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## Monks in masks will help fight swine flu

By Khunakorn Terdkiatkhachorn  
and Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

**B**UDDHIST monks in Phuket are being issued with surgical masks following the second swine flu death on the island this week.

The Phuket Public Health Office (PPHO) began handing out the masks on Thursday at the Tha Ruea Temple in Thalang after recruiting the monks to help fight the spread of the killer A(H1N1) virus.

The virus claimed its second victim in Phuket this week when a 36-year-old cement truck driver died of the disease in the Vachira Phuket Hospital.

The driver, who was a heavy drinker, first went to the hospital at 3am last Thursday and was given medication and allowed to leave.

He returned a few hours later and died soon after.

Dr Pongsawas Ratanasang, chief of the PPHO, said the



Masked monks will soon be a regular sight in Phuket.

man had chronic health problems, which contributed to his death.

He said people with pre-existing health problems were at greater risk.

Dr Pongsawas said a 'war

room' had been set up to co-ordinate the war against the killer flu, and more than 50 anti-flu projects were currently underway.

He said wearing surgical

masks was one effective way to curb the spread of the virus, but he ruled out any further closures of schools, internet cafes or other public venues.

He said professionally made surgical masks were much more effective than home-made masks made from napkins, which were not fine enough and mainly filtered out dust particles.

Dr Pongsawas said many Thais went to Buddhist temples, putting the monks at risk of catching the killer flu.

He said issuing surgical masks to the monks and asking them not to share their spoons would help prevent the spread of the virus.

Dr Pongsawas said masks would also be issued to prisoners in Phuket Provincial Prison, and any inmates who were found to have swine flu would be isolated from other prisoners.

He said more than 200 cases of swine flu had been reported in Phuket, but most victims recovered after treatment.

## Giant turtle tastes freedom again

**A** GIANT green turtle which was rescued by Marine and Coastal Resources Department inspectors in April this year has finally been given its freedom.

The green turtle, which is thought to be about 50 years old, was almost a meter long and weighed a massive 120kg.

It was rescued off Koh Bon during an early morning raid by marine inspectors who had been tipped off about an illegal fishing operation.

The giant turtle, which is the largest turtle found in Phuket waters in more than 10 years, had been tied to an anchor

line by one of its flippers before its captors fled to avoid being captured.

Marine inspectors managed to rescue the badly injured turtle before it drowned and took it to the Phuket Marine Biological Center where vets repaired an 11cm gash in its carapace and nursed it back to good health.

Marine officials organized a special farewell party for the giant turtle before releasing it back into the Andaman Sea last Saturday morning.

More than 200 people turned out to watch the turtle swim to freedom after it was released.



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# Mudslide on a main road



Sirirat Road was blocked last week when a landslide left the road covered in thick mud and debris.

By Atchaa Khamlo and Fraser Morton

**A** MUDSLIDE which blocked the main road between Patong and Karon last Wednesday night, was caused by a combination of torrential rain and a broken water pipe on a hillside construction site, according to Patong Deputy Mayor Prasarn Yordtor.

The landslide left more than 200 meters of Sirirat Road covered in thick mud and debris which led to traffic jams and long delays.

Deputy Mayor Prasarn said the mudslide started on a construction site on Petchakut Road, 150 meters above Sirirat road.

"This is the first time construction work has caused a landslide," he said.

He said the construction error was worrying, but it would not happen again.

Local municipality workers and fire service teams used tractors to clear the road, starting

work at dawn the following morning, but their efforts were hampered by heavy downpours which continued to lash the area all day.

Ironically, residents of Soi Petchakut have been without water for more than six weeks because of construction problems on the steep hill.

For the past month and a half, they have been unable to wash or shower.

Builder, Chris Gray who has owned a property on Soi Petchakut for four years, said the area's infrastructure simply couldn't cope with the number of condos and apartments being built in the area.

Another resident, Knut Giesen, said he had been forced to pay a private contractor to deliver 2,000-litre water tanks to his home.

"The government is asking us to take more showers, to wash our hands and to generally keep clean to avoid the risk of swine flu infection, but for the

past six weeks we haven't had any running water," he said.

Mr Knut said the residents still had to pay their monthly water bills even though they weren't getting any water.

"We have been told if we stop paying our water bills, our water will never come back on," he said.

Chief of Engineering at Phuket Waterworks, Pichai Wetchrungsri said the problem had been caused by the elevation of Soi Petchakut.

"A lot of foreigners have complained about the water supply, but we don't have enough water pressure from Kathu Waterworks station, which pumps water to Patong," he said.

Mr Pichai said major improvements were currently underway, and additional water would soon be pumped from Baan Bangjo and Cherg Talay water stations to Patong's.

"But that work won't be completed for another couple of months," he said.

# Patong keeps them coming

By Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

**P**ATONG is outperforming the rest of Phuket in a low-season which many local hotel industry experts describe as dismal.

Phuket Tourist Association President, Somboon Jirayus, said current average occupancy rates were about 30 to 40 percent in most parts of the island, down by about 30 percent on the same period last year.

He said revenue was down even further because of all the discounts and promotions hotels were putting on to attract tourists.

Mr Somboon said the main reason for the drop in tourist arrivals figures was not the swine flu pandemic, but the global economic downturn and Thailand's internal political situation.

But Patong was outperforming the rest of the island in terms of occupancy, he said.

Mr Somboon said the PTA expected the tourism picture to improve following the success of last week's Asean-led meetings at Laguna Phuket.

"Thai tourism in general and Phuket in particular, should benefit as a result," he said.

He said the improvement in the domestic political situation and an increase in the number of charter flights expected in October should boost occupancy rates to around 60 percent.

Nampetch 'Nikki' Tipax-sorn, the marketing manager at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa, said occupancy rates and revenue at the resort were down to only about 30 percent of what they would be 'under optimal circumstances'.

She also blamed the bleak economic picture and internal politics for the drop-off in tourist numbers.

"This low season is worse than last year's, although the situation has improved over the last two months," she said.

Methee Tanmanatragul, President of Thai Hotels Association Southern Chapter, said hotel occupancy in the region was down by about 20 per cent on last year.

"Rooms which were going for 1,000 baht per night last year, are being sold for only 800 baht this year," he said.

Mr Methee said Patong was faring better than the rest of the island, with occupancy rates of between 10 percent and 15 percent higher than the rest of the island.

He said the internal political situation would be the most critical factor affecting next year's numbers.

"If the Thai people stop fighting each other, everything will improve, but if we can't find harmony, we will remain stuck in this rut," he said.

# Market set to open soon

**S**TRUCTURAL work on the new municipal market on Ranong Road in Phuket City is complete, but the 167-million-baht facility probably won't be open for business until the end of the year.

Phuket City Mayor Somjai Suwansupana said the four-story market building and the 27 shophouse units surrounding it

were finished, but interior work would probably take several more months to plan and build.

There are currently 400 vendors wanting space at the market, and Mayor Somjai has asked them to be patient. "We need to get this right from the beginning, because once they move in, they will be there for 30 years or longer," she said.

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# Teenager drowns in the dark

By Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

**A** TEENAGE boy drowned off Karon Beach after lifesavers saw him in trouble, but were unable to reach him.

The boy, Pattharadanai 'Ooad' Kampong, 15, was last seen waving for help in heavy surf about 6pm on Sunday.

He had been in Phuket for only 10 days and had been working as a painter with his father and five friends on a construction project at the Hard Rock Cafe in Patong.

The group had gone to the beach after finishing work for the day, but Ooad said he was feeling sick and would wait in the truck while the others went swimming.

But just before dusk, he got out of the truck and went swimming alone.

He became caught in a strong rip current and was seen waving for help.

Two lifesavers tried to swim out to rescue him, but the current was too strong, and they were unable to find him in the dark.

A massive search was launched and locals, lifesavers, police and the boy's friends

searched for him throughout the night and all of the next day.

Chalong police and a rescue team from the Karon Municipality also used a jet boat to scour the turbulent waters for the boy.

His body was eventually found by tourists opposite the Mövenpick Resort just after 6am on Tuesday.

He was wearing only a pair of black shorts.

The boy's cousin, Thanaphan Koneprung, said Ooad was feeling unwell and decided not to join the others for a swim.

"He must have woken up and gone into the surf, even though he is not a good swimmer," he said.

Mr Thanaphan said one of the boys saw Ooad in the water waving for help and alerted a lifesaver.

The lifesaver, Jirawut Veerakarn, said it was getting dark and the life guards were packing up for the day when the alarm was raised.

"The waves were okay, but there was a very strong rip current, and he must have got caught up in it," he said.

"We tried to swim out to



Thanaphan Koneprung points to the spot where his cousin Ooad was caught in a rip current off Karon Beach.

where he was, but it was getting dark, the current was very strong, and we simply couldn't get to him.

"We did everything we possibly could, but we were unable to save him."

Mr Jirawut said red flags

had been put out to warn swimmers of the rip, but a number of people went swimming anyway.

He said there were only 19 lifeguards to take care of Kata and Karon beaches, which was nowhere near enough.

He said 10 lifesavers looked

after Karon Beach, while the other nine patrolled Kata Beach.

Ooad's death brings the number of drownings on Karon Beach this year to six, and the total number of drownings on Phuket to more than 30.

## New tsunami warning buoys on the horizon

**P**HUKET could soon get new tsunami warning buoys similar to the ones which have been installed along the Indian coastline.

The president of the National Disaster Warning Center Commission, Surawong Tientong, was on the island this week and met with Governor Wichai Phraisa-ngop to discuss the proposal.

Phuket currently has 19 tsunami warning towers, which will now be tested every week.

The national anthem will be broadcast through the tower

speakers every Wednesday morning to ensure they are working properly.

The NDWC team also met with the Deputy Mayor of Patong, Chairat Sukbaan, who asked them to help overturn the Cabinet's recent decision to cut the budget set aside for tsunami evacuation training.

Mr Chairat said the training needed to take place at least twice a year.

Mr Surawong assured Mr Chairat he would do whatever he could to convince Cabinet to restore the budget.

## Missing man could be in Phuket

**P**OLICE throughout Thailand have been asked to help find a 29-year-old American university student who has been missing for more than two weeks.

Michael Griffin Harrie, 29, a second year veterinary medicine student who was studying for a month at Iwate University in Morioka, Japan, was last seen on July 14 while on a sightseeing trip.

He traveled to Bangkok on

July 7 and planned to join his parents in Tokyo on July 16 for a family vacation, but when he failed to arrive, he was officially reported missing.

Security cameras at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport show Harrie by himself and heading toward the airport's exit.

University spokesman, Mike Clardy, said authorities did not suspect foul play and were treating Harrie's disappearance as a normal missing person case.



Michael Griffin Harrie is missing



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# Thai spirits make themselves at

By Dan Waites and  
Kitima Pornmongkhonwat

**A**T Chockchai Charoen Trading, a sprawling garden center on Chao Fah East Road, you can buy a five-tiered fountain made of baked clay.

You can buy pots of any size, sandstone sculptures and furniture made from teak and bronze and bamboo.

But this being Thailand, you can also buy a gilded palace on a pedestal, perfect for housing the ghosts of dead ancestors or mischievous spirits.

Spirit houses are a visible reminder that many Thais still believe the world is alive with and, indeed, ruled by spirits.

They are as common amongst the skyscrapers, malls and vast concrete overpasses of downtown Bangkok as they are in the rice field villages of Isarn.

At Chockchai they are clustered together in their hundreds, a miniature city on stilts.

'Daeng', a shop assistant at Chockchai, said there were many designs available, ranging in price from 2,000 to 60,000 baht, depending on size and the materials used.



Some of the hundreds of spirit houses for sale at Chockchai Charoen Trading on Chao Fah East Road.

The most simple spirit houses resemble traditional Thai houses, but the more ornate designs are like miniature temples, complete with multi-tiered roofs and soaring golden ridge finials.

Grander still are the

palaces, capped with a Khmer-style 'prang', the elliptical tower famously prominent at Angkor Wat.

They are, rather prosaically, made from concrete.

"In the old days we made them from corrugated iron, but

now we make them from concrete," said Daeng.

"But you can make them out of whatever you like."

It's a sign of the times when even the celestial spirits are living in concrete homes, although, once they are painted and gilded, they look rather magnificent.

There are also spirit houses made from teak at Chockchai.

These are, understandably, expensive, and the larger ones can cost as much as 45,000 baht.

Daeng said there were three types of spirit house to cater for different types of spirit.

Like Thai society itself, spirits are arranged in a rigid vertical hierarchy, with the spirits of recently departed relatives at the bottom, and 'celestial spirits' and Hindu deities such as Brahma and Shiva at the top.

The most common type of spirit house is the *saan phra phum*, which stands on a single pillar, and is designed to house 'mid-table' spirits.

Then there is the *saan jao thee*, which stands on four legs, and houses the spirits of dead ancestors.

It is also known as *saan ta yai*, or the grandma and grandpa shrine.

A variation on this is a six-legged *saan jao thee*, which serves as both a *saan jao thee*

and a *saan phra phum* at the same time.

This sort of spirit house has two rooms, one for each type of spirit.

The third type is a *saan phra phrom* or Lord Brahma shrine, which is dedicated to the highest of spirits, including Hindu deities like Brahma and Shiva.

They are the largest shrines of all, and can often be found outside large businesses such as hotels or department stores.

But the customs surrounding spirit houses are not the same across Thailand, and in central Thailand, you would rarely see the *saan jao thee*.

The situation is complicated further by the influence of the Chinese, who brought their own traditions of ancestor worship to Thailand, and have their own types of shrine.

Daeng said most of her customers knew exactly what they wanted when they arrived at her showroom.

"They speak to a *phram*, a Brahman priest, before they come," she said.

Daeng said the business of setting up a spirit house was complicated, and required the guidance of an expert.

One such expert is Mr Gern Kungkaew, or Uncle Gern, who has been a practising *phram* for more than 20 years.

Uncle Gern, now 74, lives in an unassuming suburban home near Kata Beach.

He was taught everything he knows about the spirits by his father.

He said being a *phram* in Thailand is a vocation, rather than a caste designation as it is in India.

In Uncle Gern's world, spirits are very real.

"If you believe there's no such thing as spirits, then tell me why they appear to us," he said.

"And why do we dream about them?"

"When our ancestors die, their spirits stay here to watch over us," he said.

When a Thai builds a new house, they will usually consult a *phram* like Uncle Gern to make sure the spirits stay happy.

For many Thais, a *phram* is as important as the architect in

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# home in a palace on a pedestal



Uncle Gern stands in front of his own *saan phra phum*, a spirit house dedicated to the *naga* serpent spirit.

ensuring the new house will be a success.

"The laying of the first post is very important," said Uncle Gern.

"It has to be done at an auspicious time, so I look at the day, the month and the year of the owner's birth to work out when.

"I perform a ceremony, and then the house can be built."

During construction or when the house is complete, the spirit house must be erected.

Uncle Gern will advise on the most auspicious position for the shrine, which, ideally, should be about nine meters away from the house, because nine is a lucky number in Thailand.

But this is only an ideal, and in reality there often isn't the space.

"If there isn't enough space, then there isn't enough space," Uncle Gern said.

Thai spirituality is certainly practical.

The exact position in relation to the house will be calculated based on the direction the house faces and the day, month and year of the owner's birth.

"Then we have to calculate the most auspicious day to take the first step across the threshold," said Uncle Gern.

Two ceremonies, one inside and one outside, called '*tham phum*', also need to be performed before the owner can move into their new home.

If you take a close look at any working spirit house, you will see a variety of small objects in and around the house itself.

A small figurine, *tukata*, will represent the spirit the shrine is dedicated to.

There will also be vases for candles, joss sticks and flowers, a silver water pot and a gold water pot.

Once the occupants move in, they need to pay their respects by *wai*-ing the spirit house regularly, putting burning candles and joss sticks in pots, and leaving offerings of food and drink and flowers for the spirits.

Some fruits, including Thai bananas, pineapple, oranges and coconuts, are regarded as particularly suitable for the spirits.

Other fruits, such as mangosteen, monkey apple, custard apple and *spodilla*, are frowned upon because of the connotations of their names and their shapes.

And when it comes to flowers, the spirits apparently prefer marigolds, jasmine, crown flowers and orchids.

Most spirits enjoy the same

things humans enjoy, including cigarettes and alcohol, which can also be offered.

Many Thais *wai* their spirit house every day although, according to Uncle Gern, that isn't entirely necessary.

"If you are at home, it's good to do it every day, but if you are away from home, well never mind," he said.

"Every three days will do.

"But you must remember that if we let the spirits eat well, things will be good for us."

Some people will also add a ladder to the spirit house to make it easier for the spirit to get in and out.

