Young lovers ‘wired for death’

By Dan Waites & Altech Khamlom

A MAN was killed while trying to revive his son, the lover who was electrocuted in what police believe may have been a bizarre murder-suicide.

Police said Jitti Choowong arrived home last Friday night to find his son Ekalak and his girlfriend dead on the floor of the house they shared in Rassada.

Mr Jitti tried to revive the couple, but they were still connected to an electric cable which was plugged into a wall socket, and he too was electrocuted.

Kusoldharm paramedics tried to revive 67-year-old Jitti Choowong using a defibrillator, but were unable to save him.

Investigators are now trying to work out whether electrician Ekalak Choowong, 26, and his girlfriend, Sunaree Kaewjaipaa, 20, died as a result of a suicide pact, or a bizarre murder-suicide in which Ekalak murdered Sunaree and then killed himself.

Inspector Krurkrit Ritnueang of Phuket City Police said a suicide note, signed by Mr Ekalak, was found beside the dead bodies.

“In the letter he said Sunaree didn’t care about his feelings and didn’t take care of him properly,” Inspector Krurkrit said.

Ekalak’s mother, Saykaew Ekalak, who also lived in the house, said her son and his girlfriend had been arguing the night before they died.

She said she and Mr Jitti went out around midnight on Friday, and returned about 10pm, to find the front door was locked.

She saw her husband called out to their son but there was no reply, so he went around to the back of the house and climbed in over a back gate.

Mrs Saykaew said her husband screamed in pain a few minutes later and she went around to the back of the house and found him on the floor near the back door, writhing in pain.

The dead bodies of Ekalak and Sunaree were also on the floor, tied together with an electric cord which was plugged into a wall socket, she said.

Mrs Saykaew said she pulled the plug out of the socket and shouted for help.

Paramedics unsuccessfully tried to revive Mr Jitti.

Hillary seeks support

US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, flew into Phuket on Wednesday and went to bat for the Burmese, calling on the Burmese junta to release democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest for many years.

Mrs Clinton told Asean delegates at Laguna it was important that member countries encouraged the Burmese leadership to ‘change their direction,’ she said.

Mrs Clinton also signed an historic treaty reflecting the US government’s intention to engage more with the South East Asian region.

‘Truck bomb’ fooled detector device

Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban cancelled a planned trip to Ao Por pier in northeastern Phuket on Tuesday after security staff found what they thought was a truck loaded with bombs in the pier’s carpark.

While checking the carpark before Mr Suthep’s visit, the security team’s bomb detection devices, including the new Alpha 6 detectors, reacted to a pale blue pickup truck in the carpark, indicating it contained explosives.

Mr Suthep, who is in Phuket to oversee security measures which are in place for the 42nd Asean Foreign Ministers Meeting, was immediately informed and cancelled his visit.

Police converged on the carpark, but were hesitant to break into the Bangkok-registered truck until the truck’s owner, Usen Ya-ood returned just after 5pm.

He told police he was a water engineer and had recently taken a job on Koh Naka just off the coast of Phuket.

He said he parked his truck in the carpark each day and caught a boat across to the island.

The bomb detection squad and sniffer dogs inspected Mr Usen’s pickup truck but found no evidence of explosives, bomb-making materials or narcotics.

A policeman at the scene said traces of an unnamed substance on the man’s car could have triggered the bomb detection devices.
Ladyboys lead the charge

THE Phuket Public Health Office (PPHO) has recruited a team of ladyboys to help fight the spread of swine flu. The five scantily clad stunners were on hand at the Phuket Merlin Hotel in Phuket City last week to witness provincial office chiefs signing ‘contracts’ pledging to help fight the killer disease.

The ladyboys all wore surgical masks and came armed with hand gel dispensers. After the signing ceremony, the ladyboys rode around the city on the back of a pickup truck, spreading their clean hands message.

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop said the campaign was part of a provincial strategy to make the fight against swine flu fun and fashionable, rather than one based on fear.

Last week, officials including Phuket Vice-Governor Tri Augkaradacha, Phuket Culture Office chief Tawichart Inntarit and PPHO officers toured Phuket’s karaoke bars, cinemas and internet cafes warning business operators to keep up the fight in the war against swine flu.

Meanwhile the Cabinet approved a proposal by the Ministry of Public Health to close internet cafes for two weeks nationwide. However, PPHO Director, Dr Pongsawas Ratansang said his office was not enforcing the order.

The swine flu outbreak is not as bad as it is in Bangkok, so the PPHO is asking internet shop owners to take extra cleaning precautions, he said.

So far, there have been more than 111 reported cases of A(H1N1) in Phuket, but only one fatality from the disease has been reported.

Phuket MP faces the axe

THE Election Commission (EC) last week ruled that Phuket party list MP Chalermlak Kedsup broke the rules by holding shares in a restricted business and wants her removed from office.

Ms Chalermlak is one of 13 MPs, all from the ruling Democrat party, that the commission wants ousted.

The MPs, including Deputy Prime Minister in charge of national security, Suthep Thaugsuban, have each been accused of holding stocks in media firms or telecom businesses operating under state concessions.

Mr Suthep, who denies any wrongdoing, resigned last Friday when told of the commission’s ruling.

The EC will now forward the names of the remaining MPs and the charges against them, to House Speaker Chai Chidchob, who will then ask the Constitution Court to make a final ruling.

If the Constitution Court upholds the EC rulings, the MPs will lose their seats and by-elections will be held within 45 days.

The EC stressed that its ruling was based purely on legal process, not politics.

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Miss Chalermlak said the EC ruling was not final and she was not unduly worried about the charge, and would continue carrying out her duties as normal while the Constitution Court considers her case.

Couple attacked outside nightclub

A YOUNG couple ended up in hospital after they were brutally beaten as they left Stereo Lab nightclub in Surin early on Saturday morning.

A 28-year-old woman and a male friend, were leaving the nightclub just before dawn when two Thai men attacked them.

“One tried to grab my purse, and punched me repeatedly in the head when I wouldn’t let go,” said the female victim.

She said her friend was hit from behind by the second man who was armed with either a bottle or a small club.

The two men fled when ‘a large foreigner with blond hair’ entered the carpark.

The couple were taken to Thalang Hospital where the woman was treated for bruising and lacerations and her friend was found to have a dislocated shoulder and a cut to his head which needed 12 stitches.

Anyone with information should call Cherng Talay Police on 076-324 086.
Property row sparks beachfront gunfight

By Gazette reporters

A WILD West-style gunfight broke out on the Patong beach front on Tuesday afternoon, leaving one man dead and at least three more seriously injured.

By police said two gangs of Thai men began shooting at each other on the site of the burned out Jintana shopping center on the Patong beach road just after lunchtime.

They said a gang of five Thai men began shooting at another gang of three men, and the smaller gang returned fire.

The gunfight moved along the beach road to near the Clubline nightclub as dozens of shots were fired.

Police from a nearby checkpoint raced to the scene and organized ambulances to take the injured to hospital.

One man was rushed to Patong Hospital, where he died a short time later, and three others were taken to Bangkok Phuket Hospital in Phuket City.

The dead man has been named as Daruwat Burin-tarakot, 24, the nephew of Jintana heiress Komkai Kosit-koon who was murdered in July last year.

Police also released the names of the three injured men.

They are former Police Captain Sunan Potsawatpairoj, 62, who was shot twice in the leg, Imron Yeebu, 35, who was shot in the chin, and Aod Ketkaew, 29, who was also shot in the leg.

A police spokesman said the gunfight started in the burned out Jintana Shopping Plaza opposite Loma Park, which had been damaged by fire at least five times in the past two years.

He said it appeared Mr Daruwat, Mr Aod and a team of demolition workers had gone to the shopping center site intending to demolish the building, but Captain Sunan, who was the site caretaker, objected and an argument broke out.

Captain Sunan then reportedly produced a pistol and shot Mr Danuwat and Mr Aod.

A police spokesman said there had been a long-running dispute regarding the Jintana Plaza land.

On Wednesday morning, Mr Daruwat’s widow and other family members went to the Kathu Police Station to discuss the shootings with senior police.

Drug cases also increased with 26 arrests made.

Police statistics for June show there were fewer murders, attempted murders and assaults than there were in June last year, although there were more thefts, frauds, drug-related cases and gambling offences.

There were two reports of murder (down 60 percent) with one arrest made.

There were 14 reports of assault (down 33 percent) with 12 arrests made.

The number of rapes reported rose from zero to three, and police made one arrest.

There were 45 reported robberies (the same as last year) with 26 arrests, and there were 11 reported cases of theft (up 57 percent) and police made 10 arrests.

There were seven cases of fraud reported (up 17 percent), and police made two arrests.

Gambling was also on the rise with 48 reported cases (up 12 percent), and 181 arrests.

Drug cases also increased with 259 drug-related cases reported (up 65 percent). Police made 284 arrests.

Fewer murders, but more frauds

Solar eclipse was a cloudy no-show

Thousands of people who got up early to witness Tuesday’s partial solar eclipse were disappointed when heavy clouds covered the sky, obscuring the heavenly spectacle.

The sun battled to break through, but its rare appearances were brief and hazy.

Despite the overcast conditions, about 500 primary and secondary school students who gathered at Rajabhat Phuket University to watch the eclipse did not go away completely disappointed and were lucky enough to see the moon partly cover the sun just after 8am.

“Today we had a lot of clouds, but fortunately we were able to see the eclipse for about five minutes, said Professor Sukchai Petchuay, Assistant Dean of Rajabhat University Phuket.

The university set up seven telescopes under a large canopy in front of the school administration building and passed out 500 ‘solar viewers’ to enable the students to view the eclipse safely.

The eclipse started at 7.13am and ended at 8.01am, so the students were only able to observe the final phases of the event.

Although the eclipse was only 20 percent in Phuket, it reached as high as 60 percent in northern Thailand.

It was the longest total solar eclipse of this century and was visible in a narrow corridor running though parts of India, eastern Nepal, Bangladesh, China and Bhutan.

The next partial solar eclipse will be on January 15 next year, but we won’t see a total eclipse in Thailand until April 2027.

- Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn
Rights body lacks teeth, say critics

ASEAN foreign ministers have endorsed the terms of reference for the Asean Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights, amid widespread criticism the body would have no real teeth to protect people from rights violations.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejajiva admitted that in the initial stages the commission would focus on promotion, rather than protection of rights.

“Progress will first be made on the front of promotion, but the protection side will not be ignored. It is better to make a start than to leave it hanging with no progress at all,” he explained.

