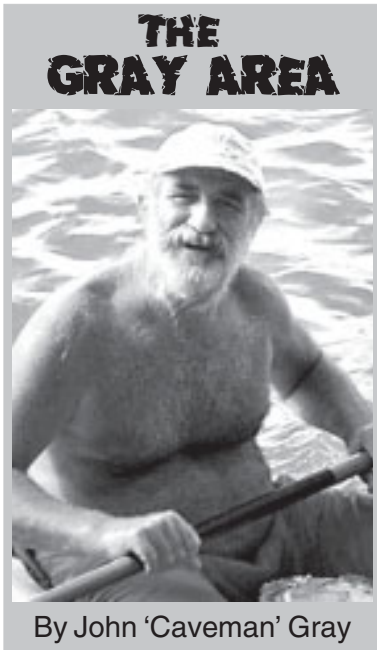
Due to that ignorance, these 'destinations' are now having some real problems.

What's happening on Phi-Phi breaks my heart, and as a result, I haven't set foot on the island since 1992.

I've seen the photos and heard the stories from a never-ending string of shocked travelers on my sea canoe trips but I have never been back.

I have been to Koh Samui, Railey beach, Ao Nang and Koh Lipe in recent years and from these destinations, it's clear, at least to me, we have to return to the teaching of the Lord Buddha, and 'follow the middle path', a path not being followed at present.

Whilst swine flu and chikunguya disease are grabbing



By John 'Caveman' Gray

the headlines on Phuket, we can think ourselves lucky cholera hasn't hit us as well.

But we are living in unique times. Advanced tracking and an instant electronic media can turn a 1970's schoolyard flu into today's Swine flu hysteria.

Viruses mutate and some people die in every flu 'epidemic', which is sad and of concern, but it's no reason for hysteria.

What makes today's flu outbreak of greater concern is population density and environmental degradation, both common elements in tourist destinations around the world.

Firstly, micro-organisms constantly mutate and drift throughout the seas without consequence, until they find a beautiful, hospitable, festering, brewing cesspool.

And as the world's population explodes and the environment collapses, we can expect even more new, weird diseases.

New and strange nutrients may encourage both population and mutation of micro biotic-agents, and greater populations mean more targets.

Sewage infrastructure is also a real problem on low-lying islands where cesspools are sub-standard and low-lying sewage systems easily mix with seawater.

On an island one or two



**SEWAGE MISERY:** Thailand and destinations the world over should call in their scientists to review the ecology of high density tourism ghettos. We already have The Thailand Environmental Institute and Thailand Institute of Technology at our beck and call. Exotic new hazards increase as population and eco-degradation increase. What counts is that we get a handle on them, and show the world that we are ahead of the curve, not behind it. It's time to return to the concept of high quality and low volume, a concept which works across all demographics.

meters above sea level, there isn't much margin for error.

Throw in a haphazard chemical brew concocted with a 'mai pen rai' attitude and we've got a problem.

Be it natural evolution, human pollution, or advanced tracking, the rate of new 'designer' diseases is increasing at a rapid rate.

But with proper rapid responses, most of these can be contained as long as we don't sit on our hands.

While serving as Pacific Basin Communications Director for the National Cancer Institute, I saw AIDS coming after reading medical journals and newsletters.

It was called Kaposi's sarcoma, and considered a disease exclusively for homosexuals.

But it was a virus, and viruses don't care about sexual preference.

## How to clean-up the issues

The solutions are easily identified but can sometimes be difficult to implement.

First, we have to confront reality, which is not easy in any culture, and especially difficult where people have never heard the word 'epidemiology', let alone know how to spell it.

The first reality is that mother nature always wins.

Put 500 units in a space that can only sustain 100, and you will eventually have problems.

Cram two to 5,000 people on a beach without proper toilets and there will be problems.

Every visitor attitude survey or study I have ever read shows tourists respond to straightforward facts more positively than Public Relations diversions.

We don't report jet ski accidents, and we don't confront the fact they were nationally outlawed at the beginning of 1999.

We don't confront the low season drownings on west coast beaches, which means no safety plan has been developed to reduce them.

Hawaii's dangerous surf is a legendary marketing asset, and so is Honolulu's lifeguard service.