Others will decorate the shrine with extra figurines, such as animals, which have no deeper spiritual meaning, and are down to the owner's taste.

When a spirit house comes to the end of its life, it can't be simply thrown away, because that might upset the spirits who live there.

When a spirit house reaches its use-by date, or becomes worn out, it is usually placed next to a large tree, in a cave or in the jungle where other spirits live who might get some use out of them.

Uncle Gern's own shrine is a home-made *saan phra phum* made of corrugated iron, the old fashioned way.

It's dedicated to the *naga*, a water serpent spirit known across Southeast Asia.

Standing by the shrine, he said the *naga* regularly pass by his house, and he often sees them.

He holds out his hand and flutters it over the dirt road that passes in front of the shrine in imitation of the *naga*'s writhing passage past his house.

"One time I was cleaning the area around my shrine and there were people walking past, but they couldn't see the *naga* which were passing by at the same time," he said.

"Just as I was about to finish sweeping, I found 3,000 baht by the road."

He chuckles to himself.

Fifty years ago, when Uncle Gern was still a young man, his father, who was also a *phram*, taught him all about the spirit world in a process called '*morp khruu*', which translates to 'pass on the teacher'.

Uncle Gern hopes to do the same for one of his own sons before he dies, ensuring his knowledge is not forgotten.

The popularity of spirit houses is not fading as Thailand races through the 21st century.

"I get more work every year. These customs are more popular than ever," said Uncle Gern.

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# Man shot playing Russian roulette

ANG THONG: A 20-year-old man was seriously injured while playing Russian roulette with friends on Monday.

Buandech Plukngam was rushed to Ang Thong Hospital where he was treated for a bullet wound to the head.

He is now in intensive care.

Witnesses said Mr Buandech and his friends had been playing Russian roulette with a .38 caliber pistol which belonged to Mr Buandech's father.

His friends said they had seen the game in a film and wanted to try it for themselves.

They said they put one bullet in the six-round cylinder, then took turns putting the gun to their heads and pulling the trigger.

When it came to Mr Buandech's turn, the gun went off.

The bullet entered his right temple and exited through the left side of his head.

Source: MCOT

## Sexy pictures Cop arrested

BANGKOK: The owner of a message-board website has been fined 20,000 baht and given a suspended one-year jail term after a user posted sexy pictures of a Thai woman on his site.

The Criminal Court found Pongwit Singsun 23, guilty of violating the Computer-Related Crimes Act by allowing his website to be used to damage another person's reputation.

The court was told a user posted sexy pictures of a woman from Nakhon Sawan on the website.

The pictures remained online from October 6 until November 30 last year.

The woman alerted police who arrested Mr Pongwit, who was initially sentenced to two years jail and fined 40,000 baht.

The court later reduced to a sentence to a one-year suspended jail term and put Mr Pongwit on probation for two years.

He was also ordered to perform 48 hours' community service.

Source: The Nation

KANCHANBURI: A police lieutenant has been arrested and charged with murdering a woman who was shot dead in a road rage attack.

Wanna Ratanasirirat, 38, was shot on Sunday as she was riding in a truck driven by her husband.

Volunteer rescue workers took Mrs Wanna to hospital, but doctors were unable to save her.

Witnesses reported seeing a pickup truck cut in front of Mrs Wanna's truck before shots were fired.

The assailant then sped off, but police caught up with him at a petrol station about three kilometres away.

Police said the suspect is a police lieutenant, but have not yet released his name.

It appeared the lieutenant and the woman's husband cut in front of each other a number of times, police said.

The lieutenant eventually lost his temper and opened fire on the truck, he said.

Source: NBN

# 'Frankie' celebrates his 60th with a song



Supporters of disgraced former PM, Thaksin Shinawatra, celebrated his 60th birthday last Sunday with a religious ritual in a Nonthaburi temple, designed to eliminate his bad luck and sins. Photo by Prasert Thepsri

BANGKOK: The 'big surprise' disgraced former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra promised supporters for his 60th birthday last Sunday turned out to be a song called *I Shall Return*.

Thaksin, now in Dubai, sang the specially written song during a phone-in to a crowd of 1,500 well-wishers at a party at Kaew Fah Temple in Nonthaburi.

The ballad, about his life in exile, was written by a 'very well known artist' but Thaksin refused to name him.

Supporters led by Thaksin's sister, Yaowapha and her husband ex-PM Somchai Wongsawat, held a merit-making ceremony with 109 monks on Mr Thaksin's behalf.

Mr Somchai dropped eight coins into each monk's alms bowl, because eight is believed

to be Thaksin's lucky number.

Thaksin thanked the crowd for attending his party.

"May the boon from the merit-making ceremony bring you prosperity and happiness and I wish the merit made today will allow me to return home to serve you once again," he said.

A group of the monks also performed religious rites in a bid to wash away Mr Thaksin's bad karma, and about 5,000 motorcycle taxi drivers provided free rides to the ceremony for well-wishers, participants and workers.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva used his weekly TV address to remind the birthday boy to come to terms with his fate so he could be happy.

Thaksin responded with a thank-you note on Twitter.

Birthday parties were

organised in many provinces around the Kingdom by Thaksin's supporters.

In Udon Thani, red-shirt co-leader Kwanchai Praipana gave alms to 102 monks to make merit for Thaksin, and he asked more than 1,000 well-wishers to sign a birthday card which he said he would personally deliver to the fugitive ex-premier in Dubai.

In Chiang Mai, red-shirt organisers held a religious ceremony at Rong Tham Samakki Temple in San Kamphaeng district, to wish Thaksin a long life.

Thaksin was born in San Kamphaeng.

In Phuket, more than 50 Thaksin supporters gathered at Wat Mongklonnimid in Phuket City to make merit on Mr Thaksin's behalf.

Source: The Nation

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## Caterpillars raid village

ROI ET: A village in Muang District has asked the provincial government for help after being overrun with hungry caterpillars.

The caterpillars have infested houses and damaged plants throughout Ban Lao Sombun.

The house of 88-year-old Prajongsri Samphan has been overrun with tens of thousands of caterpillars taking over every room, including Mr Prajongsri's main bedroom.

The Provincial Governor of Roi Et, Chidphong Reutiprasat, has called a meeting of all the relevant agencies to try and find a way to drive out the larval hordes.

In the meantime, he has advised the villagers to use smoke and herbal sprays to chase out the caterpillars.

Source: MCOT



# Monk shot in temple feud

UDON THANI: A monk shot and seriously injured another monk in Udon Thani on Saturday.

Phra Bunchuay Panayarakkhito, 58, said he shot Phra Teuanjai Sareewong, 50, twice after he attacked him with a large axe.

Visitors to Wat Non-prongratburana where the two monks lived rushed Phra Teuanjai to hospital where he was treated for bullet wounds to the neck and leg.

Doctors said he is in a serious condition.

Phra Bunchuay, who ordained as a monk six years ago, handed himself in to police and told them he had argued with Phra Teuanjai many times since the younger monk ordained about a year ago.

He said Phra Teuanjai had behaved inappropriately and had stolen from the temple abbot.

On Saturday while Phra Bunchuay was out collecting

alms with the abbot of a nearby temple, Phra Teuanjai charged into them, knocking over the abbot, he said.

When they got back to the temple, Phra Teuanjai ran at Phra Bunchuay with a large axe shouting "Today you're going to die for sure. I've warned you before not to interfere with my business."

Phra Bunchuay, a former paramilitary Ranger, pulled out a pistol he had stolen from his son-in-law and shot Phra Teuanjai twice.

Phra Bunchuay said he had taken the pistol to protect himself from Phra Teuanjai.

Phra Teuanjai has not yet regained consciousness so has been unable to make a statement, but police have charged Phra Bunchuay with attempted murder and firearms offences.

Source: Kom Chad Luek/  
Khao Sod

# PM Abhisit scores a hat trick



Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva scored a hat trick in a friendly football match against a team of foreign envoys on Sunday. Mr Abhisit's team, PM 11, were down 0-2 at the end of the first half, but Mr Abhisit scored three goals in the second half to take the lead. But the envoys fought back and scored their third goal to draw the match.

## Queer News

# Thick thief returns car

BANGKOK: A car thief was arrested last Thursday after phoning the dealer he had stolen the car from to complain when it broke down.

Car dealer Thonchok Singnuwongsa said the thief waited around his showroom until a genuine customer came in to put a deposit on a car.

He then persuaded a staff member to hand over the keys to the Mitsubishi New Lancer, claiming he was the customer who had paid the deposit.

Mr Thonchok reported the theft to police and told them the thief would probably not get very far because the car had only a small amount of petrol which would take him less than 10 kilometers.

Police searched for the car, but came up empty handed.

At 7am the next morning, the thief called Mr Thonchok claiming he had bought a car the previous day but it had broken down.

He asked if he could swap it for a new one.

Mr Thonchok agreed to meet the man in Silom, but took police with him.

At the meeting point, police found Winai 'Pun Pun Khai' Saenkham, 32, waiting with the stolen car and arrested him.

Mr Winai, who is unemployed and has a number of convictions for drug offenses, admitted stealing the car.

He said he really liked the New Lancer model and had been to Mr Thonchok's lot a number of times to look at it.

But while on his way home in the stolen car, he said the engine stopped and he took a bus home.

He said he was worried the car might be stolen by someone else, so he rang the car yard asking to exchange it.

Source: Khao Sod



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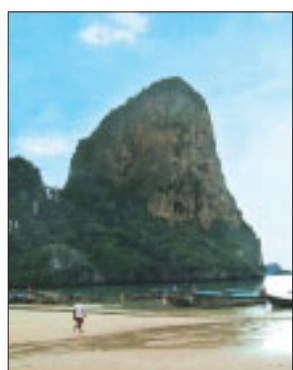
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# Krabi's a great place to retire



## ACROSS THE BAY

By Gus Reynolds

**T**he magnificent limestone karsts, pristine beaches and small islands dotting the coastal seas of Krabi have attracted thousands of tourists over the years.

They come to experience the diversity of the natural attractions and activities on offer in the province, such as the hot springs, rock climbing, scuba diving and snorkeling.

The province's growing tourism industry has meant a boom in investment over the past five years.

The excellent infrastructure along with a modern international airport have also helped put Krabi on the map as an international tourist destination.

As more people discover the beauty of Krabi, many settle down here and make this piece of paradise their home, especially foreign retirees who are attracted to the laid-back lifestyle and natural scenery.

The lower prices of Krabi real estate compared to property in Phuket and Koh Samui is also a factor in Krabi's popularity.

But one of the few



**Ao Nang is becoming more attractive as a place for foreign retirees, especially with the prospect of a modern 110-bed medical facility, to be located in Krabi Town.**

limitations for retirees intending to make Krabi their retirement home, is the lack of proper health care facilities.

At present, there are no private hospitals in Krabi which meet the same international standards as the ones in Phuket, which boast excellent facilities.

For retirees who may have health care requirements, the two-and-a-half-hour drive to Phuket to see a physician or to get emergency treatment is way too long.

But the word on the street is the province will soon have a new private hospital, located in Krabi Town.

A 110-bed facility is reportedly being built by a hospital group from Nakorn Sri Thammarat, reviving a previously unfinished hospital construction project.

The addition of a modern hospital will obviously make the province more attractive

to retirees who thinking about making Krabi their home.

Having access to quality health care within 30 minutes is a major plus.

As Krabi's expat population has grown, so has the number of people offering investment and relocation advice.

One dilemma facing many people planning to move here is whether to build a new home or buy one already complete.

In the past, there were very few projects offering established homes which were ready to move in to, but several projects of varying quality are now underway.

The homes in these developments are usually in the 5-10-million-baht range.

While these projects are not on the same scale or of the same quality as projects in Phuket or Samui, they provide a starting point for building a base of inventory for home sales.

During these difficult economic times, most developers are wary of building houses on spec and will require a minimum percentage of homes to be sold 'off-plan' before construction can begin.

Even more risky, is the proliferation of not-so-scrupulous 'developers', whose projects exist only on paper.

There are many ads for projects where the land has not even been purchased, the plans approved or the financing in place.

The usual modus operandi for these groups is to take deposits from home buyers and use that money to buy the land and pay other costs, such as design fees.

In cases like this, the probability of the project being successfully completed is usually quite low.

These developers are pushing 100 percent of the risk onto the home buyers. If the

project fails, the developer doesn't risk losing any of his own capital.

One way to reduce risk for the buyers of off-the-plan homes in projects or developments not yet started, is to seek independent legal counsel to inspect the developer's legal documents and property deeds.

The first thing you will need to confirm is that the developer actually owns the land on which the project is being built.

If the developer can't produce ownership documents, or is hesitant, then buyer beware.

In these days of high tech gadgetry and the internet, it is quite easy to make a flashy web page and produce a slick brochure at little cost.

You should also find out who is behind this slick marketing information and whether or not development has the financial resources needed to complete the project.

Sadly, fewer people are doing their homework.

According to the Tourism Authority of Thailand, international tourist arrivals in May were down 21 percent on the same period last year.

It's hardly good news, but it seems the trend is a result of the world economy bottoming out.

The general consensus among economists is that the recovery will be gradual and not as robust as previous economic recoveries.

There is still a great deal of uncertainty as to how successful the coming high season will be, but Thailand tourism has always shown remarkable resilience against previous crises.

Looks like everyone is already looking towards the 2010/2011 high season.

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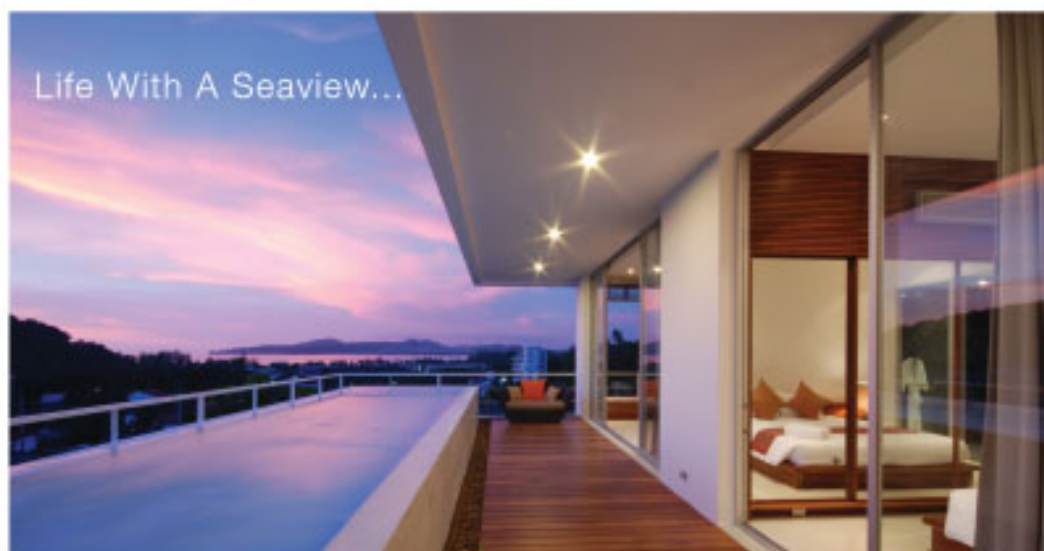
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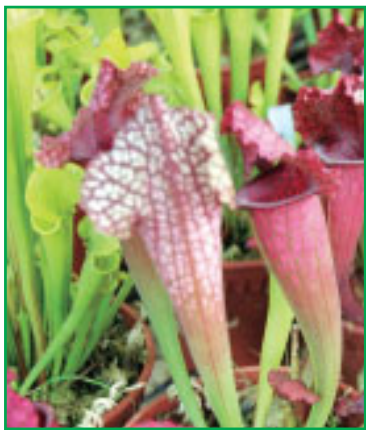


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# Flower Power



Flowers of all kinds and colors have temporarily taken root at Saphan Hin in Phuket for the 17th Annual Ornamental Plants & Flowers Fair Phuket, which began on Friday and runs until this Sunday.

The flower fair's covered market-stall area boasts more than 130 stalls of colorful flora along with garden ornaments.

The items on offer include orchids, ferns, fruit trees, decorative plant pots, hanging baskets and a range of carnivorous plants. Prices range from under 100 baht for young flowers to tens of thousands of baht for more mature trees and plants such as the varieties of rare orchids on display.

As with any local festivity, there is an abundance of food available from several vendors, which take up almost as much space as the hundred-plus flower stalls.

The organizer, Phuket Agriculture and Cooperatives Office, estimates that this year's fair will generate about 40 million baht in sales.

Now that's flower power.

# Animation for the nation



Young presenters stand in front of a 'green screen' (right) while an animator adds real-time visual effects.