In response to concerns about it ‘lacking teeth’ to protect Asean citizens against human rights violations in their countries, Mr Abhisit said, “We want to establish a body that promotes human rights.”

The terms of reference would be reviewed every five years. Their current form represents only a beginning, Mr Kasit said.

Asean did not believe in punishment, but is confident its members will behave accordingly, Mr Kasit said.

“Why should we keep on punishing ourselves? Let’s do it the civilized way and work together in a positive manner,” he said.

The royal institution and HM the King have no protection when they’re being attacked. We have to have a law to protect the institution of the monarchy down into the political fight inside Thailand,” he said.

The lese majeste law is simply there to protect the institution. The lese majeste law is similar to what a lot of countries have with the institution of the monarchy, he added.

However, even officials at the Asean meeting expressed disappointment at the commission’s lack of rights protection.

ASEAN Secretary-General Surin Pitsuwan said Indonesia wanted to see the commission provide more.

Indonesia proposed the inclusion of a clear political message on rights protection in the political declaration at the next Asean summit in October, he said.

A journalist from Indonesia at Monday’s press conference put Thailand’s lese majeste law into the context of human rights by asking Mr Kasit what the commission would do about criticism of the Thai monarchy.

Mr Kasit said Thailand has a constitutional monarchy system that keeps the monarchy and especially His Majesty the King above politics.

“Don’t mix it up. There are certain quarters in society who would like to bring the institution of the monarchy down into the political fight inside Thailand,” he said.

The royal institution and HM the King have no protection when they’re being attacked. We have to have a law to protect the institution. The lese majeste law is simply there to protect the institution of the monarchy because they cannot protect themselves. The King cannot go to court,” he said.

“What we have in Thailand is similar to what a lot of countries have with the institution of monarchy,” he added.

-The Nation
Clinton signs off on friendship pact

US SECRETARY of State Hillary Clinton and all ten Asean foreign ministers signed the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Phuket on Wednesday.

The signing of the treaty reflects the US government’s intention to engage more deeply with the regional grouping.

During a meeting at Government House in Bangkok, Mrs Clinton said the US was concerned about reports of secret military co-operation between Burma and North Korea.

Speaking about the unrest in Thailand’s Deep South, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva told Mrs Clinton the government had made progress in resolving the issue.

Thailand had received good co-operation from neighboring countries, especially Indonesia and Malaysia, in tackling the issue, he said.

Thailand welcomed the US decision to sign the treaty, Deputy Prime Minister Korbsak Sabhasuvan said.

Top diplomats in safe hands

DELEGATES at the Asean Ministers’ Meetings were in safe hands last week, with a temporary intensive care unit set up at Laguna Phuket just in case any of them fell seriously ill during the talks.

Medical teams were also on standby at two more locations around Phuket throughout the meetings.

The most well equipped was ‘Medical Center 1201’, located inside the host venue, the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, just eight meters from the main conference room.

The ICU unit was stocked with emergency medical equipment including defibrillators, respirators, heart monitoring devices and a variety of narcotics.

A second treatment unit at Canal Village, near the Dusit Thani Laguna resort, had standby respirators and defibrillators in emergency packs which could be dispatched at a moment’s notice.

A third medical team was on standby at Phuket Community Hall in Phuket City.

Two ambulances remained on standby at the entrance to the Sheraton throughout the event.

In case of an emergency, delegates were to be rushed to either Bangkok Hospital Phuket or Vachira Phuket Hospital.

PM opens meeting with praise for island

PRIME Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva opened the 42nd Asean Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (AMM) on Monday with generous praise for Phuket and its people.

His opening statement began: “It is indeed my great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 42nd Asean Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and to the island of Phuket, the ‘Pearl of the Andaman Sea’.

“We gather here today in a city and province with a rich history – a city that has grown from a mining center into a world famous tourism destination; a province that bravely weathered the devastation of the tsunami of 2004 and has revitalized itself with the dynamic local economy that we see today.

“It would therefore be appropriate if we all congratulate the people of Phuket for their resilience and for their success, and to thank them for their warm hospitality.”
Internet lottery scam busted

BANGKOK: Police have arrested a Liberian man after he was caught running an email lottery scam.

Officers from the Crime Suppression Division arrested Stanley Nedu, 27, last Thursday after receiving a complaint from one of his alleged victims who said Mr Nedu sent emails to people telling them that they had won a one-million-baht jackpot in an online lottery.

The ‘winners’ were told that to claim their prize, they had to pay ‘fees’ of between 20,000 baht and 50,000 baht to Mr Nedu’s bank account.

When victims sent Mr Nedu the money, he would send them a forged document from the Thai Anti-Money Laundering Office saying the transfer of the prize money had been blocked, police said.

The scam was exposed when a victim called the AMLO to ask about the case.

Mr Nedu has been charged with computer fraud, which carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

Monk admits to murders

PHITSANULOK: A monk has admitted murdering a couple who were shot dead in Wang Thong District last August.

The monk, Surachet Khiamthongkham, 26, was arrested at Wat Pho Klang in Muang District last Thursday and admitted shooting his friend Suraphon Bangkla and Mr Suraphon’s girlfriend Wilairat Sangkham during an argument about a gun he was selling to Mr Suraphon.

Suraphon said he had agreed to sell a 9mm pistol to Mr Suraphon for 3,500 baht, but when he came to do the deal, Mr Suraphon offered him 30 ya baht (methamphetamine) pills instead of the promised cash.

Mr Surachet refused to accept the drugs and a heated argument broke out.

Mr Surachet said Mr Suraphon began insulting him, so he shot him in the head.

He then shot Miss Wilairat to silence her.

Following the killings, he ordained as a monk at Wat Pho Klang.

Police have also arrested Mr Surachet’s girlfriend, 21-year-old Kanyarat Sirichai, who was allegedly present when the murders occurred.

Teens attack a top cop

NAKHON RATCHASIMA: A group of teenagers beat a police superintendent unconscious in a karaoke bar last Friday.

The drunken teenagers picked the wrong victims when they started throwing bottles at Col Wanchai Chakdamrong, Superintendent of Chalermprakiat District Police, and a friend outside the Nam Thip Karaoke in Nakhon Ratchasima City.

And when Col Wanchai, who was in civilian clothes, went into the bar and told them he was a police officer, he was set upon by five teenagers who beat him, and hit him over the head with a bottle, knocking him unconscious.

Col Wanchai was taken to Maharaj Nakhon Ratchasima Hospital where doctors expect him to make a full recovery.

Burglar picked the wrong house

BANGKOK: A would-be burglar was shot while trying to break into the house of former army commander Gen Chetta Thanajaro.

Chaiwat Thongkhamdee was shot in the left leg after soldiers guarding the house in the Prachachuen area of Bangkok spotted him climbing over a fence last Monday.

Lt Thasana Singsat said he ordered Mr Chaiwat to lay flat on the ground, but he refused to do what he was told.

He said Mr Chaiwat was unafraid and looked as if he might attack him, so he shot him.

Lt Thasana said Gen Chetta was not living at the house, which was occupied by the general’s mother and younger sister at the time.

Mr Chaiwat, who will be charged with trespassing and attempted theft, was treated for gunshot wounds at a local hospital.

Gen Chetta, who is known as Big Wiang, is a former Thai Rak Thai party cabinet minister.

He recently denied any involvement in the attempted assassination of yellow shirt leader Sondhi Limthongkul.

Cyber-sex shop bust

BANGKOK: Police have arrested the owner of an internet cafe where booths were provided for customers to masturbate.

Police said the cafe was divided into 20 cubicles and customers could surf for porn on the net or choose from a selection of pornographic films stored on a hard drive.

Police raided the shop, on Ramkhamheng Road, at around 11pm last Wednesday and arrested the owner, 35-year-old Charwit Sangthong, and a 22-year-old customer.

Mr Charwit said he allowed customers to masturbate in his shop and charged them 20 baht per hour.
Bandit escapes police search

PHATTHALUNG: More than 400 police officers failed to find famed bandit ‘Khai Muk’ in a sweep through three provinces last Wednesday.

The combined force of elite paramilitary Border Patrol Police and provincial police from across the Upper South swooped on five houses in Phatthalung’s Pa Phayom District where Jerm ‘Kai Muk’ Seng-iat and his accomplices were thought to be hiding.

After finding the houses empty, police used sniffer dogs to comb the surrounding forests on the border of Trang, Phatthalung and Nakhon Sri Thammarat province but were unable to find the suspects.

Fifty-seven-year-old Kai Muk and his gang allegedly specialise in kidnapping and extortion across the South.

Kai Muk, who has already spent a total of 27 years in prison, is also suspected of being involved in 32 murders since 1976. A $50,000 baht reward has been offered for information leading to his capture.

Earlier in the week, Trang Provincial Police Commander Maj Gen Prasert Chansawang met with Kai Muk’s wife, 53-year-old Ampha Duangdeng, and tried to persuade her to tell police where her husband was hiding.

Mrs Ampha said she had separated from Kai Muk and had not seen him for three months.

Kai Muk’s gang have also allegedly demanded protection money from owners of hotels and rubber plantations in Surat Thani, Trang, Nakhon Sri Thammarat and Songkhla provinces.

Queer News

Lottery players punt on a one-eyed pussy

AYUDHAYA: Gamblers have been rushing to get lucky omens from the corpse of a one-eyed kitten which refuses to rot.

The cat’s owner, 60-year-old Wichian Sangchai, said the kitten was the last of a litter of three born earlier this month in Ayudhay, north of Bangkok, but died within minutes of being born.

Mr Wichian said the kitten had only one eye, and a strange nose which looked a bit like an elephant’s trunk.

He said he and his wife Namfon kept the body of the kitten to show neighbors, but two days later, the kitten’s corpse had still not started to rot or smell, despite the heat.

As word of the bizarre kitten spread, people started coming to pay homage to it.

Some lit incense and asked the kitten’s spirit to bring them good luck.

The dead kitten also attracted a lot of lottery players who made offerings in a bid to pick up some lucky lottery numbers from the dead cat.

Some are betting on 13, the date the kitten was born, while others are punting on 18, Mr Wichian’s house number.

Other gamblers opted for more complicated formulas, such as taking 321 because the kitten was one of a litter of three, with two surviving and one dying.

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Snow dome’s a hit

CHIANG MAI: Chiang Mai Zoo’s new attraction, a ‘snow dome’ in the panda observation area, is now open for business.