Thanks in part to my citizen-based land use scheme 'Keep The Country Country' in the 1970s, US state officials confronted the pressures developing from rapidly increasing tourism and resident use of marine resources.

Hawaii's Marine Master Plan, which was guided by Dr Craig McDonald, was in place for five years.

The plan involved 2,000 locals, tourism operators, commercial businesses, bureaucrats and scientists.

The first thing we decided was the scientists were 'gods' and had an ultimate veto.

No matter how much commercial pressure is applied, big money or politics can't be allowed to overrule an environmental hazard.

If we do anything, we should increase quality, not volume.



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## Sea Dragons earn vital away draw

The Phuket FC Sea Dragons ended a three-match losing streak after securing a well-deserved point at Pattani on Saturday thanks to a first half goal from Anet.

Following the previous disappointing 2-1 home defeat to Narathiwat, coach Somsak Waijerean made a couple of changes to the Phuket FC starting eleven.

Somsak's decision was vindicated when Phuket FC took the lead through Anet midway through the first half.

The Sea Dragons looked set to take a deserved lead into the interval, but Pattani grabbed an equalizer two minutes into injury time to level the scores.

After the break, neither side could find the winning goal and a much-improved defensive performance earned Phuket FC their fifth point in a disappointing debut season.

After the match, Somsak said he was pleased with the team's performance and felt the Sea Dragons had been the better team.

Sudtirak "Tor" Ong-Somwang was named man of the match.

-Daniel Ogunshakin

# Battered Rattanapol ends career after bruising defeat

Former IBF champion Rattanapol Sor Vorapin announced his retirement from boxing following a bruising defeat to Ray Migreno of the Philippines in Karon on Friday.

Rattanapol was floored four times by his younger opponent before the referee stepped in to spare him further punishment in round five.

A temporary ring was erected at Karon Stadium for the event which was broadcast live on Channel 7 nationwide and witnessed by local dignitaries including Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop.

The main attractions on the card were the championship fights between two Thai and two Filipino boxers with Pan Asian Boxing Association (PABA) titles on the line.

In the opening event for the PABA, 112lbs title, between Rattanapol and Migreno, the Filipino shocked the local crowd by flooring Rattanapol twice in the opening round.

Undeterred, the veteran Thai fighter drew on his reserves and fought back, engaging Migreno in what became a brutal

back and forth war.

The brave Rattanapol managed to fend off Migreno on occasions, much to the delight of the partisan crowd, but he was taking far too many punches.

Migreno's continued assault proved too much for the former minimumweight champ.

Rattanapol was dropped in the fourth and then again in the fifth, forcing the referee to stop the fight.

After the fight Rattanapol announced his retirement, calling time on an impressive professional boxing career that spanned almost two decades.

In the second match on the televised card, PABA 108lbs champion, Wisanu Por Nobnum took on Filipino Donnie Mabau in the first defense of his title.

Wisanu, a southpaw, used his superior reach to dominate the early rounds which set the tone for the remainder of the fight.

A determined Mabau never gave up, but was on the receiving end of a series of vicious straight right hands.

The Filipino fighter looked in danger of being stopped when Wisanu began to connect with some



Wisanu Por Nobnum easily evades a big right hand from Donnie Mabau during a successful defence of his PABA 108lbs title in Karon Stadium.

well placed uppercuts in the fourth.

Wisanu tired a little down the stretch, allowing Mabau to take the last two rounds on two of the three judges' scorecards.

It proved to be too little too late for the Filipino, who lost a unanimous decision to Wisanu, ranked the world's second best

light flyweight by the WBA.

In the non-televvised bouts, Saenmuangnoi Sor Kingstar won, following a unanimous decision over Rodel Quilaton in a six-round bout, while Decha Bankluaygym stopped Michael Speed Sigarlaki in the third round.

-James Goyder



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You might have thought climate change was a problem for future generations, and didn't worry any more about it.

But these days, as your favorite ski resort holiday turns into a rock climbing expedition, and unusually heavy rains wash your garden away, you are probably starting to take these articles more seriously.

Your first reaction might be to panic.