Aspiring animators now have a place to practice their multi media manipulation skills with the opening of the island's first fully-equipped animation center located at Prince of Songkla University's Phuket campus.

The Animation & Multimedia Technology Center is on the third floor of the university's Faculty of Technology and Environment building and is equipped with a multimedia lab comprising 30 work stations, two screening rooms with LCD projectors, three virtual studios, four sound studios and five broadcasting booths, all of which can be rented out to businesses or individuals.

The center was established with support from the Software Industry Promotion Agency (SIPA) with the aim of helping promote Phuket as a regional IT development hub.

SIPA Branch Manager Siripon Mektanatip said his organization had pumped eight million baht into the project in the hope that it would help Thailand produce animation experts in the multi media field.

Anyone interested in renting the center's facilities should call the university on 076-276470 or visit the center's website ([www.amtec.psu.ac.th](http://www.amtec.psu.ac.th)) for more information.



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Neil Pryde and Sherrine Kingsley Smith at the Evason.



Phanida Meedee and Brian Scott.



Alex Bermis and Ratree Nirach.



The delightful Kui Chamopanos at one of the Evason parties.

## Making waves at regatta parties

**S**outhern Phuket became the focal point of the island's party scene last week as yachties, sailing fans and party-goers descended on Rawai and Chalong to enjoy the Six Senses Phuket Raceweek parties. The five-day event attracted more than 250 competitors as well as their friends and families and after each day's sailing, everyone was keen to party.

The competition on the water might have been intense, but regardless of the outcomes, old rivalries were forgotten as the sailors gathered in the evenings to toast their victories, drown their sorrows or regale everyone within range with yachting tales of yore.

The Evason Six Senses Resort and Spa played host to four of the five parties, with festivities moving to Ao Chalong Yacht Club's new premises on the Saturday night.

By popular demand, all-girl band Unicorn from Bangkok were back to entertain revelers for the final two parties and proved to be a huge success yet again.

The weather, for the most part was kind, although a few unfortunate party-goers were forced to wait for heavy rain to subside before they could go home on the opening night.

Nobody seemed too put out as the complimentary food and drink on offer softened the blow.

Beverage sponsors Grey Goose vodka, and Kingfisher Premium kept the drinks flowing and the quality and amount of food on offer ensured that while some of the party-goers might have gone home sober, nobody went home hungry.

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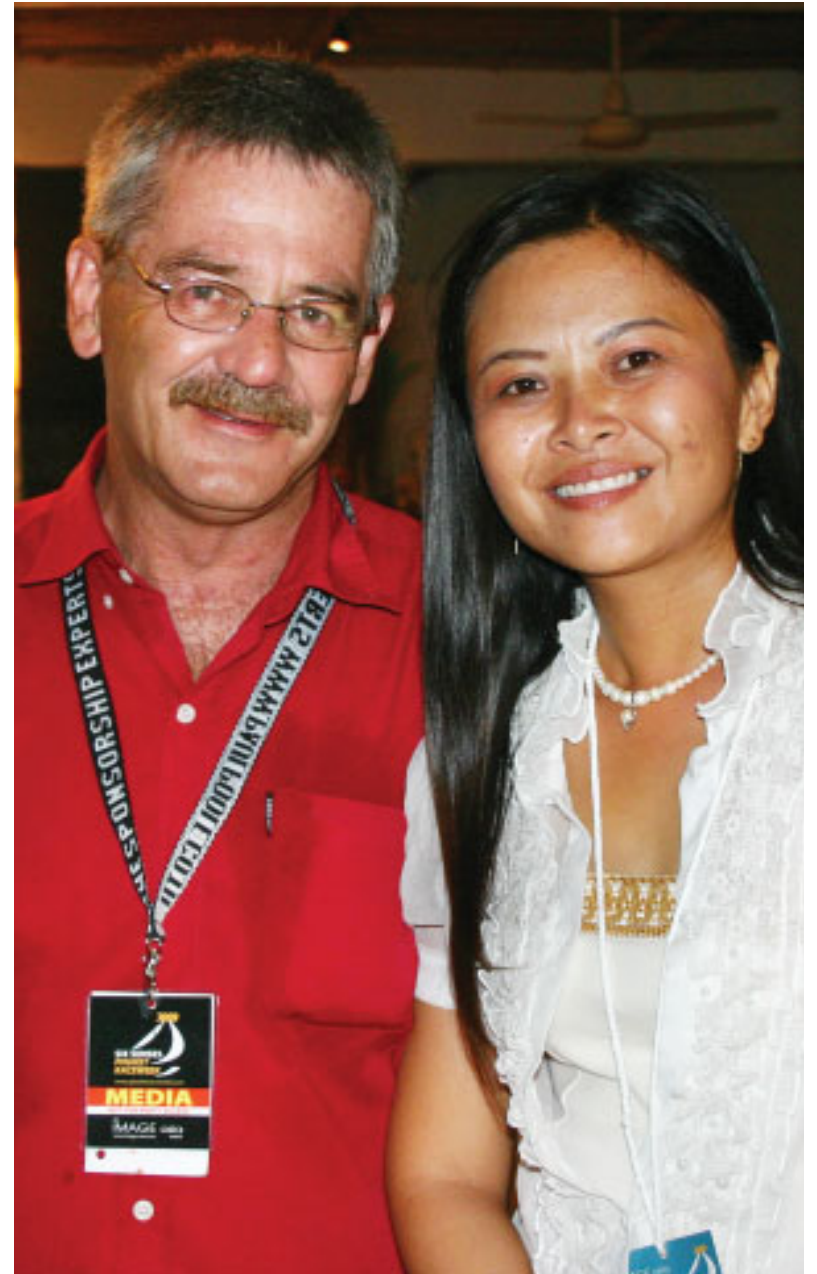




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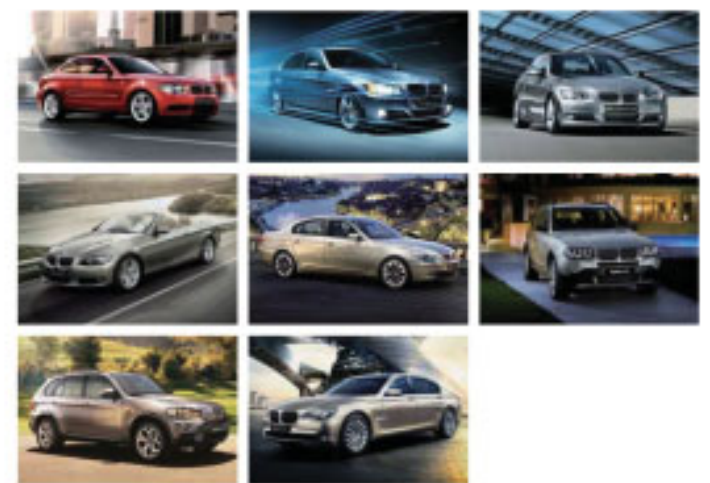
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## EXPAT GALLERY

## Salvatore Cossu

When Salvatore Cossu arrived on the island in 1988 to open his first trattoria, *Marco Polo*, he faced more challenges than he had anticipated.

"Back then, it was difficult, if not impossible, to find the ingredients I wanted to make classic Italian cuisine. I had to go to Malaysia to get the quality Mozzarella cheese I wanted, and I even had to import the coffee."

But his determination to present the best authentic Italian cuisine over the past twenty years has made him a leader in Phuket's fine dining scene.

Salvatore grew up on the Mediterranean island of Sardinia where his grandparents had a small trattoria near the capital, Cagliari.

"My family also had a small vineyard where we made our own wine which we sold by the glass to our neighbors. We grew most of the food we served so I learned about fresh ingredients using my grandmother's authentic Sardinian recipes."

Salvatore graduated from hotel school in Lausanne, Switzerland, and at just 21 years old opened a 220 seat Italian restaurant near The Hague. He credits his success there to his family recipes. He worked in Holland for fourteen years before giving it up for a life in the tropical sunshine.

He opened his famous Casanova restaurant at Patong Beach in 1989. It immediately became a destination for residents and visitors who wanted authentic Italian cuisine.

His success with Cassanova was guaranteed when the Franco Rosso tour company gave him a three-year contract to provide meals for their clients. Salvatore's name rapidly became an assurance of quality.

"Even now, I go to Saphan Hin every day and select the fresh fish myself. There is less fish than in years past but the quality is still superior.

"All our food is fresh and I make all our sausages and prepare the many specials we feature every day."

After a long run in Patong, Salvatore tired of the busy beach resort business and decided to open his own trattoria in the heart of Phuket City.

*Salvatore's* has just 60 seats and features his personal taste in paintings and his many awards collected during an impressive career.

There are 65 of the 100 commemorative plates from the Touring Club Italiano and photos of dinners he has hosted for the Chaine des Rotisseurs, one of the world's top culinary societies.

Also scattered around the walls are small boards announcing the daily culinary treats on offer.

"I'm never afraid now when I open a new restaurant as word-of-mouth will bring the customers. Here I can present a unique menu as it is a destination restaurant. I only use extra virgin olive oil as I believe in serving healthy food. We have many authentic Sardinian recipes with such items as the native pasta found only on that island, freggola sarda, and more-usual items such as sea urchins and artichokes."

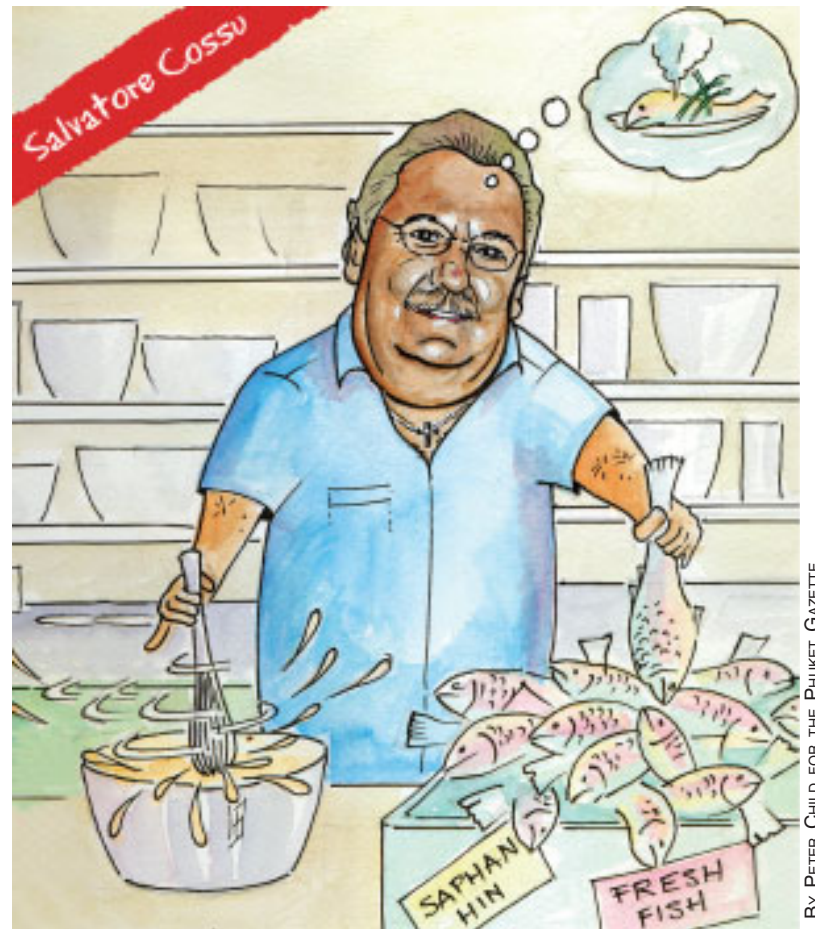
Salvatore's name can now be seen on a new 90-seat restaurant at the south end of Patong Beach next to the Phuket Palace Hotel. This new restaurant has a contemporary, open plan and features the same authentic Sardinian menu.

"I have many loyal customers from my years in Patong, but some might not like the night drive to Phuket City. So I opened my fifth restaurant to give them an opportunity to once again eat at *Salvatore's*."

When not presenting his fine Italian cuisine, Salvatore is busy consulting with his friends on how to improve their restaurants and products. He also travels to Italy where he enjoys the menus of new and favorite trattorias.

"I believe my success is due to my love of food, wine and the restaurant business. If you don't love it, the food will not be good."

— Bruce Stanley



BY PETER CHILD FOR THE PHUKET GAZETTE

## ABOUT EXPAT GALLERY

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**TOYS FOR ALL:** Phuket Vice Governor Smith Palawatvichai (left) snipped the ribbon at Wat Muang Mai School in the north of the island to open the third toy library organized by the Phuket Community Foundation last Friday. Here he is pictured afterwards taking a look at the library with PCF President Pranee Sakulpipatana (right).



Phuket IT & Software Solutions launched their new hotel listing and booking website PhuketBookNow.com with a luncheon at the Surin Bay Inn last month. Pictured are (from left) exhibition organizer Thanet Traiwut, PhuketBooknow MD Supaporn Photapiwat and Systems Engineer Peter Russo, and MD of IDF Global Gavin Crombie.




**FUNNY GUY:** *Phuket Gazette* columnist S. Tsow – aka Bill Page (center) – hosted a writer's night at Mom Tri's Boathouse Regatta last month. Bill read two of his pieces and then posed with *Gazette* staff.



**COOL AND THE GANG:** Famous Korean musicians Cool and 60 members of their fan club visited Phuket last month. Band members James Sung Soo (left), Lee Jae Hoon (3rd left) and Yuri (2nd right) and their fans stayed at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa.



**GOING GREEN:** Determined to make a difference, staff at the Phuket Aquarium and Sri Panwa joined forces to stage the first 'Love the Sea, Love the Beach, Keep It Clean!' day at the Phuket Aquarium beach last Saturday.




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# Sumptuous summer fare



Executive Chef Hans Kahrs offers a very lucky girl some delicious cupcakes.

Without doubt one of the best places for beleaguered Phuket parents to recharge their batteries over the weekend is the Hilton Summer Family Brunch at the Hilton Arcadia Resort and Spa in Karon, Phuket's largest hotel.

Like many hotels on the island, the Hilton Arcadia has been

offering some very attractive low (oops, I meant Summer) season promotions. It seems to be working.

Last Sunday there was a good crowd enjoying the fine weather, a three-piece jazz combo and a mind-boggling array of sumptuous fare on offer at the Sails Restaurant, which afford air-conditioned indoor seating as well as outdoor poolside tables.

As soon as you pass through security at the resort's main entrance you are instantly aware that you are in a completely safe environment for kids.

At 195 rai, Hilton Arcadia is an oasis of tranquility on an island rapidly losing its identity through deforestation, road mayhem and poorly conceived hillside building projects.

There wasn't even a single dog to be seen on the grounds the whole time we were there.

Although I have nothing against our four-legged friends, it was a welcome change of scenery.

The Summer Family Brunch, which runs from 11:30am to 3pm, offers parents full access to the Sails Restaurant lunch buffet.

Bring your appetite.

The buffet menu, far too extensive to begin to describe here, is world class and has something for everyone; just remember not to overindulge.

Young children and restaurants are seldom a good mix, but the Hilton excels at providing a range of activities that keep the kids happily occupied while mom and dad get to relax.

On the day we went there were arts projects at poolside that included painting, balloon-twisting and cupcake-making.

Fortunately all the fun activities are well organized so other diners without kids can enjoy the normal brunch offer (950 baht++) in peace.

Kids can also leave the restaurant and hang out at the nearby Kidz Paradise playground free of charge, or play in the Hilton's Seafarer Pool while mom and dad enjoy a relaxed glass of wine at the poolside.

Another feature of the Hilton Summer Family Brunch is the weekly lucky draw giving diners the chance to win some great prizes.

Prizes include a complimentary brunch for two, a free bottle of wine, free spa treatments and discounts for Hilton Restaurants & The Spa to name but a few.

The 950-baht charge (plus tax and service charge) includes a free bottle of house wine for every two guests, while kids under four eat for free and kids under twelve are charged half price.

All the kids' activities are complimentary for the guests who join the brunch.

For more information or to make a reservation, email [sales.phuket@hilton.com](mailto:sales.phuket@hilton.com) or call 076-396433.

-Stephen Fein

## Sense of Occasion

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"Great food is like great sex. The more you have the more you want," food critic Gael Greene once wrote.

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Following martini and rosé themed menus, the new Absolute Brunch gives diners the opportunity to indulge in yet another gargantuan selection of mouth-watering delights, washed down with a selection of vodka-based cocktails and house wines.