Project manager Pongsit Sittiwang said the new facility could accommodate up to 50 people at a time and all 12 half-hour sessions on the first day were sold out by mid morning.

Eight-year-old Monsignor Pleumjitjaipongdee who lives with her parents in Bangkok, said she had seen the snow dome at Bangkong’s Dream World, but liked the Chiang Mai version better because it had panda dolls and doughnut skis to play on.

Chiang Mai is home to Thailand’s first baby panda, which was born at the zoo last month after its mother was artificially inseminated.

Australian tourist Kevin Glen said that although his country also had snow, it was fun to be exposed to it here.

He said the dome was beautifully decorated and the ticket price was not too expensive considering visitors were provided with thick jackets and special footwear.

On Saturday, Chinese expert Hu Haiping and Thai researchers separated the 52-day-old panda cub from its mother Lin Hui for the first time to give it a 20-minute check-up.

Panda-section chief Prasertsak Boontrakulpoonthavee said the cub was healthy, 44 centimeters long and weighed 2.9 kilograms.

He said the panda’s weight should increase by 100 grams a day from now on.

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Source: Khao Sod
The charm and diversity of Phuket’s Old Town came into focus as never before on Saturday when 40 photographers took to the streets as part of a worldwide ‘photo walk’.

More than 30,000 snappers in 900 different cities around the globe participated in the second Scott Kelby Annual Worldwide Photo Walk, dwarfing the previous year’s number of participants.

Phuket’s photographers met at 9.30am at Cafe 154 on Phang Nga Road, spending four hours walking, talking and capturing images of Phuket people and their environment.

Organizer of the Phuket photo walk Karim Khamzin said the event was a fantastic success.

“People loved it,” he said. “I think a lot of new friends were made that day. And we took some fantastic pictures.”

Every photographer who took part will submit their two best images to the global photo walk’s organizers, with one photograph being crowned the best of the entire event on August 17.

Ten other images will receive ‘honorable mentions’.

The photographs on this page were all taken by participants in the Phuket photo walk on Saturday.

Mr Khamzin said the event went down so well that plans were already afoot for another photo walk.

The next might focus on black and white photography, he said.

Anyone interested in future Phuket photo walks should register at the following Yahoo! Group: tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/phuket_photo. For information visit the website worldwidephotowalk.com.

-Dan Waites
Urbane dining by the water’s edge

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s we pull into Royal Phuket Marina, a Chelsea tractor hums past us towards Thepkrassatri Road, trailing in the wake of some shiny Bavarian bodywork.

The bamboo-lined slip road stretches out lazily like a Beverly Hills driveway, leading to a car park packed with Mini Coopers, brand-new Japane
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ames and a blindingly beautiful red Mercedes 500 SL, two-seater with Bangkok license plates.

I slot my rusting ’96 Nissan Big M, with its 275,000km-plus, on the clock and only three breakdowns in 13 years (beat that you beautiful Merc), in between a gleaming Honda Civic and another obscenely expensive runaround.

With all its impressive vehicular hardware, it’s easy to understand why this marina has earned the acronym RPM.

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AL FRESCO AMBIENCE: Power yachts, motor cruisers, and gleaming white vessels with lubricious names line the nearby quayside.

boasted in the ’70s: “Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac.”

Ah, the early 70s, when, at a tender age, on the Greco-Yugoslavian border, I sat on a dizzily hygienic public toilet, only to gaze up at graffiti that announced, ‘The only dope worth shooting is Nixon’.

We sit with Lisa, the canny marketing manager of the Boathouse.

She’s smart, multilingual and knows what a Wi-Fi looks like. I, on the other hand, don’t. An ersatz Phil Collins sings the Young Rascals’ A Groovy Kind of Love in the background, providing an almost impossibly convoluted audio backdrop for a copy-CD-rich Phuket.

It’s a copy, of a copy, of a copy.

Still, ersatz musik aside, it’s undeniably pleasant to be caressed by the gentle evening breezes, while sipping on a vodka martini, perusing the sumptuous menu and choosing starters.

“You’ll never guess what they eat in Paris?” says Leonardo to Kate in the recent award-winning Revolutionary Road. “Slimy snails.”

Mire were anything but slimy. This is the first time I’ve eaten snail – excellent by the way and served with garlic bread – since the 1980s when Eddie Murphy made his famous “Look at that S-car go” joke.

A waiter pops the cork on an Echevarria Molina red from Chile (1,300 baht) and we settle in as he opens it. It’s a short stroll from the car park to the Regatta, past RPM’s colorful fountain.

It’s all very impressive, all very polished and extraordinarily smooth.

And unusually, I don’t have an after-remark to deflate the idyllic description.

Prices here are cheaper than the Boathouse in Kata and, even though they’d raise and eventually deflate the normal yachtie’s eyebrows, they wouldn’t rock the boat for most regular customers at RPM.

Later, we sample a deep-fried fillet of sea bass topped with tom yum heng sauce and served with jasmine rice, accompanied by a chicken breast stuffed with spinach and rosemary grain mustard sauce (480 baht), served with sautéed white mushrooms.

To finish, we share a portion of ‘Colonel’s cup’ lime sherbet (180 baht) with to-kill-ya tequila. It’s all ship-shape.

Here’s hoping that, in the future, the RPM car park will be brimming with scuffed SUVs, Daithi Miras and Yaris’ as average Joe’s arrive to sample the Franco-je-re-sais-quoi-mais-superbe dining.
Welcome to the ninth in the series of Tai Chi Timeouts. Each timeout takes you through a single, easy-to-follow Tai Chi-Chi Gung exercise.

One of the aims of Tai Chi is to develop the intrinsic energy (Chi) within the body through slow, rhythmical breathing exercises known as Chi Gung. The ancient martial art exercises naturally relieve tension from stress as well as aches and pains from stiff limbs. Perform them whenever you wish to unwind and loosen up.

**Sequence**

Step 1: Place your feet shoulder-width apart, knees slightly bent, with your hips tucked gently underneath the spine (back straight). Relax your shoulders and hold your head up, keeping your neck relaxed. Place your hands over your Tan Tien (solar plexus) and breathe calmly through your nose.

Step 2: Step forward with your right foot into a front stance with your weight placed 70 percent on the front foot and 30 percent on the back foot. Relax your neck and shoulders, and bend your arms at the elbow. Spread your palms and form a triangle by touching your thumbs and index fingers. Breathe in deeply and then begin to exhale as you begin to calmly and smoothly circle your hands outward.

Step 3: Continue to exhale as you circle your hands outward.

Step 4: When your hands reach the extent of the outward circle, slowly begin to inhale as you shift your weight backwards.

Step 5: Continue to inhale as you shift into a back stance with your weight 70 percent on your back foot and 30 percent on your front foot. Begin to calmly and smoothly circle your hands inward.

Step 6: Continue to inhale as you circle your hands inward.

Step 7: When your hands reach the extent of the inward circle, touching your abdomen, slowly begin to exhale as you shift your weight forward once again. Repeat the exercise 30 times with your right leg forward, then shift your stance with your left leg forward and repeat the exercise 30 times again.

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

They are particularly beneficial in the early morning when the Chi is especially light and clean, relaxing and energizing both the mind and body for a new day. This particular exercise is known as ‘calming the waters’.

With neck and shoulders relaxed, arms are held at waist level and moved in a simple circle as you shift your weight forward and backward, exhaling while shifting forward and inhaling while shifting backward. This simple but effective exercise calms anxiety, stress and hypertension held in the abdomen.

Rick Attix has been practicing Tai Chi for over 25 years with masters from China, Malaysia and the U.S. Rick holds regular Tai Chi classes at his Kamala garden residence. Classes are held three times a week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am. A six-day retreat is held the first week of every month. All levels are welcome.

For more information visit www.taichiphuket.com or email serenethai@yahoo.com.

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Hed-ing for that perfect sound

Phuket took a giant step towards establishing itself as one of Asia’s up-and-coming clubbing destinations last Friday, following the successful staging of the Phuket leg of the Hed Kandi Thailand World Series Tour at Stereo Lab in Surin and the grand opening of Sound Phuket in Patong.

Both venues were packed to capacity as Phuket residents and a number of Bangkok’s ‘hi-so’ crowd turned out in force.

Earlier in the evening, Sound Phuket officially launched with an exclusive invitation-only party that attracted none other than Thailand’s greatest-ever tennis player Paradorn Srichaphan and his wife, former Miss Universe, Natalie Glebova.

Bed Supperclub resident DJ Octo started proceedings, and guests were treated to a series of impressive spectacles, from live vocal performances to lithe dancers adorned in zebra-striped head-to-toe body suits.

Later at Stereo Lab, house music fans packed into the bar on Surin Beach and were eventually forced to spill onto the decking and beach outside. DJ Dean Rigg was relentless behind the decks, dropping one classic house track after another, keeping the dance floor packed and buzzing for the duration of his set.

The Hed Kandi resident was supported by ‘Deano on percussion’, who was arguably the standout performer on the night.

If Phuket is to become a major player in the clubbing scene, nights like this need to become a regular fixture.

Given how successful both events were, it shouldn’t be too long until some of the bigger names in the industry start to arrive on Phuket shores. Photos by Dan Miles

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Taking your memories home with you

Those of you who have read 'Beneath the Waves' since its inception – thank you to all of you, no matter how few – will have undoubtedly noticed that the articles are supported by some truly breathtaking pictures showcasing some of the weird and wonderful things that live in the tropical seas and oceans around this blue planet of ours.

Underwater photography is one of the most enjoyable aspects of scuba diving, partly because it allows a diver to visually record their dives and then relive them at a later date.

Underwater photography is not an easy skill to master, but with today’s point-and-shoot cameras at very affordable prices, more and more people are venturing beneath the waves to capture what lies below.

The beauty of the digital age is that divers can take as many pictures as they need to get the best shot they can, while disposing of the rest, something which was costly using film. Separating the wheat from the chaff as it were.

Despite technology improving people’s chances of taking good photos, diving ability also plays a major role in getting that ‘perfect’ shot.

As with so much in diving, good buoyancy is the key. Hovering almost motionless in mid-water enables a diver to focus on the intended target, while keeping the camera steady.

Before getting into underwater photography, it is important to ensure your skills are up to scratch.

If you are an experienced diver, this should not be an issue. If you are just starting out, a Peak Performance Buoyancy course is highly recommended.

As much as I’d like to, I can’t take credit for the fantastic photos that feature in this column. I’m more Bill Bailey than David Bailey.