You might consider not eating hot chili beans in the short-term bid to reduce your carbon emissions, or you might think about dusting off your old bicycle and riding to work, at least until the weather gets bad and the idea of traveling about without a roof over your head loses its appeal.

But you might also look at the amount of energy you use in your own home.

Electricity is still mostly generated by the burning of fossil fuels, and using those resources is like taking credit from the sun with no plans to pay it back.

For those of us who live near the equator, keeping the



LEFT: An air conditioner fitted with CoolNSave. RIGHT: Friedrich Sam Fauma of International Law Office, one of Phuket's first CoolNSave customers.



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The filter will only have to be changed once a year.

The patented mechanical valve will need to be fixed with

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From the valve, you attach three water outlets to the front of the heat exchanger.

Finally, screw the specially designed spray nozzles onto the water outlets.

Turn on the water supply and switch the system on and you'll realize how simple the unit is.

When the air compressor starts, the airstream produced by the fan opens the water valve automatically.

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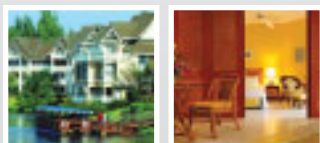
If saving electricity is on your list of things to do this year and you would like to find out how, the kit will be unveiled at the Architect and Engineering Show at Royal Phuket City Hotel between July 17 and 20 at booth number 101.

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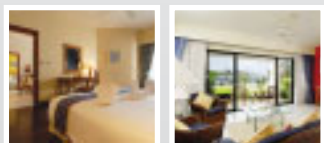
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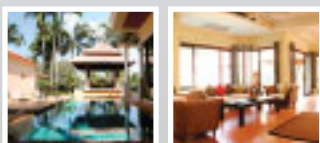
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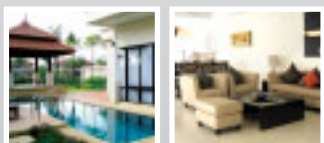
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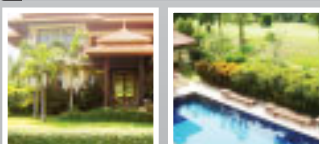
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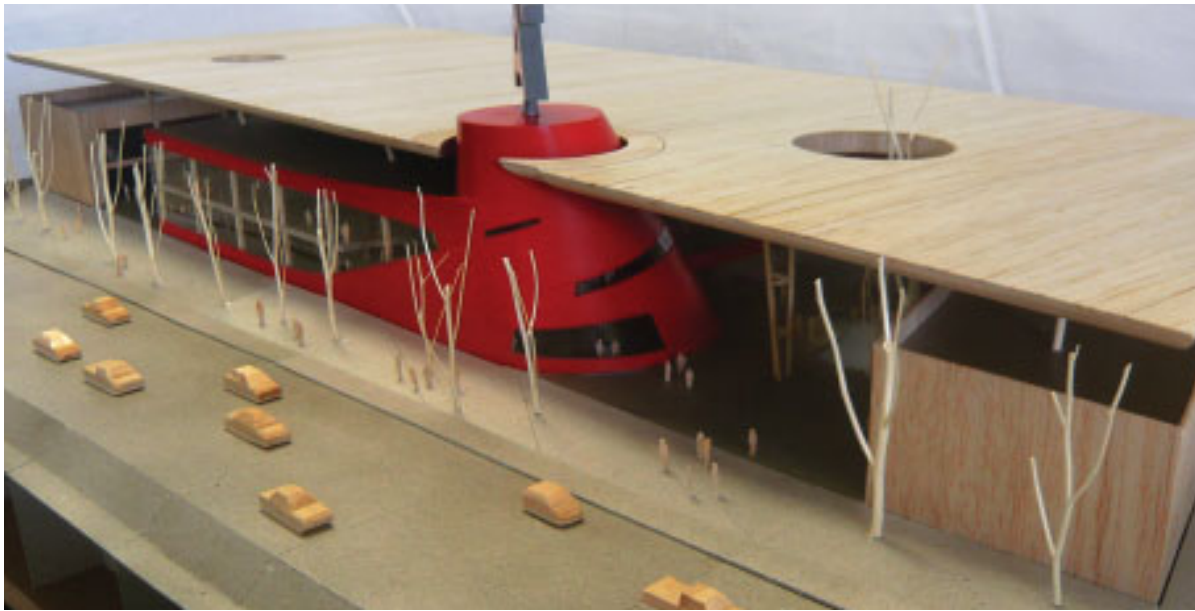
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## Design Center

# Häfele hardware to open next year



LEFT: A scale model of the new Häfele center which will open in 2010. RIGHT: A view of the construction site from the pedestrian walkway leading to Big C.