Fresh shellfish, sushi and sashimi set the taste buds tingling, while blocks of bright blue ice dazzle in the sunshine while keeping the varied appetizers fresh.

Barbecued meats and fish, Thai food and curry stations, a roast of the day section and much more including naughty-but-nice desserts, tempt diners again and again despite already feeling like a goose that has been fattened for Christmas.

All this indulgence takes place in the air-conditioned Rivet Grill restaurant or outside in the stylish surroundings that reflect Phuket's tin mining past.

The Absolute Brunch is priced at 1,490 baht++ and includes free-flow cocktails and house wines until 3pm.

-Daniel Ogunshakin



## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Upcoming events on the island

**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 Mr Patrick De Staercke. T: 076-396139. E: patrick.destaercke@moevenpick.com. W: www.moevenpick-phuket.com.

**August 2. FREE Computer Clinic - Patong**

Is your computer driving you NUTS? Can't get a decent Internet connection? Worried about the latest viruses? Wondering what to do about your pirate software? 3G phones? High Def TV? Hey, you aren't alone. Join 'For Dummies' author and Windows gadfly Woody Leonhard in our ongoing FREE Sunday morning Computer Clinics, which rotate among the three Sandwich Shoppe locations on the island.

Bring your questions. Bring your computer. Bring your worry beads. And don't forget your sense of humor. Let's see if we can figure out an answer to your problems. Computer novices most welcome. Co-sponsored by the Phuket Gazette. From 10am to 12pm at Sandwich Shoppe Patong. For further information contact Woody Leonhard. T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com. W: www.KhunWoody.com.

**August 6 - 9. Experience BMW: All-Models Test Drive Event**

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**August 9. FREE Computer Clinic - Laguna**

From 10am to 12pm, at Sandwich Shoppe Laguna. For further information contact Woody Leonhard. T: 076-290468. E: woody@KhunWoody.com. W: www.KhunWoody.com.

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

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

**August 14 - 16. Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series - King of the Jungle**

This is the second event in the 2009 Quiksilver Thailand Surf Series (TSS). Under the rules of the International Surfing Association, the TSS will become part of the Asian Surfing Championship ranking system, offering a plat-

**SDF Unleashed - Fashion Brunch at Les Angeles August 9**

The Soi Dog Foundation presents Unleashed, a gourmet brunch and fashion show at Les Angeles, Royal Phuket Marina. 1,000 baht per ticket, excellent food by Les Angeles and great entertainment provided by Ricky Zen Entertainment. Special celebrity guest star: Oscar, the 'mutt on a mission', on his world tour. From 12pm to 5pm at Les Angeles, Royal Phuket Marina.

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form 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: joob@phuketboardriders.com. W: www.thaisurfseries.com.

**August 16. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong**

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**August 23. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong**

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**August 30. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong**

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**September 6. FREE Computer Clinic - Patong**

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**September 13. FREE Computer Clinic - Laguna**

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**September 20. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong**

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**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 11am to 8pm 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.

**September 27. FREE Computer Clinic - Chalong**

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

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# Cost averaging for investment success



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The vast majority of investors in equity markets lost a large percentage of their capital last year.

The year will go down in the record books as being one of the worst years ever to be a 'long' investor.

On the flip side, last year will stand out as being one of the best for 'short' investors.

To clarify matters, long investors place their cash and hope for a rise in prices from which they profit.

Short investors are in the opposite position.

In reality, the vast majority

of individual investors are part of the long fraternity and it is the way they approach the markets that can make a substantial difference.

The table shows the difference between using a lump sum to invest in stockmarkets versus a regular monthly sum, albeit for a very short period.

The company that supplied the data in the attached table is VAM and the seven funds are all managed by Driehaus Capital Management of Chicago USA.

These funds are all registered in Luxembourg.

Most other fund management groups will have similar data, although perhaps not as robust as VAM.

Regardless of the fund, in all cases it was more profitable to invest on a regular basis.

This regular investment method is called 'cost averaging' and usually has a 'home' currency attached – dollar cost averaging or pound cost averaging, for example.

Cost averaging has advantages over a single lump sum investment.

With cost averaging, downturns are to the benefit of the investor while they are periods of loss for the lump sum investor.

The single biggest mistake when using cost averaging is to stop investing when markets fall sharply. This negates the whole



**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:** The vast majority of individual investors want to see stockmarkets rise substantially over an extended period of time before they truly consider it safe to enter.

reason for cost averaging.

Nevertheless, it is amazing how often this happens as regular investors decide to wait on the sidelines for markets to hit bottom.

Markets usually reach an absolute bottom at the most psychologically unattractive time: when investors are most reluctant to enter markets.

This year was no exception.

By the first week in March, markets had fallen so much and by such large percentages, few had an appetite to commit funds.

This resulted in an overwhelming number of private investors missing the start of an impressive global rally.

To be a successful stock-market investor usually requires the ability to think as an individual, rather than just following the herd.

At least 90 percent of people find this impossible, although few would admit it.

The vast majority of individual investors want to see stockmarkets rise substantially over an extended period of time before they truly consider it safe to enter.

History shows us this is the worst possible approach and is the reason why many private investors continually get mauled in the stockmarket.

Human nature being what it is, will see this repeated as long as stockmarkets continue to exist.

That is why investing on a regular basis is the best approach.

Probably the most neglected part of financial planning for most people is life assurance.

Naturally this is an area that people prefer not to think about, despite that fact that death can occur at anytime.

From a financial perspective, the consequences can vary from nothing to a living nightmare for families who have lost their breadwinner.

However, life assurance is not just for immediate family situations, it also has a well-deserved place in a number of business situations.

In a business partnership where there is significant

investment involved, the death of one partner can have a devastating impact on any surviving partners.

Try to imagine running a business, then losing your partner and seeing your his or hers beneficiary, family and perhaps friends try and loot your business or otherwise run it into the ground.

Life assurance is cheap. There's an old adage that people insure, cars, houses, boats among other things but forget to insure themselves.

The best type of insurance in most situations is term insurance.

A good example is the long-established British assurance group Friends Provident.

They offer a standard term insurance policy they call 'international protector' through their international subsidiary Friends Provident International.

Plan terms vary from one year to 35 years, depending on the individual situation.

It is worth noting that once Friends Provident International has accepted a case with an insured amount, for example US\$300,000, they are stuck with that case for the duration of the contract.

FPI cannot increase premiums which start from US\$17.50, €15, GBP10 or HK\$150 per month.

There is no investment element. Policy holders are paying for life assurance only, just like car insurance.

The policy can be canceled simply by stopping payments.

Terminal illness cover is automatically included for policies of three years and above.

If you are diagnosed with a terminal illness, with a maximum of twelve months to live, the policy will pay out the total amount insured.

Optional total and permanent disability benefits can also be included.

This column last mentioned term life assurance products in September 2005.

It will be at least three years before any mention of it appears again, if ever.

## Stock Market Fund Investments

December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009.

Investment funds managed by Driehaus Capital Management of Chicago, USA.	Total return on US\$10,000 monthly investment	Percentage Growth	Total return on US\$60,000 lump-sum investment	Percentage Growth
VAM US micro cap growth fund	\$80,706	34.5%	\$67,756	12.9%
VAM US small cap growth fund	\$74,503	24.2%	\$62,593	4.3%
VAM US mid cap growth fund	\$72,557	20.9%	\$59,130	-1.5%
VAM US large cap growth fund	\$72,402	20.7%	\$60,467	0.8%
VAM emerging markets fund	\$84,910	41.5%	\$76,303	27.2%
VAM intl real estate fund	\$93,271	55.5%	\$85,500	42.5%
VAM world growth fund	\$80,363	33.9%	\$70,534	17.6%

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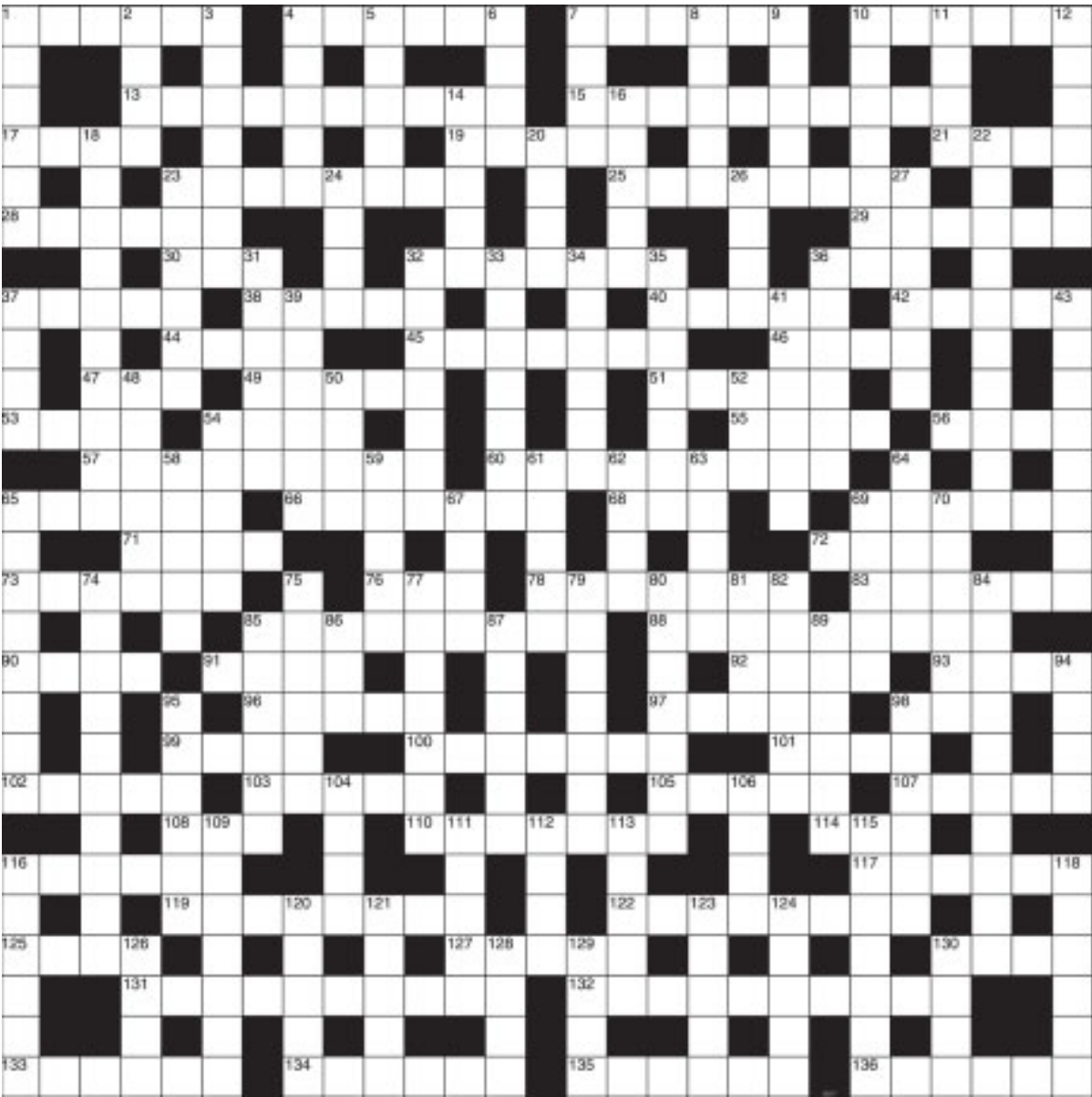
PUZZLES

### Spot the Difference



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





The BIG Crossword

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Across

1. Hawaiian naval base, Pearl...  
4. Saturate  
7. Laughed sneeringly  
10. Returns (of symptoms)  
13. Let in again  
15. Cementing  
17. Fluid-filled pouches  
19. House lizard  
21. Long tale  
23. Double-crosser  
25. Tampering  
28. More honourable  
29. Readily  
30. Extrasensory perception (1,1,1)  
32. Diplomatic aide  
36. Queer  
37. Store for future use (3,2)  
38. Practice  
40. Italian fashion & design hub  
42. Distress rocket  
44. Guitarist,... Clapton  
45. Hoisting anchor cry (5-2)  
46. Molest  
47. Elderly  
49. Drift (into coma)  
51. Replenish (3,2)  
53. Harvard's rival  
54. Agreeable  
55. Unfortunately  
56. Genuine,... fide  
57. Dreamers  
60. Artiste  
65. Hordes  
66. Turn to spray  
68. ... & only  
69. Buggy

71. Upon  
72. Ear part  
73. Ample  
76. Kind  
78. Charges  
83. Sow's baby  
85. White-sauce stew  
88. Confrontation  
90. Australian gem  
91. Russia's... Mountains  
92. Mekong valley nation  
93. Very eager  
96. Greased  
97. River-mouth land  
98. Ham &... soup  
99. Tingling,... & needles  
100. Wealthy  
101. Anxious  
102. Pottery fragment  
103. Refine (software)  
105. Scent,... cologne (3,2)  
107. Fibbing  
108. Donkey  
110. Soviet exile area  
114. Musical pair  
116. Development  
117. Shelled gastropods  
119. Aural medicine  
122. Light fittings  
125. Bottom  
127. Remove completely  
130. Hideous monster  
131. Wildly extravagant  
132. Diaries, personal...  
133. Oven clocks  
134. Waltzed  
135. Feigns (4,2)  
136. Canada's Nova...

Down

1. Actor, Rock...  
2. Saloons  
3. Harvesters  
4. Raise petty objections  
5. Ledger item  
6. Animal skin  
7. Actor,... Nicholson  
8. Hurried  
9. Live  
10. Ruled (of monarch)  
11. Toothed wheels  
12. Perspiration-soaked  
14. Heron-like bird  
16. Panache  
18. Small compartments  
20. Cocaine source  
22. Moving cartoons  
23. Honked (horn)  
24. Saudi native  
26. Writer, Roald...  
27. Cattle-biting fly  
31. UK Queen's husband, Prince...  
32. Godlessness  
33. ... & saucers  
34. Intelligent  
35. Anger or love  
36. Equal (2,1,3)  
37. Slack  
39. Wattle tree  
41. Talisman  
43. Gumtree  
48. Classroom session  
50. Annoyance  
52. Tennis ace,... Shriver  
54. Unpleasant  
58. Dollar divisions  
59. Subject  
61. Strange  
62. Nourishment  
63. Arrive at

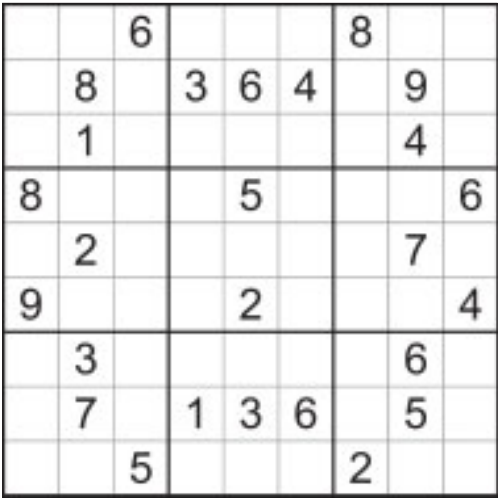
64. Ship's office  
65. Atlases (3,5)  
67. Aggravates  
69. Moves listlessly  
70. West Indian music style  
74. Estimators  
75. Laud  
77. Pampered pets  
79. January celebration (3,4)  
80. Chilled leaf beverage (4,3)  
81. High  
82. Tiled  
84. Legitimising  
85. Palm leaves  
86. Infirmary  
87. City district  
89. Burdened  
94. Dinner bell  
95. News flash  
98. Cable supports  
104. Pig  
106. Single entity  
109. Silhouettes  
111. Magnified section  
112. Famous volcano  
113. Construe  
115. Pointless  
116. Chalice  
118. Reddish/brown pigment  
120. Allotted,... out  
121. Heart or lung  
123. Skeleton photographs (1-4)  
124. Alliance  
126. Fencing sword  
128. Perused  
129. Cleansing cake  
130. Norwegian capital