The plaudits go to Lia Barrett. Lia, a graduate from Parsons School of Design and Eugene Lang College in New York, first started diving when she was 17 and took a three-week trip to the Red Sea. It was then she first started taking underwater photos.

By the time she finished university, Lia had been to more than 50 countries. On her travels she took hundreds of photographs which helped her to ‘cut through social, cultural, and language barriers’.

“Photos are a universal language that are instrumental in educating, inspiring, and understanding one another, and producing them and being a part of this cycle have created some of my most cherished memories,” she said.

After graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in photography in 2007, Lia headed to Honduras where she became a divemaster so she could improve her underwater skills.

Her increased ability gave her the platform from which to apply her topside education underwater. This resulted in some breathtaking images of the fascinating life beneath the waves – particularly macro life.

Lia uses a top-of-the-range Canon EOS 5D.

The majority of new divers will choose a handy point-and-shoot compact digital camera. This won’t produce pictures of Lia’s quality, but she feels it won’t stop divers from taking good photos.

“I have seen some really great shots in the macro range from point and shoot cameras. This involves getting extremely intimate with subjects to the point of almost touching them. Typically wider shots are not as successful, but that is due to the weak light output,” she said.

It’s very easy to get frustrated with photography when you start out, but Lia emphasizes that persistence is the key to taking good underwater photos.

“Underwater is very different from conventional photography. Patience is the key. Learning simple techniques, such as shooting from the side of a subject as opposed to directly down on it, really make a difference. Look at other underwater photography,” she said.

“Make sure the diving side is conquered before taking a camera down for your own safety, be courteous to other divers and try not to kick coral or other marine life,” she said.

To see more of Lia’s photos visit www.liabarrett.com.
Rolly Tasker discovered his passion for sailing yachts while still a young boy. It seems to have all begun when his father took him to a regatta in his native Western Australia in 1934. Today, 75 years later, the legendary yachtsman is still working hard in his sail loft and rigging business here in Phuket.

Rolly made his first sail in 1936. He helped to cut out the pattern from a table cloth that his mother fashioned into a sail for his father’s fishing boat. He then began to build models of classic boats, including a Chinese junk and an Arabian dhow.

His first full-sized boat was a 10-foot wooden clinker with overlapping planks and ribs. None of his boats could have sails unless the young Tasker made them himself.

He has spent the rest of his life building boats. He helped to complete a 20-foot yacht in 1940. He joined the Australian Air Force as soon as he was old enough to learn to fly, and qualified as a pilot. Tasker has built 26 boats for his private use, all of which are still sailing. He is proud that he has never lost a yacht, a crew member or a rig, and has never retired from a race.

The avid sportsman has also built a number of the world’s largest and most productive factories for sails and rigging. He experiments with new methods and materials to build boats, sails and their rigging.

“I’ve had twelve factories in different parts of the world, but I’ve settled on Phuket because the quality of workmanship is high and the costs are lower. I first started making sails on the roof of the car park at the former Phuket Shopping Center off Rasada Rd in 1993. That proved to be very successful so I decided to build my current bespoke factory on Chao Fa West Rd.” The Phuket factory is an airy 9,000 square meters and employs an army of industrious Thai women who work to supply international demand for sails and rigging. Last year, Rolly shipped off his 2 millionth sail, to a client in Norway.

Rolly has also found time to have his biography published. The title, *Sailing to the Moon*, came from his accomplishment of sailing more than 340,000 nautical miles aboard yachts, farther than the distance to the moon.

“I estimate that over my long career in sailing, I have accumulated about 20 different job skills. I have no plans to retire. There are still plenty of things to do. It’s not the end of the story yet,” he says with a smile. — Bruce Stanley

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

Don’s Cafe owner, Don Battles, had good reason to host a Lunar Landing Party at his Rawai restaurant on Monday night in celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the first moon landing.

Don worked as a senior engineer on the Apollo 11 project. He went on to become an Apollo space craft systems engineer and later worked on the joint Russian/American docking system.

“We planned to reach Mars by 1986, but President Nixon cut the budget for all space programs to support the war in Vietnam,” he said.

Monday night’s party was a packed out affair and guests included Jack Hammons who spent 34 years working for Boeing Aviation, the company that built the lunar rover for later Apollo missions.

Many of the revelers said they could still remember what they were doing forty years ago when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon.

Frank Visakay said he was a cook in New York at the time and brought a black and white TV into his restaurant so guests could watch the event.

And Ray Vaillancourt, who was a young recruit at Lackland Air Force Base, said he was studying the same microwave radio transmission technology that was used to transmit the first images of man’s first walk on the moon.

-Bruce Stanley
Coping with the naga

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ecently this newspaper carried a story about a mysterious hole which appeared after the sound of an explosion in a field in the province of Nong Khai [April 25, Queer News, “Faithful flock to holy hole”].

The local spirit medium told the locals the hole had been made by a ‘naga’, a snake-like spirit from Buddhist and Hindu mythology, which had come to the region to drive out evil.

The villagers sealed off the hole with tape to stop people from falling in, and set up a tent from which they could make offerings to the naga.

The happy owner of the field told them the naga could cure diseases if they left offerings which pleased him.

It sounded like the owner was a con man, so I consulted an expert on nagas.

Dr Naganath Chapattiwallah is a prominent Indian nagologist who is currently visiting Bangkok.

He took the incident very seriously, as the following interview reveals:

Me: Dr Naganath, what do you make of this story?

Dr N: That spirit medium doesn’t know his business. He’s a fool. There are good nagas and bad. They don’t always drive out evil. They can create it as well.

Me: What should the villagers do to find out which kind this one is?

Dr N: They’ve already made a big mistake by sealing off the hole. That hole is the naga’s new home. Nagas don’t like to be fenced in. They need lots of space. Even if the tape has merely cordoned off the hole from a distance, it will make the naga feel trapped, and very angry. By now he will have become a rogue naga who will cause no end of trouble.

Me: What sort of trouble do rogue nagas cause?

Dr N: All kinds. They make people go crazy, they make them get sick. A rogue naga is not something you want in your neighborhood. And one thing that makes my blood run cold, is the hole, and the explosion that preceded it, appeared just before Songkran. Now, what happened during Songkran?

Me:Errr... The red shirts shut down the Asean seminar in Pattaya and ran amok in Bangkok.

Dr N: Exactly. It would be just like an angry naga to take revenge by inciting large groups of people to violence.

Me: Gosh. You mean all the trouble we had in Pattaya and Bangkok was the naga’s fault?

Dr N: I am only speculating here, but it is something that should be investigated. Then, what has happened just recently?

Me: Uhhhh... Well, we’ve had the Octomom, with her eight babies to add to her earlier six. Errr, are you suggesting that the naga is the father?

Dr N: No, no, no! Those babies were conceived much too early for that. No, what we’ve got now is a world-wide pandemic of swine flu. That’s the kind of thing a really angry naga would precipitate.

Me: But swine flu first appeared in Mexico. How could a naga in Thailand cause a disease to appear in faraway Mexico?

Dr N: Use your head, boy! The naga is a supernatural being. He lives in a hole. Angry at being fenced in, he bores through the ground – through the entire planet, in fact – and comes out in Mexico. And there he causes a plague that engulfs the world.

Me: But surely the Mexicans haven’t done anything to offend him.

Dr N: Nagas don’t discriminate. He can’t tell the difference between Thais and Mexicans.

Me: If the naga caused the disease, shouldn’t we change its name from swine flu to naga flu?

Dr N: No. That would antagonize all nagas. It’s bad enough having just one of them mad at us.

Me: I should think the naga would like it in Mexico. He could chill out on the beach in Cancun with a plate of tacos washed down by pina coladas. Maybe he’ll cool off and cancel the epidemic.

Dr N: Not likely. This is a Thai naga. His love for his motherland will bring him back. Tacos and pina coladas will bore him, and he’ll start pining for ‘somtam’ and ‘lao khao’. No, mark my words: like the Terminator, he’ll be back.

Me: It all sounds pretty loopy to me.

S. Tsow, who is pretty loopy himself, can be flamed at s.tsow@ymail.com.
I ain't afraid of no ghosts

Teen Talk
By Maria Giulietta

I have some pretty strange thoughts sometimes but my imagination pales in comparison with the weirdness of Thai ghost stories.

Even though Thais are scared of ghosts, they can’t help talking about them all the time.

One day some friends at school were telling me about ‘phee’ (ghosts). They told me that whenever I invite someone to get into my car I should be wary about saying ‘let’s go’, because you never know who will get in with you.

I was a bit perplexed and asked them to explain.

They said when the 2004 tsunami struck the island everyone piled into tuk-tuks to escape the danger.

People were scared more waves would hit and were shouting ‘let’s go!,’ ‘let’s go!’.

My friends said dead foreigners were jumping into the tuk-tuks – people who’d died but hadn’t realized they were dead yet.

No one realized the ghosts had got in too – until they noticed the tuk-tuks had got so heavy the wheels deflated.

The story was so unbelievable I felt like laughing, but who knows, it may be true!

I used to think we’re not the only ones on earth, that there are living things which the people of other countries don’t believe exist.

But there are also countries like Thailand which are terrified of these things: ghosts.

Several months ago I was lucky enough to stay in a temple for three days of meditation.

There, I had my first encounter with spirits – to the delight of the monks, I must say.

They enjoyed terrorizing all of us with stories of ghosts.

Of course they were just joking around to help us through a tough few days in the temple, but the scare it gave me stayed with me for a long time.

I can’t sleep alone any more and I always have to close the curtains in my room before I sleep to stop the ghosts getting in.

It made me upset so I wanted to explore the subject more deeply.

I started to read about ghosts and all the strange things Thai people don’t really want to talk about, as they believe if you talk about them they will come to visit you.

I’m half Thai, half Italian, and my Italian side tells me to fight when they think ghosts are around. A funny thing that happens once a week in my house is when my father accuses my mother of not taking good care of him – she does the spirits and the pee siya, which is a mythical Chinese animal used as a lucky charm.

She always buys them fruit and even roast chicken but sometimes forgets about my father’s dinner.

Thai ghosts are anything but lazy when it comes to expressing their anger, especially in the world of celluloid.

The legendary Mae Nak ghost of Thai folklore, a woman who died while pregnant and refused to leave her husband behind, still furiously chases after male mediums and monks who try to exorcise her spirit.

Krasue, a female ghost with only her head and intestines intact, continues to hover around remote villages, proudly displaying her blood-soaked teeth.