Structural work is under way on the 300-million-baht Häfele Design Center Phuket project, just north of the HomeWorks on the bypass road.

The complex will feature two, three-story buildings, one which will house a showroom for Häfele products and a second building with rental units, as well as parking for 50 cars.

Häfele, the self-described 'international hub for hardware', operates 33 outlets worldwide.

Its corporate headquarters are in Germany, where it also has ten sales offices.

In Thailand, the company operates six branches through its subsidiary company Häfele (Thailand) Limited.

South of Bangkok, Häfele (Thailand) Ltd currently operates two showrooms, one in Hua Hin and another in Phuket.

The current Phuket showroom is in The Courtyard retail complex on Chao Fa West Road in Wichit, opposite Phuket Villa

2. but with with the island's major home furnishings and hardware retailers rapidly gravitating to the stretch of the bypass road between Central and Tesco-Lotus, the company has taken out a long-term lease on a 4-rai tract of land opposite the Big C Supercenter on the bypass road where it plans to build the new center.

The plot also abuts SB Design Square, which opened two years ago and offers many of the same kinds of products and ser-

vices as the Häfele outlet.

Häfele Phuket Showroom Manager Varunchai Rungruan said work on the project, by DCM Solutions Co Ltd, started in late January.

The project is due for completion by the end of March next year, with the grand opening scheduled for the following month.

Mr Varunchai described the center concept 'not as a commercial building, but as a one-stop design center, which would

service the entire Phuket area.'

The project was designed jointly by OIA Office for Interior & Architecture Co Ltd, Warnes Associates Co Ltd and EEC Lincoine Scott Co Ltd.

Architect Maysa Chayakul designed the main project and Chalermwut Jareansri is overseeing the engineering.

When the new center opens, the company plans to cease operations at its current offices at The Courtyard and focus on its new premises.



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# Michael Jackson's job up for grabs



## PROPERTY WATCH

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and most are looking to next year before they can see any improvement.

Those people who are running businesses or have been asked to take unpaid leave should look at productive ways to fill in the free time generated by the current 'endless summer'.

Hot on the heels of the materialism and rampant consumerism of the boom years, many people are now looking inward for some spiritual renewal or cosmic directive.

Meditation retreats are becoming increasingly popular with one well known center in Surat Thani offering 10-day courses where clients sleep on mats, survive on a subsistence food intake and are forbidden to talk to each other.

Their days are filled with introspection and meditation, although one well known Phuket res-

taurateur said he had a real fear of being alone with his own thoughts.

Adventure sports are also becoming more popular with rock climbing in Railay Beach in Krabi, kite boarding lessons in Nai Yang,

and surfing the pick of the crop.

Yoga, hot or otherwise, continues to grow in popularity along with pilates, personal training and regimented training for the Laguna Phuket Triathlon.

Detox, be it in Phuket, Koh Samui or up in Chiang Mai, continues to grow, and one clever participant actually used the meditation retreat as a cure-all by losing weight and achieving self realization, all in just over a week.

We have not yet had rehab hit the shores of Paradise, but looking at the current state of affairs, this is one business model which might grow from the fall-out from business failures.

Some unique opportunities on a larger scale are also emerging as a result of the continued globalization of nations.

With Elvis long gone, and Michael Jackson recently departed, the much-vaunted title 'King of Pop' is up for grabs.

Honduras is currently looking for a new head of state and, while Thaksin might be in the running, the field remains open.

The world is an oyster of choice and now, more than ever before, is a great opportunity to take an extended holiday, taking advantage of the cheap airfare and hotel rooms on offer.

Now is also a great time to go exploring, although make sure you leave a trail of breadcrumbs so you can find your way back again.