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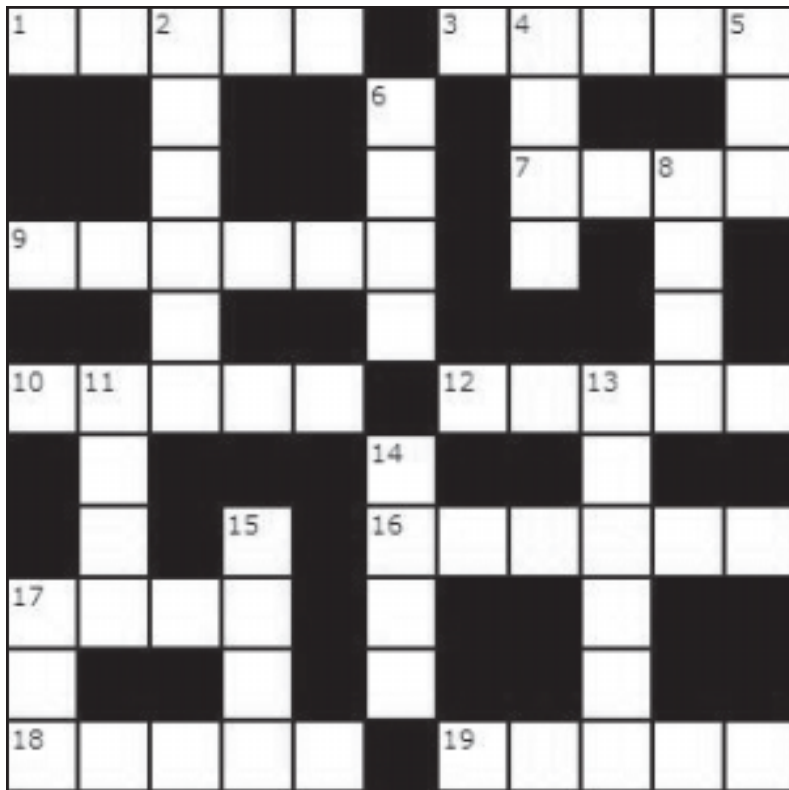
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Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)



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





## Quick Crossword

### Across

1. Grab
3. Fearless
7. Drink,... tea
9. Swapped
10. Prodded
12. Monkey
16. Quit
17. Five pound...
18. Spicy dish
19. Tunes

### Down

2. Go on offensive
4. Destroy
5. Finish
6. Actor,... Law
8. Test
11. Cookie
13. Fools
14. Corn
15. Large animal
17. The Big Apple

*Solution below*

## Get your brain in gear with the

# MONSTER QUIZ

1. Bluebird was recently raised from Coniston Water. Whose boat was it?
2. In 1951, which car company introduced power steering?
3. Who wrote the satirical novel *Catch 22*?
4. Which country set up the world's first chemistry lab in 1650?
5. What links the names Botvink, Tal, Karpov, Fischer?
6. What is the national flower of Japan?
7. Bombardier Billy Wells was seen on many Rank films, why?
8. Where in France do claret wines come from?
9. What did mathematician John Napier invent in 1614?
10. What was the world's first high level programming language created in 1957?
11. 'Consumption' was the former name of which disease?
12. Which American state is nicknamed 'The Diamond State'?
13. The Sirocco, mistral and Chinook are all types of what?
14. Who wrote about Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory?
15. At USA customs, who declared nothing but his genius?
16. Issur Danielovitch is more famously known by which name?
17. Who captained the *Golden Hind*?
18. What was the name of the plantation in *Gone with the Wind*?
19. Who won the 1988 Superbowl?
20. Which group believes in 'The Great Architect of the Universe'?

*Answers below*



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### Solution to this week's Quick crossword



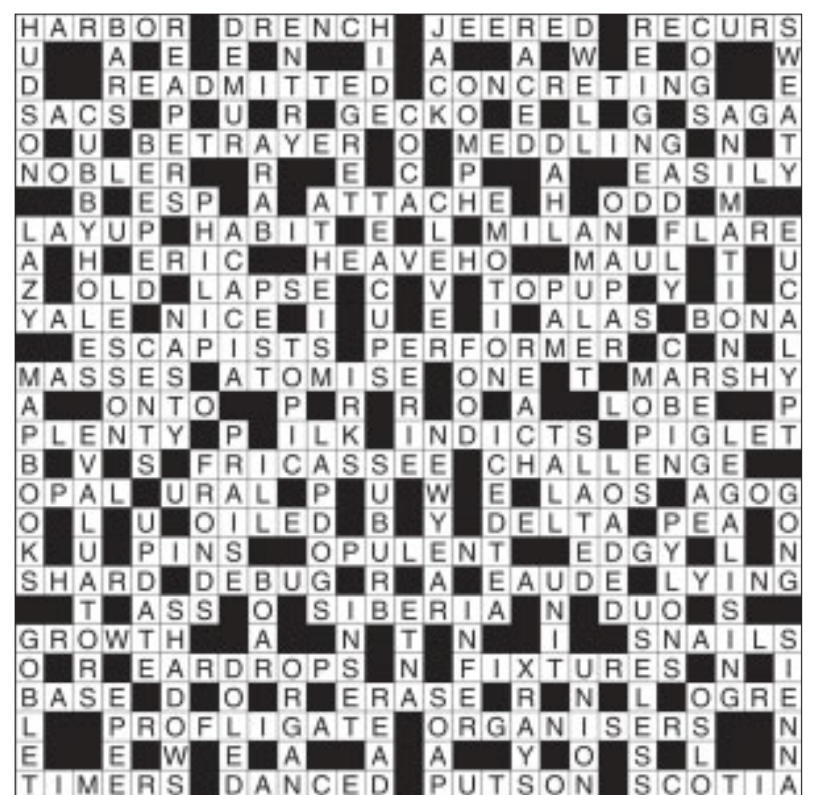
## Monster Quiz Answers

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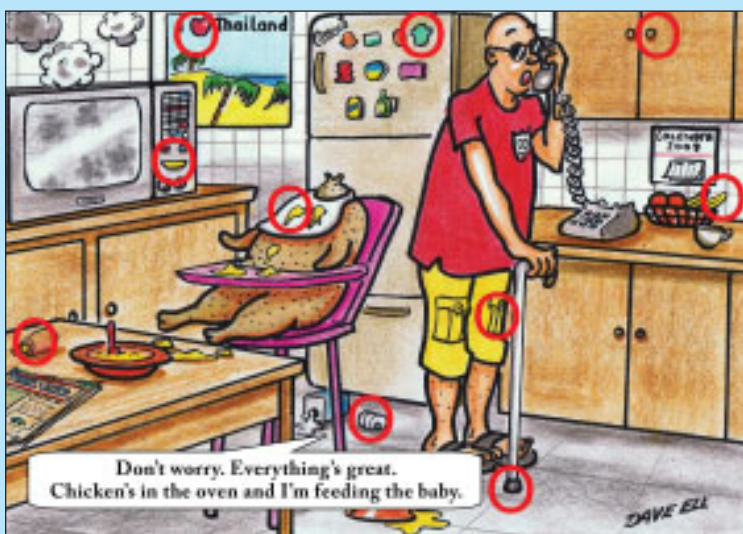
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### Solution to this week's BIG Crossword



### Solution to this week's Cartoon Puzzle





# A strange eulogy for titans



## Off the SHELF

By James Eckardt

**W**illiam F Buckley Jr was a great man, founder of the National Review, father of the modern conservative movement, newspaper columnist, TV debate show host, trans-oceanic yachtsman, and author of 58 books.

His wife Patricia was a grande dame, the 6-foot-tall heiress of a Canadian fortune and doyenne of New York high society.

With residences in Connecticut, New York City, Palm Beach and Gstaad, Switzerland, and a network of friends that included nearly all the great and good of the last half of the 20th century, the couple led a charmed life.

They also had a charmed

death, chronicled by their only son, Christopher Buckley, in *Losing Mum and Pup* (Twelve, New York, 2009, 251pp).

This is a strange eulogy, though, as Buckley delights in describing his parents' many foibles.

There is a grand set piece in which a tipsy Patricia at the dinner table berates Kate ('Kick') Kennedy, granddaughter of Robert and best friend of her own granddaughter Caitlin.

As background, Patricia had been entertaining an aristocratic British houseguest who, after two weeks, had shown no signs of leaving, to William F Buckley's despair.

"Mum's protracted, vinous afternoons of gin rummy with Her Ladyship had her, by dinnertime, in what might be called the spring-loaded position. In such moods, Mum was capable of wheeling on, say, Neil Armstrong to inform him that he know nothing – nothing whatsoever – about astrophysics or lunar landing. No one in the history of hostessing has ever set a better table than my Mum, and on such evenings, I would rather have supped with al-Qaeda in a guano-strewn cave."



His father was no less imperious, a star in his own movie.

"Some years ago, I came across a quote that could serve as the solipsist's definitive credo: 'Let me have my own way exactly in everything, and a sunnier and pleasanter creature does not exist.' (Thomas Carlyle). Pup never plunged into bad moods or became grouchy if things didn't go his way, perhaps for the reason that they always went his way."

Christopher is both fond and

exasperated by his famous parents.

As author of a dozen humorous political thrillers, he's no slouch as a writer, and he brings his parents to oversized life, tapering down the excruciating details of their physical declines and deaths.

Into his hands fall the myriad details of their funerals and memorial services.

He offers some items of practical advice. One is his insistence on a limit of four minutes for a eulogy.

"This may seem an obvious point, but you've probably attended one or two funerals and memorial services where the fine-hammered steel of woe was turned to Brillos by incontinent eulogists. . . They will prattle on – from the heart – for at least twenty minutes, causing those in attendance to forget all about the deceased and start praying that a dislodged gargoyle will fall from above the speaker."

Coursing through the book is the author's gratitude for his own charmed childhood.

He mentions casually that at the Swiss chateau, his parents Bill and Pat entertained Princess Grace of Monaco, Dame Rebecca West, Teddy Kennedy,

David Niven, Marc Chagall, Kenneth Galbraith, "Greek shipping magnates, various Romanovs, Charlie Chaplin, Nabokov, James Clavell, German Grafts, a Danish queen, King Constantine of Greece, Spanish ministers, English swells, Oxford dons, Swiss art dealers, the whole jumbo jet set – they all came to Mum and Pup's chateau to be wined and fed and laugh... People just wanted to be around them. They were the fun Americans: a cool intellectual who wrote spy novels on the side and his beautiful, witty, outrageous wife. They had – how to put it – class."

The standard criticism of William F Buckley was that he was a gadfly.

He resisted writing a big serious book about conservatism because the prospect bored him.

But his place in history is secure.

His last book, appropriately enough, was about his long friendship with Ronald Reagan.

"That his last book would be about Reagan stuck me as a natural coda to his oeuvre, in as much as WFB was the founder and primum mobile of the movement that eventually put Reagan in the White House."

## Horoscopes



Isla Star

**LEO** (July 24-August 22): August will be the month when Leos see dreams come true. Success is highlighted in the area of investment – seeds that you sowed earlier this year should yield a profitable harvest. Those who thought you were taking too much of a risk could now ask to come on board, but a solo voyage is recommended. If your birthday is due this coming week, travel will broaden your horizons in the year ahead.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Those born under the sign of Virgo who have been struggling with a difficult situation at work will be able to move on this week. The outcome may not be quite as you would have wished, but you will soon see more positive developments. The stars indicate that taking a holiday this month will open your eyes to a whole new world. Wish upon a star this weekend to bring some extra luck.

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): Librans' luck in love is set to receive an astral boost this month. If you've been trying to summon the courage to make a romantic approach, the stars will help you forget your nerves this weekend. Getting caught in the middle of a family dispute can be avoided by refusing to take sides, although an Arian relative will apply pressure. Wear the color midnight blue to encourage strength of mind.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 22): The month of August should prove to be more restful for Scorpios. Your physical condition will improve when you realize there is little to be gained from trying to be in more than one place at the same time. This week, a Sagittarian friend shows that they can come up with the goods, but Aquarius is likely to disappoint. Wear the color cinnamon brown to spice up your charisma.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 21): Sagittarians could be caught between a rock and a hard place at work this week. You discover that a colleague has been less than honest and although this knowledge may be the key to your own progress, there will be negative repercussions. An earth sign friend has sensible advice. Money matters are subject to misunderstandings midweek – keep proof of payment close to hand to prove your point.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): Meeting deadlines proves to be complicated for many Capricorns during the first part of August. Your attention is likely to be diverted by domestic issues. Housing is highlighted as being a bone of contention, but this could be the push you have needed to seek more suitable accommodation. Those who are single find that this status is suddenly more enjoyable. The

number nine can bring good fortune this weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): Aquarians are advised to dig deeply to reveal old ideas this week. Although August will not turn out to be your best month for doing business, there are signs that second chances could be lucky. This may also prove to be the case where romance is concerned – a water sign is forecast to make contact after a long absence. Wear a piece of tiger's eye as a protection against making mistakes.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Romance is forecast to bring more contentment during the month of August. Many Pisceans should learn that their efforts to impress someone have not been in vain. Wednesday is the most auspicious day to invite this person on an unforgettable first date. Those already in a relationship will discover that a surprise gesture can work wonders. Take care of tricky financial dealings early next week as the stars will be more supportive.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Arians shouldn't believe every story they hear this week. Another fire sign is forecast to display their jealousy in a creative way this weekend. Where work is concerned, the astrological atmosphere will back your efforts to earn more during August, but

this could involve taking several steps backwards. Romance with Libra is sweet and sour, but Capricorn is ready to take a chance on love. The number five is lucky on Monday.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): Taureans should be able to relax more during August as there is more emphasis on free time. The stars suggest that a holiday romance will put a spring in your step and those already in a relationship will enjoy some quality time with their partner. An investment proposition from a Leo is worth consideration. Wear a piece of amber to encourage spiritual reflection.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): Events this weekend could take you by surprise. Take the high road by giving an air sign friend a

chance to explain before you fly off the handle. Your talents in business are put to good use when someone fails to meet a deadline at work, but this will involve putting in extra hours. A romantic connection made in July starts to become more meaningful. The number eight is lucky on Monday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): Those Cancerians who are finding it difficult to make a work-related decision receive inspiration from an unlikely source this week. The stars predict more lucrative employment is a strong possibility in August if you are prepared to leave your comfort zone. Your finances are affected by benevolent astral conditions – expect a windfall from overseas. Wear the color tangerine to encourage an extra burst of energy.



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## Events leading the fight back

The past year has not been kind to Phuket.

Endless protests, airport shutdowns, tourist scandals and, of course, a global recession have all conspired to take the wind out of the island's sails.

We needed a boost.

Fortunately, last week the island received five days of strong wind, in the form of the Six Senses Phuket Raceweek regatta, which ended on Sunday.

At least 250 sailors on 33 boats gathered here from across Asia for five days of hard racing by day – and hard partying by night.

There were less teams this year, although that was to be expected in the current economic climate.

Importantly, the reduced numbers did nothing to dampen the spirit of competition or the lively atmosphere of the parties which took over the Evason Resort and Ao Chalong Yacht Club by night.

Blessed with excellent weather conditions throughout, the week saw some of the most competitive racing Phuket has ever seen.

With Ray Roberts, 2008 Asian Yachting Champion, describing the regatta as 'possibly the best experience I've had in Asia', it's fair to call this year's event a big success.

Events like the Six Senses and King's Cup regattas put Phuket on the map, not only as a yachting destination but as the premier resort destination it aims to be.

It goes without saying, of course, that most yachties aren't short of the kind of cash needed to take part in such events.

Many spent at least a week in Phuket pumping money into the island's resorts, restaurants and stores.

These welcome visitors keep businesses afloat and Phuketians in jobs; now more than ever, the island needs them.

The Six Senses Phuket Raceweek came hot on the heels of another triumph: the 42nd Asean Ministerial Meetings at Laguna Phuket.

A huge amount was riding on the success of those meetings, and Phuket passed the test with flying colors.

Images of Hillary Clinton and ministers from all over Asia here on the island, safe and secure, were beamed around the world.

The message was clear: this island has the capability to host political conferences at the highest level, and to do so without a hitch.

And with Laguna Phuket making a reported 50 million baht out of the meetings, the economy received another massive boost.

It's all too easy to forget that Phuket is the island that has everything: tropical weather, beautiful scenery and 21st century facilities.

Many of the problems besetting the island's economy are out of our control.

Hosting world-class events, whether regattas, marathons or top-level political meetings, is one of the best ways the island can fight back.

Here's hoping there are many more.

– The Editor



## Letters

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

### You can't escape the facts Dr Pongsawas

The remarks made by Dr Pongsawas Ratanasang, chief of the Phuket Public Health Office, are ridiculous [*Gazette online*, July 21] and surely misinformed.

The number of new recorded cases of swine flu has been rising rapidly.

None of the schools in Phuket have implemented a serious scanning process for students who show flu-like symptoms and most of them still allow students with a fever to sit next to healthy students in class.

To my knowledge, only Bann Maireab School has implemented serious health screening for its students.

The government has slowly admitted that more and more people are being infected, but Dr Pongsawas has just stated the complete opposite.

How long will it take for these high ranking government officials to face the truth and listen to the people on this issue?

Meanwhile, more and more students are waiting in line at clinics and hospitals across the island.