This, I believe, is a completely invented story of a poor girl killed somewhere who was then depicted as a horrible lady’s clothes, even though she was just a girl who killed her, then others added more and more details.

The Northeast of Thailand is home to Pop, a female ogre who feeds on human intestines or animals’ blood at night, giving villagers many hair-raising moments.

These stories have been around for a long time, but I don’t think they used to be so scary.

Nowadays they’re scarier because the new generation wants them to be.

In fact, modern day Thai ghosts follow in our devilish footsteps and no longer limit their haunting to cemeteries or rice fields or even to night time.

Today, a ghost can appear in an elevator in the middle of the day, or pop up in a bathtub or a toilet.

I’ve never said I believe in spirits or don’t believe in them – but I like seeing how Thai people behave when they think ghosts are around.

I’m very respectful of other people’s beliefs, even though I can’t avoid having my own more realistic beliefs that cool my imagination and help me sleep at night.

These beliefs can be useful and help us grow up more strong in life.

Why do they always have to scare people?

As for the ghost Mae Nak, she’s not so bad, she’s just chasing her beloved husband after death. This is what I call ‘the power of love’.

The strength of her feelings for her husband made her spirit remain on earth.

I like to look at all these ghosts of the past with understanding and compassion for the very human troubles they’ve been through.

There’s no need to invent or listen to stories about them that make them seem bad or scary.
EVENTS CALENDAR

Upcoming events on the island

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 live-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 to 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 Evasion Phuket & Six Senses Spa. For further information contact Grenville Forham. T: 076-264491. E: raceweek@image-asia.com. W: www.phuketraceweek.com.

July 26. FREE Computer Clinic – Chalong

August 1. Swiss Day and We Know How
We will be sharing some of our exceptional Swiss cuisine for Swiss National Day on August 1 at a cocktail reception and grand buffet accompanied by fine Swiss wines, contemporary Swiss music and an extra helping of our renowned Swiss hospitality, The Swiss National Day Celebration costs 888 baht ++ per person. Please wear the Swiss national costume (if you packed it), and if you can prove that your name is Heidi, we will give you a complimentary glass of wine. From 6pm to 10.30pm at Pacifica Restaurant, Mövenpick Resort. For further information contact Cristy Baker. T: 085-473 4636. E: cristy@soidog-foundation.org. W: www.soidog-foundation.org.

August 12. HM The Queen’s Birthday
HM The Queen’s Birthday is also marked as Mothers’ 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 the Phuket government and local businesses. From 7am to 6pm at Kamala Beach. For further information contact Phuket Boardriders Club. T: 081-956 5854. E: joo@phuketboardriders.com. W: www.thaisurfseries.com.

September 24 – 26. Phuket International Hospitality Show
This is the first international exhibition featuring 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 combines a trade exhibition featuring suppliers from all areas of hospitality, a demonstration forum – the Phuket Culinary Fair – and various industry-specific seminars during the three-day show. From 9am to 6pm at Royal Phuket Marina International Exhibition and Conference Center. For more information contact Jennifer Drew. T: 080-146 2673. E: jennifer.drew@informayachtgroup.com. W: www.phukethospitalityshow.com.

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Come and experience the pleasure of driving a selection of our latest models, including the new 740Li, the new 24, X5 xDrive30d, the new 325i convertible and many more! From 8.30am to 5.30pm. For further information or a test drive reservation, contact Khun Sasidan at Barcelona Auto Phuket, 9 Thepkrasatri Road, Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-236688 or 076-236699. E: bca5@dealer.bmw.co.th.

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Mr Phil Teese has joined the Phuket Gazette as a Managing Editor. He brings with him more than 45 years experience in the newspaper industry. Phil has worked on newspapers throughout Australia including the Sydney Daily Telegraph, the Sunday Telegraph, the Sydney Sun-Herald, and the Gold Coast Bulletin. In the 70s, Phil worked on Fleet Street, London for The Sun and the Fleet Street News Agency. During his long career, Phil has also lectured in Journalism at Bond University on the Australian Gold Coast.

Mr Fraser Morton has joined the Phuket Gazette’s editorial team. He will also work with the PGTV News team. Scotsman Fraser has worked in broadcasting and print media in Japan, the UK, the US, Vietnam and Thailand. Before joining the Gazette, Fraser was Associate Editor of the Phuket Post. He has also written for the New Zealand Daily Herald, Fine Time Times Magazine (UK) and Working Abroad Magazine (UK). Fraser has also presented for Capital TV Thailand and lectured at Meiji University in Tokyo, Japan.

Ms Kitima Pornmongkhonwat has joined the Gazette as a Reporter. Originally from Ubon Ratchathani province, Kitima is a Business Management graduate from Naresuan University in Pitsanuloke province. Before moving to Phuket she was the marketing manager for an English Language training center for two years in Chonburi and also in Bangkok. Arriving in Phuket in 2007, Kitima subsequently worked in sales and marketing as a member of the island’s busy real estate industry.

‘Off the rails’ with inheritance

The inheritance of money can be viewed simplistically as a straight transaction between donor and recipient. In reality the situation can be far more complex. As in most areas of financial planning, it requires attention to the individual situation.

In Thailand it’s common for an expatriate breadwinner to have had two marriages and two different sets of children from these marriages. What’s more, expats have often acquired assets in various parts of the world and the intervention of the ‘grim reaper’ can lead to a legal nightmare.

The family of the deceased may not know where these assets are held. There may have been talk of bank accounts, mutual funds, shares or properties held by the deceased during their lifetime. However, if there is no documentary proof available it may be impossible to track the aforementioned assets.

Many governments issue statistics of unclaimed assets on a regular basis and the amounts involved are enormous.

Planning an estate is not usually a lengthy exercise, but it is something people often procrastinate about.

All of us realize we are mortal but in many cases we expect we will be given more time than we are actually allocated. I am currently assisting in a case where the deceased seemed in robust good health when going to sleep but passed away during the night.

One of the greatest common problems that happens after death is, by announcing the death, the resulting estate becomes ‘frozen’.

This commonly results in the widow and the family immediately facing a liquidity crisis.

The deceased may have left a modest or substantial estate but the widow or widower suddenly does not have access to ready cash to pay day-to-day expenses.

This is not just a problem for expats but common the world over.

Insurance policies are generally more than just entities that policyholders pay into on a regular basis and expect a guaranteed payout from after death.

They are often ‘vehicles’ or platforms which hold large amounts of assets invested regionally or globally.

To give an example: when a British expat has a bank account in the UK, it is far more practical to move the account to the Channel Islands or Isle of Man on becoming a non-resident.

One of the benefits is that upon death it takes about six weeks to ‘wind up’ the estate.

The legal process is just as sophisticated as the UK’s; the reason it is faster is simply because there is no interference from tax authorities.

A similar UK estate would take, on average, about one year to wind up.

A frequently asked question by expats with wives and young children is: how can I ensure that my children’s education continues to be paid for after my death?

They are often concerned that their wives would not be able to handle the subsequent financial matters and pay school fees.

Their death would have a serious impact on the future of their children.

The best way to avoid this problem, as discussed last week, is to use a trust, and, if possible, an offshore trust based in a highly established routes for this to occur.

Many people compose wills leaving substantial sums of money to children on their 18th, 21st or 25th birthdays. Should the sum of money be, say, US$50,000 then it’s unlikely too much damage will be done.

However, large sums of money suddenly given to a young person can sometimes send them completely ‘off the rails’.

The stories of people who have won substantial amounts of money in lotteries are instructive.

In probably the majority of cases this sudden windfall has had a negative effect on the ‘lucky’ winner and many openly state they wish they had never received the money.

The main reason for this is people place a value on what they have worked, invested and saved for.

But windfalls of large sums, instead of adding value to their lives, often have the opposite effect.

Inherited money can be more of a curse than a blessing.

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Hidden words in the grid are things you might find in a hotel room. The words may read vertically, horizontally or diagonally. They may also read right-to-left or down-to-up. Score: 15 or more, good; 20 or more, very good; 25 or more, excellent.

Solution on the next page.

Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Across
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2. Sauce
3. Greeks
4. Fragrance
11. Abated
18. Body’s neural set-up (7,6)
19. Taking up many hours (4-9)
21. Sequined fabric
23. Tell off (5,4)
26. Air force bomber
28. Undeniably
30. Worthless (2-4)
32. Dodge (fare)
34. Guy
36. Inducted,… in
38. Nearer
39. The Mob
42. Loft
45. Heathens
47. Filled tortillas
49. Latin American dance
50. Sail poles
53. Professional male escort (7,6)
55. Patriotic hymn
56. Gloomy
57. Transported by wagon
59. 365 days
60. Zodiac Cancer symbol
61. Pretentious people
62. Wanderers
66. Coriander & mint
68. Insect grubs
70. Revenge, tit for…
71. Dad
72. Performed play

Down
1. Moistureless (4,3)
2. Skin specialist
3. Molests
5. Dwell
6. Swerved
7. Root vegetable
8. Goalpost mesh
9. Light bulb inventor
10. Tinting
12. Seizing (power) wrongfully
13. Very ordinary
14. Female striped feline Rise
15. Barking noise (3-3)
16. Continent
17. Barking noise (3-3)
18. Continent
19. Continent
20. Continent
22. Coronet
23. Tinting
25. Will not (3’1)
27. Take in (child)
29. Evil spirit
31. Academy Award
34. Captures (criminal)
35. Sandalwood
36. Compassionate
37. Scoundrel
38. Core-group member
39. The Mob
40. Breathing disorder
41. Philippines celebrity,… Marcos
43. Beeped (horn)
44. Partake of alcohol
46. Suez country
48. Great slaughter
49. Ireland (poetic)
51. Just a minute, wait a…
52. Lazed
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TAKE A BREAK

Get your brain in gear with the Monster Quiz

1. Which human rights organisation received the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize?
2. Whose autobiography was The long walk to Freedom?
3. What was discovered in 1922 by Howard Carter?
4. Clyde Tonbaugh discovered what planet in 1930?
5. Who won the women’s heptathlon at Seoul in 1988?
6. Who wrote Northanger Abbey?
7. Who ran through the streets naked crying Eureka?
8. Who composed the Brandenburg concertos?
9. Who won the World Series in 1987?
10. What is the correct term when addressing the Pope?
11. In which city was Alexander Graham Bell born in 1847?
12. Who composed the ballets Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker?
13. AG Bell opened school in Boston in 1872 for Teachers of what?
14. Benjamin Kubelsky is more famously known as who?
15. In the Old Testament what book comes between Obadiah and Micah?
16. Robin Williams dressed in drag for which 1993 film?
17. Which chess piece could also be a member of the church?
18. Which German word means ‘lightning war’?
19. Broccoli belongs to what family of plants?
20. Who designed the first Iron ship, the Great Britain, in 1845?