Many people in the US and Europe are struggling financially and they are opting for a 'staycation' at home where they can hone up on the fine art of barbecuing, teach the dog some stupid pet tricks or indulge in some wine appreciation.

An immigration official in Hong Kong, upon spotting my American passport, accused me and my fellow countrymen of trashing the world's economy.

I am now working on immigration applications to become a Canadian, although so far, they have rejected all my pleas.

I hear Thaksin is now in Fiji and is considering relocating there, so I'll have to look at that as another option, although I am told more people die each year from falling coconuts in the pacific islands than die from shark attacks worldwide.

But this is a year for living dangerously, and I've already turned my desktop calendar to 2010 in a spate of ill placed optimism.

I think a coconut just fell off the tree outside my office.



**JOB OPENING:** With Elvis long gone, and Michael Jackson recently departed, the much-vaunted title 'King of Pop' is up for grabs. Photo by Carlo Allegri/Getty Images/AFP

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# Airing the problem

## Ferns and epiphytes

*Excellent, i'faith; of the chameleon's dish;  
I eat the air, promise crammed; you cannot feed capons so. (Hamlet)*

### Nature & Nurture



By Patrick Campbell

**Y**ou probably won't find many epiphytes in the average Thai garden. Why? They are so-called 'airplants', reliant on airborne moisture and dust particles. And soil isn't their bag; they prefer to latch on to sturdier plants.

But unlike parasitic plants, –the mistletoe springs to mind for Western readers – epiphytic ones don't feed directly off their benefactors.

They simply use their bigger brethren for support. Very occasionally, the relationship is less than symbiotic.

Take the so-called 'strangling fig'. It begins life as a harmless epiphyte, when birds drop seeds on the bark of a large tree.

Its roots grow downwards and, on their progress down to the earth, develop interlacing structures which encircle the trunk.

Eventually these roots become so enormous they strangle the original tree, leaving a hollow at the center of the massive growth.

The usurping tree survives.

Every Thai National Park has magnificent specimens of these lucky 'strangling figs'.

That's another reason why you won't often encounter large epiphytes: their preferred position is a mid-story perch in rainforest trees where they can get enough sun and moisture to eke out their precarious existence.

And it is precarious, since

nutrients are hard to come by.

Many solve the problem by growing in cracks in tree bark or on branch axils where enough soil and organic debris – bird droppings, leaf litter and so on – has accumulated to allow their survival.

However, Thai gardeners have learned how to make use of this particular strategy.

Thus, it is not uncommon to find Boston ferns, for example, being grown in the natural 'pockets' of palm trees, sometimes covering the entire bole with their vivid green fronds (see photo). And some garden centers are now selling staghorn ferns (*platycerium*, see photo).

In many areas of upland forest where moisture levels are high, these arresting ferns resolve the water and food conundrum by developing two very different kinds of fronds.

One, hanging and antler-shaped (hence the name), contains the spores on the undersides of the fronds which will support future growth; the other type of leaf forms a partial cup which clings limpet-like to the tree's bark and collects the moisture and nutrients as they run down the trunk.

Slow-growing and difficult to cultivate from scratch.

If you buy one wired to a plank of wood or segments of coconut shell they can then be attached to a tree.

If you are lucky enough to possess one already, spray or mist it regularly.

The birds-nest fern, *asplenium nidus*, (see photo) is a much more frequent sight in Phuket gardens and uses a similar strategy. I have never thought it resembles a bird's nest, but the huge, open basket of overlapping leaves means the fern is efficient at collecting water and debris.

Don't bother to remove the rubbish; the fern will happily push new curly shoots through the litter. Though the birds-nest fern

can and does flourish as an epiphyte beneath the rainforest canopy, it also grows on the forest floor.

Thus in a domestic context, it is usually cultivated in a pot with some humus-rich soil, either indoors or on a front porch.

Provided it gets some checkered sunlight it will be happy there, since it only has a small root system.

In Spain, I made the mistake of planting a couple in deep shade beneath a fig tree.

They never made it.

The Boston fern, a cultivar of the sword fern (*nephrolepis*) is less fussy about its environs.

A feature of Victorian parlors, it remains popular worldwide to this day, particularly as a plant for hanging baskets, where its graceful, arching fronds show to best advantage.