What a shame.

**Bhummikitti  
Phuket City**

### Swine flu is serious

Nobody seems to be taking this swine flu pandemic seriously.

Yesterday I was in a gym where a guy was constantly coughing and sneezing into his towel. As he finished using each piece of apparatus, he wiped it down with the towel.

Tonight I went to a bar in Kamala where another guy was coughing and sneezing into his

hands. Each time he finished, he wiped his hands on the bar towel.

These are clearly ignorant and dangerous actions.

What will it take to make these people understand the seriousness of the situation?

Just thought I'd mention, both guys were *farang*, not Thais.

**Concerned  
Phuket**

### Alpha 6 is a fraud

When Thailand and Phuket were planning on buying the Alpha 6 detectors [*Gazette online*, July 23], I posted a link to a website exposing these instruments to be frauds and showing they were ineffective at detecting anything even remotely dangerous.

Here it is again at [www.explosivedetectorfrauds.blogspot.com](http://www.explosivedetectorfrauds.blogspot.com)

They are dangerous and not to be relied upon for any accuracy. Go back to using dogs and military approved devices.

**Anon  
Thalang**

### Fewer tourists in Phuket? No wonder

It seems that the Phuket Tourist Association is always trying to find excuses for the drop in tourist numbers [*Gazette online*, July 25], choosing to blame swine flu and SARS among other things.

I have been holidaying in Phuket for 10 years and haven't failed to noticed how expensive it has become.

Couple that with the constant attempts to rip people off, expensive flights, poor and often rude service staff and gunfights in the street, and is it

any wonder people are starting to go elsewhere?

**Stuart Scothern  
Nottingham, UK**

### If you don't like it, just leave Phuket

I have written this in response to the letter from Barry Cutler of Chalong which was published in last week's issue of the *Gazette* "It's a love-hate thing".

Barry, it seems there is a lot more hate than love.

Stop whinging, book a flight to one of those countries that you believe is hassle free, and stay there.

Leave Thailand to those of us that still love and appreciate this wonderful country

**Col Douglas  
Patong**

### I'm sick of Patong

I refuse to get out of my car in Patong anymore because the touts have gotten so aggressive.

Everyone from the massage girl, tuk tuk driver, restaurant host, and especially the 'Indian' tailors.

One of them started yelling at me when he asked me where I am from.

When I told him I lived here he went off on me and yelled that he'd asked where I was from, not where I lived.

I wanted to deck him.

The questions come at you so fast there is no time to answer.

I end up laughing.

God I hate Patong. I don't know why people holiday there.

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# The West can't spend, China won't

**A**rrogant and rich, Victorian Britons were once the ugly face of world tourism. In the 20th century, the crown of shame passed to America.

Yanks in slacks became objects of scorn and ridicule from the Louvre to the Uffizi.

Debt and the shrinking dollar have upset America's claim to the title of world's most despised foreign visitor.

A new aspirant has taken up the challenge of bringing sartorial shame to the world's fleshpots.

From Bondi Beach to Phuket, the Chinese tourist is making waves.

Taiwan turned up its nose last year when mainland Chinese arrived after six decades of travel bans.

Locals complained about spitting, loud voices and boorish behavior. For their part, the Chinese tourists found Taiwan "tatty and rundown".

Complaints about uncouth visitors in Thailand prompted China's Spiritual Civilization Steering Committee to provide guides on behavior abroad.

Even so, America and Europe are hoping for an invasion because these new Victorians have something that speaks louder than manners: cash.

After months of nail-biting worry in the workshop, Beijing's mechanics have coaxed China's engine out of low gear.

Primed with billions of dollars of government funds, the economy is at cruising speed and expected to move into the fast lane this year.

The Shanghai stock market is up 85 per cent since the beginning of the year.

Last week the company

that built the Water Cube aquatic center at the Beijing Olympics raised \$7.3 billion in its first public offering.

Investors put up 35 times as much money as there were shares on offer.

The Chinese economy expanded by 7.9 percent in the second quarter compared with 6.1 percent in the first, bank lending is up 35 percent and real estate investment 18 percent since the start of the year.

Buyers are returning to the homes market and car showrooms in droves, while property developers are back in the game.

US and European estate agents desperately hope some of this money will trickle into their bombed-out markets.

Where Russian oligarchs swaggered in Hampstead and Cap d'Antibes, we may soon find Chinese tycoons.

So fast and so unexpected is the recovery that Morgan Stanley reckons China may be decoupling from the rest of the world.

Like Shanghai's superfast Maglev train, the China express is breaking free from America's

diesel loco, flying over the rusting rails of the economy.

China lacks our over-borrowed banks, our ballooning government

debt and insolvent households but it still needs us, the customers.

We have stopped buying the stuff that comes out of Guangdong's factories.

Instead, the Beijing Government is keeping things moving by spending its rainy-day money.

Meanwhile, the Chinese people, undoubtedly the world's greatest savers, are still hiding half their disposable income under the mattress.



The Shanghai stock market is up 85 per cent since the beginning of the year and tourist destinations such as Phuket are hoping that China's rapidly recovering economy will trigger a wave of tourists from the Far East with plenty of disposable income. Given the notoriously thrifty nature of the Chinese people, this may, however, not be the case.

HSBC's economists reckon that 80 per cent of the GDP increase was engineered by hundreds of billions of stimulus renminbi.

Loosened credit restrictions have created a building boom and car purchase frenzy.

Investment was up by a third in June over last year as the State bought steel and cement. But exports fell by more than a fifth.

In the short-term, the Chinese Maglev can surge ahead, but in the long-term, much depends on a big recovery in US consumption (unlikely) or a sea change in Chinese consumer behaviour (improbable).

The world will change utterly when China's rural millions begin to buy the TVs, fridges and knock-off Prada shoes that the West can no longer afford.

Chinese retail spending is up by 15 percent but interestingly, it is half the rate of growth in investment spending.

Consumer price deflation continues; there is investment in

cars and new homes but not much cash is frittered away on laptops and lipstick.

McDonald's is so worried about weak Chinese spending that it recently cut back expansion plans. Its rival, Yum Brands which owns KFC, is expecting nil growth in China.

Cash is hoarded, not spent on indulgence.

There is still no universal pension or health scheme and the Chinese have long memories of hardship and famine.

If China is decoupling from the world economy, many want to know where it is headed. Can we afford to go there and do we want to?

For more than a decade, we funded our lifestyles with cheap loans made possible by cash surpluses hoarded in China and recycled into Western economies.

Now we have no choice but to save and pay back what we borrowed.

Our pensions depend on the dividends of mining and oil companies that supply China's mills but it is not enough.

We must begin once again to make things Chinese people might be tempted to buy.

China's recovery is hailed as our salvation.

Our leaders plead with China — as Hillary Clinton and Tim Geithner did yesterday — to release a floodgate of aspiring Chinese consumers eager to buy stuff from us. It is not clear how this will happen.

The Chinese save, because they don't entirely trust the future mapped out by their unelected leaders.

Our trust should not be taken for granted and we should not let China set the terms of trade.

We are entering a world led by a dictatorship that does not believe in individual freedom, the rule of law or even open markets.

It is through China's support and acquiescence that some of the world's nastiest regimes continue to bully and repress their populations.

We bluster about sanctions. Without the support of the world's most important economy, what does it mean?

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## Where do they draw the line on the 80-meter building law?

I recently became interested in purchasing a condo unit on 50 Pi Road on the hill overlooking Patong Beach.

Following some investigation at the Municipal Office, I discovered that the building, which contains five condo units, has been constructed above the 80-meter building line.

According to local zoning and environmental regulations, no structure except single family homes can be built in this area.

How are developers allowed to clearly violate the law in relation to the 80m building line?

There are several completed structures above the

80m level on 50 Pi Road and by examining the areas of land that are currently being cleared, it appears that many more developments are about to commence in this zone.

Have the authorities relaxed the law in this particular area of Patong?

If this is the case then I would be keen to continue with my purchase of the condo unit.

Chris Rogers  
Patong

**An officer from the Patong Municipality Office replies:**

The law prohibits the construction of a building that is

more than 80 meters tall from the mid-tide sea level.

This includes making alterations that would result in a structure exceeding the 80-meter limit.

The Patong Municipality has already ordered that any building which exceeds 80m must be reduced in size.

The only exception would be for people who owned the land and property before the law came into effect, provided the land is not used for business purposes.

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## Lite's out

Why am I struggling to find Singha Lite? Many people like low alcohol beer so why is it becoming more difficult to find?

Terry  
Kamala

**A staff member at Phuket Seevalee replies:**

Phuket Seevalee is the beer's distributor in Phuket and we sell our products to agents on the island.

The beer is very popular and stocks run out very quickly.

Unfortunately the manufacturer isn't currently making enough to keep up with demand.

For more information contact Phuket Seevalee Co Ltd, 7/8 Ampur Road, A. Muang, Phuket 83000. T: 076-211150. F: 076-223226.



# Sea Dragons fired up for a return to winning form

**P**huket FC return to action this Saturday at home against bottom of the league Phatthalung, determined to erase the memories of the last-gasp defeat to Yala that temporarily left the club at the foot of the table. The Sea Dragons appeared on course for a second successive away point, until the home side pounced in the 88th minute to complete home and away victories against Phuket.

According to Phuket FC coach Somsak Waijeran, the two week break between fixtures has come at the right time and has given his players a chance to regroup.

Despite the heart-breaking loss, Somsak told the *Gazette*, his squad wasn't too despondent and that everybody had been working hard in training ahead of today's fixture.

Phuket FC were more than a match for Yala, but missed numerous opportunities to score the vital second goal before the home side equalized.

The Sea Dragons profligacy in front of goal was duly punished and Somsak said he was aware that his players must convert a higher percentage of the chances they create.

Only once have the Sea Dragons scored more than one goal in a match this season – a 4-3 home defeat to next week's opponents, Nakorn Sri Thammarat.

Coach Somsak said his players had been working on their finishing in training and he hoped his side would be more clinical in tonight's fixture.

The match against Phatthalung represents the Sea Dragons' best remaining chance of registering a home win this season.

The side from Thailand's Deep South are rooted to the foot of the table after enduring a worse season than the home side.

Somsak admitted he didn't know much about the visitors, but, given their lowly league position, didn't expect them to pose much threat.

Phuket FC vs Phatthalung, Surakul Stadium. Kick off at 7pm.

# Ultimate frisbee flies into Phuket

**P**laying with a frisbee is usually associated with something people do when lazing about on the beach, yet to some it means much more and a small group of ultimate – more commonly known as ultimate frisbee – enthusiasts are determined to see the sport take off in Phuket.

Bangkok is home to a number of ultimate players and clubs, but until now the sport has yet feature on the island.

Ultimate may be considered by many to be a minority sport, but last year the Ultimate Players Association, the sport's governing body, had a total of 4.9 million registered players.

A mixture of traditional football, American football and netball, the high-intensity sport combines skill, athleticism, speed and stamina.

The sport is contested at club and international level, the pinnacle of which is the Ultimate



**A mixture of traditional and American football, and netball, ultimate combines skill, athleticism, speed and stamina.**  
Photo by Ultimatephotography.

Tournament at the World Games, held every four years.

The development of the sport is credited to Hollywood producer Joel Silver, who proposed the game during his days at Columbia High School in New Jersey.

Traditional ultimate is seven-a-side, played on a rectangular pitch with two end zones marked out at opposite ends.

Teams may pass the frisbee in any direction, but team mates must make complete plays in order to retain possession.

Once a player receives the frisbee, they may take one step and then stop until they have passed it to a team member within a 10-second period.

A point is scored when the frisbee is passed into the end zone and caught by a team mate.

Should the frisbee be

dropped, intercepted or go out of bounds, possession is handed to the defending team.

One of the founding principles behind ultimate is 'the spirit of the game' and it is something that Chris Fisher, the driving force behind establishing the sport in Phuket, believes is key to its success.

"Playing ultimate within the spirit of the game is hugely important," he said. "Even though it's a competitive sport, it's non-combative and non-intrusive."

"Everybody is a comrade and they have to have fun playing sport, but not at the expense of the other team," he said.

As well as providing the opportunity for people to take part, Fisher also hopes to get some of Phuket's locals involved.

"Everyone who has played ultimate in the past loves the game and just wants to play," he said.

"I hope to be able to open it up so Thai kids to learn how to play. We have people on board who can help with translation and transportation," he said.

Play gets under way at 4pm at the Phuket Provincial Administration Organization tennis courts on Damrong Road in Phuket Town.

For more information please contact Chris. T: 086-9421930.

# The princess of Phuket's waves



**Annissa, who wants to emulate her heroes and be a pro surfer when she grows up, started surfing less than two years ago.**

**F**ollowing her success at the Monsoon Riders surf event at Kalim Beach in June, 11-year-old surf sensation Annissa Flynn headed to Bali last month to compete in the Quiksilver 'King of the Groms' surf competition.

Despite being eliminated after round one, young Flynn gave a good account of herself and returned to Phuket with a wealth of experience.

Although being up to five years younger than some of her opponents, as well as being the only girl, Flynn showed no hesitancy when faced with the larger waves that Bali had to offer.

Annissa, who attends Phuket Thai Hua School, was invited by surf apparel giant Quiksilver after winning the junior division of the first Thailand Surf Series competition of 2009.

Not content with beating kids her own age, she also finished second in the women's division of the same competition.

Incredibly, Annissa started surfing less than two years ago.

"I first started when I was nine. I was going cable skiing but it got too expensive, so my Dad suggested I try surfing," she said.

"The first time I surfed was at Nai Harn Beach and I was a little scared to start with, but then I got used to it."

Annissa's father, Michael Flynn, could see her potential from an early age.

"I used to take her to Phuket Cable Ski Center at Kathu where you can wakeboard. It was only 200 baht a day for the Thai kids, so I used to go there and work on my laptop, and she would spend the day wakeboarding. She got really good, really quickly," he said.

"One day I looked down to see this little kid go straight over a jump without either a helmet or a life jacket, and I thought to myself, 'that's pretty irresponsible', then I realized it was Annissa. A couple of days day later she was going along the

raised bar which only pros or daredevils do', he said.

Annissa's cable skiing career was bought to an abrupt end when Phuket Cable Ski underwent an expensive refurbishment and the price was increased from 200 baht per day to 1,500 baht per day.

Michael pleaded with the management but to no avail.

"I tried telling them she had a future in the sport but they wouldn't bend the rules so I thought she could try surfing instead," he said. "I bought her a longboard to start off with and after a week she was getting waves and having a great time and making new friends," he said.

Wakeboarding's loss proved to be surfing's gain.

Annissa, who wants to be a pro surfer when she grows up, still has to fit surfing around her education.

"I had to miss school to go to Bali, but my teachers didn't mind."

"Normally I go surfing after school or on weekends," she said.

"When I am not surfing, I like playing on my PSP and I like to play badminton. I'm pretty good at it, but I'm definitely better at surfing."

Annissa is now inseparable from her surf buddies Panjo and Nu and when she's not at school, she spends almost every waking hour at the Nautilus Surf Shop at Kata beach.

In many respects Annissa is not too different from any other kids her age, but there is no denying her prodigious surfing ability.

Where she gets her ability and talent from, however, is more of a mystery.

"My Dad has just started learning how to surf, but he's not very good," she said.

You can see Annissa in action at the next stage of the Thailand Surf Series at Kamala Beach from August 14-16. Visit [www.thaisurfseries.com](http://www.thaisurfseries.com) for more information.

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# Roberts off to a flying start

Former Asian Yachting champion Ray Roberts made a dream start to the 2009/10 season, winning the IRC Racing class at the Six Senses Phuket Raceweek ahead of close rival Neil Pryde.

It was the first time Roberts had competed at the Evason-sponsored five-day regatta which culminated last Sunday.

Australian Roberts, on board the newly named *Evolution Sails*, pipped the 2009, AY champion Pryde and *Hi-Fi* of New Zealand by a single point in the latest battle between the sailors from opposite sides of the Tasman Sea.

After losing out to Pryde last season, 2008 winner Roberts appears hell-bent on reclaiming the tailored blue Armani blazer which is presented to the champion yachtsman at the climax of each season.

Elsewhere, victories went to Jaray Tipsuk's, *Mitrmitr* in the IRC 1 class, Andrew de Bruin on *Awatea* in the Club/Charter class, Alan Carwadine on *Da Vinci Niña* in the Multihull, Hans Rahmann and *Voodoo Child* in the Firefly 850 and Tom Howard on *Seraph* in the Classix Class.

This year's Six Senses Raceweek saw some of the most competitive racing Phuket has ever seen.

A slight adjustment to the classes saw the boats divided into the six previously listed categories.