Answers below

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Solution below

Puzzle Solutions

Solution to this week’s Quick Crossword

Monster Quiz Answers

Solution to this week’s BIG Crossword

Solution to this week’s Sudoku puzzle
Jimmy Breslin is a legend. He is the ultimate ‘Big City Journalist’ in the biggest city in the world, New York. He is often compared to Damon Runyon, who only came to the city when he was 30 years old. Runyon learned about the city that never sleeps only by hanging out in a deli on Times Square frequented by Broadway types, politicians and gangsters.

Breslin, now pushing 80, was born in the Irish working class neighborhood of Ozone Park, Queens, and started out as a newspaper copy boy at the age of 18. He launched his legendary column in the New York Herald Tribune in 1963 and has never looked back.

Breslin has published seven novels and 10 works of non-fiction, the latest being The Good Rat (Harper Perennial, New York, 2008 270pp).

The rat in question is Burt Kaplan, a Mafia associate who would later inform on two corrupt cops with whom he had worked for years: Louis Eppolito and Steve Caracappa. Not only did the pair regularly pass on police information to the mob, they also functioned as contract killers.

Kaplan was a combination of respectable Jewish businessman and mafia-connected fence, and marijuana dealer. Watching him give testimony in court, running state’s evidence after testimony in court, turning dispassionate defiance of the Mafia. Thus the title.

Kaplan’s main Mafia patron was Anthony ‘Gaspipe’ Casso of the Bonanno family. One of Gaspipe’s mortal enemies was John Gotti of the Gambino family.

When Gotti arranged the murder of family leader Paul Castellano, rival Vincente ‘the Chin’ Gigante of the Gambinos felt threatened.

‘He thought: If you kill Castellano, then I, Vincent Gigante, also can be killed.’ Something had to be done about Gotti, Gigante decided, so he hired Gaspipe Casso to put a bomb in a car parked on a Sunday morning in front of the Veteran and Friends social club on Eighty-sixth Street in Bensonhurst... Gotti was inside the club. He left one of his men, Frank DeCicco, in the car. Gotti was supposed to come right out. He tarried. The bomb did not. Mr DeCicco became gaspipe.

This is the streetwise, terse black humor for which Breslin is famed.

Here’s another sample. Breslin is summoned to a nighttime meeting with a Mafia boss outside a restaurant owned by Dominic Cataldo, “who was a nice little guy but has a terrible reputation for doing a lot of work. The expression ‘work’ meant murder. This was a bad thing to say about Cataldo, and to make it worse, it was true.”

So Breslin is feeling antsy about this meeting, but he consoles himself.

“You can trust that Cataldo, Doris. She liked me, all right. And if I disappeared from the restaurant one night, you could trust Doris to answer all police questions succinctly, ‘Who?’”

Breslin’s style here is highly discursive. The main narrative peg is Kaplan and his revelations about Mafia bosses and the two killer cops, but upon this he hangs many a tale of a vanished New York saloon culture and various Mafia social clubs.

One became an expensive Asian dress shop that was later gleaning around the Mafia bosses of the day, Breslin has put together a compelling narrative, packed with moral revulsion and deadpan humor. I read his book in a single sitting. But for what stories he glans around the Mafia bosses of the day, Breslin has put together a compelling narrative, packed with moral revulsion and deadpan humor. I read his book in a single sitting.

In the end, the bad guys are put away and Kaplan strides impressively out of the courtroom and into a different hidden life.

True to his code of omerta, he never talks to Breslin, nor does his daughter, a state judge.

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A list of his 20 favorite books includes work by Hemingway, Faulkner, Dostoevsky, Balzac and Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Street-side is one thing, literate is another.
Security no match for thugs

As this edition went to print, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was in town and the unprecedented security effort surrounding the Asean Ministerial Meetings (AMM) and Asian Regional Forum (ARF) has, despite a few scares, gone off without a hitch – touch wood.

Following the disastrous last-minute cancellation of the failed Asean summit in Pattaya over the Songkran holiday and the terrorist bombing of two US-owned luxury hotels in Jakarta last Friday, the government can hardly be faulted for taking every possible precaution to prevent protests or acts of terrorism that could mar these very important regional talks.

One might expect that putting the island under the provisions of the controversial Internal Security Act for two weeks and bringing in an estimated 10,000 extra security personnel would have everyone on the island on their very best behavior.

The red-shirted members of the anti-government National United Front of Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD) certainly got the hint. They promised Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop they would do nothing to disrupt the proceedings and subsequently lived up to their promise; hiring an air-conditioned coach to go on a “tour” of northern Thailand and Isan for the duration.

Governor Wichai was so pleased with this that he was seen on a local cable television channel handing over a large wad of 1,000 baht notes from his own wallet – along with a big bag of rambutans – to the red-shirts as a farewell gift.

Unfortunately, the island’s considerable population of hoodlums, bandits, petty thieves and other miscreants appear undeterred at being placed under the same security measures that normally apply only to Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat.

A week after the Internal Security Act was invoked, two cowardly thugs trying to steal a Thai woman’s handbag and severely beat the woman and her English male companion in the parking lot of the popular Stereo Lab nightclub in Surin, just up the road from the AMM host venue Laguna Phuket and a stone’s throw away from a number of luxury hotels providing accommodation for delegates.

This attack was followed just three days later by a gun battle in broad daylight on the beach road in Patong between two rival gangs pitted against each other in a bloody land dispute, the death toll of which now stands at two.

Fortunately police were reportedly able to round up most of those involved.

Hopefully the information they obtain in questioning will somehow expedite an end to this bloody turf war, which has already stopped since the first day?

I very much doubt it. Maybe the odd Thai here and there, but farangs? Forget it.

On the day the Internal Security Act came into effect, a two kilometre-long tailback stretching almost to Heroines’ Monument from its point of origin developed, causing delays.

As the conference got closer, these tailbacks would increase in size causing untold chaos. I assumed wrong. Obviously someone explained that the soldiers were doing their jobs far too well and the ‘squaddies’ were told to quell their enthusiasm.

Now they just wave people through as the vehicles slow down before each checkpoint.

Approaching a checkpoint on my way home on Friday, a pickup laden with the large bottles of water was happily waved through, no questions asked.

Those bottles could have been full of all kinds of flammable substances, stuff that could have caused untold damage.

Not only would this have harmed the meetings at Laguna Phuket, it would possibly have destroyed Thailand’s reputation once and for all, especially given the measures that are in place in the name of ‘security’.

If a layperson like me thought about this, why the hell didn’t the people who are being employed to ensure this meeting passes without incident?

If someone wanted to really hammer the final nail into Phuket’s coffin, it wouldn’t take a terrorist mastermind to complete the job.

Doug Phillips
Bang Tao

Where’s the security?

Barely a couple of weeks ago, people were complaining about having their privacy invaded by this mass security force which was going to be checking this and checking that, and generally making our lives hell during the Asean meeting.

Has anyone actually been stopped since the first day?

The town looks very quiet and there are few tourists.

I just got back from my first visit to Phuket last year.

The view looks very quiet and there are few tourists.

At night I went to Bangla Road expecting to see people, as they come?

When you come out of arrivals, you can go to lots of other places without this hassle.

Barry Cutler
Chalong

Letters

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The recent donation to the province of eight rai of land by Rolly Tasker brings closer the realization of the new four-lane airport road.

This is a great example of commitment to the greater good of the community. And, in this case, the donor is a foreigner.

I hope other locals will follow this example so that the road can finally become a reality.

The second airport road is a much-needed addition to Phuket’s infrastructure.

The roads are becoming congested as it is but if there’s an accident or a hold up at the Heroines’ Monument roundabout on the main airport road, that’s it. You’re stuck, as there’s no alternative route for traffic to go.

Phuket’s roads are dangerous and Thai drivers have sloppy driving habits. People die unnecessarily and it’s a shame.

I ask why there are no proper pedestrian crossings or elevated U-turns in Phuket. I am told they would look unattractive, but I say, having proper roads is going to be a much more attractive asset to the island in the long run.

My continued aim is to improve Phuket’s infrastructure to make the island a safe and convenient place to live or visit.

There are plans for another four-lane highway that has existed for about 10 years but construction of that road has never got underway due to delays over a particular stretch.

When completed, it will provide better access to Sapahan Hín, the area around the Third Area Naval Command and the Chalerm Prakiat School area. I’m pushing for that project to be finalized once the Asean meetings are over and we can begin on that road, too.

With the spotlight on Phuket during the Asean meetings, Phuketians have come together to welcome the international delegates. We have shown that Phuket is an ideal location for international events with good security in place.

The protests in Patong just before the Asean meetings were over an old, land-related issue, but things came to a head when it rained and residents suffered from flooding.

Mediation was required to quell the animosity and reconciliation has been achieved.

When it comes to color-coded political debate, Phuket is not a red- or yellow-shirt zone. If anything, Phuketians are white-shirts, meaning we represent the colors of the entire nation.

There are no winners in the red-shirt/yellow-shirt dispute. There is a loser, however. That loser is Thalat.

The theft of decorative flora planted just before the Asean summit is not much of a big deal. It was probably just some kids playing a prank. I believe the plants were eventually returned.

However, I plan to continue beautifying Phuket after the Asean meetings with more Palmyra trees, as they are a traditional symbol of Phuket.

The island needs to show something to visitors when they arrive. Something that says, ‘you are now in Phuket’.

When I was governor of Phang Nga, I initiated a project to build a 120-meter-high viewing tower that will become a major tourist attraction for the province.

For an investment of 200 million baht, Phang Nga will have a popular tourist attraction that will become a well-known landmark; a place that every tourist will want to visit, where they can find out more about the area they have come to see.

I’d like to see a similar attraction here, where tourists can get a bird’s-eye view of the island’s natural beauty. Pattaya has one. Why not Phuket?

When you go to Paris, you pay to go up the Eiffel Tower. When you go to Shanghai or Sydney, you pay to visit attractions in those cities. It’s the same all over the world. Phuket needs to have something to offer.

This kind of attraction would be a much better addition to Phuket than the water park currently under construction.

Why build a water park as a tourist attraction when people who come here for the island’s natural beauty and beaches?