I have a couple growing against the wall of the house where the vivid green foliage gets plenty of rain.

Here in Thailand, it is often a verdant presence in bathrooms. But it will quickly outgrow its container. When it does, take it out, cut the dense root system into four and re-pot.

Two or three other ferns are worthy of mention.

One, the maidenhair fern (*adiantum*), has more than 200 species.

I have not attempted to cultivate it here, though I have seen it flourishing in the permanently moisture-laden atmosphere near waterfalls in South Africa.

It is a charming variety with delicate fronds on black stems. And I, for one, am thinking of trying it as a bathroom plant.

The hare's foot fern (*davallia bullatus*; see photo) certainly does like it in Phuket. It is a small (50cm) variety with dark green, triangular-shaped fronds.

In the rainforest, it flourishes as an epiphyte, attaching itself to trees and rocks, but it ap-



Bird's-Nest Fern



Staghorn Fern



Hare's Foot Fern



Boston Tree Fern

peared, unannounced, on my Chalong lawn.

Whenever I cut the grass, it kept growing back, so long as there was enough shade and moisture.

I neglected the hare's foot then, but it grows readily in a pot.

It is one of few ferns able to put up with the low humidity of a drawing room, where it will soon produce the furry rhizomes which give it its name.

Moreover, it makes an admirable rock garden plant. So does the elkhorn fern. In its natural habitat, it often thrives on boulders and rock faces.

Much more vigorous than its close relative, the staghorn, it nonetheless shares with it an epi-

phytic tendency, able to survive by collecting nutrients and moisture from crevices and crannies.

It produces clusters of small plants, with the bonus that it can reproduce by forming plantlets, called 'pups', from the lower portions of its shield fronds.

As with the Boston fern, it can be seen in public gardens in Phuket, planted around the boles and roots of specimen palms.

Of course, the most important epiphytic plant in Thailand is not a fern at all, but an orchid. That plant deserves an article all to itself.

And by the way, Hamlet was wrong. Chameleons, like lovers, don't feed on air.



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# Property Gazette

## Properties For Sale

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### TOWNHOUSE, 2 STOREY



opposite Boat Lagoon. 24sq wah, 3 beds, 2 baths. Email: info@allaboutwebanddesign.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

### 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.

### HOUSE & FURNITURE FOR SALE

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

### NEW BRAND CONDO

Mid Town, Royal Place Project. Studio condo, fully furnished, reasonable price. Tel: 086-476-9612.

### THE ROYAL PLACE

4th floor unit with 2 balconies. Approx area: 42sqm. Fully furnished, ready to move in. Email: info@allaboutwebanddesign.com

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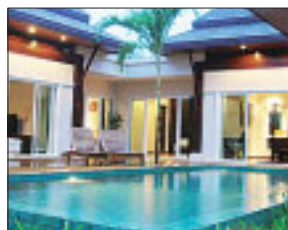
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### NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



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### VILLAS CLOSE TO BIS



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### 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](mailto:pookie.lovely@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:talayjan@yahoo.com)

### LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

390sqw, nice flat land, quiet area, chanote. In Pasak Soi 5 near Laguna Home. Price: 6 million baht. Tel: 089-4729118, 086-709-2933.

### INEXPENSIVE SEAVIEW PLOTS

1/3 rai, Chanote title near MH Golf Course, 700,000 to 900,000 baht. Contact Chris. Tel: 086-942 1930.

### LAND NEAR YACHT HAVEN



for sale. Area: 511 square wah, 38,000 baht per square wah. Contact Mr Tachin Tel: 081-7871811, Miss Kob Tel: 081-273 3303.

### 30 RAI IN TOWN

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### SHOPHOUSE - CHALONG

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### PHANG NHA LAND

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### 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.

### SURIN BEACH

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### 80SQM CONDO

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### LAND BEHIND LAYAN HILLS ESTATE



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### HOUSE WITH LARGE GARDEN

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house on small development with 24-hour security and swimming pool. Only 5 mins from Heroines' Monument. Fully furnished with solid teak furniture throughout and all appliances, curtains and blinds. Full security and fly screens, 3 aircon, 5 ceiling fans. True TV/ cable TV, phone, ADSL. Walk-in condition with great potential for extension and/or private pool. Now 3.6 million baht ono. Tel: 085-782 3273.