There was a good turnout in the IRC Racing class with seven boats competing, including perennial rivals Roberts and Pryde.

Fresh from securing his third prestigious AY championship at the Koh Samui Regatta in June, Pryde was looking to get off to the best possible start in his quest to regain his title.

But, it was Roberts who drew first blood by winning the opening three races.

Defending champion Peter Ahern on *Yo!2* kept up the pressure on Roberts and Pryde by consistently finishing in the top three.

Going into the final day, Roberts' *Evolution Sails* held a slender three point lead over Pryde's *Hi Fi*.

This left Pryde counting on *Yo!2* finishing ahead of *Evolution Sails* in at least one race.

Pryde gave himself the best possible chance of success by winning the final two races, but Roberts' two second place finishes secured a hard-fought victory in the opening regatta of the season by a solitary point.

It was Roberts' first time at the Evason Six Senses Raceweek and it was clear he enjoyed the occasion.

"It's possibly the best experience I've had in Asia because the wind was pretty good during the regatta and the areas we sailed in were beautiful," he said.

"The regatta was much more competitive than I



**WE ARE SAILING:** (Clockwise from top left) Hans Rahmann's *Voodoo Child* skims over the surface; three boats go head-to-head in the IRC class; Henry Kaye and Fergus Wilmer's *Thor* in action; and 2008 AY Champion Ray Roberts's *Evolution Sails*. Photos by Rolien/Andaman-sea-club.com.

expected, and it went right down to the final race."

The IRC 1 class was fiercely competitive, with five different boats winning races during the regatta.

Peter Dyer's *Madame Butterfly* and Jaray Tipsuk's *Mitrmitr* which featured the only all-Thai crew in the regatta, were the most consistent within the class.

Jaray's *Mitrmitr* took the honors after two wins out of two on the crucial final day.

Two brand new boats locked horns in the Multihull class as Henry Kaye and Fergus Wilmer's *Thor*, fresh from victory in her maiden regatta in

Koh Samui, took on the brand new *Da Vinci Niña*, skippered by designer Alan Carwadine.

The two catamarans swapped first and second places for the first few days, but four wins in the final four races ensured *Da Vinci Niña* took the honors.

The Firefly 850 scoreboard had a familiar feel with Hans Rahmann's *Voodoo Child* and Roger Kingdon's *Moto Inzi* finishing first and second respectively in all of the opening six races, securing an impressive victory for Rahmann with a day to spare.

In the Club Charter class, Andrew de Bruin's *Awatea* won

five of the six races, and Tom Howard's *Seraph* was, quite literally, in a class of its own, winning the Classic class which was to be expected, considering it was the sole entrant.

For Grenville Fordham from Image Asia, the driving force behind the regatta, there was much to celebrate as the regatta was hailed as a success by all concerned, while his new boat, *Da Vinci*

*Nina*, won her maiden regatta.

"This year the quality of the boats has been fantastic, and is far better than we have ever had before," he said.

"We've proved we have a regatta which is attractive, enjoyable and competitive and I'd like to thank the Evason Six Senses and all our sponsors for their valuable input."

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# Beat the water meter bandits

I came home the other day to find my wife talking with two neighbors, who were gesturing towards our water meter.

My wife said three more houses had had their meters stolen, and that these neighbors had come to ask her how I'd encased ours.

About two years ago, when my small neighborhood switched its water supply source from a local well to the city's water supply, the water company came round and installed new meters on our houses.

Immediately afterwards, meters began disappearing – disconnected and stolen in the middle of the night.

When the thefts started, I was determined they would not get my meter, so I immediately encased it in concrete.

In case there are thefts

happening in your neighborhood, this procedure might save your meter, so I've decided to share it.

It wasn't very difficult, but as always there are a few little tips to make it easier still.

**Note:** officially, the paper and I do *not* actually advocate doing this, I'm simply showing you how I did what I did.

First, I swept all the dirt from the area beneath the meter and from around the pipes where they left and re-entered the street's surface.

Photo one shows a neighbor's meter, identical to mine but, since they're across the street, facing the other direction.

I then took a can of what we generically call 'axle grease' and painted the inlet water pipe, the inlet valve shaft and handle, and the whole body of the meter.

In short, everything that was

soon to be entombed in concrete got a liberal coating of grease.

This was for two reasons. One, concrete is not completely watertight. Moisture can eventually seep through almost any form of cement or concrete, so I hoped the coating of grease would help slow down corrosion, once the meter and pipes were locked away from the drying effects of the sun and air.

The second reason was that if the concrete ever had to be removed and the meter replaced, the grease would hopefully prevent the concrete from adhering too strongly.

I used an old cardboard box as a 'form', trimming it to fit around the meter and inlet pipe, with a hole cut for the cone-shaped outlet formed into the side of the meter's body.

The most important part was to make sure that the valve on the outlet side was left free, so that I could shut off the water to my house when necessary for any future plumbing repairs.

You can see the shut-off valve's handle on the left side of photo two.

The key here was to figure out exactly where and how big



Photo 1



Photo 2

the hole had to be, cut a straight slit in the cardboard to that point, then cut the hole just a bit smaller than needed.

I 'eyeballed' a small ruler held beneath that portion of the meter-body to give me the diameter, then drew a circle of that size on the cardboard to cut out.

I carefully cut about 1/8" inside the traced outline, then used a damp sponge to lightly wet the edges of the hole.

When I installed the form around the meter, these wet, softened edges allowed me to compress the cardboard slightly around the outlet cone and form a tight seal.

I cut several small plastic bags into sheets, and taped these to the inside of the box to keep the concrete from sticking to the cardboard, and make it easy to peel off once the concrete had set.

Next, I put the form in place, and set a board across the top with a small brick on it to steady it as I filled it with the concrete mix.

I mixed only enough for about a quarter of the total each time because I had to trowel it in by hand, then work it down into

the small spaces beneath the meter and around the inlet pipe in order to create a truly solid block, and I didn't want any to dry on me while still in the bucket.

Remember the magic formula for concrete (by weight, not volume): 1 part cement, 2 parts sand, 3 parts gravel, 1/2 part water.

One US gallon of water weighs about 8.3 pounds.

Figure about a pound a pint for smaller amounts.

After I'd used up the concrete from each batch, I leveled the top, mixed up some more and troweled it in.


The last batch had no gravel to give me a smoother top surface, which, unfortunately, developed some cracks over time.

I filled the form until just the face of the meter, with its lift-up lid, was visible. I left the form in place for two days, then peeled it off.


The result isn't beautiful, but the meter's still there and likely to stay put.

Wash your hands carefully after concrete work, then relax with a beer! See you next time.

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# Sending money home from Thailand

## Preparing the paperwork to transfer funds to a foreign bank account

Over the years, the Land of Smiles, has become very popular among many foreigners as the location of choice for work or buying property outside of their home country.

There can be a variety of reasons, ranging from wanting to live life on a tropical island like Phuket, or enjoying the benefits a pulsating lifestyle in a major city like Bangkok can bring.

Foreigners living and working in Thailand need to know under which conditions funds can be transferred into an account outside of Thailand, whether they were earned as remuneration for a job, or received from a property sale in the Kingdom.

Such money transfers can be made and it is a straight forward process provided some simple rules are considered in order to ensure a smooth fund remittance.

Generally speaking, every money transfer initiated by a foreigner in Thailand is subject to the rules and regulations of the Bank of Thailand.

These rules and regulations

state the amount which can be transferred depends on the purpose of the transfer, and the supporting documentation that can be provided.

If an expat who lives and works in Thailand wants to transfer funds out of the country, the applicable annual transfer limit would be the person's annual earnings, less taxes and living expenses.

In the event of such money transfer, the transferring bank might request documentation supporting the transfer, such as a work permit and a confirmation letter from their employer confirming their salary in Thailand.

If an individual wanted to transfer an amount of money out of Thailand that is higher than their annual earnings, for example, funds generated from a property sale, they may be required to provide documentation such as Foreign Exchange Transaction forms (FET) showing the initial import of funds into Thailand for the purpose of purchasing property; property sales and purchase agreements along with updated condom-



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inium title deeds showing transfer of the property; and receipts issued by the land department showing payment, if any, of applicable transfer fees and taxes depending on which bank is arranging the transfer.

Careful attention should also be paid to the correct application of FETs or other relevant documentation issued by the receiving bank whenever remitting foreign currency into a

Thai baht bank account.

At the very least, the FET should clearly designate the purpose of the fund transfer into Thailand, for example a condominium unit purchase, and the name of the transferor or buyer.

Such FET forms must not only be provided to the authorities in order to qualify as a foreign freehold buyer in the event of purchasing a condominium unit, the FET may also be

required as evidence of the original source of monies to be repatriated out of Thailand in case of a property re-sale.

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# There's gold in your garden

## Nature & Nurture



By Patrick Campbell

When poet Thomas Gray lamented the demise of his favorite cat, which 'drowned in a tub of goldfishes', he moralised about the seductive, but potentially lethal charms of gold.

Fortunately gold in the garden carries no such danger.

Like bees, we can be seduced by all those luminous yellows, but they are unlikely to pose a terminal health hazard.

Right now, the 'glisten' of gold is less evident around Phuket, as the heavens open and nature greens up.

Because there is little need to water the garden, it's tempting to let it simply do its own thing as you settle back with a glass of golden Chardonnay.

However, some plants choose this time of year to flower, and, apparently impervious to tropical downpours, continue to bloom as if nothing has changed.

Many of these summer bloomers are a golden yellow, and include shrubs such as allamanda

cathartica, thevetia peruviana, the pale yellow euphorbia milii, ylang, ylang and yellow ixora, as well as a number of trees including the golden shower tree (*cassia spectabilis*), the cochlospermum or butterfly tree, golden rain, scrambled egg and yellow poinciana trees.

Throw in the annuals and perennials such as sunflowers, daisies, and African marigolds, by and you have a riot of color to rival the Thai sun.

Allamanda cathartica, with its indecently large flowers, brownish buds and exotic, glossy foliage has been mentioned in dispatches before.

Like most members of the dogbane (*apocynaceae*) family, it is poisonous and the sap can irritate, but apart from that, it has no obvious drawbacks except for a tendency to sprawl.

Given a sunny position, it will produce those golden trumpets in most lime-free soils.

Its poor relation, the bush allamanda (*schottii*), has the same trademark flowers, although they are smaller and less densely golden, with narrow leaves arranged in whorls.

Because this variety is much cheaper to buy (about 12 baht each in most nurseries), is drought resistant, and amenable to pruning, it features in many public spaces, and along the central reservations of Phuket's main arterial roads.

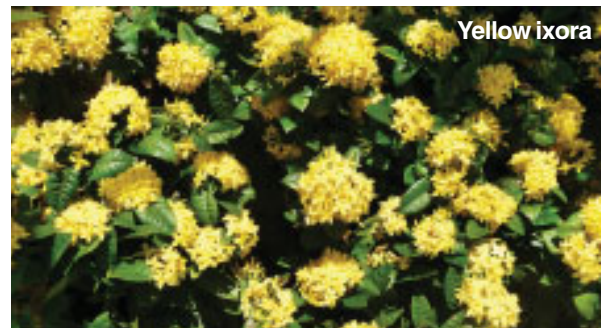
Being so frequently in flower, it is especially useful for filling in those areas of the garden where other plants struggle, and



Allamanda cathartica



Yellow bignonia: tecomastans



Yellow ixora

both varieties can readily be grown from cuttings.

Six months ago, I put one in a pot, and it is now more than a meter high and ready for a move.

A third member of the allamanda family, is a climber which twines itself around anything upright.

The flowers of this species are paler and almost lemony.

One cutting I planted in the narrow bed outside my front wall, promptly climbed up the telegraph pole and was just as promptly cut down by an electricity maintenance crew.

Like the blue clitoria ternata, it is an ideal plant to grow in a circular bed under a tree – and less likely to get the chop.

One of my favorite cuttings is the 'lucky nut' (*thevetia peruviana*) and when the lady

owner of a local Thai restaurant gave me a couple of cuttings, they took to my soil like ducks to water.

I now have three mature specimens, two yellow and one with both yellow and apricot colored flowers.

The yellow flowering shrubs are more vigorous, and after a year's growth, they are already about three meters tall and almost as wide.

Less dramatic than its family member, the allamanda, it produces its funnel-shaped flowers all year round.

The narrow, dark green, lanceolate leaves and the seed pods are an attractive bonus.

The fruit, which gives the plant the colloquial name of 'lucky nut', is an oddity.

It starts out green, then turns

red, and finally black, and contains a smooth brown stone (the 'lucky nut') which is often used to make decorative necklaces.

I have one which serves as the clanger in a bamboo mobile.

The lucky nut is an American native and is popular in many of the southern states as an 'ornamental'.

In Arizona, it is used to add color to freeways and here in Phuket, it has been trained into a small tree and is used to brighten up some of our mountain roads.

Happily, it will put up with alkaline soils.

The last of my favorite yellow shrubs is the bignonia or tecomastans.

There is a pink variety which grew unchecked in my Spanish garden, but I prefer the yellow bells variety which is better suited to conditions in Phuket.

Tecomastans grows even more vigorously than thevetiana, and is apparently impervious to dry conditions and indifferent soil.

It can grow to a height of 25 feet, so it might need a bit of controlling, and when it was introduced to some of the Pacific islands in French Polynesia, it became invasive.

I have two of them in my own garden.

One, which is planted in the shade will need to be moved, but the other, which is in full sun the front gate, was the first shrub to bloom in my newly established garden.

It is naturally vigorous, with an open, leggy habit, so if you want to keep it neat and tidy, you will need to prune the branches about 15 inches below the desired height.

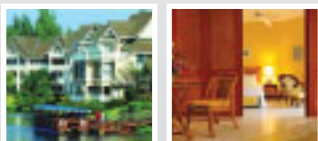
The bell-shaped, yellow flowers are a delight, they are mildly scented and profusely produced all year long. What's more, butterflies love them.

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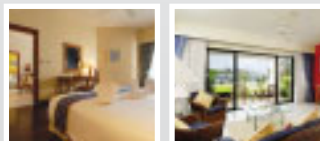
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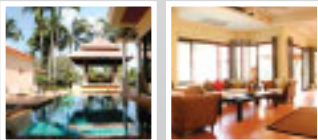
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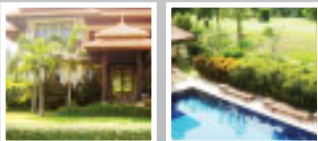
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# Modern resorts come of age



## PROPERTY WATCH

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Welcome to 'Phuket 2.0'; the coming of age for non-traditional hotels and villas, which now compete with the traditional cookie-cutter hotel supply.

There are currently 38 new hotels in the development pipeline, which will add another 6,455 rooms to Phuket, 34 percent of which fall within the condo-hotel or hotel-managed villa sector.

Compound this with the number of freestanding products underway that will be rented out through agents or directly by owners and through websites, and the amount of non-traditional hotels will represent more than 50 percent of the island's hotel and resort market.

At the same time, accommodation booking trends on the internet are growing at break-neck speed. Web bookings for many hotel-managed villa properties account for 30 to 50 percent of their business.

Low-cost airlines like AirAsia, Tiger and JetStar have also seen the region catch up with the rest of the world, with customers preferring to make their travel plans, reservations and transactions online.

The evolution of web-based booking for hotels is no newbie.

There are several well-

established hotel-booking websites sites such as Expedia, Agoda, Travelocity, Wotif and the newly-launched Phuket-based PhuketBooknow.com, to name a few.

Given the property boom in Asia this past decade – and the amount of mixed-use products in key resort destinations such as Phuket, Bali and Koh Samui – the playing product is now evolving.

There is growing demand for more personalized products; niches are evolving to suit the broad spectrum of guests' tastes.

The variety of villa types runs the gamut from catering to those seeking the ultimate in luxury and privacy to multi-generation family groups who prefer to stay together in one location rather than renting out several individual hotel rooms.

I recently viewed some of the sites offering alternative types of accommodation in Phuket.

Of course the web is vast and the choices almost endless, so I apologize for any omissions, in the limited time I had to carry out this research.

The sites listed here are in no particular order of rank or preference. Many of the companies also operate flash sites and secondary domains with specialized products in addition to what's been listed.

One of Phuket's better-established domains, phuketvilarentals.com, is associated with the management company Phuket Island Property Services (PIPS), which also provides management services and furniture fit-outs for residential projects.

Their key properties include Baan Chai Nam, Surin Springs, Laguna Villas, Kamala Hills and Club Lersuang.

While their focus is on villas and apartments, most of their products are aimed squarely at the large scale mid tourist market.