Having said that, at the end of the day, the success of Phuket is not down to the governor. It is down to all Phuketians joining hands in a concerted effort to make the province a better place to live.

All too often, progress that will benefit the majority is held up by selfish or greedy individuals with their own agenda.

The Governor’s Letter

Phuket Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop is now in his fourth month of a planned one-year tenure in the big chair at Phuket Provincial Hall. In that time, Governor Wichai has pushed hard to improve the island’s infrastructure, especially the roads.

In this month’s Governor’s Letter, Governor Wichai talks about the continued development of Phuket as a world-class destination and urges Phuketians to think and act collectively for the good of the island.

Where can my Thai friend apply for a new passport?

I would like one of my Phuket friends to visit my country, but I just realized he does not have a passport.

Where is the closest Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office to Phuket so we can apply for a passport? How much does it cost, how long does it usually take to process and what documents are required?

Joey Lucas
Phuket
A representative at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs replies:

The closest Passport Division office to Phuket is located in Songkhla province. There is an intermittent service that travels to Phuket about four times per year, but you should not rely upon this if you are in a hurry to leave the country with your friend.

To apply for a passport he/she will need to bring their current ID card and pay 1,055 baht in fees. Once you have applied, it should take about a week to arrive at the given address.

Passport Division offices:

Head Office: 123 Chang Wattana Road, Laksee, Bangkok 10210. Tel: 02-981-717-199. Fax: 02-981-7256. Opening hours: 8am to 6pm.

Songkhla City Hall (Old building), 1st Floor, Rachada-mern Road, A Muang, Songkhla 90000. Tel: 074-326-510. Fax: 074-326506.

Can I post spearfishing equipment to Thailand?

Can I bring my spearfishing equipment into the country through the airport in my checked baggage? Failing that, can I post my equipment to Thailand?

Michael Entwistle
Overseas
An officer at Phuket International Airport post office replies:

With regard to your spearfishing equipment and checked luggage, you should consult your airline before you fly.

You can post your spearfishing equipment to Thailand, but you must ensure that it is wrapped sufficiently and is clearly marked with your name, address and the value of the equipment.

An official at the Customs Office, Phuket City replies:

If you bring the equipment into the country yourself you will not be required to pay any fees. If, however, you post your equipment, it may be subject to import taxes.

The import duty on a spearfishing gun is 20% and you will be charged a further 20% for any additional equipment.

If you can prove that the equipment is for personal use only, you may escape any charges.

For more information contact the Post Office at Phuket International Airport. (Tel: 076-327-430 or Phuket Customs (next to Phuket Immigration). Phuket Road, A Muang, Phuket 83000. Tel: 076-211105, 076-211106.
Sainamyen under-13s return with heads held high after Songkhla tournament

Sainamyen School from Patong finished the two-day Songkhla under-15s rugby 7s tournament on a high after securing victory in their final match against a school from their home province on July 12.

Earlier in the tournament, the Patong side suffered two defeats against teams which fielded players more than two years their senior.

The tournament in Songkhla, on July 11 and 12, was Sainamyen under-13s’ first ever rugby 7s competition.

There was no under-13s category, so the Patong side was put in the under-15s tournament. Despite playing against boys much larger than themselves, the size of the opposition didn’t faze the Patong players who repeatedly threw themselves into some tough tackles.

The first game pitted them against Chananupathum School from Songkhla province.

The local side took an early 5-0 lead as they made the most of their considerable size advantage, crossing the line for a simple opening try.

Rather than retreating into their shells, Sainamyen rallied and a huge hit from hooker Phetklua gave them the platform to compete.

Despite the relentless pressure, the team tackled their hearts out and held firm to go in at half time only one try down.

The second half proved to be an entirely different story.

The Sainamyen boys took the initiative from the start, forcing their opposition onto the back foot as they searched for a try.

With seconds remaining, Charin Tongkham crashed over in the corner after some great passing along the line.

But the try was controversially disallowed when an official from the opposite touchline said Sainamyen had knocked the ball on over the line, handing Chananupathum the win.

In their second game, Sainamyen was awarded a walk over, when Songsan School failed to front.

In the last game of day, Sainamyen took on Prachasan School from Ao Luk, whose players wouldn’t have looked out of place in a senior game.

Sainamyen started strongly with Aphiseth Yimorn and Nantawat Sititchai both coming close to scoring.

The scores were level going into the half time of the half when Napat Suphichawatipong made a great break, only to be tackled close to the line.

The ball was quickly turned over by Ao Luk who scored a breakaway try to give them a narrow 5-0 half time lead.

After putting in so much effort in repelling their bigger opponents, Sainamyen began to tire during the second half.

A one-sided second half ensued as Prachasan scored 24 unanswered points, and went home victorious with a 29-0 win to their credit.

Day two was interrupted by tropical downpours, but Sainamyen finally registered a win against another Songkhla side, the only other under-13s side in the group.

Despite losing two matches, it was a great experience for the team who returned home happy to have been able to compete against older players.

The experience they gained in Songkhla will help their development in the future. Sainamyen will be entering other regional tournaments, and youth training will begin again in September.

The aim is to get a mini-youth league up and running in Phuket by the end of the year.

-Put Cotter

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Six Senses added to 2009 Asian Grand Prix circuit

O n the back of the success of last year’s King’s Cup and the growing popularity of the Six Senses Phuket Raceweek, Phuket will now play host to two rounds of the Asian Yachting Grand Prix, following the announcement of the latter to the racing calendar.

The July event, currently underway, has been installed as the first event on the 2009-10 racing circuit, reflecting the growing success of the regatta, which is now in its fifth year.

According to the Asian Yachting website, “the selection of events must reflect the high standards expected by the Racing Class boat owners and a fair turnout of top-level racing teams competing at the event.”

Each year, points are awarded based on the performances of both skippers and yachts in the Racing Class taking place in designated Grand Prix events. Neil Pryde on Hi Fi took the 2008-09 title, scoring a record 20 points.

This year’s win in the Asian Yachting Grand Prix was particularly sweet,” he said. “It was a long hard road and winning was the pay off for the efforts of a lot of people,” he said.

It was the third time Pryde has claimed the prestigious award in the eight years since its inception.


The winning skipper is awarded a tailored blue Armani blazer and receives the Perpetual Asian Yachting Cup – traditionally filled with chilled champagne – at a lavish prize giving ceremony at the conclusion of the final regatta of the series in Koh Samui.

Hi Fi and Quantum Racing, now known as Evolution Sails, are both competing in this year’s Evasion Six Senses Phuket Raceweek.

Pryde and Roberts will be going head-to-head once again, with both men hoping for the best possible start in their quests to add yet another blue blazer to their respective wardrobes.

Most of Hi Fi’s core crew from last season have been retained. Photo by sail-world.com

“While giving them international exposure the fun and excitement of being part of an international competition, the KTA will be the first international tour of its kind in Asia and is open to everyone regardless of ability.

The philosophy behind the event is to provide homegrown riders with an opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of being part of an international competition.

Kerr and Godbold are also hoping the tour will act as a stepping-stone to the pro tour scene for the region’s best riders, while giving them international competition experience.

Kerr is one of three Phuket-based kiteboarders who will be competing on the tour.

Kiteboarding has been recognized by the International Sailing Federation as a form of sailing after kiteboarders smashed the world speed record for wind powered craft, reaching speeds of more than 50 knots.

The inaugural kiteboarding tour will stop in four different countries, starting in October in Xiamen, China, before moving to Hong Kong, the Philippines and Vietnam.

The final event is scheduled to take place in Pranburi near Hua Hin, in March next year.

Each leg will feature two IKA sanctioned disciplines.

One will be a straight race in which kiteboarders race against one another on a designated course.

The second event is a freestyle event, where kiteboarders will try to impress a panel of judges with stunts, tricks and aerial gymnastics.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each of the five legs, and at the end of the tour the first ever Asian Kiteboarding Champion will be crowned.

Because the tour is sanctioned by the IKA, riders will be awarded world ranking points for placing in the events in which they compete.

Riders will then be able to view their overall world ranking position on the official IKA website.

Kerr is hoping the tour will have a positive impact on the sport in Asia.

“This is one of only three tours in the world which are sanctioned by the International Sailing Federation,” he said.

“This tour will be huge for Asian kiters because they now can actually obtain world rankings from participating in our competitions.”

For further information, to register as a competitor or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.kiteboardingtour.asia or contact Willy Kerr on williy@kiteboardingtour.asia.

- James Goyder

Phuket resident driving force behind Asian kiteboarding tour

The sport of kiteboarding has long been a popular recreational activity at numerous holiday destinations around Asia.

With the popularity of the sport ensured, Phuket entrepreneur Willy Kerr, the Irish owner of Kite Surf Phuket and PhuketDesign.com, is set to launch the Kiteboard Tour Asia (KTA), along with Hong Kong-based Neil Godbold.

“Unfortunately the travel abroad,” he said. “money to help them compete with their sponsors who will put up the cash.”

“Hopefully the tour will act as a launching pad for homegrown riders as we try to establish a real Asian circuit,” he said.

“I will be taking part in some of the events, and two Thai guys, Pae and Mode, who are instructors at my school in Phuket are also hoping to compete,” he said.

“A long hard road and winning was the pay off for the efforts of a lot of people,” he said.

It was the third time Pryde has claimed the prestigious award in the eight years since its inception.

“While giving them international exposure the fun and excitement of being part of an international competition, the KTA will be the first international tour of its kind in Asia and is open to everyone regardless of ability.

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Kerr and Godbold are also hoping the tour will act as a stepping-stone to the pro tour scene for the region’s best riders, while giving them international competition experience.

Kerr is one of three Phuket-based kiteboarders who will be competing on the tour.

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The inaugural kiteboarding tour will stop in four different countries, starting in October in Xiamen, China, before moving to Hong Kong, the Philippines and Vietnam.

The final event is scheduled to take place in Pranburi near Hua Hin, in March next year.

Each leg will feature two IKA sanctioned disciplines.

One will be a straight race in which kiteboarders race against one another on a designated course.

The second event is a freestyle event, where kiteboarders will try to impress a panel of judges with stunts, tricks and aerial gymnastics.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each of the five legs, and at the end of the tour the first ever Asian Kiteboarding Champion will be crowned.

Because the tour is sanctioned by the IKA, riders will be awarded world ranking points for placing in the events in which they compete.

Riders will then be able to view their overall world ranking position on the official IKA website.

Kerr is hoping the tour will have a positive impact on the sport in Asia.

“This is one of only three tours in the world which are sanctioned by the International Sailing Federation,” he said.