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### OVER 150 LAND PLOTS

Rawai, Nai Harn, Chalong, Panwa. All sizes and prices. Contact Khun Nong. Tel: 083-390 4176. For further details, please see our website at [www.warmwaterland.com](http://www.warmwaterland.com)

### LAND IN PHANG NGA

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### 74 SQM CONDO, PHUKET TOWN

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### 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.

### VILLA FOR SALE OR RENT



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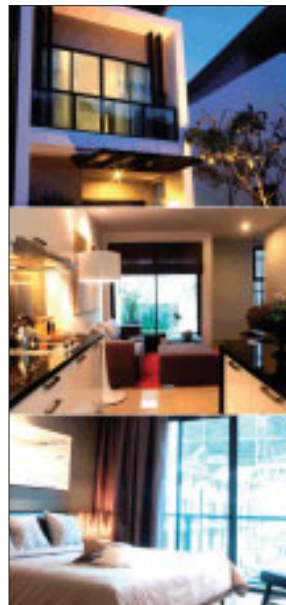
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### BAAN BAI MAI



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### HOUSE WITH LARGE GARDEN

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house on small development with 24-hour security and swimming pool. Only 5 mins from Heroines' Monument. Fully furnished with solid teak furniture throughout and all appliances, curtains and blinds. Full security and fly screens, 3 aircon, 5 ceiling fans. True TV/cable TV, phone, ADSL. Walk-in condition with great potential for extension and/or private pool. Now 3.6 million baht ono. Tel: 085-782 3273.

### PATONG STUDIO

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### NEW CONDO



for sale. At Royal Place Project, opposite Tesco Lotus. 45sqm at corner, swimming pool view, fully furnished. Price 2.8 million baht. Tel: 081-691 2526.

### ANDAMAN SEAVIEW LAND

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renovated freehold. 2 room, terrace, nice view, pool, beach 200m, furnished, TV, WiFi, 2 aircons. 4.4 million baht. Tel: 086-976 0809.

### LAND IN CHERNG TALAY

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### NAI HARN LUXURY CONDO



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## NEW HOUSE FOR SALE

5 minutes from Heroines monument, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1.9 million baht or 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3.7 million baht. Contact Kris. Tel: 081-082 2288. For further details, please see our website at [www.phuketpropertyplus.com](http://www.phuketpropertyplus.com)

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900sqm, Chermg Talay. 3 million baht. Tel: 086-161 1136 (Thai), 086-047 2463 (Eng). Email: jimi\_change@hotmail.co.uk

## LEELAVADEE POOL VILLA



Chao Fa East Road, Chalong. Modern Thai house, total area: 524sqm with swimming pool, terrace, tropical garden, covered carport and home security. 3 bedrooms, Western and Thai kitchen, living and dining rooms, and 4 bathrooms within air-conditioned surroundings. Tel: 087-689 9679, 089-772 7012. Email: a.tu2.corazon@gmail.com

## BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



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

## 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

## CHEAP PATONG CONDO

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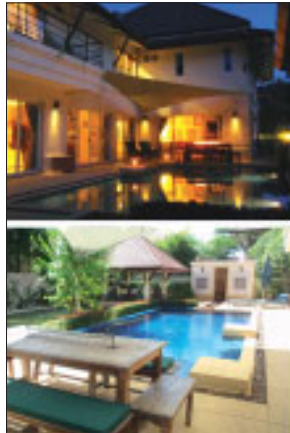
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**FAIRWAY VIEW CONDO**  
in Kathu. 56sqm, foreign freehold, fully furnished. 2.5 million baht. Tel: 081-891 3740.