Koh Samui's well-established firm Villas and Homes recently opened a parallel operation on Phuket and now operate the website phuketvilasandhomes.com.

A smaller offering is on tap here, ranging from Jivana, a high-



Web bookings through sites like these account for anywhere between 30 and 50 percent of business for many hotel-managed villa properties.

end product over the bridge, to Coolwater in Kamala and Kata Gardens in the south.

Property services and estate management operations are also linked in as an offering.

One of the island's true success stories, Phuket.com, has expanded its hotel listings to include sections for villas, bungalows and apartments, through linking these mainly to property offerings.

Apartments on offer include Allamanda and Grove Gardens, while villas include Sri Panwa, Sai Taan, Rising Sun and Laguna.

Asia Web Direct, which was bought out a few years ago by mega success story wotif.com, is a leader in website traffic.

One of the flashier sites in this genre is phuketvilasonline.com – connected to villarentalasia.com by the Indonesian company Private Leisure – is expanding its offerings to Bali, Lombok, Koh Samui and Sri Lanka.

Many of the products listed are hotel managed, such as

Aleenta and Phuket Pavilions, which suggests that the strategy is focusing not only on providing bookings for individuals, but is acting as a third-party travel retailer for hotel operators wanting to tap into the larger potential basis of customers.

Tying in phuketluxuryvillas.com, the site provides little direct information on its product pages, requiring consumers to ask for details.

The owners of this site have many other sites on the web.

It is a good example of domains utilizing content through other agents and working to share booking revenue.

Successful consolidators of this nature have a sound business model. Take wego.com, for example, which operates in the hotel space.

Many more products are out there, such as myasianvilla.com; shibumi thailand.com; phuket.net; and siamrealestate.com – the list goes on and on.

Google will find many more for you.

With sales in decline at the

moment, more property agents are shifting their business models, but there remain some significant long-term regulatory and governance issues.

In most counties, sellers of accommodation are required to have travel agency licenses. However, many online booking sites either ignore that requirement, or use questionable offshore operations.

Other challenges for operators that are bubbling under the surface include the issues of taxation on bookings – hotel projects deemed to be operating without licenses – and income tax on the revenue of private owners.

Issues facing the consumers using sites that only act as third-party vendors include their ability to have any complaints resolved and obtaining refunds in the event of insolvency.

As with many things on web 2.0, the rules have yet to be written, but one thing is for certain: these sites offer a whole new set of offerings.

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# Property Gazette

## Properties For Sale

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### LAND ON KOH YAO NOI



Area: 2,076sqm, seafront (mangrove), Chanote title. Concrete road front. Next to Koh Yao Municipality Office. 3 million baht. Tel: 089-890 3161.

### LAND PLOTS FOR SALE

908sqm in secluded, safe Soi close to Nai Ham Beach. Perfect to build a house. 392sqm square-shaped plot on Visaet Road, perfect to build commercial building. Tel: 081-897 5888 (English & Thai), 081-897 5999 (English & Thai). Email: service@phuket-consult.com

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

**CHEAP PATONG CONDO**  
Very, very cheap unit on the 14th floor. Tel: 087-031 2154 (English). Email: kellyshotel@hotmail.com For further details, please see our website at [www.phuketpalaceowners.com](http://www.phuketpalaceowners.com)

### 80 RAI FOR SALE, CHANOTE

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

### PERFECT LAND IN KARON



with seaview and the lush hinterland of hills behind. Located on the West coast of Phuket. 10.5 rai with Chanote title. Perfect location for hotel and resort, it is 120 meters wide along the rock. Serious customers only. No agents! Tel: 087-270-9093.

### POOL HOUSE BARGAIN

120sqm house, 69sq wah land. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, newly decorated, 7 fans, 3 aircon, all furniture fitted. Includes 6m pool, sala, washing machine, fridge freezer. 3,950,000 baht. Tel: 087-639-3002 (English), 087-637 3935 (Thai).

### HOUSE & FURNITURE FOR SALE

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

### LAND IN PHANG NGA

for sale. 9.8 rai working fruit farm, 300+ trees, 5 fish ponds, 2 farm houses suitable for fishing park, 5 kms Phang Nga, 45 mins Phuket airport. Chanote title deed 4,700,000 baht Tel: 086-274 0056 English or 087-895 3099 Thai.

### LAND URGENT SALE



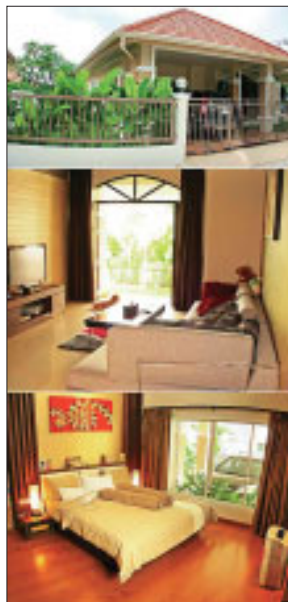
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### MUST SELL MOVING 12.5 MTB



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### VILLA FOR SALE OR RENT



312 sqm. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Fully furnished, 24-hour protection. 5 minutes to Chalong Bay, 10 minutes to Nai Ham Beach, 20 minutes to Patong Beach and 15 minutes to Phuket Town. Price: sale: 7 million baht. Rent: 65,000 baht per month. Pls contact Khun Sam (English/Thai). Tel: 085-110 6449. Email: vipeurasian@yahoo.co.th For further details, please see our website at [www.ipdproperty.com](http://www.ipdproperty.com)

### ROYAL PLACE CONDO

New 37sqm one bedroom condo for sale at Royal Place, near the Tesco Lotus intersection on the Bypass Road. Comes fully furnished including all electrical appliances. Ready to move in August. Complex has pool, gym, restaurant etc. 1.85 million baht. Tel: 083-982 3768. Email: drbeamshaw@gmail.com

### CHANOTE, 29 RAI

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### PANORAMIC SEA VIEW



Karon land for sale. 15 rai. Chanote title. Hillside, panoramic sea view, quiet area. Very good location for business. 15 million baht per rai. No agents. Please contact by email: allservices29@gmail.com

### QUICK SALE

Land in Laguna Phuket area. 4 rai at 6 million baht per rai, Chanote. Located near Anchan Villas and Tanod Villas. Good size to do residential project. Tel: 081-538 7050. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

### SHOPHOUSE - CHALONG

12 months old, 3-storey, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1 km south of Circle. Full kitchen, 1 aircon, hot water, all-glass front door, office furniture, beds, very clean. Valued at 3.7 million, you pay 3.6 million baht including additions. Bargain! Tel: 086-476 2093, 085-785 1597.

### LAND IN RAWAI

for sale. 240sqm. Walk to Rawai Beach, 925,000 baht. 300sqm: 1.15 million baht. 480sqm: 1.85 million baht. 960sqm: 4.5 million baht. Soi Naya, Nai Ham Beach 500sqm: 3.2 million baht. Contact owner. Tel: 086-684 5368. Email: alex@sai-nam-naya.com

### PATONG SEA VIEW

nice land. 2.3 rai at 18 million baht per rai. Nice location in a quiet area of Patong. Road and utilities access to the land. Ready to start a villa project. Tel: 081-538 7050. Email: talayjan@yahoo.com

### LAND BEHIND LAYAN HILLS ESTATE



Manik-Bangjo area. 4M baht per rai with chanote. Selling half rai - 2 rai. Contact 081-5387050 or talayjan@yahoo.com

### LAND AT PA KHLOK



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

### PERFECT LAND

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

### 30 RAI IN TOWN

Long lease. Near Dowrungs School in Phuket Town. Tel: 081-691 2526.

### LAND AT PA KHLOK

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

### LAND FOR SALE

near the main road to Baan Don - Chermg Talay. 68sq wah. 1.1 million baht. Tel: 089-472 9118. Email: honda.1437@yahoo.co.th

### COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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### VERY NICE SEAVIEW LAND



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### LAND NEAR YACHT HAVEN



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

### LAND AT CHERNG TALAY

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

### NEW BRAND CONDO

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

### PRIVATE SALE OF HALF A RAI

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

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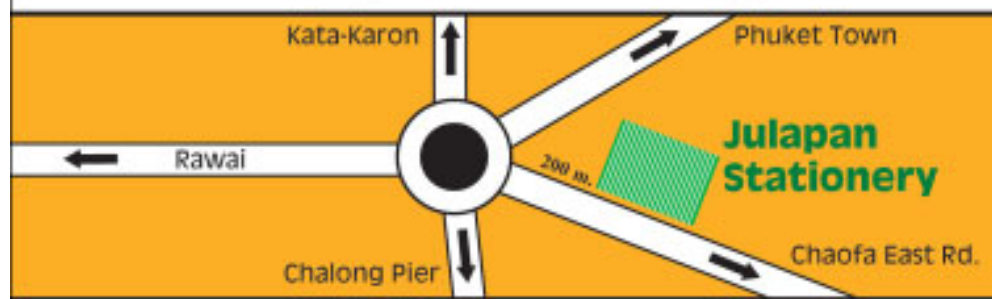
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## 2-STOREY HOUSE IN PATONG



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

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250sqm apartment, 3 floors, (1 duplex + 1 apartment separate). Fully furnished, kitchen, jacuzzi, patong seawater. Property agency value: 15 million baht!! 2nd apartment, 250sqm, 3 floors, unfurnished (next to the 1st). Total 500sqm seawater Patong. Both properties belong to Co Ltd. Chanote. Sale 16 million baht for both!! Be quick!! Tel: 089-112 8649. Email: [asiaubin@hotmail.com](mailto:asiaubin@hotmail.com)

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## LAND IN RAWAI

for sale. 240sqm. Walk to Rawai Beach, 925,000 baht. 300sqm: 1.15 million baht. 480sqm: 1.85 million baht. 960sqm: 4.5 million baht. Soi Naya, Nai Harn Beach 500sqm: 3.2 million baht. Contact owner. Tel: 086-684 5368. Email: [alex@sainam-naya.com](mailto:alex@sainam-naya.com)

## HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT

House in Chalong, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, fully furnished, aircon, ADSL. Cable TV, 94sqw. 25,000 baht rent per month or 5.5 million baht for sale. Contact Khun Yao. Tel: 081-079 0688. Email: [anda\\_004@hotmail.com](mailto:anda_004@hotmail.com)

## THE ROYAL PLACE

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

## PATONG TOWER 63 SQM

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

## 3 BEDROOM POOL VILLARAWAI

Fully furnished, aircon, kitchen, big garden with private pool incl cleaning lady. Low season bargain 45,000 baht per month without broker. Sale or rent. Tel: 085-783 1890.

## BEACHFRONT LAND FOR SALE

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## PATONG HILL CONDO

As new. Luxury one bedroom condo, city and sea view, fully furnished with pool. 6.5 million baht. Ready to live in. Tel: 085-478 6645. Email: [graemeste@gmail.com](mailto:graemeste@gmail.com)

## KATALAND

for sale. 2.7 rai Kata seawater land. 5.9 million baht per rai. Rawai flat land 0.5, 1 and 1.5 rai. 4.6 million baht per rai. Please call Khun Paisal. Tel: 087-388 7702.

## NEW CONDO



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

## SURIN BEACH

Land on Soi Haad Surin 2 for sale. 2.2 Rai, 5 min walk to Surin Beach. Email: [costello@exemail.com.au](mailto:costello@exemail.com.au)

## LOCH PALM POOL VILLA



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

## PARICHART VILLAGE, CHALONG



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

## OVER 150 LAND PLOTS

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

## CONTEMPORARY VILLA FOR SALE

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

## LEELAVADEE POOL VILLA



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

## 1 RAI IN PASAK

Pasak Soi 8. One rai with Chanote title. Pls contact me for exact location and details. Email: [jgkg24@hotmail.com](mailto:jgkg24@hotmail.com)

## KHAO LAK HOUSE

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

## KOH YAO YAI FOR SALE

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

## LAND FROM THE MANGOSTEEN

Beautiful sea- and mountain-view land adjacent to The Mangosteen Resort – approx 17 rai in yellow zone. Building up to 27 metres high is possible. Total price: 130 million baht. Freehold, Chanote. Several options available. Tel: 076-289399, 081-5365846 (English), 081-539 5373 (English & Thai). Fax: 076-289389. Email: [hajo@mangosteen-phuket.com](mailto:hajo@mangosteen-phuket.com) For further details, please see our website at: <http://mangosteen-suites.com>

## LAYAN LAND



for sale. 11 rai, flat land. 3 min from Layan beach, hill and lake view. Price 4.5 million baht per rai. Tel: 089-813 1447.

## SELL HOUSE PAKLOK

2 bed, 2 bath, dining, living, office, kitchen, carport, secure, quiet. 2.2 million baht. Email: [john867332@yahoo.com](mailto:john867332@yahoo.com)

## KOH YAO YAI

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

## 2 ROOM DUPLEX

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## HOUSE WITH LARGE GARDEN

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

## DOUBLE VILLA IN KATA



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## BEAUTIFUL NAI YANG LAND



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

## PHANG NHA LAND

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

## SELL LAND 161 WAH

Baan Maneekram. quiet spot, lovely views across the bay possible. 19,000 baht per wah. Email: john867332@yahoo.com

## LAND IN KATA BEACH

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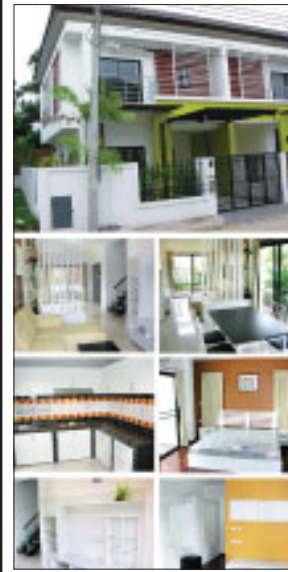
for sale in Samkong near Bangkok hospital. 2 storey, 2 bed, 2 bath, 1 car parking space. Email: info@allaboutwebanddesign.com

## NEW HOUSE FOR SALE/RENT



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

## NEW TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT



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

## POOL VILLA AO NANG

Holiday homes in Ao Nang, Krabi. Pool villa, 3 bedrooms, 260sqm. Price: 8.9 million baht. Tel: 087-897 7380.

## SINGLE HOUSE RAWAI

300m from the beach. New 200sqm, 2-storey house and guesthouse on 460sqm land with wonderful view. 3-4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, kitchen, big living room and terraces. Easy to convert into two apartments. Furnished. Quick sale, reduced to only 5.5 million baht. Call David on 083-181 4418.

## PATONG STUDIO

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

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## SUPER CONDO SALE PATONG

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## FAIRWAY VIEW CONDO

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

## PERFECT LAND FOR SALE

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

## NEW HOUSE IN NAI HARN-RAWAI



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

## TOWNHOUSE IN KATHU

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

## POOL VILLA NAI HARN

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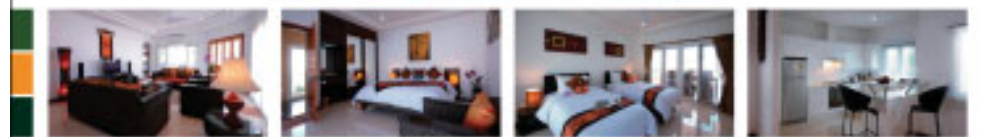
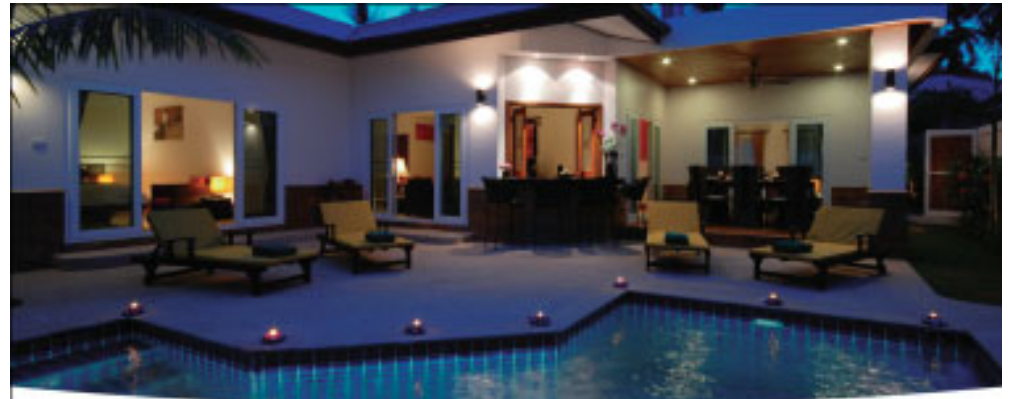
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