“This tour will be huge for Asian kiters because they now can actually obtain world rankings from participating in our competitions.”

For further information, to register as a competitor or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.kiteboardingtour.asia or contact Willy Kerr on williy@kiteboardingtour.asia.

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LIFTOFF: Kite Surf Phuket instructor Pae is one of two Thais from Phuket hoping to compete in the Kiteboard Tour Asia.

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Embracing the winds of change

By Salvatore Consentino

S
aving our planet from glo-
bal warming was a hot topic at the annual G8
summit held in Italy earlier this month and put new
impetus on the drive to implement
more green technology.

It’s good to see US
President Barack Obama encour-
ing other governments to make
radical changes and to finally
tackle the issue.

Hopefully, the Thai govern-
ment and banks will now take the
issue more seriously and facilitate
changes so that organizations and
individuals can play their part in
the global effort to rely more on
renewable energy.

Several readers have
requested more information on
the topics discussed in this column,
mostly on how to obtain financing
from banks, while some want to
know more technical details.

Giving answers to questions
regarding technical issues is no
problem but the issue of financial
incentives for going green is still
controversial. Banks are still
doubious of requests to fund
renewable-energy and energy-
saving projects.

One reader asked if
replacing his two-stroke marine
engines with four-stroke engines
would qualify him to access to the
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saving projects.

The sad truth is, we need to
force financial institutions to
consider the proposals for
renewable energy as project
financing, not just as normal loan
requests. In other words, any
proposed project needs to be
financially viable enough to
support itself without collateral.

Bringing decision makers
together is the next step in
bringing about wide-sweeping
changes in attitudes towards
investment in green technology.

To this end, people who
believe that going green is a
sustainable and rewarding
business need to organize
meetings to share opinions and
spread awareness through
communal and social
associations, such as chambers of
commerce.

Decision makers in financial
institutions should be invited to
these gatherings to answer
questions and help interpret
government policy toward
renewable energy.

Now let’s look at the latest in wind turbine technology. These
are low-cost renewable-energy solutions that can be easily applied
anywhere and can generate up
to 60kW of electricity. They are
efficient for small homes, offices and
larger buildings.

The new designs rotate on a
vertical axis like a carousel, rather
than the traditional horizontal
propeller-like design, making them
more efficient.

These vertical axis wind
turbines (VAWTs) have several advantages over the
horizontal wind turbine design in
urban settings. They take up less
space, are quieter and can
generate up to 50% more electricity per year than
conventional turbines with the
same sweep area.

VAWTs can also generate
electricity at wind speeds as low
as 1.5 meters per second but
continue to generate power in
high wind speeds of up to 60m/s.

The vertical axis, direct-
ship drives eliminate the need for
a gearbox, making a more
efficient transfer of energy and
no leaking oil. Plus, they are less
harmful to wildlife in terms of bird
and bat strikes.

On top of that, vertical-axis
turbines do not need to be directed
into the wind to enable them to
rotate. They remain in a fixed
position and can be stacked on
top of each other, making them
the perfect urban application to
squeeze as much electricity as
possible from light, local winds.

You can see one of these
wind turbines in action on
YouTube (www.youtube.com/
watch?v=CVasG-u28m4).

The graceful lines of the
classic three-bladed horizontal
axis wind turbine will always be
an iconic symbol of clean,
renewable energy and environmental consciousness but
the new generation of VAWT
design is the answer to small and
micro-applications.

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Construction Update

Water World set to make waves in Phuket

West Sands Water World in Mai Khao is the latest tourist attraction currently under construction in Phuket.

Construction began last year and is expected to be complete by December.

The water park is part of the West Sands five-star resort complex and was designed by Whitewater Industries, a world leader in water park design and a major player in the US water park industry, including Disney.

The overall cost of the project is 500 million baht (US$14 million) with construction and engineering is being overseen by Danu Design and Hadyai Nanthakorn Co Ltd.

Covering an area of 22,400 square meters, the developers say the park will be able to accommodate 2,500 visitors a day.

“We are highly confident that West Sands Water World will take little time to become the new major attraction and a must-do activity for travelers who have landed in Phuket,” said Project Director Barry King.

The park will feature regionally-themed sections which include African, Asian, Turkish, Northern European, North American and Incan zones. There will even an area dedicated to the sub zero temperatures of the North Pole, although ice water in this section is yet to be confirmed.

The interactive structure of the water park will include several water slides, a 335-meter-long lazy river, a wave pool, a play pool and spa area as well as ‘Boomerango’ and ‘Super Bowl’ premium rides.

The latter two are currently all the rage in the US, with Boomerango winning the ‘best new ride’ award last year.

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Property in paradise

It’s not easy to break the mold with design concepts in Phuket. Many have been tried, some of which have failed and some have prospered. Currently, the design fad of the day, week, month, year or decade that has left house hunters drooling is the indoor/outdoor living concept.

House owners can now saunter from their king-sized bed or living room, out to their infinity edge swimming pool, without even opening a door.

Lazy isn’t it? But it’s lazying around and relaxation that sells, and that’s what’s in abundance in Phuket’s high-end property market at present.

Hillside residences offering sea-scape Andaman Sea views seem to be quite popular as well.

Designers and architects can thank Phuket’s topography for making their task of supplying breathtaking views just a little easier.

“These properties sell themselves,” comes the cry.

Breathtaking views? Check.

Infinity edge pool overlooking a postcard backdrop? Check.

Indoor/outdoor living concept and a whole lot of floor-to-ceiling windows? Check.

Perched high in the Nai Harn hills, Baan Sawan is an exclusive villa estate that ‘check’s’ all the aforementioned ‘must have’ high-end Phuket property requirements.

Literally translated as ‘the house in paradise’, the nine-villa estate has greedily managed to offer buyers views over Chalong, Nai Harn and Rawai bays.

The project has been underway since 2006.

Phase one of the project, comprising the first four villas, has been completed.

Phase two of the project, currently underway, will complete the five remaining villas, two of which are already partially built.

Architect, Roof Co Ltd has designed the interiors and roof structures with a cascade effect, creating an aesthetically pleasing appearance in keeping with the adjacent hillsides which remain home to original rainforest as well as extensive rubber plantations.

Each villa comprises four en-suite bedrooms and spacious living areas, in addition to outdoor dining terraces, family or multi-purpose rooms, covered parking for two cars, utility areas, three generous storage areas and ample staff quarters.

Due to the topography of the land and villa placement and to ensure spectacular views for every villa, one of the remaining five properties has been individually designed to create an over-sized pool deck with a 20-meter long, 109-square-meter pool, large enough for the most ardent of swimmers.

This villa has a total of 1,087sqm of living area with a centrally located, sizable atrium to allow additional light and breezes to flow throughout.

The master bedroom occupies no less than half the upper floor and, like all the other bedrooms, has direct views of the bays and islands of southern Phuket.

The remaining villas, each boasting a total of 887sqm of living space, feature a split-level central area, with the hall and primary living room raised slightly above the surrounding kitchen and dining areas, master bedroom and swimming pool.

A clever piece of architectural planning finds the central living area almost completely surrounded by water, with the swimming pool to the front and feature ponds to either side.

Together with its proximity to the plethora of excellent local restaurants, spas and the recently opened Phunaka golf course, Baan Sawan has all the ingredients for a stress-free lifestyle.

For further details contact Sales Director Peter Notley (Tel: 089-652 1951) or visit the website baansawanphuket.com.
New BayCliff Condo Launch: The Privilege@BayCliff, Patong

BayCliff Development Co., Ltd. recently launched the new standard of excellence for lifestyle condominium, The Privilege@BayCliff, Patong, an exclusive development of high-end luxurious modern simplicity residence located on a gentle slope hillside overlooking the sea, just 100 metres from the beach and only 1 km away from a vast range of facilities including shopping, entertainment, Bank, school and hospital. Crafted by KTGY Inter-Association Co., Ltd. A Frequent International Award Winning Company to presents a flavoring opportunity which is available only to the 41 future holders.

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Waiting for the circus to leave town

The anticipated shake-downs were set to make US Homeland Security look like a Romanian-made version of Dancing with the Stars.

As I’m an early riser, most of the stops I pass have rarely been manned. The most popular, however, seem to be those where a few enterprising personnel have set up large TVs with dog-eared antennas, standing fans and one or two naugahyde couches.

The Michael Jackson custody hearing, The Ashes and Lance at the Tour de France are dominating news in the US, with not a whole lot of dedication to the Asean meeting here in Phuket.

Tropical islands tend to create their own unique pace which defies clocks or logic.

Perhaps here in Phuket, an island that marches to its own pace, the ‘sabai-sabai’ lifestyle has somehow seduced those foreign interlopers here for Asean and the event has taken on a life of its own, fitting in with, rather then going against, the tide.

‘sabai’ and politics make strange bedfellows, especially at a planned meeting somewhere just south of Nirvana.

By the end of the week, after the big top has gone and the circus has left town, we will all still be shipmates in this crazy little part of paradise.

I’m not sure how Asean will go down, or if it even matters that much.

It’s like the promising minor league baseball slugger who hit the big leagues after knocking fast balls out of the ball park.

A few days later, he writes to his mom to say he’s coming home soon, because they started throwing curve balls.

Once all the fuss dies down, domestic issues such as the tourism downturn, an ailing property market, the ever-colorful spectrum of Thai political flip-flopping and growing concern over crime and the environment will return to our thoughts.

Ironically, living locally is indeed a mantra in this truly global age.

I’m personally looking forward to hearing the sounds of ‘weed whackers’ returning instead of those butterfly thumps of the helicopters currently providing an airborne taxi service to the visiting VIPs.

I recall watching a Channel V documentary about the head banging, music video-making, big hair bands of the late ’80s and early ’90s.

One of the social commentators described the forgotten era as ‘something so vague and fleeting, it’s like it didn’t happen at all’.

Perhaps we will remember the Asean meet like that.

An island of Rip Van Winkles crawling out of a coma-like sleep in a few weeks, all uttering the word ‘huh?’

When I was growing up, the circus coming to town was an annual event which filled me with excitement, wonder and amusement.

It was a naïve tribute to a bygone era, and looking back, the memories of it are fading faster than my favorite silk-screened T-shirt.

Hopefully I can get all the tape from my little red pass once the time comes to consign it to the waste bin.

I am concerned, however, as it always takes time to get those blurry marks out.

For now, island life remains on the cusp of returning to normal and I, for one, couldn’t be happier.
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