## KATA SEAVIEW, 50% FINANCE

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## BEACHFRONT LAND FOR SALE

Fantastic beachfront land for sale in Krabi / Ao Nang area. Nor Sor 3 Gor. 2 rai 1 Ngan. 48m beach access. Quiet beach next to Ao Nang. Price starting at 45 million baht incl the beach house. Tel: 085-045 4045 (English & Thai). Email: sbuerki@3dprojekt.ch

## NAI HARN POOL VILLA SALE!

Nice pool villa on 1/2 rai of peaceful land. 6.5 million baht. No Brokers! Tel: 086-682 9709 (English). Email: weidner@loxinfo.co.th

## 2-STOREY HOUSE IN PATONG



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

## LAND FROM THE MANGOSTEEN

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## GOLF-VIEW CONDO

125sqm, 2 beds, 2 baths, very nice view at Phuket Country Club Golf Course. 3,700,000 baht. Email: pat.phongpan@gmail.com

## 80SQM CONDO

for sale at Allamanda Laguna. 80sqm, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Golf view. 5.5 million baht ono. Tel: 081-821 3205. Email: banana siripun@yahoo.com

## CENTRAL PATONG

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## PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



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## CONTEMPORARY VILLA FOR SALE

4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 4m x 12m pool w/Jacuzzi, living room, dining room, Western kitchen, maid's room, solar hot water, sala, built-in BBQ, parking for 3 cars, electric gate, CCTV & alarm system and nice tropical garden on a 1,606sqm plot with over 400sqm of living area. 16 million baht. Email: nisaya@yahoo.com

## KOH YAO YAI FOR SALE

Land for sale near Ao Klong Son area. 5,033 rai (8,052.8sqkm), 2 access points, title deed, 5 minutes to the beach. 950,000 baht per rai. By The Owner. Tel: 076-289122, 084-848 7474. Fax: 076-289121. Email: kasina\_navamachiti@yahoo.com

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for sale. 2 floors, 110 sqm. Very good location, 5 minute from Central and Big C. Price 2,935,000 baht. Payment plan. Tel: 080-071 9098.

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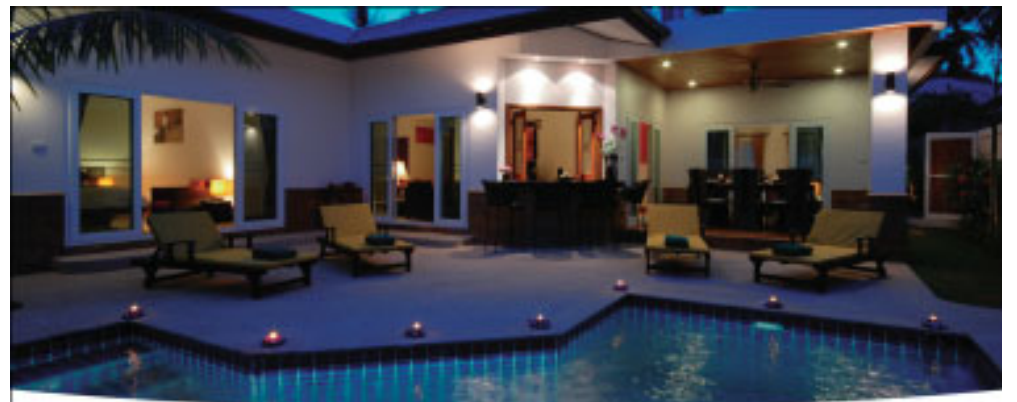
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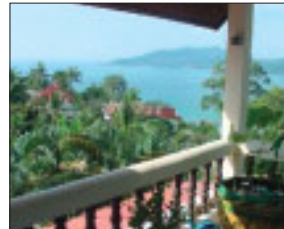
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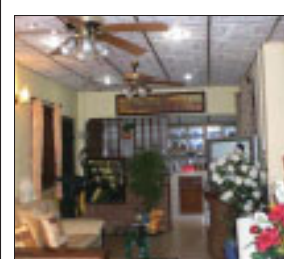


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Email: [sam@ilo-phuket.com](mailto:sam@ilo-phuket.com)

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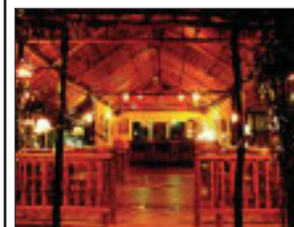
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#### Agenda:

1. To review and approve the Minutes from the previous meeting (1/2552)
2. To consider an increase in the Authorized Capital of the Company
3. To order an adjustment to Article 5 [Authorized Capital] of the Memorandum of Association of the Company to reflect such increase, if any
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